

MOREE SHOW

Showgirl nominations open

GURLEY'S Toni Jericho admits it is hard to pinpoint one exact highlight from the 2008 Moree Showgirl Competition.

As last year's winner of the annual competition Miss Jericho said the whole experience had extended far and beyond her expectations.

"There were just so many highlights.

"I loved being able to help boost the self esteem of some of the junior showgirls, helping out with that competition and of course, there was the fun of actually going to and helping at the show.

"The Yummy Mummies and Dirty Daddies Pram races were very funny."

As part of her prize Miss Jericho recently attended a department weekend in Dubbo, where together with 30 other zone finalists she was taught the finer details of walking, talking, speech writing and table setting.

"It was a great experience and really nice to meet so many other girls from around NSW.

"We had a ball."

With nominations now being taken for the 2009 Moree Showgirl Competition Miss Jericho encouraged all girls interested to have a go.

"It is such a great experience, I learnt so many more organisational skills and how to handle interviews and think on my feet; great life skills."

And she admits that while she may have been a bit on the shy side before entering last year's competition, winning the Moree Showgirl has helped her come out of her shell.

"So many people came up to me to congratulate me, many I didn't know; having that sash is a real conversation started."

The 2009 Moree Showgirl coordinator Camille Lobsey encouraged family members and local businesses to nominate local girls for the competition.

The competition is open to all girls living in the Moree Plains Shire, or whose parents live in the shire, and are aged between 18 and 24 as of May 1, 2010.

"We have so many enthusiastic young community members here in Moree so the showgirl competition is always a highlight of the annual show," Miss Lobsey said.

Miss Jericho, who works in Brisbane but still calls her family property "Merrimbla" home, also encouraged anyone thinking about



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entering to have a go.

"I had been wanting to enter for a few years and it happened that the show coincided with my holidays so it was the perfect opportunity."

"My advise is to have an open mind and have fun.

"There are so many great activities to get involved in and it's great to help out the show society and learn more about the district."

Miss Jericho will go on to compete in the zone finals on March 14 in Guyra.

The 125th Moree Show will be held over the ANZAC Day weekend, April 25 and 26 at the Moree Showgrounds.

Nomination forms for the 2009 Moree Showgirl Competition are available by phoning Camille Lobsey on 0421 850 268 or on the website www.moreeshow.com.au

CORRECTION

■ IN the article "Plaque to commemorate Sorry Day anniversary" published on page 2 of Tuesday's *Moree Champion* it stated the plaque will be installed in the new Moree Plains Shire Council chambers.

It should have stated the plaque would be installed in the new council foyer.

We apologise for any inconvenience.