

## No apples --- just a show a day for this teacher

When it comes to show experience, Brookfield Show Society's Cathie Fullerton wins hands down -- she goes to 84 of them a year from Cairns to Hobart.

It's not the show society's work experience program ---- it's just her everyday job as principal of the Queensland Travelling School for Show Children..

From January to December, give or take a few weeks of school holidays, Cathie is somewhere in eastern or central Australia bringing a travelling classroom education to more than 65 primary school children from show and equestrian families.

And every May, the agricultural show circuits move north to Queensland and Northern Territory and include the Brookfield Show. (This year, it will be 16-18 May at the Brookfield Showgrounds.)

And that's when Cathie the educator becomes Cathie the show operations manager, walkie-talkie in hand, helping keep one particular show run smoothly.

"The Brookfield Show really is a very successful community celebration," she says.

"One of the things that we have done is keep moving on, involving new people coming into the community. I see so many show societies around the country who haven't."

Like so many Brookfield parents, Cathie's community involvement started with her now adult children Ben and Angelique at the Brookfield Horse and Pony Club. Cath recalls laying concrete tiles and painting the roof of the new club building out of a cherry picker.

"I followed the standard Brookfield cycle ---- pony club, then the kids grow up and you end up in the show society, and then it's probably over to the cemetery after that," she jokes.

"When you have a strong sense of community, you just can't help becoming part of it all.

"I never stop learning and I never want to stop improving the show," Cathie says.

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