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For the second year running, the committee of the Shepparton Agricultural Society have made the heart-breaking decision to cancel the 2021 Shepparton Show.

The committee been working tirelessly all year in its endeavour to present the Shepparton Show in October, but with the never-ending changes brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic, it is in the best interest of the public to stop proceedings.

The Covid-19 pandemic has created many challenges, but the duty of care to the public, workers and members outweighs everything.

Several of the showground's facilities are currently being used for testing clinics and vaccination clinics, and it is unknown when they will be available. These facilities are crucial in the running of the show, but more importantly, they provide a focus for the eradication of the virus for the community.

The committee worked through many different scenarios in its attempt to provide an event for the community, including large submissions to comply with Covid safe procedures and marshal training, but it was deemed that the show could not go ahead.

This is the third time in the show's 145th year history that the show has been cancelled. In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic forced the gates to stay closed, and during the Second World War 1944-1945 the showgrounds were used as a base for the RAAF.

With many other regional shows cancelled, the Shepparton Show was going to be a highlight for the region, something for the community to look forward to, as it worked its way through an open/shut year with many businesses hit hard, and school children adapting to remote learning. However, as the crisis continues to evolve, all plans will now be held over to next year.

The committee will continue to work towards a bumper show in 2022, with all the usual sections such as cattle, dogs, goats, cooking, arts and craft, and of course, side show alley and roving entertainment.

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