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The Farm Girl, the Politician and the Show Steward

From as early as she can remember, and at only 33 years old that wasn't long ago, Peta-Kaye Croft loved all things country growing up on her parent's cattle property near My Iza. She mentioned the name of the place but she suggested saying Mt Iza because it is close by and everyone either knows where that is or has at least heard of it.

Those strong ties of country life and helping Mum who was a Steward at the Townsville show as an 8yo has brought Peta-Kaye Croft full circle back to the Agricultural Show as a Steward at this year's premier event the Gold Coast Centenary Show.

"This is my first year as a Steward and I must say that I'm genuinely very excited about it." Says Ms Croft. "I'm looking forward to learning from the other Stewards and meeting all the show people. It's a very special Gold Coast event."

Peta-Kaye Croft likes to unwind from the stress and pressure of her Stage Government responsibilities as the Member for Broadwater by training her 16.2 hand thoroughbred in the equine discipline of Dressage. "It's a real challenge to both horse and rider but sometimes I find myself wondering who's teaching who!" says Peta-Kaye "But then suddenly everything clicks and there's a real connection as you begin to work as one. It's a wonderful feeling and I look forward to seeing all the competitors at the Centenary Show"

Peta-Kaye is one person that you can say is leading the way in breaking down stereotypes. Being a Steward or a politician for that matter used to be roles considered for people over 50 who have a wealth of life experience and wisdom to impart. "People of all ages and of course younger than me have much to contribute and shouldn't be afraid to put their hands up to be involved. I love the Show culture and young people getting involved ensure its future" Says Ms Croft."

The Gold Coast Centenary Show will be held at Parklands Showgrounds in perfect weather Thursday the 31st Aug to the 2nd September 2006.

For more information on the this year's Gold Coast Centenary Show call the show office on 55 913422

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