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State Budget 2012-13: Supporting the community - Free entry to WA shows for kids

- **Free Royal Show entry for children under 13**
- **State Budget funding to promote Year of the Farmer and help bridge the gap between city and country**

The 2012 IGA Perth Royal Show and regional agricultural shows will be even better value for Western Australian families, with State Budget funding for free entry for younger children.

Premier Colin Barnett said the State Government had committed up to \$2million to provide free entry for children 12 years and under to the IGA Perth Royal Show when they were accompanied by an adult.

It will also give regional shows access to funding to ensure country children get free entry to their local agricultural shows too.

“The Perth Royal Show, along with more than 60 agricultural shows across the regions, is an important part of the fabric of WA,” Mr Barnett said.

“This is the second consecutive year the Government has provided free entry to children 12 years and under at the IGA Perth Royal Show; it’s a real contribution towards helping support WA families.”

Agriculture and Food Minister Terry Redman said the gesture, which was to help promote the Year of the Farmer, would help build city-country relations and encourage attendance at agricultural shows across the State.

“These shows play a vital role in highlighting the value of the WA agriculture sector, and the Perth Royal Show in particular gives city children a valuable insight into where their food comes from,” Mr Redman said.

“It is a great opportunity for young people to learn more about the fresh, quality food produced in this State and the great career opportunities in this sector in the city and the country.”

Fact File

- **More than \$155.4million committed to Agriculture and Food in State Budget 2012-13**
- **In 2011, more than 110,000 children under 13 years received free entry to the Perth Royal Show - a saving of \$12 per child**
- **445,000 people attended the 2011 show**
- **WA Budget statements are available at <http://ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au>**

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