



# Tweed River Agricultural Society Ltd

## Newsletter

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### *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT*

Welcome everyone!

Our AGM was held in March for the election of office bearers and board members for the TRAS board for 2024. There were no new appointments and all board members are looking forward to preparing for our Show on November 1st and 2nd this year.



The Murwillumbah Showground Land Managers (MSLM) held a community BBQ for Showground user groups last Saturday and many of the TRAS board attended. There are several groups who regularly use the Showgrounds and the Land Managers thought it was time they all got together and met each other. In times of natural disasters showgrounds are usually places where the community congregate and as these groups all use the showgrounds it's very important we all know each other. Most of the 8 user groups of the showground were represented and it was a great opportunity for all of us to meet.

Congratulations to Belinda Grace, our TRAS Treasurer, who has recently been appointed Showground Manager by the MSLM. Belinda gave a very

informative speech outlining some of the achievement of the Land Managers with regard to successful grant applications and large projects which have been completed over the past few years to keep the facilities to such a great standard.

The BBQ was also a surprise 70th birthday party for Allan Brown, Vice President of TRAS and long time Honorary Secretary of the MSLM. Allan has been involved with the showgrounds for 40 years and knows everything there is to know about the Show. A huge happy birthday to Allan.

Well that's it from me this month, more to come next newsletter.

Cheers,  
Meredith Dennis - OAM  
President



Ground users at the MSLM BBQ: Glenda Bowkett (Murwillumbah Pony Club), Margaret Ealand (Tweed Valley Woodcrafters) and Meredith Dennis (TRAS).



Above: Nola, Ojars and Bain from the Community Garden.  
Below: Dom and Rachel Trevaskis on BBQ duty for the MSLM

**NEW WEBSITE**  
[www.murwillumbahshow.com.au](http://www.murwillumbahshow.com.au)



We have updated the content in our webpage!  
Check it out here:  
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## What's coming up at the Showground?

| Date              | Event   | Organiser/Contact  |
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| Thursday 25 April | ANZAC DAY - Family Fun Day  | Jenny Parratt (0405 548 844)   |
| Sunday 28 April   | Monthly Market -<br>TRAS catering in Tea Tent   | If you would like to help call to let us know and find out details. 0427 725 507                     |
| 10 - 12 May       | Murwillumbah Arts Trail<br>Friday 10 May Opening Party –<br>Murwillumbah Showground 6pm | <a href="https://www.murwillumbahartstrail.com.au">https://<br/>www.murwillumbahartstrail.com.au</a> |
| Saturday 18 May   | Working Bee -<br>Commercial Beef yards  | Contact Belinda Grace on<br>0439 382 373   |
| 18-19 May         | Tweed Valley Equestrian Group<br>Official Championships                                 | Contact TVEG<br>secretary@tveg.org.au  |
| Sunday 26 May     | Monthly Market -<br>TRAS catering in Tea Tent   | If you would like to help call to let us know and find out details.                                  |

## SHOW PLANNING REPORT

Now that the AGM has been held our sub-committees are starting to plan for November. If there is part of the Show that you would like to get involved with then NOW is the time to enquire with Jayne our secretary, or any of the Board.

Whether it be assisting with catering or the bar, pencilling in the cattle sections, helping in the pavilion or marshalling the Grand Parade - we need your help! We have some great ideas for new things this year, such a treasure/scavenger hunt for the kids, photo booth opportunities, return of the chill out space and many more. We are open to more ideas for entertainment and activities so contact the office and someone will get in touch with you.

The Board is incredibly excited to announce that we have booked David Manchon's **ROOFTOP EXPRESS** performance this year for the Saturday night of the Show. Check out this recent news article when he was wowing the crowds at the Sydney Royal Easter Show only a few weeks ago. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2BvEjpmFJl0>

With bands both nights and the ever popular rodeo Friday night we are looking forward to putting on a great program of entertainment for our members and the community.



Remember that an annual membership allows a member and their guest free entry to the Show for the duration and free member parking as well as access to the Members upstairs bar area. All this for only \$25. Please encourage your family and friends to enquire about becoming a member.

The next major project for TRAS in preparation for the Show is an upgrade to the Commercial Beef yards. TRAS has invested in new gates and will utilise panels already owned to rebuild a new and safe facility for the beef cattle section. A working bee will be held on Saturday 18 May to get this project underway. If you would like to help please contact Belinda or the office and we will let you know the details.

# Murwillumbah Showground Land Managers Report

The Land Managers are happy to report that things are progressing well on the new Branding Rail toilet block, with demolition of the old amenities block now complete and footings about to be installed for the new facility. We expect the works to be completed before the Show in November, weather permitting of course!



There have been some great community events held at the grounds recently, such as a school colour fun run in March and a Food Truck Night Market on Good Friday, which had huge support from the Community. See pics below.



The Wednesday Farmers Market continue to be well supported, we thank the organising committee for bringing this opportunity for our local produce suppliers to the town each week.

But we have some REALLY exciting news to share! Murwillumbah Showgrounds have been selected as the venue for the Girl Guides Australia Jamboree in September 2025. This event will bring more than 2,500 people to our town for over a week in September/October in 2025.

What a great opportunity to showcase the Tweed Valley and supply them with our farm fresh produce and our hospitality.



The Land Managers are very grateful to the Tweed River Agricultural Society board and members for their support in helping to maintain the Showgrounds so that events like this can happen.

Although we now employ caretakers and a part-time administrative manager, the five Land Managers are all volunteers and do rely on the support of TRAS, local businesses and volunteer user groups to manage and maintain this wonderful community asset.

Kevin McCarthy  
Chairperson, MSLM.