



Tweed River Agricultural Society Ltd

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone,

'The Show must go on', 'Prepare for the worst, hope for the best'... all these thoughts were going through our minds as we kept checking the weather forecast for the 2025 Murwillumbah Show. The biggest unknown we have every Show is the weather and this is something we have absolutely no control over.

The Bars were stocked, the Branding Rail canteen was full of meat from Blue Ribbon butchers and fresh salad and vegies from IGA. Murwillumbah High P&C were ready to cook up the BBQ. Our Friday night Rodeo sponsored by Work 'N' Country was set up ready to go.

Our gates opened at 4pm and in flocked the crowds. The weather held and we had huge crowds enjoy the rodeo, foods stall, pavillion, tea tent and of course side show alley.

Thank goodness everything went off like clockwork and we were very happy. We had to pack up after the rodeo, move grandstands, dismantle the rodeo pens and then prepare for the horse events starting at 7am on Saturday. Next morning the horse gates opened at 6am and another busy day began.

This year cooking and craft in the pavillion were run by the ladies of Murwillumbah CWA, and they did an amazing job. Gordon from Murwillumbah garden club was back with the flowers and the Community garden ran the produce section. Leonie was running with the honey and fermentation sections and was amazing as usual.

Photography and Lego were great and the primary school art work and displays were colourful and fabulous. The pavillion was very well attended and Murwillumbah Show 2025 was a hit.

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Sponsor Spotlight



We'd like to take a moment to recognise one of our longstanding supporters who has been behind the Murwillumbah Show for so many years.

Elfords Electrical's incredible contribution goes far beyond sponsorship – they've generously given their time, working hours, maintenance support, and upgrades to help keep our Showgrounds running smoothly year after year.

It's this kind of local dedication that makes the Murwillumbah Show what it is; a true community event built on teamwork, generosity, and pride in our town.

From all of us at the Tweed River Agricultural Society, thank you for standing by us through the years and helping us continue this wonderful tradition for our community.

On Saturday Murwillumbah High catering class cooked and served Devonshire teas and supplied a delicious lunch in the function room and Murwillumbah East P&C ran the Branding Rail catering.

Miniature goats, horses, cows, poultry, wildlife, little piglets, I'm a Celebrity and Firemen...we had it all! Guy Mclean and his horses did a fantastic Horsemanship display under black skies and lightening which added to the excitement. The Aussie FMX motorbikes managed to do their show before the rain, and thankfully the fireworks went off without a hitch.

Because ominous weather had been predicted the crowd numbers were down slightly and lots of families had headed home under threat of the storm. But the die-hards were in the Branding Rail rocked away until 10pm. Everything we promised was delivered, and we were very relieved!

Thanks to our sponsors, our raffle donors; IGA, Taylors Corner, Mitre 10 and Sunnyside Meat our competitors, our volunteers, our judges, our announcer, our Stewards, Belinda, Jade, the TRAS Board and anyone who had anything to do with bringing the Show to our community.

Thank you to everyone involved for their support.

Membership renewals will be sent out in December as our new financial year begins on January 1st. It is important that you renew as soon as possible in January so that you are able to vote at our AGM in March. The cut off date for payment of renewals to enable your membership for the Show next year will be 30 June 2026. There will be no amendments or changes to this rule.

If you are interested in becoming involved on any sub-committees or the Board please contact the secretary. It is a great opportunity to contribute to our fabulous event and we would welcome your support.

See you all next year.

Cheers,

Meredith Dennis OAM
President

What's on at the Showground...

Date	Event	Organiser/Contact
1 January 2026	TRAS Membership renewals open for 2026	Contact Jade 0427 725 507 email: secretary@murwillumbahshow.com
21-25 January	Murwillumbah Pony Club Camp	Paula Anthony cobakibob@bigpond.com 0413 733 294

Sponsor Spotlight

Equinity Horse & Rider has become a trusted name in our local equestrian community, offering quality products, friendly service, and genuine support for riders of all levels. Since relocating to their new premises at Bellingdale Farm, 47 Hindmarsh Road Nunderi, team at Equinity has continued to grow their range of horse and rider essentials, from everyday gear and quality feed to show-ring favourites and trusted brands you know and love. What truly sets Equinity apart is their commitment to the local horse community. They proudly support local pony clubs, shows, and events, ensuring riders have access to great products and service close to home.



Equinity also offers free local delivery on orders over \$200, making it even easier for customers to stock up on feed and tack without the hassle of transport.

Whether you're preparing for your next competition or simply caring for your horses at home, Equinity Horse & Rider is here to help you every step of the way.

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Shop online: www.equinity.com.au
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Congratulations to our RAFFLE WINNERS and thank you to our sponsors

1st Prize: Jewel Hawken (\$1000 IGA vouchers)
2nd Prize: Kevin Twohill (\$500 Fuel Taylors Corner)
3rd Prize: Rachael Clutterbuck (\$400 Budds Mitre 10)
Book Buyers Prize: Robert Hawken (\$250 Blue Ribbon Meat voucher)



TWEED VALLEY

THANKS TO OUR 2025 SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Recently we held our Volunteers ThankYou BBQ in the Branding Rail at the Showgrounds.

Sixty incredible volunteers joined us for a few hours of relaxed, friendly banter - without the usual organised chaos that comes with the annual Show. It was an opportunity to exhale.

It's amazing how different the atmosphere feels when we're not coordinating events, answering phones, or juggling a dozen things at once. Instead, people could simply chat, share a few stories from show week, have a laugh, and enjoy some well-earned downtime together. It reminded us just how lucky we are to have such a down-to-earth, supportive group of people behind everything we do.



What stood out the most wasn't just the turnout, but the feeling in the crowd; a collective pride in what we achieve together. Murwillumbah really is an amazing town, and it's not just a place on the map, it's a community defined by people like our volunteers, the people who make it what it is.

We are genuinely grateful for every person who gives their time and energy to help make the Show possible. Whether you volunteer for a few hours or a few months, your contribution matters and it's noticed. Every volunteer, no matter how big or small the task, plays a part in keeping our Show strong and meaningful for the community.

Your time, energy, and good humour make a real difference, and we want you to know how much it's appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who came along on the night, and to everyone who continues to support the show throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you.

The TRAS Board



"We really did enjoy the Show, you have a great community event."

It was easy to work with such a great committee, everyone was so friendly and helpful."

- Carol and Michael Cairney
Temporary Caretakers and
Show volunteers



CATTLE SECTION REPORTS

What a fantastic **Stud Cattle Event** at the Murwillumbah Show. Our section continues to grow and gets better every year. The ring featured an outstanding led steer competition, school and junior paraders, and All Breeds judging. The quality of cattle on display was outstanding.

A warm, enthusiastic crowd gathered ringside, enjoying the wonderful atmosphere.

A huge congratulations to Ruby Rose Brahman for taking out the Supreme Exhibit with Ruby Rose Annabelle.

Thank you to every exhibitor who supported our Show and to judge Trish Scrivener for her excellent work. The Murwillumbah Show Team was great on the day and helped make everything run smoothly. We look forward to welcoming more studs to add our show to their yearly calendar.

The **Commercial Fat Cattle Section** continues to grow each year thanks to the amazing support of our local beef producers and our awesome sponsors. Their dedication and passion are what make this event so special. What an incredible success!

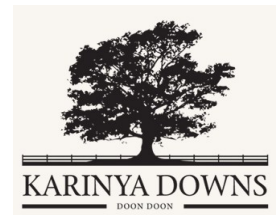
A huge shoutout to our judge Ella Saul, an up-and-comer in the field who brought knowledge, confidence and kept the crowd absolutely engaged for the event.

Massive congratulations to Matt & Alicia Bray from Bray Butchery for taking out the Supreme Beast of the Show with a ripper of a shorthorn steer.

Big thanks to everyone that made it happen, from Gemma on the mic, Amber on the pencil and the hardworking crew in the yards.

We're already looking forward to next year, bigger, better and even more beefy.

Anna Gilliland - Cattle Steward



THANKS TO MURWILLUMBAH HIGH SCHOOL

Students from Murwillumbah High School have been actively involved in supporting the Murwillumbah Show, contributing their time and skills in a variety of valuable ways. Hospitality students spent hours in the show kitchen assisting with food preparation, service, and general operations, gaining firsthand experience in a fast-paced, community-focused environment. Other students took part in the working bee, helping set up the show by moving equipment, preparing rodeo yards, cleaning stables, and ensuring the grounds were ready for exhibitors and visitors. Their willingness to assist with the essential behind-the-scenes work made a significant difference to the smooth running of the event.

In addition, 25 Murwillumbah High School Agriculture students proudly represented the school by showing cattle for both the school and local studs in the beef and dairy sections. Through their involvement, students developed practical industry skills, confidence, and a deeper appreciation for agricultural traditions. Whether working in the kitchen, lending a hand at the grounds, or leading cattle in the show ring, each student gained meaningful experience in teamwork, responsibility, and community engagement. Their contributions not only supported the success of the show but also strengthened their connection to the local rural community.

David Anderson - TRAS Director

