
Monthly Newsletter

TWEED RIVER
AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The urgent business first...

Memberships

Memberships to the Tweed River Agricultural Society (TRAS) will close this year on the 15th of June 2026.

This was the determination of the board of TRAS.

Membership comes with benefits, not the least of these is 2 passes to the Murwillumbah Show each year.

In previous years this has caused a rush to join the Show Society just prior to the show when the secretary and treasurer are tied up with the logistics of running the show.

To prevent any issues with membership all memberships for 2026 must be lodged prior to the 15th of June 2026 including the payment of monies necessary to secure that membership.

Volunteers required

The Show Society needs volunteers. Our recent experiences at the Murwillumbah Rodeo have led us to make the call.

We need people who have Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) certificates, or people willing to do one. If you can help us by volunteering for just a few events per year for the Show Society, we would appreciate it.

There is a Responsible Service of Alcohol course at the ACE Community College Murwillumbah on the 6th of July 2026. At this stage we have just 3 people who have signed up. And we'll pay your course fees.

If you'd like to help us out, please email secretary@murwillumbahshow.com



The Presidents Message



The Tweed River Agricultural Society (TRAS) held its AGM on 10 March 2026 and a new Board of Directors was elected. Meredith Dennis, stepped down from the position of President and did not seek re-election on the board. During her three years as TRAS President, Meredith worked tirelessly, overseeing three very successful Shows and many monthly markets. I sincerely thank Meredith for her significant input and support throughout her presidency.

The newly elected board consists of the following team of volunteers: David Anderson, Suzie Cardiff, Mark Edwards, Charlotte Eppelstun, Elayne Foster, Anna Gilliland, Belinda Grace, Michael McDonald, Linda Sammon and Rebecca Turner, along with Allan Brown and Kevin McCarthy, as Vice Presidents and myself, Sandra Hawken as President.

It is an honour to be involved TRAS and support the local community through the Murwillumbah Show. For those who don't know me, I was born in Murwillumbah, attended Murwillumbah Primary and High School and after completing tertiary education, enjoyed a fulfilling career in education. My husband and I operate a sugar cane farm which has been in the family for over 100 years, and we are very involved in different agricultural organisations. I love the Show because it brings together two of my passions, education and agriculture, along with many other fabulous aspects of our community that make the Tweed so unique.

Planning is underway for the 2026 Murwillumbah Show and you're all invited to get involved. It promises to be a fabulous event with new competitions and attractions being organised along with some of our long-term favourites, including rides, fireworks, rodeo and great food and entertainment. This year the Show falls on Friday 30 and Saturday 31 October, coinciding with Halloween, so you're sure to see a few pumpkins and scarecrows amongst the many trade spaces and exhibits.

On Sunday 15 March a number of board members and volunteers attended a Stewards Workshop Day at the Kyogle Showgrounds. This was a fabulous day for networking with members from other show societies, sharing ideas and learning from one another. To run a successful show, we need the support of many volunteers and stewards and we greatly appreciate the way in which community members and groups including the CWA, put up their hands to get involved. Please get in touch with our secretary if you'd like to be involved this year.

The Presidents Message cont.

Over the Easter weekend we hosted J&J Rodeo at the Showground and it was a huge success. Many attendees took the opportunity to dress up for the occasion, and donned their checked shirts, boots, jeans and hats, for the cowboy/cowgirl theme. They enjoyed the thrills of the bull riding, bronc riding and barrel racing along with some country and western line dancing and music as well. Parking on the grounds was permitted for a cost of \$2 per vehicle and the Lions Club was invited to collect this money and keep it for their own charity work. This is just one example of the way in which TRAS is a super supporter of our local not-for-profit organisations.

Our first Showground Market for the year was held on Sunday 26 April and the Showground was a-buzz with the excitement of various vendors and the rally of the local Sporting Car Club. It was a fun day for all who attended, despite the overcast and damp weather. Our markets run on the fourth Sunday of the month and if you are interested in applying for a site at the next market on 24 May 2026, please email vendor@murwillumbahshow.com

Membership reminder - please note:

·Membership of TRAS closes on 15 June 2026. After this date you will not be able to receive membership for the 2026 year. Don't miss out on the great advantages of membership, including 2 VIP passes to the Show, onsite parking and access to the members bar, a great place to view the action on centre ring. Don't delay, join up today!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Showground one day soon.
Kind regards

Sandra Hawken



The Junior Committee

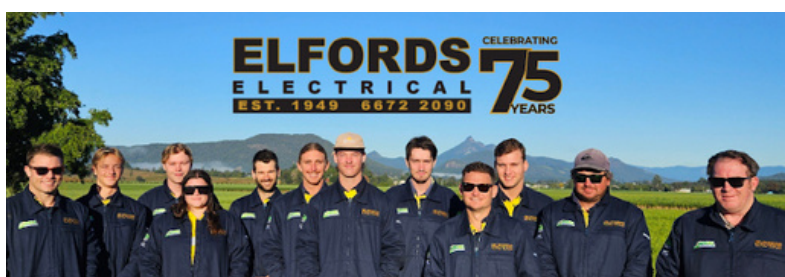


From left to right: Adam Mudge, Kye Sproule, Ivy Christensen, Ava Kirby and Zalee Sproule.

The Junior Show Committee held their first meeting on Monday the 20th of April 2026 with the next meeting slated for the 11th of May 2026.

The Junior Committee is under the tutelage of Charlotte Eppelstun who teaches these kids Agriculture and Science at Murwillumbah High School.

These kids are as keen as mustard and have nothing but great ideas and will bring a needed bit of youth and vigour to the 2026 show, especially given it will fall on Halloween. The junior committee is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 no matter what school or job they go to. You don't have to be rural; there is a lot of scope for born organisers and creative young people as well.



What's on

What's on at the Showground for May and June 2026

May 24th Showground markets

May 28th to 31st Leader & Supreme Caravan Group

June 5th to 8th Gem Festival

June 7th World Environment Day

June 14th, Murwillumbah Sporting Car Club Motorkana

June 27th and 28th Lava Art Trail in the Pavilion.

June 28th Showground markets

Reminder - The Showground Markets are up and running Enquiries to Rebecca Turner

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