



Tweed River Agricultural Society Ltd

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone and a special welcome to all our new members.

Membership with the Tweed River Agricultural Society (or TRAS) is an important way to support our Show. Not only do you receive great benefits like free entry for 2 people for both days, free carparking and exclusive access to our fabulous Members Bar, but you are supporting our wonderful show, now heading into our 122nd year. So why not encourage your friends to join.

The Murwillumbah Show is run entirely by volunteers and last year saw more than 12,000 people come through the gates over the 2 days. It is an event with something for everyone and we are very proud to be able to provide this experience for our community.

We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 19th of March at 5pm and if you want to become more involved why not apply to join the Board. This is only my second year with TRAS and I have really enjoyed my time as President. We do have fun, there is a bit of work involved, but as the saying goes many hands make light work. Once the AGM is over we start the planning for this years Show. Setting the budget, organising sub committees and start looking at the acts and entertainment we want to book for November 1st and 2nd.

Our Young Woman of the Year, Brielle Ayres, recently attended the Zone 1 final in Grafton and did a great job representing TRAS and Murwillumbah Show (see report). It's a wonderful opportunity for young women, so if you know any young women who might enjoy the experience this year drop us a line. Brielle spoke to us at a recent Board meeting about her experience as Young Woman of the Year and her increased confidence and relaxed happy manner were a great credit to the role. It's not a beauty pageant or fundraising venture, it is about promoting our region and support young women, giving them the confidence and skills to do what ever they want with their lives in the future. It really is a great opportunity and I'm sure we will be hearing more from Brielle. We wish her all the best as she heads to university in Wagga Wagga to study.

That's it from me, we might see you at the AGM. Please RSVP to Jayne if you can attend.

Cheers,

Meredith Dennis - OAM
President

Cost **\$25.00** per annum.
Membership will get you and a guest **free** entry to the Show and entry to the Members Function Room and Bar + **free** on site parking.

TRAS MEMBERSHIP

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE MEMBERSHIP PAGE](#)

Call 0427 725 507 or email secretary@murwillumbahshow.com for a membership application

What's coming up at the Showground?

Date	Event	Organiser/Contact
Sunday 3 March	Car Show 9am-1pm (TRAS catering in Tea Tent) Sporting Car Club Motorkhana; End of Road Hot Rod & Classics Show & Shine Contact rodnebrewer@mail.com	If you would like to help TRAS cater please call Jayne our secretary 0427 725507 to let us know and find out details.
Thursday 7- Sunday 10 March	Harringtons Circus Show	facebook.com/theharringtoncircusshow
Sunday 10 March	Street Feast Night Food and Music Market	facebook.com/streetfeast.au
Tuesday 12 March	RSA Course at Twin Towns. Free for those who would like to register to volunteer at the Show this year.	See the advertisement below.
Tuesday 19 March	TRAS AGM 5pm	Secretary 0427 725507
Sunday 24 March	Tweed Valley Equestrian Group T-Shirt Dressage Day	Contact TVEG
Sunday 24 March	Monthly Market - TRAS catering in Tea Tent	If you would like to help call to let us know and find out details.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the
35th Annual General Meeting of the
Tweed River Agricultural Society Ltd
t/as Murwillumbah Show

will be held in the President's Room
Murwillumbah Showground
37 Queensland Road, Murwillumbah NSW 2484

5pm Tuesday 19 March 2024

(access the Showground via Gate7)

Please RSVP by 5pm, Thursday 14 March 2024

secretary@murwillumbahshow.com or 0427 725 507

All 2024 Financial Members of TRAS and Life Members of TRAS are invited to attend.

NEW WEBSITE

www.murwillumbahshow.com.au



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We have updated
the content in
our webpage!

Check it out here:

[Murwillumbah
Show](http://www.murwillumbahshow.com.au)

Tuesday
12th March

FREE
RSA Course
worth \$199

Held at
Twin Town Tweed Heads

Valid for 5 years

We are looking for
volunteers to work
behind the bars at the
Show.

For more information,
please contact the
Secretary on
0427 725 507

Young Woman of the Year report

The Land Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman of the Year program provides opportunities for young women aged between 18 and 24 to become ambassadors for their rural communities and for NSW agricultural shows. Networking with other young women, learning about the diversity of rural life and developing interview techniques and presentation skills are just a few of the advantages gained by participating in the program.

Brielle Ayers, the Murwillumbah Show Young Woman of the Year for 2023, represented our area with style and grace at the recent Zone 1 finals for The Young Woman of the Year held in Grafton on Saturday 17 February. She was joined by ten other young women from the north coast of NSW as they met with three judges throughout the day and had the opportunity to share their knowledge, passions and dreams for the future. The judges were particularly impressed by the way in which the young women spoke about their participation in various strands of agriculture and their community involvement.

During the evening the eleven finalists attended a dinner where they were introduced to the many guests in attendance, including Mr Kevin Hogan, Federal Member for Page, Mr Richie Williamson, State Member for Clarence and Mr Peter Johnstone, Mayor of Clarence Valley Council. For the representatives from the Tweed who attended the dinner, the highlight of the evening was seeing Brielle on stage speaking about the uniqueness of the Murwillumbah Show.

Guest speaker, Miss Florence McGufficke, the 2023 'Land Sydney Royal Young Woman' spoke about the fabulous experiences she has had in the past year, visiting many different agricultural shows, advocating for rural Australia and providing advice to young women about the opportunities available to those who participate in their local Show and Young Woman of the Year program.

Following the address by Florence the judges announced the two young women who would represent Zone 1 at this year's Sydney Royal Show; Dominique Wyse from Taree and Simone Ducker from Wauchope. We wish them all the very best.

We also encourage young women in our local Tweed area to consider participating in the 2024 Murwillumbah Young Woman of the Year program. It's a great way to meet new people, learn new skills and promote the wonderful area in which we live. For further information please refer to the Murwillumbah Show website and via this link: [YWOTY 2024](#)

Sandra Hawken, TRAS Board



The TRAS Board was recently invited to visit Coolamon Station in Palmvale to look at the fantastic recycling of old sheds and gates from the Showground. Coolamon Station is an exclusive luxury Farm Retreat & Boutique Event Venue.

Pictured left standing in front of recycled stable wood from the Showground, now a fabulous feature wall in the wool-shed style function centre are TRAS Secretary Jayne, Treasurer Belinda, President Meredith and Vice President Allan.

Thanks to our hosts, Vanessa and Steve for a lovely morning.



Murwillumbah Showground Land Managers Report

The Land Managers are excited to advise that work will soon commence on the new amenities block adjacent to the Branding Rail. The contract to build the facility has been awarded to local building company Wayne John Constructions. Portable toilets and a shower unit have recently been purchased and are currently being installed.



After the wet January and closure of the camping section of the grounds for several weeks due to flooding it looks like things are getting back on track. Some tree lopping has been happening and the DPI have treated for fire ants.



There are many bookings for events at the Showgrounds over the next few months and these are bringing lots of business to town.

This coming weekend there are 2 car Shows, then the Harrington Circus and a night Street Feast food market. Following that there are bookings for TVEG Horse events, Murwillumbah Pony Club Camp and the ANZAC Family Fun Day. March and April are shaping to be very busy!

There is always something on, with the weekly Farmers Market on Wednesdays, the Community Garden, Tweed Valley Woodcrafters, Farmers Market held every Wednesday in Walmsley Pavilion, daily fitness training in Banner Hall, daily gymnastics classes in Dawes Pavilion, weekly dog training in Farmers Market Area and daily dance classes in the Function Room.

To assist with keeping the grounds ship-shape we are seeking expressions of interest from persons who may be interested in a 'handyman' type role at the Showgrounds for general maintenance and gardening jobs (This is separate to the caretakers duties).

If you know anyone who may be interested please email accounts@murwillumbahshowground.com or contact Belinda Grace on 0439 382 373.





GOURMET STREET EATS

STREET FEAST NIGHT MARKET

QLD's premiere travelling gourmet food market is coming with a big one! Join us at the Showground for a night of food trucks, dessert stalls, boutique retail stalls & music. Full line-up to be announced! 10th March, 4pm until late, \$2 Entry. Check FB for details. Contact (07) 3522 5720 Email: bookings@streetfeast.au







● HOT ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW ●

SUN. 3rd. March 9am.-1pm. 2024

MURWILLUMBAH SHOWGROUNDS

QUEENSLAND RD. MURWILLUMBAH NSW. 2484



FRIDAY: 6pm. MEET & GREET IMPERIAL HOTEL DINNER, LIVE MUSIC

SATURDAY: 10am. LUNCH RUN (MEET AT SHOWGROUNDS) 6pm. DINNER, LIVE MUSIC





SUNDAY: 9am. **RUMBLE**







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