



**The Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP**  
**Minister for Primary Industries**  
**Minister for Small Business**

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**\$60,000 FOR MAITLAND SHOWGROUND UPGRADE**

Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson and Member for Maitland Robyn Parker are proud to announce that \$60,000 is being made available for upgrading and maintenance of Maitland showground.

“The funds are being made available in a combination of a grant and a loan to the showgrounds for their ongoing development and maintenance,” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“Maitland showground will be offered the funds for repairs to the main grandstand.

“These funds will be offered to the Hunter River Agricultural and Horticultural Association that manages the showgrounds.” Ms Hodgkinson said.

“The Maitland showground is home to the local agricultural show as well as many other events.

“The showground is a wonderful asset which is an integral part of community life.

“The NSW Government has made this commitment to enhancing our local showground and the funding will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy local events for years to come.” Ms Parker said.

“I am pleased to make this funding available through the Public Reserves Management Fund managed by the Crown Lands division of the Department of Primary Industries.

“The fund provides for improvements and new works at Crown land reserves, parks, showgrounds, caravan parks and walking tracks.

“The total showground budget this year is \$1 million, a \$250,000 increase over the previous year,” Ms Hodgkinson said.