



# *Toodyay Agricultural Society (Inc)*

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## Toodyay Agricultural Society – June 2025

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May was undoubtedly a big month for the Ag Society team.

The new Committee members saw their swish new polo shirts and name badges arrive just in time for them to look the part at the Helping Hands lunch that was put on to celebrate National Volunteering Week.

The event was a huge hit. We witnessed an impressive turnout of keen helpers – past, present and future. A rowdy bunch thoroughly enjoyed a delicious meal brought to us from Mary's Catering and Events. It was great to see everyone mingling and having a lovely time catching up, reminiscing on past shows and making new connections. It's very special that regardless of our small population in Toodyay that we have great numbers willing to help out and offer the community so many fantastic opportunities.

Most don't get to see what happens behind the scenes to pull off such events like the Ag Show. We not only have our executives and portfolios such as groundspace, food vans, catering, social media, sponsorship / grants / funding, prizes, equestrian, equipment, entertainment, our patron and chief steward. We also have our more casual and short-term helpers which are equally important to pulling off the show, these good people are vital to our success.

This lot are helping with the likes of tidying up the joint before and after, manning the gate, assisting with parking, setting up displays and exhibits, all the many stewards, the beloved wiggly worm, along with knowledgeable advice and support, to name a small few of the roles.

We at the Ag Show are not just a small handful of people. We are many. Some of us are chipping away at it all year round. Not everyone can commit to something long term. Those are the ones that put their hands up for those few days leading up to the big day. And we cherish each and every one of you. Because without you, we wouldn't have the show that we all know and love.

I've volunteered ever since I was asked to help with an ongoing role at age 18. The feeling I got from being a part of something special was a feeling I hadn't experienced until then. I was hooked for life. I initially thought of it as a selfless act that I wouldn't get anything in return for. But I got so much out of it, money is only worth so much when it comes to matters of the heart after all.

I made some of the most incredible friends that I still cherish 20 years later. I gained some amazing experience in things that I'd often otherwise have needed a degree to partake in. I've been able to meet some very famous people and do some very exciting and fun things.

Since that first role I have volunteered with countless organisations, both long term commitments, down to casual assisting when I've been available on the day. I wouldn't give it up for the world and I'd recommend volunteering to anyone.

Our need for assistance is ongoing, we always need new faces to judge the exhibits, and run other fun jobs. If the idea of being one of these faces appeals to you and you want to be a part of this historical event don't hesitate to contact us at [toodyayagsociety@gmail.com](mailto:toodyayagsociety@gmail.com)