



Toodyay Agricultural Society (Inc)

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Toodyay Agricultural Society – November 2025

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Toodyay Agricultural Show Shines Once Again

Perfect weather, another increase in entries, and a steady crowd of around 5,000 visitors made this year's Show another one to remember.

From livestock and local produce to live entertainment, sideshows and fireworks, the day was a colourful celebration of everything that makes country life special. The Showgrounds were abuzz from morning till night, with visitors enjoying the friendly atmosphere, diverse exhibits and delicious food.

This year's Show was organised by a smaller-than-usual Committee of just twelve volunteers (half of them brand new to the role, and for some, their first-ever Toodyay Show!). Their efforts, alongside many community helpers and with the 'phone-a-friend' support of long-time members, ensured another successful and enjoyable event.

The Committee was thrilled with the turnout and the positive feedback received. We couldn't have asked for a better day, it was wonderful to see the community come together once again to celebrate local talent, hard work and country spirit.

The Acknowledgement of Country at the official opening was kindly provided by the local Noongar Kaartdijin Aboriginal Corporation. Their thoughtful inclusion of Noongar words, with phonetic guidance generously given, helped the audience appreciate the beauty and significance of local language and culture.

The Society was also delighted to have long-serving member Alison Wroth officially open the Show in her first retirement year. Alison, whose family has been part of the Society's history for generations, was presented with the gift of a photo book capturing her many years of dedication and contribution.

Behind the scenes, many local groups pitched in, including Bakers Hill Cricket Club, Moondyne Men, Toodyay Cricket Club, Toodyay Junior and Senior Footy Clubs, Toodyay Lions Club, John Curtin Volunteers, Butterfly Cottages and Toodyay Locals Care. The Society's annual Auction of donated exhibits raised \$1,020 for A1 Wheatbelt Dog Rescue, this year's nominated charity.

The St John Ambulance volunteers were kept busy throughout the day, providing care to several visitors. Their calm professionalism and kindness were greatly appreciated. As summer approaches, it's a timely reminder to stay hydrated and sun smart when enjoying outdoor events.

As always, Toodyay's annual Agricultural Show was made possible through the generosity of sponsors, volunteers and community spirit. Major financial supporters included Chalice, Community Bank Toodyay & Northam, Rio Tinto, and the Shire of Toodyay, with additional donations/grant funding from CSBP, Double Barrel Entertainment, Dunnings, IGA Community Chest, and the Toodyay Op Shop. The Society also gratefully acknowledges the incredible in-kind contributions from Avon Valley Water Cartage, B-Vec Electrical Services, Country Copiers, Creative Canary, Outback Marketplace, Vapour Plumbing & Gas, and Vernice.

Plans are already underway for next year's Show, with the Committee inviting anyone who'd like to help keep this proud local tradition thriving to come along to the Annual General Meeting on the second Monday in February.