



DE-FENCE TO BUILD COMMUNITY

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSWCHPT) will be dismantling the fence separating Coffs Harbour Showground and Coffs Harbour Holiday Park from 11:30am today to allow maximum community access during the Coffs Harbour Centenary Show which will be held on May 16-18.

Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser and representatives from the Coffs Harbour Show Society, Coffs Harbour Showground and Public Recreation Reserve Trust, NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust and North Coast Holiday Parks Trust will come together for the dismantling and to discuss strategies for the Showground moving forward.

NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust Chairman Alan Revell said NSWCHPT was committed to ensuring the local community, businesses, organisations and tourists to the region benefitted from the great facilities both the Showground and the Coffs Harbour Holiday Park have to offer.

“Following consultation with the Reserve Trust and the Show Society and understanding some of the operational issues created as a result of recent boundary changes, the NSWCHPT Board resolved to rebuild the northern fence so that it can be temporarily removed during Show times and replaced after each event to allow the Holiday Park operations to continue,” Mr Revell said.

“The NSWCHPT Board also resolved to allow showgoers during the Show unfettered access to the Holiday Park’s northern amenities, provide additional portable toilets to cater to the larger crowds expected to attend the Centennial celebrations and provide connections for power and water to the Show.”

Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser MP said the Coffs Harbour Show was a true celebration of community and was pleased to be a part of ongoing discussions with NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust for its future preservation.

“The Showground and Coffs Harbour Holiday Park are integral to the local area and I am very happy NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust has consulted with the Reserve Trust, the Show Society and taken on board community feedback,” Mr Fraser said.

“I congratulate NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust on the way this very important community issue has been resolved.”

As part of its commitment to the Showground’s continued public use and successful future, NSWCHPT has also taken over an \$822,000 debt from the Coffs Harbour Showground and Public Recreation Reserve Trust. Mr Fraser said, “By NSWCHPT taking over this debt the financial sustainability of the showground is greatly assisted.”

Mr Revell said the show was steeped in 100 years of tradition for the local community and NSWCHPT was happy to be working closely with the local Member Andrew Fraser, the Coffs Harbour Show Society, the Showground and Reserve Trust and important community stakeholders to help make it happen.

“We understand that the people of NSW are passionate about the ongoing use of Crown Land and we want communities who access Crown Land on a daily basis to enjoy the benefits of improved public spaces,” Mr Revell said.

“We are committed to providing environmental, social and economically sustainable assets to the region. NSWCHPT provides an important catalyst for this to happen through the provision of funds to public reserves, facilities for visitors and economic benefits to the region.”

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Event: Fence dismantling for 2014 Coffs Harbour Agricultural Show

When: 11:30am, Friday 9 May 2014

Where: Media to meet at the Showground Trust Administration Centre (Adjacent to the main Arena). Map of Showground attached. Administration Office is marked number 1.

Media Note: Member for Coffs Harbour Andrew Fraser MP, Coffs Harbour Show Society Secretary Margo Caba and NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust Chairman Alan Revell, will be present and are available for interviews.

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