

## **A message from President Wayne Willmington**

### **Welcome to the 115th Annual Luddenham Show.**

The Luddenham Showground is a great space that is versatile, safe and welcoming and is one of the rare grounds that are owned by the Local Community. The Showground is not only a place to hold the Annual Show but a space that can be used for Engagement parties, Christenings, birthday parties and Weddings. In order for us to keep our grounds safe, clean and respectful we heavily rely on the money raised at the Luddenham Show to fund all our repairs, maintenance and improvements of facilities.

For 128 years the Luddenham Agricultural, Horticultural & Industrial Society have been running traditional Country Shows in Luddenham. Over that time 13 Shows have been cancelled due to Wars, weather conditions and other life events.

This year we are supporting one of the neediest groups of people of our times, we will be inviting people attending the Show to place donations in boxes which will be distributed around the Showground. The money will be forwarded to the Rotary Club of Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley and 100 percent will be forwarded to the Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos for distribution to businesses and farmers most desperately in need due to this drought, one of the worst ever. We have already donated \$1,000 to start off the appeal. Other country areas are being supported by other Rotary Clubs.

To put on the Show it requires Volunteers, Sponsors and Supporters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our small and dedicated Committee who put in many hardworking hours into organising the successful Shows year in and out. I would also like to thank our Members and Volunteers from the Community who work together to help make this all possible.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all our Sponsors & Supporters that enable us to keep running this wonderful event, we are truly grateful for all your generous support and help. I would like to also thank our Exhibitors that continually support the event. Finally, I would like to thank you, our local Community. Without you we would have no reason to put on such a great event, thank you for your support, attendance and enjoy the Luddenham Show for 2019.

To take the Show into the next decade we are seeking new members to get involved in the running of the Country Show. If you would like to get involved in becoming a member of the Luddenham Show Society or help out in any way you can, don't hesitate to contact me.

**See you at the Country Show and enjoy.**