

Stables Rebuild

Taralga Pony Club

Upper Lachlan

Funding requested: \$271,118

Summary: The Taralga Pony Club is proud to lead this vital infrastructure project at the Taralga Showground — the complete rebuild of our deteriorating horse stables. The current facilities built in the 1940's, comprising three stable blocks totalling 26 stables, are in very poor condition and severely limit safe and practical use beyond Pony Club activities. The stables are essential not only for monthly Rally Days, which attract up to 30 horses, but also for wider community events including the Taralga Show, Gymkhana, Australia Day, Rodeo and equestrian programs. The rebuild will deliver safer, modern steel stables and expand the versatility of the stables and site for additional youth programs, disabled riding, team sorting, and other horse-based activities.

Community value: The Taralga Pony Club's proposal under the HumeLink Community Investment and Benefits Program seeks to revitalise its ageing stables into a modern, inclusive, and multi-purpose facility. The upgrade will enhance safety, weather protection, and accessibility, enabling broader participation across all ages and abilities. Designed for diverse use —from clinics and shows to educational programs—the new infrastructure will foster community pride and connection. It will serve as a welcoming venue for local events, reducing social isolation and strengthening intergenerational ties. Economically, the project promises short-term benefits through local trades engagement and long-term growth by attracting visitors, boosting bookings, and stimulating regional industries like hospitality and agribusiness. Educationally, it will offer hands-on learning in horsemanship, leadership, and animal care, with pathways into agriculture and rural services through partnerships with TAFE and Riding for the Disabled. Ultimately, the stables rebuild will leave a lasting legacy, reinforcing Taralga's rural identity and ensuring year-round use of the Showground.



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