

Taralga Showground Pavilion Upgrade

Taralga A P & H Association

Upper Lachlan

Funding requested: \$224,455

Summary: The Taralga Showground Pavilion Upgrade project seeks to revitalise our pavilion (originally built in 1914), a key community facility, transforming it into a safe, accessible, and energy- efficient space that supports a wide range of local and regional activities. This much-needed upgrade will preserve the heritage of the pavilion while modernising it to meet current safety, accessibility, and sustainability standards. The upgrade is proposed in two Stages. Stage One includes the safe removal of asbestos, installation of new internal wall linings and insulation, and structural improvements to ensure long-term durability. Accessibility will be significantly improved through the addition of ramps, handrails, and wider entrance doors. Fixed double-glazed windows will enhance natural light into the pavilion and reduce energy consumption; while painting and final finishes will ensure a professional and welcoming aesthetic. Once complete, the upgraded pavilion will be better equipped to host community gatherings, weddings, exhibitions, and corporate events—broadening its use and increasing community participation. It will also attract private bookings, contributing to the local economy and strengthening tourism and the visitor economy in the region.

Community value: The upgraded Pavilion will become a safe, comfortable, and accessible year-round venue for community events, not just the annual Show. Improvements such as ramps, handrails, insulation, and window replacements will make the space inclusive for all ages and abilities.

Key outcomes include:

Reduced social isolation through regular events, seniors' gatherings, and youth activities.

Improved mental health and community cohesion via consistent, welcoming meeting spaces.

Increased capacity to host health workshops, outreach services, and digital inclusion programs.

Education and Skills Development: The Pavilion will support local training programs and short courses aligned with regional workforce needs, such as construction, renewable energy, and event management. This will boost adult education access and youth engagement.

Local Industry Development: Modernisation will make the Pavilion suitable for business use—product launches, expos, and meetings—benefiting local suppliers, trades, and caterers. This will strengthen the rural event economy and increase local visitor spending.

Social Legacy: The project creates lasting infrastructure that supports future growth. The Pavilion will serve as a resilient, multi-use asset for generations, adaptable for emergency relief, civic gatherings, and regional planning. It will foster long-term community pride, participation, and engagement.



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