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**COONABARABRAN SHOWGROUND TRUST TO RETURN
TO COMMUNITY HANDS**

The running of the Coonabarabran Showground will return to community hands, Minister for Natural Resources, Land and Water Kevin Humphries announced today.

Mr Humphries said a recent decision to exclude community members from the trust board managing Coonabarabran Showground has been reviewed and local residents with a passion for the community and the showground will now be part of the trust.

“When the Coonabarabran Showground trust was recently established, Warrumbungle Shire Council was appointed as corporate trustee and the 17 community members who applied were rejected,” Mr Humphries said.

“Many in the Coonabarabran community believed the trust would be better managed if it drew upon the expertise and knowledge of local residents, and requested that a community-based trust board be appointed instead.

“A board of up to seven community members will now be appointed and Crown Lands will shortly contact the people who applied.

“Warrumbungle Shire Council has been advised of the decision and understands the reasoning behind it.

“Similar to many regional communities, the showground is a focal point for Coonabarabran, hosting the annual show, the North West Equestrian Expo and many other events.

“I believe that the best outcomes for the future of the Showground will be achieved with the community having the major say in managing the showground, particularly given the range of clubs and community events that take place there.

“I look forward to announcing the new trust board in the very near future.”

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