



164th MAITLAND SHOW 2026

“My Show – Making Memories”

13 - 14 - 15 February 2026



YOUNG FARMERS CHALLENGE



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Zero Tolerance to Abuse

Aggressive behaviour and any form of verbal or physical abuse towards any person including staff, members, volunteers, competitors or guests will not be tolerated on the Maitland Showground at any time. Anyone engaging in inappropriate behaviour at the Maitland Showground will be asked to change their behaviour, issued a formal warning, removed from the grounds or barred from entering the grounds in the future.



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General Information:

Entry Forms:

- Online entries via Maitland Showground webpage.
<https://showday.online/show/maitlandshow>

Online entries close on DATE Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 12pm.

Please complete your entry and payment online.

Or deliver your entry form by close Wednesday 11th February 2026 by 12pm
Maitland Showground Office
50 Blomfield Street, Maitland 2320.
Office hours are 9am to 2pm
Phone: 02 4933 5052
Payment: Cash or Eftpos only.

Entry Fees

Open Section – Team of four between 18-35 with at least one person of each gender
\$40 per team of four

No refunds are available.
No new entries will be accepted on the day.
No late entries will be accepted.

Time of Competition

Sunday 15th February 2026 TIME

Meetup Location

Members Room in front of Centre Ring

and Information

Competitors must be at the members room by 12.30 p.m. to attend the safety briefing and course walk-through. Please ensure to read the terms and conditions prior

Chief Steward

Justin Rumore Enquiries: 0419 252 698

Sponsor:



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Prizes:

Place - \$400 + Ribbon for Each Competitor

1st

2nd Place - \$200 + Ribbon for Each Competitor

3rd Place – Ribbon for Each Competitor

All Prize Money will be paid by Direct Deposit after the show. Winners will be contacted by email with a secure payment link to enter banking details for prize payment.

Overview:

Maitland Show is running the Young Farmers Challenge on Sunday 15.02.2026 the challenge allows people aged 18 to 35 to genuinely contribute to the agricultural industry by showcasing their expertise in a series of on-farm-based challenges highlighting the depth of knowledge and technical skills required in rural life today.

What it's all about:

- The competition is open to mixed teams of four between the ages of 18 and 35.
- Teams must have at least one representative from each gender.
- Each local winning team will then progress to the State Finals held at each state's Royal Show.
- All state winners are then invited to the National finals; they will have the opportunity to be the “Best of the best” across the country!

The Young Farmers Challenge is a great way for youth to get involved in their shows and engage with other young people and industry leaders. It's a wonderful way to celebrate, support and recognise the future leaders in agriculture.

Exhibitors Notes/Rules:

- This competition is open to teams of four people and must contain at least one male and one female.
- Teams must enter via Showday online, one competitor must be nominated as the team captain.
- Competitors must be aged between 18 and 35 years of age on the day of the competition. Competitors may be required to provide proof of age.
- All competitors must adhere to Safework principles, all competitors must wear a shirt with sleeves (short or long), long pants and closed-toe shoes suitable for on-farm practical skills.
- I participate in the event and/or use the supplier's facilities at my own risk.
- Each team will compete individually, and heats will be timed. Teams will be blinded to previous heats.
- Every challenge must be completed correctly to move on to the next challenge.
- Each team will have a dedicated judge who watches every challenge you complete and will determine when it has been completed correctly and safely. The Judge's decision is final.



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- Any errors made will result in competitors having to re-do the challenge to complete it correctly, or receiving a time penalty, based on the nature of the challenge. Teams can incur a time penalty for safety breaches and disqualified in the event of multiple safety breaches and/or dangerous activity that may have affected Competitors, Officials or spectators.
- Teamwork is encouraged to complete challenges.
- Competitors must be at the members room by 12.30 p.m. to attend the safety briefing and course walk-through.

**We thank our sponsors for supporting the Young Farmers Challenge at
Maitland Show**



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