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SHOWGROUND TRUST TO RETURN TO COMMUNITY HANDS

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner has announced the Government's intention to return the management of Wingham Showground to a community-based reserve trust board in the near future.

"The showground has been ably managed by an administrator, Mr Mal Marks, for just over three years," Mr Stoner said.

"In that time, Mr Marks has steadied the ship and improved both the administration and the financial position of the showground.

"The Government has always intended to return the trust to community hands and I have decided to bring this process forward due to the excellent results achieved by Mr Marks.

"A call for community members to volunteer to join the trust board will be made in the near future.

"People with sound business and financial management skills combined with impartial and objective decision-making expertise are encouraged to apply.

"Above all they should have the interests of the showground and its benefit to the community as their principal motivation in applying."

Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead, welcomed the Minister's decision and said it would also be welcomed by the local community.

"On behalf of the community I extend heartfelt thanks to Mr Marks for the excellent job he has done, without financial reward, for the past three years," Mr Bromhead said.

"I encourage anyone with a passion for the community and the showground to apply to be a part of the Trust.

"Support from the community will sustain the showground for the next 100 years" Mr Bromhead said.