

# Media Release

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## GRANTS OPEN TO AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETIES

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting Victoria's agricultural and pastoral societies to improve their business operations and increase their involvement in regional shows.

Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney today launched the latest round of the *Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants Program* – offering grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible projects.

The grants will offer agricultural and pastoral societies the opportunity to upgrade or establish new facilities, while creating opportunities for further collaboration and partnerships with businesses.

It will also offer these societies the opportunity to elevate their event planning and encompass innovative ways to engage people at regional shows including online livestock exhibitions and the integration of virtual technology.

Eligible projects for funding can include improving showground amenities like fencing and shade covers, or further enhancing on-farm biosecurity planning.

To learn more about the Agricultural and Pastoral Society Grants Program and to apply, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au).

Applications close Friday 13 October 2023.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Agriculture Gayle Tierney

*"We recognise the integral role Agricultural and Pastoral Societies play in our regional communities and these grants will help them on-farm or at events."*

*"I am excited to see the range of projects that are put forward for this year's program and I look forward to heading along to some of the great shows organised by our dedicated Agricultural and Pastoral Societies."*

*"We encourage eligible societies to seize this opportunity, contributing to the vibrancy of our annual shows and events."*