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### **Field Days fires up**

THOUSANDS of visitors are expected to pass through Mareeba's Kerribee Park tomorrow as Rotary FNQ Field Days officially kicks off.

The biennial event is back with a bang and is now being held over three days, with organisers hoping to attract even more than the 16,000 people who attended Field Days in 2015.

Rotary FNQ Field Days committee chair Pauline Spackman said all sites for Stage 1 and 2 of the event had been sold out and exhibitors were now moving in by the truckload.

"It's been a hive of activity since about 6am on Monday morning and it's still going," she said.

"We're very happy with how it's all come together. Our wonderful volunteers have been out here moving hay, using forklifts and helping people get settled in.

"It's been all hands on deck and everybody's stepped up where they can."

There will be plenty to see and do at this year's Field Days, from the roaring Rotary John Deere Tractor Pull to the Future Farmers Innovation and Education tent.

"There's been a really high level of interest from schools for the Innovation tent," Mrs Spackman said.

Visitors will also be spoilt for choice with 36 market stalls, 28 cattle stalls and 12 "inventors sites" at Field Days this year.

"Come one, come all," Mrs Spackman said.

"We've got things for farmers, ladies and the kids – pretty much everything covered.

"There's something for everybody. The exhibitors have come from far and wide, there's lots of different food to cater to everyone's tastes and shade areas for people to sit and eat."

Mrs Spackman paid tribute to the small army of about 100 volunteers and 10-strong committee who have been busy bringing Field Days to life.





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“Our volunteers will be vital to the success of Field Days and everyone’s effort is greatly appreciated,” she said.

“We’re heading in the right direction and everyone’s getting very excited now.”

Traffic management will also be improved this year to ensure visitors can find a park with minimal fuss.

Field Days will hold its official opening tomorrow with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7am at Kerribee Park, with ABC Far North and 4AM to provide a live radio feed throughout the event.

All media is welcome to attend.

Mareeba Tyrepower, MSF Sugar and Mareeba Mazda are the major sponsors of Rotary FNQ Field Days 2017.

A biennial event, Rotary FNQ Field Days will be held between Wednesday May 24 and Friday May 26, 2017 at Mareeba’s Kerribee Park.

Entry is \$5 for adults while children under 18 are free.

Every visitor to Field Days is also entered into the daily prize draw, with each daily prize valued at about \$1000.

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