

Hawkesbury Show Flyball – update.

Just back from inspecting the Hawkesbury Showground. The rain seems to have stopped and the local flooding is receding fast - when I drove in the water at the end of Boundary Rd near the Hotel was a foot over the road - when I came back its was clear. All roads around the Showground are open.

I meet with the Show Secretary and they are proposing to relocate the Dog events to the main Showground arena - to an area in front and just to the left of the main Grandstand - this area is the high point of the Showground and was free of surface water when I inspected - its fairly sandy soil so I suspect it will drain well over the next two days. They have cancelled all of the horse events as they would chop up the Showground area. They are also planning to relocate the wood chop into the main arena at the right end of the Grandstand - so on Saturday the flyball and the wood chop would be the two main spectator activities visible from the Grandstand.

I have arranged to go out there again tomorrow afternoon and to make a final inspection so we can decide if the grounds are acceptable or not. Should be around 3 pm. At this stage I would be fairly confident the grounds should be ok - provided the rain stops. Weather forecast for next 3 days is looking fairly good.

Parking arrangements will change - likely still come in via Gate 5 but proceed on sealed road down to the Horse area (opposite the main Grandstand) and park just off the hardstand. Will confirm when I visit. Its then about 100 metres across the Showground to where the ring will be. We can set up Cabanas close to the flyball ring. The Show Society are trying to be as helpful as possible as they want some attractions in the main Showground.

Will provide another update after tomorrows inspection.

Fingers crossed the rain stops.

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