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The date of the first ever Taree Agricultural Show was held on 31 March 1880. One day was set aside for the exhibition while the second day was for livestock sales. The first show was an enormous success and £75 was taken at the gates.¹

The Manning River Agricultural and Horticultural Association (MRA & HA) realised that the showgrounds were going to be too small for the future so a new location was found. The site chosen was where the showgrounds are now in Muldoon Street. Buildings were moved from the old to new showgrounds in 1910.²

Where were the original showgrounds?

Look at these old pictures to see if you can work it out.

Look: Describe what you can see in each photo to your partner.

Ask: Are there any buildings that you recognise that still exist today?

Conclude: Where do you think the old showgrounds were located?

Expand: What more would you like to find out?



¹ *Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts for NSW*, 24 May 1913.

² *Manning River Times and Advocate for the Northern Coast Districts of NSW*, 29 March 1954.



Photos courtesy of the MidCoast Library Taree.

Imagine you are an archaeologist, what remnants of the old showgrounds do you think you would discover if you were able to dig up the old site?

ANSWER:

Here are some modern photos of where the old showgrounds were. Only sneak a peek below if you think you have the answer! Can you match these pictures to buildings in the old pictures?



