

# Obituary

## MR. T. J. FORD

A well-known Clarence River farmer and show society official died at Grafton on Saturday, aged 79.

He was Mr. T. J. Ford.

Mr. Ford managed the North Coast and Tablelands District Exhibit at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney for 31 years, retiring two years ago.

During that period the exhibit won the championship in eight successive years.

Mr. Ford also managed the North Coast exhibit at the Brisbane Royal Exhibition.

Mr. Ford's father took the first district exhibit to Sydney Royal Show from the Clarence many years ago.

From that exhibit developed the idea of the district exhibit competition, which has since become one of the features of the Royal Show.

Subsequently Mr. T. J. Ford accompanied his father to the Royal Show with exhibits, making the trip by boat, and years later he became manager of the big North Coast and Tablelands exhibit.

Mr. T. J. Ford had been associated with the Clarence Show Society at Grafton for more than 50 years, and had only recently retired from the presidency, which he had held for many years.

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ence River Show Society at Grafton last week had before it Mr. Ford's decision to retire from the presidency.

It accepted this with regret and elected him a patron and a life member of the society.

It also decided to name the agricultural pavilion at Grafton showground the T. J. Ford Pavilion.

A plaque will be placed in the building in commemoration of Mr. Ford's long and valuable services.