

Fencing & Gate Project Entry Form 2025 - Entry #755

Choose one category would you like to nominate for. You can enter a project into more than one category but please fill out a separate form for each entry.

Rural / Farm Fencing

Your Company Name

North Coast Fencing

Name & Location of the project

Front Boundary /Entrance Ways Dalwood Northern Rivers

Key Features of the project

✓ 1. Entry Statement Design

The front boundary wasn't just about fencing — it was about making an impression. After seeing the quality and craftsmanship on the horse paddock, the client requested a continuation of the 3-rail morticed look along the driveway and entrance — blending the traditional rural feel with a clean, architectural finish. This section became the statement piece of the property.

✓ 2. Custom Ironbark Gate Assembly

To elevate the entrance, we installed custom hardwood gates using 200x200 Ironbark gate posts — not only for strength and longevity but to visually anchor the entry. Ironbark was chosen for its density and durability, standing up to the weather and heavy usage. The contrast of the darker timber against the blonde treated pine rails created a beautiful natural feature.

✓ 3. Symmetrical Fence Flow Across Undulating Ground

This section ran across a mix of gentle rises and fall lines, and was mapped out to visually balance all 3 rails while still flowing with the land. Every post was string-lined and eyeballed to perfection to maintain a straight look, even on uneven ground. There were no shortcuts — we made minor adjustments on spacing to avoid a jagged or broken rail line.

✓ 4. Post Installation Strategy

We applied the same hand-rammed post technique here as the paddock: red soil mixed with a light concrete blend to support the timber while avoiding future rot. It's a method built from experience — full concrete collars might look neat on

day one but can trap moisture and wreck posts over time, especially in these wet Northern Rivers soils.

 5. Landscaping Integration

The new boundary fence had to complement existing gardens, mature trees, and the established driveway. We worked closely with the property manager to mark out curves and gate spacing that would fit around garden beds and natural vegetation without disturbing the environment.

Total Length: 195m front boundary plus gates

Products used in the project

 Specifications & Materials

Posts: 200x100x1800 H4 Treated Pine, morticed with 3 slots

Rails: 150x50x2400 Treated Pine

Fasteners: 75mm Titan bugle batten screws at every junction

Post Footing: All 248 posts were hand-rammed using a blended red soil and concrete mix, carefully applied to reduce long-term collar rot (a common failure point with full concrete encasement)

Gates: Custom-designed Ironbark hardwood gates hung off 200x200 Ironbark feature posts at the front entrance

Materials were proudly sourced from a local Northern Rivers supplier — keeping dollars in the district and supporting local sawmills and merchants.

Plus elegant Iron bark gates designed & manufactured by Darren Skewis Fencing (multiple gate design award winner)

Also a 6mtr wide steel 3 rail gate for the workers entrance was built & constructed on site

Client Expectations and Feedback

 Key Features – Front Boundary Fencing

Showpiece Entry Fence: Designed to dress and define the property's frontage with a bold rural aesthetic — creating a grand first impression while tying into the overall landscape.

Ironbark Feature Gates: Beautifully crafted ironbark timber gates hung on 200x200 hardwood posts gave the entrance a standout architectural finish with long-term strength.

Perfect Symmetry Across Hills: Despite uneven ground and sloped terrain, the fence was visually balanced and consistent in spacing, showcasing precision layout across challenging gradients.

Morticed Joinery for Clean Lines: Traditional 3-rail morticed post design ensured no external brackets or hardware — a flush finish ideal for high-visibility fencing.

Locally Milled Timber: All materials sourced from within the Northern Rivers, supporting local industry and ensuring consistent product quality.

Rammed Post Technique to Reduce Rot: The same soil-blended concrete mix was used for the front section to maximise post lifespan — proving thoughtful rural design can still be refined.

Built in Harsh Weather Windows: Pushed ahead through wet weeks and post-cyclone conditions to stay on timeline and keep quality sharp.

Client Satisfaction Sparked By Craftsmanship: After seeing the finish on the paddock fence, the client insisted on extending the same standard to the front — testament to quality and trust in delivery.

Client Relationship & Upsell

The farm manager was brilliant — gave us room to work and was thorough with feedback. Once the entry section was

underway, he even began flagging future works. The clients (property owners) were so impressed, they mentioned they'd "never seen a rural fence look this sharp" and referred us to their neighbour across the road.

Ownership and promotion of entry information and images

I agree

Date the project was completed

June 2025

Upload images of the project showcasing different angles and perspectives - front, back, sides, from a distance etc

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