

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA
ROYAL HOBART SHOW 2024
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
HOBART REGATTA GROUNDS, THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024

Good morning to you all and welcome to this 2024 Royal Hobart Show of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST).

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

As the days become longer and the weather windier, we all know that the spring Royal Hobart Show is coming. We all look forward to this the opportunity to come together to celebrate our agricultural community and to enjoy family focused activities at this beautiful location.

As Patron of RAST, I continue the tradition of Tasmanian Governors, and before them, Van Diemen's Land Lieutenant-Governors, being closely associated with this Show.

This is the third year that this Royal Hobart Show has been held primarily at the Regatta Grounds. Most will know that there is significant work being undertaken at the Glenorchy Showgrounds, where a completely new facility is being built. The ultra-modern new arena and pavilion will provide the new permanent home for the Show for the next 100 years.

Our Show, as ever, has something for everyone, with a packed schedule of events over the four days.

During this concentrated period, Bluey and friends will be performing, there will be an opportunity to pet dinosaurs and thoroughbred racing pigs will vie to be the first with their snouts in the food bowl.

There are traditional competitions with livestock and other animal exhibitions, arts and crafts and what is arguably Australia's greatest woodchopping carnival. There are many more things that everyone can experience and enjoy.

If you have not seen it yet, I encourage you to download a copy of the 'Show Mag'. It has a wealth of information, including daily programs and additional details about performances and attractions, as well as a map to guide your day.

May I congratulate and thank everyone who is supporting this year's Royal Hobart Show. Longstanding Show CEO, Scott Gadd, the RAST Committee and many volunteers have worked tirelessly to bring us the Show again this year. On behalf of a grateful community, thank you to you all.

It is now my great honour to open this Royal Hobart Show 2024.

Thank you.