

# CHARACTERS OF THE SHOW



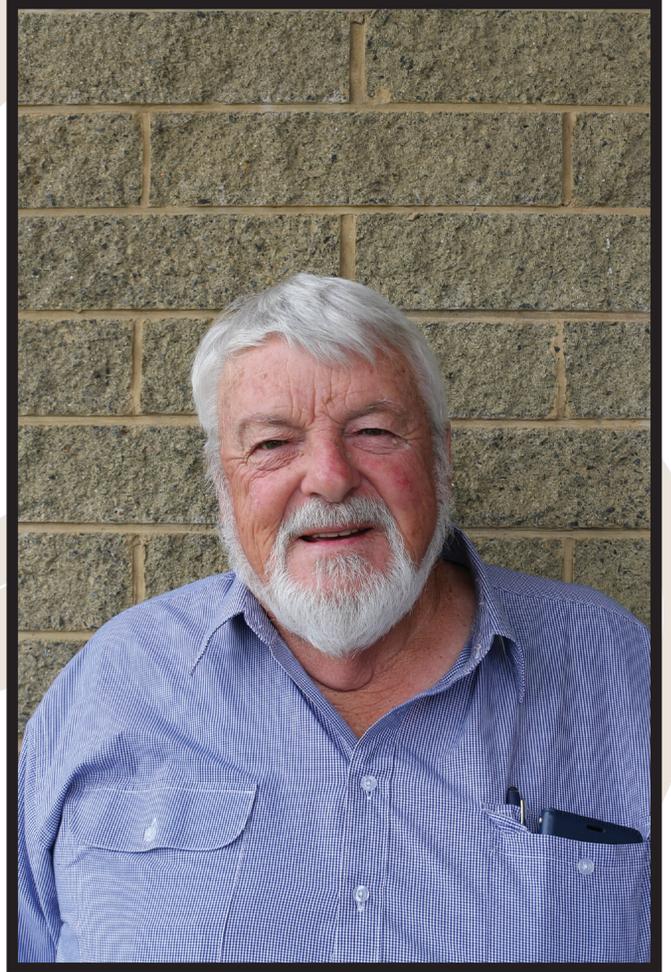
Henry Burbury

Henry first came to the Royal Hobart Show in 1955 as a patron. He began showing cattle with his family at the Show in 1956. Henry's family continued to show every year until 1974 when they had a bull in quarantine and could not make it.

Henry was first involved with the Beef Cattle Committee and was first appointed to Council in 1978. He then became Chairman of the Beef Cattle Committee. Henry was elected President from 1996-1999 and appointed Honorary Life Councillor in 2004.

This year will be Henry's 65th show.

Henry's father, Donald, was also involved with the Society. Donald was appointed to Council in 1959, elected President from 1969-1971 and appointed Honorary Life Councillor in 1978.



Ian Blades

Ian first came to the Royal Hobart Show when he was about 5 years old (1950s) with his parents, sister and one brother at the time. His father liked to come along to look at the sale animals. Ian first showed as an exhibitor in Hobart in 1962,

he made the trip down on the Show Train with his brothers, boxes of poultry and horses. In about 1989 RAST was short of a Steward and Ian was asked to step in, he never got the sack and has not missed a Show since. He was appointed onto Council in 2011.

Ian helped birth three Heifers during the Hobart Show one year.



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## DAVID SKINNER

David's first connection with the Society dates back to 1946/48 when as a student at the Hutchins School he was a Junior Steward at the Royal Hobart Show. He later served as a Steward in various classes and on a number of Council sub-committees. David was appointed onto Council in 1975 and elected President from 1984-1986. He was appointed an Honorary Life Councillor in 1991 and was re-elected as President from 1999-2005. David is Chairman of the Commercial Cattle Section, Vineyard of the Year and others. The Living Legend Award is the highest honour an individual can receive, it is awarded to someone who has made outstanding contributions to the Show over many years.

David received this award in 2018.

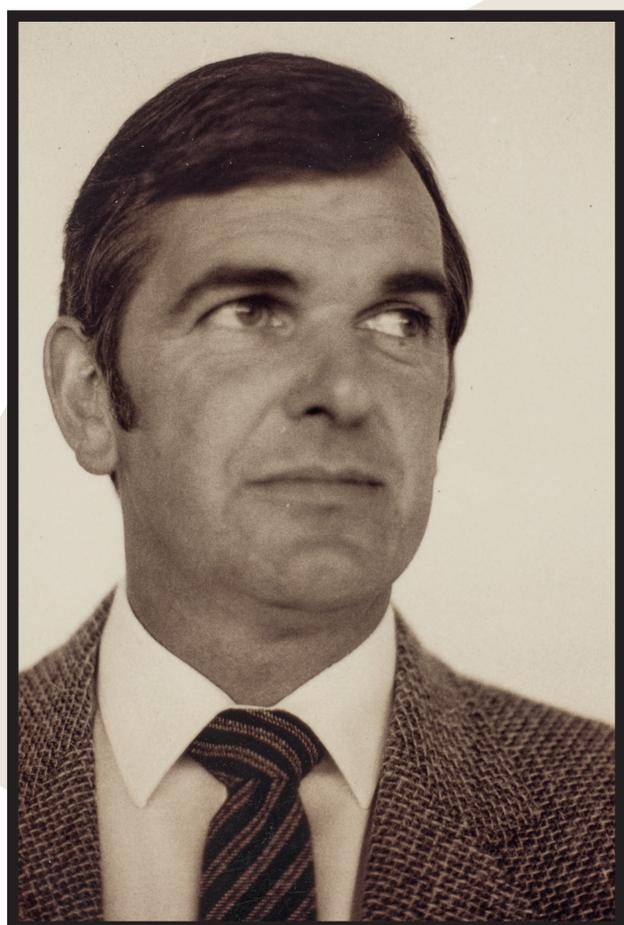
David has been involved with the Society for over 70 years.

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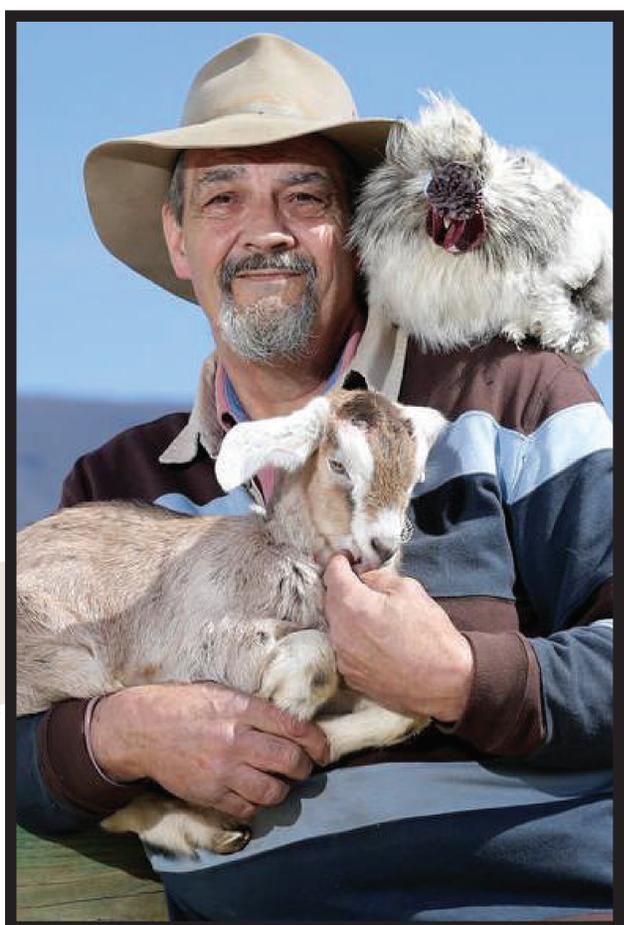
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**PAUL CALVERT**

Paul began stewarding at the Royal Hobart Show in 1955 when he was 15 years old. He was a steward for the Dairy Section and continued to steward every year until 1973. Paul was elected to Council in 1973, he was Vice President from 1980-86 and President 1987-90. He was elected Honorary Life Councillor in 1993. Paul served as a Senator for Tasmania from 1987 to 2007, representing the Liberal Party. He was President of the Senate from 2002 to 2007. Early in his Presidency he tackled the archaic five department structure of the Australian Parliament and streamlined them to 3 departments.



**ROLY CALVERT**

Roly has been involved with the Society, in particular the Animal Nursery since he was about 17 years old. He began helping in the Animal Nursery as part of Rural Youth. It was around 1979 when George Hanslow departed and Roly was left 'holding the baby'. Roly has run the Animal Nursery every year at showtime since. He was made an Honorary Life Member in the year 2000, he was appointed to Council in 2011 and was awarded with the 40+ Years of Service Award in 2017.



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## PAUL AND ELIZABETH GEARD

Paul Geard started showing with his parents back in 1954, exhibiting Tamworth Pigs and Jersey Cows. He first exhibited Holstein Friesian Cattle two years later in 1956 where he won Champion Dairy Cow in his first year with “Tassie Katrina Star” and has won countless broad ribbons in the 64 years since. Paul started on the Show Council around 50 years ago and was elected President in 2005 and held this position for 6 years. He has been a Councillor since the 1980s, he was elected an Honorary Life Member and Honorary Life Councillor in 2008. As a couple, Paul and Elizabeth have spent countless hours at the Hobart Showground, volunteering time not just at showtime, but helping to develop the ground, build judging rings, redeveloping the central arena, and general ground maintenance.

Paul and Elizabeth received the Living Legend award in 2019.



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