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DA Approval secures future of Royal Hobart Show

Key points:

- *Royal Hobart Show secured*
- *Main Show activities transfer to Regatta Grounds for next three years*
- *Appeal to proceed on some elements of DA conditions*

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania (RAST) has welcomed approval of its Development Application by Glenorchy City Council to redevelop the Hobart Showground.

After being advertised by GCC last month, the development proposal met with no objections (representations) from the community. However, GCC has written some conditions into its approval.

“What will be Tasmania’s most advanced and modern agricultural showground here in Hobart means we’ve secured the future of the 200 year old Royal Hobart Show,” says Scott Gadd, CEO of the RAST.

As announced last month by the Society, the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Hobart shows will be largely held at the Hobart Regatta Grounds, with some community art and craft sections being held in tandem at the nearby Hobart City Hall. Traditional animal judging will occur at locations suitable to safely housing animals.

The Show is expected to return to the Showground on completion of the first phase of the redevelopment – the Showground arena and associated pavilion – in 2025.

“The Show is not disappearing, but it needs to temporarily relocate while we build the new Showground arena and pavilion,” said Scott Gadd.

“The reason we embarked on this project was to financially secure the future of the Show for generations to come. However, in approving this project GCC inserted a number of conditions, including some that we shall appeal.

“We don’t see these matters as major impediments, although one condition which precludes outdoor music on our new arena would seriously curtail our ability to put on entertainment for young people and families, as we have traditionally done onsite.”

RAST intends the new Showground will remain a premier family friendly entertainment precinct, and it believes it can satisfactorily negotiate an outcome with Council through the appeals process.

The 2022 Royal Hobart Show calendar

30 July 2022

Venue – Hobart Showground

Sections – Judging: Poultry, Cavies and Alpacas

20-22 October 2022

Venue – Hobart Regatta Grounds

Sections – Kennel, Woodchopping, Carnival, Entertainment

Venue – City Hall

Sections – Art on Show, Youth Art & Student Photography, Creative Crafts

20, 22 and 23 October 2022

Venue – Coal Valley Equestrian Centre

Sections – Competition: Equestrian and Pony Club

29 October 2022

Venue – Campbell Town Showground

Sections – Judging: Fleece, Goats and Sheep