



## 2025 Show Entertainment

The entertainment line-up for the 2025 Betta® Milk Royal Hobart Show is now coming together. For the first time, George the Farmer will be coming to this year's Show.

George's down-to-earth manner and grassroots charm resonates with young children in rural locations while inspiring city-based children to have a better understanding and connection to agriculture.

George is an active participant in the Sydney Royal Easter Show and has featured in media such as the ABC's Landline program and Channel 10's The Project.

Also signed up for the Show in October is Eljay Driessens. One interstate newspaper has described him as not-your-normal stunt bike show. "It's a performance of crazy, gravity-defying stunts that never fails to captivate audiences Australia-wide", said Brisbane's Courier Mail.

The Society has also booked perennial favourites such as Pandara Kelpies, Brian Fish's bullock team, and the racing piglets, which will again be travelling south from Queensland for the Hobart Show.

Meanwhile, the Society remains in negotiation with a major children's act, internationally recognised as a firm children's favourite.



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## 2025 Show Entries

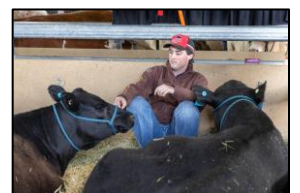
Planning for this year's Betta<sup>®</sup> Milk Royal Hobart Show is now well underway, and the Society can now confirm locations for various Show activities.

A number of competitive events will be held at the Showground this year, such as Cats, Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Sheep and Alpacas. The grounds at the Showground are already under preparation to host stock competitions in the Show.

Sections, locations and their dates are below.

Section	Date	Venue
Alpacas	November 1-2	Hobart Showground
Art on Show	October 22-25	Goods Shed, Macquarie Point
Beef Cattle	October 23-25	Hobart Showground
Cats	October 4	Hobart Showground
Cavies	October 19	Pontville Memorial Hall
Creative Crafts	October 22-25	Goods Shed, Macquarie Point
Dairy Cattle	October 23-25	Hobart Showground
Equestrian	October 24-25	Tasmanian Equestrian Centre, Lauderdale
Fleece	October 23-25	Regatta Grounds, Hobart
Goats	October 11	Hobart Showground
Kennel	October 23-25	Regatta Grounds
Poultry, Pigeons & Canaries	July 26	Brighton Showground: Bob Scott Pavilion
Rabbits	October 18	Pontville Memorial Hall
Rural Ambassador	October 23	Regatta Grounds, Hobart.
Stud Sheep	October 11	Hobart Showground
Woodchopping	October 23-25	Regatta Grounds, Hobart
Youth Art & Student Photography	October 22-25	Goods Shed, Macquarie Point.

Opening and closing dates for entries are still to be confirmed so we urge readers to keep a regular eye on our website (<https://www.hobartshowground.com.au/>) for updated information.





## Show Planning

Show planners have now booked The Goods Shed at Macquarie Point as one of the multiple venues for this year's Betta® Milk Royal Hobart Show.

The iconic building is a great location for Show related activities. This year it will host Youth Art & Student Photography, Creative Crafts, and Artery on Show. In previous years, these events were held at Hobart City Hall, but the Hall is unavailable this year.

## Vineyard of the Year

Tickets are now on sale for the field day to be held at Tea Tree's Pressing Matters Vineyard in June. Go to the wine show page on the Hobart Showground website to make a booking.

At last November's Snap Printing Royal Hobart Wine Show, Pressing Matters was awarded the title of Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year. The Award recognises a Tasmanian vineyard which is performing to high viticultural standards, and the winner hosts a field day to demonstrate its management techniques.

The field day will take place at Tea Tree on June 20 from 12.30pm. It's not just an occasion for vineyard professionals, but for wine lovers as well. So we hope to see you there.

## RAST's Newest Machinery

RAST have recently invested in a new 3.5T telehandler to assist with the redevelopment and future events. The telehandler is RAST's single biggest machinery purchase in our 200 year history.





## 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

As The RASTUS goes to press, judging is underway in the first round of the 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards.

Baked Goods, Preserves + Sweet/Spicy is the first category to be judged this year, covering 124 different classes in three sections: the Tasmanian Flour Mills Bakery Awards, the Tassal Group Preserves Awards, and the Valhalla Ice Cream Sweet & Spicy Awards.

Judging in this section covers 124 classes with foods entered from all over Australia. Being judged are foods ranging from crackers and crispbreads, and pies and bread, to confectionary, herbs and spices, honey, chutneys, chocolates and fudge.

This year has seen a 20% increase in entries for honey, chocolate and confectionary, and preserves while bakery entries are on a par with last year.

The next round of judging, Tea and Tisanes, DIAA Dairy & Ice Cream and Plant Based Products, will occur in June, and this year's national competition will wrap up in September with the major trophy judging.

The Awards celebrate the pursuit of excellence in Australian food and beverages.

### Key Food Award dates

Food	Entries Close	Judged
Baked Goods	Closed	April 30
Preserves	Closed	May 1
Sweet & spicy	Closed	May 2
Tea & Tisanes	Closed	June 4
DIAA Dairy & Ice Cream	Closed	June 5/6
Plant Based Products	Closed	June 6
Coffee	June 1	July 3/4
Smallgoods & Delicatessen	July 14	August 15
Seafood	July 14	August 22
Olive Products	August 3	September 4
Pantry Items	August 3	Sept 4
Richard Langdon Trophy – Major Trophy judging		Sept 5