



### Celebrating Nearly 80 Years of Service

The RAST Board this month held a luncheon to pay respect to a remarkable, long serving leader of the Society. You may have seen the story in The Mercury newspaper.

David Skinner, OAM, has been associated with RAST and the Royal Hobart Show for nearly 80 years and as we reported in the last RASTUS, he decided this year it was time to retire from the RAST Board, although he remains a member of the Royal Hobart Show Council.

Mr Skinner was a member of the RAST Board's Finance and Audit Committee until his recent decision to retire. But RAST is pleased that he will be staying on the Show Council to lend it his decades of experience.

He's also a Living Legend of the Show, and first came into contact with the Society in 1946, when he was a Hutchins student, and served as a Junior Steward.

The celebratory lunch was a wonderful occasion, with many yarns re-told about the Show back in the mid 20th century.



David Skinner – Photo Credit The Mercury Tasmania

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### It's the Betta® Milk Royal Hobart Show

Well-known Tasmanian household brand Betta® Milk has become the naming rights sponsor of the Royal Hobart Show. The sponsorship agreement covers the next three years.

Betta® Milk is proudly born and bred in Tasmania, owned by iconic Aussie dairy company, Bega Group. Originating with a group of dairy farmers in 1956, the founders believed that the lush pastures and clean air of Tassie's North West produced some of the best milk in the world.

RAST is delighted that two organisations with such a strong local heritage have come together to continue the more than 200 year old Royal Hobart Show

“Betta® Milk has a tradition of bringing high quality fresh milk from Tasmanian farms to Tasmanian families,” said Marcus Evans, Regional Sales Manager, Bega Group, while launching the sponsorship. “Through our aligned values of supporting local farming and agriculture, we are excited to help to bring the Betta® Milk Royal Hobart Show to Tasmanians for the next three years.”

While we await the redevelopment of our new Showground, RAST is confident that this year's Show (Oct 24-26), based on the Hobart Regatta Grounds, will provide best ever value, better entertainment, and a better bang for your buck. It's just what's needed during a difficult period for household budgets.



Brian Fish (left) and Sam Starr who will both be returning to the Show in 2024



## Bluey Live Interactive Experience coming to Hobart

Two months out from the Betta® Milk Royal Hobart Show (October 24-26) and entertainment has now been finalised for the big event.

In the past, Nicole Kidman, Keith Urban, and Tina Turner have all visited Tasmania, and of course Hollywood heart throb Errol Flynn was born here. But a celebrity visit like no other this year will see Bluey, the loveable Blue Heeler and international superstar, coming to Hobart for the Bluey Live Interactive Experience.

Bluey is a worldwide TV sensation, and we are sure Bluey, and her little sister Bingo, will get a huge welcome from children and parents alike.

Another headline event will be Erth's Dinosaur Petting Zoo. Just back from a tour of Japan, and earlier this year a tour of the US, the technologically advanced dinosaurs were a big hit at the 2022 Show. The New York Times said the dinosaurs delivered "solid science as well as an extraordinary spectacle". The Chicago Tribune called the show "A delightful and educational date with the dinos".

Backing the main entertainment will be:

**Noah's Thoroughbred Racing Pigs:** A regular at the Show, all the way from Queensland, because children so enjoy the antics of the racing piglets.

**Pandara Kelpies:** At the Show from northern Tasmania, intelligent and well trained yard dogs will demonstrate their skills as the farmer's best friends.

**Brian Fish's Bullock Team:** Always welcomed by Show crowds. Brian Fish is keeping the Tasmanian Bullock team tradition alive.

**Crazy Daisy the Clown:** Crazy Daisy will be roving at this year's Royal Hobart Show. She's a big crowd pleaser, using her skills in hoops, juggling and acrobatics to keep the audience entertained

**Reptile Rescue:** Reptile Rescue is back this year with snakes and lizards galore. At a time when snakes are emerging from their winter hibernation, showgoers can learn all about reptile handling with reptile demonstrations at Life on the Farm.

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## Show Tickets Now on Sale

Early bird tickets for the Show are now on sale on the Showground website ([www.hobartshowground.com.au](http://www.hobartshowground.com.au)) and for a family, early bird entry to the Show will cost just \$35. Once you have purchased your tickets, all the entertainment, including the Bluey Live Interactive Experience, and Erth's Dinosaur Petting Zoo, are free.

## First Event of the 2024 Show

You will remember that the 2024 Show season began in July with judging in Poultry, Pigeons and Canaries at the Brighton Showground.

Entries were up in this section of the Show this year, and the results are now in.

Tim Polley of Tea Tree took out several awards, including Grand Champion Bird of Show, and Joel Stingle of Westbury took out Reserve Champion Bird of Show.

Tracey Cordwell of Sandford and Peter Spotswood of Granton were other multiple winners. Full results are now on the Showground website.



Left: RAST CEO Scott Gadd with Judge Tony Sherriff Right: Judge Brian Castle

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## Fine Food Awards

August has been a really busy month for the Royal Hobart Fine Food Awards, with judging in five sections, including seafood, smallgoods, delicatessen, coffee and olives.

Tasmanian producers have stood up well against national competition, earning top spots in their categories for companies in locations as dispersed as Dodges Ferry and New Norfolk.

It's also been a busy time for RAST, as it delivers winners' trophies around Tasmania in the sections so far judged in this year's Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards.

With section judging now complete for the year, attention turns to the annual Fine Wine+Dine dinner in November which recognises the award winners of the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards.

Celebrating the culmination of both our wine and food shows is one memorable night in November which brings together people, fine wines, fine food, and plenty of music at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hobart. Tickets are now available on our website for the dinner which is to be held on 29 November.

