



### Notice of Society's AGM



#### THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA

Notice is hereby given that the 162nd Annual General Meeting of members of The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania will be held via Zoom (video) and in person at the Elwick Racecourse, Crown Lager Bar on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 6:30pm

#### BUSINESS

- Confirmation of minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 19th June 2024.
- To receive and consider the annual report, balance sheet and auditors report for the 12 months ended 31 March 2025.
- Election of 3 Directors for the ensuing 3 years. There are 3 retiring Directors: Ms. H. Geard, Brighton, Mr. B. Geard, Broadmarsh and Mr. T. Lucas, West Hobart who offer themselves for re-election.
- Appointment of Auditors (retiring Auditors are Wise, Lord and Ferguson).

Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors must be in writing and include the full name and address of the candidate and the candidate's signed consent. Such nominations must be signed by two Members and lodged with the President no later than Wednesday 4th June 2025.

Please email us [admin@hobartshowground.com.au](mailto:admin@hobartshowground.com.au) or call 03 6272 6812 to register for the meeting. Log on information will then be forwarded to you if you will be joining remotely.

Scott Gadd  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Vineyard of the Year Field Day

As part of the 2024 Royal Hobart Wine Show late last year, one of Australia's top wine shows, Pressing Matters Vineyard was awarded the coveted title of Gravitass Energy Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year.

Next month, on Friday June 20, the Vineyard hosts a field day for the wine industry and wine buffs. The Award recognises viticultural excellence in producing high quality wines. The field day gives Pressing Matters the opportunity to explain its vineyard management principles which led to the Award.

If you would like to attend, you can book tickets through our website at:

<https://www.hobartshowground.com.au/royal-hobart-wine-show>

Over three hours, field day participants will enjoy lunch, hear presentations, including a Q&A session, and undertake an escorted tour of the vineyard.

The day commences with a vineyard lunch at 12.30pm, followed by presentations, including a trophy handover of a bronze work of art by Tasmanian Sculptor Stephen Walker, and comments by Jeremy Dineen, Chair of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania's wine show committee, and Greg Mellick, a principal owner of Pressing Matters. A vineyard tour will occur at 1.45pm.



## Wine Show Comes to Life

We're gearing up for the 2025 Snap Printing Royal Hobart Wine Show, the 52nd Show since it was first held.

Entries will open next month for both the wine show and the associated Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year, which is now an integral part of the wine show.

Entries will close on September 23, and Judging this year will commence on November 10 and run until November 13.



## First Round Winners Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

Westbury, Sheffield, Fentonbury, Cambridge, Glenora and Koonya are all among the winners in the first round of the 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards, which were judged earlier this month in Hobart.

Food producers in Oatlands and Hobart also competed successfully against entries from all over Australia. Three days of judging took place in the first section of the Awards: the Tasmanian Flour Mills Bakery Awards, the Tassal Group Preserves Awards, and the Valhalla Ice Cream Sweet & Spicy Awards.

Multiple categories in the 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards will be judged through until September this year. Below is a list a Champions from the first round of judging.

### ***Valhalla Ice Cream Sweet & Spicy Section***

#### **Champion Honey**

West - Bee Honey – Class 117, Cat No. 419 – Stringybark Honey (Westbury, TAS, 7303)

#### **Champion Herbs & Spices**

Burma In Ya Belly – Class 113, Cat No. 379 - Crispy Prawn & Shallot Chilli (Fentonbury, TAS, 7140)

#### **Champion Chocolate & Confectionery**

Woolworths – Class 101, Cat No. 356 - Woolworths Milk Chocolate Peanuts 190g (Bella Vista, NSW, 2153)

### ***Tasmanian Flour Mills Baked Goods Awards***

#### **Champion Baked Products - Savoury**

Knutsford Gourmet - Class 2, Cat No. 115 - Multi Seed Crackers (Balcatta, WA, 6021)

#### **Champion Baked Product – Sweet**

Oatlands Crepes PTY LTD – Class 18, Cat No. 163 - Vanilla Basque Cheesecake with Lemon Curd (Oatlands, TAS, 7120)

#### **Champion Bread & Rolls**

Banjo's Bakery Hobart – Class 35, Cat No. 197 - White Vienna Loaf (Hobart, TAS, 7000)

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#### ***Tassal Group Preserves Section***

##### **Champion Savoury Preserve**

Noosa Black Garlic – Class 76, Cat No. 290 - Black Garlic Cloves (Peregian Beach, QLD, 4573)

##### **Champion Sweet Preserve**

The Fruity Forager – Class 81, Cat No. 317 - Damson Plum & Elderflower Syrup (Glenora, TAS, 7140)



#### ***Food Awards continue in June***

The second round of judging is about to commence in the Fine Food Awards.

Three sections are to be evaluated in the coming days: the Pine Tea & Coffee Tea and Tisane Awards; the DIAA Dairy & Ice cream Awards; and the Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel Plant Based Products.

As consumer interest in plant-based foods continues to rise entries in this section are up 20% on last year.

Being judged over the three categories are a wide range of food and drink, from cheese and ice cream, and pure and herbal teas, to plant-based cakes, plant-based burgers and tofu.



## Showground Redevelopment

Excavation work has now commenced at the Showground for foundations in preparation for the Sustainable Tasmania (ST) energy capacitors which are to be operated at the Showground to provide a local electricity grid stabilisation service.

As we reported in last month's The RASTUS, ST was established by the RAST to provide power grid support in Hobart's northern suburbs and at the same time generate revenue to assist the Society in its many programs and activities.



Ongoing works also include hydroseeding to reduce dust and increase grass.

## Wendy Probin: a willing and enthusiastic volunteer

It is with great sadness that the Society records the death of Wendy Probin who passed away on May 5. Our thoughts are with her mother Zelda and all her family and friends.

Wendy was a willing and enthusiastic volunteer of the Society who stepped in to help when others needed it. She has been on the Beef Cattle Committee since 2015 and was also involved in Stud Sheep section as well as Animal Nursery/Life on the Farm.

She served as a steward and volunteer over at least two decades, and was active in many other shows, particularly Bushy Park.

