



## 2025 Royal Hobart Show

Preparations for the 2025 Royal Hobart Show are now well underway.

The Society is in advanced negotiations with entertainment acts, including a blockbuster children's program that has never visited our Show before.

As well, Life on the Farm is preparing a big program this year, and perennial favourites are set to return as part of the Life on the Farm entertainment and educational offering.

Plans are also moving forward to host the Show at the Regatta Grounds, and a number of animal competitions will be run at the Showground this year with other venues currently being confirmed.

We expect Cattle judging to be one of the competitions staged at the Showground and if you have visited us in the last week or two you will have noticed the lawns outside the temporary Administration Buildings are now being re-seeded in preparation for accommodating the cattle.



## Vineyard of the Year Field Day

Ticketing information for this event is now available on the Showground website. It is always a wonderful day out so please consider joining us. Last year, Pressing Matters was named Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year in the 2024 Snap Printing Royal Hobart Wine Show.

The award recognises the viticultural excellence of high-quality Tasmanian vineyards. As part of the Award, the winning vineyard hosts a field day for the wine industry and interested wine consumers.

Pressing Matters' field day will take place at Tea Tree on June 20 from 12.30pm. It will include presentations and a tour of the vineyard.

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## 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

The 2025 Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards are about to commence.

This year the Awards celebrate 30 years of promoting excellence in Australian food production. It's the oldest and most extensive food awards program in Australia, with entries coming from all over the nation.

The schedule for this year's Awards is now available on the Hobart Showground website, with entries now ready to be accepted. The schedule can be found at:

[hobartshowground.com.au/\\_files/ugd/806250\\_6a54796cd73d477caea41edfe701343e.pdf](https://hobartshowground.com.au/_files/ugd/806250_6a54796cd73d477caea41edfe701343e.pdf)

The Awards schedule provides information for entrants, including opening and closing dates for entries, and covers the exhaustive range of food products and beverages which will be judged this year.

From April 30, four categories are judged, further categories will be assessed in May and August, culminating with the Richard Langdon Trophy judging. 337 different classes of food and beverages will be judged over the next few months in 12 different food sections.

## What the Fine Food Awards Cover

The Awards include 14 classes for coffee and 16 for tea and tisanes, covering pure, blended, herbal, and powdered varieties. Baked goods include crackers, biscuits, and a variety of bread types, from white loaves to artisan sourdough. Pantry staples such as cakes, jams, cereals, chocolates, and confectionery are also judged, alongside olives, dried fruits, honey, and dairy products like cheese, butter, yoghurt and ice cream.

Judging also spans smallgoods, seafood, and ready-to-eat meals. Unique categories feature edible seaweed, gravlax, plant-based bacon, tofu, and falafel.

“The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards celebrate every type of food we enjoy, embracing the latest trends in consumer tastes,” said Ross Matthews, Chair of the organising committee.

“Since day one, our mission has been to champion Australia's dynamic food industry—pushing the boundaries of excellence and showcasing the incredible flavours crafted for Australian consumers.”



## Food Awards: Entry Schedule

Entries opened earlier this month for a series of sections that will be judged between April and August.

Judging Date	Sections
April 30 – 2 May	Baked Goods Preserves Pantry Items – cereals, culinary oils, nuts, dried fruit Sweet and spicy – herbs and spices, honey, chocolate & confectionary.
June 4 - 6	Dairy and Ice Cream Plant based Products Tea and Tisanes
July 3 - 4	Coffee
July 24 - 25	Cider
August 20 -22	Seafood Smallgoods and Delicatessen
September 4	Olive Products
September 5	Richard Langton trophy judging





## Can you help?

The Society is on the look out for accredited auditors who can take on our books for auditing of the Society and our associated energy company, Sustainable Tasmania.

It is part of a comprehensive review instigated by the Board as the organisation grows and diversifies into the future. Any expressions of interest in providing an auditing service would be welcome. Contact Mitch Spong if you are interested.

Part of the Board strategy also includes a branding review. In this respect, the Society will be looking for input from its many committees, members, and friends.

## Annual Report and AGM

The Society's AGM has been scheduled for the third Wednesday in June, June 18, at Elwick Racecourse. You might like to make a note in your diary of the date.

More information and details will become available as the AGM approaches. The Society's financial year runs from April to March each year.

## Motorhome Park

The Showground Motorhome Park has performed very strongly ever since before Christmas. The Wooden Boat Festival in February meant that peak demand over the Christmas New Year period carried through until the event and then continued at a hot pace thereafter.

March was a very good month for bookings and on current reservation numbers, demand remains high until after Easter.





### The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania MEETING CALENDAR 2025

Month	RAST Board	RAST Council	AGM	Royal Hobart Fine Food Awards (TBD)	Royal Hobart Wine Show (Meetings TBD)	Finance & Audit Committee	Royal Hobart Show
<b>January</b>							
<b>February</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 5.00p.m. Meeting	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 4.30p.m.				Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 4.00p.m.	
<b>March</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 5.00 p.m. Meeting			Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 4.15pm Meeting		Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 4.00pm Meeting	
<b>April</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 5.00 p.m. Meeting	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 4.30p.m.				Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 4.00p.m.	
<b>May</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 5.00 p.m. Meeting					Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 4.00p.m.	
<b>June</b>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 5.00 p.m. Meeting	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 4.30p.m.	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm			Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 4.00p.m.	

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<b>July</b>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 5.00 p.m. Meeting				Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July Entries open	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 4.00p.m.	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Poultry at Pontville
<b>August</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 5.00 p.m. Meeting	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August 4.30 p.m.				Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 4.00p.m. Meeting	
<b>September</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 5.00 p.m. Meeting	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 4.30 p.m. * Risk Man Brief			Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Entries Close	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 4.00 p.m.	
<b>October</b>	<b>Royal Hobart Show 23 – 25 (Hobart Regatta Grounds, Hobart Showgrounds, Tasmanian Equestrian Centre)</b> Several competitions to be run throughout October with dates TBC						
<b>November</b>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 5.00 p.m. Meeting	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 4.30 p.m.			10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> November Judging	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 4.00 p.m.	
<b>December</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 5.00 p.m. Meeting					Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 4.00 p.m.	

Royal Hobart Wine Show

Volunteers BBQ

Fine Wine + Dine Dinner

Trade Tasting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> December at Hobart Showground

28<sup>th</sup> November Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart