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**THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA**

Notice is hereby given that the 163rd Annual General Meeting of members of The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania will be held via Zoom (video) and in person at the Hobart Showgrounds, on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at 6:30pm

**BUSINESS**

- Confirmation of minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 18th June 2025.
- To receive and consider the annual report, balance sheet and auditors report for the 12 months ended 31 March 2026.
- Election of 3 Directors for the ensuing 3 years. There are 3 retiring Directors: Mr. T. Munro, Margate, Ms. J. Franks, West Hobart and Mr. D. Wise, New Town 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 3rd June 2026.

Please email us 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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## Legend of the Show: Kevin Moore

It is with great sadness that the Society notes the passing of its 2014 Legend of the Show, Kevin Moore, who died recently.

Mr Moore was a successful Campania stud sheep farmer. He commenced showing at the 1953 Royal Hobart Show with Southdowns. Mr Moore, and his son Dale, became decades-long exhibitors at the Show. Poll Dorsets were shown in 1970, and White Suffolks were added to their business in 1986.

Kevin was a tremendous supporter of both the Stud Sheep industry and the Royal Hobart Show. He served on the Stud Sheep committee of the Show and was a familiar face at the Show every year from 1953.

Kevin and Dale were among the pioneer breeders of the White Suffolk. The thoughts of the Society and its wider family are with the Moore family at this sad time.

The annual Living Legend of the Show is announced each year during a Vice Regal luncheon at the Show. It recognises and celebrates living individuals who have contributed significantly to both the success of the Royal Hobart Show, and the wider Tasmanian farming community.



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## Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards

As The RASTUS goes to print, the second round of judging is underway in the Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards.

- Tea & Tisane and Cider (Wed 27th May)
- Cheese and Other Dairy Products (Thurs 28th May)
- Ice Cream and Plant Based Products (Fri 29th May)

The Royal Tasmanian Fine Food Awards Dairy & Ice Cream judging is conducted in association with the Dairy Industry Association of Australia. More than 60 classes are judged in sections such as cheese, butter, cream, dairy desserts, dips, ice cream and milk.

The Pine Tea + Coffee Tea & Tisanes Awards have 16 classes, including everything from black tea to Oolong, Green Tea, blends, powdered and iced teas. The 7HOFM Cider Awards has 12 classes including apple, perry, and other ciders.

The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel Plant based awards includes dairy style products, non-dairy ice cream, plant-based baked products, cakes and deli style products such as plant-based sausages, plant-based bacon, plant-based schnitzels and tofu.

Results will be available on the Showground website in the next few days.





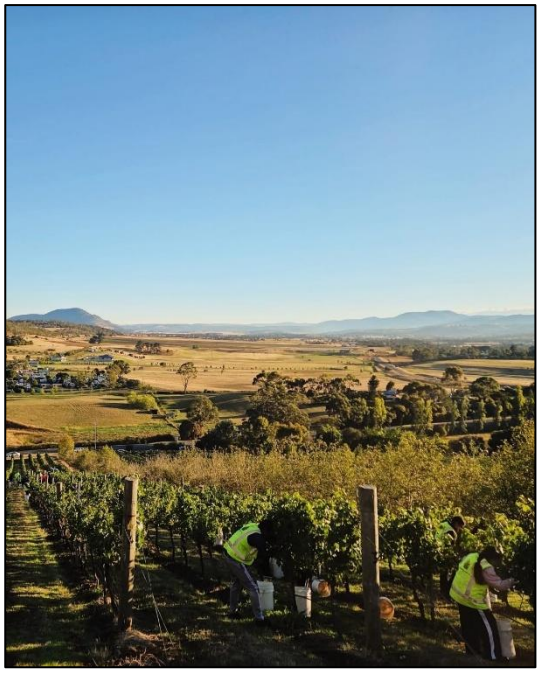


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## Vineyard of the Year Field Day at Richmond



Don't forget that this year's field day for the 2025 Tasmanian Vineyard of the Year will be held soon, on June 26. This is always a much anticipated date for the wine industry and wine lovers alike.

The picturesque vineyard of Pooley Wines at Richmond is the location for this year's field day, after Pooley Wines won the award at last November's Royal Hobart Wine Show.

Ticketing for the event can be found at our website: Go to: https://www.hobartshowground.com.au/royalhobartwineshow

If attending, you can expect fine wine, great food, discussions about the vineyard's viticultural management methods, and a tour of the vineyard. What better way to spend a Friday afternoon?

## Canary Show: Entries Close Soon

The Royal Hobart Show season kicks off in July with the Canary Show at the Hobart Showground.

Entries for the Show close on June 15. Judging will take place at the Showground on July 19 from 9.00am. Public is welcome to attend.

More than 50 classes will be judged, with birds all competing for the ultimate Grand Champion Canary.

The Canary Show will be followed in August by the Poultry and Pigeon Show (August 22). This year it is coming back to the Showground after being held at Pontville for several years because of the redevelopment of the Showground.

Entries in the Poultry and Pigeon Show close on July 25. Visit the Showground website to view the full schedules for both events.

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## Showground Construction

The new Showground buildings continue to rise up at Glenorchy. Progress is such that the Society will be able to hold the Canary and Poultry and Pigeon shows at the Showground this year, starting with the Canary Show in July.

However, fit-out of the new buildings will not be at the stage where we can hold the full Royal Hobart Show onsite in October. The Show itself will be centred on the Regatta Grounds, with a move back to the new Showground in 2027.

Our latest construction photos illustrate the progress now being made.














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