

FLEECE

22nd - 24th October 2026

schedule

ROYAL HOBART SHOW

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ENTRY FEES	$8.00 per entry GROUP CLASSES 10, 11 & 17 - $15.00 per entry. No entry fee required for donated fleeces.
ENTRY	To enter contact: Chris Heyward 0429 120 171 Tony Bradfield 0418 750 009 George Nichols 0455 550 232
CLOSING DATE	Thursday 1st October 2026 - Any late entries may not be tested for Micron & Yield
ENTRY & DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS	All fleeces must be entered and delivered to Nutrien Bridgewater or the Administration office at the Hobart Showground no later than Monday 5th October – 9.30 am. Fleece sampling 6th October 9.00 am
CHIEF JUDGE: NEVILLE BONNETT **JUDGES:** **TONY BRADFIELD** **CHRIS HEYWARD** **GEORGE NICHOLS** **ANDREW MURFET**	Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 9.00 am. The Judging of Fleeces will be held under the Main Grandstand at the Regatta Ground, Queens Domain, Hobart. Fleeces will be on display until Saturday 24th October.

ALL WOOLS WILL BE TESTED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CROSSBRED WOOLS.

COMMITTEE

Tony Bradfield
Paul Grubb
Chris Heyward
George Nichols

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS WILL ONLY BE MADE TO FLEECES GROWN WITHIN TASMANIA IN THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS *FROM CLOSE OF ENTRIES*

CHAMPIONSHIP FLEECES WILL BE ON EXHIBITION AT
THE ROYAL HOBART SHOW
(To be drawn from General Classes)

Judging will be conducted under the National Judging Formula of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers Limited
All Fleeces, unless otherwise stated, shall be judged on the following points:

Trueness to Type		10 points
Uniformity of Length		10 "
Soundness		10 "
Handle		10 "
Colour or Bloom etc		10 "
Character and Style		10 "
Evenness		10 "
Tested Micron	0.00 }	
Washing Yield 16%	0.00 }	30 "
Weight Kg	0.00 }	
		100 points

PART OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY IS AWARDED FROM PROCEEDS OF SALE OF DONATED FLEECES from 2025

SPONSORSHIP TO BE CONFIRMED FOR 2026

BOWDEN FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY - GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE OF TASMANIA – Prize of $500 & Sash. Sponsored by Nutrien Ag Solutions.

GRAND CHAMPION EWE FLEECE OF TASMANIA – $500 plus free insurance quote donated by Aviso Tasmania Insurance Brokers and sash for the fleece judged as being the best merino ewe fleece grown in Tasmania. Sponsored by Aviso Tas Insurance Brokers.

CHAMPION COMMERCIAL MERINO FLEECE - $300 & Society's Sash sponsored by Australian Wool Network. Fleeces exhibited by owners who do not breed their own rams. Fleeces will be drawn from all applicable sections plus individual entries.

Note: An individual fleece will only be eligible for one Grand Championship Award.
All Grand Champions will only be eligible to exhibitors who are 18 years of age and over.
Any entry from an exhibitor who breed Rams will be judged as a Stud fleece

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Note: Not all sponsorship confirmed at the time of schedule release

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- Packages must bear the name and address of Exhibitor and be clearly marked "Royal Hobart Show Entry" and indicate the class entered.

- Exhibitors are reminded that the Society's General Rules & Regulations apply to all Sections of the Show & that the Special Regulations hereunder apply to this Section only & are merely supplementary to the General Regulations.

- All exhibitors are requested to include precise instructions as to the desired method of disposal at the conclusion of the Show. The Society will re-pack & re-address or deliver exhibits to any nominated authorised Wool Broker in Tasmania if so instructed, or re-address to place of origin. All costs & freight charges to be the responsibility of exhibitor. In this regard no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage in transit.

- No fleece will be accepted unless full freight has been prepaid. The judges will transfer any fleece to the class to which it rightfully belongs. Fleeces must be correctly skirted. Fleeces, which in the opinion of the judges are outside the industry standards, will be judged accordingly. All fleeces are to be shorn from sheep that are the bona fide property of the exhibitors. All Fleeces must be grown in Tasmania in the preceding 12 months from the close of entries. The Society accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage to any exhibit. The Council of the Society reserves the right: (a) To reject any entry or cancel any class. (b) To alter the conditions relating to any class.

- Judges should accept all test results except where a marked anomaly exists, then the Chief Judge will adjudicate and adjust fleeces to their visual class.

- In addition to any special regulations herein all Exhibitors in this section are subject to the General Regulations for Competitors and Exhibitors of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania, copies of which are available on request from the Society.

- Merino Ewe Fleece – Winner eligible for entry into Grand Champion Merino Ewe Fleece of Tasmania. Entries must be grown in Tasmania and any entry from an exhibitor who Breed rams will be judged as a stud fleece.

- All fleeces with lambs tip must be entered into Class 10.

- “All Royal Hobart Show entrants are bound by all of the policies, procedures, rules and regulations of the Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania. These may be amended at the discretion of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of RAST.”

PERSONAL INFORMATION & PRIVACY

The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania collects personal information from exhibitors in competitions conducted by the Society. Verification of the accuracy of this data may be obtained through contact with the RAST Section Secretary. This information is used only for the purpose related to the conduct of the events run by the Society and is not divulged to third parties. However, entrant’s names and contact details may be released to duly authorised parties in respect to matters of animal health and safety. The names of exhibitors may be included in catalogues published by the Society and successful exhibitors’ names released for general publication. If you do not provide the information requested on the competition entry form we may not be able to accept your entry

FLEECE

CLASSES

Class 1 Superfine Merino ram fleece 18u and finer

Class 2 Superfine Merino ewe or wether fleece 18u and finer

Class 3 Fine Merino ram fleece 18.1 to 19.5u

Class 4 Fine Merino ewe or wether fleece 18.1 to 19.5u

Class 5 Medium Merino ram fleece 19.6 to 21u

Class 6 Medium Merino ewe or wether fleece 19.6 to 21u

Class 7 Strong Merino ram fleece 21.1 and broader

Class 8 Strong Merino ewe or wether fleece 21.1 and broader

Class 9 Best dual purpose Merino/Dohne/Sam cross ewe or wether fleece

Class 10 Most even group of 3 Merino ewes or wethers with a lambs tip (open) fine, medium, strong. Entry fee: $15.00

Class 11 Best Group of three Merino fleeces (open). Entry fee $15.00

Class 12 Merino Ewe Fleece. Entry for fleeces not entered in any other class Owners from winning ewe fleece competitions from other Tasmanian shows over the last 12 months are eligible to enter a fleece.

Class 13 Polwarth ram fleece

Class 14 Polwarth ewe or wether fleece

Class 15 Corriedale ram fleece

Class 16 Corriedale ewe or wether fleece

Class 17 Group of three Corriedale fleeces. Ewes or Wethers. Entry fee $15.00

Class 18 Border Leicester fleece - ewe or wether

Class 19 English Leicester fleece - ewe or wether

Class 20 Other - Traditional British Breed Fleece - ewe or wether fleece. Judged by individual breed

Class 21 Fleece entered by an exhibitor under the age of 18 years. Age to be as at 1 October 2026. Fleece may be of any breed. ENTRY FEE $5.00 Sponsored by Elders-1st prize $50.00, 2nd prize $30.00, 3rd prize $20.00.

Class 22 Registered Wool Classer only - must have a classed fleece entered in the Show

AWARDS & PRIZE MONEY

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Class S1001 CHAMPION MERINO EWE OR WETHER FLEECE. C.F. Parsons Memorial Trophy (value $100) and Champion Sash - Plinth to be awarded

Class S1002 CHAMPION POLWARTH FLEECE, Plinth $50 and Champion Sash Sponsored by Australian Wool Network

Class S1003 CHAMPION CORRIEDALE FLEECE, Plinth, $50 and Champion Sash Sponsored by Australian Wool Network

Class S1004 CHAMPION TRADITIONAL BRITISH BREED FLEECE (Judged by individual breed) Trophy, $100 sponsored by Aviso Tas Insurance Brokers, & Champion Sash - Plinth to be awarded

Class S1005 MOST VALUABLE FLEECE IN SHOW. For ewe or wether fleece judged on its present commercial value. Society Sash R Johnson Memorial Trophy $100. - Plinth to be awarded

Class S1006 CHAMPION RAM FLEECE. $200 sponsored by Elders and Champion Sash. For the Champion Ram Fleece, which may only be shorn from Merino, Polwarth and Corriedale rams. Plinth to be awarded.
For the Champion Ram Fleece, which may only be shorn from registered Merino, Polwarth and Corriedal stud rams.

Class S1008 BEST GROUP OF THREE CORRIEDALE FLEECES. Alfred E. Gorringe Trophy, $75 plus Society's Sash. Plinth to be awarded.

Class S1009 BEST GROUP OF THREE MERINO FLEECES (Open). Society's sash & $100 sponsored by the Australian Wool Network. Plinth to be awarded.

Class S2001 GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE OF TASMANIA - Plinth to be awarded.
Prize of $500.00 & Sash for the fleece selected by the judges as being the best fleece exhibited in the Fleece Competition. THE BOWDEN FAMILY PERPETUAL TROPHY.

Class S2002 WOOL CLASSER AWARDS
For the Registered Wool Classer of championship award S1001, S1002, S1003, S1004, S1006, S2001, S2004, S2005. Plinths will be awarded to the Wool Classers.

Class S2003 FINEST SOUND FLEECE OF THE SHOW. Plinth to be awarded.
(Ewe or Wether, that hs been shorn & excluding Class 10) - Champion Sash

Class S2004 **GRAND CHAMPION EWE FLEECE OF TASMANIA - Aviso Tas Insurance Brokers.**
Aviso Tas Insurance Brokers. $500 plus free insurance quote donated by MMIB Insurance Brokers & Sash for the fleece judged as being the Best Merino Ewe Fleece grown in Tasmania. Owners of winning ewe fleece competition from other Tasmanian shows over the last 12 months are eligible to enter a fleece.

Class S2005 **CHAMPION COMMERCIAL MERINO FLEECE. Plinth to be awarded.**
$300 & Society's Sash sponsored by Australian Wool Network . Fleeces exhibited by owners who do not breed their own rams. Fleeces will be drawn from all applicable sections plus individual entries.

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