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Van Diemen's Land Advertiser, figned with any Offici	t proper to direct, that all Public Communications what fignature, are to be confidered as Official Communes (By Command of His Honor)	tions made to those Persons to whom they may relate.  H. E. Rostuson, Secretary.
	THOMAS BRISBANE, K. C. B. being placed upon the Staff of New South Wales, from the	W E, the Underligned, Land and Stock Holders, taking into Confideration the daily encreaf-
Saturday, 24th November, 1821.	the 25th Inftant. "I have the Honour to be, Sir,"	ing Number of Persons occupying themselves in Agri- cultural Pursuits, and the great Amount of Capital
IS MAJESTY having been graciously pleased to appoint Major General Sir Thomas Bris-	"Your most obedient humble Servant,	invested therein, and feeling the Necessity of encourage ing by every possible Means those Interests univer-
ole Military Order of the Bath, to be Captain	Major General Macquarie	sally admitted to be the great Source of Colonial Pros-
General and Governor in Chief of the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies (in Suc-	By Command of His Excellency the Governor,	and alarming Depredations committed upon the Flocks and Herds depasturing in the Interior, and the very
estion to Governor MACQUARIE), HIS EXCEL-	Government and General Orders.	extensive Losses sustained in Consequence, request a Meeting of the Stock-holders and Gentlemes connect-
with all due Solemnity, on Saturday next, the First		ed with the Agricultural Interests, at the Ship Inn, in Hobart Town, on the 1st of January next, at Twelve
of the ensuing Month of December, at Eleven Clock in the Forenoon, in Hyde Park, in Pre-	Saturday, December 8th, 1821.  IS Excellency the Governor in Chief has	o'Clock precisely, for the Purpose of establishing a Society, upon the Principle of those existing in the
ence of all the Civil and Military Officers of Government, and luch of the Inhabitants of Sydney	been pleased to approve of Lieutenant John	Mother Country, for the Protection of Property, the Prosecution of Offenders, affording, as far as Funds
s may choose to attend.	Cuthbertson, of the 48th Regiment, being appointed Commandant of the Settlement at Macquarie	will admit, Remuneration to Sufferers, establishing a
and Detachments of the other Corps doing Duty in	Harbour, on the West Coast of Van Diemen's Land; and also to constitute him a Magistrate and	Cattle Shew, giving Bounties to deserving Servants, and for the Protection and Encouragement of Agricul-
Garrison, are to parade under Arms in Hyde Park, at the above-mentioned Hour; and, immediately	Justice of the Peace for the said Settlement.  Lieutenant Cuthbertson is to be respected and	tural Pursuits in general.  Edward Lord   John Kerr   R. Honnor
the Troops are to fire three Vollies, and a Royal	obeyed accordingly.	A. F. Kemp H. I. Emmett H. Munro
Salute is to be fired at the same Time from Dawes' Battery, in Honour of the Occasion.	By Command of His Honor The Lieutenant Governor,	C. Jeffreys B. Abbott, jun. D. W. Stelker G. W. Evans R. L. Murrey We Welkinshaw
After the Publication of His Majefty's Commif-	Government and General Orders.	T. Ritchie W. R. Fryett H. Msson A. Rewcroft John Riseley J. Robertion.
fion in Hyde Park, HIS EXCELLENCY the New GOVERNOR will have the usual Oaths administer-	Government House, Hobart Town,	In Confequence of an Application, made by Mr.
ed to Him by the Honourable the Juder Advo- CATE, at the Government House; where all the	Saturday, November 24th, 1821.	mission to hold the Meeting contemplated in the pre-
Civil and Military Officers of Government, refid- ing at Sydney, are requested to attend, to witness	ftable for the District of Sorell.	the following Letter to Mr. Lord. The Meeting will therefore take Place as above-mentioned; and the pee-
the Ceremony of His being sworn into Office, and	JOSHUA THATCHER and WILLIAM SHARP-	sence of all Persons, who are desirous of promoting the
receiving regular Charge of the Government from His Predeceffor,	New Norfolk; the latter stationed at the River	nestly requested accordingly :-
On His Exertiency's being fworn in, a Salute of Nineteen Guns is to be fired from Dawes'	Plenty. By Command of His Honor The Lieutenant Governor,	"Sir,-I have had the Honour of receiving your Let-
Battery, in Honour of the Occasion.  The Artificers and Labourers, in the immediate	H. E. Robinson, Secretary.	self and several of the most respectable Inhabitants of
Employment of Government at Sydney, are to be		lar to those established in the Mother Country, for the
exempted from Work on Saturday next, which is to be confidered as a Holiday.	lic Service by Ading Deputy Affiftant Commiffary	
The Deputy Commissary General will be pleased to direct an extra Ration of One Pound of Fresh	General ARCHER, are particularly requested to	In Reply to which, I beg to express my perfect Sanc-
Meat, and Halt-a-Pint of Spirits, to be issued from His Majesty's Store to each Non-commission-	Instant, to Deputy Assistant Commissary General	
ed Officer and Soldier doing Duty at Sydney, (in-	ROBERTS, at George Town, or to me here. A. Moodie, A. C. G.	
and also an extra Ration of One Pound of Fresh	CROWN DEBIS.	my sanguine hope, that little Time will clapse before
Meat to each Mechanic and Labourer, in the im- mediate Service of Government at Sydney on	Office.—Perions indebted to Governmen	King, the Benefit of a fixed Court of Criminal Juris-
Saturday next, in Honour of the New Governor's being (worn into Office.	at Port Dalrymple will continue Open during thi	peated to me, just previous to his Departure for Eng-
By Command of His Excellency Governor Macquarie,		Government the Extension of that institution to van
Government and General Orders.	When, conformably with Orders received,	Property, and the Diffusion of both over the Island,
Head-Quarters, Sydney,	Statement of those outstanding will be transmitte to Sydney.	" I think it right to add, that with the great addi-
Saturday, 24th November, 1821. THE following Letter, recently received from	A Lift of Promiffory Notes for MERIN RAMS, remaining unpaid, will be published in the	
the Military Secretary to His Royal High-	first Gazette in January. A. Moodie, A. C. C.	systematic Care and Superintendance with respect to
ness the Commander in Chief, is now published for the Information and Guidance of the Troops	TENDERS to Supply His Majefty's Stores	n Grazing, which too much prevails, might be relied on
ferving in the Territory of New South Wales and its Dependencies :-	for the Quarter commencing 25th December nex	Robbery; and nothing, I am persuaded, would tend
"SIE, -I have received His Royal Highner	must be transmitted to me here, and to Deput	be so much in the Power of an Agricultural Associa-
" the Comma der in Chief's Directions to ac	Town, on or before the 14th of that Month.	"I have the Honour to be, Sir,
"quaint you, that HIS MAJESTY has been pleased to approve of Major General Si	respective Offices. A. Moodie, A.C.	"Your most obedient faithful Servant, "To Edward Lord, Esq. J. P." "Wn. SORELL
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FIRST MEETING ARTICLE

# JANUARY 1ST

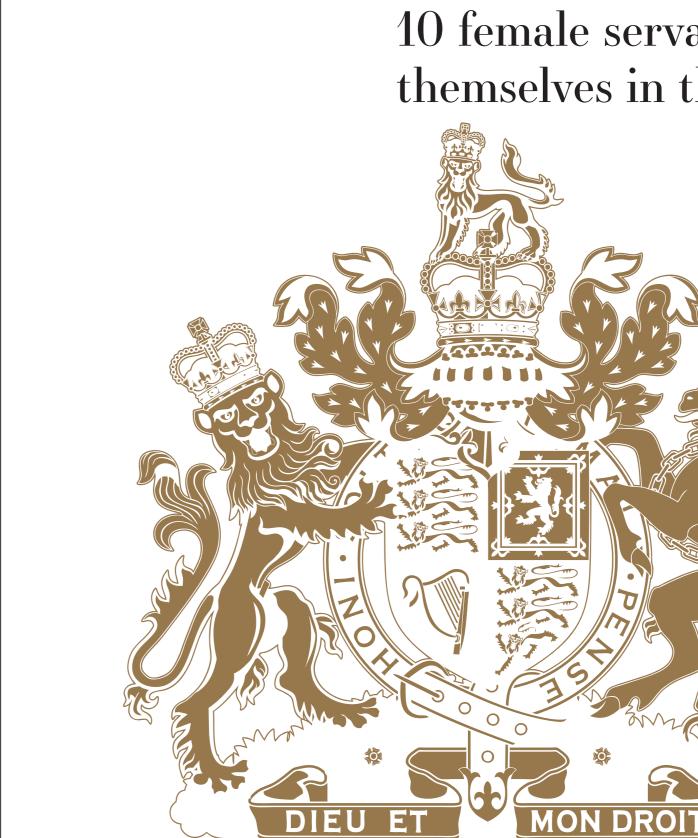
A public meeting was held where Edward Foord Bromley Esq was in the chair and resolved that an Agricultural Society be formed. The Van Diemen's Land Agricultural Society was established for the protection of stock and the principle of the society was to prevent rather than punish crime. It was decided at the meeting that the first Annual Stock Show be held in Hobart Town on the first Wednesday in December 1822.



CIRCA 1880 NEW TOWN SHOWGROUND

# DECEMBER 4TH 0 L

The first Show was held at the at the Old Marketplace in Hobart Town, now known as Parliament Lawns. There were awards for fine woolled rams, ewes, finest bulls, finest pair of working oxen, best 10 acres of wheat, greatest quantity of turnips, carrots, best sheep shearer and the best ploughmen with a pair of bullocks. A suit of clothes and one guinea was also awarded to 10 male and 10 female servants (convicts) who had conducted themselves in the most exemplary manner.







Mr. Edward Lord Esq, wrote the Governor asking permission to hold a meeting on January 1st 1822 at the Ship Inn in Hobart Town at 12 o'clock for the purpose of establishing a Society, for the protection of property and stock, for the prosecution of offenders and for the protection and encouragement of agricultural pursuits in general. The Governor wrote back the same day granting permission to hold the meeting. This was published in the Hobart Town Gazette and Van Diemen's land Advertiser on the 8th of December 1821.



CIRCA 1880 GRAND PARADE AT HOBART SHOWGROUNDS



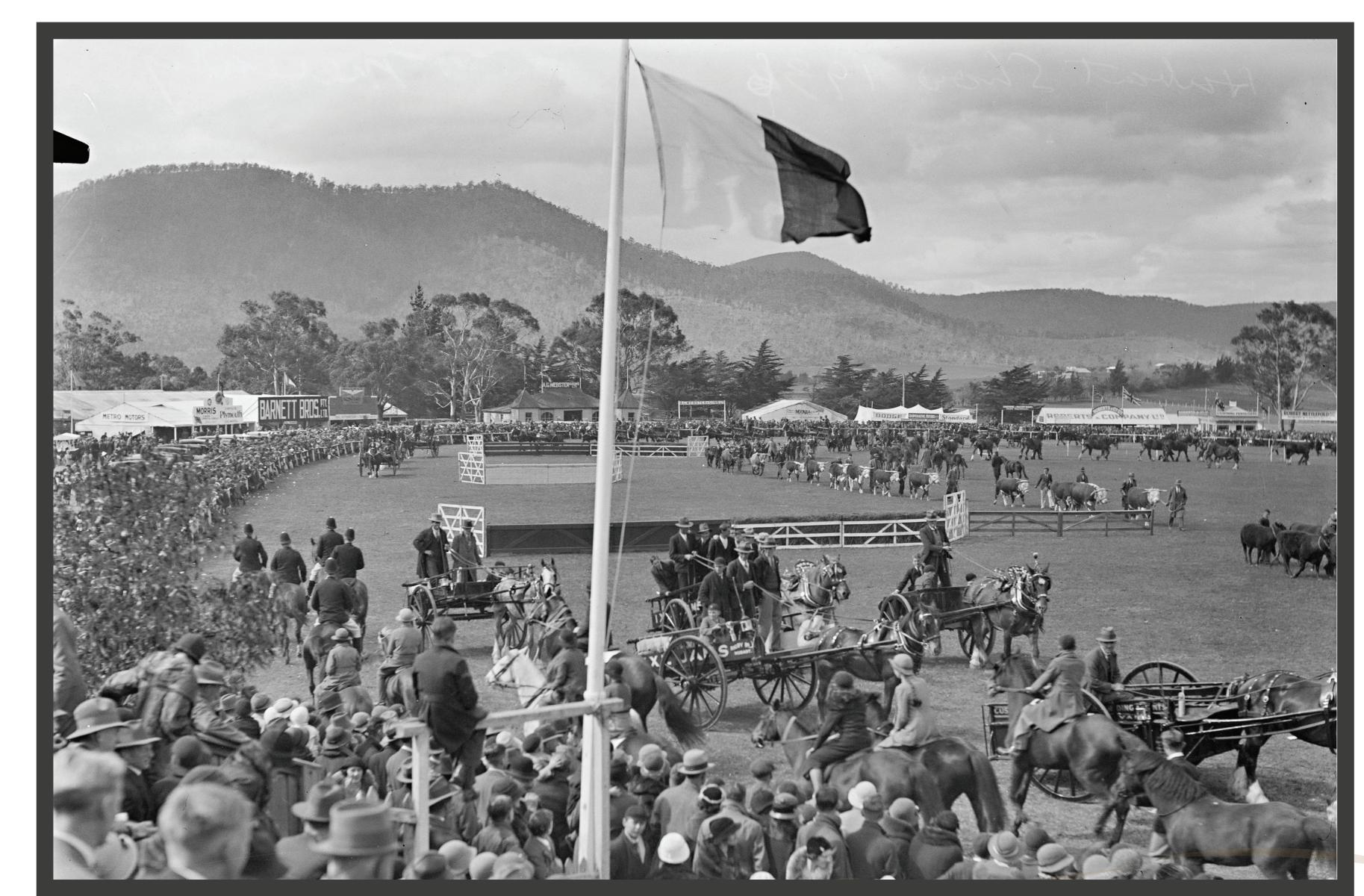
CIRCA LATE 1800S SHOW GRAND PARADE

The Society changed their name from The Van Diemen's Land Agricultural Society to The Southern Tasmanian Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Society.

SEPTEMBER 3RD

A meeting is held and the Society is reformed and renamed as Tasmania Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Society. NOVEMBER 3RD

The Society held its Annual Show at The Elwick Racecourse. This was the first Show held on these grounds, they showcased draught horses, light horses, cattle, sheep, wool, swine (pigs), dogs, machinery, ploughs (implements) and ploughing matches. Nearly 2000 patrons gathered on the grounds for the Show.



CIRCA 1900s SHOW DAY

The Annual Stock Show was held at The Elwick Racecourse again.



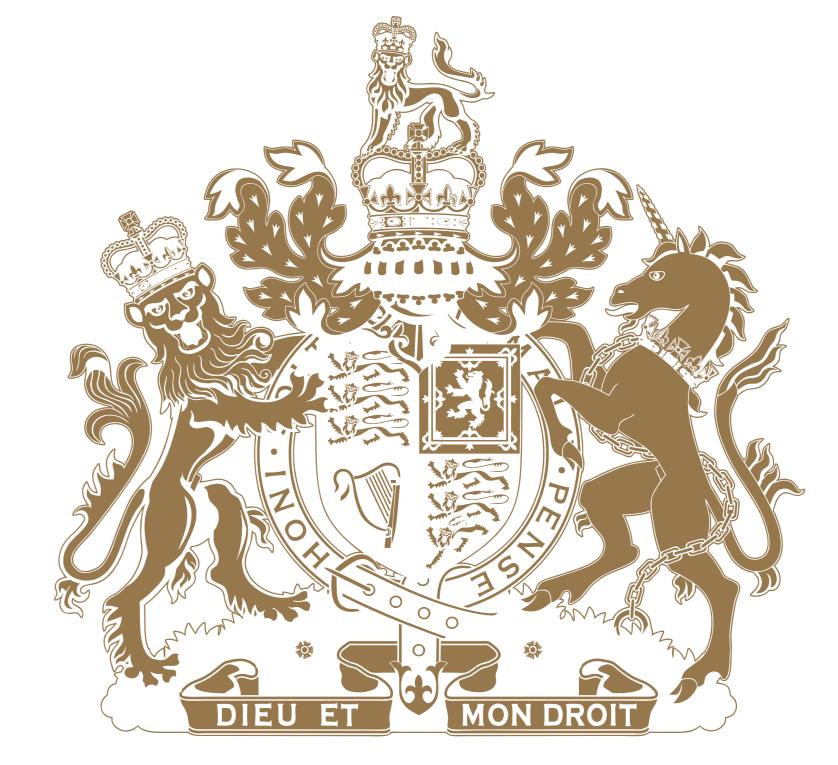
CIRCA 1875 GRAND PARADE

NOVEMBER 12TH The first spring exhibition Show of the Society was held at the Hobart Town Hall.



CIRCA 1839 SHEEP AT SHOW

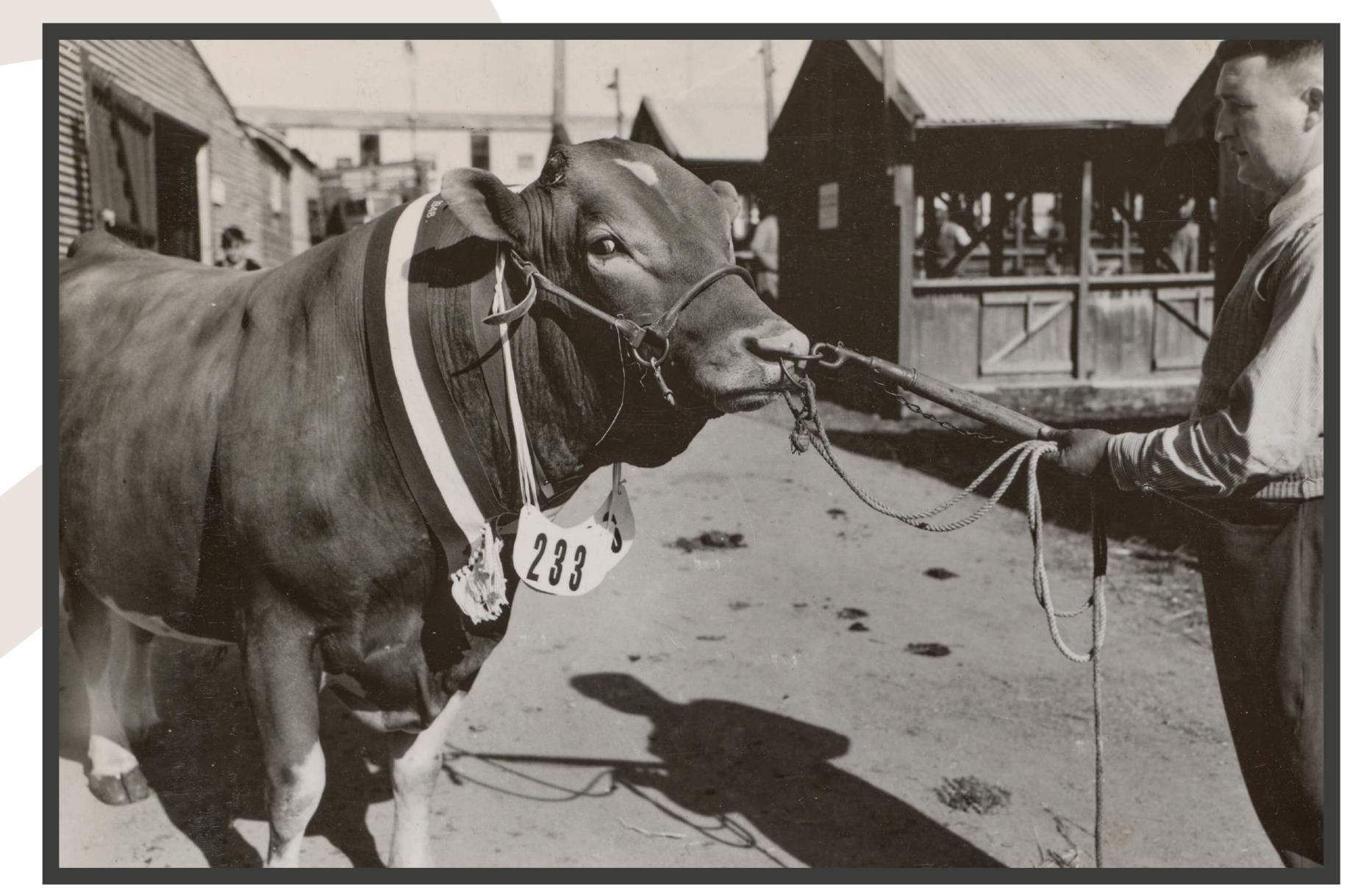
A meeting is held and the Society renames itself to The Southern Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society.





## 1077 OCTOBER 31ST

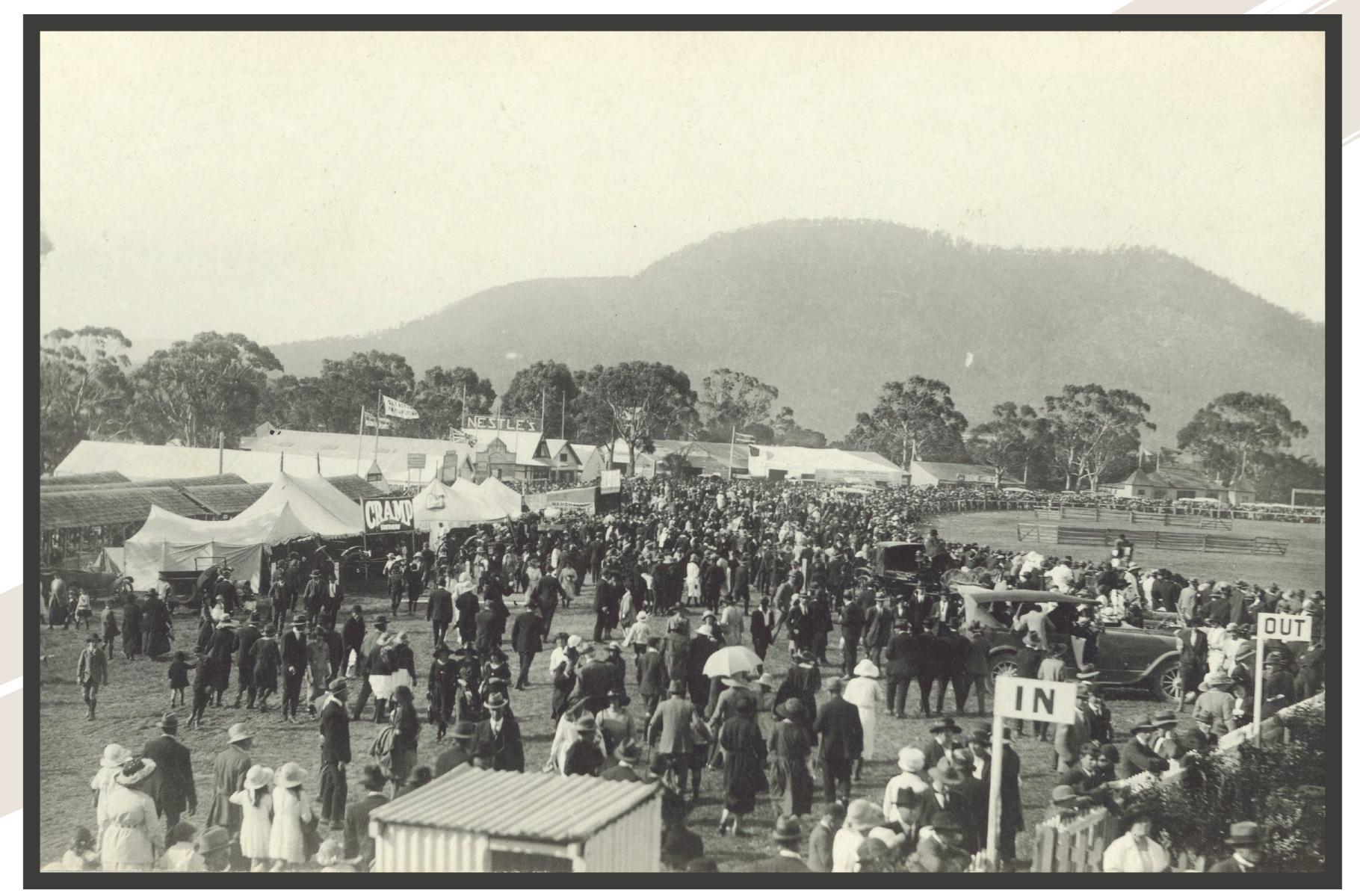
The Society attempted to hold its Annual Show at the Hobart Domain. The Government withdrew their permission for use of the grounds after a public outcry. The Honorary James Lord Esq offered his property at Hobartville to the Society for the use of the show. The Society held their Shows here for two years in a row, the grounds are now known as The Friends School.



CIRCA 1900 SHOW BULL

## 1879 OCTOBER 22ND

Since the Society's name change, they acquired their first 'home' and held their Show on the newly acquired New Town Showgrounds, which is now home to Ogilvie High School.



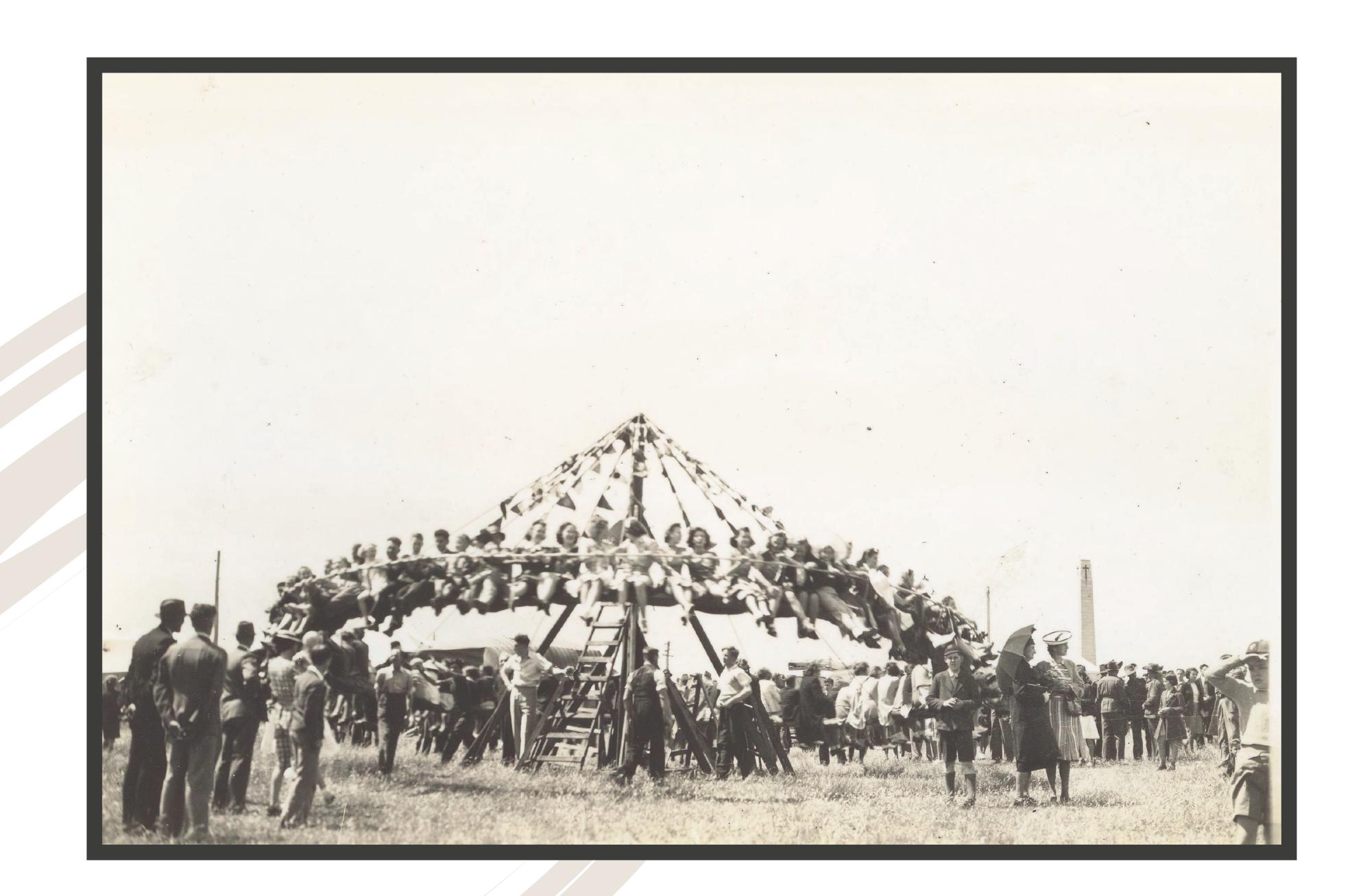
CIRCA 1920'S SHOW

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The Society celebrated their 10th Annual Exhibition of Stock since 1877 which was held on the New Town Showground. It was reported that there were 6000 patrons on the ground. The society provided a luncheon for the Governor in the committee tent to which 100 gentlemen sat down to, including the President of the Society (Hon. N. J. Brown), the Premier (Hon. Adye Douglas) and the Mayor of Hobart (Aldermen Belbin). The luncheon was followed by a Grand Parade that had an immense turnout of patrons. There were many animal exhibits and numerous sideshows.

1897 APRIL 28TH

The Society held their Autumn Produce Show at the Hobart Town Hall. The Show went over two days.



1898 APRIL 28TH

Two new buildings were built at the New Town Showground, one being the current old grandstand, which put the Society into debt. The Society also celebrated their 25th Annual Exhibition with a one-day Show event.





# 1903 0CTOBER

The Society hosted a Special General Meeting of members to discuss the proposal to purchase land in Glenorchy for use as permanent ground. The land, now known as The Hobart Showgrounds, was purchased for £2500.



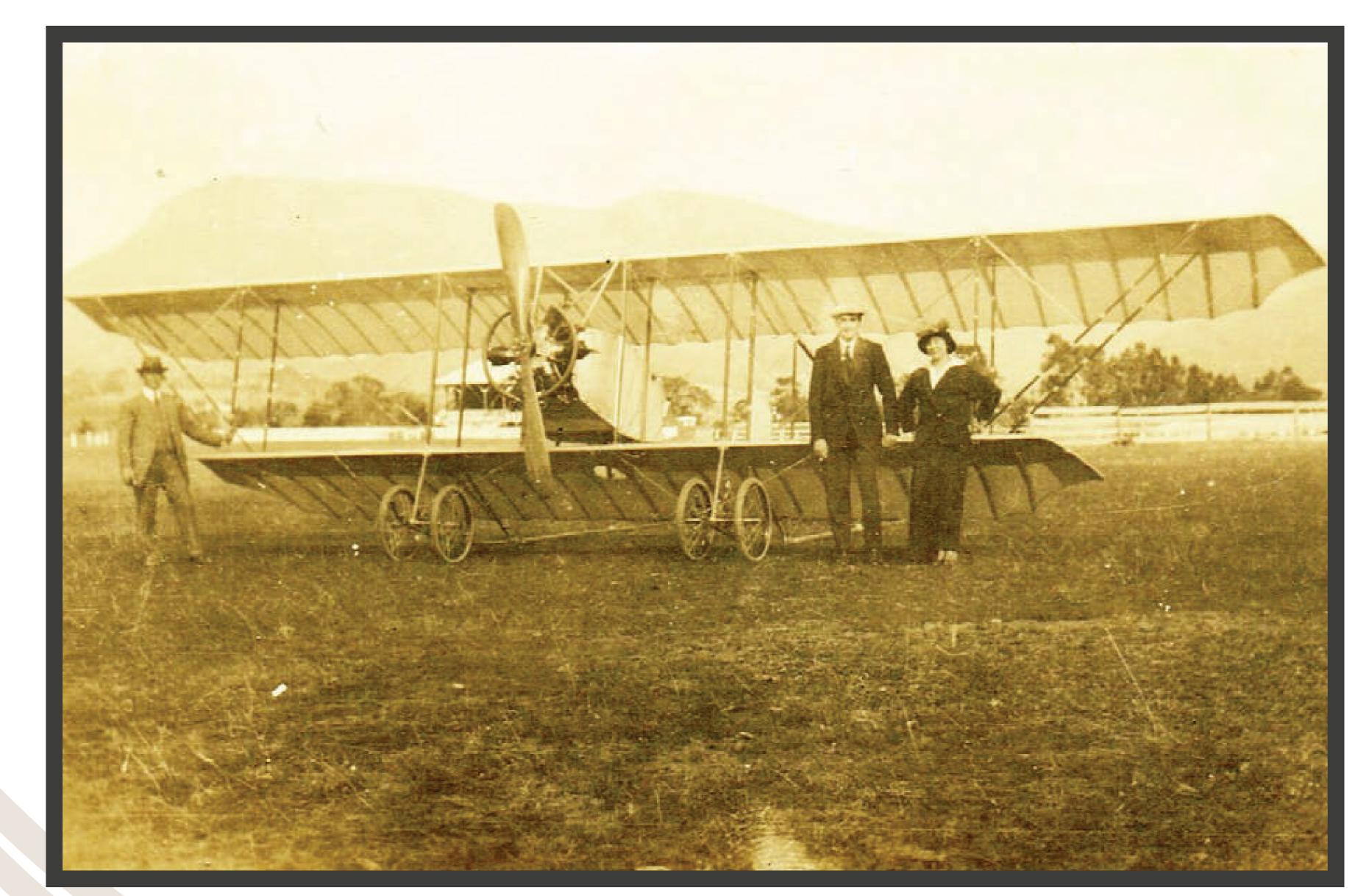
CIRCA 1917 HOBART SHOW

The people of Hobart were officially granted two half day holidays to attend the Show.

1914

### SEPTEMBER 12TH

The first flight in Tasmania takes off from the Showgrounds, about 2000 spectators gathered on the grounds to see Delfosse Badgery's exhibition of flying.



CIRCA 1914 FIRST FLIGHT



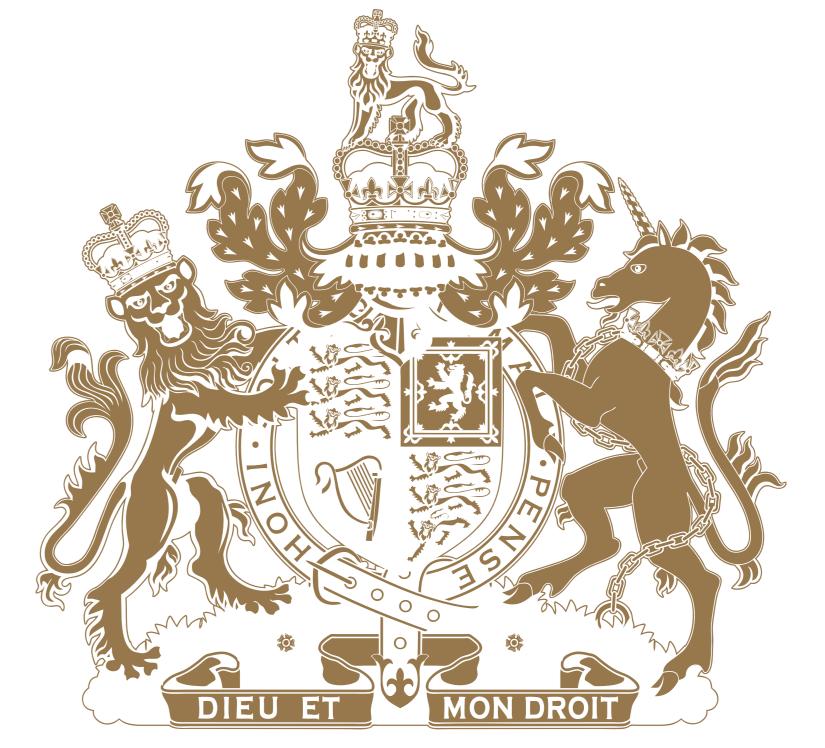
CIRCA 1900S SHOW

# 1904 0CTOBER 19TH

The Society held its first Show on the new Showground, the 30th Annual Spring Stock Show went over two days. The Show also held the very first poultry exhibit at an Agricultural Show in Tasmania.



The Society was granted the Royal Prefix by his Majesty King George V.





## 1923 JANUARY 24TH

A Special Meeting of members of The Southern Tasmanian Agricultural and Pastoral Society was held at the Hobart Town Hall where they passed the resolution to change the Society's name to The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania.

The Society continued to hold their Annual Show despite war times.



1971 CHAIR LIFT

1968
LAS Flying Devils stuntman,
Adrian Labans, fell 50ft to his
death during their high wire act
at the Royal Hobart Show.

RAST Director C.F Trappes sat down with Claudio Alcorso, Archie Page and Eric Gray and discussed the possibility of having a Wine Show.



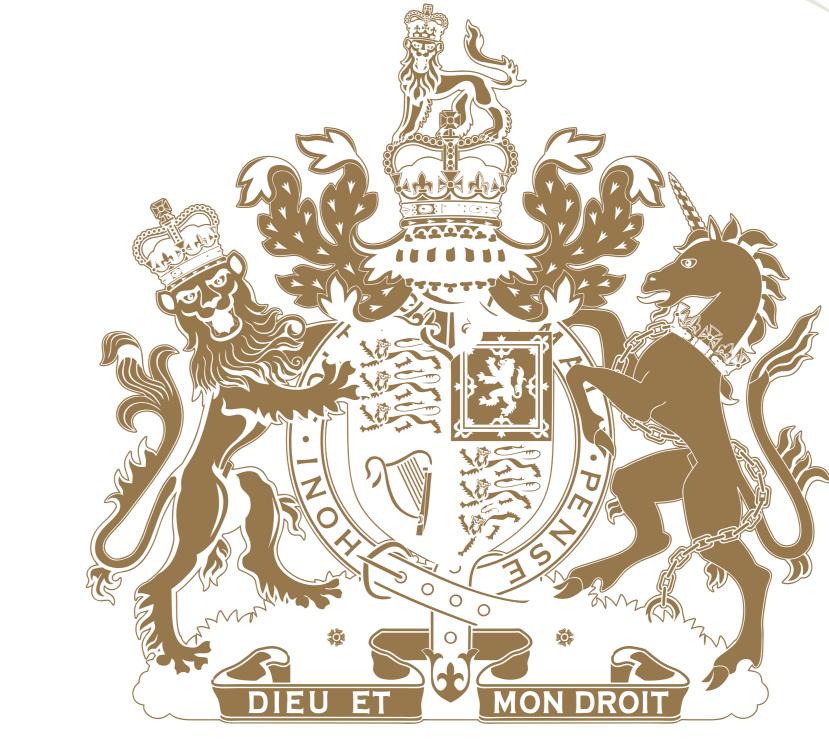
OCTOBER 1974, PRINCE CHARLES WITH THE PRESIDENT ARCHIE PAGE

With the help of Jack Grey, Bill Geeves and Cliff Heard, the Society held their first Wine Show in the old Homecrafts Pavilion.

1974

Show.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attends the Royal Hobart







PRIOR TO 1967, AERIAL SHOT OF SHOWGROUND

1949

The Annual Show was cancelled due to the Polio break out. The Government had passed legislation preventing large gatherings.

The Society held 2 Shows, an Autumn Show in April and a Spring Show in October.



1979 SIDE SHOW

1977

The State Government announced that pacing in Southern Tasmania would be centralised at the Showground.

1980

The new (Main) Grandstand was built to facilitate the Inter-Dominion Pacing Championships.



CIRCA 2000S AERIAL SHOT

## 1007 OCTOBER

The Society celebrated their 175th Anniversary.

A record 65,000 people attented the Royal Hobart Show.



CIRCA LATE 1990S

The Society received their first Community Heritage Grant to undertake a preservation study of its archive material.



1989, PRINCESS ANNE WITH HENRY BURBURY, ROSS JONES, IK DOWNIE, JUDGE ROGER HANN

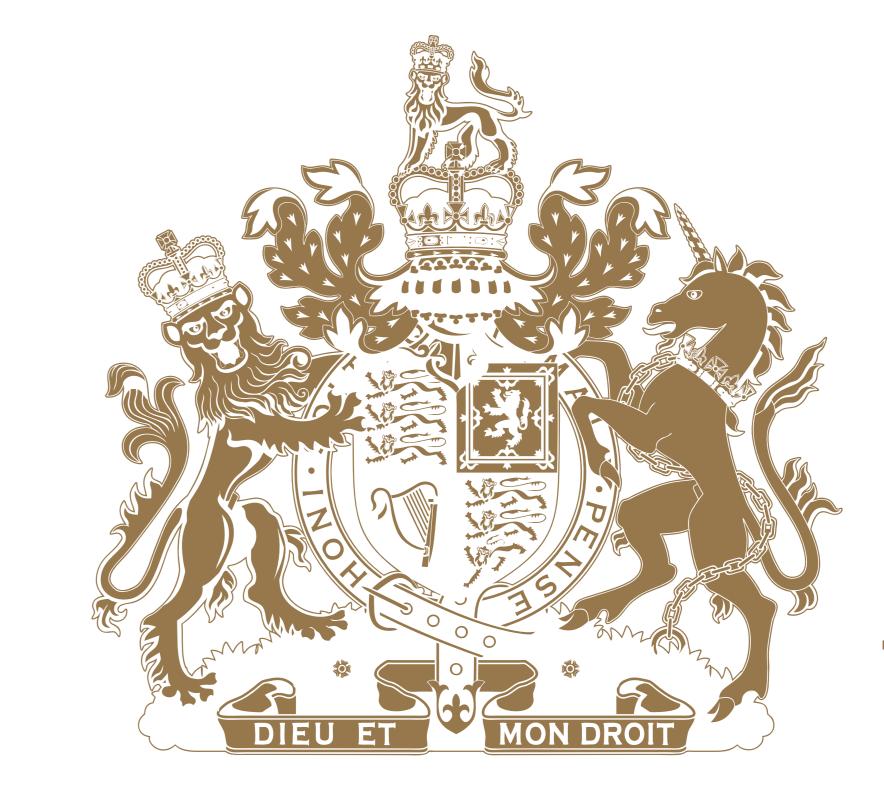
1989

Her Royal Highness Princess
Anne attended the Australian
Made Rural Festival, held at the
Hobart Showground, as part of
the World Sheep and Wool
Congress.

The Society held its first Fine Food Awards Show.



CIRCA 1990'S SHOW ARENA





2005
The Society held the first Vineyard of The Year competition.

Bunnings development signals financial security for the Society.



2014 CARNIVAL AT SHOW

2020
The Society cancelled the Show due to COVID-19. 2021

The Society celebrates their 200 Years of Showing.



2016 BURGESS RAWSON SHOT



2006 KENNEL JUDGING RING AND CHAIR LIFT

2020
Spotlight development paving the way for a major rejuvenation of the site, the Show, and the Society.



2016 ROYAL HOBART SHOW



