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Royal Hobart Show (October 23-26)

All's in readiness for this year's Royal Hobart Show: October 23-26, and you can't get more Tasmanian than the Show.

Most of what we read, see, hear, and experience comes from other places. But the Show is all about us. There's nothing else like it in Tasmania.

From entertainment like the Wheel of Steel and the Human Cannonball, to the state's largest annual art exhibition and the hands-on experience of Life on the Farm, the Show features dozens of exclusive experiences you can't enjoy at any other event in Tasmania.

With some 6,000 entries or more in the Show each year, it's a massive showcase for Tasmanians: our interests, our skills, our hobbies and our expertise in everything from photography to animal husbandry. To understand who we are and what makes us tick, the Show's the place to go. Your full Show guide – the Show Mag – will be in the Mercury newspaper on Tuesday, Oct 22.

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Immersive Show

Children have dozens of opportunities to immerse themselves in the Show, whether it be meeting baby animals, trying their hand at woodwork, or digging for potatoes. Because the Show is traditionally seen as the time for Tasmanians to plant their tomatoes, Life on the Farm at the Show will also be giving children the opportunity to plant their own seeds and take home their planted seedlings to care and nurture their own tomatoes in the weeks to come.



Bringing Horse Floats to the Hobart Show

Many of the Society's members are part of the equestrian community in Tasmania. For their information, Knoll St will be closed to all traffic during the Show. There will be no gate access from Knoll St, and horse floats should be brought onto the Showground through the Brooker Highway gate.

Discounts for Show

There are discount opportunities open to Showgoers on several fronts this year. For instance, a range of discount coupons applicable to Show Saturday only are on offer. They will be published in the Show Mag closer to the Show and can also be obtained on site during the Show. We also have Carnival Dollars currently available. Get yourself a deal with \$30 worth of coupons for only \$25. Buy via our website!

<https://tinyurl.com/carnival-dollars>.

For at least the third year running, entry prices have not increased. Saturday, in fact, is shaping up as another big day for the Show.

Exclusive to Saturday will be mini horses; strongman competition; National Junior dog handlers final; whip cracking championships; alpaca and cat judging.



Show Highlights

A much-enhanced food hub at the Show this year, featuring everything from doughnuts to dumplings, includes a wide range of eating experiences from traditional festival fare to Chilean, Indian and Thai cuisine and gourmet coffee.

There will also be tastings of gold medal winning foods from the 2019 Royal Hobart Fine Food Awards and to add to that, there will also be cider and gin tastings.

The food hub is complemented by a big sports zone, where youngsters can try their hand at cricket, netball, and touch football.



Glamping Adventures and Cosmic Dance at the Show

We are very excited to have Glamping Adventures and Cosmic Dance at this year's Royal Hobart Show!

Experience glamping or try something new and take part in a five-minute yoga session hosted by Glamping Adventures or a mini dance workshop hosted by Cosmic Dance.



Virtual Reality Farm

Experience a real working farm environment in virtual reality at the Show with the latest technology and some high-level production to underpin it. Pull on the goggles and you'll think you're actually there. Be careful not to fall off the tractor though. Like so much else, only to be experienced at the Royal Hobart Show.



Vale Lola Smith

Vale Lola Smith 6th January 1945 – 28
September 2019

The RAST is deeply saddened by the passing of Lola Smith who was a tireless volunteer for Homecrafts as well as the food and wine shows.

The success of our Homecrafts café in recent years was due to her efforts and her countless hours of baking fresh sponges and scones that were offered for sale.

Lola was a great character known for her fantastic sense of humour. She was particularly liked by the CEO and staff whom she always ensured were supplied with goodies during the Royal Hobart Show. Lola also spent many hours cooking for our food and wine judges, and many have commented that the food has never been as good as when she cooked for them.

Her funeral saw over 500 people attend which was a mark of the great community citizen that she was and a reflection on the sheer number of people that she had had an impact on.

Lola was a true Champion and we were hoping to honour her contribution at this year's Show by presenting her with an outstanding achievement award in recognition of her contribution to RAST.

Lola insisted that her sponge and scone recipes be published in her funeral's order of service and we are proud to be able to share them with you here. She will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.





Lola's Recipe's

Lola's Sponge Cake

3 Large Eggs
½ cup of Sugar
½ cup of Self Raising Flour

Beat eggs & sugar until thick & creamy.
Fold in sifted Self Raising Flour.
Place in 8" greased & lined on base sponge tin.

Cook on 170-180°C in centre of oven.
Cook for around 20-20 minutes or until cake starts to move away from the side on the tin. When lightly touched in the middle, the cake should spring back.

Lola's Scones

3 heaped cups of Self Raising Flour
Pinch of Salt
1 cup of Cream
1 cup of Lemonade

Sift flour & salt, add cream & lemonade until moist.
Tip onto board with flour, press down and cut out with scone cutter.
Cook on 230°C for 12 minutes.

Variations:
cheese, bacon, chives can be added.
Milk may be used instead of lemonade.

All you need to know about the Show

While many Show activities occur each day of the Show, each day's program is different to the other, and some significant events only occur on certain days. So be informed when planning a day out at the Show. The Show Mag will be an insert in the Mercury newspaper on Oct 22. Alternatively, go online at <https://www.hobartshowground.com.au/>

Did you know?

More than 250 horses and ponies will compete this year, and the Poultry Pavilion will feature more than 250 birds.

The first Hobart Show was held on the lawns of Parliament House in 1822.

From Alpacas to ferrets, the Showground brings together thousands of animals during the Show. Did you know there are over 50 different classes of cavy's – guinea pigs - to be judged in seven different groups this year?

More than 550 dogs, covering 109 breeds, are competing for Best in Show this year. The judge is coming all the way from Norway.

