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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2010 SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW "Be part of putting a smile on every face"

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is inviting people over the age of 17 to become volunteers at the **2010 Sydney Royal Easter Show**, which runs from 1 – 14 April. The Show is always eagerly anticipated, with close to one million people passing through the gates each year to be part of Australia's largest annual event.

Sydney Royal Easter Show General Manager, **Mr Michael Collins** said volunteers are an invaluable part of the Show.

"We simply couldn't put on this world-class event without our volunteers," Mr Collins said.

"Volunteers form the front line of our customer service program, and armed with detailed knowledge of the facility, daily activities and essential services, Show patrons are kept up to date on what they need to know for a fun day out."

Volunteers can apply to work in areas such as administration, information and ushering.

"Animal lovers may like to work in the Dairy Farmers Farm Yard Animal Nursery, we also need ushers for the Main Arena and people to man the Show information booths," said Mr Collins.

Each volunteer is asked to take on a minimum of eight shifts over the 14 days of the Show, with at least four of the shifts on high traffic days. For this, each volunteer will receive access to the Show for its duration, meal vouchers, an official volunteer uniform and exclusive entry to the Volunteer Green Room. All volunteers will be provided with job specific coaching and training, and must also complete an Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) induction which can be completed online.

Mr Alun Clark of Claymore will volunteer at the Easter Show for his tenth year in 2010.

"The Show is a great place to Volunteer. You meet the nicest people and get to work in areas you may not have the opportunity to, during the rest of the year," said Mr Clark.

Mr Alwyn Murray of Homebush West, has also thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being a Show volunteer and recently signed up for his eighth year.

"I volunteer for the Show because I enjoy the experience, as an ex-country person who visited the Show often. I hope I can make visitors enjoy the Show as I have for many years," said Mr Murray.

People interested in becoming a volunteer can visit www.eastershow.com.au/volunteers for additional details and to download an application form.

Volunteer interviews will be conducted by appointment on Saturday 6 February, please register by contacting Rosemary Ferrari, Sydney Royal Easter Show Volunteers Coordinator, on (02) 9704 1297 or email volunteers@rasnsw.com.au

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