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GOODBYE TO A SHOW LEGEND

Jimmy Sharman remembered for his dedication to the Sydney Royal Easter Show

The passing of boxing legend Jimmy Sharman is sad news for staff at the **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** who knew him well after long associations spanning almost 80 years.

Jimmy Sharman was a **Sydney Royal Easter Show** icon, first coming to the Show in 1926 to set up the infamous boxing troupe with his father, Jimmy Sharman Snr. His dedication and lively character was honoured at the Show in 2003 when he was presented the **Show Legend Award** by former Premier Bob Carr and Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, Roger Perkins.

"Jimmy was a hardworking, colourful character, someone who truly embodied the Show spirit," said **Mr Perkins**.

"We here at the RAS are saddened at the news of his passing. His dedication to the Show was so remarkable that he was awarded our prestigious Show Legend award, an honour which has only gone to eight other people for their outstanding and tireless service to the Show."

"Jimmy will only be remembered for his outgoing character and total dedication to everything that he did. The fact that not only the RAS has recognised him as a cultural inspiration but also two popular songs - "Jimmy Sharman's Boxers" by Midnight Oil and "Jimmy Sharman's Beat of the Big Base Drum" by Rocky Emmett is testament to his status as an Australian great."

Jimmy Sharman worked with the boxing troupe at the Show until 1971, when government regulations introduced new safeguard measures to boxers. His service at the Show however continued for another two decades.

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