



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

## MEDIA RELEASE

### The RAS welcomes RSPCA NSW to Sydney Showground

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is delighted with the recent announcement by NSW Primary Industries Minister the Hon Ian McDonald regarding the relocation of **RSPCA NSW** offices to **Sydney Showground**, Homebush.

The transfer of its NSW head office signifies the strengthening relationship between the RSPCA and Australia's oldest society, the RAS.

"It just makes sense having the RSPCA at Sydney Showground," said **Roger Perkins, Chief Executive, RAS**. "The strategic goals of both organisations are parallel – the welfare of Australian livestock and agriculture. With the RSPCA close at hand, we can further our objectives and build upon our strong relationship."

"The RAS looks to strengthen agricultural relevance year round, not just during the Sydney Royal Easter Show. We are proud to have the RSPCA onsite so we can work together towards this."

The NSW Government doubled RSPCA NSW's annual grant from \$233,000 to \$466,000. The increase boosts the funding towards the reconstruction of the Yagoona shelter, the previous location of its head office and allows for the RSPCA inspectorate, education and administration staff to relocate to Sydney Showground.

"The government funding increase is a welcomed acknowledgment of how the RSPCA successfully operates. By working closely with government bodies, organisations and societies such as the RAS, we hope to further our charter of animal welfare," said **Bernie Murphy, Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA NSW**.

RSPCA NSW has signed the Sydney Showground lease for a minimum of three years.

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