



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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Grand Parade, 1939 Sydney Royal Easter Show.



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Cover: Up close with the produce from the District Exhibits at the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show, reflecting the freshness, quality and abundance of Australian agriculture. Celebrating 125 years of this cherished competition, it honours the creativity and dedication of regional exhibitors who embody the spirit of agricultural excellence.

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for 2024/25 – a year marked by achievement, energy and commitment to our vision for Australian agriculture. Our work this year focused on innovation, community connections and excellence across every aspect of our mission.

This year's headline achievement was Sydney Showground's remarkable performance, delivering its largest and most successful year to date. The venue energised Sydney Olympic Park with a record calendar of headline events and global entertainment, including major shows and concerts from international acts. The expertise and dedication of the Showground team set new standards in event delivery.

The RAS is very fortunate to have long-term tenure at our wonderful site at Sydney Olympic Park. Many of the buildings are now approaching 30 years of age and will require increasing maintenance and investment to maintain their relevance. Continuing to build our reserves ensures that we can meet these requirements, secure our future and continue to support rural agriculture and rural communities.

It is also pleasing to highlight the RAS Foundation's record year of giving, providing vital scholarships, community grants and swift support to those affected by the May floods on the Mid North Coast of NSW. The Foundation's work strengthens education, resilience and leadership, creating pathways for rural and regional communities to thrive.

The 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show celebrated tradition and progress, with new initiatives and inspiring stories across arts, crafts, livestock and innovation. Competitions flourished, reflecting the excellence and community spirit that define the Show.

Educational and community programs continued to grow, connecting city and country and celebrating our proud heritage. Member engagement strengthened, renewing the pride and belonging at the heart of our community.

These achievements are only possible through the dedication of our Council, staff, volunteers and the valued support of our members.

Thank you for your trust as we continue playing our part in building a vibrant, sustainable future for Australian agriculture.



John C Bennett OAM, President
Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW is a not-for-profit corporation that has been an influential force in the direction and development of Australian agriculture through competitions, education and events since its foundation in 1822.



VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

A community that understands and values sustainable Australian agriculture and award-quality produce.

MISSION

To forge the future of agriculture by:

- Engaging, educating and entertaining our community on the value of sustainable agriculture and quality produce through events which support agricultural excellence and innovation; and
- Improving the quality of agricultural produce and animal breeds through competitions.

VALUES

- Our RAS history and achievements; the traditions and heritage of the Sydney Royal Easter Show; and the importance of the Sydney Royal competitions;
- Our commitment to our mission to forge the future of agriculture which is fundamental to everything we do;
- The contribution of our volunteers and staff, aware that our success is based upon strong individual commitment and our ability to work together as a team;
- Our facilities and assets, because we know they are vital to our long-term performance; and
- Strong working relationships with people and organisations with mutual interests, that we work hard to develop and maintain.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NSW

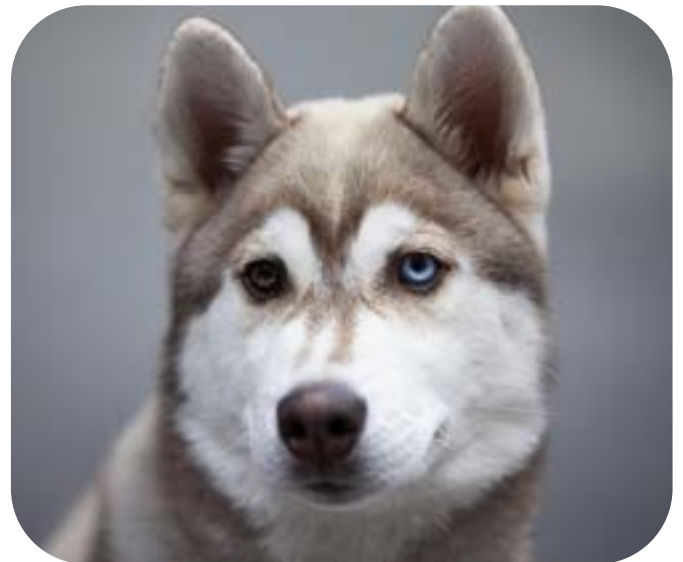
The 2024/25 financial year marked a milestone for the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), distinguished by innovation, collaboration and achievement across every division. The Sydney Royal Easter Show once again brought together large crowds in a vibrant celebration of Australian agriculture, creativity and community. A highlight was the 125th anniversary of the District Exhibits Competition, honouring generations of producers and volunteers whose dedication continues to embody the agricultural heart of NSW.

The RAS Education department gained national recognition for excellence, launching a new digital learning platform and expanding programs that connect young people with the land and its industries. The Heritage team reached a significant milestone with the digitisation of key collections, while the Youth department deepened industry partnerships through leadership initiatives and ambassador programs. The RAS Foundation continued its vital work, delivering scholarships and community support to strengthen regional Australia.

Sydney Showground recorded outstanding attendance and international recognition, driven by a dynamic calendar of concerts, exhibitions and major events. Membership continued to grow, supported by an engaging digital strategy. Across Sydney Royal competitions, producers and exhibitors excelled, showcasing the dedication and quality that define the RAS.

AUSTRALASIAN ANIMAL REGISTRY (AAR)

The Australasian Animal Registry (AAR) is recognised as one of Australia's largest and most comprehensive not-for-profit animal registration and recovery services. Its mission is to ensure the efficient and safe return of lost pets to their owners. The Registry records a diverse range of animals, including dogs, cats, birds, horses and reptiles. Currently, 4,278,386 animals are listed in the national database. In the 2024/25 financial year, over 173,990 new registrations were processed, along with approximately 81,485 ownership transfers.



EDUCATION

The RAS Education department continued to strengthen its national impact in 2024/25, delivering innovative programs that inspire students, empower teachers and deepen understanding of Australia's food and fibre industries. With engagement at record levels, the department successfully bridged rural and urban communities – reaffirming its commitment to keeping agriculture at the heart of education across the state.

A major highlight was the expansion of the Rural Learning Exchange (RLE), supported through a partnership with the RAS Foundation and additional funding of \$98,750 from the Waratah and Thyne Reid Foundations. This investment sustained the role of RLE education officer Emily Blackburn, whose expertise in differentiated learning benefitted 485 teachers across sectors. Two new schools – Dorrigo and Warialda – joined the program, introducing agriculture to their students for the first time.

The launch of a new RAS Education e-commerce platform in late 2024 enhanced accessibility and streamlining for educators and schools. The platform integrates ticketing for the Sydney Royal Easter Show School Program, Discover Ag, Teacher Professional Development sessions and Farm Days, while also enabling the purchase of Ag in a Box resources directly through the RAS website.

Farm Days, held at Sydney Showground from 18–29 November 2024, continued to grow despite operating without federal funding for the first time. Over 1,600 students from Kindergarten to Year 10 attended



engaging sessions on food origin, sustainability and rural careers. A highlight was the special No Step Back, Moving Together in Unity excursion featuring Paralympian and equestrian Sue-Ellen Lovett, whose story of resilience inspired all who attended.

In early 2025, a \$60,000 grant from the RAS Foundation facilitated the launch of Ag in a Box 6: Blazing Beef. The program attracted 1,428 applications, with 500 schools receiving physical boxes and 928 receiving digital versions. Its overwhelming response reaffirmed the program's relevance in delivering hands-on learning to classrooms across urban and regional Australia.

The 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show showcased a comprehensive, curriculum-aligned School Learning Program designed to enrich classroom outcomes. The program delivered a 22% increase in School Learning ticket sales on the last non-school term Show – surpassing targets by 42%. Alongside two dedicated Teacher Professional Development sessions and three student workshops, the Woolworths Ag Discovery Pavilion welcomed three new exhibitors, praised for strong engagement and interactive learning opportunities.

Discover Ag 2025 successfully connected 90 agricultural professionals from 33 organisations with 457 students, offering valuable insight into career diversity across the sector. Attendance was affected by northern NSW flooding, but the event was again supported by the University of Sydney as Platinum Sponsor, reflecting ongoing academic and industry collaboration.

Innovation continued with Ag in a Lunch Box, developed through a \$60,000 Perpetual IMPACT grant. Designed for primary students in Stages 1–3, it explores food sources, seasonal eating and sustainable farming – promoting healthy lifestyles and awareness of Australian producers.

The 2025 Farm Days program introduced a refreshed, curriculum-aligned framework and attracted over 1,150 students. Teacher development remained central, with 37 educators attending practical sessions featuring academic speakers, hands-on workshops and industry contributions from XAG Australia, Calmsley Hill Farm and Bellaringah Beef and Lamb.

RAS Education's contributions to agricultural learning were recognised nationally, being named among The Educator's Best Educational Service Providers in Australia and awarded a prestigious 5-Star rating. This honour underscored the department's enduring reputation for innovation, excellence and leadership – and its unwavering role in cultivating the next generation of Australian agricultural leaders.



HERITAGE

The RAS Heritage department continued to celebrate and preserve the history of the Society and the Sydney Royal Easter Show throughout 2024–2025, with a strong focus on collection digitisation, public engagement and storytelling initiatives. On 18 November 2024, the newly digitised Easter Show Catalogue Collection (1869–2022) was officially launched on Ancestry. This significant milestone has already generated wonderful responses from individuals who have been able to trace family connections through the records.

The 2025 Heritage Pavilion carried the theme “Rings at the Royal”, celebrating the history and significance of the show ring and the diverse activities that unfold within it. A special feature of this year’s pavilion was a display co-curated with the NSW Mounted Police Unit to mark their 200th anniversary.

Complementing this was the recording of four new oral history interviews with individuals linked to the RAS, capturing personal experiences and contributing to a richer understanding of the organisation’s legacy.

The Heritage department also achieved impressive outcomes through its in-house digitisation program. A total of 3,349 photographs were scanned as part of the ongoing photograph digitisation project, with almost 4,000 images captured since the program began in July 2024. A total of 4,141 pages from historic *RAS News* and *RAS Times* issues – spanning 44 years and 109 editions – have now been digitised, completing the project and expanding the online

archive to include every issue from 1973 to today. The team also progressed the digitisation of the RAS Annuals, successfully capturing 9,754 pages from the complete series published between 1906 and 1929.

Support for members also remained a priority. Between 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025, the Heritage Centre recorded 200 hours and 5 minutes of research in response to stakeholder enquiries. Of this, 140 hours and 50 minutes were dedicated to internal requests from staff and Councillors, while 59 hours and 15 minutes supported external queries from exhibitors and family historians.

The Heritage program also engaged members through special events, including the annual Family History Month workshop, which featured guest speaker Dr Shirleene Robinson AM, who presented on the role and importance of oral history.

Recognition of the team’s efforts came on an international stage, with the Heritage display Shopping at the Show, presented within the Heritage Pavilion at the 2024 Sydney Royal Easter Show, awarded third place at the International Association of Fairs and Expositions Awards in the Creative Display (Single Photo or Photo Series) category.

Looking ahead, the RAS Heritage team is preparing to make its collection more accessible to the public than ever before. In 2026, the team will launch its digitised collections through the interactive Recollect platform, offering new ways for the community to explore and engage with the Society’s rich heritage.

MEMBERSHIP

Community remains central to the RAS, with members forming the cornerstone of everything the organisation does. From Councillors and exhibitors to Show-patron members, their passion and commitment drive the Society's mission forward and help sustain a vibrant and inclusive community. In 2025, membership reached 14,317 – a 5.1% increase on the previous year – with 1,671 members also entering competitions, reflecting strong engagement and the appeal of benefits such as discounted entry fees. The year also saw renewed emphasis on member experiences, with a redesigned Members' Stand foyer featuring a new retail shop and an improved service area for accessibility. Country-style entertainment added atmosphere in the Members' Bar, while the District Exhibits Sneak Peek celebrated our volunteers and Members. The Tyrrell's Members' Preview Night also drew strong attendance and positive engagement, reinforcing the sense of community that defines the RAS.

The Charley Dining Room delivered another year of outstanding service – managing 1,300 daily bookings, including 564 window seats, and serving more than 5,300 diners with record levels of online reservations and positive feedback. Together with initiatives such as the new beer pricing displays and member discounts across Show venues, these successes underscored the value members place on premium experiences and engagement. Looking ahead, the RAS will launch an upgraded membership system ahead of the next Sydney Royal Easter Show to provide easier digital access, greater visibility of benefits and a modernised entry point for participation – ensuring an enriched experience for both loyal members and new generations of supporters.



RAS FOUNDATION

The RAS Foundation continued its strong commitment to rural and regional communities in 2024/25 through education, training and community-led initiatives. It awarded almost \$700,000 to over 95 scholars, providing vital support across diverse disciplines. Scholarships included Rural Scholarships, Sydney Royal Wine Scholarships, Master of Teaching Scholarships, the JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism & Communications, and the prestigious Nuffield Australia Scholarship. These programs build the knowledge, leadership and capacity needed to sustain vibrant rural industries and communities into the future.

The Foundation's Community Futures Grant program awarded \$134,000 to eight regional NSW organisations, including schools, rural fire services and show societies, enhancing resilience and connectivity. Responding to the devastating May 2025 floods, the Foundation launched a Taree Flood Relief campaign that raised \$120,000, with community donations matched by the RAS. Successful initiatives such as the Give & Gather Bag and Big Bush BBQ fundraising events further supported regional projects and charities like Birds in the Bush. The Foundation also prioritised youth, funding 30 students from Narrabri High School to attend the Stand Tall youth mental health event, and investing in agricultural learning through the RAS Ag Education program, including the Ag in a Box resource, Blazing Beef, and teacher resources for the Rural Learning Exchange. In total, more than \$600,000 was provided to community projects, with overall giving exceeding \$1.6 million in 2024/2025 – a testament to the generosity and dedication driving rural and regional advancement.



SYDNEY ROYAL: WINE, BEER & CIDER, DISTILLED SPIRITS, CHEESE & DAIRY PRODUCE AND FINE FOOD

The Sydney Royal Wine, Beer & Cider, Distilled Spirits, Cheese & Dairy Produce, and Fine Food competitions continued their proud tradition of celebrating excellence, highlighting provenance and setting benchmarks across industries. These prestigious competitions offered producers the opportunity to showcase their craft on a national and international stage, with recognition commanding strong consumer confidence in medal-winning products.

Wine, Beer & Cider, and Distilled Spirits

The Wine, Beer & Cider, and Distilled Spirits competitions celebrated another successful year across a focused seven-week program, delivered by a new event management team. Key highlights included:

- A sold-out Sydney Royal Wine Show Awards Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel, presented in partnership with Wine Communicators of Australia, welcoming 230 guests.
- The Sydney Royal Beer & Cider Show attracted 224 entries (up from 207), with 16% awarded gold and 84% of exhibitors receiving medals.
- The Sydney Royal Distilled Spirits Show, now in its second year, attracted 299 entries from 80 exhibitors (up from 276 and 67), with an impressive 89% securing medals and over half awarded gold or silver.
- Wine entries remained strong, with more than 9,300 bottles received, sorted and racked for judging.
- Grape, Grain & Graze achieved record attendance with ticket sales exceeding 1,000 for the first time, and delighted guests with new experiences including the Oyster Bar and roaming cannoli station, an interactive Distilled Spirits Masterclass, and the introduction of a People's Choice Award that encouraged guest participation.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Sydney Royal Wine Show will celebrate its 200th year with a major program of commemorative events, including a launch celebration and special anniversary branding.

Cheese & Dairy Produce

The Sydney Royal Cheese & Dairy Produce Show showcased 565 entries from 79 exhibitors, including 14 new or returning competitors. In February 2025, 528 exhibits were expertly judged over four days by 26 judges and 17 stewards, led by Chair Heidi Badgery and



committee member Geoffrey Mason. Their efforts were commended for upholding the high standards of this prestigious competition.

Fine Food Shows

The Sydney Royal Fine Food Show achieved strong growth in 2025, attributed to a refreshed marketing strategy tailored to the communication habits of each industry sector.

Highlights included:

- A 15% increase in entries overall, rising from 1,439 in 2024 to 1,657 in 2025;
- Growth in five of the seven Fine Food competitions, including Aquaculture, Branded Meat, Professional Bakery, Smallgoods & Charcuterie, and Specialty Foods; and
- Specialty Foods entries grew by 13.5%, extending judging across three days for the first time since pre-Covid.

Looking ahead, the Aquaculture Competition for Sydney Rock Oyster classes will move from Showtime judging to February 2026 to better meet seasonal and exhibitor needs.

YOUTH

The Youth department continued its vital mission to engage, inspire and develop rising agricultural leaders, delivering a diverse suite of programs and opportunities that help cultivate skills, celebrate achievement and strengthen community across New South Wales. Over the past year, the team travelled almost 6,000 kilometres across the state to support youth events, schools and regional initiatives – a testament to its hands-on commitment to fostering opportunity and connection.

This year, eight outstanding Rural Achiever Finalists represented their regions at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, with James Stephens selected to represent NSW in the 2026 National Rural Ambassador Award. As part of an ongoing focus on leadership and knowledge exchange, the 2025 finalists participated in both the Global Food Forum in Melbourne and a Rural Ambassador exchange program with Adelaide Royal, helping broaden perspectives and build lasting networks.

Fifteen Sydney Royal AgShows NSW Young Woman State finalists attended the Show, highlighting the contributions and achievements of young women in agriculture. Cassandra Bush was awarded the prestigious title, with Sophie Cargill named runner-up. The Young Judges Competition continued to attract impressive participation, with 265 competitors testing their skills and knowledge across almost all sections, underscoring sustained interest and a high calibre of youth involvement.

Events fostering social connection and industry

engagement remained a priority. The “Hats Off at the Royal” event welcomed 180 industry participants aged 18 to 35 for a vibrant evening designed to celebrate community and raise funds for an RAS Foundation scholarship, combining social engagement with meaningful philanthropic impact. Regional engagement was further strengthened by initiatives like All Roads to the Royal, which saw 40 staff and students from Narromine High School attend the Show to deepen their agricultural education through direct experiences.

Eight teams from across NSW contested the NSW Young Farmer Challenge State Final, with Albion Park emerging as overall winner and earning the opportunity to represent the state at the 2026 National Young Farmer Challenge.

The RAS AgriLink community continued to thrive, growing to more than 1,300 members and actively supporting regional events that place young people front and centre – including the Gresford Show, Mudgee Youth Development Day, NSW School Merino Challenge and many more. This strong network not only connects emerging leaders within the sector but also helps sustain local communities through knowledge sharing and collaboration.

These efforts were complemented by a commitment to accessibility and continuous development, with Youth programs supported across a diverse range of initiatives – each designed to nurture skills, broaden horizons and pave the way for the young leaders of Australian agriculture.





SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW

The Sydney Royal Easter Show remains an enduring symbol of Australia's vibrant cultural fabric, welcoming hundreds of thousands of Show patrons each autumn to share in traditions that have shaped generations. Across bustling pavilions and sunlit arenas, exhibitors, families and Showgoers gather to celebrate the rich tapestry of Australian agriculture, showcasing excellence, innovation and community spirit over 12 unforgettable days. Every exhibit, whether a prize-winning bull, a hand-thrown ceramic bowl or a spectacular floral display, tells a story of dedication – from the young student in the schools competition to the seasoned breeder or artisan who returns each year. This living legacy is constantly renewed through new competitions, educational activations and creative initiatives that embrace both time-honoured practices and forward-thinking ideas.

Beyond the ring and the ribbon, the Show pulses with life. Showbags, thrilling rides and festival fare turn the grounds into a playground of colour and excitement, where the laughter of children blends with the rhythm of livestock judging and community performances. As Show patrons wander the avenues of local produce, discover the latest in industry innovation or stand shoulder to shoulder for the ENGIE Stadium's nightly finale, they become part of a story far larger than any single day. The Sydney Royal Easter Show offers not only cherished tradition but also a dynamic platform for rural industry, creative excellence and family memories – ensuring its continued place as Australia's most beloved agricultural celebration.



SYDNEY ROYAL COMPETITIONS, SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

ARTS & CRAFTS

The 2025 Arts & Crafts Competition flourished, with exhibitors, artisans and Show patrons embracing a program that balanced tradition with fresh concepts. A highlight was the introduction of a new class in the Homewares section, encouraging creative use of re-purposed or upcycled materials. Guilds and Associations benefitted from a purpose-built 15-metre demonstration area, improving efficiency and visibility, while Inala partnered again to deliver six days of inclusive workshops.

Innovation extended across categories, with new classes featuring Amigurumi and textured items in Crochet, along with general items for novice Leatherwork exhibitors. In Woodwork, new decorative designs were encouraged, while Cake Decorating introduced both a Masters Special Occasion Cake and a Themed Miniature Cake Competition, inspiring exceptional creativity. A pre-Show training day enhanced Steward knowledge, and the new integrated sales system allowed Show patrons to view real-time sales availability, greatly improving purchasing.

These initiatives were mirrored in record entries, which rose to 5,482 – a 10% increase. Exhibit sales reached \$372,778 and commission revenue surpassed \$112,000, setting new records. Looking forward, plans include allowing Guilds and Associations to sell products directly from demonstration spaces, with proceeds supporting operations. The section will deepen ties with Inala by offering new classes for exhibitors living with a disability across Painting, Ceramics, Homewares, Felting and Mosaic.

CATTLE

The 2025 Cattle Competition showcased outstanding quality across beef and dairy breeds, drawing widespread participation and international attention. Santa Gertrudis was celebrated as the Beef feature breed, bringing over 120 head from NSW, Queensland and South Australia. In the Dairy section, Guernsey cattle featured strongly under the guidance of renowned UK judge James Warren, with two international judges enhancing the section's global prestige.

Preparations are already underway for the 2026 relaunch of the Beef Challenge Feedlot Competition, which will create new opportunities for exhibitors to demonstrate excellence in cattle performance, feedlot management and industry best practice.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF OUR DISPLAYS

2025



DISTRICT EXHIBITS

The 2025 District Exhibits Competition delivered another outstanding year, with Central, Northern, Southern and Western Districts presenting regional produce and creativity at their very best. Southern District won the Produce Competition, Central District secured the Display Competition, and Southern District claimed the People's Choice Award, reflecting the strength in this year's impressive displays. Show patrons saw the Hams and Bacons judged live in the Dome for the first time, with expert commentary providing unique insight into competition standards and traditions, while also educating audiences about the judging process.

The Schools District Exhibit Competition continued to expand, with five quality exhibits showcasing students' ability, creativity and agricultural knowledge, while also providing networking opportunities for teachers. The NSW Department of Education recognised these achievements by filming for Education Week and screening the competition across over 2,200 schools and social media. The section also commemorated the 125th anniversary of District Exhibits with a special keepsake pin, and members enjoyed a Preview Night that fostered direct engagement with regional producers and District Court members.

AGRICULTURE AT A GLANCE

\$11,500,000
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT

INCLUDING **12,732** BALES OF WOOL OFFERED FOR SALE THROUGH THE WOOL AUCTION




DISTRICT EXHIBITS

- 50,000+** PIECES OF PRODUCE IN EACH DISPLAY
- 30,500** PIECES OF FRUIT AND VEG JUDGED
- 7 DAYS** OF JUDGING
- 60** JUDGES FROM NSW





2,300+ ALPACA SELFIES TAKEN

909 HORSES MEASURED




510 CHICKENS HATCHED



13,000+ ANIMALS ONSITE DURING THE SHOW



400+ DIFFERENT BREEDS OF ANIMALS



90 HOURS OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY TO ANIMAL PAVILIONS EACH DAY



82 COMPETITIONS

32,683 ENTRIES RECEIVED



17,000+ RIBBONS, TROPHIES, MEDALLIONS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

OVER **\$800,000** CASH PRIZES

1,106 OFFICIALS ATTENDED THE SHOW, INCLUDING

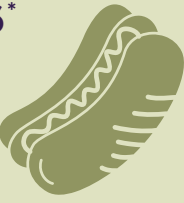


15 INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

12.3K AGRICULTURE GENERATED MEDIA ARTICLES



\$78,806* RAISED FOR REGIONAL SHOWS AT THE BIG BUSH BBQ



*INCLUDING \$3,470 FROM RASF

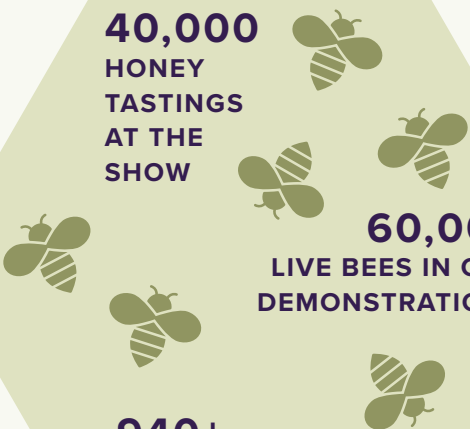
568 ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITS SOLD



40,000 HONEY TASTINGS AT THE SHOW

60,000 LIVE BEES IN OUR DEMONSTRATIONS

940+ LIVE AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATIONS



5,385M³ OF MUCK REMOVED & RECYCLED (BEDDING & MANURE)

325M³ WOODCHOP TIMBER RECYCLED INTO POULTRY BEDDING



COMPANION ANIMALS

The Companion Animals Competitions continued to deliver growth, innovation and outstanding engagement in 2025, confirming their appeal as a highlight of the Show. The Sydney FCI International was introduced as part of the Sydney Royal Dog Show, offering exhibitors the opportunity to compete on an international stage and present their dogs twice in a day. This initiative received enthusiastic support and drove a significant increase in entries, raising the Show's reputation as a premier canine event.

Rabbit Hopping joined as the newest competition, captivating Show patrons on Easter Sunday as rabbits traversed miniature jumps and obstacles, supported by a lively Easter activation with a roaming Easter Bunny. These new attractions, paired with strong entry numbers and public engagement, underscored the section's growing popularity and continued contribution to the Show experience.



FLOWER & GARDEN

The 2025 Flower & Garden Pavilion blended innovation, sustainability and cultural diversity, capturing imaginations with new features. The Coffee Cup (Plant) Refill Bar – which encouraged patrons to upcycle used coffee cups and receive a free plant – was widely praised, including by the Governor-General, for advancing environmental education. The Pavilion's stage program was enhanced by 'Bush to Bowl' bush tucker presentations, promoting cultural inclusion.

Displays and workshops aligned with the 'Sustainable Flora' theme, while a new Bridal Class and an international judge for the TAFE NSW floral displays elevated standards and artistry. The Pavilion grew to 830 entries – a 7% rise, and the Scarecrow Competition attracted 20 entries. Notably, two IAFE first prizes recognised the Pavilion's Fire Ant Awareness Program and TAFE Floristry Students. With 'From Art to Bloom' announced as the 2026 theme, plans are already in motion to maintain the Pavilion's position at the intersection of art and horticulture.





GOAT, PIG & ALPACA

2025 marked a year of growth and innovation for the Goat, Pig and Alpaca Competitions. RAS strengthened community ties by hosting dedicated exhibitor functions across all Goat categories, fostering valued connections and industry engagement. Angora goats returned to the Grand Parade after many years, boosting the profile of their section.

High-calibre judging ensured all competitions benefitted from best-practice feedback, while the Goat Table of 20 forum promoted unity across the sector. Alpaca and Llama displays enriched the educational experience, with llamas undertaking demonstrations of pack-carrying and cart-pulling, and also participating in the final Grand Parade, much to the delight of audiences.

Within the Pig & Goat Pavilion, Australian Pork Limited was recognised with a prestigious commercial exhibitor award for outstanding presentation, reflecting the value of industry partnerships. In the coming year, as part of the Goat Show, a School Wether (Any Breed) Competition will highlight meat production traits, connecting students and exhibitors with practical industry outcomes, and reinforcing the Show's commitment to education and sector leadership.

HONEY

The 2025 National Honey Show continued its longstanding reputation as Australia's largest honey competition, drawing entries from NSW, Queensland, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. Engagement expanded with schools through a new Wax Moulds class for those unable to keep hives and a new Rolled Candles class, creating more opportunities for students and younger exhibitors.

Awards celebrated excellence across all classes, with Best Exhibit in Show awarded to Dr Vanessa Findlay (NSW), and The Armidale School securing Champion School Exhibit. The floorplan was finalised with new display cabinets, elevating the experience for competitors, judges and Show patrons. Over 40,000 honey tastings were enjoyed, and the Bee Zebo demonstration – featuring 60,000 live bees – provided popular interactive education.

HORSE

The Horse Competition introduced new classes for the 2025 Show, which were warmly received by both exhibitors and spectators.

In the Pony Club section, the addition of the Rider in Action class attracted 77 entries. Designed to showcase the skill and partnership between horse and rider, this event highlighted the complete all-rounder Pony Club combination. Held in the Schmidt Arena, the class drew an enthusiastic crowd who cheered on competitors, with ribbons awarded to the fastest combinations.

For some of the youngest equestrians, the introduction of the Show Hunter Leading Rein Pony class for riders aged five to eight years was a resounding success, drawing 36 entries in ENGIE Stadium. This addition now brings the total number of Leading Rein Pony classes to three, with the Open and Shetland Pony classes already firmly established. Together they provide even more opportunities for up-and-coming riders to gain valuable experience before turning six, when they transition to riding independently in competition.

In 2025, Showjumping classes across Junior, Young Rider and Senior sections were run simultaneously over the seven days of the Show. The revised timetable was welcomed by many coaches, who used the opportunity to bring their younger students to compete.

A true highlight of the Horse Competition was the spectacular Police Extravaganza, staged four times during the Show to celebrate three significant milestones: the 200th anniversary of the NSW Mounted Police Unit, 100 years of Police Highway Patrol and 50 years of Police Motor Bikes. The display also coincided with the 130th anniversary of the formation of the NSW Police Band.

Participants included Mounted Troopers and their horses, Police Motorcycles, the Police Band, Police Pipes and Drums, and a display of historic and current Highway Patrol vehicles. The event featured impressive precision drill movements performed to music, thrilling the audience. The RAS and the Horse Competition are proud of their long-standing relationship with the NSW Police Force and look forward to many more years of the Troopers' involvement in the Show.

During the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show, Ken Cameron was recognised as the Show Legend. Having proudly worn the red Steward's badge for more than six decades, Ken was honoured for his remarkable commitment and steadfast service to the RAS Horse Committee as a Steward on the Main Arena.



POULTRY & PIGEON

The Poultry & Pigeon Competitions achieved an outstanding year, delivering a seamless program that attracted record entries, with 2,687 in total – including 2,484 poultry and 45 youth showmanship competitors. The annual Poultry Auction continued its dual model of online and in-person sales.

Public engagement was a major highlight, with visitors flocking to The Hen House display, which benefited from refreshed signage. Meanwhile, Australian Eggs returned with their popular 'Journey of an Egg' activation, captivating patrons of all ages and reinforcing the importance of agricultural education at the Show. Demand for information was equally evident, with 120 Poultry and Pigeon catalogues printed and sold out mid-Show – prompting plans to increase runs for 2026.

The 2026 feature breed has been confirmed as the Sussex, which is expected to attract considerable interest from exhibitors and the public alike.

WOODCHOP

The 2025 Sydney Royal Woodchopping & Sawing Competition once again raised the bar by hosting seven World Championship events over 11 days, attracting a field that included 25 international competitors from six countries, and over 20% women competitors. The final day was marked by a crowd-pleasing display from the Australian Axemen's Association, honouring the sport's heritage. The event also saw continued support from Ugly Fish Eyewear as a sponsor.

Sustainability remained at the fore, with 325 cubic metres of timber repurposed as animal bedding, and Sydney standing out as the only Royal in 2025 to use hardwood in all disciplines. Livestreaming of all World Championship finals was enhanced following promising trials, with over 8,100 views. Notably, Tree Felling and Standing Block events drew the highest online audiences. The team is now working to reinstate the iconic Aus/NZ Trans-Tasman Relay and will continue to partner with Marketing to grow broadcast engagement in the year ahead.

SHEEP & FLEECE

The Sheep & Fleece section delivered a strong program in 2025, successfully running Fleece, Merino and Meat & Dual Purpose Competitions while receiving positive feedback from exhibitors.

A targeted increase in first-place prize money across the Fleece classes will be introduced in 2026, reinforcing the importance of quality in this highly regarded competition. In addition, the Merino feature breed will also receive an increase in prize money, recognising its significance and rewarding exhibitors' ongoing commitment to excellence.

Patron interest remained high throughout the section, driven by the popularity of the Valais Blacknose sheep and engaging working dog demonstrations. The sheep shearing demonstrations proved a standout attraction once again, prompting an expansion of the demonstration area for next year to accommodate growing audience demand.

Strong engagement from schools was reflected in 68 general entries, while the AWEX Wool Auction marked sales of more than \$16.5 million, highlighting the continued support of the industry. Sponsorship and support from Australian Wool Innovation, along with the interactive Yandiah Spinners & Weavers demonstrations, further fostered meaningful connections between patrons, wool and regional industries.

Looking ahead, the 2026 feature breeds will focus on Border Leicester in the Meat & Dual Purpose Competition and Medium Wool in the Merino Competition, ensuring continued diversity and relevance across competitions.



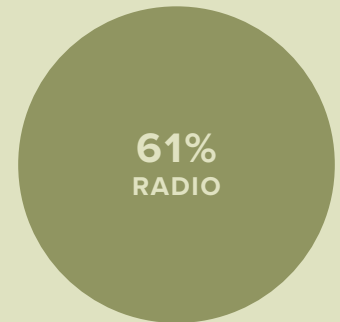


CAMPAIGN RESULTS



22,457
MEDIA MENTIONS

COVERAGE



541
SOCIAL POSTS



13K
NEW FOLLOWERS

27.7M
IMPRESSIONS



3M
EMAILS SENT



31,950
NEW SUBSCRIBERS

\$23.4M
TICKET SALES REVENUE



1.2M
VIDEO VIEWS



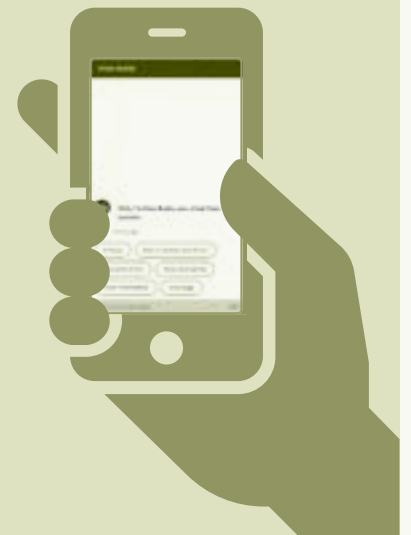
VIRTUAL ASSISTANT SHOW BUDDY



112K
AI QUERIES



4/5
SATISFACTION SCORE



9.2M
WEBSITE PAGE VISITS

ENTERTAINMENT

The 2025 Entertainment program delivered record-breaking engagement, with audiences returning multiple times to experience its mix of world-class spectacles, cultural storytelling and community-driven performances. With 123 groups and 5,545 performers, the program ensured memorable experiences for all, day and night. ENGIE Stadium was the hub of vibrancy, featuring midday dynamism, twilight anticipation and breathtaking nightly finales.

Signature productions – from ‘Australia’s Heartbeat: Tales & Tunes of Our Land’ to the comic ‘Chicken Run’ – blended tradition, comedy and nation-defining storytelling. Stunt highlights like AirTime Freestyle MotoX and The Bison Challenge drew big crowds, while international acts such as the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show and Flying Fools High Dive Show delivered world-class entertainment.

Community group performances strengthened inclusivity and cultural representation, while the Honky Tonk Stage provided an evolving musical platform for both established and emerging talent. Together, the 2025 line-up deepened audience connections, celebrated Australia’s diversity, and reinforced the Show’s place among the world’s premier entertainment events.



COMMERCIAL

The Commercial department continued to drive success, enhancing the visitor experience for Show patrons through dynamic sponsorships, activations and advertising campaigns. In 2025, 19 new sponsors and advertisers committed to the Show and included brands such as Aussie Broadband, ENGIE, Archie Rose, Darrell Lea, Akubra, HBO Max, Primo, Moonpig and Exchange for Change.

New initiatives included a Home & Lifestyle Demonstration stage, a Distillery precinct and a Sydney Royal Medal Winners area in the Woolworths Fresh Food Dome. The Sydney Royal Medal winning stands provided 18 medal winners across multiple categories with the opportunity to promote their award-winning products over four, eight or 12 days. Small business saw strong support, with 33 businesses entering introductory programs across multiple pavilions, with many returning from successful previous years to grow their presence and continue to build their brand.

Industry recognition followed, with multiple awards from the International Association of Fairs and Expositions. Looking ahead, the Commercial department will expand its medal-winning displays, continue to increase opportunities for small businesses and first-time exhibitors, and create more vibrant visitor touchpoints, further solidifying the Show’s commercial and cultural standing.

GRAND CHAMPION



STRATEGIC SPONSORS

CHAMPION



BLUE RIBBON



RED RIBBON





SYDNEY SHOWGROUND

Sydney Showground delivered its largest year yet, building on remarkable achievements and steadfast commitment to excellence. The venue energised Sydney Olympic Park with flagship events and strategic partnerships. Sydney Showground broke attendance and performance records through a successful year that included hosting the Sydney Boat Show, a vibrant music calendar with international acts like Pearl Jam and Green Day, the Knockout Outdoor music festival, performances by Joker Xue and the emergence of Munro Warehouse as a major new venue in Sydney's live music scene.

Both ENGIE Stadium and Munro Warehouse achieved Pollstar top ten status, a testament to strategic investment and vision. Innovations extended with the Fever Pavilion's VR and immersive events, and hospitality offerings reached new heights under Executive Chef Cyril Miletto. Customer satisfaction peaked with a Net Promoter Score of 61 and a 96% satisfaction rating.

Looking forward, Sydney Showground will launch a new Customer Service Charter and welcome an array of headline events, cementing its place as Australia's premier event destination.







RAS BOARD MEMBERS

As at 30 September 2025



John C Bennett OAM,
President



Brock E Gilmour,
Chief Executive



James Angus



Heidi A Badgery



Angus P Barnes



David M Davidson



Sally P Evans



Alison A Renwick



Sam J Walker,
Treasurer

RAS COUNCILLORS

As at 30 September 2025



Greg D Andrews



Linton G L Batt



James D W Bell



Stephen G Dadd



Stuart J B Davies



James M Dorahy



Kerry Little



Adam W Lucas



Michael A MacCue



Denise E Ovens



Marianne Paynter



Rowena L Petrie



Jason H Strong



Wendy C Taylor



Susan R Wakeford



Glen Best



Lachlan B Bowtell



John G Bryson



Michael J Bullen



Joseph Byrnes



Christopher P Carter



Ellen M Downes



Christopher J Eggleton



Ben G Dudley



Janie M Forrest



Ross W Gibson



Sarah A Hanlon



Sharon L Hannigan



Elizabeth A Hastings



Duncan F Macintyre



Yvette G McKenzie



Lyndey S Milan OAM



Michael J Millner



Gavin W Moore



Joseph Murphy



Alastair J Rayner



Kathy Reidy



Mark A Schembri



Brendan D Sharpe



Grahame N Sharpe



Hunter B White OAM



Brian J Wilson



Claudia A Wythes



Robert A Zammit

RAS EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM

As at 30 September 2025



Brock Gilmour

Chief Executive



Zain Hoosen

General Manager,
Finance, Administration & IT



Murray Wilton

General Manager, Agriculture
& Sydney Royal Easter Show



Darryl Jeffrey

General Manager,
Sydney Showground



Alexis Gachon

Executive Assistant,
RAS President & Chief Executive



Eylem Shipley

General Manager,
Human Resources

RAS COUNCIL

As at 30 September 2025

The RAS Council is the governing body of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, made up of Councillors who are elected at the RAS Annual General Meeting. The RAS Council consists of Councillors who serve the RAS on a voluntary basis. Their areas of expertise cover a broad array of rural, business, and professional skills.

The Board is a Committee established and elected by Council. While the RAS Board assumes most of the responsibilities that would apply to any other corporate Board, it is not the peak body of the RAS. The Board is answerable to the Council, and the Council is answerable to RAS Members.

HONORARY COUNCILLORS

Patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC
Governor of New South Wales

Vice Patron

Mr M J Millner

OFFICE HOLDERS

President

Mr J C Bennett OAM

Vice Presidents

Mr D M Davidson
Ms A A Renwick
Dr M A Schembri

Treasurer

Dr S J Walker

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Mr J Angus

Ms H A Badgery
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Mr G D Andrews
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Mr J D W Bell
Mr J C Bennett OAM
Mr G Best
Mr L B Bowtell
Mr J G Bryson
Mr M J Bullen
Mr J Byrnes
Mr C P Carter
Mr S G Dadd
Mr D M Davidson
Mr S J B Davies
Mr J M Dorahy

Dr E M Downes
Mr C J Eggleton
Ms S P Evans
Ms J M Forrest
Mr B Gilmour
Ms S A Hanlon
Ms S L Hannigan
Ms E A Hastings
Mrs K Little
Mr A W Lucas
Mr M A MacCue
Mr D F Macintyre
Ms Y G McKenzie
Ms L S Milan OAM
Mr M J Millner
Mr G W Moore
Dr J Murphy

Ms D E Ovens
Mrs M Paynter
Ms R L Petrie
Mr A J Rayner
Mrs K Reidy
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Mr G N Sharpe
Mr J H Strong
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Mrs S R Wakeford
Dr S J Walker
Mr H B White OAM
Mr B J Wilson
Ms C A Wythes
Dr R A Zammit

Chief Executive

Mr B E Gilmour

General Manager Finance, Administration and IT

Mr Z Hoosen

Auditors

Ernst & Young

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (the RAS) is a not-for-profit organisation that began in 1822 as an unincorporated agricultural association. On 13 November 1869 the RAS was incorporated in Australia under 'The Agricultural Society of New South Wales Act' under the New South Wales Parliament. Through Royal Assent in 1891, the prefix 'Royal' was added and became the 'Royal Agricultural Society of NSW'. Its constitution is the Act and the Rules that are from time to time amended by the Council. The key stakeholders are the Members. The governing body is a Council whose members are elected at the annual general meeting of the Members.

The Board is a Committee of Councillors established by the Council with responsibilities consistent with a corporate board. It is answerable to the Council and the Council is answerable to the Members. The Board members are elected by the Council. The Council and Board of the RAS have adopted a formal statement on the corporate governance framework and policies of the RAS. These are reviewed annually and together with the Rules include:

- The roles and responsibilities of the Council, Board and Management.
- The composition and size of the Council and Board. The Council and Board members are listed in the annual report. The only executive member is the Chief Executive.
- A code of conduct for the Council, Board members and Management.
- An Audit Committee of the Board ensures the RAS remains committed to financial integrity in its reporting.
- Council and Board are responsible for reviewing and publishing the annual report to Members in a timely and informative manner.
- The Board and Management ensure that the Members' rights are protected and that the Members are kept informed.
- The Board oversees the review and establishment of appropriate risk management policies for the RAS activities.
- The performance of the Board is self-assessed annually and the performance of the Management is reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee of the Board.
- Councillors serve without remuneration and staff remuneration is reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee of the Board.
- Board and Council ensure the RAS continues to develop long term plans that will enhance the RAS objectives and take advantage of growth opportunities.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 30 September 2025

	Note	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
REVENUE			
Members' Subscriptions		1,562	1,442
Ground Operations, Building & Space Rentals		60,218	49,862
Gate Receipts		23,510	21,041
Sponsorships & Donations		4,682	4,108
Entry Fees & Commissions		5,135	3,933
Interest		1,841	1,787
Other Revenue	16	3,394	2,971
TOTAL REVENUE		100,342	85,144
EXPENSES			
Operations		70,329	62,739
Administration		19,729	16,169
Depreciation and Amortisation	11 - 13	2,479	2,193
Loss on Disposal of Non-Current Assets	4	10	16
Interest Expenses		25	46
Donations to the RAS Foundation Limited		630	629
TOTAL EXPENSES		93,202	81,792
SURPLUS BEFORE TAX		7,140	3,352
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		-	-
SURPLUS AFTER TAX		7,140	3,352
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (NET OF TAX)		1,984	2,977
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		9,124	6,329

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THIS FINANCIAL REPORT.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 September 2025

	Note	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash – Bank and on Hand		27,872	22,036
Cash – Reserves, Trust & Endowment Funds		13,181	12,673
Trade and Other Receivables	5	2,963	2,251
Inventories	6	308	388
Prepayments	7	1,784	1,721
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		46,108	39,069
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment in Financial Assets	18	31,005	28,674
Property, Plant and Equipment	11	19,024	18,428
Right-of-use Assets	12	142	220
Intangible Assets	13	744	1,150
Prepayments		27	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		50,942	48,472
TOTAL ASSETS		97,050	87,541
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	8	6,620	4,623
Loans Payable	17	-	1,383
Provisions	9	3,513	3,294
Contract Liabilities	10	8,790	8,956
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		18,923	18,256
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		115	-
Provisions	14	194	263
Contract Liabilities	15	381	709
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		690	972
TOTAL LIABILITIES		19,613	19,228
NET ASSETS		77,437	68,313
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		59,329	52,697
SRES Interruption Reserve		11,438	10,951
Maintenance Reserve		761	728
Financial Assets Reserve		4,927	2,943
Trust & Endowment Funds		982	994
TOTAL EQUITY		77,437	68,313

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 30 September 2025

	2025	2024
	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Customers & Members	104,179	92,145
Payments to Suppliers & Employees	(95,314)	(85,768)
Interest Received	1,557	1,871
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10,422	8,248
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment	(2,600)	(2,983)
Purchase of Investments	-	(8,000)
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(2,600)	(10,983)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Payment to Major Repairs Fund	(1,400)	(1,400)
Payment of Lease Liabilities	(78)	(73)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(1,478)	(1,473)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH ASSETS	6,344	(4,208)
Add opening Cash Assets Brought Forward	34,709	38,917
CLOSING CASH ASSETS CARRIED FORWARD	41,053	34,709
RECONCILIATION WITH OPERATING EARNINGS		
Surplus after Tax	7,140	3,352
Depreciation and Amortisation	2,479	2,193
Loss on Disposal of Property, Plant & Equipment	10	16
Net investment income	(347)	(376)
CHANGE IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(712)	1,636
Decrease in Inventories	80	255
Increase in Prepayments	(90)	(232)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	2,130	(888)
Increase/(Decrease) in Contract Liabilities	(418)	1,892
Increase in Provisions	150	400
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10,422	8,248
CASH ASSETS COMPRISE		
Cash – Bank and on Hand	27,872	22,036
Cash – Reserves, Trust and Endowment Funds	13,181	12,673
	41,053	34,709

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 30 September 2025

	Retained Earnings	SRES Interruption Reserve	Maintenance Reserve	Financial Assets Reserve	Trust & Endowment Funds	Total Equity
	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)	(\$'000's)
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023	49,903	10,446	695	(34)	974	61,984
Bequests & Endowments	(20)	-	-	-	20	-
SRES Interruption Reserve	(505)	505	-	-	-	-
Maintenance Reserve	(33)	-	33	-	-	-
Financial Assets Reserve	-	-	-	2,977	-	2,977
Surplus after Tax	3,352	-	-	-	-	3,352
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024	52,697	10,951	728	2,943	994	68,313
Bequests & Endowments	12	-	-	-	(12)	-
SRES Interruption Reserve	(487)	487	-	-	-	-
Maintenance Reserve	(33)	-	33	-	-	-
Financial Assets Reserve	-	-	-	1,984	-	1,984
Surplus after Tax	7,140	-	-	-	-	7,140
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025	59,329	11,438	761	4,927	982	77,437

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THIS FINANCIAL REPORT.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2025

1. INCORPORATION

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (“the RAS” or “the Society”) began in 1822 as an unincorporated agricultural association. On 13 November 1869 the RAS was incorporated in Australia under ‘The Agricultural Society of New South Wales Act’ under the New South Wales Parliament. Through Royal Assent in 1891, the prefix ‘Royal’ was added and became the ‘Royal Agricultural Society of NSW’.

2. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

(a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting including the historical cost convention and the going concern assumption. The financial statements authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Councillors, as directors, on 24 November 2025. It contains the disclosures that are mandatory under the Accounting Standards and those considered necessary by the Councillors to meet the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members to fulfil the Councillors’ financial reporting requirements under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. The accounting policies used in the preparation of this financial report, as described below, are consistent with the previous years, and are, in the opinion of the Councillors, appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The RAS is not a reporting entity because in the opinion of the Councillors, there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs.

Accordingly, the financial report has been prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting specified by all Accounting Standards and Interpretations and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors, AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures, AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures, which apply to all entities required to prepare financial

reports under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012.

The Councillors have determined that for the financial report to give a true and fair view of the Company’s performance, cash flows and financial position, the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and other financial reporting requirements in Australia relating to the measurement of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and equity should be complied with.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars (\$).

(b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

(i) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial years.

(ii) Accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain Australian Accounting Standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Society for the annual reporting period ended 30 September 2025.

The Councillors have not early adopted any of these new or amended standards or interpretations. The Councillors have not yet fully assessed the impact of these new or amended standards (to the extent relevant to the RAS).

(c) Cash At Bank and On Hand

Cash comprises cash on hand and cash investments comprising term deposits, cash funds, and short-term deposits. All cash is invested in accordance with the RAS’s investment policy.

(d) Investments

Investments and financial assets in the scope of AASB 9 Financial Instruments are categorised as either financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income or at amortised cost. The classification depends on the Society’s business model in managing these financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The fair values of the listed equity investments are based on price quotations at the reporting date.

Designation is re-evaluated at each financial year end, but there are restrictions on reclassifying to other categories.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

(i) Recognition and de-recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date i.e., the date that the Society commits to purchase the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets under contracts that require delivery of the assets within the period established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace. Financial assets are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or been transferred.

(ii) Held-to-maturity investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity are classified as held-to-maturity when the Society has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. These financial assets are measured at amortised cost under AASB 9 as they are held under a business model to collect contractual cash flows, and these cash flows consist solely of payments of principal and interest. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification.

Held-to-maturity financial assets are initially measured at fair value plus any applicable transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost. This cost is computed as the amount initially recognised minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initially recognised amount and the maturity amount. This calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums and discounts.

(e) Trade and Other Receivables

Trade receivables are classified as financial assets initially recognised at fair value plus any applicable transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

AASB 9 also requires the Society to account for expected credit losses when trade receivables are first recognised, and the changes in expected credit losses at each reporting date if the credit risk has changed since initial recognition. Trade receivables in relation to current and past events are due within two weeks. Due to the short-term nature of these receivables, the carrying value of trade receivables less expected credit losses provision is considered to approximate fair value.

The recoverability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Trade receivables are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the

contractual cash flows, and the loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(f) Inventories

Inventories represent stock of food, beverage and consumables and have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on the first-in-first-out basis and comprises the cost of the purchase and the costs of bringing the inventories to location.

(g) Property, Plant and Equipment

Cost

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost. These assets are not carried at an amount above their recoverable amount, and where carrying values exceed this recoverable amount assets are written down.

Depreciation

Depreciation on the administration building is provided on a straight-line basis over a period of 50 years, which commenced on 1 October 1998. Other items of property, plant & equipment are depreciated at rates based on their economic lives, using the straight-line method. Depreciation is reviewed annually to determine useful life. The following estimates of useful lives are used in the calculation of depreciation:

	2025	2024
Buildings	50 years	50 years
Site Improvements	10 to 40 years	10 to 40 years
Plant & Equipment	2 to 10 years	2 to 10 years
Computer & Office Equipment	2 to 10 years	2 to 10 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years	5 years
Heritage Assets	Not depreciated	Not depreciated

Impairment

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using an appropriate discount rate.

Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The asset is then written down to its recoverable amount. For property, plant and equipment, impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

(h) Intangible Assets

Cost

Intangible Assets are carried at cost. The RAS has capitalised the development costs of a computer software used in the administration of competitions and exhibitions conducted by the RAS. The computer software supports the generation of future earnings and is subject to impairment testing, so that the computer software is not carried at an amount above its recoverable amount, and where carrying value exceed this recoverable amount the asset is written down.

Amortisation

Amortisation of the software is calculated on a straight-line basis over the 6 years estimated finite useful life of the asset, commenced on 1 August 2021.

Impairment

The recoverability of the carrying value of intangible assets is reviewed for impairment at reporting date, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

The recoverable amount of intangible asset is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using an appropriate discount rate.

Impairment exists if there is evidence of obsolescence or significant changes impacting how the intangible asset is used or expected to be used by the RAS, indicating that the economic performance of the intangible asset is not as intended by the management. As such, the carrying value of an intangible asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount and is subsequently written down to its recoverable amount. The impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(i) Trade and Other Payables

Liabilities for trade creditors and other amounts are carried at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Society.

(j) Revenue Recognition

Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) operation revenue, including ground operations, rentals, entry fees and commissions, is recognised over the period in which the

services are rendered or at the time the event occurs.

Sydney Showground revenue, including ground operation, rentals and commissions, is recognised over the period in which the services are rendered or at the time the event occurs.

Membership revenue is recognised over the period in which the services are rendered.

Gate receipts and sponsorship revenues are recognised at the time the event occurs or over the period in which the services are provided.

Donation revenue is recognised when performance obligations, if existed, are satisfied.

Interest revenue is recognised on an accrual basis using the effective interest method.

Grant revenue is recognised when performance obligation to provide goods or services is satisfied.

Revenue and expense include 'sponsorship contributions in kind'. All significant sponsorship contributions in kind are recorded as income using the estimated fair value or the cost of the goods or services utilised. The corresponding charge for these amounts is recorded as an expense. Sponsorship contributions in kind relate primarily to advertising and equipment hire.

(k) Employee Entitlements

Provisions are made for long service leave and annual leave estimated to be payable to employees based on statutory and contractual requirements. The amounts provided have been apportioned between current and non-current, the current provision being the portion that is expected to be settled wholly within the next twelve months. Entitlements greater than twelve months are discounted based on an appropriate discount rate. Payroll on-costs associated with leave entitlements are recognised as liabilities.

The employer superannuation contributions for permanent staff are paid to ANZ Smart Choice Employer Super or another fund chosen by the employee. Contributions for other staff are paid to a number of industry superannuation funds.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

(l) Leased Assets

The Society has operating leases on its fleet of photocopiers. Right-of-use assets were recognised at cost on the commencement of the lease, then carrying value is reduced by accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Lease liabilities were recognised on commencement date at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The present value was derived using the incremental deposit rate at the beginning of the lease because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. The subsequent carrying value of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made.

(m) Reserves & Cash – Reserve, Trust and Endowment Funds

In June 2004 the Board of the RAS approved the creation of the SRES Interruption Reserve. The reserve is available for use in the case of serious interruptions to revenue from the Sydney Royal Easter Show and will ensure a continuation of business without a reliance on borrowing or operating funds.

In September 2011 the Board of the RAS approved the creation of the Maintenance Reserve. The reserve is available for use in the maintenance and development of the Showground site outside the Major Repair Fund program.

The balances of the SRES Interruption Reserve and Maintenance Reserve are reviewed annually. Board approval is required for any decision in relation to the two Reserves.

Cash – Reserve, Trust and Endowment Funds asset includes the cash balances of the SRES Interruption Reserve, Maintenance Reserve and Trust and Endowment Funds. The SRES Interruption Reserve and Maintenance Reserve cash balances can only be utilised in the circumstances outlined above and by decision of the Board of the RAS.

(n) Rounding

The financial statements have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

(o) Income Tax

The RAS is exempt from income tax under section 50-105 of the Income Tax Act of Australia of 1997.

(p) Previous Period Comparatives

The financial statements provide comparative information in respect of the previous period, ended 30 September 2024.

3. MAJOR REPAIR FUND

On 27 September 1996 the RAS entered a lease over the use of land for both the Showground and Administration Building for a period of 99 years with a further 99 years option. Under this lease and commencing from 1 September 2000, the Sydney Olympic Park Authority ('SOPA') is obliged to make annual payments to a Major Repair Fund (MRF), which is sourced from the payment made by the RAS. The payment is calculated based on a percentage of the SRES revenue and a percentage of the turnover from other activities. Dependent upon certain terms and conditions, this obligation is approximately \$4,500,000 per annum.

The RAS paid a total of \$4,459,000 (2024: \$4,406,000) to SOPA during the financial year. The majority of this amount was contributed to the Major Repair Fund based on the terms and conditions of the lease agreement. Correspondingly, RAS utilised \$4,644,000 (2024: \$7,018,000) on various approved major repair projects.

The balance of the Major Repair Fund on 30 September 2025 was \$12,770,000 (2024: \$11,225,000). This cash balance is held by SOPA for the purpose of significant repairs and structural alterations in respect of the Sydney Showground.

	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
4. DISPOSAL OF ASSETS		
Loss on disposal of assets	(10)	(16)
	(10)	(16)

5. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)

Trade Debtors	2,042	1,651
Accrued Income	921	590
GST Receivable (Net)	-	10
	2,963	2,251

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
6. INVENTORIES (CURRENT)		
Stock at cost	308	388
	308	388

7. PREPAYMENTS (CURRENT)		
Prepaid Other	1,784	1,721
	1,784	1,721

8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES (CURRENT)		
Trade Creditors	1,283	846
GST Payable (Net)	61	-
Accruals	5,223	3,734
Other	53	43
	6,620	4,623

9. PROVISIONS (CURRENT)		
Long Service Leave	1,994	1,850
Annual Leave	1,514	1,399
Public Liability Claims	5	45
	3,513	3,294

10. CONTRACT LIABILITIES (CURRENT)		
Prepaid Membership Fees	449	454
Lease Liabilities	84	78
Deferred Exhibition Rent, Bonds	7,711	7,678
Other Deferred Revenue / Contribution	546	746
	8,790	8,956

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

CAPITAL WORK IN PROGRESS

	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
Balance Bought Forward	172	109
Additions	(7)	63
	165	172

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Administration Building, Sydney Olympic Park	6,440	6,440
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,477)	(3,349)
	2,963	3,091
Site Improvements	15,453	15,031
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,907)	(4,571)
	10,546	10,460
Plant and Equipment	16,008	16,745
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(12,647)	(14,314)
	3,361	2,431
Computer & Office Equipment	5,646	5,608
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,934)	(3,558)
	1,712	2,050
Motor Vehicles	1,027	961
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(840)	(827)
	187	134
Heritage Collection	90	90
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-	-
	90	90
Property, Plant and Equipment at net book value	18,859	18,256
Total Property Plant and Equipment	19,024	18,428

Reconciliation of Carrying Amounts

Property, Plant & Equipment	Admin. Building	Site Improvements	Plant & Equipment	Computer & Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Heritage Collection	Total
	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's	\$'000's
At Cost	6,440	15,453	16,008	5,646	1,027	90	44,664
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,477)	(4,907)	(12,647)	(3,934)	(840)	-	(25,805)
	2,963	10,546	3,361	1,712	187	90	18,859
Reconciliation of Carrying amounts							
Carrying amount at start of year	3,091	10,460	2,431	2,050	134	90	18,256
Capital Additions	-	554	1,670	299	85	-	2,608
Capital Disposals	-	(1)	(9)	-	-	-	(10)
Depreciation expense	(128)	(467)	(731)	(637)	(32)	-	(1,995)
Carrying amount at end of year	2,963	10,546	3,361	1,712	187	90	18,859

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
12. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (NON-CURRENT)		
Photocopiers	388	388
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(246)	(168)
	142	220
Future Lease Payments		
Not later than 1 year	84	78
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	75	159
	159	237

The Society has entered a non-cancellable operating lease on its photocopiers over a 5-year term. The photocopiers have been recognised as Right-of-use Assets while the lease obligations have been recognised as Lease Liabilities.

13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (NON-CURRENT)

Computer Software	2,435	2,435
Less Accumulated Amortisation	(1,691)	(1,285)
Intangible Asset at net book value	744	1,150

14. PROVISIONS (NON-CURRENT)

Long Service Leave	194	263
	194	263

15. CONTRACT LIABILITIES (NON-CURRENT)

Prepaid Membership Fees	232	218
Lease Liabilities	75	159
Deferred Bonds	74	159
Other Deferred Revenue	-	173
	381	709

16. OTHER REVENUE

Government Grants	-	202
Other revenue	3,392	2,769
Proceeds from the disposal of assets	2	-
	3,394	2,971

Other Revenue comprises income from the Australasian Animal Registry, dividend income from investments, other event ticket sales, advertising revenue and other miscellaneous income.

17. LOANS PAYABLE

Loans Payable (Current)	-	1,383
	-	1,383

In 2020, RAS received a \$7,000,000 advance from MRF, the advance is interest free and is repayable over 5 years. The final repayment of \$1,400,000 was made in September 2025.

18. INVESTMENT IN FINANCIAL ASSETS

RAS engages an advisor to manage its investment portfolio in financial assets, adhering to guidelines established by the RAS Audit Committee. These investment guidelines are reviewed annually in accordance with the RAS Investment Policy. The portfolio includes investments in Australian and overseas listed equities, as well as selected non-equity asset classes.

	2025 (\$'000's)	2024 (\$'000's)
19. AUDITORS REMUNERATION		
Amount received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young:		
Fee for auditing the financial report	120	119
Other assurance services	62	74
	182	193

20. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL REMUNERATION

The Office Bearers of the RAS serve without remuneration, but they are eligible for reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses when attending Council meetings where applicable.

The total remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year was \$2,732,000 (2024: \$2,355,000).

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The RAS deals with other business enterprises associated with RAS Councillors from time to time in the ordinary course of business. Certain Councillors have declared an interest in the RAS's dealings with enterprises associated with them. These include Mr B Dudley (Seyfarth Shaw Australia), Ms S Evans (Len Evans Tutorial Inc, Len Evans Foundation Ltd), and Ms R Petrie (Royston Petrie Seeds Pty Ltd).

In the 2025 financial year, the RAS donated \$630,000 (2024: \$629,000) to the RAS Foundation Limited (RASf). There is a Service Level Agreement between the two entities, where the RAS provide certain services to the RASf at no cost, or at a cost agreed upon between the two parties. In the 2025 financial year, the RAS received a total of \$474,000 (2024: \$511,000) in the form of costs recovery from the RASf.

DECLARATION BY THE BOARD

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW, we state that:

- (a) the Society is not a reporting entity as defined in the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW are in accordance with the Rules of the Society and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2(a) to the financial statements and complying with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013*;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board



John C Bennett OAM, President

Date: 24 November 2025



S J Walker, Treasurer

Date: 24 November 2025





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Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Board of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

In relation to our audit of the financial report of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW for the financial year ended 30 September 2025, and in accordance with the requirements of Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of any applicable code of professional conduct; and
- b. No non-audit services provided that contravene any applicable code of professional conduct.

Ernst & Young

Daniel Cunningham
Partner
24 November 2025



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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Opinion

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (the "Society"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2025, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information, and the declaration by the Board.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Society is in accordance with the Rules of the Society and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 30 September 2025 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Society in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012*. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Corporate Governance Statement and Competition Entries Report accompanying the financial report.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Society are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Rule of the Society and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as they determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control.



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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ernst & Young

Daniel Cunningham
Partner
Sydney
24 November 2025

2024 AND 2025 COMPETITION ENTRIES REPORT

As at 8 December 2025

COMPETITIONS	Catalogued Entries*		Catalogued Livestock Exhibits**	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
SYDNEY ROYAL WINE, BEER & CIDER, DAIRY AND FINE FOOD SHOWS				
AQUACULTURE				
Sydney Rock Oysters	43	31		
Aquaculture (Spring)	16	10		
Total Aquaculture	59	41		
BEER & CIDER	228	212		
BRANDED MEAT	67	64		
CHEESE AND DAIRY PRODUCE	565	596		
DISTILLED SPIRITS	301	278		
OIL & OLIVES	99	81		
PASTA	84	112		
PROFESSIONAL BAKERY	310	280		
SMALLGOODS & CHARCUTERIE	519	436		
SPECIALTY FOODS	494	452		
WINE	1573	1783		
TOTAL WINE, DAIRY, FINE FOOD, BEER & CIDER SHOWS*	4,299	4,335		
SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW				
ALPACA & FLEECE***				
Breeds	162	188	162	188
Alpaca Fleece	132	140^		
Total Alpaca & Fleece	294	328	162	188
ARTS & CRAFTS				
Art - Open	1,875	1,699		
Craft - Open	1,812	1,694		
Cake Decorating & Sugar Art - Open	81	77		
Cookery - Open (incl. AgShows NSW Rich Fruit Cake Competition)	910	877		
Art - Under 20s	517	425		
Craft - Under 20s	127	114		
Cake Decorating - Under 20s	17	12		
Cookery - Under 20s	131	106		
Total Arts & Crafts	5,470	5,004		
AVIARY BIRD	487	424	487	424
CAT***				
NSWCFA	122		122	
ANCATS	110		110	
CATS NSW	91		91	
CATS AUSTRALIA	90		90	
Total Cat	413	377	413	377
CATTLE - BEEF				
Angus	144	150	112	114
Brahman	21	29	17	23
Charolais	73	100	52	72
Hereford - Horned & Polled	137	113	100	80
Limousin	116	124	95	104
Murray Grey	35	32	29	25
Red Angus	23	25	21	17
Red Poll	25	28	21	23
Santa Gertrudis (Feature Breed 2025)	187	35	136	25
Shorthorns	87	84	66	63
Simmental-Fleckvieh	139	143	106	104

2024 AND 2025 COMPETITION ENTRIES REPORT

As at 8 December 2025

COMPETITIONS	Catalogued Entries*		Catalogued Livestock Exhibits**	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW (Cont.)				
Speckle Park	67	66	54	52
Other Recognised Breeds	16	15	16	15
Breeds	1,070	944	825	717
Paraders	197	205		
CATTLE - YOUTH SHOW				
Paraders	118	78		
Judging Competition	118	78		
	236	156		
CATTLE - HEIFER FITTING CHALLENGE				
<i>Total Beef Cattle</i>	1,568	1,345	825	717
CATTLE - DAIRY				
Ayrshire	52	53	40	39
Brown Swiss	46	64	38	53
Guernsey	77	48	53	34
Holstein	168	134	150	123
Illawarra	56	31	45	27
Jersey	152	126	128	109
Breeds	551	456	454	385
Paraders	74	52		
All Breeds Youth Competition	82	59		
<i>Total Dairy Cattle</i>	707	567	454	385^f
CATTLE - PUREBRED STEER & CARCASE	260	242	260	242
CATTLE - TRADE HOOF & CARCASE	40	43	40	43
CATTLE - YOUNG AUCTIONEERS***	18	19		
CAVY***	144	102	144	102
DISTRICT EXHIBITS[^]	4	4		
DOG				
Conformation & Sweepstakes	2583	2373	2422	2158
Obedience Trial	103	105	61	69
Agility Trial	176	174	66	68
Festival of Dog Sports (new in 2025)	92		56	
Oodles and Mixed Breeds (Oodles in 2024 ^l)	18	42	9	28
	2,972	2,694	2,556	2,296
Handlers	13	30		
Total Dog	2,985	2,724	2,556	2,296
Sydney FCI International***	1695		1695	
Canine Grooming***	83	No data	83	No data
FLOWER & GARDEN	1,836	1,654^f		
FROG & REPTILE***	96	No data	96	No data
GOAT				
Angora Goat (incl. Schools' Wether Challenge)	168	144 ^f	96	67
Boer Goat	250	207	214	170
Dairy Goat	98	175	76	138
Breeds	516	526^f	386	375
Paraders	52	33		
Mohair Fleece	32	29		
Total Goat	600	588^f	386	375
Miniature Goat***		191^f		67^f
GREAT BACKYARD PUMPKIN COMPETITION	146	109		

2024 AND 2025 COMPETITION ENTRIES REPORT

As at 8 December 2025

COMPETITIONS	Catalogued Entries*		Catalogued Livestock Exhibits**	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW (Cont.)				
HORSE				
Arabian Derivatives	116	124	87	94
Australian National Saddlehorses	188	199	127	127
Australian Stock Horses	406	418	121	125
Station Horse Challenge	59	59	59	59
Time Trial Challenge	44	49	44	49
Most Versatile Australian Stock Horse Exhibit	41	43	41	43
Australian Ponies	51	55	43	44
Australian Miniature Ponies (Miniature Ponies 2024)	69	86	45	52
Australian Saddle Ponies	204	203	126	123
Clydesdales	57	50	40	48
Heavy Horse	5	7	5	7
Riding Ponies	141	137	111	109
Shetland Ponies	150	140	110	106
Shires	13	20	10	16
Standardbreds	47	38	27	23
Thoroughbreds	78	102	69	82
Welsh Mountain Ponies	65	72	60	66
Welsh Ponies Section B	33	36	33	36
Welsh Ponies Section C & D	14	14	14	14
Part Bred Welsh Ponies	121	125	94	101
Hacks (over 15 hands)	352	378	107	119
Galloways (over 14hh & under 15hh)	149	169	52	60
Ponies	187	207	90	94
Show Hunter	569	516	236	218
Working Hunter	41	33	41	33
Breeds	3,200	3,280	983	1,015
Light Harness	262	272	80	87
Business Delivery & Turnout	137	105	64	61
Draught Horse Obstacle (Heavy Horse Obstacle in 2024)	31	51	18	22
Leading Rein	28	22	28	22
Police Horses	44	44	32	32
Riding (Incl. Fancy Dress)	347	350		
Pony Club Events	221	254	122	142
Jumping Competitions	481	315	97	70
Campdrafting	15	15	15	15
Rodeo	77	69 ^f	76	67 ^f
Horses In Action	1,643	1,497		
Total Horse	4,843	4,777	1,463	1,389^f
NATIONAL HONEY SHOW (incl. Commercial Classes)	592	604		
PIGEON	114	159	114	159
PIG				
Breeds (including Performance/Objective Measurement Classes)	108	138	97	120
School Commercial Pig Competition	4	6	4	6 ^f
Bacon & Pork Type	2	10		
	114	154	97	126^f
Pig Handler	18	15		
Total Pig	132	169	115	126
POULTRY				
Birds	2320	2000	2320	2000
Egg Laying	44	47	44	47
Eggs	164	50		
	2,528	2,097	2,364	2,047
Poultry Youth Showmanship	45	39		
Total Poultry	2,573	2,136	2,364	2,047

2024 AND 2025 COMPETITION ENTRIES REPORT

As at 8 December 2025s

COMPETITIONS	Catalogued Entries*		Catalogued Livestock Exhibits**	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW (Cont.)				
RABBIT***	181	348	181	286
RABBIT HOPPING***	67		25	
RAT & MOUSE***	105	106	105	106
SCARECROW COMPETITION	20	13		
SCHOOL DISTRICT DISPLAY	5	3		
SHEEP FLEECE	147	116		
SHEEP FLEECE - District Exhibits Classes^	30	74		
SHEEP - MEAT & DUAL PURPOSE BREEDS				
Australian White	8	16	7	14
Border Leicester	78	111	66	85
Corriedale	60	63	53	53
Dorper	13	18	9	12
Hampshire Down	11	10	8	8
Poll Dorset	22	37	16	30
Southdown	0	8	0	5
Suffolk	36	34	23	24
Texel		0		0
Valais Blacknose (New breed in 2025)	33		20	
White Dorper	5	2	4	2
White Suffolk (Feature breed 2025)	61	40	41	28
Wilitipoll (New breed in 2024)	22	24	15	20
Wiltshire Horn	10	37	7	28
Any Other Breed	15	21	12	17
School's Interbreed	68	39		
Breeds	442	460	281	326
SHEEP - MERINO				
Merino and Poll Merino (Feature - 2024 Poll Merinos; 2025 Strong Wool)	251	243	223	193
Breeds	251	243	223	193
SHEEP - HANDLERS	19	23		
SHEEP - WOOLLEN GARMENT	9	6		
Total Sheep & Fleece	898	922	504	519
WOODCHOPPING AND SAWING^	2,440	3,021		
YOUNG JUDGES	265	265		
TOTAL ROYAL EASTER SHOW	30,859	26,244^	10,752	9,781
SYDNEY SPRING GARDEN	44	59		
TOTAL SYDNEY ROYAL SHOWS	35,202	30,638^	10,752	9,781

Assumptions

*Catalogued Entries indicates the number of Class entries published in a sectional catalogue or other official documentation or calculated at for/a date prior to judging. Entries which were withdrawn, absent or disqualified during the Show are not deducted from the figures.

**Catalogued Livestock Exhibits indicates the number of Exhibits (containing animals or birds) which are entered in Competitions. Exhibits may consist of one or more animal/bird and may be entered into more than one Class or Competition. Figures do not represent actual animals on the Showground. The sum of livestock figures within a section does not represent the total livestock count where a Livestock Exhibit may be entered into more than one Class or Class range.

***Alpaca & Fleece, Canine Grooming, Cat, Cavy, Frog & Reptile, Rabbit, Rabbit Hopping, Rat & Mouse, Sydney FCI International Dog Show and Young Auctioneers are competitions administered outside of the RAS where all or part of data not available at time of publication. Purebred Steer & Carcase and Trade Hoof & Carcase excludes Carcase Class entries. Cattle Beef Challenge excluded. Angora Goat entries includes School Single & Group Classes (taken from event counts). Cheese & Dairy Produce entries open in the previous financial year. Horse excludes Polocrosse and Tentpegging Teams Challenge. Poultry excludes School Meat Bird Pair Classes (cancelled) and School Egg Laying component Classes. Sydney Spring Garden Show closes and is judged in the subsequent financial year.

^Competition administered in the myRAS Competitions Administration System (CAS) System. Figures may not be directly comparative to legacy system figures given data structures.

#2024 figures are updated since the 2023-2024 Annual Report publication.



Tree felling, World's Championship. C. Winkle (left, winner) and Bill Johnston (right), 1939 Sydney Royal Easter Show.





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