

ROYAL NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA LIMITED

TO OUR VALUED STAKEHOLDER

Re: CANCELLATION OF THE 2020 ROYAL LAUNCESTON SHOW

After extensive consideration, it is with sincere disappointment that the Royal National Agricultural & Pastoral Society of Tasmania (Society) has to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Royal Launceston Show scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, 8th October.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and the current restrictions in place for public gatherings, along with the uncertainty of any timeline around lifting restrictions, it makes it unworkable to hold an event such as the Royal Launceston Show this year. This announcement follows the news of capital city Royal Shows and regional shows around Australia having to be cancelled for the same reasons.

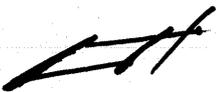
The decision not to proceed with our annual show has not been taken lightly. With few exceptions the Launceston Show has been conducted each year since 1873. When arriving at this decision careful consideration was given to such factors as insurance risk, financial implications and the health and well being of our stakeholders and the general community. Consequently we are unable to guarantee the safety of those involved in our annual event, and our patrons, and therefore have determined the risk and exposure for the Society to be too great.

It is our intention to reactivate the weekly Launceston Eskmarket which is operated by our Society as soon as easing of restriction permits this action.

Our planning will now focus on a new location and a refreshed and vibrant Royal Launceston Show in October 2021.

We will keep you informed of future developments and look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Royal Launceston Show.

Yours sincerely



Brian Bennett
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