

**HAMILTON DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW SOCIETY INC  
OPENING OF THE 2026 HAMILTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW  
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HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
HAMILTON RECREATION GROUND, SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026**

Good morning, everyone.

It is a pleasure to join you all here in the beautiful Derwent Valley for the opening of this 2026 Hamilton Agricultural Show.

May I acknowledge the Palawa people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

The Hamilton District Agricultural Show dates back to a meeting of Soldier Settler Farmers in the early 1950s. Each year the Show brings this community together in a wonderful celebration of rural life.

May I congratulate the Hamilton Agricultural Show Society committee for your dedication and hard work in delivering this event once again. Your careful organisation, commitment and countless volunteer hours ensure that this Show remains a highlight on the Derwent Valley calendar.

While the main objective of the Show is to promote agriculture in the Central Highlands and Derwent Valley, you also have a variety of fun attractions<sup>1</sup>. Traditional activities such as Shearing and Wool Handling, Working Yard Dogs, and Equestrian events combine with activities such as the Miniature Goats, 'Hall of Home' display featuring handicrafts, art and fresh produce, clay target shooting, along with loads of children's activities and some great live entertainment.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://hamiltonshowtasmania.com/about-2/> About

To the exhibitors and competitors, thank you for your dedication. To the sponsors, your support makes this day possible. And to the volunteers, please accept our appreciation of all the work that you do.

It is now my great pleasure to declare the 2026 Hamilton Agricultural Show officially open, for a wonderful and successful day.

Thank you.