

**ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA
PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING LEGEND OF THE SHOW AWARD 2021
SPEECH BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF TASMANIA SHOWGROUND
THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021**

Good afternoon. May I acknowledge among us:

- The Honourable Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General;
- The Honourable Rebecca White MP, Leader of the Opposition;
- The Honourable Josh Willie MLC;
- Ms Madeleine Ogilvie MP;
- Alderman Steven King, Deputy Mayor, Glenorchy City Council,
- Other Distinguished Guests;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Over the years the Royal Hobart Show has relied upon its volunteers and the achievement of reaching 200 years of agricultural showing in Hobart can be attributed to such people. To recognise the Society's achievers, each year we announce the Living Legend of the Show.

The Award is the preeminent honour the Society can bestow on a living individual who has contributed to the success of the Society and the Royal Hobart Show. The announcement is always made during the Show each year.

This year's recipient is someone who first visited the Show 66 years ago as a young school student and then decided to get more fully involved. That person has served the Show and its vision faithfully since 1955. Ladies and gentlemen, the 2021 Living Legend of the Royal Hobart Show in this the 200th year of agricultural showing in Hobart, is Henry Burbury.

Henry first visited the Show in 1955. He was back at the Show the next year with his family as a young exhibitor of cattle and I don't think he's missed a Show since. Always a stalwart, always there when you need him.

In the mid 1970s, Henry got involved with the peak Show Council. He became Chairman of the Beef Cattle Committee and in 1996 he was elected the Society's President after serving as Vice President for the preceding three years, replacing Mr Ken Downie.

During his tenure as President, he oversaw a much-needed restructure and modernisation of the Society. He oversaw the acquisition of a strategically important section of the Spurline Road and was partly instrumental in acquiring sponsorships for the Show from well known Tasmanian brands such as the *Mercury*, WIN TV and the Tasmanian Trustees.

Henry remains an active RAST Councillor, having chaired many sections over the years including Alpacas, Cavies and Rabbits. Henry remains an active volunteer for the RAST Food and Wine shows while still chairing Alpacas and Cavies as well as being active on the nominations and discipline committees. He is recognised for his tremendous ability to smooth over troubled waters and has often been dispatched to deal with some tricky situations.

Proving that some things never change in Tasmania, Henry was also at the helm during a period of intense debate about the establishment of a Tasmanian AFL side to be based at the Showground. As I say, some things never change.

Henry was also prominent in the Show's own cricket league. Every Friday night of the Show, you could find him down in the cattle shed where a fierce annual cricket match played out between the beef cattle boys and girls and the dairy cattle community.

So, our congratulations to Henry.

This Show has been built on 200 years of volunteering enthusiasm. Henry is a great exemplar of serving and enriching our community as a volunteer.

And thanks from the Society.

You've done us and the Tasmanian community very proud.

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