



RAST

The Royal Agricultural
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ROYAL HOBART SHOW

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. The award is open to those who are permanent residents of Australia. Any queries regarding eligibility should be referred to the Rural Ambassador Coordinator, Ian Blades via email (bladesev@tassie.net.au) or phone (0419 331 964).
2. Entrants must be aged 20-30 years as at 1 May of the year of the State Final.
3. Entrants must be permanent residents of Australia who reside within their nominated State/Territory for the last three months, or if resident near a State border can show they are an active working member of their nominating Show.
4. Staff and Councillors of the Royal Agricultural Society (RAST) and sons and daughters of the staff and Councillors of the RAST and Agricultural Society State Body's Executive are not eligible to enter.
5. All entrants must to lodge their entry form prior to the closing date for entries.
6. Tertiary qualifications are not a pre-requisite for the Rural Ambassador Award and will have no influence on the selection process.
7. Winning entrants will be required to spend four days at the Royal Hobart Show and therefore will need to obtain a leave of absence from their place of work or education for this time. Inability to attend the Show on all four days may result in disqualification.
8. Entries must include a completed entry form, a recent photograph and a covering letter. Failure to provide all the above documentation will deem the entry invalid.
9. Entrants should be actively involved, or demonstrate a readiness to become actively involved, in The Royal Hobart Show and or their local show. They should also be knowledgeable about current rural issues pertaining to their local area, State/Territory and Australia and have a strong affiliation towards agriculture.

10. Prizes awarded to the Rural Ambassador are not transferable and must be utilised within eighteen months of being awarded. This date is taken as being the date of the Award presentation during the Royal Hobart Show. All prizes are subject to change without notice.
11. Under the Conditions of Entry, previous National entrants are not eligible to re-enter the Rural Ambassador Award.
12. The entrant authorises the RAST, to incorporate any photograph of the entrant in any public display in connection with the promotion of the RAST.
13. The Conditions of Entry shall constitute the whole agreement upon which an entry is submitted and the entrant agrees that all representations and statements not itemised herein are excluded.

Closing date for entries is 15 September 2017.



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GUIDELINES FOR STATE ORGANISING BODY OF AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Rural Ambassador Award seeks youth that can demonstrate a strong commitment to rural industry and who have a genuine interest and/or affiliation with their local Show movement.

Whilst a State/Territory is free to use their own judging criteria, below is set out a list of suggestions as to what should be looked for in a candidate.

- Agricultural interests and skills
- Presentation
- Personal achievements
- Personality
- Verbal communication – both during an interview and with colleagues
- Contribution to the Show Society – involvement, enthusiasm, versatility, ability to take and give direction, new ideas
- Community involvement
- Future goals
- Interests/hobbies
- Knowledge of both local and general rural issues
- Possibility of long term involvement in the Show Movement

Once a State/Territory has made its selection, the nominated entrant need only fill in an entry form, attach a photograph and a covering letter and send to the Rural Ambassador Co-ordinator of the Host RAS.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

National Final Entrants will be judged in accordance with the following guidelines:

Community involvement	5 points
Country Show involvement	25 points
General and Rural Knowledge	20 points
Personality	10 points
Ambitions/Goals	20 points
Communication Skills	10 points
Style, grooming and deportment	10 points
TOTAL (INTERVIEW)	100 points

Public presentation

20 points

TOTAL SCORE

120 points

RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARD 2017

INFORMATION

- An entry form is to be completed by each entrant
- Please include one photograph, passport size or larger, of the entrant and a covering letter from the entrant.

The covering letter should include the following points:

- Information about yourself
- Involvement in show society/community organisations

Entrant's name: _____

Address: _____ P/C _____

Telephone: _____ (ah) _____ (mobile)

E-mail: _____

Age (as at 1st May 2017) _____ Date of Birth _____

Nominated by Show Society: _____

Signed: _____

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ENTRANT QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Do you currently have any involvement in your Show Society (include any stewarding and exhibiting experience you may have as well as general responsibilities during your Show)? If not, do you see yourself becoming involved in Royal Hobart Show Society?

2. What agricultural interests do you have?

3. What do you see as your biggest personal achievement?



4. What practical skills do you have? (eg harvesting, artificial insemination, farm mechanics etc):

5. What are your ambitions/aspirations for the future?

6. Do you currently have any involvement in community organisations?

7. Employment history and associated responsibilities:



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8. Educational details (including Vocational/Skills Institute courses):

9. What is the importance of the local show in your community?

10. What would you like to achieve in your year as Ambassador, if you were chosen as the Royal Hobart Show Ambassador?



11. What do you believe that you should be doing if you were to be the Royal Hobart Show Rural Ambassador?

12. How could your selection as the Royal Hobart Show Rural Ambassador assist both you and the Royal Hobart Show?

13. Do you have any suggestions on how Royal Hobart Show should deal with the issue of aging committees?

Once completed please send this form to Ian Blades via email (bladese@tassie.net.au).