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Kempton Festival

I have long been a supporter of this thriving community festival and it will give me great pleasure to officially open the 2019 Kempton Festival on behalf of the Premier of Tasmania this Sunday 17 February.

Hosted at the Kempton Recreation Ground, the festival will feature horse drawn carriage rides, which played such an important part in the history of the Kempton area.

With gates opening at 9am, this gold coin entry festival showcases local produce and entertainment, including free kids activities, making it a great day out for the family.

Highlights this year will include the ever popular sheep racing events, wood chopping demonstrations and traditional skills such as sheep shearing and a working blacksmith display.

Congratulations to the Green Ponds Progress Association and the Southern Midlands community for organising the Kempton Festival, a community event that celebrates and showcases rural and village life.

It's events like this that demonstrate community spirit is alive and well in the Southern Midlands.

Shows are an important part of rural communities and it will be a pleasure to see the children, parents and community members enjoying themselves sampling regional produce and supporting local businesses.

We are committed to working with local communities and ensuring that all Tasmanians can share in the benefit of a strong economy and sound financial management.