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## Hamilton Agricultural Show

As a long-time supporter of the Hamilton Agricultural Show, I was pleased to provide this important community event with a \$15,000 grant for essential infrastructure and maintenance.

I attended this year's event on 2 March to launch the new Shearing Stand, before taking time to thoroughly enjoy the great family day and see the best of what the local area has to offer.

Now in its 66th year, the Hamilton Agricultural Show is a traditional grassroots show that promotes agriculture in the Central Highlands and Derwent Valley, against a backdrop of great fun with a variety of attractions.

Located an hour's drive north of Hobart in the heart of Tasmania, Hamilton is a town of important history and heritage that shows its personality each year as local volunteers organise this magnificent annual event.

A great day out for the family, patrons had the chance to experience livestock displays, equestrian show jumping, live musical performances, local produce and demonstrations of traditional agricultural skills including shearing, working dogs and campdrafting riders mustering cattle from horseback.

Popular features included ute displays, the miniature goat competition, wood chopping, clay target shooting and the perennial favourite, the junior speed sheep shave.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud advocate for regional shows and the communities they represent, and has also provided the Hamilton Agricultural Show with a \$24,856 grant under the 2018-2019 Tasmanian Government Agricultural Development Grants Program for repurposing existing infrastructure.

Shows are an important part of rural communities and it is 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.