



Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

2019 Bushy Park Show

I have long been a supporter of this thriving community show and it gave me great pleasure to provide a \$12,000 grant to the Bushy Park Show Society for the purchase of a lawnmower and installation of a rainwater tank that were used to maintain and prepare the showgrounds.

Hosted on Saturday 16 February at the Bushy Park showgrounds alongside the Styx River, the show will feature wood chopping and equestrian sporting events as well as traditional cattle and sheep showing competitions including handler events.

Initially established in 1865 as a garden show, the Bushy Park Show is one of the oldest shows in Australia. Since these early days it has evolved and grown to showcase local produce and entertainment, becoming a great day out for the family.

Highlights this year will include demonstrations of making green-wood furniture, cooking with local produce, herbal teas, basket making, and even traditional blacksmithing.

The Hodgman Liberal Government is a proud advocate for regional shows and the communities they represent, and has also provided the Bushy Park Show Society with a \$9,000 grant for re-surfacing the internal showground roads.

Completed on 25 January in time for this year's event, this grant came under the 2018-2019 Tasmanian Government Agricultural Show Development Grants Program, which supports regional shows across the state.

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.