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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

Support for our regional shows in Lyons

Regional agricultural shows are the life-blood of our rural communities and the Tasmanian Government welcomes the recent federal grants to help showground infrastructure development.

Congratulations to three shows in the Lyons electorate, the Brighton Agricultural Society, the Longford Show Society and the Midlands Agricultural Association, who were among six Tasmanian show societies to secure \$1.2 million from the \$20 million Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program.

“Now more than ever our regional communities are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 emergency and these grants, together with those provided at a State level, provide economic stimulus not only for the show society during show season, but to their local community who use the grounds facilities for sport, markets and other community events,” Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, said.

“The Tasmanian Government, through the Agricultural Development Grants Program, also provides support for the re-purposing of existing infrastructure at showgrounds.

“Shows are an important part of rural communities and we are committed to working with local groups to ensure that all Tasmanians can share in our plan to rebuild a stronger Tasmania,” Minister Barnett said.

The Tasmanian recipients of grants are: Brighton Agricultural Society \$90,000, Longford Show Society \$91,627, Midlands Agricultural Association Incorporated \$499,953, Huon Agricultural Society \$290,859, Flinders Island Show Society \$123,300 and the Wynyard Agricultural and Pastoral Society \$122,440.