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Rural events bringing communities together

Tasmanian Natural Garlic and Tomato Festival

The Tasmanian Natural Garlic and Tomato Festival was held on Sunday 21 March.

Hosted by Nevil and Annette Reed, the event they initiated in 2015, on their property at Selbourne, is now in its 6th year.

The Reed's have been growing heirloom tomatoes since 2010 and they now produce around 200 varieties. They are also joined by their daughter Rebecca who provides marketing and business support.

Opened by Meander Valley Mayor Wayne Johnston, the Festival had a wonderful atmosphere with so much on offer including food, entertainment, workshops, cooking demonstrations, plenty of fun for the kids, and so much more.

I congratulate Nevil, Annette and Rebecca for their passion and dedication to hosting such a fantastic event that is drawing a larger crowd year on year. Thanks also to the hard working committee on another wonderful event.

Rupertswood Farm & Crop Maze

Another must see annual event is the Rupertswood Farm & Crop Maze at Hagley. This year's portrait is a Merino sheep! A very apt symbol for the area, and Lyons as a whole.

Farmers Rowan and Anna Clark developed the design in collaboration with UK Maze specialists, Mazescape with Rowan cutting the design using his GPS tractor system. Now in its 8th year, Rupertswood Maze it is a major agri-tourism attraction in Northern Tasmania.

The maze provides visitors with a fantastic day out and they can also enjoy paddock to plate fare and take away something special from the shop.

I'm proud to support these events that are integral to the local communities and showcase the wonderful diversity on offer in Lyons.



Guy with Tino Carnevale at the Tasmanian Natural Garlic and Tomato Festival



Guy and Kate Barnett, with Anna Clark of Rupertswood