



# Yass Show Celebrating 150 Years

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*From bull rides to fairy floss, this year's Yass Show will have it all. Here's a selection of new or unusual events you might see if you head along to the showground this weekend.*

### Tent pegging

An unusual but exciting display of tent pegging will be held on Saturday afternoon at the show.

The Australian Tent Pegging Association will put on a display of skills used by the Australian Light Horse.

Mounted soldiers would gallop through enemy camps, removing tent pegs with their lances and swords. More soldiers would follow, taking advantage of the surprise of tents collapsing.

The modern competition is based on these mounted skills. The event will be on the main arena on Saturday afternoon before the PBR rodeo.

### Australian Light Horse

A little bit of history from the early years of the show will be featured this weekend.

Members of the Australian Light Horse Association (ALHA) will be holding an exhibition around lunchtime on Sunday.

During the 1920s and 30s a lot of agricultural shows held competitions for the Light Horsemen's skills and presentation.

This year will be no different, with riders dressing up in full uniform, including traditional saddles and equipment.

"It's an interest to country people," ALHA president Phil Chalker told the Tribune.

"A lot of older and elderly people haven't seen these things since the 40s.

### Shearing

Always a popular event, the shearing competition will no doubt draw crowds again this weekend.

Local shearers battle it out for the annual quick shear title. The friendly competition encourages young shearers to get involved in the event.

The event, at 8.30 and 10am on Saturday at the DJ Payne Pavilion, is also popular with children as many haven't had the chance to watch a shearer in action.

### Dog obedience

Rally O is a new fun obedience sport in Australia for a dog and handler team.

The dog and handler team undertake a course of obedience type exercises set by the judge.

The exercises are laid out by a series of signs that instruct the handler what exercise the team needs to perform at each station.

While competing in a Rally O trial, owners talk to their dog, encourage and praise them. It isn't as rigorous or formal as traditional obedience.

The beginning level (novice) is done on lead and is a great introduction to trialling your dog in obedience or agility.

### Team yarding

For the first time in 150 years, a team yarding competition will take place at the Yass Show on Saturday.

Thirteen teams will compete in the event, with the winners crowned the inaugural team yarding champions.

The event starts at 10am and will run to about 3pm. The final takes place at 6pm just before the Yass Show Rodeo gets underway.

There will be teams from local businesses and properties.

Thanks to Cavan Station and also to Adrian Jones from Transport Yass and George and Richard Hempenstall who have donated their trucks to cart the cattle on Friday. Without their support we would be unable to run this event.

So come along, and enjoy this great event.

### Professional rodeo

A highlight of the show will be the professional bull riding rodeo on the Saturday night.

The show usually hosts a rodeo although this year will be a little bit more spectacular, with professional riders fighting it out for incredible prizes.

The event kicks off at 6.30pm at the showground.

Entry to the rodeo is included in the Saturday or weekend ticket price. Organisers wanted to stress that there won't be an additional fee for the rodeo.

For more on the rodeo see Friday's Tribune.



## What's on

Photo: RS Williams.



• Above: vintage cars will feature again at this year's show. Kerry Thompson enjoyed last year's event.



• Charlie and Grace Miller check out the pavilion at last year's show.



• Below: ALHA director Chris Walsh and president Phil Chalker.

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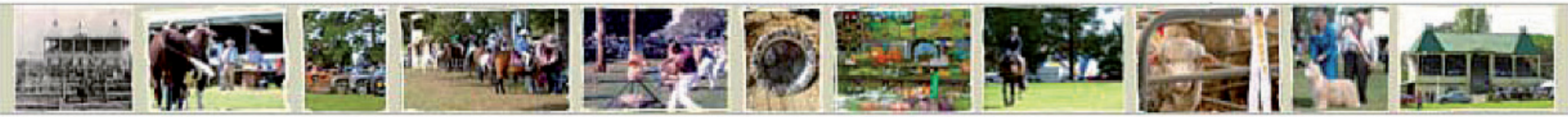


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At Yass Show Society Inc we know that we wouldn't be celebrating our 150th birthday if it wasn't for the support of our great band of volunteers and sponsors. Without them the Show just wouldn't happen. So we'd like to say "Thank You" and ask everyone to come out and enjoy the Show this weekend. For all the people who have put the Yass Show together that would be the best show of appreciation we could imagine.



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