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THE SHOW WILL GO ON IN HAWKESBURY

The Hawkesbury Show is set to return in 2021 with the NSW Government today announcing COVID safe guidelines that will allow locals and visitors to once again attend country shows.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said the Hawkesbury Show is a proud local tradition that the community looks forward to every year and the green light to bring this cherished event back is great news.

“Much of our region is in drought recovery for the first time in years so by holding the show once again our farmers will have the opportunity to showcase everything from the amazing food and fibre they grow to their prize winning bulls or family jam recipe,” Ms Preston said.

“The show is one of the most important social events on our calendar and draws crowds from across the region, giving local businesses exposure and keeping money flowing through our town and I have no doubt it will give our town a much needed boost.

“The NSW Government will be working closely with organisers and industry associations to ensure COVID safe measures are in place for each Show.”

Deputy Premier John Barilaro said shows can go ahead from January 2021 with up to 5,000 people able to attend at any given time.

“Country shows are the beating heart of regional communities and visiting a show is one of the highlights of living in the bush. Shows boost business and community spirit and it is important that people can enjoy these events safely and responsibly,” Mr Barilaro said.

“We’ve done the hard work and deserve to enjoy ourselves, however I must stress that it will be essential for both organisers, and attendees to follow guidelines as the last thing we want is outbreaks in regional towns.”

Organisers will have to complete a COVID Safe Event Plan, and ensure social distancing at venues, controlled access at entry points to minimise crowding and a limit to the number of attendees depending on venue size with one person per 4 square metres.

Organisers are encouraged to use the Service NSW COVID Safe QR codes to enable safe management of crowd numbers and contact tracing.

The NSW Government is working with the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW to explore options for the 2021 Sydney Royal Easter Show.

Guidelines and checklists for country shows will be available online at www.nsw.gov.au/COVID-19