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Press Release: The show must go on

With less than six weeks until the start of the Mount Gambier Show, our organising committees have been busily preparing for this year's event.

Considering current COVID restrictions the 2021 event will be structured differently to previous events, to ensure that The Show Society meet health and safety restrictions during these unprecedented times.

Mount Gambier Show President Danielle Tulak said several new initiatives have been initiated for the 2021 event to meet SA Health directives and requirements, and to enable the group to continue to put on an event for the community.

"At the present moment we are waiting on confirmation from SA Health that the event can go ahead as we have planned, but we understand that for many families and individuals The Show is such an exciting time that many want to start planning their day at The Show already."

There are several important changes for patrons to be aware of this year, including the new session times and online ticketing.

"Session times are fixed for our event to ensure that everyone can come and experience what The Show has to offer and allows us as a society to ensure we are not turning people away because we have met or exceeded patron numbers," said Ms Tulak.

The Show sessions are set to be 6 hours each, with multiple sessions available.

Friday October 22nd 10 am – 4pm,

Saturday October 23rd 9 am – 3 pm and Saturday October 23rd 4 pm – 10 pm.

Pre-purchasing tickets is a great way to make your Show dollars go further, with savings of 25% off the 2019 gate prices.

Reduced ticket prices for 2021 take into consideration the changes required for this year's event and the acknowledgement that some sections will not be operating at full capacity due to border restrictions.

Ticketing information can be found on our website www.mgshow.com.au and are available to purchase at <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/mount-gambier-agricultural-and-horticultural-society-inc/mount-gambier-spring-show.html>

Facial masks are a requirement for entry to this year's event, as per current SA Health restrictions. Patrons will not be permitted entry without a facial mask or a written medical exemption. "Patrons will need to wear a mask at our event, with all Covid Marshalls instructed to remind patrons as they enjoy our show" advises Ms Tulak.

Entry to the grounds will only be via one gate and this will be heavily sign posted to ensure access for all patrons.

Car parking is being provided for a gold coin donation – with all funds being donated to RFDS with car parking limited to the Northern car park on Pick Avenue at the Southeastern Hotel end.

Patrons will not be able to access the Showgrounds via Gratwick Drive (entry across from Pick Avenue Bakery) and will not be able to park their cars in the Southern car park.

The public is reminded that it is a requirement of entry to scan in with the SA Health app and QR code, or via manual sign in at the entry gate.

"At this point in time, seated consumption of food and drink is compulsory and will be monitored by our team of COVID Marshalls and security staff." Said Ms. Tulak.

The showgrounds will have a large number of security staff and COVID Marshalls for the 2-day event to ensure all patrons can enjoy the Show in a safe way.

Showbags and Show Rides will be back in 2021, including several interstate vendors that have been touring SA's Show circuit over the past months.

Ms Tulak wants everyone to remember that "our volunteers and staff have a monumental task ahead of them for this year's event. The cleaning requirements alone are quite large, so we are all learning these new processes and procedures together. It's important for our patrons to remember that The Show is brought about by a group of committed volunteers that are passionate about our Agricultural and Horticultural industries. COVID restrictions are new for us too and we are doing our best to bring our community together for The Show in 2021."

Please stay up to date with The Show and relevant COVID restrictions by following us on Facebook and checking in on the FAQs page on our website www.mgshow.com.au