



**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**2021 ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW CANCELLED**

SA Health has advised the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc., that in light of the increasing transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19 in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, they have made a determination that mass gathering events in South Australia must be significantly limited in numbers for the foreseeable future.

As a result of this advice, received late Wednesday afternoon, the Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA Inc. regrets to advise that the 2021 Royal Adelaide Show is cancelled.

SA Health advised that a daily cap on attendance to the Royal Show would be less than 10,000 people. As you would appreciate, this figure is not feasible therefore the 2021 Royal Show cannot proceed.

In a regular year, the Royal Adelaide Show can attract over 50,000 members of the public per day and, additionally, have up to 10,000 people working or competing at the Show each day.

The 2021 Royal Adelaide Show was scheduled to run for nine days, from Saturday September 4 to Sunday September 12.

The Royal Adelaide Show is South Australia's largest and longest running community event, attracting on average half a million visitors each year, and contributing more than \$170 million in value to the South Australian economy annually.

It is with great sadness that for the second year running there will be no Royal Adelaide Show. In the Society's 182-year history there have only been five reasons for the Show not being held, namely, the Victorian Gold Rush in 1852, WW1, the 1919 Spanish Flu pandemic, WW2 and now the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This announcement follows the recent cancellation of both the Royal Melbourne Show and Queensland EKKA.

As you can appreciate, unravelling Show preparations this close to the scheduled opening of the event is a significant undertaking. The RA&HS cordially asks that all involved in the Show be patient whilst the Society administration methodically works this through.

**Show public ticket holders** are advised to return to their place of ticket purchase for a full ticket refund.

**Competition entrants of non-judged competitions** will be advised directly on how to receive a refund on their entry fees.

**Competition winners of judged competitions** will be notified on how to collect their Show exhibits.



**Commercial exhibitors** will be contacted directly to work through commercial arrangements.

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