



The Royal Canberra Show - where the country meets city lights! Come and enjoy a feast of amazing experiences from **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 FEBRUARY 2025**.

More than just an event – it’s a celebration of agriculture, rural life, and community spirit. For children, the show offers awe-inspiring experiences and endless opportunities to create lasting memories.

From the sights and sounds to the delicious flavours and exciting activities, there’s something to surprise and delight every visitor. Sideshow Alley is packed with fun for all ages! Thrill-seekers can enjoy hair-raising rides, while the littlies can hop aboard sweet sliding teacups and other gentle attractions.

The Royal Canberra Show continues to be Canberra’s most loved event and holds a special place in hearts and minds of Canberran’s alike. And there is something for everyone at this wonderful event. The next chapter promises to provide for the entire family, and with the current cost of living crisis, the team have been intentional in providing plenty of free fun.

CEO of the Royal Canberra Show, Adelina La Vita was thrilled with the variety of entertainment on offer at the show in 2025. “We are excited at all the plans in place for 2025, and it’s been amazing to see a huge increase in activities for kids and families. We acknowledge that the economic climate is a challenge for families, and that’s why ticket prices have not increased from 2024, and we’ve attempted to include more variety over the three days”, explained La Vita.

La Vita continued, “if you’re wild at heart, there’s plenty of adrenaline at the show for big kids and little kids, with all the thrill-seeking rides at sideshow alley. Now’s the time to encourage the kids to save their pocket money as there’ll be plenty of show-bags on offer at the Show Bag Alley”.

Speaking of new, in 2025, the show will feature the **Kids Giggles and Games Arena**, a brand-new addition to the **KIDS GAMING GROUNDS**, proudly supported by the Dickson Tradies and the ACT Government. This exciting space is designed to keep children entertained with FREE interactive games, hands-on activities, and plenty of laughs. From playing rugby and basketball with sports stars to balloon workshops to creative play zones, there’s something for kids of all ages to enjoy.

Get ready to experience the world’s fastest-growing sport – **Pickleball!** This fun and dynamic game, a blend of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, is suitable for all ages and skill levels. Adults and children can try their hand at Pickleball for free, with equipment and guidance provided to help you get started. Whether you’re a seasoned player or a curious beginner, it’s the perfect chance to discover why this sport is taking the world by storm. Don’t miss out on the action at the Pickleball Court!

Prepare for laughs and excitement with the all-new **Chicken and Fox** evening entertainment in the main arena! This hilarious and action-packed show features daring chases, clever stunts, and plenty of comedic twists as the chickens try to outsmart the sly fox under the arena lights. Perfect for all ages, this unique spectacle combines humour, fun, and a touch of chaos to



create an unforgettable evening of entertainment. Gather the family and join us for this quirky new addition to the Show's nighttime lineup!

After a few years hiatus, the much-anticipated sport of **Showjumping** is returning to the main arena for all to embrace the thrill of the Olympic sport. Three-time national junior champion, Tom McDermott, will be bringing a large team of horses to try to win the **Canberra Royal Show Grand Prix** -feature event from 2pm on Saturday 22nd of February.

It's not just the horses doing the jumping in 2025; get ready for a brand-new activity that's sure to delight the kids – the EQ Saddlery **Hobby Horse** Showjumping Competition! This fun and imaginative event lets young riders grab a hobby horse and tackle a mini showjumping course, complete with tiny fences and exciting challenges. It's the perfect opportunity for children to experience the thrill of showjumping in a playful, supportive environment, and all for free. With prizes up for grabs and plenty of laughs along the way, this competition is a must-try for kids of all ages!

Making its highly anticipated return to the showgrounds is the **Art and Photography Competition**. This beloved competition invites artists and photographers of all ages and skill levels to showcase their talents across categories like painting, drawing and photography to name a few. The display will feature a captivating gallery of entries, celebrating the creativity and storytelling of our community. Don't miss the chance to experience the artistry and imagination that make this competition a cherished part of the Show's heritage!

For Friday and Saturday evening, the main arena will come alive with new entertainment featuring, Motorcross, a showjumping demonstration, entertainment from crazy bull whisperer from the Outback Stockman's Show, and the arena will finish each evening with a firework display providing a kaleidoscope of colour.

The Royal Canberra Show will be held **Friday 21 to Sunday 23 February 2025**. For further information, and to purchase your ticket, please visit www.canberrashow.org.au

TOP 10 FREE INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

There are so many FREE activities for the kids to engage in at the show – here's our TOP 10 list.

1. **Kids Giggles and Games Arena**, a brand-new addition to the **KIDS GAMING GROUNDS**, proudly supported by the Dickson Tradies and the ACT Government. [Check out the program for times.](#)
2. **Hobby Horse** Showjumping Competition! Check out the **KIDS GAMING GROUNDS** [on the show map here for location information.](#)
3. **Pickleball – at the Royal Canberra Show**
4. Embark on an exciting **Treasure Hunt Adventure**, a brand-new activity for the whole family at the 2025 Royal Canberra Show! Grab your treasure map and explore the showgrounds, collect your stamp at each stop to uncover hidden treasures at the end.
5. **Science extravaganza show** - all day there are interactive science shows with potions and experiments for kids to get involved in. Visit the Leisure and Lifestyle Pavilion/Budawang.



6. **Craft and pottery** – visit the Craft Expo Pavilion/Coorong for fun activities for kids to participate in, including getting creative with clay. Make a bowl or a beautiful sculpture. A professional potter will be on hand to help.
7. **Milking Demonstration** – if the kids love cheese, then they can learn how to make it and with live milking demonstrations to show the process. A few lucky children will be selected from the crowd to assist the cheese makers and milk the cow. Visit the Mallee for milking demonstrations throughout the day and get involved in the fun activities.
8. **Sheep Shearing** – learn to shear a sheep with a professional shearer and enjoy doing something out of the ordinary. Yes, you can engage all the senses as you help a shearer remove the woolly exterior of a local sheep in the Mallee Pavilion.
9. **Racing Piglets!** This year, kids can take part in the fun by naming a piglet and cheering them on as they race to the finish line. If your piglet wins, you'll be awarded a ribbon, making you a proud champion! It's a light-hearted, fast-paced event that's sure to bring plenty of laughs and joy for the whole family. Don't miss out on this adorable event in the **KIDS GAMING GROUNDS**.
10. **Competitions** – there are so many competitions to enter, whether you are a green thumb in the garden, growing your biggest cucumber or pumpkin, or you might be a junior MasterChef in the making and love to bake and decorate a cake, there is something for everyone. Come and see all the winning entries on display in the Harvest Hall/Fitzroy pavilion and the Crafts Expo/Coorong pavilion. You never know, you might win your first prize at the Royal Canberra Show.

FOOD AND DRINK AT THE SHOW

We have a variety of food and drink options at the Canberra Show. There are dedicated eating areas, with tables and chairs for comfort.

- **World Flavours Food Court** – A family friendly option, we have a wide selection of food vans serving an international hotpot of foods including Turkish, Asian, Italian, and German to name a few. The selection of foods is sure to please all the members of your family.
- **Capital Hill Food & Drink** – Capital Brewing is back on the hill along with some BBQ food options. You can sit on the hill with your beer and BBQ and watch the view out onto the main arena. Stay a while in this hidden nook at the show.
- **Orana Bar & Picnic Area** – under a shaded area where you are able to sit outdoors and enjoy the sights and sounds of the show. If you feel like stopping and grabbing a bite to eat and fuel yourself ready for the day ahead. Perhaps a Canberra Distillery gin & tonic could add sparkle to the day.
- **Sideshow Alley Eats & Treats** – here you will find the classic show eats including dagwood dogs, fairy floss, snow cones, waffle cones, and all the naughty and nice treats for special occasions like the show. Visit the alley and step into a Wonka-like wonderland feast for the eyes and tastebuds.



- **Members Dining at the Terrace** – the Terrace Restaurant is open for air-conditioned comfort for those Royal National Capital Agricultural Society members. Members can enjoy a sit-down meal in the comfort of the restaurant. Don't forget as a member you can visit the show every day, access VIP member parking, and sit in the member area of the grandstand to watch the main arena shows.

GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

More than just a celebration, The Royal Canberra Show proudly supports a diverse range of charity organisations, both nationally and within the ACT. In 2025, a total of fifteen charities will benefit through fundraising, free show stalls, free tickets, and promotional marketing activity.

Each year, The Show donates 100 show bags to the Canberra Hospital Foundation allowing sick children to experience the sights, sounds and tastes of the Canberra Show right from their bedside. Charities supported include:

Canberra Hospital Foundation	Camp Quality	Inspiring the ACT
The Sharing Place	Dolly's Dream	Cancer Council ACT
Rotary Club of Hall	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Hands Across Canberra
Pegasus Developing Abilities	Bikers Against Child Abuse	ACT Wildlife
Scouts ACT	Marymead CatholicCare	HeartKids

GETTING TO THE SHOW

Make your visit stress-free by using public transport! On **Friday**, everyone can enjoy free travel on light rail and ACTION buses. On **Saturday and Sunday**, free travel is available exclusively for school aged children. Simply present eligible pre-purchased event tickets to the bus driver or Canberra Metro Operations Customer Service Officer if requested.

Transport Canberra makes it easy to reach the show without worrying about parking. There's also designated disabled drop-off and parking for cars with disability permits, located off Flemington Road.

STAY SAFE AND COMFORTABLE

Stay hydrated by bringing a refillable drink bottle – water stations are available throughout the showground. Be sun smart by wearing a hat, protective clothing, and sunglasses, applying sunscreen, and taking advantage of shady areas to stay cool.

DON'T FORGET

Children under 6 years of age enter FREE, so bring the whole family along for a day full of fun, discovery, and excitement!

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