

Love Newcastle, Love **Our** Show

Enjoy the free ring events including
the Rooftop Express, ISUZU D-MAX
Precision Driving Team and fireworks

Have fun on the rides and
sideshow alley then choose your
favourite show bag

Come up close and personal with
horses, cattle, goats, pigeons,
rats, mice, poultry, birds, reptiles
and baby animals

Explore the lifestyle
exhibition featuring the Aveo
Seniors Expo

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**NEWCASTLE REGIONAL
SHOW**

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY
3+4+5 MARCH 2017

**Newcastle
Showground,
Broadmeadow**

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Pre-book to **SAVE BIG** at the **NEWCASTLE REGIONAL SHOW 2017**

Newcastle's all-time favourite family event - the **Newcastle Regional Show** is just around the corner, and you can save big by jumping online and pre-booking your tickets! This year's program will be a combination of exciting new additions and popular traditional favourites that will be taking over the showgrounds at Broadmeadow from **Friday, March 3 to Sunday, March 5.**

Ringside, the star attraction is **Rooftop Express**. It is a first-class spectacular that features electrifying stunts, hilarious Australian comedy and incredible horsemanship by David Manchon and friends. The family show is based on an engaging storyline with lovable characters, horses, quad bikes, Broncos, musters, bullock chases, Braham steers and the famous "Rooftop Big Rig."

The popular **ISUZU D-MAX Precision Driving Team** is back. These daredevils will thrill you with spectacular driving that includes high-speed drifts, hand-brake turns, hair-raising head to head crossovers, ramp to ramp jumps and driving on two wheels.

Then each night look to the skies as the showgrounds, and its surrounds are lit up by fabulous colours and patterns as the firework spectacular explodes into the atmosphere.

Back on the ground, head off to the Show Bags Pavilion in a new location, on Ring Road. This year, there is an incredible variety of licensed and confectionery bags, many are the same as the show bags heading to this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show.

When it comes to rides and sideshow alley, there will be plenty of games and rides for thrill seekers including the

adrenalin pumping, stomach-churning Avenger, XXXL, Freakout and Speed 2 rides.

If you need a break from all the heart-stopping action, head over to the entertainment centre where you can relax and watch cooking demonstrations, fashion parades, information sessions and visit the lifestyle exhibition featuring the Aveo Seniors Expo and the Raymond Terrace Bowling Club Have a Go area, where you can try your hand at bowls, golf, tai chi and many more activities.

For the animal lovers, there will be a vast array of agricultural competitions – stud beef cattle, goats, pigeons, horses and show jumping – the oh-so-cute animal nursery as well as poultry and reptile displays. Other traditional favourites include photography, handicrafts, cookery, floral art, home brewing, rats and mice, model train display and woodturning.

This year, there are pre-sale gate and ride tickets. The pre-sale gate tickets are \$12 an adult, \$10 concession, \$9 a child, \$30 a family (2 adults + 2 children or 1 adult + 3 children) or \$40 a family (2 adults + 3 children). (A child is 16 and under; concession is for student, Centrelink, and pensioner card holders; children 5 and under are free.) The pre-sale ride tickets are 30 x \$1 ride tickets for \$25. To buy pre-sale tickets or find more information, visit www.newcastleshow.com.au.

HISTORY

This year will see the 190th annual Newcastle Show. The first event, a Sports Day, was held early in 1901. With "spectacular events such as an eight-man ladder and hose race, municipal tug-of-war, wrestling on horseback, tent pegging and Highland dancing and piping," it proved an excellent first venture for the fledgling committee.

The first official Newcastle Regional Show was held on May 17, 1902. It was opened by the association's patron Joseph Wood and hailed by the newspapers as a "splendid success." Judging was held in 19 sections including poultry, horses, garden produce, flowers, cookery, needlework, wagons and buggies, painting, drawing and writing, dairy produce and apiculture.

The annual Newcastle Regional Show continued mostly without interruption until 1916 when the showgrounds were needed as a Military Camp for World War I.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2017

- **Rooftop Express:** Friday and Saturday at 7 pm and 8.30pm; Sunday at 2.45pm.
- **ISUZU D-MAX Precision Driving Team:** Friday 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm; Saturday 4pm, 6.45pm, 8pm; Sunday 1.45pm and 3.10pm.
- **Fireworks:** Friday and Saturday, 9pm.
- The latest in show bags featuring branded bags
- **Rides, Rides, Rides** - 100 pieces of equipment of high adrenaline, family and children's rides and games.
- Lifestyle exhibition featuring the **Aveo Seniors Expo** and **Raymond Terrace Bowling Club Have A Go** area in the entertainment centre.
- **Two live entertainment stages:** the main stage in the entertainment centre and the community stage, opposite the Entertainment Centre, with 100s of kids performing over the weekend.

There was another gap in 1919 due to the influenza epidemic, which was raging around the world. The show continued to be held through the Great Depression years, but as Newcastle Showground was again used as an Army Staging Camp during the World War II, no shows took place during the years of 1941 to 1945.

In the late 1980s, innovations such as street theatre, themed buildings, and site scraping elements were introduced. School excursions were initiated and stages provided to showcase the talents of local youth.

Since 1899, the backbone of the Newcastle Regional Show has been its volunteer committee members and workers. Without the assistance of this dedicated group of men and women, giving so freely of their time to help organise the show, it would not be possible to run such a huge community event.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

- Newcastle Regional Show needs you as a volunteer during this year's show weekend – March 3, 4 & 5.
- There are plenty of opportunities to assist in all areas of the show such as Pavilion supervision, animal stewarding, information booths, traffic control and stage assistance.
- Shifts will be four hours.
- All volunteers will receive one free entry (per day worked) for family or friends to use.
- If you are interested in being a volunteer email admin@newcastleshow.com.au or phone 4961 2085.

WIN

Thanks to the organising committee, we have a Family Pass (2 Adults + 2 Children) to the Newcastle Show and four show bags to giveaway to one lucky reader. Be quick – entries close Thursday, February 23rd. Simply visit the **GIVEAWAYS** page at www.intouchmagazine.com.au and answer the question to win!