

TARAGO SHOW & MEDIEVAL FAIRE

SHOW PROGRAM 2025

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TARAGO & DISTRICT SHOW

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The Loaded Dog Hotel
Tarago EST. 1848



Program of Events

- 9:00am Shuttle Bus Commences
- 9:00am Show opens
Petting Zoo opens
Medieval Archery Competition – Main Arena
Live Music until 9:45am – Shearing Sheds
Petting Zoo Opens
Facepainting Opens to 11:30am
Pavillion Opens
Medieval Village Opens
- 9:30am Motor Club Display opens – near Pavilion
- 10:00am Australian Horse Archery Association - Horse Archery Display – Main Arena
Pony Rides Open until 12pm
- 10:30am Medieval Dancing – Village Arena
Magicians Show – Kids Zone
- 11:00am Company of the Hound - Jousting – Main Arena
Baa-Baa-Bar Opens
- 12:00pm Official Opening, Speeches, and Presentations
Company of the Errant Knight - Arming of a Knight - Village Arena
Facepainting Re-opens until 2pm

- 12:30pm Company of the Hound – Mounted Skill at Arms – Main Arena
- 13:00pm Company of the Errant Knight – Foot Combat Display – Village Arena
Pony Rides Re-Open to 4pm
Sao Eating Competition – Near Pavilion
- 13:30pm Mower Racing – Main Arena
Live Music until 2:15pm – Shearing Sheds
Final Call - Unicorn Lotto Tickets
Magicians Show – Kids Zone
- 2:00pm Medieval Dancing
- 2:30pm Riding With Sticks - Historical Solid Lance
Jousting –
Main Arena
Face Painting Re-opens to 3:30pm
- 3:00pm Fechtschule Sankt Peter - Polish Sabre Demonstration – Village Arena
Pet Show – Magicians Shed
- 3:30pm Last Shuttle Bus
- 4:00 pm Presentation of Awards
- 5:00 pm Show Closes
- 6:00pm Gates Close

All Day Entertainment and Stall Holders

2025 sees one of the largest shows in terms on stall holders and entertainment, as well as the widest variety we have seen in many years! Make sure you check out all our wonderful visiting and local producers and vendors throughout the day!

Braidwood Car Club returns!

Come along and check out some of the gorgeous cars that will be on display with many thanks to the Braidwood Car Club!



With a great display of current and vintage models, this beautiful display will be on all day from 930am. Make sure to cast your vote for the People's Choice award for your favourite wheels!

Tarago Tomato Tourney!

Once again, the one, the only, Tarago Tomato Tourney returns to the Tarago Show! Come along and check the Sao and Tomato Eating Competition and test your speed against other competitors!

Presented by the Tarago District Fishing Club, this fun, light hearted homage to the humble tomato is a staple of our little show and we would love to see you get involved!

Tarago Tomato Tourney tents are located adjacent to the Pavilion, near the CWA Blue Van!

Annual Pavilion Competitions

Every year, our wonderful pavilion is filled with fine examples of the arts, crafts, produce and work of our amazing community members.

Categories of competition include -

- Fruits, Vegetables and Produce
- Preserves and Jams
- Traditional Show Cooking
- Cut Flowers
- Potted Plants
- Handicrafts
- Photography
- Literature
- Arts
- Crafts
- Collectors Corner
- Lego Displays
- Wool
- Home Brew
- Floral Arrangements

The Pavilion will be open in the afternoon for viewing of all the winners and champion placements in each category.

Our Pavilion is proudly sponsored by –

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Kids Colouring Competition

Riding With Sticks

Live Music

The 2025 Tarago Show offers an exciting line up of musicians the whole family can enjoy! Brought to you by the Tarago and District Show Society!

Ashleigh Chapman

mixing some folk and indie originals with your favourite Pop and Punk covers, Ashleigh Chapman delivers exciting entertainment! Come see Ashleigh from 9 to 9:45 at the shearing Pavilion.



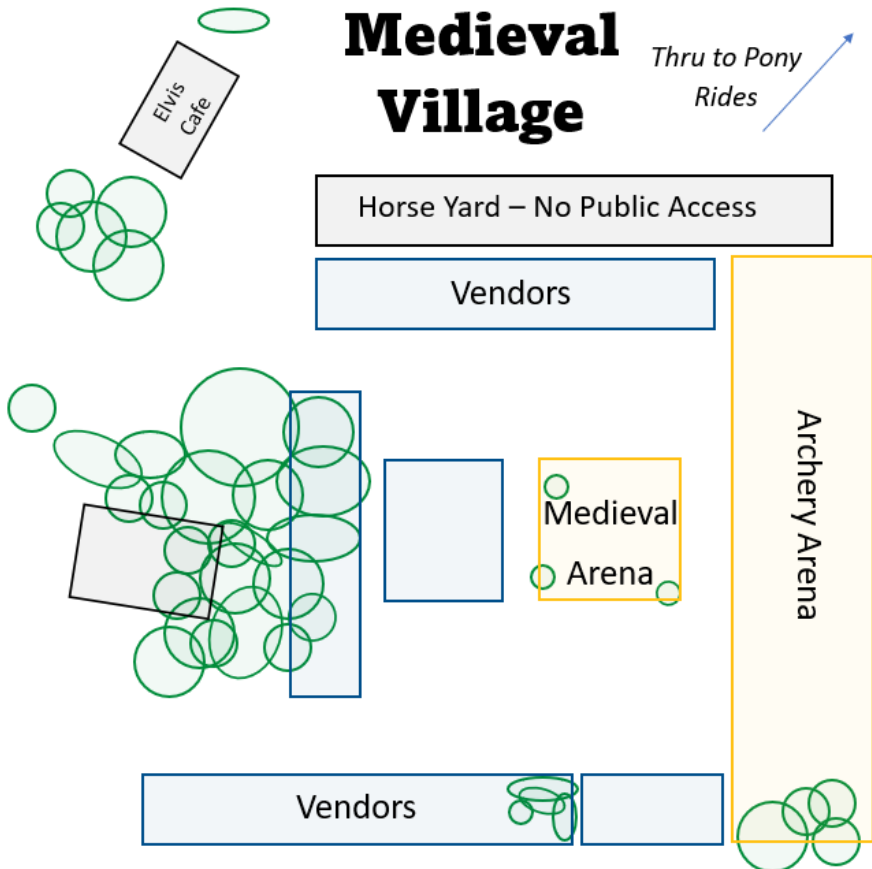
Sarah Duffy is one of Australia's premiere young vocalists, having recently been named as the 2024 FYD Australian National Champion Vocalist (U16). See Sarah at 1:30 and 3:30 and at the Shearing Pavilion.

Medieval Village

This year the medieval village returns including even more vendors and displays by local reenactment groups.

The village can be found in the south-eastern corner of the showgrounds and includes the Medieval Arena, where groups including the Medieval Archery Society, School of Arms and Armour, Ancient Art Fellowship and Company of the Hound will host displays and competitions.

The medieval village is open throughout the entire day so come down and check it out!



Tarago Medieval Faire - Program of Events

9:00am	Medieval Village Opens to the Public <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Living History Demonstrations Commence- Medieval Archery Competition – Main Arena
10:00am	Horse Archery Display – Main Arena
10:30am	Medieval Dancing – Village Arena
11:00am	Jousting – Main Arena
12:00pm	Arming of a Knight Through History – Village Arena
12:30pm	Skill at Arms – Main Arena
1:00pm	14/15 th Century Foot Combat Display – Village Arena
2:00pm	Medieval Dancing – Village Arena
2:30pm	Historical Solids Jousting – Main Arena
3:00pm	Polish Sabre Display – Village Arena
3:30pm	Village Arena
4:00pm	Presentation - Main Arena

Special thanks to Flaming Gargoyle Pottery and Riding with Sticks for supplying the prizes for the Medieval Tournament events this year.

Company of the

Hound is a 15th century reenactment group based in Tarago NSW. The Company was formed as a southern associated branch of the long-standing Company of the Gryphon from Caboolture, QLD.

Focusing on equestrian pursuits including joust and skill at arms, as well as armoured foot combat, medieval archery, and reenactment of day-to-day military life in Western Europe between 1450 and 1490.

Company of the Hound presents the Skill at Arms competition and Joust at this Year's Tarago Show.



Company of the Errant Knight

Knight is a dedicated historical medieval reenactment group that brings to life the thrilling combat and chivalric spirit of the late 14th and early 15th centuries. It's members use authentic armour and wield period-accurate weapons in their combat displays, immersing themselves in the camaraderie of knights and the artistry of medieval warfare.

Experience the rich heritage of the medieval era through training, tournaments, and engaging activities that celebrate the valor and honor of the late Middle Ages. Company of the Errant Knight will be hoisting the Arming the Knight Through History and Foot Combat Displays in the Village Arena.

Australian Horse Archery

Association

is the governing body for Horse Archery in Australia under the International Horse Archery Alliance. In addition to developing policy and strategy for the sports growth in Australia, it also runs affiliated branches throughout the country so members can meet and practice in a safe and supportive environment.



The Canberra Region Branch has its home grounds at the Tarago Showground and will be providing the Horse Archery Display at 10:00am. It will also be running the BBQ next to the Baa Baa Bar to raise funds for the Australian and New Zealand Teams for the World Horse Archery Championships in the USA in September 2025.



Medieval Archery

Society

The Medieval Archery Society (MAS) is a group of like-minded people who primarily portray an English mercenary company in France circa 1365. The group is based in Sydney but participates in events around the

state. While many members' main focus is archery, many members have skills in medieval cooking, leatherwork, spinning and textiles, blacksmithing, fletching and foot combat.

Come along and watch the power of the longbow and other weapons in the MAS demonstration and archery competition at 9:00am in the Medieval Village.

Fechtschule Sankt Peter is a school of historical fencing based in Sydney focussing on German longsword and Polish sabre. As the Szlachta Sydneyski, they present displays of sabre fighting as it was done in the 17th Century by nobles of the great Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. You can see their display at 3pm in the Village Arena.

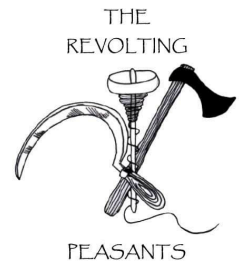


Milites de Sainte-Croix are a re-enactment group based near Bathurst NSW.

Focussing on the material culture, armoured foot combat, equestrian skills and the presentation of a small retinue of household knights, squires and pages on campaign, and at tournament in the late 12th-mid 13thC.

You can see as part of the Arming of Knight Through the Ages display in the Village Arena, or on the field taking part in the mounted Skill at Arms in 13thC armour on the main arena.

The Revolting Peasants is a Living History Group that focuses upon re-creating the lower classes of the medieval time period specifically covering 1100 to 1250AD with our core location covering the British Isle & European countries. We are a group interested in researching and learning all of the cool things that nobles wouldn't sully their hands with. Catch them in the Medieval Village all day.



Historic Dance Delights

are a Canberra-based historic dance group covering dances from 1400s to early 1900s. They hold monthly balls, perform displays and run a Historic Dance Festival in July. Visit historicdancedelights.org.au for more information



RIDING WITH



STICKS

Riding With Sticks is a Tarago based riding school and equine entertainment business. Run by local family Rodney and Liberty Deaman and Jacqueline-Lee Dominick, it offers riding instruction in horse archery, skill at arms, classical dressage, general riding, confidence management and horse handling. Riding With Sticks brings you the Historical

Solids Joust at this year's event in collaboration with the Tarago Show Society.

The business also offers entertainment and displays with jousting, horse archery and many other live entertainment options possible, as well as advertising, shows and demonstrations. Check them out on Facebook or via www.ridingwithsticks.com.au

Marisma Equine Entertainment

A Joust requires more than one rider, and we are lucky to host Cliff and Renae Marisma from Marisma Equine Entertainment for our Historical Solids Joust Tournament. Marisma Equine Entertainment is based in Snake Valley Victoria and can provide horses and riders for a variety of shows and performances for live audiences, movies and short film work, tv ads, weddings and photoshoots. Find them on Facebook to find out more.



The Joust



In modern jousting, there are three types of joust you will typically see. Balsa Jousting, which is the most common in Australia, involves a solid lance 'handle' that has had the last metre or so removed and replaced with a frangible balsa tip. This is done for safety, though these lances still require huge amounts of force to break them, and they are fully capable of delivering big hits. This year the Company of the Hound is back again with yet another fantastic jousting display.

American Solids is the type you may have seen on shows like 'Full Metal Jousting' and involves a pine dowel instead of the balsa tipped lance. It is typically not practiced outside of the USA.

And the last type is Historical Solids jousting. This seeks to recreate the joust exactly as it would have been done in the 15th Century with full length thick pine lances and steel tips called 'coronels' designed to grab the shield or armour of the opponents. This type of jousting requires the highest quality reproduction

armour, incredibly well-trained horses, and specialised types of helms based on the type that was popular 500 years ago for this very reason!

Historical Solid Lance jousting has a long and storied history in Australia. The first historical solid tournament in modern times was hosted by Rod and Michelle Walker (of the Horse Lords) in 2011. Andrew McKinnon brought the style to the forefront of medieval events with the annual St Ives Tournament in Sydney between 2014 and 2019 attracting the best jousts from all over the world, and also hosting the World Jousting Championships in 2016 and 2019. Unfortunately, the impact of COVID-19 on large events was felt particularly for this style of joust, which is quite expensive to run and thus tends to be tied to the largest events.

So we hope you understand when we say this year we bringing you something truly special! Rodney Deaman has passionately pursued Historical Solids jousting since he started down his jousting path, and through his business “Riding With Sticks” is bringing you the first Historical Solid Lance Jousting Tournament in Australia since 2019 – proudly supported by the Tarago Show Society.

Meet the Jousts

Balsa Joust - Company of the Hound – 11am

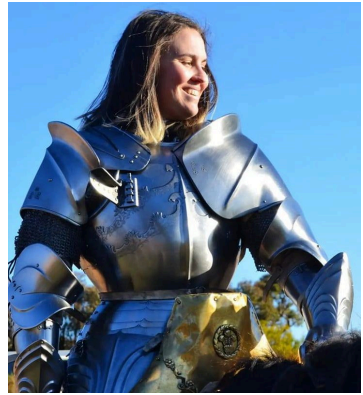


Sir Andrew is a founding knight of the Company and an experienced jouster of more than decade. He has travelled the world with the sport and has been instrumental in the reintroduction of historical solids jousting as the founder of the St Ives Medieval Festival and the World Jousting Championships. He is also a member of the Order of the Star, a prestigious honour, which upholds the values of modern jousting and promotes dedication to the sport in Australia.

Navarre, his Percheron gelding, has been with Sir Andrew at many events including Blacktown Medieval Faire, Abbey Medieval Festival, St Ives Medieval Festival, The Tournament of the Golden Tree, and Keith Ryal Memorial Tournaments. Sir Andrew is the two-time winner of the Joust at Tarago Medieval Fair, and will no doubt bring it all to defend his title.

Lady Jay is a local rider and member of the Riding With Sticks team. She has pursued her love of all things medieval for the past 10 years and has ridden for most of her life. She and has been a dedicated squire to Sire Rodney for many years and was recently made a Knight of the Hound by him following the completion of her training – the first outside the founding knights to achieve this rank. She has jousted at the Tarago Medieval Faire, Newbridge Winter Solstice Festival, and was deemed worthy by the Order of the Star at Victorian Medieval Fair.

She rides in her stunning 15th Century armour on her mount NS Elani, who she has trained personally and who makes her debut at this event. She will be aiming to give Sir Andrew a fierce challenge this year!



Squire Tamsen

This year our joust will be a little different, with two of the Company Squires aiming to participate in their first public joust.

Tamsen is a long-term member of the Company and has been an aspiring jouster for many years. She is a lifelong and skilled rider, pursuing many more traditional equine sports over the years, and has participated in the Skill at Arms competitions at both the Tarago Medieval Faire and Blacktown Medieval Faire. She now squires formally for Sir Rodney and has been building her harness and training her mount Venom in preparation for her first joust.

Squire Sean

Sean is another long-term member of the Company and aspiring jouster. Sean has show tremendous dedication to his desire to joust, beginning with almost know riding experience but training hard to learn and improve his skills in a short timeframe. Sean squires for Sir Andrew and wears a 15th century continental field armour he has constructed.



Historical Solids Joust – 2:30 pm



Sir Rodney is Captain of the Company of the Hound and co-owner of Riding with Sticks. He has pursued jousting relentlessly for the past four years, competing in Tournaments across the country and winning the Orange Medieval Fair and Victorian Medieval Faire. Later this year Rodney will represent Australia in England. Rodney has dreamed of competing in Historical Solid Lance tournaments since the beginning and has decided to make that dream a reality by bringing it to the Tarago Medieval Faire.

Lady Renae is a world-renowned jouser and fierce competitor. Jousting since 2019 under the guidance of her husband Sir Clifford, she has proven to be among the worlds best. She is the first woman to ever win the Arundel International Jousting Tournament and is the current Australian Joust Champion. She was part of the Australian Team for the 'smashes tournament' in 2023 and 2025 and has jousted in the European Joust Championships, Norway and Canada. Lady Renae has also pursued historical solids for a number of years, performing the first passes in Australia since 2019 with Sir Rodney late last year.



Sir Clifford is the veteran of our historical solids tournament, having competed in and won historical solids tournaments around the world. He was the winner of the St Ives Solids Tournament in 2016 and 2019 and the solids Tournament of St Michel in France in 2018, as well as too many balsa joust tournaments to list here. Most recently he has won the Trollspeillet Tournament in Norway, took out the Joust at the European Joust Championships, and represented Australia at the Smashes Tournament and Arundel. He is a member of the Order of the Star, a founding Member of the Company of the Spur, a world-renowned horseman and a former pro bull rider to boot.



Unicorn Poop Lotto Competition!

Previously known as the Cow Pat Lotto, the Unicorn Poop Lotto Competition is a new spin on an old favourite at the annual Tarago Show!

We've been lucky enough to find ourselves a wonderful, local Unicorn who was happy to help us out this year, and with his help, you might be lucky enough to

Win \$500!

Tickets will be available on the day and at 2pm, our Unicorn will be set to work! If your square is the lucky one, you'll be walking home with the major prize!

How does the competition work?

Once all the tickets are sold, the Unicorn is placed into a yard that is divided into squares with one relating to each ticket. When he poops, the square that he poops in is declared the winner! There are also 4 consolation prizes of \$25 each.

Keep an eye out for Tarago Show Society Volunteers selling tickets throughout the day!

\$5 per ticket

Kids' Entertainment – All Day Program



Petting Zoo

Presented by Fletcher's Farm

Available from 9am

Located next to the shearing shed.

Face Painting

Presented by Triple Treat

Located next to the Magician's Shed.



Pony Rides

Presented by Poplar Corner

Available from 10am until 4pm

Located next to Elvis' Café

Magician's Show

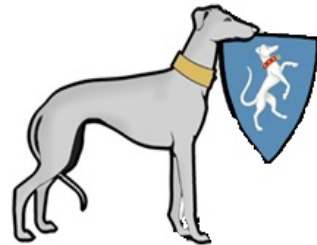
Presented by Jester Magic

Shows At 10:30am and 1:30pm

Located at the Magician's Shed



Tarago Community Groups



Company of the Hound



**Tarago and District
Fishing Club Inc**

History of the Tarago Show

The Tarago Show was founded in 1956 and is held annually at the Tarago Showground on Braidwood Road. The Show Society has always been focused strongly on presenting a family-friendly event, which displays the skills and abilities of our community members.

The last few years have been full of challenges, with the disruption of Covid, extreme weather events and a changing environment for the committee. Medieval events were included from 2022 onwards to showcase the regions unique range of groups, and in 2024 the joint Tarago Show and Medieval Faire debuted. We are hoping to see the continued growth of the Tarago Show, with plenty of new and exciting things on the horizon!

Special Thanks

As is always the case with such events, we are thankful to all of those wonderful people within our local community who step up to the plate and provide hours of unpaid work to ensure that the show can go on!

This year has presented several new challenges, and as always, the residents of Tarago and the surrounding district, members of local community groups, including the CWA, TADPAI, TSAI, the AHAA Canberra Branch, the Company of the Hound, the RFS brigade, the Tarago and District Fishing Club and our fabulous local businesses, including the Loaded Dog Hotel, Riding With Sticks, Braidwood Veterinary Hospital, Boxwell Electrical, Boxwell Pest Control, Byte Communications, Greenfields Family Farm, The Big Merino, Corang Estate, Barouche Photography, Coordinated Logistics and Southern Tablelands Realty have thrown so much support behind us, time and time again!

Further thanks is due to the huge number of reenactors and stall holders who made our Medieval Faire possible this year!

Hope to see you all again in 2026!

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TARAGO SHOW & MEDIEVAL FAIRE MAP



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