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SteamFest – Tasmania’s Premier Country Fair **March 6th to 8th 2010** **PRESS RELEASE**

GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA TO OPEN STEAMFEST 2010!

For the first time a Governor of Tasmania will open Tasmania’s Premier Country Fair. His Excellency Peter Underwood AC will officially open this year’s SteamFest at 2.00pm on Saturday 6th of March. “It is a tribute to the organizing committee that the Governor has agreed to open SteamFest.” the President of the SteamFest Committee – Mr Chris Martin said. “We are looking forward to showing His Excellency and his wife around the wide variety of exhibits and stalls and hope that he will also have time for a ride on the steam train” Mr Martin said.



Photo above: selection of steam engines at a previous SteamFest



Photo above: the ever popular kids vs steamroller tug of war

BULLOCK TEAM!

A highlight of this year’s SteamFest will be Brian Fish’s yoke of 8 bullocks – a rare sight in today’s agriculture. Brian and his bullocks are travelling up from Oatlands especially for SteamFest. He attended last year’s event and was so impressed with the scale of the demonstrations that he contacted organizers and offered to bring his team through to the event. One of the bullocks will be returning to its home stomping ground as it was a former member of the team operated by well known local bush man Mr Henry Steers from the Nook. Brian will demonstrate gentle power of the bullocks with loading logs and pulling a tipping dray. The dray will be loaded with freshly crushed gravel from a recently

renovated stone crusher (driven by a steam traction engine) on loan to the SteamFest organization from local quarry operator Mr Alwyn Riley. The gravel will be spread onto existing roads at the site. Then the operation will be completed when the gravel is rolled with a 1926 steam roller. Brian will explain how the bullocks are harnessed and will answer any questions during the 3 day event.

The bullock team, draught horse ploughing, steam powered threshing, straw pressing and chaff cutting, steam train rides and a wide selection of food and craft stalls are just some of the features of Tasmania's Premier Country Fair.



Costs for the day's entertainment:
\$30 for the family (3 children), or \$15 for adults, \$10 for concession card holders and \$5 for children.

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