

Regency Garden Party at Runnymede

A day of Regency activities, fine food and tea in the fine garden of historic Runnymede

Step back in time at this beautiful historic estate

SUN 29th NOV 2026, 10:30-4:00

Runnymede, 61 Bay Road, New Town, **Hobart** (not in the town of Runnymede)

Part of the Derwent Regency Festival

Tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/derwentregencyfestival26>

Details:

folktas.org/regency

Everything is included in your day or festival ticket, including the delicious food. All ages and identities welcome.

This is an all-weather event. Be prepared for sun or rain. Dancing will be outdoors.

Draft programme - subject to minor changes.

Times are approximate and subject to change on the day.

ACTIVITY	APPROX TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION
LIVE PERIOD MUSIC	See below	See dances below but there may also be some pop-up surprises. Watchers and listeners welcome.	
REGENCY DANCE WORKSHOP (ideally for those with some dancing experience or an adventurous spirit)	10:45-12:00	Fine Regency dances, including a reprise of some from last night's ball and some new adventures. If fortune favours us we may enjoy the Downfall of Paris or even, if the numbers suit, the glorious Meditation Chinois. No partner required. Onlookers welcome. Wonderful live, period music by Van Diemen's Angels and dancing led by Dancing Master David Odd-stockings Wanless.	Dancing area (croquet lawn or ballroom depending on weather and numbers)
HOUSE TOUR	10:45 2:00	Internal tour of historic Runnymede house. Small group only. Limited places. Book at folktas.org/regency .	Meet on the verandah
MAYPOLE DANCING	12:00 3:30	With the lively music of Fiddle and Squeeze, who will help you avoid getting tangled and have fun weaving the coloured ribbons of the maypole into splendid patterns	Dancing area (as above)
DELICIOUS PERIOD SWEET AND SAVOURY FOOD AND HOT AND COLD DRINKS	Lunch (12:30), afternoon tea (3:00)	Delights include Devonshire teas, soups, fresh rolls and shortbread for your delectation. Drinks are tea, coffee and period cordial. Cold drinks are available all day.	Served on lawn on left of front of house
GARDEN TOUR	1:15	A tour of the beautiful historic garden	Meet at the stables
REGENCY DANCE FOR ALL	2:00-3:00	Easy Regency dances with live period music by Van Diemen's Angels and dances led by Dancing Master David Odd-stockings Wanless	Dancing area (as above)
CROQUET	As you please	A quintessential English game. (Croquet set will be available for use as desired.)	Gardener's Lawn
GAME OF GRACES (a Regency outdoor game), QUOITS or SKITTLES	As you please	With your friends, or make some new ones. Games provided.	Lawns
TABLE GAMES: cards, backgammon, chess, draughts	As you please	With your friends, or make some new ones. Some games provided.	As you wish
PROMENADE	As you please	Explore the beautiful gardens with your beau, belle or friends	Around the grounds

Derwent Regency Festival 2026 - folktas.org/regency

See folktas.org/hobartdances for our other events including

Regency Picnic (Jan), **Monday Night Folk Dances** (1st and 3rd

Mondays, Feb-Dec), End of Month Dances/Balls (last Saturday, Mar-Nov)