Regency Garden Party at Runnymede

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

Step back in time at this beautiful historic estate

SUN 29th NOV 2026, 10:30-4:00 Runnymede House, 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, if necessary under gazebos.

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 and 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 and 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)
MAKE A REGENCY RETICULE	11:30 and 2:00	Spend time for a stitch or two making a Regency reticule!! Bring your own to create or for a small cash fee, I have lengths of sari silk and quilting cotton for $5 and felt for interlining $2, drawstring cord $2. Patterns are free 😀. Needles and thread will also be provided, along with scissors and marking pens. A reticule a day keeps boredom at bay.	Reticule making table on the lawns
HAPPENSTANCE HATS	As you please	Regency headwear stall including bonnets and hats	Hat stall on the lawns
READING CIRCLE	1:30	Open reading of Jane Austen. Take turns around the circle reading paragraphs of one of Jane's books. Book provided.	Reticule making table on the lawns
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, except Easter)