

Dear Friends of the Upper Hunter Show,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting new addition to the 2026 Upper Hunter Show: the "Emotional Support Chicken" Exhibition Pavilion! This delightful new section invites all crafting enthusiasts to join us in the search for chickens that embody style, personality, and excellence. The best part? There is absolutely no entry fee to participate in this charming class of our show!

As you create your knitted or crocheted chicken, consider that the biggest prize of all is the possibility to donate your creation. If you choose not to keep your chicken, it will find a loving home at one of the many aged care or service facilities in the Upper Hunter area.

This not only spreads joy and comfort but also serves those who may benefit greatly from the companionship these unique creations symbolize. If you are a service provider interested in receiving Emotional Support Chickens, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at pavilion@upperhuntershow.com.au

The concept of an Emotional Support Chicken is both playful and profound, reflecting a combination of practical needs and the whimsical trends emerging from social media and fibre arts communities. These knitted companions can offer therapeutic benefits and comfort, particularly to individuals facing social isolation, anxiety, or depression. While they are not a substitute for live animals, they provide a tangible source of solace that can foster well-being and connection.

If you would like to participate in this heartwarming initiative, we invite you to reach out for a pattern at pavilion@upperhuntershow.com.au

More details regarding the delivery of your creations will be shared as the event approaches. Let's come together to spread warmth, comfort, and creativity at this year's Upper Hunter Show!