Show's big dozen Jamie First

It's good news for those who cannot get enough sugar-filled show bags, tummy-turning rides and cute animals -- the Royal Melbourne Show will run an extra day.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) has announced the event will go for 12 days this year.

RASV chief executive Mark O'Sullivan said the new dates offered more choice for families.

"The addition of an extra day will give even more opportunities for fun, discovery and excitement," Mr O'Sullivan said.

The show, which attracted 490,000 visitors last year, will run from September 21 to October 2.

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