



Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

5th Annual Vernon's Steel Swan Hill Cattle Show



Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th August 2026
Swan Hill Showgrounds

CATTLE COMMITTEE CONTACTS:

Senior Steward

Scott Bruton: 0437 852 239

Event Administrator

Rebecca Wickham: 0438 028 390

HOW TO ENTER EXHIBITS:

- 1. REGISTRATION** – Entries are OPEN and close 7th August at midnight.
Junior paraders are to be entered on the day of the Event.
- Entries are to be completed on the supplied Entry form and to be emailed to scott@rolypark.com.au. The Schedule and Entry Forms are available on www.swanhillshow.com.au
- Correct and full payment is due at the time entries are submitted.
- All payments to be made by direct debit (details on Entry Form).
- A remittance must be provided with the copy of your Entry Form.
- Late entries or on the day entries will **NOT** be accepted, except for the Junior Paraders.
- Exhibitors are required to provide a NHD & NVD to Bec Wickham prior to event start.
- Please ensure all animal details on Entry Form are correct and complete.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. Security of Animals:

All male cattle over 12 months shall be rung through the nose and at all times are to be led by such ring (this includes coming off the truck). All female cattle must be led with nose dogs in at all times.

2. All other animals over 9 months must be led with a nose clip at all times.
3. Junior animals are classes as under 20 months.
4. All Groups and Pairs must be the bona fide property of the Exhibitor.
5. The same animal cannot compete in two classes unless the second class is named a Special Class/Section.
6. Leading age, for handling bulls over the age of 12months, must be 15 years or older. All exhibitors of male beef cattle must provide neck straps or neck ropes as well as halters for tethering.
7. Competition in all classes is restricted to purebred animals, which are registered in their respective Herd Books or Calf Registers. An inspector may examine the tattoo marks for all stock exhibited and if any animal is incorrectly branded it will be disqualified.
8. Competitors must wear their breed uniform, including solid shoes or boots or cannot enter judging ring.
9. Age of the cattle is as at the first day of the show - Saturday 16th August.
10. Calves at Foot:
 - a. Calf of an exhibit must be born prior to date set by show society based on timing of show and is to be the natural born progeny of the exhibit and be tattooed or identified as per breed society regulations if born prior to arrival at the Showgrounds.
 - b. All calves at foot must be eligible for full registration in the Herd Book in which its dam is registered.
 - c. Any cow found with a calf at foot born prior to the prescribed date set by show society or a calf not being the natural born progeny of the Exhibit nor tattooed as required above, shall be deemed to be ineligible for exhibition at the Show.
 - d. The Society may by notice to the Exhibitor require the animal to be forthwith removed from the Showgrounds. The Exhibitor, upon receipt of such notice, shall forthwith remove such animal and failing such removal by the Exhibitor within the time prescribed, Society may remove the animal or cause the animal to be removed, and all costs and expenses of removal shall be borne by the Exhibitor.
11. No dogs allowed on site or in Pavilion/Cattle Shed.

12. These rules are to be read in conjunction with the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society's Rules & Regulations.

DELIVERY OF CATTLE:

- All drivers must hold a current and appropriate level of vehicle licenses, registration and insurance.
- All vehicles to enter the Swan Hill Showgrounds from the gate on McCallum St, **Left Turn Only**. (see map on back).
- Showgrounds Entry Gate will be open for truck entry during the following times.

FRIDAY 14th	12pm - 8pm
SATURDAY 15th	7am - 11am
SUNDAY 16th	7am - 8am

- Admittance at any other time **MUST** have prior approval by the Cattle Senior Steward, Scott Bruton, and **WILL** be escorted onto the grounds.
- The vehicle access gate will be **CLOSED** outside of these hours and during the event.
- **ALL Cattle must be in the Cattle Shed by 11am on Saturday.**
- All Cattle must be led by competent handlers. Leading age, for handling bulls over the age of 12months, must be 15 years or older.
- The Senior Steward has the right to refuse entry of any animal to the show.
- Bedding straw is supplied.

COLLECTION OF PRIZE MONEY:

- For all classes other than Judging & Parading, prize money will be paid by cash on Sunday following the final judging section.
- Prize money - GST is not applicable.

SHOW END AND EXIT:

- **NO** cattle can leave the grounds until 15mins after the final judging section on Sunday has been completed.
- All drivers must follow the Societies traffic management plan and adhere to all directions given by Society volunteers. (see map on back)

SATURDAY 15th AUGUST

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 Inc GST

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Sash

Champion Sash Reserve Sash

Judging to commence at 1pm

VERNONS STEEL JUNIOR ALL BREEDS SPECTACULAR

For all Beef Heifers 20 months & Under (age taken at 16th August 2025)

Class 2000: Classes will be decided once entries are received

CHAMPION FEATURE HEIFER

RESERVE CHAMPION FEATURE HEIFER

For all Beef Bulls 20 months & Under (age taken at 16th August 2025)

Class 2004: Classes will be decided once entries are received

CHAMPION FEATURE BULL

RESERVE CHAMPION FEATURE BULL

JUDGING & PARADING

Registration will be done on the day at the Show. Please see Bec Wickham.

ENTRY FEE: FREE

VAS Junior Judging & Parading 8 years-14 years

PRIZES: 1st: \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 + sashes

VAS Junior Judging & Parading 15 years- under 25 years

PRIZES: 1st: \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10 + sashes

ENTRY FEE: FREE

Junior Calf handling under 8 years

PRIZES: 1st \$5, 2nd \$5, 3rd \$5, 4th \$5 + sashes

JUDGING: Saturday 16th August 1pm, **following** the Junior All Breeds Spectacular

VAS LTD RULES & REGULATIONS

Show Level Beef Cattle Parading Rules & Regulations

1. Age of Parader must be 8 years & over as of the day of the Show.
2. Parader must be attired in suitable clothing including solid shoes or boots.
3. The Parader must lead a heifer under 2 years as of the day of the Show only.
4. Parading animals must be eligible for breed registration with their respective breed society or entered in an ordinary class with details of exhibit on the respective Show/Event entry form for insurance purposes.
5. The judge may ask the Parader to swap animals if required.
6. Adult or steward assistance is acceptable for a Parader under 12 years. It is preferred that parents or siblings are not the assistant.
7. Competitions can be split into several age groups depending on the number of entries and level of experience.
8. Parader competitions are conducted under the VAS & ASA regulations.

State Final Beef Cattle Parading Rules & Regulations

1. Parader competitions are conducted under the ASA regulations.
2. Competitors must be 15 years and under 25 years of age on the 1st May in the year of the State Final and must reside within Victoria.
3. First & Second Placegetters are eligible to compete in the State Final.
4. The Parader must lead a heifer ONLY under 2 years as of the day of the State Final only.

Beef Cattle Judging Rules & Regulations

1. Competitions can be split into several age groups depending on the number of entries and level of experience
2. Judging competitions are conducted under the VAS & ASA regulations.
3. Competitors must be 15 years and under 25 years of age on the 1st May in the year of the State Final and must reside within Victoria.
4. First & Second Placegetters are eligible to compete in the State Final.

Class 2008: Junior Beef Cattle Parading 8-14 years.

Class 2009: VAS Ltd Junior Beef Cattle Parading 15-25 years.

Class 2010: Junior Judging 8-14years

Entries will be taken on the day of show. Cattle will be selected on the day for this class.

Class 2011: VAS Ltd Junior Beef Cattle Judging 15-25 years.

Class 2012: Junior Calf Handler under 8 years

- Age of Parader must be 8 years and under

- Parader must be attired in suitable clothing including solid shoes or boots.
- The Parader must lead a calf from cow shown in normal classes.

SUNDAY 16th AUGUST

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 Inc GST

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd, 3rd – Sash / **Champion** Sash, **Reserve** Sash

Judging to commence at 9am

AG WAREHOUSE STEAKS LED STEER / HEIFER

Weighing: TBC

Judging: Sunday 17th August 9am.

To be Judged as if heading to Melbourne Royal Show's Carcass Competition.

Class 2013: Led Steer / Heifer up to 430kgs

Class 2014: Led Steer / Heifer 431kgs - 510kgs

Class 2015: Led Steer / Heifer 511kgs and above

**CHAMPION LED STEER OR HEIFER
RESERVE CHAMPION LED STEER OR HEIFER**

ALL BREEDS

Class 2016: Heifer under 12 months

Class 2017: Heifer 12 to 15 months

Class 2018: Heifer under 16 to 20 months

CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - JUNIOR HEIFER
Sponsored by Murray Downs Golf & Country Club
RESERVE CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - JUNIOR HEIFER

Class 2019: Pair of Junior Heifer

Class 2020: Cow/Heifer 20 to 30 months

Class 2021: Cow over 30 months

CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - SENIOR FEMALE
Sponsored by Mallee Sand & Gardens
RESERVE CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - SENIOR FEMALE

Class 2022: Bull under 12 months

Class 2023: Bull 12 to 15 months

Class 2024: Bull 16 to 20 months

CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - JUNIOR BULL
RESERVE CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - JUNIOR BULL

Class 2025: Pair of Junior Bulls

Class 2026: Bull 20 to 30 months

Class 2027: Bull over 30 months

CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - SENIOR BULL
RESERVE CHAMPION ALL BREEDS - SENIOR BULL

Class 2028: Sires Progeny - group of 3 - both sexes to be represented.

Must be owned by exhibitor.

Sponsored by Roly Park Shorthorns

Class 2029: Best Junior Beef Pair - both sexes to be represented.

Must be owned by exhibitor.

Sponsored by Goonawarra Park Beef Shorthorns

Class 2030: Best Group of Three Beef Cattle - both sexes to be represented.

Must be owned by exhibitor.

Sponsored by Swan Lea Shorthorns

**GRAND CHAMPION BEEF FEMALE - Sponsored by Murray Downs
Golf & Country Club**

**GRAND CHAMPION BEEF BULL - Sponsored by Woodward Foods
SUPREME OF THE SHOW**

Award sponsored by Gavin Sutton

RULES & REGULATIONS

The 'Society' is the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

The 'Secretary' is the Secretary of the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

The 'Committee of the Society' are those who have been elected at the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc AGM as members of the Committee, entitled to vote and adjudicate on issues that fall under the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society control.

The 'Cattle Committee', are those members from the Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society that have been given the responsibility of the Committee of the Society to plan, run and manage the events known as The Swan Hill Cattle Show and The Swan Hill Hoof & Hook Competition.

Competitors in all sections will compete at their own risk and responsibility.

No exhibit shall be received without prior online registration and payment via direct debit on entry form.

The Cattle Committee Representative shall have the power to extend the date of entry in any section, if received in writing no less than 7 days prior to the event.

The 'Committee of the Society' reserves the right to refuse or cancel any entry without giving reasons for so doing.

Unless otherwise specified, all exhibits must, on the day of entry, be the property of the exhibitor.

The 'Cattle Committee' reserves the right to adjudicate any questionable entry.

The 'Committee of the Society' reserves the right to adjudicate on any matter not provided for in the general conditions and regulations of the Society.

In case of adverse weather, or any cause whatsoever, the 'Cattle Committee' reserves the right to vary, alter or amend any competition, display, or arena event, or postpone any same to another date should same be considered essential.

All entries must be delivered to & removed from Society's grounds at the expense of the exhibitor.

Exhibitors or their agents (if required) are to point out to the steward their respective exhibits in order that they may be identified & classified, before being submitted to the judges.

Exhibitors shall arrange their exhibits under the direction of the Stewards or Cattle Committee Representative & no exhibit afterwards shall be moved without the sanction of the Steward under a penalty not exceeding \$50 or the forfeiting of prize money.

When the judge(s) considers an exhibit in any class to not be of enough merit to deserve a first prize, no prize will be awarded. Judges may award a second or third prize if they consider the exhibit not worthy of a first prize.

Should a judge have any reason to doubt the age of any animal, they shall refer to the Stewards, who shall make enquiries & secure proof of age before the award is made.

The 'Cattle Committee' may withhold any prizes when statements regarding the exhibits are proved to be erroneous, or when an exhibit has not been in accordance with the regulations, and the exhibitor or exhibitors found guilty of false entries or statements shall be liable to be barred from again competing.

All perpetual trophies shall be awarded under the following conditions: The winner's name shall be inscribed on the trophy which is retained by the Society unless special permission is obtained from the Secretary.

Any prize left unclaimed for longer than 14 days shall be forfeited and cancelled by the Society.

Should there be any reasons to suspect an exhibit is either unwell, diseased, or dangerous, the Society Representative with Cattle Committee reserves the right of

refusing admittance to or removing the same from the grounds at the expense of the exhibitor.

All healthy exhibits must remain throughout the whole of the show unless permission is received in writing from the Society prior to the event.

Vehicles of the exhibitors must be secure and safe. The Society shall not be liable for damages because of any accident or contravention of this rule.

Any protest, against any exhibit or the judge's decision, must be made in writing and lodged with the Secretary within 3 hours of judging. The sum of \$50 must accompany the protest, and this shall be forfeited and become the property of the Society, if, in the opinion of the Cattle Committee, the protest is frivolous.

Where there is no competition in any class or section, no cash prizes may be awarded unless the judge certifies special merit.

Entry fees paid will not be refunded unless written application is made prior to the event or event is cancelled.

VAS LTD EVENT BIOSECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES

Exhibitors/competitors are not to bring sick or injured livestock or companion animals to an event.

Recommendation for exhibitor's animals to be vaccinated but not compulsory.

Societies can make it compulsory that all animals are Pestivirus (BVDV) tested and can ask for a copy of results to prove a negative result. Any animal that has not been tested or has returned a positive result will be barred from the competition and must be removed from the showgrounds immediately.

Livestock are loaded and transported in accordance with the Fit to Load Guidelines.

Livestock attending the event must be accompanied by the relevant movement document and Animal Health Declaration and a copy provided to the Secretary.

Livestock are not permitted to graze in shared areas. Grazing at the grounds is at the risk of the exhibitor.

Do not allow livestock or companion animals to share common water sources (where practical).

Ensure livestock and companion animals go into a clean yard, pen or cage upon arrival.

Facilities in which livestock and companion animals are housed are to be kept clean and free of manure for the duration of the event. This includes feeding and watering facilities.

Exhibitor/competitor vehicles that are onsite should be clean of gross contaminants such as mud and manure.

Exhibitors must supply fit-for-purpose livestock feed for ruminants that does not contain and has not been in contact with a RAM.

All exhibitors/competitors should minimize unnecessary contact with other exhibitors' or competitors' livestock and companion animals and should wash hands thoroughly after handling animals. They should also limit sharing equipment and tack.

Livestock and companion animals that become sick whilst at the showgrounds are to remain in their housed area and must be reported to the Biosecurity Manager immediately. Keep other livestock, companion animals and people away from the animal.

Livestock returning home should be isolated for 7-21 days and kept under observation.

The 'Society' endeavors to ensure that no harm to animal welfare will occur during the course of this event.

The biosecurity of all livestock is important for animals within the events care.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS.



SPONSORS

The Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc would like to thank our valued Sponsors for their ongoing support of the Cattle Show.
Without their support we could not put on this event.



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Goonawarra Beef Shorthorns Stud
Swanlea Beef Shorthorns Stud**

2026 HOOF & HOOK COMPETITION



HOOF CLASSES

Hoof Class Light, 300-399kg

Hoof Class Medium, 400-499kg

Hoof Class Heavy, 500-600kg

CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION BEAST ON HOOF

Perpetual Trophy

HOOK CLASSES

Light, Rib Fat 5-8mm / P8 Fat 6-10mm

Medium, Rib Fat 6-10mm / P8 Fat 3-13mm

Heavy, Rib Fat 8-13mm / P8 Fat 12-17mm

CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION BEAST ON HOOK

Perpetual Trophy

Classes: Determined after weighing on Saturday.

Cattle are classed according to their live weight categories. Fat measurements are taken at P8 (rump) & rib sites (Rib fat taken between the 10th & 11th rib on the carcass). Points are gained or lost if the beast does not fall into the following recommendations within their live weight classes.

Special Regulations:

All entrants must compete in both Hoof & Hook sections.

Heifers or Steers are eligible.

All entrants must be traceable, with all entrants having owner I.D.

E.g., Ear tag with Exhibitors Number.

All entrants must have NLIS tag in accordance with the Dept of Agriculture. No HGP.

All horned stock must be DEHORNED.

Vendors must complete a National Vendor's declaration form.

All exhibitors shall state on their entry form - breed, cross breeds or mixture of each animal, as far as known; with the name and breed of sire and dam, if known.



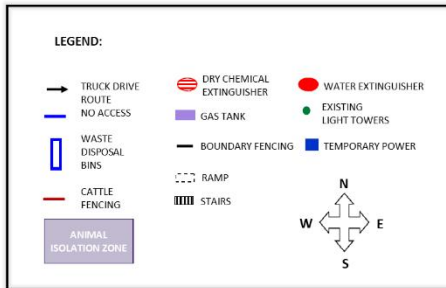
Whitfield Excavations Swan Hill Show

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd October 2026

Yard Dog Trials - Camel Rides - Animal Nursery
Free children's entertainment - Music - Fireworks
and more !

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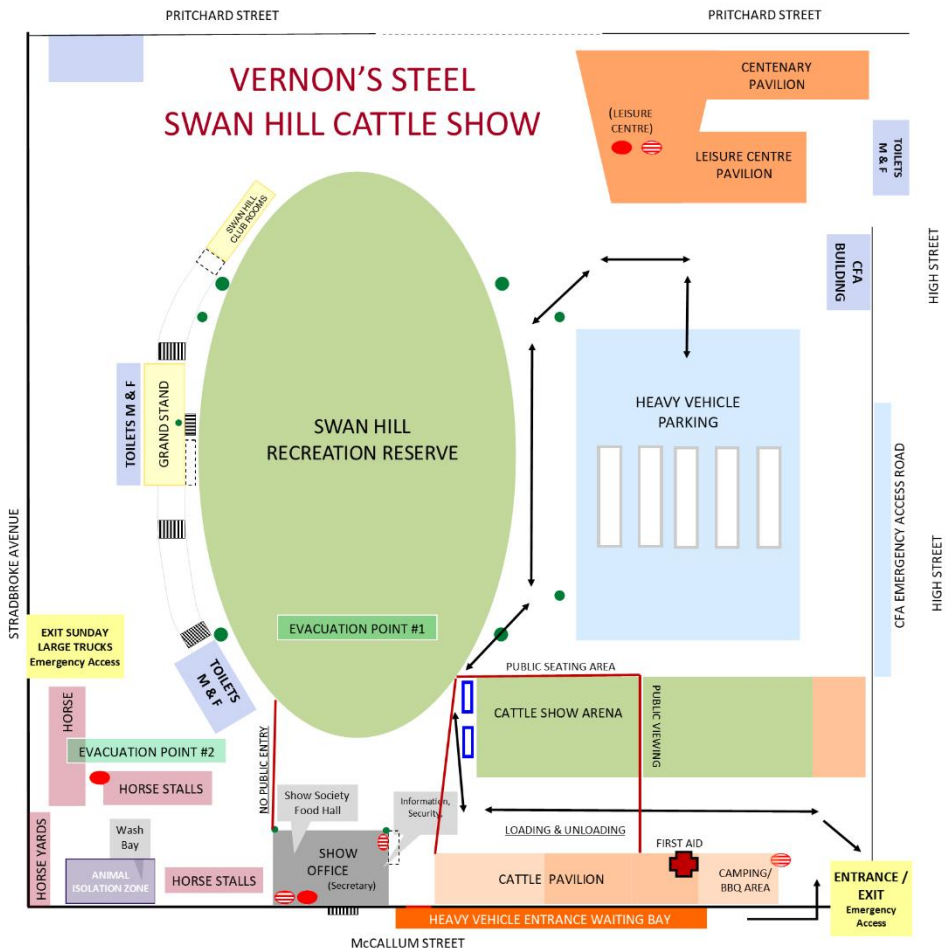
TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT / SITE MAP



**VERNON'S STEEL
SWAN HILL CATTLE SHOW**
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