

**Swan Hill District
Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.**



**Whitfield Excavation's Swan Hill Show
Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd October 2026
2026 PRE-SCHOOL SCHEDULE
CENTENARY & STADIUM PAVILIONS
COMPETITION SECTIONS**

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

This schedule **ONLY** contains sections relating to competitions for students and young competitors. Please read the Show Rules and Regulations section as well as any additional Section rules that apply to the section/s you are entering. Please refer to the official 2026 Swan Hill Show Schedule available on our website and socials in August.

School Entries Close: Sunday 13th September

School Exhibits Due: Friday 19th September

Entries must be delivered to the Show Office with Exhibit Tags attached.

Show Office is now open on Wednesday's from 9am – 3pm

As from August 31st to October 17th the Show Office will be open

Monday to Friday from 9am – 4.30pm

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Swan Hill District Agricultural & Pastoral Society Inc.

Welcome to the 2026 Swan Hill Show Centenary & Stadium Pavilions competition section schedule. This is a summarised schedule of the competition sections that are open to junior exhibitors to compete in. We hope that this will give educators more time to prepare and a chance to incorporate some of these activities into your classroom sessions. Following on from past years we will be using the online platform called Showday Online, for schools to register their entries through. All entries will be registered and tracked through this online platform. Payments are also processed on this platform; therefore, NO un-registered entries will be accepted on exhibit delivery days. Please view the link below to assist you in registering your entries. When using this method, you can remove individual entrants from sections once you have listed them if they have not finished their entry by the time you need to submit them. Please note that when you 'copy and paste', the items need to be pasted as 'plain text' or the information will not be able to be seen by the app.

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Our Show sections will go live on this platform, when entries open in **August**. New platform users will need to create an account, including a password, during their first interaction on the platform. Please record your details somewhere safe, as you will need them again to enter future events. Please record your school as the last name and your contact person as the business. This makes it easier for us in the office.

The platform can be found following the links from the Swan Hill Show website or at <https://showday.online>, once there, select Australia and Victoria to find our even

If you have any questions or require any assistance, contact the Show Office, prior to entries closings in September.

The Show Office team can be contacted on **5032 4314** or via email secretary@swanhillshow.com.au

For information on any of the Pavilion sections, please contact **Tricia Witney 0400 162 017**.

We hope you enjoy your showing experience with us in 2026.

SWAN HILL SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to ensure they meet and comply with the rules & regulations, notice to exhibitors and any section rules that may apply to their chosen sections. We encourage educators to support students by also understanding these conditions.
- Entrants are eligible to enter in their age category or above.
- The age of the entrant is taken as their age at the beginning of the event, Friday 2nd October 2026.
- Limit of two (2) exhibits per person, per class, in all sections.
- Work must have been completed by the exhibitor.
- First prize winning exhibits in previous Swan Hill Shows CANNOT be reused again in the same class.
- Work to have been done within the last twelve (12) months.
- Laundered or soiled work will be disqualified.
- Exhibit cards must be firmly attached to entries with an appropriate fastening.
- Special Needs sections are available to all children with special needs, who work with an education/integration aid or support provider. This does not mean that these children cannot compete in their age group sections as well.
- Entry fees for junior/18 years and under sections are charged at 55 cents each. Open/above 18 years sections are charged at \$1.10 each.

IMPORTANT DATES

The Swan Hill Show Office will be open Monday to Friday from the 31st August, to assist educators with entries.

School entries are to be registered on the Showday Online platform by **11.59pm Sunday 13th September**.

School exhibits of non-perishable items e.g. art, photography or handwriting, are to be delivered to the Show Office by **5pm Friday 19th September**.

School exhibits of perishable items e.g. cookery, are to be delivered to the Pavilion between **7:30am and 9am Thursday 3rd October**.

Exhibit Tags: Must be attached with an appropriate fastening, to all entries before benching, these will be provided with your confirmation of entries.

Please register your entry early, to allow time for processing and printing of your exhibit tags, before exhibits are due for delivery.

Pavilions Displays Close: 4pm Saturday 3rd October.

Prize & Exhibit Collection: At the conclusion of the event, all exhibits entered by the school, will be returned to the Show Office and available for collected between 9:30am and 5pm Tuesday 6th to Friday 16th October, unless otherwise arranged.

Any prizes awarded for student exhibits, will also be collected by educators at this time, who will arrange for the prize/s to be presented to the appropriate student/s.

Prizes: Unless otherwise stated.

1st Certificate plus \$2

2nd Certificate plus \$1

3rd Certificate only if 7 entries or more.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2026



The Swan Hill Show has always held a special place in our community, and it is an honour to step into the role of President for such a treasured local event. Our Show is built on connection — families, farmers, exhibitors, schools, volunteers, local businesses, and visitors all coming together to celebrate the heart of our region.

As President, my vision is clear: to continue strengthening the Show's sense of community while growing it into an even more vibrant, inclusive, and exciting event for all ages. We are committed to creating an experience that showcases our agricultural heritage, encourages

innovation, supports local talent, and brings joy to every person who walks through the gates.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support we receive each year. To our sponsors — thank you for believing in the Show and investing in our community's future. Your generosity allows us to bring bigger attractions, improve our facilities, and give our region an event to be proud of. To our amazing volunteers, thank you for the hours you give, the passion you bring, and the pride you take in making everything run smoothly. The Show simply doesn't happen without you.

This year, we are focused on continuing to improve the layout, enhance the Kids Zone, expand our market area, elevate entertainment options, and further streamline operations for exhibitors and competitors. We are also dedicating more time to planning, growing sponsorship opportunities, and introducing fresh ideas that will help the Show evolve while still honouring its traditions.

I am excited for what lies ahead and grateful to work alongside such a dedicated committee and supportive community. Together, we will deliver a Show that celebrates who we are — resilient, welcoming, creative, and proudly regional. I look forward to seeing you at the 2026 Swan Hill Show.

Warm regards,

Leah Matarzzo

President, Swan Hill Agricultural & Pastoral Society

SWAN HILL DISTRICT A & P SOCIETY INC. OFFICE BEARERS 2025/26

President: Leah Matarzzo

Treasurers: Kate Davison and Sandra Whitfield

Committee Members: Jenny Asling, Ross Cox, Tricia Witney, Janette Davison, David Wenzlau, Peter Angel, Life Members: Gwen Blay, Dorothy Brasser, Ann-Louise Crowe, Janette Davison, Shirley Hall, Nanette Large, Reginald Packer, John Parsons, Carol Sutton, David Wenzlau, Tricia Witney, Laurel Parsons and Christine Bryan.

Vice President: Nerida Morrish

Event Administration: Melanie O'Loughlin

SHOW OFFICE HOURS

31st August - 16th October

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

OUTSIDE OF SHOW TIMES

Wednesdays 9am-3pm

SHOW TIMES

Friday 2nd October 9am-9pm

Saturday 3rd October 8.30am - 4.30pm

OFFICE CONTACTS

Phone and Fax: (03) 5032 4314

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Address: 106 McCallum St, Swan Hill.

Email: enquiries@swanhillshow.com.au

Website: www.swanhillshow.com.au

Facebook: html:/swanhilldistrictshow

2026 ADMISSION CHARGES

Daily tickets: Adult \$25, Concession & Secondary Student \$10, Primary Student \$5, Child 5 & under Free.

1 Day Family Pass: 2 Adults & 4 children U/16 \$60, (purchases before 31st August \$50, can be made via www.swanhillshow.com)

Pension Card must be shown to gain concession admission, aged and disability support pension ONLY accepted. Student ID to be used as proof of age.

NORTHERN DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW DATES 2025/26

Wentworth: 29th & 30th August 2026

Swan Hill: 2nd & 3rd October 2026

Kerang: 5th October 2026

Boort: 10th October 2026

Mildura: 15th - 17th October 2026

Barham/Koondrook: 16th & 17th October

JUNIOR FLORAL ART

Head Steward: Elizabeth Kaylock 0428 340 527

Entry Fee: \$0.55

Prizes: 1st Certificate, Ribbon, \$2. 2nd Certificate, Ribbon, \$1. 3rd Certificate, Ribbon.

Entries Close: Sunday 13th September.

Exhibits Due: 4.30-6pm Wednesday 30th September or 7.30-10am Thursday 1st October at the Leisure Centre.

Pavilions close at 4pm Saturday. Exhibits can be collected between 4.15-5pm. Perishables will be disposed of if not collected by 5pm.

Uncollected Exhibits can be collected from the Show Office from the Tuesday following the show for two weeks.

STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES.

Show Rules and regulations can be found on page 2, to be used in conjunction with the following Section Rules:

Definitions:

- Container - Any shaped vessel which contains water, unless otherwise specified.
- Floral Saucer - Blooms should be small, placed on damp sand. The edge of saucer should be concealed with leaves or petals and blooms should form a pattern with colours blending and with no sand visible.
- Decorated Saucer - This should be similar to Floral Saucer but should incorporate an accessory into the design. This could include seeds or other natural materials.
- Cup & Saucer Arrangements - if cup and saucer have a floral design, the flower arrangement inside needs to match.

6 YEARS & UNDER

- **Class 280** Decorated Saucer - Edges are to be covered. Incorporating an accessory eg. ornament or figurine. See Section notes
- **Class 281** Arrangement of Flowers in a Vase - Fresh flowers to be used.
- **Class 282** Decorated Card - Glue dries plant material to card.
- **Class 283** The Longest Gum Leaf - Must be a fresh specimen.

BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR FLORAL ART 6 YEARS & UNDER

Sponsor: Tricia Witney - Certificate, Ribbon & \$10.

JUNIOR COOKERY

Head Steward: Jenny Asling 0497 382 077

Entry Fee: \$0.55

Prizes: 1st Certificate, \$2. 2nd Certificate, \$1. 3rd Certificate.

Entries Close: Sunday 13th September.

Exhibits Dues: 4.30-6pm Wednesday 30th September or 7.30-10am Thursday 1st October at the Leisure Centre.

Pavilions close at 4pm on Saturday. Exhibits can be collected between 4.15-5pm. Cookery is perishable and will be disposed of if not collected. **STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES.**

Show Rules and regulations can be found on pg. 4, to be used in conjunction with the following Section Rules: Plates to exhibit entries will be provided by the Society when staging.

- Cakes must be baked prior to day of judging.
- This section is open to all children 18 Years & under, on day of Show.
- Show Cooking Hints
- No springform tins to be used.
- **Packet Cakes:**
 - Include the Label/top of packet with your exhibit.
 - Cake NOT to be iced.
 - Honey Joys, Chocolate Crackles, Patty Cakes:
 - Use patty pans, not party cups.
 - More hints in Cookery Section.

6 YEARS & UNDER

- **Class 650** Uncooked Slice – 5 - Pieces to be 4x5cm in size.
- **Class 651** Yo Yo's - 5
- **Class 652** Chocolate/Rum Balls - 5
- **Class 653** Chocolate Crackles – 3 - Use patty pans NOT party cups.
- **Class 654** Decorated Marie Biscuits – 3 - Judged on decoration only. Decorations MUST be edible.
- **Class 655** Pikelets – 5

BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR COOKERY 6 YEARS & UNDER

Sponsor: Jenny Asling - Certificate, Ribbon & \$10.

JUNIOR HANDCRAFTS & HOBBIES

Head Steward: Mia Harrop 0456 778 578

Entry Fee: \$0.55

Prizes: 1st Certificate, Ribbon, \$2. 2nd Certificate, Ribbon, \$1. 3rd Certificate, Ribbon.

Bulk School Entries Close: Sunday 13th September.

Entries Close: Sunday 20th September.

Exhibits Due: 4.30-6pm Wednesday 30th September or 7.30-10am Thursday 1st October at Centenary Pavilion.

Pavilions close at 4pm on Saturday. Exhibits (other than school exhibits) can be collected between 4.15-

5pm. Uncollected Exhibits can be collected from the Show Office from the Tuesday following the show for two weeks.

STRICTLY NO LATE ENTERIES.

Show Rules and regulations can be found on pg.2, to be used in conjunction with the following Section Rules:

First prize winning exhibits at previous Swan Hill Shows CAN NOT compete again in the same class.

Work to have been done within the last two years.

Laundered or soiled work will be disqualified.

When more than one article makes up an exhibit, each article must have a card with class and exhibit number on it or all articles must be mounted on 1 card or board.

Exhibits cards must be firmly attached to entries.

School Teachers please note: School exhibitors are asked not to collect exhibits from the pavilions. Schools should collect ALL work from the show office between Tuesday after the show for two weeks.

Note - Paintings, drawings etc. are to be no bigger than A3.

6 YEARS & UNDER

- **Class 945** Easter Decoration
- **Class 946** Bookmark
- **Class 947** Modelling - Clay, Dough, Pottery etc.
- **Class 948** Paper Mache
- **Class 949** Pet/Painted Rock
- **Class 950** Craft Assembled from a Kit
- **Class 951** Decorated Wooden Spoon
- **Class 952** Decorated Disposable Plate
- **Class 953** Article made from Recycled Materials - Creations to fit within 45x45cm display space.
- **Class 954** Threaded Necklace/Bracelet
- **Class 955** Any Other Needlework/Craft - eg. Loom bands

BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR HANDCRAFTS & HOBBIES 6 YEARS & UNDER

Sponsor: Ornamental Glass - Certificate, Ribbon & \$10.

BUILDING BLOCKS eg. Lego

All Exhibits in these Classes MUST be own design. Firmly mounted on a base. Presented in a shallow sided box not greater 45x45cm in size.

Special Needs Classes open to children with Special Needs, who work with a teachers aid.

- **Class 987** Building Blocks, 6 Years & Under
- **Class 989** Building Blocks - Special Needs, 6-12 Years

BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR HANDCRAFTS & HOBBIES BUILDING BLOCKS

Sponsor: Mandhi Sutton - Certificate, Ribbon & \$10.

NOVELTY DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE

MUST use wooden Christmas Tree provided. Tree to be collected from the Show Office at a cost of \$2 each. This Section has NO ENRTY FEE. Trees are to be decorated on both sides.

- **Class 994** Novelty Decorated Christmas Tree, 6 Years & Under

BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR HANDCRAFTS & HOBBIES

Best Exhibit Overall Junior Handcraft & Hobbies Sections.

Sponsor: Alison Bennett - Certificate, Ribbon & \$20.

JUNIOR ART

Head Steward: Bec Sinclair 0419 308 016

Entry Fee: \$0.55

Prizes: 1st Certificate, Ribbon, \$2. 2nd Certificate, Ribbon, \$1. 3rd Certificate, Ribbon.

School Entries Close: Sunday 13th September.

School Exhibits Due: Friday 18th September.

Entries must be delivered to the Show Office with Exhibit Tags attached.

Individual Entries Close: Sunday 20th September.

Exhibits can be delivered to the show office during September or by Tuesday 29th September.

School Exhibit Collection: Exhibits are to be collected from the Show Office from the Tuesday following the show for two weeks.

Pavilions close at 4pm Saturday. Exhibits (other than school exhibits) can be collected between 4.15- 5pm.

Uncollected Exhibits can be collected from the Show Office from the Tuesday following the show for two weeks.

STRICTLY NO LATE ENTRIES.

Show Rules and regulations can be found on pg. 2, to be used in conjunction with the following Section Rules:

- All entries must have exhibit tag attached to front bottom corner of exhibit.
- All work must have been completed in the past 12 months.
- All junior work to be unframed and unmounted.
- All paintings, drawings and posters in this section are to be no larger than A3 or 29.7cm x 42cm.
- Canvas must be able to be hung.
- Larger work will not be judged.
- Traced work will not be considered.
- Secondary students may enter larger pieces in the Senior Art Open sections which will need to be able to be hung.
- Special Needs Section is open to all children who have an integration aide or attend a Special Needs School - they can also enter into the other age sections as well.
- Please note only 2 exhibits per person per class.

6 YEARS & UNDER

- **Class 1565** Painting
- **Class 1566** Drawing
- **Class 1567** Pastel
- **Class 1568** Collage
- **Class 1569** Colouring - Pre-drawn picture. Not colouring competition pictures.
- **Class 1570** Artwork not Scheduled

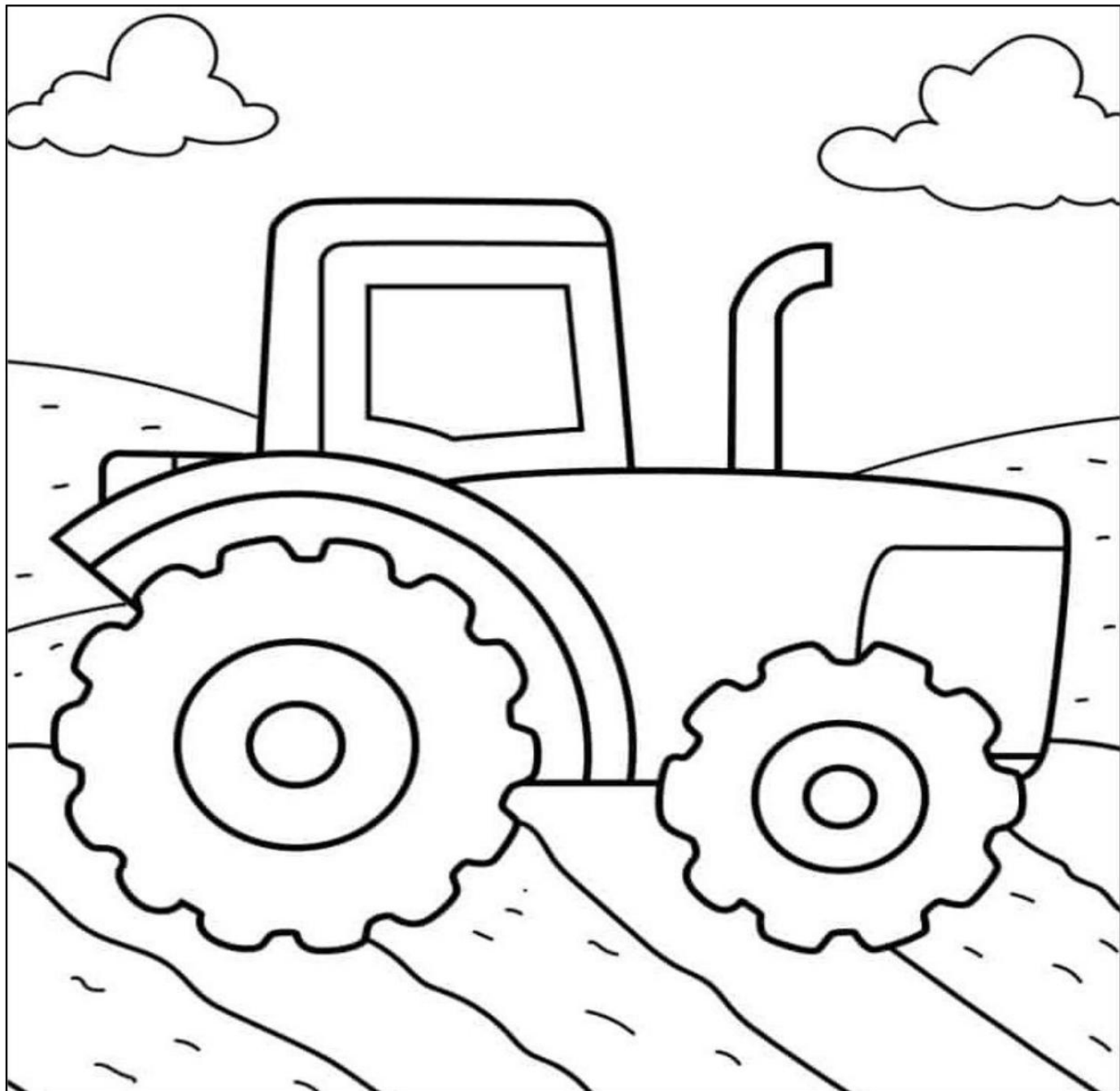
BEST EXHIBIT JUNIOR ART 6YEARS & UNDER

Sponsor: Jenny Asling - Certificate, Ribbon & \$10.

COLOURING COMPETITION

The pre-drawn pictures for this section can be downloaded from www.swanhillshow.com.au and are also available in our printed schedule or from the Show Office. Entries are free and don't need to be entered online. Please note this competition will be judged prior to the Show. Entries Due to the Show Office by Thursday 24th September.

- 12 Years & Under
- 8 Years & Under
- 5 Years & Under



SWAN HILL SHOW COLOURING COMPETITION
5 Years & Under

Name: _____ Age: _____

ENTRIES: Deliver entries to the Show Office, 106 McCallum Street,
by **Thursday 24th September.**

JUDGING: The competition is judged before the Show.

Winners will be contacted before the Show. Please include a valid contact number below.

Entry fee: FREE

Prizes: 1st - \$15 cash, 2nd - \$10 cash, 3rd - \$5 cash.

Contact Number: _____

Showing is a wonderful tradition in our community.

***It is inter-generational and gives us a chance
to pass on our skills and stories to others and try our hand at new ones.***

***Thank you for taking the time to support the Swan Hill District Agricultural
& Pastoral Society's Swan Hill Show.***

We hope you and your students have a wonderful experience.

***Keep in mind that if you have any feedback for ways to improve future
events, we would love to hear from you or better still, consider joining the
Society to ensure the showing tradition stays in our community.***



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