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Supporter List

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Important Information for Exhibitors

In 2025, the Melbourne Royal Fleece Competition will be judged prior to the Melbourne Royal Show on Friday 12 September 2025.

Exhibitors are invited to attend the day, view the fleeces being judged and join the Melbourne Royal Fleece Committee for the presentation of awards.

As a valued Fleece exhibitor, you are invited to attend the Livestock Pavilion during the Melbourne Royal Sheep competition from 25–27 September 2025 as it plays host to Victoria's sheep and wool industries.

Every effort will be made to display all exhibits entered in the Fleece Competition for the duration of the Melbourne Royal Show.

Awards Presentation

Judging will commence at 9.00am in the Livestock Pavilion on Friday 12 September 2025. Exhibitors are invited to attend lunch afterwards at 12:30 pm, and the Awards Presentation following the Judging, to be held from 1:00pm.

Entry Fees, Close of Entries Date

Enter online at melbourneroyal.com.au/fleece

Entry fees:

- \$18 per exhibit (GST free) entry fee (Melbourne Royal Members)
- \$25 per exhibit (GST free) entry fee (non-Members)
- Free for donated fleeces, District Fleece Competition

Entries close Friday 8 August 2025.

Late Entries

Late entries will be taken at the discretion of the Show Competition Manager and may be subject to a late fee.

Micron Categories

The following micron categories will apply to all Merino classes:

Ultra fine: 16.5 and finer
Superfine: 16.6 - 18.5
Fine: 18.6 - 19.9
Medium: 20.0 - 21.9
Strong: 22.0 and broader

District Fleece Competition

An Exhibit in the District Fleece Competition must have previously won a Championship at a District Agricultural Show.

Donated Fleeces

Sheep Fleece exhibitors will again have the option to donate their fleeces for sale. In 2025, the proceeds of the sale will go to Rural Aid.

The sale of the District Fleece will support Legacy.

Nutrien Ag generously facilitates the sale of fleece at no charge to Melbourne Royal or exhibitors.

Prizes

No Championship will be awarded if, in the opinion of the Chief Judge, no Exhibit warrants a Championship Award.

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters.

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Important Information for Exhibitors

Fleece Delivery & Collection

Delivery

Tuesday 17 June to Friday 8 August 2025

Deliver to:

Melbourne Royal Fleece Competition **Australian Wool Handlers**

ATT Craig O'Connor OR Lisa Mitsopoulos

Gate 4, AWH

5-29 Frederick Road

Brooklyn VIC 3012

Email contact: lisamitsopoulos@awh.com.au

Fleece Competition Manager Melbourne Royal Gate 5, Langs Road Melbourne Showgrounds Ascot Vale VIC 3032

Melbourne Royal Fleece Competition Nutrien Ag Solutions Hamilton Branch **ATT Tim Botton** 48 N Boundary Rd Hamilton VIC 3300

OR

Elected on class entry to be collected from Bendigo and to be dropped off at the showgrounds.

An exhibit card must be placed inside each fleece bag with all relevant fields filled out.

Collection

Monday 6 October 2025 9:00am to Friday 24 October 2025 5:00pm.

Please email sheep@melbourneroyal.com.au to arrange a pick up time. Further details to be provided at time of contact.



Australasian Lambs' Wool Championship

DELIVERY

Delivery Dates

16 Jun 2025 9:00 AM to 8 Aug 2025 5:00 PM

Deliver to:

Melbourne Royal Fleece Competition Australian Wool Handlers ATT Craig O'Connor OR Lisa Mitsopoulos Gate 4, AWH

5–29 Frederick Road Brooklyn VIC 3012

Email contact: lisamitsopoulos@awh.com.au

OR

Fleece Competition Manager Gate 5, Langs Road Melbourne Showgrounds Ascot Vale VIC 3032

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COLLECTION

Fleece Collection Dates

6 Oct 2025 9:00 AM to 24 Oct 2025 5:00 PM.

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Collect in person from:

Fleece Competition Manager Melbourne Royal Gate 5, Langs Road Melbourne Showgrounds Ascot Vale VIC 3032

\$18.00 Member, \$25.00 Non-Member, \$0.00 Donated

LB1 - SUPERFINE MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

LB2 - FINE MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

LB3 - MEDIUM MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

LB4 - STRONG MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

LB5 - POLWARTH LAMBS' WOOL

LB6 - CORRIEDALE LAMBS' WOOL

LB7 - COMEBACK LAMBS' WOOL

LB8 - CROSSBRED LAMBS' WOOL

LB9 - BRITISH LONGWOOL LAMBS' WOOL

LB10S - BEST MERINO LAMBS' WOOL

Eligible Classes: LB1-LB4

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

LB11S – BEST POLWARTH OR CORRIEDALE LAMBS' WOOL

Eligible Classes: LB5, LB6

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

LB12S – BEST COMEBACK OR CROSSBRED LAMBS' WOOL

Eligible Classes: LB7, LB8

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

LB13S - BEST BRITISH LONGWOOL LAMBS' WOOL

Eligible Classes: LB9

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

LB14S - CHAMPION LAMBS' WOOL

Eligible Classes: LB10S, LB11S, LB12S, LB13S

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

PRIZE: 1ST \$200 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL

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LB15S – MOST SUCCESSFUL AUSTRALASIAN LAMBS' WOOL EXHIBITOR

Points allotted on the basis of first, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point. Where points are equal, the highest number of first prizes will decide award.

Eligible Classes: LB1-LB9 PRIZE: 1ST SASH, TROPHY



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Skirted Fleece

DELIVERY

Delivery Dates

16 Jun 2025 9:00 AM to 8 Aug 2025 5:00 PM

Deliver to:

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Gate 4, AWH 5-29 Frederick Road Brooklyn VIC 3012

Email contact: lisamitsopoulos@awh.com.au

OR

Fleece Competition Manager Gate 5, Langs Road Melbourne Showgrounds Ascot Vale VIC 3032

An Exhibit Card must be placed inside each fleece bag

COLLECTION

Fleece Collection Dates

6 Oct 2025 9:00 AM to 24 Oct 2025 5:00 PM.

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Collect in person from:

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\$18.00 Member, \$25.00 Non-Member, \$0.00 Donated

The following micron categories will apply to all Merino classes:

- Ultrafine 16.5 and finer
- Superfine 16.6-18.5
- Fine 18.6-19.9
- Medium 20.0-21.9
- Strong 22.0 and broader

SK1 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF ULTRA FINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

SK2 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF ULTRA FINE MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK3S - BEST ULTRA FINE MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK4 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF SUPERFINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

SK5 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF SUPERFINE MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK6S - BEST SUPERFINE MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK4, SK5 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK7 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE MERINO RAM'S WOOL

SK8 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK9S - BEST FINE MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK7, SK8 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK10 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF MEDIUM MERINO RAM'S WOOL

SK11 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF MEDIUM MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK12S - BEST MEDIUM MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK10, SK11 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK13 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG MERINO RAM'S WOOL

SK14 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG MERINO EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK15S - BEST STRONG MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK13, SK14 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK16 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOHNE RAM'S WOOL

SK17 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOHNE EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK18 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF CORRIEDALE RAM'S

SK19 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF CORRIEDALE EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK20S - BEST CORRIEDALE FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK18, SK19 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK21S - MOST VALUABLE CORRIEDALE FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK18, SK19

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

SK22 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF POLWARTH RAM'S WOOL

SK23 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF POLWARTH EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK24S - BEST POLWARTH FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK22, SK23 PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE



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SK25 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF ROMNEY RAM'S WOOL

SK26 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF ROMNEY EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK27 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF BORDER LEICESTER RAM'S WOOL

SK28 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF BORDER LEICESTER EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK29 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF ENGLISH LEICESTER RAM'S WOOL

SK30 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF ENGLISH LEICESTER EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK31 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF LINCOLN RAM'S WOOL

SK32 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF LINCOLN EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL

SK33 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF CHEVIOT WOOL

SK34 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF DOWNS WOOL

SK35 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINN SHEEP WOOL

SK36 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF PERENDALE WOOL

SK37S - BEST BRITISH BREED FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK25-SK36

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST \$75 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL COMPANY

SK38 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF FINE COMEBACK EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 25 MICRON & FINER

SK39 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF COMEBACK EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 25.1–27 MICRON

SK40 - SKIRTED FLEECE OF CROSSBRED EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL 27.1-30 MICRON

SK41 – SKIRTED FLEECE OF STRONG CROSSBRED EWE OR WETHER'S WOOL, 30.1 MICRON & BROADER

SK42S – BEST COMEBACK OR CROSSBRED FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK38-SK41

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST \$75 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL COMPANY

SK43S - BEST NON-MERINO FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36,

SK38-SK41

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

SK44S – BEST NON-MERINO FLEECE FROM A COMMERCIAL GROWER

Eligible Classes: SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36,

SK38-SK41

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST \$75 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL COMPANY

SK45S – BEST MERINO FLEECE FROM A COMMERCIAL GROWER

Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11,

SK13, SK14

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$75 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL

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SK46S - CHAMPION SKIRTED FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36,

SK38-SK41 PRIZE: 1ST SASH

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

SK47S – MOST SUCCESSFUL SKIRTED FLEECE EXHIBITOR

Points allotted on the basis of first, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point. Where points are equal, the highest number of first prizes will decide award. Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36,

SK38-SK41 PRIZE: 1ST SASH

SK48S - MOST VALUABLE SKIRTED FLEECE

All skirted fleeces will be automatically entered into this competition.

Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36,

SK38-SK41 PRIZE: 1ST SASH

PRIZE: 1ST \$150 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL COMPANY

SK49S - BEST MERINO FLEECE

Best Merino Fleece Overall

Eligible Classes: SK3S, SK6S, SK9S, SK12S, SK15S

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST \$200 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL

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Black & Coloured Fleece

DELIVERY

Delivery Dates:

16 Jun 2025 9:00 AM to 8 Aug 2025 5:00 PM

Deliver to:

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Email contact: lisamitsopoulos@awh.com.au

OR

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BC1 – EXTRA FINE BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 64S & FINER, 21.9 MICRON & FINER

BC2 – FINE BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 58S–60S, 22–25.5 MICRON

BC3 – MEDIUM BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 50S-56S, 25.6-30 MICRON

BC4 – STRONG BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 44S–46S, 30.1–38 MICRON

BC5 – EXTRA STRONG BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE, 40S & STRONGER, 38.1 MICRON & BROADER

BC6 – BEST HOGGET FLEECE, ANY COUNT, UP TO 12 MONTHS GROWTH, SHOWING LAMB'S WOOL TIP

BC7 – BEST SAMPLE BLACK & COLOURED LAMBS' WOOL, 450 GRAMS, 58S, AND FINER

BC8 – BEST SAMPLE BLACK & COLOURED LAMBS' WOOL, 450 GRAMS, 56S, AND STRONGER

BC9S - CHAMPION BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE

Eligible Classes: BC1-BC6

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

PRIZE: 1ST \$150 SUPPORTED BY UNITED WOOL COMPANY

BC10S - CHAMPION BLACK & COLOURED LAMBS WOOL

Eligible Classes: BC7, BC8

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

BC11S - BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE MOST SUITABLE FOR CRAFT

This class recognises the most valuable use of Black & Coloured wool. All Black & Coloured fleeces will be automatically entered.

BC12S - MOST SUCCESSFUL BLACK & COLOURED FLEECE EXHIBITOR

Points allotted on the basis of first, 3 points; second, 2 points; third, 1 point. Where points are equal, the highest number of first prizes will decide award.

Eligible Classes: BC1-BC7

PRIZE: 1ST ROSETTE

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

BC13S – SUPREME BLACK & COLOURED EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: BC9S, BC10S

PRIZE: SASH

Victorian District Fleece Championship

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DS1 – CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE – GIPPSLAND DISTRICT/PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS2 – CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE – WIMMERA DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS3 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE -NORTH EASTERN/MURRAY VALLEY DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS4 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE - NORTHERN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS5 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE - WESTERN/SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS6 – CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE – GOULBURN VALLEY RIVERINA DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS7 - CHAMPION MERINO FLEECE - MIDLANDS/CENTRAL & UPPER GOULBURN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS8 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - GIPPSLAND/PORT PHILLIP DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS9 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - WIMMERA DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS10 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - NORTH EASTERN/MURRAY VALLEY DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS11 – CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE – NORTHERN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS12 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - WESTERN/SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS13 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - GOULBURN VALLEY RIVERINA DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS14 - CHAMPION NON-MERINO FLEECE - MIDLANDS/CENTRAL & UPPER GOULBURN DISTRICT

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

DS15S - CHAMPION DISTRICT FLEECE

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT PRIZE SUPPORTED BY DYNON WOOLS

Other Awards

FL1S – POLWARTH SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA BRANCH) PERPETUAL CHALLENGE

Awarded to the most attractive Polwarth fleece in the Show. To be eligible for this trophy, ram fleeces must not weigh less than 4.9kg and ewe fleeces no less than 3.4kg. Eligible Classes: SK22, SK23

FL2S - THE HENRY W. HOPKINS MEMORIAL AWARD

The award is for the highest points from a first time exhibitor and can be drawn from either the skirted fleece or lambs' wool classes.

Eligible Classes: LB1-LB9, SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36, SK38-SK41, BC1-BC7

PRIZE: 1ST SASH, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **DOUG HOPKINS**

FL3S - MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR IN SHOW

Awarded to the most successful exhibitor of the Show, drawn from either the skirted fleece or lambs' wool classes.

Eligible Classes: LB1-LB9, SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23,

SK25-SK36, SK38-SK41, BC1-BC7

PRIZE: 1ST SASH

FL4S - MOST VALUABLE COMMERCIAL FLEECE

Eligible Classes: SK1, SK2, SK4, SK5, SK7, SK8, SK10, SK11, SK13, SK14, SK16-SK19, SK22, SK23, SK25-SK36, SK38-SK41

PRIZE: 1ST \$250, 2ND \$150, 3RD \$100 SUPPORTED BY

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PRIZE: 1ST SASH



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