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Melbourne Royal Show  
24 September – 4 October 2026

# The Best In Equine *Excellence*

The Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition brings the best in equine excellence to benchmark their abilities against some of Australia's most highly skilled horses and riders.

Featuring the iconic Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout and the prestigious Prince of Wales Cup, the Horses in Action Competition combines great tradition with an array of classes that offer the most experienced rider and the up-and-coming equine superstars the opportunity to compete for a coveted champion sash.

With more than 2,000 entries, 500 horses and 350 riders competing across 250 classes, exhibitors can compete in Saddle Horse and Riding classes, Showjumping, Stockhorse, Hunting, Light & Heavy Harness and Clydesdales.



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# Important *information*

## **Truck parking and shuttle bus**

Melbourne Royal will be running a free shuttle bus service between the truck and float carparks and the Horses in Action area during the arrival and departure times listed on the timetable.

Information on the running times will be available closer to the Show.

## **Merging of classes**

Please be aware that Melbourne Royal reserves the right to cancel or merge classes if less than four Exhibits are entered.

## **Height certificates and microchipping**

Now also accepting Equestrian Australia (EA) measuring cards along with Show Horse Council National Height Certificates. There will be a combined Equestrian Victoria, Show Horse Council, Melbourne Royal Measuring Day in August at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre. Horses can also be measured during the Show.

Please ensure all horses entered in the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show are microchipped prior to submitting Nominations.

## **Property Identification Code**

The Property Identification Code of the Melbourne Showgrounds is 3MWAG001.

## **Main Arena Evening Entertainment**

Please note that there will be evening entertainment on the Main Arena in 2026, which will include fireworks.

Strict adherence to arrival and departure times, as well as any pre-entertainment lockdown procedures will be required, to facilitate the safe movement of animals and patrons. Strict adherence to instructions and requests given by the Melbourne Royal Area Warden, Security and Horse Superintendent is also required.

# Sponsors and supporters

Melbourne Royal thanks the Sponsors and Supporters of the Melbourne Horses in Action Competition below.  
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# Key dates and fees

## Key Dates

Entries Close	Monday 22 June 2026
Entries Close (Show Jumping)	Monday 22 June 2026
1st Round Acceptances	Wednesday 22 July 2026
Entries Close (Hunting)	Monday 3 August 2026

## Section Scheduling

Led Clydesdales	Saturday 26 September (Junior) Sunday 27 September
Light Harness	Sunday 27 September to Monday 28 September
Heavy Harness	Monday 28 September to Tuesday 29 September
Show Jumping	Thursday 24 September to Sunday 27 September
Prince of Wales Cup Show Jumping	Sunday 27 September
Saddle Ponies and Junior Riding	Tuesday 29 September to Wednesday 30 September
Pony Turnouts & Open Ponies	Tuesday 29 September to Wednesday 30 September
Stock Horses	Thursday 24 September to Friday 25 September
Hunting	Friday 25 September to Saturday 26 September
Saddle Horses (over 14 hands)	Thursday 1 October to Sunday 4 October
Intermediate & Senior Riding	Thursday 1 October
Equestrienne Turnouts (including Garryowen)	Friday 2 October
Sporting Horses (Australian Championships)	Sunday 4 October

# Key dates and fees

## Summary of Fees

Nomination Fees		Facility Fees	
Please note all nominations must be submitted online ONLY		Stable, locker and parking fees are calculated per night. One night is charged for arrival and departures in the same day. All facility fees includes GST.	
Australian Stock Horses	\$25 per class	Stable/s – Full MR Member	\$40 per day
Saddle & Mounted Turnouts	\$25 per class	Stable/s – Non Member	\$50 per day
Riding	\$25 per class	Fine for Stable left uncleaned	\$150 per stable
Turnout Special, Garryowen	\$105 per class	Bedding	\$95 per horse
Showjumping Group A, B, C, D	\$58 per class	Catalogue – Full MR Member	\$35
Showjumping – Alice Laidlaw Memorial	\$25 per class	Catalogue – Non Member	\$45
Heavy Horses	\$25 per class	Swabbing	\$25 per exhibit
Light Harness	\$25 per class	Locker	\$42 per day
Fancy Dress	FREE	Locker Key Bond	\$25 per exhibitor
		Truck Camping	\$70 per day
		Truck/Float Parking	\$25 per day

## Acceptance Fees

Section or Class	MR Full Membership ONLY	Non Member
Australian Stock Horse	\$44	\$63
Saddle & Mounted Turnouts	\$45	\$64
Riding	\$44	\$63
Showjumping Group A	\$168	\$224
Showjumping Group B	\$151	\$202
Showjumping Group C	\$151	\$202
Showjumping Group D	\$135	\$179
Showjumping Alice Laidlaw Memorial	\$34	\$46
Showjumping Mini Prix	If moving up a group, \$65 Member \$87 Non-Member	
Showjumping Prince of Wales Cup	Free for Group A Group B \$65 Member \$87 Non-Member	
Heavy Horses	\$39	\$55
Light Harness	\$39	\$55
Hunting (including team)	\$60	\$84
Fancy Dress & Evening Harness Parade	FREE	FREE

Please note discounted Member rates are only available to current Full MR Membership holders. Discounted rates are not applicable to Junior or Restricted MR Memberships.

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# 2026 Arrival and Departure Schedule

Arrivals and departures have been carefully timetabled to comply with occupational health and safety guidelines. The below schedule of times is only a guide. Exact allocated arrival and departure times will be emailed with acceptances.

Section	Judging Dates	Arrival	Departure
Light Harness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sunday 27 September</li> <li>Monday 28 September</li> </ul>	Saturday 26 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul> Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul>
Show Jumping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 24 September to Sunday 27 September</li> </ul>	Tuesday 22 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am–6pm</li> </ul> Wednesday 23 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am–6pm</li> </ul>	Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.30am–6am</li> </ul>
Led Clydesdales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saturday 26 September (Junior)</li> <li>Sunday 27 September</li> </ul>	Saturday 26 September (Junior) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30am–6am</li> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Tradesman & Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 28 September</li> </ul>	Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>10pm–12am</li> </ul> Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Tuesday 29 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Harness Clydesdales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 29 September</li> </ul>	Sunday 27 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>10pm–12am</li> </ul> Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Tuesday 29 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Ponies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tuesday 29 September</li> <li>Wednesday 30 September</li> </ul>	Monday 28 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>10pm–12am</li> </ul> Tuesday 29 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am–8am</li> </ul>	Tuesday 29 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul> Wednesday 30 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Thursday 1 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30am–6am</li> </ul>

# 2026 Arrival and Departure Schedule

Section	Judging Dates	Arrival	Departure
Stock Horses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 24 September</li> <li>Friday 25 September</li> </ul>	Tuesday 22 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am–6pm</li> </ul> Wednesday 23 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am–6pm</li> </ul> Thursday 24 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Friday 25 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Hunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 25 September</li> <li>Saturday 26 September</li> </ul>	Thursday 24 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul> Friday 25 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>9pm–10:30pm</li> </ul>	Saturday 26 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Hacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday 1 October</li> <li>Friday 2 October</li> <li>Saturday 3 October</li> <li>Sunday 4 October</li> </ul>	Wednesday 30 September <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>10pm–12am</li> </ul> Thursday 1 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Friday 2 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul>	Friday 2 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul> Saturday 3 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Sunday 4 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>
Galloways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday 2 October</li> <li>Saturday 3 October</li> <li>Sunday 4 October</li> </ul>	Thursday 1 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm–6pm</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Friday 2 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>9pm–10pm</li> </ul> Saturday 3 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> </ul>	Sunday 4 October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6am–8am</li> <li>4pm–6pm</li> </ul>



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# 2026 Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition

## Section 1 – Australian Stock Horses

### NOMINATIONS CLOSE:

**MONDAY, 22 June 2026**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### NOMINATION FEE:

**\$25 PER CLASS**

### ACCEPTANCE FEES:

**NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$63,  
MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$44 PER CLASS  
(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

### ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

All Exhibits entered in this section must be classified or foal recorded with the Australian Stock Horse Society. For particulars of registration apply to: Secretary, Australian Stock Horse Society, PO Box 288, Scone NSW, 2337. Exhibitors must be current financial members of the Australian Stock Horse Society.

Performances for each Exhibit must be shown on the Entry. Refer to Performance Guidelines.

Whips may be used in the Working Stock Horse classes but must not be cracked.

Competitors must be 18 years and over to handle and compete on stallions. Competitors must be 13 years and over to compete in all other classes unless otherwise stated.

Riders may not ride more than one horse in ordinary classes. Riders may compete on more than one horse in Championships, however the subsequent horse/s must be ridden into the arena by fully attired rider and may only receive assistance from the Melbourne Royal Mounted Marshal.

### **1 – LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE STALLION, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

### **2 – LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE COLT OR GELDING, 3 YEARS OLD AND UNDER**

### **3 – LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE GELDING, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

### **4S – CHAMPION LED MALE STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 1 – 3

### **5S – RESERVE CHAMPION LED MALE STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 4S

### **6 – LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE FILLY, 3 YEARS OLD AND UNDER**

### **7 – LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE MARE, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

### **8S – CHAMPION LED FEMALE STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 6, 7

### **9S – RESERVE CHAMPION LED FEMALE STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 8S

### **10S – SUPREME LED AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 4S, 8S

### **11 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK MARE, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER, OVER 15 HANDS**

### **12 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK MARE, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER, 15 HANDS AND UNDER**

### **13 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK STALLION, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

Riders 18 years and over eligible.

### **14 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK GELDING, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER, OVER 15 HANDS**

### **15 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK GELDING, 4 YEARS OLD AND OVER, 15 HANDS AND UNDER.**

### **16 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE HACK COLT, FILLY OR GELDING, 3 YEARS OLD AND UNDER**

### **17 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE , RIDDEN BY A JUNIOR 17 YEARS AND UNDER**

### **18S – CHAMPION RIDDEN STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 11 – 16

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG, \$50 SUPPORTED BY WEST GIPPSLAND BRANCH OF THE ASH SOCIETY

### **19S – RESERVE CHAMPION RIDDEN STOCK HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 18S

### **20 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE OPEN TIME TRIAL**

### **21 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE OPEN STATION/ UTILITY HORSE**

# 2026 Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition

## 22 – AUSTRALIAN WORKING STOCK HORSE, STALLION OR GELDING

Riders 13 years and over. Plain snaffle bit must be used. Competitors must be properly turned out as Australian Stockmen and be prepared to work-out as directed by the Judge. Class will be judged on Type, including conformation and soundness; Performance, particularly tractability and General Appearance.

## 23 – AUSTRALIAN WORKING STOCK HORSE, MARE

Plain snaffle bit must be used. Competitors must be properly turned out as Australian Stockmen and be prepared to work-out as directed by the Judge. Class will be judged on Type, including conformation and soundness; Performance, particularly tractability; and General Appearance.

## 24 – AUSTRALIAN WORKING STOCK HORSE, RIDDEN BY A JUNIOR 17 YEARS AND UNDER

Plain snaffle bit must be used. Competitors must be properly turned out as Australian Stockmen and be prepared to work-out as directed by the Judge. Class will be judged on Type, including conformation and soundness; Performance, particularly tractability; and General Appearance.

## 25 – AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE AND LADY RIDER, 13 YEARS AND OVER

Must be a financial member of the Australian Stock Horse Ladies Association and a financial member of the Australian Stock Horse Society. This class is open to stallions, mares and geldings registered or foal recorded with the ASHS. Junior riders (13 – 17 years) are not permitted to ride a stallion in this class. Competitors may only enter one mount in this class. This event will be judged on the following criteria:

### Horse

25 Points – Type and Conformation

25 Points – Ability, Manners and Paces

### Rider

25 Points – Riding Ability

25 Points – Dress, Equipment and General Presentation

In the event of a tie in any placing, the Riding Ability score will be used as a count back. If still required Ability, Manners and Paces, then Dress, Equipment and General Presentation and then Type and Conformation will be used.

If entries are large, elimination judging at the discretion of the judge may be necessary, taking all categories into consideration. Finalists to be appointed as per judging sheet.

Novice – must not have won ASHLA class or ASHLA Novice award at any Capital City Royals or ASH National Show on day of judging. The highest score out of those eligible for Novice Status will be the Novice ASHLA Rider Winner. The ASHLA Novice Award is for seniors only and can only be won once in a riders lifetime.

PRIZE: 1ST SASH: BEST JUNIOR, SASH: BEST NOVICE, SASH: BEST SENIOR, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN STOCK HORSE LADIES ASSOCIATION

## 26S – ALISTAIR IRVING CHAMPION WORKING STOCK HORSE

Eligible Classes: 22, 23

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY OAKTON LODGE PERFORMANCE HORSES

27S – RESERVE CHAMPION WORKING STOCK HORSE

Eligible Classes: 26S

## Section 2 – Saddle

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**

**MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2026**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**NOMINATION FEE:**

**\$25 PER CLASS, \$105 GARRYOWEN**

**ACCEPTANCE FEES:**

**NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$64,**

**MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$45**

**(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER CLASS.**

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.**

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

Novice refers to Exhibits which have not won first place competing singly at any Capital City Royal Show. Excluding Child's Classes.

**Please refer to the Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Performance Guidelines for a list of accepted performances.**

Performances for each Exhibit nominated must be shown on the Nomination. (See Conditions).

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class in the same section.

Stallions are not eligible to compete in this section.

**All Exhibits entered in this section must be registered with a recognized breed society, Show Horse Council of Australasia, Equestrian Australia or registered on the National Saddle Horse Register. All Exhibits must be microchipped.**

Where height is stipulated, Exhibits must be measured at the Melbourne Royal Show or hold a current Melbourne Royal, Show Horse Council of Australasia or Equestrian Australia measuring certificate. An Exhibit measured at the Melbourne Royal Show which measures over or under the specified measurement will be transferred to its correct class where possible.

Riders may not ride more than one horse in ordinary classes. Riders may compete on more than one horse in Championships/Bests, however the subsequent horse/s must be ridden into the arena by a fully attired rider and may only receive assistance to change horses from the Melbourne Royal Mounted Marshals.

An Equestrienne is a Lady rider 18 years and over.

The age of riders is taken as at the first day of the Melbourne Royal Show.

# 2026 Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition

All riders to ride astride (no side saddles).

The Ownership of Perpetual Cups and Trophies shall not pass to the winning Exhibitor, but shall remain in Melbourne Royal's possession. The name of the winning Exhibitor each year will be engraved on the Cup or Trophy.

## Rider

Nominations of riders must be received by Monday 11th August.

## Dress (excluding mounted turnouts)

### Riders (18 years and over)

(a) Approved safety helmet, riding jacket, waist coat optional, stock, rat catcher or collar and tie, breeches and top boots; or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots.

(b) Approved safety helmet, tweed coat, waist coat optional, stock, rat catcher or collar and tie, breeches and top boots or jodhpurs and jodhpur boots.

### Riders: (17 years and under)

(a) Approved safety helmet, riding coat, waist coat optional, rat catcher, stock or collar and tie, jodhpurs with jodhpur boots.

(b) Riders 17 years and under competing in Open and Show Hunter Galloway, Open Hack and Show Hunter Hack classes may wear top boots (excluding Childs, riding classes, junior and intermediate classes).

## Saddlery

Ordinary snaffle (with or without a dropped nose band), a simple double bridle or ordinary Pelham must be used. Numnahs shaped to fit the saddle neatly may be used in this section.

## PONIES

For Exhibits 14 hands and under, 3 years old or over. Saddle Ponies are ineligible to compete in Show Hunter classes.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated must provide the name of the rider and proof of age on request.

### 29 – NOVICE PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER

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### 30 – NOVICE PONY, OVER 12 AND NOT OVER 12.2 HANDS

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### 31S – BEST NOVICE SMALL PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 29, 30

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### 32 – NOVICE PONY, OVER 12.2 AND NOT OVER 13 HANDS

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### 33 – NOVICE PONY, OVER 13 AND NOT OVER 13.2 HANDS

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### 34 – NOVICE PONY, OVER 13.2 AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

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### 35S – BEST NOVICE LARGE PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 32 – 34

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### 36 – OPEN PONY, 11.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Shetlands ineligible.

### 37 – OPEN PONY, OVER 11.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 12 HANDS

Shetlands ineligible.

### 38 – OPEN PONY, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 12.2 HANDS

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### 39 – OPEN PONY MARE, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

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### 40 – OPEN PONY GELDING, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

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### 41S – CHAMPION SMALL SADDLE PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 36 – 40

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

### 42S – RESERVE CHAMPION SMALL SADDLE PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 41S

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### 43 – OPEN PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13 HANDS

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### 44 – OPEN PONY, OVER 13 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13.2 HANDS

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### 45 – OPEN PONY, OVER 13.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

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### 46 – OPEN PONY MARE, OVER 12.2 HAND AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

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### 47 – OPEN PONY GELDING, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

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### 48S – CHAMPION LARGE SADDLE PONY, OVER 12.2 AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 43 – 47

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

### 49S – RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE PONY, OVER 12.2 AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 48S

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### 50 – FAIRLIGHT ACRES TROPHY

Presented to the best Saddle Pony, not over 14 hands, which, in the opinion of the Judges, shows Show Pony qualities. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness and performance.

# 2026 Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition

The competition will be open to mares and geldings. Winner and runner up ineligible for Championship.

*Fairlight Acres Pony Stud was formed by Peter Collins in 1962 in Kerang Victoria.*

*The first stallion brought by Peter was Nattai Fairlight which helped form the studs name "Fairlight Acres". Since then, the stud has seen a number of stallions stand with huge success.*

*Breeders of Australian Ponies, Welsh Ponies, Australian Riding Ponies and Shetland, the name Fairlight Acres has been a predominate name in the winner's circle at the Melbourne Royal Show for over 50 years and can still be found in the breeding lines of a lot of today's top ponies.*

## 51S – FAIRLIGHT ACRES TROPHY FINAL

Eligible Classes: 50

PRIZE: 1ST \$250, TROPHY, 2ND \$115 SUPPORTED BY **KARLANA STUD**

## 52 – CHILD'S PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Rider 14 years of age or under. Eligible for Champion Child's Pony. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## 53 – CHILD'S PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Rider 17 years of age or under. Eligible for Champion Child's Pony. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## 54S – CHAMPION CHILD'S PONY

Eligible Classes: 52, 53

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **ROMSEY PARK** PRESENTED BY MR TERRY VAN HEYTHUYSEN AND MR GREG MICKAN

## 55S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD'S PONY

Eligible Classes: 54S

## LEADING REIN

A Leading Rein Rider must be nominated on your entry. Proof of age is required upon request.

## 56 – LEADING REIN OPEN PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER

Stallions ineligible. Rider to be 3 years to 7 years. Snaffle bridle only. Attendant must affix the leading rein to the noseband, the reins should go directly to the child's hand, string not permitted nor any aid fastened to the saddle to keep the pony's head in position. No aids permitted to

keep the rider's boots in the clogs or stirrups. No spurs or whips, handler may carry a cane. Riders should at least be able to rise to the trot.

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **EMMA'S GARLANDS**

## 57 – LEADING REIN SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER

Stallions ineligible. Rider to be 3 years to 7 years. Snaffle bridle only. Attendant must affix the leading rein to the noseband, the reins should go directly to the child's hand, string not permitted nor any aid fastened to the saddle to keep the pony's head in position. No aids permitted to keep the rider's boots in the clogs or stirrups. No spurs or whips, handler may carry a cane. Riders should at least be able to rise to the trot.

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## SHETLANDS

## 58 – NOVICE SHETLAND PONY, NOT OVER 10.2 HANDS

## 59 – SHETLAND PONY, 10 HANDS AND UNDER

## 60 – SHETLAND PONY, OVER 10 HANDS AND NOT OVER 10.2 HANDS

## 61 – CHILD'S SHETLAND PONY, NOT OVER 10.2 HANDS

To be ridden by boy or girl 14 years of age or under. Eligible for Champion Shetland Pony. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## 62S – CHAMPION SHETLAND PONY

Eligible Classes: 58 – 61

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH)** *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*  
PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **D. & W. WORBOYS, M. WHYTE, L. MILBURN, W. & R. LOUGHNAN**

## 63S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHETLAND PONY

Eligible Classes: 62S

# 2026 Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Competition

## JUNIOR TURNOUTS

Refer to the Melbourne Royal Mounted Turnout Guidelines for saddlery and costume guidelines

[www.melbourneroyal.com.au/horses-in-action/competition-info/schedules-forms-information/](http://www.melbourneroyal.com.au/horses-in-action/competition-info/schedules-forms-information/)

Each exhibitor will receive their turnout score and the score of the winner following the class via email or under "documents." The turnout scores of the seven placegetters will be publicly released.

Rider to be nominated on your entry with proof of age upon request.

The use of spurs in Junior Turnout classes is optional. Turnout classes are judged using points with a judge assigned to one or more criteria. Points are awarded as follows:

Conformation and Soundness	50 points
Manners and Paces	40 points
Riding Ability	50 points
General Appearance	20 points
Saddlery	20 points
Costume	20 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 points</b>

In the event of equality of placings, the classification shall be decided by adding together the points awarded for Manners and Paces, and Riding Ability. If there is still equality, points for Conformation and Soundness of the horse shall decide the classification. If a clear winner remains undetermined after the foregoing, the General Appearance points will be considered and after that, Saddlery points, then Costume points.

**PRIZE: THE MRS NORMA FEAR MEMORIAL TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS OF JUNIOR TURNOUT CLASSES SUPPORTED BY MR STAN FEAR.**

*Mrs. Norma Fear encouraged her daughters to compete regularly in the miniature turnout. She also judged at Melbourne Royal Show and together with her husband greatly assisted the Olympic Equestrians.*

### 64 – SHETLAND PONY TURNOUT IN SADDLE (LED)

Stallions ineligible. Exhibit not to exceed 10.2 hands. Rider to be 4 years old to 7 years on first day of the Show, and turnout to be led.

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MARGARET LUXFORD & STAN FEAR AND FAMILY PRESENTED BY STAN FEAR**

**PRIZE: 1ST WAGNERS TURNOUT PADDLE VALUE \$1,000, 2ND – 6TH GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$100 SUPPORTED BY WAGNERS SADDLERY**

### 65 – SHETLAND PONY TURNOUT IN SADDLE

Stallions ineligible. Exhibit not to exceed 10.2 hands. Rider to be 8 years old to 10 years on first day of the Show. To be shown in saddle and not led.

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MARGARET LUXFORD & STAN FEAR AND FAMILY**  
**PRIZE: 1ST WAGNERS TURNOUT PADDLE VALUE \$1,000, 2ND – 6TH GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$100 SUPPORTED BY WAGNERS SADDLERY**

### 66 – PONY TURNOUT IN SADDLE, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Stallions ineligible. Rider to be 10 to 11 years on the first day of the Show. To be shown in saddle.

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MARGARET LUXFORD & STAN FEAR AND FAMILY**

### 67 – PONY TURNOUT IN SADDLE, (LED) 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Stallions ineligible. Shetlands ineligible. Rider to be 4 to 6 years on the first day of the Show and turnout to be led. To be shown in saddle.

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MARGARET LUXFORD & STAN FEAR AND FAMILY**

### 68 – PONY TURNOUT IN SADDLE, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Stallions ineligible. Shetlands ineligible. Rider to be 7 to 9 years on the first day of the Show. To be shown in saddle.

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY MARGARET LUXFORD & STAN FEAR AND FAMILY**

## FANCY DRESS CONTEST

NOMINATION FEE: FREE

ACCEPTANCE FEE: FREE

Riders to be 14 years and under.

Exhibits must be 14 hands and under. Exhibits must be ridden or led. Riders must use Exhibits entered in an ordinary class at the Show. Riders must be specified on the nomination form and proof of age must be supplied on request. Riders may be accompanied by an adult. Winner ineligible for Championship.

All competitors will be awarded a Melbourne Royal Show Ribbon of Participation.

### 69 – FANCY DRESS CONTEST, FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, 3-14 YEARS (SPECIAL)

Exhibits must be 14 hands or under. Exhibits must be ridden or led. Riders must use Exhibits entered in an ordinary Class at the Show. Riders must be specified on Nomination Form and proof of age must be supplied on request. Riders may be accompanied by an adult. Winner ineligible for Championship.

**All competitors will be awarded a Melbourne Royal ribbon of Participation.**

**PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND SUPPORTED BY EMMA'S GARLANDS**

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## SMARTEST ON PARADE

Riders under 12 years of age, competing in saddle classes and/or riding competitions, are eligible to enter for this trophy. The name of the Exhibit and name of the rider must be given.

All entrants must be mounted on Exhibits not exceeding 14 hands.

**Exhibits must be accepted and have competed in a class at the Melbourne Royal Show in order to be eligible to compete in Smartest on Parade.**

**Exhibits must be 100% the bona fide property of the rider or their immediate family. Refer to Special Regulations 11. (Ownership of Exhibit)**

In the event of the Exhibit originally nominated becoming unfit for use because of accident or illness, a substitute will be permitted provided that the Melbourne Royal's veterinary surgeon certifies to the fact that the animal originally nominated is not fit to compete. It is to be noted that the substitute is subject to the same conditions as the original nomination.

### 70 – SMARTEST ON PARADE SHOW HUNTER PONY

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

### 71 – A.G HUNTER SMARTEST ON PARADE OPEN PONY

*Mr A.G Hunter of Northwood Park Thoroughbred Stud, Seymour. Mr Hunter was elected on to the RASV Council in 1925 where he served as a trustee from 1949 and President from 1952 until his death in 1953. He was the inaugural Chairman of the Trotting Control board 1947-1953. The A.G Hunter Stand opened in 1956 and was the largest stand around Coco-cola Arena until its demolition after the 2004 Melbourne Royal Show.*

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

## SHOW HUNTER PONIES

Show Hunters are ineligible to compete in Novice and Open Saddle Hack/Galloway/Pony classes including Lady's, Gentleman's and Child's Mounts in the Saddle Section.

Show Hunters are eligible to compete in Mounted Turnout classes in the Saddle Section.

Stallions are ineligible.

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class in the same section.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated, Exhibitor must provide the name of the rider and proof of age upon request.

### 72 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER

### 73 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 12.2 HANDS

### 74S – BEST NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 72, 73

### 75 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13 HANDS

### 76 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 13 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13.2 HANDS

### 77 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 13.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

### 78S – BEST NOVICE SHOW HUNTER PONY 12.2 NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 75 – 77

### 79 – SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER

### 80 – SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 12.2 HANDS

### 81 – SHOW HUNTER PONY MARE, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

### 82 – SHOW HUNTER PONY GELDING, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

### 83S – CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 79 – 82

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

### 84S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 83S

### 85 – SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13 HANDS

### 86 – SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 13 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13.2 HANDS

### 87 – SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 13.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

### 88 – SHOW HUNTER PONY MARE, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

### 89 – SHOW HUNTER PONY GELDING, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

### 90S – CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 85 – 89

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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## 91S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 90S

## 92 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER PONY, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Rider 14 years of age or under. Eligible for Champion Best Child’s Show Hunter Pony. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## 93 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER PONY, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS

Rider 17 years of age or under. Eligible for Champion Best Child’s Show Hunter Pony. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## 94S – CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER PONY

Eligible Classes: 92, 93

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **ROMSEY PARK**

## 95S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER PONY

Eligible Classes: 94S

## 96 – THE LINDSAY “PUDD” MCLEAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Presented to the best Show Hunter Pony, not over 14 hands, which, in the opinion of the Judges, shows the best Show Hunter Pony qualities. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness and performance. The competition will be open to mares and geldings. Winner and runner up ineligible for Championship.

*Lindsay Pudd McLean was an accomplished rider competing at the Melbourne Show from 1964 through to 1985. He won multiple riding events as well as the A J Hunter Smartest on Parade, before moving to the Show Jumping arena. His most successful pony being Tip Top who also won multiple prizes at the Melbourne Royal Show both under saddle and in harness.*

## 97S – THE LINDSAY “PUDD” MCLEAN MEMORIAL TROPHY FINAL

Eligible Classes: 96

## SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAYS

Show Hunters are ineligible to compete in Novice and Open Saddle Hack/Galloway/Pony classes including Lady’s, Gentleman’s and Child’s Mounts in the Saddle Section.

Show Hunters are eligible to compete in Mounted Turnout classes in the Saddle Section.

Stallions are ineligible.

Novice refers to Exhibits which have not won first place competing singly at any Capital City Royal Show. Excluding Child’s Classes.

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class in the same section.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated, Exhibitor must provide the name of the rider and proof of age upon request.

Exhibits may be nominated for and accepted in Lady’s and Gent’s classes but may only compete in one of the two classes. Rider to be nominated by 7am of the schedule class date at the Superintendent’s Office for eligibility to compete.

## 98 – PROVIDENCE CUP SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY

Presented to the best Show Hunter Galloway, which in the opinion of the Judges, shows the best Show Hunter Galloway qualities. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness and performance. The competition will be open to mares and geldings. Winner and Runner Up ineligible for Championship.

*Karen Fisher is a competitor, supporter, past committee member, judge and coach within the showing industry and has always strived to put back into the sport. The sponsorship of the Providence Cup Show Hunter Galloway is an example of Ms Fisher’s continued contribution to the showing industry.*

## 99S – PROVIDENCE CUP SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY FINAL

Eligible Classes: 98

## 100 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

## 101 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

## 102S – BEST NOVICE SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 100, 101

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## 103 – SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

## 104 – SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

## 105 – LADY’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s and/or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7:00am on the day of competition.

## 106 – GENTLEMAN’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s and/or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7:00am on the day of competition.

## 107S – CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS.

Eligible Classes: 103 – 106

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

## 108S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS.

Eligible Classes: 107S

## 109 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Show Hunter Galloway. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

## 110 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Show Hunter Galloway. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

## 111S – CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY

Eligible Classes: 109, 110

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY ROMSEY PARK

## 112S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER GALLOWAY

Eligible Classes: 111S

## SHOW HUNTER HACKS (OVER 15 HANDS)

Show Hunters are ineligible to compete in Novice and Open Saddle Hack/Galloway/Pony classes including Lady’s, Gentleman’s and Child’s Mounts in the Saddle Section.

Show Hunters are eligible to compete in Mounted Turnout classes in the Saddle Section.

Stallions are ineligible.

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class in the same section.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated, Exhibitor must provide the name of the rider and proof of age upon request.

**Exhibits may be nominated for and accepted in Lady’s and Gent’s classes but may only compete in one of the two classes. Rider to be nominated by 7am of the scheduled class date at the Horse Superintendents Office for eligibility to compete.**

**All rider nominations must be received by Monday 11th August.**

## 113 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY CATHERINE SCHWARZ

## 114 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY CATHERINE SCHWARZ

## 115 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY CATHERINE SCHWARZ

## 116 – NOVICE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY CATHERINE SCHWARZ

## 117S – BEST NOVICE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 113 – 116

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## **118 – SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15.2 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

## **119 – SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

## **120 – LADY’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7:00am on the day of competition.

## **121 – GENTLEMAN’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7:00am on the day of competition.

## **122 – SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16.2 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

## **123 – SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16.2 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

## **124 – SHOW HUNTER LADY’S HACK, OVER 16 HH**

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s and/or Gentlemens’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm with the Horse Superintendent their intention to start in their chosen class by 7:00am on the day of competition.

## **125 – SHOW HUNTER GENTLEMAN’S HACK OVER 16 HANDS**

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s and/or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7am on the day of competition.

## **126S – CHAMPION SMALL SHOW HUNTER HACK ‘GRETS’ TROPHY, OVER 15 HANDS NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

*The ‘Grets’ Trophy is a tribute to Grets’ short but successful show career between 2017 and 2018 as Champion Show Hunter Hack at Geelong and Bathurst Royal, EV Barastoc Horse of the Year and EA National Champion Small Hunter Hack in 2018. Grets is currently in training with Olympian Jayden Brown, successfully competing in the FEI Small Tour. His owner Susan and Victoria Gorst support this event in recognition of his huge character and presence in both disciplines.*

Eligible Classes: 118 – 121

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: GIFT VOUCHER & WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **GORST FAMILY**

## **127S – RESERVE CHAMPION SMALL SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 126S

PRIZE: GIFT VOUCHER SUPPORTED BY **SUSAN GORST**

## **128S – CHAMPION LARGE SHOW HUNTER HACK, JOHN LITHGOW AWARD, OVER 16 HANDS**

*In memory of Mr John Lithgow of ‘Flowerfield’ Coldstream, who was elected to the RASV Council in 1971 and became a Life Councillor in 1991. Chairman Horse Committee, 1988-1991. Master Yarra Glen and Lilydale Hunt Club 1956-1971. Past President Victorian Polo Association.*

Eligible Classes: 122 – 125

PRIZE: GARLAND, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **ELIZABETH LITHGOW**

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## **129S – RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 128S

## **130 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Show Hunter, over 15 hands. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

## **131 – CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Show Hunter, over 15 hands. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## 132S – CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 130, 131

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY ROMSEY PARK

## 133S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD’S SHOW HUNTER HACK, OVER 15 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 132S

## 134 – THE PROVIDENCE CUP – SHOW HUNTER HACKS OVER 15 HANDS

The Providence Cup and sash will be presented to the best Show Hunter Hack over 15 hands which in the opinion of the judges shows Show Hunter Hack qualities. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness, and performance. The competition will be open to mares and geldings. Winner and runner up ineligible for Championship.

*Karen Fisher is a competitor, supporter, committee member, judge and coach within the showing industry who has always strived to put back into the sport. This sponsorship of the Providence Cup is an example of Ms Fishers continued contribution to the showing industry.*

## 135S – THE PROVIDENCE CUP FINAL – SHOW HUNTER HACKS OVER 15 HANDS

Eligible Classes: 134

## GALLOWAYS

For Exhibits over 14 and not over 15 hands, 3 years old or over.

Saddle Galloways are ineligible to compete in Show Hunter Galloway classes.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated, Exhibitor must provide the name of the rider and proof of age upon request.

**Exhibits may be nominated for and accepted in Lady’s and Gents classes but may only compete in one of the two classes. Rider to be nominated by 7am of the scheduled class date at the Horse Superintendents Office for eligibility to compete.**

## 136 – NOVICE GALLOWAY, OVER 14 AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

## 137 – NOVICE GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

## 138S – BEST NOVICE GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS.

Eligible Classes: 136, 137

## 139 – GALLOWAY, OVER 14 AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY BRIAN SCHOLES

## 140 – GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY BRIAN SCHOLES

## 141 – GENTLEMAN’S GALLOWAY, OVER 14 AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm with the Horse Superintendent their intention to start in their chosen class by 7.00am on the day of competition.

## 142 – LADY’S GALLOWAY, OVER 14 AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm with the Horse Superintendent their intention to start in their chosen class by 7.00am on the day of competition.

## 143S – CHAMPION GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS.

### In Memory of Sally Murrell-Rich’s Champion Galloway ‘Avalon’.

Eligible Classes: 139 – 142

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

## 144S – RESERVE CHAMPION GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS.

Eligible Classes: 143S

## 145 – CHILD’S GALLOWAY, OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14.2 HANDS

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Galloway. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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## 146 – CHILD’S GALLOWAY, OVER 14.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child’s Galloway. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## 147S – CHAMPION CHILD’S GALLOWAY

Eligible Classes: 145, 146

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **ROMSEY PARK** PRESENTED BY MR TERRY VAN HEYTHUYSEN AND MR GREG MICKAN

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## 148S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD’S GALLOWAY

Eligible Classes: 147S

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## 149 – GRAND PARADE TROPHY

Presented to the best Saddle Galloway over 14 hands and not over 15 hands. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness, and performance. The competition will be open to mares and geldings. Winner and runner up ineligible for Championship.

*This class is a tribute to Grand Parade’s highly successful career as a Grand National winner, Royal Show Champion and successful broodmare. Her owner and breeder Melinda Ralph of Grand Stud supports this event in recognition of her most beloved mare.*

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## 150S – GRAND PARADE TROPHY FINAL

Eligible Classes: 149

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## HACKS (OVER 15 HANDS)

For Exhibits over 15 hands, 3 years old or over. Saddle Horses are ineligible to compete in Show Hunter classes.

Exhibits entered in classes where an age of rider under 18 years is stipulated, Exhibitor must provide the name of the rider and proof of age upon request.

**Exhibits may be nominated for and accepted in Lady’s and Gent’s classes but may only compete in one of the two classes. Rider to be nominated by 7am of the scheduled class date at the Horse Superintendents Office for eligibility to compete.**

## 151 – NOVICE HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$60 SUPPORTED BY **MAL BYRNE SADDLERY**  
PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 152 – NOVICE HACK, OVER 15.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$60 SUPPORTED BY **MAL BYRNE SADDLERY**  
PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 153 – NOVICE HACK, OVER 16 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$60 SUPPORTED BY **MAL BYRNE SADDLERY**  
PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 154 – NOVICE HACK, OVER 16.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$60 SUPPORTED BY **MAL BYRNE SADDLERY**  
PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 155S – BEST NOVICE HACK, OVER 15 HANDS.

Eligible Classes: 151 – 154

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## 156 – OPEN HACK, OVER 15 AND NOT OVER 15.2 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 157 – OPEN HACK, OVER 15.2 AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY **CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## 158 – LADY’S HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7.00am on the day of competition.

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## 159 – GENTLEMAN’S HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady’s or Gentleman’s) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes.

Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7.00am on the day of competition.

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## **160 – OPEN HACK, OVER 16 AND NOT OVER 16.2 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY  
**CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## **161 – OPEN HACK, OVER 16.2 HANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST VALUE \$60, 2ND VALUE \$30 SUPPORTED BY  
**CATHERINE SCHWARZ**

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## **162 – LADY'S HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

To be ridden by a Lady 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady's or Gentleman's) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes. Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7am on the day of competition.

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## **163 – GENTLEMAN'S HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

To be ridden by a Gentleman 18 years old or over. Exhibits are eligible to be nominated and accepted into a combination of classes (Lady's or Gentleman's) but Exhibits may only compete in one of the two classes. Exhibitors must confirm at the Horse Superintendents Office their intention to start in their chosen class by 7am on the day of competition.

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## **164S – S NIXON CHAMPION SMALL HACK, OVER 15 HANDS NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 156 – 159

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **EMMA'S GARLANDS**  
PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY  
**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## **165S – RESERVE CHAMPION SMALL HACK, OVER 15 HANDS NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 164S

## **166S – THE W. MCL. (MAC) GREAVES MEMORIAL CHAMPION LARGE HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

*W. McL. (Mac) Greaves (05.05.30 – 20.01.08) was elected to the RASV Council in 1968 and made a Life Councillor in 1988. He served on the Horse Committee for many years and was Ringmaster from 1973 – 1984. His grandfather (W.C) from 1908 and his father (W.C Jr) from 1936 both served on the RASV Council. Mac joined the EFA Victorian Committee in 1951 and served as President 1984-1986 and was a past national Vice President. He was a lifelong member of the Lang Lang Show Society and President from 1957 -1958.*

Eligible Classes: 160 – 163

PRIZE: SASH, GARLAND, THE GEORGE ADAMS PERPETUAL TROPHY

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY  
**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## **167S – RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 166S

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## **168 – THE "COL. A.V. POPE CUP"**

The Col. A.V. Pope Silver Cup and Special Ribbon. For the best saddle Exhibit over 15 hands. Entries into this Class must be registered as a Thoroughbred with a Thoroughbred Stud Book. Melbourne Royal will nominate three judges, one of which will be randomly drawn to select a Top 10. Finalists will each complete a workout to the three judges. The winner and runner up will be chosen from the Top 10 with a preferential system. Each Exhibit will be judged on manners, paces, conformation and soundness, and performance. The competition is open to mares and geldings. Winner and runner up ineligible for Championship.

*Colonel A.V Pope served in the Indian Army and was a top polo player. His wife was also well known in equestrienne circles. They lived in Frankston and established the prize in 1950 to encourage the breeding of thoroughbred hacks in the lead up to the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.*

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## **169S – THE "COL. A.V. POPE CUP" FINAL**

Eligible Classes: 168

PRIZE: 1ST \$1,000, GARLAND, 2ND \$600, 3RD \$400  
4TH – 10TH \$200 SUPPORTED BY **RACING VICTORIA OFF THE TRACK**

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## **174 – CHILD'S HACK, OVER 15 HANDS AND NOT OVER 16 HANDS**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child's Hack, over 15 hands. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY  
**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## **175 – CHILD'S HACK, OVER 16 HANDS**

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 18 years of age. Eligible for Champion Child's Hack, over 15 hands. Rider must be nominated by **Monday 11th August**.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY  
**INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## **176S – CHAMPION CHILD'S HACK, OVER 15 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 174, 175

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, GARLAND  
SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**  
PRIZE: WOOLLEN TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **ROMSEY PARK**

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## **177S – RESERVE CHAMPION CHILD'S HACK, OVER 15 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 176S

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## MOUNTED TURNOUTS

Refer to the Melbourne Royal Mounted Turnout Guidelines for saddlery and costume guidelines in all Mounted Turnouts Refer to website.

Each Exhibitor will receive their turnout score and the score of the winner following the class via email or under "documents." The turnout scores of the six placegetters will be publicly released.

Turnouts are judged on a point system with one judge assigned to one criteria. The scale of points is:

Conformation and Soundness	50 points
Manners and Paces	40 points
Riding Ability	50 points
General Appearance	20 points
Costume	20 points
Saddlery	20 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>200 points</b>

In the event of equality, the points for Riding Ability and Manners and Paces are added together to determine the winner. If there is still equality, Conformation and Soundness should determine the winner. If still undetermined, General Appearance points will be considered, then Saddlery and finally Costume.

"Property" refers to Exhibits owned or leased under a lease written and recorded with the breed society or association with which the Exhibit is registered. Refer to Special Regulations 11 (Ownership of Exhibit).

Equestriennes refer to female riders. Equestrians refers to male and female riders.

No alteration are to be made to any of the horse or riders equipment once exhibits have entered the arena unless it is deemed to be a safety hazard. Alterations will then be allowed under the supervision of a Melbourne Royal Official.

**Exhibits must be accepted and have competed in a class at the Melbourne Royal Show in order to be eligible to compete in Mounted Turnouts.**

### 178 – GARRYOWEN EQUESTRIENNE TURNOUT

All Equestriennes, 18 years of age and over, competing in a class at the Melbourne Royal Show are eligible to enter for this trophy.

Exhibitors may nominate two mounts to compete in the 2026 Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout at the time of nomination. The mount to be ridden must be confirmed not later than 5.00pm on the evening prior to the competition at the Horse Superintendent Office.

The Exhibitor may also request an alteration to a Mount that they have not previously nominated if accompanied with a vet or medical certificate. The alteration must be communicated in writing to Melbourne Royal Equestrian Event Manager no later than 5.00pm on the evening prior to the Competition. The exhibit alteration request can be made to an exhibit that must have entered in an ordinary class at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.

Competitors must be mounted on Exhibits over 14 hands.

*In memory of Champion Hack 'Garryowen' whose owner Mrs. Violet Murrell, one of Australia's foremost show riders and accomplished horsewomen, died aged twenty-nine trying to save him and Piquant from a tragic stable fire in 1934 in Mentone.*

PRIZE: BEST OFF THE TRACK EXHIBIT TROPHY RUG AND \$1000 CASH SUPPORTED BY **RACING VICTORIA OFF THE TRACK**

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **LYNN MILBURN GARLANDS**

PRIZE: 1ST GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$1,000, 2ND GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$500, 3RD GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$250, 4TH GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$125, 5TH GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$100, 6TH GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$75 SUPPORTED BY **WAGNERS SADDLERY**

PRIZE: 1ST – 6TH TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY **CEDAR LODGE EQUINE PRODUCTS**

### 179S – BEST FIRST YEAR GARRYOWEN COMPETITOR

Eligible Classes: 178

PRIZE: GIFT VOUCHER VALUE \$250 SUPPORTED BY **WAGNERS SADDLERY**

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

PRIZE: ALL PARTICIPANTS MEDALLION SUPPORTED BY **MRS S. MITCHELL AND MRS S. DRAPER**

### 180S – GARRYOWEN MCKINNON MEDAL

Awarded to the highest scoring exhibitor over the age of 45.

Eligible Classes: 178

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485, MEDALLION, \$250 CASH SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

### 181 – ESQUIRE EQUESTRIENNE TURNOUT

Equestriennes 18 years of age. Refer to Special Regulations.

**Exhibits must be 100% the bona fide property of the rider or their immediate family (part ownership not allowed)**

*The Esquire was instigated by the late Mrs. W.R. Nevins of Brandon Park, Oakleigh, to commemorate her renowned Hack – Esquire.*

PRIZE: 1ST PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND SUPPORTED BY **D. & W. WORBOYS, M. WHYTE, L. MILBURN, W. & R. LOUGHNAN**

### 182 – K.G. LUKE EQUESTRIAN TURNOUT

Open to riders 15 years of age and under 18 years of age. No restriction on height of Exhibit. *Mr. Kenneth Luke served as a RASV council member from 1951 until 1971.*

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY **INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH**

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## 183 – J. PEMBERTON EQUESTRIAN TURNOUT

Open to riders 12 years of age and under 15 years of age.  
No restriction on height of exhibit.

*Jack Pemberton succeeded his father as the Chief Mounted Marshal at the Melbourne Royal Show from 1947 until his death in 1990.*

PRIZE: 1ST GARLAND, PERPETUAL TROPHY, SASH, TROPHY, 2ND – 6TH SASH  
PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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## Section 3 – Riding Competitions

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**  
**MONDAY, 22 June 2026**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**NOMINATION FEE:**  
**\$25 PER CLASS**

**ACCEPTANCE FEES:**  
**NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$64,**  
**MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$44**  
**(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER CLASS**

### ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

The age of riders is taken as at the first day of the Melbourne Royal Show.

All Riders under 18 years of age on the first day of the Melbourne Royal Show are not allowed to wear Top Boots in Rider Classes.

Junior Riding mount restrictions. Intermediate and Senior Riding no mount height restrictions.

Riding competitors must ride an Exhibit that is entered and accepted in Horses in Action Saddle Section. The Exhibit must be stabled on the Showgrounds on the same date the riding competition is held.

## JUNIOR RIDING

### 184 – NOVICE JUNIOR RIDER RIDERS 6 AND UNDER 8 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a pony 14 hands and under.

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### 185 – NOVICE JUNIOR RIDER RIDERS 8 AND UNDER 10 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a horse or pony 15 hands and under.

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### 186 – NOVICE JUNIOR RIDER, RIDERS 10 AND UNDER 12 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a horse or pony 15 hands and under.

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### 187S – BEST NOVICE JUNIOR RIDER

Eligible Classes: 184 – 186

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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### 188 – JUNIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 6 AND UNDER 8 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a pony 14 hands and under.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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### 189 – JUNIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 8 AND UNDER 10 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a horse or pony 15 hands and under.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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### 190 – JUNIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 10 AND UNDER 12 YEARS

Open to boys and girls. To be ridden on a horse or pony 15 hands and under.

PRIZE: 1ST \$60, 2ND \$30 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

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### 191S – CHAMPION JUNIOR RIDER, UNDER 12 YEARS

Eligible Classes: 188 – 190

PRIZE: PRODUCT PACK VALUE \$485 SUPPORTED BY INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY EMMA'S GARLANDS

### 192S – RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR RIDER, UNDER 12 YEARS

Eligible Classes: 191S

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## INTERMEDIATE RIDING

### 193 – NOVICE INTERMEDIATE RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 12 AND UNDER 16 YEARS

Open to boys and girls.

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### 194 – NOVICE INTERMEDIATE RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 16 AND UNDER 18 YEARS

Open to boys and girls.

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### 195 – BEST NOVICE INTERMEDIATE RIDER

Open to boys and girls.

Eligible Classes: 193, 194

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### 196 – INTERMEDIATE RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 16 AND UNDER 18 YEARS

Open to boys and girls.

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### 197 – INTERMEDIATE RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 14 AND UNDER 16 YEARS

Open to boys and girls.

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## **198 – INTERMEDIATE RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 12 AND UNDER 14 YEARS**

Open to boys and girls.

## **199S – CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE RIDER, 12 AND UNDER 18 YEARS**

Eligible Classes: 196 – 198

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY EMMA'S GARLANDS

## **200S – RESERVE CHAMPION INTERMEDIATE RIDER, 12 AND UNDER 18 YEARS**

Eligible Classes: 199S

## **SENIOR RIDING**

### **201 – NOVICE SENIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 18 AND UNDER 25 YEARS**

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **202 – NOVICE SENIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 25 YEARS AND OVER**

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **203 – BEST NOVICE SENIOR RIDER**

Eligible Classes: 201, 202

### **204 – SENIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 30 YEARS AND OVER**

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **205 – SENIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 21 AND UNDER 30 YEARS**

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **206 – SENIOR RIDING COMPETITION, RIDERS 18 AND UNDER 21 YEARS**

Open to Ladies and Gentlemen.

### **207S – CHAMPION SENIOR RIDER, 18 YEARS OR OVER**

Eligible Classes: 204 – 206

PRIZE: GARLAND SUPPORTED BY EMMA'S GARLANDS

### **208S – RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR RIDER, 18 YEARS OR OVER**

Eligible Classes: 207S

## **Section 4 – Jumping**

### **NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**

**MONDAY, 22 June 2026.**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

### **NOMINATION FEES:**

**\$58 PER HORSE PER GROUP,  
\$25 ALICE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL**

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.**

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

### **ACCEPTANCE FEES:**

#### **GROUP A**

NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$224

MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$168.

#### **GROUP B**

NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$202

MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$151.

#### **GROUP C**

NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$202

MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$151.

#### **GROUP D**

NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$179

MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$135.

### **SPECIAL EVENT – THE ALICE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL TROPHY, LADIES JUMPING CONTEST**

Article 238.2.2. Maximum height of 1.30m. Open to Lady riders from the beginning of the year they turn 18 years.

NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$46

MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$34.

### **SPECIAL EVENT – PRINCE OF WALES CUP**

(Included in the Group A Acceptance Fees)

The classes in this section are arranged in groups to accommodate the various performances of horses, types of events and age of riders.

For Exhibits entered in jumping competitions are conducted under FEI/EA Rules.

All Jumping entries must be accompanied by a list of current performances gained between 1st July 2025 to 20th June 2026. Incomplete Entries will be automatically rejected without right of appeal.

After the close of nominations, Melbourne Royal will determine which entries will be accepted and for which animals accommodation will be provided. All entrants will be notified of Melbourne Royal's decision. The Nomination Fee for unaccepted entries will not be refunded.

Successful nominations will be notified by early August and will be subject to Acceptance Fees and Facilities Fees payable in August.

Riders may not ride more than 2 horses in any one group, at the committee's discretion.

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All Exhibits must be registered with Equestrian Australia. For particulars of registration apply to Equestrian Australia in the state concerned. Riders of Exhibits in Group A, B, C and D must be financial members of Equestrian Australia.

Where the owner of the Exhibit and rider are not the same person any prize money will be awarded to the registered owner unless otherwise stated.

The steward in charge is authorised to scratch any horse if it is not ready to compete at the time directed by the stewards.

Owners desiring to scratch their Exhibits for any event must do so at the Horse Superintendents Office at least two hours before the advertised time of starting.

Owners entering their Exhibits do so entirely at their own risk, and it is the condition of entry that no liability of any kind attaches itself to Melbourne Royal, its officers, officials or members in any respect whatsoever, other than the liability for refund of Entry Fees in the event of abandonment of the competition.

All events to be run over courses and obstacles as Melbourne Royal may decide.

Riders of horses in the event about to be contested are only permitted to walk the course. Group D riders may be accompanied by their coach but they must be appropriately attired.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Riders will be entered for their preferred group, however the final placement will be made by a selection panel established by the Melbourne Royal Horses in Action Committee. Performances will be considered from October 2025 to June 2026 for the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show. The following may be taken into consideration:

- A) Where performances are gained
- B) Performances as a combination
- C) Age of horse

## DRESS

### Ladies

(a) Approved safety helmet, riding jacket, rat catcher or collar and tie, white or light beige breeches and black or tan top boots; or (b) Hunting costume and approved safety helmet.

### Gentlemen

- (a) Approved safety helmet and:
- (b) hunting livery of a recognised hunt club; or
- (c) black jacket with stock, white breeches, black top boots; or
- (d) riding jacket with white tie, white or light beige breeches, black or tan top boots.

Spurs, other than dummy spurs not exceeding 19mm 3/4" in length are prohibited.

## DEFINITION OF A JUMPING AREA

The jumping arena will, when practicable, be entirely enclosed, but if not, will be clearly marked with flags or some other easily recognised indicator. It will be the responsibility of all competitors to acquaint themselves with the extent of the arena and its markings before competing.

## SPECIAL PRIZE

A prize will be awarded to the best presented in each group.

## GROUP A JUMPING

Maximum (first round) height 1.45m.

For horses over 14.2 hands.

Horses entered in Group A are not eligible to compete in other groups. Riders eligible to compete from the beginning of the year they turn 16 years.

## 209 – GROUP A JUMPING ENTRY

### 210S – JOHN W KELLY MEMORIAL JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2 – GROUP A

John W Kelly of "Eulo" Caramut North was elected to the RASV Council in 1960 and made a Life Councillor in 1980.

*He served on the Horse and Arena Committee until his death. John competed on Brigalow in the Eventing Team at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo and was reserve for the 1960 Olympics in Rome.*

### 211S – GROUP A JUMPING CONTEST – TABLE C. ARTICLE 239

### 212S – GROUP A JUMPING CONTEST ARTICLE 238.2.1

Maximum first round height 1.45m.

### 213S – PRINCE OF WALES CUP – ARTICLE 273.3.3.1

Maximum first round height 1.45m. Open to Horses in Group A and is included in Group A Entry.

PRIZE: TROPHY SUPPORTED BY EMIL BRAUN CREATIONS

## GROUP B JUMPING

Maximum (first round) height 1.35m.

For horses over 14.2 hands.

Horses entered in Group B are not eligible to compete in other groups. Riders eligible to compete from the beginning of the year they turn 16 years.

## 214 – GROUP B JUMPING ENTRY

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## **215S – THE COLIN R KELLY MEMORIAL JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2 – GROUP B**

Colin R. Kelly (20.3.21 – 17.3.07) of 'Barwidgee' Caramut was elected to the RASV Council in 1974 and made a Life Councillor in 1994. He served on the Horse Committee for many years. Original EFA committee member 1951 and President Victorian Branch EFA 1972-1984, past member of the Federal Council and former Federal President. In 1949 Colin won the first official dressage competition held in Victoria. He won many showjumping competitions, played Polo for Victoria and went on to be the first International Course Designer in Australia. He was an FEI-listed Jumping Course Builder.

Eligible Classes: 214

## **450 – PRINCE OF WALES CUP – TABLE A 238.2.2 (AM5)**

Maximum first round height 1.45m. Open to Horses in Group A and Group B. Entry into this Class is included in Group A. Group B horses to enter as a special event.

## **216S – GROUP B JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 239**

Eligible Classes: 214

## **217S – GROUP B JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 214

## **218S – MINI PRIX ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Maximum first round height 1.45m. Open to Horses in Group B.

Eligible Classes: 214, 451

## **GROUP C JUMPING**

Maximum (first round) height 1.25m.

For horses over 14.2 hands, 10 years and under at the time of nomination.

Horses entered in Group C are not eligible to compete in other groups. Riders eligible to compete from the beginning of the year they turn 16 years.

## **219 – GROUP C JUMPING ENTRY**

## **220S – GROUP C JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 219

## **451 – MINI PRIX JUMPING CONTEST – TABLE A 273.3.1**

Open to Horses entered in Group B that did not compete in the Prince of Wales Cup. Group C horses to enter as a special event.

## **221S – GROUP C JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 219

## **222S – GROUP C JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 239**

Eligible Classes: 219

## **223S – GROUP C GRAND PRIX JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 219, 452

## **GROUP D JUMPING**

Approximate height 1.25m.

Riders eligible to compete from the beginning of the year they turn 14 to the end of the year they turn 21 years.

Selection of Group D will be based on the performance of the horse and rider combination. Competition in classes in this group is open to Exhibits and riders whose past performances, in the opinion of Melbourne Royal, warrant their inclusion in the group.

A rider may compete in an open competition and young rider competition at the show, but not on the same horse.

## **224 – GROUP D JUMPING ENTRY**

## **225S – GROUP D JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 224

## **226S – GROUP D JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 239**

Eligible Classes: 224

## **452 – GROUP D GRAND PRIX JUMPING CONTEST – TABLE A. ARTICLE 273 3.3.1**

## **227S – GROUP D GRAND PRIX JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 278.2.2**

Eligible Classes: 224

## **228S – GROUP D JUMPING CONTEST – ARTICLE 238.2.1**

Eligible Classes: 224

## **JUMPING SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **229 – THE ALICE LAIDLAW MEMORIAL TROPHY, LADIES JUMPING CONTEST**

Article 238.2.2. Maximum height of 1.30m. Open to Lady riders who reach 18 years and over at the beginning of the calendar year.

*Mrs Alice Laidlaw of The Hill, Ararat, was a long time successful Exhibitor of Hacks and Hunters and an outstanding horsewoman and breeder of stud stock. She sadly passed away at the height of her success in 1947. Alice was a stickler for the correct manners and paces of the horses she rode and always looked impeccable with a very high standard. Now in its 72nd year, the Alice Laidlaw Trophy is awarded to the best Lady rider over jumps.*

## **JUMPING SPECIAL AWARDS**

A prize will be awarded for the most successful horse and rider combination in each section. The winner will be determined by points allocated as follows: First, 6 points; Second, 5 points; Third, 4 points; Fourth, 3 points; Fifth, 2 points; Sixth, 1 point.

In the event of equality of points, the horse gaining the greatest number of first places shall be declared the winner. If there is still equality, then the winner shall be the horse gaining the greatest number of seconds.

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## **230S – MOST SUCCESSFUL HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION IN GROUP A JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

Eligible Classes: 210S, 211S, 212S

## **231S – MOST SUCCESSFUL HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION IN GROUP B JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

Eligible Classes: 215S, 216S, 217S, 218S

## **232S – MOST SUCCESSFUL HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION IN GROUP C JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

Eligible Classes: 220S, 221S, 222S, 223S

## **233S – MOST SUCCESSFUL HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATION IN GROUP D JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

Eligible Classes: 225S, 226S, 227S, 228S

## **234S – MOST SUCCESSFUL RIDER IN JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

Eligible Classes: 210S, 211S, 212S, 215S, 216S, 217S, 218S, 220S, 221S, 222S, 223S, 225S, 226S, 227S, 228S

## Section 5 – Heavy Horses

### **NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**

**MONDAY, 22 June 2026**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### **NOMINATION FEE:**

**\$25 PER CLASS**

### **ACCEPTANCE FEES:**

**NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$55,**

**MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$39**

**(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER CLASS.**

### **ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.**

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

Performance requirements for Exhibits entered in this section please refer to performance guidelines.

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class.

All riders to ride astride (no side saddles).

## **LED CLYDESDALES**

All Clydesdale Exhibits are to be shown with a suitable restraining bit in the mouth and wear head gear of proper strength and quality with the leading rein attached to the bit.

An Exhibit may only be entered in one ordinary class (for which it is eligible by age) in this section and as many special classes in which it is eligible to compete.

An Exhibitor in an ordinary class may enter no more than three Exhibits in such class of which only two may be shown. No refund of the Entry Fee or Nomination Fee will be made in respect of the Exhibit entered but not shown.

An Exhibit must compete and qualify in an ordinary class before becoming eligible for Champion prizes.

Geldings ineligible in Group Classes.

Exhibits entered in this section must be fully registered as Clydesdales in the Commonwealth Clydesdale Stud Book, or other approved stud book published outside the Commonwealth of Australia. Exhibitors must be current financial members of the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society. For particulars of registration in the Commonwealth Clydesdale Stud Book, apply to: Secretary Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society PO Box 1053 Bendigo 3552

## **235 – JUNIOR PRESENTATION HANDLER, 8 TO 14 YEARS**

Handlers in the junior presentation classes must be a junior competitor of the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society and paid the junior competitor levy.

**Please Note:** Handlers entering the junior presentation classes must use a horse entered in the Clydesdale Section at the current Show and stabled on the Showgrounds.

## **236 – JUNIOR PRESENTATION HANDLER CLASS, 15 TO 17 YEARS**

Handlers in the junior presentation classes must be a junior competitor of the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society and paid the junior competitor levy.

**Please Note:** Handlers entering the junior presentation classes must use a horse entered in the Clydesdale Section at the current Show and stabled on the Showgrounds.

## **237S – THE DENZILDON TROPHY**

Awarded to the best handler from the Junior Presentation classes. The trophy will be held by the CCHS. The names of the handler each year will be engraved on to the trophy. Perpetual Trophy sponsored by Doug and Desiree Stewart.

*Doug and Desiree Stewart have conducted the Denzildon Stud at Bendigo. They have been most successful in all types of Heavy Harness at the Melbourne Royal Show.*

Eligible Classes: 235, 236

## **238 – CLYDESDALE STALLION, 4 YEARS OLD OR OVER**

## **240S – CHAMPION CLYDESDALE STALLION OR COLT, 3 YEARS OLD OR OVER.**

Eligible Classes: 238, 239

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG IN MEMORY OF MAJOR R.I MCDERMOTT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS SUPPORTED BY IAN MCDERMOTT

## **241S – RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE STALLION OR COLT, 3 YEARS OLD OR OVER**

Eligible Classes: 240S

## **242 – AUSTRALIAN-BRED CLYDESDALE STALLION, 3 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

Exhibited by and the property of the breeder.

## **243 – CLYDESDALE COLT, 2 YEARS OLD**

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## 244S – DOUG FINDLAY MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Exhibit bred by Exhibitor in Clydesdale Colt, 2 Year Old Class. The trophy will be held by Melbourne Royal.

Eligible Classes: 243

## 245 – CLYDESDALE COLT, 1 YEAR OLD

### 246S – PAT ARNOLD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Exhibit bred by Exhibitor in the Clydesdale Colt, 1 Year Old class. The trophy will be held by Melbourne Royal.

Eligible Classes: 245

### 247 – CLYDESDALE PRODUCE SWEEPSTAKES – COLT 1 YEAR OLD

Entries for the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes taken through the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

### 400 – CLYDESDALE PRODUCE SWEEPSTAKES – COLT 2 YEAR OLD

Exhibits to have competed as a 1 year old in the 2024 Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes. Awarded to the highest placed eligible Exhibit of class Clydesdale Colt, 2 years old.

Entries for the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes taken through the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

### 248S – JUNIOR CHAMPION CLYDESDALE COLT, 2 YEARS OR UNDER

Eligible Classes: 243, 245

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG IN MEMORY OF

**MAJOR R.I MCDERMOTT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

SUPPORTED BY IAN MCDERMOTT

### 249S – JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE COLT, 2 YEARS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 248S

### 250S – R & J GALLOWAY CLYDESDALE CHALLENGE CUP

The trophy is offered for competition annually at the Melbourne Royal Show and will be awarded to the best Clydesdale male, two years or over. The trophy may not be won twice by the same animal. The trophy will be held by Melbourne Royal. The names of the owner and the winning animal each year will be engraved on the trophy. The winner will be presented with a commemorative award annually.

*Past 10 years' winners: Aarunga Mark (2014), Meadow Lane Southern Cross (2015), Norbrook McAlister (2016), Aarunga Regent (2017), Aarunga Franklin (2018), Moonrise Fire n Ice (2019), Meadow Lane Casper (2023)*

Eligible Classes: 238, 239, 243

PRIZE: PERPETUAL TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **NARIOKA CLYDESDALE STUD**

## 251 – CLYDESDALE GELDING, 6 YEARS OLD AND UNDER

## 252 – CLYDESDALE GELDING, 7 YEARS OLD AND OVER

### 253S – CHAMPION CLYDESDALE GELDING

Eligible Classes: 252

PRIZE: SASH, TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH)**

### 254S – RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE GELDING

Eligible Classes: 253S

### 255 – CLYDESDALE BROOD MARE, 4 YEARS OLD OR OVER IN FOAL OR FOAL AT FOOT

Mare to foal in the current foaling season. Exhibitors of mares without foal at foot, must produce on demand a veterinary certification of pregnancy for the mare exhibited.

### 256 – CLYDESDALE DRY MARE, 4 YEARS OLD OR OVER.

Exhibitor may be required to produce on demand a veterinary certification to prove the mare is not in foal. **NOTE:** – A mare entered in the “Brood” Class can be transferred to the “Dry” Class if subsequent to entry she proves to be not in foal, or vice versa.

## 257 – CLYDESDALE FILLY, 3 YEARS OLD

### 258S – CHAMPION CLYDESDALE MARE OR FILLY, 3 YEARS OLD OR OVER

Eligible Classes: 255 – 257

Max & Kristin Marriott Memorial Sash

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG IN MEMORY OF

**MAJOR R.I MCDERMOTT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

SUPPORTED BY IAN MCDERMOTT

### 259S – RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE MARE OR FILLY, 3 YEARS OLD OR OVER

Eligible Classes: 258S

## 260 – CLYDESDALE FILLY, 2 YEARS OLD

### 261S – CORRIE S. RODDA MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the highest placed Exhibit bred by Exhibitor in Clydesdale Filly, 2 Year Old class. The class is to be won three times before being awarded to the Exhibitor. Sponsored by Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

Trophy sponsored by the Victorian Branch of the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society.

*Corrie Rodda conducted the ‘Fairview Stud’ at Warracknabeal until World War II. Successful Exhibitor at the Melbourne Royal Show and imported ‘Orange Blossom’, ‘Wells Mascal’ and ‘Liston Duke’ from Scotland.*

Eligible Classes: 260

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## 262S – CAPLEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded to the Best Clydesdale Female 2 years old and over. The trophy may not be won twice by the same animal.

The Caplen Trophy for females is the equivalent to the R & J Galloway Trophy for males. It began in 1995 after an amount of money was bequeathed to the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society by Mrs Caplen.

Eligible Classes: 255 – 257, 260

PRIZE: TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA INC.**

## 263 – CLYDESDALE FILLY, 1 YEAR OLD

### 264 – CLYDESDALE PRODUCE SWEEPSTAKES – FILLY, 1 YEAR OLD

Entries for the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes taken through the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

### 265S – JUNIOR CHAMPION CLYDESDALE FILLY, 2 YEARS OR UNDER

Eligible Classes: 260, 263

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG IN MEMORY OF **MAJOR R.I MCDERMOTT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS**

SUPPORTED BY **IAN MCDERMOTT**

### 266S – JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE FILLY, 2 YEARS OLD OR UNDER

Eligible Classes: 265S

### 267S – BEST COLT OR FILLY BRED BY THE EXHIBITOR

Eligible Classes: Winners of the Doug Findlay Memorial Trophy, Pat Arnold Memorial Trophy, Corrie S. Rodda Memorial Trophy and the highest placed Exhibit bred by Exhibitor of Clydesdale Filly 1 Year Old.

Awarded for the Best Two Year Old Yearling, Colt or Filly, bred by the Exhibitor.

Eligible Classes: 244S, 246S, 261S, 263

### 268S – BEST YEARLING COLT OR FILLY

Eligible Classes: 245, 247, 263, 264

PRIZE: \$100 SUPPORTED BY **COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH)**

### 269S – CLYDESDALE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

Awarded to the Exhibitor of the Best Clydesdale male or female. Senior and Junior champions eligible. Champion gelding not eligible.

*Alf Dahlenberg from Dalholme, Winiam East via Nhill was elected to the RASV Council in 1936, created a Life Councillor in 1960 and continued until his death in 1973. He played a leading role in having the statue of a Clydesdale erected in the main street of Nhill.*

Eligible Classes: 240S, 248S, 258S, 265S

## 270 – S.E. JORGENSEN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Awarded for the Best Male or Female, any age, owned by an Exhibitor who has not previously won a first prize in a Clydesdale Class at any Captial City Royal Show. Entry is free.

*Stan Jorgensen conducted the 'Box Valley Stud' at Dimboola and later Murtoa. He produced big successful teams for the Melbourne Royal Show and imported 'Roughlands Telstar' from Scotland.*

PRIZE: 1ST TROPHY SUPPORTED BY **BOX VALLEY CLYDESDALES**

## 271 – WEE WILLIE JUNIOR HANDLER, UNDER 18 YEARS

*William Matheson (Wee Willie) from Scotland judged Clydesdales at the Royal Melbourne Show five times and worked on Australia's largest Clydesdale Stud's in the early 1900's. His daughter Mrs W Pate founded "Donside Stud" in the 1940's and exhibited successfully at the Melbourne Royal Show until her death in 1980.*

### 272 – GROUP PRIZE, THREE CLYDESDALES (ANY AGE), BRED AND OWNED BY EXHIBITOR

Group to consist of one male and two females, or, alternatively, three females.

### 273 – GROUP PRIZE, TWO YEARLINGS BY THE SAME SIRE

Exhibits do not have to belong to the same owner.

### 274 – GROUP PRIZE, CLYDESDALE MARE, ANY AGE, AND ONE OF HER PROGENY

The progeny to be bred by Exhibitor.

### 275 – GROUP PRIZE, TWO FILLIES, 3 YEARS OLD OR UNDER BY THE SAME SIRE

Not necessarily belonging to the same owner.

### 276 – CLYDESDALE GELDING, DRIVEN IN REINS, COLLAR AND HAMES, ANY AGE

### 277 – CLYDESDALE MARE, DRIVEN IN REINS, COLLAR AND HAMES, ANY AGE

### 278 – JUNIOR DRIVER UNDER 18 YEARS, CLYDESDALE MARE OR GELDING DRIVEN IN REINS, COLLAR AND HAMES

On entry form nominate driver and provide proof of age upon request. Age to be taken as at first day of Show.

### 279S – CHAMPION HARNESS CLYDESDALE DRIVEN IN REINS

Eligible Classes: 276, 277

### 280S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS CLYDESDALE DRIVEN IN REINS

Eligible Classes: 279S

### 281 – RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE

Open to Clydesdales, Shires, Percherons, Belgians and Suffolk Punches. All horses must be registered with a recognised breed society.

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## 282S – BEST RIDDEN HEAVY HORSE

Eligible Classes: 281

## 391 – CLYDESDALE PRODUCE SWEEPSTAKES – FILLY, 2 YEARS OLD

Exhibits to have competed as a 1 year old in the 2024 Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes. Awarded to the highest placed eligible Exhibit of class Clydesdale Filly, 2 years old. Entries for the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes taken through the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

## 392 – CLYDESDALE PRODUCE SWEEPSTAKES – FILLY, 3 YEARS OLD

Exhibits to have competed as a 2 year old in the 2024 Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes. Awarded to the highest placed eligible Exhibit of class Clydesdale Filly, 3 years old. Entries for the Clydesdale Produce Sweepstakes taken through the Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society (VIC Branch).

## HARNESSE CLYDESDALES

Exhibits must be fully registered as Clydesdales in the Commonwealth Clydesdale Stud Book or other approved stud book published outside the Commonwealth of Australia.

In the event of one of the Exhibits originally nominated becoming unfit for use because of accident or illness, a substitute will be permitted provided that the Melbourne Royal's veterinary surgeon certifies to the fact that the animal originally nominated is not fit to compete.

Unless otherwise specified stallions are ineligible to enter this section.

Exhibits in this section should demonstrate a balance of power, soundness and temperament to comply with the breed standards of the Clydesdale. At the walk or trot (long rein classes exempt from trotting). Exhibits must be alert, bold and proud. An active fluid action incorporating good knee and hock action, closeness behind, good length of stride plus impressive carriage should be shown.

Exhibits in single or multiple harness should be willing, forward moving and straight. Multiples must work evenly and display team work.

Vehicles should be of show quality in a good, safe, working condition.

## 283 – CLYDESDALE FOUR-HORSE TEAM IN VEHICLE, ANY AGE

## 284 – PAIR OF CLYDESDALE MARES OR GELDINGS IN VEHICLE, ANY AGE

## 285 – CLYDESDALE GELDING OR MARE IN LORRY, ANY AGE

PRIZE: 1ST \$150, SASH, 2ND \$50 SUPPORTED BY COMMONWEALTH CLYDESDALE HORSE SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH)

## 286 – CLYDESDALE GELDING OR MARE IN A TWO WHEEL VEHICLE, ANY AGE

## 287S – PETER O'HAGAN MEMORIAL CHAMPION HARNESSE CLYDESDALE

Awarded in memory of Peter O'Hagan. Peter stewarded for the Clydesdales and Heavy Harness sections at the Royal Melbourne Show for over 25 years and in September 2019 was recognised for his distinguished service by being awarded the 'Speed the Plough Medal'. Peter was a larger-than-life character with a passion for all animals, but especially his equine friends. He served both Berwick and Dandenong Agricultural Shows for many years, was recognised with life Membership of both, but loved nothing more than seeing his grandchildren on one of his ponies.

Eligible Classes: 285, 286

## 288S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESSE CLYDESDALE

Eligible Classes: 287S

## 289S – ALLAN MARRIOTT MEMORIAL BEST HARNESSE CLYDESDALE EXHIBIT

Eligible Classes: 283 – 286

## TRADESMAN AND DELIVERY

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class.

Use of top reins and bearing reins will not be permitted. Exhibits not permitted to enter both the Light Harness and Tradesman and Delivery sections unless specified otherwise.

## SINGLE TURNOUTS

Open to two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Show delivery vehicles, sulkies/jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

Exhibits entered in single turnout classes will be judged on points according to the following scale:

Horse	50 points
Vehicle	30 points
Harness	10 points
General Appearance	10 points

## 290 – MISCELLANEOUS TURNOUT, SINGLE HORSE

Long-Shaft Brake vehicles ineligible. Non Traditional Vehicles Ineligible.

## 291 – BAKER/MILKMAN/BUTCHER TURNOUT

## 292 – PONY DELIVERY TURNOUT

Open to a pony 14 hands and under shown in an appropriate Tradesman and Delivery vehicle. Long-Shaft Brake vehicles ineligible.

Non Traditional Vehicles Ineligible

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## **293 – LONG-SHAFT BRAKE TURNOUT, 14 HANDS AND UNDER**

Non Traditional Vehicles Ineligible.

## **294 – LONG-SHAFT BRAKE TURNOUT, OVER 14 HANDS**

Non Traditional Vehicles Ineligible.

## **295S – CHAMPION SINGLE TURNOUT**

Eligible Classes: 290 – 294

PRIZE: SASH, TROPHY IN MEMORY OF **KEVIN COLLINS** SUPPORTED BY **THE COLLINS FAMILY**

## **296S – RESERVE CHAMPION SINGLE TURNOUT**

Eligible Classes: 295S

## **MULTIPLE TURNOUTS**

Open to two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Sulkies/jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

Exhibits entered in multiple turnouts will be judged on points according to the following scale: Horse 50 points; Vehicle 30 points; Harness 10 points; and General Appearance 10 points.

Teams will be required to work on both reins and back with additional requirements at the discretion of the judge.

The classes are open to Draught-type horses of any breed.

## **298 – PAIR HEAVY DELIVERY TURNOUT**

## **299 – FOUR OR MORE HEAVY DELIVERY TURNOUT**

## **300S – CHAMPION MULTIPLE TURNOUT**

Eligible Classes: 297 – 299

## **301S – RESERVE CHAMPION MULTIPLE TURNOUT**

Eligible Classes: 300S

## **302 – HISTORICAL TURNOUT**

Light and Heavy Harness Exhibits are eligible. Single, pair, tandem, unicorn or four in hand. Not eligible for Champion Multiple Turnout.

## **DELIVERY HORSES**

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to combine classes and championships with six or less exhibits presented for judging.

To be judged on horse only.

Exhibits are eligible to enter and compete in only one Light, Medium or Heavy Horse class.

## **303 – NOVICE DELIVERY, DRIVEN IN ANY VEHICLE**

Open to horses that have not won a first prize in a Delivery Horse class at any Royal Show.

## **304 – LADY DRIVER, DRIVEN IN ANY VEHICLE**

Open to Light, Medium and Heavy Delivery Horses driven

by a Lady 18 years and over. Class will be judged on ability of the driver only. Winner not eligible for championship.

## **305 – JUNIOR DRIVER, 10 TO 18 YEARS**

Competitors 10 to 13 years must be accompanied by an adult. Drivers must use a mare or gelding entered and accepted in an ordinary class and stabled on the showgrounds at the time of this class.

## **306 – HEAVY DELIVERY, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Sulkies, jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

## **307 – MEDIUM DELIVERY, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Sulkies, jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

## **308 – LIGHT DELIVERY, OVER 14 HANDS, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Sulkies, jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

## **309 – LIGHT DELIVERY, NOT OVER 14 HANDS, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Two or four wheel vehicle showing characteristics of a Tradesman and Delivery vehicle, depicting the profession or purpose for which the vehicle is being shown. Sulkies, jinkers and other light harness vehicles not permitted.

## **310 – HEAVY SHOW DRIVING HORSE, ANY VEHICLE**

Vehicles should be of show quality in a good, safe working condition.

## **311 – MEDIUM SHOW DRIVING HORSE, ANY VEHICLE**

Vehicles should be of show quality in a good, safe working condition.

## **312 – LIGHT SHOW DRIVING HORSE, DRIVEN IN ANY VEHICLE**

Vehicles should be of show quality in a good, safe working condition.

## **317S – CHAMPION DELIVERY, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Eligible Classes: 306 – 309

## **318S – RESERVE CHAMPION DELIVERY, DRIVEN IN TRADITIONAL VEHICLE**

Eligible Classes: 317S

## **319S – CHAMPION SHOW DRIVING HORSE, ANY VEHICLE**

Eligible Classes: 310 – 312

## **320S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHOW DRIVING HORSE, ANY VEHICLE**

Eligible Classes: 319S

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## Section 6 – Light Harness

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE:**

**MONDAY, 22 June 2026**

**LATE NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**NOMINATION FEE:**

**\$25 PER CLASS**

**ACCEPTANCE FEES:**

**NON MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$55,**

**MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS \$39**

**(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER CLASS**

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY.**

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

Performances for each Exhibit nominated must be shown on the Nomination of Entry. Refer to Performance Guidelines.

Where height is stipulated Exhibits must be measured. Exhibits over or under the specified measurement may be transferred to its correct class.

For vehicles using two or more horses, please nominate the class once only and enter the horses' names in the appropriate section of the Nomination.

Handlers are optional for all classes. Handlers must be suitably attired and relevant to the Exhibit's presentation.

In this section the type of harness used is optional.

Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, an Exhibit may be entered in ordinary classes in the harness section and an ordinary class in the saddle section.

An Exhibit cannot be entered in a special class unless it has been entered in an ordinary class.

### **DEFINITIONS**

**A Buggy** is a four-wheeled, hard tyred horse drawn vehicle, designed primarily for the carriage of people. It has one or two seats with seating for one, two or four people, all facing forward. It has a flat or curved tray floor with a full or partly boxed sides and a dash board. It may have a hood. The floor is not undercut to accommodate the turning of the forecarriage and front wheels. It can be pulled by one or two horses.

**A Sulky or Jinker** is a two-wheeled, hard tyred vehicle, to seat one or two people. It has two elliptic or semi-elliptic springs parallel to the shafts. The springs are attached to the shafts and axle, it may have a third spring attached to the parallel springs and to a span-iron. The vehicle, except the wheels and axle, is wholly supported by the springs and horse. For use with a single horse and also with a tandem.

**A Show Vehicle or Viceroy** is a four-wheeled vehicle with pneumatic tyres, seating one person.

**A Sulky suitable for a Turnout class** is a two-wheeled hard tyred vehicle to seat one or two people. It shall have semi elliptic springs parallel to the shafts and connected to the axle, for use with a single horse and also for tandem.

Delivery type horses and delivery or commercial vehicles must not be used in light harness classes.

Top reins and/or head checks are not permitted for Shetland classes.

Stallions eligible unless otherwise stated.

## **HARNESS HORSES AND GALLOWAYS**

### **321 – NOVICE HORSE DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 14 HANDS**

For horses which have not won a first place competing singly in harness at any Capital City Royal Shows.

### **322 – LIGHT HORSE DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS OVER 14 HANDS AND NOT OVER 15 HANDS**

### **323 – LIGHT HORSE DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 15 HANDS**

### **324 – HACKNEY OR PARTBRED HACKNEY TYPE DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 14 HANDS**

### **325 – LADY'S LIGHT HORSE, DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 14 HANDS**

To be judged with emphasis on manners, followed by quality then performance.

### **326S – CHAMPION HARNESS HORSE OVER 14 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 322, 323, 325

### **327S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS HORSE OVER 14 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 326S

### **328S – CHAMPION HACKNEY OR PARTBRED HACKNEY HARNESS HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 324, 336

### **329S – RESERVE CHAMPION HACKNEY OR PARTBRED HACKNEY HARNESS HORSE**

Eligible Classes: 328S

## **HARNESS PONIES**

### **330 – NOVICE PONY, 14 HANDS AND UNDER**

Exhibit has not won a first place competing singly in harness at any Capital City Royal Shows.

### **332 – PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 13 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

### **333 – PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 13 HANDS**

### **334 – PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 11 HANDS AND NOT OVER 12 HANDS**

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## **335 – PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, 11 HANDS AND UNDER**

Shetlands ineligible.

## **336 – PARTBRED HACKNEY OR HACKNEY TYPE PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

Open to Stallions, Mares, and Geldings.

## **337 – LADY'S HARNESS PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, OVER 12 AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

To be judged with emphasis on manners, followed by quality then performance.

## **338 – LADY'S HARNESS PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, 12 HANDS AND UNDER**

To be judged with emphasis on manners, followed by quality then performance.

## **340 – CHILD'S PONY DRIVEN IN SINGLE HARNESS, 14 HANDS AND UNDER**

Open to drivers 10 years of age and under 17 years of age (proof of age required). Drivers under 12 must be accompanied by a driver 18 years or over and use a two seat vehicle. Stallions are ineligible.

## **341S – CHAMPION HARNESS PONY, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 332, 333, 337

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

## **342S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS PONY, OVER 12 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

Eligible Classes: 341S

## **343S – CHAMPION HARNESS PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER.**

Eligible Classes: 334, 335, 338

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

## **344S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS PONY, 12 HANDS AND UNDER.**

Eligible Classes: 343S

## **345S – SUPREME CHAMPION HARNESS PONY, 14 HANDS AND UNDER.**

Eligible Classes: 341S, 343S

## **HARNESS SHETLANDS**

### **348 – HARNESS SHETLAND MARE, 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

### **349 – HARNESS SHETLAND MALE, 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

## **350S – CHAMPION HARNESS SHETLAND**

Eligible Classes: 348, 349

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIAN PONY STUD BOOK SOCIETY (VICTORIAN BRANCH) *Must be a registered and financial member of APSB*

## **351S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS SHETLAND**

Eligible Classes: 350S

## **HARNESS MINIATURES**

### **352 – MINIATURE HORSE OR PONY 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER DRIVEN FEMALE**

Shetlands ineligible.

### **353 – MINIATURE HORSE OR PONY 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER DRIVEN MALE**

Shetlands ineligible.

### **354 – MINIATURE HORSE OR PONY 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER IN HARNESS TURNOUT**

2 or 4 Wheel Vehicle. Shetlands ineligible.

### **355S – CHAMPION MINIATURE HORSE OR PONY 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

Eligible Classes: 352 – 354

### **356S – RESERVE CHAMPION MINIATURE HORSE OR PONY 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

Eligible Classes: 355S

## **HARNESS TURNOUTS**

To be judged out of a total of 100 points on the following scale: Horse (50 points); General Appearance (10 points); Vehicle (30 points); Harness (10 points).

Stallions eligible.

### **357 – ANY OTHER VEHICLE TURNOUT OVER 14 HANDS**

2 or 4 Wheel Vehicle.

### **358 – JINKER OR BUGGY TURNOUT, OVER 14 HANDS**

### **359 – JINKER AND BUGGY TURNOUT, 14 HANDS AND UNDER**

Shetlands ineligible.

### **360 – JINKER OR BUGGY TURNOUT SHETLAND IN HARNESS, 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

### **361 – VICEROY TURNOUT, OVER 14 HANDS**

### **362 – VICEROY TURNOUT, OVER 12.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14 HANDS**

### **363 – VICEROY TURNOUT, 12.2 HANDS AND UNDER**

Shetlands ineligible.

### **364 – DRIVEN STALLION, 10.2 HANDS AND NOT OVER 14.0 HANDS**

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## 365 – VICEROY TURNOUT SHETLAND, 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER

### 367 – PERIOD TURNOUT

Open to Light and Heavy Harness exhibitors.

Will be judged on points as follows:

Horse manner, conformation and cleanliness	20
Vehicle soundness, appearance and cleanliness	25
Harness suitability, fit and cleanliness	15
Costume to suit era of vehicle	25
General appearance	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

### 368S – CHAMPION HARNESS TURNOUT

Eligible Classes: 357 – 359

### 369S – RESERVE CHAMPION HARNESS TURNOUT

Eligible Classes: 368S

### 370S – CHAMPION VICEROY TURNOUT

Eligible Classes: 361 – 363

### 371S – RESERVE CHAMPION VICEROY TURNOUT

Eligible Classes: 370S

### 374S – CHAMPION SHETLAND TURNOUT 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 360, 365

PRIZE: TROPHY RUG, \$100 SUPPORTED BY WAYNE AND ROSEMARY LOUGHNAN

### 375S – RESERVE CHAMPION SHETLAND TURNOUT 10.2 HANDS AND UNDER

Eligible Classes: 374S

PRIZE: \$50 SUPPORTED BY WAYNE AND ROSEMARY LOUGHNAN

## EVENING HARNESS PARADE

NOMINATION FEE: FREE

ENTRY FEE: FREE

### 378 – EVENING HARNESS PARADE

Open to light and heavy harness Exhibitors. Entries will remain open until 10 am the day of competition, entries to be submitted to the Horse Superintendents Office.

## Section 7 – Hunting

### ENTRIES CLOSE:

**MONDAY, 3 AUGUST 2026**

### ENTRY FEES:

**\$84 MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS,  
\$60 MELBOURNE ROYAL MEMBERS  
(UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) PER CLASS**

### ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Please be aware further prizes will be added and presented at Show.

No restriction on age of riders (unless otherwise stated).

Masters of Hunt Clubs are required to nominate the names of the Exhibitors and their mounts in all classes by closing of entries Monday 3 August 2026.

Competition in the classes in this group is open only to Exhibits which have qualified in accordance with the undermentioned conditions.

Entries from each Hunt Club are to be submitted online.

### CONDITIONS FOR QUALIFICATIONS OF HORSES AND RIDERS

The Hunt Club Master from the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or approved hunting body shall be the only person entitled to issue a certificate of qualification for Exhibits and Exhibitors. Certificates shall be issued only in respect to official programmed Hunts held by Hunt Clubs Association or approved hunting bodies.

To claim qualification, an Exhibitor and Exhibit must be a fully paid up member of a Member Club of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved hunting body. Exhibitors and Exhibits must attend 5 official Hunts meeting going over the panels and attend at least 1 Hunter Show. It is the responsibility of the Hunt Club Masters to adhere to criteria of horse and rider suitability and must be of standard to jump at least 80cm with skill and total control.

### HUNTER ON THE FLAT

To be judged on Conformation, Manners and Paces. Exhibitors are to enter Exhibits into specific weight classes at their own discretion. Classification of Exhibits will take place at the Show prior to judging and Exhibits may be transferred on the day.

Only Exhibits which have fairly hunted five times over panels (at least 80cm), during the current season eligible to compete. Nomination of Exhibits in this class, shall be made only by Masters of Member Clubs of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved hunting body. Melbourne Royal reserves the right to include other Exhibits.

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The Master or acting Deputy Master for the day of any Member Club of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or approved hunting body shall be the only person entitled to issue a certificate of qualification for Exhibits. Certificates shall be issued only in respect to officially programmed hunts.

To claim qualification, an Exhibit must be the bona fide property of a fully paid up member of a Member Club of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved hunting body, an employee of such club or of the nominating club itself.

Riders must be members or employees of the nominating club.

## 379 – LIGHT HUNTER, SHOWN IN SADDLE.

## 380 – MEDIUM HUNTER, SHOWN IN SADDLE.

## 381 – HEAVY HUNTER, SHOWN IN SADDLE.

## 382S – CHAMPION HUNTER ON THE FLAT

Eligible Classes: 379 – 381

PRIZE: \$200 SUPPORTED BY COLIN EDWARDS

## 383S – RESERVE CHAMPION HUNTER ON THE FLAT

Eligible Classes: 382S

PRIZE: \$100 SUPPORTED BY COLIN EDWARDS

## HUNT CLUB JUMPING COMPETITIONS

The nominations of Exhibits for competition in these classes shall be made only by Masters of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved hunting body. Entries lodged by individual members of clubs will not be accepted.

The nominations should be forwarded by the Master to the Horses in Action, Melbourne Royal, Melbourne Showgrounds, Epsom Rd, Ascot Vale, 3032.

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to ballot entries if necessary.

Melbourne Royal reserves the right to include other Exhibits.

## 384 – THE S.A. GREAVES MEMORIAL HUNTERS' PLATE

Best Exhibition of jumping at hunting pace. To be ridden by only those qualified to ride under the rules of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria over obstacles to be approved of by the Society. Exhibitors and Exhibits must attend 5 official Hunts meeting going over the panels (at least 90cm) and attend at least 1 Hunter Show. Rider to be a member of the Club which nominated the horse.

Type and Conformation to be taken into consideration.

**N.B. Entries in this class will be accepted only from Masters of The Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved Hunting body.**

Syd Greaves of 'Strathard', Narre Warren, and later 'The Landing', Bass was elected to the RASV Council in 1937 served as Ringmaster and was created a Life Councillor in 1960, he died in 1966. He was a foundation member of the Country Committee (Cranbourne 1928) and an Honorary Life Member of the Melbourne Hunt Club (1947).

## 385 – THE NOEL MASON MEMORIAL QUALIFIED HUNTERS' PLATE

Best Exhibition of jumping at hunting pace. To be ridden by only those qualified to ride under the rules of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria over obstacles to be approved of by the Society. Exhibitors and Exhibits must attend 5 official Hunts meeting going over the panels (at least 90cm) and attend at least 1 Hunter Show. Rider to be a member of the Club which nominated the horse. Type and Conformation to be taken into consideration.

**N.B. Entries in this class will be accepted only from Masters of The Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved Hunting body.**

**THE NOEL MASON PERPETUAL TROPHY** shall be awarded to the winner of this class. The ownership of the trophy shall not pass to the winner, but shall remain in Melbourne Royal's possession. The name of the winning Exhibitor will be engraved on the trophy each year.

Noel Mason was Master of Findon Harriers Hunt Club from 1949–1989. He was one of Australia's top amateur jumping riders and Melbourne Royal Horse steward of long standing.

## HUNT CLUB TEAMS JUMPING COMPETITIONS

### 386 – PETER RONALD MEMORIAL HUNT CLUBS TEAMS JUMPING CONTEST

**Member Clubs of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved Hunting body may nominate up to three teams of three riders for this event.**

For teams of three Exhibits which have hunted five times during the current season over such obstacles as Melbourne Royal may decide. One Exhibit to complete a circuit of the course, then to be joined by another and complete a circuit in pairs, and all three Exhibits to jump abreast for the third and final circuit.

Team to compete in the livery of the Hunt Club represented and General Appearance and Turnout will be considered. Each rider must compete in the same saddlery and dress as they present themselves for dress judging. Entries will only be received from Member Clubs of the Hunt Clubs Association of Victoria or an approved Hunting body.

Judging will be on points which will be allotted on the following basis:

Performance over fences	75
General Appearance	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

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**All teams must parade prior to the event under the direction of the Stewards.**

Conditions for qualifications of horses and riders precede this Class.

*Peter Ronald of 'Koo-Man-Goo-Nong', Pakenham was elected to the RASV Council in 1949, Ringmaster 1960-1966, Vice-President 1966-1973, President 1973-1977 and Trustee from 1973 until his death in 1989. Joint Master Melbourne Hunt Club 1958-1967.*

*The late Joan Pearson and her partner Mary Williamson were for many years leading Showjumping exhibitors at the Melbourne Royal Show.*

PRIZE: 1ST MEDALLION, PERPETUAL TROPHY, RIBBON, 2ND – 5TH RIBBON PRESENTED BY MRS GLADYS GRENTLELL AND MR BILL RONALD

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## **387S – THE ULYSSES TROPHY**

Awarded to the **Most Successful Hunt Club** on the basis of:

- First – 5 points
- Second – 4 points
- Third – 3 points

Points will be awarded to both Hunters' Plates and the Hunt Club Teams Contest. The top three placed competitors from the Hunters' Plates and the highest team score in the Hunt Club Teams Competition to count for the special prize. In the event of equality, the Hunt Club with the highest team placing in the Hunt Club Teams Contest is declared the winner.

*The Ulysses Trophy presented to the Most Successful Hunt Club, is donated in Memory of Ian McColl Rough, former RASV Councillor, who owned and mainly rode Ulysses. Ulysses won many individual hunting events at the Melbourne Royal Show. Most famously he competed in 12 consecutive Hunt Club Trio events and was awarded first place in 10 of them.*

Eligible Classes: 384 – 386

PRIZE: TROPHY IN MEMORY OF COUNCILLOR IAN McCOLL ROUGH, PRESENTED BY PRUE JONES

## **388S – THE DARREN GREEN MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Awarded to the **Most Successful Horse and Rider in Hunters Plates** on the basis of:

- First – 5 points
- Second – 4 points
- Third – 3 points.

*In memory of Darren Green who competed from 1980 as a boy ridden on the flat to over obstacles. He then went on to compete in all hunting events and was awarded on many occasions Champion Hunter. He was a Member of Oaklands Hunt Club for many years.*

Eligible Classes: 384, 385

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## **HUNTING SPECIAL AWARDS**

Champion Qualified Hunter will be awarded to the best performing combination (horse and rider). Combination must compete in Hunter on the Flat, Hunters' Plates and Peter Ronald Hunt Clubs Teams Jumping Contest to qualify. However, points shall only be awarded for the Hunter on the Flat and Hunters' Plates as follows:

- First – 6 points
- Second – 5 points
- Third – 4 points
- Fourth – 3 points
- Fifth – 2 points
- Sixth – 1 point

In the event of equality of points the combination with the higher team placing in the Peter Ronald Hunt Clubs Team Jumping Contest shall be declared the winner. If there is still equality, the decision is at the judges' discretion.

## **389S – CHAMPION QUALIFIED HUNTER**

Eligible Classes: 379 – 381, 384 – 386

## **390S – RESERVE CHAMPION QUALIFIED HUNTER**

Eligible Classes: 389S

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