



MELBOURNE
ROYAL
ALPACA COMPETITION

2026 **Schedule**

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Key Dates

Melbourne Royal Show

Thursday 24 September – Sunday 4 October 2026

Alpaca Halter Competition

Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 September 2026

Entries Close

Thursday 6 August 2026

Supporters

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Important Information for *Exhibitors*

Location

In 2026, the Alpaca Halter Competition will be conducted as a part of the Melbourne Royal Show. The competition will take place in Building 1, more commonly recognised as the Livestock Pavilion.

Close of Entries

Close date for entries is Thursday 6 August 2026

Entries

Entries for Progeny classes will be taken by stewards on the day of judging only and do not require additional entry fees.

Catalogue

Pre-purchased catalogues can be found within your exhibitor packs that will be provided at the superintendents office.

Arrival and Departure of Exhibits

Arrival

The waybill must be presented at the supers office upon arrival to be eligible to pick up your exhibitor packs.

Friday 25 September 2026, between 6.00pm and 10.00pm *Firework restrictions will apply.

Saturday 26 September 2026, 6.00am and 8.00am (by request only).

Tasmanian Exhibitors

Exhibitors arriving from the Tasmanian Ferry, please ensure you inform staff of your arrival times in advance to ensure enough pens are available for your arrival time. Please inform us via: alpacas@melbourneroyal.com.au

Departure

Sunday 27 September 2026, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm *firework restrictions will apply.

Monday 28 September 2026, 6.00am and 8.00am (by request only).

Accommodation

Accommodation locker prices are \$125 (\$105 GST inc.) of which \$20 (GST free) is a key deposit which will be refunded on return of key. Due to limited lockers available, we reserve the right to limit allocation in an effort to accommodate all exhibitors.

Period of Exhibition

Animals must be penned by 8:30am if arriving in the morning or 10.30pm if arriving in the evening.

Alpacas will be permitted to leave only after 6:00pm on Sunday 27 September 2026.

All exhibits must be removed by 8:00am Monday 28 September 2026.

Exhibitors' Meeting

Exhibitors are invited to attend a meeting to express feedback to Melbourne Royal to assist in making each year an exhibitor friendly competition. This meeting will be held on Saturday 26 September 2026.

Important Information for Exhibitors

Inspection of Exhibits

Inspection of all Alpacas will take place on arrival or on Saturday 26 September 2026 between 6:00am and 9:00am.

Companion Animals

As per Special Regulation 7.7 – Unless Melbourne Royal gives prior written approval, pets, animals or livestock other than Exhibits must not be brought onto or permitted to enter or remain on the Showgrounds.

Electrical

Exhibitors are required to adhere to the rules outlined in the 2022 update of the electrical requirements for Alpaca showing.

Please provide an accurate indication of the fans being brought in the entry process.

Tagging and Testing

If an exhibitor does not have their lead, power board/box tagged and tested a Melbourne Royal official or representative has the right to disconnect power. Testing and tagging will be made available for exhibitors on arrival day, further details to be provided in the catalogue.

Parking

Limited parking is available for the competition and all parking is required to be pre-purchased if required.

Exhibitors will be able to get within close proximity to the pavilion to unload but will then be asked to remove their vehicle offsite or to the parking establishment.

Pens

There is a minimum of 1 alpaca per pen, a maximum of 3 alpacas per pen, 7 to a double pen and 10 to a triple pen.

Exhibitors are to identify how many pens they wish to use in the entry process. Pens will be charged at \$31.50 (GST inc) per single pen, \$52.50 (GST inc) per double pen and \$73.50 (GST inc) per triple pen. Straw bedding is included in this price. Limited top up straw will be available for muck out if required.

Pens will be on display to the public for the full competition.

Timetable

Judging times are subject to alteration.

Saturday 26 September 2026

Judging between 9:00am and 5:30pm

Exhibitor Function between 7.30pm and 9.30pm

Sunday 27 September 2026

Judging between 9:00am and 2:00pm

Summary of Fees

Please be advised entry fees include AAA levy fees.

Item	Fee (inc. GST)
Entry Fee – Member Price	\$41.00
Entry Fee – Non Member Price	\$83.00
Bedding Fee – Single Pen	\$31.50
Bedding Fee – Double Pen	\$52.50
Bedding Fee – Triple Pen	\$73.50
Electrical Outlet	\$21.00
Catalogue Fee	\$30.00
Locker Fee (Flat)	\$105.00
Parking Fee (Flat)	\$90.00




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HADWSJF – Suri Junior Female – White
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