



# 2024 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

8-9TH JUNE 2024 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
HOST CLUB SARA



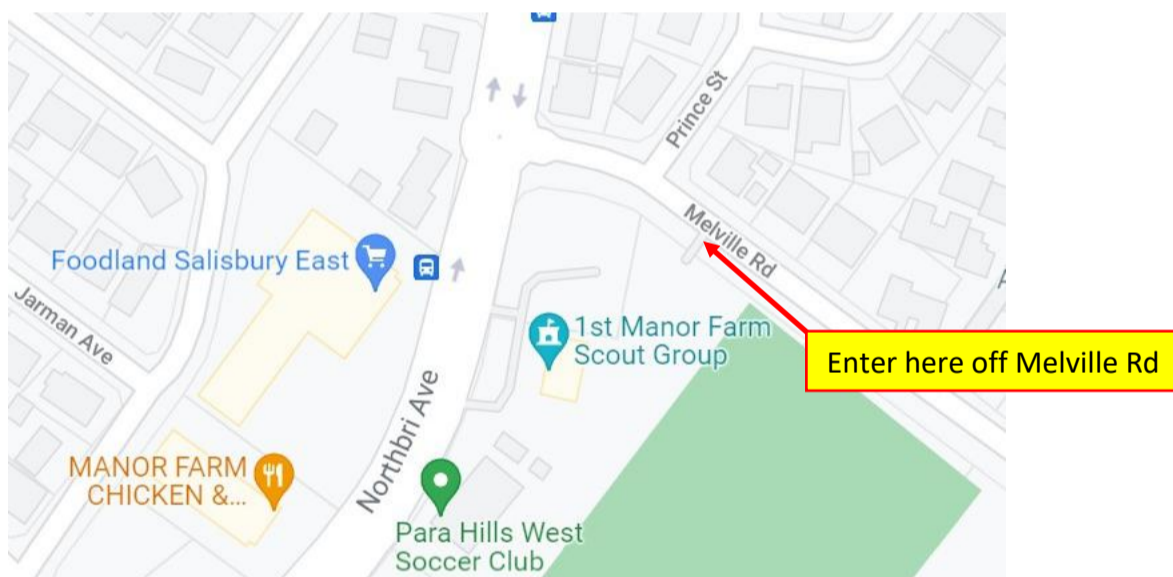
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## LOCATION

The Rabbit Show will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Manor Farm Scout Hall, Northbri Ave Salisbury East. Enter off Melville Road at the rear; there's lots of off-street parking available.



## ARRIVAL TIMES & JUDGING

Lop & Rex	Saturday 8th June	Vetting	7.30 am to 9.00 am
		Judging	10.00 am start
Fancy & Fur	Sunday 9th June	Vetting	7.30 am to 9.00 am
		Judging	10.00 am start

## REFUNDS

No refund of entry fees will be made after the closing date of entries.

## JUDGES

Main all breed Shows	Tonna Thomas (USA) & Dakota Manning (USA)
Lop Breeds Specialty Show	Amanda Hines (VIC)
Young Stock Show	Kylie Board (WA)
Teams Event	Sally Turner (SA)

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## PRIZES

The 2 Main Shows will have the following prizes:

First, second and third places will receive a prize card.

Best of Breed winners will receive a sash and prize card.

Major Awards will receive a sash, prize card, plus special prize.

Best in Show, R/Up in Show, 3rd Best in Show will receive a Trophy, prize card, plus cash prize.

Owner Bred winners will receive rosettes.

There will be 2 exhibitor prizes, drawn randomly.

The 2 Specialty Shows will have the following prizes:

Major Awards will receive a sash.

Best in Show, R/Up in Show, 3rd Best in Show will receive a sash.

Best in Show will receive a Trophy.

Owner Bred winners will receive a sash.

The Teams Event will have the following prizes:

Best Team, R/Up Team, 3rd Best Team will receive a sash.

## UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL

Exhibitors shall not remove their animals before completion of judging.

## SHOW RULES

The South Australian Rabbit Association Incorporated reserves the right to decline entry of an exhibit where any Show rule is not strictly adhered to.

## VETTING IN

Rabbits must arrive from 7.30 am and no later than 8.30 am on judging days.

Examination will be performed by SARA experienced personnel. All rabbit's nails must be clipped prior to vetting. A rabbit which shows symptoms of any disease, is infested with fleas or mites and/or dirty will be refused entry. If any exhibit is rejected on the grounds of infectious or contagious disease, then other exhibits from that rabbitry may also be excluded from the competition. The Associations decision is final.

## RABBIT REGULATIONS

Judging will follow the BRC breed standard, with the ARBA breed standard being used for any additional breeds not covered by the BRC. In entering your rabbit, you are inviting the personal opinion, on that particular day, of the duly appointed judge. The judge's decision on the day is final and no correspondence will be entered into. All exhibits in breed classes must be wearing approved leg rings with the only exception being rabbits that have been marked with an official tattoo of the club or country of origin.

### **Transfers & Stud Prefixes:**

A rabbit that has changed hands and is wearing a ring or tattoo that is registered to a previous owner must be transferred to the current owner/exhibitor (SA entrants). A transfer form is to be completed bearing the previous owner's details and signature. The transfer form must be submitted to the South Australian Rabbit Association by the close of entries.

It is a requirement that all exhibits carry the correct stud prefix at time of entry, therefore indicating the breeder of that exhibit (The breeder is recognised as the person that had possession of the doe at the time of birth). This also includes breeders from interstate and other clubs.

### **Rabbit Ages:**

Ages will be calculated as at 7th June 2024.

The minimum age of a rabbit entered will be ten (10) weeks. Age brackets are fixed as follows:  
(a) Kittens (U14) to be 10 weeks and under 14 weeks. For rabbits born on or between 2 March and 29 March 2024.

(b) Juniors (U5) to be 14 weeks and under 5 months. For rabbits born on or between 8 January and 1 March 2024.

(c) Adults to be 5 months and over. For rabbits born on or before 7 January 2024.

### **Advertising:**

Exhibitors are not permitted to display stud names or advertising material on their cages.

### **Handling:**

All animals must be handled with care and kindness. No rabbit is to be lifted by its ears or the scruff of the neck. The grooming of all breeds of rabbits must be completed and the exhibit penned 30 minutes prior to show commencement. The exception being long coated breeds, which are allowed to be groomed until 15 minutes prior to show commencement. At the discretion of the Show Convener any animal that is unable to be handled safely will not be judged.

## **PROHIBITION FROM EXHIBITING RABBITS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE**

Any exhibitor, in whose rabbitry a case of Myxomatosis is confirmed, may not exhibit at the show unless the elapse of 28 days has occurred from the last death.

Any exhibitor, in whose rabbitry a case of Calici Virus is confirmed, may not exhibit at the Show unless the elapse of 120 days has occurred from the last death.

An exhibitor must not compete if they have had unexplained deaths in their rabbitry within the 14 day period before the Show. Calici Virus should be expected in any sudden death especially if more than one rabbit in the household has died.

## **CAGES**

Exhibitors must supply their own show cages. Cages must have a solid leak proof tray/base, which cannot exceed half the total height of the cage. Shavings or litter must be contained in the base, under the wire floor. Wood construction of any type is not allowed. Cages should be designed and maintained in a condition as to not cause injury to stewards or the rabbits. All cages must be top opening. At the exhibitor's discretion, cage curtains made of cotton may be attached covering three sides and must leave the cage front and top clear.

A cage curtain must not impede the stewards' access. Cages are not to be marked with exhibitor name or stud prefix. Cages can be divided if the rabbits being exhibited are of the same breed and the size requirement is not compromised. The height of the cage should have sufficient clearance so that the rabbit's ears do not contact the lid. A maximum height of 45 cm applies to all show cages. The size requirements below are a recommendation for the well being of your rabbit.

Dwarf & Miniature breeds up to 2.25 kg (5 lbs) – 30 x 40 cm

Medium sized breeds up to 3.65 kg (8 lbs) – 35 x 50 cm

Large and Giant breeds – 40 x 60 cm

The SARA Committee can refuse cages of poor design and has the final say regarding the suitability of all show cages and curtains.

## **BEHAVIOUR**

All exhibitors and stewards must be very mindful at the judging table not to indicate ownership of a rabbit or point out faults in any exhibit. This is a serious matter and zero tolerance will be shown by the book steward and show secretary. Misconduct will not be tolerated. Persons behaving in a manner deemed to be inappropriate will be asked to leave the show. Mating of rabbits at SARA shows is prohibited. Smoking or vaping is not permitted inside the hall or in the immediate area of all exits and outdoor luncheon tables. Children must be under parental supervision and control at all times. All Instructions issued by the SARA Committee must be followed.

## **EXHIBIT PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY A JUDGE**

No rabbit previously owned by a judge shall be eligible for exhibition under that judge until a period of three months has elapsed from the date of registration or transfer being recorded.

## **LIABILITY**

All rabbits are entered at the risk of the owner. SARA Inc. will take all due care but accepts no responsibility for the health and wellbeing of rabbits attending the Show.

## **FEED AND WATER**

All exhibits must have water bottles fitted to their cages at all times. Owners are permitted to supply foodstuffs as they see fit. Loose hay must be contained in a hay cage or enclosure suitable for this purpose (e.g. cardboard toilet roll). The Vetting Officer, Show Convenor or other Committee member may supply water to any animal if they feel it is necessary to do so. Water bottles should be attached in a manner that does not impede the steward's ability to open the cage and remove the rabbit easily.

## **SALE OF RABBITS**

The exchange, gifting or sale of rabbits at SARA shows is prohibited. Only rabbits being exhibited in the show are allowed on the grounds of the venue hired by SARA Inc.

## **BANQUET**

There will be a Banquet after the show on Sunday night at 6.00pm. All major awards, prizes and exhibitor awards will be handed out during this event. Venue is the Village Tavern, cnr the Golden Way & the Grove Way, Golden Grove. The dinner will be held in the function room and you can see the menu below. Cost is \$45.00 per person for a 3 course meal and bookings can be made on the final tab of the entry form. Alternatively you may pay directly into the clubs bank account leaving the reference "banquet". Bookings close 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Please Note: Arrangements can be made to securely leave rabbits at the show hall until the completion of the dinner.



# MENU

✦ 3 COURSE \$45

SET MENU IS CATERED FOR A MINIMUM OF 30 PEOPLE

## STARTER

- Mixture of seeded mustard, cheese bread & garlic bread

## MAINS

CHOICE OF

- Chicken schnitzel, chips, salad, gravy
- Fish & chips, salad, tartare, lemon
- Rump steak cooked medium, chips, salad, gravy
- Mushroom risotto, spinach, leek, garlic, vegan cheese

## DESSERT

ALTERNATE DROP

- Churros, nutella dipping sauce
- Chocolate lava cake, whipped cream

**\*\*Any further dietary requirements, please let us know and we are happy to cater to your specific needs\*\***