



## Thankyou, Square Meaters!

The Royal National Capital Agricultural Society would like to thank Square Meaters for their wonderful contribution to the 2016 Cattle Section as Feature Breed.

Ninety nine Square Meaters were registered to participate in the 2016 Royal Canberra Show, and the judges were very pleased with the quality of the specimens on display.

## 2017 Feature Breed: Speckle Park



The Cattle Committee are pleased to announce that the feature breed for the 2017 ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show are Speckle Parks.

We are particularly pleased to announce that Mr Derek Hayward will be joining us as a specialist international judge for the Speckle Parks.

## Vale Bob McCluskey

The Cattle Committee regrets to announce the passing of former Cattle Section Head and longtime supporter, Mr Bob McCluskey.

Bob was well known to many in the cattle industry, particularly to other breeders of Square Meaters. He will always be remembered for his no-nonsense approach, generous spirit and years of dedicated support to the Royal Canberra Show.

## Enter online or by mail for the 2017 ActewAGL Royal Canberra Show

We understand that not everyone can enter online and some competitors may prefer to submit their entries by mail. This year, while the Cattle Committee investigates viable online alternatives to the current system, competitors may submit their entries either online or by mail without incurring an administration fee. We hope to advise you mid-2017 of our new, easier to use online entry system. Keep an eye open for future updates.

Please note that when you use the online system, a username and password will be generated for you. If you choose not to complete your entry in one session, you will be able to save your information and log back in to complete your entry using your username and password.

There is compulsory information that must be completed (marked with an asterisk - your exhibit's date of birth or your vehicle's registration, for example), and if these fields remain blank the system will not allow you to finalise your entry.

Prefer to submit your entry as a hardcopy? That's okay! There's no administration fee for hardcopy entries for the 2017 Show.

**Download your entry forms and schedule and/or enter online from the Cattle Section web page:**

<http://canberrashow.org.au/cattle>

## Tattoo Checking

From the 2017 Royal Canberra Show onward, we will commence checking all tattoos for bulls and heifers using the crush provided within the showgrounds.

The reason for this is to ensure that OH&S requirements are met for both the individuals and the animals' safety. Tattoo checking will be carried out in breed order and a scheduled timetable will be posted on the cattle office and your breed captains will be advised of proposed times.



## Vendors Declaration: Hoof & Hook

Exhibitors please note that no Hoof & Hook entries will be accepted without a National Vendors Declaration (NVD) (Hoof & Hook), National Cattle Health Statement, Pesti Virus Test Results and Registration Certificates. This must be a separate NVD to stud cattle exhibited at the Show.

No entries will be accepted or processed without all accompanying documentation.

As you are selling your cattle in the Hoof & Hook Auction, please ensure that you provide bank details for the auctioneers to direct your payments.



### Don't forget

- » All NLIS tags must be transferred to the exhibitor's name and PIC and noted on the entry form prior to entry. Please make life easy for our scanner!
- » Please ensure that all animals to be shown are tattooed prior to arriving at the showgrounds, and that all tattoos are visible and legible. No tattoo, no entry. You may not tattoo an animal after it has arrived on the grounds; it's illegal.

### Judges

The Cattle Committee is pleased to confirm the following judges for the 2017 Show:

- » Ian Durkin
- » Ryan Morris
- » Leonie Ball (School Paraders and Junior Judging)
- » Greg Ball (Hoof)
- » Jeff House (Hook)

### Camping at the Showgrounds

The closing date for camping applications is 4 January 2017.

No late entries will be accepted.

All fields on the camping form must be completed i.e. Vehicle, Registration, Length (with the rear ramp down), Width (with wings fully extended and side ramp down) & height, date of arrival and departure – to enable camping space allocations. Sufficient space must be booked on the entry form. Additional charges will apply if a vehicle/camp length exceeds the standard site of 8m X 3m.

If compulsory fields are not completed, the RNCAS reserves the right to forfeit the application.

Powered Site - \$245, Non-Powered Site - \$140 plus \$5 per person, and each powered site is allocated one power input, additional power inputs are \$30 each. Please also advise if you require a sullage point.

### Arrival and departure

When completing the entry form there is a field for "Distance Travelled (kms) one way" – this is a compulsory field to assist the committee in organising truck departures on the Sunday of the Show.

The Cattle Committee will provide numbered truck cards to exhibitors based on distance travelled, from the furthest away to the shortest, to enable smooth departures on Sunday afternoon of the Show.

No early departures will be allowed. If an Exhibitor departs the grounds during the Show it may result in disciplinary action by the RNCAS, including refusing entry at future shows.

All cattle are to remain on the Showground until 5.00pm Sunday 28 February with the exception of Purebred Steers who may leave on completion of Judging.

Exhibitors travelling the furthest distance will be entitled to leave first. Please ensure you complete the Distance field on your entry form. If this is not completed you will not receive a numbered truck departure ticket which will be included in your exhibitors pack.

### Questions? Concerns?

If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a steward, please email [admin@rncas.org.au](mailto:admin@rncas.org.au).

See you at the Show!