



VICTORIAN STATE SHOW

VENUE: Tatura Park, Hastie Street, Tatura
Dates 5th – 8th June 2026

Entries, Stables & Camping
OPEN via Nominate
20th April 2026 @ 8am
CLOSE 18th May 2026 midnight

Judge: Mr. Kim Thake

Entry Fees:

Youth \$20

All other levels \$30

Cattle Fees:

All Cutting \$80.00

Cow Work \$60.00

All other cow events \$40.00

Admin fee \$20.00

Show Office fee \$35.00

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDENT ON ENTRIES

All competitors agree to abide by the RHA rules. It is the responsibility of the competitor to hold the required RHA rider permit & provide a copy if requested by the organising committee. 2025-2026 Membership card will display rider permit.

Only RHA financial members will be eligible for EOY Hi Points.

www.rhaa.com.au/rules

FRIDAY 5TH JUNE – START TIME TBA

RANCH CUTTING

1. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
2. Green Horse
3. Intermediate Horse
4. Amateur
5. Select Amateur
6. Masters
7. Youth
8. Intermediate Youth
9. Junior Horse
10. Senior Horse
11. Intermediate Rider
12. All Age/Open

RANCH ROPING

13. Green Horse
14. Intermediate Horse
15. Amateur
16. Select Amateur
17. Masters
18. Youth
19. Intermediate Youth
20. Junior Horse
21. Senior Horse
22. Intermediate Rider
23. All Age/Open

WORKING RANCH CUTTING

All Age/Open Feature Class open to those eligible to ride in cutting events. See details below for this class.

RANCH COW WORK

24. Amateur
25. Select Amateur
26. Masters
27. Youth
28. Junior Horse
29. Senior Horse
30. All Age/Open

LIMITED RANCH COW WORK

31. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
32. Green Horse
33. Intermediate Horse
34. Amateur
35. Select Amateur
36. Masters
37. Youth
38. Intermediate Youth
39. Junior Horse
40. Senior Horse
41. Intermediate Rider
42. All Age/Open

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE – START TIME TBA

RANCH BOXING

43. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
44. Green Horse
45. Intermediate Horse
46. Amateur
47. Select Amateur (cont'd next page)



- 48. Masters
- 49. Youth
- 50. Intermediate Youth
- 51. Junior Horse
- 52. Senior Horse
- 53. IWS Intermediate Rider
- 54. All Age/Open

RANCH RIDING

ORDER OF RANCH RIDING CLASSES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDENT ON PATTERNS PROVIDED

- 55. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 56. Green Rider
- 57. EWD
- 58. Intermediate Rider
- 59. Amateur
- 60. Select Amateur
- 61. Masters
- 62. Youth
- 63. Intermediate Youth
- 64. Green Youth
- 65. Junior Horse
- 66. Senior Horse
- 67. Green Horse
- 68. Intermediate Horse
- 69. All Age/Open

RANCH REINING

- 70. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 71. Intermediate Rider
- 72. Amateur
- 73. Select Amateur
- 74. Masters
- 75. Youth



- 76. Intermediate Youth
- 77. Junior Horse
- 78. Senior Horse
- 79. Green Horse
- 80. Intermediate Horse
- 81. All Age/Open

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE – START TIME TBA

RANCH ON THE RAIL

- 82. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 83. Green Rider
- 84. EWD
- 85. Intermediate Rider
- 86. Amateur
- 87. Select Amateur
- 88. Masters
- 89. Youth
- 90. Intermediate Youth
- 91. Green Youth
- 92. Junior Horse
- 93. Senior Horse
- 94. Green Horse
- 95. Intermediate Horse
- 96. All Age/Open

RANCH TRAIL – PART 1

- 97. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
- 98. Green Rider
- 99. EWD
- 100. IWS Intermediate Rider
- 101. Amateur
- 102. Select Amateur

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- 103. Masters
- 104. Youth
- 105. Intermediate Youth
- 106. Green Youth

TRAIL PROGRAM CONTINUED NEXT DAY SPLIT OF TRAIL CLASSES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDENT ON NUMBERS

MONDAY 8TH JUNE – START TIME TBA

RANCH TRAIL – PART 2

- 107. Junior Horse
- 108. Senior Horse
- 109. Green Horse
- 110. Intermediate Horse
- 111. All Age/Open

RANCH PROSPECT TRAIL

- 112. Yearling
- 113. 2yo
- 114. 3yo

RANCH PROSPECT LUNGELINE

- 115. Yearling
- 116. 2yo
- 117. 3yo

RANCH PROSPECT CONFORMATION

- 118. Yearling
- 119. 2yo
- 120. 3yo



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RANCH CONFORMATION

121. Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit
122. Green Rider
123. EWD
124. Intermediate Rider
125. Amateur
126. Select Amateur
127. Masters
128. Youth
129. Intermediate Youth
130. Green Youth
131. Junior Horse
132. Senior Horse
133. Green Horse
134. Intermediate Horse
135. All Age/Open

HIGH POINT AWARDS PRESENTATION AT CONCLUSION OF SHOW (TIME & LOCATION TBA BY ANNOUNCER)

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CROSS ENTERING DIVISIONS:

GREEN RIDER - Walk/trot only. Horse/Rider combination **ineligible** to cross enter any other ridden division. Green Rider permit must be held to obtain points in this division.

GREEN HORSE (to be ridden in snaffle bit & hackamore only) Horse with minimal show experience. Professional or nonprofessional riders

INTERMEDIATE RIDER - Rider **ineligible** to cross enter GREEN RIDER classes. RHA Intermediate Rider permit must be held to obtain points in this division.

INTERMEDIATE HORSE - Horses with 'some' previous show experience. Professional or nonprofessional riders.

AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE SNAFFLE BIT – Those entered in this division, if eligible, can cross enter, Amateur, Select Amateur, Masters, Intermediate Rider, Intermediate Youth and Youth, Green Horse & Intermediate Horse. **Ineligible** to cross enter Green Rider, Junior Horse, Senior Horse & All Age divisions.

OPEN CLASSES: Junior & Senior Horse, Amateur, Select, Masters and All Age:

*Must be ridden in the correct head gear in a western saddle per RHA rules

*Junior horse: Horses five-years-old (5) and younger

*Senior Horse: Horses six-years (6) and older

Guidelines, Gear, Attire

- No horse under 3 years of age may be exhibited under saddle.
- No hoof polish/black.
- No braided or banded manes/tails or tail extensions, except in any class where roping is involved, the horse's mane may be braided for a distance of 33 – 45cm in front

- of the saddle pad. No ribbons or other kinds of ornamentation will be allowed.
- Trimming inside ears is discouraged. Trimming bridle path is allowed, also trimming of fetlocks or excessive (long) facial hair.
- Equipment with silver should not count over a good working outfit.
- Silver on bridles and saddles is discouraged.
- Holding the saddle horn or front of saddle with either hand will not be penalised in any class.
- Posting or standing in stirrups at extended trot is acceptable.
- When exhibiting in a snaffle bit or hackamore, an exhibitor may switch between two hands and one hand on the reins at any time.
- No drag permitted in Level 1 (Green) or Level 2 (Intermediate), Australian Heritage Snaffle Bit, Green Rider or Youth classes.
- Tie Breaker - specific manoeuvres and/or obstacles will be selected by Judge prior to start of the class and so noted on score sheets, these manoeuvres will be ranked as 1st tie breaker, second, third etc.
- Scoring: Each exhibitor is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. Exceptions; Conformation & Ranch & On The Rail

Unregistered horses wishing to enter Prospect classes, Amateur, Select, Masters, Junior, Senior Horse or All Age Classes; an aged vet certificate must be provided prior to entry via email;

AMATEUR/SELECT/MASTERS

RHA Amateur Rider permit must be held to obtain points in Amateur, Select & Masters rider divisions.



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Person must be a financial member of the association and hold either an individual Full, Life or Honorary Life membership in their own name.

The amateur must agree as follows:
Have not, in the previous three (3) years received remuneration or compensation for: Showing or training any horse or instructed any other person in riding, driving or exhibiting.

*Payment by another person for stable and or yard fees, bedding or camping fees will not be considered remuneration if the Amateur reimburses the payee.

*Prize money or judging fees will not be considered as remuneration.

*Amateurs may accept Sponsorship in the form of goods only. Exception would be Amateurs fundraising for a sanctioned RHA event.

An Amateur can only exhibit a horse owned by themselves or their immediate family in any class.

Separate legal entities, such as family corporations, trusts or partnerships, are also authorised owners of the Amateur exhibitor's horse so long as all legal and equitable owners and beneficiaries of the legal entity are individuals specifically authorised by this rule;

Immediate family – Spouse, de facto partner, parents, child of the family, grandparents, brother(s), sister(s);

Horses owned in partnership or jointly with any person other than the persons immediate family, do not fulfil the ownership requirements for Amateur;

Ownership of horses exhibited by the Amateur must be evidenced

LEVEL – GREEN:

Green Rider – A class for inexperienced riders, open riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk and trot only, no loping permitted. The purpose of this class is to encourage those new to riding and/or new to showing. No Ranch Cattle events or Ranch Reining for Green Rider.

- Any age horse may be ridden two handed in a *Snaffle Bit or hackamore*. (No curb/shank bits)
- Any 'safe' saddle, with the exclusion of bareback pads. Includes: English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles.
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

Green Horse. Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional – wanting to bring inexperienced horses (3 Yr and over) into the show arena. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

Green Youth – A class for inexperienced Youth riders. Open to Youth up to 18 years as at 1st August. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk & trot only. Must have written permission from their parent/guardian to compete. Parent/guardian must sign the entry form. All Youth competing or taking part in an RHA sanctioned event must be in the care of

a responsible adult who is in attendance for the duration of that event, whilst the Youth attends that event. The purpose of this class is to encourage Youth who are new to riding and/or new to showing in Ranch events

LEVEL – INTERMEDIATE

- Horse may be ridden one or two handed in any legal headgear (see RHA rules 'Gear')
- Rider must not swap from one to two hands or vice versa during the class
- Any safe saddle, with the exception of bareback pads. Includes: English, Western, stock, fender or half breed saddles permitted
- Ownership of horse not required – a borrowed horse may be used (owner of the horse must be a financial member)

Intermediate Rider – A class for nonprofessional adult riders with some previous show experience, professional riders are NOT eligible for this class. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope. Riders can ride in a snaffle, hackamore or a curb bit with split reins or a romal. Rider must not swap from one to two hands or vice versa during the class if riding in a curb bit. Those entered in this class **are ineligible for GREEN rider classes.**

Intermediate Horse – Open to all riders – professional and nonprofessional. Horses with previous show experience may be shown in this



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class. Horses will be required to show at the walk, trot & lope.

Intermediate Youth – A class for Youth riders with some previous show experience. Open to Youth riders, 7 to 18 years as at 1st August. If one (1) class is held to be: 7 to 18 years old if two (2) classes held: 7 to 13 years and 14 to 18 years. Riders will be required to show their horses at the walk, trot & lope.

Youth competitors are to wear an approved safety helmet whilst mounted. Youth must not ride or handle a stallion at any time

LEADLINE: A lead at least 1.8 m long must be attached to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is mounted, the horse is controlled by the adult. The chain on the halter cannot be under the chin or over the nose, it must come straight off the halter ring. No two (2) or three (3) year old horses can be used in this class. No rider entering this class can enter any other ridden class on the program.

ATTIRE:

WESTERN ATTIRE MANDATORY (All divisions)

- long sleeve collared shirt - half or full button or zipper, Collar = band, stand-up, tuxedo etc
- b) western hat (the hat must be on the rider's head when the exhibitor enters the arena) or ASS approved safety

helmet that is in date. Safety standard numbers for these helmets are AS-NZS 3838, ARBHS 2012 and ASTM F1163.

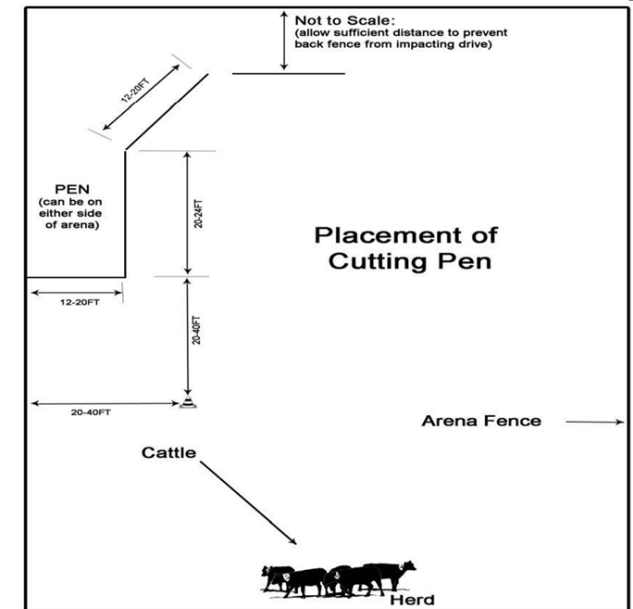
- western pants/jeans
- western boots.

Optional Attire – Necktie, scarf, spurs, chinks and chaps in ridden classes.

WORKING RANCH CUTTING

1. This class is judged on the ability of the horse to work a cow by separating it from the herd, driving it to the middle of the arena, holding it to demonstrate the horse's ability to work the cow and finally to pen the cow. All cattle will be clearly and distinctly marked. A single numbered or marked cow is cut from the herd, and the horse must demonstrate its ability to work the cow. When satisfied that the horse has proven its cutting ability, the horse and rider must then pen the cow at the far end of the arena.

- a. Minimum number of cattle in the herd will be ten.
- b. Objective will be to cut one designated cow from the herd and work the cow with the assistance of two turn back riders and two herd holders.
- c. Cattle to be located at one end of the arena. A pen with wing will be located on the side fence near the far end of the arena.



Wing will stretch to the inside of the arena (see diagram). A marker will be placed in the arena with a variable distance of 20 to 40 feet from the side of the arena and corner of the pen.

- d. All cattle will be clearly marked with numbers.
- e. There is a two and one-half minute (2 ½) time limit with a one (1) minute time remaining warning. Time will begin when a rider crosses a timeline just prior to entering the herd. The cow's number is then called. The rider will quietly separate his/her numbered cow from the herd. Unnecessary roughness or disturbing the herd excessively will result in the judge terminating the run.



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f. When satisfied that the horse has proven its cutting ability, the rider will signal his turn back riders off. The turn back rider must move out of position to the side opposite from the pen and allow the contestant to drive the cow by them.

(1) The herd holders will remain out of the way in the corners of the arena and cannot assist exhibitor.

(2) Turn back riders cannot assist exhibitor to pen cow once signalled off; however, they can prevent the herd from scattering and can hold the herd if the cow returns to the herd and assist with a recut.

(3) Show management may supply two turn back riders and two herd holders, or exhibitors may supply their own.

(4) If an exhibitor is a turn back rider, he or she may use the horse that they are competing on or use a different horse.

g. The exhibitor must drive the cow between the marker and corner of the pen and continue to drive the cow into the pen.

h. Credit will be given to those horses who demonstrate excellence in the herd work, driving and setting up the cow to cut, working in the centre of the arena, degree of difficulty of the cow drawn, and their ability to drive and pen the cow within the 2 ½ minutes. Riders will not be penalized for reining

their horses during the cutting competition, but their horses should display natural cutting ability.

i. Settling the herd: The first horse/rider to work a fresh herd will be responsible for selecting a herd settler and making the call as to when the herd is properly settled for cutting. The Judge should oversee the herd settling process and should intervene if the settling process is not being done in an adequate manner to allow for a reasonable herd for the cutting class. The judge has the latitude to ask another rider to settle the herd or do it himself. Judges may not settle the herd on any horse that will be exhibited in that cutting class at that event.

j. In the event of excessive disturbance of the herd during competition, the herd may be resettled before the next rider begins his/her work, at the discretion of the Judge.

k. Herd settlers and turn back riders do not have to be exhibitors.

l. A rider may hold the saddle horn at any time during the ranch cutting without penalty.

m. During the drive to the pen, the horse is not required to pass between the cone and the fence, only the cow.

n. The exhibitor must drive the cow between the marker and the pen and continue to drive the cow into the pen.

(1) The cow will be considered penned when the complete cow has entered the box portion of the pen with the tail past the wing.

(2) The Judge will blow the whistle to signify the run is complete.

(3) If 2 cows are driven into the pen the extra cow must be sorted out of the pen, leaving only the exhibitor's selected cow in the pen, the judge may then blow the whistle.

(4) There will be no penalty if the exhibitor's cow is in the pen alone before the time is up.