

Melbourne Pigeon Society,



**Annual Pigeon Show, 2023.
Sunday 2nd July.**

Western Pigeon Federation (WPF) rooms,
Carrington Dr, Albion, Vic.

Entries Close: Friday 16th June.

**Enquiries phone Paul Sulja 0411 707 887 or email paulsulja@hotmail.com
Please forward all entries together with the entry fees to**

**Melbourne Pigeon Society , Show Secretary
31 Damaine Circuit, Caroline Springs, Vic 3023**

Information for Exhibitors

ENTRY FEES

- **All Seniors \$3.50** each entry
- **Juniors** (Must be aged at least 5 years and under 16 years on the day of the show.) **\$2.00** per entry.
- **Payment of entry fees** must accompany the entry form and all cheques/money orders must be made payable to "Melbourne Pigeon Society".
- **Juniors:** Please note that juniors are not permitted to exhibit the same breed as a senior person living at the same address, regardless of whether or not that senior is exhibiting at this show. To compete in junior classes, junior members must attend the show and pen their own exhibits.
- **All exhibits** must be the bona-fide property of the exhibitor. **All exhibits must be vaccinated against PMV1.**
- **The Show Committee** reserves the right to refuse to accept any entry/entries that is/are deemed to be a risk to the smooth running of the show.
- **Pen Numbers:** Will be released to exhibitors on their arrival at the show. It is therefore suggested that you make a copy to retain as a record of your entries. **Please refrain from making additions and alterations to your initial entry.**
- **Security:** Stewards will be on duty, boxes and bags could be checked on leaving.
- **No bird** – other than for exhibition is to be taken into the show areas.
- **Security** is paramount to the MPS committee and your patience is requested at any inconvenience.
- **Sale Birds:** Sale pens will be available in the pavilion. Cost will be \$2 per pen. With a limit of 2 birds per pen. Vendors are asked to consider the health and comfort of their birds. Please book your sale pens with your entries.
- **Developmental/Genetics Class:** Show classes will be provided for breeds in development or new colours being developed in existing breeds. Please note that this is not a class for funny colours produced by crossing existing colours within a breed
- **Catering:** Food and drink will be available.
- **Judges:** Judges are subject to change without notice. MPS Show Committee thanks all the local & guest Judges for their acceptance of our invitation to officiate at the MPS Annual Show. Our gratitude is expressed to those fanciers who have made it possible for us to have this fine panel of Judges.
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- **Judges: - Guest Interstate Judge Matt Hay – (Tasmania)**
- **Eddie Kloprogge – Felice Esposito – Mark Tung - Mick Dunn – Alan Hill – Brian Frost – John Sneldors - Darren Favaloro**
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Specialty Clubs

We encourage specialty clubs to host their Annual show with the MPS Annual Show, in these cases the specialty club can nominate their own judges & stewards etc. Any other requests will be considered. Please send requests to Show Secretary.

Penning 7:30am to 9:30am, Opening ceremony 9:45am, Judging starts at 10am sharp. Presentations 2:30pm.

Show Conditions

- 1:** Birds must be rung with a ring of the correct size. All young birds must be rung with a 2022 seamless ring of the correct size issued by any recognized Australian club. Entries will also be accepted of birds rung with bona fide Australian racing-club rings only. Only birds wearing the correct rings, as set out above, will be accepted for exhibition. (No personalised rings or marker bands permitted).
- 2:** Exhibitors and spectators must keep well clear while judging is in progress. Everybody will be allowed reasonable access to observe judging. Any person not complying with a judge or steward's direction during judging will be requested to leave the pavilion until judging is completed.
- 3:** Penning will be from 7:30 to 9am, Judging to start at 10am. At no time after birds are penned can they be handled without permission. Approval to do so will be granted by the Show Committee only. If such permission is granted, a steward will be in attendance. Trophy presentation is at 2:30pm, with unpenning at completion of presentations.
- 4:** The Committee shall not be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained to any exhibit, though every care will be taken. Security will be provided for the duration of the Show.
- 5:** In all circumstances the Judges decision will be final, with no provision for appeal or disputes. Judges may withhold placing's, awards, trophies or rosettes/sashes at their discretion.
- 6:** The owner of any exhibit deemed to be sick or carrying vermin of any description will be instructed to remove the bird or birds from the pavilion.
- 7:** If any exhibit is disqualified from competition, all fees will be forfeited.
- 8:** Exhibitors are to make all freight arrangements if required. This includes delivery point and payment.

Show Awards

Breed Champion The MPS will award a trophy or sash or Rosette to the best bird in each breed subject to there being ten (10) or more exhibits shown. If less than 10 entries a card only may be awarded.

Champion Young Bird: The MPS will award a trophy or Rosette to the best Young Bird in each breed subject to there being ten (10) or more exhibits shown. If less than 10 entries a card only may be awarded.

Best Opposite Sex: The Committee will award the Best Opposite Sex (BOS) of each breed where there are thirty (30) or more exhibits. Other awards for Best Opposite Sex will be made where donations are received.

Reserve Award: The MPS committee will also award to the 1st reserve where there are 45 entries or more.

Best Junior Exhibit: MPS will award a trophy or Rosette to the Best Junior Exhibit in each breed subject to there being ten (10) or more junior exhibits.. All juniors participating in the MPS Annual will receive a memento. The MPS will also award a trophy for the Best Overall Junior Exhibit. There will be a trophy for the Runner-up Best Junior Exhibit. In addition ANPA will also award a 1 year membership to best Junior,

Note: The Best Junior Exhibit in each breed will be considered for the respective Best of Breed Awards, and will be judged by the Breed Judge. When listing entries in the Junior Classes, exhibitors should include a 'J' alongside the respective class number and indicate the junior exhibitor's age. Junior exhibitors to compete in junior classes, must attend the show and pen their own exhibits.

Group Awards: In additional to breed awards, "Best Group" awards may also be given dependent on numbers. The groupings are best, Asian, Frill, German Toy & Colour, Homer Variety, Pouter & Cropper, Exhibition Tumbler, Flying Tumbler, & Utility Pigeons.

Best In Show: Is a perpetual trophy awarded to the best bird out of the breed champions.

Sponsored Breeds

The committee will be grateful for donations towards the cost of trophies. Cash donations will be used to purchase the MPS Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex & reserve awards, where appropriate. Persons donating \$25 or more can nominate a breed or group, and provided that breed has not already been taken, their donation will be recognised by an endorsement on the actual trophy, i.e. "Donated by "Joe Blogs"... Unless otherwise directed, where the nominated breed has been taken the committee will apply the donation to another breed until all trophies have been taken.

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