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2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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Caged Birds Show Schedule

****Updated 29/04/2026: Schedule could be amended without notice****

Caged Birds Committee

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Key Dates & Entry Information

Entries Close | 11.59pm Friday 5 June 2026

Judging | Thursday 11 June 2026

Entry Fees | \$1 per entry. There will be a \$1 administration fee.

Exhibit Delivery | Rockhampton Showgrounds, Kele Pavilion

4pm – 7pm Wednesday 10 June or 6am – 8am Thursday 11 June 2026

Exhibit Collection | Rockhampton Showgrounds, Kele Pavilion

After 6pm Friday 12 June 2026

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Rockhampton Agricultural Show Contact Information

Admin Office Opening Hours | 8.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday from 26 May to 6 June 2026

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Proudly Supported By

The Rockhampton Agricultural Show takes pride in hosting the Caged Birds Competition, a showcase of stunning avian beauty and skill.

However, the Caged Birds Competition currently has no sponsors or supporters. Your contribution could make a significant impact by helping provide prize money, awards, and resources to ensure the smooth operation of this unique competition.

If you're passionate about birds and want to support this vibrant event, we'd love to hear from you! Together, we can keep the Caged Birds Competition soaring.

Contact us at Show@rrc.qld.gov.au to learn how you can become a valued supporter of the Caged Birds Competitions at the Rockhampton Agricultural Show.

Regulations

Privacy Statement

Rockhampton Regional Council (RRC) is collecting the personal information you supply for the purpose of Rockhampton Agricultural Show communications. RRC deals with personal information in accordance with law, including the Information Privacy Act 2009. Some of this information may be given to customers, sponsors and event partners and listed on Council's website for the purpose of advertising.

General

1. Please note there may be some changes to classes, regulations and procedures from previous years. To ensure that there are no issues with your entries, please read this schedule carefully.
2. All exhibit stickers **MUST** be affixed to the bottom left-hand corner of the show cage. No other markings will be evident on the show cage. Show cages must be of a standard suitable for exhibit.
 - o Entrants will receive exhibit stickers from Competition Stewards during exhibit delivery.
3. Exhibits must have enough food and water when they arrive, for the first day. Competition Stewards will attend to the feeding and watering for the duration of Show.
4. Exhibits will not be accepted without water and/or water bowl.
5. All birds will be watered with bottled water supplied by the Rockhampton Agricultural Show.
6. Collection times stated on the schedule must be adhered to. No vehicle access onsite during the event due to safety risks.
7. Alternative collection times for birds must be arranged with Chief Stewards.
8. The Rockhampton Agricultural Show reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving their reasons for doing so.
9. Any exhibit suffering from any infectious or contagious disease shall be reported immediately to the Competition Steward who shall order its removal. The Competition Steward must notify the Chief Biosecurity Officer if they have ordered the removal of an exhibit.
10. A business card can be placed on the cage for the purpose of future sales however no exchange can be made at the Show.
11. Exhibits entered in the wrong class by the exhibitor may be transferred to the proper class by Competition Stewards.
12. The Rockhampton Agricultural Show reserves the right to cancel or change any event or class or substitute a judge where or when deemed necessary.

13. All entries must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor on the date of entry. Entries are accepted entirely at owner's risk. Borrowing birds for Show purposes or sales for limited periods will render both parties liable for disqualification.
14. For the duration of the Show, all exhibits will be in the custody of the Competition Steward and shall not be touched or handled by the owner or any other person. Any exhibitor seen to be breaching this clause may forfeit their nomination and any prize money awarded.
15. All prize money will be paid via cash payment at the Kele Pavilion during the exhibit collection 6pm Friday 12 June 2026.
 - From Monday 15 June 2026 prize money will be available for collection from Rockhampton Regional Council City Hall Customer Service office (232 Bolsover St, Rockhampton City QLD 4700) 9am – 4pm Monday to Friday until 29 June 2026.
 - **Any prize money not collected** by 29 June 2026 will be forfeited and allocated to the next year's Show.
 - Prize money will **not** be handed out without the place card being presented to the Competition Steward or Rockhampton Regional Council staff.
16. All matters in dispute shall be subject to the decision of the Committee / Competition Steward appointed for such purposes.
17. No protest will be considered unless lodged with the Competition Steward, in writing within one hour of completion of the event, enclosing \$50 which will be forfeited to the Rockhampton Agricultural Show should the protest be considered frivolous. Protests will only be received from competitors in the class in dispute.
18. Any person, whether competitor or not, who in the opinion of the Committee behaves in any offensive or threatening manner, either inside or outside, to any official or judge or member of the public, shall be liable to disqualification from further competition and shall be liable to be removed from the grounds.
19. Any exhibitor or his agent who shall make a false report and give misleading information or suppress necessary information respecting any exhibit shall be held to have forfeited any prize gained by these means. The exhibit and the exhibitor together with the agent may be disqualified and the matter referred to the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies.
20. Cages must be size appropriate for the bird in the cage.
21. Zebra Finches will be judged in the correct class as Australian Finches.

Biosecurity

22. Exhibitors must complete an animal health declaration on the health status of the animal on entry to the showgrounds.
23. All poultry and caged birds bought onsite must comply with the requirements of the 2025 Rockhampton Show Biosecurity Plan.
24. If the Chief Biosecurity Officer requests documents, information or directs a person to undertake an action, these requests must be complied with.
25. All birds are to be free of lice and disease. Any affected birds must be moved to a quarantine area or collected by owner immediately.
26. If an animal becomes ill, it may be moved to the designated quarantine area, at the discretion of the Chief Biosecurity Officer or the on-call Event Veterinarian.

27. If the on-call Event Veterinarian is required, the owner of the animal is responsible for payments to the Veterinarian.

Special Poultry And Caged Birds Regulations

For the conduct of Poultry and Caged Birds competitions at QCAS affiliated Queensland Agricultural Shows Where there is a conflict between these regulations and the regulations and rules of the local Agricultural Society, the rules of the Affiliated Agricultural Society prevail.

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the General Regulations contained in this schedule.

28. Birds can only be removed from the showing area with the permission of the Competition Steward.
29. Any bird entered in the incorrect class can, at the discretion of the Competition Steward, be re-entered in the correct class.
30. No birds to be removed or handled without the Steward's permission.
31. Any bird found to have been tampered with may, at the discretion of the Competition Stewards, be disqualified.
32. Eggs remain the property of the affiliated Agricultural Society.
33. No trimming, plucking or dyeing of feathers, staining of legs or any fraudulent practice will be allowed.
34. Every exhibitor will be deemed responsible for the condition in which his/her exhibit appears in the pen. It shall be permissible for exhibitors to dub male game fowl and game bantams.
35. Birds must be true to breed, no cross breeds.
36. Banded birds are eligible for judging.
37. Junior exhibitors must pen and unpen their own entries.

Age Of Exhibits

38. Birds 12 months and over will be judged as adults.

Judging

39. Judging standards will be those recognised by the Australian Standard or the British Poultry Standard where applicable.
40. Exhibitors are not to talk to Judges during judging.
41. Judges are not to judge classes in which they have entered.
42. An exhibitor shall not compete nor show any bird in a section if the bird has been owned or leased by the Judge or a member of the Judge's immediate family or if the Judge is the exhibitor's employer or business partner within three (3) months prior to or during the holding of the Show.
43. An exhibitor shall not compete if the exhibitor or any bird being shown by the exhibitor has been given tuition by the Judge or the Judge's business partner within three (3) months prior to or during the show.
44. An exhibitor is ineligible to compete, if the exhibitor has employed or has been employed by or has been a business partner of the Judge of the Section within three (3) months prior to or during the holding of the Show.

45. A Judge shall not visit the bird-housing complex of the Rockhampton Agricultural Show, nor the owners, nor inspector discuss any animal entered in the Show prior to or during the judging of the relevant section.

Volunteers

The countdown to the Rockhampton Agricultural Show has begun, and Rockhampton Regional Council is once again calling on the community for their invaluable support as volunteers for the Caged Birds Competition.

Volunteering at the Show isn't just about lending a hand; it's about becoming part of a passionate team, making new friends, and creating lasting memories. Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the experience, there's a role for everyone in our dedicated crew.

Located in the Kele Pavilion this exhibition is not only a visual delight, but also an educational experience. Visitors will have the chance to engage with committee members and owners to learn about the different species and cast their vote in the People's Choice Award to select their favourite bird.

As a volunteer, you may be asked to assist with the following tasks:

Competition Setup | Help the Caged Birds Committee with pavilion setup, accepting and organising entries as they arrive.

Assistant Stewarding | Gain a behind-the-scenes look at the judging process by assisting judges in organising and scoring the entries.

On the Day | Join the committees in the pavilion to engage with like-minded people, discuss the competitions, and share experiences. Be the go-to contact for any questions or queries from the public.

Your support will help make this year's Caged Birds Competition a memorable success. We look forward to welcoming you to the team!

As a token of our appreciation for your support, volunteers will enjoy a host of perks, including:

- **FREE Access:** Explore all the excitement of the Show using your exclusive Volunteer pass!
- **FREE Show Volunteer Shirt:** Receive a Show Volunteer shirt to wear with pride and keep as a memento of your contribution.
- **Short Shifts:** Flexible volunteering with short shifts to suit your schedule, allowing you to enjoy the Show while helping out.
- **Resume Boost:** Gain valuable volunteer experience to enhance your resume and Showcase your dedication to the community.
- **Training and Networking:** Take advantage of training opportunities and network with fellow volunteers, expanding your skills and connections.

For more information on becoming a volunteer at the Rockhampton Agricultural Show please visit www.rockyShow.com.au/Volunteer

2026 Rockhampton Agriculture Show Caged Birds Schedule

Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

AC	Any Colour
AV	Any Variety
AOV	Any Other Variety
AOC	Any Other Colour
ACAV	Any Colour Any Variety

Finches

Australian Finches

Class 6001	Gouldian Red Head
Class 6002	Gouldian Normal Black Head
Class 6003	Gouldian Yellow Head
Class 6004	Gouldian Mutation AC
Class 6005	Star AC, AV
Class 6006	Longtail AC, AV
Class 6007	Blackthroat AC, AV
Class 6008	Pictorella
Class 6009	Chestnut or Yellow Rump AC
Class 6010	Emblema Picta AC
Class 6011	Double Bar AC, AV
Class 6012	Blood AV
Class 6013	Plumhead AC
Class 6014	Zebra Normal
Class 6015	Zebra Marked White – Chestnut Flanked
Class 6016	Zebra Pied Normal
Class 6017	Zebra Pied – AOC
Class 6018	Zebra White
Class 6019	Zebra Fawn
Class 6020	Zebra Charcoal, Black Breasted, Black Faced
Class 6021	Zebra Yellow Beak AC, AV including Pied
Class 6022	Zebra AOC
Class 6023	Diamond Firetail Sparrow AC, AV
Class 6024	Blue Faced Parrot Finch AC
Class 6025	AOV Australian Finch
Class 6026	AV Aus Finch Breeding Pairs

Reserve Champion Australian Finch

To Be Chosen From Classes 6001 - 6026

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Australian Finch

To Be Chosen From Classes 6001 - 6026

Prize Money: \$20

Foreign Finch

Class 6027	Java Sparrow Blue
Class 6028	Java Sparrow Fawn
Class 6029	Java Sparrow White
Class 6030	AOC Java
Class 6031	Singer AC, AV
Class 6032	Bengalese AC, AV
Class 6033	Cutthroat or Aberdeen
Class 6034	Nun AC, AV
Class 6035	Cordon Blue AC, AV
Class 6036	Ruddy AC, AV
Class 6037	Orange Breast, AC
Class 6038	Cuban, AC
Class 6039	Aurora
Class 6040	Melba
Class 6041	Parrot Finch AC, AV
Class 6042	Red Face Parrot Finch Pied AC, AV
Class 6043	Gold AC
Class 6044	Saint Helena AC
Class 6045	Strawberry AV
Class 6046	Weaver AV
Class 6047	AOV Foreign Finch
Class 6048	AV Foreign Finch Breeding Pairs

Reserve Champion Foreign Finch

To Be Chosen From Classes 6027 - 6048

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Foreign Finch

To Be Chosen From Classes 6027 - 6048

Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Finch

To Be Chosen From Classes 6001 - 6048

Prize Money: \$50

Parrots

Australian Parrots

Class 6049	Princess AC
Class 6050	Regent
Class 6051	Superb
Class 6052	Rosella Pale Head AC, AV
Class 6053	Rosella Eastern AC, AV
Class 6054	Rosella Crimson AC, AV
Class 6055	Rosella AOV
Class 6056	Rosella Western AC, AV
Class 6057	28 Parrot or Port Lincoln AC
Class 6058	Rainbow Lorikeet AC, AV
Class 6059	AOV Lorikeet
Class 6060	AOV Australian Parrot

Best Australian Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6049 - 6060

Prize: Ribbon

Cockatiels

Class 6061	Normal
Class 6062	Lutino Normal
Class 6063	Cinnamon Normal
Class 6064	Pied, AC
Class 6065	Pearl, AC
Class 6066	White Face Normal
Class 6067	Cockatiel AOC

Best Cockatiel

To be chosen from Classes 6061 - 6067

Prize: Ribbon

Neophema

Class 6068	Bourke AC
Class 6069	Turquoise AC
Class 6070	Elegant AC
Class 6071	Scarlet AC
Class 6072	Neophema AOV

Best Neophema

To be chosen from Classes 6068 - 6072

Prize: Ribbon

Psephotus

Class 6073	Red Rump Pied AC
Class 6074	Red Rump Blue AC
Class 6075	Red Rump Normal
Class 6076	Red Rump Lutino/Albino
Class 6077	Red Rump AOC
Class 6078	Hooded AV
Class 6079	Mulga AV
Class 6080	Blue Bonnet AV
Class 6081	AOV Psephotus

Best Psephotus

To be chosen from Classes 6073 - 6081

Prize: Ribbon

Class 6082	AV Australian Parrot Breeding Pairs
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Reserve Champion Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6049 - 6082

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6049 - 6082

Prize Money: \$20

Foreign Parrots

Class 6083	Indian Ringneck Green
Class 6084	Indian Ringneck Blue
Class 6085	Indian Ringneck Lutino/Albino
Class 6086	Lacewing AC
Class 6087	Clartail AC
Class 6088	Pied AC
Class 6089	Alexandrine AC
Class 6090	Plumhead Parrot AC
Class 6091	Moustache AV AC
Class 6092	Kakariki Normal AV

Class 6093	Kakariki AV AOC
Class 6094	Conure AV AC
Class 6095	Foreign Parrot AOV
Class 6096	AV Foreign Parrot Breeding Pairs

Reserve Champion Foreign Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6083 - 6096

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Foreign Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6083 - 6096

Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Parrot

To be chosen from Classes 6049 - 6096

Prize Money: \$50

Doves/Quails

Doves

Class 6097	Diamond Dove AC
Class 6098	Peaceful Dove AC
Class 6099	Ringneck Dove AC, AV
Class 6100	Wonga
Class 6101	Crested Bronze Wing
Class 6102	Common Bronze Wing
Class 6103	Bronze Wing AOV
Class 6104	Bar Shouldered Dove
Class 6105	Bleeding Heart AV
Class 6106	Mask Dove
Class 6107	Talpacoti
Class 6108	Green Wing Pigeon
Class 6109	Brown Pigeon
Class 6110	AOV Australian Dove or Pigeon
Class 6111	AOV Foreign Dove or Pigeon
Class 6112	Dove Breeding Pairs AV

Reserve Champion Dove

To be chosen from Classes 6097 - 6112

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Dove

To be chosen from Classes 6097 - 6112

Prize Money: \$20

Quail

Class 6113	King Quail Normal
Class 6114	King Quail AOC
Class 6115	Stubble
Class 6116	Brown or Swamp
Class 6117	AOV Australian Quail
Class 6118	Bob White
Class 6119	Californian
Class 6120	AOV Jap Quail
Class 6121	AOV Foreign Quail or Partridge
Class 6122	Quail Breeding Pairs AV

Reserve Champion Quail

To be chosen from Classes 6113 - 6122

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Quail

To be chosen from Classes 6113 - 6122

Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Dove/Quail

To be chosen from Classes 6097 - 6122

Prize Money: \$50

Budgerigars

Normal

Class 6123	Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6124	Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Self-Coloured Blackeye/Redeyed

Class 6125	Any Colour – Cock or Hen
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Greywing

Class 6126	Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6127	Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Cinnamonwing

Class 6128	Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6129	Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Opaline Any Variety

Class 6130 Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6131 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Spangle – S/F-D/F AC, AV

Class 6132 Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6133 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Yellow Face

Class 6134 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Clearwing

Class 6135 Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6136 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Dominant Pied

Class 6137 Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6138 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Recessive Pied

Class 6139 Pied Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6140 Pied Blue Series – Cock or Hen

Texas Clearbody

Class 6141 Green Series – Cock or Hen
Class 6142 Blue Series – Cock or Hen

AOV

Class 6143 Budgerigar, AV AC

Pairs

Class 6144 Budgerigar Breeding Pairs AV

Reserve Champion Green AC AV

To be chosen from Classes 6123 - 6144
Prize Money: \$10

Champion Green AC AV

To be chosen from Classes 6123 - 6144
Prize Money: \$20

Reserve Champion Blue AC AV

To be chosen from Classes 6123 - 6144
Prize Money: \$10

Champion Blue AC AV

To be chosen from Classes 6123 - 6144
Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Budgerigar

To be chosen from Classes 6123 - 6144
Prize Money: \$50

Canaries

Yorkshire

Class 6145 Yorkshire AV AC

Norwich

Class 6146 Norwich AV AC

Border Fancy

Class 6147 AOC Border

Red Factor Canary

Class 6148 AOC New Colour

Gloster Consort

Class 6149 AOC Consort

Gloster Corona

Class 6150 AOC Corona

Fife

Class 6151 AOC Fife

Lizard

Class 6152 Lizard Canary AV AC

Pairs

Class 6153 Canary Breeding Pairs AV

Reserve Champion Canary

To be chosen from Classes 6145 - 6153

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Canary

To be chosen from Classes 6145 - 6153

Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Canary

To be chosen from Classes 6145 - 6153

Prize Money: \$50

Lovebirds

Lovebirds – White Eye Ring

Class 6154 Mask Green Series
Class 6155 Mask Blue Series
Class 6156 Mask Pied AC
Class 6157 Mask AOC
Class 6158 Fischer AC
Class 6159 Nyasa AC
Class 6160 Lovebird – White Eye Ring
AOV

Lovebirds – Peach-Face

Class 6161 Green Series
Class 6162 Blue Series
Class 6163 Lutino or Cremino
Class 6164 Cinnamon AC
Class 6165 Pied AC

Class 6166 Peachface AC, AV

Lovebirds – Pairs

Class 6167 Lovebird Breeding Pairs AV

Reserve Champion Lovebird

To be chosen from Classes 6154 – 6167

Prize Money: \$10

Champion Lovebird

To be chosen from Classes 6154 – 6167

Prize Money: \$20

Grand Champion Lovebird

To be chosen from Classes 6154 – 6167

Prize Money: \$50

People's Choice Award Nomination

Nominations to be made at the Kele Pavilion from Thursday 11 June – Friday 12 June 2026. Winner to be drawn 3pm Friday 12 June 2026.

Prize: Ribbon

Bird Of The Show

Prize Money: \$50 & presented the Col Bielenberg Perpetual Trophy

Registrations

Step 1: Register your entry/s online

As a nominee, please ensure you have read through the key information and documents listed on the website before registering into a competition.

Once you are ready to submit an entry, follow the links to Showday Online to register. Fill out your entries as per Showday Online instructions and pay for your entries. Head to www.rockyshow.com.au/Competitions for more information and to enter.

If you cannot pay online, CASH payments can be made at the Rockhampton Regional Council City Hall Customer Service office (232 Bolsover St, Rockhampton City QLD 4700) 9am - 4pm Monday to Friday until 22 May 2026 or at the Rockhampton Showgrounds Administration Office 8.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday from 25 May to 5 June 2026.

Rockhampton Agricultural Show may cancel or postpone the competitions at their discretion. In the event of a cancellation or postponement, where the exhibitor/competitor is unable to complete their nominated competition please note that no refunds will be provided. This includes circumstances where the exhibitor/competitor withdraws from the competition, fails to attend, or is otherwise unable to participate.

By submitting your entry, you acknowledge and accept that the Rockhampton Agricultural Show does not offer any refunds for nomination fees, or any associated costs, regardless of the reason for non-participation, postponement or cancellation of the competition.

Step 2: Get your exhibit/s ready

Make sure to follow the guidelines in this schedule to ensure your item/s are ready.

Entrants will receive exhibit stickers from Competition Stewards during exhibit delivery.

Step 3: Deliver your item/s

Please deliver your bird/s to the Rockhampton Showgrounds Kele Pavilion, 4pm – 7pm Wednesday 10 June or 6am – 8am Thursday 11 June 2026.

Entry: Drive into the Showgrounds through Gate 5 and park behind Kele Pavilion to drop off.

Exit: via Gate 6.

Alternatively, park on Graeme Acton Way and walk your exhibit in.



Step 4: Collect your item/s

Please collect your bird/s from the Rockhampton Showgrounds Kele Pavilion, 6pm – 8pm Friday 12 June 2026.

Park on Graeme Acton Way and walk in through Gate 5 to the Kele Pavilion.

Please ensure you have your exhibitor card ready to show the security staff on Gate 5 to gain entry.

***Strictly no vehicle access within the Showgrounds.**