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2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

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Cake Decorating Show Schedule

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

Rockhampton Queensland Cake Decorators Association (QCDA) Branch

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Secretary: Lea Kettle 0407 628 337

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Key Dates & Entry Information

Entries Close | 11.59pm Friday 29 May 2026

Judging | Wednesday 10 June 2026

Entry Fees | General: \$5 per entry, Junior: \$2 per entry, There will be a \$1 administration fee.

Exhibit Delivery | Rockhampton Showgrounds, James Lawrence Pavilion, 2pm – 6pm Tuesday 9 June 2026

Exhibit Collection | Rockhampton Showgrounds, James Lawrence Pavilion, 9am – 12pm Saturday 13 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 is proud to celebrate the artistry and skill of our Cake Decorating and Cookery Competitions. These events bring together talented bakers, decorators, and cooks to showcase their creativity and culinary expertise.

A heartfelt thank you to the generous supporters who make the Cake Decorating Competitions possible:

Lea & Cameron Kettle

Naomi Jones

Queensland Cake Decorators Association Rockhampton Branch

Ross and Leanne Gibson

Valarie and Ted Ciesiolka

Your contributions towards prize money, awards, and the success of this competition are deeply appreciated.

If you're passionate about supporting the Cake Decorating Competitions, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact us at show@rrc.qld.gov.au to find out how you can get involved with the Cake Decorating 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. Entries will not be accepted without payment of fees.
3. All entries to be bona fide handiwork of the exhibitor.
4. No part or parts of any previous entry may be used.
5. There will be a limit of two (2) entries per class.
6. Boards or other suitable bases to be no larger than 45cm x 45cm.
7. Height of Open Wedding Cake to be no higher than 60cm, other exhibits to be no higher than 50cm (measured from tabletop/bench to maximum height).

8. Exhibitor cards must be securely attached on top of the base board and not underneath. If your entry does not have an exhibit card it will not be accepted.
9. All bases must have cleats, cleats to be attached and to be of suitable height to enable easy lifting. Small adhesive felt circles may suit. Cleats must also be covered.
10. Except where specifically otherwise mentioned, no non-sugar ornaments are allowed (this includes no plastic dolls, no glass or glitter stamens). Reasonable use of wire, taped stamens, ribbon, tulle, braids, threads, gelatine, piping jelly and unbreakable gel to support traditional sugar-based icing techniques is permitted and pillars or other means of elevating cakes are permitted. Minimal amounts of dried vegetable matter may be used for stems or stamens. Polenta, semolina, wafer paper, isomalt and cachous are allowed. No pins are allowed to hold ribbons, etc., and no artificial flowers are allowed. Wire not to penetrate the surface of exhibit, posy picks are permitted (top must be visible). No bought lollies are allowed in any classes.
11. Dummy Cakes are allowed, with the exception of Novelty Cakes.
12. Novelty Cakes must contain edible cake and must be sculpted.
13. Covering of exhibits must consist of fondant or royal icing. **No buttercream allowed.**
14. Lace and extension are not mandatory, however, a variety of piping skills within the bounds of good taste must be executed.
15. All exhibits will be put into show cases by the Competition Stewards only, entries to be removed by Competition Stewards only. All exhibits must be able to be carried by one (1) person.
16. Competition Stewards reserve the right to disqualify any entry which in their opinion fails to meet the entry criteria. They also reserve the right to move any entry to its correct class.
17. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the attending judge, who may withhold the award where the standard is not sufficiently high. The judge's decision is final, and correspondence will not be entered into.
18. All care will be taken, but no responsibility will be accepted for loss or damage to any exhibit.
19. Exhibits will **not be available** for collection prior to Saturday 13 June 2026.
20. The entrant copy of the exhibitor card must be retained and presented during collection for easy identification.
21. All prize money will be paid via cash payment at the James Lawrence Pavilion during the exhibit collection 9am – 12pm Saturday 13 June 2026.
 - Alternative collection for prize money is available 8.30am – 4pm Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 June 2026 from the Showgrounds Administration Office.
 - Exhibits not collected by Saturday 13 June 2026 will be disposed of.
 - From Thursday 18 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 prize card being presented to the Competition Steward or Rockhampton Regional Council staff.
22. Entry to James Lawrence Pavilion before the Show is by authorised personnel only.

Junior Classes Regulations

23. The use of dolls will be allowed in the Junior Classes.
24. No pins to be used for eyes or other decorations on any cake.
25. Cake must be no bigger than 20cm (8”).
26. Board must be no bigger than 34cm (12”).
27. Fondant (pettinice) icing is required.
28. No bought lollies are allowed.
29. All classes are one (1) level only.
30. Class 3510 - 3512: An imaginative creation in any shape sculpted from cake.
31. Class: 3516 - 3518: No cake required.
32. Class: 3516 - 3518: All items to be made from sugar-based products (except presentation board).

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 Cake Decorating 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.

This exciting event invites bakers and cooks of all ages to display their culinary skills. From decadent cakes to mouthwatering pastries and savoury dishes, it's a celebration of local talent and creativity in the kitchen.

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

Competition Setup | Help the Cake Decorating 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 Cake Decorating 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 Cake Decorating Schedule

Open Classes

For experienced or professional decorators

Entry fee: \$5

Prize Money: 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd Prize Card

*Unless otherwise stated.

Class 3501 Wedding Cake

Proudly supported by: QCDA Rockhampton

Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd Prize Card

- Two (2) tier cake
- Maximum height - 60cm
- Dummy cakes may be used

Winner to be awarded the Queensland Cake Decorators Association Rockhampton Branch trophy, supplied by QLD Cake Decorators Association Rockhampton Branch.

Class 3502 Special Occasion Cake

Proudly supported by: Valarie and Ted Ciesiolka

- Examples include: Birthday, Engagement, 21st, Anniversary or Christening etc.
- Must have a handwritten inscription
- Must be suitable for the occasion selected by the exhibitor
- One (1) tier only

Class 3503 Novelty Cake

- An imaginative creation in any shape sculpted from cake.
- Cake content must be at least 80%
- Maximum size is 45cm x 45cm x 45cm

Class 3504 Sugar Craft

- No cake required.
- All items to be made from sugar-based products (except presentation board).

Class 3505 Open Specialty Section (18 years and over)

Proudly supported by: Lea & Cameron Kettle

Prizes: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd Prize Card

Theme: ‘Show Time’

- Decorated biscuits in a theme using twelve (12) homemade biscuits
- Must be 3D visual
- Only homemade biscuits to be used
- Any variety of biscuit
- To sit on board no larger than 45cm x 45cm- example shown below



Novice Classes

For hobby and beginner decorators

Entry fee: \$5

Prize Money: 1st \$40, 2nd \$20, 3rd Prize Card

*Unless otherwise stated.

Class 3506 Wedding Cake

Proudly supported by: Ross and Leanne Gibson

Prizes: 1st \$60, 2nd \$30, 3rd Prize Card

- Two (2) tier cake
- Maximum height - 50cm
- Dummy cakes may be used

Class 3507 Special Occasion Cake

- Examples include: Birthday, Engagement, 21st, Anniversary or Christening etc.
- Must have a handwritten inscription (must be piped)
- Must be suitable for the occasion selected by the exhibitor
- One (1) tier only

Class 3508 Novelty Cake

An imaginative creation in any shape sculpted from cake.

Class 3509 Sugar Craft

- No cake required

- All items to be made from sugar-based products (except presentation board).

Overall Champion

Winner to be awarded the “Denise Hickson” Memorial Trophy, supplied by QLD Cake Decorating Association Rockhampton Branch

Winner determined from total prize points from classes 3501 – 3509

Junior Classes

For children ages 5 - 17 at Wednesday 10 June 2026.

Entry Fee: \$2

Prize Money: 1st \$25, 2nd \$15, 3rd Prize card

Class 3510 Novelty Cake - 5 years to 8 years

Class 3511 Novelty Cake - 9 years to 12 years

Class 3512 Novelty Cake - 13 years to 17 years

Class 3513 Decorated Cake - 5 years to 8 years

One (1) tier only

Class 3514 Decorated Cake - 9 years to 12 years

One (1) tier only

Class 3515 Decorated Cake - 13 years to 17 years

One (1) tier only

Class 3516 Sugar Craft - 5 years to 8 years

Class 3517 Sugar Craft - 9 years to 12 years

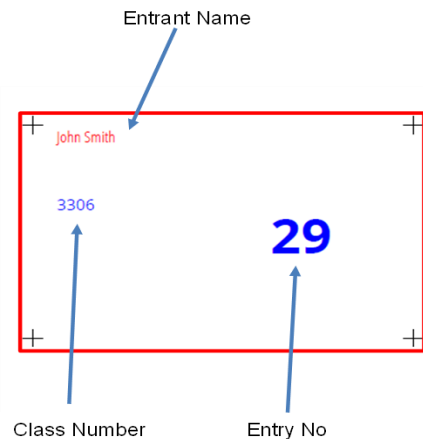
Class 3518 Sugar Craft - 13 years to 17 years

Class 3519 Junior Specialty Section

Proudly supported by: Lea & Cameron Kettle

Exhibitor cards will be emailed to the email address you supply to Showday Online after you have finalised your application, unless arranged with the Competition Steward. The exhibitor card will look like the below. Please ensure your exhibitor card is securely attached to your exhibit at time of delivery.

1. Attach the exhibitor card to your exhibit and remove your name.
2. Keep the copy that includes your name. This is what you need to bring to collect your exhibit. It is at the discretion of the Competition Steward if the item is returned without ID or the exhibitor card.



Step 3: Deliver your item/s

Please deliver your items to the Rockhampton Showgrounds James Lawrence Pavilion, 2pm – 6pm Tuesday 9 June 2026.

Park on New Exhibition Road and enter the James Lawrence Pavilion using the external door.

All exhibits must be delivered to the Showgrounds on the specified delivery date/s.

No exhibits delivered outside the specified date/s will be accepted.

Step 4: Collect your item/s

Please collect your items from the Rockhampton Showgrounds James Lawrence Pavilion, 8am – 12pm Saturday 13 June 2026.

Park on New Exhibition Road and enter the James Lawrence Pavilion using the external door.



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