



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY of WA



PERTH
ROYAL SHOW

Pigs in School Competition

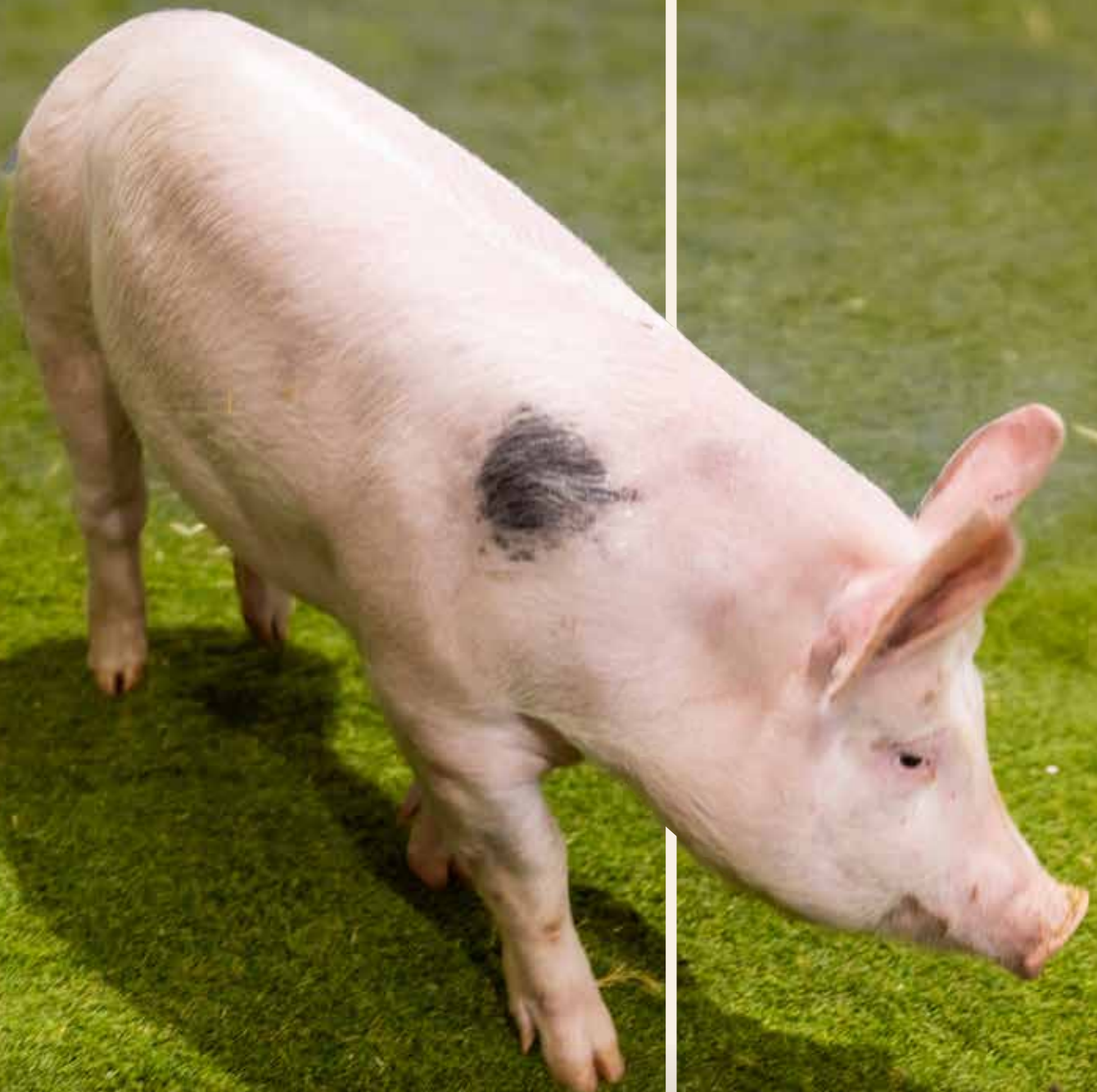
2026 SCHEDULE



Acknowledgement of Country

The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout the West Australian region and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



Disclaimer
The Royal Agricultural Society of WA makes every attempt to ensure that all information contained within this schedule is correct at the time of printing, however the Royal Agricultural Society of WA reserves the right to change such details as may be required.

Giving students a real-world introduction to livestock, agriculture and responsibility.

The Pig Committee of the Royal Agricultural Society of WA is pleased to invite all WA schools with the facilities for keeping pigs to participate in the 2026 Pigs in Schools Competition. **This Competition is proudly supported by Australian Pork Limited (APL) and the WA Pork Producers Association (WAPPA).**

President

John Snowball

Vice President

Anne Stroud

Harold Sealy

RASWA Committee

Rob Wilson

Jan Cooper

Linton Batt

Rowena Davis

Jemma Read

Chris Dewar

Jo Pluske

Peter Gelmi

@royalagwa

raswa.org.au

perthroyalshow.com.au/competitions/pigs-in-school





Thank you to our Sponsors



Sponsorship Opportunities

Get involved today sponsors@raswa.org.au

Important Information

Perth Royal Show Dates

26 September — 3 October 2026

Competition	Date	Location	Time
Delivery to Showgrounds	Friday 25 September	Animal Nursery	8.00am - 5.00pm
On the Hoof Judging	Sunday 27 September	Animal Nursery	11.30am
Presentation Component	Sunday 27 September	Animal Nursery	12.30pm
Departure	Sunday 4 October	Animal Nursery	8.00am - 5.00pm
On the Hook Judging	Monday 5 October	Offsite	TBC

What the Competition Aims to Achieve

Preparation for this competition will take place at schools in the lead up to the 2026 Perth Royal Show and aims to:

- Give students an insight into commercial pig production.
- Assist in giving students a practical, hands-on insight into future employment opportunities within the pork and pig industries.
- Establish a youth competition initiative that is both industry-driven and commercially applicable.
- Provide students with the opportunity to compete at the Perth Royal Show, in particular, schools with limited space for larger livestock.

What the Competition Involves

To participate in this Competition, schools obtain five (5) pigs by July 2026.

The pigs may already reside at the school, or they can be arranged from a supplier/ breeder.

Western Australian Pork Producers Association and the Royal Agricultural Society of WA can provide assistance if schools do not have pre-existing relationships with a supplier/breeder.

Pigs should be sourced from APIQ accredited producers.

The pigs will be under direct day to day control and management of the school from July 2026 until the conclusion of the Competition (minimum sixty days).

Schools are responsible for rearing and preparing the pigs to compete at the Perth Royal Show.

The 2026 Pigs in Schools Competition is judged by pig industry experts and consists of three (3) components:

1. Presentation of Exhibits: On the Hoof (Pen of 3) - Pigs are judged on uniformity of weight, body condition, maturity, general conformation, temperament and market suitability.
2. Presentation Component: Students are asked to submit a in person verbal project (min. 2min – max. 3min) on a topic related to pig husbandry.
3. Carcase Component: On the Hook (Pen of 3) - Pigs are processed and carcasses are judged on uniformity of weight, body condition and maturity.

Enquiries

Competition Supervisor - Pigs in School

Christina Dewar
(08) 6263 3137
christina.dewar@raswa.org.au

Terms and Conditions

General Regulations

The General Show Regulations apply to all competitions of the Show. These Conditions apply to the Pigs in School competition only. If there is inconsistency between the General Show Regulations and these Conditions for the Pigs in School competition, these Conditions prevail.

Upon acceptance of an entry the Exhibitor is irrevocably contracted to be bound by the General Show Regulations and these Conditions.

A copy of the Society's General Show Regulations may be obtained on application or downloaded from the website <http://perthroyalshow.com.au/general-regulations>.

An Exhibitor who breaches any General Show Regulation or Pigs in School Conditions may be disqualified, or suspended for any period, fined or otherwise penalised.

The Society may recognise and act upon any penalty imposed by any other similar society, organisation or body in Australia on any person or Exhibit.

Liability And Indemnity

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to General Show Regulation 17, with reference to the Society's Liability and Indemnity.

Pigs In School Conditions

Pigs In School Special Regulations

The General Regulations apply to all sections of the Show. These Pigs In School Special Regulations apply to this section only. If there is any inconsistency between the General Regulations and these Pigs In School Special Regulations, the Pigs In School Special Regulations prevail. General Regulations are available from <http://perthroyalshow.com.au/general-regulations>.

Interpretation

- The following words and terms have these meanings throughout the Regulations, unless a section suggests a different meaning.

Breeder, in relation to a pig, means the person who owned the sow at the date the pig was farrowed.

Exhibitor means the Person on whose behalf and in whose name the Application for Entry is lodged with and accepted by the Royal Agricultural Society of WA and includes the representatives and agents of an Exhibitor.

Pen in the context of an animal enclosure may contain one or more animals.

Person includes a firm, partnership, company or corporation.

Show Society means a country pastoral and agricultural society or association.

Withdrawals

- Every animal entered must be exhibited unless a certificate signed by the Exhibitor is lodged with the Society at least 14 days before the opening day of the Show, stating that the animal is unable to compete.
- All withdrawals must include Exhibitor name, Exhibit name, class number and exhibit number (if known).
- Withdrawals can be sent via email to education@raswa.org.au and clearly marked "Withdrawal - Pig Section".
- Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.
- A fine of \$50 may be imposed for all late withdrawals unless notified by a statutory declaration setting out full reasons for withdrawal, together with an explanatory certificate signed by a veterinary surgeon.
- Notification must be received prior to 9.00 am on Saturday 19 September 2026.
- Non-payment of these fines will debar Exhibitors from parading their remaining pigs before the judge.

Property Identification Number (PIC)

- Royal Agricultural of WA Incorporated PIC number is WCSG0001.

Stock Movements

- It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to adhere to Australian Welfare Standards and Guidelines regarding safe transport of livestock.
- Schools must be registered and obtain a PigPass from their pig supplier (where applicable). A completed PigPass must also be provided to RASWA prior to travelling to the Showgrounds.

Unloading/Loading

- All pigs must be unloaded and loaded in the designated areas.
- Pigs are not permitted onsite prior to the designated times without approval from the Royal Agricultural Society of WA.
- All departure applications are to be submitted to the Pig Supervisor 24 hours prior to departure.
- Exhibitors are not permitted to remove their pigs from the pavilion until their allotted departure time. (Fines may be issued).

Departure

- Remaining pigs must remain on the Showground until 7.00am on Sunday, 4 October 2026.
- All departures must be via the doors near Gate 5 of the Animal Nursery Pavilion.

Animal Health

Sick Or Injured Animals

- Any pigs considered either diseased or dangerous, or not of acceptable Show standard, the Society reserves the right of refusing its admittance to or removing the same from the Showground at the Exhibitor's expense.
- If a qualified vet appointed by the Society determines that an animal is seriously sick, injured, or unfit to remain at the Showground, the Society may:
- For more information on whether the pigs are fit for the journey please have a look at APL - Fit to Load: australianpork.com.au/sites/default/files/2021-06/2016_APL_Is_it_fit_for_the_intended_journey.pdf
- Require the Exhibitor to remove the animal immediately, or
 - Arrange for the animal to be removed or humanely destroyed if necessary.
- If the Exhibitor does not act within the time given, the Society will remove the animal and charge the Exhibitor for all related costs.
- The Exhibitor is fully responsible for the animal at all times, including any person handling or removing it on their behalf.
- The Exhibitor must cover any costs, damages, or claims resulting from the animal's condition, transport, or care.

- The pavilion supervisor must be notified immediately if a vet treats any sick or diseased animal.
- All veterinary costs during the Show are the Exhibitor's responsibility.

Requirements

- Porcine Brucellosis:
 - Pigs will not be allowed to enter the Showground from herds where Porcine Brucellosis is known or suspected.
 - Non-accredited herds must meet one of the following criteria.
 - a. Have a negative brucellosis serological test result conducted within the previous 30 days.
 - b. Be moving to a Western Australian facility approved by the Chief Inspector of Stock that carries out brucellosis testing before release.

Documentation

All Exhibitors are encouraged to be accredited through the Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance Program (APIQ)

- NLIS ear tag or brand of property of origin required.
- Breeding pigs entering Western Australia from South Australia and New South Wales must have completed a pig health assessment.
- National Vendor Declaration (Pig Pass) required.

Registration & Ownership

- Pigs must be owned or leased (with written proof) by the Exhibitor at the time of entry.
- All pigs under 12 months of age must be recorded with the Australian Pig Breeders Association of Australia in order to confirm the integrity of the breed stock.

White Attire

- Exhibitors and/or attendants shall wear white attire during judging.

Duty Of Care

- ***Exhibitors must ensure their own safety and that of all other site personnel, visitors and general public at the Claremont Showground.***
- All competitors have a "Duty of Care" to avoid exposing themselves or other people to situations which could lead to injury.
- This "Duty of Care" extends to the prevention of damage to property.

Facilities & Equipment

Cleaning & Waste

- Keep your area clean throughout the Show.
- Use manure bins only for manure – not general rubbish.
- Pens must be cleaned by 8.00am daily.
- Refuse can be deposited in Skip bin.
- Dispose of all waste and feed properly before leaving.
- Fines may apply for non-compliance.

Bedding & Pens

- Only straw is allowed.

Conduct & Safety

Smoking & Alcohol

- Smoking/vaping only in designated areas.
- Alcohol is only allowed in designated areas.

Dogs

- Dogs are not permitted in the Animal Nursery.

Classes

Pigs in School Competition

Class 1

On the Hoof (Pen of 3)

Conditions

Exhibit Type

Pigs must be functional and structurally sound. Judges will review the head, body, legs and feet to ensure the pigs can eat, drink and move with ease and smoothness, as well as their ability to yield a good quality carcass.

Exhibit Temperament

Pigs must be calm in the Show ring and exhibit characteristics of a well-handled animal. Pigs with aggressive, stressed or anxious tendencies are not suitable for commercial piggeries.

Market Suitability

Pigs must meet the required specifications for their destined market, including weight, fat cover and muscularity.

Live Weight

Each pig must weigh between 95kg and 110kg on the day of weighing. Points will be deducted for every kilogram above or below specified weight range, and for variance within the pen of 3.

Presentation of Pigs

Pigs must be clean and well-handled before entering the Show ring. Pigs must be calm and move when directed by handlers to present for the Judge.

Presentation of Handlers and Handling

Handlers are required to be well-presented, remain calm in the Show ring and be attentive to the Judge and Ring Stewards at all times. Handlers must be suitably attired in clean, white coats with boots or strong shoes.

Individual Pig

The pig with the highest individual score when judged within the pen of three will be awarded 'Best Individual Score' for the 'On the Hoof' competition.

Class 2

Presentation Project

Conditions

Students are asked to create projects on one of the following topics:

- Pig Production - overview of the types of commercial pig production (free range, outdoor bred, indoor?) Proportion of industry of each? pros and cons of each?
- Sustainability – what technologies and practices does the pork industry use? How do they make it more sustainable than some other agricultural industries?
- Pig Breeds - what breeds of pig are there in Australia? Which are most popular (and why)? What are some traits of each?
- Biosecurity – what is it? Why do we do it? Key things to remember/consider.
- Nutrition – essential dietary requirements, how diets change with pig life-stage (and why)?
- Pork – what are the most popular cuts and where on the pig do they come from? How much pork do Australians eat? Compare this to other countries.
- Quality Assurance - what is it? What does it consist of in the pig industry? Why is it important?
- Traceability – what technologies and practices does the pork industry use to ensure we know where pigs/pork has come from? Why is it important?
- Enrichment practices: Pigs explore by Rooting; Biting; Chewing; Sniffing food and other items. Describe enrichment objects that encourage exploratory and foraging behaviours in piglets and grower pigs.

Presentations of student projects should go for a minimum of 2 minutes – maximum of 3 minutes.

Class 3

On the Hook (Pen of 3)

Conditions

Pig Identification

Pigs must have suitable identification for processing.

Eye Muscle Area

The Eye Muscle (loin) Area is assessed for muscularity, trimness and meat quality. The Eye Muscle Area should appear full and well-rounded with less fat over the loin and fine textured, bright, reddish pink meat.

Butt Shape (A-E)

The Butt Shape will be assessed for muscularity, trimness and meat quality. The Butt should demonstrate thickness, width, length, plumpness with less fat over the collar and belly pocket (flank).

Meat Texture

Exposed lean (meat) will be assessed for texture qualities and are expected to be fine textured with bright, reddish pink meat. Pale, soft watery lean is undesirable as is dark, firm lean. Pork carcasses can also exhibit PSE (pale, soft exudative meat), which will be heavily penalised.

Fat Depth and Distribution

Exterior and interior carcass fat will be assessed on depth, distribution firmness, colour, dryness and marbling. Less external fat over the entire carcass is desirable however in contrast; a high degree of feathering (streaks of fat in meat between rib bones) is a desirable internal fat trait. Firm, bright white, dry fat cover that is evenly distributed across the carcass indicates a good quality carcass.

Carcass Weight

Each pig must weigh between 65kg and 75kg each. Points will be deducted for every kilogram above or below specified weight range and for variance within the pen of 3.

Carcass Yield

Pig Carcass Yield is assessed through consideration of the muscularity and trimness. A highly muscled, lean carcass will produce more quality retail cuts than a less muscled, highly fatty carcass.

Individual Pig

The pig with the highest individual score when judged within the pen of three will be awarded 'Best Individual Score' for the 'On the Hook' competition.

Best School Pen Display

Class 4

Best School Pen Display

Open to all School Exhibitors.

Conditions

Schools are encouraged to create and display a banner behind their allocated pig pens to promote their school, agricultural program, and the pig industry.

Banners are to be displayed on the wall directly behind each school's pen area.

Banner requirements:

- Dimensions: **2.5m wide x 2m high.**
- Banners must have eyelet rings in each corner to be securely fastened.
- All materials used must be safe, clean, and appropriate for a public environment.
- Schools are responsible for supplying and installing their own banner.

Banner designs may include:

- School name, logo, mascot, or colours.
- Information about the school's agricultural program.
- Pig breed information.
- Facts about the pig industry or pork production.
- Educational messaging about animal care, feeding, or agriculture.
- Student artwork or photos relating to the school farm program.

Examples of suitable banner content include:

- "Meet Our Show Team" displays featuring participating students.
- Information explaining how pigs are prepared for competition.
- Fun pig facts or agricultural education messages.
- School mottos or messages promoting agriculture and teamwork.

Banners must not:

- Contain offensive, inappropriate, or political material.
- Obstruct neighbouring displays or walkways
- Include loose items, sharp objects, or hanging materials that may become unsafe.

Displays will be judged between **26 September and 3 October 2026** and may be judged at any time during this period.

Judging criteria may include:

- Creativity and presentation.
- School spirit.
- Educational value.
- Promotion of the pig industry.
- Overall appearance and professionalism.

The Judge's decision will be final.

Other Pig Competitions

Pig Young Judges

Applications for Entry

Applications for entry will be online. There will be no offline processing facility for Competitions.

To enter, visit: entries.perthroyalshow.com.au

Applications for Entry must be submitted online by 12.00pm, Friday, 28 August 2026.

Entrants must be aged over 15 years and under 25 years as of the 1st of May of the year of the State Final.

Enquiries To

Education Agricultural Event Officer
6263 3137
youngjudges@raswa.org.au

Stud Pigs

Applications for Entry

Applications for entry will be online. There will be no offline processing facility for Competitions.

To enter, visit: entries.perthroyalshow.com.au

Applications for Entry must be submitted online by 12.00pm, Friday, 31 July 2026.

Enquiries To

Education Agricultural Event Officer
6263 3137
education@raswa.org.au



**ROYAL
AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY**
of WA

Claremont Showground
1 Graylands Road,
Claremont WA 6010

(08) 6263 3100
reception@raswa.org.au

raswa.org.au

**The Royal Agricultural Society of WA, a not-for-profit
organisation celebrating the best of Western Australia.**

We have proudly championed agriculture, education and community for more than 190 years, supporting innovation, excellence and connection across the State. From the iconic Show to education programs, industry awards and community initiatives, we continue to showcase the heart of Western Australia - its people, its produce and its future.