



VPFA Update March 2026

VPFA Expo

The VPFA expo is all set for 12 April at Ballarat there will be something for both experienced and novice poultry keepers, breeders and exhibitors. We will have these expos as a regular feature of our calendar so please promote this and reach out with any ideas that you may have for future topics

● ● ●
FREE ENTRY

**VPFA
EXPO**

SUNDAY APRIL 12TH

ALL WELCOME
10:30AM-2PM

Activities

- Sessions on -Eggs, Showing, Judging
- Breed Info Sessions
- Club Displays
- Trade Stalls
- BBQ lunch, Canteen, hot and cold drinks
- Lucky Door Prizes and Raffle

Ballarat Poultry Pavilion Mt Rowan Showgrounds

Program for the Day



10.45am – 11.30am Egg Seminar– Megg Miller
Bookings required
Prospective eggjudges given priority

Breed Information Sessions

11.30am – 12noon Indian Runner & Elizabeth Ducks
Judge/Breeder Roger Hancock
Including show preparation tips

12.00 – 12.30pm Indian GameBreeder Richard Narik
Including show preparation tips

12.30pm – 1pm Ancona–Judge/Breeder Neil Penny
Including show preparation tips

1pm – 2pm True Bantams– Judge/Breeder
Michael Lloyd
Including washing and
show preparation demo.



Displays

Thomas Grantham- New Online entry program for poultry Shows.

This will be available free of charge to all clubs

Michael Jones- Information for prospective judges



Laucke Feeds- Bill can answer all your nutritional needs for poultry.

Farmer Little has all your poultry needs.

Green Valley Grains

Clubs

Victorian Waterfowl Association

Indian Runner Duck Club of Australia

Langshan Club of Victoria

The Game Club of Victoria

Welsommer Club of Australia

Wyandotte Club of Victoria

Benalla Poultry Club

Essendon Poultry Society

Geelong Poultry Club

Ballarat Poultry Society

Bendigo Poultry Club

Wimmera Poultry Club

Many different breeds of poultry on display



Promoting Friendly and Welcoming Events and Competitions

As we approach the show season it is great to see so many clubs running events to promote this great hobby of ours. This is so important as we see the trend for declining numbers in some clubs while others attract new members. There are plenty of people interested in and already keeping and enjoying the pleasures of poultry particularly since covid and it would be great to attract them to join our community but this can only be achieved through the positive attitudes and friendliness of us current fanciers. We can best achieve this engagement with new people and retain existing members by adhering to the spirit of the VPFA Code of Conduct and treat each other with respect and kindness. The nature of competitions is that we may not always win decisions, but respecting officials and fellow members means that we can grow our community, enjoy the fellowship on the day and come to the next show ready for the next opportunity to win a prize. The diversity of people and opinions within our community is our strength, so let's look forward to growing and fostering this spirit of respect and engagement within our community and events.

Online Entries

Thomas Grantham from Geelong has developed a program for taking and managing show entries electronically. This is a great initiative and even better it is designed for poultry shows (not horses, jams or flowers) and aligns well with the VPFA Standard Schedule that many clubs use. Thomas will be demonstrating this at the Expo, but has also kindly agreed to make this free to all VPFA affiliated clubs to use this year. So if your club has been thinking about this but has been concerned about the cost and complexity of other programs please have a chat with Thomas and think about having a try this year.



Poultry Young Judges Championship
National Handbook
For use at the 2025 National Championships



Regional Young Judges Championships

In addition to our state titles that are held at the Melbourne Royal we are looking to facilitate some regional events to provide the opportunity for Young Judges to hone their skills prior to competing in Melbourne. We can also expand this to adult novice or prospective judges. These will not be a prerequisite for young judges to enter at Melbourne but will be run according to the ASA guidelines. We plan the first will be held in conjunction with the Ballarat PC May show.

We would like to hear from clubs that would like to host an event, open panel judges who would like to understand the duties of the over-judge and stewards who are keen to learn the system that the ASA uses to rank candidates during competitions. I will be working with Michael Lloyd to get this happening so please reach out to either of us if you are keen to be involved.

For clubs, judges, stewards and candidates this link has the poultry pdf of how the competitions are run

<https://agshowsaustralia.org.au/youth-in-agriculture/national-competition-handbooks/>

For young or novice judges and teachers this is a link to the role and duties of a poultry judge

<https://agshowsaustralia.org.au/educational-resources-teachers/poultry-judging/>



Feedback

We welcome any feedback on this VPFA update and what you would like to see covered. See you at a show soon.

Kevin

