

GEELONG AND DISTRICT POULTRY CLUB Inc.

66th CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Neil Esler Memorial Show

Reg no. A00033378E

Saturday August 8th 2026

Geelong Showgrounds Poultry Pavilion

The club is affiliated with the Victorian Poultry Fancier's Association Inc.

JUDGES: Erika Nash (Vic) Soft feather

Melissa Hall (SA) Hard feather

Cathy Newton (Qld) Waterfowl, Juniors, Field and Forrest & Eggs

All judges will be responsible for both open and specials in their respective sections.

AWARDS: (Members awards past and present)

Neil Esler True Bantam Feature, Sponsored by Aysa Wong and the Geelong and District Poultry Club

Champion True Bantam Sash and \$30, bag of feed donated by Green Valley Grains

Reserve True Bantam Sash and \$10

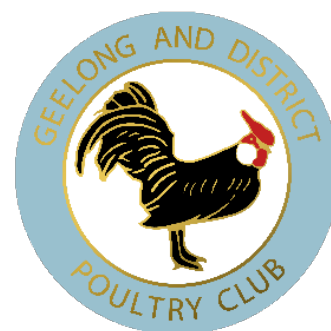
Legacy Shield

The shield is awarded to the Champion and Reserve collectively for the below listed breeds, exhibitors will receive a sash to take home.

Breeder	Breed / Variety
RM French	Best White Leghorn Btm
Doris Loats	White Indian Runner
Ian Grant	Standard Duckwing O.E.G
Harry Bottomley	Standard Pile O.E.G

This show is sure to be a highlight of the show calendar!

- Presentation by **Scolexia** and **BC Bantams**
- Breed club sponsorships
- Family Fun Games



Entries close with Show Secretary
Monday 3rd August

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED
Entries to be paid before show
BSB 633 000

Account Number 106727324
Use name as reference please

Show Secretary:

Cindy McKelvie
0451 232 161

Show Manager:

Luke Dowling
0402 585 437 after 7pm

Email: [Enquiries to -
show@geelongpoultryclub.com](mailto:Enquiries to - show@geelongpoultryclub.com)

*Junior entries to have the letter J
preceding the class number on the
entry form.*

*Entries as per the current Standard
Schedule, Available on the VPFA
Website. [https://www.vpfa.com.au/show-
schedules/](https://www.vpfa.com.au/show-schedules/)*

Link to the online
entries: [https://entries.geelongpoultry
club.com](https://entries.geelongpoultryclub.com)

**BIRDS TO BE PENNED BY 9.15 am JUDGING STARTS
9.30 am sharp.**

Will your name be engraved on the Geelong Advertiser cup for Champion Bird of Show?

CHAMPION BIRD OF SHOW \$250 and Replica cup & VPFA Sash

RESERVE BIRD OF SHOW \$100 and Rosette

22 BAGS OF FEED UP FOR GRABS FOR MAJOR PIZE WINNERS

G.D.P.C is affiliated with the P.S.B.E.V LTD (VPFA) and all rules and regulations apply.
VPFA Standard Show Schedule V6 is to be used <http://www.vpfa.com.au/standard-schedule/>
Link to the online entries: <https://entries.geelongpoultryclub.com>

OPEN PRIZE SCHEDULE:

Bird of Show \$250 and replica Geelong Advertiser cup and V.P.F.A Sash

Reserve bird of show \$100 and a Sash

Best Hard Feather \$20 and Sash

Reserve Hard Feather Rosette

Best Soft Feather \$20 and Sash

Reserve Soft Feather Rosette

Best Waterfowl \$20 and Sash

Reserve Waterfowl Rosette

Best Goose/Gander \$20 and Sash

Reserve Goose/Gander Rosette

Champion plate of Eggs \$20 and VPFA sash

Reserve plate of Eggs Rosette

4 eggs per plate

OPEN Feature Awards & Sponsored Awards:

“The TOP Pullet” - Champion Female Exhibitor awarded to the most successful Female Exhibitor.
Birds will be judged against each other in the case of equally awarded birds. -*\$100 Sponsored by the Women of GDPC and sash*

Best Rosecomb \$25 and sash

Reserve Rosecomb \$15 and a sash

Champion Barnevelder – Sash, Sponsored by the Barnevelder Club of Victoria

Champion Leghorn – Sash, Sponsored by the Leghorn Club of Victoria

Reserve Leghorn – Sash, Sponsored by the Leghorn Club of Victoria

Champion Langshan – Rosette, Sponsored by the Langshan Promotional Society

Reserve Langshan - Sponsored by the Langshan Promotional Society

Champion Indian Game - Sponsored by the Indian Game Club of Australia

Reserve Champion Indian Game -Sponsored by the Indian Game Club of Australia

Champion Indian Runner – Rosette, Sponsored by the Indian Runner Club of Australia

Champion Coloured Indian Runner – Garland, Sponsored by the Indian Runner Club of Australia

Reserve Champion Coloured Indian Runner – Garland, Sponsored by the Indian Runner Club of Australia

Champion Call Duck – Rosette, Sponsored by the Australian Call Duck Club

Reserve Call Duck– Sponsored by the Australian Call Duck Club

Best Rare Variety in Show – Rosette, \$20 Sponsored by Clementine’s Crew, rare variety as per VPFA Rare Breeds list

Reserve Rare Variety in Show – Rosette, Sponsored by Clementine’s Crew, rare variety as per VPFA Rare Breeds list.

Vale Neil Elser (1934–2025)

Neil Elser will be remembered as one of the quiet achievers of the poultry fancy—a dedicated breeder, exhibitor, mentor, and friend whose lifelong passion for poultry enriched the Geelong and District Poultry Club and the wider Victorian poultry community for more than six decades.

Born in 1934, Neil developed a lifelong love of animals from an early age. Alongside his poultry, he also kept aviary birds and pigeons, but it was his fascination with Japanese Bantams and Barbu d'Uccles that became his enduring passion. Neil became particularly well known for his beautiful Barbu d'Uccles, constantly experimenting with colour varieties while maintaining the quality and type that made his birds admired by fellow exhibitors.

A familiar face at agricultural shows, Neil enjoyed the friendly competition and camaraderie that came with exhibiting. His achievements in the show ring reflected his dedication to the hobby. He was especially proud of winning Reserve Bird of Show with a Millefleur Barbu d'Uccle at the Rare Breed Club Show, while his Japanese Bantams enjoyed remarkable success at the Melbourne Royal Show, where he exhibited Champion Japanese Bantam for two consecutive years during the 1990s - a period when classes regularly attracted around fifty birds, making the achievement particularly significant.

Neil was a valued member of the Geelong and District Poultry Club from the 1960s until 2025. While never one to seek the spotlight, he quietly contributed wherever he could, regularly attending working bees, supporting club events, and lending a hand whenever it was needed. His commitment to the club was measured not in titles held, but in the countless hours he gave to ensuring the club continued to thrive.

One of Neil's greatest joys was sharing his enthusiasm with others. Visitors to the Royal Geelong Show will fondly remember seeing him manning the incubator display, where he delighted in talking with the public, answering questions, and introducing countless children and families to the wonder of newly hatched chicks. He believed that encouraging curiosity and educating newcomers was essential to the future of the hobby.

Neil also had a wonderful ability to make people feel welcome. He was often the first to greet new exhibitors and visitors, taking the time to offer advice, encouragement, and a friendly conversation. In his later years, it became a familiar sight to find Neil sitting at the front of the poultry shed, always ready for a chat, a story, or to catch up with old friends. His approachable nature and genuine kindness helped many people feel at home within the poultry fancy.

Neil's legacy extends far beyond the birds he bred or the ribbons he won. It lives on in the friendships he built, the knowledge he willingly shared, and the welcoming spirit he brought to every club meeting and poultry show. He will be remembered with great affection by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

The members of the Geelong and District Poultry Club extend their sincere condolences to Neil's family and friends. He will be greatly missed, but his contribution to our club and the poultry fancy will not be forgotten.

Our deepest condolences go out to his family.

RIP Neil. You will be dearly missed.



BBQ Lunch and Morning Tea Available

Bacon and eggs available all day

Raffle Tickets will be available on the day

Best of breed sashes for classes of 6 or more birds (4 or more for juniors)

Champion Hard Feather Bantam Heavy, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Hard Feather Bantam Heavy, *Rosette*
Champion Hard Feather Standard Heavy, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Hard Feather Standard Heavy, *Rosette*
Champion Soft Feather Bantam Heavy, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Soft Feather Bantam Heavy, *Rosette*
Champion Soft Feather Large Heavy, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Soft Feather Large Heavy, *Rosette*
Champion Waterfowl Heavy, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Waterfowl Heavy, *Rosette*
Champion Waterfowl Bantam, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Waterfowl Bantam, *Rosette*

Champion Hard Feather Bantam Light, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Hard Feather Bantam Light, *Rosette*
Champion Hard Feather Standard Light, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Hard Feather Standard Light, *Rosette*
Champion Soft Feather Bantam Light, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Soft Feather Bantam Light, *Rosette*
Champion Soft Feather Large Light, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Soft Feather Large Light, *Rosette*
Champion Waterfowl Light, \$20 & Sash
Reserve Waterfowl Light, *Rosette*

Juniors:

The Geelong and District Poultry Club actively promotes and supports Junior exhibitors.

The Junior Section has been kindly sponsored by **Geelong Farm and Pet**

Champion Junior Bird of show: Trophy, Sash, Bag of feed & \$60 Name engraved on the Stan & Anita Russel memorial shield.

Reserve Junior Bird in Show: Trophy, Sash, bag of feed & \$40

Best Hard feather - \$20 cash & Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Reserve Hard feather - \$10 cash & Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Best Soft feather - \$20 cash & Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Reserve Soft feather - \$10 cash & Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Best Waterfowl - \$30 cash & Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Reserve Waterfowl - \$15 cash and Sash, *Sponsored by Geelong Farm and Pet*

Junior Encouragement Award \$10 cash

Sponsored Awards

Champion Crested Junior Bird of Show: *Rosette & \$20 Sponsored by Ryan's Ridge,*

Reserve Crested Junior Bird of Show: *Rosette & \$10 Sponsored by Ryan's Ridge,*

Champion Rare Variety Junior Bird in Show: *Rosette & \$10 Sponsored by Clementine's Crew*

Reserve Champion Rare Variety Junior Bird in Show: *Rosette Sponsored by Clementine's Crew*

Champion Junior Call Duck: *Rosette Sponsored by the Australian Call Duck Club*

Champion Junior True Bantam in Show: *\$20 Rosette Sponsored by Aysa Wong and the Geelong and District Poultry Club*

V.P.F.A Journal Awards:

Hard feather: Indian Game

Soft feather: Ancona

Waterfowl: Indian Runner – Other than White

Rare Breed: True Bantams

14th Annual Team Competition.

By entering into the Open or Junior show you will also be entered into a team competition (quads or trios) Teams drawn randomly via name in a hat on show date. Scores will be recorded on the white board.

Geelong and District Poultry Club are offering a first prize \$80 and second \$60 for the most successful team of exhibitors.

Teams will be drawn from a hat and prior to judging.

1st in a class = 3points

2nd in a class= 2 points

3rd in a class= 1 point

Points gained by exhibitors will be added for the nominated teams and winners determined.

Geelong & District Poultry Club - Family Fun Games Rules

🟡 Egg & Spoon Race 🟡

- Open to all ages (heats may be divided by age if numbers require).
- Each competitor will be provided with a spoon and an egg.
- The spoon must be carried in one hand only.
- Competitors must walk or run to the finish line without holding the egg in place.
- If the egg is dropped, and breaks competitors are disqualified, if not damaged they can stop, pick it up and continue from where it was dropped.
- Deliberately throwing or balancing the egg using any other part of the body is not permitted.
- First competitor to cross the finish line with their egg undamaged wins.

🌱 Poultry Feed Bag Race (Potato sack race) 🌱

- Competitors must stand with both feet inside the provided poultry feed bag.
- Bags must remain above the knees throughout the race.
- Competitors must hop the entire course.
- If a competitor falls, they may get up and continue.
- Running outside the bag is not permitted.
- First competitor to cross the finish line while remaining inside their bag wins.

👤 Three-Legged Race 👤

- Adjacent legs will be securely tied together before the race.
- Teams must remain joined for the entire race.
- If the leg tie comes loose, teams must stop and re-tie before continuing.
- Pushing, pulling or deliberately obstructing another team is not permitted.
- First team to cross the finish line together wins.



🟡 Egg Bob Challenge 🟡

- Open to all ages.
- A container will be filled with water containing floating 'eggs'.
- Competitors must remove as many eggs as possible using **their mouth only**.
- Hands must remain behind the back or by the competitor's sides throughout the game.
- No pushing or interfering with other competitors.
- The competitor who retrieves the most eggs within the allocated time wins.
- In the event of a tie, a sudden-death round will be held.

General Event Rules

- All participants compete at their own risk.
- Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian when required.
- The Event Coordinator's decision is final.
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour may result in disqualification.
- Suitable enclosed footwear is recommended.
- Games may be modified or cancelled if weather or safety conditions require.
- The Geelong & District Poultry Club reserves the right to combine or split age groups depending on participant numbers.

These games are intended to be fun, inclusive and enjoyed in the friendly spirit of the Geelong & District Poultry Club Show. Good sportsmanship and encouragement of fellow competitors are encouraged at all times.

🐔 FREE Poultry Health Seminar – 8 August 2026 🐔

Join **Dr. Jiongrui Huang (Scolexia)** and **Dr. Breanna Carr** for an informative session covering poultry vaccination, Marek's Disease, Mycoplasma, Coccidiosis, ILT, Fowl Pox and more.

Includes live Q&A and access to the Scolexia booth.

📍 Geelong & District Poultry Club Show

🕒 10:00 AM | 🎟 Free Entry

Healthy Birds. Better Flocks. Expert Advice.



Sponsors

Geelong and District Poultry Club extends, a generous thankyou to all its sponsors and supporters without you, shows would not be able to be run.

The following included are:

Geelong Farm and Pet

Geelong Advertiser

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Fanciers Association (V.P.F.A)*

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Indian Runner Club of Victoria

Leghorn Club of Australia

Australian Call Duck Club Inc.

The Langshan Promotional Society

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Barnevelder Club of Victoria

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Geelong and District Poultry Club – Office bearers

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Secretary: Lynda Ryan

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Show Manager: Luke Dowling

Show Secretary: Cindy McKelvie

Life Members:

A L Dickens*, F O Whitcroft*, L Mitchell*, J W Selvidge*, B L Hemley* J W Dowsett*, I D Crompton*, P M Dowsett*, H Barnes *, P Eggleton*, N Hemley, I Grant*, R M French*, D Loats*, H Bottomley, P Drayton, G Esler, N Esler*

Geelong and District Poultry Club acknowledges our Past and Present members and thanks them for their hard work in keeping our great hobby alive.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please Read Carefully

1. All entries are received subject to the rules and regulations of this society and the V.P.F.A. Ltd.
2. All Victorian exhibitors must be financial members of the V.P.F.A. Ltd
3. Pen numbers will not be returned, and can be collected from the Show Secretary or Show Manager on the morning of the show.
4. All exhibits must be penned by 9.15 a.m. as judging will commence at 9.30 a.m. sharp.
5. No exhibit will be handled by the owner or any other unauthorized person once judging has commenced.
6. The society will not be responsible for any mistake, accident, loss or damage whatever the cause, although the greatest care will be taken.
7. All entries must be accompanied by the full entry fee and **NO late entries will be accepted.**
8. All cheques and money orders must be made out to Geelong and District Poultry club Inc.
9. Exhibitors are not permitted to change or add to their entries on the day of show.
10. The Committee reserves the right to change or add to, the judge's panel due to non-attendance of judges or excessive entries and may call upon backup or replacement Judges if required
11. Any exhibit entered in the wrong class will be disqualified from the show and any bird suffering from a contagious disease will be removed from the pavilion and entry fees forfeited.
12. It shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor to remove any feed or water utensils from their pens prior to judging commencing. Exhibitors are to provide their own waterers if required.
13. Leg bands, as long as non-identifying, are permitted at this show.
14. Judges shall be the only persons using judging sticks on the birds any person found guilty of causing annoyance by loud comments on the work of the judges, or of insulting or unseemly behaviour, shall be liable to expulsion from the show and their exhibits will be disqualified and all prizes and entry fees will be forfeited.
15. A junior shall be between the ages of 5 and 16 on the day of the show or able to pen their own birds with the approval of the Show Secretary or Show Manager.
16. Exhibitors in the junior section will only be eligible for prizes in the junior section.
17. A junior exhibiting in the junior section, must exhibit a different breed or variety to a senior residing at the same address
18. Juniors are able to show in either open section OR junior section not both.
19. Any senior found helping a junior within the surrounds of the poultry pavilion, will have their exhibits disqualified unless prior permission is obtained from the Show Manager.
20. Entries will only be accepted by the online entering system, email or phone call
21. Where six or more birds are entered in a class, a best of breed sash will be awarded.
22. Juniors should ensure they are entering the junior show and NOT the open show.
23. All birds will be judged to the Australian Poultry Standards, 2nd edition and addendums.
24. G.D.P.C is conducted under the PSBEV Code of practice, further information can be found:
www.vpfa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/PSBEV-Code-of-Practice-Downloadable-Web-Read-July-2015.pdf
25. Geelong Poultry Club Inc. is affiliated with the V.P.F.A. Ltd and operates under their Rules & Regulations.

