



39th Annual

Wingham Beef

Week

Schedule



Wingham Showground
Monday 11th of May– Friday 15th of May 2026

Wingham Beef Week is a Sub-Committee of Wingham Show Society Inc.

Entries Close 10th April 2026. **NO refunds after this date.**

Entries, accommodation applications and meal applications **MUST** be submitted online with the required payment in full. **NO POSTAL ENTRIES.** **LATE ENTRIES WILL INCURE A \$50 FEE PER ENTRY.**



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Presidents Introduction

Welcome to the 39th Wingham Beef Week!

This year's event will take place at the Wingham Showground from the 11th to the 15th of May.

Wingham Beef Week is built around a week of educational experiences for passionate students, juniors, and producers, from the show ring to educational seminars and abattoir visits. It aims to educate the next generation of beef enthusiasts in a hands-on environment, increasing their knowledge and exposure to the Australian beef industry through education and competition. In 2025, we were thrilled to have over 600 students participate throughout the week.

Keeping with the origins of Wingham Beef Week, we continue to provide an avenue for producers to test their skills and benchmark their finished products against other producers and industry peers by competing in led and unled carcass competitions. It was great to have such a big turnout of local producers at our Unled Dinner and celebrate the local beef cattle industry.

We were extremely pleased to have the opportunity to bring such a big event to the township of Wingham and celebrate our farmers, particularly given that the following week saw one of the most catastrophic weather events to impact our region. I am particularly in awe of the local community's work and support to get back to a new normality following the May floods- and very proud of the role our Volunteers across Wingham Beef Week played in sharing information to and supporting our farmers at such a pivotal time.

We know that in light of these events, it is more difficult for local businesses and the community to support Wingham Beef Week. We are therefore very thankful and greatly acknowledge your support this year! Exhibitors and schools- please support our local businesses this year as they continue to work to get back on their feet, and please give a special thanks to all our Volunteers throughout the week for all their work. We couldn't run our event without all this backing, and we are very appreciative of all the time and support all our volunteers and businesses invest in youth in agriculture.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the continued support of NH Foods and Wingham Beef Exports for their continued generosity to Wingham Beef Week, particularly opening the doors for youth and producers to access the abattoir facilities. A big thank you to Chris Black (General Manager) and team for the commitment to Wingham Beef Week.

The 39th Wingham Beef Week provides such an exciting time to reflect on where the event has come from and gear up for a 40th-year celebration in 2027.

Our event continues to grow- in 2025, we had a record number of entries across all categories last year and we expect a larger turnout this year. Thank you to all exhibitors for your trust in the event and for coming along! Also, a big thank you to the Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society of Australia for your support with the School Steer Challenge steers this year.

Lastly, I again need to express my sincere and greatest thanks to our Committee and Volunteers. Thank you for all the work throughout the year that you contribute to the event. Thank you for all your encouragement in providing the best experience for youth in agriculture in our local region and beyond. We have an incredible team that consistently wants the best event for all exhibitors, now and into the future. Please thank them all deeply for their efforts around the grounds this year!

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you again at this year's Wingham Beef Week.

Cheers
Josh Gilbert
President, Wingham Beef Week





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Competitions

- Hoof and hook competition – Led
- Hook competition – Unled
- Carcase Jackpot competition
- Junior and open cattle judging competition
- Junior and open cattle parading competition
- Herdsperson competition
- Led purebred and commercial heifer classes
- Beef appreciation competition (Co-ordinated by ICMJ)
- Wingham Beef Week encouragement competition
- Best prepared led steer/heifer (Hoof and Hook) competition
- Best presented parader competition
- Best maintained school team competition
- Best overall competitor competition
- The Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society School Steer Challenge
- Exhibitor Steer Shootout

Changes to the Schedule for 2026 & Important Notes

- All Competition entries, on-site accommodation applications & meal applications MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE together with the required payment in full via nominate.com.au
- Note the change in event days.
- If you have issues with using the online system, please contact Nominate on 07 3118 9555 between the hours of 9am - 5pm Monday – Friday; or alternatively you can contact them by email on: nominate@nominate.com.au
- Entries close Friday, 10th April 2026.
- There will be no hoof section for unled entries.
- There will be a School Steer Challenge for the 2026 event.
- Fires will be allowed as long as they are supervised and maintained.
- No tent pegs are to be used in the arena. Random inspections will be carried out, and a \$50 fee will be charged to any camps found with tent pegs.
- NO REFUNDS will be issued.
- NO SWAPPING of students in events once entries close.
- Junior Parading and Judging entries will be open in Nominate as one ‘Junior’ event entry and will run from youngest to oldest.
- Paraders competition will begin Monday afternoon. Novice students will be nominated and in separate heats.
- All children under the age of 12 must have a designated ‘supervisor’ to ensure the safety of the animal and the student. The supervisor is to be with the young person at all times when handling animals.
- All parader only animals will be charged \$5 stalling fee
- Waivers will be emailed out after entries close.
- **Due to animal numbers, we will be accepting 200 steer entries and 50 heifers. Any entries entered after these numbers will be automatically waitlisted. The committee will do everything it can to ensure it can provide facilities to all entrants.**

Sunday 10th

Bump-in Begins
(optional)

12:00pm

Wingham Showground
(no pre purchased meals on this day)

Monday 11th

Wingham High School
Primary School Field Day

Bump-in Begins

7:00am

Wingham Showground

Competitors/teachers to arriving & begin set-up.

Rotary BBQ

12:00pm at Wingham Showgrounds

Junior & Open Parading Competition

3:00pm onwards at Wingham Showground
(Subject to change to depending on numbers)

Mandatory exhibitors/teachers meeting

6:00pm

Movie Night

7:30pm at Wingham Showground

Careers Seminar

7:30pm at Wingham Showground
Students yr 9 -12 encouraged to attend

MSA Unled competition

**All unled cattle must delivered direct to
Wingham Beef Exports between 1pm & 7pm.**

NO EXCEPTIONS.



Tuesday 12th

Breakfast served 6:45am-8am

Herdsperson competition commences

8:00am at Wingham Showground

Weighing & tagging of led animals

6:30am- 8:30am at Wingham Showground

Animals not presented for weighing and tagging prior to 8:30am may be disqualified.

Junior & Open Parading competition

9:00am onwards at Wingham Showground

Exhibitor Steer Shoot Out

7:00pm at Wingham Showground

1 Steer entry per School/Exhibitor ONLY.

Wednesday 13th

Breakfast served 6:45am-8am

Herdsperson Competition continues

MSA Unled carcase viewing

6:30am at Wingham Beef Exports

Time may change dependant on the plant

Beef Appreciation competition

(Live section)

8:00am at Wingham Showground

Junior & Open Judging competition

8:00 am at Wingham Showground

Judging of The Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society School Steer Challenge

11:00am at Wingham Showground

Judging of Led Hoof Section

11:20am at Wingham Showground

Led Cattle to be Loaded

1pm at Wingham Showground

Education Afternoon

From 3:30pm-5:30pm at Wingham Showground

Wingham Beef Week Young Farmers Challenge

6:30pm at Wingham Showground

Teams of 4. One Team per School/exhibitor



Thursday 14th

Breakfast served 6:45am-8am

Herdsperson Competition continues

Junior & Open Judging Orals

8:30am at Wingham Showground

Led Heifer Section

10:00am Wingham Showground

Beef Appreciation competition continues (ICMJ section)

10am to 3pm at Wingham Beef Exports

WBW encouragement award interviews

2pm Wingham Showground

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7pm Wingham Showground

MSA Unled Presentation

7pm Wingham Showground

Friday 15th

Breakfast served 6:45am-8am

Led section carcase viewing

9:00am - 11:00am at Wingham Beef Exports

Time may change depending on Abattoir

Presentation

12:30pm at Wingham Showground

Results of Led Carcasses competition

All efforts will be made to have the results ready on Friday the 15th of May for the 12pm presentation.

If not, they will be published by Friday the 22nd May 2026.

The Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society School Steer Challenge

At Wingham Beef Week 2026, we are happy to reintroduce our School Steer Challenge into the schedule. This year we have 13 schools competing with our 13 Fleckvieh steers purchased by the Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society and provided to us. These steers joined their new homes at the schools on the 29th of November and will all reunite during Wingham Beef Week, where they will compete in a class of their own. This class will be known as The Traditional Simmental Fleckvieh Society School Steer Challenge, and will be the first class judged on Wednesday, 13th of May 2026.

Conditions of Entry

1. Entries, accommodation applications and meal applications MUST be submitted online with the required payment in full via: winghambeefweek.com.au
2. No postal, fax, phone or email entries
3. All participants (including passive participants) must complete, sign & submit the "Animal Handling Risk Acknowledgement & Waiver Form. Parents/Guardians must sign if competitors are under 18 years of age. Forms attached for copying.
4. Signed waiver forms MUST be received by the secretary on or before the closing date of 11th of April 2026.
5. Wingham Beef Week expects teachers and parents/carers to maintain a duty of care and provide supervision of their students throughout the course of Wingham Beef Week. Wingham Beef Week takes no responsibility for the supervision of any students.
6. The committee reserve the right to limit entries or to reject entries considered dangerous or of insufficient merit.
7. Identification Competitor Tags will be issued to all registered participants. These MUST be worn at all times during the competitions and remain visible.
8. The committee reserves the right to remove any persons whose behaviour is considered to be inappropriate. These persons may be removed from various competitions or the grounds completely.
9. All participants entering the Wingham Beef Exports Site must complete and sign the Visitors Site Rules and Visitors Declaration prior to entry. (attached - please copy if required)
10. All electrical leads and equipment must be tagged and current. These will be inspected by committee members. Unfit electrical items will be removed by the committee.
11. No Smoking of cigarettes or vapes at any time on Wingham Showground.
12. Each school must nominate a First Aid Officer.
13. Individual fires will be allowed as long as they are always supervised and well-maintained.
14. Photo consent forms must be filled in prior to the event.
15. Pestivirus testing is not a requirement for Hoof & Hook cattle exhibits, however, you may consider Pestivirus testing for any other animals that are returning to your property.
16. A representative must be present at the mandatory Teachers/Exhibitors meeting 6pm Monday the 12th of May.
17. All Led Hoof & Hook exhibitors are required to have a representative available for ear tagging on Tuesday the 12th of May starting 6:30am sharp. Any animal not presented for tagging by 8:30am may be removed from the competition.
18. Wingham Beef Week is an alcohol-free event, with the exception of official functions, e.g., Producer dinner. Any unauthorised or underaged drinking will be dealt with at the discretion of the committee.
19. To ensure the safety of all those on Wingham Showground, various areas will be marked 'out of bounds.' Any participants found in these areas by the committee will be removed from competitions such as ICMJ or Herdsperson.
20. Stakeholders who have been banned due to their actions are asked not to attend. These people are not welcome to attend Wingham Beef Week and will be removed from the site.

Hoof & Hook Competition

Conditions of Entry - Led

1. The Hoof and Hook section allows for the entry of a singular animal. Entry fee is per animal.
2. The committee reserves the right to remove an animal considered to be intractable or unsafe from the led classes.
3. All cattle must be restrained by nose rings or nose grips.
4. Entries must be polled or dehorned to a length of 5cm or less. Dehorning will not be permitted within 1 month of the day of competition and must be fully healed by the time the animal arrives at the competition.
5. Entries must be the bona fide property of the owner for at least 30 days before the competition.
6. Each entry must carry an NLIS device registered to the exhibitor and accompanied by a completed National Vendor Declaration Form and an MSA Vendor Declaration.
7. All entries must be HGP-free to be accepted for the competition.
8. All entries must be on the designated grounds by Tuesday, 12th May 2026, 8:00am.
9. All Led entries will be weighed, ear-tagged and placed into appropriate classes by stewards on Tuesday, the 12th of May.
10. Entries will be slaughtered and judged in their appropriate carcase classes.
11. All cattle will be slaughtered at Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd.
12. On the afternoon of Wednesday the 13th of May, competition cattle will be trucked to Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd. arranged by the committee.
13. Be reminded that ALL grading is finalised with Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd. Payment for a carcase is based on the Current Price grid; animals that do not meet the grid requirements will be heavily penalised price-wise. The grid will be available from Wingham Beef Exports on inquiry.
14. Payments will be made payable by Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd. to the owner stated on the National Vendor Declaration Form. New clients of Wingham Beef Exports must set up an account prior to Wingham Beef Week with Wingham Beef Exports and complete a Direct Payment Application. (These are available from Wingham Beef Exports upon request).
15. All carcase cattle exhibitors must be registered with Meat Standards Australia (MSA). For more information, go to www.mls.com.au/msa or phone 1800 111 672.
16. Separate NVD's will be required for led and unled exhibits.
17. Classes will be split according to entry numbers. The committee reserves the right to increase or decrease class numbers depending on entries received.
18. **Steers entered up to 200 will be automatically accepted; steer entries after 200 will be automatically waitlisted.**

Hoof and Hook Competition - Led

Entry fee is \$50.00 per animal for the Led Hoof and Hook Competition.

Hoof Section

Prize Money: 1st \$100, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$50, 4th \$30

Lightweight

Class 1.1

Live weight: 300kg - 370kg

p8 fat: 4mm - 12mm & Rib fat: 3mm - 8mm
(Cattle Under 300kgs will not be accepted)

Light Middleweight

Class 1.2

Live weight: 371kg - 440kg

p8 fat: 5mm - 14mm & Rib fat: 4mm - 9mm

Heavy Middleweight

Class 1.3

Live weight 441kg - 510kg

p8 fat: 7mm - 16mm & Rib fat: 5mm - 10mm

Heavyweight

Class 1.4

Live weight: 511 and Greater

p8 fat: 7mm - 18mm & Rib fat: 6mm - 12m

Hook Section

Prize Money: 1st \$100, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$50, 4th \$30

Class 1.1a

Carcase of class 1.1

Class 1.2a

Carcase of class 1.2

Class 1.3a

Carcase of class 1.3

Class 1.4a

Carcase of class 1.4



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Hook Competition

Conditions of Entry - Unled

Please Note - This is only a Hook competition. Animals **MUST** be delivered directly to Wingham Beef Exports on Monday, the 11th of May, 2026, between 1pm and 7pm. If you need to arrive on Sunday, the 10th, please contact the secretary to discuss options for unled animals.

1. Entry fee is \$25 per animal for Unled Competition.
2. Each entry must carry an NLIS device registered to the exhibitor and accompanied by a completed National Vendor Declaration Form and an MSA Vendor Declaration.
3. All entries must be H.G.P. free to be accepted for the competition.
4. All cattle entered in this Unled Section must be delivered directly to Wingham Beef Exports between 1pm and 7pm on Monday, the 11th of May, 2026.
5. All cattle will be slaughtered at Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd.
6. Be reminded that ALL grading is finalised with Wingham Beef Exports Pty. Ltd. Payment for a carcase is based on a grid. Animals that do not meet grid requirements will be heavily penalised price-wise. The grid will be available on request from Wingham Beef Exports.
7. Payments will be made by Wingham Beef Exports Pty Ltd to the owner of the cattle stated on the National Vendor Declaration Form. New clients of Wingham Beef Exports must arrange to have an account opened and complete a Direct Payment Application. These are available either from Wingham Beef Week Secretary or Wingham Beef Exports on request.
8. All cattle must be registered with Meat Standards Australia. To register for MSA go to: <http://registerproducer.msaggrading.com.au> or go to www.mla.com.au/msahotline or 1800 111672.
9. All cattle must be tagged with the tag supplied BEFORE arriving at Wingham Beef Exports.
10. There will be no service/home kills.
11. National Vendor Declaration Forms (NVD's) and MSA Vendor Declaration Forms are to be submitted on delivery of cattle.
12. Unled Pen of Two - To enter a pair of two, the producer must complete a form upon delivery of cattle to the abattoir, stipulating which animals (via identification with the WBW Unled ear tag provided) are being nominated. Producers may enter more than one pair of two, but extra entries cannot contain animals that have already been nominated in a previous pair.

Hook Competition - Unled

Entry fee is \$25.00 per animal for the Unled Hook Competition.

Due to challenges and restraints with running this competition, we won't be holding a Hoof competition for the Unled Section of the 2026 event. Unled ID Tags will be posted out once entries close.

Prize Money: 1st \$100, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$50, 4th \$30

Class 2.1 – Lightweight

Carcase Weight 150 kg – 199.5 kg / P8 Fat 4 – 12mm & Rib Fat 3 – 8mm

Class 2.2 – Light Middleweight

Carcase Weight 200 kg – 249.5 kg / P8 Fat 5 – 14mm & Rib Fat 4 – 9mm

Class 2.3 – Heavy Middleweight

Carcase Weight 250 kg – 299.5 kg / P8 Fat 7 – 16mm & Rib Fat 5 – 10mm

Class 2.4 – Heavyweight

Carcase Weight Greater than 300 kg / P8 Fat 7 – 18mm & Rib Fat 6 – 12mm

Note: Carcasses will be segregated into classes based on the above HSCW weights

Class 2.9 Unled Pen of 2- Hook Only Competition

The highest combined ABCAS scoring pair will be awarded Champion.

Producers can nominate their best pair in the Unled Competition to enter into the 'Pen of 2'. There will be no entry fee for this competition. There are no restrictions for the pair. Producers select which two animals they believe to be their best. For example, the pair can be made up of a lightweight and a heavyweight. They are segregated via carcase weight into their classes, they are then ABCAS assessed against each class's respective specifications, with the combined ABCAS score of the pair being their total.

*See information on classes 2.1-2.4 for the carcase specifications.

Carcase Jackpot Competition

Entry fee is \$25.00 per animal for the Jackpot.

A carcase jackpot system will be in operation.

To be eligible, exhibitors must nominate with their entries and pay the additional \$25.00 jackpot entry fee together with their class entry fees.

Open to both led and unled exhibits, and only nominated animals will be eligible to win the jackpot
Late nominations for Jackpot WILL NOT be accepted.

The jackpot fee's will be pooled and then divided into weight classes for both Led & Unled categories (Lightweight, Light Middleweight, Middle Heavyweight and Heavyweight), The winner of each category will receive 80% of its pooled value, with the remaining 20% going to the Overall Champion from both Led & Unled.

Grass Fed Carcase Competition

Carcases which are certified as pasture fed only (entries consigned with a statutory declaration) will have the opportunity to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Grass Fed Carcase. These awards are awarded to the two highest scoring carcase from the Led and Unled section combined.

Junior & Open Judging Competition

Class 3 – Combined Junior Events

Entry Fee: \$10 combined Junior event entry

This competition aims to provide an avenue for young beef cattle enthusiasts to practice and apply knowledge by assessing animals against criteria important for beef cattle production.

- Competitors are required to assess animals for market suitability, ranking the animals in preferential order.
- Competitor's assessments will be compared with those of an experienced overjudge.
- Competitors will compete in 8 classes from 8 years to under 25 years of age.
- Competitors should bring a pencil and a clipboard for this event.
- Age taken at 11th of May 2026.
- Champion Judge will be invited to return to Wingham Beef Week 2027 as an Associate Judge.

Prize money: 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30, 3rd Prize \$20, 4th Prize \$10. Highly commended prizes for places 5th - 10th

Class J1 Peewee	8 yrs and under 10 yrs - No Orals
Class J2 Sub Junior	10 yrs and under 13 yrs
Class J3 Junior	13 yrs
Class J4 Sub Intermediate	14 yrs
Class J5 Intermediate	15 yrs
Class J6 Snr Intermediate	16 yrs
Class J7 Senior	17 yrs
Class J8 Open	18 yrs and under 25 yrs

Champion Junior Judge - \$75 + Trophy & Sash

Reserve Champion Junior Judge - \$50 + Sash



Class 3 – Combined Junior Events

Entry Fee: \$10 combined Junior event entry

This competition aims to encourage and nurture the skills in handling and presenting beef cattle.

- Neatness of attire and cattle handling skills will be judged.
- It is the handler, not the animal that is being judged.
- White Dust coats ARE NOT a requirement.
- Age taken at 11th of May 2026
- Age groups will be divided into heats based on entry numbers. Winners in each heat will receive a ribbon and the opportunity to compete for the age champion and prize money. Drafts of heats will be made and worked around school animal numbers, where possible. Drafts will be forwarded to teachers for amendments prior to the event.
- **Paraders will be split into novice and non-novice sections.** Teachers are asked to nominate novice students when entries are completed.
- Age Groups 8-10 and 10-12 will be judged on Monday, the 11th of May, starting at 3pm sharp.

Prize money: 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30, 3rd Prize \$20, 4th Prize \$10. Highly commended prizes for places 5th - 10th

Class P1 Peewee	8 yrs and under 10 yrs
Class P2 Sub Junior	10 yrs and under 13 yrs
Class P3 Junior	13 yrs
Class P4 Sub Intermediate	14 yrs
Class P5 Intermediate	15 yrs
Class P6 Snr Intermediate	16 yrs
Class P7 Senior	17 yrs
Class P8 Open	18 yrs and under 25 yrs

Champion of Each Age Group - Sash

Champion Junior Parader - \$75 + Trophy & Sash

Reserve Champion Junior Parader - \$50 + Sash



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Led Heifer Classes

Class 4 – Commercial Heifer Class

Entry Fee: \$10

Heifer entries up to 50 will be automatically entered in the competition. After 50, they will be waitlisted.

Please note: Heifers that reside within 100 km of Wingham may be asked to stay on farm until Wednesday, the 13th of May.

- Open to commercial heifers.
- Heifers must be between 8 months and 20 months as of the 1st May 2026.
- Heifers must be weaned prior to the show, as there are no facilities available for mature cows.
- Heifers must not have had a calf.
- Heifers entered in these classes are NOT eligible for the Hoof & Hook component of the competition.
- Exhibitors are responsible for meeting their reporting obligation to the NLIS database. Wingham Showground's P.I.C. number for transfers is NI268361.
- Age taken at 1st of May, 2026
- Heifers must be wearing breastplate provided to enter ring.

Heifer Classes as below;

- Class 4.1 – 8 & not over 12 months (Born on or after 1/5/25 & before 1/9/25)
- Class 4.2 – Over 12 & not over 16 months (Born on or after 1/1/25 & before 1/5/25)
- Class 4.3 – Over 16 & not over 20 months (Born on or after 1/9/24 & before 1/1/25)

Prize money: 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30, 3rd Prize \$20

Champion - \$50 + Trophy & Sash

Reserve Champion - \$30 + Sash

Class 5 – Stud Heifer Class

Entry Fee: \$10

Heifer entries up to 50 will be automatically entered in the competition. After 50, they will be waitlisted.

Please note: Heifers that reside within 100 km of Wingham may be asked to stay on farm until Wednesday, the 13th of May.

- Open to registered purebred heifers.
- Heifers must be between 8 months and 20 months as of the 1st May 2026.
- Heifers must be weaned prior to the show, as there are no facilities available for mature cows.
- Heifers must not have had a calf.
- Heifers entered in these classes are NOT eligible for the Hoof & Hook component of the competition.
- Exhibitors are responsible for meeting their reporting obligation to the NLIS database. Wingham Showground's P.I.C. number for transfers is NI268361.
- Age taken at 1st of May, 2026.
- Heifers must be wearing breastplate provided to enter ring.

Heifer Classes as below;

- Class 5.1 – 8 & not over 12 months (Born on or after 1/5/25 & before 1/9/25)
- Class 5.2 – Over 12 & not over 16 months (Born on or after 1/1/25 & before 1/5/25)
- Class 5.3 – Over 16 & not over 20 months (Born on or after 1/9/24 & before 1/1/25)

Prize money: 1st Prize \$50, 2nd Prize \$30, 3rd Prize \$20

Champion - \$50 + Trophy & Sash

Reserve Champion - \$30 + Sash

Herdsperson Competition

All competitors are automatically eligible to compete in this event, there is no fee for this competition. Competitors MUST always wear their competitor number.

This competition is to encourage competitors to display and maintain their cattle in a manner befitting their school, themselves and the beef industry generally.

This Competition will be judged throughout the entire week on the basis of:

- Preparation of cattle in stall area.
- Preparation of cattle in judging ring.
- Tidiness, condition and cleanliness of bedding.
- Attendance with cattle.
- Knowledge of your cattle.
- Personal appearance.
- Willingness to assist others.

Prize money: Champion - \$50 + Trophy & Sash, Reserve Champion - \$30 + Sash, 3rd Prize \$20, 4th Prize \$10. Highly Commended will receive prizes.



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The Wingham Beef Export's Beef Appreciation Competition – Coordinated by ICMJ

Class 6 – Only available to students enrolled in school or of school age. All participants must compete with the school they are enrolled in.

Entry Fee: \$10

Age Taken at 14th of May 2026

Note: Competitors under the age of 15 will be unable to compete in the competition within Wingham Beef Exports' site but may compete in the Live Assessment classes – entry automatically taken from Class 3 – Combined Junior Events.

In this Competition, competitors will assess steers & carcases for their market suitability. The top 4 scores from each school will represent their school in the team's section. Ribbons for winning and runner up school teams for the categories:

- Beef judging (includes carcase and primal judging results)
- Retail cut and primal identification

Team results are calculated from the scores of the top 4 scoring students from an individual school. This may span across age categories. Prize money + ribbons will be presented at the presentation on the Friday.

Live Assessment (total 200 points per student)

Competitors will assess 4 steers in Livestock Markets Terms Estimating:

1. Hot Standard Carcase Weight (kg)
2. P8 Rump Fat Depth (mm)
3. Muscle Score (A+ to E-)
4. Market Destination (e.g. Domestic)

Meat Judging (total 475 points per student)

Co-ordinated by Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging Association (ICMJ)

Competitors will assess the same 4 carcases as above and another 4 carcases Selected by Wingham Beef Exports and rank those in order 1 to 4 based on quality and yield characteristics. Competitors will also identify and judge primal cuts and retail cuts as per the table below:

Due to OHS/ Regulations, competitors will assemble INSIDE the Main Gates at the Showgrounds until directed by the organizers to enter Wingham Beef Exports. Please be mindful of trucks entering the premises and considerate of employees and their workplace.

- Names of contestants and school for which they are to compete must be forwarded to ICMJ before closing dates of the competition. Withdrawals will be accepted after this time but substitutions will not be permitted.
- Students wishing to enter the competition must pay the nominated entry fee (\$10 per student) prior to the contest.
- Contestants will be assigned to groups and are required to stay in their groups throughout the contest. A group leader will be provided for each group of contestants whose duty shall be to enforce the rules of the contest and to keep the exhibits of the class on which their group is working in an orderly arrangement.
- A clipboard and pencil will be all that is allowed into the competition chiller. All paper for placings, written reason notes and questions etc. will be provided. No notes, pictures or mechanical aids will be permitted into the contest. Group leaders will report any violations which will be cause for disqualification of the contestant.

- Appropriate clothing, as determined by Wingham Beef Exports (i.e.: enclosed & clean shoes) must be worn by competitors at all times while on the Wingham Beef Exports site. Site appropriate PPE (e.g.: coats, hair nets, beard nets, ear plugs, boot covers, P2 masks) will be provided by Wingham Beef Exports and MUST be worn by all competitors, supervisors or other persons at all times while on the Wingham Beef Exports site, unless otherwise indicated by Wingham Beef Exports staff.
- Jewellery and nail polish are not permitted within Wingham Beef Exports' site.
- Anyone who fails to adhere to outline regulations will be asked to leave Wingham Beef Exports site and disqualified from further competition.

Competition Class	Time/Class	Maximum Score
Beef Primal Identification Class - 10 Primal cuts	10 minutes	100
Beef Primal Class (Rumps) - Placings and questions	10 minutes - 5 questions	100
Beef Carcase Class 1 - Placings and questions	10 minutes - 5 questions	100
Beef Carcase Class2 - Placings and questions	10 minutes - 5 questions	100
Beef Retail cut identification Class - 15 retail cuts	10 minutes	75

The Wingham Beef Week Encouragement Award

This competition is open to all schools. In this Competition, competitors will be interviewed by a panel about their knowledge of, commitment to and aspirations for their agricultural future and about their involvement in Agriculture at their school and the contribution that they make to the subject. Teachers from each school are asked to nominate one student from their Ag Show Team who is an “All Rounder” and a “stand out team player”, not only at shows, but throughout the whole year.

Teachers need to consider the following criteria when nominating a student for the award.

- Is a person who provides leadership at the school farm and in show team activities.
- Is a person who contributes in many ways to the day-to-day running of the farm/show team.
- Is a person who has pride in her/himself and her/his school farm/show team.
- Is a person who shows a genuine interest in working as part of the show team or at the school farm.
- Is a person who is involved in a variety of activities at the school farm and show team. An overall winner and runners-up will be chosen and each will receive a cash prize
 - There is no entry fee for this competition.
 - First prize is a trip to Tocal Beef Assessment Course.

Conditions of entry:

1. To be eligible for 1st prize students must be over 18 years old or over by 30th of November 2026 and be willing to attend the course from the 30th of November to 2nd December 2026. All students will be asked this question at their interview. Important Notice this only applies to the winner from the entrants who are eligible for the competition.
2. Students are required to bring a letter thanking the sponsor and briefly outline the role agriculture plays in their lives.

This section is proudly sponsored by Oakland Park Angus.

Exhibitor Steer Shootout

New to Wingham Beef Week 2026, we introduce the Exhibitor Steer Shootout.
Entry \$10 per animal- winner takes all.

How it works

- Exhibitor will choose 1 steer to represent themselves and their program.
- Animals will be brought out in pairs based on their weights from the weigh-in.
- Panel of 3 judges will have 30-50 seconds to make a decision- when prompted by the MC, the judges will raise either their right or left arm, which will determine which animal will advance to the next round, eliminating the other.
- Animals advancing to the next round will be paired up with the next animal based on weight.
- Animals will be assessed on carcase attributes and how well they meet desired specs for their weight. Judges decision is final.
- When the draw comes down to the final two animals, the winner will take the total prize pool.



'Soil is one of our most important natural resources, from which, 95% of food is produced. Beyond food, soils provide important ecosystem functions, including plant available water holding, supporting a diversity of biology jointly responsible for carbon and nutrient cycling, and potential for carbon storage. However, since conversion of native to agricultural ecosystems, soils have lost up to 60% of soil organic matter – the foundation of the soil food web. Addressing this decline, to ensure the sustainable management of our precious soil resource, has been a key priority at both global and national scales. But not all soils are equal, so to manage them, we first need to understand them, and the factors that influence them. So, what is soil health and function? And what can we do to understand our soils?' To learn more on this join our Education Afternoon and listen to our Soil CRC speaker.



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Awards & Special Prizes

Champion Open Led steer or heifer - Hoof	\$1000
Reserve Champion Open Led steer or heifer - Hoof	\$500
Champion Open Led steer or heifer - Hook	\$1000
Reserve Champion Open Led steer or heifer - Hook	\$500
Champion Open Unled steer or heifer - Hook	\$1000
Reserve Champion Open Unled steer or heifer - Hook	\$500
Champion Open Unled Pen of 2 - Hook	\$200
Reserve Champion Open Unled Pen of 2 – Hook	\$100
Grand Champion Carcase	\$2000
Highest MSA index	\$200
Unled Highest MSA index pen of 5	\$1000

Purebred Simmental exhibit, sired by a purebred bull registered with Simmental bull Grand Champion Hoof Steer. (sponsored by Simmental Australia)

\$1000

Purebred Simmental exhibit, sired by a purebred bull registered with Simmental bull Grand Champion Hook Steer. (sponsored by Simmental Australia)

\$1000

Simmental infused exhibit The steer must be sire parent verified by D.N.A. to a registered Simmental Sire. (Sponsored by Simmental Australia)

Grand Champion Hoof Steer \$1000

Simmental infused exhibit The steer must be sire parent verified by D.N.A. to a registered Simmental Sire. (Sponsored by Simmental Australia)

Grand Champion Hook Steer \$1000

Todd Scrivener Perpetual Trophy

Awarded to the unled carcase (0-4 teeth) with the highest MSA index. This award was previously for the Champion Lightweight Led Exhibit however, our generous sponsors Bruce and Helen Scrivener have requested the change to award an important section on eating quality, previously not awarded.

Tom Woolard Perpetual Trophy

Award for an Outstanding Wingham High School student.

In memory of Tom Woolard, which is permanently stored and on display at Bent on Food in Wingham.

Paul van Weerdenburg Memorial Shield

In memory of Paul van Weerdenburg, who was the Agriculture teacher at Chatham High for many years and a passion for educating youth and promoting the showing of beef cattle; the memorial shield is awarded to the Chatham High Student that has excelled in the following fields during the period for Wingham Beef Week.

1. Showed leadership skills.
2. Participated in all the events during beef week.
3. Was an asset to the team.

The Bridges Family Encouragement Award

This award is for a student who has a great work ethic, commitment to working for the team and has a great interest in learning. Each teacher after entries close will be contact for their nominated student for the week and the committee will Judge which nominee will be the successor.

Best Prepared Led Steer/Heifer	\$50
Best Presented Parader	\$50
Best Overall Competitor	\$50



WINGHAM BEEF WEEK

PO Box 207 Wingham NSW 2429

Email: secretary@winghambeefweek.com.au

Date:

Name:.....

Participant/Student Name:

Telephone No:.....

Photography Consent Form

I understand that:

- My/My child's photographs may be presented in a variety of formats including printed publications and electronically on the Wingham Beef Week website and Facebook Page.
- My/My child's full name may be used in some cases to describe the content of the photographs
- I/My child will not receive any royalties from Wingham Beef Week for the use of my/my child's photographs
- I may contact Wingham Beef Week in writing, to request that my/my child's photographs are no longer used in future publications. On request Wingham Beef Week will cease to use my/my child's photographs. I acknowledge that Wingham Beef Week will not be able to withdraw all current publications (already featuring my photograph) from circulation.
- I understand that Wingham Beef Week will not give permission to any other person or company to use my/my child's photographs without my prior consent. (With the exception of WBE, ICMJ, MLA who are all involved partners in Wingham Beef Week).
- I understand that Wingham Beef Week will use my/my child's photographs respectfully and will not alter them in anyway.

I hereby agree that my/my child's photographs may be reproduced in print and electronic format for Wingham Beef Week purposes only.

Signature:.....

Privacy Statement

Wingham Beef Week respects your privacy.

We will only use the information provided in this form for the purposes of processing your consent.

If you have any questions about Privacy, please call the Wingham Beef Week Secretary on 0412005664. Alternatively you can email us on secretary@winghambeefweek.com.au

Wingham Beef Week

SCHOOL NAME: _____



School Helper Nomination Form

Wingham Beef Week 2026

Schools are to nominate a helper for each day to help in some area during the duration of Wingham Beef Week.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT NUMBER</u>	<u>PREFERRED DAY</u>

- Task can vary from assisting in catering and stewarding.

Name

Contact Number

Nominated

First Aid Officer:

Please make sure students know who the first aid officer for your school is.

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Accommodation/Meals Price List

Wingham Beef Week 2026



Applications must be submitted online along with payment of fees.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM AS A POSTAL ENTRY

Camping and all meals can be provided at a cost of \$200 per person

Or

Camping facilities are available at the showground at a cost of \$40.

Costs	\$5 Sausage Sizzle Monday Lunch.	Meals & Camping Fee \$200.00 per person (BBQ Lunch Monday included)	Meals Only \$160.00 per person	Camping Only \$40.00 per person
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- Please complete the required fields in Nominate and contact the organisers if any members of your group have special meal requirements.
- Pre-booked meals start Monday lunch through to Friday lunch. \$160.00 per person.
- If you get Meals or Meals and Camping, you are automatically entitled to Monday Lunch Sausage Sizzle.

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