



164th MAITLAND SHOW 2026

“My Show – Making Memories”

13th, 14th, 15th February 2026



AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY SCHEDULE



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Zero Tolerance to Abuse

Aggressive behaviour and any form of verbal or physical abuse towards any person including staff, members, volunteers, competitors or guests will not be tolerated on the Maitland Showground at any time

Anyone engaging in inappropriate behaviour at the Maitland Showground will be asked to change their behaviour, issued a formal warning, removed from the grounds or barred from entering the grounds in the future.



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General Information:

Entry Forms:

- Online entries via Maitland Showground webpage.
<https://showday.online/show/maitlandshow>

Online entries close on Sunday 8th February 2026.

Please complete your entry and payment online.

- Or deliver your entry form to our Office by **Friday 6th February, 2026 – 9am to 2pm**
Maitland Showground Office
50 Blomfield Street, Maitland 2320. (Office hours 9am to 2pm)
Phone: 02 49335052
Payment: Cash or Eftpos only.

Entry Fees	Open Exhibitors	\$2 per Photograph Entry
	Juniors	\$1 per entry (under 18 years)
	Schools	Free Entry

No refunds are available.

No new entries will be accepted on the day.

No late entries will be accepted.

Delivery Date & Time **Monday 9th February 2026** to teapot café between 4pm – 6pm.
Or Monday 9th February 2026 to the showground office between 9am-2pm.
Drop off before this date can be arranged with the office.
Any entries that are handed in after this date will not be accepted.

Delivery Location **Monday 9th February 2026 between 9am-2pm to the office or 4pm -6pm to the Tea Pot Café, Maitland Showground**

Collection Times After show weekend, any entries not collected may be collected from the Maitland Show Office during office hours.
Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm.

Chief Steward Heather Wightman

Judging Date: Judging will be held prior to the show.

Prizes 1st, 2nd & 3rd Ribbons awarded for each class.
Champion, Reserve Champion Ribbons, Highly Commended awarded to overall winners of each group.
\$50 vouchers from Frame Today.



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Exhibitors Notes

- Prizes that are items they must be picked up along with the collection of your photographs after the show.
- Entries can be collected from the Maitland Show office the week following the Show between 9am-2pm Monday to Friday. Entries cannot be collected on Sunday afternoon (15/02/2026) without prior notice to the chief steward.
- Those exhibitors who wish their entries to be returned by mail must have a pre-paid satchel or reusable packing including return postage in the form of stamps.
- If there are large volumes of entries not all photos can be displayed due to space constraints, it is the judge's and chief steward's decision on what photographs are to be displayed.

Exhibitors Rules - Conditions of Entry for All Entrants

1. The Judge's decision is final. Photographs not conforming to the Conditions of Entry are not eligible for judging. The judge and chief steward reserve the right to reject any entry not considered satisfactory. Where there are only 1 or 2 entrants in a section, First and Second place will only be awarded if the photographs are of First and Second place quality.
2. No responsibility will be assumed by Maitland Show, although all due care whilst handling and processing your entries.
3. All photographs are to be taken by the exhibitors as amateur or hobbyist photographers. To be an amateur photographer you must not make an income off your photography. All photos must be original works that have not placed at any previous Maitland Show (1st, 2nd, 3rd, Champion and Reserve Champion). Photographers who have had an entry acceptance in past or present Maitland International Salon of Photography competitions are not eligible.
4. If there are large volumes of entries not all photos can be displayed due to space constraints, it is the judge's and chief steward's decision on what photographs are to be displayed.
5. The school section is judged as a whole school based on the overall quality of the images submitted by each school, not individual students. Prizes for the Champion, Reserve Champion and Highly Commended School go to the school, not individual students, it is up to the school how they distribute the prize received.
6. Photographs can be edited to enhance the photo; they can be captured using digital technology or film.
7. Photos must be no larger than 21cm x 29.7cm (A4 / 8.3" x 11.7") and mounted on or behind light-weight to medium-weight BLACK CARDBOARD ONLY, with maximum borders on the top and both sides of no more than 2.5cm (1"), with a wider border of 3.8cm (1.5") on the bottom, to allow room for the title. ALL photos must be titled to assist with judging.
8. Entries must be submitted via Showday Online and close Sunday 8/02/2026. Photographs are to be handed in on Monday 09/02/2026 9am-2pm in the office or between 4pm-6pm in the Tea Pot Café pavilion (drop off before this date can be arranged), any entries that are handed in after 09/02/2026 will not be accepted.
9. All photos must be wrapped in brown paper, bubble wrap, or a protective envelope. Each exhibitor is to submit photographs in one package with the NAME CLEARLY written on the package. Please bring a copy of your ENTRY FORM to accompany your entry to ensure the correct entrants are credited for their work.
10. Exhibits must be clearly labelled with printed entry tags, name & class number placed on the MIDDLE BACK of the photo, so the Stewards can place the velcro tabs on the corners for display.
11. An exhibitor may enter up to 2 prints in each class and must be mounted and ready to put on display.
12. Collection of entries is the Monday - Friday following the show between 9am-2pm. Entries to be returned via post must include return postage with entry. Entries cannot be collected on Sunday afternoon (15/02/2026) without prior notice to the chief steward.



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OPEN CLASS SECTION (Any Age)

Class 101	Natural Beauty - Nature/Landscape/Seascape
Class 102	Animal Kingdom
Class 103	People/Portraiture
Class 104	Maitland - Our Town
Class 105	My Show – Making Memories - Photograph Taken at the Maitland Show
Class 106	Life in Monochrome - Black & White
Class 107	Anything Goes - Any subject (Black and White or Colour)

Ribbons awarded to **Champion Photograph Open**
 Reserve Champion Photograph Open
 Highly Commended Open

JUNIOR CLASS SECTION (18 and under)

Class 108	Natural Beauty - Nature/Landscape/Seascape
Class 109	Animal Kingdom
Class 110	Maitland - Our Town
Class 111	My Show – Making Memories - Photograph Taken at the Maitland Show
Class 112	Life in Monochrome - Black & White
Class 113	Anything Goes- Any Subject (Black and White or Colour)

Ribbons awarded to **Champion Photograph Junior**
 Reserve Champion Photograph Junior
 Highly Commended Junior

SCHOOL SECTION

The school section is judged as a whole school based on the overall quality of the images submitted by each school.

Class 114	Anything Goes - Any Subject (Black and White or Colour)
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Ribbons awarded to **Champion School**
 Reserve Champion School
 Highly Commended School

We thank our sponsor for supporting the Amateur Photography section at the Maitland Show



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