



164th MAITLAND SHOW 2026

“My Show – Making Memories”

13 - 14 - 15 February 2026



COOKING 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 5pm, Friday 30th January, 2026

Please complete your entry and payment online.

- Or deliver your entry form by 2pm, Wednesday 28th January, 2026
To Maitland Showground Office
50 Blomfield Street, Maitland 2320.
Office hours 9am to 2pm
Phone: 02 49335052
Payment: Cash or Eftpos only.

Entry Fees

Open Section	\$2 per Entry
Juniors	\$1 per entry (under 18 years)
People with a disability	\$1 per entry

No refunds are available.

No new entries will be accepted on the day.

No late entries will be accepted.

Delivery Times

Thursday 12th February 2026 - 7:30am to 10am for all baking and preserves.

Delivery Location

Thomas Morgan Pavilion, Maitland Showground

Collection Times

Sunday 15th February, 2026 - 3pm to 6pm.

See Chief Steward Dianne Innes If other arrangements need to be organised.

Chief Steward

Dianne Innes Enquiries: 0408 664 796

Judges:

Tracey Cambourn and Erin Campbell.

Judging Date & Time: Thursday 12th February 2026 from 10:30am.

“An invitation is issued to observe the judging entries in the Cooking Schedule.” Judging will occur on Thursday 12th February in the Thomas Morgan Pavilion, starting at 10.30am.

Prizes

All Prize Money will be paid by Direct Deposit after the show. Winners will be contacted by email with a secure payment link to enter banking details for prize payment.



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Exhibitors Notes/Rules

Conditions of Entry into the Bakery Competitions

1. The judge's decision in all sections is final, no correspondence will be entered into.
2. Exhibitors must comply with the conditions in the schedule, such as tin/jar size, recipe to use and ingredient list to be supplied, where required.
3. 20cm (8in x 8in) round cake tins to be used unless otherwise stated.
4. Cake Boards will be supplied by Maitland Show Committee on the day.
5. NO late entries will be accepted.
6. No more than 3 entries in each class per exhibitor.
7. Each entry is to be made from a separate mix.
8. This competition is for Amateurs only.
9. The judge reserves the right to reject any entry which is not considered to be satisfactory. Where there are only 1 or 2 entrants in a class, First and Second place will only be awarded if the entries are of First and Second place quality.

Condition of Entry into the Preserving Competition

10. The decision of the Judges is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
11. All entries require a small label containing a complete list of all ingredients. See the sample in hints.
12. Exhibitors must comply with the conditions laid down in the schedule.
13. 250ml jars to be used unless otherwise stated.
14. Definitely **NO late entries will be accepted**.
15. No more than 3 entries in each class per exhibitor.
16. Each entry is to be made from a separate mix.
17. No exhibitors' names or advertising to appear on any part of the entry.
18. No plastic, wax, or paper is to be used between the lid and the product.
19. This is a competition for Amateurs only.
20. The judge reserves the right to reject any entry which is not considered to be satisfactory. Where there are only 1 or 2 entrants in a class, First and Second place will only be awarded if the entries are of First and Second place quality.

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SECTION 1: Agricultural Societies Council NSW – Rich Fruit Cake

Prize money and prize cards will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

Prize Money	1st Prize - \$25	2nd Prize - \$15.
Prize Ribbons	1st and 2nd place and prize cards	
	Judges Choice	

601 ASC Rich Fruit Cake
Recipe 1 from the recipe booklet must be used.

SECTION 2: Maitland - Country Women's Association

Prize money donated by Maitland Country Women's Association

Prize money and prize cards will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

Prize Money	1st Prize - \$10.	2nd Prize - \$5.
Prize Ribbons	1st and 2nd Place and prize cards	
	Judges Choice	

602 Choc Chip Cookies – 10 years and Under
Own recipe to be used.
603 Chewie Slice - 11 to 14 years
Recipe 2 from the recipe booklet must be used.
604 Raspberry and Coconut Slice – 15 to 17 years
Recipe 3 from the recipe booklet must be used.
605 Marble Cake – Over 18 years
Recipe 4 from the Recipe booklet must be used.
606 Apple and Cranberry Chutney - Open
Recipe 5 from the recipe booklet must be used.



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SECTION 3: 2026 Maitland Show Theme: ‘Making Memories’

Prize money and prize cards will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

Prize Money	1st Prize - \$30.	2nd Prize - \$15.
Prize Ribbons	1st and 2nd Place and prize cards	
	Judges Choice	

All cakes must be covered with fondant. Buttercream is NOT accepted as there is a lack of refrigerated showcases.

Hand-made, dummy and commercial cakes may be used.

Entries will be Judged on Technique, Imagination and Decoration.

Decorated Cakes

607 “Chooks on the Nest”

608 “Friday 13th” themed Decorated Cake



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SECTION 4: General Baked Products

Prize money and prize cards will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

Prize Money 1st Place \$5 2nd Place \$3

Prize Ribbons

1st and 2nd place and prize cards
Best Exhibit – Baking
Most Successful Individual Exhibitor – Baking
Most Successful Junior Exhibitor – Baking

CAKES

- 609 Boiled fruit cake
- 610 Pumpkin Fruit Cake
- 611 Sultana Cake
- 612 Date and Walnut Loaf – Loaf tin to be used.
- 613 Plain Sponge made with 4 Eggs.
- 614 Plain Butter Cake with lemon glace icing –
 Recipe 6 from the recipe booklet must be used.
- 615 Chocolate Cake
- 616 Traditional Marble Cake – pink chocolate vanilla with pink glace icing.
- 617 Cinnamon Teacake
- 618 Banana Cake – No Icing
- 619 Carrot Cake – No Icing
- 620 Traditional Scones – a plate of 2.
- 621 Savoury Scones – a plate of 2.
- 622 Date Scones – a plate of 2.
- 623 Pumpkin Scones – a plate of 2
- 624 Damper – any variety
- 625 Focaccia any variety
- 626 Choc Chip Muffins – a plate of 3 pieces.
- 627 Jelly Cakes with mock cream filling – a plate of 2.
- 628 Fruit Muffins – a plate of 2 pieces.
- 629 Lamingtons – a plate of 2, 6cm square
- 630 Rock Cakes – a plate of 2.

BISCUITS

- 631 Anzac Biscuits – a plate of 2.
- 632 Gingernut Biscuits, crisp – a plate of 2
- 633 Cornflake Biscuits – a plate of 2
- 634 Jam Drops – a plate of 2
- 635 Lemon Tartlets – a plate of 2



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SLICES

636 Raspberry Slice – Jam and Coconut topping – 2 pieces
637 Chocolate Caramel Slice – 2 pieces 4x4cm only
638 Ginger Slice – 2 pieces 4cmx4cm only
Recipe 7 from the recipe booklet must be used.

GLUTEN-FREE

639 Personal Slice – a plate of 2 pieces

DIABETIC

640 Personal Favourite Cake

VEGAN

641 Personal Favourite Cake

HOME MADE BREAD

642 Loaf of White Bread – small loaf made in a Bread maker of similar
643 Loaf of Sourdough

SENIOR (OVER 60)

644 Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese icing
645 Biscuits – own choice – a plate of 2
646 Slice – own choice – 2 pieces

MEN'S SECTION

647 Damper
648 Biscuit – own choice – a plate of 2
649 Muffin – own choice – a plate of 2
650 4 Ingredient Fruit Cake
Recipe 8 from the recipe booklet must be used.

THERMOMIX SECTION

651 Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs
Recipe 9 from the recipe booklet must be used



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SECTION 5: Morpeth – Country Women's Association

Prize money donated by Morpeth Country Women's Association

JUNIOR BAKING

Prize money and prize cards will be awarded at the judge's discretion.

Prize Money	1st Prize - \$5.	2nd Prize - \$3.
Prize Ribbons	1st and 2nd Place and prize cards	
	Judges Choice	

5 YEARS AND UNDER (Limited Parental Help)

652 Decorated arrowroot biscuit – face – a plate of 2
653 Chocolate Crackles – a plate of 2

6 TO 8 YEARS (Limited Parental Help)

654 Packet Cake Mix – no icing.
655 Family favourite biscuit – a plate of 2
656 Honey Joys

9 TO 12 YEARS

657 Jam Drops – a plate of 2
Recipe 10 from the recipe section must be used
658 Rock Cakes – a plate of 2
659 Choc chip muffins – a plate of 3
660 Decorated Packet Cake – Theme – “Ookie Spookie”.

- Judged on decoration ONLY. No larger than a small paper plate.
- Please use fondant or glace icing.

13 TO 18 YEARS

661 Lemonade Scones – a plate of 2
662 Chocolate Lamingtons – a plate of 2
663 Easy Coconut Ice – a plate of 2 pieces
Recipe 11 from recipe section must be used.
664 Decorated Packet Cake – Theme - “Animal Nursery”

- To be Judged on decoration ONLY.
- Please use fondant or glace icing. (Butter icing will melt in the heat of February).



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SECTION 6: Preserves

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Prize Money 1st Place \$5 2nd Place \$3

Prize Ribbons 1st and 2nd place and prize cards
Best Exhibit
Most Successful Individual Exhibitor – Preserves
Most Successful Junior Exhibitor – Preserves

JAMS - 250ml Jar

- 665 Strawberry Jam
- 666 Grape Jam
- 667 Plum Jam
- 668 Apricot Jam – dried apricots to be used.
- 669 Fig Jam
- 670 Tropical Fruit jam (more than 2 fruits)
- 671 Grape Jam
- 672 Ripe Tomato Jam
- 673 Green Tomato Jam
- 674 Mulberry Jam
- 675 Spiced Pineapple Jam
 Recipe 12 from recipe section must be used
- 676 Caramelised Onion and Garlic Jam
 Recipe 13 from recipe section must be used
- 677 Peach Jam
- 678 Red Tomato Jam – tomato only
- 679 Tomato and Passionfruit Jam
- 680 Any other Jam - Sweet– not mentioned.
- 681 Any other Jam – Savoury – not mentioned
- 682 Collection – 3 jars of 3 different Jams (not citrus)

CONSERVES – 250ml Jar

- 683 Raspberry Conserve
- 684 Any other Conserve.

JELLIES - 250ml Jar

- 685 Any variety of Jelly



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MARMALADES - 250ml Jar

- 686 Orange Marmalade
- 687 Lemon and Lime Marmalade
- 688 Citrus Marmalade
- 689 Four Fruit Marmalade
- 690 Cumquat Marmalade
- 691 Collection – 3 jars of 3 different varieties of marmalades from sections 678 - 682

BUTTERS AND SPREADS - 250ml Jar

- 692 Lemon Butter/Cheese
- 693 Passionfruit Butter/Cheese
- 694 Peanut Butter
- 695 Any other Butter/Cheese not listed

CHILLI (select appropriate container to suit the product – no larger than 250 -375 ml bottle

- 696 Chilli Jam
- 697 Chilli Oil
- 698 Chilli Chutney
- 699 Chilli Vinegar

CHUTNEYS - 250ml Jar

- 700 Apple Chutney
- 701 Mango Chutney
- 702 Any other variety of Chutney

PICKLES - 250ml Jar

- 703 Pickled Onions
- 704 Choko Pickles
- 705 Pickled Beetroot
- 706 Mustard Pickles

RELISH - 250ml Jar

- 707 Tomato Relish
- 708 Corn Relish
- 709 Cucumber Relish
- 710 Beetroot Relish
- 711 Any other Relish



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SAUCES - 250 - 375mL bottle. Sealed with stopper, screw top or cork.

- 712 Tomato Sauce
- 713 Chilli Sauce
- 714 Worcestershire Sauce
- 715 Passata
- 716 Plum Sauce
- 717 Chocolate Sauce

LIQUORS

- 718 Cream or Egg-Based Liquor, eg Advocaat/Irish Whisky
- 719 Spirit Based eg Plum Brandy, Cumquat Brandy
- 720 Chocolate Rum
- 721 Cherry Brandy

CORDIALS (Use a 250 - 375ml bottle. Use with a stopper, screw top or cork)

- 722 Ginger Beer
- 723 Lemonade

MISCELLANEOUS - Use a small flat jar 100-200ml size

- 724 Basil Pesto – Any variety. Please supply the ingredient list.
- 725 Dukkha mix – Any variety. Please supply the ingredient list.
- 726 Fruit Paste - Any variety.
- 727 A Gift Box containing 1 bottle of 5 different types of preserves from 3 different categories. Judged by the appearance and the flavour combinations in the Gift Box.

MEN'S SECTION - 250ml Jar

- 728 Jar of Jam
- 729 Jar of Pickles
- 730 Jar of Relish
- 731 Jar of Chutney
- 732 Sauce – any variety – 250 - 375ml bottle. Use with stopper, screw top, or cork.
- 733 Passionfruit Butter

JUNIOR SECTION (18 YEARS AND UNDER)

- 734 Any variety of Jam
- 735 Any variety of Marmalade
- 736 Lemon butter
- 737 Any variety of Relish
- 738 Any variety of Pickles
- 739 Any variety of Chutney
- 740 Flavoured oil – any variety – 250 - 375ml bottle. Use with stopper, screw top, or cork.



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SECTION 7: BBQ / American Smokers

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Prize Money	1st Prize - \$5.	2nd Prize - \$3.
Prize Ribbons	1st and Second Place and prize cards	
	Judges Choice	

Criteria – a minimum of 50gms to be provided for Judging

- 741 Beef BBQ Rub
- 742 All-purpose Rub
- 743 Chicken BBQ Rub
- 744 Jerky
- 745 Biltong



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