Waikato A&P Show 2026 Photography Schedule

Waikato Agricultural & Pastoral Show – Your Community Show

In partnership with Neurodiverse Network NZ

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Entries Close - 26th October 2026

(No Late Entries will be accepted)

Rules and Regulations

General Rules

The competition will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Waikato A & P Society as issued by the Royal Agricultural Society of NZ Inc. These rules shall apply as if printed in full in this schedule.

Conditions of Entry

- The photograph must fit one of the categories listed in the competition schedule, printed on the entrant's choice of paper, no smaller than A4 size.
- Competitors must have their **name and category** (and age if under 13) on the back of each photograph.
- Entrants must supply their **full name, address, email, and contact phone number** on the entry form.
- All exhibits must be the **bona fide work of the entrant** and taken within the **last 12 months**.
- All exhibits must have a **ticket** with the class number on one side and the exhibitor's name and entry/back number on the other side.
- The Professional Section is **open to photographers who earn income from their photographic work**, either full-time or part-time.
- If a professional photographer is found to have entered the Adult Open Section, the Show reserves the right to transfer their entries into the Professional Section.
- Prizemoney will be paid by **direct banking within four weeks** of the competition (insert date here). You will be contacted by the Show organizers to confirm bank details. If you have not received your prizemoney by this date, please notify the office immediately. Notification must be made no later than (insert date here). Notifications after this date will not be considered.
- All entry fees and prizemoney are **GST inclusive**.
- If promised sponsorship is not forthcoming, the Association cannot be held liable.
- Any exhibitor who fails to comply with the rules may **forfeit their prizemoney**.

Waikato A & P reserves the right to **publish the names of winners and placegetters** and use photographs and/or video taken at the event for promotional purposes.

Photos can be collected from the show grounds between 3pm and 5pm on Sunday the 1st of November or between 9am and 4pm from the 2nd to the 4th of November.

Any enquires please email the Show Secretary - thewaikatoshowsecretary@outlook.co.nz

Please enter via Gate 4, Brooklyn Rd, and come to The Show Office – on the concourse to Halls A & B. Can this be added to community industries and photography please.

Professional Section: $7 per entry

Adult Open Section (Non-Professional) : $5 per entry

Youth Section (Ages 5 – 13) : $3 per entry.

ENTRIES VIA EVO EVENTS - https: www.evoevents.co.nz

Payment via PoliPay as part of the entry system

No Refunds will be given for non-participation after payment has been made.

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Youth Section (Ages 5–13)

$3 per Entry

Class 5900 - My Community - Capture life around you – people, pets, school, or neighborhood moments.

Class 5901 - Colour & Pattern - Bright colours, textures, shapes, or repeating patterns in your environment.

Class 5902 - Animals - Pets, farm animals, wildlife, or insects. Basically, anything with an animal in the photo.

Class 5903 - Creative Imagination - Anything goes. abstracts, unusual angles, reflections, shadows, or macro.

Class 5904 - My Favorite Thing – Something you love. It could be a toy, a pet, a person, or a place.

Class 5905 - Landscapes – Take a photo of the world around you, like parks, streets, gardens, or hills.

Adult Open Section (Non-Professional)

$5 per Entry

Class 5910 - Rural Stories - Life in the countryside – people, farms, machinery, or seasonal moments.

Class 5911 - Light & Shadow - Sunrises, sunsets, silhouettes, night photos, reflections, or dramatic contrasts.

Class 5912 - Photos from your phone- Any subject captured on a smartphone or tablet.

Class 5913 - Flora, Fauna & Nature - Plants, birds, wildlife, insects, or natural textures and landscapes.

Class 5914 - Portraits & People - Candid or posed, environmental or lifestyle portraits – humans or pets.

Class 5915 - Creative / Open - Abstract, macro, experimental images, minimalism, or anything not in other categories.

Professional Section

$7 per Entry

Class 5920 - Portraiture - Studio, lifestyle, environmental, or pet portraits.

Class 5921 - Documentary / Storytelling - Images that tell a story – events, daily life, reportage, weddings, or special moments.

Class 5922 - Fine Art / Creative - Conceptual, artistic, abstract, or heavily styled images.

Class 5923 - Commercial Image - Product photography, branding, styled shoots, food, real estate, or business imagery.

Class 5924 - Series / Storyboard - A set of 2–5 images that tell a cohesive story, showing narrative, planning, and sequencing skills.

Class 5925 - Black & White Photography – Any subject shot or edited in black and white; emphasizes contrast, tone, mood, and composition.

Class 5926 - Professional Open Class - Your best work, any style or genre.

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