

Rural Ambassador Award

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Rules & Regulations - Rural Ambassador Award

- Open to ambassadors aged between 20 and 30 years as of the 1st May 2026 and the finalist must reside in Victoria.
- Each Show can run a Rural Ambassador Show qualifier and the winner at Show Level then represents the Show at the Group Final.
- An ambassador having won at their local Show Level is not eligible to enter any other Show or represent another group.
- A maximum of 12 finalists will be eligible for the State Final with preference to all Group Final winners and each runner up of each group will be considered. If numbers exceed 12 finalist's interviews will be held at the information day to determine the remaining State Finalists.
- The State Final is held at the Melbourne Royal Show and each finalist is judged based on the criteria below.
- Each Finalist will need to supply a resume with a cover letter and a draft/copy of speech for the State Final, which will be given to the judges of the State Final.
- Each Finalist will be interviewed by a panel of three judges and the State Finalist will need to present a speech at the presentation function. The winner will be announced at the presentation function.



Judging Criteria

- **Local Show Involvement (25 Points)** – Entrants must demonstrate an active involvement and a desire to be involved in the future and improvement of their Local Show Society.
- **Community Involvement (20 Points)** - Entrants must demonstrate an active involvement and a desire to be involved in the future and improvement of their Local Community.
- **General and Rural Knowledge (20 Points)** – Entrants must demonstrate a broad general knowledge and an awareness of Local/National Community issues. Entrant must also have an understanding of current affairs relating to rural life and industry.
- **Personality & Communication Skills (20 Points)** – Personality Traits consistent with both the awards and the entrant's ambitions and goals will be assessed (e.g. enthusiasm, creativity, confidence, leadership). Also, entrants are expected to demonstrate effective communication skills – written, oral and interpersonal.
- **Ambitions, Goals & Interests (15 Points)** - Each Entrants ambitions and goals will be assessed on their integrity and relevance to the award. Entrants must demonstrate steps towards achieving their goal.
- **Style, Grooming & Presentation (10 Points)** – Entrants presentation will be assessed according to the suitability of their attire and conduct in a range of contexts.
- **Conduct (10 Points)** – How the entrant behaves and demonstrates appropriate behaviour in each setting eg. being polite, well dressed and soft spoken.
- **Public Presentation (3-minute speech) (20 Points)** – Entrants public presentation will be assessed according to the quality of the content, delivery and the extent to which it addresses the set topic.

State Final Prizemoney

- **Winner:** \$3000.00 Prizemoney (includes travel to represent Victoria at the Nationals Finals) & VAS State Final Trophy
- **Runner Up:** \$1500.00 Prizemoney

Junior Show Ambassador Award

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Rules & Regulations - Junior Show Ambassador

- Open to ambassadors aged between 16 and 19 years on the day of their Local Show.
- Each Show can run a Junior Show Ambassador Show qualifier and the winner at Show Level then represents the Show at the Group Final.
- An ambassador having won at their Local Show Level is not eligible to enter any other Show or represent another group.
- The winner of the Group Final then represents the Group at the State Final, which is held at the annual VAS Convention.
- Each Finalist will be judged based on the criteria below.
- At the State Final the Finalists will need to provide a cover letter and resume that will be given to the judges.
- Each Finalist will be interviewed by a panel of three judges and the winner will be announced at the Convention Dinner.

Judging Criteria

- **Local Show Involvement (15 Points)** – Entrants must demonstrate an active involvement and a desire to be involved in the future and improvement of their Local Show Society.
- **Community Involvement (10 Points)** - Entrants must demonstrate an active involvement and a desire to be involved in the future and improvement of their Local Community.
- **General and Rural Knowledge (15 Points)** – Entrants must demonstrate a broad general knowledge and an awareness of Local/National Community issues. Entrant must also have an understanding of current affairs relating to rural life and industry.
- **Personality and Confidence (10 Points)** – Personality Traits consistent with both the awards and the entrant's ambitions and goals will be assessed (e.g. enthusiasm, creativity, confidence, leadership).
- **Ambitions/Goals (20 Points)** - Each Entrant's ambitions and goals will be assessed on their integrity and relevance to the awards. Entrants must demonstrate steps towards achieving their goal.
- **Communication Skills (20 Points)** – Entrants are expected to demonstrate effective communication skills – written, oral and interpersonal.
- **Presentation and Grooming (10 Points)** – Entrant's presentation will be assessed according to the suitability of their attire and conduct in a range of contexts.

State Final Prizemoney

- **Winner:** \$500.00 Prizemoney & VAS State Final Trophy
- **Runner Up:** \$250.00 Prizemoney
- **Finalist:** Each Group winner receives a travel allowance towards the cost of attending the State Final

Open to all fruit cake enthusiasts

Rules and Regulations

1. The entrant must follow the recipe and specifications provided below.
2. Each cake entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
3. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
4. The Rich Fruit Cake competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
5. An exhibitor having won at their local Show will bake another cake for the 2026 Group Final and then the winner of the Group Final will bake another cake for the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
6. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Rich Fruit Cake Competition at any other show until after the Group Final judging.
7. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
8. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
9. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.
10. The State Final prizes are:
 - First:** \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy
 - Second:** \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher
 - Third:** \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher

Recipe

Ingredients – Preferred 100% Australian Grown Produce

- 250g sultanas
- 250g chopped raisins
- 250g currants
- 125g chopped mixed peel
- 90g chopped red glace cherries
- 90g chopped blanched almonds
- 1/3 cup sherry or brandy
- 250g plain flour
- 60g self-raising flour
- 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 250g butter
- 250g soft brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon essence OR finely grated lemon rind
- 1/2 teaspoon almond essence
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 4 large eggs

Method

Cut the fruit & almonds into 3-4 pieces and mix together all the fruits and nuts and sprinkle with the sherry or brandy. Cover and leave for at least 1 hour, but preferably overnight.

Sift together the flours and spices. Cream together the butter and sugar with the essences. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition, and then alternately add the fruit and flour mixtures. Mix thoroughly. The mixture should be stiff enough to support a wooden spoon.

Place the mixture into a prepared tin **20 cm square, straight sided, square cornered tin** and bake in a slow oven for approximately 3½ - 4 hours. Allow the cake to cool in the tin.



Open to junior bakers under 18 years on the day of their Local Show

Rules and Regulations

1. The entrant must follow the recipe and specifications provided below.
2. The entrant must be under 18 years on the day of their local Show.
3. Each cake entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
4. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
5. The Junior Boiled Fruit Cake competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
6. An exhibitor having won at their Local Show will bake another cake for the 2026 Group Final and then the winner of the Group Final will bake another cake for the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
7. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Junior Boiled Fruit Cake Competition at any other show until after the Group Final judging.
8. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
9. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
10. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.
11. The State Final prizes are:
 - First:** \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy
 - Second:** \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher
 - Third:** \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher

Recipe

Ingredients - Preferred 100% Australian Grown Produce

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| • 375g mixed fruit | • ½ cup sherry |
| • ¾ cup brown sugar | • 2 eggs, lightly beaten |
| • 1 teaspoon mixed spice | • 2 tablespoons marmalade |
| • ½ cup water | • 1 cup self-raising flour |
| • 125g butter | • 1 cup plain flour |
| • ½ teaspoon bicarbonate soda | • ¼ teaspoon salt |

Method

Place the mixed fruit, sugar, spice, water and butter in a large saucepan and bring to the boil.

Simmer gently for 3 minutes, then remove from stove, add bicarbonate soda and allow to cool. Add the sherry, eggs and marmalade, mixing well.

Fold in the sifted dry ingredients then place in a greased and lined **20cm round cake tin.**

Bake in a moderately slow oven for 1.5 hours or until cooked when tested.



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Open to all carrot cake enthusiasts



Rules and Regulations

1. The entrant must follow the recipe and specifications provided below.
2. Each cake entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
3. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
4. The carrot cake competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
5. An exhibitor having won at their Local Show will bake another cake for the 2026 Group Final and then the winner of the Group Final will bake another cake for the 2026 State Final at the Annual VAS Ltd Convention.
6. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Carrot Cake Competition at any other show until after the Group Final judging.
7. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
8. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
9. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.
10. The State Final prizes are:

First: \$250.00 Prizemoney & VAS State Final Trophy

Second: \$100.00 Prizemoney

Third: \$50.00 Prizemoney

Recipe

Ingredients

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| • 375g plain flour | • 345g castor sugar |
| • 2tsp baking powder | • 350ml vegetable oil |
| • 1 ½ tsp bicarb soda | • 4 eggs |
| • 2tsp ground cinnamon | • 3 medium carrots, grated (350 grams) |
| • ½ tsp ground nutmeg | • 220g tin crushed pineapple, drained |
| • ½ tsp allspice | • 180g pecan nuts coarsely crushed |
| • Pinch of salt | |



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C (160C fan), Grease a 23cm (9 inch) round cake tin and line with baking paper.
2. Sift the dry ingredients together into a bowl. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs and oil, then add to the dry ingredients. Mix well then add the carrots, crushed pineapple and pecans. Mix to form a smooth batter and pour into the cake tin.
3. Bake for approximately 90 - 100 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes in the tin on a wire rack. Upend and allow to cool on the wire rack.

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Open to junior bakers under 18 years on the day
of their Local Show



Rules and Regulations

1. The entrant must follow the recipe and specifications provided below.
2. The entrant must be under 18 years on the day of their Local Show.
3. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
4. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
5. The Junior Carrot & Sultana Muffins competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
6. An exhibitor having won at their Local Show will bake another set of muffins for the 2026 Group Final and then the winner of the Group Final will bake another set of muffins for the 2026 State Final at Annual VAS Ltd Convention.
7. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Junior Carrot & Sultana Muffins Competition at any other show until after the Group Final judging.
8. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
9. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
10. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.
11. The State Final prizes are:

First: \$250.00 Prizemoney & VAS State Final Trophy

Second: \$100.00 Prizemoney

Third: \$50.00 Prizemoney

Recipe

Ingredients

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| • 2 ½ cups self-raising flour | • 1 tbsp orange marmalade |
| • 1 tsp ground cinnamon | • 1 cup canola oil |
| • ¼ tsp ground nutmeg | • 2 eggs, lightly beaten |
| • 1 cup brown sugar (firmly packed) | • ¾ cup orange juice |
| • 1/3 cup chopped in ½ Sultanas | • 1 cup reduced fat milk |
| • 1 cup coarsely grated carrot | |



Method

1. Pre-heat oven to 190C (moderately hot).
2. Line a 12-hole muffin pan with round paper muffin cases - Classic white muffin case size can vary between (30mm – 40mm Height x 70mm - 80mm Wide x 45mm – 55mm Base).
3. Sift dry ingredients into a large bowl, stir in sultanas and carrots. Then add the combined marmalade, oil, eggs, juice and milk. Mix until just combined.
4. Spoon mixture evenly into muffin paper cases in muffin pan.
5. Cook for 20 minutes. To test if muffins are cooked insert cake skewer, if it comes out clean the muffins are ready.
6. Stand muffins in pan for 5 minutes before removing to cool.
7. Show Entries: Four (4) muffins per paper plate.

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Rules and Regulations

1. **Tote Bag up to 30cm width x 40cm height maximum, gusset depth up to 20cm, using approximately 50% recycled components.**
2. Machine sewn & may be hand finished, embellishments allowed.
3. Knitted/Crocheted items not acceptable.
4. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
5. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
6. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
7. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
8. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
9. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Sewing Competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
10. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
11. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
12. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
13. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



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Rules and Regulations

1. **A 3D ITEM, NO LARGER THAN 50CMS ON ANY ONE SIDE MADE FROM PURE WOOL/ WOOL BLEND OR COTTON OF ANY PLY.**
2. Exhibitor to attach label from wool/cotton used.
3. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
4. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
5. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
6. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
7. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
8. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Crochet competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
9. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
10. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
11. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
12. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



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Rules and Regulations

1. **THE EXHIBIT IS TO BE NO LARGER THAN 90CM x 125CM.**
2. Machine/hand pieced and quilted by exhibitor only.
3. Minimal Embellishments. Small amount only, not to overpower patchwork.
4. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
5. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
6. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
7. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
8. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
9. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Patchwork competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
10. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
11. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
12. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
13. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



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Rules and Regulations

1. **A HAND KNITTED ITEM NOT MORE THAN 150CMS ON ANY ONE SIDE**
2. Knitted in one piece incorporating at least 5 different patterns.
3. Each exhibit must be made from pure wool/wool blend of any ply.
4. Exhibitor to attach label from wool used.
5. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
6. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
7. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
8. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
9. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
10. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Knitting competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
11. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
12. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
13. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
14. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



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Rules and Regulations

1. **THE EXHIBIT TO BE AN ARTICLE OF HAND EMBROIDERY ANY TYPE, EXCLUDING CROSS STITCH.**
2. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
3. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
4. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
5. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
6. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
7. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Embroidery competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
8. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
9. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
10. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
11. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



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Rules and Regulations

1. **THE EXHIBIT TO BE AN ARTICLE OF CROSS STITCH ANY TYPE UP TO 60CMS ON ALL SIDES INCLUDING FRAME. MINIMAL EMBELLISHMENTS ALLOWED.**
2. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
3. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
4. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
5. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
6. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
7. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Cross Stitch competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
8. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
9. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
10. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
11. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$300.00 Spotlight Voucher & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$150.00 Spotlight Voucher

Third Prize: \$50.00 Spotlight Voucher



This theme will be used for show seasons Spring/Autumn for the following years:
2025/26 & 2026/27

Rules and Regulations

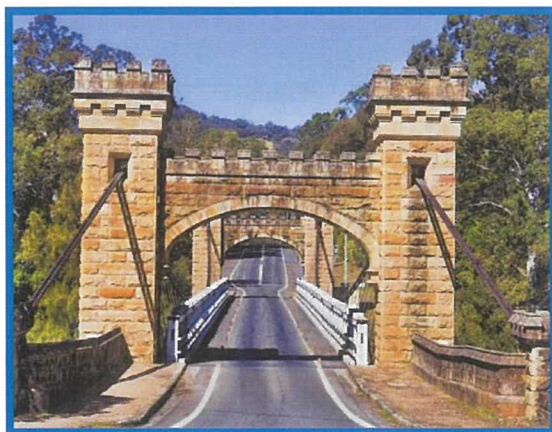
1. **ARCHITECTURE (Bridge, Building or Structure in Australia)**
2. Unframed.
3. Print no larger than 20cm by 30cm.
4. Must be mounted on thick card (mount no larger than 3cm).
5. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
6. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
7. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
8. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
9. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
10. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Photography competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
11. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
12. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
13. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
14. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$70.00 Prizemoney & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$20.00 Prizemoney

Third Prize: \$10.00 Prizemoney



This theme will be used for show seasons Spring/Autumn for the following years:
2025/26 & 2026/27

Rules and Regulations

1. **ARCHITECTURE (Bridge, Building or Structure in Australia).**
2. Exhibitors to be aged under 18 years on the day of their Local Show.
3. Unframed.
4. Print no larger than 20cm by 30cm.
5. Must be mounted on thick card (mount no larger than 3cm).
6. **Professionals are not eligible**, which is defined as someone that works professionally or derives the greater percentage of their income in that craft, art form or technique.
7. Each exhibit entered must be the bona fide work of the exhibitor.
8. All work is to have been completed in the last twelve (12) months prior to its entry at a local Show.
9. The competition follows the three levels of competition: Show Level, Group Level and State Level.
10. An exhibit having won at a Show will compete at the 2026 Group Final. The winning exhibit at the Group Final will then compete in the State Final at the 2026 Melbourne Royal Show.
11. An exhibitor having won at Show Level is not eligible to enter the VAS Junior Photography competition at any other Show until after the Group Final judging.
12. An exhibitor is only eligible to represent one Group in the State Final.
13. If for any reason a winner is unable to compete at Group or State Final Level, then the second placegetter is eligible to compete.
14. An exhibit having won at State Final is no longer eligible to compete in the competition.
15. If an exhibitor is found to have won more than one Group Final the exhibitor must forfeit/refund all prizes and will be disqualified from exhibiting for 12 months.

State Final Prizes:

First Prize: \$30.00 Prizemoney & VAS State Final Trophy

Second Prize: \$15.00 Prizemoney

Third Prize: \$10.00 Prizemoney

