



Sydney Welcomes

The 12th Australian International Shell Show
11th-12th February 2017
(Dealer & competitor setup and judging on 10th)

Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club
30-38 Ethel Street, Seaforth NSW 2092

Presented by

The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Incorporated - 1401706

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Letter from the President:

Welcome to Sydney for the 12th Australian International Shell Show to be held at Seaforth on 10th to 12th February 2017. The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Incorporated is dedicated to fostering the study and appreciation of sea shells, fresh water shells, land shells, and fossil shells. Malacology and Conchology have a long history in Australia, supported by a group of dedicated enthusiasts. In February 2017 it will not be simply the pleasure of renewing acquaintances from interstate and overseas, but also the pleasure that will be experienced from viewing some of the world's most beautiful and rare shells.

This exhibition presents an opportunity for collectors and researchers to swap or buy those hard to come by specimens. For collectors just beginning, you will have the opportunity to expand your collection.

On behalf of the Committee and our members, I take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to meeting you in February 2017.

Steve Dean, President

Venue:

Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club
30-38 Ethel Street, Seaforth NSW 2092
(02) 9949 5477

The RSL's top floor is exclusively for the Shell Show for the three days, and for the Saturday Awards Dinner and Sunday farewell BBQ. The auction, presentations, and shell market (buy/swap/sell) will also be on this floor.

There is a lift from basement car park to foyer. Then a second lift to top floor.

The venue is located 12kms from the CBD, 4km from the famous Manly Beach, and 23kms from Sydney Airport. If you feel the need to do some shopping Seaforth suburban shopping centre is just out the door. A large suburban Mall (Warringah Mall) 6km away, and at Manly for tourist food and souvenir shops.

Transport:

From Manly Wharf: Hop Skip Jump Bus is Free. Also government buses route 144, (else 140, 135). Taxi \$15. Evenings Balgowlah RSL bus is free and will drop/pick up from your hotels in Manly and elsewhere.

From City: Bus routes from Wynyard stop at Seaforth Shops (Venue is near the shops) or nearby in Sydney Rd. For a scenic route catch a ferry from the city to Manly Wharf, then bus or taxi from there.

From Narrabeen Caravan Park: Many bus routes stop at Seaforth Shops. More choices if you change at Warringah Mall. Alternative Caravan Park is at Lane Cove but you need a car.

Accommodation

Manly is a tourist destination with a lot of accommodation ranging from back packers through to 5 star beach or harbour front hotels only 5km from the venue. The closest Caravan Park is at North Narrabeen, 14km away. They have cabins and dormitories for groups. There is a Travelodge –Travelodge Manly, is 5km away along the main beaches bus route at Brookvale, but is not near to beaches or Manly.

Motels are located along the Pacific Highway (Chatswood, Artarmon, etc and at Terry Hills) Sydney city centre has all styles of accommodation, but is further away.

Competition Display Boxes:

You may already have the standard display boxes and clear lids from previous exhibitions. Please arrange to bring these with you for your entries. For this exhibition we can rent display boxes to you. These will be the same as previous shows, including some of the attractive boxes used at the Brisbane National in 2016 (60cm x 37cm x approx. 10cm). Exhibitors can make height adjustments by adding false bottoms for best display of smaller shells. Adding a cardboard sheet insert to colour the base of the box under the shells is a good idea.

All competitive displays are to be in landscape orientation, *not* portrait. That is to say, the box will be presented with the longest side (60cm) facing towards the edge of the table and the viewer, and the labels and shells set to be viewed from this direction.

If you are bringing your own display boxes, you are requested to ensure that the box/case dimensions do not exceed 60cm x 37cm. Note for smaller width boxes the maximum depth is still 37cm. A very small box could optionally be set in portrait orientation, provided the long axis was then less than 37cm

Variation to Standard Display Boxes :

Some exhibitors have expressed a desire to take up more space so they can include larger specimens. Here are the choices:

- a) There is no height restriction on exhibit boxes to accommodate tall specimens provided it can be judged and viewed from eye height. On each table there will be a front and back row in each category. We will place tallest boxes in the back row.
- b) You can use an additional box to double the display area for a single exhibit. Both boxes must still be in landscape orientation, that is side by side with their short sides touching, not one behind the other. (The result is up to 120cm along the front, and 37cm deep. For educational exhibit up to three boxes - 180cm along)

If you exceed the maximums your entry may not be judged.

Australian Quarantine & Customs requirements:

International visitors are strongly advised to declare all animal products, such as shells, being brought into Australia. If you bring in shells containing insects or maggots, uncleaned shells, material collected in areas identified with foot-and-mouth disease risk, and Giant African land-snail shells, may result in ALL your shells being confiscated at customs.

Competition Entries:

Delegate registration is required by 30 December 2016. Payment in full must accompany competition entries. Refer to attached Registration Form, and Competition Categories. Setting up will be between 2:30pm and 5:00pm on Friday 10th February 2017, with shell of the show cabinet open only at 5pm Friday is only for competitors and dealers to set up. There is NO shell sales or swapping at the venue on Friday!! The rest of the delegates, and the public, and non-delegates are not in attendance. Breaches may result in complete entries not being judged and expulsion for the remainder of the show.

Awards Dinner and Closing BBQ :

Both of these functions are highly recommended. At the awards dinner you will have the opportunity to socialise with the competition Judges, the dealers and our Committee. If you win a perpetual trophy you can take it home for 2 years then return it to the next national exhibition committee, or leave it with our committee to forward for the next National exhibition.

Other Activities, Field Trips:

Apart from those described in the programme no other formal activities have been arranged. However if you desire collecting information, or to tag along if our members are out collecting, please contact us.

Delegate Shell Market:

Delegates who wish to sell some shells can order a market table area for two hours on Sunday for \$25.00 per space to display your stocks. (Probably half of a circular table). Please indicate number of spaces required on the Shell Show Registration form. All show attendees can buy at the market. Only Delegates are entitled to book table space to sell or swap shells. Breaches will result in expulsion from the show.

Judging and notes for specific categories:

The rules summary is included in this document. Full rules on our web site close to show time.

Dealer Space:

A dealer space will cost \$100.00 per table for the entire show. There will be limited tables available and they may all be taken well before the delegate registration cut-off date. Dealers are advised to register much earlier than the Delegate cut-off. A table space measures 1.8m x 0.75m. There will not be raffles or auctions so you will not have to donate any shells. However donations of old books for our book auction are welcome. THERE IS NO BUYING OR SELLING OR SWAPPING AT THE SHOW VENUE ON THE FRIDAY. (i.e. THE WHOLE OF THE UPSTAIRS AREAS)

Competition Exhibit set up and Judging:

Exhibit and dealer set-up MUST be completed by 5pm Friday 10/3/17 Judging will commence Friday starting at 6.00pm. (Afterwards there will be a short get together for Judges, Dealers, Committee, and anyone else around at the time, with finger food).

Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to be a judge, if possible along with the categories you would like to judge. However there is no guarantee that you will be judging at all, or allotted the categories nominated, as we strive for a mix of judges from multiple states and from the overseas dealers.

Security:

Judging will in general be 'closed box.' i.e. done without opening the display boxes.

We will endeavour to have Shell of the Show and Favourite Spectacular Shell in a sealed cabinet. Judges will view from outside cabinet. You will need to present with your specimens for these categories at precisely 5pm Friday when specimens will be deposited and the cabinet then locked.

Choosing specimens for maximum scores:

Judges are instructed to give higher scores to exhibits that include maximum variety of Genus, Species and/or Family, as appropriate to the category. (e.g. in a Volutidae category if you included multiple subspecies or forms of *Cymbiola pulchra* this would LOWER your score). However it is not necessary to strive for equal numbers of each Genus. Variety of Genera might equate to half a point in the judges scoring to differentiate otherwise tied scores. For best score it is also important to strive for maximum variety of collected locality and terrain of exhibited specimens.

For some categories judges and exhibitors could interpret differently what Genera are to be included. For the purpose of this show, the included Genus, Sub-Genus and/or Families are as per Australian Marine Shells Part. 1&2, Barry Wilson, and Bivalves of Australia Vol 1&2 Lamprell/Whitehead, Lamprell/Healy. For worldwide Families not included in these books, then the Compendium of Seashells Abbott & Dance, or Encyclopedia of Marine Gastropods Alain Robin, may provide guidance. Some families are subject to regular revision into sub-families and Genus, and some species into sub-species. In these instances judges should accept the well-known synonyms (i.e. used throughout the literature) as valid. EG using a name such as *Cypraea xyz* or *Conidae xyz* rather than the new more detailed specific Genus within these Families.

Program (All activities are in the Balgowlah RSL, top floor)

Friday 10th February 2017

2.30pm – 5.00pm

Exhibitor and dealer set-up. Exhibit set up must be completed by 5.00pm so the hall can be prepared for Judging. If you are found to be buying, selling or swapping shells at the venue upstairs on Friday we may expel you from the whole show.

5.00pm – 5.10pm

Placing category #1 and #2 into the cabinet then locking it

5.45pm – 8.30pm

Judging followed by Judges thank you and finger food for all.

Saturday 11th February 2017

10.00am

Club opens for sign in. Shell room doors open about 10min later

11.30am – 12.30pm

Shell identification

2.00pm

Guest speaker program (30 minute talks 2pm, 2.45pm and 3.30pm).

4:30pm

Book Auction

5.30pm

Close Main Hall

5.35pm

State convenors meeting to discuss next two national shows

7.00pm

Conference Awards Dinner.

Sunday 12th February 2017

10.00am

Club opens and admission of Public

11.00am – 1.00pm

Delegate Shell Market

This is the opportunity for **registered delegates** to sell some shells.

3.30pm – 4.00pm

Shell identification.

4.00pm

Close to public. Collect shell of show entries.

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Pack up dealers & competition exhibits. Shell of show open 4.15pm

5.00pm onwards for 6.30pm

Wind down social. Barbecue food served at 6.30pm

What is included:

Registration Type:	Entitled to register for:
Full Delegate \$25/\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry into competition exhibits • Buying, selling and swapping activities • Attendance Sat and Sun • Attend Friday if exhibiting and/or judging • Delegate Shell Market table space
Day Visitor \$5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry to show for one day (Sat or Sun) • Buy shells and books, but not swap or sell • Buy books at the Book Auction
Show Dinner and presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner on Saturday
Barbecue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbecue wind down dinner on Sunday
Dealer with dealer table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setup on Friday, but not selling • Buying, selling and swapping Sat and Sun

Shell Show Competition Rules Summary and Notes

International Shell Show 2017

When the show gets closer a more detailed set of rules, and the judges guide lines will most likely be posted on our web site www.sydneyshellclub.net (in the Calendar section).

Below are the important points:

1. Competitive entry is open to exhibitors who have registered by submitting a completed registration form and paid the applicable delegate registration fees. This includes as many competitive displays as you want in categories 3-22 and 24
2. The total number of entries in “shell of the show” plus “wow factor” is limited to a number equal or less than the total number of entries you have in categories 3-22 and 24. These entries cannot form part of your competitive entries in other categories. There has been a trend where long term collectors mainly exhibit in categories 1 and 2. Newer collectors then never get to see the wonderful displays of these collectors, and the shells in category 1 & 2 get cluttered in the small secure display case available. Some shows now require shell of the show to be a specimen forming part of the general complete displays. We prefer them to remain separate.
3. After the registration closing date competitive entries may not be accepted.
4. As much as possible judging will be closed box.
5. When your competitive displays are set up, you will need to contact our staff (based at the registration desk) and get number stickers attached to each display for anonymous judging. Our staff will enter your name and the number on a separate sheet not seen by the judges. Judging sheets refer to the number on each display, not the owners’ name. Do not write your name on or in your displays.
6. The maximum size for a display box is 61cm x 38cm with no height restrictions.
7. Due to table size limitations box orientation is 61cm along the front by 38cm deep as viewed by judges and spectators. i.e. not ‘Portrait’ orientation. Shells and labels should be set to suit this orientation. If a display box is smaller it must be no more than 38cm deep. Non-complying boxes will not be judged.
8. For Shell of the Show and Wow Factor single specimens we have one glass cabinet for display. If all specimens do not fit, then larger ones may be outside the cabinet
9. To allow for large specimens it is possible to have a box with a high lid. Or if indicated on your registration form a double display space with two boxes next to each other as one display. Boxes next to each other must be side by side with the short sides touching, not one behind the other, so that the maximum depth still remains at 370mm.
10. To compete you must register as a delegate, or be a member of your family delegate registration
11. There is no limit on the number of entries in categories 3-22 and 24 and/or 3a, 7a, 9a. Only children 14 and younger can enter in the children categories 3a, 7a and 9a (Although we will try to accommodate all children even if a little older)
12. In general we try to ensure all children who compete get a trophy. Children can go in any category not just the three listed as “children only” and will be judged separately to the adults. (In category 1 and 2 they will NOT be judged separately). If we know in advance of the show then we can get the additional junior trophies sorted for categories 3-22 and 24. Of course if there are multiple children in a category then only one can win that category and get the trophy. Second and third get certificates as per all other categories.
13. For shell of show, if you family had a total of six exhibits in the normal categories 3-24 and 3a, 7a, 9a then the family could have a total of six entries in Shell of show or Wow – but not necessarily the same family members.
14. All entries may optionally be titled, and should be titled where it is necessary to indicate the content of an entry.

15. Clarification relating to ID must be directed and resolved by the Shell Show Manager prior to the start of judging
16. Categories for worldwide (WW) localities need not include Australian specimens.
17. Categories for shells collected in Australia or NZ must include species that have as wide a geographical distribution as possible.
18. Muricidae, due to the large number of SubFamilies and Genera within this Family there is no requirement to seek diversity of Genus, only species. In fact judges could well favour exhibits with a predominance of subfamily Muricinae, specifically the attractive spined or frilled species.
19. Haliotidae, with several shells up, several down, they are not in pairs of one species, all shells in the display should be different species.
20. Identification labels must accompany shells and other exhibits and must include as a minimum: genus, species, author- date, and locality data. Family sub-specific identification may be added where appropriate.
21. For most categories judging points are to be allocated as follows:
 - 50% for quality – points deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed.
 - 20% for high degree of variety as appropriate to the category, e.g. range of species, range in size, range in locality and range of colours and shape.
 - 20% for presentation, i.e. layout, attractiveness, labels.
 - 10% for number of specimens and labelling, i.e. accuracy and completeness of information (hand written labels are acceptable). (Also display box size)
22. For categories with only one specimen judging is primarily on quality.
23. Rarity or dollar value of specimens should not influence scoring. There is no portion of the score that relates to rarity. However in the event of two entrants ending up with identical total scores, judges may adjust final scores to give preference to the entry with rarer shells.
24. Shell of the Show is primarily judged for quality of shell and labelling. In the event there are a lot of bivalves then judges may be instructed to select best Bivalve and separately best Gastropod with two first places then awarded
25. Shell with “Wow Factor” is your favourite spectacular shell. It will primarily be judged for its general appeal to non-shell collectors, not for technical quality or maturity. Makes people go WOW
26. Any post judging disputes must be directed to the Shell Show Manager after completion of judging Friday night and before midday Saturday.
27. Judging worksheets will be made available to exhibitors to read on request, as a means of providing feedback on quality etc. of display, and to provide guidance for future shows. Judges are encouraged to add notes
28. Entries must be set up in accordance with the Shell Club’s instructions and all exhibits must remain on display until the end of the show (4pm Sunday).
29. The Shell Club of Sydney, through its members, agents or guests, will not be responsible for any breakage, loss, theft or any other damage of whatsoever nature to shells or any other materials exhibited for the duration of the Australian International Shell Show.
30. It is a condition of taking a table or entering the competition that all registrants accept and agree to abide by the full set of Shell Show Rules (see web site).
31. If something is still unclear, please contact members of the committee as soon as possible, or check for updates on our web site www.sydneyshellclub.net in case someone else has asked the question and we have since posted the answer.

12th International Shell Show 2017 - Competition Categories

No	Category	Location	# Specimens	Notes for judges
1	Shell of the Show	Any Location	1	Any size
2	Shell with WOW Factor	Any Location	1	Any size
3	Cypraeidae Worldwide	World Wide	20 max	Any size, if all large species then less than 20 is OK
4	Cypraeidae found in Australia	Australia	20 max	Any size (Not to include Zoila)
5	Umbilia	Australia	15 max	Minimum 5 different species or subspecies
6	Zoila	Australia	20	Multiple subspecies allowed
7	Conidae Worldwide	World Wide	20 max	Any size, if all large species then less than 20 is OK
8	Conidae Australia	Australia	20 max	Any size, if all large species then less than 20 is OK
9	Volutidae Worldwide	World Wide	15	Any size
10	Volutidae Australia/NZ	Australia/NZ	15	Does not need both Australian and NZ species
11	Variation of one Volutidae species	Any Location	15	Variation can be colour, shape and/or subspecies
12	Muricidae Worldwide	Any Location	16 max	Any size, if all large species then less than 16 is OK
13	Olividae Worldwide	World Wide	20	None
14	Harpidae / Austroharpa / Morums	World Wide	15	Must include at least 5 Morums. Austroharpa not essential
15	Cassidae	Any Location	15	Up to two display box widths allowed. Judging is closed box.
16	Strombidae and/or Lambis	Any Location	15 to 20	Up to two display box widths allowed. Judging is closed box.
17	One Locality in Australia or NZ	Australia/NZ	20	Up to 50km radius. Larger single locality radius allowed for ocean trawled
18	Haliotidae, half up, half down	Any Location	14 max	All different i.e. 14 species, approximately half up half down
19	Shells found only in Aust. &/or NZ	Australia &/or NZ	15	Gastropoda and/or Bivalva - cannot be found outside Aust. or NZ
20	Favourite Family - Other	Any Location	20 max	Families and/or genus other than those already a category
21	Other Marine Life	Any Location	10 to 20	Labelling may be simpler than for shells. Quantity to fill box
22	Educational Exhibit	Any Location	-	Up to three box footprints, Landscape
23	Most exhibits in show	-	-	From an individual
24	Photographs of shells with animal	Any Location	Judged individually	One or more shells in situ with animal exposed
3a	Cypraeidae WW- Children only	World Wide	20 max	Any size
7a	Conidae WW – Children only	World Wide	20 max	Any size
9a	Volutidae WW – Children only	World Wide	15	Any size, no loss of mark if all from one country

THE SYDNEY SHELL COLLECTORS CLUB INC 1401706

Delegate Registration Form

12th Australian International Shell Show
11th - 12th February 2017 (Dealer/competitor setup & judging 10th)

REGISTRATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY 30th December 2016

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Postcode _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Contact information while in Sydney _____

Note: Acknowledgements/receipts will be sent by email.

Phone _____

REGISTRATION FEES:	Qty	Cost
\$25.00 Single registration. Includes entry to the show as many times as you want, attend Sunday Shell Market, the auction, and any talks. Includes multiple exhibits in the competition categories if you desire.		
\$35.00 Family registration (2 adults plus your own children aged 14 years and under). Includes multiple exhibits in the competition categories by any or all family members, if you desire.		
Registering to exhibit in the following category numbers (3 to 24) list categories and how many exhibits in each category. Indicate if an exhibit needs a double footprint:		\$0
Number of "Shell of Show" and/or "Wow Factor" entries. Note this number must be equal to or less than the total number of exhibits you have in categories 3-22 and 24		\$0
Rent our national competition display boxes and lids for duration of show? \$5 each		
Do you want a table area in the Sunday Delegate Shell Market? Cost \$25.00 per table section. (probably half a circular table)		
Attending Saturday night Shell Show Awards Dinner \$50 per person Any dietary limitations:		
Attending Sunday early evening wind down Farewell Barbecue \$30 per person		
Do you require a dealer table? Cost \$100 per table; (get in early)		
If suitably qualified can you offer your services as a judge? Preferred categories:		
Payment options: Cheque - Made out to SYDNEY SHELL COLLECTORS CLUB INC. or Direct Deposit - Commonwealth Bank BSB 062517 Account Number 11155080 (Include your name as reference). Indicated date direct deposit was made:		
TOTAL PAYMENT (In Australian Dollars)		

Refer to website www.sydneyshellclub.net for full competition rules or shellshow@sydneyshellclub.net

Financial outlay to match registration numbers is well in advanced, so there are no refunds.

Registration and payment to: "Sydney Shell Collectors Club Inc"

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