



NARRANDERA 2007: Full Steam Ahead

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YOU WILL now be well aware that Cavy West is hosting the National Show in 2007. We have a busy team working hard to try to freshen up the National with a bit of a makeover. This is to try to bring back a lot of the atmosphere that seems to have disappeared from recent Nationals. To most people that have been regular attendees to the National Show it is this atmosphere that sets the National apart from other cavy shows.

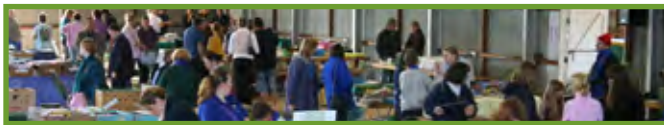
To try to bring back some of this atmosphere we are planning a few changes. Our main project for 2007 is to add a trade section. One of the interesting things about past Nationals was the wide range of cavy products that exhibitors used to bring. We would like you and your products and the interest they add to come back to the show to sell to other fanciers. The arrangements will be a little more formal than in the past as we will be setting aside an area for this. But it will make you and your products much more visible and the show much more interesting, so please start work on your Cavy related enterprises now! We understand of course that you will also have cavies to present. Space permitting we hope to put the trade section on the stage and those with trade

displays will have their trestles set up so they can easily be seen from the stage. Garry Johnston has agreed to marshal the trade area, so when you need to present cavies your display will be in the best hands in the business.

Hopefully by now you will have received or downloaded an exhibitor's pack. If you don't have one please **download one from here** or contact Liz Hart at klhart@westnet.com.au or phone Liz on (08) 9881 2163 and she will email or post you one. The entry packs are one of WA's innovations and quite frankly we have been absolutely flattered by your feedback. Among other things these will give fanciers the opportunity to directly sponsor classes at the show. Of course you don't need to purchase an exhibitors' pack to be able to sponsor a class. The biggest response we have at the time of writing this have been the take up of supporters packs. The people who are not exhibiting are clamoring to get first chance at sponsoring their favourite breed. We have also received a number of in kind donations to sponsor classes and these are also most welcome.

We have engaged three of the most experienced fanciers in the country to judge the show. Vern Claypole from WA started in the fancy in the 1960's while still living in the UK. While it will be Vern's first National he brings a wealth of experience to the table. We also have Ken Peddersen from Victoria and Sarina McLean from NSW. While they need no introduction it might be worth noting that you won't have to beat their cavies this year, so there's a good

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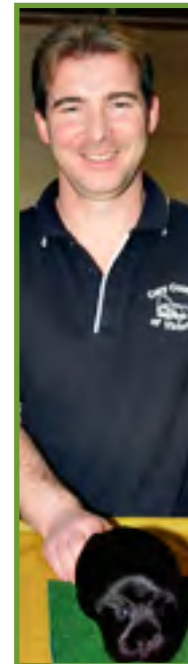
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National Show, 2006. Judges for 2007 National Show: Vern Claypole (©Liz Hart), Ken Peddersen & Sarina McLean. Other photos ©Paul Livingston.

FROM THE EDITOR

NATIONAL CAVY SHOW: High point of the cavy calendar

18 August, Narrandera NSW, hosted by Cavy West

JO LIVINGSTON, CANBERRY CAVIES, NSW
THIS ANNUAL event is not to be missed by any confessed 'cavyholic' – whether you go as a serious exhibitor with a large or small number of entries; as a Novice (if this is your first year showing at the National); or as an interested observer. There are ample opportunities to meet other cavy enthusiasts, make new friends, buy new stock, sell or trade animals, buy cavy products, swap ideas, take photos, see (or buy!) some breeds not available in your area; watch your favourite breeds being judged, etc. This is Australia's Premiere Cavy Show and the high point of the Show Calendar. It is attended by ANCC members from all over Australia. This one day show is held on a Saturday, with many people travelling to Narrandera on the Thursday or Friday and returning home (often with lots of new pigs and cages and this and that; and with lots of new contact details for other like minded enthusiasts) on the Sunday.

Last year there were 62 breeds represented with just under 350 cavies entered by 48 exhibitors from all states/territories except NT. This year will be the 34th year the National has been held. Narrandera has been the venue since 1980. In 1979 it was held in Hay (NSW), with Cobram (Vic) hosting it the previous 2 years and before that, in 1974 and 1975, it was held in the National Capital.

Some History

Over the years, many breeds have been distinguished by winning **BIS** and **RIS**. Broken up by groups, in the **Marked Group**, a Black Himalayan won back in 1975 and the only **Coarse Coat**, a Rex, won in 2001. The only **Satin** to ever win was a PEW boar, in 2004. 3 **Crested Selves** (2 Black and 1 PEW) and 6 **Ticked** pigs were BIS – all of them Golden Agouti! 8 **Longhairs** of various breeds (3 Texels, 2 Peruvian, 2 Shelties and 1 Coronet) and the **Self Group** has been responsible for snagging BIS 13 times with PEWs taking 6, Blacks 5 and DEW and Reds 1 each.

Victoria has been the home state for 15 BIS winners, **NSW** 10, **Queensland** 7 and **Tasmania** 2 (Peter and Bronwyn Dodge both times with a Self Black – most recently Lonsdale Dark Diva in 2006 – see photo, right). The only time the BIS and RIS was won by the same person was when Nicole Johnson (NSW) won with Gr CH Bivoir Gilded Lily (Self DEW) and Dbl Gr CH Bivoir Sophtaz Silk (Crested DEW), 2005. That was also the first time both winners were bred by their exhibitors.

I'm sure more history will be made in 2007, so be sure to get your entries in on time! You've got to be in it to win it!

Judges

Mr Vern Claypole, Phylvern Stud, WA; Mr Ken Peddersen, Eramosa Stud, Vic; Ms Sarina McLean, Sathra Stud, NSW and Mr Robert Brown, Dunvegan Stud, Vic in reserve [facing page].

Junior Exhibitor and Novice Exhibitor judge: Mr Glenn Macey, Victoria Stud, WA.

Accommodation

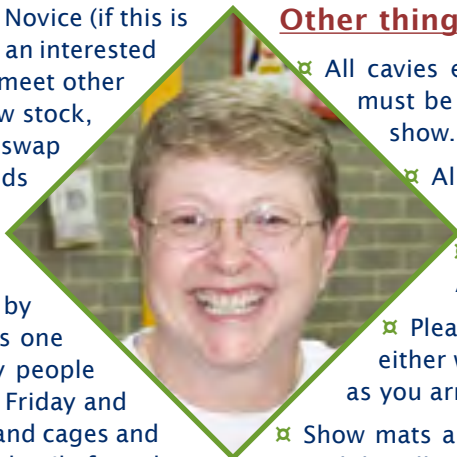
Readily available in Narrandera and many are 'Cavy Friendly' for cavy fanciers to stay. For details contact the Narrandera Tourist Information Centre on 1 800 672 392 (free call). Or visit their website: <http://www.narrandera.nsw.gov.au/>.

Dinner and Award Presentation

A buffet dinner will be held after the show. You book for this with your entry.

Other things you should know

- ✘ All cavies entered for exhibition at the National Show must be six months of age or over on the day of the show.
- ✘ All cavies exhibited at the National Show must be entire.
- ✘ All exhibitors must be members of an ANCC affiliated club.
- ✘ Please advise of scratchings as soon as possible; either when you pick up your entry pack or as soon as you arrive in Narrandera on 0437 416 127.
- ✘ Show mats are provided by the ANCC and must be used to exhibit all entries except Longhairs. Longhair exhibitors must provide their own show boards. Show mats must be pre-booked with your entries.
- ✘ Stewards will be available on the day to help those exhibitors who might be called up to more than one table at a time.
- ✘ Please volunteer to help steward if you can.
- ✘ All cavy products for sale will be on sale only in a designated Trade Area. The area will be marshalled to ensure security.
- ✘ This year entries will be organised in a new way. There are 3 kinds of Exhibitors' Packs as well as the General Entry and Supporter only pack.
- ✘ Cavies aged 6–9 months of age will have their own (Intermediate) class and will be eligible to compete for Best and Reserve of Breed, with the Adults. **A**



Peter Dodge accepting BIS trophy from judges Narelle Schneider, Miranda Stud, Qld and Cory Haugh, Glengrove Stud, Vic. The third judge, Linda Harmon, Durham Stud, NZ, was absent from the photo due to illness Photo ©Paul Livingston.

STATE NEWS

TASMANIA

FIONA RANSLEY, BUNRATTY STUD, TAS
STATE SECRETARY

FROM THE May show we will be giving away a Cavy Care Showbag to all 'new' exhibitors in the pet classes. We are doing this to encourage more interest in the club and hopefully some new members. The pack will include care sheets, breed sheets and some samples of bedding and food etc.

We are also focusing on fundraising for the rest of the year and will be starting to sell gifts, books, etc. and the club will receive 20% in commission.

Preparations for the Royal Hobart Show are well under way and we will be announcing our judge very soon.

We are also currently undertaking an extensive sponsorship-seeking mission. As I have a marketing background I am approaching lots of different suppliers to sponsor the club. We have wine prizes for our next show from Roberts Estate Wines and have Cadbury Milk Tray Packs for our State Championship Show in June. **A**



reason to make sure you get there. Just in case we get the very large entry that we hope for we have Robert Brown as reserve. There's another incentive to make it a big entry; if you do you won't have to beat Robert either.

Don't forget there is now a sub-class just for 6-9 month old cavies in each class. This will give an opportunity to all of those younger cavies that have been eligible to show but didn't come along because they were not quite up to the standard of the more mature entries. This could be their year as they now have their own classes. They will also get to compete for Best and Reserve Intermediate in Group and Best and Reserve Intermediate in Show. We certainly hope you support this new age group by presenting our judges with some quality youngsters.

We have a busy team working hard on preparing for the show. Pam Orr and Liz Hart are in charge of the administration of the show. They have worked hard preparing the entry pack as well as planning all of the technical details in running the show. They are now taking breath as they eagerly anticipate receiving your entries. That ball is now in your court and we can't wait to see you all in Narrandera in August. **A**



'get to know: Ken Hart'

KEN GOT his first cavies in 1971 and judged his first show in 1974. He took a break from the fancy between 1981-1986 and recommenced judging in 1988.

At present he and Liz breed Self Black and Chocolate, Red Dutch and Silver Agouti. They are also having a dabble with Chocolate and Cinnamon Agouti.

Ken seems to be a collector of hats and can be seen wearing those of Chairman of the ANCC; member of the Standards Review Panel; member of the ANCC Review Sub Committee and Convenor of the 2007-08 National Shows. He has also recently had an old hat thrust back in his hands as he is again President (acting) of Cavy West.

Ken and Liz also have a small stud of Wiltshire Horn sheep in partnership with fellow West Australian fanciers Danny and Pam Orr.

Ken is aiming to complete his PhD early in 2008. His thesis is on ewe temperament and its implications with lamb mortality. He is eagerly anticipating getting back to the relative tranquillity of full time employment - for a bit of a rest. **A**



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