



Sydney Welcomes

The 15th Australian National Shell Show

20th – 21st August 2022

(Dealer & competitor setup and judging on 19th)

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

Presented by

The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Incorporated - 1401706

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Message from the Shell Show Manager:

Welcome to Sydney for the 15th Australian National Shell Show held at Seaforth on 19th to 21st August 2022.

The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Incorporated is dedicated to fostering the study and appreciation of seashells, freshwater shells, land shells, and fossil shells. Malacology and Conchology have a long history in Australia, supported by a group of dedicated enthusiasts.

In August 2022 it will be the pleasure of renewing acquaintances and gaining new friends from interstate and overseas, and 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 newer collectors you will have the opportunity to significantly expand your collection.

I hope the broad competition category descriptions allow everyone to show off something new from their collections for us all to enjoy.

A bold statement: We are not expecting Covid to limit our show. As at the end of 2021 most Australians were double vaccinated for Covid. In NSW over 95% of 16y +; 90% of 12-15y were double vaccinated, and we were well into our booster program. 5-11Y start vaccinations January 2022. The goal is to keep on top of vaccinations to reduce spread. This way minimal or no restrictions are required for travel to Australia, to NSW, and during all events.

On behalf of the Show Committee and our Shell Club Members, I take this opportunity to say how much we are looking forward to meeting you in August 2022.

Steve Dean,
Shell Show Manager, and president of The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Inc.

Venue:

Balgowlah RSL Memorial Club
30-38 Ethel Street, Seaforth NSW 2092
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The Shell Show will all be conducted on the top floor of the RSL for the three days, including, competitions area, dealers, shell market (buy/swap/sell), book auction, Saturday awards dinner and Sunday farewell sausage sizzle.

There is a lift from basement car park to foyer. Then a second lift to top floor, after sign in.

The venue is airconditioned, handicap friendly and has parking and eating areas, as well as alcohol and gambling. It is located 12kms from the CBD, 6km 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 doors. A large suburban Mall (Warringah Mall) is 6km away, and Manly Beaches has tourist food and souvenir shops.

Transport:

From Manly Wharf: Hop Skip Jump Bus is Free. Also government buses 9min \$4. Taxi \$18, 6 min. Walk 1.1hr 6km. Evenings Balgowlah RSL bus is free and will drop/pick up from your hotels in Manly and elsewhere.

From City: Some bus routes from Wynyard stop at Seaforth Shops (Venue is near the shops) or through busses nearby in Sydney Rd. 30min. Taxi 13 min. Drive 13 min, non-peak. 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. An 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 6km 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 Norther Beaches bus route at Brookvale, but is not near to beaches or Manly.(car preferred) Additional motels are located along the Pacific Highway (Chatswood, Artarmon, etc and at Terry Hills). Sydney down-town city area has all styles of accommodation but is further away. Note August is a relatively cold time of year in Sydney. Not for beach sunbaking.

Competition Display Sizes:

Traditionally there has been a standard box footprint, 60cm x 37cm in landscape orientation. This allows 6 displays per table with minimal overhang.

For this show you are allowed to have larger footprint single exhibits where this enhances your entry. You are encouraged to include more shells and/or larger shells to make for more complete exhibits. Each category lists the minimum number of specimens. There is no maximum. This allows you to display more of your shells not seen at previous National's and should create exciting displays for the public and delegates.

We have finite total table space so there is still a maximum footprint: Single double or quadruple footprint space is possible. Single is up to 60cm frontage x 37cm deep. Double is up to 60cm frontage x 74cm deep. Quad space is up to 120cm frontage x 74cm deep. Exhibits can be smaller and any shape as long as they fit within one of these boundaries. No larger, or exhibits would hang off tables. There are no height restrictions, within reason.

There is no practical way for us to eyeball every box for the duration of the show for security. It is your responsibility to provide your own display boxes that include clear protective coverings. For larger footprints you may opt for multiple standard boxes for a single display to save on making large custom boxes

We will need to know the footprint of each of your displays in advance of the show so that we can correctly layout the hall tables. Please provide this with your registration, or soon after.

If you exceed the maximums, then your exhibit won't fit on tables with other competitors and may not be judged.

For single shell categories like "shell of the show" we have tall thin locked glass cabinets. Very large shells may have to sit outside the cabinets, so we prefer medium to small species.

Australian Quarantine & Customs requirements:

International visitors must declare all animal products and shells being brought to Australia. There is no problems as long as they are clean (contain no plants, seeds, fungus or insects) Make sure shells are properly cleaned & meet CITES & any other import restrictions (e.g. no Giant African land-snail shells).

Competition Entries:

Delegate registrations, including display footprints, are preferred before 30 June 2022. After the end of July 2022 additional competitive entries may not be accepted.

Payment at time of registration is required. However, Internationals may make arrangement to pay on arrival if this helps with money exchange.

Friday is only for competitors, dealers, and their helpers to set up, as well as judges. The rest of the delegates, the public, and non-delegates are not to attend. There is NO shell sales or swapping at the venue on Friday!! Breaches may result in competitive entries not being judged and your expulsion for the remainder of the show. Setting up will be between 2:30pm and 5:00pm on Friday 19th August 2022, with shell of the show cabinet open only at 4.45pm. Don't exhibit if your entries cannot stay in place to the end of the show - 4pm Sunday.

Saturday Conference Dinner and Sunday Farewell Sausage Sizzle:

Both functions are highly recommended. At the Conference awards dinner you will have the opportunity to socialise with the competition judges, the dealers, other delegates, and our committee. Register early to ensure you secure a spot at both. Cost is in addition to registration fee. See registration form. (If covid restricts numbers for meals then preference goes to those who book first)

Other Activities, Field Trips:

No activities have been arranged as part of this convention, except as listed in this program. If you want to privately tag along with locals who might go collecting ahead of or after the show, we can put you in touch and you can discuss with them.

Delegate Shell Market:

Delegates who wish to sell some shells can order a market table area for 1.5 hours on Sunday for \$30.00 per space to display your stocks. Please indicate number of spaces required on your 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.

Dealer Space:

A dealer space will cost \$130.00 per table for the entire show. There will be limited tables available, and they may all be booked well before the delegate registration cut-off date. Dealers are advised to register much earlier than the 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 19/8/22 Judging will commence Friday starting around 6.00pm. (Afterwards there will be a short get together for Judges, Dealers, Committee, with finger food).

Please indicate on the registration form if you are available and have the experience to judge, if possible, along with the categories you would like to judge. There is no guarantee that you will be judging, or allotted to your preferred categories. 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 your display box lids.

Single shell categories - Shell of the Show etc, are in locked glass cabinets. Judges will view from outside cabinets. You will need to present with your specimens for these categories at precisely 4.45pm Friday to place inside. The cabinets are then locked. (Retrieve precisely 4pm Sunday)

You may wish to tape your other exhibits closed as cleaners and venue staff have room access overnight.

Outside session times if you need urgent access to the main hall you would require one of our committee to accompany you.

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

Friday 19th August 2022

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.

4.45pm – 5.00pm

Placing category #1 - #4 into the cabinets then locking them

5.45pm – 8.00pm

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

Saturday 20th August 2022

10.00am

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

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 Dinner.

Sunday 21st August 2022

10.00am

Club opens and admission of Public. Shell room opens 10 min later

11.00am – 12.30pm

Delegate Shell Market – in upstairs dining area. This is the opportunity for **registered delegates** to sell some shells. Main Hall displays and dealer sales tables are still open.

4.00pm

Close to public.

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Pack up dealers & competition exhibits. Shell of show open 4.00pm

6.30pm

Farewell sausage sizzle after 6.30pm, seating & bar earlier

What is included:

Registration Type:	Entitled to register for:
Full Delegate \$40 (family \$50)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry into competition exhibits • Buying, selling, and swapping activities • Attendance Sat and Sun daytime • Attend Friday if exhibiting and/or judging • Delegate Shell Market table space (+ Cost) • Awards dinner on Saturday (+ Cost) (until sold out) • Social and sausage sizzle wind down on Sunday (+ Cost) (until sold out)
Day Visitor \$5 per person, children under 12y free, or only \$15 Family	<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 • Dinner on Saturday (ticket is extra cost if not sold out) • Social and sausage sizzle wind down on Sunday (ticket is extra cost if not sold out)
In addition, a dealer who has paid for a dealer table gets to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setup on Friday, but not selling • Buying, selling and swapping all Sat and Sun

Shell Show competition guidelines for entrants and judges

Below are the important points:

1. Competitive entry is open to exhibitors who have submitted a completed registration form and paid for delegate registration. This includes as many competitive displays as you want
2. Most competition categories do not specify locality. Individual exhibits can range from worldwide right down to one locality, without judging penalty.
3. Most categories do not require diversity of genus and species.
4. If your entry has limited range, genus or species, etc. it may be wise to add a title to your display, so the judges better understand your goal. (e.g. Volutidae – from NSW, Cypraeidae – larger than 100mm, Olividae – all one colour, Conidae – mature with juvenile for comparison, four samples of each variation of a species, one up one down, etc)
5. The quantity listed for exhibit is the minimum number of specimens in the display. There is no maximum. However, all must fit in four footprints maximum
6. Exhibitors can exhibit as many entries as they like in any category.
7. You can put entries into “shell of the show” and “wow factor” irrespective of how many other category exhibits you enter.
8. Label should include scientific name. Author is desired but not essential
9. Where appropriate labels should include country where collected, additional locality/depth/terrain/method of collection, data is all optional.
10. As a result of the broadening of each category, a bigger portion of judges scores will be for shell quality, including how spectacular the colour, shape and size are for each specimen. Entries should strive for “Blue Ribbon quality”
11. For most categories judging points are to be allocated as follows:
 - 60% for quality – points deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed.
 - 20% for presentation, i.e. layout, attractiveness, including labels.
 - 10% for high degree of variety as appropriate to the category per the exhibitors display title.
 - 10% for accuracy of information i.e. min number of specimens and labelling, other descriptive information. (Handwritten labels are allowed, but may detract from presentation points).
12. For categories with only one specimen judging is primarily about the specimen - quality colour and size, and in some cases rarity. Label should compliment the shell so may improve scores.
13. For most categories rarity or dollar value of specimens should not significantly influence scoring. There is no portion of the score sheets 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.
14. 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 the public go WOW
15. Note, don't be disheartened if you don't win in a category. These broad categories have less clear judging rules. So winning is “in the eye of the beholder”. Every judge will think differently.
16. Entries in category #1-#4 cannot form part of your competitive entries in other categories
17. Fossil shells can only be exhibited in categories #4 and #21
18. All entries other than single shell and photographic entries will be judged closed box.
19. When your competitive displays are set up, you will need to contact our staff (based near the registration desk) and get number stickers attached to each of your displays 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 sticker on each display, not the owners' name. Do not put your name or logo on or in your displays or on your labels.
20. Children 14 and younger can enter in the child categories 5a, 8a, 9a. (Although we will try to accommodate all children even if a little older) Children can also enter in other categories and compete as adults.

21. If we know in advance, we try to modify/add to the child categories so that all children get a trophy or certificate. If there are multiple children in a category, then only one can win that category and get the trophy. Second and third get certificates.
22. Many shells have had their Family/Genus/Species name changed over time and by various authors. To assist exhibitors and judges the following applies: Exhibitors are not penalised for:
 - Using an older published name, or
 - Family/Genus splitting is not needed (EG Cypraea xxx is OK)
 - Exhibiting a specimen that was previously published as belonging in the competition category, but in a more modern publication now belongs in a different Family/Genus.
23. To assist exhibitors and judges the following publications might provide useful guidance:
 - Australian Marine Shells Part 1 & 2, Barry Wilson,
 - Bivalves Of Australia Vol1 & 2, Lamprell/Whitehead and Lamprell/Healy, and
 - For non-Australian shells Compendium Of Seashells, Abbott & Dance and Encyclopedia Of Marine Gastropods, Robin,
24. Clarification relating to ID must be directed to, and resolved, by the Shell Show Manager prior to the start of judging.
25. Any post judging disputes or errors must be directed to the Shell Show Manager after completion of judging Friday night and before midday Saturday. Show Managers Decision is final.
26. Judging worksheets will be made available on request for exhibitors to read, as a means of providing feedback on quality, display, etc. Also, to provide guidance for future shows. Judges are encouraged to add feedback on the judging sheets.
27. 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).
28. The Sydney Shell Collectors Club Inc, 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 National Shell Show.
29. 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 Guidelines in this document and any rules or clarifications subsequently published on our web site. www.sydneyshellclub.net (in the Calendar section)
30. If something is still unclear in these guidelines 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 same question, and we have since posted the answer.

Australian National Shell Show 2022 - Competition Categories

No	Category	Min #	Notes for judges
1	Shell of the Show - Gastropod	1	One shell. No fossils
2	Shell of the Show - Bivalve	1	One shell. No fossils
3	Single shell with WOW Factor	1	No fossils
4	Single fossil shell with WOW Factor	1	Gastropod or bivalve. Must be an extinct species (not subfossil)
5	Cypraeidae	20	
6	Umbilia	15	
7	Zoila	20	Duplicate species and subspecies allowed
8	Conidae	20	
9	Volutidae	20	
10	Fasciariidae / Melongenidae	20	Does not need both
11	Ranellidae / Bursidae / Personidae	20	Does not need all three
12	Volutidae from Australia/NZ	20	Does not need both Australian and NZ species
13	Muricidae	16	
14	Olividae	26	
15	Harpidae / Austroharpa / Morums	20	Must include at least 5 Morums. Austroharpa not essential
16	Cassidae	20	
17	Strombidae	20	
18	Mitridae/Vexillum/Costellariidae	30	Does not have to include all three Genus
19	Pectinidae	15	
20	Land Snails	26	
21	Fossil Molluscs	20	Variation of "Age" not required, Extinct (not subfossil)
22	Variations of one Gastropod species	15	
23	Variations of one Bivalve species	15	
24	Variations of one Volutidae species	15	
25	One Locality in Australia or NZ	20	Up to 50km radius. Larger radius for ocean trawled/dredged
26	Favourite Family or Genus - Other	20	Bivalves or Gastropods not listed elsewhere.
27	New Zealand shells	15	Gastropods and/or Bivalves, no fossils
28	Other Marine Life	10	Labelling may be simpler. No Molluscs
29	Photographs of shells with animal		One or more shells in situ with animal exposed. Judged individually
5a	Cypraeidae - Children only	15	
8a	Conidae - Children only	15	
9a	Volutidae - Children only	15	
29	Most exhibits in show		Trophy only

Delegate Registration Form

Australian National Shell Show 19th – 21 Aug 2022

Make our job easier – send rego before **30th June 2022**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Contact number while in Sydney: _____

REGISTRATION FEES:	Qty	Cost
\$40.00 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.		
\$50.00 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.		
Write each of your exhibit numbers (#5 to 28) next to its standard footprint requirements: 1 standard footprint: 1 wide x 2 deep: 2 wide x 2 deep:		NA
Number of single shell entries. #1 Shell of Show - gastropod #entries: #2 Shell of Show - bivalve #entries: #3 Single shell with WOW factor #entries: #4 Single Fossil Shell with WOW factor #entries:		NA
Do you want a selling table area in the Sunday Delegate Shell Market? Cost \$30.00 /space		
Attending Saturday night Shell Show Dinner \$60 per person Any dietary limitations:		
Attending Sunday evening farewell sausage sizzle \$30 per person		
Do you require a dealer table? Cost \$130 per table; (get in early)		
If suitably qualified, can you offer your services as a judge? Preferred categories:		
Email registration to peterpienaar@ozemail.com.au Payment options: Cheque - Made out to SYDNEY SHELL COLLECTORS CLUB INC. PO Box 901, Campbelltown NSW 2560 Australia 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)		
<i>Notes: Acknowledgement receipts sent by email. We book meals tables, boxes, etc. well in advance of the show so there are no refunds.</i>		