

Brisbane Shell Club Inc.
invites you to the
11th National Shell Show
Brisbane, 15th – 17th April 2016

Venue: Gaythorne Bowls Club
18 Prospect Road
Gaythorne 4051
www.gaythornebowlsclub.com.au

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Brisbane River (looking downstream) and CBD from the Captain Cook Bridge

INTRODUCTION

Brisbane in autumn has a lovely climate, so we invite you to plan now to attend the National Shell Show in Brisbane, 15th – 17th April 2016. Invite your friends and others interested in shelling to come along with you.

VENUE

- Gaythorne Bowls Club, 18 Prospect Road (near corner with Samford Road), Gaythorne, QLD 4051
Ph: (07) 3855 2725
- The Gaythorne Bowls Club is a free-standing building with full disabled access.
- Free parking is available behind the building for 60 vehicles, and substantial additional parking is available in the near-by streets.
- There is plenty of space away from the exhibition tables for competitors to unpack their displays, and an undercover outdoor area that overlooks the bowling greens for those who would like some fresh air.
- There is an access ramp, and a trolley will be available to assist Dealers when unloading.

PROGRAM

Friday 15 th April	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Setting up of Competitive displays and Dealers' Tables
	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Judging
	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Complementary 'meet and greet' function with finger food for everyone who has registered for the Shell Show
Saturday 16 th April	10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Displays Open to Public Program of videos throughout the day
	6:30 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.	Dinner and Trophy presentations
Sunday 17 th April	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Displays Open to Public
	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Sell, Swap and Buy
	1:00 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Shell Club Delegates Meeting
	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Packing up
	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Winding down BBQ

REGISTRATION

1. *Early Bird* registration rate ends on 31st December 2015, and the *Standard registration rates* apply from 1 January 2016.
2. Registration for *competitive entries* will not be accepted after 1st March 2016.
3. Unlimited competitive entries accompany each registration.
4. Payment in full must accompany competitive entries.
5. Please refer to the Competition Categories (page 5) and indicate your competitive entries on the Registration Form (page 8).

DEALER SPACE

1. Dealers make an enormous contribution to the success of a Shell Show, and Australian and International dealers are invited to participate.
2. A dealer's table (210 cm x 80 cm) will cost \$200 for the entire shell show.
3. Limited additional tables may possibly be available, and will be allocated for no extra cost in the order that dealer's registrations are received.
4. Dealers are advised to register early, but no later than 31st December 2015.
5. An award will be presented at the Shell Show dinner to the best-presented dealers' table, as voted by members of Brisbane Shell Club Inc.
6. Dealers are also encouraged to submit entries in the shell show competition.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

1. There are **31 categories** in this Shell Show.
2. A full list of categories is given on the Registration Form on Page 5.
3. The Competition Rules are on Pages 6 and 7.

COMPETITION DISPLAY BOXES

1. All competitive entries are to be **in landscape orientation**, not portrait, that is, the longest side (60cm) of the box faces towards the edge of the table and the viewer, and the shells and labels are to be set to be viewed from this direction.
2. Many people will already have the **standard national display boxes** and lids from previous Shell Shows. Please arrange to bring these with you for your entries.
3. For this Shell Show the display box as supplied by us will be the same as previous shows (cardboard box size 600 mm x 370mm x 100mm), however all of the clear plastic lids have been replaced with plexiglass. Display boxes are available for hire from Brisbane Shell Club Inc. at \$5 each, or for purchase at \$15 each.
4. If you are bringing your **own display boxes**, you are requested to ensure the box/case dimensions do not exceed 60cm x 37cm.
5. If your own display boxes are larger than 600 mm x 370mm, or if you are entering a large display, please register 2 entries on the registration form and note this is for an **over-size display box, and also include the box dimensions**.

JUDGING

1. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to be a judge, and if possible, the categories you would like to judge. There is no guarantee that you will be allotted the categories nominated, as we prefer a mix of judges from each state.
2. The Competition Rules Pages 6 and 7 outline how judging points will be allocated.
3. Judges will be instructed to give higher scores to exhibits that include maximum variety of Genus, Species, and/or Family, as appropriate to the category, and maximum variety of collected locality and terrain of exhibited specimens. It is no necessary to strive for equal numbers in each Genus.

REFERENCES

For this Shell Show, the following texts should be used as a guide for Genus, Sub-genus, and/or Families.

1. Australian Marine Shells Part 1 & 2, Barry Wilson
2. Bivalves of Australia Vol 1 & 2, Lamprell & Whitehead, Lamprell & Healy.
3. Compendium of Seashells, Abbot & Dance

AWARDS

1. First prize-winners in each category will be awarded a trophy.
2. Certificates will be awarded for Second and Third place in each category where the judges determine that there are entries of sufficient quality to justify their award.
3. Should you win a Perpetual Trophy, it is a requirement that you return the trophy to the next Shell Show organising committee in time for the next Shell Show.

SECURITY

1. Judging will generally be 'closed box', ie: done without opening the display boxes.
2. We will have exhibits for Shell of the Show, and Impressive Shells in a sealed cabinet.
3. You will need to present your specimens for these categories no later than 3pm on Friday 15th April.
4. The Shell Show Venue has good physical and electronic security.

SHELL SHOW DINNER and FUNCTIONS

1. There will be a complementary Friday night 'meet and greet' function with finger food (purchase own drinks) for all who have registered for the Shell Show.
2. The Shell Show Dinner will be a will be a smorgasbord, held at the Gaythorne Bowls Club on the Saturday night at the cost of \$30 each. Trophies and awards will be presented at the dinner.
3. A 'winding down' barbeque will be held at 5.30 pm on the Sunday night at the cost of \$20 each.

OTHER MEALS and REFRESHMENTS

1. Light meals and refreshments will be available for purchase at the venue throughout the Shell Show.
2. Free tea and coffee will also be available at the venue throughout the Shell Show.
3. The Gaythorne RSL Club is about 200 m down the road.

SELL, SWAP and BUY

1. A Sell, Swap and Buy will be held on Sunday 17th April 2016, 11:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
2. Each space for this is \$20.
3. Please indicate the number of spaces required on the Shell Show Registration Form.

ACCOMMODATION

Everton Park Hotel (3.7 km from the Shell Show venue)

101 Flockton Street, Everton Park, QLD 4053. Ph: 07 3872 5200

www.evertonparkhotel.com.au/ <http://www.evertonparkhotel.com.au/accommodation.aspx>

This well-presented Hotel has 12 rooms and one Family room, and a spacious area to eat and socialise at the hotel. A supermarket, newsagent, and other small shops are next door. (Probably 4-5 star rating).

NOTE: We strongly recommend you book early to avoid disappointment, as this is a popular hotel for relatives of patients at the adjacent private hospital.

Brook Hotel (1.5 km from the Shell Show venue)

Osborne Rd (near Brookside Shopping Centre), Michelton QLD 4053.

Phone: 07-33555366

This Hotel has 12 rooms and has recently been refurbished. (Probably 3-4 star rating).

Email: brook.hotel@alhgroup.com.au Website: www.brookhotel.com.au

NOTE: We recommend you book early to avoid disappointment.

Newmarket Gardens Caravan Park (4.3 km from the Shell Show venue)

199 Ashgrove Ave, Ashgrove QLD 4060

Phone 07-3356 1458

Email: stay@newmarketgardens.com.au

Website: www.newmarketgardens.com.au

This is a large, well-presented Tourist Park has a good range of accommodation, and no permanent residents.

NOTE: We recommend you book early to avoid disappointment.

Brisbane CBD Accommodation

Additional Hotel and Motel accommodation can be found via Internet search, such as this site:

<http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/>

TRANSPORT

1. The venue is 16 km from the Brisbane Domestic Airport.
2. The venue is 10 km from Brisbane Central Business District, and from Brisbane Southbank Parklands.
3. TRAIN – The venue is 745 m from Gaythorne Station, and 1025 m from Mitchelton Station
4. BUS – The venue is 250 m from the closest Brisbane City Council bus stop.
5. Train, Bus and Ferry timetables: <http://jp.translink.com.au/>
6. TAXI – Black & White Taxi (ph 133222) and Yellow Cabs (ph 131924)

SHOPPING

Brookside Shopping Centre, with Myer, Target, and many smaller stores, is only 1.5 km from the Shell Show venue.

OTHER ACTIVITIES, FIELD TRIPS etc

1. Apart from those activities described in the program, no other activities have been arranged. However, should you require collecting information, please contact us.
2. Information about other activities in Brisbane is available at this “Visit Brisbane” website.
<http://www.visitbrisbane.com.au/>

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS REGARDING SHELLS

1. Australia has strict quarantine and Customs requirements. International visitors are strongly advised to declare all animal products, such as shells empty shells, being brought into Australia. Some people have found it useful to have with them photographs of the shells being brought into the country.
2. It is recommended that you avoid bringing Giant African Land Snails, CITES listed shells and/or other material, and uncleaned shells, as doing so may result in your shells being confiscated.

REGISTRATION and PAYMENT

1. Payment in full, in Australian Dollars, must accompany Registration.
2. Please make cheques out to Brisbane Shell Club Inc.
3. Direct Debit payment can be made to Brisbane Shell Club Inc: BSB 034083, Account 266837
4. Your completed Registration Form can be posted to Brisbane Shell Club Inc. PO Box 78, Arana Hills 4054, or emailed to brisbaneshellclub@powerup.com.au
5. An acknowledgement email will be sent to you within a week of us receiving your Registration form and payment.

FACEBOOK – Brisbane Shell Club Inc.

Keep in touch with Brisbane Shell Club Inc., including updates about the Shell Show, via Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1434389403526873/>

ENQUIRIES and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Please email your query to brisbaneshellclub@powerup.com.au
2. Alternatively, you can telephone members of the Shell Show organising team
Sally Johnsen: 07 3357 6651
Cheryle Myles: 07 3355 1407

6. COMPETITION CATEGORIES

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No.	Category	Specimens	Trophy	Notes (also refer to the Rules)
1	Shells of the Show	See below	P	
1a	- Univalve	1		
1b	- Bivalve	1		
3	Most impressive shell	1	P	Criteria will be the "Wow!!" factor
4	Cassidae - Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
5	Conidae – Queensland	15 - 20		Collected in Queensland
6	Conidae – Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
7	Cypraeidae – Queensland	15 - 20		Collected in Queensland
8	Cypraeidae – Worldwide	15 - 20		
9	Cypraeidae - Zoila	15 - 20		
10	Cypraeidae Umbilia	15 - 20		
11	Haliotidae - Worldwide	15 - 20		
12	Harpidae - Worldwide	15 - 20		
13	Land Snails - Australia	15 - 20	P	
14	Marginellidae - Worldwide	15 - 20		
15	Mitridae Worldwide	15 - 20		Including Vexillum and Costallaridae
16	Muricidae – Australia	15 - 20		
17	Muricidae - Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
18	Olividae - Worldwide	15 - 20		
19	Pectinidae – Australia and/or NZ	15 - 20	P	No points deducted if all specimens from one country
20	Pectinidae - Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
22	Spondylidae - Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
23	Strombidae - Worldwide	15 - 20		
24	Volutidae - Queensland	15 - 20	P	Collected in Queensland
25	Volutidae - Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
26	Bi-valve Family not otherwise listed. Worldwide	15 - 20		
27	Univalve Family not otherwise listed. Worldwide	15 - 20	P	
28	Shells from one locality – Australia and/or New Zealand	15 - 20		All specimens from within 50km radius. Include locality description and/or map
29	Variation of one species of mollusc.	15 - 20		
30	Junior display. Worldwide	15 - 20		
31	Marine Life display. Worldwide	Open		
32	Photographs of Live molluscs	5		See Rule 12 for how to submit photos
Special prize	Best single shell from displays in Categories 4 - 28	Special prize		

SHELL SHOW RULES 2016

1. Competitive entry is open to exhibitors who have registered by submitting a completed competition entry form and shell show registration form and paid the applicable fees no later than 1 March 2016. Early bird registration is payable by 31 December 2015.
2. The maximum display box size is 600 mm x 370 mm, with no height restriction. **Entries will be laid out “landscape fashion”** with the longer dimension along the table edge. If your own display box is are larger than 600 mm x 370mm, please register 2 entries on the registration form and **make a note this is for an over-size display box, and also include your box dimensions.**
3. Shells of the Show (ie: Shell of the Show Univalve and Shell of the Show Bi-valve) will be displayed in a display case provided by the Shell Show organisers. Shells for these categories need to be displayed separately from other competitive entries and displays.
4. Minimum and Maximum number of shells per display is to be observed.
5. Each shell should be accompanied by a label showing Family, species, Author, year of naming, and locality, except where otherwise noted on the Competition Entry Form. Handwritten labels are accepted. Any name used in a reputable publication will be accepted. Subspecies are all considered as part of a single species. Accepted common names for a species or a family may be included on labels in addition to Latin names.
6. Lids will not be removed from displays during judging. No lid should be removed from a display case, and no shell should be taken from its display case or handled for judging, photography, or any other purpose, except with the express permission of its owner, and in his/her presence.
7. Location:
 - Worldwide (W/W) categories need not include Australian species, but may include up to 25% shells collected in Australia.
 - Australia (A) categories include Australia and its Territories. As far as possible, all States and Territories with a coastline should be represented.
 - New Zealand (NZ) includes New Zealand and its Territories.
 - Any means any location or combination of locations.
8. JUDGING POINTS
 - Categories 1a and 1b (Shells of the Show)
 - QUALITY 90 points: Points will be deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed shells. Whether or not a shell has an operculum will have no effect on points awarded by judges. “Rarity” may be taken into account in regard to quality.
 - LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a shell is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.
 - Category 3 (Most impressive shell)
 - PRESENTATION 90 points: The overall visual impact (Wow!! factor) of the shell. Must be a very impressive shell.
 - LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a shell is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.
 - Categories 4 – 27
 - QUALITY 50 points: Points will be deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed shells. Whether or not a shell has an operculum will have no effect on points awarded by judges. “Rarity” is not taken into account in regard to quality.

- VARIETY 20 points: Points will be given for as high degree of variety as appropriate, eg: range of Family, species, size, locality, colour and shape.
- PRESENTATION 20 points: Points will be given for the overall visual impact of the display and compliance with the number of shells required.
- LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a shell is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.

Category 28 (Junior)

- QUALITY 30 points: Points will be deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed shells. Whether or not a shell has an operculum will have no effect on points awarded by judges. "Rarity" is not taken into account in regard to quality.
- VARIETY 30 points: Points will be given for as high degree of variety as appropriate, eg; range of Family, species, size, locality, colour and shape.
- PRESENTATION 30 points: Points will be given for the overall visual impact of the display and compliance with the number of shells required.
- LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a shell is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.

Category 29 (Marine Life)

- PRESENTATION 60 points: Points will be given for the overall visual impact of the display.
- EDUCATIONAL 30 points: Points will be given for the effectiveness in informing about some aspect of the marine environment.
- LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a marine specimen is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.

Category 30 (Photographs of live molluscs)

- Photography entries can only be digital, but scanned slides or photographs are permitted.
- Please submit images as best possible quality JPG or TIFF files (unzipped).
- Photos must be **emailed** to brisbaneshellclub@powerup.com.au no later than 1 March 2016.
- Points will be given for the overall visual impact of the photograph.
- All photography entries will be shown on a big TV during the shell show.

9. Special Shell Show Prize to motivate competitors.
 - Judges will select the best single shell from all displays in categories 4 to 28.
 - QUALITY 90 points: Points will be deducted for flaws, holes, immaturity, faded, uncleaned or buffed shells. Whether or not a shell has an operculum will have no effect on points awarded by judges. "Rarity" may be taken into account in regard to quality.
 - LABELLING 10 points: Points will be deducted if, for example, identification of a shell is incorrect, or if there are clear errors or omissions.
10. All decisions of judges are final. Judges' score cards will be provided to entrants for feedback purposes.
11. Displays should be left in place until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday 17th April 2016, and all displays should be removed by 5:00 p.m.

Brisbane Shell Club Inc.

REGISTRATION FORM

11th Australian National Shell Show

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NAME/S (Include <u>all</u> names for Family Reg'n)	
Postal Address	
Contact details:	Home: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____
Brisbane contact information	

- Acknowledgements and receipts will be sent by email. As financial commitment is well advanced, there will be no refund of payments made.
- SEND REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT TO:** BRISBANE SHELL CLUB INC. PO BOX 78, ARANA HILLS QLD 4054
Or pay by Direct Debit and email the registration form to brisbaneshellclub@powerup.com.au

REGISTRATION & COMPETITION	Quantity	Cost
\$25 SINGLE - up to 31 Dec. 2015. \$35 from 1 Jan. 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes (i) unlimited competitive entries (ii) continual entry to the Shell Show, (iii) attendance at the sell, swap and buy. 		
\$35 FAMILY - up to 31 Dec. 2015. \$40 from 1 Jan. 2016. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes (i) 2 adults and children not yet 16 yrs (ii) unlimited competitive entries (iii) continual entry to the Shell Show, (iii) attendance at the sell, swap and buy. 		
CATEGORIES of your competitive entries: (List them here, and add a separate sheet if required)		Included with registration
Dimensions of your personal over-size display box/es, and competition category number where they will be used.		
\$5 each to hire national competition display box and lid		
\$15 each to purchase national competition display box and lid		
\$20 Sell, swap and buy space		
\$200 Dealer's table (may be limited to one)		
"Meet and greet" function Friday evening		Complementary
\$30 Presentation Dinner on Saturday night		
\$20 "Winding down" BBQ on Sunday evening		
<i>Please indicate any dietary requirements.</i>		
Judging: Please indicate preferred categories to judge.		
Payment options: <i>(Please indicate payment method)</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cheques to be made out to <i>Brisbane Shell Club Inc.</i> Direct Deposit: BSB 034083 Account 266837 		
TOTAL PAYMENT (in Australian dollars)		