



Rabbitopia

The Australian National Rabbit Council Inc. Rabbit Magazine



ANCRI FIRST EVER NATIONAL RABBIT CONVENTION

Saturday 22nd March & Sunday 23rd March 2014 Seymour Victoria

Welcome to Seymour

Welcome to the small country town of Seymour Victoria . This lovely little town is located in North East Victoria and is approximately an hour out of Melbourne, travelling north along the Hume Freeway to Sydney.

Seymour is where the first ANRCI /NCRC National Rabbit Extravaganza is being held. The Northern Country Rabbit Club also holds their shows in the town of Seymour.

Seymour has an approximate populations of around 6000 and this is supplemented by the Puckapunyal army base which is located about five minutes out of town. It's a common sight to see the army trucks trundling through and of course men and women in uniform. Very much a part of life in Seymour.

Seymour was established in 1839 and is an important rail hub for the Sydney to Melbourne railway and also the Goulburn Valley railway. Trains run to Melbourne every hour from Seymour, making the city very accessible as far as working is concerned.



Seymour

Victoria

Seymour is a township in Mitchell Shire in the state of Victoria, Australia and is located 98 kilometres north of Melbourne. At the 2006 census, Seymour had a population of 6,063. [Wikipedia](#)

Seymour

The shopping in Seymour is pretty good for a rural town as well. You will find *Target Country, Millers, Woolworths and Aldi and IGA* in the town and fast food outlets *McDonalds, KFC and La Porchetta*, as well as several Indian restaurants, Chinese restaurants and coffee shops

Seymour also has very good accommodation available with three motels, two caravan parks and various Bed & Breakfast locations available. As well there are three hotels (one a bistro in the main street) that offer a lovely choice of meals.

Seymour also has two large medical clinics and a hospital that has a 24hour after hours service.. should you be unfortunate enough to need it.

To attend the ANCRI/NCRC extravaganza you will be heading to Kings Park: To do this, if you are coming FROM the south, you will turn Right at TALLAROOK St.. travel a short distance up the road and you will find the large park (which comprises the football ground) on your right. From there you will see the large green shed which is your destination.

To come FROM the north, you will obviously turn left into Tallarook St and then follow the directions to Kings Park.

Be warned.. in March our weather is very unpredictable. It might be hot.. or it might be temperate, or it could be quite cool (not cold), so pack a bit of everything. USUALLY the weather in late March is starting to cool down, so it should be very pleasant. However we do get years where it's still pretty warm in late March.

This is just a very brief summary of the town. Those of us that live in the district hope that you enjoy your stay.

National Rabbit Extravaganza Auction 2014



Thankyou to the following for use of your photos throughout the issue:
Jenny Buckingham Nardeeneen Stud, Allan Harvey All Ears Stud,
Maryanne Oaklands Stud, Fran Boston &

WHAT'S ON

ANCRI CONVENTION 2014

- . 2 DAY RABBIT SHOW
- ALL BREED
- . FANCY SHOW
- . LOP SHOW
- . REX SHOW
- . FUR SHOW
- . RARE BREEDS SHOW
- . LONG HAIRED SHOW
- . YOUNG STOCK SHOW
- . FIBRE SHOW
- . RABBIT BREED DISPLAY
- . PETCARE INFORMATION
- . FREE NAIL CLIPPING
- . FANCY DRESS PET COMPETITION
- . PET COMPETITION
- . COCKTAIL PARTY
- . WOOL SPINNING DISPLAY
- . RABBIT AUCTION
- . CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN



SHOWS! SHOWS! SHOWS!

So many opportunities for your rabbits to compete against some of the best rabbits from across Australia!

Five Star All Breed Show - Judged by Derek Medlock (UK)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Adelaide Northern Veterinary Group (SA)

Two Star Fancy Show – Judged by John Porritt (Vic)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Tinseltown Rabbit Stud (WA)

Two Star Lop Show – Judged by Vanessa Marzollo (NZ)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: K M S Lawn and Garden Care (WA)

Two Star Fur Show – Judged by Jenny Buckingham (WA)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Serenity Bunnies (Vic)

Two Star Rex Show – Judged by Allan Harvey (NSW)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Bolshi Rabbits

Two Star Young Stock Show – Judged by Maryanne Avalands (Vic)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Summit Stud (SA)

Two Star Rare Breeds Show – Judged by Debbie Pulford (Tas)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by: Harlequin House (NSW)

Long Haired Show – Judged by Alicia Balzan (Tas)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by:

Fibre Show – Emma Brian (NSW)

ANRCI Rosette Sponsored by:



Show Schedules & Entries

The Schedules for all the Shows and Entry forms are now available. They can be found on the ANRCI Website at http://australiannationalrabbitcouncil.com/Supported_Shows.php

The initial round of entries are due by the 31 January. These entries will be a guide to what we can expect in the final entries and allow us to plan the weekend show schedule.

Below are the lists of schedules and the entry form. Please direct any queries to Mich at entries2014@outlook.com



**ENTER
YOUR
PET
TODAY**

The National Rabbit Extravaganza is not just about Exhibition Rabbits!!!

It is for anyone who loves bunnies whether they are family pets, hopping Champions or for Exhibition.

Over both days we will have a large display just to provide information to pet owners and lovers. We will advise on getting a rabbit as a pet, how to care for them and where to go if you encounter problems.

We will be holding grooming demonstrations, clipping nails and giving short talks on caring for rabbits.

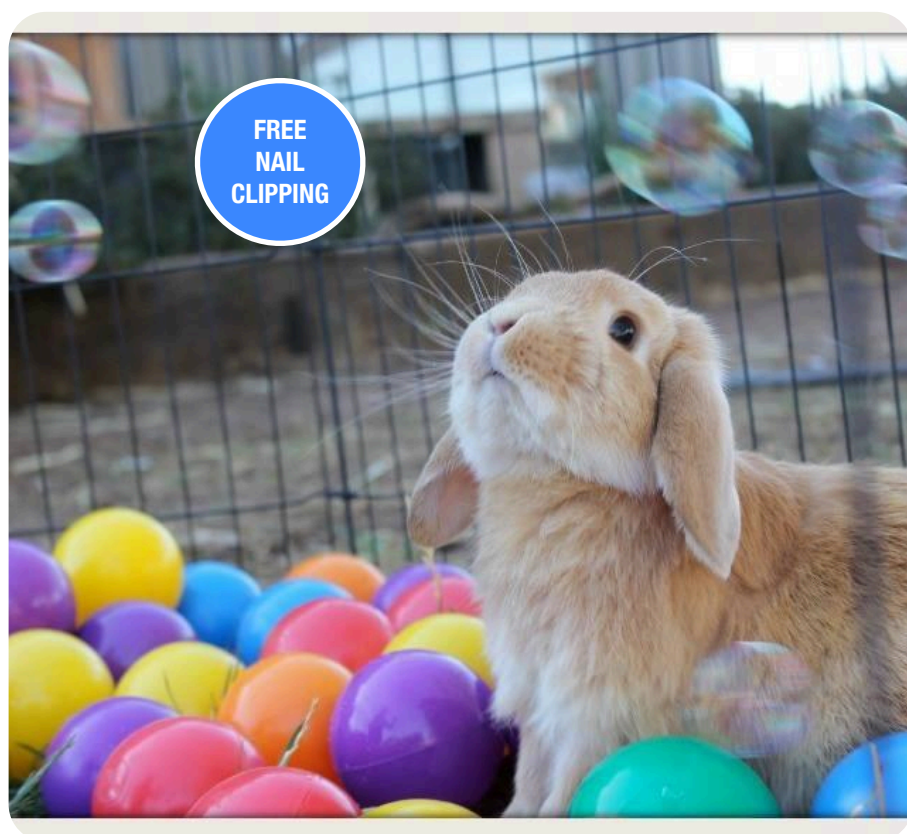
We will also be holding pet shows and a Fancy Dress competition.

Stop Press!!

Great offer by *Pets Magazine* for everyone that attends the Rabbit Extravaganza!!

Everyone that enters their name and email address into our *Pets Magazine* database will receive a 6 months free DIGITAL Subscription to *Pets Magazine*. All you need to do is come along to the Convention and ensure you put in your details.

A Bunny Event for AnyBunny who Loves Bunnies!!!





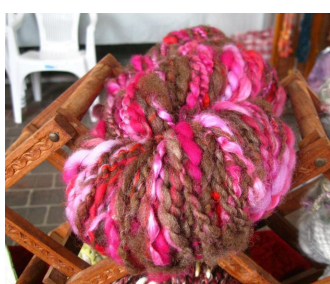
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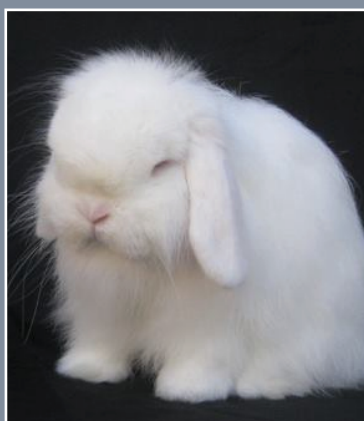
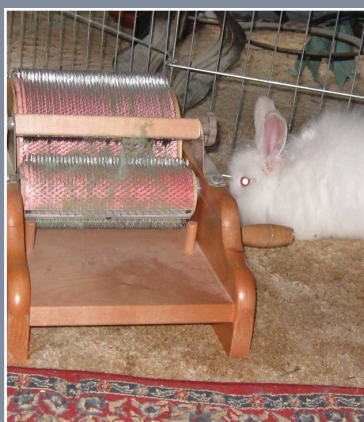
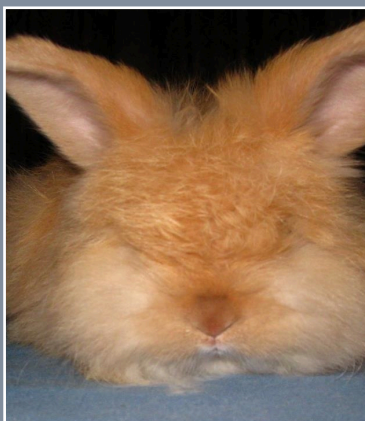
Turn, turn, turn - round and round turns the wheel of life, and shadowing it spins our wheels of oak and cedar, magically transforming straw into gold as in the days of yore.

Well, there are a few processes in between these days: adorable bunnies eating that straw, (or more likely premium oats and rye), then growing amazing coats of Angora, Swiss Fox, Cashmere Lop and Jersey.

Gently combed and shorn, this beautifully soft and fine natural fibre is then spun into the most luxurious yarn in the world, ready to craft into heavenly garments.

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Wool can be spun straight from the bunny, then knitted, crocheted, woven or felted into garments ready to wear.

Come to our Fibre and Long-Hair Rabbit shows at the Rabbit Extravaganza in March and see this rare cottage industry in action.

There will be a display of spinning as well as examples of the many different crafts that can be used with this beautiful luxury fibre. And of course, there will be adorable, cuddly, fluffy bunnies to meet and greet and entertain you.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR FIBRE SHOW

1. Fibre must come from the saddle of the rabbit (back and sides) and must NOT include any leg, belly or "bum" wool.
2. Samples must be CLEAN - no dandruff, no bits of chaff, and obviously not stained or smelly in any way.
3. Must be taken from the rabbit within last 12 months (so no samples previously entered in the 2012 shows!)
4. Fibre should be arranged, if possible, with the staple all facing the same way, and stored in either zip-lock bags or lidded plastic containers. Sheets of baking paper may be placed between layers to keep fibre flat and facing the same way. This storage helps prevent the wool from turning into a big felted ball in transit.
5. Ideally we'd like to see larger samples, but quality is preferred to quantity.
6. Only one rabbit's single shearing per entry please, as same rabbit produces different quality and colour over the seasons. (and of course we don't want a heap of white rabbits all having their coats jumbled together as one example!)



Saturday 22nd March
7pm-midnight
Seymour RSL Club

1 Elizabeth St
Seymour

Australian National Rabbit Extravaganza "Cotton"tail Party

Is now a 2 course sit down dinner

- Welcome drink on arrival**
- Dance the night away to the DJ**
- Frolic with fellow fanciers or cosy
in a corner for a chat**

**A fun filled evening for just
\$40 a head.**

Buy tickets at

www.australiannationalrabbitcouncil.com

**Or contact Karen Pearn for more details.
Please also note change of venue.**



**NATIONAL RABBIT
EXTRAVAGANZA**

AUCTION

22ND MARCH 2014





My Companion.

My name is Kit and I am writing this article with the aid of my companion Fran Boston. The picture on the left is me, and my companion Fran (I am such a handsome boy for my age). I have been in the companion business for 6 years. My dad and mum found Fran after being made redundant from their jobs as companions with another family. My dad passed away last year, but my Mum is still going strong and we see each other every day.

During the last year Fran has managed to give me the opportunity to meet lots of new friends and my companions are now linked with the Northern NSW Rabbit Hopping, Show and Companion Club. Pictured here on my right are my new friends and their companions at a recent Breed Show and Hopping Events day, we all had so much fun and I got to meet so many visiting relatives. Not only have we met each other we have met long lost relations and those that have chosen other paths to follow and other lifestyles to pursue and ways of looking after our diverse companions. This has highlighted to me that we are all born for a special purpose. Sometimes we can change our life purpose, and some of my cousins are now learning to be "Show" bunnies, wow that is a hard job; however they are very proud of their accomplishments and the achievements of their companions. I really think despite the long hours and stress on our companions, some of us will continue to pursue this career. My Show friends now tell me it is also extremely important to partake in Showing because it helps us with our "family planning" as many of my relatives have been lost and are now extinct.



We are all born a little different and no one is born perfectly !! So when we do not suit ones calling in life such as Showing we often find ourselves given the opportunity to choose a Companion. Jellybean enjoys his days out with Sarah; he got specially dressed up for the recent Companion Show in Lismore. Robo is giving Tanya lots of cuddles and my mate Willow loves to just chill on the lounge with his companion Madeleine.



Jellybean



Robo



Willow