

## 2025 SYDNEY ROYAL BEEF CHALLENGE

### **70 DAY DOMESTIC CLASS**

<b>CLOSING DATE OF ENTRY</b>	Monday, 13 October 2025	
<b>ENTRY FEES</b> <i>All Entry Fees are GST inclusive and non-refundable.</i>	<b>RAS MEMBERS</b> \$82 for each pen of 6	<b>NON-MEMBERS</b> \$138 for each pen of 6
<b>ARRIVAL</b>	<b>ARRIVAL AT ELDERS KILLARA FEEDLOT, QUIRINDI – TUESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2025</b>  <b>Weighbridge hours: Strictly 7am – 4pm.</b> For arrivals outside of weighbridge hours, please call Elders Killara Feedlot, Livestock Manager David Maslen on 0424 463 828	
	All stock will be weighed on arrival and purchased on a commercial liveweight grid, by Elders Killara Feedlot. Pencil shrink – will be calculated from PIC address stated on NVD (as per supplied liveweight grid). <b><u>Entry weight 300kgs minimum and 420kgs maximum</u></b>	
	<b>ON TO GRAIN – THURSDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2025</b>	
<b>ENTRY CONDITIONS</b>	<p><b><u>All entries are pens of six (6).</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Arrival weight:</u></b> Strictly 300kg – 420kgs</p> <p><b><u>Breed content:</u></b> Angus, Angus x British Euro, Santa, Santa X (No Brahman X or Droughtmaster)</p> <p><b><u>Sex:</u></b> Steers and/or heifers</p> <p><b><u>Dentition:</u></b> Milk tooth ONLY</p> <p><b><u>Other:</u></b> No pregnant or calved females – heifers must be PTE and certification to be provided to Elders Killara Feedlot; no HGP's prior to arrival</p>	
<b>BOVINE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (BRD) VACCINATIONS</b>	<p>Elders Killara Feedlot will pay <b>\$15/head bonus</b> for cattle that have had <b>Coopers Bovilis MH + IBR</b> vaccination administered prior to arrival at Elders Killara Feedlot.</p> <p>Vaccination must be administered a minimum of 14 days prior to arrival at Elders Killara Feedlot, and <a href="#">Elders Killara Feedlot BOVILIS IBR Declaration</a> must be completed and returned prior to cattle arriving at Elders Killara Feedlot.</p> <p>Vaccination must be <b>Coopers Bovilis MH + IBR</b> to receive bonus.</p> <p>Exhibitors will not be penalised if BRD vaccination is not administered prior to arrival at Elders Killara Feedlot.</p>	
<b>MANAGEMENT TAGS FOR ARRIVAL</b>	<p>All entries to have individual animal management tag on arrival with <b>Vendor Name</b> (4 letters maximum), and <b>visual number</b> (i.e. – Dave Station Pastoral – DSP1, DSP2 and so on); maximum six characters (letters and numbers).</p> <p><b>Tags must be in left ear (onside).</b></p> <p>All other management tags must be removed.</p>	
<b>VENDOR ACCOUNTS</b>	<p>All Exhibitors must have a Vendor Account with Elders Killara Feedlot, and Vendor Accounts must be completed by <b>Friday, 10 October 2025.</b></p> <p>All Exhibitors must complete the <a href="#">Elders Killara Feedlot Vendor Account Request Form</a> and return to <a href="mailto:admin.killara@elders.com.au">admin.killara@elders.com.au</a></p>	
<b>NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATIONS (NVDs)</b>	<p>All cattle must be accompanied by a completed NVD with cattle consigned to: <b>Elders Killara Feedlot, QUIRINDI, NSW, 2343</b> <b>PIC = ND501769</b> <b><u>Please note: eNVDs accepted and preferred</u></b></p>	
<b>EXHIBITOR OPEN DAY</b>	<p>Exhibitor Open Day at Elders Killara Feedlot <b>WEDNESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2026</b></p>	
<b>COMPETITION CONTACTS</b>	<p><b>RAS CATTLE SECTION</b> Lucinda Ross 02 9704 1159 <a href="mailto:cattle@rasnsw.com.au">cattle@rasnsw.com.au</a></p>	<p><b>ELDERS KILLARA FEEDLOT</b> Julie Eastham 02 6741 1103 <a href="mailto:julie.eastham@elders.com.au">julie.eastham@elders.com.au</a></p>

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS – BEEF CHALLENGE

1. The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) run this Competition in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the RAS General Regulations, and these Special Beef Challenge Regulations (collectively known as “the Regulations”).
2. Feeding of cattle will be at Elders Killara Feedlot, Quirindi.
  - (a) Steers/heifers must arrive with a completed NVD (National Vendor Declaration) by **4pm Tuesday, 28 October 2025**.
  - (b) Steers/heifers will be weighed on arrival, then allowed to settle in a holding paddock on hay until they are inducted on **Thursday, 30 October 2025**.
3. Pens will consist of 6 animals and can be made up of steers and/or heifers.
4. All 6 animals contribute to the final score. If a death loss occurs, no points will be assigned to the animal, with deaths counted as a loss in P/L.
5. A BRD/IBR vaccination will be administered at induction.
6. All animals will be purchased by Killara based on an arrival weight and a commercial liveweight grid.
7. A minimum of 20 entries are required in order for the class to form part of the Competition
8. The maximum number of entries that will be accepted in this Competition will be 34 pens of 6 animals.
9. If entries exceed the maximum number of entries, then Exhibitors with multiple entries may be asked to reduce their numbers.
10. No Hormonal Growth Promotants (HGP) permitted prior to arrival.
11. An Exhibitor Open Day will be held the week of slaughter at Elders Killara Feedlot, Quirindi (timing will minimise stress impact on animals prior to slaughter).
12. An entry will consist of a pen of 6 steers and/or heifers showing no more than milk teeth and will be ineligible if they show more than milk teeth on arrival.
13. Ineligible cattle will be excluded from continuing in the competition under the following conditions:
  - (a) Ineligible cattle on arrival:
    - under 300kg empty; over 420kg empty (live weight, per animal).
    - Calved or pregnant females are ineligible and will be disqualified from the competition and transported back to the Exhibitor at the Exhibitor’s expense.
    - Ineligible cattle will not be accepted at Elders Killara Feedlot and will be transported back to the Exhibitor at the Exhibitor’s expense.
  - (b) Pens with ineligible cattle are not eligible for a Sydney Royal Medal for Eating Quality.
14. Any animals without NLIS tags, or with NLIS tags that are not readable, will be given replacement NLIS tags at a cost to the Exhibitor of \$15 per NLIS tag.
15. Points may be deducted per animal for any animal that is not transferred correctly on the NLIS database (i.e. a warning message appears when cattle are transferred to Elders Killara Feedlot PIC from Exhibitor NVD PIC).
16. The Eating Quality score will be calculated based on MSA Index scores.
17. In the case of equal first places, a count back method will be used to determine the winner.
18. The RAS and Killara Feedlot and associated employees and volunteers will use all reasonable care and skill to ensure the animals health and safety, however the RAS and Elders Killara Feedlot accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to any animal, person or property as a result of entering into this Competition and all entrants acknowledge that entry is at their own risk, cost and exposure.
19. The RAS has the right to decline any entrant entry into this Competition and reject any entry for any reason whatsoever and the RAS’ decisions in this respect shall be final. No discussions or correspondence will be entered into with the RAS regarding reasons for any declines or rejections.
20. Comprehensive results feedback will be provided at the conclusion of the competition.

### **OVERALL POINTS ALLOCATION (per pen)**

<b>Feedlot Total</b>	<b>Carcase Grid</b>	<b>Carcase Judging</b>	<b>Profit &amp; Loss</b>	<b>Eating Quality</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
300 points	150 points	200 points	200 points	50 points	<b>900 points</b>

Place ribbons will be awarded for each of the above components for pen results only.  
Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded for individual animals.  
Champion, Reserve Champion and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded for pens.

### **MEDAL SYSTEM**

The Sydney Royal Medal System is utilised in the Beef Challenge, specifically in the Eating Quality component, to better recognise those entries that meet the appropriate score levels to qualify for a Bronze, Silver or Gold medal. The following points system is applied in the Sydney Royal Medal System for the Beef Challenge.

<b>Medal</b>	<b>Eating Quality</b>
	<b>MSA Index Score</b>
<b>Gold</b>	<b>6 animals with MSA index score <math>\geq</math> 60</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>5 animals with MSA index score <math>\geq</math> 60</b>
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>4 animals with MSA index score <math>\geq</math> 60</b>

### **CARCASE POINTS**

Carcases will receive maximum points if they are within the optimum range of carcass specifications.

HSCW: 215kg – 335kg

P8 Fat: 5mm – 20mm

Carcases will receive bonus points if they are within the below specifications.

HSCW: 280kg – 285kg

P8 Fat: 10mm – 12mm