

### 2025 Melbourne Knife Show

# **PROSPECTUS**

3-4 May 2025

Best Western Airport Motel & Convention
Centre
33 Ardlie St
Attwood VIC 3049

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### About the Melbourne Knife Show 2025

The Melbourne Knife Show has been run by the Australian Knifemakers Guild (AKG) for over 20 years.

While the Melbourne show is smaller than other Australian shows, it's known that it has a larger percentage of purchasers, in the way of collectors, admirers and users attending, with several previous year's exhibitors saying it is their best show.

While the AKG's place and purpose hasn't changed, we acknowledge the growth of knifemaking in Australia and 2025 will be our second year to allow non AKG members to exhibit, albeit in a small number to begin.

We are looking forward to welcoming and working with other knifemakers in our community.

The AKG will also be expanding the advertising and promotion of the show through a multi-faceted approach leading up to the show.

We look forward to the 2025 Melbourne Knife Show and welcome your registration to exhibit.

#### **Photos courtesy of Rod Hoare Knife Images**

#### **Show Entry:**

Tickets for the show will be \$10 for the general public with free entry for children under 16, when accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All non- exhibiting AKG members will get free entry by showing their current membership card.



Best Art Knife 2024 Adam Fromholtz



Best Folding Knife 2024 Jamie Harrington

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#### **Costs**

| <b>Exhibitor Type</b> | Cost                               | Inclusions   | Extras  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Standard              | \$250 Members<br>\$350 Non-Members | One 1.8m table and tablecloth Two chairs. Lunch pack for one person. Two VIP passes for the exhibitor to distribute to 'special' customers | Lunch packs<br>\$30/person<br>Extra tables may<br>be purchased on<br>request. |
| Corporate - Silver    | \$650 Members<br>\$800 Non-Members | Three x 1.8m tables and tablecloths. Four chairs. Lunch packs for two people   | Lunch packs<br>\$30/person  |
| Corporate - Gold      | \$700 Members<br>\$900 Non-Members | Four x 1.8m tables and tablecloths. Six chairs. Lunch packs for three people   | Lunch packs<br>\$30/person  |

### **Show Schedule**

| Friday – 2 <sup>nd</sup> May         |              | Saturday – 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                     | S            | Sunday – 4 <sup>th</sup> May              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| 17:00-19:00 Exhibitor bump-in        | 0600<br>0730 | Exhibitor access for setup<br>Award judging begins | 0800<br>1000 | Exhibitor access<br>Morning tea available |
| Please advise if you will be setting | 0830         | Award winners announced                            | 1230         | Lunch distributed                         |
| up on the Friday evening             | 0830         | VIP guests entry                                   | 1600         | Show closed to public                     |
|                                      | 0900         | General public entry                               | 1800         | Venue closed                              |
|                                      | 1000         | Morning tea available                              |              |   |
|                                      | 1230         | Lunch available                                    |              |   |
|                                      | 1600         | Show closed to public                              |              |   |
|                                      | 1700         | Guild AGM  |              |   |
|                                      | 1830         | Exhibitor dinner                                   |              |   |

### <u>ACCOMODATION</u>

ACCOMMODATION is available at the venue - Best Western Airport Motel & Convention Centre

Rates:

\$170 Room only, \$185 BB for 1, \$200 BB for 2

Accommodation should be booked and paid for directly with the venue.

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### **Show Registration**

Deadline for registrations is 11th April 2025.

| Name   | Business Name   |
|--|---|
| Mailing address  |   |
| State Postcode   | _Phone  |
| Email address  |   |
| Name of person attending with you:   | (2 people allowed per table)                                      |
| Guild membership status: Full /Probationa  | ry/Associate/Non-member   |
| Members are covered by AKG Insurance. Non-men<br>Currency (min \$20,000,000 coverage) with this form | nbers must include a copy of their Insurance Certificate of<br>m. |
| Standard exhibitor \$200 (per table member)  | or \$300 (per table non-member) No of tables                      |
| Corporate exhibitors: Silver \$650 members/ \$   | 5700 non-members <u>or</u>  |
| Gold \$800 members/\$900 non-members   |   |
|  |   |
| Total table cost \$  |   |
| Lunches:   |   |
| Each table includes lunch for 1 person per da per lunch  | y. Additional lunches can be purchased at \$30 per person.        |
| Number of additional lunches for Saturday, 2   | nd May (\$30 per person)  |
| Number of additional lunches for Sunday, 3rd   | May (\$30 per person)   |
| Dietary Requirements   |   |
|  |   |
| Total cost (table + additional lunches) \$_  |   |
| By submitting this registration form the exhibit conditions as set out in this guide.                | tor agrees to abide by the AKG show terms and                     |
|  | Signature Date  |
| Completed forms may be e-mailed to office@   | akg.org.au.   |
|  | <del></del>   |

#### **EFT DETAILS**

Australian Knifemakers Guild

For credit card payments please email office@akg.org.au.to arrange an invoice with credit card link to be sent

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### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **AKG KNIFE SHOW REGULATIONS**

In accordance with the Australian Knifemakers Guild (AKG) constitution, all makers at the Melbourne Show must observe Victorian prohibited weapons law which restricts the display, possession and sale of controlled and prohibited weapons.

A comprehensive list of items can be found at:

https://www.police.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2018-11/Prohibited-Weapons-Guide\_APR- 2015.pdf

Under Victorian legislation only Full Members who have obtained an exemption from the Department of Justice are permitted to display or sell daggers or other double-edged knives.

To protect the Guild's reputation and Victorian Knife Laws, anyone found breaching these regulations will be asked to remove the items from their table. No exceptions. It is your own responsibility to ensure all work is compliant - if in doubt, don't bring it!

#### SHOW RULES for the Melbourne Guild Show 2025.

- 1) This is a custom knife show open only to financial Guild members of any category, as well as non-members who will be exhibiting their own knives in accordance with rules 2 and 3. Commercial knife retailers and large-scale factory-made knives are not permitted. The only exception to this are suppliers of knifemaking materials, consumables and equipment.
- 2) Financial Guild Members will be given preference for table allocations if the venue is nearing capacity.
- 3) To ensure we maintain the standard of knives for sale, at Guild shows or under the Guild banner anyone exhibiting knives for sale with obvious defects, of low standard or not deemed to be in the spirit of the Guild Show may be politely asked to remove these pieces from sale.
- 4) Except for rule 4), All knives or related items must be primarily (more than half) the work of the people exhibiting. Any work that is not completely the work of the people exhibiting must be completely and visibly disclosed on a product card or similar. For example: Engraving by: XYZ, Damascus steel made by: xyz, Collaboration piece handmade by makers ABC and XYZ.

Note: Making knives using factory made finished and ground blade blanks is not considered within the spirit of the Guild show and is not permitted. Makers that incorporate CNC machining techniques in their knives are allowed to exhibit, provided they are the operator and architect of the CNC programming and meet the criteria for rule 3). The show committee will exercise judgement on a case-by-case basis if any work on display is thought to be in breach of the spirit of the Guild show.

- 4) Exhibitors, including collectors are permitted to re-sell handmade knives at Guild Shows. Note: There is an expectation that such knives will be of high standard or historical or other significance. The sale of poor-quality knives will not be permitted.
- 5) Firearms or firearm parts may not be displayed.

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- 6) All knives must comply with state and federal regulations as required.
- 7) Maximum of two people per table.
- 8) No exhibitors to interfere with or in any way encroach on another makers sale.
- 9) All exhibitors are to behave politely and agreeably and in a manner that cannot bring discredit against the Guild or the wider maker community.
- 10) Pre ground blade blanks including factory made blade blanks, unfinished or in kit form can be sold as supplies. Note: Many people start making knives using kits and blanks and as such this is considered furthering the aims of our guild.

#### EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE!

Guild members are covered by the AKG insurance as part of their membership.

To become a member able to exhibit at the show you must have organised and passed the probationary assessment with your relevant state representative at least one week prior to the show.

There will be no probationary assessments conducted at the show. However, Probationary members, who meet the criteria, may organise to complete their full membership assessment at a suitable time during the show weekend, if their relevant state rep is willing and available. This must be organised by the maker before the show.

Non-members will need to show proof of public liability, property damage and products liability insurance coverage (including premises, operations and contractual liability) of at least \$10,000,000.00 for such liability together with statutory worker's compensation coverage with a limit of at least \$100,000.00.



2024 Winners pictured from L to R:

Silas Dunne OBJ Blades (BEST NON-GUILD MEMBER KNIFE), BEST HUNTER & BEST DAMASCUS), Shawn McIntyre (BEST FOLDER shared\*, Adam Fromholtz (BEST ART KNIFE), Jaime Harrington (BEST FOLDER shared\*), Mark Cordina (BEST KITCHEN KNIFE), Aidan De Fazio (BEST UTILITY), Rob Lambert (BEST EDC),

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