



ASHS South West Branch “2026 Branch Challenge”

Friday 13th March 2026
DARDANUP EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

PROGRAMME and INFORMATION

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The Members, Youth Council and Committee of the South West Branch invite you to join us for our Annual Branch Challenge. This year we have changed our format to a one day programme and scheduled it the day before the annual State Championship Show to be held at Dardanup on the 14th and 15th of March 2026.

ONE ENTRY PER HORSE RIDER COMBINATION – OPEN RIDERS ARE PERMITTED TO RIDE AN ADDITIONAL HORSE IN THE YOUNG HORSE SECTION ONLY

INFORMATION

- Horses do not have to be registered Australian Stock Horses; they may be any breed.
- **Temporary ASHS membership** \$50 for adults and \$20 for riders under 18 Years Ensure your membership is up to date before entry to the Challenge.
- **Camping** is available from 3:00pm Thursday afternoon. Please advise our Branch secretary if you are planning to camp on Thursday night, we will be there, the clubrooms will be open and you are welcome to use the facilities. DEC Camping fees apply.
- **Registration:** Please present to the office prior to event start to complete registration and any temporary membership applications.
- **Helper List:** All events require tasks to be completed, we have an enthusiastic grounds committee, and ask that you assist where it is possible to ensure this event runs smoothly.
- **Dress:** Recommended dress for competitors as per the ASH dress code as stated in the ASHS rules.
- **Scoring/Places:** Places 1st to 4th for each of the individual events; Hack, WSH, Time Trial and Cattle Section. Points are accumulated in the Hack, Working and Cattle section and time trial times are deducted from this overall score, therefore attaining Overall Class winners. The overall Highest pointed Registered ASHS Horse ridden by a Current Financial ASHS member will also attain the ASH Hi Point award.
- **Order of Events:** Young Horse, Encouragement, Junior, Juvenile, Maiden, Novice and Open and Have-a-go.

***Have a go** – if you have not had a go in a challenge previously or you would prefer to not do the cattle section – no cattle section -will be replaced with a “Station Horse pattern”

***Young Horse** – 4 years old and under – born after 1.08.2021 – full challenge program

***Encouragement** – Haven’t participated in these events prior and have not placed in any events previously. – Full Challenge program

***Junior** – rider under 13 years of age

***Juvenile** – rider 13- 18 years of age

***Maiden** - a horse rider combination that have never won a challenge element or event previously.

***Novice** – a horse rider combination that has competed in a challenge event previously and has won an element or event.

***Open** – a horse or rider that has won an overall Challenge event.

- **Your Entry:** Please be aware the committee reserves the right to place your nomination/entry in the category of Challenge that they deem appropriate. All entries are accepted at the discretion of the committee. The committee will do their best to be fair to all and to encourage everyone to have a go and enjoy the event. Please contact us to discuss if you are not sure.

- **Cattle:** The cattle section will be run under modified Campdraft rules. The scores are 25 for the camp, 25 for first peg and 25 for second peg, then 25 for gate, a total out of 100. As you leave the camp with your cow you can choose to go left or right, making it a “left hand course” or a “right hand course”. If you “get the whip” in the camp the cow is taken out of the camp for you and then you carry on outside
- **Judges:**
- **Presentations** – at the Clubhouse after dinner
- **Saturday Night Dinner:** Friday night the South West Branch Youth Council would like to invite you to a casserole dinner at the clubhouse, payment on nominate with your entries. This is a fundraiser for our Youth Events.
- **Housekeeping :** Standard, clean yards and camp area, rubbish in bins.

Programme of events:

7.30 Registration at Clubhouse

8am Start – Hack Patterns on Main Arena, follow to Working Pattern on Main Arena, TT, Cattle Section, Station Hack competitors will complete Station Hack Prior to the Time Trial Class

1. Young Horse
2. Juvenile
3. Junior
4. Maiden
5. Novice
6. Open
7. Have a go

1. YOUNG Horse Challenge **Entry Fee \$80**

Horse aged 4 years and under

Hack, Working Stock Horse, Time Trial, and Cattle Section.

HP1 WP1 TT4 Cattle section; 1 cow in the camp

2. ENCOURAGEMENT Challenge: **Entry Fee \$90**

For those riders who have previously not won a Campdraft, Challenge, or have had limited experience or is not confident in this sort of competition.

Hack, Working Stock Horse, Time Trial, and Cattle Section.

HP6 - A WP8 TT4 Cattle section; 1 cow in the camp

3. JUNIOR Challenge **Entry Fee \$60**

Age: 8yrs to under 13years. Competitors may not enter any other event.

Hack, WSH, Time Trial, and Cattle Section.

HP6 WP4 TT4 Cattle section; 1 cow in the camp

4. JUVENILE Challenge **Entry Fee \$80**

(Rider: 13years to under 18years). Competitors may not enter any other event.

Hack, WSH, Time Trial and Cattle. (a full camp of cattle)

HP5 WP6 TT4 Cattle section; a full camp

6. MAIDEN Challenge **Entry Fee \$100**

(Competitors may not enter any other event) For those horses who have not previously won a challenge, Campdraft or similar event. A maiden rider has not won a Challenge. Winning the Maiden Challenge means you are now in the Open.

Hack, WSH, Time Trial and Cattle. (a full camp of cattle)

HP6 - A WP5 TT4 Cattle section

6. NOVICE Challenge**Entry Fee \$100**

(Competitors may not enter any other event) For those horses who have not previously won a challenge, Campdraft or similar event. A maiden rider has not won a Challenge. Winning the Maiden Challenge means you are now in the Open.

Hack, WSH, Time Trial and Cattle. (a full camp of cattle)

HP6 - A WP6 TT4 Cattle section

7. OPEN Challenge**Entry fee \$100**

Competitors may not enter Youth/Maiden or Encouragement challenge but may enter Young Horse Challenge on a young horse.) For those horses and riders who have previously won a Challenge or won a Campdraft other than an Encouragement Campdraft.

Hack, WSH, Time Trial, and cattle. (a full camp of cattle)

HP5 WP13 TT4 Cattle section; a full camp

8. HAVE A GO Challenge:**Entry Fee \$80**

For those riders who have previously not won a Campdraft, Challenge, or have had limited experience or is not confident in this sort of competition, and would prefer not to participate in the cattle section .

Hack, Working Stock Horse, Time Trial, and Station Hack.

HP6 WP4 TT4 2025 SHP1- no gate element

ENTRIES

ENTRIES WILL BE ON NOMINATE – Event Name South West Branch 2026 Branch Challenge

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 10th February 2026

Withdrawal with a refund: A 100% refund of the nomination fee will be given if the competitor withdraws more than 168 hours (7 days) prior to 8:00am on the first morning of the program. If a competitor withdraws less than 168 hours (7 days prior to 8:00am on the first morning of the program), then the entire nomination fee may be retained by the committee. If the committee deems that extenuating circumstances apply, then a refund may be granted. Each case will be at the discretion of the executive committee.

- **Enquiries to secretary email:** ashs.swbranch@gmail.com or Dawn Solomon – 0407 970 487

