

Hop the Water Classic

1. Two races will be held each year. One from Kangaroo Island and the other from Tasmania, in late August to September of each year. Exact date announced before the racing season commences. Which race is first will rotate each year.
2. There will be a trophies and certificates for each of the major winners. (If the Breeder, Purchaser and/or flyer are one in the same person only one trophy will be presented).
3. The Kanagaroo Island event is open to any loft over 300 km's and East of the race point. The Tasmanian event is open to any loft on the mainland and North of the race point
4. Prize money paid for the first 10 positions overall (if sufficient entries, 20 positions will be paid).
5. Standard Race Rules for Breeders Plates and Special Ring Races.
6. Open Clocking
7. Clocks must be set at approved Clock Centres.
8. Basketing will take place **2 nights before the race day**, at **WPF** then the birds **delivered to Ballarat**. They will then move to **Horsham** to pick up further birds. They will be watered and fed the following morning and then proceed to **Kangaroo Island for a Saturday or Sunday Release**. Water will be available to the birds on a regular basis. Other basketing centres may be approved if deemed necessary.
9. The Committee of Management reserve the right to refuse entry into the Event!
10. Should no birds return in race time, the race be unable to be completed, or any prize monies not won then the pool will jackpot to the following year.

Black Ring Details

1. All black rings are eligible for **both races**.
2. Black rings are \$60 each.
3. No limit to number of rings per flyer.
4. Limited number of rings sold.
5. Half of the sale price of each ring is allocated to the section it will be competing in.
6. Prize Money split: 30% for the Flyer, 40% for the Ring Purchaser, 30% for the Breeder.
7. 1st Place each section 60%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 10%
8. Rings may be purchased direct from Nigel Jarvis.
9. Ring orders and further details: Nigel Jarvis Mob: 0402 415611

Pink Ring Details

10. All pink rings are eligible for the **Tasmanian event**.
11. Pink rings are \$40 each.

12. No limit to number of rings per flyer.
13. Limited number of rings sold.
14. Half of the sale price of each ring is allocated to the section it will be competing in.
15. Prize Money split: 30% for the Flyer, 40% for the Ring Purchaser, 30% for the Breeder.
16. 1st Place each section 60%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 10%
17. Rings may be purchased direct from Nigel Jarvis.
18. Ring orders and further details: Nigel Jarvis Mob: 0402 415611

Blue Ring Details

1. All pink rings are eligible for the **Kangaroo Island event**.
2. Blue rings are \$40 each.
3. No limit to number of rings per flyer.
4. Limited number of rings sold.
5. Half of the sale price of each ring is allocated to the section it will be competing in.
6. Prize Money split: 30% for the Flyer, 40% for the Ring Purchaser, 30% for the Breeder.
7. 1st Place each section 60%, 2nd = 30%, 3rd = 10%
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Breeders Plate Details

10. Sales held at various venues, by approval of the committee.
11. Prize Money split: 30% for the Breeder – 30% Flyer – 40% Purchaser.
12. Each sale raises funds for its own section prize pool. \$15 per eligible bird goes towards the overall prize pool. All amounts over and above this amount make up the section pool. Any special events prizes held at the sale (eg blind auction, blue ribbon, coloured bird etc) come from the section prize pool.
13. At this stage there is no bird limit per breeder, within reasonable expectations.
14. Sale dates, are set by race day the preceding event and announced at clock checking night.
15. 10% from sale of birds is held by the hosting club as their fundraiser.
16. Each sale may designate eligible loft flying areas for their section prize pool (eg the Portland sale section prize can only be won by lofts flying to Mt Gambier, Portland & Warrnambool).
17. Each auction will be for one event only, either the Kangaroo Island race or the Tasmanian race. The buyer may then nominate to pay the bird up for the 2nd race for \$20 per bird on the day of the sale.

Blind Auction

18. Each year at the final Ballarat sale a blind auction will be held.
19. The 20 buyers from the previous year's blind auction lots are invited to breed the lots.
20. 1st prize is \$2,000 (subtracted from this sales section prize pool) and is split 25% Flyer, 25% Buyer, 50% Breeder.
21. The lots are sold during the auction, with each winning bidder picking a sealed envelope with the lot number they have purchased once the bid is knocked down.

Section Prizes

Proposed Prize Break down

E.G. All section prizes now allocated to your zone, regardless of where the bird is purchased.

Section Prize = \$2,100 (broken up into 4 Prizes – 1st 65%, 2nd 20%, 3rd 10% & 4th 5%) Should any prizes fall below \$160, then the cash is awarded to the breeder, and the flyer/buyer wins rings for the following year's event of similar value.

Note: Sale sections carrying small amounts may be merged with other sale prize sections at the discretion of the committee.

Overall Prizes

Overall Prize Pool. (eg \$30,000 pool) 1st Prize is \$20,000 (from 2010). Other prizes dependant on total pool. The following example based on \$30,000 overall prize pool.

1 st \$20,000	
2 nd \$4,000	40% of total less 1st
3 rd \$2,000	20% of total less 1st
4 th \$1,000	10% of total less 1st
5 th & 6 th \$500	5% of total less 1st
7 th & 8 th \$250	2.5% of total less 1st
9 th & 10 th \$200	2% of total less 1st
11 th & 12 th \$150	1.5% of total less 1st
13 th to 20 th \$100	1% of total less 1st

The breakdown percentage will be against the total available prize money. In the event more money is raised the prize money may be paid to 20th position. Any prize money not won Jackpots the next year

New in 2010 and beyond: Zone prize pools. All competed areas now in designated zones. Winning birds in each zones take the prize, regardless of whether they are breeders late or ring race birds.

RACE DETAILS

1. Each race will take place in August or September. The race closes 8pm 2 days after the winning pigeon is timed.
2. Basketing will be advised at a later date closer to the event and will take place in Ballarat, Horsham, WPF & Rosebud. Others may be added if required by approval.
3. All race birds will be rubber rung with a race rubber at the Basket Centres, by the event committee co-ordinators. All welcome to attend.
4. **Entry Forms** are required **for each individual flier**. Please place hens and cocks in separate baskets or boxes prior to arriving at the Centres.
5. Only current year special ring birds and birds sold in the breeder's plate sales will be accepted and only these birds will be released at the race point with no others. They will be released at the same time.
6. **Competing fanciers** must supply loft GPS Co-ordinates. Leading prize winners co-ordinates will be verified before the all clear is given.
7. Any change of ownership in relation to the flyer a bird, must be notified to Nigel Jarvis in writing. No transfer will be accepted in the final 30 days before the basketing night. Failure to do so may mean disqualification of that ring number.
8. The Race and Basketing Committee reserves the right to disqualify a bird if apparently affected by disease.
9. The winning pigeons will be tossed within a reasonable distance of their home loft to ascertain homing to the correct loft.
10. The onus is on each individual flyer to arrange registration of their rings for their own Club or Federation race program.

CLOCK SETTING

11. Thimble, Thimbleless and Electronic clocks may be used. ETS users please contact Nigel for security requirements.
12. No competitor to set and / or seal his own clock, electronic clocks must have manufacturers security seals in place. Individuals, who are not a member of a club, are to arrange for their clock to be set with a competing club or at the basketing centre.
13. **All Clocks** (manual and electronic clocks) will be set, and string tied, then by master clock **at 8pm E.S.T. provided** the master clock is in coincidence with Telstra time signal pips.

14. **Day Setting** to be day 6 (Thursday night). (If your club runs off a different day setting to that required, please inform Nigel Jarvis well before the basketing night.) In the event of a competitor not timing in on the day and the tape being removed, reset the clock at **8pm Saturday** using the club seals, leave the day setting on day 1.
15. **Clubs are to use their own seals.** It is expected that all clocks are to be sealed in accordance with normal procedures.
16. Upon pullover of the clocks at **8pm E.S.T. race day** the clock seal with string attached is to be cello taped to the clock tape and rubber ring (or rings) to be cello taped against, but clear of the clocked time stamp impression the rubber ring represents. Please place the race rubber number facing the top for ease of reading. **All times must be called into Nigel Jarvis within 1 hour of clocking** so that an interim result may be calculated and times uploaded to the website as part of the verification process.
17. **Please take care with all written instruction, names etc. on clock tapes.**
18. The clock tape with race rubber stapled marked with the *flyers name* shown is to be signed by the President and Secretary, which implies to their knowledge all clock activities have been carried out correctly. **Clearly mark** if the time print relates to a **\$ Pool nominated** bird.
19. Place all clock tapes in a padded envelope and post to **Nigel Jarvis, 608 Eyre St Buninyong, 3357**. This is to be done so **that clock tapes reach Ballarat before the Friday following the Race, so that Race results can be finalised as quickly as possible.**
20. Any tapes not notified/received to Nigel Jarvis by the Friday following the event will not be accepted and will not be eligible for recognition or prizes.
21. For the purpose of second day velocities, hours of darkness will be calculated as half an hour after sunset on the first day (or clocking time of the last bird up to midnight on the first day) and commence half an hour before sunrise next day. The time of sunset and sunrise by the government approved website. Should a bird be clocked during these hours before midnight, then hours of darkness begins half an hour after that time. If a bird is clocked during darkness after midnight, the hours of darkness cease half an hour before that time.
22. From clock start to clock strike off, no clock (gain) will be read if it gains an average of more than 3 seconds per hour. A stopped clock's tape will not be read. A competitor may clock into another competitors clock provided he has the owner's permission.
23. The winner will be notified by phone as soon as possible. Full race results will be posted on the Internet and mailed to all co-ordinators for viewing at Centres.
24. All payments will be made at the presentation day, which will be one of the Ballarat breeder's plate sales for the following years event. (2009 is 21st November).
25. In the event of no eligible birds clocked in race time in any designated prize pools, the pool will jackpot to that event in the following years event.
26. Information regarding release time for the "The Hop The Water Classic" can be obtained from the Race Co-Ordinators and the internet after 10.00 am on the day of the race. **Updates will be placed on the internet and by recorded message on (03) 5309 0469** during the day of the event, to keep people informed of the event progress and the areas clocking birds. **All competitors**

- must advise either a co-ordinator or event managers **within 1 hour of clocking birds** to enable updates to be placed on the internet, and also to help with confirming/verifying race positions. This is a condition of entry and is not optional. Failure to report your clock time in may lead to disqualification.
27. All decision's regarding the event are made by the management committee and are to be abided by all competitors and the out comes are binding on all competitors.

Pools

28. **\$2 Pool denomination will be available for the event.** Nominated bird/s ring numbers/s are to be clearly marked on the **individual fliers race entry sheet**. Write your name on an envelope and include the correct money. Hand in at the Basketing Centre.

Release Details

29. Race basketing and release may be postponed by recommendation of the release committee should the forecast for unfavourable conditions be prevalent.
30. All attempts will be made to contact competitors to notify of any change to the basketing date, should this occur.
31. The upmost care is taken to ensure minimal stress on competing birds.
32. There is only one chance to release from Kangaroo Island due to the high cost of the ferry which must be pre-booked. In the event that the birds are unable to be released that day, the alternative release point will be the residence of Mr Warren March in Murray Bridge, SA.
33. Should the event not be held for reasons out of the control of the organisers, all prize pools will jackpot to the following year and every purchaser will be granted one free ring for each purchase for that year only.