

MEDIA RELEASE RE: ADELAIDE KNIFE SHOW

As technology propels our society through the 21st century, surrounded social media, smart devices, and electric vehicles there's a growing desire for quality products made by expert craftsmen. Likewise, a desire to craft and create is driving more and more of us to make something tangible with our hands to remind us that life exists outside our screens. We know that art and craft is good for the mind and the soul, but knife making takes it one step further – creating a tool we can use in our daily tasks and even an heirloom that can pass through generations.

We are pleased to announce that from 2021, the Knife Art Association will present the Adelaide Knife Show. For 27 years, the Adelaide Knife Show was run by Peter Bald, becoming the oldest continually run Knife Show in Australia with a reputation for forging a strong community and championing quality craftsmanship. The Knife Art Association is honoured to be able to continue the show's legacy in forthcoming years. In 2021 and we're looking to expand the show whilst keeping it's character with a new venue at the Derby Pavilion at the Morphettville Racecourse. This will enable the show to grow with more exhibitors, more people and more knives.

So what can you expect to see if you go to a knife show? National distributors bring with them utility and kitchen knives from Japan, US and Europe, providing the visitors with a rare opportunity to feel and compare the World's leading brands and Australian Made invest – all under the one roof. This is also the place to ask the experts on the advantages of today's "super steels", edge geometry and construction techniques. For the fans of "Forged in Fire", keen to try their hand at the craft, this is the place to be to get started or get advice. Numerous specialty knife making suppliers bring popular varieties of blade steels and handle materials to choose from, as well as every bit of equipment you could possibly need, including grinders, forges, anvils and all the consumables to go with them.

The Artist Blacksmiths Association of South Australia will be making the show more than just a gallery style event, running forging demonstrations shaping hot steel with hammers on anvils, pneumatic power hammers and fire breathing forges.

However, the true "rock stars" of the knife show for many visitors are the custom makers. The calibre of the craftsmen and women in this country rivals the best in the world, and the variety of styles and materials is simply staggering! Last year's Sydney Knife Show hosted some of the best makers in the country. The Adelaide Knife show attracts some of the finest knifemakers in Australia, American Bladesmith Society accredited mastersmiths and journeyman smiths will be in attendance, Thomas Gerner, one of only 2 Mastersmiths in Australia regularly attends, as well as Journeyman Smiths Keith Fludder, Bruce Barnett and Jason Weightman joining over 30 of the state's and national custom knifemakers in South Australia's largest celebration of all things sharp.

The Next Adelaide Knife Show:

6th – 7th of November, 2021

9am – 4pm

Derby Pavilion, Morphettville Racecourse

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