

MEDIA RELEASE

RE: SYDNEY 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.

Since 2014, the Sydney Knife Show has established itself as the premier knife show in Australia. No other show has the quality and quantity of knives on display or attracts the amount of people through the doors. The Sydney Knife Show has become the largest show of it's kind in the Australasian region, showcasing the craftsmanship and passion of Australia's knifemaking community. From collectors, outdoor enthusiasts or those looking to enhance their cooking experience, the Sydney Knife Show attracts a wide demographic to the show.

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.

More than just a gallery style knife show, the Sydney Knife Show is an event! Attendees are greeted at the entrance with forging demonstrations where blacksmiths and knifemakers shape hot steel with hammers on anvils, pneumatic power hammers and fire breathing forges. There is also entertainment inside from edged weapon demonstrations from top historical and martial art schools, re-enactment guilds, specialist chefs, knife sharpeners and more. 2019 also saw the Knife Art Association bring out Irish/American maker Michael Cthulhu from the Discovery Channel's Big Giant Swords adding to the colourful personality's the industry seems to foster.

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. Shawn McIntyre (only one of two ABS Mastersmiths in Australia) showed us what it takes to be recognised as a mastersmith, taking out multiple awards for best damascus, best utility, best hunter and best in show. Australia also has a number of Journeyman Smiths (those looking to become mastersmiths) - including Bruce Barnett, Keith Fludder, Jason Weightman and Jackson Rumble all adding to the fine artistry and quality of the knives on show. The Sydney Knife show also attracts top makers from Japan, America and Europe. With over 60 custom makers in attendance, over 30 production knife resellers and another 30 equipment, tooling and material suppliers, the Sydney Knife Show has over 200 tables and stands in Australia's largest celebration of all things sharp.

The Next Sydney Knife Show:

7th – 8th of August, 2021

9am – 4pm

Grand Pavilion, Rosehill Racecourse

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