

Murray River Giant Pumpkin Competition Rules

**Weigh-in from 8:30am - 11am
Easter Saturday 20th April 2019
Morgan Lion's Easter Bazaar**

Seeds are free and, although all efforts are made to ensure viability, the organisers take no responsibility for germination. Please feel free to source your own seed.

The following rules will abide:

No foreign material (IE: fungicides, caulking, skin additives, etc) will be permitted in the weighing of the pumpkin. Vines must be trimmed to within 25mm of the stem.

The judges have the right to inspect any and all pumpkins before weights and measurements become official. Refusal of any inspection to an entry will cause the entry to be classed as exhibition only.

The pumpkin must be sound, healthy and undamaged. Entries must be free of rot, holes, or cracks through to the cavity, and serious soft spots.

The judges reserve the right to probe cracks, holes and to dig out soft spots to judge the pumpkin official or not. Before the judges can execute any of the previous they must have the grower present.

A serious soft spot is one that is greater than 75mm in diameter and greater than 75mm deep. The dimensions of the soft spot will be measured after all soft material has been removed.

If there are more than 2 soft spots that require material removed, the pumpkin will be disqualified even if each is smaller than a "serious soft spot".

The entry must be exhibited by the grower or team. In the case of an emergency where the grower or team cannot be present to exhibit the entry the judges will decide regarding the validity of the grower or team absence.

"GROWER" is defined as a person who has grown and cared for the entry, planting to harvest.

"TEAM" is defined as any two or more "GROWERS" that exhibit together.

GOURDS will include cucumbers, squash, luffa, and melons.

The surface area of the fruit grown in the garden, not including the portion that was in contact with or close proximity to the ground will be considered. This area will include the area between the ribs, around the stem and blossom end. This will not include any netting (cantaloping), any discolouration caused by the close proximity to the ground, or minimal amounts of white stripping or mottling associated with gourds.

PUMPKINS will be all fruit not classified as GOURDS.

Largest Other Vegetable must be for its type and not entered under Gourd or Pumpkin categories.

While multiple entries are allowed, only one entry will be eligible for a major prize. The largest/heaviest valid entry will be deemed prize worthy. All entries, provided paid for, will also be eligible for Novelty Prizes. The judge's decision will be final.

All competitors can pre-register by downloading an entry form from the website and emailing to cadellcommunity@cadell.org.au or by posting to:

Giant Pumpkin Competition PO Box 20, Cadell SA 5321

Prize categories are as follows:

Major Prizes - \$10 per entry

1st - \$500 cash or flight to San Francisco* **MGA Insurance Group**

2nd - \$400 cash **5RM/Magic FM**

3rd - \$300 cash **Terminus Hotel, Morgan**

4th - \$200 cash **Waikerie Honda**

5th - \$100 cash **Riverland West Chamber of Commerce** and 1 bag of fertilizer **Agri-Business, Waikerie**

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Novelty Prizes - \$5 per entry

Mystery Weight - \$200 voucher **Morgan Caltex Roadhouse**

Best Dressed - \$100 voucher **Rollbusch Quality Meats, Waikerie**

Prettiest Pumpkin - \$50 voucher **Riverview Café, Morgan** and \$50 Voucher **ALERT Riverland, Cadell**

Ugliest Pumpkin - \$100 wine voucher **Spook Hill Wines, Cadell**

Longest Gourd (not including pumpkins) - \$100 Gift Card **Morgan Thrifty Link**

Largest Other Vegetable (of its type) - \$100 Voucher **The Commercial Hotel, Morgan**

If 1st prize winning Giant Pumpkin weighs over 300kg the trip to San Francisco will be given rather than \$500 cash.

Agri-Business bags of fertilizer may be moved to other prize categories as required based at organiser's discretion.

If there are no entries in a category, the appropriate prize will be donated to another category at organiser's discretion.

Winners of cash prizes are requested to supply Cadell Community & Tourist Association with Bank Details for cash prize transfer. Vouchers will be presented on the day. Winners should be in attendance, unless arranged with organisers prior to the day.

Winners will be requested to pose for promotional photos at prize giving ceremony.

All participants need to complete Pumpkin Competition Entry Form. Maximum cost per pumpkin entry will be \$15. This could consist of 1x Major Prize entry (\$10) and 1x Novelty Prize (\$5) for the same pumpkin.