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WELCOME

FROM RNA PRESIDENT DAVID THOMAS



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This year marks the 144th Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by RACQ, bringing the country and city together in a true celebration of agriculture.

Since the first Show in 1876, the Ekka has championed Queensland's agriculture and industry and the vital role they play in our everyday lives and community.

The Show made its historic return in 2022 following two years of cancellations, with more than 345,000 people coming through the gates.

Competition entry numbers for our 46 sections from beef cattle to cakes have now returned to pre-pandemic levels, with about 21,000 entries received.

Our competitions, some of which have taken place for more than 100 years, are the heart and soul of the Show.

We are thrilled to recognise and reward our exhibitors, who year in year out, produce the best of the best, with many in rural areas battling drought and floods to do so.

The Ekka has also continued to support and educate the next generation of Queenslanders through a revamped education program this year.

An education stage has been introduced for the 2023 Show, in

addition to the interactive agricultural learning experiences the state's largest classroom already offers.

The stage will feature educational presentations for children, from learning about healthy and nutritious food to pollination and gardening.

The RNA has been mindful of rising cost of living pressures and providing families with value for money so Ekka can be enjoyed on any budget.

Rides are a major attraction at the Ekka and for the first time in the Show's history, visitors will be able to enjoy two for one rides every morning of Show from 9am to 10.30am.

The Ekka is also once again offering four special Super Saver Days of Show - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - with entry prices 20 per cent cheaper than weekends and the public holiday.

The RNA sincerely appreciates your support of the Show and we look forward to welcoming you to this year's Ekka.

David Thomas
RNA PRESIDENT

REMEMBERING EKKA LEGEND

KEVIN HICKEY



The RNA expressed great sadness at the passing of Mr Kevin Hickey, our 2013 Ekka Legend, in June.

Kevin attended his first Ekka at age two in 1933 and showed stud dairy cattle - Friesians and Ayrshires - every year for more than 60 years.

Hailing from the Samford district, Kevin was a third-generation dairy farmer whose grandparents William and Hannah Hickey started showing dairy cattle at the Ekka in 1926.

The Hickey family has shown at every Ekka since then, resulting in 86 years of continuous showing.

Kevin and his family are an institution of the Queensland dairy cattle industry and have been great supporters of the Show for more than eight decades.

Not only did Kevin have a great passion for showing dairy cattle, but he also tirelessly assisted our organisation with his expertise in the Dairy Section, the Grand Parade, and the milking competitions.

Kevin also very proudly ensured that a fifth generation of Hickeys carried on the traditions and values of exhibiting cattle and championing agriculture for the future.

After his first Show in 1933, he attended every year up until 2019 - a remarkable 86 years of continuous support and service to the show movement.

In 2013, Kevin was awarded the RNA's highest honour – the Ekka Legend Award.

It is bestowed on those who have made an extraordinary contribution to the Show.

The award was first introduced in 2004 and just 15 people have been awarded this prestigious honour.

It is due to the inspiring dedication of people like Kevin who have selflessly given thousands of hours of their time, that has helped make the Ekka the most beloved event in the State.

We are forever grateful for Kevin's lifelong commitment and dedication to the Ekka and join with the Ekka family in appreciating his remarkable Show legacy.

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DUNCAN MCINNES

RETIRES AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE

RNA Councillor Duncan McInnes OAM resigned from the RNA Council in June, after 12 years of service.

Mr McInnes brought an extensive knowledge of the dairy industry to the RNA and was Chair of the Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Committees.

A former Chair of Dairy Farmers Milk Co-Operative, Mr McInnes, in partnership with family, operates a large dairy property 'Inverclyde' at Harrisville, as well as an agriculture and lucerne farm.

In January 2020 he was awarded an OAM for services to agricultural show societies, to the dairy industry and to the community.

The RNA thanks Duncan for his service and wishes him all the best.



KERRI ROBERTSON

APPOINTED TO RNA COUNCIL

The RNA welcomes former Queensland Ag Shows President Kerri Robertson, who was appointed to the RNA Council in June.

Ms Robertson is a fourth-generation farmer from Goondiwindi, who is currently a Director of Agricultural Shows Australia, a Director of Queensland Ag Shows and served two terms as the Queensland Liaison Officer to the Showmen's Guild of Australasia.

Agriculture is in her blood, with the family farm 'Banaba' proudly hosting four generations of Robertson farmers who work together on the mixed grazing and cropping property.

She is passionate about the show movement and has a long history of service, acting as Secretary of the Goondiwindi Show Society since 2010 and was appointed General Manager in 2017.

She also served two terms as President of Queensland Ag Shows in 2021 and 2022.

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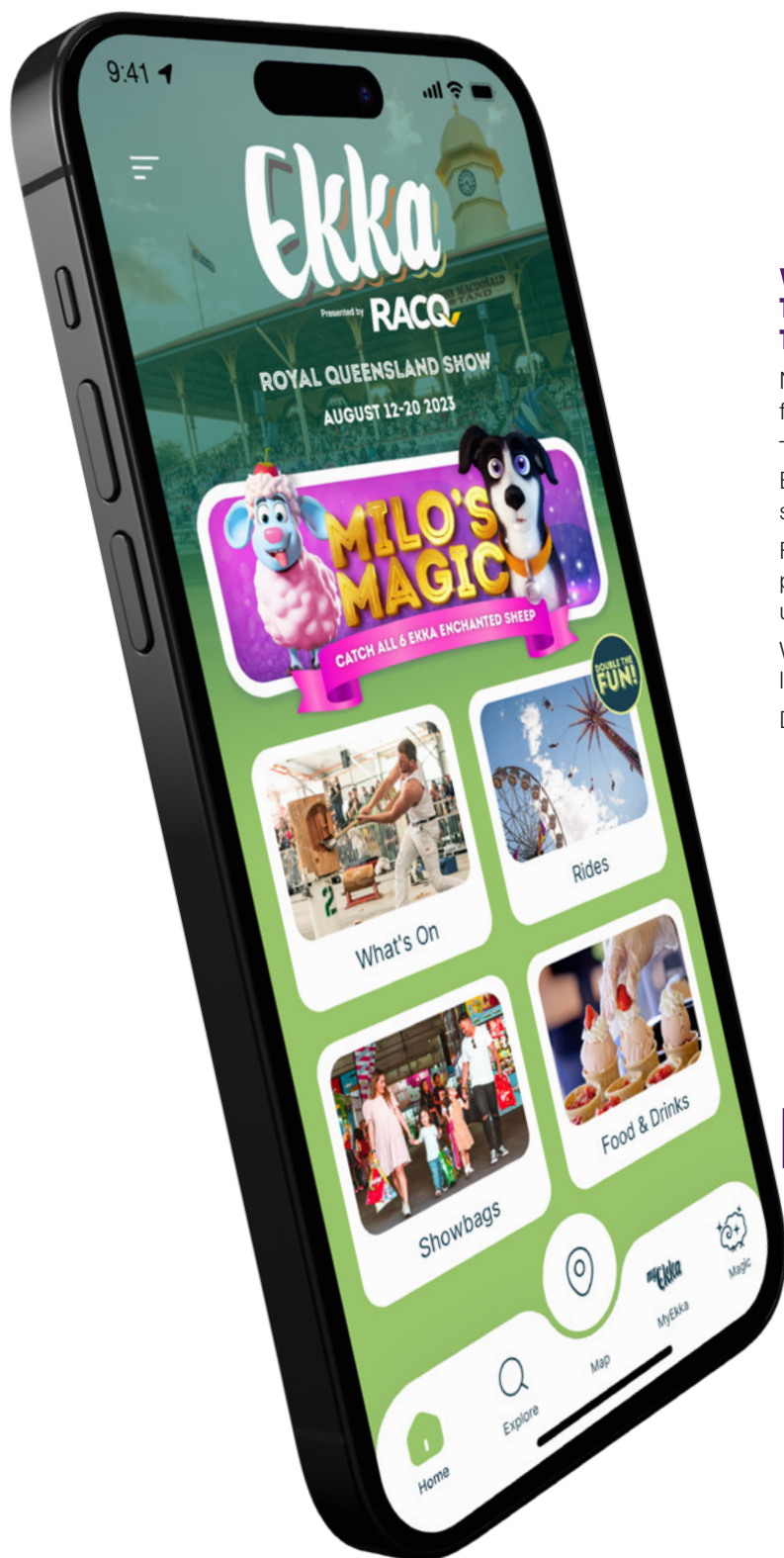


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AUGUST 12-20

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Navigate your way around the Show with Ekka's functional, fun and free NEW app for all ages.

The app includes all the information you need to plan your day at Ekka and will help you to easily find your way from your favourite shows to showbags using blue dot technology!

Fully integrated with ekka.com.au, create a MyEkka account and plan your visit by saving events and activities and then receive upcoming event notifications.

While you're exploring Ekka, help Milo the sheepdog find all of his lost sheep for the chance to win a great range of daily prizes.

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MILO

Milo is Farmer Rhonda's best friend and is born to entertain...at least that's what he believes! He's handsome, energetic and loves chasing sheep. Milo is also Ekka's official sheepdog, responsible for Ekka's sheep, but now all his sheep are enchanted by the magic of the Ekka... who knows where they will end up! Milo needs your help!

STRAWBAA-RY

Strawbaa-ry will sweeten your day! She loves to surprise her friends with the world-famous Strawberry Sundae Ice Cream.

RAM-BOW

Bright, bold and colourful, he loves everyone...and everyone loves him. He is the natural leader of the flock and brings out the best in all his friends.

SPAAARKLE FLEECE

Extremely competitive, Spaaarkle Fleece loves a challenge. When she's not winning blue ribbons, she's solving puzzles with friends.

FAIRY FLEECE

A little sticky but always sweet! She loves twirling around and around, sprinkling magical sugar dust wherever she goes.

LAMBERJACK

Show-stopping, wood-chopping Lamberjack loves to work hard. He's always ready to have a big adventure with his friends.

GOLD-IE

Amazingly woolly Gold-ie Sheep has a champion fleece, but she is shy and can be difficult to find. Keep an eye out for Gold-ie as she reaches new heights around the Showgrounds.



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GETTING TO THE EKKA

Due to the construction of Cross River Rail, Exhibition Station won't be operating during Ekka in 2023.

You'll still be able to catch a ride to the Ekka with public transport options including trains and buses from nearby stops and stations.

Cross River Rail is transforming Exhibition Station into a new, fully accessible station, that will provide year-round services for the growing suburb of Bowen Hills, Herston Quarter and the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.

TOP TIPS FOR GETTING TO SHOW

- Catch the Ekka shuttle (route EK1, stopping at all stations between Woolloongabba and Herston busway stations) or a high-frequency bus to Herston busway station. Once at Herston, your day at the Ekka will begin with entertainment featured along a 550-metre walk (7-minutes) to the Show gates.

- Travelling by train? Catch a train to Fortitude Valley station and follow the Ekka signs to the show gates, which is only a 550-metre walk (7-minutes).
- Accessible transfers will be available for customers with accessibility needs from Herston busway station and Fortitude Valley station.

Learn more by clicking here.



TICKETS

GRAB A BARGAIN!

Subscribe to ekka.com.au and save 15 per cent on tickets until Ekka eve. Double up on savings and purchase tickets on one of the four special Super Saver Days - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday - which are a further 20 per cent cheaper than weekends and the public holiday. This year, customers who have opted for a Digital Ride or Food Card, can download their ticket and add it to their e-wallet from their ticket confirmation email. It can then be stored in their Apple/Android wallet for scanning. Ekka goers are also notified about other special discounted ticket offers when subscribing and saving at ekka.com.au.

RNA Members receive one member pass and one transferable guest pass, enabling free nine-day admission to the Ekka for you and a guest (bring a different friend each day). *Learn more by clicking here.*



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FROM THE EKKA**

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WHAT'S NEW

COMPETITIONS

Following an unprecedented and challenging few years, competition entry numbers for our 46 sections have now returned to pre-pandemic levels, with 21,000 entries received.

Entry numbers for some of our major competitions have even surpassed 2019 levels.

Canine numbers have increased by 10 per cent with more than 2,470 entries; Poultry has increased to 1,926 entries, up by 10 per cent; and Woodchop & Sawing has jumped to 1,970 entries, an increase of 38 per cent.

Meanwhile, Farriers and Blacksmiths has climbed to 383 entries, an increase of 54 per cent; Cookery has increased by 22 per cent to 1,148 entries; and Showjumping has increased by 12 per cent to 554 entries.

It has also been fantastic to see Ekka's next generation thriving. We have young people pursuing some of the Show's oldest competitions from cookery to cake decorating, quilt making, blacksmithing, and woodchopping. Our youngest quilter is just four years old!

New competition classes and themes this year include:

- Apiculture: new Junior Beekeeper Liquid Honey class
- Cake Decorating: new class celebrating the 60th anniversary of the iconic Bertie Beetle chocolate
- Cookery: New Future Directions feature class theme - Bertie Beetle. New ABC Radio Brisbane Queensland On a Plate class featuring the pineapple upside down cake. Plus new classes for brownies and chocolate chip biscuits
- Natural Fibres Make & Model and Wearable Art Competition: New 1970's fashion era and steam punk themes, plus a new Adults in Wool class
- Painting and Drawing: Two new youth classes displaying artworks from those aged 12 and under, plus 13-18 year olds
- Stud Beef: the feature breed this year is Limousin. First time in the competition's history an international judge has featured - PJ Budler from the USA
- Prime Beef: new Single Heifer classes
- Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub: new RNA Scent Work Trials class
- Dairy Cattle: an extra \$10,000 in prize money on offer, taking the total to \$32,000. Also a new location this year, with cattle displayed on Level 1 of the Large Animal Pavilion and judging taking place on the Main Arena
- Education on Show: new theme - Learning: A Lifelong Experience
- Sheep: inclusion of Corriedale and Dorset Down breeds
- Floristry: new class called Arrangement for a Bar
- Horse: two new children's competition classes - Child's Show Pony Galloway & Hack and Child's Show Hunter Galloway & Hack. Plus a new class called Senior and Junior
- Showjumping: new Queensland Off-The-Track Program Showcase, offering \$50,000 in prize money
- Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs: two new school classes in the egg section - Primary (Prep to Grade 6) and Senior (Grades 7-12)
- Quilts Across Queensland presented by Pillow Talk: two new classes - Abstract Art and Pictorial Art Quilt
- Woodchop and Sawing presented by AAM: increased prize pool worth more than \$145,000, up 45 per cent on 2022. Four new Australian Title events - 325mm Australian Women's Single Sawing Championship, 375mm Australian Jack & Jill Double Handed Sawing Championship, 275mm Australian Women's Underhand Championship, and 450mm Australian Double Handed Sawing Championship



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WHAT'S NEW

DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT



COCOMELON

Main Stage, 10am daily

From Melon Patch Academy to the Ekka's Main Stage for the very first time, get ready to sing, play and dance with JJ. With lots of toe-tapping and sing-a-long fun, kids will love meeting JJ from CoComelon. CoComelon has become a world-wide phenomenon, with billions of views on YouTube, Netflix and other streaming platforms.

DUELLING MAGICIANS

Main Stage, 1pm, 3pm and 4:30pm daily

Who will become the master magician? Two of Australia's best magicians come head-to-head in the ultimate magic showdown! Starring comedy magician Christopher Wayne from SHOWMEN, as well as Josh Norbido from Australia's Got Talent and SHOWMEN - this comedy magic spectacle will leave audiences of all ages in shock, awe and laughter.

FARMER DAVE & THE RUFFTRACK KIDS: K9 SUPER WALL

Show Ring, 12.30pm and 3.30pm daily

Join Big Brother's Dave Graham and The RuffTRACK kids for a thrilling performance that will leave you on the edge of your seat. RuffTRACK's K9 Super Wall is the ultimate dog high jump competition that has taken the world by storm. Watch as talented teenage handlers guide their canine companions to jump up an ever-increasing vertical wall, reaching heights of almost 10ft/3m!

NATURE'S GIFTS' NATURAL FIBRES FASHION PARADES PRESENTED BY CHANNEL 7

Main Stage, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm daily

In its 30th year, Queensland's longest running fashion parades will feature more regional designers than ever before and introduce swimwear and childrenswear for the first time. On the Ekka catwalk this year will be garments from four regional designers from Blackall (Red Ridge the Label), Bundaberg (Wolf Blonde), Goondiwindi (Goondiwindi Cotton) and the Sunshine Coast (Sinerji). In a nod to the parades' 30-year history, an anniversary which is celebrated with pearls, the 'Nature's Gifts' show will also shine a light on Australia's regenerative pearl farming industry.

EKKA'S FARMYARD FRIENDS STREET PARADE

Gregory Terrace, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm daily

For the very first time, the Ekka is putting on a street parade that will pass through Gregory Terrace three times a day. Wave to the loveable Farmyard Friends on their impressive barnyard float. The street parade will also feature energetic dancers from Theatre and Dance, plus catchy tunes from Ekka's brass band.

ONE DAY ONLY!

August 12

EKKA'S BEAUT UTE DISPLAY & PARADE

9am-4pm (display near the Large Animal Pavilion) and 4.30pm (parade in the Main Arena)

Engines will be revving when Ekka's Beaut Ute Parade drives into the Main Arena for the very first time. Up to 20 utes and their proud owners will be competing for a share in \$1,000 in prize money. The competition features several classes - Street, BnS, 4x4

and Novelty. The utes from clubs including OutKast Ute Club and Dukes Utes will also be on display.

August 13

AUSTRALIAN STRONGMAN ALLIANCE: QUALIFIER FOR THE MAGNUS CLASSIC

XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill, 10am

Watch as some of Australia's top strong men and women take on five gruelling events including the Hercules hold (150kg per hand for the men and 80kg for the women) and lever deadlift (400kg for the men and 250kg for the women). It's the first time the Ekka has hosted the only Queensland qualifier for one of the biggest events internationally, the 2023 Magnus Ver Magnusson Strongman Classic, held in Iceland later this year.

August 20

2023 AWPA AUSTRALIAN WHIPCRACKING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY R.M. WILLIAMS & PACKER LEATHER

Woodchop Arena presented by AAM, 10am

For the first time in Ekka history, the best whipcrackers from across the nation will compete in the Australian Whipcracking Titles hosted by the Australian Whipcrackers & Plaiters Association. More than 40 state champions will compete in classes including PeeWee (8 & Under), Juvenile (12 & Under), Junior (16 & Under), Ladies, Mens, Over 45s and the hotly contested World Bullock Whip Titles. Enjoy watching the current Australian Whipcracking Women's Champion and Men's Champion defend their titles.

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WHAT'S NEW NIGHT-TIME ENTERTAINMENT

EKKANITES PRESENTED BY BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

The Main Arena comes alive each night of Show with the spectacular never before seen night show EkkaNITES presented by Brisbane City Council.

This year's theme is 'IMAGINE'. Imagination is the soil that brings a dream to life. If you can imagine it, you can achieve it and if you can dream it, you can become it.

Feel inspired watching the Ekka night show, which will feature an action-packed program including:

- A stunning fireworks display lighting up the night sky
- A new equine experience featuring cowboys, cowgirls, two stepping, galloping horses, bison, long horn bulls and all things Yellow Stone
- For the first time in Australian history, not one, not two but three Wheels of Steel, as circus performers balance atop the three storey tall rotating steel pendulums
- A nailbiting freestyle motocross display with motorcycles launching an incredible 15 metres into the air
- The rumble of V8 engines as utes tear around the Main Arena
- And much more!

PROGRAM

Compered by Big Brother's Farmer Dave and Lyndsey Douglas

- 6:30pm **EkkaNITES opening - 10 Galloping Brumbies led by Dave Manchon on horseback cracking a fire whip**
- 6:35pm **Acknowledgment of Country and Australian National Anthem Waveney Yasso**
- 6:45pm **Queensland Harness Racing presented by Racing Queensland**
MCs welcome guests – Lyndsey Douglas and Farmer Dave Graham
- 7:00pm **The Bison Stampede – Battle in the Saddle presented by Dave Manchon and the Rooftop Express**
- 7:15pm **Chariot Motorbike Racing with the Flair Action Sports Race Team**
- 7:20pm **V8 Ute Challenge presented by the Trackskill Movie Stunt Drivers**
- 7:30pm **Wheels of Steel performed by the International Circus Champions**
- 7:40pm **Freestyle Motocross with the Airtime Avengers**
- 7:50pm **Fireworks Spectacular – IMAGINE**
- 8:00pm **Meet the Stars Under the Stars**

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

August 14

SINGLES MINGLE MONDAY

XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill, 8pm

Love is in the air this Ekka. For those looking to find their sweetheart, the new Singles Mingle event is for you. Singles Mingle will be hosted by ex The Bachelorette and Australia's Got Talent contestant Apollo, who will work his magic. There will be speed dating facilitated by Queensland match makers Social Mingle, live country music from Brittany Elise, games, prizes and a whole lotta fun on offer.

August 15

KARAOKE WITH LIVE BAND & HOST DAVID EASTGATE

XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill, 8.30pm

Live out your rock star fantasies with a shreddin' four-piece band live on stage! From Tina Turner to Twisted Sister, Metallica to Madonna, Shania Twain to Slayer – this event has you covered with a diverse list of more than 250 bangers. Comedian Dave Eastgate presents a karaoke experience like no other!

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The Ag Education Hall at the Ekka features an amazing array of educational activities and hands-on learning for children, including a new education stage.

Students will enjoy learning how agriculture impacts every area of their lives, with the Hall showcasing rural life and agricultural innovations, explaining where healthy and nutritious food comes from and providing opportunities to meet farmers and primary producers.

More than 40 schools have booked an excursion to the Ekka this year, with students to take part in activities in the Ag Education Hall.

EKKA EDUCATION STAGE PRESENTED BY PODSQUAD

The new Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad, an initiative of Health & Wellbeing Queensland, will feature many educational presentations for children.

From learning about healthy eating to pollination and gardening, the stage is sure to be popular with families exploring what Queensland's largest classroom, the Ekka, has to offer.

DAILY PROGRAM

- 10am Queensland Beekeepers Association
- 10.30am Spuddy & Scoot
- 11am Podsquad Live
- 11.30am Ekka Street Science Show
- 12pm Podsquad Live
- 12.30pm Spuddy & Scoot
- 1pm Podsquad Live
- 1.30pm Ekka Street Science Show
- 2pm Indigenous Sensory Food Experience
- 2.30pm Department of Agriculture & Fisheries
- 3pm Flower & Garden Presentation
- 3.30pm Queensland Beekeepers Association

SPUDDY AND SCOOT

A musical early-learning show encouraging healthy eating and mindful habits.

PODSQUAD LIVE

Join the Podsquad mascots to learn about nutrition, how to become more physically active and improve sleep habits in a fun, interactive way.

EKKA STREET SCIENCE SHOW SUPPORTED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Kids will discover the unexpected potential for produce like seaweed and corn in revolutionising their everyday lives.

INDIGENOUS SENSORY FOOD EXPERIENCE

A unique opportunity to learn about the traditional plant-based foods of First Nations people, including where it grows and what it's used for.

SENSORY GARDEN SUPPORTED BY CAPILANO HONEY

9am to 6pm daily

The Sensory Garden supported by Capilano Honey is new to Ekka this year. The impressive 14-metre-long self-guided sensory garden will showcase the best types of flowers to plant in your garden to attract bees. It will also feature sensory activities for the kids.

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RIDES & SHOWBAGS



RIDES

The Ekka has two adrenaline-charged carnival precincts this year.

B105 Sideshow Alley is filled with extreme, spooky and family friendly rides, while Kids Carnival has all the family favourites, along with a few for the big kids!

2 FOR 1 DOUBLE THE FUN!

Rides are a major attraction at the Ekka and for the first time ever, there will be daily two for one rides, giving showgoers 90 minutes of double the fun from 9am to 10.30am every morning of Ekka in the B105 Sideshow Alley and Kids Carnival area.

There is also 20 per cent off digital only \$150 ride cards and 15 per cent off digital only \$100 ride cards.

SHOWBAGS

From the classic Bertie Beetle, which is this year celebrating its 60th anniversary, to bags filled with toys and sweets, the Ekka's 2023 showbag lineup features 392 types of bags to choose from!

With 77 new bags this year, there's truly something for everyone!

There are 23 showbags priced \$5 and under and almost 100 showbags costing \$10 or less, offering great value to suit any budget. Prices start from just \$2 a bag.

All showbags are available to purchase inside The Courier-Mail Showbag Pavilion.

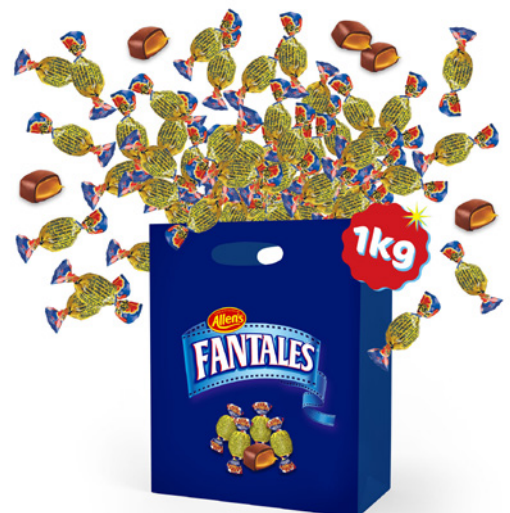
View the full showbags list by clicking here.

BERTIE BEETLE 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the iconic Bertie Beetle chocolate. This bag includes 20 chocolates, your choice of ceramic egg cups or a helicopter hat, and a birthday card – all for just \$18.

FANTALE FRENZY

If you're scrambling to get your hands on the popular discontinued Fantale lollies, look no further! A new Fantaless showbag is coming to the Ekka, offering 1kg of the fan favourite chocolate-covered caramels for just \$25.



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WHAT'S NEW

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

GREGORY TERRACE THE SMOKEHOUSE

Enjoy a new low n' slow dining experience at Ekka. The Smokehouse offers delicious smoked brisket using award-winning beef from Kilcoy Global Foods, southern inspired burgers, golden fried chicken, creamy slaws and sides - all cooked with the soul of the south. Watch on as the chefs smoke these meats to perfection before your eyes.

CHICKEN SCHNITZEL ON A STICK

What's better than a crispy chicken schnitzel? A loaded chicken schnitzel on a stick! Keep it classic or try the loaded options, with a delicious Parnigiana, Hawaiian, or Mexican twist. There'll also be loaded hot chips and a one-foot cheese kransky on a stick.

WOOLWORTHS FRESH FOOD PAVILION

COCO CHEESE HOTDOG

The Korean inspired street food, CoCo Cheese Hotdogs, is coming to Ekka for the first time. The crunchy corn dogs are filled with cheesy mozzarella, with a range of coatings like sweet potato, ramen, or the original corn dog. Finish this juicy experience off with a saucy topping of your choice.

DOUGIE'S DONUTS

Satisfy your sweet tooth and taste your way through Dougie's Donuts this Ekka. These fresh donuts are sure to be a crowd pleaser, with flavours like Lemon Meringue with a lemon curd filling, Fairy Bread and Pink Sprinkle, and M&M Nutella.

GOURMET PLAZA JOEY'S BACON HOUSE

If you love all things bacon, we have the perfect place for you! Joey's Bacon House will literally be the home of bacon this Ekka, with bacon lollipops, bacon on a stick, pork belly bites and more.

KING STREET CLAW

Get ready to don your bib and dig into a menu inspired by the humble crustation - all made fresh to order. CLAW's menu features enormous hauls of fresh shellfish and other seafood options, along with crowd pleasers such as the Texas smoked beef brisket, Carolina pulled pork and buffalo chicken wings.



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ROYAL QUEENSLAND COOKING STAGE PRESENTED BY KING STREET AND SUPPORTED BY JBS

Discover Australia's finest produce through new demonstrations on the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by King Street and supported by JBS.

Featuring some of Queensland's leading chefs, Ekka guests will be inspired to cook with delicious, seasonal and local produce through 50 demonstrations over the nine days of Show.

The 45-minute sessions will be run by local chefs Jan Cranitch and Carmel Carmichael for the first time, in collaboration with some of Queensland's finest chefs who will present dishes using renowned JBS beef brands such as Thousand Guineas, Riverina Angus and Royal 100.

Local producers will also be on hand to provide insider tips and taste tests including Woombye Cheese, Saucy

Wench, Langs Gourmet, Olympus Cheese, Luvaberry, Meredith Dairy, beer tasting by Scarborough Harbour Brewing Co, and wine tasting by Sirromet.

The demonstrations will be held on the hour from 11am until 4pm each day of show. No bookings necessary.

COOKING STAGE HIGHLIGHTS

JBS Masterclass – Brisbane's top chefs cooking with beef

Saturday 12 August – 1pm & 2pm

Sunday 13 to Friday 18 August – 11am & 12pm

Woombye Cheese talk & taste

Saturday 12 August – 3pm

Saturday 19 August – 2pm

All things wine with Sirromet Winery

Sunday 13, Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 August – 4pm

Fish in the Family's finest picks and seafood recipes

Thursday 17 August – 2pm

Friday 18 August – 1pm

Spectacular strawberries with Luvaberry

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 August – 3pm & 4pm

Meredith Dairy talk & taste

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 August – 3pm & 4pm

Scarborough Harbour Brewing Co. beer talk & experience

Saturday 19 August – 1pm



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WHAT'S NEW MUSIC

Almost 40 musicians / bands will perform at the Ekka this year, including many new faces on the Multicultural Plaza Music Stage.

ISAIAH FIREBRACE

3pm - August 16

The highest streamed First Nations pop artist in the world, Isaiah Firebrace, has an incredible story to tell. The Australian pop singer is a soulful baritone vocalist who transformed from a small-town Indigenous singer with big dreams, to one of Australia's most successful artists. Along the way he's won X Factor 2016, was signed to Sony Music, represented Australia at the Eurovision Song Contest 2017 finishing ninth, and has seen more than half a billion streams across his music.

LOREN RYAN (TAMWORTH TOYOTA STAR MAKER 2023)

4.15pm - August 16

Country music fans will be treated to a special performance by Tamworth local and Gamilaraay woman Loren Ryan who was crowned the 43rd Toyota Star Maker winner at the Tamworth Country Music Festival earlier this year. Loren was the first Indigenous woman to take out the competition. An exciting new artist, Loren has recently returned from her first international adventure, performing at 50th CMA Fest in Nashville.

DJS ROCK THE EKKA DJ ALZ

8pm - August 12 & 13

DJ ALZ brings a unique and memorable experience to every show. With his extensive knowledge of different music genres and his exceptional ability to read the crowd, DJ ALZ knows just how to get everyone on their feet and dancing the night away.

THE COLONEL

8pm - August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19

Since first appearing in Australia in 2006, Waylon P. Flawstane (aka 'The Colonel') has hosted and been house DJ at The Tackleshack, the secret VIP venue at the Splendour In The Grass festival. The Colonel has gone on to bring the good times of the deep south to countless festival and club stages across Australia.



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NEW HOME FOR SHOW CAMP

After more than 70 years in its previous location, Show Camp has been relocated to the Large Animal Pavilion offering more than twice the amount of work space.

Show campers will live in the roof-top residential village, with a classroom on a lower level.

Show Camp Honorary Council Steward Keith Enchelmaier said the new location will place show campers in the centre of the Ekka action.

“They will see the activities of Beef Week at close hand and will be much closer to some feature locations like the Main Arena, Ag Education Hall, Woodchop Arena and Sideshow Alley,” he said.

“The classroom overlooks the Main Arena, so students will be able to see what is happening there while they are working.”

The campers are selected from year six Queensland State School students who have completed an online news writing course.

Their Ekka experiences will provide opportunities for them to further develop their news writing skills.

The students research and write news stories about the activities of the Ekka. Their stories are published in The Ekka Courier, the Show Camp newspaper that has been published since 1992.

Show Camp has evolved from a residential program, which commenced in 1928. Country boys were brought to the Show to learn more about keeping and showing farm animals.

The first camp was a combined project of the RNA and the then Departments of Pub-

lic Instruction and Agriculture and Stock.

The camp is now a partnership between the RNA and the Queensland Department of Education.

Show Camp has been housed in several locations at the Ekka over the years.

In 1935, a dormitory was built behind the John Reid Pavilion to provide accommodation for the Farm Boys and Rural Youth members visiting the Show.

In 1948, the building was relocated to a site beside Exhibition Street behind the old Poultry Pavilion.

During the 1980s, renovations were made to provide two dormitory spaces so the girls who attended the camp could also stay on site. Girls had previously stayed in a hostel in Gregory Terrace.

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ROYAL QUEENSLAND AWARDS WRAP UP

The RNA's prestigious Royal Queensland Awards presented by King Street enjoyed a successful year, attracting more than 2,600 entries across its six competitions - Branded Beef; Branded Lamb; Cheese and Dairy; Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet; Wine; and Beer.

This was an increase of almost 10 per cent compared to 2022.

It was fierce competition in this year's Royal Queensland Beer Awards, with a record 663 beers entered, an increase of more than 15 per cent compared to last year.

Meanwhile entries in the Branded Beef and

Lamb competitions were up 35 per cent (72 entries) on last year and entries in the dairy competitions rose by 20 per cent (441 entries).

The Royal Queensland Wine Awards attracted 1,428 entries this year, on par with 2022.

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BEER

Moff's Summer Ale by Moffat Beach Brewing Co

WINE

Sexton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2022 by Giant Steps Wine

Head to our YouTube channel to relive this year's Royal Queensland Awards.



GRAPE GRAZING:

More than 1,000 people attended the RNA's Grape Grazing by Night event in July, sampling some of Australia's finest wines and indulging in the nation's best cheese, lamb, beef and ice cream, as awarded by the Royal Queensland Awards.

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