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Welcome

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by RACQ is all about celebrating and championing agriculture and the critical role it plays in our everyday lives.

Last year, more than 415,000 people attended the Ekka, with many showing their support for our farmers who continue to battle the devastating drought.

The RNA is committed to helping our farming families, many of whom have exhibited at the Ekka for countless generations, since the first show in 1876.

To ensure Queenslanders can again show their support and appreciation for the people that feed and clothe us each day, we have frozen the price of every ticket for the first time in 11 years (the Little Ekka Pass for children four years of age and under is free).

Our competitions are the heart and soul of the Ekka and with more than 21,000 entries received this year, we encourage visitors to look at what our exhibitors are contributing to Queensland - whether it's beef or dairy cattle, fleece or even giant vegetables.

The RNA is also continuing to invest in competition facilities, ensuring the next generation of exhibitors and visitors can enjoy a better experience.

The new Alexandria Park, which is part of the \$2.9 billion Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project, will be home to Ekka's Championship Canine Competition presented by Black Hawk.



The park features two acres of additional green and event space, allowing entrants to exhibit their dogs on grass.

It's also the very first time all four storeys of the Arrow Energy Pavilion will be used to house animals at the Ekka.

Two floors were used last year housing beef and dairy cattle, dairy goats and poultry, but with all four now ready, sheep, angoras and alpacas will also use our world-class facility.

For visitors, it means another two football fields of space where they can see animals at the show and meet our farmers.

Our visitors will also see a tribute to our farmers during the world-class night show EkkaNITES supported by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue.

The theme of the Fireworks Spectacular this year is 'A Celebration of the Human Spirit,' recognising the remarkable resilience and determination of our primary producers.

Everything starts with agriculture from the food we eat to the clothes we wear and the RNA is proud to run Queensland's largest event and agricultural show on behalf of the community each year.

We hope you enjoy the 2019 Royal Queensland Show.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Thomas".

David Thomas
RNA President

*On the cover: Eva McKeering
and Lara Tanner enjoying the
Ekka Media Launch in July*



Ekka Map



ANIMALS

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Cooking School presented by Spotlight	K-15
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GND = Ground Floor
L1 = Level One
L2 = Level Two
*Sheep Shearing Competition only available Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August. Farriers & Blacksmiths only available Friday 16 – Sunday 18 August.

INFORMATION BOOTHS	ATM	TRAIN STATION	BEEF CATTLE	HORSE	FLOWER & GARDEN
TOILETS	LOCKERS	CHARTER BUS DROP OFF/PICK UP	DAIRY CATTLE	LAMBS	QUILTS
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MALE TOILET	MOBILE PHONE CHARGING	GATES	POULTRY, PIGEON, BIRDS & EGGS	DOGS	POLICE STATION
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PARENTS ROOM	KEEP KIDS SAFE PROGRAM	WATER STATIONS	PIGS	WOODCHOP	



What's New at the Ekka

Our guide to what's new this year at Queensland's largest and most loved annual event, the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

Queenslanders are being urged to show their support for farming families battling drought and the devastation of the February floods, by attending the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in August.

The Ekka runs from the 9th to 18th, with the RNA freezing ticket prices for the first time in 11 years to encourage people to attend and show their support for farmers.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said the Ekka had been bringing the country to the city since 1876 to celebrate and showcase agriculture and its importance to the community.

"Queensland is now in its seventh year of drought with 65.2 per cent of the state drought declared in May, while the February floods in North Queensland resulted in catastrophic losses for many primary producers," he said.

"Our farmers are the backbone of our nation and the RNA wants to draw attention to the many challenges they are facing, as well as provide opportunities for them to engage with others in the broader Queensland community and enjoy some much needed respite.

"The Ekka showcases the extraordinary resilience of our farmers and rural communities, and also recognises and rewards our exhibitors, who year in year

out, produce the best of the best despite the crippling impacts of drought and flood."

More than 400,000 people are expected to flock to this year's Ekka which will showcase about 21,000 competition entries and 10,000 animals.

SUPER SAVINGS!

The RNA has this year frozen the price of all seven paid passes (the Little Ekka Pass for children four years and under is free).

This means the popular Family Pass for two adults and two children, which last year was the cheapest Family Pass in 15 years, remains at just \$80.

Tickets are even cheaper if families sign up to the ***Ekka newsletter*** online, with more discounts on offer through promotional codes.

Adding to the great value on offer in 2019 are the three super saver passes, including the new Super Seniors Day on Thursday 15 August.

Seniors will get a 10 per cent discount on their \$25 pass online, plus there is increased seniors entertainment including performances by famous singers Normie Rowe and Jackie Love.

Meanwhile the Super Ride Tuesday and Super Food Sunday 2 for 1 days are back for the fourth year, which also include a 10

per cent online ticket discount.

Families can purchase 2 for 1 rides on Tuesday 13 August and 2 for 1 food items on Sunday 18 August.

For the first time on Super Ride Tuesday, families can also enjoy increased children's entertainment including a Dora the Explorer live stage show.

EKKA APP

Visitors can download the Ekka app to plan their perfect day at show and pick their favourite showbags. Once at the show, the app can be used to easily navigate around the grounds, activate augmented reality content and receive special offers. New additions to the app this year are itineraries including from local celebrities and improved wayfinding including inside buildings.

Download the Ekka app



EKKA MEDIA LAUNCH

More than 320 people attended the Ekka Media Launch on Thursday 4 July, enjoying an exclusive sneak peek of this year's show. *To see all the action for yourself, check out our episode of Ekka TV by clicking here.*



Mooving into pawsome new homes

ALEXANDRIA PARK

The Ekka's Championship Canine Competition presented by Black Hawk has a brand new home this year.

The competition will be held in the new Alexandria Park on the corner of Gregory Terrace and Alexandria Street.

The park features two acres of additional green and event space, including an existing undercover events pavilion known as Building 8.

The building has undergone extensive refurbishment works to enhance its heritage elements and will be used for competition benching, providing exhibitors with one central benching area.

Meanwhile the canine judging ring will be located in a custom marquee on the grass, allowing entrants to exhibit their dogs on real turf with improved direct access to the judging rings.

The park will also offer greatly improved

lighting, power, ambience and better facilities and access for public viewing.

Alexandria Park was completed in late April and is part of the \$2.9 billion Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project, providing exhibitors and patrons with world-class facilities to use.

Outside of Ekka, Alexandria Park will be used as an event space and can also be enjoyed by the public.

RACQ ANIMAL NURSERY

The Ekka's most popular daytime attraction, the RACQ Animal Nursery, will be bigger and better than ever with a brand new home.

The nursery will have a bigger location in Expo Place this year, next door to the popular Kids Carnival area and adjacent to Alexandria Park.

The kids will love getting up close to hundreds of farmyard animals on their

adventure through the nursery, as they pat and feed pigs, lambs, goats, chickens, ducklings and more.

ARROW ENERGY PAVILION

For the very first time, all four storeys of the Arrow Energy Pavilion will be used to house animals at the Ekka.

The pavilion, which debuted at last year's show, will feature animals on all four levels including beef and dairy cattle, poultry, dairy goats, sheep, angoras and alpacas.

With only two floors complete last year, that's another two football fields of space where visitors can see animals at the show.

The Arrow Energy Pavilion is the only building of its kind in the world and has been specially designed to house animals during Ekka.

Outside of show, it's used as an events space and car park facility - with all revenue invested back into the Ekka.

The RACQ Animal Nursery is a must-see destination at this year's Ekka.



This year we are proud to announce that proceeds from feed at the RACQ Animal Nursery will be donated directly to the RACQ Foundation to help Queenslanders get back on their feet during tough times.

Visit racq.com/ekka to find out more.



ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW



Competitions

Our competitions are the heart and soul of the Ekka, with more than 21,000 entries received this year.

There has been a 40 per cent increase in entries in our Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition, while entries in the popular Canine Competition presented by Black Hawk have risen by more than 20 per cent.

Other competitions that have enjoyed an increase in entries include Fine Arts, Horses and Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs presented by Australian Eggs.

New competition classes and locations this year include:

- Beef cattle - the feature breed is Brahman
- Canine - new location at Alexandria Park
- Cats - new location at Expo Place
- Dairy Cattle - new Dairy Youth Achievement Award
- Education on Show - new 'Nature in Bloom' theme
- Fine Arts: Cookery - new classes, including for live judging
- Fine Arts: Creative Art & Craft - new Millinery classes
- Fine Arts: Photography - new drone and commercial photography classes
- Fleece Breeds: Wool, Alpaca and Mohair Fleece - new display location in the Channel Seven Pavilion
- Fleece Breeds: Alpaca, Angora and Sheep - new location on the second floor of the Arrow Energy Pavilion for judging
- Flower and Garden: School Garden - new seasonal veggie garden theme
- Flower and Garden: School Scarecrow - new seasonal scarecrow theme
- Flower and Garden: Little Sprouts - growing radishes for the first time
- Horses: Horse Competition - new classes for riders with disability
- Horses: Farriers and Blacksmiths - new location at Expo Place
- Paddock to Palate: Competition - new HGP (Hormone Growth Promotant) free export class
- Paddock to Palate: Awards - revamped Awards Presentation Dinner in the upper Royal International Convention Centre
- Pisciculture: new flowerhorn fish class
- Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs: Pigeons - returning for the first time in two years
- Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs: Birds - new canary classes for new mutations and new Muscovy duck Waterfowl Feature class
- RQFWS: Sausage King and Ham, Bacon and Smallgoods - new location at Royal Queensland Tastes in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion
- Woodchop and Sawing - new Australian titles
- Young Farmers Challenge - hosting National Australian Young Farmers Challenge



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Daytime Entertainment

SUPER SENIORS DAY

Super Seniors Day is an Ekka first, offering extra entertainment for seniors, plus a 10 per cent discount on tickets on Thursday 15 August.



JACKIE LOVE

Where & When: Fashion Stage at 1pm

International singing star Jackie Love is coming to the Ekka for the very first time.

Jackie has travelled the world with her unique blend of 'sharing the love' through her music and inimitable style.

The much loved Australian artist has also starred in many musicals including *Singing in the Rain* and *Hot Shoe Shuffle*.



NORMIE ROWE

Where & When: Fashion Stage at 12pm

Famous Australian pop singer Normie Rowe is sure to wow the crowds on Super Seniors Day.

In the 1960s, Normie's extraordinary string of Top 10 singles led to the most frenzied concerts and media coverage the country had seen for an Australian artist.

Years later, he's an accomplished actor, singer, musician and media communicator.

OPERA QUEENSLAND

Where & When: Fashion Stage at 2pm

Four of Opera Queensland's finest artists will take to the stage in a performance created exclusively for the Ekka.

Opera fans will enjoy well-known arias and duets in a fascinating feast of songs from swoon all the way to sultry.

Beautiful melodies contrast with charming wit, as the talented stars of Opera Queensland present the most beloved and recognisable hits of the opera world.

Other new children's entertainment acts on the Brisbane Airport Community Stage this year include:

- PJ Masks Live Stage Show - 11.30am, 12.30pm & 1.30pm daily
- Angry Birds presented by The Angry Birds Movie 2, in cinemas September 12 - 2.30pm, 3.30pm & 4.30pm daily



SUPER RIDE TUESDAY

For the first time on Super Ride Tuesday (13 August), families can enjoy increased children's entertainment, as well as the usual 2 for 1 carnival rides.



DORA THE EXPLORER - LIVE STAGE SHOW

Where & When: Brisbane Airport Community Stage at 10am, 11am & 12pm

Children will be taken on a journey as they help Dora and Boots follow a map to get to Big Red Chicken's Fiesta.

During the adventure, Dora will teach the kids basic Spanish catch phrases and encourage them to sing and dance along.

Dora the Explorer is a play-along animated television series starring a seven year old Latina heroine, widely praised as a positive role model for both boys and girls.

JIMMY GIGGLE - LIVE STAGE SHOW

Where & When: Brisbane Airport Community Stage at 1pm & 2pm

Jimmy Giggle is Australia's best loved children's entertainer and he's bringing his brand new live show to the Ekka for the very first time.

Jimmy Giggle along with his pals Gigglesaurus and Mini-Hoot, will take kids on a fun-filled adventure in the Gigglemobile and then all the way through the Giggle Galaxy.

There will be some roar-tastic magical tricks and Jimmy Giggle will ask the kids to stomp, bounce and boogie along with him.



NATURE IN BLOOM NATURAL FIBRES FASHION PARADES PRESENTED BY CHANNEL SEVEN

Where & When: Fashion Stage at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm daily. Also at 3.30pm on August 14

The Nature in Bloom Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel Seven will celebrate Queensland agriculture and community, with a new line-up of women's and menswear designers in 41 shows over the 10 days of Ekka.

The parades, directed by Laura Churchill for the third year, will celebrate the colours and climate of spring in Queensland in a new Nature in Bloom show.

Inspired by the iconic Queensland scene of jacarandas in flower, Nature in Bloom will provide a romantic, floral backdrop to showcase Queensland's best natural fibre fashion.

In a new dimension to the show, award-winning violinist Emma Beau will open and close each parade with a live violin performance, setting the romantic theme.

Returning this year will be the daily Meet the Models sessions, plus the student design segment and Fibre to Fashion Conversation Series.

Closing the parade will be a couture gown designed by international costume designer Kirsten Fletcher of 'Alice in Wonderland'

and 'Beauty and the Beast' fame.

This year marks the 28th year of Ekka presenting its fashion parades, which is the show's most glamorous event.

To continue the Ekka tradition of championing local talent, there is a fresh line-up of 16 Queensland designers - seven of which are new to the Ekka runway.

The designers are Pure Dreamwear (new); Kirsten Fletcher (new); Ringers Western (new); Mojalivin (new); Isabella Longginou (new); Ileana the Label (new); Rudi Miro (new); White Label Noba; Maiocchi; Sacha Drake; Jericho Road; Wendy Makin; Wil Valor; Living Silk; Annalisse Designs; and WS Workshop.

Ekka Pinball Arcade

Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

For the first time in its 142 year history, the Ekka will host two of the largest pinball and arcade competitions in the southern hemisphere - the Brisbane Pinball Masters and the Australian Kong Off 3.

In a joint venture with Brisbane's blossoming micro cosmos of arcade bars and pinball halls, the Ekka will be home to a pinball and games arcade featuring 50 pinball machines and 20 original arcade games for the 10 days of show, culminating with the Brisbane Pinball Masters on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August.

Players will also have the opportunity to set world record arcade attempts, attend arcade and pinball masterclasses, as

well as compete in the highly anticipated Australian Kong Off 3.

The Ekka Pinball Arcade is open to all guests and aspiring pinball wizards from 9am to 10.30pm each day of show.

Pinball and arcade events:

- Australian Kong Off 3 presented by Richie Knucklez and Netherworld - 10am-10pm Saturday 10 August and 10am-6pm Sunday 11 August
- The QUEENS-Land Women's Pinball Championship - 1pm-6pm Friday 16 August
- The Brisbane Pinball Masters presented by Hutchinson Builders and Amusement Machine Distributors (AMD) - 10am Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August

LUKE'S REPTILE KINGDOM VENOMOUS SNAKE SHOW

Where & When: King Street from 9.30am-6pm daily

Get wrapped up with friendly pythons and admire the incredible Australian wildlife at Luke's Reptile Kingdom - Venomous Snake Show.

The audience will watch a breathtaking venomous snake demonstration teaching vital snake safety tips.

Animal lovers can also get a photo holding a crocodile or having a cuddle with Cuddles - a three metre long python!

5.30pm	MCs welcome guests - Farmer Dave and Lyndsey Douglas
5.40pm	Queensland Harness Racing presented by Racing Queensland
6pm	Australian National Anthem and Trick Riders
6.05pm	Children's Fireworks presented by MG Motor - Fairy Tales & Fantasy and trampolinists
6.15pm	Little Pony Roller Race
6.25pm	Extreme Free Speed Climb with the Laughing Loggers
6.35pm	Mechanical Madness with roll over vehicles
6.40pm	A Drovers Tale
6.55pm	Coca-Cola Dance Off with Chook Farmer Goldie the Clown
7.05pm	Movie Stunt Drivers Show
7.15pm	Monster Trucks Tom Cat & Missy the Dog
7.25pm	Aussie FMX
7.40pm	Fireworks Spectacular - A Celebration of the Human Spirit
8pm	Meet the Stars - Under the Stars

EkkaNITES

Supported by RACQ LifeFlight

The Main Arena comes alive each night of show with the spectacular never before seen night show EkkaNITES supported by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue.

In recent years, the night show has been transformed into one of the most critically acclaimed shows both nationally and internationally.

The world-class show is watched by more than 20,000 people each night of Ekka and this year it will feature an action-packed

program including:

- two breathtaking fireworks displays - the Children's Fireworks presented by MG Motor 'Fairy Tales & Fantasy' and the Fireworks Spectacular 'A Celebration of the Human Spirit'
- the new and thrilling Aussie FMX bikes performing an Ekka first front flip and their mascot Aussie The Kangaroo backflipping on a mini bike
- new high-octane monster trucks,

custom built to look like a cat and dog

- the Laughing Loggers who will delight the young and young-at-heart by speed climbing a 50 foot pole and performing Australian first aerial stunts
- everyone's favourite horseman Dave Manchon performing his new show 'A Drovers Tale' featuring 58 horses

For more information on each of the EkkaNITES supported by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue acts, [please click here](#).

LAUREL, GARY & MARK

WEEKDAYS FROM 5.30AM



Education

AGRICULTURAL HALL PRESENTED BY SEQWATER

The Ekka is Queensland's largest classroom, with more than 30,000 children inspired, educated and entertained each year over the 10 days of show.

The Agricultural Hall presented by Seqwater features an amazing array of educational activities, delightful experiences and hands-on learning for children, with a special focus on innovation and sustainability in 2019.

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

FIELD TO FORK

The best place to start in food education is to take kids to the very beginning and teach them about agriculture and how their food travels from the field to their fork.

All stages of the agricultural cycle are covered, from composting, growing and planting, to harvesting and processing.

Kids will have a chance to roll up their sleeves and enjoy the following activities, which will run from 9am to 6pm:

- Composting - composting is nature's way of recycling! This activity highlights the difference between biodegradable and non-biodegradable, the importance of decomposition and how compost is made and why it's important for soil health. Kids will learn methods for at-home composting.
- Growing and Planting - identifying and planting seeds and seed pods is always a favourite kids gardening

activity. Here kids will learn how to identify different types of fruit and vegetables and have the opportunity to guess the plant.

- Harvesting - when a crop has grown and is ready to eat, the farmer must collect or harvest it from the fields. Kids will enjoy learning about the many different harvesting processes, such as picking fruits by hand or collecting wheat with combine harvesters.
- Processing - how does wheat become a loaf of bread? Kids will enjoy learning about the grain to flour process through the Grain Chain. This display will teach the kids what's involved in processing and milling grains into consumable products which they can find on supermarket shelves.
- Cooking - kids LOVE cooking... it's fun, messy and a powerful learning experience for children. Kids will be inspired as they learn to make a healthy and yummy corn and vegetable fritter at the Kids get cracking, get cooking with Australian Eggs.

SEQWATER

When: 9am to 6pm

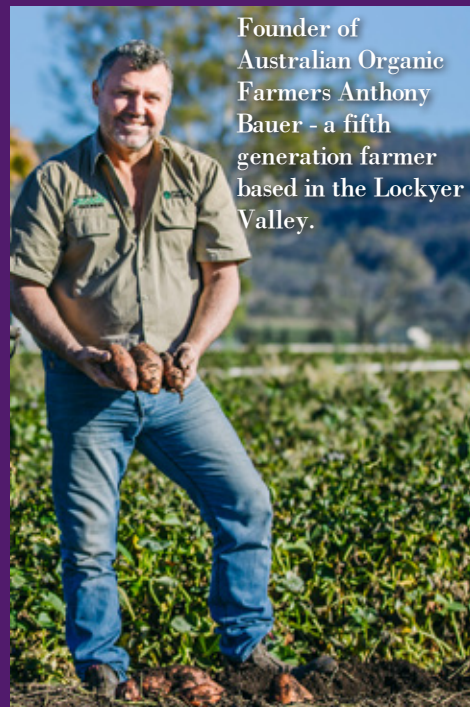
Seqwater will create an exciting and inspiring space for kids to understand, appreciate and connect with water.

Their stand will feature the new 'Sippidy doo Bar' where Ekka goers will be able to quench their thirst with drinks made from desalinated water such as 'Iced Teasal' and 'Saltless Sparking Seawater.'

Their popular giant augmented reality sandpit will return this year, educating kids with a simulation of what a drought would look like across south east Queensland.

The Seqwater stand would also not be complete without its water refill station for people to fill up their water bottles.

Lockyer Valley farming group benefits from Woolworths Organic Growth Fund



Founder of Australian Organic Farmers Anthony Bauer - a fifth generation farmer based in the Lockyer Valley.

Australian Organic Farmers in the Lockyer Valley are the first Queensland beneficiaries of the Woolworths Organic Growth Fund.

Woolworths, in partnership with Heritage Bank, has granted a \$220,500 interest free loan to Australian Organic Farmers to support the installation of a state of the art humidity-controlled storage facility to improve the shelf life of organic sweet potatoes and onions grown in the region.

Find out more through the link on the next page.



Growing a greener future

As part of our commitment to a greener future, we're working with conventional and organic fruit and vegetable growers to help them start or increase organic production.

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The Old Museum

LITTLE BACKYARD FARMERS

Little Backyard Farmers is a brand new and interactive educational activity, teaching kids about urban farming.

There are six hands-on stations where children are taught the importance of future sustainability practices through composting, planting seeds, growing vegetables and nurturing plants.

With a basket in hand, children will collect produce at the stations, before sorting the items into compost, recycle or waste tubs.

1. CHICKEN COOP - kids will enter a large coop, searching for an egg to add to their basket among the chickens (props) and hay. They'll learn about life cycles and raising hens.

2. FLOWERS AND BEES - in this colour matching activity, children will wear a pair of coloured cellophane sunglasses and weave their way through a giant flower garden to collect pollen. They'll put their pollen disc into the beehive, before moving

to the next station.

3. VEGGIE PATCH: PLANTING - children will dig in a garden bed, planting vegetable seeds. They'll also learn about the importance of worm activity in the garden.

4. VEGGIE PATCH: HARVESTING - children will harvest vegetables to learn about garden care and growth. They'll find out how long different fruits and vegetables take to grow and will add some lettuce, potatoes and carrots to their basket.

5. FRUIT ORCHARD - children will water apple and orange trees (props) and pick a fruit for their basket. They'll also have to identify whether certain fruits and vegetables are in fact a fruit or a vegetable.

6. COMPOST AND RECYCLE - using their basket of produce and other items, children will learn what to compost and what to recycle. They'll sort the items into compost, recycle or waste tubs.

At the end of the activity, the kids will receive a seedling to take home and plant, to start their backyard farming journey.

BROOKFIELD GARDENS 'THE JUNGLE ROOM' BY CLAIRE BICKLE

For the first time at Ekka, Brookfield Gardens by Claire Bickle will showcase 'The Jungle Room,' an interactive plant display inspiring the immersion of nature and indoors.

This green spectacle will be made of seasonal produce, and hanging and indoor plants intertwined across everyday household furniture, teaching people about the remedial effects of plants in everyday life.

The designer, Claire Bickle, has been a qualified horticulturist for more than two decades, raising awareness of both the physical and mental benefits of bringing the outdoors indoors.

Those wanting to try out their green thumbs and bring nature into their homes can visit the Brookfield Gardens pop-up shop at the end of the exhibit.

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Rides and Showbags

Experience the thrills and excitement of the Ekka with two adrenaline-charged carnival precincts.

You'll find the serious adrenaline junkies and showbag fans in Sideshow Alley, while the little daredevils will be having fun in Kids Carnival.

Families will enjoy a bigger and better Kids Carnival this year, with the area increasing by more than 15 per cent. That's an extra 750 square metres of rides and games to enjoy.

There are also more showbags in the Triple M Showbag Pavilion this year. From the classic Bertie Beetle to bags filled with lollies and toys, there are 400 types of showbags to choose from - that's 40 more than last year.

SELECTION OF NEW RIDES

PIRATES NEST - *Family Friendly*

Ahoy there matey! Step aboard the Pirates Nest in Sideshow Alley and follow the path to find the treasure.

The four level pirate themed funhouse features 35 interactive obstacles, including an Australian first interactive water play zone.

Kids will walk across a bridge made from wooden planks and barrels right above the water, keeping an eye out for the shark.

With more than 10 minutes of family

fun, this new ride is sure to be popular.

ENCHANTED CIRCUS - *Family Friendly*

Roll up to an interactive funhouse featuring three levels of thrills.

Kids will perform a balancing act as they cross the vibrating floor and hang on tighter than a trapeze artist as they attempt the rope bridges.

Like any circus, the Enchanted Circus in Kids Carnival is a world full of colourful lights and sounds children will love.

HAPPY KANGAROO - *Family Friendly*

The Happy Kangaroo is sure to excite children as it jumps up and down, drawing giggles and squeals from them.

The ride in Kids Carnival is a drop tower with a difference - it lifts up and then performs a series of bounces as it lowers to the ground.

Each jump provides just enough free-fall motion to make the kids laugh.

STAR FLYER - *Family Friendly*

The Star Flyer in Kids Carnival will take children 30 metres into the air.

The kids will sit in a chair as the ride swings around - they're in for one exhilarating ride in the sky!



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ROYAL QUEENSLAND TASTES

The new Royal Queensland Tastes will serve award-winning food and beverages from the prestigious Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS).

With some of Australia's best beef, lamb, wine, cheese, beer, ice cream and coffee on offer, it will be worth the visit.

Enjoy a tasting platter of medal-winning beef and lamb for just \$5 or quench your thirst with a \$10 beer tasting paddle (three beers).

You can also dig into your favourite cheese with a hand-selected wine, creating the perfect flavour match.

More RQFWS award-winning products will be featured in a display cabinet, with information on how to get your hands on them outside of show.

The RQFWS is dedicated to recognising and rewarding Australia's outstanding producers and their produce through a series of eight annual competitions.

There are more than 60 food and drink stalls in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion. Other new stalls this year include:

- Piano Bar - bringing your favourite health drinks kombucha and kefir to the Ekka
- Aus Fresco - fruit juice served in a fruit skin



GOURMET PLAZA

Discover a foodie paradise in Gourmet Plaza, with more than 10 stalls offering epic eats from around the globe.

New stalls this year include:

- Calabang - serving the world's longest fries (12 inches) and calamari on a stick
- Flying Noodles - noodles suspended from 'floating' chopsticks, with flavours including Mee Goreng and Garlic Prawn Noodles
- Okonomi House - Japanese savoury pancake with toppings
- Bao Brothers - serving a variety of baos, Asian loaded fries and spring rolls

ROYAL QUEENSLAND STEAKHOUSE AND BAR PRESENTED BY AUSSIEBEEF.COM.AU

WHERE: Upper Royal International Convention Centre

The Royal Queensland Steakhouse and Bar presented by AussieBeef.com.au is the only restaurant of its kind where foodies can indulge in the nation's finest steak,

lamb, wines and cheeses all at the one location.

Its unique menu is sourced directly from the prestigious Royal Queensland Food and Wine show (RQFWS) and Ekka competition winners.

For the very first time, the steakhouse will feature a bar. The bar will serve a variety of tasting plates, and glasses of Moët Chandon champagne that you can take with you while you watch the Nature in Bloom Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel Seven.

KING STREET FEAST

King Street is one of Brisbane's most popular food precincts, so visitors are sure to find plenty to feast on.

The bars and restaurants inside the Ekka grounds are:

- Welcome to Bowen Hills
- Beerhaus
- Kuhl-Cher Coffee
- Atelier Brasserie (new to Ekka)
- El Camino Cantina (new to Ekka)
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Ekka Cooking School presented by Spotlight

Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

For the first time in Ekka history, the Ekka Cooking School presented by Spotlight will combine a demonstration stage with exclusive cooking masterclasses taught by Brisbane's leading chefs in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion.

There will be 50 masterclasses across the 10 days of show for those looking to expand their cooking skills and knowledge through hands-on learning.

The classes run for 45 minutes and there will be a minimal cost of \$10, with each participant receiving a free Spotlight cooking apron.

The cooking demonstrations will be 30 minutes long, showcasing each chef's

technique, dishes and culinary flare, while also teaching valuable tips and tricks to make passionate foodies shine in their own kitchens.

Ekka foodies and chefs alike will explore, experiment, upskill their talents and reinvent with fresh local produce alongside this year's new cooking school host Chef Mel Alafaci.

Nicknamed the Happy Chef, bubbly and vivacious Chef Mel is the creator of Tenerife's celebrated Vanilla Zulu Culinary Adventures and is a successful cook book author.

Chef Mel will be joined by leading local chefs specialising in a wide range of cuisines. Guest chefs include Dominique

Rizzo and her amazing Italian inspiration, Chef Taya (Taya Kitchen) with Thai, Asian cooking with Chef Kelly Lord (Spirit House Cooking School), hand-made gyoza with Chef Yoshi Takeyama and hard core carnivore BBQ inspiration with Chef Adam Herbert.

With creating meals at home using fresh and local produce and the popularity of cooking television shows on the rise, cooking school pupils will master the 'tricks of the trade' and make new foodie friends as they learn, taste and enjoy their own culinary creations.

Those wanting to sign up for the masterclasses can register on the day at the cooking school.

COOKING SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

What	When
Masterclass - Cooking with Beef (JBS) featuring Head Chefs from some of south-east Queensland's most awarded restaurants (Treasury Casino, Sunshine Coast Hotel and Plough Inn)	Every day 12.15pm - 1pm
Masterclass - Lemon and Lavender Panna Cotta with edible flower gravel and a chocolate 'soil' with Farmer Sarah from Basilea	Friday 9 August 10.45am - 11.30am
Masterclass - Chef Mel teaches handmade ravioli with burnt sage butter and spinach and ricotta filling with pancetta bark bling	Friday 9 August 1.45pm - 2pm
Masterclass - Chef Dominique Rizzo Flavours from My Travels. Broad bean mozzarella and mint bruschetta, stuffed pork involtini with fennel and orange salad	Saturday 10 August 3.15pm - 4pm
Demonstration - Matt Kirkegaard and Chef Mel reinvent fish and chips. Beer and black pepper battered barramundi on lemon pea puree with glamorous 'fries'	Tuesday 13 August 5.30pm - 6pm
Masterclass - Pepes Mexican Restaurant shows how to make their signature churros with delectable dulce leche sauce	Wednesday 14 August 3.15pm - 4pm
Demonstration - Chef Tong shows how to carve a very fancy fruit salad (edible art)	Thursday 15 August 10am - 10.30am and 11.30am - 12pm
Masterclass - Chef Yoshi Takeyama hand-made gyoza with pork. Delectable Japanese Cuisine made fresh and easy	Friday 16 August 1.45pm - 2.30pm
Demonstration - Chef Mel Death by chocolate platter with spiced ras el hanout brownie, chocolate bark and signature chocolate soil	Saturday 17 August 1pm - 1.30pm



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RQFWS Champions

Hat-trick of best steak titles for Darling Downs wagyu

Stockyard's Wagyu Kiwami has won the battle of the beef for the third year in a row, taking out the title of Australia's best steak at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds in May.

The premium wagyu brand, produced at Jondaryan on the Darling Downs, steaked the coveted John Kilroy Cha Cha Char Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show trophy over 49 other entrants.

The Darling Downs also stood out in the hunt for Australia's best lamb, with Queensland raised lamb winning a medal for the first time in the competition's 10 year history.

Karbullah at Goondiwindi claimed a bronze medal in the Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb class for their lamb entry fed on saltbush.

A record 73 entries were received in the Branded Beef and Lamb Competition this year - an increase of more than 20 per cent on last year.

To view the Ekka TV episode please [click here](#).

NSW gelato pips Queensland to scoop title of Australia's best ice cream

A chocolate gelato from New South Wales has melted Queensland's four year winning streak to be named Australia's best, at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition Awards presented by King Street at the Brisbane Showgrounds in

May.

The Cioccolato Arancia (chocolate gelato with a hint of orange) produced by Gelato & Co at Murwillumbah, beat 151 other entrants to claim the King Street Grand Champion Ice Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show trophy.

Queensland producers had won the title four years in a row.

Meanwhile Victoria's Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese also saw their four year winning streak come to an end, with the title of Australia's best cheese in the Cheese and Dairy Produce Show presented by King Street awarded to Tasmania's Lion Dairy and Drinks for their Heidi Farm Raclette.

Berrys Creek had been taking out the title with their blue cheeses, but this year their Riverine Blue which won a gold medal, was just outshone by the raclette, known as a melting cheese.

A total of 547 entries were received this year - an increase of more than 20 per cent on last year and the highest they've been in three years.

To view the Ekka TV episode please [click here](#).

Pinot Noir crowned Australia's best

A Pinot Noir from Tasmania has broken a six year winning streak by white wine varieties, to be crowned Australia's best at the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) Awards at the Brisbane Showgrounds in July.

The Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018 is the first red wine to claim the Angelo Puglisi Grand Champion Wine of Show since 2013, with the award usually

dominated by Chardonnay.

The top drop also won the prestigious Stodart Trophy for the best red table wine of show.

Yarra Valley winemakers and red wine varieties continued their success, with the new Chief Judge's Award going to Yarra Yering's Dry Red Wine No.3 2018.

A total of 1,695 wines from 234 Australian wineries were entered in the competition this year, with 4.6 per cent awarded gold medals, speaking highly of the wine being made across the country.

To view the Ekka TV episode please [click here](#).

RQFWS 2019 Winners

GRAND CHAMPION BEER

Burleigh Bock (Draught), Burleigh Brewing Company

THE JOHN KILROY CHA CHA CHAR GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW Stockyard Pty Ltd, Wagyu Kiwami

CHAMPION BRANDED LAMB OF SHOW

Woodward Foods Australia, HRW Tasmanian Lamb

KING STREET GRAND CHAMPION ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET OF SHOW

Gelato & Co - Cioccolato Arancia

KING STREET GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW

Lion Dairy & Drinks - Heidi Farm Raclette

THE ANGELO PUGLISI GRAND CHAMPION WINE OF SHOW

Giant Steps Wine - Giant Steps Nocton Vineyard Pinot Noir 2018

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Here's cheers! Ben Smith, Jessica Murr, Hannah Warriner, Marissa Pittar,
Molly Suffren and Alice Finlay enjoying Grape Grazing.

Tasting the nation's top drops and produce

Around 900 people raised their glasses to the country's best red, white and sparkling, at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Grape Grazing by Night in July.

Following the Royal Queensland Wine

Show (RQWS) Awards, the general public tasted their way through 1,695 wines, including the medal winners and new vintage of season.

The RQWS is the first to critically review the 2019 vintage in Australia, setting the

benchmark for the industry.

While browsing through the extensive wine libraries, guests were able to indulge in the nation's finest cheese, lamb, beef and ice cream as awarded by the RQFWS.

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