

August 11, 2024

Ekka in full swing after a bumper weekend

The sun was shining brightly on today's bumper Sunday crowd of more than 40,000 visitors.

Day two of Ekka delivered plenty of oohh's and aahh's in competition judging in dogs, cats and woodchop; fabulous food and produce, educational learning, retail shopping, rides and showbags.

Plus, exciting one-off events like the Strongman, Young Farmer Challenge and Sheepdog Trials and the very best in entertainment.

Goat Yoga was a big hit with show lovers who got to experience a unique way to chill out at Stockman's Rest.

It was great to welcome you back this weekend, Queensland!

TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS - DAY 3: MONDAY 12 AUGUST

Tomorrow, we welcome visitors from Redlands, Logan, Moreton, Bundaberg, Gladstone, Gympie, Lockyer Valley, North and South Burnett, Scenic Rim, Toowoomba and Western Downs, Somerset, Cherbourg and Balonne regional Council areas, who are enjoying their designated 'Ekka Holiday' today.

Talented thoroughbreds and the finest fashion outfits will take centre stage for Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track.

Ekka visitors can also enjoy the first Super Saver Day with 20% off online (Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Thursday 15 and Friday 16 August).

Here's what's in store – Day 3 – at Queensland's most-loved event.

MEDIA DOORSTOP

When: 11am with RNA President David Thomas

Where: Heritage Hill, Brisbane Showgrounds (J-12)

QUEENSLAND CABINET AT EKKA

In a time-honoured tradition, Queensland Cabinet will meet at the Ekka tomorrow. Premier Steven Miles will hold a press conference following the meeting.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- From 8am – Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track in the Main Arena

- 9.30am: Fashions on the Field presented by Brisbane Racing Club and supported by Sirromet in Main Arena
- 8.30am – 5pm – Canine Competition Presented by Sushi Hub – Utility Group and Agility and Jumping Judging at Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 10am – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Jack and Jill 375mm Double Handed Saw (12.25pm), Open 300mm Underhand (4.15pm) at Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- From 1.30pm - Horse judging: Gentlemen Rider classes; Turnout; Showjumping (4pm-6pm) in the Main Arena
- 3pm – 4.30pm – Young Judges Competition supported by the Queensland Government - Horse Judging

GIDDY UP FOR THOROUGHBRED EXTRAVAGANZA

When: From 8.am

Where: Main Arena

The prestigious Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track will kick-off the week and is a race day style event where the two versatile racing breeds will compete for the sought-after Champion of their Breed Title. This is one of the most glamorous days on the Ekka schedule with the competitors presenting their animals to the judges in their Formal Race Attire.

FROCKED UP ON THE FIELD

When: 9.30am to 11.30am

Where: Main Arena

The Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club and supported by Sirromet is the Ekka's most stylish competition. Held on Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day, it features nine classes, with plenty of prizes to be won. The judges will score the fashion savvy entrants across several racewear criteria, before crowning the winner for each class plus a Grand Champion. The nine classes are: Best Dressed Lady (18-40 years), Best Dressed Lady (40+ years), Best Dressed Gentleman (18+ years), Best Dressed Couple, Best Dressed Junior (15-17 years), Best Headwear (unisex), Best Dressed Steward (unisex), Best Dressed Lady Strapper, and Best Dressed Gentleman Strapper.

QUILTERS OF QUEENSLAND UNITE

When: Every day

Where: Channel 7 Pavilion, Upper level of Royal International Convention Centre

The Quilts Across Queensland Competition presented by Pillow Talk has been running for more than two decades, with the stunning quilts on display in the Channel 7 Pavilion over the nine days of Show. The award winners will include the titles of Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and Viewer's Choice Award.

OOH LA LA...SINGLES MINGLE MONDAY

When: 8pm

Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

For those looking to find their sweetheart, the Ekka's Singles Mingle event is for you. From cowboys galloping in from the outback to city slickers ready to mingle, all are welcome to see if sparks fly at this

year's show. There will be speed dating facilitated by Queensland match makers Social Mingle, live country music from The Smashing Bumpkins, games, prizes and a whole lotta fun on offer. Ekka is known for love, so this could be your special night.

EKKANITES EXCITES

When: from 6pm

Where: Main Arena

Ekka at night is the best! The lights, the sights and sounds combine to bring you the best extreme action beginning with the Horseshoe Shuffle to the Xtreme Motor Madness to the Fireworks Spectacular!

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: The 2024 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/

And download the Ekka App from Google Play or the App Store.

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