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#### August 14, 2023

# **Ekka's Monster Monday**

What a massive Monday! By nights' end, more than 45,000 people will have come through the gates making it one of the biggest Ekka Mondays in recent history!

Tens of thousands of Queenslanders enjoyed yet another day of perfect weather to soak in blue ribbon competitions, thrills, fireworks and fun galore. Today, it was all about frocks and fillies at the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ with Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day taking centre stage.

Tomorrow, Showjumping will leap into the spotlight, terrific Terriers will star in the Sushi Hub Canine Pavilion, while possibly the prettiest animals at Show, the longhair cats will star in the Sushi Hub Cat Precinct.

Ekka visitors can enjoy another super saver day with 20% off Super Saver Tickets online.

Here's what's in store tomorrow – Day 4 – at Queensland's most-loved event:

# DAY 4: TUESDAY 15 AUGUST - HIGHLIGHTS

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# 11.30am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

# JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8.30am Showjumping in the Main Arena
- From 9am Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub Longhair Cats at the Sushi Hub Cat Pavilion
- From 9am Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub Terriers at the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 9.30am Woodchop & Sawing Competition including Final Class 13 Open 275mm Underhand Elimination Handicap at 12.45pm, Final Class 11 - Women's 275mm Underhand Handicap at 4.25pm and Final Class - Teams Invitation Relay - Event 3 at 5.20pm in the Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- From 3.15pm Heats and Champion and Reserve Lady Rider Classes in the Main Arena

# SHOWJUMPING TO SHETLANDS

# When: From 9am

# Where: Main Arena

A highlight of the horse competitions is the Showjumping Competition, which dates to 1898. It is one of the most spectacular attractions held in the Main Arena. The Showjumping Competition promotes a favourite horse sport, with some of our exhibitors aspiring to compete at upcoming Olympics. On show this Tuesday is also some horses on the smaller end of the scale, including the

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adorable Welsh Ponies and Shetland Ponies, including announcements of the Supreme Champion Welsh Mountain Pony and the Supreme Champion Shetland Pony.

# THRILLING WOODCHOP FINALS

# When: All day heats with finals during the afternoon Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM

The woodchips will fly when some of Australia's best axemen compete in the 275mm Elimination Underhand Handicap Final at 12.45pm, Open 375mm Single Handed Sawing Championship Final at 4pm, 250mm Standing Block Handicap First Division and Second Division Finals at 4.12pm and 4.36pm.

# OUR YOUNGEST TO BE THE JUDGE

# When: From 9am

# Where: Channel 7 Pavilion and Ag Education Hall

Young Judges supported by the Queensland Government gives aspiring show judges the chance to showcase their talents in both live and virtual judging. There are 17 judging sections including beef cattle, alpacas, cake decorating and photography. The Young Judges Competition is open to people aged 25 years and under, with a Junior Class for under 15-year-olds and a Senior Class for 15- to 25-year-olds. On Tuesday, the Young Judges will be critiqued Cake Decorating, Photography, and China Painting in the Channel 7 Pavilion from 9am and Pisciculture in the Ag Education Hall from 12.30pm.

# TOP TERRIORS TAKE OVER

# When: 9am – 5pm

# Where: Sushi Hub Canine Pavilion

Enjoy watching the terrific terriers take centre stage Tuesday! Tomorrow Group 2 Terriers will pose and prance their way around the Sushi Hub Canine Pavilion. The category will feature the West Highland Terrier, Tenterfield Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier, Bedlington Terrier, Bull Terrier and many more. The day will also include the Owner/Breeder/Handler Competition and Group 2 Specials in the afternoon.

# LOVELY LOCKS ON PARADE

# When: 9 – 5pm

# Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct

Possibly the prettiest animals on show at the Ekka, the longhair cats with their luxurious locks will delight. The longhaired Persian cats, which date back to the 16th century, are the true princesses of the Show and are not to be missed! Watch the super fluffy Persians, Somalis, Ragdolls and more compete in the Longhair Cat competition.

# NEW - SING YOUR HEART OUT WITH EKKA KARAOKE

# When: 8:30pm

# Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

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. There's classic rock, country and soul, plus old-school rap and metal, right through to today's smash hits. Cheer on your mate as they Live on a Prayer, be amazed by







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Dad's rendition of In to the Deep, or dance while Nana belts out Sweet Child O' Mine! Comedian Dave Eastgate presents a karaoke experience like no other!

# LEAGUE LEGENDS AT THE SHOW

# When: 12pm to 1pm

#### Where: Channel 7 Pavilion

Rugby League Legends and Channel 7 News Sports Presenters Shane Webcke and Trevor Gillmeister will meet fans at the Channel 7 Pavilion.

# Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 12-20, 2023
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at <u>www.ekka.com.au</u>

**EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:** The 2023 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit <a href="http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/">www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/</a>

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