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Geoff's 261kg giant pumpkin smashes Ekka records

Minden's Geoff Frohloff has won the Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) Giant Pumpkin Competition in Ipswich this morning with a 261kg whopper – smashing Ekka records for the second year in a row.

His heavyweight entry weighed in at more than a quarter of tonne breaking the previous show record of 204kg (2014) by a massive 57.5kg to be crowned the 2015 Champion Heaviest Pumpkin of Show.

Geoff's second entry in the competition tipped the scales at an extraordinary 207kg ensuring his dominance in this coveted Ekka competition continues.

According to Geoff the secret to success is planting in brand new soil, plenty of tender loving care for the four month growing cycle and his secret organic mulch recipe.

"I've been growing them for 28 years and they don't like high humidity, 26 degrees is the ideal temperature for them," he said.

Geoff's record breaking entry is even more impressive considering entries for the competition were down due to a poor growing season with some crops being washed out.

The competition, sponsored by Pillow Talk, marks the countdown to Ekka with just 90 days to go before the gates open.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said the giant pumpkin competition was one of the show's most iconic events.

"The heart and soul of the Ekka is all about celebrating and showcasing agriculture and this competition does just that," he said.

"Horticulture dates back to our first show in 1876 and it's important our growers are rewarded and recognised for producing the best of the best.

"The entries have taken months to grow and it's wonderful to see the next generation of growers here today such as 13 year Angela Kalkaus who won the Youth Division with a 64kg entry."

Tickets for the Ekka (August 7-16) are now on sale from www.ekka.com.au

RESULTS

Champion Heaviest Pumpkin of Show – Geoff Frohloff - 261.5kg

Class 1 – Open

1st Geoff Frohloff - 261.5kg

2nd Geoff Frohloff - 207kg

3rd Marie Kalkaus - 31kg



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Class 2 - School

1st Rosewood State High School - 13.5kg

Class 3 - Youth

1st Angela Kalkaus – 64kg

2nd Thomas Haag – 21.5kg

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