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## **A GREAT SHOW OF CATTLE AT THIS YEAR'S EKKA**

The RNA will put in place new judging arrangements for this year's Show to accommodate significantly higher entry numbers in the Prime Beef and Hoof Sections.

RNA Vice-President Mr Allan Warby said this was the first time the EKKA had had to judge cattle off-site.

"The entry numbers and enthusiasm of people to exhibit is terrific. We've got 66 pens of six head to be judged and these new arrangements will allow sufficient space for judges to appraise the cattle and for spectators to view them.

"The cooperation and support of our Exhibitors, Sponsor National Australia Bank Agribusiness, meat processors, livestock agents and Hayes and Co in enabling this last minute change in location is greatly appreciated by the RNA.

"The EKKA is without a doubt the most expansive cattle competition in Australia and one of the main international competitions. Judging covers the whole industry from led steer, hoof and hook to young auctioneers and tasting," Mr Warby said.

"With close to 3,000 head to be judged across all classes, it's going to be a great showing of cattle this year."

### **The new arrangements are:**

Competitors in the National Australia Bank Pen of 6 Steers, Classes 29 to 33, will be required to unload at Hayes and Co Silverdale Saleyards south of Ipswich on Wednesday 10 August and proceed with other entries to the RNA Showgrounds.

Free buses will depart the EKKA at 6.30am and the City at 6.45am on Thursday 11 August to be at Silverdale for judging commencing at 8am.

Eighteen pens out of the classes will be taken to the RNA Showgrounds on Thursday night for final judging on Friday morning, culminating with the Champion Pen of the Show.

Sale of the remaining pens of cattle will take place following judging at Silverdale with buses returning to the EKKA after the sale.

### **Key cattle judging dates for 2005 include:**

- Wednesday 10 August: at the Ekka Sale Ring
  - Led Steer on hoof winners, 8am to 12noon
  - Ribbon winner sale, 1pm

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- Thursday 11 August:
  - Judges appraisal of pens classes, 8am, followed by 10am sale at Silverdale
  - Stud cattle judging (15 different breeds) in Main Arena, from 8.30am
  - Judging of on-hoof classes prime cattle, commencing 12 noon at Expo Place
- Friday 12 August:
  - On-hoof cattle auction at RNA Showgrounds Expo Place, from 9am
  - Young Queensland Auctioneer final: 9.30am, Expo Place
  - Stud cattle (16 different breeds) judging in Main Arena, from 8.15am.
  - Judging highlight: *Champion of Champions* at approx 1.30pm
- Saturday 13 August:
  - Presentation of awards across numerous carcass competition classes, 9am, Meeting Room No. 1, Level one Industrial (Showbag) Pavilion
  - Finalisation of Class 37 (tasting) incorporating:
    - 100-day feedlot weight gain trial
    - Carcass appraisal
    - Tasting at the AgForce MEATing Centre from 9am: Department of Primary Industries food scientists will cook samples of the strip loin cut of one animal from each pen and the sample will be tasted by a panel of nine judges.

### **Did you know...**

18 Queensland schools will compete this year in the Junior Led Steer Carcass Competition, including:

- Baradine Central School, Narren Street, Baradine, NSW, 2396
- Beenleigh State High School, PO Box 29, Beenleigh, QLD, 4207
- Clifton State High School, M S 544, Clifton, QLD, 4361
- Dakabin State High School, Marsden Road, Dakabin, QLD, 4503
- Dalby Agricultural College, Bunya Highway, Dalby, QLD, 4405
- Glen Innes High School, Graham Pagden, Edward St, Glen Innes NSW 2370
- Holy Trinity School and Doug South, Moore Street, Inverell, NSW, 2360
- Holy Trinity School, Moore Street, Inverell, NSW, 2360
- MacIntyre High School, Swanbrook Road, Inverell, NSW, 2340
- Maleny State High School, P O Box 601, Maleny, QLD, 4552
- Pittsworth State High school, P O Box 7742, Toowoomba, QLD, 4356
- Presbyterian Ladies College Armidale, Locked Bag 5, Armidale, NSW, 2350
- Southport State High School, P O Box 1726, Southport, QLD, 4215
- St Johns College, 23 Hilton Place, Dubbo, NSW, 2830
- Tenterfield High School, 89 High Street, Tenterfield, NSW, 2372
- Wilsonton Agricultural Field Study Centre, 275 North St, Toowoomba, 4350
- Wingham High School, Attn: Peter Tait, Rowley Street, Wingham, NSW, 2429
- Wondai High School, P O Box 44, Wondai, QLD, 4606

Ends.

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