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A Water-Wise EKKA

The Royal National Association has implemented a number of measures to ensure this year's Royal Queensland Show is water-wise.

All the EKKA's water use will meet the Level Three water restrictions and has been approved by Brisbane City Council.

Water from the RNA's onsite bore will be used in all EKKA watering including the Energex Green Arena. All operating sprinklers are connected to bore water.

A Brisbane City Council-approved trigger hose system will be used to hose animal areas to ensure animal hygiene. The RNA has erected signs throughout the Showgrounds advising people to be aware of water restrictions and encouraging waterwise behaviour especially in animal areas.

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny said the 2006 EKKA would be clean, green and water-wise.

"As Queensland's premier agricultural Show, we are acutely aware of water shortage issues. This year, in line with Brisbane's level three water restrictions, we have sourced water from alternative sources such as our bore," Mr Tunny said.

"We have implemented initiatives that will reduce our use of potable water but at the same time, ensure the comfort and hygiene of the thousands of animals that will live at the EKKA for the next ten days," he said.

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