

MEDIA RELEASE

August 8, 2016

Super Tuesday rides into history

Historic hip pocket savings are in store for Ekka punters tomorrow with the show's first ever dedicated two for one ride day, plus 15 per cent off tickets prices online.

From 10am to 5pm, visitors can enjoy two for one ride deals throughout sideshow alley and in the children's carnival area.

Also tomorrow, the junior dairy handlers get their chance to strut their stuff.

For the fourth day in a row, perfect weather greeted more than 35,000 people who came today to celebrate what makes Queensland great.

With more blue skies and sunshine predicted for the week ahead, here's what in store for Day 5 at Queensland's largest and most loved annual event.

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

Day 5: Tuesday 9 August - JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 8am-5pm Riding pony classes Main Arena
- 8.30pm-5pm Cat judging Shorthair Cats RACQ Animal Nursery Map ref: N-8
- 9am-5pm Dairy goat judging Oval Number 2 Map ref: I-3
- 9am-5pm Canine Judging Group 5 Working Dogs Dog Pavilion Map ref: P-9
- 9am-5pm Canine judging Group 4 Corgis Dog Pavilion
- 12noon 5pm Woodchop Tree felling, double handed open sawing and underhand -Woodchop Arean Map ref: E-2

NO KIDDING - DAIRY GOATS TAKE CENTRE STAGE

The highlight of tomorrow's only day of Dairy Goat judging is the Dairy Goat Junior Handlers – the cutest kids in town! See some of the Show's youngest competitors decked out in white coats parading their animals. **WHERE: Oval 2 from 9am-3pm.**

CATTLEDOGS ON SHOW!

Australia's most iconic working dogs including Australian cattle dogs, Kelpies and Stumpy Tails take centre stage in the Dog Pavilion tomorrow for judging. **WHERE: Dog Pavilion – 9am-5pm**

CORGIS ON CUE

In Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday year it is only fitting that we celebrate her canine of choice - the corgi. The regal dogs will be judged in the Dog Pavilion. **WHERE: Dog Pavilion - 9am-5pm**



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SPORTING GREATS AT EKKA

Queensland Firebirds netball stars Gretel Tippett and Laura Clemesha will meet fans and sign autographs at the Coca-Cola Stand in Sideshow Alley (map ref: B-7) tomorrow between 1 – 2.30pm, with the ANZ Championship Trophy of course! Some Brisbane Broncos NRL stars will also be coming to the show. They'll chat to fans at the XXXX Woodchop Bar (map ref: F-3) and Coca-Cola Stand in Sideshow Alley (map ref: B-7) between 3.30 – 4.30pm.

FASHION FIRST

This year marks the 25th year of the Natural Fibres Fashion Parades being directed by Lindsay Bennett and will see the most captivating spectacle yet, with a special retrospective segment to open each show. Twelve of Queensland's most sought-after and long-established designers have selected a favourite piece from the last 25 years for a rare runway revival – so audiences are in for a stylish treat! WHERE: Mumm Entertainment and Fashion Stage - 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm

THE GOVERNOR OF QUEENSLAND MEETS SOME FRIGHTFULLY FUN SCARECROWS

The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency The Honourable Paul de Jersey will be at The Old Museum Precinct tomorrow for the School Scarecrow Competition Awards. He'll speak about the brand new competition and assist with the awards presentation. Students from 15 schools designed and constructed scarecrows using recycled and natural materials. The winning scarecrow will assume official duties within the gardens of Government House. **WHERE: The Flower and Garden Platform Stage - 10.05am**

Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 5 14, 2016
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2016 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show, to download please visit https://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit

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