

# Show veteran Ruby is back

Ekka is about family, friends and, of course, cattle.

HE may have judged the cooking at the Ekka many years ago, but it is the cattle judging that appeals to show veteran Ruby Galloway from Monto.

This year, Mrs Galloway will make her 68th annual pilgrimage to the show to catch up with family and friends.

"While being asked to judge the cooking for two years in a row was fun, it is the cattle judging that I come to watch," Mrs Galloway said.

Mrs Galloway was married in 1943, and together with her late husband Allen, she attended her first Brisbane Royal Show later that year.

And she has been coming back ever since.

"We really are Ekka minded and used to bring our five children down as well."

In fact, so 'Ekka minded' is Mrs Galloway, that when three of her children were small she bought them life memberships to the RNA.

"I bought the membership for Ian, Graham, and Barry as little boys," she said.

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- Ekka show veteran Ruby Galloway, Monto

do it for my other two children Beverley and Neville."

After many years of living at Cootharaba outside Monto, these days Mrs Galloway lives at a nursing home in town.

And yes, she has her forthcoming visit to the show already planned.

"My daughter Beverley Rea from Charters Towers will collect me on her way through, and I have made my medical specialists appointments," she said.

"But going to the show is all about catching up with friends and family, and the cattle

judging," she said.

Her son, Ian and wife Anne Galloway from Duarran, Roma, will be exhibiting cattle in the Brangus and Red Angus rings, and Ian will also be officiating as judge in the Murray Grey ring.

And while the Cootharaba Herefords, also part of Ian and Anne's stud business will not be competing this year, he assured that you will see Mrs Galloway sitting ringside for the Hereford judging.

Cootharaba Herefords was established in 1926, and it was in 1949 that Mrs Galloway's husband Allen took over the stud.

The Galloway family has shown Cootharaba Herefords at the Brisbane Show for over 80 years, with a great degree of success claiming many grand champions.

Other family members Mrs Galloway will catch up with include sons Graham and wife Jill of Ascot Banana, Barry and wife Ainsley of Barrain, Blackwater, and Neville and wife Narelle of Cootharaba, Monto, and daughter Beverley and husband Ralph Rea, Mirna, Charters Towers. - *Story: HELEN WALKER. Picture: SARAH COULTON.*



Attending the Queensland Royal Show last year is Ruby Galloway, Monto. The Galloway family have been showing in the Hereford breed since 1928.

# Sundae treat from Childers family

STRAWBERRY' sundaes are one of the Ekka's most iconic traditions, and this year visitors are in for a real treat.

Since 1950, these treats have been devoured by millions of people and for more than 20 years they have helped fund vital transplant research through the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation.

This year, the RNA, together with the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation, is proud to announce the strawberry sundaes will now feature award-winning handmade ice-cream from the Mannino family, Childers.

This year, 13 tonnes, or 50 percent more strawberries and all ingredients are 100pc Queensland grown.

A wonderful part of this story is the family behind this handmade ice-cream.



Home-grown family success - Amba, Anthony, Teana and Aynal Mannino are supplying the Ekka with their delicious strawberry ice-cream that features in the iconic sundae.

Anthony and Teana Mannino are cane farmers who started making ice-cream from a recipe of Teana's grandmother.

They operate a small ice-creamery near Childers, and when the RNA approached them earlier this year to make enough

strawberry ice-cream for at least 150,000 sundaes, it was almost a dream come true.

This enormous task has created an extra six jobs in the local community, and now this Ekka tradition can actively support a small regional business - and every part of the sundae is made from Queensland produce.

It's home-grown produce supporting home grown research. Nothing says the Ekka like these delicious treats, and more than 2000 volunteers from the foundation will be selling them during Ekka time.

What a great way to support Queensland farmers while making a donation to transplant research.

For more information about the work of The Prince Charles Hospital Foundation visit [www.pchfoundation.org.au](http://www.pchfoundation.org.au)



The Ekka strawberry sundae is mouth-watering from top to bottom - a crunchy wafer cone, vanilla ice-cream, sweet chopped strawberries, handmade gourmet ice-cream and swirls of fresh cream, topped off with a tasty fresh Queensland strawberry.

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