

15 August 2019

## Dairy Queens to hold court

Tomorrow the dairy cattle will take centre stage in the Main Arena when Queensland dairy industry royalty gather for the awarding of the prestigious title of Supreme Dairy Cow of Show.

Today's first ever Super Seniors Day was well received and by night's end almost 30,000 people will have passed through the gates on Day 7 of the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ (Ekka).

The big beefies have moved out so now it's time for the little guys to star – the stud beef miniature breeds on show in the Main Arena. Also to be admired tomorrow is the art of horseshoe-making in the Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition in its new home in Expo Place.

Here's what's in store tomorrow for Day 8 at Queensland's biggest event:

### **DAY 8: FRIDAY 15 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS**

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

### **JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- From 8am – Sheep Judging - School Classes, Arrow Energy Pavilion L2
- From 9am – Canine Judging – Group 1 Toys, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion
- 9am-11am – Dairy Cattle Judging – All Breed Junior, Intermediate Udder and Intermediate Dairy Classes, Main Arena
- 9am – 12pm Horse Judging – Showjumping and ANSA Saddlehorses Led Classes, Main Arena
- 9am – 3pm Dairy Goat Judging – Junior Handlers Competition, Arrow Energy Pavilion L2
- 9am – 5pm Farriers and Blacksmiths Judging, Expo Place
- 12pm – 5pm Small Breeds Stud Beef Judging – Australian Lowline, Dexter, Miniature and Belted Galloway, Cattle Ring A – Main Arena
- 2pm -3pm Dairy Cattle Judging – Interbreed Judging, Main Arena
- 5.30pm – 6.30pm Woodchop & Sawing Open Men's Invitational – New Zealand Vs Australian Championships

### **CREAM OF THE CROP TO CONTEST**

Dairy cattle have been exhibited at the Ekka for more than a century and tomorrow the Show will welcome one of the largest dairy cattle competitions in Australia. The cream of Queensland's dairy industry will be showcased across six breeds – Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss. Around 150 head of cattle will compete on the quality of their milk, with a highlight of the competition the Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of Show.

**WHEN: 9am -2pm, Main Arena**

## **FARRIERS FIRE UP NEW HOME**

The ancient art of blacksmithing and farriery is an essential part of the horse world. Watch as the professionals battle it out and show off their skills in this interesting competition in their spacious new home in Expo Place! Prepare to be mesmerised as they design and shape metal into shoes over hot flames. Everything from novice and open blacksmithing, to forging and shoeing for horses.

**WHEN: 9am – 5pm, Expo Place**

## **MINI ME'S MEASURE UP!**

The big beef cattle have had their turn in the spotlight and now it's time for the stud beef miniature breeds to shine. They measure up to just over a metre in stature and will take to the Main Arena tomorrow. The pint sized breeds to be judged include Dexter, Australian Lowline and Ausline

**WHEN: 12pm – 5pm, Cattle Ring A – Main Arena**

## **THE EKKA'S OWN TOY STORY**

The ridiculously cute toy dogs will trot it out at the Black Hawk Canine Pavilion tomorrow. Purse pooch breeds chihuahuas, Pomeranians and pekingnese will parade along with the popular pugs, bichon frise and Australian silky terriers.

**WHEN: 9am -5pm, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion**

## **EKKA ESSENTIALS:**

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 – 18, 2019
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

## **EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

The 2019 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit [www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)

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