

Saturday 6 August 2022

Ekka-tastic...Sunshine and Smiles herald the return of the Royal Queensland Show

Oh, what a great feeling! Opening day of the 2022 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by RACQ proved a hit as tens of thousands of Queenslanders walked through the gates for some Ekka fun for the first time in three years. They couldn't get enough of their favourite attractions and competition judging highlights. World class entertainment, fabulous food and fun times await you at the Ekka tomorrow, as the Show gets into the swing of things for Day 2.

DAY 2: SUNDAY 7 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:

- 8.30am - 10.30am – RNA and QAS Young Judges: developing the skills of the next generation of Ag Show judges. Today they are judging dairy cattle at Stockman's Rest
- From 9am – Bush Poetry at Stockman's Rest
- 9am – 5pm – Canine Competition Presented by Sushi Hub – Greyhound Sweepstakes Judging and Terrier Group Judging
- 1.30pm – Dairy Cattle - All Breeds Youth Show in the Norco Shed
- From 2pm – Sheep Dog Trials in the Main Arena
- 1pm – Under 13s invitational 250mm Underhand Final in the Woodchop Arena
- 3pm – 4pm – RNA and QAS Young Paraders Dairy Competition

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

When: 12.30pm – 1.30pm. Where: Main Arena

Enjoy the pomp and ceremony of the official Opening Ceremony as the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia welcomes Ekka guests from across the state. The Governor-General of Australia will officially declare the 143rd show open, with the ceremony also including a traditional blessing of the plough, a performance by the Australian Army Band Brisbane, special aerial display by the Royal Australian Air Force Roulettes (at 1.10pm), and a livestock parade featuring some of the country's best stud beef cattle.

CHIPS TO FLY AT THE WOODCHOP

When: 9am – 5pm. Where: Woodchop Arena

The iconic Woodchop and Sawing Competition has been held at the Ekka for more than a century. Axemen and women of all ages compete in this popular competition – some are even fourth generation. A highlight is the kids' competition which includes the Under 13s invitational 250mm Underhand Final from 1pm on Sunday 7 August.

CUTEST COMPANION CATS AND LONG-HAIRED KITTENS

When: 9am to 5pm with Long-haired Kittens at 12pm to 2pm. **Where:** Sushi Hub Cat Precinct

Some of the cutest animals on show at the Ekka...the longhair kittens with their luxurious locks are sure to delight. There will also be the Companion competition which judges cats of all breeds who lay claim to a lovable and affectionate nature!

DAIRY PARADERS COMPETITION

When: 3pm – 4pm. **Where:** Stockman's Rest

Held in conjunction with the RNA Young Judges Competition, the aim of this competition is to develop the parading skills of young people to ensure a selection of experienced judges for future Agricultural Shows.

SHEEP DOG TRIALS

When: Heats 2pm. Finals: 5pm. **Where:** Main Arena

They are a farmer's best friend and some of the hardest workers. Ekka's iconic sheep dog trials find the dog that is the best at keeping those sheep in order. One of Ekka's favourite competitions.

TOTALLY TERRIFIC TERRIERS

When: 9am to 5pm. **Where:** Sushi Hub Canine Pavilion

From West Highland Terriers and Scottish Terriers to Bull Terriers and Fox Terriers, the Terrier group of breeds will be on show on Sunday.

BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCES

When: Daily lunchtime performances. **Where:** Woodchop Arena

Queensland's best speakers will show off their rhythm as they recite poems in front of Ekka goers. These passionate poets will perform their favourite bush ballads.

CONFIDANCE CLOGGERS

When: 12pm to 2pm. **Where:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

Have you ever seen clogging? It's a type of folk dance where the dancer's shoes are used to create a rhythm. The *Confidance* Cloggers will perform at the Ekka for the very first time. They teach this energetic dance form in Brisbane and across Australia.

BLUEY LIVE INTERACTIVE PREFORMANCES

When: 11am, 1pm, 2pm daily. **Where:** Main Stage, Channel 7 Pavilion

Wackadoo! See Bluey and her little sister Bingo during their Live Interactive Experiences each day at the Ekka!

CELEBRITY APPEARANCE BY MANU

When: 10.45am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4pm. **Where:** My Kitchen Rules Activation, Channel 7 Pavilion

Celebrating the launch of My Kitchen Rules on Sunday evening, Celebrity Chef Manu Feildel will make a surprise appearance at Ekka and will look forward to meeting fans.

EKKA ESSENTIALS

Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 6 – 14, 2022
Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
Gates open at 9am
Tickets are only available online at www.ekka.com.au

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2022 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/

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