

Friday August 12, 2022

Cheer on the champions with a huge final weekend of Ekka fun

There's just two days left to enjoy the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ and tomorrow the grand champions in canine, cats and sheep will be crowned best in show, while we also unearth the next up and coming country music stars.

Don't miss getting your final Ekka fix this weekend with so much fun in store for people of all ages to enjoy.

Tomorrow the Main Arena will feature some of the show's youngest competitors in the Horse Competition's Junior Riding Classes, while the Australian woodchop finals continue before big crowds in the woodchop arena.

By night's end, more than 35,000 people will have passed through the gates enjoying all the fabulous Friday fun of Ekka!

Here's the highlights for Day 8 at Queensland's biggest event:

DAY 8: SATURDAY 13 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:

- 7.30am – 4.30pm – Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition at Stockman's Rest
- 8.45am – 12.30pm – Dairy Goats Competition
- 11am - Sheep Competition – Champion of Champions
- 9.00am – 11am – Sheep Competition – Young Handlers
- 9.00am – 12.00pm - Showjumping Competition – Junior and Group B Championships
- 9.30am – 4.30pm – Cat Competition – Group Specials & Supremes Judging
- 12.00pm – 1.00pm – Canine Competition – Owner Breeder Handler
- 8.00am – Horse Competition – Under 12s Junior Rider Classes
- 2.30pm – Horse Competition - Australian Stock Horse Hack
- 4pm – Horse Competition - Parent and Child Riding Event
- 1.45pm – Canine Competition – Best in Show
- 2pm – 4.30pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Australian Titles – 350mm Underhand and 300mm Standing Block Hard-Hitting
- 3pm -4pm – Young Judges Competition – Alpacas

PAW-FECT DOG TO BE CROWNED

WHEN: 1PM WHERE: SUSHI HUB DOG PAVILION

The pawsome pooches will shine tomorrow with the Best in Show to be crowned at the Dog Pavilion. The Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub is one of our largest and most popular competitions, attracting on average more than 2,000 entries.

TOP CAT ANNOUNCED

WHEN: 9.30AM WHERE: SUSHI HUB CAT PRECINCT

Also, tomorrow the Supreme Cat of Show is set to be crowned after 8 days of judging. Don't miss one of the great Champion of Show moments.

SHEEP CHAMPS

WHEN: 11AM WHERE: Level 2 - Large Animal Pavilion

The sheep competition champions from Queensland regional shows who are eligible to compete, together with the Open champion at Ekka, will battle it out for tomorrow's prestigious Champion of Champions title.

UNEARTHING THE NEXT COUNTRY MUSIC STAR!

WHEN: 9AM – 5PM WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

The Country Music Showdown presented by Ringers Western is the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star. Now in its eighth year, the competition offers rising country music stars the chance to battle it out for career-boosting prizes worth more than \$10,000. Musicians aged 12 years and over will compete in the ultimate music experience, performing two songs to Ekka crowds on stage at the XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

CASEY BARNES IS IN THE HOUSE!

WHEN: 8PM WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

Australia's hottest country music artist, Casey Barnes will hit the stage with his brand-new album, 'Light It Up' which debuted at #1 on the ARIA Australian Country Album chart and #3 on the All-Genre Australian Album chart. Featuring the smash hit singles "Come Turn Me On", "God Took His Time On You" and "Get To Know Ya", it is the follow up to the hugely successful album 'Town of A Million Dreams' which was released in March 2020. 'Town Of A Million Dreams' has spent over 80 weeks on the ARIA Australian Country Album chart to date and Casey's catalogue has amassed over 30 million combined streams, making him one of the highest streamed artists in Australian country music today.

EGGS-CELLENT EGGS FLOCK TO THE EKKA

WHEN: 10am WHERE: Ground floor Large Animal Pavilion

The Hy-line Brown School Egg Laying Competition is one worth clucking about. 11 schools from across Queensland were given six young hens earlier in the year, which they've been raising and will have laying in time for Ekka. The schools will be judged on their three best birds, the eggs collected and a project outlining how they reared the hens. Judging will take place tomorrow at 10am, with teachers and students from each school present.

MEET AN ALPACA

WHEN: 9.00AM – 11.00AM WHERE: Level 2 - LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION

They've alpaca-ed their bags to come to Ekka to star in the Alpaca and Alpaca Fleece Competition. These striking animals will be shown across eight colour classes – white, light fawn, roan, fawn, grey, brown, black and fancy (an unusual distribution of colour).

ANIMAL PLANET SNAKE BOSS STAR

WHEN: 10AM, 11AM, 12PM WHERE: KING STREET

The hugely popular Snake Boss show on Animal Planet has captivated young and old across the globe in over 160 countries. Now show creator Julia Baker is bringing some of Australia's friendliest reptiles to Ekka. This hands-on show will have you laughing, gasping in awe and possibly squirming a little.

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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