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RNA STATEMENT REGARDING PUPIL FREE DAY

The RNA is not responsible for today's pupil free day and has no authority to dictate such dates.

RNA President Dr Vivian Edwards said for many years Ekka dates coincided with school holidays until the Queensland Government changed the school holiday dates some years ago.

"I've been involved with the Show for many years and this is the first I have heard of the RNA insisting to the Queensland Government that a pupil free day be declared," he said.

"The Ekka is as much an educational show as it is a fun show and I must say that the kids here today look pretty happy to be here.

"I appreciate however that it is difficult for parents to coordinate care mid-week, especially after a public holiday.

"Perhaps today should not be a pupil free day, but a day for schools to experience the big real life classroom that is the Show," said Dr Edwards.

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