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**EKKKA SHOW LEGEND FOSTERS TOMORROW'S LEGENDS**

Mr Graham Jensen was tonight awarded the 2008 Show Legend Award in recognition of his 60 years of dedicated support to the Royal Queensland Show.

The prestigious accolade presented each year at the Royal Queensland Show President's Reception, honours a person who has made a significant contribution to the RNA and Ekka over a number of years.

Mr Jensen has been involved in the RNA for over 60 years as an RNA Member, an Honorary Steward, Committeeman and in association with various show societies.

He began competing at the Ekka in 1995 and later became an assistant official measurer in the horse competitions.

Mr Jensen has been involved in the Miss Showgirl Competition and the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies Committee for over 25 years and has been celebrating the Queensland Miss Showgirl Competition throughout the Ekka this year.

Along with his prestigious Ekka Legend title, Graham Jensen has been recognised for his devotion to the agricultural industry with an Order of Australia Medal and a Centenary Medal.

Graham's home town, Jimbour, can now recognise its second legend as Graham Jensen measures up behind Ludwig Leichardt, who began a historic 15-month journey across Western Queensland from his property in Jimbour in 1844.

RNA president Dr Vivian Edwards said the Show Legend Award paid tribute to volunteers like Mr Jensen who had helped shape the Ekka.

"The amount of time, expertise and enthusiasm Graham Jensen has dedicated to the RNA and the agricultural industry is certainly legendary," Dr Edwards said.

"His commitment to education, societies and committees within the agricultural industry is phenomenal. Events like the Ekka could certainly not continue without this support."

"Mr Jensen has shown enormous dedication to youth education, in particular, through the establishment and continued support of the Miss Showgirl Competition," said Dr Edwards.

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