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## VOTE '1' EkkA

Never mind the Queensland Election, there's a more pressing vote needed and prizes to be won for your vote!

The Q150 ICONS poll is underway and the EkkA wants your vote.

150 years ago in 1859, Queensland was officially announced as a separate colony and just 17 years later, the very first Exhibition (EkkA) was held at the RNA Showgrounds.

"The EkkA is woven into Queensland's rich history and is such a significant part of our State's culture, so we are calling all EkkA lovers to vote in Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Q150 icons poll," said RNA President Dr Vivian Edwards.

"You can legally vote *early* and *often* in our campaign," said Dr Edwards.

The RNA is dangling a carrot by offering voters a chance to win \$150 worth of EkkA 2009 tickets for becoming a campaign representative for the 'Vote 1 EkkA Campaign'.

Simply cast your Q150 icons vote, then go to [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au) and subscribe to the EkkA e-newsletter. You'll then receive an email from the EkkA explaining how you can be in the running to win tickets to EkkA 2009.

### How do I vote for EkkA in the Q150 poll?

Go to [www.q150.qld.gov.au](http://www.q150.qld.gov.au) and click on the icons poll link on the home page. EkkA is in the Festivals and Events category (Category 9). You have to vote in every category to get to Category 9, which is a bit tedious, but EkkA is worth the effort. Voting closes on 30 April.

### Five good reasons to vote for EkkA as your Queensland icon:

- ❖ It's the only place where you can get a kewpie doll (they make excellent toilet roll holders)
- ❖ You can yell 'blue', 'green' and 'red' at the top of your voice as fireworks explode and not feel daggy about it
- ❖ You can eat 6 dagwood dogs, ride on the skywalker and 'burp' for prizes
- ❖ You can experience Best in Show in the dog pavilion – something everyone should see in their lifetime
- ❖ It's the only place in Brisbane's CBD where you can milk a cow, watch dogs round up sheep, jump over cow manure and taste the Champion cheese of Show

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