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Day 4: Royalty and regions come to Ekka

“British royalty” and Queensland political royalty will be mixing it with the masses tomorrow as the regions converge on the Ekka for their traditional show holiday.

Tomorrow is the traditional show holiday for the City of Redland, Logan, Toowoomba, Western Downs, Gympie, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley, North and South Burnett, Somerset, Scenic Rim, Moreton Bay, Bundaberg and the Shires of Balonne and Cherbourg.

Day 3 was the perfect sunny Sunday for a day at the Ekka and that’s exactly what Queenslanders thought with more than 90,000 coming through the gates this weekend.

Popular Ekka traditions will be on full display tomorrow as the woodchop heats up with the awesome Tree Felling contest and the final day of competition of the age-old spectacle of farrier and blacksmithing.

Here’s what’s in store for Day 4 at Queensland’s biggest event tomorrow:

Day 4: TOMORROW - Monday August 10 - HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIA DOORSTOP: 11.30am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Energex Community Arena.

Judging Highlights

- From 8am - Horses (Energex Community Arena) – Pony Hacks, Medium/Heavy Harness, Pony Show Hunter Hacks, Fresian Led and Under Saddle
- From 9.00am – 5pm Longhair Cats (Ground Floor, Royal ICC) and Terrier Feature Show (Dog Pavilion)
- From 9am (Oval No 2) – 2015 National Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition
- 12.08pm (Appea Woodchop Arena) Open 300mm Treefelling Handicap
- 3.36pm (Appea Woodchop Arena) Open 300mm Underhand Royal Qld Show Championship

A “Royal” visit, Dog Pavilion – Alexandria Street

Tomorrow Her Majesty **Queen Elizabeth II*** will pay a special visit to the Ekka dog pavilion to show off her Cardigan Corgi. *AKA **Gerry Connolly** - currently starring in the musical *Anything Goes* **WHEN: 12pm**

Queensland Cabinet Meets

Following a long established Ekka tradition, Queensland Cabinet will meet at the Ekka tomorrow. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk will hold a press conference following the meeting.

Luscious locks to love, Cat Pavilion, Lower Royal ICC

Possibly the prettiest animals on show at the Ekka, the longhair cats with their luxurious locks will delight. The longhaired Persian cats, which date back to the 16th century, are the true princesses of the Show and are not to be missed! **WHEN: 9am – 11.30am, followed by presentations.**



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STARS COME TO SHOW - Bonnie Anderson who rose to fame in 2007 on Australia's Got Talent will wow the Ekka audience with her catchy tunes. Fans will have the chance to meet Bonnie after her performance and even get an autograph and photo. **WHERE: Entertainment and Fashion Stage, Upper Royal ICC WHEN: 4.30pm-5pm**

Shoeing and forging, Oval No.2

Tomorrow will be the last day of the 2015 National Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition, which this year is celebrating 25 years at the Ekka. Showcasing the art of farriers and blacksmiths, the Competition has attracted double the number of last year's entries and it includes people who participated in the original Ekka contest 25 years ago. **WHEN: 9am – 5pm**

Regional Pride on Show, Agricultural Hall

The Agricultural Hall will be as proud as punch today as it showcases all the wonderful produce from the regions to visitors from the regions on their official Show Holiday Day.

Breaking down a carcass, Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion It's all about the paddock to palate philosophy at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show Stage. In one of the most popular sessions, celebrity chef Dom Rizzo will be joined by a butcher and experts from JBS Australia to go through the process of breaking down a carcass, learning different cuts of meat and then how to cook certain cuts. Ekka guests will get a chance to watch this process and also taste some of Australia's best beef. **WHEN: 11.30am-12.15pm**

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2015 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download, it is the most comprehensive information guide to show, to download please visit [www. http://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit/)

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