Ekka

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

EDUCATION ON SHOW 2027



RNA | THE ROYAL NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

Welcome from the President



The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) continues its proud tradition of recognising excellence and achievement through its 2027 competition program.

Since the first Ekka in 1876, competitions have been at the heart of the Show, providing generations of Queenslanders with the opportunity to showcase their skills, passion and dedication.

In 2026, almost 23,000 entries were received across 59 competitions, supported by a $759,000 prize pool. More than 5,000 exhibitors took part, contributing to the strongest entry numbers in more than five years as the Ekka celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Driven by strong demand in this milestone year, many sections reached entry capacity, including Led Steer, which recorded a record number of cattle. Several Arts and Cookery sections also achieved their highest participation in a decade.

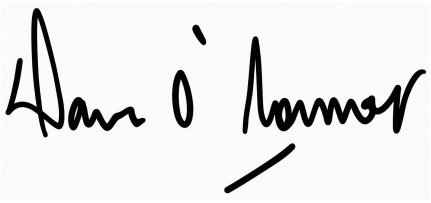
The 2026 Ekka welcomed more than 423,000 people through the gates, with the past two shows attracting the largest crowds in almost 20 years.

In 2027, the Ekka will run for nine days from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 August, across two weekends.

For more than 150 years, the Ekka has remained committed to championing agriculture and showcasing the best of Queensland, including through our diverse competition program.

As the new RNA President, I look forward to building on this proud legacy and continuing to champion the people, industries and communities that make Queensland so special.

Best of luck with your entries. We look forward to celebrating your achievements at the 2027 Royal Queensland Show.



Dan O'Connor OAM
RNA President

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SATURDAY 7 AUGUST – SUNDAY 15 AUGUST 2027

EDUCATION ON SHOW

Councilor
Caitlin Crothers

Honorary Council Stewards

DELIVERY/COLLECTION AREA
Upper Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Showgrounds, Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills
Access from the Loading Dock

Applications to enter open	Monday 23 November 2026
Applications to enter close	Friday 16 July 2027 at 5.00pm
Entry Fees	$6 per entry for up to 5 entries $36 per School when in excess of 5 entries.

Age Groups	Participation is open to the following year levels: Prep Year 1 to Year 2 Year 3 to Year 4 Year 5 to Year 6 Open – Prep to Year 6 Only one entry per student, per competition class, can be accepted. No more than 15 entries per school, per competition class
Uploads Due	Friday 16 July 2027
Delivery of Exhibits	Monday 26 July 2027
Delivery Location	Loading Dock, Upper Level, Royal International Convention Centre, 600 Gregory Terrace Bowen Hills
Judging	Wednesday 28 July 2027
Collection of Entries	Tuesday 17 August 2027 Upper Level, Royal International Convention Centre, 600 Gregory Terrace Bowen Hills

Please Note: All entries not collected on the above dates will be disposed of.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY SUBJECT TO CHANGE
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER CLOSE OFENTRIES

SUPPORTED BY

The RNA wishes to thank the following supporters who have contributed towards prize money, prizes, or products of the Education on Show Competition.

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If you are interested in becoming a supporter of the Education on Show Competition, please contact:
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GENERAL COMPETITON REGUALTIONS

THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee is responsible for the organisation and conducting of a Competition and has, subject to the By-Laws, the authority to make any determination upon any matter.

The Committee is empowered to do all things necessary or desirable to that end, and any decision or discretion of the Committee referred herein may be exercised in such manner as the Committee deems fit, with the Committee being the final arbiter on any matters arising in relation to the Competition.

DEFINITION OF AN EXHIBITOR

'Exhibitor' means the person on whose behalf and in whose name the application for entry is lodged. For the purposes of the By-Law, the definition of 'Exhibitor' includes the representatives and agents of an Exhibitor. Person includes a natural person, firm, partnership, company, or corporation.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All entries are accepted subject to the *Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Act* 1971, as well as to the By-Laws, General Regulations of the Association, any Competition Specific Regulations, and conditions which appear in this schedule.

NOTE: All By-Laws and regulations will bind everyone who participates in any event or enters any Exhibit with the RNA or who enters upon the Showground or who otherwise deals with the RNA for any purpose.

A copy of the RNA Rules and By-Laws are here.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY

All entries for Competitions for the 2027 Royal Queensland Show will be online.

There will be NO OFFLINE processing facility for Competitions.

To enter online, visit Competitions and Displays

INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY

A Correction Fee of up to $50 may, at the RNA's discretion, be charged for each Application for Entry which is incorrect or incomplete.

If an Application for Entry is not rectified in accordance with RNA requirements, the entry may not be accepted.

EXHIBIT CONFIRMATION AND TAX INVOICE

An Exhibit Confirmation Advice will be issued upon finalisation of entry through the Exhibitor Portal.

COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

The Exhibitor must fully comply with the directions and requests of the Association. Without limitation, directions and requests of the Association may apply to the entry of the Exhibit, the conditions of entry, the Exhibitor, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the decision of the Judge or the award of prizes.

JUDGING

The Council will select Judges and Stewards for all Sections and fill any subsequent vacancies.

The RNA always reserves the right at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:

(a) substitute a Judge when necessary.
(b) re-allocate Judging days for a particular class.
(c) If entries numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.

An Exhibit shall not receive an award if in the opinion of the Judge it is unworthy of such award.

Any conduct likely to cause the judging or results in a competition to be determined other than upon the true and proper merits of each Exhibit may constitute 'Misconduct' for the purposes of the By-Laws.

PROTESTS

A protest against a Judge's Award must:-

(a) be in writing addressed to the Chief Executive, and signed by the person lodging the protest;
(b) be lodged by delivery to the Chief Executive's Office within twenty-four hours of the making of the Award;
(c) give the name and address of the person lodging the protest, and where two or more persons join in the protest, state which one of those persons is authorized to receive correspondence or notices on behalf of all;
(d) set out in reasonable detail particulars of the matter complained of including but not necessarily limited to the number of the Class and the Award protested against;
(e) be accompanied by a deposit of $50.

BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions will apply to stock and vehicles moving onto the Brisbane Showgrounds.

All Queenslanders have a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) under the *Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld)*. Failure to comply with the GBO is an offence.

The GBO means every person has a legal duty to take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks under their control. For exhibitors, this includes ensuring animals, fodder, bedding, equipment, and vehicles entering the Showgrounds are free of disease and pests and managed to avoid the spread of contaminants.

Exhibitors must –

- Prevent or minimise each biosecurity risk associated with their animals, equipment, and materials.
- Minimise the likelihood of causing a biosecurity event and limit the consequences if one occurs. Follow all instructions given by RNA officials, Council Stewards, or authorised Biosecurity Queensland officers.
- Ensure all documentation (e.g. NVDs, health declarations, movement records) is accurate, current, and complete.
- Immediately report any suspected disease, pest, or contamination to RNA staff or Biosecurity Queensland.

The RNA and exhibitors share responsibility under the GBO. The RNA manages the venue, but each exhibitor remains responsible for the animals and materials they bring onto the grounds. Compliance with these requirements is essential to protect the health of livestock, exhibitors, and the broader agricultural industry.

Entry Requirements

All livestock entering the RNA Showgrounds must meet national Johne's Disease requirements.

- Any animal showing signs of disease or illness (warts, ringworm, pinkeye, etc.) will not be permitted.
- Animals suspected of being infected, or from herds not cleared by Biosecurity Queensland, will not be accepted.
- Only cattle tick free livestock will be allowed entry.

Species Specific Requirements

- Dairy Goats – Herds must be accredited free for Caprine Retrovirus (CRV) / Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE).
- Dairy Cattle – A minimum J-BAS 7 is required. The RNA will cross reference entries with Biosecurity Queensland's restricted list.

NSW Livestock Owners

Paperwork must be checked with RNA/DAF staff on entry.
Border crossings at Kirra/Tweed Heads and Mt Lindsay are not permanently staffed – exhibitors must make arrangements in advance.

Owners must notify Kirra Yards (07 5536 4714) at least 24 hours before return.

Additional Poultry & Avian Influenza Requirements

- Exhibitors must sign declarations confirming birds are free of Avian Influenza, have not been in contact with infected flocks, and feed/water is protected from wild birds.
- Handling of birds must be minimal; pens must be disinfected between use.
- Any bird showing illness (e.g. nasal discharge) will be isolated immediately.
- In the event of an outbreak, poultry areas will be locked down and affected birds destroyed under biosecurity protocols.

BVDV – Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus (Pestivirus)

- While not mandatory for Ekka, exhibitors are strongly encouraged to vaccinate, isolate new animals, and monitor stock.
- PI (persistently infected) cattle are not prohibited but may be isolated.
- All cattle must be accompanied by the National Cattle Health Declaration covering BVDV test/vaccine status.

eNVD (Electronic National Vendor Declaration)

- Exhibitors must use the eNVD app or system when consigning cattle to Ekka.
- Each exhibitor must complete their own consignment (one per exhibitor).
- The Showgrounds PIC is QDBB0228.
- All livestock must travel directly to and from the Showgrounds with completed eNVD paperwork.

NLIS Traceability

All livestock must remain traceable on the NLIS system.
Any animals sold during the Show must be updated on NLIS by the purchaser immediately after departure.

Hendra Virus Vaccination (Horses Only)

All horses attending or competing at the Royal Queensland Show must be vaccinated against the Hendra Virus.

- Proof of current vaccination status must be provided at the time of entry.
- Exhibitors must provide the horse's microchip number (recorded at the first vaccination).
- Only horses registered as "protected" on the Zoetis database as at 1st August 2025 will be eligible to enter the Showgrounds.
- Horses will be scanned and verified by RNA's accredited veterinarian on arrival.
- Horses failing to meet Hendra compliance by the due date will be ineligible to compete and no refunds will be issued.

The decision to vaccinate a horse is at the exhibitor's discretion. The RNA is not liable for any illness, death, loss, or claim arising from vaccination or contraction of Hendra Virus.

EDUCATION ON SHOW REGULATIONS

2027 THEME
Create today. Shape tomorrow

Create today. Shape tomorrow. This year's Education on Show theme celebrates agriculture today and invites students to explore the ideas, technologies and people shaping its future.

Through Visual Art, Design Technology and English, students will explore life "On the Farm", imagine a "Future Farm", and commemorate the vital role of farmers through "Farmers are Heroes". From growing food and caring for animals to designing innovative farming solutions, the theme encourages ceativity, curiosity and an appreciation of agriculture's place in everyday lives.

"Create today. Shape tomorrow" invites students to honour our farming communities and dream big about how we will feed, clothe and care for a growing world.

COMPETITION SCOPE

The competition is open to Queensland students from Prep to Year 6. Class eligibility is determined by student's year level.

All entries must be created in the 2027 school calendar year. **Schools will select a variety of their best works in each class to send to the Ekka for judging.** Only a high standard of entries will be showcased. Schools and students, including Home Schools, Distance Education and Special Schools, are encouraged
to enter multiple classes. Maximum entries per school in each class is 15.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All entries must be submitted online through the exhibitor portal. Please ensure that each student has their own entry submitted. For example, if ten students enter Class 2.a, you will need to submit ten separate entries.

All class topics now include a 'Group' class. For group entries, only one entry is required for each group. A group consists of a minimum of 3 students and a maximum of 30.

If you need any assistance, feel free to contact us at entries@rna.org.au.

NEW FOR 2027 - RENEWED COMPETITION STRUCTURE

The Education on Show competition has been refreshed and streamlined into three subject areas: Visual Arts, Design Technologies and English.

Classes are organised by school year level and groups instead of the former open class. Where all year levels are addressing the same three areas (Visual Arts, Design Technology and English). The updated structure provides opportunities for students to explore the "Create today. Shape tomorrow" theme.

DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

Each individual entry must have the following **information clearly written on the back of the exhibit** when delivered:

- Name of Student that can be legally shown
- Grade level
- School (If applicable)
- Class as per schedule

With group entries, please ensure the team name OR class name (if whole of class entry) is included on the entry.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application for Entry Closes	16 July 2027
Uploads Due	16 July 2027
Delivery of Entries	26 July 2027
Judging	28 July 2027
Collection of Entries	17 August 2027

CHAMPION SCHOOL OF SHOW

A prize will be awarded to the Primary School gaining the highest aggregate points across classes 1.a - 3.d. This school will be awarded with a Certificate and Rosette.

SIZE

Painting, Mural and Picture: Maximum size A3
Model: Length 30cm - 40cm, Width 30cm - 40 cm - enabling for horizontal or vertical structure
Report: 250 words unless otherwise stated

DIGITAL UPLOAD REGULATIONS

- The Association will not under any circumstances hold itself responsible for any corrupted files.
- The Association reserves the right to exhibit or reject any or all the entries.
- The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the RNA publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the Internet.
- Files must be submitted by uploading to the Online Entries portal. Files will not be accepted by email.
- Please ensure that any uploaded file is under 500MB in size. No compressed or zipped files will be accepted.

EDUCATION ON SHOW

Education on Show is a celebration of student creativity, innovation and ideas for a thriving, sustainable Queensland.

Please read through the schedule thoroughly to comply with all that is required before undertaking the class topic with your students and before forwarding entries to the RNA.

Class 1: On the Farm (Visual Arts)

Create an artwork that captures life on the farm. Consider the people, animals, crops and daily activities that make farms an important part of our community.

Each entry must include a short description no longer than 250 words

Medium: Paper, painting, drawing, collage, mixed media, recycled materials
Maximum Size: A3

Class 1.A Foundation (Prep)
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 1.B Year 1 and Year 2
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 1.C Year 3 and Year 4
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 1.D Year 5 and Year 6
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
$90 supported by EDSCO

Class 1.E Group Entry
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

CLASS 1 CHAMPION
$100, Mini Rosette
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Class 2: Future Farm (Design Technology)

How can we make farming more sustainable? Design a new/existing machine, or piece of equipment or process that will help farmers of the future. Consider how your invention could save water, use renewable energy, reduce waste or improve farming practices. E.g. solar powered machinery, self-fertilizing farms, robot cattle feeders.

Each entry must include a label for the invention and a short description explaining how it works and supports sustainable farming. Each description should be no more than 250 words.

Medium: A3 Poster or model
Model Maximum Size: 30cm - 40cm height and 30cm - 40cm width.

Class 2.A Year 1 and Year 2
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 2.B Year 3 and Year 4
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 2.C Year 5 and Year 6
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
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Class 2.D Group Entry
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

CLASS 2 CHAMPION
$100, Mini Rosette
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Class 3: Farmers are Heroes (English)

Farmers are Heroes: Celebrate farmers who help feed and clothe our communities. Create a written work exploring what makes farmers heroes, from caring for the land and animals to overcoming challenges and finding new ways to farm.

Medium: Any poetry style, (e.g. acrostic poem, ode, limerick, haiku, ballad, free verse and prose)
Maximum Size: A3
Digital upload available

Class 3.A Year 1 and Year 2
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 3.B Year 3 and Year 4
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
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Class 3.C Year 5 and Year 6
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

Class 3.D Group Entry
First: $40; Second: $30; Third: $20
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

CLASS 3 CHAMPION
$100, Mini Rosette

$100 supported by EDSCO

CHAMPION

CHAMPION SCHOOL OF SHOW
A prize will be awarded to the school gaining the highest aggregate points across all classes for the "School Points Competition".
Prize Pack, $200, Rosette
Prize Money supported by EDSCO

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