

August 12, 2016

## Saturday is simply the best

With just two days left to enjoy the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), tomorrow is all about crowning the champion of champions.

At the Dog Pavilion the Best In Show will be announced, while the top sheep dog will be crowned in the Main Arena.

But it was the Dairy cattle who reigned supreme today at Ekka with a jersey cow owned by Pat and Trish McDonald crowned the cream of the crop.

### Here's what's in store for Day 9:

**Media Doorstop: 11.30am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.**

### Day 9: Saturday 13 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- From 9am, Canine Judging (RNA Sweepstakes and RNA Champions Sweepstakes), Dog Pavilion
- From 2pm, Canine Best in Show, Dog Pavilion
- From 9am, Cat Judging (Companions, Group Specials and Supremes), RACQ Animal Nursery
- From 8.30am, Horse Events (Pony Hack Classes, Part Bred Welsh Ponies and Australian Stock Horse Classes), Main Arena
- From 3.30pm, Horse Showjumping Grand Prix, Main Arena
- 4.45pm – 5.30pm, Lendlease Sheep Dog Trials Finals, Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm, Alpaca Judging, Stock Pavilion

### **TOP DOGS CROWNED**

It's time for the 'pawfect' dogs to shine. Tomorrow afternoon the Canine Best in Show will be crowned at the Dog Pavilion, while the best sheep dog will also be announced in the Main Arena. This is not to be missed!

### **RACING INTO THE 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EXHIBITION SPEEDWAY**

See the legendary speedway drivers of yesteryear as we celebrate the 90th anniversary of Exhibition Speedway at the Brisbane Showgrounds - its original home. Speedway racing took off at the showgrounds on October 16, 1926 and many world records have been set on this historic track. Two of those legendary world record holders, Bill Goode and Blair Shepherd, will both be reminiscing as they speed around the Main Arena. **WHEN: 1pm**

## **X-FACTOR'S FARREN FIRES UP ON STAGE**

X-Factor's Farren Jones will perform solo acoustic sets on the Gourmet Plaza Stage. Farren rose to fame in 2011 as an X-Factor finalist, receiving positive recognition in his own artistic right from international guest Ronan Keating. He's sure to entertain the crowd with his original songs. **WHEN: 1pm and 3pm**

## **CELEBRITIES COME TO EKKA**

Home and Away favourites Scott Lee (plays Hunter King) and Raechelle Banno (plays Olivia Fraser Richards) will present ribbons to the Woodchop open 275mm tree felling handicap winners at 12.15pm in the Woodchop Arena, before cooking up a storm on Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show Cooking Stage at 3pm. Also showing what they're made of in the kitchen are Masterchef's Peter Vickery (12.30pm) and My Kitchen Rules stars Alex and Gareth (12.30pm and 4.30pm). While Broncos favourite Sam Thaiday will meet with fans at the Coca-Cola Stand in Sideshow Alley from 1pm – 3pm.

## **Ekka Essentials:**

- **Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 5 – 14, 2016**
- **Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland**
- **Gates open at 9am**
- **Tickets are available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)**

## **EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

The 2016 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show, to download please visit <https://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit>

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