

12 August 2017

## Galloping into Super Sundae

The Royal Queensland Show's (Ekka) big first weekend got off to a cracker start today with perfect weather as His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia officially opened the show.

The final day of Australia's largest beef competition wound up after six days of judging while the prettiest cats of show showcased their luscious locks in the long haired cat judging – tomorrow the shorthair kittens get their turn in the judging ring.

Here's what's in store for Day 3 (tomorrow) at Queensland's biggest annual event:

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

### Day 3: Sunday 13 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 8.30am-4pm – Cat judging – shorthair kittens RACQ Animal Nursery Map ref: (N8)
- 9am – 4.30pm - Shire Horses, Clydesdales and Percheron – Main Arena (L-9)
- 9am – 5pm – Canine Judging – Toy Dogs – Dog Pavilion – (P-11)
- 12.00pm – Sheep Dog Trials sponsored by Lendlease - Main Arena (L-9)
- 2pm - Lady Rider and Junior Rider Side Saddle Classes - Main Arena (L-9)

### SADDLE UP – THE BIG BOYS TAKE OVER THE MAIN ARENA

Tomorrow, from 8am, the Ekka's anticipated Horse Competition will take over the Main Arena for seven days of judging and events. The competition has attracted more than 2,400 entries across the horse section, Showjumping and Thoroughbreds, Tomorrow the biggest horse breeds take centre stage with Clydesdales, Shire Horses and Percherons from 9am. Also featuring is the Lady Rider Turnout in Side Saddle and Junior Rider Side Saddle from 2pm. **DON'T FORGET - For the very first time, Ekka guests will be able to go onto the Main Arena tomorrow to watch the Horse Competition being judged. They'll get up close to these beautiful animals and will learn from the experienced judges who have come from right across the country. WHEN: From 9am WHERE: MAIN ARENA**

### DON'T BE SHEEPISH

One of the most popular competitions of the show kicks off tomorrow – the Sheep Dog Trial sponsored by Lendlease. Barry Knight and his two sons Bailey (18) and Charlie (16) are competing in the Sheepdog Trials at Ekka on the first Sunday of show. It's the very first time at Ekka a family has competed against each other in the Sheep Dog Trials. This is the family's first time at Ekka and they'll be competing against each other – some good old family rivalry! The competition was first held at Ekka in 1899, with the dogs judged on cast, approach, bridging, obstacle and general work. **WHEN: 12pm WHERE: Main Arena**

## HOMING IN ON EKKA

Making Ekka their home tomorrow will be stars from Channel 7's popular show Home and Away, Kestie Morassi and Sophie Dillman. The mother and daughter from the first new family to join Home and Away in 17 years will spend their day at Ekka enjoying some fashion, sashing some woodchoppers, cuddling some farmyard babies and meeting their fans. **WHEN: 11am and 2pm WHERE: 7 Live Studios (K-14)**

## TOY POOCHES – PURSE PETS!

Posing and prancing in the ring at Canines tomorrow will be the popular Toy Dog breeds. Some of the pint sized pooches on show will be the Pugs, the Pekingnese, the Maltese and the Yorkshire Terrier. Don't miss these purse pets! **WHEN: 9am – 5pm Canine Pavilion**

## QUILTERS PARADISE - A PATCH ABOVE

Don't miss the stunning modern and traditional style quilts on display inside The Old Museum. New this year is a 'Modern Quilts' class, with exhibitors asked to enter contemporary and creative designs. Characteristics of modern quilts include the use of bold colours and prints, improvisational piecing and alternate grid work. With an average of more than 100 quilts being displayed each year, there are plenty of amazing creations to view including the award winners - Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and Viewer's Choice Award. The Quilts Across Queensland competition has been running for 16 years, with both professionals and amateurs entering. Many of the quilts will also be on sale for Ekka guests to buy. **WHERE: The Old Museum Map ref: C-13**

## EKKA ESSENTIALS

- August 11 – 20, 2017
- 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 2017 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit [www.ekka.com.au/media-centre](http://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre)

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