

17 August 2017

Who will reign supreme?

Tomorrow it's all about the dairy queens as the cattle compete for the title of Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

While they will be centre stage on Oval 2 you can't miss the miniature stud cattle breeds on the Main Arena...measuring just over a metre in height, these little guys are set to star. And while the temperatures are set to be cooler tomorrow... the action will be heating up as we hold a hot wings challenge on Gourmet Plaza.

Here are the highlights for Day 8 at Queensland's biggest annual event:

MEDIA DOORSTOP: 11.30am at Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

Day 8: Friday August 18 – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 8am – 3pm – School Sheep Judging – Stock Pavilion
- From 9am Dairy Judging commences – Oval No 2 please note - 1.30pm – 3pm, Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of Show Judging
- 9am – 5pm, Canine Feature Working Dog Show, Dog Pavilion
- 9am – 5pm, Horse events (ANSA Saddlehorse Classes, Child Pony Hack Classes and Australian Stock Horse Hack Classes), Main Arena
- 12.45pm – 1.30pm Lendlease Sheep Dog Trials, Main Arena
- 1.45pm – 3pm – Small breeds beef cattle – Main Arena
- 2.15pm – Junior Showjumping – Main Arena
- 3pm – 5pm, Young Judges Stud Sheep, Stock Pavilion
- 2.50pm, Woodchop and Sawing Open 300mm Underhand Championship of Australia, Woodchop Arena

THE QUEENS OF DAIRY SET FOR SHOW

One of the largest showings of dairy cattle in Australia will gather tomorrow at Ekka. The cream of Queensland's dairy industry will be showcased across six breeds - Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss. They'll compete on the quality of their milk, with a highlight of the competition the Supreme Dairy Cow of Show judging on August 18 from 1.30pm

WHEN: From 9am WHERE: Oval 2

THEY MAY BE PINT SIZED BUT THEY SO MEASURE UP!

While the big boys of the beef arena have gone, it's now the turn of the stud beef miniature breeds who measure up to just over a metre in stature. These little mini-me's will take centre stage tomorrow with more than 70 head set to be judged across the following breeds – Dexter, Galloway, Australian lowline, miniature grey. Interestingly the Dexter breeds originates from Ireland and is a dual breed – both milk and meat. **WHEN: 1.45pm-3pm WHERE: Main Arena**

EKKA HOT WING CHALLENGE

It's not just the temperature that's soaring at Ekka this year, with three challengers gearing up to face the heat. The challengers are putting their mouths in the line of fire as they attempt the Ultimate Hot Wing Challenge. They will try to wing their way to victory in a race against the clock and their internal inferno to finish six Extreme Hot Wings in less than 2 minutes – with no water. The sauce is made up of a blend of Carolina Reaper and the Red Savina Hababero. The reaper claims the crown as the world's hottest chilli. Join us tomorrow as these peckish competitors blaze their way to be crowned the Ultimate King of the Wings. **WHEN: 12.45pm sharp WHERE: Gourmet Plaza Stage presented by Tinamba Turf**

WORKING DOGS SET TO FEATURE

Tomorrow the working dog feature show takes centre stage as they are the loyal dogs we love. The hard workers, the ones our farmers can rely on. The Australian Kelpie, Cattle Dog, Shepherd and Collie... This is their day to be applauded and recognised for their stamina, brains and contribution to our way of life. **WHERE: Dog Pavilion, Alexandria Street. WHEN: 9am-5pm**

DANCING IN THE GARDEN

The Community Stage presented by Colorbond Steel is back this year and better than ever. From cheerleaders and Greek Fitness groups to flamenco dancing, the best of Queensland's community and school groups will take centre stage as they perform Old Museum Precinct. The revised Community Stage themed 'Dancing in the Garden' showcases local talent, and these troupes are bound to get your head boppin' and toes tappin' into the final Ekka weekend. **WHERE: Old Museum**

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

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

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