

MEDIA RELEASE

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What a showstopper! Supersizing Ekka's final day

After nine days of blue ribbon competition, thrills, fireworks and fun galore, the final day of the 2017 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) tomorrow is set to sizzle with Super Food Sunday offering great value with two for one food items and 15% off online tickets.

While foodies rejoice, Ekka will also unearth the next big thing in country music, plus Queensland's top snags will be crowned, while Dances with Dogs is set to draw a big crowd.

Check out the highlights for Ekka's final day tomorrow:

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

Day 10: Sunday 20 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 8am 5pm, Junior Rider Turnouts, Australian Stockhorses, Child Show Pony and Galloway Hacks – MAIN ARENA
- 9am 5pm Dances with Dogs, Agility and Obedience judging Dog Pavilion
- 9am 5pm Cat Judging Kitten Feature Show RACQ Animal Nursery
- 9.30am 5pm Woodchop Invitational Series Woodchop Arena
- 2pm Showjumping Junior Championship MAIN ARENA
- 4pm Grand Prix Showjumping Main Arena
- 4.30pm-5.15pm Lendlease Sheep Dog Final MAIN ARENA

TWO FOR ONE FOOD ITEMS & 15% OFF TICKETS ONLINE

A dollar will go twice as far tomorrow with Super Food Sunday where Ekka guests can buy one, get one free and enjoy 15% off tickets online. Each food outlet will specify a meal or product that is part of the 2 for 1 deal. Some of the show favourites on offer include dagwood dogs and tacos, however the deal does not extend to Strawberry Sundaes as all money raised goes towards transplant research.

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWDOWN - Unearthing the next superstar

The hidden gems of Queensland country music will be unearthed at the Ekka's Country Music Showdown presented by Ringers Western tomorrow. Now in its fourth year it is a place for rising stars to showcase their talent and catch their big break, along with the chance to share in more than \$12,500 worth of cash and prizes. Music artists aged 12 years and over will get a true live music experience when they're backed by Brisbane based live band the Kelly Gang. WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill. WHEN: 10.30am - 1pm (Juniors); 3pm – 5.30pm (Opens) 5.30pm (Awards).

DANCES WITH DOGS PLUS A WHOLE BAG OF TRICKS

Head to the Dog Pavilion to see the dogs with serious skills, including Agility; Jumping, Rally Obedience; and Dances with Dogs. (9am – 5pm). Or if you prefer little kittens, the Kitten Feature Show judging (including Litters) is today in the RACQ Animal Nursery. **WHEN 9am -5pm – WHERE – Dog Pavilion**

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SNAGGING BRAGGING RIGHTS - Queensland's best sausages to be crowned

Queensland's best snags and beef patties will be revealed tomorrow at the AMIC Sausage King and Best Butcher's Burger Competition. The state's winners will be crowned on the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show Cooking Stage in the Woolworth Fresh Food Pavilion. The Sausage King Competition, now in its 17th year, discovers the best sausages in the state, while the Best Butcher's Burger unearths the tastiest beef patty. **WHEN: From 9am (Presentations from 11am onwards) for media enquiries please contact Rob Mollison from AMIC on 0414 446 074.**

TOP SHEEP DOG SET TO BE CROWNED

After several days of judging, one of Ekka's most iconic competitions – the Sheep Dog Trials – comes to an end tomorrow afternoon with the crowning of the top sheep dog. Don't miss it. **WHEN: 4.30pm WHERE: - MAIN ARENA**

HALF THE SIZE, DOUBLE THE FUN

Don't miss the Mini Trots presented by Racing Queensland. These pint sized ponies are too cute for words as they race around the Main Arena with their drivers. WHEN: 1.10am – 1.30pm WHERE: Main Arena

GARDENING GURU AT EKKA

Jason Hodges from Better Homes and Gardens will take centre stage at The Old Museum Precinct. He'll join Matt Carroll (aka Hortiman) on the Flower and Garden Platform Stage for a Q&A and to be part of an activity demonstration at 12.15pm, he will also appear at the 7 Live Studios at 11am and 2pm to meet and greet fans.

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 <u>www.ekka.com.au/media-centre</u>

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