

# essentials 2017

**Show Dates:**  
**August 11-20**  
**Operating Hours:**  
**Gates open to the public**  
**from 9am to 8pm daily.**  
**Please note,**  
**some attractions' closing**  
**times may vary.**

**Brisbane Showgrounds**  
**600 Gregory Terrace Bowen Hills Qld Australia**

## Public transport

Public transport is the easiest and most efficient way to get to Ekka. Trains arrive and depart from Exhibition Station right in the middle of the Brisbane Showgrounds and dedicated Ekka buses stop close to entry gates. Timetables are available on the TransLink website [www.translink.com.au](http://www.translink.com.au) and by calling 13 12 30. To gain discounted Translink travel tickets of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children return, an Ekka admission ticket (either a hard ticket or online ticket on the mobile phone) must be produced.

## Uber & taxis

It's only a short Uber or taxi ride to the Ekka from the city. Leave your car in the city and catch an Uber or taxi directly to the Brisbane Showgrounds. Get \$20 credit for new Uber users with promo code EKKA2017.

## Parking

Secure Parking has teamed up with Ekka again this year, as the preferred parking partner. Exclusive rates will be offered to Ekka visitors at the following locations:

- QueensPlaza - enter via Edward St (close proximity to Central Station), Brisbane CBD
- Post Office Square - enter via Adelaide St (close proximity to Central Station), Brisbane CBD
- Brisbane Transit Centre - enter via Roma St (at Roma Street Station), Brisbane CBD
- Hotel Jen - enter via Roma St (at Roma Street Station), Brisbane CBD
- Chinatown - enter via Gipps or Duncan Sts, Fortitude Valley
- McWhirters - enter via Warner or Ballow Sts, Fortitude Valley

## Facilities

- ATMs on site
- EFTPOS facilities are available at all ticket entry gates
- Toilets are located in most Showground buildings
- Locker facilities are primarily located under the John MacDonald Stand, but can also be found at several other locations around the Showgrounds
- Drinking tap water is filtered throughout the Brisbane Showgrounds and located at several sites

## Cycling

Although cycling inside the grounds is off limits, secure bike racks will be located down Carriage Way next to Rydges Hotel, in the car park (L-13).

## Guest Wi-Fi

Telstra will provide guest Wi-Fi to keep Ekka guests connected during their visit to the show. Telstra customers will even receive a personalised text message letting them know about the Wi-Fi, as soon as they walk through the Ekka gates.

## Mobile phone charging

A secure mobile phone charging station can be found near the locker facilities under the John MacDonald Stand (K-6)

## Operations centre

The RNA Operations Centre is located at the Gatehouse on Gregory

Terrace and houses the Emergency Services, RNA Operations Team, OH&S and Security.

## Lost children

Lost Children is located at the Gregory Terrace Police Station, which is open from 9am to 8.30pm (K-11)

## Lost property

Lost Property is located at Customer Relations on the lower level of the Royal International Convention Centre (I-11)

## First aid

There are four first aid locations which operate between 8am and 11pm daily:

- Under the John MacDonald Stand (J-6)
- Gregory Terrace (O-9)
- Adjacent to Sideshow Alley (F-4)
- The Old Museum (F-14)

## Information booths

Two information booths will be conveniently located:

- Outside Gourmet Plaza (J-12)
- Next to the Showbag Pavilion in Sideshow Alley (G-7)

## The Ekka is smoke free

Designated smoking areas will not be available within the Showgrounds precinct, but there will be five designated smoking areas located outside of the Showgrounds (C-6, D-17, E-3, K-15, O-2).

## Accessibility

The Ekka is committed to providing ease of access for all visitors. We are pleased to offer a range of services and amenities for the convenience of access around the grounds:

- Scooter, stroller and wheelchair hire which is located under the John MacDonald Stand. Hire times are 9am to 5pm
- Restrooms with disabled access around the grounds, including additional disabled porta-loos
- Ramps providing easy access between roads and footpaths, plus paved footpaths at The Old Museum (improved access to the Flower and Garden precinct)
- Dedicated drop off / pick up zones with disability access for cars and taxis on Costin Street
- Two dedicated Main Arena viewing areas for wheelchair patrons
- Parking with disability access in King Street

## Parents rooms

There are seven parents rooms located around the grounds, for those with babies and young children. The larger parents room under the Ernest Baynes Stand features a microwave to heat up milk, a sink, breastfeeding facilities and nappy change facilities.

## Road closures

With all the excitement plus parades, livestock, entertainment and crowd movements, there will be some delays and road closures in the lead-up to and during Ekka. Gregory Terrace, King Street, O'Connell Terrace and Exhibition Street will be partially or fully closed from Wednesday 2 August.

## OH&S

Media personnel on site are required to follow all applicable OH&S rules and regulations set in place by the RNA, to ensure their own health and safety and the health and safety of others in the workplace.

## Membership

Become an RNA member for an annual fee of \$145 (city member) or \$130 (country member) and receive a range of benefits. These include unlimited entry to the Ekka for a member and a guest; access to the members' grandstand and bar; free use of the locker facilities during the show; reduced entry fees for most Ekka competitions; and discounted venue hire throughout the year for selected venues. Download an application form from [www.rna.org.au/about-us/membership.aspx](http://www.rna.org.au/about-us/membership.aspx) or contact the RNA Administration Office on 07 3253 3900.