

August 11, 2025

Ekka's mega Monday shines

Ekka Monday once again proves to be a crowd puller, and by night's end, more than 45,000 are expected through the gates in a day that showcased fine horses, formal racewear and fun galore.

Tens of thousands of Queenslanders enjoyed another day of sunny weather at the Royal Queensland Show presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) when Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track took centre stage.

Tomorrow the Shetlands will shine in the Main Arena, there'll be some thrilling finals in the Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM and the shorthair cats will star in the Sushi Hub Cat Precinct.

Ekka visitors can enjoy another Super Saver Day tomorrow with 20% off entry tickets online at www.ekka.com.au.

Here's what in store tomorrow at Queensland's most loved event.

TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS - Tuesday 12 August – DAY 4

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11.15am with RNA President David Thomas on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8.30am – Canine judging – Non-Sporting Dog – in Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 9am – Cat judging – Shorthair Cats – in Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
- From 9am – Young Judges presented by the Queensland Government (Cake Decorating), Channel 7 Pavilion
- From 9am – Horse judging - Novice Show Hacks and Open Show Hacks, Welsh Ponies and Welsh Mountain Ponies (from 9am), Novice Show Hunter Galloway, Open Show Hunter Galloway, Shetland Ponies Led and Ridden, and Open Show Hacks (from 1.30pm), Main Arena
- From 10am – Showjumping Competition – Junior Jumping contest, Main Arena
- 9am – 1pm – Young Judges Competition presented by the Queensland Government – Sculpture, Contemporary Cake Decorating, Leatherwork and Photography, Channel 7 Pavilion
- From 10am – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Open 325mm Treefelling Championship of Australia First Heat (1.06pm), 275mm Underhand Elimination Handicap Semi Final (12.36pm) and Final (2.24pm), and Open 375mm Single Handed Sawing Championship (3.48pm), Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 3pm – 3.45pm – Royal Queensland Cooking Stage – Dark Rich Fruit Cake Live Judging with Queensland Ag Shows, Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

SHETLAND STARS TROT TO TRIUMPH

The spotlight will be on the horses at the smaller end of the scale, including the adorable Shetland and Welsh ponies, with the announcement of the Champion and Reserve Champion Welsh Mountain Pony and the Supreme Champion Shetland Pony.

When: From 9am, Main Arena

GIDDY-UP...SHOWJUMPERS REIGN SUPREME

Another highlight of the horse competition is the Showjumping Competition, which dates back to 1898 and features more than 310 entries, including the Queensland Off-The-Track Open Showjumping Showcase. On Tuesday, enjoy watching the Junior Jumping Contest from 10am, Group A, B and C Jumping Contests from 2pm, and Young Riders Jumping Contest at 3.30pm.

When: From 10am, Main Arena

CATCH THE SHOW ON THE EKKA CATWALK

Queensland's longest running fashion parades, the Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7, are putting on a real show this year! For the first time, the runway will feature all dancer-models including past Moulin Rouge performers and acrobats such as the dynamic Thor Sacre - turning the catwalk into a full-scale production. From dashing country menswear to women's fashion across the spectrum of casual cotton florals to the most special occasion pieces, the parades will feature 15 designers, seven of which are new to the Ekka stage.

When: 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm daily, Channel 7 Pavilion

YOUNG JUDGES STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

The Young Judges Competition presented by Queensland Government gives the next generation of show judges a chance to step into the spotlight and put their judging skills to the test. With 13 sections including stud beef, wool and cake decorating, the competition is open to young people aged 25 and under, with Junior (under 15) and Senior (15-25) classes. Judging takes place across several days of the Ekka - on Tuesday they will be turning their attention to Sculpture, Contemporary Cake Decorating, Leatherwork and Photography.

When: From 9am, Channel 7 Pavilion

MINI PONIES TO START ROLLER RACING

Get ready for big laughs on tiny hooves! Kicking off tomorrow and running each day of Ekka until 17 August (except for 16 August) the zany, high-energy Miniature Pony Roller Races will see jockeys donning colourful silks, strap on rollerblades and team up with miniature ponies for a race like no other. With the wheels doing the hard work and the ponies leading the way, it's a riotous race of miniature proportions as riders roll, wobble, and whiz their way around the arena in pursuit of glory.

When: 1pm on 12, 13, 14, 15, 17 August, Main Arena

DAIRY KIDS ARE THE CREAM OF THE CROP

Interact with some of the cheekiest animals at the Ekka as you explore the wonderful world of dairy goats at the new Dairy Kid Experience. Join long-time Ekka exhibitors Leo Thompson and Kylie Hopkins from Datadoo Anglo Nubians as they present a live milking demonstration with one of their prized does. Learn how these friendly animals are cared for and how fresh goat milk is collected.

When: 2pm, Tuesday 12, Thursday 14 & Sunday 17 August, Large Animal Pavilion (level 1)

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 – 17, 2025
- 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 2025 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit [Media Kit](#)

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