

13 August 2018

Slide into SUPER RIDE TUESDAY!

By night's end more than 35,000 people will have passed through the Ekka gates today. Ipswich, South Burnett and Moreton enjoyed their Ekka Public Holiday today and the weather was again glorious for their visit.

Tomorrow, prepare for great value with Super Ride Tuesday offering a 2 for 1 ride deal throughout the day (10am-5pm) – perfect for thrill seekers and families with double the rides in Kids Carnival area.

Showjumping gets underway in the Main Arena and right now preparation in the form of primping and preening (which can take upwards of 8 hours) is underway for the Samoyed Dog Competition tomorrow in the Canine pavilion.

Here's what's in store for Day 5 tomorrow at Queensland's largest event:

DAY 5: Tuesday 14 August – HIGHLIGHTS

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

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 9am-10.30am – Junior Showjumping - Main Arena
- From 7am-12noon – Novice & Open Hacks - Main Arena
- From 9am – Canine Judging, Utility Dogs, Samoyeds - Canine Pavilion
- 12noon-1.10pm - Sheep Dog Trials - Main Arena

LEAPING TO NEW HEIGHTS

Hold your breath as the Showjumping competition gets underway in the Main Arena. Watch as horse and rider leap to new heights in a race to the finish in record time. The junior take your own line Showjumping (where the kids create their own course) kicks off tomorrow and will be loads of fun for the kids and a fun spectacle for Ekka visitors.

When: Showjumping 8am – 12 noon ; Main Arena

When: Take your own line junior showjumping; 2pm; Main Arena

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Australia and New Zealand will go full 'swing' ahead in the exciting Open Men's Invitational at Ekka. It will be the ultimate trans-Tasman challenge as the new Open Men's Invitational - Australia vs New Zealand competition takes over the Woodchop arena from 7pm on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Friday 17 of August. Axemen will go head to head in this exhilarating competition in an effort to take home the win. Displaying precision, power and speed, this competition is an Ekka highlight and one not to be missed.

When: 7pm, Woodchop Arena

SAMOYEDS SET TO SHINE

Samoyeds - those glorious big white fluffy dogs – take the ring tomorrow for judging and are sure to wow many a Samoyed fan. Preparation ahead of judging for these dogs is intense – taking up to 10 hours for some.

When: 10.15am, Canine Pavilion

THAT'S FISHY

Check out the winners in the Pisciculture competition section. Be sure not to remove the cardboard between the fighting fish...As soon as they see each other they will try to fight (even though they are in separate bowls!)

When: all day, Lower Royal ICC

COMMUNITY SHINES ON STAGE

Ekka has always embraced community talent and provided a venue to showcase their talents in front of a live audience. From dancers to singers, community bands, jugglers and acrobats, get behind our local community groups and show your support as they perform for you at Ekka this year.

When: all day; community stages Gourmet Plaza, King Street.

REMEMBER: Donations can be made in support of the Queensland Drought Appeal at www.qlddroughtappeal.com.au or by texting the word drought to 0484 200 200.

Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 10 – 19, 2018
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au

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