

16 August 2018

## Dairy Queens set to reign Supreme

Tomorrow the cream of Queensland's dairy industry will compete for the Supreme Dairy Cow of Show as the Royal Queensland Show heads into Day 8. The best of the best in Australian Dairy Cattle will be showcased across six breeds - Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss.

And while the big boys of the beef arena have gone, tomorrow is time for the stud beef miniature breeds to shine on the Main Arena.

We also turn up the heat in the Sale Ring for Day 1 of the Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition - the art of horseshoe making.

After the bumper People's Day crowd yesterday, Day 7 at Ekka is traditionally our quietest day at show with more than 25,000 coming through the gates today.

Here's what's in store for Day 8 at the Royal Queensland Show:

### **DAY 8: Friday 17 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 – Dairy Cattle Judging – Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Canine judging – Terriers
- From 8am – Sheep (school classes) – Stock Pavilion
- From 9am – Farriers & Blacksmiths – Sale Ring
- 1.45pm-4pm – Stud Beef Miniature – Main Arena

#### **DAIRY, DAIRY QUITE CONTRARY**

There'll be no contrary dairy in the Main Arena today...Only dairy cattle focused on the blue ribbon prize. Returning to the main ring after many years, today's Dairy Cattle and Milking Competition promises to be a highlight as the best of the best compete for champion status.

**When: from 9am, Main Arena**

#### **THE MINIS ARE ON THE MOO-VE!**

The big beef cattle have had their turn in the spotlight and now it's time for the stud beef miniature breeds to shine. They measure up to just over a metre in stature and will take to the Main Arena tomorrow. Around 35 head of cattle will be judged across the following breeds – Dexter, Australian Lowline and Ausline. **WHEN: 1.45pm-4pm WHERE: Main Arena**

## **YOU LITTLE TERRIER**

Terriers will rule the ring today in the Caine Pavilion, as all terrier breeds – from foxies to American Hairless to the Dandy Dinmont Terrier step out for judging. Stay all day for some terrierific fun!

**WHEN: 9am – 5pm, Canine Pavilion**

## **MEN (and 1 Lady!) WITH SKILLS...FARRIERS & BLACKSMITHS**

Watch and be amazed at the skill and strength of the Farriers & Blacksmiths – specialists in equine hoof care, combining blacksmithing skills to create horseshoes and veterinarian skills to care for horses feet.

It all starts today and runs across the weekend. **When: from 9am. Where: The Sale Ring**

**REMEMBER: Donations can be made in support of the Queensland Drought Appeal at [www.qlddroughtappeal.com.au](http://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](http://www.ekka.com.au)

## **EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

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