

12 August, 2019

Super-sized SUPER RIDE TUESDAY

It was all about frocks and fillies at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by RACQ today with Thoroughbred Day being held - and now a bigger and better Super Ride Tuesday awaits thrill seekers and families tomorrow.

Today more than 30,000 people streamed through the gates.

For the first time on Super Ride Tuesday tomorrow, families can enjoy extra children's entertainment such as special one day only live shows by Dora the Explorer and PJ Masks; the usual 2 for 1 carnival rides plus 10% off entry if purchased online.

Showjumping gets underway in the Main Arena tomorrow and the canine competition will showcase designer "it" dog, the French bulldogs in the new Dog Pavilion in Alexandria Park.

Here's what's in store tomorrow - Day 5 - at Queensland's most-loved event:

DAY 5: TUESDAY 13 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 - Horse Judging - Showjumping, The Highbury memorial Cup, Novice and Open Hacks, Medium and Heavy Harness Classes, Main Arena
- From 9am - Cat Judging - Longhair Cat, Black Hawk Cat Pavilion
- From 9am - Canine Judging - Feature Group 7 Non Sporting, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion
- 5.30pm - On ground Milking Competition, Level 1, Arrow Energy Pavilion

SUPER RIDE TUESDAY

For the first time on Super Ride Tuesday (13 August), families can enjoy increased children's entertainment, as well as the usual 2 for 1 carnival rides between 9am-5pm.

Dora the Explorer - New Live Stage Show

WHEN: 10am, 11am & 12pm, Brisbane Airport Community Stage

Jimmy Giggle - New Live Stage Show

WHEN: 1pm and 2pm, Brisbane Airport Community Stage

WOODCHOPPER AND LIFEFLIGHT REUNITE

Champion Ekka wood chopper Jake Dingle will tomorrow be reunited with the RACQ LifeFlight Critical Care Flight Nurse who treated him after a horror farming accident in 2015.

WHEN: 9.15AM, RACQ LifeFlight Rescue helicopter, Channel 7 Pavilion, Upper Royal ICC

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

For the very first time, more than 40 people will become Australian citizens at the Ekka. The citizenship ceremony will take place on the Multicultural Music Stage, featuring tunes by the band Celestino who use traditional South American instruments. Once the citizens have made their pledge to Australia, they'll get to enjoy a true celebration of Queensland agriculture at the Ekka.

WHEN: 9.30am, Multicultural Music Stage

OPEN MEN'S INVITATIONAL - NEW ZEALAND VS AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight of the best woodchoppers from each country will battle it out in underhand, standing block, treefelling and sawing on Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 August at 7pm.

WHEN: From 5.30pm, Iron Jack Woodchop Arena

DESIGNER DOGS

A highlight of the Canine Championship this year is the brand new Feature Non Sporting Dogs Show tomorrow. See popular pooch breeds French Bulldogs, Shar peis, Keeshonds and Shih Tzus put through their paces in the new Dog Pavilion in Alexandria Park.

When: From 9am, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion

A PATCH ABOVE - QUILTERS OF QUEENSLAND

Don't miss the stunning modern and traditional style quilts on display inside The Old Museum. With an average of more than 100 quilts being displayed each year, there are plenty of amazing creations to view including the award winners - Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and Viewer's Choice Award. The Quilts Across Queensland competition has been running for 18 years, with both professionals and amateurs entering. There will also be sewing demonstrations for visitors wanting to further their quilting skills.

WHEN: From 9am, Old Museum

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 - 18, 2019
- 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 2019 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/

Don't forget to follow us on social media #ekka



And download the Ekka App from Google Play or iTunes

For more information please contact the Ekka Media Unit:
Veronica Carew
General Manager Communications
Ph: 07 3253 3930/ 0408 323 631
Email: vcarew@rqa.org.au

Nicole Clifton
Media and Communications Officer
Ph: 07 3253 3931/ 0417 451 775
Email: nclifton@rqa.org.au