

Sunday 7 August 2022

## Fashion and Fillies take the field

Ekka's opening weekend was graced with perfect weather and by night's end about 40,000 people are expected to have passed through the gates today.

Today, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) officially opened the show; the woodchips flew as the Woodchop and Sawing Competition hit its stride, and the Terrier dogs paraded in the Show Ring.

Tomorrow marks the start of the Ekka's prestigious horse competition, with Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day showcasing the beauty and versatility of the popular breeds and bringing some glitz and glamour to Ekka.

Here's what's in store for Day 3 tomorrow at Queensland's largest event:

### DAY 3: MONDAY 8 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:**

- 10am – 4pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Agility & Jumping Judging
- 9.30 – 4.30pm - Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Shorthair Cats Judging
- 12.45pm – Open 275mm Underhand Handicap Final in the Woodchop Arena
- 4.30pm – 6pm- Showjumping competition – Judging (Open showjump – Highest placed thoroughbred in the Main Arena)
- 3pm – 4.30pm – RNA and QAS Young Judges Competition (Horse)

#### **THOROUGHBRED & STANDARD BRED DAY**

**When: 9am to 5pm. Where: Main Arena**

Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day is one of the most glamorous days in the Ekka schedule. These diverse racing breeds will compete for the admired Champion of their Breed title on the first day of the Ekka Horse Competition. Standardbred horse handlers will present their animals to the judges in formal race attire. Fashions on the Field will be judged in the same arena, further lifting the glamour stakes. The event will showcase performance breeds including young stock, some still in their racing prime, and others excelling in the show ring post racing. Key competition classes include Best Presented Horse and Handler; Best Thoroughbred Racehorse in Training; Supreme Champion Thoroughbred; Most Successful Exhibitor; Champion & Reserve Champion Thoroughbred Under Saddle; Champion & Reserve Champion Gentleman Rider; Champion & Reserve Champion Standardbred.

## FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

**When: 9.30am to 12pm. Where: Main Arena**

Fashion-forward ladies and gentlemen will don their most stylish formal spring season race wear in the Royal Queensland Show's Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Sirromet. New this year is a class for Best Dressed Pair.

## QUEENSLAND CABINET AT EKKA

In a time-honoured tradition, Queensland Cabinet will meet at the Ekka tomorrow. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk will hold a press conference following the meeting.

## AUSTRALIAN STOCKWHIP CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY PACKER LEATHER

**When: From 9am. Where: Outside the Showbag Pavilion entrance**

Young whip crackers from across Queensland will show off their cracking routines in the Packer Leather Australian Stockwhip Challenge. Competitors will be judged across four classes - Pee-Wee (8yrs and under), Juvenile (12yrs and under), Junior (16yrs and under) and the Packer Leather Open Division (all ages). The whip crackers will compete for a share of the \$1,750 worth of prizes on offer.

## SHORTHAIK CATS TAKE TO THE STAGE

**When: 9:30am-4:30pm. Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct**

It's the purr-fect day to meet some of our competitive cats. The popular Shorthair cats will be on show as they charm the judges to take out the top honour.

## JUMP & WEAVE - CANINE AGILITY & JUMPING JUDGING

**When: 10am-4pm. Where: Stockman's Rest**

The agility and jumping competition will see handlers directing their dogs around a series of obstacles. It is an educational and sporting activity and there are a variety of levels to suit the dogs, from novice to master. Non-sporting dogs will also step up for the chance to be awarded a blue ribbon, including Chow Chow, Dalmatian, Great Danes and French Bulldogs.

## WOODCHOP HEATS UP

**When: 10am – 5.30pm. Where: Woodchop & Sawing Arena**

Go full 'swing' ahead and make your way to the Woodchop and Sawing Competition in the Woodchop Arena for lots more woodchopping action! Today, enjoy the finals of the Jack & Jill 375mm D/H/S Handicap (11.48am), 300mm Standing Block 1<sup>st</sup> Division (12.12pm), Open 275mm Underhand Handicap Final, 275mm Standing Block Handicap 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (2.54pm), Women's Underhand Handicap (3.36pm), 300mm Underhand Championship (4.18pm) and the Jill & Jill 375mm D/H/S Handicap plus more.

## **EKKA ESSENTIALS**

Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 6 – 14, 2022

Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland

Gates open at 9am

Tickets are only available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

## **EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

The 2022 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/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)

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