

Friday August 12, 2022

Sparks fly as the Farriers and Blacksmith Competition fires up!

Tomorrow, the prestigious Farriers and Blacksmiths competition fires up. The largest farriers and blacksmiths competition in the southern hemisphere features everything from novice and open blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses.

This ancient art of blacksmithing and farriery is showcased in a true demonstration of skill with competitors designing and shaping metal over hot flames.

The big beefies have moved out so now it's time for the little guys to star – the stud beef small breeds are on show in the Main Arena.

Friday is the last chance to buy 4 Ekka tickets for the price of 3 on adult and children's tickets. Combine this saving with Friday's Super Saver discount of 20% for even greater savings!

Here's the highlights for Day 7 at Queensland's biggest event:

DAY 7: FRIDAY 12 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 8am – Sheep Competition – School Competition Classes
- From 1.30pm – Young Judges Competition – Stud Sheep
- 1.30pm – Stud Beef Small Breeds in Main Arena
- 3pm to 4.30pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – 275mm Underhand Handicap 2nd Div Final, 325mm Underhand Handicap 1st Div Final, 325mm Standing Block Australian Championship, Open 250mm Standing Block Handicap Final, and 300mm Hard Hitting Final
- 9am – 5pm – Horse Competition - Judging (Riders with Disabilities, Young Riders and Showjumping) in the Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Toy Breeds

MINI ME'S MEASURE UP!

WHEN: From 1.30pm. **WHERE:** Main Arena

The big beef cattle have had their turn in the spotlight and now it's time for the stud beef small breeds to shine. They measure up to just over a metre in stature and will take to the Main Arena tomorrow. The pint-sized breeds to be judged include Australian Lowline, Australian Heritage Angus, and Miniature Galloway.

AN AFTERNOON OF FINALS AT WOODCHOP

WHEN: All day heats with finals from 3pm **WHERE:** Woodchop Arena

Don't miss some great Woodchop and Sawing Competition highlights on Friday including: the 275mm Underhand Handicap 2nd Div Final at 3pm, the 325mm Underhand Handicap 1st Div Final at 3.24pm, the 325mm Standing Block Australian Championship at 3.48pm, the Open 250mm Standing Block Handicap Final at 4pm, and the 300mm Hard Hitting Final at 4.30pm.

SPARKS SET TO FLY AS THE FARRIERS AND BLACKSMITHS FIRE UP

WHEN: All day. **WHERE:** Stockman's Rest

The Farriers and Blacksmith competition kicks off on Friday with some of Australia's finest farriers and blacksmiths competing in classes ranging from novice and open blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses. This competition is a true demonstration of skill with competitors designing and shaping metal over hot flames.

ONE NIGHT ONLY – AMY SHEPPARD

WHEN: 8.00pm. **WHERE:** Multicultural Plaza Music Stage

Amy Sheppard will delight her fans with a one-off concert fusing her pop stylings with country influences. Over the past ten years, fans have gotten to know Amy Sheppard as the blue-haired pop powerhouse sharing international stages with her bandmates and siblings George and Emma as the Brisbane trio behind the worldwide hit "Geronimo", Sheppard. This year, Amy embarks on an exciting new adventure as a solo country singer, embracing change with the same vivaciousness and authenticity that has endeared her to so many as part of Sheppard. Ekka goers will have the privilege of seeing Amy Sheppard's new chapter begin!

DOG LOVERS REJOICE...IT IS TIME FOR TOY DOGS TO SHINE

WHEN: From 9am. **WHERE:** Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

Cute as a button, intelligent and loyal...toy dog breeds are some of the most popular breeds in Australia. Enjoy watching Papillons, Pekingnese, Pomeranians, Pugs, King Charles Spaniels, and Chihuahuas as they take centre-stage and compete for coveted blue ribbons.

SCHOOL SHEEP JUDGING

WHEN: From 8am. **WHERE:** Level 2, Large Animal Pavilion

Ekka's school sheep competition is on with Dorper, Texel, Poll Dorset, South Downs and Suffolk breeds among those to be judged.

HORSE COMPETITION – RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES | SHOWJUMPING | PONY HACKS

WHEN: From 9am. **WHERE:** Main Arena

A big day of competition in the Horse Competition with Riders with Disabilities commencing at 9am in Ring 3. Catch Young Riders Showjumping from 10.30am, the Junior 6-Bar at 4pm followed by the Open 6-Bar at 5pm, the Champion and Reserve Champion Open Small Pony Hack Final mid-morning, and the Champion and Reserve Large Pony Hack Final at 3pm.

BE INSPIRED AT THE ROYAL QUEENSLAND COOKING STAGE

WHEN: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm. **WHERE:** Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

The Royal Queensland Cooking Stage in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion celebrates Australia's finest produce. Hosted by some of Queensland's leading female chefs, including Dominique Rizzo,

Ekka guests will be inspired to cook with fresh, seasonal, and local produce. Tomorrow, enjoy sessions with JBS, Sirromet Winery, Fish in the Family, and Bunya Cheese.

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

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/

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