

# 100 FREE THINGS

## TO DO AND SEE AT THE EKKA

1. Drool over the Bertie Beetle themed baked goods being judged in the Cookery Competition.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
2. Find out what it takes to be a farmer at the Australian Young Farmer Challenge delivered by Domino's.  
*Where: Main Arena*
3. Gain insight into the world of felines at the Cat Breed Showcase.  
*Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct*
4. Sing, play and dance with JJ from CoComelon.  
*Where: Main Stage*
5. See what prize-winning fish made a splash in the Pisciculture Competition.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
6. Witness the close working relationship between the entrants in the Sheep Dog Trials and their furry best friends.  
*Where: Main Arena*
7. Let the Woodchop and Sawing Competition hack onto your must visit list while at the Ekka.  
*Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM*
8. Watch two of Australia's best magicians go head-to-head in a magic showdown.  
*Where: Main Stage*
9. A sweet addition to your Ekka itinerary is checking out the Apiculture Competition entries.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
10. Feed and pat more than 500 adorable farm animals in the RACQ Animal Nursery.  
*Where: Expo Place*
11. Leap off your seat watching horses compete in the Showjumping Competition.  
*Where: Main Arena*
12. See blade shearing and fleece throwing in action at the Sheep Shearing Demonstrations - we know 'ewe' will love it!  
*Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct*
13. Experience a mind-blowing and amusing hypnotist show by Shane St James.  
*Where: Main Stage*
14. Join Farmer Dave and The RuffTrack Kids in the ultimate dog high jump competition.  
*Where: Show Ring*
15. Watch the loveable Farmyard Friends dance in a street parade three times a day at Ekka.  
*Where: Gregory Terrace*
16. Experience cuteness overload when you cradle a chick in the palm of your hand.  
*Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)*
17. Watch Australia's top strong men and woman take on five grueling events in an Australian Strongman Alliance competition.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
18. Get revved up for Ekka's Beaut Ute Display & Parade, where up to 20 utes will compete.  
*Where: Main Arena*
19. Live out your rock star fantasies at Karaoke with Live Band and Host David Eastgate.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
20. Help Milo the sheepdog find his lost sheep for the chance to win a prize, by downloading the Ekka App.
21. Get a taste of life on the dairy farm at Norco Grass to Glass.  
*Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)*
22. Experience a superhero-style PAW Patrol mission.  
*Where: Main Stage*
23. See community dance groups light up the stage.  
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24. Watch as kids and adults put on an energetic clogging show.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
25. See Brisbane's best bearded men take on a floral facial fuzz transformation in the Flower Beard Competition.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
26. Watch in awe as the Fireworks Spectacular lights up the night sky.  
*Where: Main Arena*
27. See the big beef cattle that have moo-ved into the Ekka.  
*Where: Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion*
28. Get wrapped up with friendly pythons at the Venomous Snake and Reptile Show presented by Precision Reptiles.  
*Where: King Street*
29. See more than 500 of the Ekka's best animals in the iconic Grand Parade.  
*Where: Main Arena*

- 30.** Have a bunch of fun making a pretty flower crown.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
- 31.** Learn about Ekka's history and see vintage showbags at the Heritage Display.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 32.** Learn how to lasso with an Aussie expert, thanks to XXXX  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill*
- 33.** Compare your winter woollies to the prize-winning wool and alpaca fleece on display.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
- 34.** Be educated on the natural materials used to create garments at the 'Nature's Gifts' Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7  
*Where: Main Stage*
- 35.** See metal being shaped into horseshoes over hot flames at the Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition.  
*Where: Stockman's Rest*
- 36.** Single and ready to mingle? Join in the speed dating fun at Singles Mingle Monday.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 37.** Snap a photo under the neon Ekka Love sign.  
*Where: Gourmet Plaza*
- 38.** Plant seeds, harvest veggies and collect eggs at Little Backyard Farmers presented by Heritage Bank.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
- 39.** See the cream of the crop showcased in the Dairy Cattle Competition.  
*Where: Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion*
- 40.** You would be barking mad not to see the canines being judged.  
*Where: Sushi Hub Canine Precinct*
- 41.** Have some boot-scooting fun at Ekka's Line Dancing Hoedown delivered by Domino's.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 42.** Milk a cow by hand at the Norco Milking Barn.  
*Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)*
- 43.** Be dazzled as the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards are presented.  
*Where: Main Stage*
- 44.** Meet some well-known retired racehorses and see what they're still capable of at the Horsing Around Show presented by Racing Queensland.  
*Where: Show Ring*
- 45.** Grab your passport booklet and follow the Ekka Learning Trail for an ag-ucational experience.  
*Where: Around grounds*
- 46.** Vote for your favourite quilt to win the Viewer's Choice Award in the Quilts Across Queensland Competition presented by Pillow Talk.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 47.** Get egg-cited to see the exquisite birds in the Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs Competition.  
*Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)*





- 48.** See which scarecrows were outstanding in their field in the School Scarecrow Competition presented by Brunnings.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
- 49.** Watch as 20 large bison, usually only seen on TV screens, make a spectacular entrance to the night show.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 50.** See competitors hungry for a win, face off in the Ekka's Keppel Dagwood Dog Eating Competition.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 51.** Meet Spuddy and Scoot in a musical early-learning show encouraging healthy eating and mindful habits.  
*Where: Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad*
- 52.** Watch the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star at the Country Music Showdown presented by Ariat Australia.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 53.** Get your green thumb on and check out the entries in the School Garden Competition presented by Brunnings.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
- 54.** Watch the Opening Ceremony to be part of an Ekka tradition.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 55.** Learn how to eat well, waste less and save more at the Woolworths Kitchen.  
*Main Arena: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion*
- 56.** Join the Podsquad mascots to learn about nutrition, how to become more physically active, and improve sleep habits.  
*Where: Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad*
- 57.** Gasp as circus performers balance atop rotating steel pendulums standing three storeys tall.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 58.** Experience the excitement of the Led Steer Auction.  
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- 59.** See some cracking routines at the 2023 AWPA Australian Whipcracking Championships presented by R.M. Williams & Packer Leather.  
*Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM*
- 60.** Watch as Super MotoX riders launch motorcycles an incredible 15 metres into the air.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 61.** Hoof it to the Main Arena to see the Horse Competition judging.
- 62.** Meet your favourite 7NEWS presenters in person at the 7 LIVE STUDIOS and have a go behind the news desk.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 63.** Listen to the many musical styles of the Band of Blue (Queensland Police Service) including rock, jazz and blues.  
*Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage*
- 64.** Snap a selfie with Ekka's very own Farmyard Friends.  
*Where: Gregory Terrace*



- 65.** Listen to passionate poets belt out bush ballads in the Bush Poetry Competition.  
*Where: Stockman's Rest*
- 66.** Be drawn to the Painting and Drawing Competition display.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 67.** Learn what types of flowers to plant in your garden to attract bees by visiting the Sensory Garden supported by Capilano Honey.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
- 68.** Move in tune with Music on the Move.  
*Where: Gregory Terrace*
- 69.** See Ekka's most stylish men and women compete in the Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 70.** Play a round of the oh-so-fabulous Drag Queen Bingo.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 71.** See produce of all shapes and sizes on display in the Youth in Agriculture Competition.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
- 72.** Sample some of Queensland's delicious produce in the Queensland Government Precinct, with their display 'where does our food and fibre come from?'  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 73.** Get all the buzz on how bees support our food security from the Queensland Beekeepers Association.  
*Where: Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad*
- 74.** Get some birthday cake inspiration by checking out the Cake Decorating Competition entries.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 75.** Witness a battle of the biceps at the Queensland Armwrestling Federation Championships.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 76.** Let Ekka's Stand-up Comedy Gala presented by Black & White Cabs give you some serious belly laughs.  
*Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill*
- 77.** Take part in the age old battle between two Australian icons - Ford and Holden – during the V8 Ute Challenge presented by the Trackskill Movie Stunt Drivers.  
*Where: Main Arena*
- 78.** See wearable jewellery creations, comics, murals and more by Queensland students at the Education on Show display.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 79.** Learn about the different products made from sugarcane at 'Sugarcane - one plant, many products'.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
- 80.** Focus on the visually stunning Photography Competition entries.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
- 81.** Take an immersive tour of Australian beef and lamb production through the Australian Good Meat Paddock to Plate virtual reality experience.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*

82. Find out who will be crowned the Chariot King in the Chariot Motorbike Racing.  
*Where: Main Arena*
83. Marvel at the magnificent masterpieces entered in the Sculpture Competition.  
*Where: Channel 7 Pavilion*
84. Snap a family photo in front of the two metre high EKKA letters.  
*Where: Gourmet Plaza*
85. See aspiring designers showcase their latest creations in the Natural Fibres Make & Model and Wearable Art Competition.  
*Where: Main Stage*
86. Flock to the Large Animal Pavilion to see the Sheep Competition.
87. Learn some tips for the kitchen at the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by King Street and supported by JBS.  
*Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion*
88. Cheer on your favourite horse and driver in the nightly harness racing.  
*Where: Main Arena*
89. You can't miss the eye-catching Horticultural Competition displays.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*
90. Have a yarn to the talented Queensland spinners, weavers and fibre artists.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
91. See the highest streamed First Nations pop artist in the world, Isaiah Firebrace, take to the stage.  
*Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage*
92. Say hi to your favourite EkkaNITES presented by Brisbane City Council stars at Meet the Stars Under the Stars.  
*Where: Main Arena*
93. Breath-in and bleat-out at Goat Yoga.  
*Where: Stockman's Rest*
94. Get up and dance for the chance to win a Coca-Cola Family prize pack in EkkaNITES presented by Brisbane City Council.  
*Where: Main Arena*
95. See jersey dairy cows parade with their beautiful flower crowns to celebrate Ekka.  
*Where: Stockman's Rest*
96. Have a go at finding Rustle the Tree who will be hiding in the Flower and Garden Precinct.
97. Learn about the amazing science behind agriculture at the Ekka Street Science Show supported by National Science Week.  
*Where: Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad*
98. Meet fruit and vegetable growers and take part in 'did you know' trivia at the Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers stand.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
99. Learn about water with Urban Utilities by playing Top Drop - a four-hole mini-golf course.  
*Where: Ag Education Hall*
100. Cheer on local florists as they're given one hour to construct a display in the Floristry Competition's Mystery Box Challenge.  
*Where: Flower and Garden Precinct*

