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Who will reign supreme – sparks will fly!

Ekka action heats up tomorrow as the prestigious Farriers and Blacksmiths competition commences and champion small breeds cattle are crowned.

The largest farriers and blacksmiths competition in the southern hemisphere features everything from novice and open blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses.

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 and being judged in the Main Arena.

Also, tomorrow dairy cattle will compete for the title of Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ.

Friday is the last chance to secure the Super Saver discount and enjoy 20% off Ekka tickets.

By night's end close to 30,000 people are expected to have passed through the gates at Ekka today.

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

DAY 7: FRIDAY 18 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIA DOORSTOP:

11.30am with RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- 6am to 5.30pm – Farriers and Blacksmiths competition at Stockman's Rest
- From 9am – Dairy Cattle – All Breed, Junior, Intermediate Udder and Intermediate Dairy Classes Judging, plus Supreme Dairy Cow judging at 2.30pm in Main Arena
- From 9am – Dairy Goats including the Junior Handlers Competition in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)
- From 8am – Showjumping – Highlights include Open and Junior Six Bar and Young Riders in Main Arena
- From 8am – Horse Competition – Highlights include Open Show Ponies and ANSA Led and ANSA Under Saddle in Main Arena
- From 8am – Sheep Competition – School Competition Classes
- 10am – Young Judges Competition – Dairy Goats in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)
- 1.30pm – Stud Beef Small Breeds and Smalls Breeds Champion Interbreed Judging in Main Arena
- From 9am to 5.30pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Highlights include Open Trans Tasman International Australia vs New Zealand Teams Race Final at 2pm, 325mm Standing Block Championship of Australia Final at 3.54pm, 250mm standing Block Handicap Final at 4.54pm, 300mm Hard Hitting Standing Block Championship Final at 5.18pm

- 9am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Working Dogs

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. With entries jumping by 54 percent this year, this hugely popular competition is a true demonstration of skill with competitors designing and shaping metal over hot flames.

CREAM OF THE CROP TO CONTEST

When: From 9am

Where: Main Arena

Dairy cattle have been exhibited at the Ekka for more than a century and tomorrow the Show will welcome one of the largest dairy cattle competitions in Australia. The cream of Queensland's dairy industry will be showcased and around 150 head of cattle will compete on the quality of their milk, with a highlight of the competition the Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of Show.

PINT SIZED SMALL BREEDS SHINE

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 small breeds stud beef cattle 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.

WATCH THE WOODCHOP FINALS

When: All day heats with finals from 3pm

Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM

Don't miss some great Woodchop and Sawn Competition highlights on Friday including: Open Trans Tasman International Australia vs New Zealand Teams Race Final at 2pm, 325mm Standing Block Championship of Australia Final at 3.54pm, 250mm standing Block Handicap Final at 4.54pm, 300mm Hard Hitting Standing Block Championship Final at 5.18pm

HARDEST WORKING DOGS

When: From 9am

Where: Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

Top working dogs including Border Collies, Australian Cattle Dogs and Australian Kelpies will take centre stage on Friday. Intelligent and loyal...working dog breeds are some of the most popular in Australia. Enjoy watching Collie, German Shepherd, Icelandic Sheepdog, Old English Sheepdog, Pumi and Finnish Lapphund dogs compete for blue ribbons. Royal watchers will love seeing the Corgis on show!

BAAAA....SCHOOL SHEEP JUDGING

When: From 8am

Where: Level 2, Large Animal Pavilion

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

JUMPING TO NEW HEIGHTS

When: From 9am

Where: Main Arena

A big day of competition in the Horse and Showjumping Competitions. Highlights include the Young Riders Showjumping from 11am, the Junior Six-Bar from 3.15pm and the Open Six-Bar at 5pm, Open Show Ponies and ANSA Led and ANSA Under Saddle classes.

NO KIDDING...IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GOATS

When: From 9am

Where: Level 1, Large Animal Pavilion

They've got milk and are ready to compete at Ekka in one of the largest annual gatherings of dairy goats in Queensland. Judging will take place tomorrow with a highlight the Dairy Goat Junior Handlers – a competition which educates and encourages young goat breeders, attendants and assistants.

CREATIVE COOKING WITH AWARD WINNING PRODUCE

When: 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm

Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

The Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by King Street and supported by JBS in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion celebrates Australia's finest produce. Featuring some of Queensland's leading chefs, Ekka guests will be inspired to cook with fresh, seasonal, and local produce. Tomorrow, enjoy sessions with JBS, Langs, Fish in the Family, the National Baking Industry Association and Saucy Wench.

Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 12-20, 2023
- 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 2023 Ekka Media Kit is now 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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