

August 13, 2025

People's Day Ekka-stravaganza attracts more than 70,000

By night's end well over 70,000 people will have attended the Ekka on the Brisbane public holiday today – the biggest People's Day crowd in almost 15 years!

Massive crowds turned out to enjoy People's Day, which showcased the Grand Parade of champion animals, a packed program of special one day live entertainment shows and the thrills of Sideshow Alley.

With great weather and temperatures predicted for the rest of the Show, come on down Queensland and take advantage of Super Saver days for tomorrow and Friday with 20% off tickets plus the new free child Dreamworld ticket offer for every purchaser of a child Ekka ticket on 14 and 15 August.

Another reason to go to Ekka tomorrow are the discounted Concession (Seniors, Students and Concession holders) entry tickets for \$22 (normally \$30.95) and the "Buy two Twilight Tickets, get two free" deals on offer.

Here's what's in store for Day 6 of the Royal Queensland Show presented by Bank of Queensland (BOQ) tomorrow:

TOMORROW'S HIGHLIGHTS – Thursday 14 August – DAY 6

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11.00am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8.30am – Canine judging – Toys Group Judging – in Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 8am – Sheep Competition, Level 2, Large Animal Pavilion
- From 8.30am – Horse judging - Novice Show Hunter Pony, Open Show Hunter Pony, Riding Ponies – Led, Warmblood Entries – Led and Under Saddle, Child's Show Hunter Pony Hacks, Novice Pony Hacks, and Riding Ponies – Under Saddle – Main Arena
- From 9.30am – Showjumping Competition – Young Riders Showjumping contest – Main Arena
- From 9.30am – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Open 325mm Underhand Handicap First Division First Heat (9.30am), Open 275mm Treefelling Handicap First Heat (11.42am), Open

- 350mm Underhand Championship of Australia First Heat (2pm) and Final (3.36pm), and Teams Invitation Relay – Event 4 Final (5pm) – Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
From 12pm – Farriers & Blacksmiths – Decorative Blacksmithing, Junior Novice Blacksmithing, Senior Novice Blacksmithing, Intermediate Blacksmithing, Open Blacksmithing – Stockman's Rest

SPARKS FLY...FARRIERS & BLACKSMITHS STEEL THE SHOW

The largest farriers and blacksmiths competition in the southern hemisphere takes place at the Ekka, with 380+ entries this year. Judging kicks off on Thursday 14 August and will continue through to Sunday 17 August at Stockman's Rest. The competition features a range of classes from blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses – catering to all skill levels including Junior Novice and Masters 50 Years and Over. A highlight is the Decorative Blacksmithing class tomorrow at 12pm, where exhibitors have one hour to craft a functional item that showcases artistic flair.

When: From 12 midday, Stockman's Rest

WOOLLY WONDERS TAKE THE STAGE

Ekka's sheep competition is underway with judging of Open Classes taking place on Thursday from 8am – through to Saturday. Breeds competing this year include Corriedale, Dorset Down, Dorset Horn, Dorper, Border Leicester and Suffolk.

When: From 8am – 10am, Level 2, Large Animal Pavilion

YOUNG RIDERS TAKE THE REINS

Highlights in the Horse competition on Thursday include Novice Show Hunter Pony, Open Show Hunter Pony, Riding Ponies – Led, Warmblood Entries – Led and Under Saddle, Child's Show Hunter Pony Hacks, Novice Pony Hacks, and Riding Ponies – Under Saddle. Plus, the Young Riders Showjumping contest will be judged. Marvel at the incredible heights these horses and their young riders can jump!

When: From 8.30am – 12pm and 1.30pm -6pm, Main Arena

ICONIC EKKA EATS

Some of the true Ekka icons have been around for years and keep getting better...like the delicious Dagwood Dogs, Twisted Chips, Cheese Toasties, Butter Board Sandwiches, sweet Strawberry Sundaes, Fairy Floss and the CWA scones with jam and cream. For those looking for something a little weird and wacky to taste this Ekka, don't miss Smash Burger's epic Blockbuster Burger that could feed up to four people, the insta-famous tanghulu candied fruit, a flavour explosion in LA Loops' hot honey

chipotle chicken funnel cakes or the perfect snack on the go – the loaded Dorito Nachos in the Bag at Darcitos.

GALLOPING OUT OF RETIREMENT

Join acclaimed horse trainer Dave Manchon when he showcases the potential of retired racehorses as they transition into new lives beyond the track in Horsing Around presented by Queensland Off-the-Track, Presenting Partner of QOTT Showcase Showjump Events. Dave will be joined by some well-known off-the-track stars as he shares his expert training methods and the remarkable versatility of these equine athletes.

When: 11am, 2pm & 3pm - Show Ring

FROCK UP FOR FABULOUS DRAG QUEEN BINGO

This year's Drag Queen Bingo combines fabulous, over-the-top fun with your favourite songs. For one night only, showgirl Vollie LaVont will treat Ekka-goers to a range of performances, glamorous fashions, and a whole lot of lip-syncing fun featuring Rocky Horror Show Tunes.

When: From 8.30pm till late, XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 – 17, 2025
- 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 2025 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit [Media Kit](#)

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