

# 100 FREE THINGS TO DO AT THE EKKA

1. *Learn the tricks of the trade from some of the best in the business as they cook with Queensland's finest ingredients at the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage.*  
**Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion**
2. *Explore how technology is shaping the future of farming at the Greenhouse Innovator Competition display.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
3. *See themed scarecrows inspired by athletes or iconic sporting moments at the School Scarecrow Competition presented by Brunnings.*  
**Where: Flower and Garden Precinct**
4. *Enjoy some toe-tapping fun with the Brisbane Cloggers.*  
**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**
5. *See fabulous designs inspired by Rockabilly and Australian Country & Western themes at the Natural Fibres Make and Model parade.*  
**Where: Main Stage**
6. *See eye-catching produce displays themed 'Australia' at the Youth in Agriculture Competition.*  
**Where: Ag Education Hall**
7. *See equestrian excellence on full display during Horse Competition judging.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
8. *Get ready for a night of glitz, glamour and outrageous fun at Drag Queen Bingo.*  
**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**
9. *Discover the creativity and craftsmanship behind the stunning entries in the Sculpture Competition.*  
**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**
10. *See what young green thumbs have grown in the School Garden Competition presented by Brunnings.*  
**Where: Flower and Garden Precinct**
11. *Watch the next generation of agricultural talent take centre stage in the Australian Young Farmer Challenge presented by Dairy Farmers.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
12. *Take a heartwarming happy snap under the neon Ekka Love sign.*  
**Where: Gourmet Plaza**
13. *Watch horses soar over jumps in the high-stakes Showjumping Competition.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
14. *Kick up your boots and join the party at the Ekka's Line Dancing Hoedown presented by Ariat.*  
**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**
15. *See one of Australia's rising country stars Will Day take to the stage.*  
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16. *Join crowd favourites The Smashing Bumpkins for a rip-roaring, area-sized karaoke experience like no other.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
17. *Buckle up for a turbo-charged time at the Hot Wheels Heroes: Super Truck Show.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
18. *Watch Brisbane's boldest beards get a blooming makeover in the quirky Flower Beard Competition.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
19. *Dive into the underwater world of fins and flora at the Fish Competition, showcasing colourful fish and vibrant aquatic plants.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
20. *Sort imitation eggs for delivery to the market, supermarket or home at Cluck and Collect.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
21. *Get up close to one of the Ekka's tiniest stars by holding a freshly hatched chick.*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)**
22. *Find your inner peace and a lot of laughter at Goat Yoga.*  
**Where: Stockman's Rest**
23. *You haven't seen it all until you've seen Indian Runner Ducks take to the track at Melville's Duck Racing.*  
**Where: The Lawn, next to the Large Animal Pavilion**
24. *Try your hand at traditional farming by milking a cow at Norco Milking Barn.*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)**
25. *Experience the untamed beauty of Australia's wild horses in A Brumby's Run - Wild Horses in Full Flight, brought to life by renowned horseman Dave Manchon.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
26. *See stunning garden installations from clubs, associations and community groups at the Horticultural Competition displays.*  
**Where: Flower and Garden Precinct**
27. *Ewe won't believe the talent - don't miss the Sheep Competition.*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion**
28. *See how your winter woollies stack up against the prize-winning fleece on display.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**





29. Get egg-cited by the birds on show in the Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs Competition.

**Where:** Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)

30. Explore the colourful and clever work of students at the Education on Show display.

**Where:** Channel 7 Pavilion

31. Step into the magical world of the beloved Smurfs.

**Where:** Main Stage

32. Settle in for heartfelt verses and bush ballads at the Bush Poetry Competition.

**Where:** Stockman's Rest

33. Feel the beat with community dance groups performing styles from Bollywood to ballet.

**Where:** Main Stage

34. See the best of Australia's beef cattle on show across the Stud Beef and Led Steer Competitions.

**WHERE:** Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion

35. Come face-to-face with incredible reptiles at the Venomous Snake and Reptile Show.

**WHERE:** King Street

36. See creative cakes inspired by your favourite nursery rhymes in the Cake Decorating Competition.

**Where:** Channel 7 Pavilion

37. Witness the close bond between the Sheep Dog Trial entrants and their furry best friends.

**Where:** Main Arena

38. Capture your Ekka memories with a photo by the huge two-metre high Ekka letters.

**Where:** Gourmet Plaza

39. Watch the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star at the Country Music Showdown.

**Where:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

40. See who's got the appetite to win the Keppel Dagwood Dog Eating Competition.

**Where:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

41. Pat, cuddle and giggle your way through the Animal Nursery.

**Where:** Expo Place

42. Learn about the Show's history in preparation for the 150th year of Ekka next year.

**Where:** Channel 7 Pavilion

43. Get ready for a cracking good time at the Australian Whipcracking Titles hosted by the Australian Whipcrackers & Plaiters Association.

**Where:** Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM Investment Group

44. March to the beat as Music on the Move brings rhythm and energy to the Show.

**Where:** Gregory Terrace

45. Snap a photo behind the 7NEWS desk or on the Sunrise couch, plus meet some of your favourite local Seven stars.

**Where:** Channel 7 Pavilion

46. See the champions of the dairy world up close as they compete for top honours in the Dairy Cattle Competition.

**Where: Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion**

47. Get ready for a tail-wagging, jaw-dropping show at Lights, Camera, Action, Paws!, as Heidi Mackay introduces you to some of the most amazing animal stars.

**Where: Show Ring**

48. Cast your vote for the Viewer's Choice Award and help crown this year's quilting favourite at Quilts Across Queensland presented by Pillow Talk.

**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**

49. Step into a world where comedy meets Cupid at Singles Mingle Monday hosted by the Sit Down Comedy Club.

**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

50. Meet retired racing legends and watch them show off their new skills at Horsing Around presented by Queensland Off-the-Track, Presenting Partner of QOTT Showcase Showjump Events.

**Where: Show Ring**

51. Experience the wonders of wool from sheep to yarn at the new Wool Workshop presented by Toy Farm.

**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**

52. Be amazed as Australia's strongest men and women go head-to-head in the 2025 Australian Strongman Alliance Invitational.

**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

53. Watch timber fly as competitors go head-to-head in the thrilling Woodchop Competition.

**Where: Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM Investment Group**

54. Get fired up for The Circus Firemen as the comedy duo bring the heat with juggling, acrobatics and outrageous slapstick.

**Where: Main Stage**

55. Go on a deliciously fun adventure and scoop up sweet agricultural facts about Ekka's iconic strawberry sundae at Strawberry Sundae Lane presented by Bank of Queensland (BOQ).

**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**

56. Flutter into creativity at Wings of Wonder, a collaborative art installation using colourful origami.

**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**

57. Let creativity catch your eye at the vibrant Painting and Drawing Competition display.

**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**

58. Selfie goals unlocked - snap a pic with the Ekka Farmyard Friends for a memory worth posting to social media.

**Where: Gregory Terrace**

59. Celebrate the spirit of the Show at the Ekka's Opening Ceremony.

**Where: Main Arena**

60. Get ready for big laughs on tiny hooves as you watch the Miniature Pony Roller Race.

**Where: Main Arena**





61. *Kick off the Ekka with a street celebration like no other at the spectacular Opening Day Street Parade.*  
**Where: Gregory Terrace**
62. *See the world through a new lens with the breathtaking entries in the Photography Competition.*  
**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**
63. *Watch as expert judges evaluate delicious jams, chutneys and relishes made from Queensland-grown ingredients in a Jar competition.*  
**Where: ABC Broadcast Tent**
64. *It's paws-itively unmissable - watch the dogs being judged in the Sushi Hub Canine Competition.*  
**Where: Sushi Hub Canine Precinct**
65. *Say hi and snap a pic with your favourite EkkaNITES stars at Meet the Stars Under the Stars.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
66. *Follow the journey of grain at Harvest to Home presented by Manildra.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
67. *Experience the thunderous roar and adrenaline-pumping action of the Inferno Monster Truck.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
68. *Step into the world of beef production at the new Qld Beef Up Close presented by Meat & Livestock Australia.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
69. *Go on an immersive 360-degree journey through Australian beef and lamb production with Meat & Livestock Australia's (MLA) Australian Good Meat Paddock to Plate virtual reality experience.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
70. *See talented florists work their magic live onstage as they whip up moo-gnificent floral garlands fit for a cow's head in Flowers for Cows.*  
**Where: Flower and Garden Precinct**
71. *Watch the Brisbane skyline come alive as the Inferno Fireworks Spectacular explodes bigger, brighter and bolder than ever in a high-octane fusion of firepower, performance and cutting-edge tech.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
72. *Watch as Australia's elite freestyle motocross daredevils rocket 75 feet into the air, twisting, flipping and spinning in a gravity-defying ballet of horsepower and pure adrenaline.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
73. *One of Queensland's biggest dairy goat gatherings is baa-ck at the Ekka - you have 'goat' to check it out!*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)**
74. *Don't miss the fiery forging and horse shoeing showdown at the Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition.*  
**Where: Stockman's Rest**
75. *Step inside the shearing shed and experience the woolly magic of Aussie agriculture, as expert sheep shearer Jonathan and skilled roustabout Mikayla bring it all to life.*  
**Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct**
76. *Discover the purr-fect world of cats at the Cat Breed Showcase.*  
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77. *Catch the robo-dogs rounding up sheep in the Main Arena - farming goes futuristic!*  
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78. *Get crafty and have a bunch of fun making your own pretty flower crown at Flower Crown Making presented by Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.*  
**Where: Flower & Garden Precinct**
79. *See a delicious display of fruit cakes, cookies, scones, slices and more from the Cookery Competition.*  
**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**
80. *Don't miss the spectacular Grand Parade, where champions from the tiniest Grand Champion Fish to the towering Grand Champion Stud Bull take centre stage.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
81. *Add a buzz-worthy stop to your Ekka day by exploring the Apiculture Competition entries.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
82. *Be dazzled as the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards light up the stage.*  
**Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage**
83. *Fall head over heels for style at the Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7, where this year's theme, The Fabric of Us: A Love Story, tells a charming city-girl-meets-country-boy romance.*  
**Where: Main Stage**
84. *Pick up your passport booklet and embark on the Ekka Learning Trail for a hands-on agricultural adventure.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**

85. *Watch Ekka's sharpest dressed men and women strut their stuff in the Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club and supported by Sirromet.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
86. *Interact with some of the cheekiest animals at the Ekka as you explore the wonderful world of dairy goats at the new Dairy Kid Experience.*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion (level 1)**
87. *Step into the buzzing world of bees at the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Stand, where you'll learn why bees are Australia's littlest livestock.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
88. *Visit the new Dairy Cattle Exercise Area to watch the cows in action and meet the farmers who care for them.*  
**Where: Next to the Large Animal Pavilion**
89. *Help Milo the sheep dog track down his lost sheep for the chance to win a prize – just download the Ekka App!*  
**Where: Main Stage**
90. *See chariot racing like you've never seen before with the Motorcycle Chariots, a high-octane thrill show in EkkaNITES from the daredevils at Flair Action Sports.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
91. *Try free samples of bananas, yoghurt bowls and smoothies at the Australian Bananas Stand, plus meet real banana growers ready to share their juicy secrets!*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
92. *Get moving with The Smashing Bumpkins and Farmyard Friends mascots as the Coca-Cola Dance Cam scans the crowd for top moves and big smiles.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
93. *Sing your heart out at Wild West Karaoke Night as you belt out your favourite country anthems.*  
**Where: Main Arena**
94. *See how your favourite milk makes it to your fridge at the Norco Grass to Glass Experience.*  
**Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)**
95. *Catch the Cowboy Stilt Walker towering above the crowd.*  
**Where: Gregory Terrace**
96. *See Australia's top country music DJ, Dee Jaye Bux, hit the decks nightly with a boot-scootin' mix of country hits and funky remixes.*  
**Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage**
97. *See a variety of artistic techniques in action at the new Creative Demonstrations.*  
**Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**
98. *Get cracking at 'Get Kids Cooking! Presented by Australian Eggs' where you'll whip up a tasty open sandwich to enjoy.*  
**Where: Agricultural Education Hall**
99. *Get your hands dirty at Little Backyard Farmers presented by Somerville House – plant seeds, pick veggies and gather eggs.*  
**Where: Flower and Garden Precinct**
100. *See strength and strategy collide at the Queensland Armwrestling Championships, in a battle of the biceps you won't want to miss.*  
**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

