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ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE COMPETITION 2027



RNA | THE ROYAL NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

Welcome from the President



The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) continues its proud tradition of recognising excellence and achievement through its 2027 competition program.

Since the first Ekka in 1876, competitions have been at the heart of the Show, providing generations of Queenslanders with the opportunity to showcase their skills, passion and dedication.

In 2026, almost 23,000 entries were received across 59 competitions, supported by a $759,000 prize pool. More than 5,000 exhibitors took part, contributing to the strongest entry numbers in more than five years as the Ekka celebrated its 150th anniversary.

Driven by strong demand in this milestone year, many sections reached entry capacity, including Led Steer, which recorded a record number of cattle. Several Arts and Cookery sections also achieved their highest participation in a decade.

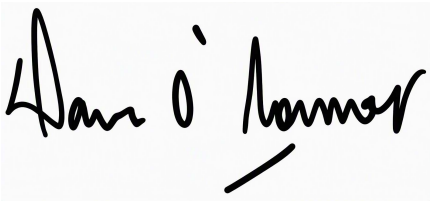
The 2026 Ekka welcomed more than 423,000 people through the gates, with the past two shows attracting the largest crowds in almost 20 years.

In 2027, the Ekka will run for nine days from Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 August, across two weekends.

For more than 150 years, the Ekka has remained committed to championing agriculture and showcasing the best of Queensland, including though our diverse competition program.

As the new RNA President, I look forward to building on this proud legacy and continuing to champion the people, industries and communities that make Queensland so special.

Best of luck with your entries. We look forward to celebrating your achievements at the 2027 Royal Queensland Show.



Dan O'Connor OAM
RNA President

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SATURDAY 7TH – SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST 2027

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE EXHIBITS

Council Steward
Cr. Jamie Grant

Honorary Council Steward
Mr. Shaun Sandilands

APPLICATIONS TO ENTER CLOSE	Friday 16 April 2027 at 5:00pm
CONSTRUCTION & ELECTRICAL PLANS	To be submitted to the RNA Competition Planner by Friday 4 June 2027
ACCOMMODATION REQUEST FORM	Accommodation information pack will be provided after close of entries if required
LIST OF SUBSECTIONS BEING ENTERED (YOUTH DISTRICT CLASS 2 ONLY)	To be submitted to the RNA Competition Planner by Monday 28 June 2027
EKKA PERSONNEL LIST	To be submitted to the RNA Competition Planner by Monday 19 July 2027
THEME	The 2027 theme is **"Ekka in the Future"**
EXHIBIT BUILD	Exhibit build can commence from 8:30am on Friday 30 July 2027 If your school requires access prior – please email the Competitions and Events Planner. All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Groups must depart the Agricultural Hall by 10:00pm each night during bump in.
JUDGING	Between Thursday 5 August - Saturday 7 August 2027. Refer to inside schedule for details. Exhibits must be in position and ready for Effective Arrangement judging, no later than 12:00pm on Friday 6 August 2027.
SELLING TIME & LAST DAY OF SHOW	3:00pm Sunday 15 August 2027. After sale of produce exhibitors are permitted to pack down stands from 6:00pm. Vehicle access to the grounds will commence from 10:00pm. Vehicle Access permits apply – please refer to 'vehicle access'
COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS	All exhibits are to be collected between 7:00pm on Sunday 15 August and 5:00pm on Monday 16 August. Vehicle access to the grounds will commence from 11:00pm on Sunday 15 August. Vehicle access permits apply – please refer to 'vehicle access'. NOTE: Entries not collected will be disposed of.
ORGANISING ALLOWANCE INVOICE	Invoice to be submitted to the RNA Coordinator no later than Friday 16 July 2027.
OH&S REQUIREMENTS	All patrons seeking entry during the bump in process of the Royal Queensland Show are required to wear a high visibility vest and enclosed shoes. If required, high-visibility vests can be purchased at the Guest Services desk, located on the ground floor of the Channel 7 Pavilion.
VEHICLE ACCESS	All vehicles driving onto the Showgrounds MUST display an RNA Vehicle Access Permit on their dashboard to gain entry. Please visit: https://www.ekka.com.au/get-involved/vehicle-access/ for more information and to access the form. Please note there will be no exemptions to this rule.

For competition specific questions please contact Shaun Sandilands 0403 143 955
RNA Competition Planner Email: entries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

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The RNA wishes to thank the following supporters who have contributed towards prize money, prizes or conduct of the YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE EXHIBITS Competition

JUDGING TIMETABLE

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS PRODUCE QUALITY (Class 2)

Date in 2027	Time	Exhibits (Subsection)
Thursday 5 August	12:00pm	Dairy Products
Thursday 5 August	12:00pm	Apiary Products
Thursday 5 August	12:30pm	Vegetables
Thursday 5 August	12:30pm	Culinary Arts
Thursday 5 August	1:30pm	Grains
Thursday 5 August	1:30pm	Fresh Fruit
Thursday 5 August	1:00pm	Other Ag Products
Thursday 5 August	2:00pm	Cured Meats
Thursday 5 August	2:30pm	Poultry Products
Thursday 5 August	2:30pm	Timbers

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YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS Class (1 & 2)/YOUTH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (Class 3)-EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT

Thursday 5 August	ALL DAY	Quality of produce placed on stand
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Effective Arrangement
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Best Movement And/or Animation

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS (Class 1)

Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Youth District Exhibit Overall Display

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS (Class 2)

Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Youth District Exhibits Effective Arrangements
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Overall Winner - Section 1 and 2
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Best Backdrop
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Best Visual Display of Grains on the Floor
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Most Points in Section 2
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Most Points in Section 2, Sub Section (i) Grains- (Quality not display)
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Most Points in Section 2, Sub Section (vi) Agricultural Produce
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Most Points in Section 2, Sub Section (v) Vegetables

YOUTH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE (CLASS 3)

Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Youth Fruit and Vegetables Effective Arrangements
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Best Visual Display of Vegetables
Friday 6 August	12:30pm	Best Overall Produce
Thursday 5 August	2:00pm	Best Fruit and Vegetables Quality

DISPLAY MUST BE COMPLETED FOR JUDGING BY 12:00PM ON FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST*

*Please confirm with Stewards prior.

GENERAL OPERATING HOURS OF AGRICULTURAL HALL

The Agricultural Hall will be open between 9.00am and 6.00pm daily during the Royal Queensland Show.

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE REGULATIONS

1. The By-Laws together with these Regulations will govern the competition.

2. Exhibitors in the Agricultural Hall are advised that in accordance with RNA policy no stickers are to be handed out during the Show. The handing out of balloons is not permitted unless written approval is obtained from RNA Management. Exhibitors must check that their displays comply with copyright regulations.

3. The licensee/exhibitor shall not conduct or operate any gambling game(s) or games of chance or dispose of any article by lot or chance or sell any raffle tickets of any nature whatsoever unless these activities have been approved by RNA Management. Exhibitors and competitors wishing to conduct a competition, including a give-away promotion or guessing competition, must ensure they comply with the relevant legislation.

4. The Organiser of each exhibit shall be a group member or a supervisor of a group. Fruit and/or vegetables may be drawn from any district for those youth groups selecting to undertake Class 1, 2 or 3.

5. Entries in the Youth District (Class 1 or 2) and Youth Fruit and Vegetable (Class 3) Competition shall be limited to six (6) in total or otherwise determined by the RNA Councillor in charge.

6. Open to youth groups, church youth groups, or schools or colleges. Exhibits must be designed and constructed by 13–25-year-olds. Adult assistance may be provided with the design of exhibit and construction of the back wall only. All construction on the exhibit floor (unless done by RNA carpenters) and all produce on display must be placed on the exhibit by the youth members.

7. Groups are permitted to display one A3 sign on the front of their display acknowledging supporters that have assisted in their display. The sign can list up to five names (excluding all logos).

8. If possible, groups are requested to provide continuous supervision of exhibits. Competing groups may share this responsibility.

9. Commercially available citrus wax is the only form of polish/spray permitted to be used on produce for sale at the conclusion of the show.

10. Each entry will receive 40 x One Day Passes to the 2027 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

ORGANISING ALLOWANCE

1. YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS (Class 1 or 2)
   Upon written application to the Entries Department Royal National Association, a sum of money for organizing and expense purposes, including meals, will be paid to each competing exhibit in addition to prize money.
   This will be assessed on a one-way road distance from Brisbane to the place or town where the group exhibiting has its regular meetings. Allowances are calculated as follows:

	Class 1 & 2 - Section 1 & 2
Up to 80 km	$1,750
Over 80 km up to 240 km	$1,950

   Groups over 240 kms from Brisbane should contact the RNA about special arrangements.

2. YOUTH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE (Class 3)
   The sum of $2,850 for organizing and expense purposes, including meals, (in addition to Prize Money) will be paid to each competing group. At the discretion of the RNA and upon written application to the Entries Department, early payment of the organizing allowance may be made to any competing group if required to complete their display.

   Any group which is in excess of 160 kilometers from Brisbane will be paid an additional $200 as a travelling allowance.

3. All claims for organizing allowance must be accompanied by completed documentation to the value of the amount received from the RNA. Valid tax receipts/tax invoices must be in the hands of the RNA Competitions Coordinator by 30 August of the year they relate to. No payment can be made for expenses received after that date. In the event of a group failing to compete, the allowance received must be returned to the Royal National Association within seven (7) business days.

PRODUCE COLLECTION AREA for Class 1, 2, or 3.

a) No limit shall be defined for the area in which Groups may obtain the required produce, but the Organizer of each exhibit will be required to certify that all exhibits entered for judging under Section 2 (Two) have been produced, grown, manufactured, purchased, or obtained by members of the competing Group or Groups.

CONSTRUCTION

1. All construction on the exhibit floor (unless done by RNA carpenters) and all produce on display must be prepared and placed on the exhibit by the youth members (13–25-year-olds). Advice and support with tools may be given to group members when required by adults associated with the group.

   Exhibitors are not permitted to use spray paints / spray cans in the venue at any time.

   Compliance with this and other schedule regulations prior to commencement of judging is worth 50 points.

2. Plans for the allotted space are available on application. The Group Organiser must forward plans for the exhibit by the due date to:

   RNA Competitions Department - Agricultural Hall
   Events and Competition
   Planner
   Locked Bag 1010
   Albion QLD 4010
   Or via email: entries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

   The Royal National Association will arrange for the completion of the stand in accordance with the plan submitted.

   Plans should give full details of all construction required and upon receipt the Association will proceed to erect stands according to these plans. Any requests for 3 phase power must be submitted with the plans by the due date.

   The RNA reserves the right to return plans to exhibitors for alteration if those plans are deemed by the Ground Superintendent/carpenters to be too expensive or complex to build. It is not expected that any display will take longer than one day to construct.

   The RNA will not be responsible for any further alterations or additions to the stand after they have been erected, and such alterations and additions must be carried out by the Groups concerned, at their own expense.

   An inspection of the stand may be made by the Youth Group Organizer, when advised that the work has been completed.

   RNA tradesmen will not be available after the exhibit has been completed and inspected. Groups are requested to keep the same basic design for a period of at least 2 years. Minor modifications will be permitted.

3. Details related to lighting and power points are to be shown on the plan when submitted. Upon approval and once installed the RNA will not be responsible for the supply of additional lighting or power requirements, and additions or alterations to lighting or power will not be made without prior consent of the RNA Electricians. All such work must be carried out by a fully qualified electrician.

4. All groups must depart the Agricultural Hall by 10.00pm each night.

5. Groups are not permitted to have sound as part of their exhibit.

6. RNA tables will be available to groups.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

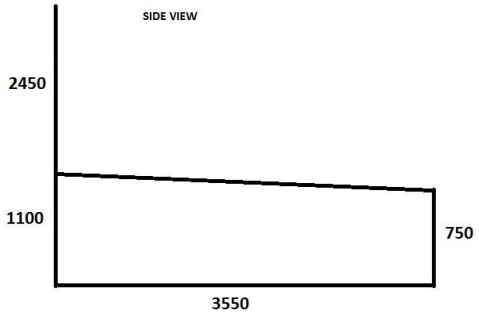
1. Exhibitors are to submit a detailed list of relevant workers or persons required to receive entry during show no later than Monday 19 July 2027 to the RNA Competitions and Event Planner.

2. Groups are required to maintain the standard of exhibits during the period of the Exhibition. Quality of produce must be such that it should last for the duration of the show, however perishing items where necessary can be replaced with similar items of reasonable quality to maintain the standard of the exhibit.

3. Selling time to commence from 3:00pm Sunday 15 August 2027, or according to Show crowds and/or weather conditions as advised by the RNA Councilor. Please be advised that exhibitors are permitted to pack down stands after 7:00pm and vehicle access to grounds will commence after 11:00pm. Vehicle Permits apply; please see front cover for further information.

DIMENSIONS OF STANDS

Sizing and Dimensions:	
Length:	3550
Width:	3550
Height:	3550



**Not drawn to scale

TICKETING

1. All ticketing, labelling, or wording of any kind on the Exhibit should be large enough to be clearly readable at a distance of 5 metres.

2. Each individual item need not be labelled as such, but intelligent use of captions, labels, and signs to indicate the connection between produce displayed and the actual theme of the Exhibit will be beneficial and will add to overall appeal of the display.

3. Where an item cannot be readily identified by a Judge, i.e., timbers, cakes, jams, jellies, etc., a small label at the base is sufficient.

4. Unusual items not easily identifiable, as well as grains and fodder, etc. should be labelled, if possible, for the convenience of the public. Ticketing need not be the work of Group Members.

JUDGING

1. All construction work and placing of materials must be completed by 12:00pm Wednesday 4 August 2027 so that walkways are clear and ready for presentation the next day. Stewards will check each exhibit after this time for compliance with schedule concerning quantities on your stand.

2. No Group will be allowed to arrange or add to their exhibits after this time. Judging shall not commence until the delegate in charge of the Exhibits has been notified. During the Effective Arrangement judging no competitors or associates may enter the exhibit designated area. All other judging will commence as shown unless advised to the contrary by Stewards.

3. All items displayed on the exhibits shall remain on the exhibits for the duration of the show. Quality of produce must be such that it should last for the duration of the show, however perishing items where necessary can be replaced during show with similar quality produce.

4. Only officials and exhibitors may enter the judging area whilst judging is proceeding.

5. At least one member shall be appointed by each Group exhibiting to be in attendance during the full period of judging and to assist the Judges and Stewards whenever necessary. If a group cannot be present at the nominated judging time, they should arrange with a Steward to present their produce to the judge.

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EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS Class (1 & 2)/ YOUTH FRUIT & VEGETABLES (Class 3)

SCALE OF POINTS USED IN THE JUDGING OF EXHIBITS

CLASS 1, 2 & 3 Section 1

a) Public Appeal Points will be awarded for use of lighting, design, colour, movement and public appeal.
Maximum 50 points

b) Display
Effective use of theme and design.
Maximum 50 points

c) Effective Use of Products
Diversity, quality of display, arrangement, and quality of items.
Maximum 50 points

d) General Finish and Neatness
Judges will consider the overall standard and finish of the exhibit. Including presentation of primary produce and including display signage. ALL Grains on the floor of the exhibit must be presented in its natural state. Points will be discounted for failure to comply. Washing and cleaning of naturally dirty products e.g., pumpkins, melons etc. are acceptable.

Maximum 50 points

e) Compliance with construction and other schedule regulations prior to judging.

i.	Correct and current tagging of all electrical appliances	5 points
ii.	Compliance with all regulations in the schedule	10 points
iii.	Plans/requests submitted by deadlines	5 points
iv.	Work and materials are to be always kept in own designated areas	10 points
v.	Safe working conditions maintained during set up period	10 points
vi.	Fences to be returned to their correct places and the display area is clear of all rubbish and left tidy by 11:00am Friday 6 August 2027.	10 points
Maximum		50 points
Total Maximum (Section 1)		250 points

f) NOTE: Judges of this section also allocate marks for Youth District Exhibits Class 2 only, entered into Commercial Timbers in Section 2. Sub Section (vii) (e). As per schedule, 20 points are allocated which are added to other points awarded for Commercial Timber judging.

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS

Class 1- Youth District Exhibits

Section 1

Youth District Exhibits (Class 1) can use a range of produce and materials to decorate their produce stand but are not being judged on individual quantities of materials presented. Ideas of types of produce (fruit/ vegetables/ grains and fleeces etc.) can be gained by reading Sub Sections in Section 2 from YOUTH EXHIBITS (Class 2) below.

Class 2- Youth District Exhibits- Section 1 & 2

Youth District Exhibits (Class 2) complete Section 1 and 2 of this competition.

Section 2

Groups must supply a list of subsections being entered to the Competition Officer, no later than Monday 29 June 2027.
This includes:

(i) Grains;
(ii) Fodders;
(iii) Fresh Fruits;
(iv) Culinary Arts;
(v) Vegetables;
(vi) Other Agricultural Produce;
(vii) Commercial Timbers;
(viii) Other Produce.

FOUR shall be nominated for judging of quality.
Details of the Sub- sections nominated for judging must be received not later than Monday 29 June 2026. A maximum of 60 points may be obtained for each Sub-Section nominated.

Total Maximum (Section 2)	240 points
Aggregate Maximum (Section 1 and 2)	490 points

The following conditions for judging quality apply to the eight Sub-Sections in Class 2. (Larger quantities of any item in these Sub-Sections may be exhibited for display purposes. The quantities stipulated below refer to items for judging of quality only.)

NB. Where sheaves, grain, hay and other produce cannot be conveniently inspected by the Judge a sufficient portion of each exhibit must be set aside in a position where it can be readily examined. Minimum sample portions are as follows;

Grains	1 kg
Fruit	3 kg
Root Crops	2 kg
Any other Veggies	2 kg
Nuts	500 g + 100 (no shell)
Fibre	500 g
Other Products	as stipulated in Sub Section (viii)
Oil Seed	500 g

Any exhibit failing to meet the minimum sample requirements for any sub-section will not be awarded points in that category.

Sub-Section (i) GRAINS
(Maximum 60 points)

At least 1kg each of any three of the following: (3 x 20 points per type)

- Wheat,
- Oats,
- Barley,
- Sorghum,
- Triticale,
- Maize,
- Canary,
- White French Millet,
- Grey Striped Sunflower
- Red Panicum

Grains on the back wall or seeded arrangements are not included as part of the 1kg of grain specified for judging. Seeds treated with seed dressing or coatings are not eligible for entry. All seeds should be free of any chemicals except for weevil fumigants. The display of grain for judging on exhibit floor must be all grain and not topped.

Sub-Section (ii) FODDERS
(Maximum 60 points)

One sample from any two groups: A, B or C. Your

requirements for this section are:

A. HAY (30 points) half a bale of minimum dimensions 430mm x 480mm x 340mm.
B. CHAFF (30 points) minimum of 9 liter (half a tomato box or 1 x 9-liter bucket)
C. Either (i) Raw Hammermill Products or (ii), Stockmeal Products. (Total 30 points)

(i) **RAW HAMMERMILL PRODUCTS** (1 kg each or a total of 3kg if in combination) to be comprised of any THREE grains either SEPERATELY or in COMBINATION displayed in EITHER the fine OR the coarse state. These do not include chicken starters, laying mash/pellets or any commercially manufactured feed that has additional vitamins, supplements or minerals added.

(ii) **STOCKMEAL PRODUCTS** (1kg each). To be comprised of any three stock meal products. Stock meals in pelleted form are not acceptable.

Raw Hammermill/Stockmeal products must be labelled for judging clearly showing the type of grain or fodder used – particularly in the case of mixtures. Labels must also indicate the purpose for which the product is intended (e.g. Horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, goats, camels etc.)

Sub-Section (iii) FRESH FRUITS
(Maximum 60 points)

Not less than 6kg of one of the Sub-Sections (a), (b), (c), (d) – (30 points for any 2 varieties), or (e).

a) Stone and/or Pome Fruit - two varieties (3kg of each variety)
b) Citrus - two varieties (3kg of each variety)
c) Tropical Fruit - two varieties (3kg of each variety)
d) Any other fruits - two varieties (Rockmelons, honeydew melons, berries, avocados etc.) (3kg of each variety)
OR
e) One variety (2kg) from THREE of the sub sections (a), (b), (c) or (d). (20 points each variety)

Sub-Section (iv) CULINARY ARTS
(Maximum 60 points)

Three of the following (20 points for each type)
No commercially produced products are to be entered for judging.
(a) Decorated Cake – one 15cm (6 inch) minimum cake e.g., Birthday, Anniversary, or Christmas.
(b) Plain Scones – 7 to be exhibited.
(c) Muffins – 6 to be exhibited.
(d) Homemade Chocolates – 10 plain or filled.
(e) Homemade Biscuits – 2 varieties – 4 of each variety
(f) Boiled Fruit Cake – 15cm (6 inch) minimum cake
All to be cut by judge except for the decorated cake.
(g) Jams - Two 500g bottles (2 distinct varieties required, one bottle of each)
(h) Marmalades - two 500g bottles (2 distinct varieties required, one bottle of each)
(i) Sauces - two 300ml bottles (2 distinct varieties required, one bottle of each)
(j) Chutneys - two 500g bottles (2 distinct varieties required, one bottle of each)
(k) Pickles - two 500g bottles (2 distinct varieties required, one bottle of each)

All items to be correctly named with small labels to allow identification by the Judge. Jams, jellies, marmalades, sauces, chutneys and pickles should be exhibited in sealed jars and will be opened by the Judge.

Sub-Section (v) VEGETABLES
(Maximum 60 points)

Enter any TWO of Sub-Section (a), (b) or (c).

(a) Pumpkins - three samples of any two of the following pumpkins – Jarrahdale, Qld Blue, Ken's Special, Butternut or Sweet Grey, Judge is to cut one in each sub section. (A total of 6 pumpkins is required).
30 points

(b) Root Crops (beetroot, potatoes, onions etc.) – two types, 6 kg of each type.
30 points

(c) Any other vegetable (tomatoes etc.) – two types, 6 kg of each type.
30 points

Sub-Section (vi) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
(Maximum 60 points)

Not eligible for entry elsewhere. At least 6 items, with a minimum of 1 item and a maximum of 3 items from any of 3 or 4 of the subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d). (10 points each). A minimum of 500g per item is required.

(a) Nuts 2 types (peanuts, macadamia nuts etc.) must be exhibited in the raw state mainly with shell on and a small sample of nuts (100grams) of each type displayed without shells.

(b) Fibres - any natural plant or animal fibre in the raw/unprocessed state (raw cotton, sisal, hemp, flax, kenaf, greasy wool, mohair, cashmere, alpaca etc.)

(c) Other products (including, Green Ginger, Coffee Beans, Navy Beans, and other pulse crops etc.)

(d) Oil Seeds (Safflower, Black Sunflower, Soybean, Canola, Linseed, Linola, Sesame etc.)

Groups must supply Honorary Council Stewards with a list of items to be judged on Monday 2 August 2027.

Sub-Section (vii) COMMERCIAL TIMBERS
(Maximum 60 points)

Groups must display the items and quantities specified in any two of parts (a) (b) (c) (d) or (e). Minimum sizes of all timber samples to be not less than 250mm long x 90mm wide x 12mm thick. All timber samples from part A, B and C to be displayed in both the dressed and polished states.

One hardwood and one softwood are to be altered each year. Timbers not eligible for display in (a) (b) or (c) may be used to enhance the exhibit in part (e).

(a) 3 varieties of Hardwoods (max 15 points)
1 point for each true sample 3 points
3 points for presentation of each sample (dressed and polished) 9 points
1 point for naming each sample correctly. 3 points

(b) 3 varieties of Softwoods (max 15 points)
Only pine varieties are softwoods.
1 point for each true sample 3 points
3 points for presentation of each sample (dressed and polished) 9 points
1 point for naming each sample correctly. 3 points

(c) 3 plantation timber varieties (excluding pine) or 3 cabinet timbers from this list (Silky Oak, Black Bean, Red Cedar, Silver Ash or Queensland Maple) or any combination of plantation timber and cabinet timber from above list.
1 point for each true sample 3 points
3 points for presentation of each sample (dressed and polished) 9 points
1 point for naming each sample correctly. 3 points

(d) One student-built article of hardwood and/or softwood from one of the varieties displayed (10 points).

(e) Presentation of timber samples as a part of the exhibit to make an effective display (20 points).

NOTE: Timber samples must be clearly and accurately labelled for judging showing standard trade name and botanical name or preceding name. Written information should also be supplied with the manufactured timber article.

Part (a) to (d) judged by Timber Judge on Friday 6 August 2027. Timber samples may be provided to Stewards if group representative cannot be present for judging.
Part (e) judged by the Effective Arrangement Judge

Sub-Section (viii) OTHER PRODUCE
(Maximum 60 points)

2 of either (a), (b), (c), or (d).

(a) DAIRY PRODUCTS
(Maximum 30 points)
Dummy or blank samples must be used on the display for milks, dairy desserts, yoghurt and cheeses. A duplicate of the displayed "blanks" must be presented for judging.

(i) Milks: At least 600ml from any two of the following, Fat reduced milk; calcium enriched milk, skim milk, or flavored milk.
(5 points each – maximum of 10 points).

(ii) Queensland made cheeses: May be boutique or specialty cheeses. A minimum of 100 grams of any 2 different cheeses
(5 points each - maximum of 10 points)

(iii) Any 2, with a maximum of 2 of any one of the following - dairy desserts/yoghurts/custards in a commercial container, minimum size 100 grams each.
(5 points for each - maximum of 10 points)

(b) POULTRY PRODUCTS
(Maximum 30 points)
One item from any two of the following groups (a), (b) or (c) (15 points each):
Standard Hen Eggs (1 dozen brown/off brown/dark)
Standard Hen Eggs (1 dozen white/off white/light)
One dozen from any other variety (duck, bantam etc.)
All hen eggs are to be a minimum of 50g but not more than 61g in mass except for item (c). One egg of each type to be broken by Judge for examination.

(c) APIARY PRODUCTS
(Maximum 30 points)
At least 500g of any 3 of (i) – (v):

(i)	Light Honey	10 points
(ii)	Dark Honey	10 points
(iii)	Block of white wax	10 points
(iv)	Block of yellow wax	10 points
(v)	Moulded wax may be used for display purposes only.	

Honey must be shown in the Standard Trade Jar approved by the Queensland Beekeepers Association. The jar is round (not paneled) and of clear glass with white screw top. It measures approximately: Height 120mm with cap diameter 62mm and contains 500g reputed net weight of honey.
To expedite judging, jars should be filled to capacity. AN AIR SPACE OF 6mm IS TO BE LEFT AT THE TOP OF JAR.

(d) CURED MEATS
(Maximum 30 points)
(i) Salamis, Mettwursts or Wursts – each of any 2 of these with total weight of 500 g (30 points)
OR
(ii) Cabanossi, Kabana – total weight of 500 g (30 points)

YOUTH FRUIT & VEGETABLE

Class 3 – Youth Fruit and Vegetable

Complete Section 1 as well as Section 2 indicated here. Class 3 builds a fruit and vegetable display using fruit and vegetables for the backboard display to build a design.

Total Maximum (Section 2) **220 points**

Fruit and Vegetable Quality

(a)	General Appearance & Internal Quality	55
(b)	Uniformity of size	55
(c)	Uniformity of colour	55
(d)	Freedom from blemish, Disease & Pests	55
		220

Aggregate Maximum (Section 1 and 2) **470 points**

Four of the 11 exhibits MUST BE ALREADY displayed in volume on the exhibit.

Exhibitors must present fruit and vegetables for judging in Part B according to the following guidelines.

- Six types of fruit e.g.: Granny Smith Apples, Tamarillos, Honey Murcott Mandarin, Tahitian Lime, Hass Avocado, Navel Orange
- Plus, five types of vegetables e.g.: Broccoli, Tomato, Potato, Sweet Potato, Butternut Pumpkins
- Exhibitors must also present four different types of produce incorporated into the display as it would look at a commercial level. See your supplier or onsite steward for more clarification.

Quantity required for judging:

- Small fruits and vegetables e.g.: apples, citrus, tomato, potato - 10 each
- Large fruits e.g.: pineapple, rockmelon, pumpkin etc. - 4 each
- Berries/nuts e.g.: macadamia, strawberries – 500g each

YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

OVERALL YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE

EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT
First: $400, Trophy, Banner; **Second:** $200, Banner; **Third:** $100, Banner

BEST MOVEMENT AND/OR ANIMATION
$200

YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS

Class 1 **Youth District Exhibits Effective Arrangement**
First: Banner; **Second:** Banner; **Third:** Banner

Class 2 **Youth District Exhibits Effective Arrangement and Product Quality**
First: Banner, $550; **Second:** $480, Banner; **Third:** $395, Banner

BEST BACKDROP
$150

OVERALL WINNER YOUTH DISTRICT EXHIBITS
$115

BEST VISUAL DISPLAY OF GRAINS ON THE FLOOR
Rosette

MOST POINTS IN SECTION 2
Rosette, $150

MOST POINTS IN SECTION 2, SUB SECTION (i) GRAINS
Trophy, Perpetual Trophy

MOST POINTS IN SECTION 2, SUB SECTION (vi) AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE
Perpetual Trophy, Banner

GRAHAM RAYNER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR MOST POINTS IN SUB SECTION (v) VEGETABLES
Perpetual Trophy, Banner

YOUTH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Class 3 **Youth Fruit & Vegetable Competition**
First: $300, Banner, Trophy; **Second:** $200, Banner; **Third:** $150, Banner

BEST EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENT
First: Banner, Second: Banner, Third: Banner

BEST VISUAL DISPLAY OF VEGETABLES
Rosette, $25

BEST OVERALL QUALITY OF PRODUCE
Rosette, $100

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the fact that all entries that are accepted will be subject to the *Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Act* 1971, as well as to the By-Laws, General Regulations of the Association and any Competition Specific Regulations which appear in this schedule.

Judging will be performed by a panel of Judges appointed by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA). No refunds will be made after close of entry.

No refunds will be given for entries not presented or not adhering to the schedule regulations.

NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

Entries for the Royal Queensland Show can ONLY be made online through our Exhibitor Portal. Entries submitted other than on the online portal will be returned to the Exhibitor and, unless all requirements are submitted online by 5.00pm on the Application to Enter closing date, as shown in the Schedule, they will not be considered.

As a condition for acceptance of all entries, all exhibitors/competitors agree to the following:

- All information submitted as part of my exhibitor profile is true and correct, including taxation status and bank account information.
- Neither myself nor my family members will indulge in any social, professional, or other interaction with an official or judge contracted or sub- contracted by the RNA before or during the Royal Queensland Show.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

You can be assured that the privacy of your personal information is of the utmost importance to us. The information provided by you in any application for membership or application to enter is used by the RNA to offer member services or to organize and conduct competitions at the Royal Queensland Show. By applying for membership or entering such competitions you consent to provide such details as your name, address, and exhibit details. Competition information may be made available to the media and included in RNA publications.

The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the RNA publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet. Your information will not be disclosed without your consent for any other purpose unless required by the law. By providing your email address you are consenting to receive communications from us relating to the Royal Queensland Show. For full privacy details visit https://www.rna.org.au/our-policies/

PRIZE MONEY

1. Prize Money stated in the Schedule excludes GST.
2. All Prizes and Prize Monies are SUBJECT TO CHANGE at the discretion of the Competition Committee
3. GST will be added to the Prize Money for Exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes.
4. Prize money will be paid into your nominated bank account by 31 October following the Show.
5. The Association will provide a "Recipient Created Tax Invoice" to Exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes
6. All cash prizes and trophies must be claimed within six months from the closing date of the Royal Queensland Show. Prizes not claimed and by that date will be considered to have lapsed, and the amount will become a donation to the Association. (RNA By-Laws)

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. The Brisbane Showgrounds are a designated Workplace within the meaning of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act* 2011 and exhibitors/competitors are required to ensure that they and all persons under their direction or control, including their contractors or sub-contractors, comply with all requirements of the Act and the RNA holds each exhibitor responsible to discharge its obligations to provide and maintain a safe place and system of work during occupation by the exhibitor of any area of the Showgrounds.

2. Each exhibitor/competitor will assess the risk to themselves, staff, volunteers, family, other exhibitors, RNA staff, show visitors, children and any person foreseeably affected by the presentation of their exhibit.

3. Risks identified by exhibitors/competitors will be eliminated or controlled by the exhibitor/competitor and particular attention will be paid to ensuring public safety and safety of other exhibitors/competitors.

4. Exhibits will only be held and handled by competent persons whose experience is known to the exhibitor/competitor.

5. A "No Smoking Policy" will be strictly adhered to and policed by exhibitors/competitors and all are advised that the use of Primus stoves, any heating or lighting appliances of a like character, or any naked light, is strictly prohibited in the pavilions.

6. Any exhibitors/competitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Showgrounds will be required to ensure that such equipment is fitted with residual current protection and that all electrical leads, tools and appliances have been inspected by a licensed electrical contractor and currently tagged. The use of double adaptors is prohibited, and all power boards must also be tested and tagged.

7. All exhibitors/competitors will comply with the requirements of the Act and its Regulations and Standards in every other respect. This is essential for

the safety of all exhibitors/competitors and the general public. The *Workplace Health and Safety Act imposes* very severe penalties in the event of noncompliance with its provisions. Anyone who do not comply will not be allowed to exhibit at the Royal Queensland Show.

8. The Brisbane Showgrounds is subject to a Special Facility License issued under the Liquor Act 1992 and strict laws related to the consumption and possession of liquor across the Brisbane Showgrounds site. The consumption or possession of liquor outside of the licensed bar areas is not authorised by the RNA and in many cases may be an offence for which on the spot fines can be issued by Police and Liquor Licensing Investigators.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

It there is any inconsistency between By-laws 141 -162 and any other By-laws of the Association, By-laws 141 - 162 will prevail.

The functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be to hear and determine all complaints, allegations and other matters relating to:

a. prohibited substances, as defined in these By-laws or Sectional Regulations.
b. any alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Association by an exhibitor and relating to an exhibit or to a competition, except if the alleged breach is of a kind that the Chairman of a Sectional Committee considers is of a less serious nature and should properly be dealt with by the Sectional Committee, and
c. any other alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Association that may be referred to Disciplinary Committee pursuant to By-Law 145.

The Disciplinary Committee may announce its decision orally or in writing. A decision that is announced orally shall have effect in accordance with its terms.

If the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is not unanimous, the decision of the majority shall prevail. If the Disciplinary Committee are equally divided on any question concerning the guilt or innocence of a person, the question shall be resolved in that person's favour.

If the Disciplinary Committee considers that there has been a breach of the rules, By-laws, or regulations of the Association, it may impose such a penalty as it considers to be appropriate, including without limitation:

a. a reprimand.
b. a monetary fine (payable at such time/s as the Disciplinary Committee may determine)
c. withdrawal or withholding of any award or ribbon.
d. disqualification in respect of any class.
e. expulsion from the Showground.
f. where the person concerned is a member, a suspension or termination of that membership.
g. a ban.
h. exclusion.
i. prohibiting a Person from exhibiting or competing at the current Show or at any future Show.
j. a direction that an Exhibit be removed from the Showground.
k. any other mandatory requirement; and
l. any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Association.

There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

INSURANCE

The RNA may (but is not obliged to) take out a policy of insurance in respect of the legal liability on the part of an Exhibitor for loss or damage suffered by a third party caused by any act or omission of an Exhibit or the Exhibitor.

The RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA are not liable to any Exhibitor if the RNA fails to take out a policy of insurance effectively protecting any Exhibitor or Exhibit, or if any such policy does not operate to indemnify the Exhibitor in respect of the loss or damage in question.

REGULATIONS & BY-LAWS

All Entries and Exhibitors are subject to RNA Regulations and By- Laws set out in this schedule as well as other By-Laws that may pertain to this competition. The RNA always reserves the right at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:

a. substitute a Judge when necessary.
b. re-allocate Judging days for a particular breed.
c. if entries numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.

Full copies of the RNA By-Laws may be obtained upon application to the Competitions Department. If you are unsure of any of the rules stated in this schedule or your eligibility to enter the competition, please contact the entries department at entries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The RNA's ABN is 41 417 513 726

WITHDRAWLS AND REFUND

All withdrawals and requests for a refund must be submitted in writing (via post or email) to the RNA Competition Coordinator prior to the commencement of the Show. Any refund requests made in respect of a horse or livestock exhibit must also be accompanied by a veterinary certificate.

A $50 administration fee will be charged and deducted from the overall refundable amount.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Exhibitors must comply with all applicable Working with Children Legislation.

The Exhibitor agrees to produce on demand, at least 1 month before Competition, evidence of working with children checks for themselves, their employees or volunteers who are involved

in a child-related role or have direct unsupervised contact with children.

GENERAL COMPETITON REGUALTIONS

THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee is responsible for the organisation and conducting of a Competition and has, subject to the By-Laws, the authority to make any determination upon any matter.

The Committee is empowered to do all things necessary or desirable to that end, and any decision or discretion of the Committee referred herein may be exercised in such manner as the Committee deems fit, with the Committee being the final arbiter on any matters arising in relation to the Competition.

DEFINITION OF AN EXHIBITOR

'Exhibitor' means the person on whose behalf and in whose name the application for entry is lodged. For the purposes of the By-Law, the definition of 'Exhibitor' includes the representatives and agents of an Exhibitor. Person includes a natural person, firm, partnership, company, or corporation.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

All entries are accepted subject to the *Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Act* 1971, as well as to the By-Laws, General Regulations of the Association, any Competition Specific Regulations, and conditions which appear in this schedule.

NOTE: All by-laws and regulations will bind everyone who participates in any event or enters any Exhibit with the RNA or who enters upon the Showground or who otherwise deals with the RNA for any purpose.

A copy of the RNA Rules and By-Laws are here.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY

All entries for Competitions for the 2027 Royal Queensland Show will be online.

There will be NO OFFLINE processing facility for Competitions.

To enter online, visit Competitions and Displays

INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY

A Correction Fee of up to $50 may, at the RNA's discretion, be charged for each Application for Entry which is incorrect or incomplete.

If an Application for Entry is not rectified in accordance with RNA' requirements, the entry may not be accepted.

EXHIBIT CONFIRMATION AND TAX INVOICE

An Exhibit Confirmation Advice will be issued upon finalisation of entry through the Exhibitor Portal.

COMPLIANCE WITH DIRECTIONS

The Exhibitor must fully comply with the directions and requests of the Association. Without limitation, directions and requests of the Association may apply to the entry of the Exhibit, the conditions of entry, the Exhibitor, the conditions of the Event, the conduct of the Exhibitor, the conduct of the Event, the decision of the Judge or the award of prizes.

JUDGING

The Council will select Judges and Stewards for all Sections and fill any subsequent vacancies.

The RNA always reserves the right at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:

(a) substitute a Judge when necessary.
(b) re-allocate Judging days for a particular class.
(c) If entries numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.

An Exhibit shall not receive an award if in the opinion of the Judge it is unworthy of such award.

Any conduct likely to cause the judging or results in a competition to be determined other than upon the true and proper merits of each Exhibit may constitute 'Misconduct' for the purposes of the By-Laws.

PROTESTS

A protest against a Judge's Award must:-

(a) be in writing addressed to the Chief Executive, and signed by the person lodging the protest;
(b) be lodged by delivery to the Chief Executive's Office within twenty-four hours of the making of the Award;
(c) give the name and address of the person lodging the protest, and where two or more persons join in the protest, state which one of those persons is authorized to receive correspondence or notices on behalf of all;
(d) set out in reasonable detail particulars of the matter complained of including but not necessarily limited to the number of the Class and the Award protested against;
(e) be accompanied by a deposit of $50.

BIOSECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The following conditions will apply to stock and vehicles moving onto the Brisbane Showgrounds.

All Queenslanders have a General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) under the *Biosecurity Act 2014 (Qld)*. Failure to comply with the GBO is an offence.

The GBO means every person has a legal duty to take all reasonable and practical steps to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks under their control. For exhibitors, this includes ensuring animals, fodder, bedding, equipment, and

vehicles entering the Showgrounds are free of disease and pests and managed to avoid the spread of contaminants.

Exhibitors must –

- Prevent or minimise each biosecurity risk associated with their animals, equipment, and materials
- Minimise the likelihood of causing a biosecurity event and limit the consequences if one occurs.
  Follow all instructions given by RNA officials, Council Stewards, or authorised Biosecurity Queensland officers.
- Ensure all documentation (e.g. NVDs, health declarations, movement records) is accurate, current, and complete.
- Immediately report any suspected disease, pest, or contamination to RNA staff or Biosecurity Queensland.

The RNA and exhibitors share responsibility under the GBO. The RNA manages the venue, but each exhibitor remains responsible for the animals and materials they bring onto the grounds. Compliance with these requirements is essential to protect the health of livestock, exhibitors, and the broader agricultural industry.

Entry Requirements

All livestock entering the RNA Showgrounds must meet national Johne's Disease requirements.

- Any animal showing signs of disease or illness (warts, ringworm, pinkeye, etc.) will not be permitted.
- Animals suspected of being infected, or from herds not cleared by Biosecurity Queensland, will not be accepted.
- Only cattle tick free livestock will be allowed entry.

Species Specific Requirements

- Dairy Goats – Herds must be accredited free for Caprine Retrovirus (CRV) / Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE).
- Dairy Cattle – A minimum J-BAS 7 is required. The RNA will cross reference entries with Biosecurity Queensland's restricted list.

NSW Livestock Owners

Paperwork must be checked with RNA/DAF staff on entry. Border crossings at Kirra/Tweed Heads and Mt Lindsay are not permanently staffed – exhibitors must make arrangements in advance.
Owners must notify Kirra Yards (07 5536 4714) at least 24 hours before return.

Additional Poultry & Avian Influenza Requirements

- Exhibitors must sign declarations confirming birds are free of Avian Influenza, have not been in contact with infected flocks, and feed/water is protected from wild birds
- Handling of birds must be minimal; pens must be disinfected between use.
- Any bird showing illness (e.g. nasal discharge) will be isolated immediately.
- In the event of an outbreak, poultry areas will be locked down and affected birds destroyed under biosecurity protocols

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BVDV – Bovine Viral Diarrhoea Virus (Pestivirus)

- While not mandatory for Ekka, exhibitors are strongly encouraged to vaccinate, isolate new animals, and monitor stock.
- PI (persistently infected) cattle are not prohibited but may be isolated.
- All cattle must be accompanied by the National Cattle Health Declaration covering BVDV test/vaccine status

eNVD (Electronic National Vendor Declaration)

- Exhibitors must use the eNVD app or system when consigning cattle to Ekka.
- Each exhibitor must complete their own consignment (one per exhibitor).
- The Showgrounds PIC is QDBB0228.
- All livestock must travel directly to and from the Showgrounds with completed eNVD paperwork

NLIS Traceability

All livestock must remain traceable on the NLIS system. Any animals sold during the Show must be updated on NLIS by the purchaser immediately after departure.

Hendra Virus Vaccination (Horses Only)

All horses attending or competing at the Royal Queensland Show must be vaccinated against the Hendra Virus.

- Proof of current vaccination status must be provided at the time of entry.
- Exhibitors must provide the horse's microchip number (recorded at the first vaccination).
- Only horses registered as "protected" on the Zoetis database as at 1st August 2025 will be eligible to enter the Showgrounds.
- Horses will be scanned and verified by RNA's accredited veterinarian on arrival.
- Horses failing to meet Hendra compliance by the due date will be ineligible to compete and no refunds will be issued.

The decision to vaccinate a horse is at the exhibitor's discretion. The RNA is not liable for any illness, death, loss, or claim arising from vaccination or contraction of Hendra Virus.

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