

10 August 2026

A showstopping Ekka Mega Monday

From polished hooves to fabulous fashions, Ekka Monday delivered a winning mix of tradition, glamour and equine excellence, with more than 45,000 visitors expected through the gates by night's end.

Tens of thousands of Queenslanders enjoyed another fun-filled day at the Royal Queensland Show presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) where Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track took centre stage.

Tomorrow the Shetlands will shine in the Main Arena, there'll be some thrilling finals in the Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM and the shorthair cats will star in the Sushi Hub Cat Precinct.

Ekka visitors can enjoy another Super Saver Day tomorrow with 20% off entry tickets online at www.ekka.com.au.

Here's what's in store tomorrow at Queensland's most-loved event:

Day 4: Tuesday 11 August – HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIA DOORSTOP – 11.15am tomorrow

RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou will be available on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8.30am – Horse Judging – Including Novice Show Hacks and Open Show Hacks (from 8.30am), Welsh Ponies and Welsh Mountain Ponies (from 9am), Shetland Ponies (from 1.30pm), Main Arena
- From 8.30am – Dog Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Hounds Judging in Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 9am – Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Shorthair Cats Judging – Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
- From 9.30am – Showjumping Competition – Junior Jumping contest, Main Arena
- 9am – 1pm – Young Judges Competition presented by the Queensland Government – Cake Decorating, Leatherwork and Fish, Upper-level 7NEWS Community Pavilion
- From 9.30am – Woodchop and Sawing – Including final classes for Open 250mm Standing Block Handicap (2.36pm), Women's 275mm Underhand Handicap (4.36pm), Open 250mm Standing Block Handicap (4.48pm), and Open 375mm Single Handed Sawing Championship of Australia (5pm), Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 1.30pm – ABC Radio Queensland in a Jar, ABC Broadcast Tent, Ground Floor, 7NEWS Community Pavilion

- 3pm – Creative Demonstration Stage – Dark Rich Fruit Cake Live Judging with Queensland Ag Shows, 7News Community Pavilion

SMALL PONIES, BIG COMPETITION

When: From 9am, Main Arena

From pint-sized powerhouses to athletic stars, gorgeous Shetland and Welsh ponies will be showing off their talent, form and movement on Tuesday. Don't miss the announcement of the Champion and Reserve Champion Welsh Mountain Pony and the Supreme Champion Shetland Pony.

SADDLE UP FOR SOME SERIOUS SHOW-JUMPING

When: From 9.30am, Main Arena

Another highlight of the horse competition is the Showjumping Competition, which dates back to 1898 and features more than 392 entries, including the Queensland Off-The-Track Open Showjumping Showcase. Come and cheer on competitors including young riders in the Junior Jumping Contest, from 9.30am.

YOUNG JUDGES STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

When: From 9am, 7NEWS Community Pavilion

The Young Judges Competition presented by the Queensland Government gives aspiring judges the opportunity to showcase their budding talents in both live and virtual judging. The competition features a variety of categories from beef cattle and alpacas to cake decorating and photography. Entry is open to people aged 25 years and under, with the competition featuring a Junior Class for under 15 year-olds and a Senior Class for 15 to 25 year-olds. Judging takes place across several days of the Ekka - on Tuesday they will be turning their attention to Cake Decorating, Leatherwork and Fish.

HOUND OF THE ROUND: WHO WILL BE TOP DOG?

When: From 8.30am, Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

Get ready for a tail-wagging showdown as some of the state's finest hounds step into the spotlight in the Dog Competition presented by Sushi Hub. Dachshunds, Beagles, Whippets, Greyhounds and more will bring plenty of personality as they compete for blue ribbons amongst their breeds. The day will also include the Owner/Breeder/Handler Competition and Group 4 Specials in the afternoon.

JOEL THE JUGGLER WITH ERIC THE ROBOTIC DOG

When: 11am, 12pm, 1pm daily, Main Stage

Joel (Salom) the Juggler will dazzle audiences with jaw-dropping juggling feats, spinning, tossing, and balancing everything from classic clubs to unexpected everyday objects—with plenty of comedic surprises along the way. Just when you think you've seen it all, in rolls Eric: Joel's lovable and outspoken, high-tech robotic dog who steals the show with his playful personality, clever tricks, and interactive antics. Together, they deliver a one-of-a-kind performance that blends skill, technology, and humour into a fast-paced, family-friendly spectacle. This dynamic duo will keep audiences of all ages captivated from start to finish.

LET IT RIP AT BEYBLADE TOURNAMENT

When: from 4pm, XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

One of the world's most exciting competitive toy phenomena is coming to the Ekka for the very first time, with a live Beyblade Tournament presented by Brisbane gaming icon, Netherworld Arcade.

Originating in Japan in 1999, Beyblade has captivated millions of fans worldwide through its customisable spinning tops, competitive battles, and global tournament scene. Beyblade's mix of skill, strategy and excitement continues to appeal to competitors and spectators alike.

Whether you're a seasoned Blader or just launching your first Bey, the Beyblade Tournament will welcome players of all ages to battle it out in a series of thrilling head-to-head contests.

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 8 – 16, 2026
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au
- The 2026 Ekka is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

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