



# THE SMURFS™



## *NEW! Smurfs – The Lost Village Live Show*

**WHEN:** 11am, 1pm & 2.30pm

**WHERE:** Main Stage

Step into the magical world of the beloved Smurfs! Smurfette is feeling a little blue and wondering what makes her special.

Brainy invents, Hefty helps, even Clumsy has a role... so where does Smurfette fit in?

Join the Smurfs as they help her discover what makes her truly unique in this heartwarming live adventure packed with music, laughs, and big blue fun!



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# DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT

## *The Circus Firemen - Circus Duo*

**WHEN:** 12pm, 2pm & 4pm daily

**WHERE:** Main Stage

Get fired up for The Circus Firemen!

This high-energy Aussie comedy duo brings the heat with juggling, acrobatics and outrageous slapstick.

As cartoonish firefighter characters Angus and Matilda, they'll have you laughing as they balance on ladders, toss fire, and create absolute circus chaos.

It's bold, it's brilliant—and it's seriously funny!

## *Community Dance Groups and Flash Mobs*

**WHEN:** 10.30am & 4.30pm daily, plus 3pm & 3.30pm on all days except Saturday 9 August

**WHERE:** Main Stage

More than 30 vibrant community dance groups will light up the Main Stage across the nine days of show! From Bollywood to ballet, acrobatics to hip hop, a spectacular variety of styles will be on display. Each group will have 20 minutes to shine - celebrating culture, creativity, and local talent through the art of dance. Flash mobs will also bring spontaneous bursts of energy and excitement to the event, surprising and delighting visitors with lively, coordinated performances.



### *NEW! Lights, Camera, Action, Paws!*

**WHEN: 12pm & 1pm daily**

**WHERE: Show Ring**

Get ready for a tail-wagging, jaw-dropping show with Heidi Mackay - the Aussie animal trainer behind some of the country's most amazing animal stars!

With more than 30 years of experience, Heidi and her talented dogs bring the magic of film and TV straight to the Ekka.

Watch in awe as these clever canines perform incredible tricks, showcase their skills, and steal the spotlight with charm and flair.

From Hollywood blockbusters like Eden starring Jude Law and Sydney Sweeney to countless television commercials, Heidi's furry friends know how to entertain.

Heidi's special bond with her animals is what makes every performance unforgettable - get ready to be amazed!

### *Horsing Around presented by Queensland Off-the-Track, Presenting Partner of QOTT Showcase Showjump Events*

**WHEN: 11am, 2pm & 3pm**

**WHERE: Show Ring**

Join acclaimed horse trainer Dave Manchon at the Horsing Around Show presented by Queensland Off-The-Track.

This engaging and educational show will shine a spotlight on the Queensland Off-The-Track program, showcasing the potential of retired racehorses as they transition into new lives beyond the track.

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.

From performance to personality, discover what's possible when the pace slows down.

### *Venomous Snake & Reptile Show*

**WHEN: Every 30 minutes from 9.30am to 4.30pm daily**

**WHERE: King Street**

Get up close and personal with some of Australia's most fascinating reptiles at the Venomous Snake & Reptile Show run by Precision Reptiles.

Head to the snake pit to see the world's most venomous snakes in action and learn important tips on snake awareness and bite first aid.

Then meet gentle snakes, lizards, and even a baby saltwater crocodile you can hold in the non-venomous photo booth.

It's educational, thrilling and perfect for reptile lovers of all ages!

### *Farmyard Friends*

**WHEN: 1pm, 2pm, 4pm & 5pm daily**

**WHERE: Gregory Terrace**

Meet everyone's favourite farmyard friends—Milo the Sheepdog, Daisy the Dairy Cow, Hayden the Horse and Barbara the Sheep—as they rove Gregory Terrace with the delightful Rhonda MacDonald! Don't miss your chance to give the Ekka mascots a high five and snap a fun selfie.

### *NEW! Cowboy Stilt Walker – Frans Vogels*

**WHEN: 11am & 1pm daily**

**WHERE: Gregory Terrace**

Making his Ekka debut, renowned Dutch theatre maker Frans Vogels will tower above the crowd as a stilt-walking cowboy! With a background in mime and pantomime, and theatre design training from the Academy of Art in Holland, Frans will bring theatrical flair to every step. Don't miss your chance to be lassoed for a legendary photo! Yee-haw!

### *Sheep Shearing Demonstrations*

**WHEN: 10am, 11am, 12pm, 2.30pm & 4pm daily**

**WHERE: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct**

Step inside the shearing shed and experience the woolly magic of Australian agriculture, brought to life by expert sheep shearer Jonathan and skilled roustabout Mikayla.

Jonathan will showcase both modern machine shearing and the art of traditional blade shearing, while Mikayla will demonstrate the precise technique of fleece throwing and share her impressive knowledge of wool handling and grading.

Together, they'll take visitors on a hands-on journey through the shearing process from paddock to product.

Learn how wool is sorted, graded and transformed into everyday items, and gain insight into the hard work and precision that goes into Australia's wool industry.

Don't miss this authentic and educational experience, celebrating the heritage and future of Australian wool.

### *Miniature Pony Roller Race*

**WHEN: August 12–17 (excluding the 16th) at 1pm**

**WHERE: Main Arena**

Get ready for big laughs on tiny hooves!

In this zany, high-energy show, jockeys donning colourful silks will strap on rollerblades and team up with miniature ponies for a race like no other.

With the wheels doing the hard work and the ponies leading the way, it's a riotous race of miniature proportions as riders roll, wobble, and whiz their way around the arena in pursuit of glory.



*One Day Only!*

## ***BIGGER & BETTER! Ekka's Opening Day Street Parade***

**WHEN:** Saturday 9 August from 8.15-8.30am

**WHERE:** Gregory Terrace

Kick off the Ekka with a street celebration like no other!

Bring the whole family and line the streets for the official opening of the Ekka with a spectacular Opening Day Street Parade.

This colourful, high-energy procession is your chance to get up close to all your favourite acts and attractions before the gates even open.

Expect a parade bursting with excitement, including:

- **Animals galore - horses, ponies, a large bull, chickens, reptiles and more**
- **Your favourite entertainment acts including Hot Wheels, Aussie FMX, Flair Riders, Circus Firemen, Melville's Ducks and Smurfs**
- **Marching bands and dance groups**
- **Competition entrants such as Miss Showgirl and woodchoppers**
- **Ekka's Farmyard Friends**
- **A giant strawberry sundae inflatable**

Plus, plenty more surprises bringing a whole lot of Ekka magic! What a way to start the Show!



## *Queensland Armwrestling Championships*

**WHEN: Saturday 9 August, 10am to 6pm**

**WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill**

Witness raw strength and fierce determination as more than 80 men and women go head-to-head in the Australian Armwrestling Federation Queensland Championships.

This high-intensity showdown features lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight classes in a double elimination format, where every match counts.

From world title contenders to husbands and wives squaring off, it's a battle of the biceps like no other.

Get ready - this competition is sure to strong-arm some new fans at this year's Ekka!

## *Australian Strongman Competition*

**WHEN: Sunday 10 August, 10am to 4pm**

**WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill**

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

These elite athletes will tackle a series of gruelling strength challenges, showcasing incredible power, endurance and determination as they push themselves to the limit.

Don't miss this jaw-dropping display of raw strength and resilience!

## *Ekka's line dancing hoedown presented by ariat*

**When: wednesday 13 august, 11am to 3pm**

**Where: xxxx stockmen's bar & grill**

Kick up your boots and join the party at the Ekka's line dancing hoedown presented by ariat.

With social dancing, competition demos, beginner workshops and the thrilling Queensland Club Challenge, there's something for everyone.

More than 80 boot-scootin' instructors, club members and students from across Queensland will bring the energy and fun — so get ready to dance, laugh and maybe even learn a new step or two!

## *Brisbane cloggers*

**When: wednesday 13 august 3.30pm to 5.30pm**

**Where: xxxx stockmen's bar & grill**

Get ready for toe-tapping fun with the Brisbane Cloggers, a vibrant community dance group celebrating the energetic, percussive style of clogging.

Blending elements of Irish step, tap, and line dancing, they perform upbeat routines to music ranging from pop and hip hop to country, bluegrass, and Latin.

With dancers aged from 8 to 80, they promote confidence, creativity and community.

Don't miss this dynamic celebration of rhythm and movement at the Ekka!

## *Keppel dagwood dog eating competition*

**When: Sunday 17 August, 12pm to 2pm**

**Where: xxxx stockmen's bar & grill**

Competitors will be hungry for glory as they battle it out in two classes – open amateur and professional.

They will race the clock (and each other) to devour 20 full-size Keppel dagwood dogs in under 10 minutes!

This stomach-stretching showdown is officially sanctioned by competitive eating Australia and promises big bites and even bigger bragging rights.

Don't miss this must-see event on the final day of the show!

## *Goat yoga*

**When: Sunday 10 August, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm**

**Where: stockman's rest**

Breathe in, bleat out! Find your inner peace (and a lot of laughter) at goat yoga, where playful baby goats nibble, nuzzle and clamber their way into your poses and your heart.

Led by karmably goat yoga, these 30-minute sessions embrace the joyful chaos of baby goats, encouraging participants to let go, laugh, and fully experience the moment.

Expect great vibes, unforgettable selfies, and plenty of bleats!

## *Official Opening Ceremony*

**WHEN: Saturday 9 August at 5:30pm**

**WHERE: Main Arena**

Step into tradition at the Ekka's Official Opening Ceremony, held on the first day of Show to welcome guests from across Queensland.

This time-honoured event features a Welcome to Country, the Blessing of the Plough, performances by the Australian Army Band Brisbane, a display by the Queensland Mounted Police, and more.

The 2025 Ekka will be officially opened by the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland.

## *Grand Parade*

**WHEN: Wednesday 13 August, 1.30pm**

**WHERE: Main Arena**

A spectacular Ekka tradition, the Grand Parade brings the very best of the Show into centre ring.

From the tiniest Grand Champion Fish to the towering Grand Champion Stud Bull, the parade proudly showcases the champions across all competitions including goats, dairy cattle, cats, dogs, horses, horticulture, Showgirl entrants and more.

Rich in history, the Grand Parade has evolved from early livestock displays, including in 1901 to welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.



### *NEW! Livestock Parade*

**WHEN: Saturday 16 August, 12:30pm**

**WHERE: Main Arena**

Step into the heart of the country with our brand-new Livestock Parade.

Held on a busy weekend to give more visitors the chance to enjoy it, this spectacular parade will feature a stunning line-up of animals including beef and dairy cattle, horses, goats, and sheep.

It's a proud celebration of Queensland's livestock industry.

### *Bush Poetry Live Performances*

**WHEN: 11.30am & 12.30pm daily (except August 17)**

**WHERE: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct, Sheep Shearing Stage**

Queensland's best speakers will bring rhythm and life to the Ekka, captivating audiences with their powerful voices and vivid imagery.

These passionate performers will engage Ekka goers with heartfelt renditions of their favourite bush ballads, celebrating the rich storytelling tradition of the outback.

## *2025 AWWP Australian Whipcracking Championships and World Bullock Whip Championships Presented By R.M Williams & Packer Leather*

**When: Sunday 17 August, 10am To 5pm**

**WHERE: Ekka Woodchop Arena**

**Presented By AAM Investment Group**

Get ready for a cracking good time as the nation's best whipcrackers descend on the Ekka for the Australian whipcracking titles hosted by the Australian Whipcrackers & Plaiters Association.

More than 40 state champions will compete across multiple divisions including peewee, juvenile, junior, ladies, mens, over 45s, and the fiercely contested world bullock whip championships.

Watch as the reigning Australian women's and men's champions defend their titles, judged on accuracy, technical prowess, flow, the volume of the crack, and personal presentation.

Fair crack of the whip - don't miss these incredible routines from Australia's top whipcrackers!

