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Giant comeback as former champ reclaims Ekka pump-king crown with 342kg monster

Minden's Geoff Frohloff has grown his way back to glory in the Ekka's Giant Pumpkin Competition presented by Pillow Talk, with a massive 342kg whopper.

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ), giant pumpkin judging took place at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

Long-time entrant Geoff took home \$1,850 in prize money, along with the coveted Pillow Talk Champion Heaviest Pumpkin of Show title, reclaiming the crown he last won in 2021.

Claiming second and third place in the Open class was Geoff's son Tony Frohloff with whopping 326kg and 279kg entries.

The Frohloff's are the Ekka's most legendary and awarded growers with a third generation of Frohloff growers also in the patch with grandson Riley winning the Youth / Schools category with a monster 249kg gourd.

Reigning record holders Downlands College won second place in the Youth / Schools category with a 148kg entry, with Harristown State High School coming third with a 75.5kg pumpkin.

Downlands made headlines in 2024 when their 368.5kg pumpkin set a new Ekka best, squashing the previous record held by Geoff Frohloff.

A record 25 entries were received this year, after judging was cancelled last year due to Tropical Cyclone Alfred.

To take advantage of the premium pumpkin-growing season, judging was held outside the August Ekka dates.

Those interested in entering next year's competition can claim their free Atlantic Giant pumpkin seeds at the Show or visit www.ekka.com.au when entries open on October 31, 2026.

Today's crowning of the pump-king marks the third Ekka Grand Champion of 2026, with the Show now just 133 days away as it celebrates its 150th anniversary.

2026 RESULTS

Pillow Talk Champion Heaviest Pumpkin of Show – Geoff Frohloff – 342kg

Pillow Talk Heaviest Pumpkin – Open Class

- 1st Geoff Frohloff – 342kg
- 2nd Tony Frohloff – 326kg
- 3rd Tony Frohloff – 279kg

Pillow Talk Heaviest Pumpkin – Youth Class:

- 1st Riley Frohloff – 249kg
- 2nd Downlands College – 148kg
- 3rd Harristown State High School – 75.5kg

The 2026 Royal Queensland Show presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) is celebrating a remarkable milestone this year – the 150th anniversary of the state's biggest and most loved event. For generations of Queenslanders, the Show is an iconic and cherished tradition that epitomises a true sense of community spirit. Since the first show in 1876, the Ekka has been proudly revered for bringing the country to the city each year and forms a rich part of Queensland's social and cultural heritage.

Follow us on socials for exciting updates on what's planned for the Ekka's 150th celebrations.



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