

August 10, 2025

Fillies, frocks and the fun of the fair

Talented thoroughbreds and fabulous fashion outfits will take centre stage at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) tomorrow after a bumper opening weekend.

Today was a Super Sunday of fun and by night's end more than 45,000 people will have come through the gates to celebrate what makes this state great.

Day Two of Ekka delivered those truly 'Ekka special' moments like goat yoga, shorthair kitten judging, Australia's strongest men and women and the all-time favourite – sheepdog trials.

Tomorrow is Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track plus it is a public holiday for regional Queensland so they too can have a day off to come visit and enjoy the People's Show.

Ekka visitors can also enjoy the first Super Saver Day with 20% off entry tickets online (Monday 11, Tuesday 12, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August).

Here's what's in store tomorrow – Day 3 – at Queensland's most-loved event:

Day 3: Monday 11 August – HIGHLIGHTS

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8am – Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track in the Main Arena
- From 8.30am - Canine judging – Hounds – in Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 8.30am – Horse judging – Champion Thoroughbred Mare and Gelding, Supreme Champion Thoroughbred
- From 9am – Cat judging – Longhair Cats - Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
- From 9.30am – Woodchop and Sawing Competition – Jack and Jill 375mm Double Handed Sawing Handicap Final (11.18am), 250mm Combination Relay Father and Son Final (11.30am) and the Junior 250mm Underhand Handicap Final (12.15pm)
- 1.00pm-2.00pm – Cookery Live Judging (Queensland in a Jar) – Ag Education Hall (ABC Broadcast tent).
- From 1.30pm – Horse judging – Lady Rider & Gentlemen Rider – Main Arena

QUEENSLAND CABINET AT EKKA

In a time-honoured tradition, Queensland Cabinet will meet at the Ekka tomorrow. Premier David Crisafulli will hold a press conference following the meeting.

TALENT TO BE SHOWCASED AT THOROUGHBRED AND STANDARD BRED DAY

The prestigious Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-the-Track is a race day style event where the two versatile racing breeds will compete for the sought-after Champion of their Breed Title. This is one of the most glamorous days on the Ekka schedule with the competitors presenting their animals to the judges in formal race attire.

When: From 8.30am - Main Arena

IT'S FASHUN BABY - FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

The Ekka's most stylish competition returns, with the much-anticipated Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club and supported by Sirromet.

A fashion highlight at the Ekka, this elegant competition sees the state's most fashionable men and women take centre stage. With a strong nod to raceday fashion, it's a celebration of personal style, attention to detail and classic show glamour.

This year's competition features six stylish classes: Best Dressed Lady (18–40 years), Best Dressed Lady (40 years and over), Best Dressed Gentleman (18 years and over), Best Dressed Junior (15–17 years), Best Dressed Pair, and Best Millinery / Headwear (Unisex). Competitors are judged on everything from colour and coordination to accessories, millinery, grooming, and overall presentation.

When: 10.00am - XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

LOVELY LOCKS ON PARADE

Possibly the prettiest animals on show at the Ekka, the longhair cats with their luxurious locks will delight. The longhaired Persian cats, which date back to the 16th century, are the true princesses of the Show and are not to be missed! Watch the super fluffy Persians, Somalis, Ragdolls and more compete in the Longhair Cat competition.

When: 9am – Sushi Hub Cat Pavilion

QUINTESSENTIALLY QUEENSLAND QUILTS

The Quilts Across Queensland Competition has been a beloved Ekka tradition for more than two decades, showcasing stunning craftsmanship in the Channel 7 Pavilion across all nine days of Show. Must-see entries include the intricate Pictorial Art Quilt category which depicts a person, place or object, and the Junior Section for talented quilters under 18. Awards include Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice, and the always popular Viewer's Choice. **Where: Channel 7 Pavilion**

EKKA LOVE ON SHOW AT SINGLES MINGLE MONDAY

Step into a world where comedy meets Cupid and country beats fuel the chemistry! Singles Mingle Monday hosted by the Sit Down Comedy Club is flipping the script on dating with a wildly entertaining mix of laughter, live music, dancing, and a whole lot of heart.

When: 8.00pm – 10.30pm – XXXX Stockman's Bar and Grill

AIN'T NOTHIN BUT A HOUND DOG

Beagles, Miniature Daschshunds, Irish Wolfhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Basset Hounds are just some of the top dogs that will be on show as the Hounds take the ring in the Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub.

When: 8.30am – 5pm - Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

SEE THE BRUMBIES THUNDER- Wild Horses in Full Flight

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. The night-time epic sees more than 20 brumbies thunder across the arena in a choreographed liberty sweep, followed by a herd of shimmering ponies. As the tempo rises, singer Emma Irene takes centre stage with a stirring vocal performance. Every audience member will feel the heartbeat of the Australian bush.

When: In EkkaNITES daily – Main Arena. Approx 6.50pm

DRUMMING THE EKKA BEAT

Don't miss some of our best school drummers display exceptional rhythm, timing and coordination with Nudgee College and Corinda State High School coming out to set the Ekka beat today for Music on the Move.

When: Between 10.00am and 12.30pm – Gregory Terrace

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 – 17, 2025
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2025 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit [Media Kit](#)

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