

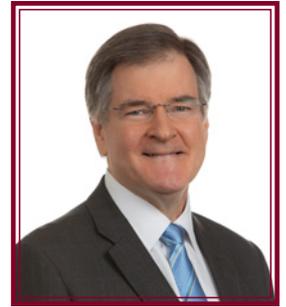
Ekka

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

LITTLE SPROUTS SCHEDULE

PICKLES

A decorative arrangement featuring a coconut shell with googly eyes and a button nose, surrounded by green sprouts and a sign that says 'PICKLES'. The arrangement is set against a yellow background with a green border.



Welcome from the President

As we celebrate 150 years of the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) in 2026, we invite you to join us in marking this historic milestone by showcasing your very best in our competitions.

Competitions have always been at the heart of the Ekka, recognising the skill, creativity and dedication of our exhibitors.

At the first Show in 1876, 1,700 entries were received, with competitors vying for trophies, cash prizes and medals.

In 2025, we received more than 21,000 entries across 46 competitions, with a prize pool of more than \$687,000 awarded, alongside over 32,000 ribbons, rosettes and sashes.

Some competition sections saw a 20–30 per cent increase in participation, including in beef cattle and Arts & Cookery.

We were also thrilled to welcome our largest crowd in almost two decades, with more than 428,000 people attending the Show.

It was wonderful to see the state come together in support of our agricultural sector and farming communities.

The 2026 Show will run for nine days from Saturday 8 to Sunday 16 August, spanning two full weekends.

Since its inception, the Ekka has celebrated and championed Queensland agriculture and the vital role it plays in our everyday lives.

Best of luck with your competition entries and we look forward to celebrating this very special 150th Royal Queensland Show with you.

David Thomas
RNA President



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Presented By:



CELEBRATING EKKA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY 8th – SUNDAY 16th AUGUST 2026

LITTLE SPROUTS COMPETITION SUPPORTED BY BRUNNINGS

Council Steward
Robin McLay

APPLICATIONS TO ENTER CLOSE Friday 17th July 2026

ENTRY FEES \$6.00 per entry

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY Entries open to kindergartens, childcare centres, and schools (Prep to Grade 3 only)

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS Wednesday 5th August 2026, 8am – 5pm
Each competition entry must be delivered directly to the judging area. If the exhibit is not delivered before judging time it will not be eligible

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS Monday 17th to Tuesday 18th August 2026, 8am – 5pm.

PLEASE NOTE: All entries not collected on the above dates, will be disposed of.

DELIVERY & COLLECTION LOCATION Ekka Ag Education Hall,
Royal International Convention Centre, Gregory Terrace,
Bowen Hills.
Additional Delivery details will be provided after entries close.

VEHICLE ACCESS From Wednesday 29th July 2026 all vehicles driving onto the Brisbane Showgrounds **MUST** display an RNA Vehicle Access Permit on their dashboard to gain entry. This is **NOT** a parking permit – it is for exhibit drop-off purposes only.
Please note there will be no exemptions to this rule.

JUDGING Thursday 6th August 2026

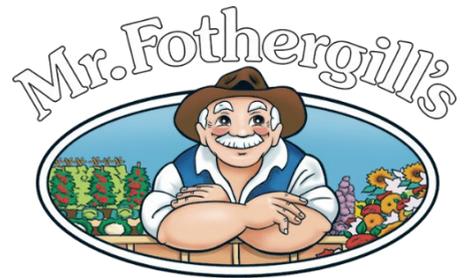
PRESENTATION Saturday 8th August 2026 – 10am
Ekka Ag Education Hall

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Please note: Potting mix, seeds and growing trays will be available for collection from the Brisbane Showgrounds.
Please email balexander@rna.org.au if you require these products.
Only eligible to entries of the competition

SUPPORTED BY

The RNA wishes to thank the following supporter who has contributed towards prize money of the LITTLE SPROUTS competition.



If you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the Little Sprouts competition, please contact the Sponsorship Team | **E:** sponsorship@ekka.com.au | **T:** 07 3253 3928

LITTLE SPROUTS METHOD

What you will need:

- Sphagnum Moss
- Tray
- Potting mix
- Seeds (sprouts)
- Items from nature (sticks, leaves, seed pods etc.)
- Your imagination

Further Info:

Thanks to our generous sponsors, each entrant will receive Sphagnum Moss, a black grow tray, potting mix and seeds.

These items will be available for collection from the Brisbane Showgrounds. Please email balexander@ma.org.au if you require these products.

Only eligible to entries of the competition

HOW TO GROW AN EKKAPILLAR

1. Add seeds to potting mix and water well.
2. Place in a sunny position. Ideally a spot that gets morning sun for around 2 hours.
3. Water daily. Remember the seeds are delicate, so water gently.
4. Watch the seeds sprout and grow. Germination occurs around 3 -7 days.
5. In around 2 – 3 weeks plants will be 15 – 20cm tall.

WHEN THE EKKAPILLAR COMES BACK TO SCHOOL

Plough the plants back into the school garden. This practice enriches the soil. Adding nitrogen, feeding earthworms and soil organisms. Remove anything that is not biodegradable.

HOW TO BUILD AN INSECT HOTEL

1. Find a container: Use an old wooden box, a big plastic bottle, or even a small cardboard box.
2. Fill it with materials: Collect natural items like sticks, dry leaves, bark, gum nuts, and hollow reeds or bamboo.
3. Make cosy spaces: Stack everything up so there are small gaps and nooks for bugs to hide in.
4. Place your bug hotel: Put it in a sheltered spot in your garden, near a tree, or under some shrubs where it's safe and dry.
5. Wait for visitors: Before long, native bees, and other critters will start to move in!

Your insect hotel gives insects a safe spot to hang out and help your garden grow!

LITTLE SPROUTS REGULATIONS

1. Entries open to Queensland kindergartens, childcare centres, and schools only
2. Entry fee of \$6.00 applies.
3. Maximum entry size: 30cm (W) x 48cm (L) x 8cm (D) – garden tray to be provided by Garden City Plastics. Entry cannot be judged if it does not meet the specified sizes.
4. Exhibit labels will be emailed to you after close of entries.
5. Delivery of exhibits are to be made to the Competition Planner onsite at the Lower level of the Royal International Convention Centre. Please phone (07) 3253 3936 for assistance.

Class 1 Ekkapillar - Kindergartens and Childcare Centres, Prep to Grade 1

Ekkapillars must be delivered to the 2026 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) on Wednesday 5th August 2026.

First: Ribbon, Product; **Second:** Ribbon, Product; **Third:** Ribbon, Product

SPECIAL AWARD - FUNNIEST LOOKING EKKAPILLAR Product and Ribbon

SPECIAL AWARD – HAIRIEST EKKAPILLAR Product and Ribbon

Class 2 Insect Hotel - Grade 2 and Grade 3

The Insect Hotel must be delivered to the 2026 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) on Wednesday 5th August 2026

First: Ribbon, Product; **Second:** Ribbon, Product; **Third:** Ribbon, Product

SPECIAL AWARD – COSIEST LOOKING INSECT HOTEL Product and Ribbon

Products kindly provided by Brunnings

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.

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.

If COVID-19 recommendations and mandates advised by the Federal and State Governments mean the competition class you entered cannot proceed, the RNA will issue a full refund of your entry fee.

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 Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (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/privacy-policy.aspx>

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 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 authorized 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

140. It there is any inconsistency between By-laws 141 - 162 and any other By-laws of the Association, By-laws 141 - 162 will prevail.
141. The functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be to hear and determine all complaints, allegations and other matters relating to:
- prohibited substances, as defined in these By-laws or Sectional Regulations.
 - 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
 - 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.
155. 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.
156. 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.
157. 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 reprimand.
 - a monetary fine (payable at such time/s as the Disciplinary Committee may determine)
 - withdrawal or withholding of any award or ribbon.
 - disqualification in respect of any class.
 - expulsion from the Showground.
 - where the person concerned is a member, a suspension or termination of that membership.
 - a ban.
 - exclusion.
 - prohibiting a Person from exhibiting or competing at the current Show or at any future Show.
 - a direction that an Exhibit be removed from the Showground.
 - any other mandatory requirement; and
 - any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Association.
158. There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

INSURANCE

170. 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.
171. 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:

- substitute a Judge when necessary.
- re-allocate Judging days for a particular breed.
- 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

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