

**August 16, 2024**

## It's Ekka-sational... Super Grand Saturday

Tomorrow, the iconic Grand Parade triumphantly returns after being postponed for the first time in more than 40 years due to wet weather on People's Day.

With the most Ekka-perfect weather you could wish for, tomorrow also sees the crowning of the grand champions in canine and sheep, the unearthing of the next country music stars, while one of Australia's most popular children's entertainers Emma Memma takes the stage.

Today, a cracking crowd flocked to the Show and by night's end more than 40,000 will have soaked up the sun and enjoyed a fabulous Friday of fun as the Dairy Queens reigned supreme on the Main Arena.

Here's what's in store for Day 8 at Queensland's biggest event:

### **DAY 8: SATURDAY AUGUST 17 – HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **MEDIA DOORSTOP:**

**11.30am with RNA President David Thomas on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.**

#### **JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS**

- 8am-5.30pm: Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition at Stockman's Rest
- 9am-2pm: Dairy Goats Judging in Large Animal Pavilion (level 1)
- 9am-6pm: Horse Competition – Junior Rider Classes, Arabian Derivatives Led and Under Saddle and Australian Stock Horse Led in the Main Arena
- 9am-6pm: Showjumping Competition – Junior Jumping, Group Championship Classes, Young Riders Jumping Contest and Royal Queensland Show Puissance in the Main Arena
- 10am-12pm: Raising Hy-Line Hens judging in Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)
- 10.30am-11.30am: Sheep Competition – Supreme Class Judging (10.30am), Champion of Champions (11.30am) in Large Animal Pavilion (level 2)
- 10.45am :Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Combination Handicap for teams of two (underhand and standing) (10.45am), Open 275mm Treefelling Handicap (11.30am), Underhand Elimination Final (12pm), Double-handed Sawing Handicap (3pm), Underhand Elimination Championship (3.45pm), Open 275mm Standing Block Handicap (4.45pm) and Teams of Three Open 300mm Combination Relay Handicap (5pm) at Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 11am-2pm: Canine Competition – General Specials at Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 2pm: Canine Competition - The RNA Junior Handlers; Owner/Breeder/ Handler; Neuter in Show; Baby Puppy in Show; Puppy in Show; and the coveted Best in Show will all be announced between 3-3:30pm.

## **GRAND PARADE RETURNS**

**When: 12.30pm**

**Where: Main Arena**

After being shifted from People's Day - the Show's grandest of all parades takes centre stage on the Main Arena from 12.30pm. The Grand Parade has greatly evolved from when a full parade of cattle and horses was held to welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York back in 1901.

Tomorrow, the Grand Parade will showcase some of Ekka's best animals, including beef and dairy cattle, horses, sheep and goats. Due to the conditions of the track, the parade has been modified to suit and won't feature floats or vehicles.

## **BEST IN SHOW**

**When: From 2pm**

**Where: Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion**

You'd be barking mad to miss these perfect pooches! The Ekka's top dogs will be crowned at the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion tomorrow. From 2pm judging commences for The RNA Junior Handlers;

Owner/Breeder/ Handler; Neuter in Show; Baby Puppy in Show; Puppy in Show; and the coveted Best in Show will all be announced between 3-3:30pm. The Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub is one of our largest and most popular competitions.

## **BUTTERFLIES AFLUTTER AT EMMA MEMMA SHOWS**

**When: 11am, 12pm and 1pm**

**Where: Main Stage**

Orange butterflies will be fluttering when beloved children's entertainer Emma Memma takes to the Ekka stage for the first time. Join in this music and dance spectacular that gets the whole family twirling with ARIA Award-winning music by Emma Watkins and Oliver Brian.

## **GONE COUNTRY, Y'ALL**

**When: 11am - 1pm – Junior Competition. From 3pm – Open Competition**

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

The 10th Annual Ekka Country Music Showdown Competition presented by Ariat Australia sees musicians aged 12 to 17 years and adults in the open competition compete in the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star. The competition offers rising musicians the chance to battle it out for career-boosting prizes worth more than \$70,000 by performing two songs at the XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill. The Open Competition will also get the crowds boot scooting, with those musicians kicking off from 3pm after the junior competitors.

## **FINAL DAY FEVER – CHIPS WILL FLY!**

**When: 9.30am – 5.10pm**

**Where: Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM**

Tomorrow is your last chance to catch the action at the hugely popular and iconic Ekka Woodchop and Sawing Competition. Come see the axemen and women battle it out in the Underhand Elimination Final (12pm), Double-handed Sawing Handicap (3pm), Underhand Elimination Championship (3.45pm), Open

275mm Standing Block Handicap (4.45pm) and Teams of Three Open 300mm Combination Relay Handicap (5pm).

## **EWE BEAUTY, SHEEP CHAMPS CROWNED**

**When: 11:30 – 12:30pm**

**Where: Level 2 - Large Animal Pavilion**

Baaa Ram Ewe... The sheep competition champions from Queensland regional shows who are eligible to compete, together with the Open champion at Ekka, will battle it out for tomorrow's prestigious Champion of Champions title.

## **EGGS-CELLENT EGGS AT EKKA**

**When: 10am**

**Where: Ground floor Large Animal Pavilion**

The Hy-line Brown School Egg Laying Competition is one worth clucking about. Students raise their very own laying hens in this cracking competition. This year 18 schools from Queensland are taking part. The schools are judged on their three best birds, the eggs collected and a project outlining how they reared the hens. Judging will take place tomorrow at 10am, with teachers and students from each school present.

### **Ekka Essentials:**

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 10-18, 2024
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

**EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:** The 2024 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit [www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)

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