



A LEGEND IN OUR EYES

He is already a respected veteran of the Queensland beef industry and now he is an Ekka legend as well!

Butcher, State Meat Inspector and Royal Queensland Show Honorary Steward, Ken Crotty has been awarded the 2010 RNA Show Legend Award, recognizing his involvement in and passion for the Show.

Presented each year at the Royal Queensland Show President's Reception, this prestigious award acknowledges a person who has made a significant contribution to both the RNA and Ekka.

RNA president Mr Allan Warby said Mr Crotty is undoubtedly a Show Legend of the highest degree and this award acknowledges his unwavering dedication and effort that has contributed to the success of the Ekka.

"Ken Crotty's expertise in the beef industry combined with his outstanding dedication to the Show has not gone unnoticed and we are thrilled to honour him and his efforts with this award," Mr Warby said.

"Ken is not only highly respected in the beef cattle section but also by the exhibitors where he has utilised his experience and knowledge to mentor other stewards," he said.

"He is a great team player and has created a great rapport with the RNA and the beef companies we deal with regularly."

A butcher by trade, Mr Crotty first came to the Ekka in 1939, years before he commenced stewarding for beef cattle in 1968 and becoming an honorary council steward in 1981, a position he still holds.

After beginning his apprenticeship as a butcher in 1946 as a 14-year-old, Mr Crotty spent 17 years in the trade before studying to become a State meat inspector. He has continued in that role for 42 years, since 1964.

Mr Crotty's involvement with the RNA and the Ekka spans over four decades and at 77 years of age he has no intention of stopping any time soon!

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