

Attention News Editors July 31, 2015

No bull! Pigs will fly as Ekka action kicks off

With just a week before the gates open to the Royal Queensland Show there is plenty of action this weekend as we prepare to welcome Ekka to town

Cookery judging commences

Tomorrow (Saturday August 1), the Fine Arts Pavilion on the lower level of the Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC) will be a flurry of homemade food delights as the wonderful creations in cake decorating, traditional fruit cakes and puddings, sticky jams, pestos and sauces are put to the test. Judges will be on hand to answer your questions.

WHEN: **TODAY - FRIDAY 31 July – The decorated and fruit cakes will arrive onsite.
TOMORROW - SATURDAY August 1 – Preserves judging commences at 8am;
Cake judging commences at 9am**

WHERE: **Lower level of the Royal ICC, Brisbane Showgrounds**

The animals are coming!

This weekend the Brisbane Showgrounds will welcome the biggest display of stud beef in the southern hemisphere when more than 1,000 head of cattle descend on grounds. Australia's largest cattle competition includes 433 classes in the prestigious Stud Beef Competition, 27 in the Led Steer and 13 in the Prime Beef Competition. The cattle and their owners will move in from Sunday in preparation for next week's beef competitions.

WHEN: **Sunday August 2, Best vision for media will be from 11.30am onwards**

WHERE: **Beef Pavilion and surrounds, Brisbane Showgrounds**

Two bulls walk into a bar...

Now an Ekka tradition, this Sunday the iconic Cattleman's Bar will play host to some unlikely guests when two of the biggest bulls at the show take their first swig of a beer to officially open the bar for service to their two legged friends! This tradition marks the unofficial start to show as we welcome our farming families to town.

WHEN: **Sunday August 2 at 11.30am**

WHERE: **Cattleman's Bar, Brisbane Showgrounds**

Pigs really do fly – Don't miss this!

Bravely flying through the sky to dive into a pool of water and racing against each other around a track at the Ekka this year will be the cute and clever Heritage Bank Racing Pigs! Pigs really will fly when the mesmerising racing and diving pigs take centre stage. Come and see these little daredevils in action.

WHEN: **Sunday August 2 at 12.15pm**

WHERE: **Stockman's Rest, Brisbane Showgrounds**

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