

August 6, 2016

Horsing around on Super Sundaes!

A bumper first weekend of Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) action kicked off this morning with crowds once again blessed by sunshine and clear blue skies.

From the animal nursery to woodchop, to fashion to food, the Ekka has something for everyone.

Tomorrow marks the start of the Ekka's prestigious horse competition which has attracted more than 2,000 entries plus the much loved sheep dog trials commence.

Here's what's in store for Day 3 tomorrow at Queensland's largest annual event:

MEDIA DOORSTOP: 11.30am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

Day 3: Sunday 6 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 7am to 5pm– Farriers and Blacksmiths (Oval No 2) – Map ref: G4
- From 8am – Junior Riders (Horse competition) Main Arena
- 8.30am-4pm – Cat judging – shorthair kittens RACQ Animal Nursery Map ref: N8
- 9am – 4.30pm - Shire Horses, Clydesdales and Percheron
- 9.30am Lady Rider Classes (Horse Competition) Main Arena
- 12.45pm – Lendlease Sheep Dog Trials Main Arena
- 2.30pm – Gentleman Rider Classes
- 2.30pm – Showjumping – Young Riders Main Arena
- 7am to 5pm– Farriers and Blacksmiths (Oval No 2) – Map ref: G4

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE HORSES! – FROM GIANT CLYDESDALES TO JUNIOR RIDERS

Tomorrow, from 8am, the Ekka's anticipated Horse Competition will take over Main Arena for seven days of judging and events. The competition has attracted more than 2,000 entries across the horse section, Showjumping and Thoroughbreds, Tomorrow junior riders kicks off proceedings at 8am, before the big boys take centre stage with Clydesdales, Shire Horses and Percherons from 9am. Also featuring is the Lady and Gentlemen Rider Classes also from 9am while don't miss the Young Riders Showjumping Competition from 2.30pm.

DON'T BE SHEEPISH!

The Sheep Dog Trials Competition was first held at the Royal Queensland Show in 1899. Judged on cast, approach, bridging, obstacle and general work, these animals will show off their sheep herding skills for four days throughout Ekka starting tomorrow. The crowd will be stunned at the patience and skill of these dogs; don't miss one of the show's most beloved traditions. **12.45pm – 1.30pm MAIN ARENA**

COSTA GETS CREATIVE

Costa Georgiadis, host of Gardening Australia, will tour The Old Museum Precinct tomorrow at 11am. The precinct is home to Ekka's Flower and Garden Exhibiton and Costa will meet community garden groups, take a look at the heritage garden beds and check out the kids activities. Then at 1pm he'll get hands on as he shows the audience at the Flower and Garden Platform Stage how to make kokedama, which are hanging string plants. **WHEN: 11am & 1pm WHERE: Flower and Garden Platform Stage at The Old Museum**

NEXT GENERATION WOODCHOPPERS

Tomorrow the next generation of woodchoppers are in action in a special demonstration event for boys and girls aged under 12 in the underhand class. **WHEN - 12.20pm Woodchop Arena Map ref: E-2**

A PATCH ABOVE – QUILTERS PARADISE

Gorgeous, modern and traditional style quilts will be on display throughout Ekka. Judging takes place prior to the show with awards and special prizes including Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and Viewers' Choice Award on display. Don't miss this year's quilts with many on sale for the public to purchase. Don't miss this stunning display.

WHERE: The Old Museum Precinct Map ref: C-13

SEVEN'S SUPER SUNDAY

The Channel Seven News Brisbane news team will hit the Ekka tomorrow taking in some of the sights and most importantly, meeting their fans. News presenters Sharyn Ghidella and Kay McGrath and Weather presenter Tony Auden will visit the Show and will meet the public at special meet and greet sessions at the 7 Live Studio in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion. Kay will front the fans at 11am and Sharyn and Tony at 2pm.

Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 5 – 14, 2016
- 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 2016 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show, to download please visit <https://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit>

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