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School children to shine at the show

It's all about the school children at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) tomorrow, as they converge on Queensland's largest classroom to be inspired, educated and entertained.

Hundreds of children from 22 schools will take part in dozens of learning programs, including the new interactive rural activities at the Agricultural Hall.

Students from St Joseph's Nudgee College will also be marching to the beat in the Heritage Bank Music on the Move around the showgrounds.

Today, around 25,000 people attended Day 7 of Queensland's most loved annual event.

Here's what's in store for Day 8:

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

Day 8: Friday 12 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.30pm – 3pm, Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of Show Judging, Oval No. 2
- 9am – 5pm, Canine Feature Toy Specialty Show, Dog Pavilion
- 9am – 5pm, Horse events (ANSA Saddlehorse Classes, Child Pony Hack Classes and Australian Stock Horse Hack Classes), Main Arena
- 12.45pm – 1.30pm Lendlease Sheep Dog Trials, Main Arena
- 3pm – 5pm, Young Judges Stud Sheep, Stock Pavilion
- 2.50pm, Woodchop and Sawing Open 300mm Underhand Championship of Australia, Woodchop Arena

WHO WILL REIGN SUPREME – DON'T MISS THE ONLY DAY OF DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING!

The cream of Queensland's dairy industry gather annually at the Ekka for one of the largest showings of Dairy Cattle in Australia. Breeds including Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss compete on the quality of their milk. A highlight of the Dairy Cattle Competition is the Supreme Champion Dairy Cow of Show judging, which is not to be missed! **WHERE : Oval 2, Map ref: G-4**

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

In the wake of yesterday's romantic proposal during the Grand Parade, don't forget to speak to the couples at the Ekka Love Tree. Inspired by the very popular love garden from the 2013 and 2014 shows, the tree is decorated with flowers and hearts and is the perfect spot for a first kiss and to say those three words. **WHERE: The Old Museum Precinct, Map ref: C-13**

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**

COOKING MASTERCLASSES

The Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Cooking Stage will be the perfect place for aspiring chefs, foodies and home cooks. Hosted by Dominique Rizzo, one of Queensland's leading female chefs, Ekka visitors will learn plenty of cooking tips and tricks. They'll also get the chance to taste delectable dishes prepared by local and regional chefs, including Dominique herself. The cooking stage is all about the paddock to palate philosophy and showcases some RQFWS award-winning products. **Don't miss the Queensland Country Women's Association as they share some of their cooking secrets from 11.30am-12.15pm.** The cooking stage runs from 10.30am - 5.15pm daily. **WHERE: Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show Cooking Stage, Map ref – J 11**

OUR SPORTS STARS JUST LOVE THE EKKA

Rugby Union fans are in for a treat with Queensland Reds stars signing autographs and getting photos from 2 - 3pm. **WHERE: Coca-Cola Stand in Sideshow Alley, Map ref: B-7**

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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