

# 12 sleeps to the Ekka Queensland's getting ready for showtime



## Le Sueur sisters still love to sample the fun

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WITH golden curls and excited eyes, the Le Sueur sisters of Paddington never thought their first visit to the Ekka would cause such a fuss.

Captured by *The Courier-Mail* in 1946, the image has since been used in historical exhibitions and by RNA organisers as a snapshot of the Brisbane Show.

In the original article, Yvonne – now Mrs Donald of Keperra – was cropped out of the photo.

"It was our first time at the Show, and it was just after the war," Mrs Donald, 72, said.

"Mum had made our dresses and curled our hair. It was a very big deal for us to be going to the Ekka as a family." In the sample bags were jars

of peanut paste and mustard. Older sister Fay – now Mrs Stubbs, 74, of Algeester – said going to the show became an annual highlight because in those days "it was a treat to go anywhere".

Mrs Donald was six when the original photo was taken, and Fay was eight.

In a family album, they have the original newspaper article which reads: "First time at show! Almost hidden by fairy floss is Fay Le Sueur, who is seeing her first Royal National Show."

The same photo ran in *The Sunday Mail* seven years ago, when it sparked a rush of women claiming to be the Ekka moppets.

"We had a laugh over that, we have other pictures of us in the same outfits," Mrs Donald said.



EXHIBITION VETERANS: Yvonne Donald and Fay Stubbs enjoy some fairy floss, just like they did 66 years ago as the curly-haired little Le Sueur sisters, aged 6 and 8 (above left). Main picture: Annette Dew