



# BEEF CATTLE

*From the very first show in 1876, cattle competitions have been an Ekka highlight.*

*The first show featured just three breeds of beef cattle - Durham, Hereford and Devon.*

*Today, 28 breeds and an average of 1,600 head of beef cattle compete in Australia's largest annual cattle competition known as Ekka Beef Week from August 7.*

*Judging takes place across stud beef, led steer and prime beef. The stud beef competition attracts 1100 entries alone - the largest showing of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.*

## Stud beef highlights

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Thursday 10 August	Stud Beef Judging	8.30am	Main Arena (L-8)
Friday 11 August	Stud Beef Judging	9.00am	Main Arena (L-8)
	Parade of Champions	2.30pm	
	Champion of Champions Judging	Following Parade of Champions	
Saturday 12 August	RNA Stud Beef Young Judges Competition	9.45am	Main Arena (L-8)
	QCAS Young Judges Competition	9.45am	
	Opening Ceremony	12.00 noon	
	Parade of Livestock	12.45pm	
Wednesday 16 August	RNA Stud Beef Paraders Competition	1.30pm	Main Arena (L-8)
	Grand Parade (Small Breeds, Stud Beef, Ekka Cow Paddock)	1:00pm	
Friday 18 August	Small Breeds Stud Beef Judging	1.30pm	Main Arena (L-8)
	Small Breeds Champion Interbreed Judging	After Judging	
Saturday 19 August	Parade of Livestock	1:30pm	Main Arena (L-8)

## Led steer highlights

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 7 August	Led Steer School Paraders Competition	12.00 noon	Main Arena (L-8)
	Inter School Steer Herdsperson Competition	After Paraders' Judging	
Tuesday 8 August	Junior Led Heifer Judging	8.30am	Main Arena (L-8)
	Junior Led Steer Judging	9.15am	
	Inter School Steer Judging Competition	10.30am	
	School Steer Judging Competition	11.30am	
Wednesday 9 August	Inter School Steer Herdsperson Competition	After School Judging	Main Arena (L-8)
	Open Led Steer Judging	8.00am	
Saturday 12 August	Led Steer Sale	After Judging	Entertainment and Fashion Stage, Royal International Convention Centre (G-12)
	2017 RNA Premier Beef Presentation (Prime Beef & Led Steer Awards)	8.45am	

## Prime beef highlights

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Thursday 10 August	Prime Beef Judging	11.30am	Expo Place (P-9)
	RNA Prime Beef Young Judges Competition	3.30pm	
	QCAS Young Judges Competition	3.30pm	
Friday 11 August	Young Auctioneers QLD State Final	9.00am	Expo Place (P-9)
	Prime Beef Auction	Following Young Auctioneers	
Saturday 12 August	2017 RNA Premier Beef Presentation (Prime Beef & Led Steer Awards)	8.45am	Entertainment and Fashion Stage, Royal International Convention Centre (G-12)

# DAIRY CATTLE

## Dairy cattle highlights

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Tuesday 15 August	On Ground Milking Competition	1st Group – 11:30am 2nd Group – 11:55am	Dairy Shed Milking Room (I-3)
	On Ground Milking Competition	1st Group – 8:00pm 2nd Group – 8:25pm	Dairy Shed Milking Room (I-3)
Wednesday 16 August	On Ground Milking Competition	1st Group – 5:00am 2nd Group – 5:25am	Dairy Shed Milking Room (I-3)
	On Ground Milking Competition	1st Group – 11:30am 2nd Group – 11:55am	Dairy Shed Milking Room (I-3)
Thursday 17 August	Grand Parade	1:00pm	Main Arena (L-8)
	RNA Young Judges Competition QCAS Young Judges State Final	8:30am	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	Youth Team Challenge	10:30am	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	All Breeds Youth Show	1:00pm	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	RNA Dairy Paraders Competition QCAS Dairy Paraders State Final	2:30pm 4:00pm	No 2 Oval (H-5)
Friday 18 August	All Classes: - Holstein Judging - Illawarra Judging - Jersey Judging	9:00am	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	All Classes: - Ayrshire Judging - Brown Swiss Judging - Guernsey Judging	10:00am	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	Supreme Judging	2:00pm	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	Milking Competition Awards	During Supreme Judging	No 2 Oval (H-5)
	Champion of Champions Parade	1:00pm	Main Arena (L-8)

*The cream of the dairy industry gather annually at Ekka, for one of the largest showings of dairy cattle in Australia. About 250 head of cattle compete in the competition which showcases six breeds - Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss. The cows compete on the quality of their milk and a highlight is the Supreme Dairy Cow of Show judging on August 18.*

# animals 2017 HORSES

*Horses have been competing at Ekka since the very first show in 1876, when silver cups were awarded to the best stallion and best heavy draught stallion.*

*Today, the Horse Competition attracts an average of 2,400 entries, making it one of the largest Ekka competitions.*

*More than 15 breeds of horses are displayed over the four competition sections - Horse, Thoroughbred, Showjumping and Farriers and Blacksmiths.*

## Horse highlights

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Sunday 13th August	Best Shire Horse Exhibit	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Clydesdale	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Clydesdale Parade Out	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Warmblood	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Best Waler Exhibit	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Welsh Pony	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Welsh Mountain Pony	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Shetland Pony	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Best Percheron Exhibit	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Display for Troop Horses	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Side Saddle Classes	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Young Judges - Horse	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena

Monday 14th August	Thoroughbred Day	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Thoroughbred	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Best Dressed Strapper	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Fashions on the Field	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Standardbred	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Gentlemen Rider	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Police Horse	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Thoroughbred Under Saddle	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Tuesday 15th August	Champion Single Turnout for Medium or Heavy Horse	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Multiple Turnout for Medium or Heavy Horse	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Hack of Queensland	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	The Highbury Memorial Cup, for the Best Hack over 15 Hands	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Hack of Queensland	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Lady Rider	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Show Hunter Galloway of Queensland	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Open Show Hunter Galloway of Queensland	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Medium or Heavy Single Show Horse in Harness driven in a Non - Traditional Vehicle	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Medium or Heavy Single Delivery in Harness driven in a Non - Traditional Vehicle	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Wednesday 16th August	Champion Medium or Heavy Multiple Delivery Horse in Harness	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Show Hunter of Queensland	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Australian Saddle Pony	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Galloway Hack of Queensland	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Galloway Hack of Queensland	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	GRAND PARADE	1pm	Main Arena
	Champion Harness Turnout for Pneumatic Tyred Vehicle	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Australian Pony	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Open Show Hunter of Queensland	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Mini Prix - Showjumping	2.15pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Thursday 17th August	Champion Harness Turnout for Buggy or Sulky	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Non - Hackney Light Horse in Harness	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Riding Pony	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Riding Pony Show Hunter	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Show Hunter Pony of Queensland	8am - 12noon	Main Arena
	Champion Non Hackney Harness Pony	1.30pm - 5 pm	Main Arena
	Champion Show Hunter Pony	1.30pm - 5 pm	Main Arena
	Working Hunter	1.30pm - 5 pm	Main Arena
Puissance - Showjumping	2.15pm - 5pm	Main Arena	
Friday 18th August	Champion Whip	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion ANSA	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Novice Pony Hack of Queensland - Over 12.2 Hands	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Open Pony Hack of Queensland - Not exceeding 12.2 Hands	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Open Pony Hack of Queensland - Over 12.2 Hands	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Junior Six Bar - Showjumping	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Saturday 19th August	Junior Riders	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Group B Championship - Showjumping	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Arabian Derivative	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Junior Riders	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Sunday 20th August	Junior Rider Turnouts	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Supreme Champion Australian Stock Horse	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	ASHLA - Lady Rider	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Australian Stock Horse - Highest Score Award - Novice Rider	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Australian Stock Horse - Highest Score Award - Junior Rider	8am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Young Riders Championship - Showjumping	9am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Group C Championship - Showjumping	9am - 12 noon	Main Arena
	Champion Working ASH	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Junior Working ASH	1.30pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Childrens Ridden Show Hack	1pm - 5pm	Main Arena
	Champion Show Hunter Pony Hack	1pm - 5pm	Main Arena
Junior Championships - Showjumping	2pm - 5pm	Main Arena	
Grand Prix - Showjumping	2pm - 5pm	Main Arena	

# animals 2017 ANIMAL ADVENTURES



## **Animal Boulevard**

Animal Boulevard is Ekka's one-stop shop for all creatures great and small – all of your favourite animals at the one location! Ekka guests can get up close to some of the cutest and cuddliest animals around, watch horse demonstrations and learn from beef cattle farmers.

## **RACQ Animal Nursery (O-10)**

Home to Ekka's cutest and cuddliest animals, the RACQ Animal Nursery is a family favourite. Ekka guests, especially the kids, will love getting up close to more than 550 farmyard animals on their adventure through the nursery. They'll get to feed, pat and interact with all of their favourites including calves, lambs, ducklings and goats. The RACQ Animal Nursery provides the perfect opportunity for kids to interact with farmyard animals they don't normally see in their everyday lives.

## **Pat-a-pig (O-10)**

Teeny, tiny and utterly adorable piglets can be found at the popular Pat-A-Pig display in the RACQ Animal Nursery. Now in its third year, children and families of all ages will love cuddling and playing with these charming little creatures.

## **Cradle-a-chick (O-10)**

Watch on as cute baby chicks hatch from eggs in a special incubator in the RACQ Animal Nursery, taking their first moments in life. Ekka guests can then get to know them even better by cradling them in the palm of their hands. This is one experience the kids are sure to chirp about!

## **Horse Breeds Expo (P-10)**

Horse around and get to know the 10 different breeds on show at the Horse Breeds Expo. From the heavy Clydesdale to the light footed Waler and from the beautiful Appaloosa and Pintos to the rare and small Fjord. Ekka guests will love watching the demonstrations put on by each breed and learning about their favourite horses. They'll also get to meet the Rooftop Express cast from EkkaNITES. Dave Manchon, Mikayla Jade and Donal Hancock will take them behind the scenes, showing them what is possible with horses, cattle and working dogs. These equine artists will open up their training playbooks and discuss the hows and whys of what it takes to bring their equine production together and some of the most credentialed performance horses in Australia will make an appearance. See them each day at 11am and 2pm.

### **Breeds on show**

Fjord	Waler	Pinto	Morgan	Clydesdale
Australian Draught Horse			Appaloosa	
Connemara	Thoroughbred		Percheron	

## **Legendary Milking Barn (O-10)**

Bring out your inner farmer and milk a cow for yourself at the Legendary Milking Barn. Students from Nambour State High School will present 60 milking demonstrations that are both entertaining and informative. Ekka guests will learn about the art of separating cream and butter from milk and the top tips on how the experts make the best cream and butter. They'll then have the chance to put their new skills to the test and milk a cow (9:30am-3:30pm on the half hour, except for 12:30pm, daily).

## **Sheep shearing (N-10)**

See some good old fashioned sheep shearing demonstrated by seasoned professionals in the RACQ Animal Nursery. The farmers will show Ekka guests the old-style of hand shearing, along with new, easier shearing techniques including using electric shears. They might also catch some celebrities up on stage embracing their inner farmer and giving shearing a go (10am-3pm on the hour, daily).

## **Ekka Cow Paddock**

### **WHERE: Lower Beef Pavilion (M-4)**

Learn from beef cattle farmers themselves at Ekka Cow Paddock, plus take part in a new virtual reality experience. The farmers will be on hand to talk about the different cuts, fat layers and what's involved in raising beef cattle and breeds such as Shorthorn, Bazadaise and Angus will all be on display. For the first time, Ekka guests will get a 360 degree view of how Australian beef is produced, brought to life using virtual reality technology. They'll see how beef cattle are cared for on farm and witness the advanced technology taking the world's best beef from paddock to plate. They'll also meet cattle breeders and students conducting special presentations and participate in interactive displays (August 14-20).