

15 August 2018

Monster People's Day biggest in 7 years

By night's end, the biggest People's Day crowd since 2011 is expected to have passed through the gates for the traditional Royal Queensland Show public holiday.

About 65,000 Queenslanders are estimated to have attended the Ekka today, a tradition since the very first Show holiday in 1876.

We had all creatures great and small in the Grand Parade; people boot scooting at the first Ekka Line Dancing Competition and the perfect People's Day temperature – 26 degrees.

Tomorrow will be another glorious Ekka day, and with only four more days to go, if you have not yet visited, now is the time to come on down and see what all the talk is about.

Here's what's in store for Day 7 at the Royal Queensland Show:

DAY 7: Thursday 16 August – HIGHLIGHTS

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

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- 8am – 12pm – Novice Show Hunter Pony, Light Horse and Showjumping Classes– Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Canine judging – Non Sporting, Specials – Dog Pavilion
- 9am – 11am - Angora Judging – Production Class – Stock Pavilion
- 12pm – 1.10pm – Sheepdog Trials – Main Arena
- 1.30pm – 5pm – Sheep Judging – Open Class – Stock Pavilion
- 1.30pm – 5pm – Horse judging –Riding Pony Under Saddle, Working Hunter Hack – Main Arena

NO KIDDING...IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GOATS

They've goat milk and are ready to compete at Ekka in one of the largest annual gatherings of dairy goats in Queensland. Judging will take place today with a highlight the Dairy Goat Junior Handlers – these young competitors don't kid around. **When: 9am – 5pm Where: Ground floor of the CRT Pavilion**

JUDGING CANINE COMPANIONS

Non sporting dogs will be judged today. Breeds including the Dalmatian, Poodle, French Bulldog, Chow Chow and Boston Terrier were bred as companion dogs often for nobility and royalty. They will love you forever! **When: 9am -5pm. Where: Dog Pavilion**

THE CHOOKS ARE CHUFFED

Flying high in the first floor of the CRT Pavilion is the wonderful flock on display in the Poultry, Birds and Eggs Competition. The competition showcases a variety of exquisite poultry and birds and there are new classes in Red Factor Canaries this year – unlike other canaries, their colour can be influenced through eating pigmented foods. **When: 9am – 5pm Where: First Floor of The CRT Pavilion**

DRAG QUEEN BINGO A DRAWCARD

Frock up for the Ekka's first fabulous Drag Queen Bingo at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill tonight. Hosted by Queens Ball "Drag Performer of the Year" the free event will feature several bingo games and drag performers. **When: 8pm – 10.30pm Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

FAVE FOODS OF EKKA

Every Ekka certain foods emerge as big crowd favourites. They're weird, wacky and delicious! Insta famous foods so far have been the cheeseburger pie, the Puffle – a protein loaded cheesy Hong Kong egg waffle and G-Free donuts. Get lost in the Ekka's new Taste Triangle which has been created between the new Welcome to Bowen Hills precinct, Gourmet Plaza and Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion. **Where: Welcome to Bowen Hills, Gourmet Plaza and Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion**

REMEMBER: Donations can be made in support of the Queensland Drought Appeal at www.qlddroughtappeal.com.au or by texting the word drought to 0484 200 200.

Ekka Essentials:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 10 – 19, 2018
- 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 2018 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit

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