

Wednesday August 10, 2022

Show of support! Queenslanders flock back to People's Day in droves

Picture perfect weather heralded the much-awaited return of today's Ekka public holiday, People's Day, which showcased the Grand Parade of champion animals, magnificent showjumping, and the thrills of sideshow alley.

Just after 5pm today 55,000 Queenslanders and counting had already passed through the gates in a massive show of support for the state's biggest and most loved event after two heartbreaking years of cancellations.

There's still four full days of fun to come, so come on Queensland, help us bring it home here's fantastic savings in store with special offer for Thursday and Friday only. With 20% off tickets already for those two days, you can get 4 Ekka tickets for the price of 3 on adult and children's tickets for Thursday and Friday!

Here's what's in store tomorrow:

DAY 6: THURSDAY 11 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:

- 9am – 10am – Young Judges Competition – Dairy Goats
- 9am – 11am – Sheep Competition - Open Classes Judging
- 3pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Standing Block Handicap Final
- 4pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – 350mm Underhand Australian Final
- 9am – 12pm – Showjumping Competition - Judging (Junior and Young Riders) in Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Utility Group Judging

THRILLING WOODCHOP FINALS

WHEN: All day heats with finals at 3pm and 4pm **WHERE:** Woodchop Arena

The woodchips will fly when some of Australia's best axemen compete in the Standing Block Handicap Final at 3pm and the 350mm Underhand Australian Final at 4pm.

CROWNS FOR COWS

WHEN: 9.30am. **WHERE:** Stockman's Rest

Be delighted when several Jersey dairy cows are crowned with floral crowns to celebrate Ekka. Florist extraordinaire, Julia Rose will be creating the beautiful flower crowns for the Jersey cows. Arguably, one of the cutest photo opportunities this Ekka!

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BIRTHDAY

WHEN: 10am. WHERE: CWA Café underneath the John McDonald Stand

Happy birthday to you! Celebrate the 100th Birthday of the Queensland Country Women's Association today by popping into their café for cake or scones. The QCWA is Queensland's largest and most wide-spread women's organisation. Their vision is to support the women of Queensland by advocating and providing opportunities for women focusing on education, health and community throughout every phase of a woman's life. Since 1922, the QCWA has been the iconic and relevant association of choice for women state-wide.

CANINE COMPETITION PRESENTED BY SUSHI HUB - UTILITY GROUP JUDGING

WHEN: From 9am. WHERE: Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

Watch the Utility canines compete to be top dog! The Utility dog group includes large breeds of livestock guardian type dogs and guard, rescue, and messenger dogs in Australia. The big dogs on show tomorrow include the St Bernard, Canadian Eskimo Dog, Siberian Husky Dog and Shiba Inu.

SCHOOL SHEEP JUDGING

WHEN: 9am – 3pm. WHERE: Level 2, Large Animal Pavilion

Ekka's school sheep competition is on with Dorper, Border Leicester and Suffolk breeds among those to be judged.

HORSE COMPETITION – HARNESS / SHOW HUNTER PONY / YOUNG SHOWJUMPING

WHEN: 9am – 12pm. WHERE: Main Arena

The harness judging includes the Light Horses and Ponies in Harness. This class will see the horse, vehicle, harness and general appearance judged. The light horses and ponies class is judging the horse and pony with their driver. Plus the Show Hunter Pony class and Young Riders Showjumping class will be judged. Marvel at the incredible heights these horses and their young riders can jump!

SING ALONG WITH THE PACIFIC BELLES

WHEN: 11am – 11.45am & 1pm – 1.45pm. WHERE: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage

Australia's very own Andrews Sisters, The Pacific Belles, will provide a retro vibe to the Multicultural Plaza Music Stage. The Pacific Belles' unique vintage style vocal trio will take you on a trip down memory lane and get everyone jumping and jiving to 1940's & 50's classics. Join Betty, Dot & Mabel as they sing classics such as Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree, We'll Meet Again and many more.

EKKA EATS

WHERE:: Around grounds

The best of the best show food is back. Don't miss your chance to get your fix and grab them while they're hot. Delicious Dagwood Dogs, Twisted Chips, Cheese Toasties, Butter Board Sandwiches and for those with a sweet tooth you can't go past Strawberry Sundaes, Fairy Floss and the CWA scones, with jam and cream. Now that's iconic!

ONE NIGHT ONLY – DRAG QUEEN BINGO

WHEN: 8.30pm. WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

What would a comeback Ekka be without the oh so fabulous Drag Queen Bingo! Showgirl VOLLIE LaVont will treat you to a range of performances, an Ekka first Drag Queen Fashions of the Field and a whole lot of lip-syncing fun.

EKKA ESSENTIALS

Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 6 – 14, 2022

Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland

Gates open at 9am

Tickets are only available online at www.ekka.com.au

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2022 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/media-kit/

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