

DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT



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MAIN STAGE, CHANNEL 7 PAVILION (G-13)

NEW - COCOMELON

WHEN: 10am daily

From Melon Patch Academy to the Ekka's Main Stage for the very first time, get ready to sing, play and dance with JJ. With lots of toe-tapping and sing-a-long fun, kids will love meeting JJ from CoComelon. CoComelon has become a world-wide phenomenon, with billions of views on YouTube, Netflix and other streaming platforms.

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PAW PATROL MIGHTY PUPS SHOW

WHEN: 11am and 12pm daily

Get ready for a superhero-style PAW Patrol mission. Join Ryder, Chase, Skye, Marshall and Rubble as they get mighty and answer Mayor Goodway's yelp for help. Watch as the pups race to find pieces of a mysterious meteor before scheming Mayor Humdinger and his nephew Harold use them to take over Adventure Bay. PAW Patrol Super Paws are ready for mighty action at the Ekka!

HYPNOTIST SHANE ST JAMES

WHEN: 2pm daily

Get ready for the craziest and funniest hypnotist show you've ever seen! Comedy hypnotist Shane St James will have members of the audience carrying on in a totally uninhibited and outrageous manner - you'll be mesmerised, but will you be hypnotised? Shane is the son of world-renowned hypnotist the late Martin St James, who had record-breaking stage and television shows in many countries including England, America and Australia. This hilarious show is the ultimate in audience participation!



NEW - DUELLING MAGICIANS

WHEN: 1pm, 3pm and 4:30pm daily

Who will become the master magician? Two of Australia's best magicians come head-to-head in the ultimate magic showdown! Starring comedy magician Christopher Wayne from SHOWMEN, as well as Josh Norbido from Australia's Got Talent and SHOWMEN - this comedy magic spectacle will leave audiences of all ages in shock, awe and laughter. Who wins? The bunny decides of course!

COMMUNITY DANCE GROUPS

WHEN: 10am to 5.30pm daily

WHERE: Main Stage (G-14)

More than 30 community dance groups will take to the Main Stage over the nine days of show. A range of dance genres including jazz, ballet, contemporary, hip hop and Bollywood will be on display, with each group given 20 minutes to showcase their talents.



SHOW RING (P-5)

NEW - FARMER DAVE & THE RUFFTRACK KIDS: K9 SUPER WALL

WHEN: 12.30pm and 3.30pm daily

Join Big Brother's Dave Graham and The RuffTRACK kids for a thrilling performance that will leave you on the edge of your seat. RuffTRACK's K9 Super Wall is the ultimate dog high jump competition that has taken the world by storm. Watch as talented teenage handlers guide their canine companions to jump up an ever-increasing vertical wall, reaching heights of almost 10ft/3m! This event is new to Ekka and sure to be a crowd favourite, with its high-energy music and educational components. K9 Super Wall is an unforgettable experience for the whole family - choose your team and cheer them on.

HORSING AROUND SHOW PRESENTED BY RACING QUEENSLAND

WHEN: 11am and 2pm daily

WHERE: Show Ring (P-5)

The Horsing Around Show presented by Racing Queensland will see acclaimed horse trainer Dave Manchon proudly showcase Racing Queensland's 'off the track' initiative. Dave will be joined by some well-known retired racehorses, as he talks about his training methods and how they can apply to these off the track stars. This educational show will demonstrate what is possible with some of these equine super athletes once they slow down.

GREGORY TERRACE (J-13)

NEW - EKKA'S FARMYARD FRIENDS STREET PARADE

WHEN: 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm daily

For the very first time, the Ekka is putting on a street parade that will pass through Gregory Terrace three times a day. Wave to the loveable Farmyard Friends - Milo the Sheep Dog, Daisy the Dairy Cow, Hayden the Horse, Barbara the Sheep and Rhonda MacDonald - on their impressive barnyard float. The street parade will also feature energetic dancers from Theatre and Dance, plus catchy tunes from Ekka's brass band.

FARMYARD FRIENDS - ROVING

WHEN: 3.30pm, 4.30pm and 5.30pm daily

Everyone's favourite farmyard friends Milo the Sheep Dog, Daisy the Dairy Cow, Hayden the Horse and Barbara the Sheep will be roving Gregory Terrace daily with Rhonda MacDonald. Get your camera out and snap a selfie with these loveable Ekka mascots! They will also appear nightly at 6pm in the Main Arena doing giveaways as part of the pre night show.



KING STREET (L-14)

VENOMOUS SNAKE AND REPTILE SHOW PRESENTED BY PRECISION REPTILES

WHEN: Occuring every half hour from 9:30am - 5.15pm daily

Get wrapped up with friendly pythons and admire the incredible Australian wildlife at the Venomous Snake and Reptile Show presented by Precision Reptiles. The show will feature all things scaly - get up-close to snakes, lizards and a baby saltwater crocodile in a safe setting. A team of brave snake handlers will talk about snake safety - what to do if you come across a snake, how to discourage them from your property and the correct snake bite first aid.

XXXX STOCKMEN'S BAR AND GRILL (O-6)

NEW - AUSTRALIAN STRONGMAN ALLIANCE: QUALIFIER FOR THE MAGNUS CLASSIC

WHEN: 10am August 13

Watch as some of Australia's top strong men and women take on five gruelling events in an Australian Strongman Alliance competition. These super athletes will compete in the sandbag load medley, max log press, pole push, Hercules hold (150kg per hand for the men and 80kg for the women) and lever deadlift (400kg for the men and 250kg for the women).

It's the first time the Ekka has hosted the only Queensland qualifier for one of the biggest events internationally, the 2023 Magnus Ver Magnusson Strongman Classic, held in Iceland later this year.





QUEENSLAND ARMWRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

WHEN: 10am August 12

WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill (O-6)

Witness raw strength as more than 40 men and women compete in the Australian Armwrestling Federation Queensland Championships. The battle of the biceps will take place across lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight classes in a double elimination competition. The competitive arm wrestlers range from world title contenders to husbands and wives. This is one competition sure to strong arm some new fans at the Ekka!

EKKA'S LINE DANCING HOEDOWN DELIVERED BY DOMINOS

WHEN: 11am August 16

WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill (O-6)

Kick up your heels and join in the fun at Ekka's Line Dancing Hoedown delivered by Dominos. The event will include social dancing, competition demonstrations, beginner workshops for the public and the Queensland Club Challenge. The hoedown will involve more than 80 boot-scooting dance instructors, club members and students from across Queensland.

CONFIDANCE CLOGGERS

WHEN: 3.30pm August 16

WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill (O-6)

Kids and adults will once again be clogging at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill. Clogging is an energetic and percussive dance form from the mid-1700s. Over time, the influence of tap dancing and Canadian step dancing shaped the modern clogging we see today. It is a dance form enjoyed by all ages from 8-year-olds to 80-year-olds. Brisbane's Confidence Cloggers dance to a wide range of music including pop, country, hip hop, bluegrass and latin.

EKKA'S KEPPEL DAGWOOD DOG EATING COMPETITION

WHEN: 12pm August 20

WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill (O-6)

Ekka's Keppel Dagwood Dog Eating Competition is the ultimate food challenge. Back by popular demand for a fourth year, the competition will feature two classes - Amateur and Professional. Competitors will have 10 minutes to eat 20 Keppel Dagwood Dogs, or as many as possible.

STOCKMAN'S REST (N-5)

VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT

Stockman's Rest will be jam packed with a variety of entertainment over the nine days of Show.

From dogs leaping to great heights in the Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub to quirky photo opportunities involving dairy cows wearing flower crowns and goat yoga - Stockman's Rest has it all!

You'll also see farriers and blacksmiths in action forging and hammering custom objects, and poets belting out bush ballads.

STOCKMAN'S REST HIGHLIGHTS

WHAT	WHEN
Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub:	9am-4pm August 12 9.30am-4pm August 14 9.30am-4.30pm August 16
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More information on page 28	
Bison on Display	9am-3pm August 18-20
Dairy Cow Flower Crowns More information below	9am-12pm August 17
Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition More information on page 30	8.30am-5pm August 18, 19 & 20



DAIRY COW FLOWER CROWNS

Dairy cows will parade with their beautiful flower crowns to celebrate Ekka. Florist extraordinaire, Julia Rose, will create the special floral crowns for the cows. This is a quirky photo opportunity not to be missed!

FLOWER AND GARDEN PRECINCT (H-13)

FLOWER BEARD COMPETITION

WHEN: 2pm August 16

Florists will decorate Brisbane's best beards in this People's Day tradition. Around 15 men will undergo a facial fuzz floral transformation, with judges crowning the competition winners. The quirky competition will be MC'd by well-known landscape architect Costa Georgiadis. The entrants will also be showcased in the Ekka's iconic Grand Parade on the Main Arena at 4.30pm.

MAIN ARENA (L-8)

NEW - EKKA'S BEAUT UTE DISPLAY & PARADE

WHEN: 9am-4pm (display near LAP Pavilion)
4.30pm August 12 (parade)

Engines will be revving when Ekka's Beaut Ute Parade drives into the Main Arena for the very first time. Up to 20 utes and their proud owners will be competing for a share in \$1,000 in prize money. Utes come in all shapes and sizes, so this competition features several classes - Street, BnS, 4x4 and Novelty. Prizes will be awarded in each class. The utes from clubs including OutKast Ute Club and Dukes Utes will also be on display beside the Large Animal Pavilion from 9am to 4pm.

OPENING CEREMONY

WHEN: 6pm August 12

The Ekka's traditional opening ceremony will be held on the first day of Show, to welcome Ekka guests from across the state. Rich in heritage and tradition, it includes a Welcome to Country performed by traditional owner Shannon Ruska, Blessing of the Plough, the sounds of the Australian Army Band Brisbane and more. The show will officially be opened by Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Governor of Queensland.

GRAND PARADE

WHEN: 4.30pm August 16

More than 500 animals and competition winners will be on display in the highly anticipated Grand Parade, held on People's Day. The parade features the champions of Ekka from the tiny Grand Champion Fish of Show to the huge Grand Champion Stud Bull, along with goats, dairy cattle, cats, dogs, horses, horticulture, Showgirl entrants and more. The iconic Grand Parade evolved from displays of livestock, especially after 1901 when a full parade of cattle and horses was held to welcome the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York.

AIRTIME FMX MOTOCROSS

WHEN: 12:40pm August 13, 12:30pm August 15 to 20

The Airtime Freestyle Motocross Team push the limits on what is possible. They will launch motorcycles high in the air while performing some of the most death defying stunts. This show is guaranteed to have you on the edge of your seat from start to finish! Born from the highly successful ShowTime FMX Team, Airtime FMX features some of the most experienced show FMX riders in the world.



V8 UTE CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY THE TRACKSKILL MOVIE STUNT DRIVERS

WHEN: 1.20pm August 15, 17, 19 and 20

It's the age old battle between two Australian icons – Ford and Holden. With plenty of colour, big V8 noise and sideways action, this high adrenaline show is sure to be a huge hit with families. From the days of Peter Brock and Dick Johnson to the present day of the Camaro and Mustangs, Aussies have loved that screaming V8 sound as the drivers race to dominate the podiums. Our two Trackskill drivers won't hold back, as they fight to uphold the honour of their beloved marque.

WOODCHOP ARENA PRESENTED BY AAM (C-11)

2023 AAWA AUSTRALIAN WHIPCRACKING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY R.M. WILLIAMS & PACKER LEATHER

WHEN: 10am August 20

For the first time in Ekka history, the best whipcrackers from across the nation will compete in the Australian Whipcracking Titles hosted by the Australian Whipcrackers & Plaiters Association. More than 40 state champions will compete in classes including PeeWee (8 & Under), Juvenile (12 & Under), Junior (16 & Under), Ladies, Mens, Over 45s and the hotly contested World Bullock Whip Titles. Enjoy watching the current Australian Whipcracking Women's Champion and Men's Champion defend their titles and break the sound barrier as the crack of their stockwhips create a sonic boom. The national titles will be judged on accuracy, technical prowess, flow, the volume of the crack, and personal presentation. Fair crack of the whip...you're sure to see some cracking routines from these talented competitors.



NEW - WOODCHOP AUSTRALIAN TITLES

See Australia's best axemen and women in action in the Woodchop and Sawing Competition presented by AAM. This year, the competition will host four new and exciting Australian Title events:

- 325mm Australian Women's Single Sawing Championship - Wednesday 16 August at 2.15pm
- 375mm Australian Jack & Jill Double Handed Sawing Championship - Saturday 12 August at 3.20pm
- 275mm Australian Women's Underhand Championship - Sunday 13 August at 3pm
- 450mm Australian Double Handed Sawing Championship - Wednesday 16 August at 4.15pm

See which of our competitors make the cut on a national scale!

SUSHI HUB CAT PRECINCT (N-11)

NEW - SHEEP SHEARING

WHEN: 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm and 4pm daily

WHERE: Sheep Shearing Stage (N-11)

Sheep shearing duo Jonathan and Vineta will demonstrate their skills at the Ekka for the very first time. Ekka guests will see blade shearing and fleece throwing in action, plus they'll learn about the shearing equipment.

BUSH POETRY PERFORMANCES

WHEN: 11am and 12pm daily
(except Sunday 13 & 20 August)

Queensland's best speakers will show off their rhythm as they recite poems in front of Ekka goers. These passionate poets will perform their favourite bush ballads for 30 minutes.