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Ekka Legend...creative and on point!

Sylvia Hopkins has been awarded the RNA highest's honour following an incredible commitment to Ekka's Creative Art and Craft Competition for almost three decades.

Sylvia was awarded the title of 2023 Show Legend by RNA President David Thomas at a reception held at the Brisbane Showgrounds last night.

For 27 years, Sylvia has enjoyed volunteering, competing, or judging at the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ in the Cookery and Creative Arts and Crafts sections.

Sylvia's incredible legacy commenced when she began volunteering with the Queensland Country Women's Association in their popular Ekka café.

This experience inspired her to enter the RNA's Cookery and Fine Arts Competitions where she excelled, winning many awards, particularly for her needlework, crochet and knitting.

Sylvia's commitment and official duties grew when she became a Steward and Judge.

RNA President David Thomas said the Ekka Legend award was bestowed on those who had made a remarkable contribution to the Show.

The Ekka Legend award was introduced in 2004 and just 17 people have been bestowed the RNA's most prestigious honour.

"Sylvia has made a remarkable contribution to the Cookery and Creative Arts and Crafts sections here at the Ekka and at other shows across Queensland," Mr Thomas said.

"Sylvia's love of the arts has extended to teaching and mentoring locally and in country areas for many years. Her dedication has also led to her training and assisting new volunteers, stewards, and judges.

"She is a much loved and highly regarded member of the Fine Arts team.

"We honour and thank Sylvia Hopkins for her incredible and invaluable contribution to the Royal Queensland Show over many years."

The 144th Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by RACQ runs until Sunday 20 August.

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

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