

August 18, 2023

## Champions on show in Ekka's huge final weekend

There's just two days left to enjoy the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ and tomorrow the grand champions in canine and sheep will be crowned best in show, while we also unearth the next up and coming country music stars.

Don't miss getting your final Ekka fix this weekend with so much fun in store for people of all ages to enjoy.

There are still savings on offer too with 10 percent off Ekka tickets if you subscribe to [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au) and don't forget Super Food Sunday with two for one food items.

Tomorrow, the Main Arena will feature some of the show's youngest competitors in the Horse Competition's Junior Riding Classes, while the Australian woodchop finals continue before big crowds in the woodchop arena.

Today it was all about the Dairy Cattle reigning supreme and by night's end, it's expected close to 40,000 people will have passed through the gates enjoying all the fabulous Friday fun of Ekka!

Here's the highlights for Day 8 at Queensland's biggest event:

### **DAY 8: SATURDAY 19 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **MEDIA DOORSTOP:**

**11.30am with RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.**

#### **JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 6am – 5.30pm – Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition at Stockman's Rest
- 9am – 2.00pm – Dairy Goats Competition in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)
- From 8.00am – Sheep Competition – Young Handlers and Supreme Class judging in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 2)
- Sheep Competition – Champion of Champions (following Young Handlers and Supreme Class judging) in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 2)
- 8.00am – 12.00pm – Horse Competition - Judging Junior Rider Classes (Under 12 Years) in Main Arena
- 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm – Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Cat Breed Showcase in the Sushi Hub Cat Pavilion
- 11.00am – 12.00pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – RNA Junior Handlers in the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

- 2.00pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Best in Show in the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- 3pm - 4pm – Young Judges Competition supported by the Queensland Government – Alpacas & Alpaca Fleece – in the Large Animal Pavilion (level 2).
- 3.15pm –4.15pm Showjumping Competition – Judging (Group A Championship – Class 800 in the Main Arena
- 4.45pm – 5.00pm– Woodchop & Sawing Competition - Teams of Three Open 300mm Combination Relay Handicap in the Woodchop Arena presented by AAM

## **TOP DOG TO BE CROWNED**

**WHEN: 2PM WHERE: SUSHI HUB DOG PAVILION**

The pawsome pooches will shine tomorrow with the Best in Show to be crowned at the Dog Pavilion. You also won't want to miss the crowning of the Champion of Show – the King Charles Show at 2pm and Queen Elizabeth Show at 3pm. The Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub is one of our largest and most popular competitions, attracting more than 2,400 entries this year.

## **UNEARTHING THE NEXT COUNTRY MUSIC STAR!**

**When: 9AM – 6PM**

**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

The Country Music Showdown presented by Ariat Australia is the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star. Now in its ninth year, the competition offers rising country music stars the chance to battle it out for career-boosting prizes worth more than \$10,000. Musicians aged 12 years and over will compete in the ultimate music experience, performing two songs to Ekka crowds on stage at the XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill. A win in this competition means a boost to an artist's music career and competitors have the chance to win a variety of prizes, including recording sessions at Airlock Studios and Taramalin Sound, a scholarship to The Academy – which is Australia's premier music program for emerging artists, a photoshoot package and cash prizes provided by Ariat Australia.

## **SHEEP CHAMPS**

**WHEN: 10AM**

**WHERE: Level 2 - Large Animal Pavilion**

The sheep competition champions from Queensland regional shows who are eligible to compete, together with the Open champion at Ekka, will battle it out for tomorrow's prestigious Champion of Champions title.

## **GO BIG BISON OR GO HOME**

**When: 9AM – 3PM**

**Where: Stockman's Rest**

Get up close and personal with these mammoth beasts who are now on show daily at Stockman's Rest. The XL stars from EkkaNITES presented by Brisbane City Council are spending their down time relaxing and taking photo and autograph requests. Don't miss your chance to see these gentle giants.

## **QUILTS ACROSS QUEENSLAND**

**WHERE: Channel 7 Pavilion**

The Quilts Across Queensland Competition presented by Pillow Talk has been running for more than two decades, with the stunning quilts on display in the Channel 7 Pavilion. There are two new competition classes this year - Abstract Art Quilt which is a free form expression of the maker's own creative design and Pictorial Art Quilt representing or depicting a person, place or object. The award winners will include the titles of Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and Viewer's Choice Award.

## **RURAL AMBASSADORS REPRESENT**

**WHEN: 10.30am**

**WHERE: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage**

Ten agricultural show winning Rural Ambassadors with a strong commitment to the rural industries will compete for the title of Queensland Rural Ambassador State Winner. Meet the State Finalists on the Multicultural Plaza Music Stage tomorrow.

## **EGGS-CELLENT EGGS AT EKKA**

**WHEN: 10am**

**WHERE: Ground floor Large Animal Pavilion**

The Hy-line Brown School Egg Laying Competition is one worth clucking about. Students raise their very own laying hens in this cracking competition. This year, 18 schools from Queensland and New South Wales are taking part. The schools are judged on their three best birds, the eggs collected and a project outlining how they reared the hens. Judging will take place tomorrow at 10am, with teachers and students from each school present.

## **WRITE LIKE A GIRL**

**When: 10am – 11am and 1pm – 2pm**

**Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill**

Four female song writers – Hayley Marsten, Melody Moke, Billie Rose Copeland and Beth Lucas – will take to the stage in the new Write Like a Girl, bringing women's stories to the forefront and giving fans an opportunity to see their best-loved artists and new favourites in a special, intimate setting. Write Like a Girl pares back all the noise and fanfare and lets you into these songwriter's studios, bedrooms, and songbooks to hear how their art began.

### **Ekka Essentials:**

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 12-20, 2023
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

**EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:** The 2023 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show - to download please visit [www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)

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