

100 FREE THINGS TO DO AND SEE AT THE EKKA

1. Witness the ultimate City vs Country bakeoff when Queensland's Best Dark Rich Fruit Cake is judged live on the Royal Queensland Cooking stage.
Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion
2. Find out what it takes to be a farmer at the Australian Young Farmer Challenge presented by Dairy Farmers.
Where: Main Arena
3. Gain insight into the world of felines at the Cat Breed Showcase.
Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
4. Sing, play and dance with the Pteranodon family from Dinosaur Train.
Where: Main Stage
5. See a prehistoric lung fish make a splash in its very own tank, surrounded by Fish Competition exhibits.
Where: Ag Education Hall
6. Witness the close working relationship between the entrants in the Sheepdog Trials and their furry best friends.
Where: Main Arena
7. Let the Woodchop and Sawing Competition hack onto your must visit list while at the Ekka.
Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
8. Watch raw acrobatic talent in action with the ZimboyZ trio deliver their gravity-defying demonstrations.
Where: Main Stage
9. A sweet addition to your Ekka itinerary is checking out the Apiculture Competition entries.
Where: Ag Education Hall
10. Feed and pat more than 500 adorable farm animals in the RACQ Animal Nursery.
Where: Expo Place
11. Leap off your seat watching horses compete in the Showjumping Competition.
Where: Main Arena
12. See blade shearing and fleece throwing in action at the Sheep Shearing Demonstrations - we know 'ewe' will love it!
Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
13. Experience a mind-blowing and amusing hypnotist show by Shane St James.
Where: Main Stage
14. Kelly the sheepdog will show off her mustering prowess as she takes 20 sheep through their paces.
Where: Main Arena
15. Gain some knowledge at Harvest to Home: A Grain Story.
Where: Ag Education Hall
16. Experience cuteness overload when you cradle a chick in the palm of your hand.
Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)
17. Watch Australia's top strong men and woman take on five grueling events in an Australian Strongman Alliance competition.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill
18. Get revved up for Ekka's Beaut Ute Display & Parade, where up to 20 utes will compete.
Where: Main Arena
19. Live out your rock star fantasies at Karaoke with Live Band and Host David Eastgate.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill
20. Witness celebrity chefs Matt Moran and Andy Hearnden in action, cooking up a storm and sharing their kitchen hacks.
Where: Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by Saveful
21. Get a taste of life on the dairy farm at Norco Grass to Glass.
Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)
22. Record your Ekka Memories and take a selfie in the Heritage Booth at the at the Heritage Display.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
23. See community dance groups light up the stage.
Where: Main Stage
24. Watch as kids and adults put on an energetic clogging show.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill
25. See Brisbane's best bearded men take on a floral facial fuzz transformation in the Flower Beard Competition.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct

26. Watch in awe as the Fireworks Spectacular lights up the night sky.
Where: Main Arena

27. See the big beef cattle that have moo-ved into the Ekka.
Where: Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion

28. Get wrapped up with friendly pythons at the Venomous Snake and Reptile Show presented by Precision Reptiles.
Where: King Street

29. See more than 500 of the Ekka's best animals in the iconic Grand Parade.
Where: Main Arena

30. Have a bunch of fun making a pretty flower crown.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct

31. Learn about Ekka's history and see vintage showbags at the Heritage Display.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion

32. Witness raw strength as more than 40 men and women compete in the Queensland Armwrestling Championships presented by the Australian Armwrestling Federation
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

33. Creativity takes flight at the Natural Fibres Make and Model Wearable Art parades, with this year's theme of Your Imagination.
Where: Main Stage

34. Be educated on the natural materials used to create garments at the 'Nature's Gifts' Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7
Where: Main Stage

35. See metal being shaped into horseshoes over hot flames at the Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition.
Where: Stockman's Rest

36. Single and ready to mingle? Join in the speed dating fun at Singles Mingle Monday.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

37. Snap a photo under the neon Ekka Love sign.
Where: Gourmet Plaza

38. Take your dancing to the Nutbush City Limits thanks to Dance Cam presented by TINA, the Tina Turner Musical.
Where: Main Arena

39. See the cream of the crop showcased in the Dairy Cattle Competition.
Where: Main Arena and Large Animal Pavilion



40.
You would be barking mad not to see the canines being judged.
Where: Sushi Hub Canine Precinct

41.
Have some boot-scooting fun at Ekka's Line Dancing Hoedown.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

42.
Milk a cow by hand at the Norco Milking Barn.
Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)

43.
Be dazzled as the Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards are presented.
Where: Main Stage

44.
Meet some well-known retired racehorses and see what they're still capable of at the Horsing Around Show presented by Racing Queensland.
Where: Show Ring

45.
Grab your passport booklet and follow the Ekka Learning Trail for an ag-ucational experience.
Where: Around grounds

46.
Vote for your favourite quilt to win the Viewer's Choice Award in the Quilts Across Queensland Competition presented by Pillow Talk.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion

47.
Get egg-cited to see the exquisite birds in the Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs Competition.
Where: Large Animal Pavilion (ground floor)

48.
See which scarecrows were outstanding in their field in the School Scarecrow Competition presented by Brunnings.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct

49.
Travel back in time to witness a bush ranger robbery where Ekka's favourite cowboy Dave Manchon rides in to save the day!
Where: Main Arena

50.
See competitors hungry for a win, face off in the Ekka's Keppel Dagwood Dog Eating Competition.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

51.
View the inspiring entries from school students who have been conducting their mini-farming operation as part of the new Greenhouse Innovator competition.
Where: Ag Education Hall

52.
Watch the ultimate search for Queensland's next country music star at the Country Music Showdown presented by Ariat Australia.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

53.
Get your green thumb on and check out the entries in the School Garden Competition presented by Brunnings.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct



- 54.** Watch the Opening Ceremony to be part of an Ekka tradition.
Where: Main Arena
- 55.** Learn how to eat well, waste less and save more at the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by Saveful.
Main Arena: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion
- 56.** Back by popular demand is the high-octane action of the Monster Truck.
Where: Main Arena
- 57.** See models dancing down the catwalk in choreographed routines as they showcase stunning designs in the Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7.
Where: Main Stage
- 58.** You have 'goat' to check out the Dairy Goats Competition.
Where: Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)
- 59.** See some cracking routines at the 2024 AWPA Australian Whipcracking Championships presented by R.M. Williams & Packer Leather.
Where: Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 60.** Watch as Aussie FMX Motocross riders launch motorcycles an incredible 15 metres into the air.
Where: Main Arena
- 61.** Hoof it to the Main Arena to see the Horse Competition judging.
- 62.** Meet your favored Channel 7 celebrities at the 7 LIVE STUDIOS and have a go behind the News and Sunrise.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 63.** Listen to the many musical styles of the Band of Blue (Queensland Police Service) including rock, jazz and blues.
Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage
- 64.** Snap a selfie with Ekka's very own Farmyard Friends.
Where: Gregory Terrace
- 65.** Listen to passionate poets belt out bush ballads in the Bush Poetry Competition.
Where: Stockman's Rest
- 66.** Be drawn to the Painting and Drawing Competition display.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 67.** Learn about the birds and the bees, butterflies and bugs (4B) and, specifically, how to attract them in the 4B Garden.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct
- 68.** Move in tune with Music on the Move.
Where: Gregory Terrace
- 69.** See Ekka's most stylish men and women compete in the Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club.
Where: Main Arena
- 70.** See produce of all shapes and sizes on display in the Youth in Agriculture Competition.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 71.** Sample some of Queensland's delicious produce in the Queensland Government Precinct, with their display 'where does our food and fibre come from?'
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 72.** Witness the spectacle of two hovercrafts sailing into the Main Arena during EkkaNITES.
Where: Main Arena
- 73.** Jaws will drop as Australia's only Human Cannonball is fired from the mouth of the giant cannon and soar across the arena.
Where: Main Arena
- 74.** Travel back to the 1980s for the Natural Fibres Make and Model's take on this fashion era.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 75.** Don't be spooked by the entries displayed in the Halloween-Style Pumpkin cake decorating class, new to this year's Ekka!
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 76.** Let Ekka's Stand-up Comedy Gala presented by Black & White Cabs give you some serious belly laughs.
Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill
- 77.** Take part in the age old battle between two Australian icons - Ford and Holden – during the V8 Ute Challenge presented by the Trackskill Movie Stunt Drivers.
Where: Main Arena
- 78.** See wearable jewellery creations, comics, murals and more by Queensland students at the Education on Show display.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 79.** Learn about the different products made from sugarcane at 'Sugarcane - one plant, many products'.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 80.** Focus on the visually stunning Photography Competition entries.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion

- 81.** Take an immersive tour of Australian beef and lamb production through the Australian Good Meat Paddock to Plate virtual reality experience.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 82.** Riotous fun will abound when jockeys sporting rollerblades “ride” miniature ponies around the Main Arena.
Where: Main Arena
- 83.** Marvel at the magnificent masterpieces entered in the Sculpture Competition.
Where: Channel 7 Pavilion
- 84.** Snap a family photo in front of the two metre high EKKA letters.
Where: Gourmet Plaza
- 85.** See aspiring designers showcase their latest creations in the Natural Fibres Make & Model and Wearable Art Competition.
Where: Main Stage
- 86.** Flock to the Large Animal Pavilion to see the Sheep Competition.
- 87.** Learn some tips for the kitchen at the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage presented by Saveful.
Where: Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion
- 88.** Cheer on your favourite horse and driver in the nightly harness racing.
Where: Main Arena
- 89.** You can't miss the eye-catching Horticultural Competition displays.
Where: Flower and Garden Precinct
- 90.** Have a yarn to the talented Queensland spinners, weavers and fibre artists.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 91.** See your favourite artists from Channel 7's The Voice and Australian Idol perform in real life.
Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage
- 92.** Say hi to your favourite EkkaNITES stars at Meet the Stars Under the Stars.
Where: Main Arena
- 93.** Breath-in and bleat-out at Goat Yoga.
Where: Stockman's Rest
- 94.** See dairy cows parade with their beautiful garlands in the presentation of the entrants in the Flowers for Cows competition.
Where: Stockman's Rest
- 95.** Be mesmerized by the moves of Sydney Bollywood when they sashay onto the Main Stage.
Where: Main Stage
- 96.** Learn about the Greatest Of All Time (GOAT) communities, as nominated by Queensland school students, which will be displayed on life-sized, fiberglass goats.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 97.** See Bluey and her little sister Bingo during their Live Interactive Experience at the Ekka!
Where: Main Stage
- 98.** Meet fruit and vegetable growers and take part in 'did you know' trivia at the Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers stand.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 99.** Learn about water with Urban Utilities by playing Top Drop - a four-hole mini-golf course.
Where: Ag Education Hall
- 100.** Emma Memmat performing on stage on the second last day of Show, that is sure to give kids butterflies!
Where: Main Stage

