

SCHOOL GARDEN SCHEDULE



Ekka

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

AUGUST 10-18

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Welcome from the President



Our competitions are the backbone of the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), bringing the city and country together each year to showcase the best of the best.

In 2023 the 144th Ekka was the most attended Show since 2019, since before the Covid-19 pandemic. Queensland's biggest and most loved event was an incredible success, attracting around 400,000 people.

We were delighted to once again reward and recognise our exhibitors across 54 competition sections. The RNA received over 20,000 competition entries, a 12% increase on 2022, which is also back to pre-pandemic levels.

More than 4,400 exhibitors travelled from across the country for their chance to win a coveted blue ribbon when the Ekka awards and celebrates the best of the best.

The entries included 4,257 prized animals, 1,231 cakes and condiments and 634 works by Queensland students.

Our competitors were able to share in a total prize pool of almost \$680,000 – a 10% increase on last year.

In 2023 we hosted 10 international judges, ensuring exhibits were judged by some of the world's most highly experienced and respected individuals.

In 2024, the nine-day Show will be held from Saturday 10 August to Sunday 18 August, running over two full weekends.

Since 1875, the RNA has been dedicated to championing agriculture and is honoured to stage Queensland's largest event on behalf of the community each year.

We look forward to continuing this wonderful legacy for future generations of exhibitors and patrons to enjoy.

Good luck with your entries and see you at the 2024 Royal Queensland Show.

David Thomas
RNA President



ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

145th ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

SATURDAY 10th – SUNDAY 18th AUGUST 2024

SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION SUPPORTED BY BRUNNINGS

Council Steward

Robin McLay

VEHICLE ACCESS

From Monday the 31st of July all vehicles driving onto the Showgrounds MUST display an RNA Vehicle Access Permit on their dashboard to gain entry. This is NOT a parking permit – it is for exhibit drop-off purposes only.
Please note there will be no exemptions to this rule.

APPLICATIONS TO ENTER Friday 19th July 2024 at 5.00pm

CLOSE ENTRY FEE \$5.00 per entry

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PER CLASS No limit on entries

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY Participation is open to Prep to Year 6 student's

DELIVERY OF EXHIBITS Thursday 8th August 8.00am – 4.00pm.
Each competition entry must be delivered directly to the judging area to the competition coordinator, Mel McGrath.
If exhibit is not delivered before judging time it will not be eligible.

DELIVERY LOCATION Lower Level, Royal International Convention Centre, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills. Additional Delivery details will be provided after entries close

COLLECTION OF EXHIBITS After 6pm Sunday 18th August 2024
Lower Level, Royal International Convention Centre, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills.

JUDGING Friday, 9th August 2024

PRESENTATION Saturday, 10th August 2024 – time to be advised

PLEASE NOTE: All entries not collected on the above dates, will be disposed of.

Please note: Potting mix, seeds and growing trays will be available for collection from the Brisbane Showgrounds. Please email mmcgrath@rna.org.au if you require these products.
Only eligible to entries of the competition

SUPPORTED BY

The RNA wishes to thank the following supporters who have contributed towards prize money, prizes or conduct of the SCHOOL GARDEN competition.



SCHOOL GARDEN REGULATIONS

1. There is no maximum number of entries per school.
2. At least one teacher must be nominated as the main point of contact between the school and the RNA.
3. Exhibits will be delivered and collected from the judging premises at the school's own expense.
4. Entries are open to primary schools in Queensland.
5. All entries need to be made to the size of the black grow tray supplied
6. Exhibit labels will be provided at the time of collection for the supplied equipment.
7. Delivery of exhibits are to be made to the Competition Planner onsite at the Lower level of the Royal International Convention Centre.
Please phone (07) 3253 3921 for assistance.
8. When delivering the entry, you will be required to wear covered shoes and a high visibility vest while onsite.
9. Garden entries cannot be hung or mounted to any buildings or fixtures. All entries must be self-supporting.
10. Scale of points for judging.

Points:

Design links to theme	10
Workmanship	5
Creativity	5
TOTAL	<u>20</u> per judge

HOW TO GROW A MINI FARM

Kit

- Seeds
- Sphagnum Moss
- Tray

What is Sphagnum Moss?
A broad term for the 400 odd types of moss growing in peat bogs, marshes and wetlands

1. Soak sphagnum moss in water. It will swell and soak the water up like a sponge. Make sure all the moss is soaked well and then squeeze out excess water.
2. Fill the tray with the damp sphagnum moss.
3. Spread the seeds on top and place in a warm spot with bright, indirect, natural light.
4. Germination should occur in around 3 – 7 days.
5. Mist daily with water from a spray bottle
6. Move tray into a sunnier spot as plants develop (morning sun for an hour or so is ideal)
7. Continue to mist and monitor moisture. Adding a small amount of diluted seaweed solution or diluted liquid fertilizer to the spray bottle. Once the plants have roots it will give them an added boost.
8. Happy Farming!

SCHOOL GARDEN COMPETITION

The 2024 School Garden competition theme is *Mini Farm*

Background: Farmers have grown and harvested crops since the beginning of time. A successful farm requires a variety of workers and animals.

Aim: A mini farm should be a replica of students' dream farm. It should include, but not limited to, crops, animals, machinery, vehicles, and people.

The Competition: Schools are invited to design and grow a mini farm for display on the Lower level of the Royal International Convention Centre during the 2024 Ekka.

COMPETITION SCOPE

Students are to design and build a mini farm containing the traditional elements of a farm.

Maximum garden size: 30cm (W) x 48cm (L) x 8cm (Deep of soil)
– garden tray to be provided by Garden City Plastics

The plants may be grown from seed, taken as cuttings from an existing garden, or purchased/donated from a nursery. Seeds may be collected from the Brisbane Showgrounds, please see the front page for more information.

The majority of planning, design and construction must be completed by the students. Schools must submit their entry with provided label as well as three facts about the farm.

Be mindful that the entry will be carefully watered over the duration of the show, so ensure that any materials used are water resistant

The following example has been listed to guide schools in creating their own mini farm.

Mini farm examples:

The farm includes - the workers on the farm, the animals of the farm and a healthy crop grown from seeds. The farm has fences and a homestead. The people and animals on the farm can be made from air dry clay and then painted or can be made on a wooden peg, with clothes made out of felt..

Please note: An example mini farm will be posted on the competition website closer to the EKKA.

PREP TO YEAR 3

Class 1 Prep to Year 3

First: \$200, Product; Second: \$100; Third: \$50
\$350 supported by Brunnings

Product prize pack supported by Garden City Plastics

YEAR 4 - 6

Class 2 Year 4 to Year 6

First: \$200, Product; Second: \$100; Third: \$50
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Product prize pack supported by Garden City Plastics

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The attention of Exhibitors is drawn to the fact that all entries that are accepted will be subject to the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland Act 1971, as well as to the By-Laws, General Regulations of the Association and any Competition Specific Regulations which appear in this schedule.

Judging will be performed by a panel of Judges appointed by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland.

No refunds will be made after close of entry. No refunds will be given for entries not presented or not adhering to the schedule regulations.

If COVID-19 recommendations and mandates advised by the Federal and State Governments mean the competition class you entered cannot proceed, the RNA will issue a full refund of your entry fee.

NOTICE TO INTENDING EXHIBITORS

Entries for the Royal Queensland Show can ONLY be made online through our [Exhibitor Portal](#). Entries submitted other than on the online portal will be returned to the Exhibitor and, unless all requirements are submitted online by 5.00pm on the Application to Enter closing date, as shown in the Schedule, they will not be considered.

As a condition for acceptance of all entries, all exhibitors/competitors agree to the following:

- All information submitted as part of my exhibitor profile is true and correct, including taxation status and bank account information.
- Neither myself nor my family members will indulge in any social, professional or other interaction with an official or judge contracted or sub- contracted by the RNA before or during the Royal Queensland Show.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

You can be assured that the privacy of your personal information is of the utmost importance to us. The information provided by you in any application for membership or application to enter is used by the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) to offer member services or to organize and conduct competitions at the Royal Queensland Show. By applying for membership or entering such competitions you consent to provide such details as your name, address and exhibit details. Competition information may be made available to the media and included in RNA publications.

The exhibitor irrevocably consents to the RNA publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars or information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in a printed form or visual image through electronic means and/or on the internet. Your information will not be disclosed without your consent for any other purpose unless required by the law. By providing your email address you are consenting to receive communications from us relating to the Royal Queensland Show. For full privacy details visit <https://www.rna.org.au/privacy-policy.aspx>

PRIZE MONEY

1. Prize Money stated in the Schedule excludes GST.
2. All Prizes and Prize Monies are SUBJECT TO CHANGE at the discretion of the Competition Committee
3. GST will be added to the Prize Money for Exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes.
4. Prize money will be paid into your nominated bank account by 31 October following the Show.
5. The Association will provide a "Recipient Created Tax Invoice" to Exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes
6. All cash prizes and trophies must be claimed within six months from the closing date of the Royal Queensland Show. Prizes not claimed and by that date will be considered to have lapsed, and the amount will become a donation to the Association. (RNA By-Laws)

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. The Brisbane Showgrounds are a designated Workplace within the meaning of the Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011 and exhibitors/competitors are required to ensure that they and all persons under their direction or control, including their contractors or sub-contractors, comply with all requirements of the Act and the RNA holds each exhibitor responsible to discharge its obligations to provide and maintain a safe place and system of work during occupation by the exhibitor of any area of the Showgrounds.
2. Each exhibitor/competitor will assess the risk to themselves, staff, volunteers, family, other exhibitors, RNA staff, show visitors, children and any person foreseeably affected by the presentation of their exhibit.
3. Risks identified by exhibitors/competitors will be eliminated or controlled by the exhibitor/competitor and particular attention will be paid to ensuring public safety and safety of other exhibitors/competitors.
4. Exhibits will only be held and handled by competent persons whose experience is known to the exhibitor/competitor.
5. A "No Smoking Policy" will be strictly adhered to and policed by exhibitors/competitors and all are advised that the use of Primus stoves, any heating or lighting appliances of a like character, or any naked light, is strictly prohibited in the pavilions.
6. Any exhibitors/competitors intending to bring electrical equipment to the Showgrounds will be required to ensure that such equipment is fitted with residual current protection and that all electrical leads, tools and appliances have been inspected by a licensed electrical contractor and currently tagged. The use of double adaptors is prohibited, and all power boards must also be tested and tagged.
7. All exhibitors/competitors will comply with the requirements of the Act and its Regulations and Standards in every other respect. This is essential for the safety of all exhibitors/competitors and the general public. The Act imposes very severe penalties in the event of noncompliance with its provisions. Anyone who do not comply will not be allowed to exhibit at the Royal Queensland Show.
8. The Brisbane Showgrounds is subject to a Special Facility License issued under the Liquor Act 1992 and strict laws related to the consumption and possession of liquor across the Brisbane Showgrounds site. The consumption or possession of liquor outside of the licensed bar areas is not authorized by the RNA and in many cases may be an offence for which on the spot fines can be issued by Police and Liquor Licensing Investigators.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

132. It there is any inconsistency between By-laws 133 - 153 and any other By-laws of the Association, By-laws 133 - 153 will prevail.
133. The functions of the Disciplinary Committee shall be to hear and determine all complaints, allegations and other matters relating to:
- prohibited substances, as defined in these By-laws or Sectional Regulations.
 - any alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Association by an exhibitor and relating to an exhibit or to a competition, except if the alleged breach is of a kind that the Chairman of a Sectional Committee considers is of a less serious nature and should properly be dealt with by the Sectional Committee, and
 - any other alleged breach of the Rules, By-Laws and Regulations of the Association that may be referred to Disciplinary Committee pursuant to By-Law 137 (a).
147. The Disciplinary Committee may announce its decision orally or in writing. A decision that is announced orally shall have effect in accordance with its terms.
148. If the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee is not unanimous, the decision of the majority shall prevail. If the Disciplinary Committee are equally divided on any question concerning the guilt or innocence of a person, the question shall be resolved in that person's favour.
149. If the Disciplinary Committee considers that there has been a breach of the rules, By-laws or regulations of the Association, it may impose such a penalty as it considers to be appropriate, including without limitation:
- a reprimand.
 - a monetary fine (payable at such time/s as the Disciplinary Committee may determine)
 - withdrawal or withholding of any award or ribbon.
 - disqualification in respect of any class.
 - expulsion from the Showground.
 - where the person concerned is a member, a suspension or termination of that membership.
 - a ban.
 - exclusion.
 - prohibiting a Person from exhibiting or competing at the current Show or at any future Show.
 - a direction that an Exhibit be removed from the Showground.
 - any other mandatory requirement; and
 - any other penalty provided for in other regulations of the Association.
150. There shall be no appeal from any decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

INSURANCE

161. The RNA may (but is not obliged to) take out a policy of insurance in respect of the legal liability on the part of an Exhibitor for loss or damage suffered by a third party caused by any act or omission of an Exhibit or the Exhibitor.
162. The RNA, RNA Staff Members and Officials of the RNA are not liable to any Exhibitor if the RNA fails to take out a policy of insurance effectively protecting any Exhibitor or Exhibit, or if any such policy does not operate to indemnify the Exhibitor in respect of the loss or damage in question.

REGULATIONS & BY-LAWS

All Entries and Exhibitors are subject to RNA Regulations and By-Laws set out in this schedule as well as other By-Laws that may pertain to this competition.

The RNA always reserves the right at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason to:

- substitute a Judge when necessary.
- re-allocate Judging days for a particular breed.
- if entries numbers require an extra Judge, appoint an additional Judge if necessary.

Full copies of the RNA By-Laws may be obtained upon application to the Competitions Department.

If you are unsure of any of the rules stated in this schedule or your eligibility to enter the competition, please contact the entries department at entries@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

The RNA's ABN is 41 417 513 726