

# OUR COMPETITIONS

## A

### *Apiculture*

#### **AG EDUCATION HALL**

The Ag Education Hall will be abuzz with the Apiculture Competition entries on display over the nine days of Ekka. The competition attracting bee-autiful honey, pollen, comb honey, beeswax and mead entries from across the country, with all entries scrutinised on their aroma, colour, flavour, density, clearness and brightness, and finish.

Schools or beekeepers under 18 years of age can put their beehives to the test with the Junior Beekeeper Liquid Honey class. The competition is a great way to teach children about bees and keep the industry buzzing by getting the next generation involved. Judging of the Apiculture Competition takes place in the lead-up to Show on Saturday 3 August in the Royal International Convention Centre at 10am.

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### *Arts and Cookery*

#### **COMPETITION DISPLAYS: CHANNEL 7 PAVILION (LEVEL ONE)**

#### **LIVE COOKERY JUDGING: WOOLWORTHS FRESH FOOD PAVILION**

- Cake Decorating
- Cookery
- Creative Art and Craft
- Natural Fibres Make & Model
- Painting and Drawing
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Wearable Art

The popular Arts and Cookery competitions have this year over 5,000 entries across eight sections (listed above). Queensland's Best Dark Rich Fruit Cake will be judged live on the Royal Queensland Cooking stage presented by Saveful in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion on 13 August at 3pm. The judges will be comparing the top three fruit cakes entered into the Ekka against the top three winners from Queensland Ag Shows to see who takes home the \$500 prize money and coveted title as baker of Queensland's Best Dark Rich Fruit Cake. This is the first time both competitions will feed into the one major competition, in the ultimate battle of City vs Country.

Bakers of chocolate caramel slice and raspberry coconut slice will get a



'slice' of the action with these new categories added to the 2024 Royal Queensland Show competition. There is a spook-tacular opportunity to get creative with Halloween-Style Pumpkin being the 2024 Cake Decorating Theme. Also new to the schedule is a new Buttercream class in the Cake Decorating Competition.

This year the flavours of the Sunshine State will be bottled up with ABC Radio Brisbane's Queensland in a Jar class. The competition will focus on finding the state's best preserve – be it relish, chutney or jam, just as long as the main ingredient is grown in Queensland. The classes will be judged at the ABC Broadcast Tent, located on the Ground Floor of the Royal International Convention Centre on Monday 12 August at 1.30pm. There will be prizes for first, second and third in the ABC Listeners' Choice and similarly for Class 3 which is open to ABC staff who will be submitting their jam in a jar entry.

The Natural Fibres Make & Model competition will be heading back to the 80s for the Senior School Class. Expect to see shoulder pads, bubble skirts and jumpsuits on display as entrants repurpose materials to make an outfit representing the fashion of the 1980s. Meanwhile the Queensland Ag Shows Adult Recycle and Re-Create class will be taking on a Goth theme in 2024.

The sky is the limit for the Wearable Art Competition, with the 2024 theme being Your Imagination. In the Natural Fibres Make & Model and Wearable Art Competition, aspiring designers of all ages will showcase their latest creations which will be paraded on the Main Stage on Saturday 12 August at 3.30pm.

This year in the Creative Art and Craft Competition, the Teddy Bears will now be joined by Furry Friends, with the category expanding to creations of both. Additional changes in 2024 include ceramics and pottery will be combined in the one competition and China Painting being rebranded as Porcelain Art.

A record number of entries in Cake Decorating, Cookery, Creative Art and Craft, Painting and Drawing, Photography and Sculpture will be on display in the Channel 7 Pavilion from 9am to 7pm over the nine days of Show. In the Natural Fibres Make & Model and Wearable Art competitions, aspiring designers of all ages will showcase their latest creations. There are new 1970s fashion era and steampunk themes, plus the Adults in Wool class showcasing items made from 100 per cent wool fabrics.

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## *Australian Young Farmer Challenge presented by Dairy Farmers*

### **MAIN ARENA**

An initiative of the RNA Future Directions Committee, the Australian Young Farmer Challenge is a relay-style event comprised of eight team challenges incorporating everyday farm life. Teams of four (aged between 18 and 35) will battle it out on the Main Arena on Sunday 11 August from 4.30pm, rolling giant hay bales, constructing cattle cages, rolling up swags, treating pretend snake bites and more.

## **B**

### *Beef Cattle*

#### **MAIN ARENA AND SILVERDALE SALEYARDS**

- Stud Beef
- Led Steer
- Prime Beef

More than 1,200 head of beef cattle will be paraded, judged and displayed at the Show across the stud beef and led steer sections. The Stud Beef Competition is the largest showing of stud beef in the southern hemisphere. The prime beef section is being held at Silverdale Saleyards on Thursday 8 August. The Ekka's Premier Beef Presentation (led steer and prime beef awards) will be held on Saturday 10 August in the Channel 7 Pavilion at 8am. For more beef cattle judging highlights please go to page 23.

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### *Bush Poetry*

#### **STOCKMAN'S REST AND VIRTUALLY**

Aspiring and experienced bush poets will showcase their favourite ballads, be it established or original poetry – just as long as the theme is about Australia, Australians or the Australian way of life. Once again, there is a class based on the theme of caravanning. School students also enter the competition, with bush poetry a great way for English students to develop their poetry and performing skills. The poets will perform for the judges at Stockman's Rest on the morning of Sunday 11 August. For those who can't make it in person, there are also two virtual classes (open and 18 years and under) where poets submit a recording of themselves. Judging of the virtual competition takes place on Wednesday 17 July.

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## **C**

### *Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub*

#### **SUSHI HUB DOG PAVILION AND STOCKMAN'S REST**

Tails will be wagging in the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion as some 2,200 dogs participate in the 2024 Canine Competition. Over the nine days of Show around 180 breeds will be showcased before six international judges in one of the Ekka's largest and most popular competitions. The Canine Scent Work Trials presented by Mitsubishi, where canines take on the role of a working detection dog to sniff out different odours, returns in 2024 and will be held at Stockman's Rest on Wednesday 14 August at 10am. Other exciting competitions held at Stockman's Rest include obedience (Saturday 10 August at 10am) and agility and jumping (Monday 12 August at 10am), with the dogs weaving through obstacles and jumping to great heights. You also won't want to miss the puppy judging, followed by the

crowning of the Best in Show Champion on Saturday 17 August at Expo Place. The final day of judging will include crowd favourites the Rally, Dances with Dogs and Trick Dog Test on Sunday 18 August from 10am.

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## *Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub*

### **SUSHI HUB CAT PRECINCT**

Adorable Shorthair kittens will kick off proceedings for this year's Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub, with UK and Canadian judges casting an expert eye over the fabulous felines from Saturday 10 to Wednesday 14 August. This year a total of 25 breeds of cats will be taking up residence in the Sushi Hub Cat Precinct (Building 8, Alexandria Park) for judging followed by the Cat Breed Showcase from Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 August. The Breed Showcase will feature informative, educational and interactive displays for visitors with breed talks at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm. The highlight of the showcase will be the popular 'Pat a Cat or Kitten' sessions, for visitors to get up close and personal with the purr-fectly preened felines. Be it long haired or short, folded ears or straight, there will be many meow-nificent cats and kittens participating in this year's competition, which will culminate in the Best in Show presentations on Wednesday 14 August. The competition will be rounded out on Sunday 18 August with judging of the kitten and desexed felines.

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# D

## *Dairy Cattle*

### **LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (LEVEL 1) AND MAIN ARENA**

The best of the best in Australian diary cattle will judged and displayed at the Ekka, with the six breeds including Ayrshire, Guernsey, Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Brown Swiss. The exhibitors will be vying for a slice of the \$32,000 in prize money for this year's Dairy Cattle competition. Dairy cattle will this year be displayed on Level 1 of Large Animal Pavilion, with judging taking place on the Main Arena. The cattle are judged on the quality of their milk and appearance. Highlights include the crowning of the Supreme Dairy Cow on Friday 16 August from 2.30pm, and the All Breeds Youth Show on Wednesday 14 August at 2.30pm encouraging the next generation of exhibitors. For more judging highlights head to page 20.

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## Dairy Goats

### LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (LEVEL 1)

One of the largest annual gatherings of dairy goats in Queensland occurs at the Ekka. Eight breeds are displayed – Anglo-Nubian, Australian Melaan/Australian Brown, British Alpine, Lamancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Saanen and Toggenburg. Each breed has its own special characteristics and personality traits. Judging takes place across two days on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 August. All goats are judged on their physical attributes and their ability to produce top quality dairy products. Highlights include the crowning of the Supreme Champion Dairy Doe of Show (Saturday 17 August), and the cute Junior Handlers Competition (Friday 16 August at 11am) which educates and encourages young goat breeders, attendants and assistants.

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## E

## Education on Show

### CHANNEL 7 PAVILION

The theme for this year's Education on Show competition is 'Our Farmers – Our Future', taking students on a journey through the heart of our food systems to highlight and celebrate the vital role farmers play in shaping our future. Through this competition, Queensland students from Prep to Grade 6 will explore the intricate balance between traditional farming practices and cutting-edge innovations that sustainably drive our agricultural landscape forward. The competition classes cover a wide range of curriculum related skills and activities including poetry, brochures, recipes, comics/cartoons, murals and more – all aimed at fostering a deep appreciation for the dedicated individuals who toil the land to feed communities around the globe. Judging takes place in the lead-up to Ekka on Wednesday 31 July, with Champion School of Show will be awarded to the primary school that gains the highest aggregate points across 15 classes of competition. The entries are displayed in the Channel 7 Pavilion for the nine days of show.

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## Ekka Creative Clips

### THROUGHOUT THE GROUNDS

Aspiring film students from Grades 5-12 have the chance to enhance and refine their production and editing skills in the Ekka Creative Clips Competition. During their Ekka school excursion, students will create, produce and edit an advertisement-style short film about the Show. Judging will take place after the Ekka, with the winners announced on Monday 9 September. Students will have the opportunity for their creation to be showcased to some 200,000 followers on Ekka's social media platforms.

## F

## Farriers and Blacksmiths

### STOCKMAN'S REST

The largest farriers and blacksmiths competition in the southern hemisphere is held at the Ekka. More than 380 entries have been received this year with numbers boosted by the inclusion of a new speed forging class. The competition, which is held at Stockman's Rest from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 August, will see professionals go head-to-head – designing and shaping metal into shoes over hot flames. The competition features everything from novice and open blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses.

## Fish

### AG EDUCATION HALL

The Fish Competition (formerly known as Pisciculture) features a diverse variety of breeds including common goldfish, cichlids, exotic tropical and freshwater fish, as well as crustaceans, amphibians and even aquatic plants. Judging will take place on Thursday 8 August from 2pm, with the entries then displayed in the Ag Education Hall over the nine days of Show. There is also a Nano Tank competition class, where exhibitors design and construct their entry live at the Show. Judging takes place on Saturday 10 August at 3pm.

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## Fleece Breeds

### CHANNEL 7 PAVILION, LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (SECOND FLOOR) AND WOOLWORTHS FRESH FOOD PAVILION

- Prime Lambs supported by Carey Bros. Abattoir
- Sheep
- Wool

The weight, fineness, consistency of length and colour, lustre and feel of fleece will be under heavy scrutiny when judges assess Wool at this year's show. Both animals and/or their fleece are judged in the fleece breeds competitions. Wool will be judged in the Ag Education Hall on Thursday 8 August at 1pm, with Ekka guests able to view the prize-winning natural fibres on display over the nine days of Show. Meanwhile the Sheep Competition will see the animals judged and paraded in the Large Animal Pavilion from Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 August. Highlights include the school competition classes on Friday 16 August at 8am and Champion of Champions judging on Saturday 17 August at 11.30am. In the Prime Lambs Competition, judging will take place on Thursday 8 August at Carey Bros Abattoir, with the awards presentation and carcass auction to be held on Saturday 10 August in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion from 11am. The award-winning carcasses will be on display in the pavilion on Saturday 10 August.

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## Flower and Garden

### FLOWER & GARDEN PRECINCT

- Floristry
- Horticultural Display
- Little Sprouts supported by Brunnings
- School Garden Competition supported by Brunnings
- School Scarecrow Competition supported by Brunnings

The Floristry competition has stepped up a notch this year with an additional \$1250 in prize money, contributing to the total of \$3050 up for grabs. Two classes where entrants can vie for part of the increased prize pool include Flowers for Cows, where exhibitors are to make a floral garland to adorn a cow, and the Flower Beard competition. Flowers for Cows entries will be constructed live onstage from 12pm to 1pm on Tuesday 13 August, after which they will remain on display through to Sunday 18 August. ABC's Gardening Australia presenter Costa Georgiadis and Julia Rose from Flowers by Julia Rose will host the Flower Beards competition live onstage with entrants to complete their design within 60 minutes before the bearded models display their arrangement in the Main Arena's Grand Parade at 1.30pm.

Exhibitors for the other Floristry classes are called to channel their inner fashionista with this year's theme of 'Australian Bush Catwalk Fashion Show', requiring exhibitors to enter arrangements for to be placed on the catwalk or table arrangements for the opening of the fashion show. In addition, the Mystery Box Challenge returns with competitors to construct

their arrangements live onstage in under 60 minutes on Saturday 10 August at 1pm.

The Horticultural Display exhibits will also brighten up the precinct, with stunning entries by community groups, clubs and associations. Meanwhile, an awards presentation for the school competitions will take place on Saturday 10 August at 11.30am. The fun Little Sprouts Competition will see Prep to Year 1 students grow an Ekka-pillar, while the School Garden Competition will see students from Prep to Year 6 design their own mini-farm, complete with pretend crops and animals.

Kindergarten and primary school students entering the School Scarecrow Competition will this year seek inspiration from Banjo Patterson and his iconic Jolly Swagman from Waltzing Matilda. The winner will be announced on Saturday 10 August. The champion scarecrow will then assume official scarecrow duties in the grounds of Government House for up to three months.

The Little Sprouts Competition supported by Brunnings challenges students to create a grass caterpillar which is completely biodegradable. Students can also participate in the School Garden Competition supported by Brunnings, by designing and growing a mini farm for display during the Ekka. The winners for these competitions will be announced on Saturday 10 August.

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# H

## Horses

### MAIN ARENA

- Horse
- Showjumping
- Thoroughbred and Standardbred
- Fashions on the Field presented by Brisbane Racing Club

The prize pool for showjumping has increased to an incredible \$75,000. Thanks to presenting partner Queensland Off-The-Track (QOTT) Program, there will be \$50,000 on offer for showjumpers who can clear 1.2m, with \$25,000 allocated for entrants who clear the junior jump height of 1.05m, with both categories paying down to 30th place. To be staged in the Main Arena, these events will be exclusively held for retired racehorses as part of QOTT's Program to promote life after racing opportunities for retired racehorses.

Meanwhile more than 15 breeds of horses from small Shetland Ponies to huge Clydesdales will be showcased over seven days of judging (Monday 12 to Sunday 18 August) in the Horse Competition. The children's competition classes of Child's Show Pony Galloway & Hack and Child's Show Hunter Galloway & Hack are back after their successful introduction in 2023. Four of the classes have been updated this year, with participation open to all riders.

Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day will be held on Monday 12 August. It's a race day style event where the two versatile racing breeds will compete for the sought-after Champion of their Breed Title. The Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club is also held on this day, with entrants wearing their most stylish formal spring season race wear. There are plenty of prizes to be won for best dressed and best headwear along with a new category in 2024 for Emerging Designers (more information on page 61). For more horse competition judging highlights head to page 22.

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# P

## Paddock to Palate

- RNA Paddock to Palate Competition presented by JBS Australia
- Wagyu Challenge presented by JBS Australia

This year, the prestigious supply chain competition Paddock to Palate offered almost \$55,000 in prize money. Held in Toowoomba on 18 June, the competition attracted 798 head of cattle – up from 756 head in 2023. The 100-day Paddock to Palate Competition winners exclusively go to the JBS Royal 100 Brand and the 70-day winning cattle form part of the JBS Queensland brand. In addition, beef producers in the competition collect valuable data to benchmark their cattle and boost their business.

Now in its 27th year, the RNA's Paddock to Palate Competition presented by JBS Australia now moves into the second phase which is carcass judging. Competition classes 37, 38 and 40 are three phased comprising best aggregate weight gain, carcass and MSA eating quality, while the Wagyu Challenge is four phased finishing in a beef taste off judged by some of Queensland's top chefs. The exhibitors who poll the highest aggregate scores across all phases of the four classes will be awarded the

overall prizes at the Paddock to Palate and Beef Industry Dinner presented by JBS Australia at the Brisbane Showgrounds on Thursday 8 August.

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## Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs

### LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (GROUND FLOOR)

A variety of exquisite birds from parrots and racing pigeons to turkey and geese will be on display in the Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs Competition. This year's feature breed, Brahma and Cochon, are regarded as the King of all Poultry, with their fluffy feet and incredible size, measuring some 10cm taller than your average chicken. The Muscovy Duck, considered one of the prettiest of the breeds, will be the feature breed for this category in 2024.

Judging will take place on 9 August at 8.30am, with the awards presentation held on Saturday 10 August at 10am in the Large Animal Pavilion. Younger competitors will also prove they're no chicken when competing in the egg judging with classes for Primary (Prep to Grade 6) and Senior (Grades 7-12). The school classes have proved to be a great way to teach students about Australia's egg industry.

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## Produce - Youth in Agriculture

### AG EDUCATION HALL

Produce of all shapes and sizes will be on display in the Ag Education Hall over the nine days of Show. In the Youth in Agriculture Competition, schools will create large produce displays featuring everything from fruit and vegetables to grasses and grains. The schools will construct their displays from Friday 9 August, with the awards presentation to be held on Saturday 10 August at 9am. The prized produce will be sold to Ekka visitors at dirt cheap prices on the last day of Show (Sunday 18 August) from 3pm.

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# Q

## Quilts Across Queensland presented by Pillow Talk

### CHANNEL 7 PAVILION

The Quilts Across Queensland Competition has been running for more than two decades, with the stunning quilts on display in the Channel 7 Pavilion over the nine days of Show. Judging takes place on Sunday 28 July from 9am. A must-see is the Pictorial Art Quilt representing or depicting a person, place or object, which features some incredible artistic creations from lifelike lorikeets to replicas of world-famous paintings. The award winners will include the titles of Best of Show, Best Use of Colour, Hangers' Choice Award and the crowd favourite, the Viewer's Choice Award.

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# R

## Raising Hy-line Hens

### LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (GROUND FLOOR)

This year more than 20 school groups will showcase their Mother Goose skills in the Raising Hy-Line Hens competition. Students from as far as Nanango collected their hens in March this year and will present them at the Royal Queensland Show, to demonstrate their skills at raising these robust, brown feathered chickens. 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 in the Large Animal Pavilion on Saturday 17 August at 10am.

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# S

## Sheepdog Trials

### MAIN ARENA (L8)

This year marks 125 years since the first Sheepdog Trial was held at the Royal Queensland Show in 1899. Just as sheepdogs have maintained their crucial role on properties, so to has this Ekka competition, which sees dogs judged on their cast, approach, bridging, obstacle and general work.

This year seven dogs will demonstrate to the judges their close working relationship between them and their trusted best friends in the Main Arena on Sunday 11 August from 10am, with the finals taking place from 12pm.

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# W

## Woodchop and Sawing

### WOODCHOP ARENA PRESENTED BY AAM

#### AAM WOODCHOP ARENA

Australian titles will be up for grabs at the iconic Woodchop and Sawing Competition presented by AAM. Competitors will be vying for eight national titles including the in the 325mm Standing Block (4pm August 16), 350mm Underhand (3.40pm on August 15), 325mm Tree Felling (2pm on August 14), and Women's 275mm Underhand (4.15pm on August 11), and Jack and Jill 375mm Double Handed Sawing (3.25pm on August 10).

Attracting crowds for more than a century, the Woodchop and Sawing Competition will take place across eight days of Show (10-17 August), this year with a prize pool worth more than \$145,000.

Catch the next generation of woodchoppers in action with the Under 13's Invitational 250mm Underhand Final competition at 3pm on Sunday 11 August. Axemen and women of all ages compete at the Ekka – some are even fourth generation, seeking the coveted titles of Champion Axeman of Show, Junior Champion Axeman of Show, Most Successful Competitor, Most Successful Lady Competitor, Councillor's Best and Fairest, Champion

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# Y

## Young Judges

### SEVERAL LOCATIONS AROUND GROUNDS

Young Judges presented by Aussie Helpers gives aspiring show judges the chance to showcase their talents in live judging. There are 20 judging sections including beef cattle, cake decorating and photography. The Young Judges Competition is open to people aged 25 years and under, with a Junior Class for under 15 year-olds and a Senior Class for 15 to 25 year-olds. The judging will happen at the Ekka across several days. Judging highlights include:

- Stud beef – Thursday 8 August at 8am on the Main Arena
- Cake decorating – Tuesday 13 August at 9am in the Channel 7 Pavilion
- Dairy cattle – Wednesday 14 August at 8.30am in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)
- Dairy goats – Friday 16 August at 10am in the Large Animal Pavilion (Level 1)

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## New this year:

- Arts and Cookery (Cookery): Live judging of the winner of Queensland's Best Dark Rich Fruit Cake
- Arts and Cookery (Cake Decorating): New buttercream class
- Arts and Cookery (Cake Decorating): 2024 theme is Halloween-style pumpkin
- Arts and Cookery (Cookery): New ABC Radio Brisbane Queensland in a Jar, plus new classes for chocolate caramel slice and raspberry coconut slice
- Arts & Cookery (Natural Fibres Make & Model): New themes are 1980s fashion era and goth.
- Creative Art and Craft Competition: Teddy Bears now Teddy Bears and Furry Friends, and China Painting rebranded as Porcelain Art.
- Education on Show: new theme - 'Our Farmers – Our Future'
- Farriers and Blacksmiths: New speed forging class.
- Fleece Breeds (Sheep): 2024 feature breed Suffolk Sheep
- Flower and Garden (Floristry): additional \$1250 in prize money
- Flower and Garden (Floristry): 2024 theme is Australian Bush Catwalk Fashion Show
- Flower and Garden (School Scarecrow Competition): 2024 theme is Waltzing Matilda
- Flower and Garden (Floristry): Dairy Flower Crowns now Dairy Flower Garland
- Horses (Fashions on the Field): New Emerging Designer category
- Horses (Showjumping): Queensland Off-The-Track Program Showcase prize money increased from \$50,000 to \$75,000

- Horse competitions: Gender-based classes have been updated.
  - #192 was Gentlemen riding a gelding; now Rider on Gelding.
  - #193 was Ladies riding a mare; now Mare Riding.
  - #200 was gentlemen riding/hack; now Rider on horse.
  - #201 was Ladies riding/hack mare; now rider/hack mare.
- Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs: Feature breeds Brahma and Cochin (chicken) and Muscovy (duck)
- Wearable Art Competition is now its own competition, separate to Natural Fibres Make & Model with the 2024 theme being Your Imagination.

## Judges and Stewards

The Ekka's judges and stewards play an important role in the success of the competitions. More than 800 judges and stewards will this year be involved across the 48 competition sections. The time and effort they give allows the Ekka to run world-class competitions that recognise and reward hard-working exhibitors.

