# FOOD & BEVERAGE



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### Around the Grounds

#### **NEW - HOTTWIST**

#### WHERE: ALEXANDRA ST

Edible currency will be a thing at this year's Ekka with the HotTwist stand serving up Korean Cheese Coin Cakes. The mouthwatering treat takes it's name from the South Korean 10-won coin, which it closely resembles but you can sink your teeth into this melted cheesy treat.

#### **NEW - DAIRY KING SOFT SERVE**

#### WHERE: MACHINERY HILL

It's ice cream with a twist at Dairy King Soft Serve with this new Ekka vendor plating up decadent Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches, Ice Cream Burgers and giant soft serves which will be served at the Dairy King outlet at Kid's Carnival.

#### THEY'RE BACK - MADDIX

#### WHERE: GREGORY TERRACE AND MACHINERY HILL

Crowd favourite the twisted potato will be on the receiving end of some Aussie seasoning. Maddix will be serving up the deep-fried, spiral-shaped potatoes on a stick but instead of regular salt – there will be apple pie, cheezel and vegemite chicken flavours.

#### XXXX STOCKMAN'S BAR AND GRILL

There will be steaks aplenty along with fellow pub fare of burgers (both beef and vegetarian), parmigianas and battered snapper at the XXXX Stockman's Bar and Grill, where you can either sit down to enjoy a hearty meal or sample some snacks while watching the entertainment on stage.



#### **DAGWOOD DOGS**

You know it's show time when you see golden Dagwood Dogs dipped in tomato sauce at vendors across the grounds. Grab yours at King Dagwood and various other vendors around the grounds for an authentic Ekka experience. Take the time to chow down on this show favourite,

preferably while sitting back and watching entertainment on the Main Area.

#### STRAWBERRY SUNDAES

There are two good reasons behind the fact that more than 130,000 iconic Strawberry Sundaes are consumed during Ekka each year.

Firstly, it is because the Ekka Strawberry Sundaes are irresistible with their cone accommodating five delicious layers including smooth vanilla ice cream, fresh Queensland strawberries, a large scoop of strawberry ice cream, and swirls of fresh cream topped off with a whole ripe strawberry.

The second reason is because these humble sundaes raise pivotal funds for The Common Good to aid life-changing medical research and are served to you with the help of generous volunteers.

So be sure to treat your taste buds and your sense of goodwill to one of these sweet strawberry treats found at several locations around grounds.

# NUGG SHACK + TWISTED POTATO WHERE: GREGORY TERRACE

This one stop shop serves up all the golden fried favourites including the popular Nugg

Shack's famous Nugget Armageddon – two kilos of nuggets served with chunky fries, bacon, cheese sauce and spring onions. Also on the menu are crunchy twisted potatoes on a stick and delicious Dagwood Dogs. You will find these fried gems nestled in between the top of King Street and the James Squire Plaza Bar.

# NEW - DAIRY KING SOFT SERVE WHERE: MACHINERY HILL

It's ice cream with a twist at Dairy King Soft Serve with this new Ekka vendor plating up decadent Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches, Ice Cream Burgers and giant soft serves with almost three times the ice cream in a normal soft serve!

#### **NEW - ROYAL BAKEHOUSE**

#### WHERE: CHANNEL 7 PAVILION FOYER

Dainty sandwiches and delicious cakes will be on offer at the new Royal Bakehouse. There will even be a chance to sample scones made with the recipe from an Ekka blue-ribbon recipient in the Cookery Competition.



## Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

#### **NEW - COCOART**

Sample Instagram-worthy coconut-inspired menu items ranging from beautiful freshly canned drinks to incredibly artistic yet delicious coconut puddings in coconut bowls.

CocoArt started in late 2023 and quickly established a following for their use of the most natural raw materials and ingredients, as well as their ability to turn a dessert served in a coconut into a work of art.

#### **NEW - BELLY BAO**

East meets west when Belly Bao serves up their cheeseburger spring rolls. Traditional favourite on the outside but filled with a meat patty and cheese.

#### **NEW - FRUITY POPPIN**

Fruity Poppin will be sticking it to all your favourite foods, including healthy ones, at this year's Ekka. This new Ekka vendor will be serving glazed fruit, marshmallows and nuggets on a stick, so you can wander and enjoy the Show sights, while getting your fruity, sweet or savoury fix.





#### THEY'RE BACK - TOASTIE BOY

Doing Ekka on a budget doesn't mean you have to forsake the good stuff. Thanks to Toastie Boys you can enjoy a super tasty golden cheese toastie for \$3.50. You better brie-lieve it – Toastie Boy is bringing back their humble

## Gourmet Plaza

#### THEY'RE BACK - BOOM BURGER

The Gold Coast business returns for their second Ekka, this time with even more decadent options including the Donut Burger (meat patty, bacon and cheese between two Krispy Kremes) and Burger Cone – a waffle cone topped with bacon, meat patty and melted cheese.

The previously earned notoriety for their \$55 Mega Boom Burger with pulled pork, onion rings, slaw, three buns, cheese, beef, pickles and topped with fried chicken, and served with fries.

#### **NEW - NOODLE PIMP**

At Noodle Pimp you can have your humble noodle box pimped with wonton nachos or skewers of dumplings.

#### **ANGELOS**

Brisbane institution Angelo's Fresh Pasta, which has been serving pasta lovers since 1968, is behind this food venue serving up a mega-sized meatball sub – big enough to feed the family! Try the Mega Meatball Submarine which is served on a French-stick sized sub.

Meatball lovers rejoice as this hearty food option also gets served up on pasta, in lasagne or on a stick as part of their Meatball Express with a drink for only \$7.50.

#### I LOVE PASTA BY BIANCO PASTA

For great Italian food, you can't go pasta the gnocchi, rigatoni, spaghetti and more at I Love Pasta.

Bianco have proved themselves as true maestros of Italian cuisine, having won two gold, two silver and four bronze at the Sydney Royal Show in 2023. Be sure to try a serving of the Italian staple from their giant pasta wheel!

#### THEY'RE BACK - GREEK STREET

Sneak a peek at the Greek offerings at Greek Street which returns to the Ekka. Not only do they serve delicious souvlaki, snack packs and hot chips, but their range also includes several vegetarian and vegan options.

#### THEY'RE BACK - AMIGOS MEXICAN

How much can you taco? Plenty with \$5 tacos at Amigos Mexican! The bargain bite comes on a tortilla with options of ground beef, pulled pork or beans and salsa (vegetarian), along with cheese and sauce. Alternatively try their burritos, burrito bowls, nachos or loaded fries for your Mexican food fix.

#### THEY'RE BACK - ROYAL QUEENSLAND AWARDS TASTES

Royal Queensland Awards Taste is once again serving up award-winning beef and lamb from the prestigious Royal Queensland Awards (RQA). The exceptional venue has been upsized, accommodating twice as many diners wishing to sample the State's best.

Even better, these blue ribbon bites don't have to hurt the hip pocket with 100g rib fillets for \$8.50, lamb cutlets at \$7.50 or wagyu beef sausage from Kilcoy Global Foods for \$6.50, or sample all three award-winners with the \$20.50 tasting plate.

#### THEY'RE BACK - JOEY'S CHARRED CHARCOAL HOUSE

You better bring your appetite to dine at Joey's Charred Charcoal House, with humongous, charred-to-perfection 1.6kg tomahawk steaks to sink your teeth into.

#### THEY'RE BACK - CHARRED PLAZA

Award-winning beef and lamb sourced directly from the Royal Queensland Awards, which crowns the nation's best, returns in sizzling form at Charred.

The mouth-watering menu includes award-winning slow roasted lamb served on a milk bun with minted yoghurt, a 12-hour smoked beef brisket baguette, using gold medal winning beef, combo meals and don't forget the golden fries as the perfect side.

# Gregory Terrace

#### **NEW - EKKA TUCK SHOP**

The RNA is also launching a new discount food outlet - the Ekka Tuck Shop, which features a menu of hot food items all priced at \$5 and under.

The introduction of the new Ekka Tuck Shop provides more value with not a single food item over \$5, making for an easy and affordable way to feed the family as you walk around enjoying the Show.

Dine on dim sims for as little as \$2, potato scallops for \$3 or pay that little bit extra for potato gems, a chiko roll, spring roll or crumbed cheese and bacon sausage, which are all priced at \$5.

#### **NEW - FROZEN COKE**

#### **WHERE: GREGORY TERRACE**

To celebrate 20 years of supporting Ekka, Coca Cola have released limited edition keep cups to purchase from the Frozen Coke stands.

The first 1000 people to buy a Frozen Coca-Cola or Frozen Fanta Raspberry on the nine days of Show will receive an Ekka reusable cup featuring Farmyard Friends Milo the Sheepdog, Daisy the Dairy Cow, Havden the Horse and Barbara the Sheep.



#### THEY'RE BACK - SMOKEHOUSE

Watch on as the chefs smoke these meats to perfection before your eyes at this low n' slow dining experience at Ekka. On offer are delicious smoked briskets, using award-winning beef from Kilcoy Global Foods, southern inspired burgers, golden fried chicken, creamy slaws and sides, all cooked with the soul of the south. Dig in, y'all

# King Street

#### **NEW - TWO FAT INDIANS**

It is a match made in heaven when Indian cuisine meets deep-fried deliciousness at Two Fat Indians. At this year's Ekka they will be serving up butter chicken loaded fries – sure to tantalise the taste buds!

#### **THEY'RE BACK - WINGHAUS**

Winghaus – located in the iconic Royal Snack Bar building – is a wingpacked, sauce-smacked, sports bar fuelled diner that specialises in all things chicken wings and boasts 40 taps.

#### THEY'RE BACK - KUHL-CHER COFFEE

Kuhl-Cher are the pick me up specialists, serving premium coffee with beans freshly roasted onsite. The smell will be enough tantalise your

senses, while you warm up with a good brew. They also have a range of menu items available from delicious pastries to tasty salads.

#### **NEW - 3BROS KOREAN BISTRO**

This new dining spot invites you to taste the flavours of authentic Korean street food at Ekka. 3Bros offers a diverse selection of popular Korean street food dishes, including their specialty - fried tofu kimbab, alongside various beverage options.

#### **THEY'RE BACK - CLAW**

Get ready to don your bib and dig into a menu inspired by the humble crustation - all made fresh to order.

Find this California-inspired crab shack in the heart of Ekka on King Street.

The menu features enormous hauls of fresh shellfish and other seafood options, along with crowd pleasers such as the Texas smoked beef brisket, Carolina pulled pork and buffalo chicken wings, CLAW is the ultimate crab shack and sports bar.

#### **NEW - XIN CHAO**

For banh mi buffs, Xin Chao will be serving this up on foot-long baguettes. These traditional Vietnamese rolls will fill out the length of an entire French baguette with fresh fillings to tantalise the taste buds.

