

August 13, 2023

## Fillies and frocks to be front of mind at Ekka!

Talented thoroughbreds and the finest fashion outfits will take centre stage tomorrow at Ekka for Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day.

By this evening, (Sunday) more than 45,000 people are expected to have flocked through the Ekka gates, signalling a perfect opening weekend for the Show.

Day Two delivered more amazing weather, competition judging in dogs, cats and woodchop; fabulous food and produce, educational learning, retail shopping, rides and showbags. Plus, exciting one-off events like the Strongman, Young Farmer Challenge and Sheepdog Trials and the very best in entertainment.

Tomorrow is a public holiday for regional Queensland so they too can have a day off to come visit and enjoy the People's Show.

Here's what's in store tomorrow – Day 3 – at Queensland's most-loved event:

### **DAY 3: MONDAY 14 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **MEDIA DOORSTOP:**

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

#### **JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- From 8am – Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day in the Main Arena
- From 9am – Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Shorthair Cats at the Sushi Hub Cat Pavilion
- From 9am – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Hounds at the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 10am – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Agility & Jumping Judging at Stockman's Rest
- From 9.30am – Woodchop & Sawing Competition including Final Class 39 – Jack and Jill 375mm Double Handed Sawing Handicap at 10.45am, and the Open Mens Trans-Tasman International Relay in the Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 3pm – Young Judges Competition supported by the Queensland Government – Horse
- 4pm to 6pm – Showjumping Competition – Judging (Queensland Off-The-Track Program Showcase) in the Main Arena

## **SADDLE UP**

**When: From 8.am**

**Where: Main Arena**

Tomorrow from 8am, the Ekka's anticipated Horse Competition will take over the Main Arena for seven days of judging and events. The competition has attracted almost 2,000 entries across the Horse, Showjumping and Thoroughbred and Standardbred sections. The prestigious Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day will kick-off the week and is 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 tomorrow. Plus the new Queensland Off-The-Track Program Showcase which offers an incredible \$50,000 in prize money and promotes life after racing opportunities for retired racehorses.

## **FASHIONS ON THE FIELD**

**When: 9.30am to 11.30am**

**Where: Main Arena**

Entrants in the Fashions on the Field Competition presented by Brisbane Racing Club will show off their most stylish formal spring season race wear. The competition held on Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day features nine classes, with plenty of prizes to be won. The judges will score the fashion savvy entrants across several racewear criteria, before crowning the winner for each class plus a Grand Champion. The nine classes are: Best Dressed Lady (18-40 years), Best Dressed Lady (40+ years), Best Dressed Gentleman (18+ years), Best Dressed Pair, Best Dressed Junior (15-17 years), Best Millinery / Headwear (unisex), Best Dressed Steward (unisex), Best Dressed Lady Strapper, and Best Dressed Gentleman Strapper.

## **LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT SINGLES MINGLE MONDAY**

**When: 8pm**

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

For those looking to find their sweetheart, the new Singles Mingle event is for you. From cowboys galloping in from the outback to city slickers ready to mingle, all are welcome to see if sparks fly this Ekka. Singles Mingle will be hosted by ex The Bachelorette and Australia's Got Talent contestant Apollo, who will work his magic. There will be speed dating facilitated by Queensland match makers Social Mingle, live country music from Brittany Elise, games, prizes and a whole lotta fun on offer. Don't miss your chance to meet that special someone.

## **RELEASE THE HOUNDS**

**When: 9am – 5pm**

**Where: Sushi Hub Canine Pavilion**

Beagles, Miniature Dachshunds, Irish Wolfhounds, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Whippets are just some of the top dogs that will be on show as the Hounds take the ring in the Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub.

## **JUMP AND ROLL**

**When: from 10am**

**Where: Stockman's Rest**

Agility and jumping will take place on Monday, with the dogs weaving through obstacles and jumping to great heights.

## **A PATCH ABOVE - QUILTERS OF 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 over the nine days of Show. 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.

## **EKKA EDUCATION ON STAGE**

**When: 11am, 12pm and 1pm**

**Where: Ekka Education Stage presented by Podsquad**

Health and Wellbeing Queensland's mission is to help Queenslanders improve their health and wellbeing futures, especially kids, which is why they are proudly presenting the Podsquad Live show. Join the Podsquad mascots to learn about nutrition, how to become more physically active and improve sleep habits in a fun, interactive way. The show is based on Podsquad - a new, free, play-based wellbeing program supporting children and families to build healthy habits together and make learning fun!

## **QUEENSLAND CABINET AT EKKA**

In a time-honoured tradition, Queensland Cabinet will meet at the Ekka tomorrow. Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk will hold a press conference following the meeting.

### **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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