

August 10, 2024

Smiles all round as Ekka gates open with a bang!

Opening day of the 2024 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) was a showstopper and by night's end more than 40,000 visitors will have come through the gates.

From watching the inaugural opening day parade as the gates opened and the crowning of the best stud beef in the nation, to seeing Queensland's best arm wrestlers compete, day one of Ekka delivered a host of highlights as tens of thousands of people enjoyed blue skies and super fun times

Fabulous fashion, awesome animals and thrilling entertainment await Ekka visitors tomorrow, as the Show gets into the swing of things for its first full weekend.

DAY 2: SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIA DOORSTOP

When: 11am with RNA President David Thomas

Where: Heritage Hill, Brisbane Showgrounds (J-12)

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.30pm – 6pm – Horse Competition - Judging – Clydesdales and Riders with Disabilities in the Main Arena
- 11am – 12.30pm – Young Judges Competition supported by Aussie Helpers - Poultry Judging
- From 9am – Bush Poetry at Stockman's Rest
- 8.30am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Hounds Group Judging and Greyhound Sweepstakes at the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- 9.30am – 5pm – Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub - Longhair Kittens & Companions Judging at the Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
- From 10am – Sheep Dog Trials in the Main Arena

MARVEL AT THE MUSCLE POWER

When: 10am – 4pm

Where: XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

Watch as some of Australia's top strong men and women take on five gruelling events in the 2024 Australian Strongman Alliance Invitational competition. These super athletes will compete in the Axel Overhead Anyhow, 10kg Sandbag Strongman Cornhole, Truck Tyre Deadlift, Farmers Walk and Atlas Stones.

FIND YOUR ZEN AT GOAT YOGA

When: At 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm.1.30pm and 2.30pm

Where: Stockman's Rest

These cuties will nibble, nuzzle and bleat at Ekka goers striking a yoga pose, leaving them with a smile and some great selfies! Instead of perfectly posing in spiritual silence, the sessions by Karmably Goat Yoga will guide people to compassionately observe the chaotic beauty provided by the baby and flow with the moment.

TRUSTY SHEEP DOGS PUT TO THE TEST

When: Heats from 10am with the finals taking place from 12pm.

Where: Main Arena

The Sheep Dog Trials will see the close working relationship between the entrants and their trusted best friends put to the test. The competition was first held at the Ekka in 1899, with the dogs judged on cast, approach, bridging, obstacle and general work. Eight dogs will compete on the Main Arena on Sunday.

A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK

When: 9am – 6pm.

Where: Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM

The iconic Woodchop and Sawing Competition has been held at the Ekka for more than a century. Axemen and women of all ages compete in this popular competition. Sunday highlights include the Jill and Jill 375mm Double Handed Sawing Handicap at 12.45pm, Under 13's invitational 250mm Underhand final at 1.15pm, and the 275mm Australian Women's Underhand Championship at 4.15pm.

SEE THEM WAX LYRICAL

When: From 9am.

Where: Stockman's Rest

Passionate bush poets from the aspiring to the experienced will recite their favourite established poem or original ballad about Australia, Australians or the Australian way of life in the Bush Poetry Competition.

TOP CATS ON SHOW

When: From 9am.

Where: Sushi Hub Cat Precinct

Preened to purr-fection, more than 50 breeds of cats will be showcased at Ekka, from long haired Persians to short haired Siamese, and also the cutest kittens. On Sunday enjoy watching the judging of the Longhair Kittens and Companions.

QUEENSLAND RURAL AMBASSADOR AWARDS

When: 2.30pm

Where: Multicultural Plaza Music Stage

Eleven agricultural show winning Rural Ambassadors with a strong commitment to the rural industries will compete for the title of Queensland Rural Ambassador State Winner. State finalists will be announced on Sunday.

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: The 2024 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/

And download the Ekka App from Google Play or the App Store.

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