

ANIMAL ADVENTURES

Animal Nursery

WHEN: 9AM-5PM DAILY

WHERE: (Q-12)

One of the Ekka's most popular attractions will host more than 550 adorable animals, with everything from the larger furry friends such as llamas, alpacas, donkeys, calves, sheep, goats and a miniature horse; to the cute and cuddly piglets, kids, lambs, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs and rabbits. Highlights at the Animal Nursery this year include Highland Cows with their shaggy coats and long horns and goat mountain featuring a variety of these hooved highlights of the Show. The Animal Nursery experience is the perfect opportunity for visitors to get up close and interact with these farmyard cuties that are rarely seen in the city.

We ask Ekka showgoers to note this attraction is very popular and the queue will close at 4.30pm to ensure no one misses out on a cuddle before the animals' bedtime.

Cradle-a-Chick

WHEN: 9.30AM TO 4PM

WHERE: LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (GND FLOOR) (G-6)

Cradle-a-Chick is an activity worth chirping about. Visitors can cradle the tiny chicks in the palm of their hand and even watch on as they hatch from their shells in a special incubator. All members of the family will enjoy watching the antics of the chicks, while learning how to care for them.

Norco Milking Barn

WHEN: 9:30AM, 11AM, 12:30PM, 2:30PM, 4PM DAILY

WHERE: LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (GROUND FLOOR) (F-5)

Calling all junior farmers-to-be and dairy lovers to learn about all things dairy at the Norco Milking Barn. Join us for several milking demonstrations in the Norco Milking Barn throughout the day where Norco's dairy experts will take you through the milking process and you'll get the opportunity to learn how to make cream and butter. You can even try your hand at milking one of the beautiful dairy cows!

Norco Grass to Glass Experience

WHEN: 9AM TO 5PM DAILY

WHERE: LARGE ANIMAL PAVILION (GROUND FLOOR) (F-5)

Escape the city and join us on a journey from the grass enjoyed by Norco's dairy cows through to their award-winning milk that goes into your cup of tea or cereal.

The immersive Norco Grass to Glass Experience provides a taste of life on the dairy farm, as well as the process of taking milk from the farm to

the factory and then onto the fridge shelf at your local supermarket. Your journey ends at the Norco shop where you can try your luck at the Norco Cape Byron Knock Down Game to win a small bottle of Norco Full Cream Milk.

On the journey you will also learn about the history of Norco itself, which began in 1895, when a group of 40 farmers gathered under a tree at Clunes, near Byron Bay, to discuss how they could come together to secure a better and more profitable future for the dairy farmers. Together they founded Australia's largest and oldest dairy co-operative - Norco.

Sheep Shearing

WHEN: 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 2:30PM AND 4PM DAILY

WHERE: SUSHI HUB CAT PAVILION (N-11)

Sheep shearer Jonathan and roustabout Mikayla will showcase their skills in the shearing shed this year at Ekka 2024.

Jonathan will be showcasing the skills of shearing with machine shears as well as with the traditional blade shears. Mikayla will demonstrate her talent for throwing the fleece, along with her vast knowledge of wool. Together, they will teach Ekka visitors the process of shearing, grading wool and about the different products wool can be made into.

You may even be lucky enough to be picked to give the shearer a hand at shearing the sheep!





Horsing Around Show presented by Queensland Off-The-Track

WHEN: 11AM, 12PM, 2PM AND 3PM DAILY

WHERE: SHOW RING (P-5)

The Horsing Around Show presented by Queensland Off-The-Track will see acclaimed horse trainer Dave Manchon proudly showcase the Queensland Off-The-Track program. Dave will be joined by some well-known retired racehorses, as he talks about his training methods and how they can apply to these off the track stars. This educational show will demonstrate what is possible with some of these equine super athletes once they slow down.

Sheepdog Demonstration

WHEN: 1.15PM AUGUST 13-18 AND 6PM AUGUST 10-18

WHERE: MAIN ARENA (MAP REF)

Watch as Kelly the clever canine demonstrates her mustering prowess. Kelly will take 20 sheep through their paces around the Main Arena, as well as separating individual sheep upon command from handlers Jonathan and Mikayla. This demonstration will go next level as the sun goes down, with the sheep donning coloured LED vests and the dogs an eye-catching LED collar to add to the excitement and spectacle.

The sheep industry uses coats for sheep to keep them warm after they have been shorn during the colder months of the year. They are also used in high quality wool production to keep any dirt out of the wool so as to not damage it whilst growing on the sheep. On this occasion, the vests will collectively be fitted with more than 3000 LED lights to add to the mustering spectacle.

Goat Yoga

WHEN: 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 12:30PM, 1:30PM & 2:30PM AUGUST 11

WHERE: STOCKMAN'S REST (MAP REF)

'Breath-in, bleat-out!' Enjoy the vibrant energy from baby goats while embodying the peaceful art of meditation. 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 goats - embrace the present madness and flow with the moment.

Precision Reptiles - Reptile Show

WHEN: OCCURRING EVERY HALF HOUR FROM 9:30AM-4:45PM DAILY

WHERE: KING STREET (MAP REF)

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