

ROYAL QUEENSLAND COOKING STAGE

Join us for fun and informative cooking demonstrations from some of the best in the business as talented chefs and passionate producers cook with Queensland's finest ingredients at the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage.

Returning to the stage with enticing recipes and demonstrations are Queensland Beekeepers Association, Sushi Hub, Grove Juice, Gotzinger, Moondarra Cheese, and the Department of Primary Industries.

New in 2026 will be talks and tastings with Royal Queensland Beer Award winners 27 South Brewing and Madocke Beer, plus team members from the Queensland Reds, the Dolphins and the Brisbane Bullets will drop in to discuss the importance of nutrition and food preparation when active.

Enjoy hearing from Gardening Australia's Costa Georgiadis who will discuss his top tips for growing fruit and vegetables at home, Chef Matt Golinski who will create dishes featuring Queensland Farmed Prawns, and the Ekka Prime Lambs Competition team will host their Awards Presentation and live auction on Saturday 8 August from 11am.

What	When
27 South Brewing	Daily at 4pm
Madocke Beer Brewing	Sunday 9, Monday 10, Tuesday 11, Thursday 13 & Friday 14 August at 1pm
Ian Skippen	Tuesday 11 August at 3pm
Costa Georgiadis	Thursday 13 August at 11am
Queensland Beekeepers Association	Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 August at 1pm, Saturday 15 August at 2pm, Sunday 16 August at 12pm
Sushi Hub	Saturday 8 August at 3pm, Sunday 9 August at 12pm & 2pm
Gotzinger	Monday 10 August at 12pm, Tuesday 11 August at 2pm Saturday 15 August at 1pm
Grove Juice	Saturday 8 August at 2pm, Sunday 9 August at 3pm, Wednesday 12 August at 3pm
Matt Golinski, Chef - supported by the Department of Primary Industries	Wednesday 12 August at 11am & 1pm
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Moondarra Cheese	Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12, Friday 14 and Saturday 15 August at 12pm
Blind Boy Brewing	Wednesday 12 August & Friday 14 August at 2:00pm
Queensland Reds	Sunday 16 August at 1pm
The Dolphins NRL	Sunday 16 August at 2pm
Brisbane Bullets	Sunday 16 August at 3pm

Kitchen Comperes

Chef Dominique Rizzo

Dominique Rizzo is one of Queensland's leading chefs, food stylists, presenters and recipe writers. She aims to inspire people to cook with fresh, seasonal and local produce. Through her innovative recipes and a healthy attitude, Dominique's mission is to improve general wellbeing and build confidence in the kitchen. She believes that everyone can cook and hopes to inspire creative cooking which brings vitality onto people's plates.

Donna Cazzolato

Donna Cazzolato grew up surrounded by food, family and the legacy of Angelo's Fresh Pasta - Brisbane's beloved pasta institution founded by her parents, Angelo and Val. After returning to the family business over 17 years ago, Donna has embraced every role, driven by the same passion her father instilled in her. She also ran sold-out pasta-making classes for nearly a decade, sharing her love for authentic Italian cooking. Today, Donna continues the legacy alongside her siblings, proudly crafting quality pasta using only the finest ingredients.

