

EKKA ESSENTIALS

Accessibility

The Ekka is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming experience for all visitors, ensuring everyone can enjoy Queensland's most iconic event.

A range of services and facilities are available across the Brisbane Showgrounds to support accessibility, comfort, and ease of movement throughout the Show, including:

1. Step-free access at Exhibition Station, including ramps, lifts, and hearing loop technology.
2. Scooter, wheelchair, and stroller hire available daily from 9am to 5pm, located beneath the John MacDonald Stand.
3. Accessible restroom facilities located throughout the Showgrounds, including additional portable amenities.
4. Ramps providing easy access between roads, footpaths, and pavilion entrances. Lifts are also available on each level of the 7NEWS Community Pavilion and the Large Animal Pavilion.
5. Dedicated accessibility drop-off and pick-up zones for vehicles and taxis on Costin Street.
6. Two wheelchair-accessible viewing areas in the Main Arena.
7. Designated disability parking spaces available in the King Street Car Park.
8. Entry permitted for certified guide dogs, hearing dogs, and assistance animals.
9. Accessible pathways and wayfinding signage to assist visitors navigating the grounds.

Visitors are encouraged to visit the Ekka website or Information Booths during the Show for the latest accessibility information and support services.

Sustainability

The Ekka continues to build on its commitment to sustainability through the RNA's long-term Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Strategy, which guides initiatives aimed at reducing environmental impact and creating a more sustainable future.

Key sustainability initiatives across the Brisbane Showgrounds include:



Generating energy through 1,000 solar panels installed on the roof of the Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC).



Maintaining Green Globe Certification for the Royal ICC.

OZHARVEST

Partnering with OzHarvest to rescue surplus food from RNA-operated outlets.



Recycling woodchop timber into firewood and mulch.



Repurposing animal bedding into mulch.



Making the switch to energy-efficient LED lighting across the Showgrounds.



Free water refill stations to encourage the use of reusable drink bottles.



Implementing waste reduction and recycling programs throughout the precinct.

Through these initiatives, the RNA is working to ensure the Ekka remains a vibrant, responsible, and sustainable event for generations to come.

Facilities

- ATM facilities are located around the Showgrounds.
- EFTPOS facilities are available near most ticket entry gates.
- Toilets are in most buildings around the Showgrounds.
- Locker facilities are primarily located under the John MacDonald Stand but can also be found at several other locations around the Showgrounds.
- Drinking tap water is located at several sites around the Showgrounds.

Guest Wi-Fi

The RNA will provide Wi-Fi to keep Ekka guests connected during their visit to the Show. Guests can access the Wi-Fi at five key locations around grounds – on the Plaza, in Expo Place, Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion and Animal Nursery, at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill and in the Members Bar.

Mobile phone charging

A secure mobile phone charging station can be found near the locker facilities under the John MacDonald Stand

Information booths

Four information booths will be conveniently located:

- **At the Gate 1 entrance on Gregory Terrace**
- **In the Kids Carnival area near Sushi Hub Cat Pavilion (Building 8)**
- **Near the Woodchop Arena presented by AAM Investment Group in B105 Sideshow Alley**
- **In the 7NEWS Community Pavilion (ground floor)**

Lost children

Lost Children is located at the Gregory Terrace Police Station, which is open from 9am to 8.30pm. As part of the Keep Kids Safe program, parents are encouraged to collect a free wrist band as soon as they arrive at the Ekka from every gate, every Ekka Information Booth, Guest services, and the police marquee on Gregory Terrace. They can write their mobile number on their child's wrist band, so if they become separated, they can be reunited ASAP.

Event control centre

The RNA Operations Centre is located at the Gatehouse on Gregory Terrace and houses the Emergency Services, RNA Operations Team, OH&S and Security.

Lost and found

Lost and found is located at Guest Services on the lower level of the 7NEWS Community Pavilion.

First aid

There are three first aid locations which operate between 8am and 11pm daily:

- **Under the John MacDonald Stand**
- **Near the toilet block in Kids Carnival**
- **Near the Large Animal Pavilion**

Parents' rooms

There are three parents' rooms located around the grounds for those with babies and young children.

The Ekka is smoke free

Designated smoking areas will not be available within the Showgrounds precinct, but there will be two designated smoking areas located outside the Showgrounds.

Road closures

With all the excitement plus parades, livestock, entertainment and crowd movements, there will be some delays and road closures in the lead-up to and during Ekka. Gregory Terrace, King Street and O'Connell Terrace will be partially or fully closed from Wednesday 29 July.

OH&S

Media personnel on site are required to follow all applicable OH&S rules and regulations set in place by the RNA, to ensure their own health and safety and the health and safety of others in the workplace.

Membership

Becoming an RNA Member – for an annual fee of \$150 (country adult) or \$165 (city adult) – is one of the best ways to experience the Ekka while supporting the organisation behind Queensland's most iconic event. Members enjoy a range of exclusive benefits, including: unlimited entry to all nine days of Ekka; complimentary 9-Day guest pass; reduced competition entry fees for selected sections and categories; access to the Members' Grandstand and Members' Bar; and free use of member locker facilities. For membership options, pricing, and full member benefits, please click here.

Major Pavilion, Attractions and Bars Opening Hours

- **10am – late:**
XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill
- **9am – late:**
Gourmet Plaza, B105 Sideshow Alley, The Courier-Mail Showbag Pavilion
- **9am – 7pm:**
Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion
- **9am – 6pm:**
Agricultural Education Hall, 7NEWS Community Pavilion, Ekka Emporium, John Reid Pavilion, Kids Carnival, Large Animal Pavilion
- **9am – 5:30pm:**
Sushi Hub Dog and Cat Pavilion, Animal Nursery
- **9am – 5pm:**
Woodchop Arena presented by AAM