

August 14, 2024

## Queenslanders come out to support their beloved People's Day

In a wonderful show of support for the state's biggest event on People's Day, tens of thousands of Queenslanders showed their love for their cherished Ekka despite the rain.

People of all ages turned out to enjoy the Brisbane public holiday and by night's end we expect almost 35,000 to have come through the gates.

Due to the wet weather, the iconic Grand Parade was postponed to this Saturday at 12.30pm.

With great weather and temperatures predicated for the rest of the Show, come on down Queensland and take advantage of Super Saver days for tomorrow and Friday with 20% off tickets.

Here's what's in store for Day 6 tomorrow:

### **DAY 6: THURSDAY 15 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS**

**MEDIA DOORSTOP: 11am with RNA President David Thomas on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.**

#### **JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 10am to 12pm – Sheep Competition – Open Classes Judging in the Large Animal Pavilion
- From 8:30am – Horse Competition – Highlights include Child's Show Hunter Pony, Overheight Riding Ponies, Novice Pony Hacks, and Novice Show Hunter Pony in the Main Arena
- **From 9am – Showjumping Competition (postponed from Wednesday) – Highlights include the Young Riders Jumping Contest in the Main Arena**
- 9am to 5.40pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition – Highlights include Open 350mm Underhand Championship of Australia and Australian Title (3:40-3:50pm) and Teams Invitation Relay (5:30pm) at the Ekka Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- 8.30am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Gundogs Group Judging

#### **THEY'RE GUNNING FOR THE TOP PRIZE**

**When: From 8.30am**

**Where: Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion**

Watch the Gundogs compete to be top dog! Gundogs are a group of dogs classified as 'hunting dogs' and are divided into three primary types – retrievers, flushing dogs and pointing breeds. On show will be Labrador Retrievers, Field Spaniels, Irish Water Spaniels and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers.

## **ONE NIGHT ONLY – DRAG QUEEN BINGO**

**When: 8.30pm – 11pm**

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

This year's Drag Queen Bingo combines fabulous, over-the-top fun with your favourite songs. For one night only, frock up with showgirl Vollie LaVont who will treat Ekka guests to a range of performances, glamorous fashions, and a whole lot of lip-syncing fun. Expect feather boas, high hair, glitter and heels at this one-of-a-kind show, which will see the audience in hysterics. Party on with Vollie and her Queens at a bingo game to remember.

## **IT'S FIRING UP AT THE FARRIERS**

**When: 12pm – 5.30pm**

**Where: Stockmans Rest**

The largest farriers and blacksmiths competition in the southern hemisphere is held at the Ekka and it kicks off tomorrow. More than 380 entries have been received this year with numbers boosted by the inclusion of a new speed forging class. The competition will see professionals go head-to-head – designing and shaping metal into shoes over hot flames. The competition features everything from novice and open blacksmithing to forging and shoeing for horses.

## **KIDS DIG THE DINOSAUR TRAIN**

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

**Where: Main Stage – Channel 7 Pavilion**

For only two more days will kids see the Dinosaur Train show bound onto the main stage at Ekka. The characters from the popular cartoon come alive and take you onboard their journey through the Mesozoic era onboard the Dinosaur Train. Join Buddy the T-Rex and his adoptive Pteranodon family as they deliver fun facts about dinosaurs, play games and host a singalong.

## **FRESH NEW FASHION ON SHOW**

**When: 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm**

**Where: Main Stage – Channel 7 Pavilion**

Staying true to the Ekka's tradition of championing local talent, the Royal Queensland Show's Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Channel 7 has assembled a fresh line-up of 14 Queensland designers - 12 of which are new to the Show. Queensland's longest running fashion parade program – 31 years and counting - showcases the journey from fibre to fashion in a stunning Enchanted Garden-themed runway.

## **ICONIC EKKA EATS, WITH A TWIST**

**Where: Around grounds**

Get your hands on the best of the best show food with delicious Dagwood Dogs, Twisted Chips, Cheese Toasties, Butter Board Sandwiches, iconic Strawberry Sundaes, Fairy Floss and the CWA scones with jam and cream. For those looking for something a little weird and wacky to taste this Ekka, don't miss Boom Burger's Donut Burger, HotTwist's insta famous Korean cheese coin cake, a supersized meatball sub from Angelos or a loaded cookie from Thicc Cookies.

**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/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)

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