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Moo-vellous Dairy Queens take centre stage at Ekka!

The cream of the crop will be on show tomorrow with champions from the dairy ring and the small breeds cattle competition set to be crowned on day 7 of the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) presented by Bank of Queensland (BOQ).

The spotlight will shine on the dairy cattle as they vie for the prestigious Supreme Champion Dairy Cow title, while the small breeds cattle bring plenty of character to the judging line-up.

Showgoers can also make the most of the final Super Saver Day tomorrow, with 20% off tickets plus a free child Dreamworld ticket offer for every purchaser of a child Ekka ticket on 14 August.

By night's end around 35,000 people are expected to have passed through the gates at Ekka today.

Here's what 's in store at the 150th Ekka tomorrow:

Day 7: Friday 14 August – HIGHLIGHTS

MEDIA DOORSTOP – 11.15am tomorrow

RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou will be available on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 8am – Sheep Competition – School Class, Judging Ring, level 2, Large Animal Pavilion
- From 8am – Farriers and Blacksmiths Competition – Including Junior and Senior Novice Eagle Eye, Intermediate and Open Eagle Eye, Judges Choice classes, Mustad Australia Wade Graham Memorial Three-Man Draught team event and 50 years and over Deep Seated Bar Shoe, Stockman's Rest
- From 8.30am – Horse Judging – Including Champion and Reserve Champion ANSA Gelding, Champion and Reserve Champion Pony Hack and Child's Pony Hack, Main Arena
- From 8.30am – Dog Competition presented by Sushi Hub – Gundogs Judging – including Golden Retrievers, Labradors, Irish Setter and Pointers, in Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion
- From 9am – Dairy Cattle Competition presented by Aussie Helpers - All-Breed Junior, Intermediate Udder and Intermediate Dairy Classes, Senior Dairy Cow Classes and Senior Interbreed Classes, Main Arena

- From 9am – Cat Competition presented by Sushi Hub – PAT-A-CAT All-Breed Showcase supported by Plush Puppy – Sushi Hub Cat Precinct
- From 9.30am – Showjumping Competition – Young Rider Jump Off Competition and Over Two Rounds, Main Arena
- From 9.30am – Woodchop and Sawing – Open 325mm Standing Block Championship of Australia (3.45pm) and Open 300mm Underhand Hard-Hitting Championship of Australia (4.45pm), Woodchop Arena presented by AAM
- From 1.30pm – Small Breeds Stud Beef Judging, Main Arena (Ring 1)

CELEBRATING DAIRY EXCELLENCE
When: From 9am, Main Arena

On Friday, dairy cattle will take centre stage in the Main Arena when members of Queensland's dairy industry gather for judging from 9am, plus the presentation of the prestigious title of Supreme Dairy Cow of Show from 3pm. Dairy cattle have been exhibited at the Ekka for more than a century and this year's Dairy Cattle Competition presented by Aussie Helpers is one of the largest in Australia with 258 entries. The cream of Queensland's dairy industry will be showcased across the following breeds – Illawarra, Jersey, Holstein and Combined.

GOAT FOR GOLD – UDDER EXCELLENCE ON DISPLAY
When: From 9am, Level 1, Large Animal Pavilion

One of Queensland's largest annual gatherings of dairy goats returns to the Ekka, with judging now taking place across Friday and Saturday. Eight popular breeds including Anglo-Nubian, British Alpine, Nigerian Dwarf, Saanen, and Toggenburg will be joined by entries in a 'All Other Breeds' class with judging focusing on physical characteristics and milk production potential. Highlights include the RNA Young Judges from 9am and the Junior Handlers Competition at 11am on Friday.

HOLLYWOOD HOUNDS WITH HEIDI MACKAY
WHEN: 12pm & 1pm daily, Show Ring

Enjoy a paws-itively wonderful show with Heidi Mackay – the Aussie animal trainer behind some of the country's most talented four-legged stars! With more than 30 years of experience, Heidi and her incredible dogs bring the magic of film and TV straight to the Ekka. Watch in amazement as these clever canines showcase their remarkable talents and light up the arena with plenty of flair.

BUSINESS IN THE FRONT, PARTY IN THE BACK – MULLETFEST HITS EKKA
WHEN: 1pm to 3pm, XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

Ekka's inaugural Mulletfest competition supported by Farm Angels, will see competitors from across the country battle it out for mullet glory in a high-energy showcase of style, confidence, and personality. Competitors will take to the stage across multiple categories including Everyday, Grubby, Ranga, Vintage, Extreme, International and Junior divisions — all judged on haircut, overall presentation, and stage presence.

FLANNO FOR A FARMER – HELP BREAK A WORLD RECORD – BY FARM ANGELS
WHEN: 3pm, XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

After the action of Mulletfest, Ekka crowds are invited to pull on their flannelette shirts and be part of a world record attempt for the most flannels in one place — all in support of Farm Angels.

This fun and heartwarming initiative celebrates the Aussie spirit while raising awareness for the vital work Farm Angels does supporting farming families in times of hardship. Every flanno counts. So, wear a flanno, support a farmer and help make history!

LITTLE COWS ARE READY TO STEAL THE SHOW
When: From 1.30pm, Main Arena

The big beef cattle have had their turn in the spotlight and now it's time for the Small Breeds Stud Beef Cattle to star. They measure up to just over a metre in stature and will take to the Main Arena tomorrow. The pint-sized breeds to be judged include Highland, Miniature Greys, Miniature Hereford, Dexter, Australian Lowline and Australian Heritage Angus.

HORSING AROUND IN STYLE
When: 5.30pm, Main Arena

The Ekka's horse competitions are an impressive showcase of equestrian excellence, showjumping thrills, breed diversity, and fashionable flair. The Equestrian Fancy Dress is returning this year and the two classes – Individual and Group – will be judged on Friday.

EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 8 – 16, 2026
- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au
- The 2026 Ekka is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

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