

HORSE

The People’s Cup helps celebrate the 150th Ekka

Experience history in the making when the iconic \$1 million Lexus Melbourne Cup joins the spectacular 150th Ekka celebrations at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

A Queensland institution, the Ekka has welcomed more than 35 million people through the gates since the first show 150 years ago.

The Cup’s profound 165-year legacy forms part of the nation’s psyche – celebrated by racing and non-racing fans alike. The race doesn’t just ‘stop the nation’ – its rich history and cultural significance have made it a cornerstone of the Australian identity. It is a source of national pride and a symbol of the great Aussie spirit.

The Melbourne Cup’s journey to the Ekka in this milestone year, commemorates the remarkable history and traditions of both events and their enduring connections within their communities.

To celebrate the arrival of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour at the Ekka, the following special activities are planned:

- On Monday 10 August the showgrounds will come alive for Ekka’s Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off The Track, one of the most glamorous days on the Ekka schedule where the two versatile racing breeds compete for the sought-after Champion of their Breed Title. Ekka visitors will have the opportunity to get up close to the Cup for a photo while on display and it will also feature alongside winning horses from 10.30am and 12pm in the Main Arena.
- On Tuesday 11 August the Melbourne Cup will be on display in Gourmet Plaza from 12pm with a Q&A discussion with Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michael Rodd on the Gourmet Plaza Stage from 12.30pm.
- On People’s Day (Wednesday 12 August), the People’s Cup will enjoy a ceremonial entrance into the Main Arena from 1.30pm and will feature in the Grand Parade.

The RNA is incredibly honoured to welcome the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour to the Royal Queensland Show presented by the Bank of Queensland (BOQ) in 2026, which is 150 years in the making.

Fashions on the Field Competition

WHERE: XXXX Stockmen’s Bar & Grill

WHEN: Monday 10 August from 10am

The Ekka’s most glamorous tradition returns on one of the most prestigious days of the event – Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off The Track – with the highly anticipated Fashions on the Field Competition.

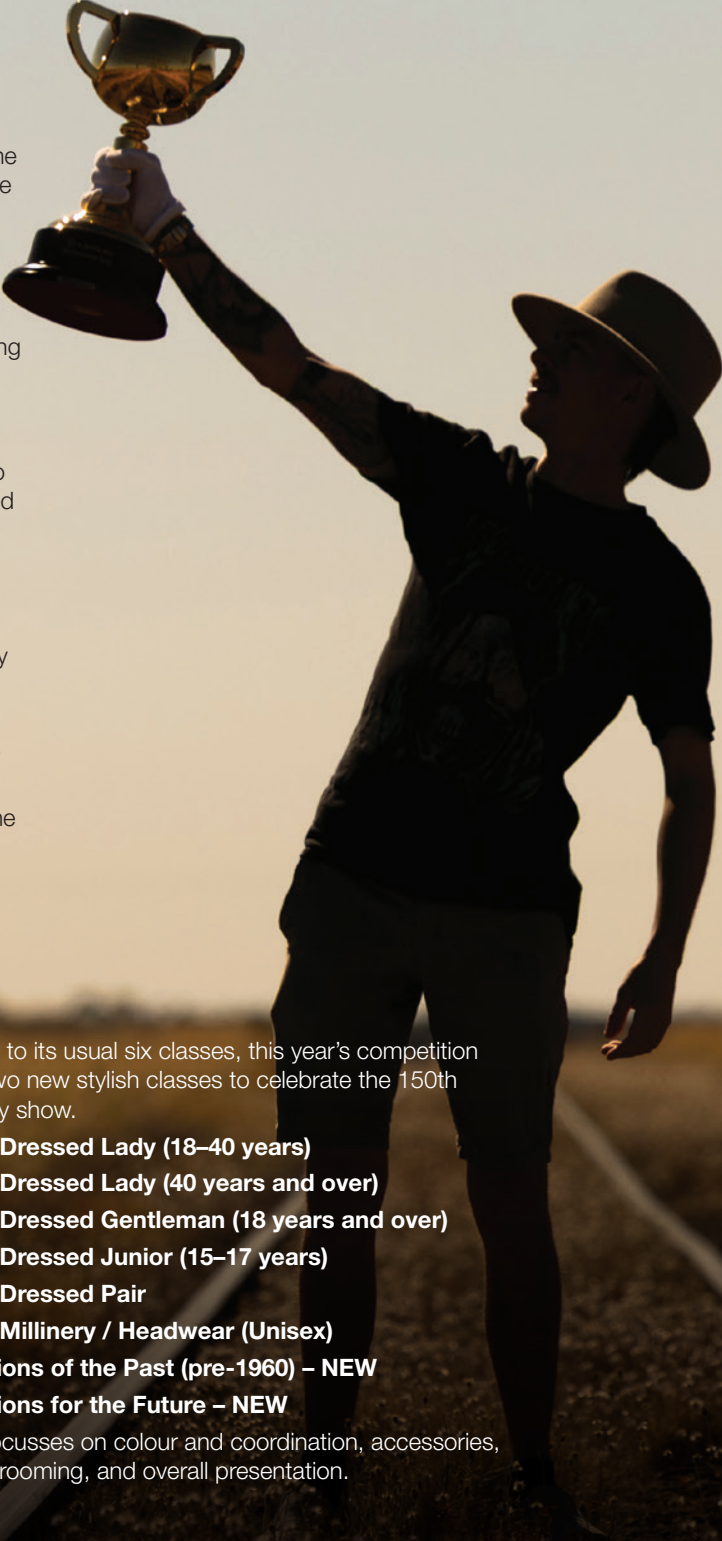
A fashion highlight of the Ekka, this elegant competition sees Queensland’s most stylish entrants take centre stage at XXXX Stockmen’s Bar & Grill, showcasing their interpretation of classic race day glamour.

Taking cues from national and international trends, the competition celebrates personal flair, attention to detail and impeccable styling.

In addition to its usual six classes, this year’s competition features two new stylish classes to celebrate the 150th anniversary show.

- Best Dressed Lady (18–40 years)**
- Best Dressed Lady (40 years and over)**
- Best Dressed Gentleman (18 years and over)**
- Best Dressed Junior (15–17 years)**
- Best Dressed Pair**
- Best Millinery / Headwear (Unisex)**
- Fashions of the Past (pre-1960) – NEW**
- Fashions for the Future – NEW**

Judging focusses on colour and coordination, accessories, millinery, grooming, and overall presentation.



Day	Start	Times	Event	Location	Map
9/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Clydesdale - Working)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
9/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Clydesdales - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
9/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Clydesdales - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
9/8/26	2:00pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Riders with Disabilities)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
9/8/26	2:00pm	to 4:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Open 105cm Queensland Off-The-Track Showcase – Class 724)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	8:30am	to 2:00pm	Thoroughbred and Standardbred Day presented by Queensland Off-The-Track	Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	9:30am	to 11:30am	Fashions on the Field Competition	XXXX Stockmen’s Bar & Grill	O6
10/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Adult Smartest on Parade)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Gentleman Rider Classes)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Lady Rider Classes)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	3:00pm	to 4:30pm	Young Judges Competition presented by the Queensland Government - Horse	Main Arena	L8
10/8/26	4:00pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Open 120cm Queensland Off-The-Track Showcase – Class 723)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Novice Show Hacks)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	8:00am	and at 1:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Open Show Hacks)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Part Bred Welsh Ponies - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Welsh Mountain Ponies - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Welsh Ponies)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	9:00am	to 10:00am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Young Riders Jumping Contest – Class 719)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	11:00am	to 11:45am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 2 Jumping Contest – Class 705)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Novice Show Hunter Galloway)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Open Show Hunter Galloway)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Part Bred Welsh Ponies - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Shetland Ponies - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Shetland Ponies - Ridden)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Welsh Pony Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	1:30pm	to 3:15pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 3 Jumping Contest – Class 708)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	3:30pm	to 4:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 1 Jumping Contest – Class 703)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
11/8/26	4:15pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Junior Accumulator – Class 718)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Ponies - Led)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Saddle Ponies - Led)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Childs Show Hack)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Childs Show Hunter Galloway)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Novice Show Hunter Hack)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Show Galloway Hacks)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	9:00am	to 10:45am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Junior Jumping Contest – Class 715)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	11:00am	to 12:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Young Riders Contest – Class 720)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Pony - Under Saddle)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Saddle Ponies - Under Saddle)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Childs Show Galloway Hack)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Open Show Hunter Hacks)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Riding Ponies - Show Hunter - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8

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12/8/26	3:00pm	to 4:45pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Holiday Prix – Class 702)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
12/8/26	5:00pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition - Judging (Junior Six Bar - Class 717)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Childs Show Pony Hacks)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Novice Show Hunter Pony)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Open Show Hunter Pony Hacks)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Overheight Riding Ponies - Led)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Riding Ponies - Led)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Warmblood Horses - Led)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Warmblood Horses - Under Saddle)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	9:00am	to 10:30am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Junior Jumping Contest – Class 714)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	11:00am	to 12:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 3 Jumping Contest – Class 709)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	12:00pm	to 5:00pm	Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition - Judging	Stockman's Rest	O5
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Child's Show Hunter Hack)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Child's Show Hunter Pony)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Novice Pony Hacks)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Overheight Riding Pony - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Riding Ponies - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Riding Pony Show Hunter - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Working Hunter Hack)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	2:00pm	to 3:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 2 Jumping Contest – Class 706)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
13/8/26	4:00pm	to 5:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 1 Jumping Contest – Class 704)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	8:00am	to 5:00pm	Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition - Judging	Stockman's Rest	O5
14/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (ANSA - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Pony Hacks)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	9:00am	to 10:45am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 3 Jumping Contest – Class 710)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	11:00am	to 12:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Young Riders Jumping Contest – Class 721)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (ANSA - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	1:30pm	to 3:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 2 Jumping Contest – Class 707)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	3:15pm	to 4:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 1 Championship – Class 800)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
14/8/26	5:00pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Young Riders Jumping Contest – Class 722)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	8:00am	to 4:00pm	Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition - Judging	Stockman's Rest	O5
15/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Arabian Derivatives - Led)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Child's Smartest On Parade)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	9:00am	to 11:00am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Junior Jumping Contest – Class 716)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	11:15am	to 12:30pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 2 Championship – Class 801)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Arabian Derivatives - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Stock Horse - Led)	Ring 2 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Junior Rider Classes (Under 12 Years)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	2:00pm	to 3:45pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 3 Jumping Contest – Class 711)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	4:30pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Open Six Bar – Class 713)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
15/8/26	12:45pm	to 1:15pm	Livestock Parade	Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	8:00am	to 4:00pm	Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition - Judging	Stockman's Rest	O5
16/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Australian Stock Horse - Under Saddle)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Child's Smartest On Parade)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8

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16/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Harness - Light Horses and Ponies)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Harness Turnout)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	8:00am	to 12:30pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Junior Rider Classes (12 & Under 17 Years)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	9:00am	to 10:30am	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Junior Championship – Class 803)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	10:45am	to 12:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (Part 3 Championship – Class 802)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Ash Working)	Ring 1 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Harness - Ponies 14 Hands & Under)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	1:30pm	to 6:00pm	Horse Competition - Judging (Whip)	Ring 3 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	2:00pm	to 3:15pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging Young Riders Championship – Class 804)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8
16/8/26	3:30pm	to 6:00pm	Showjumping Competition – Judging (The Colin Meagher Memorial Grand Prix Jumping Contest – Class 701)	Ring 4 - Main Arena	L8

