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CLICK, CLICK...WHAT AN EKKA LEGEND!

EKKA legend Doug Miller was awarded the 2006 RNA Show Legend award at the Royal Queensland Show President's Reception last night.

For almost 50 years, Mr Miller has been delighting generations of EKKA visitors with his slide shows in the photography section.

The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) Show Legend award honours people who have made a significant contribution to the RNA and EKKA over a number of years.

RNA President Dr Vivian Edwards OAM said the award was created to recognise the contributions and efforts of people like Mr Miller, who have helped shape the history of the RNA and the EKKA.

"Doug Miller is certainly a legend here at the Showgrounds. This is his 46th EKKA and I'm sure hundreds of thousands of our Show patrons would have enjoyed his slide shows and remarkable commentary," Dr Edwards said.

"It would be virtually impossible to stage Queensland's biggest and best-loved Show without the involvement and commitment of the many, many people who volunteer their time each year. The EKKA is all about people, and Mr Miller is one of our most appreciated.

"Mr Miller is a man of vision and commitment. He has been a photographer of international standard and judged photography for most of his professional life," said Dr Edwards.

Mr Miller became involved with the RNA in 1960 when he was working for Kodak. He created slide shows of the winning prints and scripted commentary for the shows in his own time.

Thousands of visitors who have seen Mr Miller's slides would recognise his voice, but not his face. Mr Miller commentated from the theatre box as the slides played on a strict schedule each day. He was often seen running around during morning tea and lunch breaks organising the shows.

Mr Miller was appointed to the position of Honorary Council Steward in 1965 and was also a Photography Judge from 1965 until 2005. He also served as a Judge for the District Exhibits and Rural Youth Competitions.

Mr Miller has also encouraged young people to develop their photography skills and a love of photography. In 1978 he introduced the School Photography section which attracted 14 entries. The School Photography competition has over 200 entries this year.

Mr Miller retired last year and his daughter Gloria is now following in his footsteps as the Honourable Council Steward.

The EKKA runs until 19 August at the RNA Showgrounds in Brisbane.

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