

First in First Aid



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VOLUNTEERS FIRST TO AID AT EKKA

St John Ambulance first aid volunteers will ensure that visitors to the Royal Queensland Show have a safe and enjoyable Ekka experience.

Last year St John Ambulance (Qld) members provided reassurance and first aid treatment to over 1,700 casualties and it is likely that similar numbers of casualties will be treated this year. Dehydration, migraines, blisters, cold and flu, scrapes, bruises, minor eye irritations, splinters and nausea were some of the common complaints. Twenty-five people required hospital treatment.

St John Ambulance's uniformed volunteers will provide 24 hour on-site first aid Service for the ten days of Ekka. Fifty volunteers will be on site each day to provide the best in care to Royal Queensland Show patrons, staff, farm hands and show operators. They will operate from 3 locations strategically placed around the grounds. The main post is underneath the John McDonald stand, with the other two posts being located at the entrance of the Number 1 Show Ring adjacent to the main entrance on Gregory Terrace, and near the Number 2 oval adjacent to Side Show Alley.

"This is the biggest duty of the year for St John Ambulance volunteers. It takes months of planning to organise and many members have taken annual leave from their paid careers to be here." said Chief Executive Officer, Mr Errol Carey.

St John Ambulance Australia is a self-funded charity dedicated to helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.

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