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EKKA ICON RECOGNISED AS AN RNA LEGEND

Ekka crowds have been in awe of the mighty chariots since 1958 and charioteer Mr Don Ross was last night recognised as a true Ekka legend when he was awarded the 2009 RNA Show Legend Award.

The prestigious accolade, presented each year at the Royal Queensland Show President's Reception, honours a person who has made a significant contribution to the RNA and Ekka over a number of years.

RNA president Dr Vivian Edwards said the Show Legend Awards paid tribute to people like Mr Ross who had helped shape the success of the Ekka with their years of support and dedication.

"The amount of time and energy Don Ross dedicates to the RNA each year is certainly legendary," Dr Edwards said.

"Cheering of the chariots as they race around the main arena in a mad dash for the finish line has become somewhat of an Ekka tradition," he said.

Mr Ross has been involved in the RNA for over 50 years as a Charioteer, competitor and horse judge, but he first experienced the excitement and wonder of the Ekka in 1942 as an 8-year-old.

Mr Ross and his chariots were involved in Queensland's 100th and 125th birthday anniversaries, but this year he is celebrating Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations as an RNA Show Legend.

Watch Mr Ross and the chariots at 6:45pm every night as they fly around the ENERGEX Community arena in the Ekka IgNITES entertainment programme.

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