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Ekka giant pumpkins set to squash records

The 2016 Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) is calling for entries into the iconic Giant Pumpkin Competition, which judges the true heavyweights of the veggie patch.

The scales will tip as these larger than life pumpkins vie for the top gong in extreme gardening, with entries opening today in Brisbane.

The race is on to find out if Minden farmer, Geoff Frohloff, will take out the coveted blue ribbon for the third year in a row – his entry last year topped the scales at a record 261.5kg.

Entries are open to all green thumbs including farmers, school kids and amateur gardeners.

Horticulture dates back to the first show held in 1876 and the Ekka continues to champion and celebrate agriculture by showcasing and rewarding the best of the best.

The gigantic winners will be on display in the Agricultural Hall during the show from 5-14 August – only 165 days away.

Since 2014, the competition has been held outside of the August Ekka dates to take advantage of premium pumpkin growing season and to give these giant pumpkins the best chance of living a larger than life existence.

If you think your pumpkin can pack on the pounds, put it to the test. Entries open today and you can enter here www.ekka.com.au.

Entries close on April 15 and the judging and the awards ceremony will be held on May 7, 2016 at the Pillow Talk Ipswich store.

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