

August 9, 2016

They may be small but their talent is supersized!

About 55,000 people came out to play today for our official Show holiday where the Grand Parade - and the bull that got away - stole the show.

The fun is just getting started with Ekka Day 7 promising to be a hoot.

Tomorrow you'll find our little champions on show as judging gets underway for Australian Pony Classes and Toy Dogs. Our young judges are also under the spotlight today in the dairy cattle and wool judging classes.

THURSDAY'S THRILLS

Media Doorstop: 11.30am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

Day 7: Thursday 11 August – JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS

- 8am-5pm – Australian Pony Classes – Main Arena
- 9.30am – 5pm – Pony Show Hunter Hack Classes
- 1.30pm – 5pm – Arabian derivative Classes – Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Toy Dogs and Toy Dogs Special – Canine Pavilion
- 3pm – 5pm – Boer Goats – Stock Pavilion
- 8.30am – 12 noon – Young Judges Dairy Cattle – Oval No 2
- 11am – 1pm – Young Judges Wool – RACQ Animal Nursery

TOY DOGS STRUT THEIR STUFF

They may be small enough to fit in a teacup or your handbag, but today is their day to take to the ring and stand proud for their judge giants. You'll find all the action in the Dog Pavilion.

BOER GOATS ON SHOW

The State Boer Goat Show gets underway today with the best display of Boer Goats in one place for you to enjoy. These kids are the cutest. **Location: Stock Pavilion N1.**

THE CWA LADIES – a show staple

It's the feel good resting place, where you can have a cuppa from your own tin teapot and a freshly baked scone with jam and cream. The CWA ladies are expected to serve about 7,000 scones to Ekka visitors over the 10 days of show. It's a show tradition that's well worth a visit.

ARABIAN BEAUTIES

They are majestic and proud and the beauties of the horse competition. Arabian horse classes are judged today in the **Main Arena from 1.30pm – 5pm.**

WOODCHOP

Chop Chop...get yourself to the woodchop arena for more action packed competition. Today we have the open 325mm Standing Block Championship of Australia Final. **When: 3.45am. Location: NCG Woodchop Arena.**

CHEESE LOUISE

How many ways can you eat cheese at the Ekka? There's the Mac and Cheese Bowl, the Cheese Toastie, the Gourmet Cheese Toastie, Cheese on a Stick and Haloumi and Lemon.

FOODIE FAVS

Other emerging Ekka favourites appear to be the massive lamington (Woolies Pavilion) and super cold Iced Tea (Woolies Pavilion) and the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show tasting plates for \$5 with award winning beef, lamb and sausage in the Gourmet Plaza.

OUR SPORTS STARS JUST LOVE THE EKKA

Rugby Union fans are in for a treat with Queensland Reds stars signing autographs and getting photos from 2 - 3pm today. **Location: Coca-Cola Stand in Sideshow Alley (map ref: B-7)**

ALL PAWS ON DECK

Nick Jr.'s PAW Patrol has been taking over the stage for the very first time at Ekka. Heroic puppies Chase and Marshall, led by a tech-savvy 10-year-old boy named Ryder, use their unique blend of problem-solving skills and cool vehicles to work together on highstakes rescue missions. Marshall the fire dog and Chase the police pup keep the kids entertained with their unique personalities and skills.

Ekka Essentials:

- **Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 5 – 14, 2016**
- **Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland**
- **Gates open at 9am**
- **Tickets are available online at www.ekka.com.au**

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2016 Ekka Media Kit is now available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show, to download please visit <https://www.ekka.com.au/media-centre/media-kit>

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