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## Ekka in full swing as 50,000 flock to show

The first Saturday of the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ got off to a cracker start thanks to beautiful weather and plenty for all ages to enjoy.

By night's end about 50,000 people will have made their way through the showgrounds with the Ekka aiming to attract more than 100,000 people through the gates on opening weekend.

Today, the new Governor General of Australia His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) officially opened the show; while the final day of Australia's largest beef competition wound up after six days of judging and the working dogs were put through their paces.

Tomorrow marks the start of the Ekka's prestigious horse competition and the prettiest pussy cats of show will grace the judging ring.

Here's what's in store for Day 3 tomorrow at Queensland's largest event:

### DAY 3: SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS

**MEDIA DOORSTOP:** 11.15am with RNA President David Thomas or Chief Executive Brendan Christou on Heritage Hill overlooking the Main Arena.

### JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 9am – 5pm Horse Judging - Shetland Ponies Led, Shire Horses Led,
- 2pm – 3pm RNA Young Judges – Horse, Main Arena
- From 9am – Cat Judging – Longhair Kittens and Companions
- From 9am – Canine judging – Group 6 Utility, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion
- 9am – 6.30pm Woodchop and Sawing Competition – Woodchop Arena

### WOODCHOP SET TO STAR

Go full 'swing' ahead and make your way to the Woodchop and Sawing Competition in the Iron Jack Woodchop Arena. Tomorrow catch the Father and Son 250mm Combination Relay Handicap – Underhand and Standing (12pm); Womens 275mm Underhand Handicap (2pm) and the Veterans 275mm Underhand Handicap (3pm) events and many more. Displaying precision, power and speed, this competition is an Ekka highlight and one not to be missed.

**WHEN:** 9am – 6.30pm **WHERE:** Iron Jack Woodchop Arena

## SADDLE UP

Tomorrow from 9am, the Ekka's anticipated Horse Competition will take over the Main Arena for seven days of judging and events. The competition has attracted more than 2,000 entries across the hourse section, Showjumping and Thoroughbreds. Tomorrow the biggest horse breeds take centre stage from 1.30pm.

WHEN: 9am – 5.30pm WHERE: Main Arena

## LUSCIOUS LONGHAIRS

Possibly the prettiest animals on show at the Ekka, the longhair cats with their luxurious locks will delight. The longhaired Persian cats, which date back to the 16th century, are the true princesses of the Show and are not to be missed!

When: 9am – 5pm WHERE: Black Hawk Cat Pavilion

## CATCH ANOTHER CASSAR-DALEY

Enjoy the tunes of up and coming country music star Jem Cassar-Daley at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill tomorrow morning. As the daughter of country music legend Troy Cassar-Daley, the 18 year old naturally developed an interest in music from a young age and began learning the piano when she was six. Jem toured with her father this year as his opening solo act and aspires to record and release new music in the near future.

WHEN: 11am WHERE: XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

## LITTLE BACKYARD FARMERS

The kids are flocking to the Ekka's new interactive educational activity Little Backyard Farmers, teaching kids about urban farming. Located in the Old Museum Flower and Garden precinct, there are six hands-on stations where children are taught the importance of future sustainability practices through composting, planting seeds, growing vegetables and nurturing plants. With a basket in hand, children will collect produce at the stations, before sorting the items into compost, recycle or waste tubs.

WHEN: 9am – 5.30pm WHERE: OLD MUSEUM

## CREEK TO COAST

The stars of the much loved Queensland lifestyle TV program Creek to Coast, Scott Hillier and Olivia Degn will celebrate the show's 20th anniversary with a special meet and greet with Ekka fans tomorrow.

WHEN: 11am WHERE: 7 Pavilion, Upper Royal International Convention Centre

## EKKA ESSENTIALS:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 9 – 18, 2019

- Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland
- Gates open at 9am
- Tickets are available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2019 Ekka Media Kit is available to download. It is the most comprehensive information guide to the show – to download please visit [www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/](http://www.ekka.com.au/media/media-kit/)



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