

14 August, 2019

Thanks Queensland... 4 big days to go with seniors set to save!

The Ekka's Grand Parade in its new 4.30pm time slot was grand, the showjumping magnificent and the thrills of sideshow reached fever pitch.

More than 60,000 Queenslanders are estimated to have attended today's People's Day, the traditional show day holiday held since the very first Ekka in 1876.

There's still four full days of fun to come, so come on Queensland, help us bring it home.

Don't forget tomorrow is Super Seniors Thursday – where seniors get discounted entry plus extra entertainment!

Here's what's in store tomorrow for Day 7 at Queensland's biggest event:

DAY 7: THURSDAY 15 AUGUST – HIGHLIGHTS

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

JUDGING HIGHLIGHTS:

- From 9am – Angora Judging – Arrow Energy Pavilion, Level 2
- From 9am – Young Judges Dairy Goats – Arrow Energy Pavilion, Level 2
- From 9am – Horse Judging – Showjumping, Riding Ponies Led, Driven Horses & Ponies Light & E, Special Turnouts, Pony Hacks Novice & Open Show Hunter
- From 9am – Canine Judging – Group 3 Gundogs
- 1.30pm – 5.30pm – Sheep Judging – Open Classes, Arrow Energy Pavilion L2

SUPER SENIORS SET TO SAVE!

Super Seniors Day tomorrow is an Ekka first, offering extra entertainment for seniors, plus a ten per cent discount on tickets. The Super Seniors Concession Pass is available for adults with a valid Seniors Card (on Thursday 15 August only). It works out at only \$15 when using promo code THURSDAY (10% off other ticket types).

Visitors are encouraged to stop by the Fashion Stage and enjoy special performances by famous Australian pop singer Normie Rowe at 12pm, international singing star Jackie Love at 1pm, and some of Opera Queensland's finest artists at 2pm.

DON'T BE SHEEPISH!

After settling into their new digs at the Arrow Energy Large Animal Pavilion, the Fleece Breeds sheep competition kicks off tomorrow with open classes from 1.30pm. The sheep school classes will be judged on Friday 16 August from 8am. Sheep, alpacas, angoras and prime lambs and/or their fleece will be judged in the Fleece Breeds competitions which began judging on first day of Show 9 August.

WHEN: 1.30PM, Arrow Energy Large Animal Pavilion

SETTERS, SPRINGERS AND SPANIELS

The gun dogs will be judged tomorrow. Gun dogs are divided into three primary types – retrievers, flushing dogs and pointing breeds. On show in the rings will be cocker spaniels, pointers, golden retrievers, water dogs, Irish Setters and Weimeraners.

WHEN: From 9am, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion

DRAG QUEEN BINGO IS BACK!

The fabulous Drag Queen Bingo at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill is back by popular demand for a second year. Hosted by Queens Ball 'Drag Performer of the Year' Vollie LaVont, the free event features drag performances by 'Dolly Parton' singing 9 to 5, 'Faith Hill' belting out This Kiss and 'Shania Twain' with Man! I Feel Like a Woman.

WHEN: 8.30pm, XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

SPIRIT HOUSE SECRETS ON SHOW

Don't miss the Ekka Cooking School demonstration and masterclass with the chef from the hugely popular Spirit House restaurant and cooking school, Kelly Lord. Kelly has been Head Chef at the critically acclaimed Spirit House on the Sunshine Coast since 2004. His journey in Asian and Thai cuisine has taken him to Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam and Malaysia.

WHEN: 4PM AND 5.30PM – Cooking Demonstration ; 4.45pm – MasterClass, Cooking School in Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

DON'T WAIT TO WING IT

Centre stage on the ground floor of the Arrow Energy Pavilion is the wonderful flock on display in the in the high flying Poultry, Pigeons, Birds and Eggs Competition presented by Australian Eggs. This year sees the return of the pigeons; there are extra canary classes and the competition showcases a variety of exquisite birds including the Muscovy duck in the Waterfowl Feature Class.

WHEN: From 9am, Arrow Energy Pavilion, Ground floor

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

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