

16 August 2019

Saturday's Supreme Showing

Get your Ekka fix this weekend as there's only two days left to enjoy all the fun of the show! Tomorrow will see the crowning of the Grand Champion Canine and Supreme Cat, as well as the finals in the woodchop, treefelling and sawing.

Gear up for the uniquely Australian Ute Muster Parade in the Main Arena and boot-scoot along to the Ekka's Country Music Showdown Competition presented by Ringers Western which will see budding artists compete for more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes.

By night's end more than 30,000 people will have passed through the gates today at the Royal Queensland Show presented by RACQ.

Here's what's in store tomorrow for Day 9 at Queensland's biggest event:

DAY 9: SATURDAY 17 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:

- 9am to 10am – Sheep Judging – RNA handler's Competition, Arrow Energy Pavilion
- From 9am – Canine Judging – Plush Puppy Sweepstakes, General Specials and Supremes, Black Hawk Canine Pavilion
- From 9am – Cat Judging – Group Specials and Supremes, Black Hawk Cat Pavilion
- From 9am to 3pm – Alpaca Judging, Arrow Energy Pavilion, L2
- 10am to 11am – Little Sprouts Competition supported by Brunnings, The Old Museum
- 8am – 5pm – Horse Judging – Champion Junior Rider, Showjumping, Parent and Child Riding Class, Supreme Champion Australian Stock Horse Hack, Main Arena
- From 8.45am – Dairy Goat Judging – Dairy Goat Junior Handlers (9am), crowning of the Supreme Champion Dairy Doe of Show (2pm), Arrow Energy Pavilion L1
- 9am – 5pm – Farriers and Blacksmiths Judging, Expo Place
- 1pm – Dairy Cattle Parade of Champions, Main Arena
- 1.30pm – Beef Cattle Parade of Livestock, Main Arena
- From 11.45am – Woodchop & Sawing Finals – 250mm Standing Block, Open 275mm Treefelling, Open 500mm Sawing and Double-Handed Sawing – Iron Jack Woodchop Arena

U BEAUT....EKKA UTE MUSTER PARADE

Engines will be revving when this uniquely Australian competition kicks off at Ekka tomorrow. Ute enthusiasts will drive into the Main Arena for judging at 9am on Saturday 17 August. The famous ute parade will then take place at 1.10pm.

WHEN: From 9am (judging). Parade at 1.10pm, Main Arena

BRISBANE PINBALL MASTERS

More than 150 players from around the world will compete in the 5th Brisbane Pinball Masters presented by Hutchinson Builders and Australian Machine Distributors (AMD) - one of the biggest pinball events in the southern hemisphere. The event has been included in the Stern Pro Pinball Circuit for the very first time, putting it in the top 20 most prestigious pinball events on the planet. Players will compete in seven rounds of four player matchplay groups on the Saturday, with the top 72 players returning on the Sunday to compete in A,B,C or D grade finals.

WHEN: From 10am, Sat 17 & Sun 18 August, Ekka Pinball Arcade, XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

EKKA'S COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWDOWN COMPETITION

The Royal Queensland Show's Country Music Showdown Competition presented by Ringers Western will see talented musicians battle it out for a share in the richest prize pool in the competition's six year history. More than \$20,000 worth of prizes is on offer this year - more than double last year's prize pool. For the very first time, the top prize of an Ekka scholarship to the Tamworth Academy of Country Music 2020 for the Junior Category (12 to 17 years) winner has also now been extended to the Open category (18 years and older) standout. Musicians aged 12 years and over will compete in the competition, performing two songs on stage at the XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill, backed by Brisbane based live band Southwest. The competition will be hosted by Queensland country music star Brooke Schubert.

WHEN: From 10.30am to 6pm, XXXX Stockmen's Bar & Grill

PAW-FECT PUPPIES ON SHOW

Dog lovers rejoice...puppies will take centre stage tomorrow – from Baby Puppies to Junior and Veteran Puppies. Other highlights include the new Champion Junior Handler title and the crowning of the Champion of Show from 2pm.

WHEN: From 9am Black Hawk Canine Pavilion

TOP CAT ANNOUNCED

A cavalcade of the cutest cats will continue at Ekka tomorrow. Highlights include the announcement of the Supreme All Breeds Cat of Show) at 12.30pm.

WHEN: 12pm – 5pm, Black Hawk Cat Pavilion

EGGS-CELLENT EGGS FLOCK TO THE EKKA

The Hy-line Brown School Egg Laying Competition is one worth chirping about. Fifteen schools from across Queensland and northern New South Wales were given six young hens earlier in the year, which they've been raising and will have laying in time for Ekka. The schools will be judged on their three best birds, the eggs collected and a project outlining how they reared the hens. Judging will take place tomorrow at 10am, with teachers and students from each school present.

WHEN: 10am, Arrow Energy Pavilion, ground floor

HOME AND AWAY STARS

Making Ekka their home tomorrow will be the stars of Channel 7's popular show Home and Away, Sophie Dillman and Patrick O'Connor. They will take in some Ekka attractions and will meet their fans at 7 Live Studios.

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

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/

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