

Tuesday August 9, 2022

## PERFECT PEOPLE'S DAY FORECAST

Tomorrow's iconic Brisbane show day holiday – People's Day – will continue a 143-year tradition for the Royal Queensland Show attracting people of all ages who are set to enjoy perfect weather conditions.

With a forecast of 21 degrees and sunny skies, there is no better place to be than Ekka's crowd pleasing day of days with an amazing array of competitions, food and entertainment on offer plus the historic Grand Parade.

An institution since 1876, People's Day is traditionally reserved for the people of Brisbane who are granted a day off work to attend the show.

It was granted for the very first Royal Queensland Show in 1876 at the Brisbane Showgrounds, where 17,000 people attended out of Brisbane's total population of 22,000 at the time.

Today, more than 30,000 people are expected to have passed through the gates by night's end after enjoying Super Ride Tuesday with 2 for 1 rides on offer.

Here's what's in store tomorrow for the 143<sup>rd</sup> People's Day:

### DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 10 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:**

- 8.30am – 10am – Supreme Champion Clydesdale in Ring 1 in the Main Arena
- 9am – 12pm – Showjumping Competition - Judging (Junior and Young Riders) in Main Arena
- 9am – 5pm – Canine Competition presented by Sushi Hub - Gundogs Group Judging
- 11.30am – 12pm – Young Judges Competition - Wool
- 2pm – 2.30pm – Woodchop & Sawing Competition (Australian Titles - 325mm Tree Felling)

#### **GRAND PARADE**

**WHEN: 4.30pm. WHERE: Main Arena**

More than 500 of the Ekka's best animals will be on show in the iconic Grand Parade. It's the parade of champions, from the tiny Grand Champion Fish of Show to the huge Grand Champion Stud Bull, along with ribbon-winning goats, beef cattle, dairy cattle, cats, dogs, horses and alpacas. An extraordinary sight to see, the Grand Parade also features winners from the Flower and Garden and Arts and Cookery sections.

## FLOWER BEARD COMPETITION

**WHEN:** 12pm. **WHERE:** Brisbane City Council Flower and Garden Precinct

The hugely popular Flower Beard Competition will see florists decorate Brisbane's best and bushiest beards. Around 10 bearded men will be given a man-scape with flowers, before being judged through audience applause in the Brisbane City Council Flower and Garden Precinct. The men and their magnificent facial fuzz will then walk in the iconic Grand Parade in the Main Arena at 4.30pm. The quirky competition will be emceed by well-known landscape architect Costa Georgiadis.

## LINE DANCING HOEDOWN

**WHEN:** 11am-3pm. **WHERE:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

Get ready for some boot-scooting fun at the Line Dancing Hoedown. The event will include social dancing, competition demonstrations, beginner workshops for the public and the Queensland Club Challenge. The hoedown will involve more than 80 dance instructors, club members and students from across Queensland.

## HORSING AROUND SHOW PRESENTED BY RACING QUEENSLAND

**WHEN:** 11am and 2pm daily **WHERE:** Show Ring

Acclaimed horse trainer Dave Manchon has partnered with Racing Queensland to proudly showcase its 'off the track' initiative. Dave will be joined by some well-known off the track stars, as he talks about his training methods and how they can apply to race horses. This educational show will demonstrate what is possible with some of these equine super athletes once they slow down. Ekka visitors can get up close with these retired race horses in this fun and educational show.

## SETTERS, SPRINGERS AND SPANIELS

**WHEN:** From 9am **WHERE:** Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion

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 Weimaraners.

## YOUNG FARMERS XP ESPORTS

**FREE PLAY:** 9.30am to 6pm daily

**TOURNAMENT:** 12pm-5pm, Wed 10 Aug (Young Farmers' Cup semi-final and final)

Kids will take on the role of a farmer by harvesting crops, in the popular Esports game Farming Simulator. There will be free play of the video game daily, plus a three-day tournament involving eight high schools. The Young Farmers XP Esports Cup will see students compete for a share in \$1,500 worth of prize money.

## MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE

**WHEN:** 10am. **WHERE:** Brisbane City Council Flower and Garden Precinct

Be amazed by some fabulous floral creations. Florists will have one hour to construct a display from a mystery box featuring flowers and other materials.

## EKKA ESSENTIALS

Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) August 6 – 14, 2022

Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, Queensland

Gates open at 9am

Tickets are only available online at [www.ekka.com.au](http://www.ekka.com.au)

## EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:

The 2022 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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