



# EKKA ESSENTIALS

## AT A GLANCE

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW - AUGUST 12-20, 2023  
GATES OPEN 9AM TO 8PM DAILY  
SIDESHOW ALLEY / BARS TIL LATE

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport is one of the easiest and most efficient ways to get to the Ekka. This year there are some important changes to be aware of. Due to the construction of Cross River Rail, Exhibition Station won't be operating during Ekka in 2023. You'll still be able to catch a ride to the Ekka with public transport options including trains and buses from nearby stops and stations. Learn more at [translink.com.au/ekka](https://translink.com.au/ekka)

### TAXIS & RIDESHARE

It's only a short taxi or rideshare to the Ekka from the city. Leave your car in the city and catch a taxi or rideshare service directly to the Brisbane Showgrounds.

### PARKING

Parking Stations are conveniently located at:

- McWhirters - enter via Warner or Ballow Streets
- Valley Metro - enter via Alfred or Alden Streets
- 388 Brunswick Street Car Park - enter via Berwick Street
- 4 Mead Lane - enter via Ranwell Lane

### CYCLING

Although cycling inside the grounds is prohibited, secure bike racks are located in Carriage Street. (L-16)

### FACILITIES

- ATM facilities are located around the Showgrounds
- EFTPOS facilities are available near most ticket entry gates
- Toilets are located in most buildings around the Showgrounds
- Locker facilities are primarily located under the John MacDonald Stand, but can also be found at several other locations around the Showgrounds
- Drinking tap water is located at several sites around the Showgrounds

### RECYCLING

The Ekka will provide green bins for recycling drink containers through the Containers for Change Program, raising funds for the RNA Foundation (RNAF). For every plastic bottle and aluminium can recycled, container refunds will be donated to the RNAF. The RNAF raises funds to aid agricultural heritage preservation, agricultural education and agricultural awareness and development.

### GUEST WI-FI

The RNA will provide Wi-Fi to keep Ekka guests connected during their visit to the show. Guests can access the Wi-Fi at four key locations around grounds - on the Plaza, in Expo Place (Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion and RACQ Animal Nursery, at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill and in the Member's Bar.

### MOBILE PHONE CHARGING

A secure mobile phone charging station can be found near the locker facilities under the John MacDonald Stand. (J-8)

### INFORMATION BOOTHS

Four information booths will be conveniently located:

- Outside the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion on Gregory Terrace (I-14)
- Near the Stockman's Rest (M-5)
- Near the Woodchop Arena presented by AAM in B105 Sideshow Alley (F-8)
- In the Channel 7 Pavilion (ground floor) (H-12)

## **LOST CHILDREN**

Lost Children is located at the Gregory Terrace Police Station, which is open from 9am to 8.30pm. (J-12)

As part of the Keep Kids Safe program, parents are encouraged to collect a free wrist band from the police marquee on Gregory Terrace as soon as they arrive at Ekka. They can write their mobile number on their child's wrist band, so if they become separated they can be reunited ASAP.

## **OPERATIONS CENTRE**

The RNA Operations Centre is located at the Gatehouse on Gregory Terrace and houses Emergency Services, RNA Operations Team, OH&S and Security.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and found is located at Guest Services on the lower level of the Channel 7 Pavilion. (H-12)

## **FIRST AID**

There are three first aid locations which operate between 8am and 11pm daily:

- Under the John MacDonal stand (J-7)
- Near the Sushi Hub Dog Pavilion on Gregory Terrace (O-9)
- Near the Large Animal Pavilion (F-5)

## **ACCESSIBILITY**

The Ekka is committed to providing ease of access for all visitors. A range of services and amenities will be offered for the convenience of access around the grounds:

- Scooter, stroller and wheelchair hire which is located under the John MacDonal Stand. Hire times are 9am to 5pm
- Restrooms with disabled access, including additional disabled portaloos
- Ramps providing easy access between roads and footpaths

- Dedicated drop off / pick up zones with disability access for cars and taxis on Costin Street
- Two dedicated Main Arena viewing areas for wheelchair patrons
- Parking with disability access in King Street

## **PARENTS' ROOMS**

There are four parents' rooms located around the grounds for those with babies and young children. The larger parent's room under the Ernest Baynes Stand features a microwave to heat up milk, a sink, breastfeeding facilities and nappy change facilities.

## **THE EKKA IS SMOKE FREE**

Designated smoking areas will not be available within the Showgrounds precinct, but there will be two designated smoking areas located outside the Showgrounds.

## **ROAD CLOSURES**

With all the excitement plus parades, livestock, entertainment and crowd movements, there will be some delays and road closures in the lead-up to and during Ekka. Gregory Terrace, King Street, O'Connell Terrace, Costin Street and Alexandria Street will be partially or fully closed from Wednesday 2 August.

## **OH&S**

Media personnel on site are required to follow all applicable OH&S rules and regulations set in place by the RNA, to ensure their own health and safety and the health and safety of others in the workplace.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Those who become RNA members for an annual fee of \$130 (country adult) or \$145 (city adult) receive a range of benefits at the Ekka. These include free nine day entry to the Show; a nine day guest pass, VIP seating passes for the fashion parade and Royal Queensland Cooking Stage; access to the Members' Grandstand and Bar; and free use of the locker facilities. For more information please click [here](#).

