

# Ekka

EDUCATION

## EXCURSION INFORMATION BOOKLET

### RURAL DISCOVERY DAY

*The Week of May 20th, 2024*

*Brisbane Showgrounds - Home of the Ekka*



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## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

The following excursion information booklet has been developed to assist teachers in completing school excursion consent forms and risk assessments. This document provides further detail regarding the proposed activities, teacher/educator supervision, transport, dress code, medical and personal information and excursion costs.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the following contacts and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

*\*\* Activities are subject to change \*\**

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS

### *Rural Discovery Day Enquiries*

Mel McGrath | Competitions & Event Planner  
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### *Education Content Enquiries*

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### *Ekka School & Group Bookings Enquiries*

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## EXCURSION DETAILS

Monday 20 to Friday 24 May 2024

Arrival: 9:00am - 9:30am

Departure: 2:00pm

Location: Building 8 / Alexandria Park - Alexandria Lane, Brisbane Showgrounds

## PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

The day includes immersive agricultural activities linked to the curriculum with classroom resources. Proposed sessions include Dairy, Grain & Milling, Farming & Horticulture, Sheep & Fleece, Poultry & Eggs, and First Nations Agriculture.

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### DAIRY SESSION

will explore the importance of pasteurisation, the foundation of dairy products and students will have the opportunity to hand milk a dairy cow

### GRAIN & MILLING SESSION

fosters an understanding of the agriculture cycle and instils an appreciation for the conversion of raw grains into essential products like flour through a hands-on milling opportunity

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### FARMING & HORTICULTURE SESSION

students will meet a Queensland grower and explore how veggies and fruit are grown and harvested, and learn through a hands-on seed planting activity

### SHEEP & FLEECE SESSION

will allow students to observe a sheep shearing demonstration and experiment with wool products to further understand the natural fibre

### POULTRY & EGGS SESSION

takes students through the cycle of chickens from baby chicks to adult hens

### FIRST NATIONS AGRICULTURE SESSION

will explore the food and fibre sources of First Nations people and the benefits to be learned from their customs and traditional farming practices



## RURAL DISCOVERY DAY SNEAK PEEK

Come with us on an exciting ag-venture! Our Ekka TV from the 2023 Rural Discovery Day showcases the amazing, sensory opportunities for students at this excursion.



## RISK ASSESSMENT

Rural Discovery Day can be recognised as a medium to low risk location as exhibited animals are under supervision by trained professionals. All animals used in sessions are domesticated and are comfortable with handling and interaction reducing potential environmental hazards such as animal bites and biological risks. There is some electrical equipment involved with sheep shearing, however, students are not required to utilise this equipment. In accordance with Queensland Health directives around animal contact and biosecurity, hand washing and hand sanitising facilities will be provided. Students will also be in contact with soil and potting mix.

For further information on risk assessments, please refer to the CARA guidelines from Education Queensland:

[education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/CARA/activity-guidelines/animal-observation-handling](https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/CARA/activity-guidelines/animal-observation-handling)



## SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

Each activity session is designed for 25-50 students per group and we recommend that at least one teacher supervises each group of students. Ekka Education will coordinate the allocation of groups, however, we always aim to ensure that school groups stay together where possible. Additional teachers are welcome, and the student/teacher ratio can be confirmed upon booking. There will be at least one RNA/Ekka staff member supervising each activity session as well as the educators and presenters providing the activities.

While there are no specific educator-to-child ratios for excursions, the National Regulations require that minimum supervision needs are considered with respect to the age of the students and the type of activity involved. If the activity conducted away from schools may increase risks, then the standard of care required must therefore reflect the increase in identified risks, causing the required ratios to be higher than the minimum. Please refer to the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority policy for further guidelines:

[www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/ExcursionsPolicyGuidelines.pdf](http://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/ExcursionsPolicyGuidelines.pdf)

## MEDICAL & PERSONAL INFORMATION

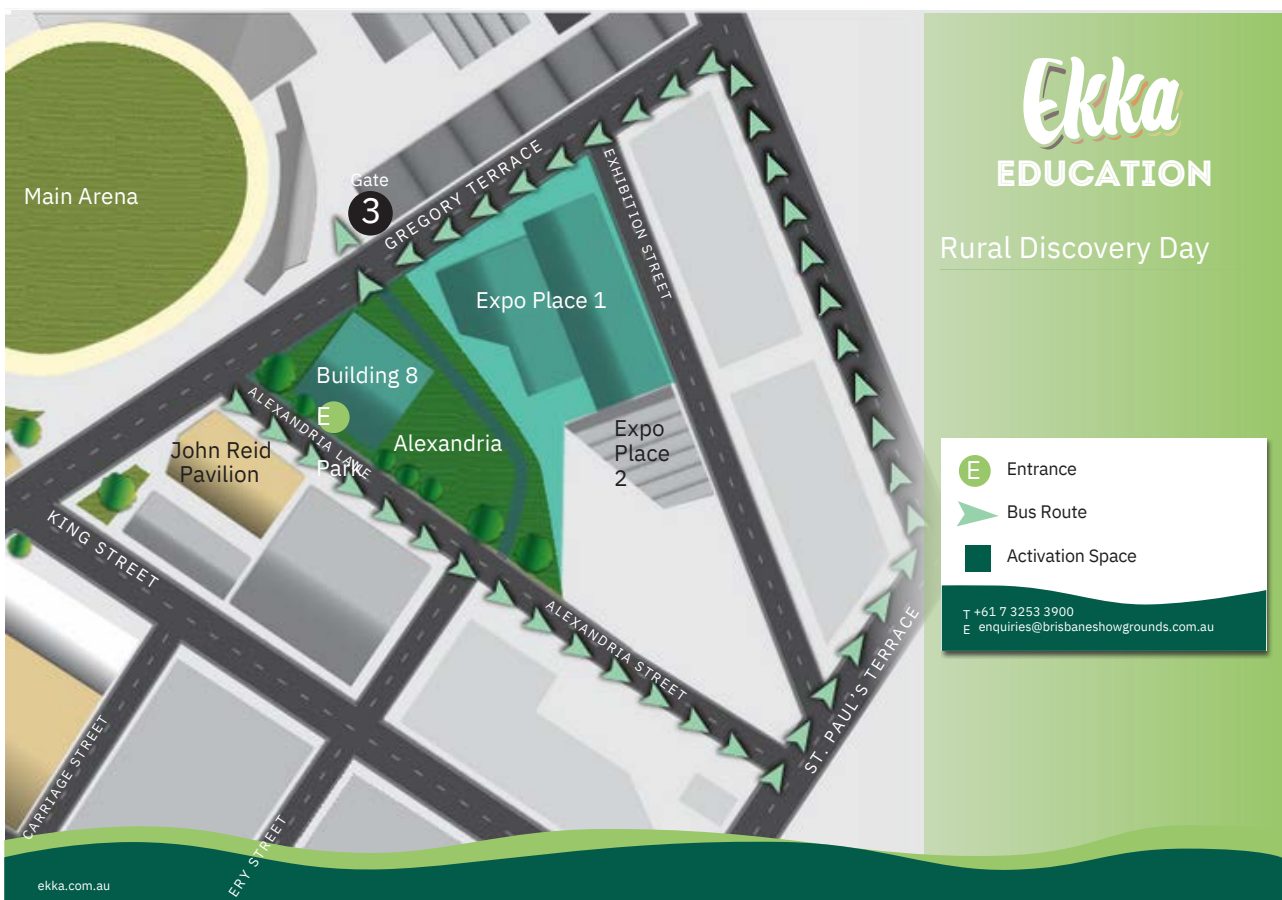
Additional requirements and support for students with medical or access needs can be provided as needed through discussions with RNA/Ekka staff. The hands-on day involves interactions with soil, grains, and farm animals such as cows, sheep, and chickens so any students with allergies or asthma are encouraged to bring their required medication.

Students should also be aware of any food allergies and ensure that they are not consuming anything that could harm them. In accordance with Queensland Health directives around animal contact and biosecurity, hand washing and hand sanitising facilities will be provided. Rural Discovery Day will also have a paramedic onsite in the unlikely event of an emergency.



## TRANSPORT

Schools are required to coordinate and organise their own transport arrangements. Buses will be able to drop off students along Alexandria Lane located next to the Building 8 and Alexandria Park area, where the excursion will be held. Vehicles will be able to park onsite for the duration of the day with more details to be provided upon booking.



## DRESS CODE & PRECAUTIONS

School or sports uniforms are appropriate, as students should feel comfortable moving around and be involved in each activity. The sessions involve interactions with animals and plants so teachers should be aware that clothing may get dirty. Hats and sunscreen are required. Students should bring their lunch and water for the dedicated break times. Please note: there are no refrigeration facilities.



## EXCURSION COSTS

Rural Discovery Day is \$15 per student. Entry for teachers is free of charge.

The RNA is not liable to give a refund or exchange the Ticket for cancellation of any reason. Once numbers have been confirmed and payment is received, no changes can be made to a booking.

For more information please contact our Event Planner, Mel McGrath via [mmcgrath@royalqueenslandshow.com.au](mailto:mmcgrath@royalqueenslandshow.com.au)

Don't Miss Out! Complete your Expression of Interest today via [www.ekka.com.au/education/rural-discovery-day/overview/](http://www.ekka.com.au/education/rural-discovery-day/overview/)

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### INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) won 22 awards in the 2023 International Fairs & Expos (IAFE) Awards.

IAFE has more than 1,000 members representing agricultural fairs from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

These awards represent the continued dedication the Ekka plays in bridging the country city divide, and educating the next generation on the essential role farming and agriculture plays in their everyday lives.



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