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***The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland***

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ATTENTION: CHIEF OF STAFF / NEWS EDITOR**

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#### **RNA SHOWGROUNDS CAR PARK TO REOPEN FOR HOSPITAL STAFF**

The RNA will reopen its sideshow alley car park next month following approval from the Brisbane City Council.

The car park will be available exclusively for Royal Brisbane Hospital complex staff at a cost of \$5 per day.

RNA President Vivian Edwards said a study undertaken last year by Queensland Health of the daily car parking requirements in the area had revealed an immediate shortfall of at least 500 spaces.

"The RNA car park will fill an urgent need for an easily accessible, safe and secure parking facility for hospital staff," he said.

"At the moment, staff are parking on residential streets and the Northey Street Park and Ride facility, which were not intended to accommodate 24-hour hospital car parking.

"Many of these staff work odd shifts when public transport is operating less frequently, so it is vital that they are provided with close and safe car parking facilities. The RNA car park will be well lit with floodlighting and our grounds security will be in attendance in the evening," Dr Edwards said.

Following completion of some landscaping work on the site, the 603-space car park is expected to open next month and will operate all year except for public holidays and approximately four weeks to accommodate the set-up and running of the annual EKKA show.

#### **FAST FACTS**

What: RNA Sideshow Alley Car Park  
When: Expected to open in April 2004, but watch this space  
Who: The car park is available exclusively for RBH complex staff. ID passes must be shown for entry  
Cost: \$5 per day or part thereof  
Hours of operation: 5am – 12 Midnight  
Monday to Friday except public holidays and approximately four weeks during EKKA (around 19 July to 20 August).

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