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The official magazine of the RNA



What's New at Ekka



RQFWS Champions



*On the cover:  
Samantha Swaine*

# Welcome



**A**lmost 31 million people have come through the gates since the first Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in 1876 and this year around 400,000 are expected to flock to the Ekka presented by RACQ.

This year the Ekka continues its investment in our competitions with our world first large animal pavilion and all-weather Woodchop Arena.

The pavilion will be home to beef and dairy cattle, dairy goats and poultry this year, offering another two football fields of space where visitors can see animals at show.

Meanwhile the undercover Woodchop Arena has expanded the iconic competition area by 50 per cent and for the first time some of our Woodchop events will commence from 6pm.

Make sure you download the Ekka App which contains the timetable for all events including Woodchop.

Agriculture and competition traditions are the heart and soul of the show and these two facilities will ensure the next generation of exhibitors and visitors can enjoy a better experience.

There is a new technology hub at the Ekka where guests can experience a glimpse into what the future holds.

From interactive virtual reality experiences to the latest in agri-tech, the technology hub will show Ekka visitors how tech is changing the world and what the future of farming looks like.

The night show will also transport Ekka guests ahead in time, through its futuristic fireworks spectacular featuring an eight metre

high space shuttle inspired truss.

The RNA has dropped the gate price of a Family Pass for the first time in 15 years, making the show even better value.

A Family Pass for two adults and two children can now be purchased at the gate for just \$80, 10% cheaper than last year and even cheaper if families buy online, with more discounts on offer through promotional codes.

We have also frozen the price of the combined Adult and Child Pass and Concession Pass plus we have dropped the price of a Child Pass by \$1.

Ekka is a true family affair and the RNA is proud to stage Queensland's largest event on behalf of the community each year, building on it for future generations to enjoy.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our hard working Ekka staff, stewards, judges, volunteers and sponsors, who all play an essential role in staging this iconic event.

I look forward to welcoming our RNA members, Ekka exhibitors, competitors, volunteers and visitors to this year's show. We hope you enjoy Ekka 2018.

**David Thomas**  
*RNA President*

The pavilion at night



# Latest regeneration news

## *The Pavilion*

The RNA's large animals Pavilion is on track to be finished by mid-October, with partial use for the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in August.

The ground floor will house around 370 head of beef cattle and 180 head of dairy cattle, while level one will be the new home of dairy goats and poultry (more info on page 9).

Outside of the show, the four-storey pavilion will be used as a car park and event space.

Once the remaining floors are finished post Ekka, the first event to use the completed pavilion will be the Pre Christmas Caravan and Camping Sale in late October.

The pavilion is part of the \$2.9 billion Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project.

## *25 King*

The world's largest engineered timber office building, 25 King, has taken shape, with all timber now in place.

The cross laminated timber columns, beams and floor panels have all been installed, with the internal fit out now underway.

With the 45 metre high office building to be complete by the end of the year, the first crane will be removed from the site in mid-September.

Global engineering firm Aurecon has

committed to leasing four of the nine floors, with the first tenants moving in by early next year.

There will also be three ground level retail tenancies.

## *Alexandria Park*

The creation of Alexandria Park will get underway in late August, following the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

The new green space, located off Alexandria Street, will provide a venue for markets, events and social gatherings.

The works will also include an upgrade to the heritage-listed Building 8.

Expo Place will still be used for car parking during construction.

Kuhl-Cher  
Café is now  
open



Bavarian Beerhaus

# Retail Update

## Café now brewing

Coffee connoisseurs have been enjoying the freshly roasted brews at Kuhl-Cher Cafe, since opening in King Street in June.

Kuhl-Cher is one of the only inner-city café roasteries in Brisbane, with all coffee beans roasted on site, from the finest house blends to single origins from across the globe.

The café also boasts a unique Brew Bar, educating people on the many alternative brewing techniques associated with coffee.

Kuhl-Cher offers an extensive breakfast and lunch menu, along with a cabinet filled with fresh sandwiches, salads and sweets.

The café is open seven days a week from 5.30am to 5.30pm.

## A slice of Bavaria

The Bavarian Beerhaus has been a popular addition to King Street since opening its doors in May.

Located in the revitalised Ekka Royal Snack Bar, the beerhaus boasts a menu full of German classics like crispy pork knuckles,

sausages and schnitzels and the best line-up of ales this side of Bavaria.

In a nod to the Ekka, the venue also has a Royal Snack Bar menu including loaded fries and mini Dagwood Dogs.

Adding to the lively atmosphere, the beerhaus has a weekly line-up of games including foosball tournaments, ping pong battles, giant games and more. To view the line-up click here. (<http://www.thebavarians.com/bavarian-beerhaus/whats-on-beerhausbrisbane/>)

Bavarian Beerhaus is open seven days a week from 11am until late.

## Have a sip at Swill

The Welcome to Bowen Hills gin bar, Swill, is proving popular with those who like a sophisticated drink.

It opened in late May and has around 120 gins, serving everything from the classic gin and tonic to gin cocktails and even refreshing gin spritzers.

Swill is open Wednesday to Thursday from 5pm until late, Friday from 12pm until late

and Saturday and Sunday from 11am until late.

## Medical centre just what the Showgrounds ordered

Australia's fastest growing medical centre group, Myhealth, has recently opened a new practice in Machinery Street in the Brisbane Showgrounds.

Providing a full range of medical and allied health services, the centre offers bulk billing as well as chronic disease and mental health management, skin checks, antenatal shared care, women's and children's health, immunisations and pathology services.

Myhealth is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5.30pm and on Saturday from 9am to 1pm, with walk-in consultations welcome and online bookings available.

## Also coming soon:

- Mercado (grocery store) - October
- Wine bar - October

king street BRISBANE SHOWGROUNDS

# OPEN FOR EKKA

Located at the heart of Brisbane Showgrounds, King Street is Brisbane's newest high street connecting St Pauls Terrace to Gregory Terrace.

Get your caffeine hit on the way in to the Ekka or stay for dumplings after the show and see King Street come to life.

**For EKKA parking and King Street information, visit [kingstreetbrisbane.com](http://kingstreetbrisbane.com)**

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# Will Roberts now World Merino president

RNA Councillor Will Roberts has been named president of the World Federation of Merino Wool Breeders.

The position will see Mr Roberts become the voice for 12 countries, including Argentina, France, Hungary, Lesotho, New Zealand, Portugal, Russia, South Africa,

Spain, Uruguay and America.

It's the first time in history a Queenslander has held the position.

The next World Merino Conference will be in Hungary in 2022.



## RNA Foundation

RNAF HERITAGE  
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AGRICULTURE

The RNA Foundation (RNAF) is the charitable arm of the RNA, established to aid agricultural heritage preservation, agricultural education and agricultural awareness throughout Queensland.

Please be aware, donations to the RNAF of a value of \$2 or more are fully tax-deductible. Donations may be allocated to a specific charitable pillar (heritage, agriculture or heritage), or to the general charitable funds within the RNAF.

*For more on the RNAF or to make a donation please click here*

## Brisbane Showgrounds upcoming events



The Brisbane Showgrounds hosts more than 250 events each year. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) from August 10-19 - a special guide to Ekka and an exclusive ticket offer can be found from page 9.
- Stuff You Should Know on September 2 - with no topic off limits, the

American duo of Josh Clark and Chuck Bryant will inform and entertain as they record one of their hilarious podcasts live. ***For tickets click here***

- Eco Expo from September 14-16 - Australia's largest sustainability expo will give you tips and tricks for going green. ***For tickets click here***
- Big Adopt Out on September 15 -

more than 300 cats and dogs will be ready to find their fur-ever homes. Entry is a gold coin donation.

- Oktoberfest Brisbane from October 5-7 and 12-14 - Australia's largest Oktoberfest celebration will offer all things German from bratwursts to schnitzels and traditional beers. ***For tickets click here***

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Group Ticket for 10+ (price per person shown)	\$22.50	
<b>SATURDAYS</b> 1 x Adult	\$32.00	\$35
Group Ticket for 10+ (price per person shown)	\$28.80	
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 1 x Adult	\$22.00	\$25
Group Ticket for 10+ (price per person shown)	\$19.80	

Minors Free when accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.

\*Pick up at the merchandise stall on the day. Steins are filled with sweet Brisbane air, if you want to add a beverage to your stein, please see our friendly team at one of our bars. See the Oktoberfest Brisbane website for full terms & conditions.

\*\* Child serves are 1 Weißwurst, 1 pretzel and a juice.

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Cheers to a  
'cellar-bration'  
of fine wine

# A 'grape' night

Around 900 people raised their glasses to the newest and best wines in the nation, at the fourth Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Grape Grazing by Night.

The exclusive event in July gave the general public the rare chance to sample

almost 1,800 fine wines, including the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) medal-winners and new vintage of season.

Apart from browsing one of Australia's finest wine libraries, event attendees indulged in Australia's best cheese, lamb, beef and ice cream, as awarded by the

RQFWS.

Grape Grazing by Night continues to grow in popularity each year, with tickets to this year's event selling out.

*To be notified when tickets go on sale for 2019, simply subscribe to the wine show mailing list by clicking here*

More than 350 people  
attended the Ekka  
Media Launch

# A taste of Ekka

More than 350 people were given a taste of what to expect at the Royal Queensland Show, when they attended the Ekka Media Launch in July.

The major announcement at the launch was the RNA investing in its traditions by building a new home for animals during the show - The CRT Pavilion, plus giving woodchop a brand new all-weather indoor

arena.

Guests were also given a sneak peek at some of this year's world-class entertainment, including the 'Enchanted Winter' themed Natural Fibres Fashion Parades and the futuristic fantasy fireworks spectacular featuring Australian first remote control cars strapped with pyros.

There was also Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) award-winning beef and cheese to indulge in, along with show favourites the iconic strawberry sundae and Dagwood Dog.

*For more on the Ekka Media Launch, check out our episode of Ekka TV by clicking here*





# What's New at Ekka

*Your guide to what's new this year at Queensland's largest and most loved annual event, the Royal Queensland Show.*

## Investing in our competitions

The RNA is continuing to invest in its charter of championing and celebrating agriculture, building two brand new competition facilities.

A world first animal pavilion and undercover Woodchop Arena are part of the \$2.9 billion Brisbane Showgrounds Regeneration Project. Ensuring the Ekka remains at its original birthplace at the Showgrounds is one of the driving principles behind the redevelopment.

These two new facilities will also ensure the next generation of exhibitors and visitors

can enjoy a better experience.

## The CRT Pavilion

The ground and first floor of The CRT Pavilion will be home to beef and dairy cattle, dairy goats and poultry this year.

That's another two football fields of space where visitors can see animals at Ekka!

The pavilion is the only building of its kind in the world and has been specially designed to house animals during Ekka. Outside of show, it'll be used as an events space and car park facility - with all revenue invested back into the Ekka.

All four storeys of The CRT Pavilion will be in use for the 2019 show.

## Woodchop Arena

The new undercover Woodchop Arena has expanded the competition area by 50 per cent.

This not only means more visitors will see the iconic competition, but it also allows woodchop events to run later until around 7.30pm.

The all-weather space will make woodchop one of the most entertaining arenas at the show.

Outside of Ekka, the marquee will be used as an events space.

## Tickets

For the first time in 15 years, the RNA has dropped the gate price of its most popular family ticket while freezing others.

A Family Pass for two adults and two children can now be purchased at the gate for just \$80 - 10 per cent cheaper than the gate price last year.

We have also frozen the price of the combined Adult and Child Pass and Concession Pass, plus we have dropped the price of a Child Pass by \$1.

These tickets are even cheaper if you buy

online using the below promotional code.

New this year:

- \$100 and \$50 ride cards, with savings of up to 20 per cent
- \$50 food and drink card offering a 10 per cent saving
- Ten Day Pass - visit for the equivalent of just \$10 a day

The discounted Twilight Ticket is on offer for a second year - perfect for families bringing their kids in for a shorter evening visit or for those visiting Ekka after work.

## Special Ekka Ticket Offer!

\*Save 15 per cent on tickets using promo code SHOWBIZ. *Click here to buy your tickets now.*

Discount applies to full priced general admission tickets. Offer excludes 10 Day Pass, Discount Ride Cards and Discount Food and Drink Cards. Maximum 10 tickets per person. Offer available online until 11:59pm AEST Thursday 9 August 2018. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

The Ekka logo is positioned in the top left corner of the page, overlaid on a circular inset image of two women in cowboy hats.

A daring diving pig

A circular inset image in the top left corner shows two women, The Crackup Sisters, wearing cowboy hats and red scarves, smiling broadly. The text 'The Crackup Sisters' is written below them.

The Crackup Sisters

The main background image of the page shows a pig diving into a pool of water, creating a large splash. The pig is captured mid-air, with water droplets frozen around it. In the background, a crowd of people is watching the event.

# Daytime Entertainment

## Heritage Bank Racing Pigs

**When:** 11am, 12pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm daily

**Where:** XXXX Stockman's Rest

Pigs really will fly at Ekka (and no, we're not telling porkies), with the return of the wildly popular racing and diving pigs!

These brave little piggies will fly through the sky, dive into a pool of water and race each other around a track.

The pigs are extremely competitive and FAST - they can cover a 50 metre racing track in a little over five seconds!

When the last curly tail has crossed the finish line, it's time for the diving stars to make a splash.

After running up their two meter high specially designed and built diving platform, up to three little piggies will launch themselves into a diving tank.

These are the only true diving pigs in the world and hold the Guinness Book of

Records for the longest dive by a pig.

## Ag-ucational entertainment for the kids

**Where:** Community Stage in King Street

### Farmer Rob Show

**When:** 10.30am, 11.30am & 12.30pm daily

See the much loved Australian kids program, the Farmer Rob Show, live at Ekka.

Farmer Rob will teach kids all about life on the farm and how they can grow their own super tasty food right at home.

The kids will also have fun singing and dancing along to educational songs throughout the show, such as Corn Pickin, H2O and Recycling.

### Farmyard Friends Stage Show

**When:** 3pm daily

Everyone's favourite farmyard friends will take to the stage in a talent quest full of laughs.

Barbara the sheep, Daisy the cow, Hayden the horse and Milo the sheep dog will battle it out with their moves and microphone on 'The Choice.'

Not only will the show be an absolute hoot, the kids will learn interesting agricultural facts along the way like how many cartons of milk a cow can produce a day (13).

### Crackup Sisters

**When:** 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm daily

The energetic Crackup Sisters will perform a unique blend of comedy, whipcracking and slapstick acrobatics, as they tell stories of the outback and its larrikin characters.

Through their show, the Crackup Sisters will remind people to 'get in and give it a go,' as they tell the feats, the failings and the reality of people on the land.

The Natural Fibres Fashion Parades have an Enchanted Winter theme



### Natural Fibres Fashion Parades presented by Moët & Chandon

**When:** 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm & 2.30pm daily

**Where:** Fashion Stage in the Royal International Convention Centre

This year's Natural Fibres Fashion Parades will transport audiences to a whimsical winter wonderland, in a new Enchanted Winter theme.

The parades, directed by Laura Churchill for the second year, will champion Queensland fashion, with a fresh line-up of 26 women's and menswear designers (18 of which are new to Ekka) showcasing the natural materials of cotton, wool, silk and leather.

The brand new set design will provide a spectacular ice forest themed backdrop to showcase Queensland's natural fibre fashion.

Other new additions to the long-running parades include a lingerie designer segment, an extra show each day of Ekka and daily 'Meet a Model' sessions after each parade where fashion lovers can

be photographed with a featured model and designer outfit. The student design competition and educational Fibre to Fashion Conversation Series will return to the program for the second year.

The spectacular show will open with a stand-out winter themed collection led by one of the state's most exciting up and coming designers, Year 12 Brisbane student Connor O'Grady.

### Queensland State Shearing and Wool Handling Championships

**When:** 11am (Round 1), 2pm (Round 2) & 5pm (Finals) August 18

**Where:** Expo Place

Eight of the best sheep shearers and wool handlers in Queensland will go head to head at the Queensland State Shearing and Wool Handling Championships, held at Ekka for the very first time.

Run by Sports Shear Australia-Queensland, four shearers will each give four sheep a haircut, with the shearer who records the fastest time taking out the win - it's sure to

be a close shave!

The four wool handlers will then compete, being judged on how flat they can throw the fleece onto a table.

### Ekka's Dagwood Dog Eating Competition

**When:** 12.30-2.30pm August 19

**Where:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

It'll be man versus food, when competitors face off in the Ekka's inaugural Dagwood Dog Eating Competition.

These competitors will be hungry for a win, as they compete across three classes - Amateur, Professional and Celebrity.

Entering the Professional class is Australia's number one Ranked Pro Competitive Eater 'Hulk Smash Food' (aka Cal Stubbs). He's the reigning Luna Park Hotdog Champion; has won Lord of the Sausage Champion four times; came third representing Australia at the World Championships in New York and was the first to finish Australia's Biggest Burger!



# EkkaNITES

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6pm	Australian National Anthem - Country Music Star Adam Brand August 10 to 18
6pm	Australian National Anthem – GOLDHEIST (aka Hester Fraser) August 19
6.05pm	Children's Fireworks presented by MG Motor - Colours of the Outback
6.15pm	Queensland Harness Racing presented by Racing Queensland
6.25pm	Farmyard Friends Ride and Drive presented by MG Motor
6.35pm	Lone Ranger and Tonto Time Trial
6.50pm	Wild Colonial Wagon Chase
7.05pm	Coca-Cola Dance Off with Legendary Country Singer Adam Brand
7.10pm	Lowd V8 UTES Super Challenge - Bronco vs Cowboy
7.20pm	Wheel Standing Monster Trucks Competition
7.30pm	Showtime FMX: Battle of the Golden Helmet II
7.45pm	Fireworks Spectacular - Futuristic Fantasy
8pm	Meet the Stars Under the Stars

The Main Arena comes alive each night of show with the spectacular never before seen EkkaNITES supported by RACQ LifeFlight.

The two hour night show from 6pm features action-packed entertainment and two breathtaking fireworks displays - and this year it's all about Aussie themed family entertainment and futuristic fun.

The popular early children's fireworks presented by MG Motor will return for a second year, with a 'colours of the

outback' theme. Celebrating all things Australian, fireworks in the colours of the stunning Australian outback will fire high into the sky complemented by imagery of Aussie traditions including Vegemite and kangaroos.

Meanwhile the fireworks spectacular at 7.45pm will blast into the arena with a futuristic fantasy theme. With 150 firing points, pyros will fire from a space shuttle inspired truss and from remote control cars zipping around the Main Arena at more than 100km/h. There will also be a world

first 'comet fireball,' created by strapping pyro to a moving vehicle.

The night show will also feature plenty of action-packed acts including a wild Cobb & Co wagon chase, which will see 20 bulls mustered in spectacular fashion and a talented Aussie stockman leap from a galloping horse onto a moving wagon. Also sure to be a hit is the Bronco verse Cowboy Lowd V8 ute challenge and the fearless FMX riders and wheel standing monster trucks.

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Flower crown queen  
GOLDHEIST (Hester Fraser)



# Music

## **GOLDHEIST - Hester Fraser**

**When:** 11am, 1pm & 2pm August 10-19; 12pm August 10, 14, 16, 17 & 19; 3pm August 11 & 13-19

**Where:** Technology and Fashion Precinct

With many original songs to her name, GOLDHEIST (aka Hester Fraser) is sure to impress during her Ekka debut.

With a sold out album launch at the Sydney Opera House in 2017 and concert for Sydney's VIVID Festival in 2018, GOLDHEIST will bring her floral wonderland and thought-provoking performances to the show.

The talented performer will play a baby grand piano while singing to the crowds in the fashion precinct.

One of her standout original songs is 'The

Camellia Tree,' which she wrote following the death of her grandfather, the late Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser - a musical tribute to his life and legacy.

## **Lazy Leis**

**When:** 8pm-9:30pm August 11 & 19

**Where:** Multicultural Plaza Music Stage

Using electric ukuleles, this unique band from the Gold Coast is sure to make the crowds smile with their island inspired set.

Captain Dizzy, Handsome Doll, Vinny Vegas and First Mate Lucas will grace the Ekka stage for the very first time, with their electric ukuleles and tight harmonies bringing an original take on pop, rock and reggae classics.

The Lazy Leis have played on cruise

ships across Australia, with their unique instrument choice and party pop motto sure to bring a feel good vibe to the show.

## **Smashing Bumpkins**

**When:** 8pm-late August 11

**Where:** XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill

The Smashing Bumpkins are a Brisbane based band, combining simple dance step instruction with an energetic performance.

The band is known for their bush dances, having set the Guinness World Record in 2014 for the world's largest Madison dance (a line dance popular in the 1950s) when 1,155 people took part.

Their inaugural performance at XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill is sure to have everyone on their feet.



# Agricultural Hall presented by seqwater

The Agricultural Hall presented by seqwater features plenty of ag-ucational activities for children, including the Field to Fork interactive rural journey.

It's vital the next generation understands that everything starts with agriculture, from the food they eat to the clothes they wear. Ekka is Queensland's largest classroom, with more than 30,000 children inspired, educated and entertained each year over the 10 days of show.

## Field to Fork

Kids will once again be taken on a rural journey, as they discover how food gets from the field to their fork.

In order of the agricultural cycle - composting, soil analysis, growing and planting, harvesting and processing - they'll take part in the following activities:

- Composting - this activity highlights the importance of compost in soil

health. Kids will learn methods for at home composting, as they take part in fun interactive activities including lifting flaps to find composting fun facts and pulling out draws to see the different layers of a compost bin

- Growing and Planting - kids will learn how to identify different types of fruit and vegetables. They'll dig through the Farmers Patch, finding five different types of vegetables including potatoes and carrots. Raised garden bed kits from Vegepod will also be used to teach kids about growing and planting
- Harvesting - kids will be given 15 minutes to carry out farming related tasks on a PS4 game, such as harvesting, looking after farm animals, selling fresh produce and investing in farming vehicles and tools
- Processing - kids will learn about the grain to flour process through the Grain Chain. They'll touch and grind

wheat, oats and barley, before taking an interactive grains quiz

- Cooking - kids will be inspired as they learn to make a delicious and healthy corn and vegetable fritter at the Get Kids Cooking activity - perfect for their school lunchbox

All Field to Fork activities run from 9am to 6pm.

## seqwater

**When:** 9am to 6pm

Kids will H2-GO to seqwater's stand to get an interactive lesson in all things water. Children will learn to appreciate the value of water; understand how water works and where it comes from; learn how to conserve water through everyday sustainable practices; and find out why seqwater has to plan for the future by exploring alternative water sources.





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## Flower and Garden Stage highlights

What	When
School Scarecrow Competition sponsored by Total Building Maintenance Awards Presentation	10am August 10
RSPCA	11.30am August 10, 13, 14, 16 & 17
QPS Dog Squad	1.45pm August 10, 13, 14, 16 & 17
Water Warriors	3pm August 10; 10am & 3pm August 13, 14, 16 & 17
Bush Poetry (Open & Student classes)	9.30am August 11
Floristry Competition - Student Mystery Box	8.30am August 15
Flower Beard Competition	11am August 15
Floristry Competition - Open Mystery Box	2pm August 15
AMIC Sausage King and Best Butchers Burger	9.30am August 19



# The Old Museum

For the third year, The Old Museum will be a green thumbs paradise, buzzing with a hive of activity from stunning garden displays to hands-on horticultural activities and blooming great entertainment on the Flower and Garden Stage.

In 2016, The Old Museum came home to Ekka for the first time in 119 years, becoming the base for the show's Flower and Garden precinct and Quilts Across Queensland.

Built for the RNA in 1891, The Old Museum was originally called the Exhibition Building and Concert Hall. The Queensland Government took control of the building and grounds in 1897, when the RNA was forced into liquidation by the economic

depression. It then became home of the Queensland Museum in 1899.

### Making Gardening Accessible - Everyone, Everywhere

A slice of the prestigious Chelsea Flower Show in London is coming to the Ekka this year, with Vegepod recreating their exhibit in a display titled 'Making Gardening Accessible - Everyone, Everywhere.'

The company was invited to exhibit at the most famous flower and garden show in the world in May 2018, using edible and sensory plants and props to show how gardens can be created in any location - at home, at work or in the community.

### Our Backyard by Claire Bickle

Featuring at Ekka for the very first time, Our Backyard will showcase a collection of backyard designs guaranteed to inspire that landscaper inside.

Four concepts will be showcased at The Old Museum - Edible Patch featuring a bean teepee; Everyday Living with a 'Hills Hoist' and living pots; Productive Pets with a chicken coop and banana tree; and Urban Habitat featuring a birdbath, pond and native stingless bees.

The designer, Claire Bickle, has been a qualified horticulturist for more than two decades.

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# Technology Precinct

From interactive virtual reality (VR) experiences to the latest in agri-tech, the new technology hub in the upper Royal International Convention Centre will give Ekka guests a glimpse into the future. The Technology Precinct will feature the latest in technology and innovation, showing Ekka visitors young and old how tech is changing the world and teaching them about the future of farming.

## Virtual Barambin

In a never before seen virtual reality experience, Ekka visitors will feel like they've stepped into a 3D time machine as they walk in the footsteps of Indigenous people from the 1770s.

Virtual Songlines has created an educational VR game especially for Ekka -

even using satellite data to accurately show what the Brisbane Showgrounds land looked like all those centuries ago.

With VR headsets on, Ekka guests will explore the land - collecting historical artefacts, building huts and starting fires.

## Snow Slingers VR Experience

Take a trip to the snow without setting foot outside sunny Queensland, at the Snow Slingers VR experience created by Lightweave.

By putting on a VR headset, Ekka visitors will be transported to a chilly snow environment where they'll sling snowballs at each other.

This multi-player snowball fight gives users 60 seconds to score the highest amount of points.

## Drone Flying

Find out what it takes to be a drone pilot at Ace Aviation Drone Flying.

Taking the controls, Ekka guests will fly micro-drones around an obstacle course in a netted area, seeing how well they can manoeuvre them.

## Virtual Reality Pods

Experience the latest Virtual Reality pods by Big Fun.

Visitors will strap themselves into the pod, put on the VR goggles and be blown away as the moving motion pods take them to another dimension.

There are VR simulations for any age.



# Rides and Showbags

## Rides

Experience the thrills and excitement of the Ekka with two adrenaline charged carnival precincts.

Serious adrenaline junkies should head to Sideshow Alley, while the little daredevils are guaranteed a fun-filled time at the Kids Carnival.

Remember, Super Ride Tuesday is back for the third year, with 2 for 1 rides between 10am and 5pm on August 14.

## XSCREAM Soundwave

New to Australia this year, XSCREAM Soundwave is the closest thing you'll find to a Sideshow Alley nightclub!

With bright flashing lights, lasers and the latest music tunes pumping, riders will

experience varying levels of g-force as this spinning sensation rocks them around.

The ride features nine cars that spin freely over four humps on a moving platform - they'll spin, rise, fall and accelerate fast, all while the ride itself rotates.

## Dragon Castle

Australia's newest spooky attraction is sure to scare the socks off even the bravest riders at Ekka.

Newly manufactured in Europe, the Dragon Castle ghost train features seven gruesome carts to transport those who dare through two levels of frights.

Along the creepy journey they'll encounter crazed criminals, mad scientists and plenty of blood and gore!

## Selection of new showbags

- Showpo - \$28
- Miss Coco - \$30
- Nude by Nature - \$26
- Roxy - \$30
- Allen's Pick n mix - 2x lolly selections for \$12 or 4x lolly selections for \$20
- NYX Professional Makeup - \$25
- Australis Cosmetics - \$25
- Sasy n Sasy - \$25
- Shimmer and Shine - \$26
- Pusheen - \$28
- Spirit State 'Studio' Fitness Pack - \$30
- Spirit State 'Girl' Fitness Pack - \$28
- Girls Night In Pamper Pack - \$28
- Love to Squish Bag \$15
- Slime Bag - \$10
- Jurassic World Bag - \$28

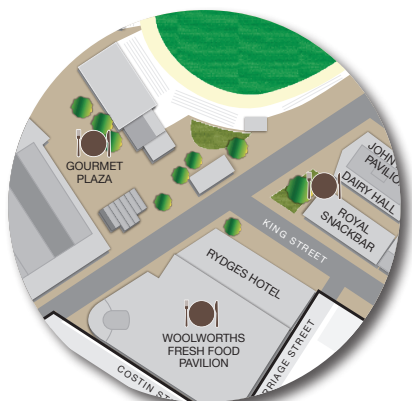
# Food and Beverages

## The Taste Triangle

Foodies will get lost in the new Taste Triangle at this year's Ekka.

Our version of Bermuda, The Taste Triangle is the only food experience of its kind where Ekka guests can enjoy everything from cheap eats to fine dining and Insta-worthy food trends to classic show favourites.

Foodies will navigate their way to Welcome to Bowen Hills and The Bavarian Beerhaus; set sail for the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion; discover a foodie paradise in Gourmet Plaza; then lounge around and relax at the Royal Queensland Steakhouse presented by JBS Australia, Moët & Chandon Fashion Bar and the James Squire Plaza Bar.



## Welcome to Bowen Hills

With a roster of rotating food trucks including everyone's favourite Mr Burger, the trendy food truck park is sure to be a hit. They'll also be serving a selection of refreshing cocktails from their famous long bar, with those who like a sophisticated drink invited to head to their gin bar called Swill.

## Bavarian Beerhaus

This new bohemian inspired beer hall has a menu full of German classics like crispy pork knuckles, sausages and schnitzels and the best line-up of ales this side of Bavaria.

## Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion

With more than 60 food and drink stalls, Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion is a favourite with foodies.

New stalls this year include FivePointFour Meals offering healthy macronutrient controlled prepared meals and La Baside serving an array of savoury French classics including slow-aged, air-dried pork sausages.

## Gourmet Plaza

Ekka guests can take a trip around the world in Gourmet Plaza with Korean, Mexican, Vietnamese and Filipino inspired dishes on offer.

New food items this year include kimchi loaded fries, egg waffles stuffed with fried chicken, woodfired pizza and gourmet rolls using Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show award-winning lamb and beef.

## Royal Queensland Steakhouse presented by JBS Australia

The steakhouse is the only restaurant of its kind where foodies can indulge in the nation's finest steak, lamb, wines and cheeses all at the on location. Its unique menu is sourced directly from the RQFWS medal-winners, with a new

item the 2018 Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show Kiwami Wagyu from the Darling Downs.

*Book a table now by clicking here.*

## Moët & Chandon Fashion Bar

The bubbles will be flowing at the new Moët & Chandon Fashion Bar.

This glamorous retreat is the perfect place to take a break and relax with a glass of French champagne or wine.

## Vegan Ekka

You might be surprised at just how many vegan food options you'll find at the Ekka. With the vegan lifestyle becoming more popular, there are more vegan foods on offer than ever before.

These include:

- Boroughs of New York - vegan pizza (Gourmet Plaza)
- Gelato a Go-Go - vegan friendly sorbets (Gregory Terrace)
- Whips & Co - CocoWhip coconut water ice cream (Gregory Terrace)
- Royal Queensland Steakhouse presented by JBS Australia - falafel dish (upper Royal International Convention Centre)
- FivePointFour Meals - vegan macronutrient meal (Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion)
- Ice Tea Man - vegan friendly teas (Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion)
- Cooking School presented by Spotlight - vegan cooking classes (Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion)

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# Cooking School presented by Spotlight

For the very first time, Ekka guests will go 'bake' to school as they get hands-on at the brand new Cooking School presented by Spotlight in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion.

With 60 free classes over the 10 days of show - each class seating 20 people at their very own cooking station - 1,200 people will learn to ditch the takeaway and cook from scratch, while many others will listen in, getting plenty of kitchen tips and tricks.

The School will be hosted by Chef Daniel (Daniel Abou-Chedid), whose love of food and passion to educate and entertain will inspire foodies on their culinary journey. Chef Daniel currently runs catering

company Fork n' Knife, heads up masterclasses on P&O Cruises and has demonstrated alongside celebrity chefs including Jamie Oliver, Manu Feildel and Miguel Maestre.

He will be joined by a number of top local chefs including Will Cowper from OTTO Ristorante, Javier Codina from Moda Restaurant and Ames Starr from Raw and Peace.

The chefs will teach 45 minute classes such as whipping up perfect pancakes, mastering risotto, making decadent raw desserts and becoming a pro at paella - all using fresh and local produce.

With the ingredients in front of them, the School students will be guided step by

step by the chef on the demonstration stage, as they chop, mix, stir, blend and even boil on their individual stove tops.

Once their culinary creation is complete, the School graduates will get to eat their hard work - enjoying a long table feast together, sharing their new knowledge and making new foodie friends.

With home cooking continuing to rise in popularity, these classes are a great way for people to improve on their culinary skills, no matter what level they're at - from aspiring chefs to those who rarely set foot in a kitchen.

Book your class on the day at the Cooking School

## Cooking School highlights

What	When
JBS - Cooking with Beef	11.30am August 10-19
Ames Starr from Raw and Peace - Decadent Desserts	1pm August 10, 4pm August 11
Chef Taya Meeikeaw from Taya Kitchen Culinary School and My Thai Restaurant - Rock n' Rolled Noodles	1pm August 11
Chef Will Cowper from OTTO Ristorante Brisbane - Crab Spaghetti	1pm August 12
Chef Daniel - Back to Basics, Mexi-Can	5.30pm August 12
Zoe Byres from Sugar Art by Zoe Byers - Cake Decorating Masterclass	1pm August 13; 2.30pm August 13 & 19
Chef Mel from Vanilla Zulu Culinary Adventures - Create a Death by Chocolate Tower	2.30pm August 15
Chef Sean Cummings from the Royal International Convention Centre - The Fresh Catch	2.30pm August 16
Chef Daniel - Back to Basics, Mastering the Art of Risotto	5.30pm August 16
Chef Daniel - Back to Basics, Perfect Pancakes	10am August 17
Javier Codina from Moda - Paella Like a Pro	1pm August 17
Matt Kirkegaard and Chef Daniel - Cooking with Beer, Chilli Crab and Beer	4pm August 17

# RQFWS Champions



The prestigious Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) has continued to unearth Australia's top food and wine products this year.

From May to July, the RQFWS judged more than 2,350 entries across its major competitions - Branded Beef; Branded Lamb; the Cheese and Dairy Produce Show; Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet; and the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS).

## **Marbleous Darling Downs Wagyu**

The Darling Downs once again showed it was yards ahead, with Stockyard's Wagyu Kiwami crowned Australia's best steak at the prestigious RQFWS Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Awards.

It's the second year in a row the Wagyu Kiwami, produced at Jondaryan near Toowoomba, has steaked the coveted John Kilroy Cha Cha Char Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show title and the fourth in a row beef from the Darling Downs region has taken it out.

The Wagyu Kiwami beat 36 other entrants, with Chief Judge Elaine Millar describing it as an extremely well-balanced, superb judging and eating experience.

## **Curd it be true? Queensland ice cream scoops title**

There's nothing sour about this win - a Brisbane ice cream maker took out the RQFWS Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition presented by Lendlease, for their lemon curd ice cream.

Gourmet Ice Cream Products, based in Virginia, squeezed out 171 other ice cream, gelato and sorbet entries to claim the prestigious title.

International dairy expert and RQFWS Chief Judge Russell Smith said the ice cream had a beautiful balance and silky smooth texture.

## **Chardonnay on top as Australia's finest drop**

A Chardonnay crushed the competition for the second year in a row, with a wine from the Yarra Valley crowned Grand Champion Wine of Show at the Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS) Awards.

The Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay was described by Chief Judge David Bicknell as "a drop that would hold its own against wines from anywhere in the world."

The Grand Champion Wine of Show was last year awarded to Xanadu Wines Reserve Chardonnay 2015 from the Margaret River.

Meanwhile the historic Stodart Trophy for Best Young Red Table Wine of Show was taken out by a Grenache for the very first time.

SC Pannell Wines, McLaren Vale, won the award for their Basso Garnacha which Mr Bicknell described as "fragrant, supple and flavoursome with great texture."

## **RQFWS 2018 Winners**

### ***THE JOHN KILROY CHA CHA CHAR GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW***

Stockyard Pty Ltd - Stockyard Wagyu Kiwami

### ***SUPER BUTCHER CHAMPION BRANDED LAMB OF SHOW***

Melrose Wholesale Meats - Tasmanian Royal

### ***LENLEASE GRAND CHAMPION ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET OF SHOW***

Gourmet Ice Cream Products - Lemon Curd

### ***LENLEASE GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW***

Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese - Oak Blue

### ***GRAND CHAMPION WINE OF SHOW TROPHY***

Coldstream Hills - Coldstream Hills Reserve Chardonnay



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