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Welcome



For 136 years the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) has celebrated all that is great about Queensland and the RNA is proud to announce that this year's show exceeded its attendance target of 400,000 through the gates.

Once again the Ekka has been successful in bringing together the community to experience the best of what Queensland producers, farmers and exhibitors have to offer. The state's premier competition event attracted 21,000 entries across 11,200 classes in 42 competition sections. Just over half of these entries were processed online, improving efficiencies in this area.

I am delighted to say that the new Ekka facilities created in 'Stage One' of the RNA's \$2.9 billion Regeneration Project, the Royal International Convention Centre and The Plaza, were warmly embraced by showgoers. For the first time visitors were able to see our vision for the showgrounds in action and identify with what we are trying to achieve here. Also new this year was the night program which saw the Energex Community Arena filled to capacity every night for the massive Ekka finale.

This is year one of the RNA's three year strategy to reposition the Ekka in the minds of people, so they see this event not only as something they must go to because of the memories and traditions, but also as an event that has world class entertainment, but remains good value for money.

A key initiative of this strategy going forward is the date change for Ekka 2014, which will see Queensland's largest community event run across two weekends. From next year onwards the show will commence on a Friday and conclude ten days later on the second Sunday.

The RNA has been thrilled with the Queensland community's positive response to all the new aspects of the Ekka and we thank everyone involved for their continuous efforts and contributions made.

Although the 2013 Ekka was hailed a great success I must acknowledge the people affected by the post-show outbreak of E.Coli (STEC). It was disappointing that this outbreak occurred and we are very sorry to the families who have obviously gone through a difficult and distressing period of illness and recovery.

Thank you to our wonderful RNA members, Ekka exhibitors, competitors, judges and stewards, volunteers and visitors to this year's show. Thank you also to my fellow RNA Councillors and staff for their enthusiasm and commitment in making Ekka 2013 the memorable experience it was.

David Thomas
RNA President

RNA Council News



Special edition RNA Cufflinks

Now RNA members can wear the RNA crest with pride. Gold RNA-crested cufflinks are available for purchase for \$40 at the RNA Reception in the Royal International Convention Centre.

Supreme Court appointment for RNA President

After a distinguished career at Minter Ellison, RNA President David Thomas has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Queensland. David was sworn in as a Judge of the Supreme Court Trial Division in September. Mr Thomas will continue on in his role as President of the RNA.

The RNA congratulates David and wishes him a long and rewarding career with the Supreme Court.



Jan McMillan

The RNA Councillor in Charge of Horses, Sheep Dog Trials and the Energex Community Arena, Jan McMillan, was absent at this year's Show due to an unfortunate accident.

Jan was unable to see the results of her many months of planning and work for the 2013 Ekka but she is recovering well and the RNA looks forward to welcoming her back early next year when we commence preparing for the 2014 Show.

E.Coli (STEC) outbreak

Late last month after the 2013 Show, there was an E.Coli (STEC) outbreak in south east Queensland, with preliminary investigations revealing that it may have been generated from the animal boulevard area at the Ekka.

E.Coli is a bacterium commonly found in the intestines of animals and humans, where it often does no harm. However, some E.Coli types are the common cause of diarrhoea around the world, while others are highly infectious and can cause very serious illness in humans, such as STEC. The bacteria is transmitted through the ingestion of faeces, so the most important factor is hand washing.

Immediately after the outbreak emerged, the RNA commenced working with Biosecurity Queensland and Queensland Health in their investigations. The RNA works closely with both these organisations each year to ensure the best measures are taken to limit the spread of disease and create a safe environment across the showgrounds.

Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeanette Young has acknowledged publicly that the health and safety measures the RNA implements in the animal boulevard are sufficient and that Queensland Health was focusing its investigation on the animals themselves.

Despite this acknowledgement, the RNA will be reviewing its processes and has already begun investigating world's best practice and research advancements in this area; and will obviously make changes and improvements where possible to minimise risk.

The latest news, development and innovation at Brisbane's ever-evolving showgrounds precinct.

New name marks new chapter for Brisbane's showgrounds

The RNA has started the rollout of its new brand name for the showgrounds – Brisbane Showgrounds - replacing RNA Showgrounds. While Queenslanders know and recognise RNA Showgrounds, research revealed that nationally and internationally it did not aptly describe the location of the Royal Queensland Show and the new Royal International Convention Centre.



As the showground continues to evolve, it will be important to create a destination or place that people can easily identify. In time the Brisbane Showgrounds will incorporate retail, residential and commercial elements, so 'place making' will become very important in developing the community - much like a suburb or precinct within Brisbane City.

Brisbane Showgrounds is a simple message which clearly defines the precinct in terms of its physical location and its position within Australia's new world city, while recognising its distinct heritage and character.

Other recognisable RNA brands will remain unchanged including the RNA's corporate brand, Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show and Royal International Convention Centre. Lend Lease developments, such as The Green residential apartments will also be identified as being located at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

RNA

is the business entity behind the Brisbane Showgrounds and the events/businesses that occur here.

Brisbane Showgrounds

is the PLACE and home of the Ekka, Royal International Convention Centre, the Green apartments, Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show and other exciting future developments.

The new Royal International Convention Centre and Plaza were a welcome addition to this year's Ekka



Plaza put through its paces

The centrepiece of the RNA's \$2.9 billion Regeneration Project to date- the new \$59 million Royal International Convention Centre and its accompanying open space, the 7,000sqm Plaza – was heralded a great success with show goers embracing the new facilities.

For the first time people were able to experience the Royal ICC in its entirety, with hundreds of thousands enjoying the new Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion upstairs and the popular Agricultural and Dog Pavilions downstairs.

The RNA in partnership with Lend Lease, pulled out all stops to complete The Plaza in time for the 2013 Show. Connecting the Convention Centre to the Energex Community Arena, The Plaza hosted the dog show judging rings as well as a selection of Ekka food vendors.

Feedback regarding the improvements made around the Brisbane Showgrounds has been very positive.

The Convention Centre and The Plaza handled the huge Ekka crowds comfortably and provided patrons with attractive and contemporary spaces to enjoy some of the Show's major attractions including the CommBank Natural Fibres Fashion Parades, the "Best in show" dog competition and the garden paradise created by the agricultural and horticultural exhibits.

Planning Brisbane's next high street

Concept planning is underway for King Street – the spine of the redeveloped Brisbane Showgrounds and Brisbane's next inner city 'high street'.

A key focus of the RNA's Regeneration Project, King Street, located south of Gregory Terrace, will be a vibrant boulevard of retail, residential, commercial and hotel development – a destination to be enjoyed year-round.

It is envisaged that King Street will be activated on week days by office workers and visitors to the Fresh Food Markets; and on weeknights and weekends by residents, visitors and hotel patrons discovering the variety and diversity of the high street.

As part of the concept planning process the RNA and Lend Lease are currently working with key stakeholders to achieve wide verges on the southern side of King Street. The widening of the verges is designed to enable a successful indoor/outdoor dining precinct similar to other successful world-class high streets.

King Street and its entry statement at Gregory's Rest just off Gregory Terrace will be designed to function during and outside Ekka and provide enduring community assets and public spaces.

Infrastructure works on the southern end of King Street will commence in early 2014 and the entire King Street precinct will be delivered by Ekka 2015.

Ekka Dates Change

Fri 8 - Sun 17, August 2014



From next year onwards Queensland's iconic Ekka will run across two weekends.

Announcing the date change on the final day of Ekka 2013, the RNA said next year's show would kick off on a Friday (8 August) and wrap up on a Sunday (17 August).

Currently running on a Thursday to Saturday program, the new start date means Queenslanders and visitors will have more opportunity than ever before to experience the magic of the Ekka over two full weekends.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why have the dates been changed?

The date change will make the Ekka more accessible to visitors, providing families and those who work with two full weekends to enjoy all aspects of the show. It also means that the much-loved night time entertainment program at Ekka 2014 will, for the first time, run for all 10 days of show – commencing on the very first night.

How was the decision made?

Each year the RNA reviews the success of the Ekka in a variety of ways and the timing of the show is often considered. The decision to change the dates was made in response to visitor feedback and following consultation and communication with a broad range of the RNA's valued stakeholders.

Will there be any major changes to the competition schedule?

Competitions lie at the heart of the Ekka and will continue to operate as normal throughout the 10 days of show. There will be no major impact to judging days and timetables, which will remain largely unchanged from 2013.

Will the date change affect the beef cattle judging in the main arena?

Traditionally the beef cattle judging has commenced on the Tuesday before Ekka starts on the Thursday. In 2014 pre-show judging of the beef cattle will remain and will still commence early that week.

Will people be able to watch the beef cattle judging on the days before Ekka officially opens to the public?

Yes. Industry representatives and people interested in the beef cattle judging will be able to access the grounds free of charge to view the beef cattle judging on the Main Arena.

Will I be able to buy food and drinks at the Ekka prior to the official opening day on the Friday?

The RNA operates a number of catering facilities to accommodate those exhibitors who are on the grounds in the lead up to the show opening, such as Cattlemen's Bar; Stockman's Bar and Grill etc. These will still be operating as usual. Please be mindful though that Monday through Thursday will be classed as "worksites set-up days" and while some catering facilities may choose to operate, exhibitors and carnival operators will not be required to begin operation until Friday 8 August.

What other changes can we expect at next year's Ekka?

2014 will be the second year of the RNA's three year strategy to position the Ekka as an event with world class entertainment. Next year's Ekka will continue to build on these strategic changes to entertainment, as well as general operational improvement. The date change will also allow the Ekka to plan for an exciting Main Arena act on that final Sunday to draw the crowds in.

Night Show IgNites Ekka



Hit night show act Rooftop Express brings the bush to the city

The RNA's decision to ramp up the Ekka's night time entertainment program has paid dividends with the new **Ekka Ignites 360** show attracting bumper crowds every night of the show.

An additional half a million dollars was invested in the all new professional production which showcased rock concert sound, 15 fireworks platforms, water fountains, lasers, true blue Aussie comedians The Rooftop Express, Marvel Superhero Iron Man and headlining artist Ricki-Lee Coulter.

The RNA was delighted with the overwhelmingly enthusiastic response to the new night time program which brought together the best elements of the country and the city.

This is year one of the RNA's three year strategy to reposition the Ekka as an event that has world class entertainment and competitions.

Year one of the new night program was a resounding success but there are key learnings from the experience, with improvements being made in some areas to ensure an even more spectacular entertainment event for show goers in 2014.

The announcement of the new Ekka dates for 2014 is great news for **Ekka Ignites 360**. Now that the Ekka will run over two full weekends, the night time program in 2014 will be staged all 10 days of show.



2013 Ekka Legend Kevin Hickey

Kevin crowned Show Legend

The RNA's 2013 Show Legend was awarded to Kevin Hickey – a man who hasn't missed an Ekka since 1933 and has shown his own dairy cattle every year for more than 60 years.

82 year old Mr Hickey from the Samford district is a third generation dairy farmer whose grandparents William and Hannah Hickey started showing dairy cattle at the Royal Queensland Show in 1926. The Hickey family has shown at every Ekka since then, resulting in 84 years of continuous showing.

Kevin has always had a passion for showing dairy cattle, competing at the Ekka every year including this year, as well as assisting the RNA in the organisation of the Dairy Section, the Grand Parade and milking competitions.

Not only has Kevin Hickey supported the Ekka for more than 80 years of his life, he is now grooming a fifth generation of Hickeys to carry on the traditions and values of exhibiting cattle and championing agriculture for the future.

The Main Event



A Fashionable Location

Thanks to its spacious and stylish new home in the Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion in the fabulous new Royal International Convention Centre, the iconic CommBank Natural Fibres Parade smashed its attendance record of 30,000 visitors this year.

With plenty of seating and the addition of standing room, the thrice-daily parades and the event's celebration of Queensland's agricultural industries and local design talent attracted huge crowds.

The Royal ICC enjoyed a very successful first Ekka, comfortably hosting the Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion and the Agricultural, Horticultural and Dog Pavilions. Although the new building was well received, there are areas for improvement which will ensure an even better experience at Ekka 2014.

The Ekka is Queensland's biggest annual show which makes the CommBank Natural Fibres Fashion Parades the largest publicly accessible fashion show in the state. The Parades offered an unprecedented stage for participating designers to showcase their new season collections in an eclectic blend of day, casual, elegant and bridal wear.

The 2013 CommBank Natural Fibres Fashion Parades designer line-up included EP by Easton Pearson, Gail Sorronda, Paul Hunt, Darb Couture, George Wu, Bora, Maiocchi, Alexis Dawn, Surafina, Tengdahl, Sacha Drake, Dmoore, Han, Urbana and Wil Valor.

Left: Fashions by Alexis Dawn on show at the CommBank Natural Fibres Parade

Big ✓ for Ticket Options

Queensland families have once again responded well to Ekka's "Plan Ahead, Buy Early and Save" message with online ticket pre-sales for the Ultimate Family Bundle up 18 per cent on last year.

Families could save up to \$75 by buying the Ultimate Family Bundle online before Ekka started on 8 August 2013.

Also at this year's show were new ticket bundles, add-ons and special event tickets which allowed visitors to customise their Ekka day out and save in the process.

The RNA is aware of the increasing cost of living pressures facing Queensland families so putting on a 'value for money' event is top of mind and the RNA appreciates it when families choose the Ekka over others.



City versus country spectacle

In the true spirit of Ekka, the annual Young Farmers Challenge competition brought the city and the country together in an entertaining showcase of farming skills.

40 young people representing eight country and urban organisations competed in the annual Young Farmers Challenge on the first Friday of this year's Ekka, 9 August in the Energex Community Arena.

What essentially is an obstacle course, the Young Farmers Challenge organised by the RNA's Future Directions Committee, involved the execution of typical farming activities including rolling up a swag; leading an alpaca; a wheelbarrow race and changing a ute tyre.

Sponsored by Honda Motorbikes, Brisbane Motorcycles, Scifleet Toyota, Landmark, Norco Beaudesert and the Queensland T Shirt Company, the 2013 Young Farmers Challenge was won by the UQ Gatton team.

The Queensland event has been running for several years now and there are plans for the Ekka to host a future final of the new national Australian Young Farmers Challenge.

Ekka Street Parades a Community Affair

The Ekka is Queensland's largest community event and this year's street parades were a wonderful showcase of true community spirit. For the first time, community groups were invited to participate in the daily parades - from dancing troupes to spoon players and even Queensland's Penny Farthing Cycling Association - adding plenty of character and excitement to this very popular Ekka entertainment event.

Below: The wonderfully colourful Ekka Street Parade



Best In Show Winners



Thoroughbred

Supreme Champion Thoroughbred
 Champion Mare – Great Northern V Corvi & T Cowan, Elimbah QLD

Stud Horses

Supreme Champion Australian Stockhorse
 Champion Mare – Secretheart Cherry Oak Len S Partridge, Walcha, NSW

Supreme Champion Clydesdale

Champion Mare – Duneske Flash Pearl J M & I Stewart-Koster, Highgrove QLD

Supreme Champion Riding Pony

Champion Mare – Euston Dancestar M & S Sambrooks, Woodford QLD

Showjumping

Champion Showjumping Rider of Show
 Merrick Ubank, MUTDAPILLY QLD

Farriers & Blacksmiths

Most Successful Exhibitor - Open
 Matt Smailes, Roleystone WA

Sheep Dog Trials

Thornton's Pirate
 Peter Mitchell, Tara QLD

Above: Champion of Champion Breed Pair

Bull – Moongool Gunsmoke (P) (Charolais), I B Price, Yuleba QLD / Cow or Heifer – Airlie Rebecca G10F (Charolais), McLachlan Group, Glenquarry NSW

Horses in Action

Champion Hack of Queensland
 Awards - Bailey Christie & McCann, Maribyrnong VIC

Champion Gentleman Rider of Queensland

Daniel Retschlag, Wondai QLD

Champion Show Hunter Galloway of Queensland

A Janevelyn Made To Order G & A Kaates, Jimboomba QLD

Champion Pony Hack of Qld - Over 12.2 hands

White Rose Roman Ella Jordie Lee Young, Jimboomba QLD

Champion Medium or Heavy Horse in Harness of Show

Duncan Valley Theodore Goodall Family & Duncan Valley Clydesdale Stud, Goombungee QLD

Feline

Best in Show

Abyssinian - ACF Nat Premier, ACF Ruby AoE CCCA DGC QFA Diamond DGC CFCCQ & FCCQ PDGC QICC DDGC Osiris (V) Fast Talker – Michael and Sue Shawn, Warner QLD

Pisciculture

Champion Fish of Show

Fishchick Aquatics, Annerley QLD

Canine

Champion of Show
 Poodle (Standard) - Ch. Huffish Dynamite Street (IMP SWE) Brett Hamilton, Diggers Rest VIC

Poultry

Grand Champion Fowl of Show

Australorp Black – Black Cockerel Gibson Bros, South Gundurimba NSW

Grand Champion Waterfowl of Show

Pekin - Young Drake
 A M Munchow, Aubigny QLD

Grand Champion Pigeon of Show

Jacobin - Old Cock
 Gordon Jones, Capalaba QLD

Woodchop & Sawing

Champion Axeman of Show

Laurence O'Toole, Doncaster VIC

Education on Show

Champion School of Show

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, Corinda QLD

Quilts across Queensland

Best of Show

"Knotted Logs" – Margot Kitchen, Kenmore QLD

The Main Event

Fine Arts

Cookery

Grand Champion Cake Decorating Entry

Gregory Cleary, Kenmore QLD

Creative Art and Craft

Grand Champion Exhibit of Show

Shirley Ivins-Jenkins, Glenmore Park NSW

Painting and Drawing

Champion Portrait of Show

"Portrait of Don Hamilton" - Irene McKean, Mount Gravatt QLD

Sculpture

Champion Sculpture of Show

"THAT Dress!" - Peter Steller, Wellington Point QLD

Photography

Champion Print of Show

"At Rest" - Sandra Anderson, Logan Reserve QLD

Prime Beef

Grand Champion Pen of Show

Charolais X - Horsley Park Pastoral Company, Dalby QLD

Dairy Cattle

Supreme Champion Dairy Cow

Bushlea Badger S.Beauty 2nd (Jersey) - S.G & J.A McCarthy, Budgee QLD

Stud Beef

Champion of Champion Breed Pairs

Bull - Moongool Gunsmoke (P) (Charolais), I B Price, Yuleba QLD

Cow or Heifer - Airlie Rebecca G10F (Charolais), McLachlan Group, Glenquarry NSW

Interbreed Champion Small Breeds

Bull - Vitulus Gotta Be Red (R) (Ausline), M Hayes, Thornton, QLD

Cow or Heifer - Kobblevale Henrietta (Ausline), Kobblevale Enterprises, Jandowae QLD

Led Steer

Grand Champion Led Steer

Grand Champion Mediumweight Led Steer - Sowden Family, Kingaroy QLD

Grand Champion Led Steer Carcase

Champion Lightweight Carcase - Myown Angus, Gympie Queensland

Boer Goats

Supreme Champion Standard Boer Goat of Show

Grand Champion Standard Buck - Kingston Hugo - Adelle Botes, Inverell NSW

Supreme Champion Red Boer Goat of Show

Grand Champion Red Doe - Tanderra Heleeka - Nicole Broad, Lockyer Waters QLD



Above: This year's award winning fleece

Dairy Goats

Supreme Dairy Doe of Show

Grand Champion British Alpine Doe - Glendowen Mahogany - Lesley & Tom McDowell, Baan Baa NSW

Angora Goats

Grand Champion Angora Goat of Show

Dauson (419) Breanna - Graham Dau, Pilton QLD

Alpaca

Information unavailable at time of printing

Sheep

Supreme Champion Ram of Show

Grand Champion School Ram - Nandina Lancelot - Dakabin State High School, Dakabin QLD

Supreme Champion Ewe of Show

Grand Champion School Ewe - The Scots PGC College, Warwick QLD

Fleece

Grand Champion Merino Fleece of Show

Jan Lowing, Nobby QLD

Film Students Race Around Ekka



In its biggest year yet 65 student teams from across Queensland contested the 2013 Energex Race Around Ekka School Film Competition during the show.

Secondary school film students worked against the clock to produce a polished advertisement which was judged by a panel of industry experts. Participating teams planned, directed, shot and edited a 15 or 30 second TV advertisement for the Ekka - all within 24 hours. Students also needed to include a safety message from Energex "Get a buzz from the Ekka, not electricity. Look up and live." This year the stakes were high with over \$13,000 in cash prizes.

Stretton State College scooped the pool winning first and third place plus the People's Choice award in the senior category, earning the school \$5,100. The Queensland Academy of Creative Arts was placed second. In the junior category Indooroopilly State High's year ten students were the winners and Marymount College and Grace Lutheran College, second and third place getters.

The RNA said the competition was a key initiative of the Ekka's education program because it challenged students to be creative, think on their feet, work as a team and produce a professional piece, all in a tight time frame.

Top score for Royal Queensland Steakhouse

The Ekka's fine dining restaurant, the Royal Queensland Steakhouse, was a big hit in the new Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion, with the venue attracting strong crowds and coming up trumps in reviews.

Diners flocked to the Steakhouse this year to sample mouth-watering meals featuring Australia's best beef and lamb as awarded in this year's Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show.

The Steakhouse also received a glowing review in a Sunday Mail Ekka food review published on Sunday 11 August, which saw 2013 **My Kitchen Rules** runners- up Jake and Elle take the newspaper on a foodie tour to sample the best in show.

The Sunshine Coast brother and sister were impressed with the Royal Queensland Steakhouse giving it a 10 out of 10 score saying it served "some of the best beef in town".

Queensland beef Rib fillet 300g. \$35 and beef carpaccio. \$19. Royal Queensland Steakhouse

Elle: *The carpaccio has the perfect amount of acidity. It's just to die for this is one of the best I've ever had. The prices here are great value.*

Jake: *The steak has a fantastic fat content, it's perfectly cooked, well rested and juicy. It's just delish. The shiraz is great too it has a nice earthiness and compliments the beef.*

(Source: Sunday Mail, 11 August 2013)

Below: An award-winning meal served at the Royal Queensland Steakhouse



Palate



Prime Minister Tony Abbott ordering strawberry sundaes for him and his daughters Bridget and Frances

Salute to the Strawberry Sundae

Everyone’s favourite ice cream just gets better and better – that was the word from this year’s Ekka about the iconic Strawberry Sundae.

In the 25th year of the Ekka’s partnership with the Prince Charles Hospital Foundation, show goes once again devoured the famous Strawberry Sundae with gusto consuming 137,000 ice creams, up from 129,000 in 2012. Those to indulge this year included both the former prime minister, Kevin Rudd and the new prime minister Tony Abbott as they took their election campaigns to the Ekka! 24,925 tonnes of the strawberry and vanilla ice cream was used by Brisbane based gourmet ice-creamery Lick and 2,800 volunteers assembled the all natural tasty treat. All proceeds from the Hospital’s Strawberry Sundae stalls go to fund children’s health research.

The Sundae also rated highly in the Sunday Mail food review feature published on 11 August, 2013.

Elle: The ice-cream is very good, it’s extremely creamy, with a high fat content, so you know it’s a true ice-cream. I love that the filling goes all the way down the cone.

Jake: It’s velvety and creamy delicious. Love the fresh strawberries in it.

VERDICT: 9/10. Great value and the money goes to a good cause.

(Source: Sunday Mail, 11 August 2013)



Funnel cake equals Fun

One of the most talked about and savoured Ekka foods this year had to be the funnel cake!

The funnel cake is a traditional American carnival food and this year the sweet treat made its first appearance at the Ekka. The funnel cake stand, with its fabulous dancing girls and cabaret theme, was the most talked about food outlet in the new Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion.

Left: The fabulous and frivolous funnel cake stand in the Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion



The future of our restaurant industry is bright

Queensland's best student chefs served up some exceptional fare in the Ekka's interactive kitchens as part of the state final of the 2013 Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge (JSSCC).

Twelve teams of two year 10 Home Economics/Hospitality students from across Queensland came to the Ekka for the annual cook-off on the 17 August on the new Harvest and Hops Stage in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion.

The winning team was from Trinity Lutheran College and the students Grace Norton and Sunni Roberts wowed the judges with their North African-inspired dish of chicken ballontine with charred vegetables, spiced chilli and pear, cous cous filo spear with pomegranate syrup.

The competition was stiff with the runners up also producing outstanding dishes. The second-placed Beerwah State High School team (Jacinta Dwan and Shania Hunn) produced boned chicken Maryland stuffed with rocket and parmesan pesto rolled in prosciutto and oven baked Hasselback potatoes, stuffed baby capsicum, sautéed dutch carrots, broccoli and caramelised pear; and the third-placed Stanthorpe State High School students Jessica Marsden and Brook Clare whipped up prosciutto wrapped chicken ballontine stuffed with local apple, Granite Belt feta and walnuts and served with a beetroot puree, turned vegetables and a local melon balled apple in gravy.

Now in its 4th year, the JSSCC which comprises a series of events and activities over a four month period, attracted around 200 students from 52 Queensland schools. The 2013 judging panel was impressed with the high standard of the meals cooked and the originality, commitment and the professionalism shown by all the competitors.



The winning dish was a Northern African inspired chicken and vegetable recipe



Budget treat a big hit

Leading the way in making the Ekka an affordable day out this year was Gotzinger Smallgoods and its \$2 mini hotdogs.

Brisbane-based Gotzinger boosted its Ekka presence in 2013 with a stall in the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion, two stalls on Machinery Hill plus an outlet in the new Fashion and Fine Food Pavilion.

Headlining their Ekka offering was the new mini hot dogs, of which they sold over 8000 mini Hot Dogs during the 10 days. Other popular meals were the German Bratwurst, Cheese Kranskies, Spanish Chorizo, all cooked in front of the customers on their new BBQ at Machinery Hill. They also gave away over sixty thousand samples at the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion alone.

In season now....Mango

Seared Hervey Bay Scallops with Mango, Chilli and Coriander Salsa



Ingredients :

- 1 mango, flesh diced
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 lime leaf, finely sliced
- 2 tbsp coriander leaves, chopped roughly
- 1 tsp fish sauce
- 1 long red chilli, diced
- 8 scallops, cleaned (preferably in the shell)
- 1 tsp olive oil
- ½ tbsp macadamia oil

Method :

1. Make the salsa by tossing together the mango, chilli, lime juice, lime leaf, coriander and fish sauce. Refrigerate.
2. Quickly sear off or grill your scallops with a little oil and allow to cool slightly. Don't overcook....less is more.
3. Lay your cooked scallop back in the scallop shell then spoon over the salsa.....drizzle with macadamia oil.
4. Serve immediately.

Lifestyle, entertainment and events for the people of Queensland.
Take time out to visit the Brisbane Showgrounds!

What's on...

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| ISOCARP Congress 2013 - Brisbane Australia 1 - 4 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre | Brisbane Relay for Life 2013 26 - 27 October 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (Oval 2) |
| Bring Me the Horizon 5 October 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (The Marquee) | Pre Christmas Caravan and Camping Sale 2013 31 October – 3 November 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds |
| Brisbane Zombie Walk 6 October 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (Expo Place) | Energy Skills Queensland Conference 2013 4 November 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A) |
| National Radio Conference 11 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre | Supanova Pop Culture Expo 8 - 10 November 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds |
| 25th Australian Commercial Radio Awards 12 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre | Homeless Connect 13 November 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (Expo Place & The Avenues) |
| Oktoberfest Brisbane 11 -13, 18 - 20 October 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds | UDIA Queensland Awards for Excellence 2013 15 November 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A & B) |
| SU QLD Chaplaincy - Frontline Appeal Dinner 14 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A & B) | The BIG SHOW - Antiques Militaria Firearms Collectables Fair 16 - 17 November 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (No. 8 The Avenues) |
| NAWIC QLD and NT Crystal Vision Awards Night - Diversifying Our Skills Pipeline 18 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A & B) | 2013 Queensland Tourism Awards 22 November 2013 Royal International Convention Centre |
| Brisbane Retirement and Lifestyle Expo 18 – 20 October 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds (Exhibition Building) | 58th Walkley Awards for Excellence in Journalism 28 November 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A & B) |
| Education Queensland – Smart Choices Masterclass 21 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A) | Vans Warped Tour Australia 29 November 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds |
| The Premier of Queensland's Export Awards 2013 24 October 2013 Royal International Convention Centre (Hall A & B) | Brisbane Advertising Association Christmas Lunch 6 December 2013 Royal International Convention Centre |
| | Stereosonic 7 – 8 December 2013 Brisbane Showgrounds |



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Brisbane's Royal Buzz

Since opening in March 2013, Brisbane's brand new convention centre will welcome three international conferences in its first nine months of operation. Brisbane is one of the largest growth areas in Australia, so it's no surprise that its newest offering in the convention and exhibition space, the Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC), has generated excitement and interest both at home and abroad.

Located on the East Coast of Australia in Queensland – known as the 'Sunshine State' due to its warm sunny days, beautiful beaches and Great Barrier Reef – Brisbane is a short one hour flight from Sydney. All major airlines including Cathay Pacific, Emirates, Qantas, Virgin Atlantic and Singapore Airlines, fly directly into the Queensland capital.

So, what's all the buzz about?

A great location

Located at the Brisbane Showgrounds, the Royal ICC forms part of a major AUD \$2.9 billion modern community redevelopment for Brisbane's inner city, close to Brisbane's popular café, entertainment, music and dining precincts in Fortitude Valley and James Street, New Farm. It is situated just 1.6 km from Brisbane's central business district and 10 minutes from the domestic and international airport terminals via the city's new airport link tunnel. Brisbane's medical research precinct (Queensland Institute of Medical Research, Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital and Royal Children's Hospital) is also within walking distance, making it ideal for medical conferences and field trips.

So much more than a single venue...

The Royal ICC offers a diverse range of indoor and outdoor venue options in conjunction with the stunning state-of-the-art convention centre, including a Main Arena oval and 20,000 seat grandstand and 1,500 m² modern outdoor Plaza, making it perfect for larger exhibitions and events.

A unique design that will also save you money!

A unique blend of original hardwood timbers and industrial heritage façade, with contemporary architectural design, provides warmth, character and charm – something that's not often found in convention centre facilities. The operable ceiling grid system, first in Australia, will save you time and money on set-up costs; the team work seamlessly with clients to provide complete venue, food and beverage and audio visual packages to suit any budget and creative requirements.



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