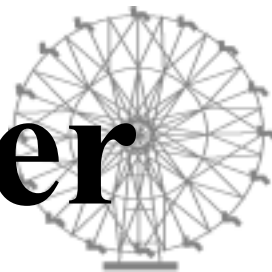


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School's in at the Ekka

The Ekka is much more than fireworks and fairy floss, show bags and sideshows for many State Schools.

For months schools have been preparing cattle and sheep, and organising fruit and vegetable displays.

Primary and Secondary school bands have been rehearsing for concerts and a marching display in the main ring.

Individual students have also been preparing art work

and school projects for competition.

The Ekka also becomes a classroom for the thousands of students who make it a "rural" experience.

Baa Baa School Sheep

By Amy Perkin, Jana Kister and Heidi Enchelmaier

If you like Angoras, Suffolks or Southdowns then you need to visit the School Sheep Pavilion.

The school sheep competition attracted five schools including the Beenleigh, Corinda, Dakabin and Rochedale State High Schools.

The sheep, angoras, boer goats and alpacas move into the upper level of the beef

pavilion mid way through the show when some of the stud beef have gone.

A number of lambs and angora kids were born during the show.

One school gives their baby goats woollen jumpers when the weather gets cold.

A sign explains all about the jumpers and where the school students got the idea about using them.



Fruit 'n' Vegetables Schools Awarded

by Amy Bergen

State High Schools have exhibited outstanding fruit and vegetable displays in the Queensland Youth District Exhibits competition.

Beeleigh State High School won the competition with a focus on the Goodwill Games. Caboolture State High was awarded 3rd place.

Bracken Ridge and Longanlea State High Schools also competed with outstanding displays of fruit, grains and vegetables.

A LONG WAY FROM HOME

by Bonnie Hope

A group of Year 10 students from Wondai State School has come to the Ekka as part of their rural studies course.

The students are visiting for the last three days of the show and will be studying sheep, cattle, goats and poultry.

The rural studies course is intended for students who would like to work on dairy and beef properties.

For many students it is a first visit to the Ekka and they were surprised at how big it actually is.

The students thought that it wouldn't be too hard to look after cattle, but experience taught them otherwise.



The Ekka Courier is a publication of the Brisbane Show Camp.

The Camp is conducted by Education Queensland for students from year six and seven in Queensland State Schools.

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Letters to the Editor.....

Dear Editor,
I am just writing to say how good the Ekka Courier is. I love it. Keep up the good work.

Dear Editor,
I think the showbags should keep supplying more showbags when they run out of stock.

Dear Editor,
There should be more maps around the Ekka so people don't get lost.

I also think that they should stop letting people in after noon because otherwise there is too many people.
Steven.

A CHOPPING GOOD SHOW



by Ian McKerrell, Stuart Hall.

One of the most fascinating events to watch at the Royal Queensland Show is the Wood Chop.

There are many different types of events with the crowds seeming to like the tree felling competition the most. Competitors from all over Australia come to participate and hope to win big cash prizes.

In most of the finals and semifinals, the crowds strongly encourage the competitors, especially Australians. Wood chopping is extremely demanding and competitors need to be extremely fit and skilful.

The new stadium has proven to be a great success, because it is new and fits the competitors needs much better than the old stadium.

The stadium is usually filled to capacity with an enthusiastic crowd.

Pigs Can Fly

by Ian McKerrell, Stuart Hall and Ashlie Lomax

Most people have seen Miss Piggy on TV, but there is another Miss Piggy who is attracting equally large audiences.

The piglet jumps into a large pool from a diving board. Each performance attracts approximately 1000 people to see Miss Piggy dive.

The beautiful pig makes her way into the arena, and walks onto the platform. She jumps into the water and the crowd cheers. Miss Piggy has been jumping for three months and is quite a pro.

Preceding Miss Piggy's dive are the pig races.

The crowd is divided into four sections and each is allotted a pig. Each section barracks for their pig. There are two events, the 35m sprint and the 35m hurdle race.

The pigs' trainers must be Simpsons' fans because they named the pigs Lisa, Marge, Homer and Bart.

It usually takes the pigs about seven seconds to finish the sprint race and about eight seconds to finish the hurdle race. It is an exciting show and worth while seeing.



TAKING THE PLUNGE

Opposite the Animal Nursery is Aqua World, the only diving show at the EKKA. Why not watch the professionals, possibly get wet at the same time, and have some serious, wet fun?

by Joseph Marstella and John Gardner

Aqua World's glamorous and gorgeous guys and gals have made an eye catching show with everything from the simple joke to a death-defying 17 metre above the ground dive which heads towards the water at 60 km/h.

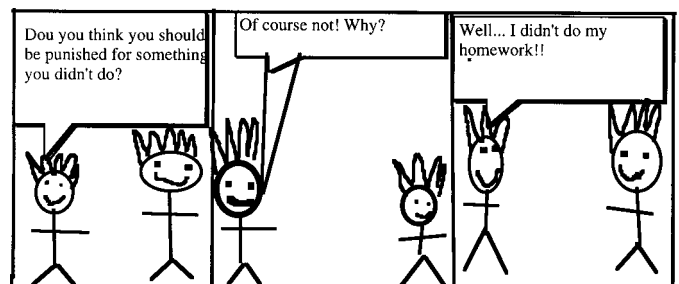
They call themselves the Flying Lotahs and have under water dances, such as the cat walk and they wave to the crowds while under the water and upside down.

There is also a group act where one of their actors pretends to annoy Joey, their trick

jumper, as he attempts to make a daring jump. This leads to a competition between the two and all of the group of trainee divers come and start clowning around and ruining the show.

This is a perfect show for the whole family, but be warned, come prepared for some wet fun.

The Flying Lotahs have their own web site at: www.aquaworld.com.



BY Johnathon Solli

BANDS ON SHOW

by **Steven McCormack and Todd Jackson**

One State Primary School band and fourteen State Secondary School bands have been providing entertainment at the Ekka.

The MacGregor primary school band and bands from Secondary Schools at Albany Creek, Craigslea, MacGregor,

Loganlea, Kedron, Kenmore, Morayfield, Toogoolawah, Everton Park, Shailer Park, Bracken Ridge, The Gap, Mitchelton, Redcliffe and Brisbane State High school entertained audiences relaxing at the lunch area near Gregory Terrace.



Precious Poultry

by **Joseph Marstella, Johnathon Solli and David Reushle**

In the Poultry Pavilion there are hundreds of fascinating poultry, water fowl and caged birds.

This year there were over 2000 entries in the Poultry and Caged Birds sections.

The Poultry included chooks, turkeys and water-fowl, ducks and geese. The Caged birds section included pigeons, canaries, finches, parrots, quails and doves, and budgerigars.

There were also 37 chickens on display.

If you don't know much

about poultry, there are posters and books that contain a lot of information for the amateur breeder.

There is also a small store where you can buy poultry and all you might need to get started.

If you want to learn, buy, enter into competitions or just see poultry, go to the Poultry Pavilion and have a great time!

Facinating Facts II

by **Amy Perkin and Jana Kister**

Here are some more fascinating facts about the EKKA.

- 227 varieties of show bags,
- 49 rides and games,
- 1.3 million cups of tea and coffee consumed,
- 750,000 hot dogs,
- 155,000 meat pies,
- 25,000 apples on display,
- 632,000 people attended last year's EKKA,
- 500 commercial exhibitors,
- 753,000 glasses of beer consumed,
- 2,000 tonnes of manure collected,
- 700,567 tonnes of rubbish taken from site yearly,
- 60 permanent staff,
- 400 staff during show time,
- 80 other events hosted during the year,
- 22 hectares of overall area of grounds,
- 2 ovals,
- 9 bars,
- 6 kitchens,
- 50 individual buildings on the grounds,
- 400 metres is the circumference of the main oval.

Fabulous Fashion

by **Boni Moore, Hilary Morrison and Megan FitzGerald**

At the EKKA there are daily fashion parades with male and female models featuring clothing made of Wool, Cotton and Leather.

The wool parades, sponsored by Rams Home Loans, are being held in the Wool Pavilion,

The most popular colours are subdued shades of black, grey and white. A small number of designers used colours such as soft pastels as

well as vivid shades of orange, red, yellow and green. The clothes are by Australian designers Debra Kolkka, Jenny Beahm Druitti, Bora, Liz Davenport and Sally Smith.

The stands are being filled to capacity with many more standing at vantage points. The parade are a great success with keen excitement apparent as the models walk onto the catwalk.

Popular Show Bags

by **Megan Stein and Teneille Hamwood**

Show bags, show bags, show bags!!!

With 227 varieties, do you really know what you are doing when it comes to searching for value for money?

The most expensive bag is the Gabba Bulls Test show bag coming in at \$25 and the cheapest bag is the Bertie Beetle show bag which costs \$1.

If what people are carrying is any indication of

popularity, Cadbury is way ahead of the rest. Other lolly bags also seem to be popular. Surprisingly, the "A Little Luxury" bag which contains mostly magazines and food samples also seems to be popular.

The high "value" bags often contain discount vouchers for entertainment places.

Enjoy your time at the show and good luck in buying showbags.

Show Camp highly recommends the
Cafe Alex
when dining at the EKKA

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JUNIOR JUDGING RESULTS 2001

A very successful Junior Judging Competition was completed on Thursday morning. Competitor numbers were higher than in previous years with the standard of junior judging improving every year.

Congratulations to all Show Campers who made the finals or won prizes in the competitions.

The winner of the *Queensland Country Life Award* was Anita Fletcher. Carmen Pearson from Yeppoon State High School was runner-up. The *Darker Award* was won by Renee Turner with Anita Fletcher as runner-up.

CLASS 1: Stud Beef Cattle - Senior

1st: Cherie Gooding
2nd: Luke Comiskey
3rd: Mark Duthie

CLASS 2: Dairy Cattle - Senior

1st: Glen Waldren
2nd: Anita Fletcher
3rd: Tim Beattie

CLASS 3: Stud Sheep - Senior

1st: Nathan Paterson
2nd: Melissa Ford
3rd: David Hartwig

CLASS 4: Stud Angoras - Senior

1st: Anita Fletcher
2nd: Luke Enchelmaier
3rd: Melissa Ford

CLASS 5: Stud Beef - Junior

1st: Carmen Pearson
2nd: Cassie Hicks
3rd: Todd Jackson

CLASS 6: Dairy Cattle - Junior

1st: Jason Johnston
2nd: Scott Waldron
3rd: Luke Jackson

CLASS 7: Stud Sheep - Junior

1st: Renee Turner
2nd: Rebecca Jacks
3rd (tie): Richard Snow
3rd (tie): Jessica Hanson

CLASS 8: Stud Angoras - Junior

1st: Renee Turner
2nd: Christie Currie
3rd: Amy Woods

CLASS 9: Prime Beef - Open

1st (tie): Josh Mayes
1st (tie): Anita Fletcher
3rd: Carmen Pearson

CLASS 10: Wool - Open

1st: Boni Moore
2nd: Johnathon Solli
3rd: Hilary Morrison

CLASS 11: Dairy Goats - Open

1st: Stephanie Sinclair
2nd: Joaquin Walker
3rd (tie): Kenny Thomson
3rd (tie): Alicia Waldron

CLASS 12: Fruit & Vegetables - Open

1st: Katie Paten
2nd: Elizabeth Shaw
3rd: Anita Fletcher

CLASS 13: Grains - Open

1st: Ian McKerrell
2nd: Matthew Duke
3rd: Wayne Thompson



A GREAT FAMILY TRADITION

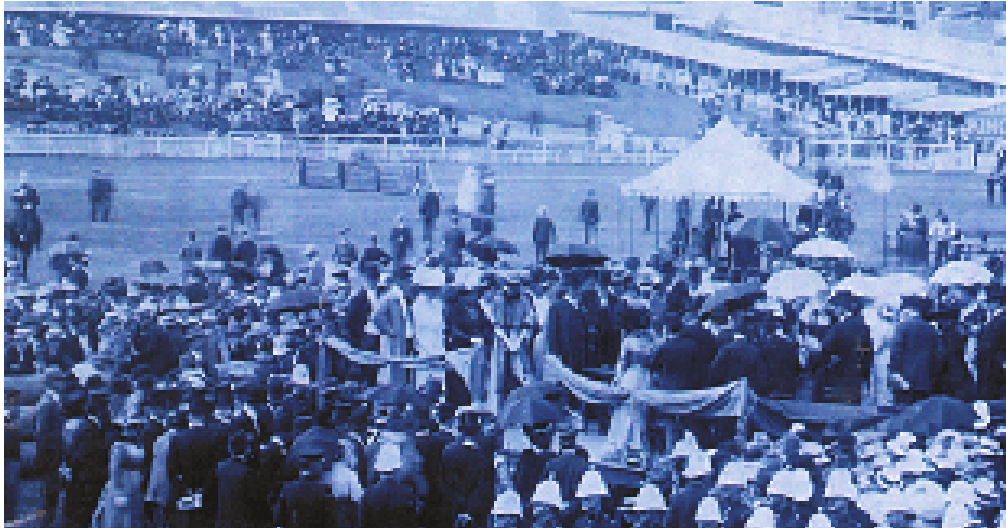
*See you at the Ekka
August 8 - 17 2002.*

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10th Anniversary Special Feature



2000: Happy Birthday RNA!



An Opening Ceremony at an early Royal Queensland Show

By Brendan Boyd and Craig Ramm

The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland is celebrating its 125th birthday. In the Commerce Building at the Brisbane Exhibition this year there are displays to recognise the Royal Queensland Show, better known as the EKKA.

In the exhibit there is a historical display of memorabilia, photos, mementos and much, much more.

The display contains photos of a National Exhibition in 1905 and 1908, horse and cattle certificates, badges, ribbons and books.

There are also displays of cricket, a living room, a steam roller, newspapers, wool and cotton - all related to the history of the RNA in Queensland.

The RNA President, Mr Colin Meagher, hopes it will continue its strong involvement with Queensland".

1997: SIR WALTER TO RETIRE



Sir Walter Burnett, RNA President

At the official opening of the 1997 Ekka on Friday night, Sir Walter Burnett, President of the RNA announced that he would retire from that position. Sir Walter Burnett says he is going to miss the Ekka greatly but he feels he should give the opportunity to somebody else. Sir Walter Burnett was elected president of the RNA on the 30th November, 1983. He took the place of Sir Archibald Archer who had died. At 76 years of age, Sir Walter has been involved

with the Show Society for 43 years and has been president for 14 of those years.

He said he was likely to resign later in the year to give his successor time to take over well before the next Show.

Sir Walter Burnett will stay with the RNA council for a further 12 months as Immediate Past President.

By Rory Comiskey, Carmel Roberts, Samantha Muller and Jeff Seiler

1998: SHOW CAMPERS HOLD REUNION

Today the Show Camp and the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association celebrated 70 years of Show Camp with a reunion and

TO CELEBRATE 70 YEARS

morning tea at the Stockmans' rest.

The reunion was opened by Sir Walter Burnett, RNA Councillor in charge of the Show Camp.

A 70th birthday cake was then brought out and the candles lit.

The oldest and youngest Show Campers present blew out the candles and cut the cake.

After the function the Minister for Education met each of the present Show Campers and had lunch with them. He presented them with their Press Award Certificates.

The 70th Birthday Party for the Show Camp was a resounding success.

Other dignitaries present were the President of the RNA, Mr Colin Meagher, the Minister for Education, the Hon Dean Wells, the Minister for Primary Industries, the Hon Henry Palaszczek and the Shadow Minister for Education, Mr Bob Quinn.

Approximately 100 people attended the function with some of the past Show Campers present, including a camper from the first camp in 1928.

During the function presentation certificates were given to the RNA and Education Queensland by two of the present campers, Amy Jackson and Alan Hunt.

Then a certificate was presented to the past president of the RNA, Sir Walter Burnett by camper Dan Bauer and another certificate signed by all the 1998 campers was presented to Sir Walter by Carley Garside.



Oldest and youngest "Campers" cutting the cake.

1999: DINOSAUR DISPLAY

By Rex Seiler and Troy Townsend

In the Walter Burnett Building there is a wonderful display of dinosaur fossils.

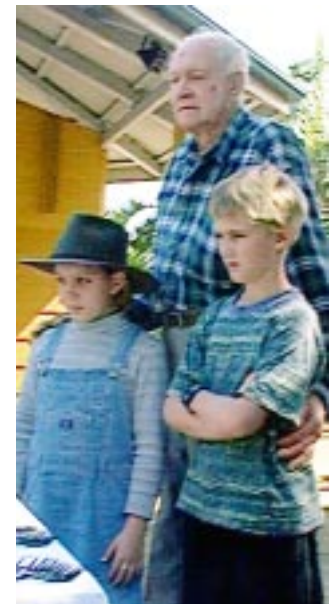
In 1989 Rob Ievers found a fossil of the Richmond Pliosaur on his property called Marathon Station. It is the best fossil of a Pliosaur in the world. But it is only 97% complete.

It was found when Rob saw what looked like a tree root sticking out of the creek bank. So he went over and kicked it and it snapped at the nose. He picked it up and it felt extremely heavy unlike a bone. He took it to the Queensland Museum to find out that it was an exceptionally well preserved Pliosaur and is about 100 million years old.



Rob also found a Minmi Dinosaur three months later only three kilometres away from the other dinosaur. This dinosaur was the most complete skeleton found in Australia, even its skin and intestinal contents are preserved.

This dinosaur is about four metres long and was extremely well covered in armour to protect its small body. The Minmi's tail was extraordinarily strong to whack its predators.



1928 and 1998 "Campers"

The stories in this Special Feature have been reprinted from Ekka Couriers published from 1997 to 2000. Other reprint articles were published in the first edition of the Ekka Courier this year.