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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- * 9 am–6 pm: Quilts Across Queensland Display
- * 9 am–6 pm: Horticultural Displays
- * 9 am–6 pm: Queensland Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists Display
- * 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 4 pm: Sheep Shearing Demonstrations
- * 8 pm_9:30 pm: Rising Suns Australian Army Band.

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THE ANIMAL NURSERY IS BACK

By Wujin



Of the many attractions at the Ekka, none is more popular than the RACQ Animal Nursery.

The Animal Nursery was introduced to the Ekka in 1964, and conducted by the students from Gatton Agricultural College.

This year, Highland cattle and Valais sheep have been added to the familiar favourites like goats, llamas and puppies.

Camels have returned to the Animal Nursery. The camels in the Nursery are army mascots selected to recognise the services of the Camel Corps, a camel-mounted infantry brigade, established in January 1916 which had more than 3800 camels.

The Animal Nursery lets children up-close to feed, pat and take photos of farm animals.



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This hands-on attraction is as much of a joy to the workers as it is to the children. Shane Hancock has helped at the Ekka for many years, and knows how much enjoyment the Nursery can bring.

“I enjoy [my job] because I get to interact with the public and I get to show people how wonderful the animals are,” he said.



“It’s really nice watching children’s expressions when they get to meet and touch those animals for the first time.”

“I think [the Nursery] is special because it reminds people we do have the country outside of the city. It’s a chance to get to bring the country into the city and it’s a very special experience for lots of people.”