



# The Ekka Courier

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### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- \* 7:30 am – 4:30 pm: Farriers & Blacksmiths Competition
- \* 9 am – 5 pm: Race Around the Ekka Competition
- \* 8:45 am – 12:30 pm: Dairy Goats Judging
- \* 9 am – 6 pm: SwarmFarm Robotics - Agricultural Hall
- \* 1:30 pm – 5 pm: Stud Beef Small Breeds Judging

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## SPIRIT OF THE HORSE

By Alvin and Taneesh

Spirit of the Horse is an equestrian performance by Dave Manchon during the EkkaNITES program.

Mr Manchon is an equine artist who is well-known for his ability as a horse trainer. He has also performed in other productions, including Rooftop Express.

The Spirit of the Horse showcases Mr Manchon's horsemanship and the skills of the horses he has trained over a number of years. The horses spin, sit on a bean bag and follow him around the arena off-rein.

A highlight of the show was a mob of horses decorated in glow-in-the-dark paint that were mustered around the track.

"It's an enchanting show where we just want people to see horses, warm their hearts, enjoy the moment with the people around them, because horses live in the moment and that's the message we're trying to get out," Mr Manchon, said.

Dave's dad was a capable horseman and always encouraged him to ride. As a young man he



became acquainted with many good trainers.

His first horse was named Muppet and, as he grew close to it, the more he came to love horses.

"He was probably the first horse I had a relationship with," he said.

"Before we can start training anything, we've got to develop a relationship with them. That's the most important part," he said.