



# 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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## MILITARY CAMELS AT THE EKKA

By Tess

Penny and Vernon, military mascot camels in honour of the Imperial Camel Corps, can be seen in the RACQ Animal Nursery at the Ekka this year.

“Their actual names are Sam and Carly but we still use their traditional names, Penny and Vernon,” Private Cody Diegan, one of the handlers, said.

The Corps was formed in 1916 and was attached to the ANZAC Mounted Division. At full frontline strength, 3880 camels were used to carry military supplies and provide mounts for the soldiers.

Sometimes stretchers were attached to the camel’s saddles and they were used as ambulances.

Camels are highly adaptable animals and are able to eat almost any green vegetation. They can survive in the desert for as long as 15 days and are able to carry 136 kilograms. Camels



were more efficient than horses for transportation and patrol work in an arid environment.

The mascots are at the Ekka this year to acknowledge the role that camels played in World War One.