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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- * 9.00am - 5.00pm: Horse Breeds Expo
- * 11.00am, 12.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm & 4.00pm: Butterfly Stilt Walkers - The Old Museum
- * 2.00pm - 3.00pm: Dairy Cattle Judging - RNA Young Paraders Competition
- * 4.30pm - 5.30pm: Grand Parade

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SNAKE SAFETY SHOW

By Zara



travels around Australia. It has been featured at all of the state capital shows.

“Now I’ve just put my passion of entertaining crowds with my passion with wildlife,” Luke said.

During Luke’s shows, he explains what to do if near a venomous snake and how to apply bandages if bitten.

“I’ve always had a fascination for the natural world, I’ve had a particular interest with reptiles,” he said.

“I just find that they’re the sum of diversity in Australia. With so many different environments we’ve spawned more reptiles than any other country.

“We’ve got 1000 species in Australia and each one of them is unique in their own way. I just find that they have this prehistoric essence about them.

“When we compare snake deaths to other animal deaths, the leading cause of animal death in the countryside is actually horses and bees.

“Just because we have a huge amount of venomous snakes out there, our medical treatment is really good and with a little bit of safety and awareness it’s not a really big problem,” Luke said.

Lucas Cheyne runs Luke’s Reptile Kingdom, which is located on King Street and is open from 9:30am to 6:00pm daily.

He educates visitors about staying safe around snakes.

Luke’s Reptile Kingdom is the largest wildlife demonstration business in Australia with over 500 reptiles.

“When I was five years-old I got my first reptile license, which made me Australia’s youngest Herpetologist,” Luke said.

Luke launched his own reptile park six years ago on the Gold Coast. That park is now mobile and it