

The Ekka Courier

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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

The Brisbane Show Camp is a joint program of the Department of Education Queensland and the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland. Conducted by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre. Ph: 3552 7111



MAKE HASTE AGAINST WASTE

By Kalil and Will B



At this year's Ekka, there is a Containers for Change display to promote the recycling of drink containers.

There are 50 bins with a blue sticker where people can deposit bottles and cans.

The RNA Foundation will donate the money from the containers to agricultural awareness and development, agricultural education, and agricultural heritage preservation.

Visit the Containers for Change booth for the chance to win a T-shirt made from recycled water bottles or a Patagonia Nano Puff Jacket made with 100 per cent polyester shell and lining.

Queensland has the lowest recycling rate in Australia, at 44 per cent.

Containers for Change was launched by the Queensland Government on November 1, 2018, to try and increase that number.

Since then, 700 million containers have been recycled, returning \$70 million to the public.

"Not only are they getting ten cents back for every container, but that container then has to go into a recycling program. So you might see your aluminium come back as a plane wing, or your plastic bottle come back as a T-shirt," said Glenda Viner, the general manager of Containers for Change.

In Queensland, having clean waterways is vital for the marine life.

"We have the Great Barrier Reef. We want to make sure that those places stay nice and clean so for generations to come, the fish and the marine life [are] saved from the plastic," Ms. Viner said.

