

The Ekka Courier

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DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- * 9.00am - 12.00pm & 1.30pm - 5.00pm: Horse Judging
- * 9.00am - 6.30pm: Woodchop and Sawing Competitions
- * 9.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm Norco Milking Barn
- * 12.00pm: Sheep Dog Demonstrations
- * 5.40pm: Harness Racing

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



OPENING SHINES LIGHT ON FARMERS' PLIGHT



At the Opening Ceremony of the 2019 Ekka, the Governor-General acknowledged Queensland farmers who have been experiencing floods and prolonged drought.

This year, the Ekka aims not just to bring the country to the city, but to inform people of the crisis that farmers are facing.

Queensland is now in its seventh year of drought and 65.2 per cent of the state is currently affected.

His Excellency, General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the

Commonwealth of Australia officially opened the Ekka at midday on Saturday, August 10.

"Despite the difficulties we are having across the country with drought at the moment, exhibitors this year continue to produce high quality produce," he said.

"I have travelled to rural communities in Queensland and met with those whose lives have been turned upside down by drought and flood."

The Hon Justice David Thomas, President of the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland, said: "In

these difficult times of drought and flood, the fact that our competitors continue to support the Show in such great numbers demonstrates the remarkable resilience of our farming families.”



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Australian Army Band, Brisbane, marching into the Main Arena for the Opening Ceremony



The traditional Blessing of the Plough by His Grace the Most Reverend Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane, was hoped to bring good fortune to Queensland farmers in the coming year.

Blessing of the Plough