## HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES

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WHY THE EKKA STARTED? WHY DID PEOPLE GO? WHEN DID IT START?

## Background

The Brisbane Exhibition or the Ekka as it is commonly known, is held annually in August at the Brisbane Showgrounds. The first exhibition was held in 1876, the main purpose was to show off agricultural and industrial exhibits. The Exhibition is run the Royal National Agriculture and Industrial Association of Queensland.

Since its opening the show has only been cancelled twice, in 1919 throughout the time of the Spanish flu pandemic, where the grounds were used as a temporary hospital for the sick, and in 1942, due to WVII.

Competitions to encourage people to do their best are an important part of the Ekka. Cattle and other farm animals are paraded and judged. There are also prizes awarded for art, photography, cake decorating and many other things.







There are many attractions at the Ekka. These include rides, Side Show Alley, show bags, animal parades, wood chopping competitions, agricultural displays, equestrian events, an animal

nursery and flying pigs.













Because of the cultural significance of the Ekka, the City of Brisbane holds a Wednesday public holiday known as Peoples Day.





## Thank you for listening