

# The Ekka Courier

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### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Old Museum Precinct
- ★ Creative Art and Craft
- ★ Agricultural Display
- ★ Education on Show
- ★ Pisciculture
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## No Reason to be Sheepish

By Jude Murray



The finals of the Sheep Dog Trials at this year's Ekka will be held in the Main Arena on the final Sunday the show.

The competition which shows the skills of the dogs has been held every year since it was introduced 1899.

The dog first has to gather the sheep and bring them close to the handler.

The handlers then use the dogs to work the sheep around a field, through a gate, and over a small bridge and into a pen.

The course contains elements of work that the dogs would need

to be able to do in a real property setting.

The handler can not help the dog and must remain in a small ring at each obstacle.

The dogs are judged on the cast, approach, bridging, obstacles and general work.

The judge for this year's Sheep Dog Trials, Mrs Joy Williams commented on how she deducted points, "The dogs start with 100 points and loose points for all faults. I use a little 'clicker' to keep tally of points that are deducted."