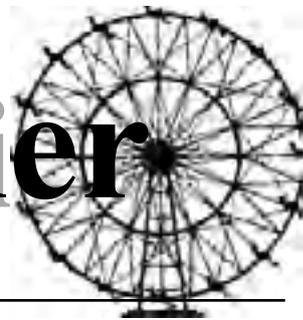


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GUY FROM SUSAN RIVER

By Tim Horrex, Megan Norris, Jayden McClelland and Lucy Hanson

Guy McLean and his talented horses have been entertaining the massive EKKA crowds for the past five years. Guy presents his show on horse training methods every day in the Horse Expo. He is also a performer in the night program in the main arena.

He has been riding horses since the age of sixteen months and he turned professional at fifteen.

Guy lives near Maryborough on his stud 'Quietway Performance Horses' with his family. On his stud there are eighteen horses, which are mainly foals. Most of Guy's horses are quarter horse crosses by 'Nugget'. He differs his breeds to prove the benefits of each.

Mr McLean is presenting four of his horses at the Brisbane Show: 'Nugget', his main

stallion; 'Quietway Hope', hoping that he will be as great as Nugget; 'Quietway Sequel', a descendent of Nugget; and 'Quietway Teggun' (Nugget spelt backwards) which Guy has trained for his daughter. It is his goal to make his horses famous all over the world so there will be a change in the way horses are treated.

The most difficult trick of the show is when one horse lies down and two other horses side step over the prone horse while Guy stands on top of the two horses and cracks his whips. This trick is very dangerous because if the horse lying down stands up, Guy could fall off and seriously hurt himself and the horses.

As an experienced performer and horse trainer, Guy says, "It gets easier when you're out there, introducing a new horse to the system in front of



a crowd is when I get most nervous." Despite the fact the crowds expect more and better performances each year Guy says, "I love coming back to the EKKA, the crowds are awesome."

In his spare time he tells bush poetry. His inspiration was from the classic 'The Man From Snowy River' by Banjo Paterson. His father found out that he could say the whole poem and asked if he could

recite it at their homestead. Since then Guy has become a two-time Australian Bush Poet Champion.

You might see Guy wearing his akubra hat, not a helmet, while riding his horses. He made it very clear though, "Every child who rides a horse should have a riding helmet."

As a question on all people's lips, we dared to ask 'DO YOU GET HAT HAIR?' His reply, "Hat hair doesn't worry me because I don't take my hat off!"

Every year at the Ekka, everyone wants the right show bag at the right price.

Many people think that the best value for money show bags are the Darrell Lea Pig Out Bag, the Nickelodeon bag, MMM Bag, Bertie Beetle and the Big Family Deal bag.

Some of the other popular bags are Girl Friend, Willy Wonka, Big Family Deal, Hubba Bubba, Idiot, Trolli, Yuppie and Fizz Out bags.

The Darrell Lea bag is filled with great tasting

SHOW BAG RUSH

By Kendyll Currin, Julie Yin, and Justine Miller

chocolates, lollies and many more sweets for a low price. The Trolli bag is a gummi bag that has your classic gummi lollies, the Idiot bag is packed with weird and whacky novelties that anyone would enjoy.

Everyone who has kids will try to spend as little money as possible, but some families are spending around \$100 on show bags.

Most people get all of

their show bags at the end of the day, but there is a new solution, rent out a locker just outside of the show bag pavilion and you won't have to carry them around while you wander.

With over 300 bags at the Ekka it is hard to make up your mind about what bag to buy.

To help you there is a show bag guide that you can find in the newspaper.

Show Camp highly recommends the

Cafe Alex

when dining at the EKKA

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Woolworths Grabs Gourmets

By Danille Fox, Toby
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Gourmets of all ages continually rush to the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion at the Brisbane 2005 EKKA to sample and buy different varieties of food, drinks and healthy lifestyle accessories.

The pavilion features many Australian foods, including boutique cheeses, coffee, nuts, honey, dairy products and fine wines. An inviting atmosphere tempts the public to try new taste sensations. Stallholder, Steve Thomas, said it was great for visitors to find all the food samples under just one roof.

For the public, like Gisela Trudgiam from the Gold Coast, being able to try food samples at the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion is a good experience, "I love all the samples, it's great to try before you buy."

There has been a lot of interest in the Alchemy Cordial Company. Billy Bishop, a shop assistant, said, "Customers enjoy our samples, especially the new varieties of Iced Coffee, Iced Tea, Lime, Cool and Divine flavoured cordials".

Other interesting displays inside the pavilion include health checks at the Shape Van, cooking demonstrations, entertainment and gourmet food show bags. The Dairy Farmers stall has sales and samples, plus entries to a DVD player competition drawn every night in the main ring.

If you are after a taste experience to blow your senses, be sure to include the Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion in your EKKA day.

CHANGE YOUR LUCK AT THE EKKA

BY Evie Dunham, Thomas Bewick and Kate Cusack

Old trades are being revived at this year's EKKA. People are lining up at a blacksmith's stall to see products and memorabilia made out of iron and the equipment and tools used in the trade.

The most popular items at the stall are the miniature horseshoes that can be purchased and Blacksmith Pete puts your name on them. Big objects that are available rarely get sold as it is too difficult for customers to carry big metal objects around the EKKA.

Pete became a blacksmith because his family once owned a riding school with about 30 horses. They used to get farriers in to shoe their horses and that sparked his interest in the trade. He added that it also interested females, "There is a few, quite a few (blacksmiths), including my wife."



Pete made all horseshoes for the Australian equestrian team in the Sydney Olympics. He was also the blacksmith in the movie *Moby Dick*.

Blacksmith Pete said, "Yeah, (blacksmithing) is pretty good, I like it, that's why I do it!"

ROLL UP ROLL UP

If you're looking for entertainment at the EKKA, then search no further than the Sunny Queen Smile Circus, also known as the Burton Circus. It's on four times every day in the red and yellow big top.

Burton Circus has been operating for 150 years. The current ringmaster, Shane Lennon, has owned it since 1994. Every two years the Burton Circus travels all around Australia; so far this year they have travelled over 15,000km.

Shane Lennon is part of the largest circus family in Australia. His father owns a number of circuses including Stardust Circus. The big top at the EKKA is one of the smaller tents in the company and can hold up to 500 people, but their usual crowds are around 1000 people.

Their normal circus performance contains 14 acts,



By Joseph Inch, Elisabeth Cahill and Loren Jones

25 performers along with 24 animals - including lions, monkeys, horses and dogs. At the EKKA, the show lasts 45 minutes and has six acts, including two lions, a horse, three dogs, an aerialist and the ever-popular clowns. Mr Lennon said, "For every 22 hours of hard work, there are two hours of glamour."

The entrance fee for their normal shows costs \$14 for adults. At the Brisbane Show it is FREE. The main sponsor of the Burton Circus is Sunny Queen Eggs. Shane Lennon says, "May all your days be circus days!"

POLICE ON SHOW

By Joe Payne, Jack Keidge, Connor Trehearn and Jake Collyer

The police display at the EKKA this year is focusing on road safety and juvenile crime.

The road safety emphasis is because there have been too many road deaths.

"There were over 10,000 road accidents in Queensland last year."

A simulated scene of a head on motorbike accident is intended to remind the public of what can happen on the road if they are not paying attention.

A police response to juvenile crime is the U-turn program which helps young offenders gain useful skills so they can be employed rather than committing crimes such as under age drinking, drugs and major theft.

Other features of the display include fingerprinting, having your photograph taken

on a police motorbike, and a full body bullet protection suit. The police are also seeking public support in finding a number of missing persons whose photographs are on display. One person has been missing since 1975, while another from their list has been found since the beginning of the show.

The display also has a number of brochures and information sheets on topics relating to police work.

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