



An artist's impression of what the RNA Showgrounds could look like

ACCESS ALL AREAS

An extensive and competitive bid process to redevelop the RNA Showgrounds is nearing its end.

The RNA received two detailed redevelopment proposals from Australia's leading property development groups - *Lend Lease* and a joint venture group comprising *Leighton, Devine* and *John Holland*.

The RNA's dedicated redevelopment team is currently evaluating the bids to select a long-term development partner.

The goal will be to revitalise the Ekka and turn the RNA Showgrounds into one of Australia's most exciting inner city, mixed-use precincts, incorporating industry-leading design and precinct-wide environmental initiatives.

It is expected the RNA Showgrounds Redevelopment Project will deliver the following benefits:

- Funding to replace the obsolete RNA exhibition buildings (including the Industrial Pavilion and Large Animal Pavilion)

- Development of high quality open spaces, car parking and exhibitor accommodation facilities
- Development of new function facilities and assets in accordance with the RNA's changing business model
- The inclusion of a 340,000m² office, residential, hotel and retail precinct including a fresh food market
- The creation of 2,000 full-time jobs each year during the 15 year development period.

The RNA will select a preferred development partner by early 2009 with a financial deal to be closed soon after. Construction will then start after Ekka 2009.

Once the development partner has been chosen, the RNA will continue a thorough consultation process with members and the community. In the meantime the public can find out more about the redevelopment and provide feedback at: www.rnashowgrounds.com.au/redevelopment.

Good Food and DIVINE WINE

The Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry is a proud sponsor of the RNA Royal Queensland Wine Show and the *Taste of Queensland Stage* in the *Woolworths Fresh Food Pavilion* at the Ekka. This sponsorship provides great opportunities to showcase Queensland wine and food to thousands of people from every part of Queensland.

The Queensland wine industry:

- was established in 1860 and includes more than 185 wine makers across 10 wine regions
- extends from the southern Granite Belt to the fruit wine producers in northern Queensland
- is supported by an established wine tourism focus, with over 90 per cent of the State's winemakers operating a cellar door
- is internationally recognised with Queensland winemakers regularly winning gold medals at national and international wine shows.

The Queensland food manufacturing industry:

- is one of the largest manufacturing sectors in the State
- boasts production capabilities ranging from fresh fruit, vegetables, seafood and meat to value-added foods such as confectionary, dairy foods and ready-made meals
- employs more than 37,000 Queenslanders and contributes more than \$15 billion per year to the Queensland economy.

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