

MEDIA RELEASE

RE: QUEENSLAND KNIFE SHOW

As technology propels our society through the 21st century, surrounded social media, smart devices, and electric vehicles there's a growing desire for quality products made by expert craftsmen. Likewise, a desire to craft and create is driving more and more of us to make something tangible with our hands to remind us that life exists outside our screens. We know that art and craft is good for the mind and the soul, but knife making takes it one step further – creating a tool we can use in our daily tasks and even an heirloom that can pass through generations.

In 2019, the Knife Art Association with the Queensland Metal Artisan Collective ran the state's first dedicated Knife Show at the Ipswich Civic Centre. The show was a huge success, attracting over 2000 visitors and providing a gallery style setting for the public to view and purchase knives, tools and metal art from local and national makers, suppliers and resellers. The 2021 show is already looking to be bigger and better, with the event moving to the new Exhibition Display Pavilion at the Ipswich Showgrounds allowing for more exhibitors, more displays and more knives!

So, what can you expect to see if you go to a knife show? Utility and kitchen knives from Japan, US and Europe. You can ask the experts on the advantages of today's 'super steels', edge geometry and construction techniques. Specialty knife making suppliers will showcase varieties of blade steels and handle materials, as well as every piece of equipment you could possibly need.

However, for many visitors to knife shows in Australia, the true 'rock stars' of the event are the custom makers. The calibre of the makers in this country rivals the best in the world. This year the show will host over 30 custom knifemakers from Queensland and Australia. Every style of knife will be available at the show, from high end custom chef's knives, knives for the outdoors, practical folding knives, damascus art knives and everything in between.

More than just a gallery style knife show, the Queensland Knife Show is an event. Members from the Queensland Metal Artisan Collective and Cracked Anvil Forge will be running hot forging displays outside, demonstrating how to forge using traditional tools and methods. Inside the venue we'll also have edged weapon combat demonstrations from the PCH Japanese School of Swordsmanship and the Iberian Historical European School of Swordsmanship along with numerous displays from our exhibitors.

If you have an interest in knives, whether it's as a user or maker, you will not want to miss the 2020 Queensland Knife Show!

The Next Queensland Knife Show

27th - 28th of March 2021

9am – 4pm

Exhibition Display Pavilion. Ipswich Showground

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