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## Leave the car at home if you're headed to Ekka: RACQ

The State's peak motoring body has urged Queenslanders headed to the Ekka to leave the car at home with strict parking restrictions and road closures in force around the event.

With almost half a million people expected to converge on the RNA Showgrounds over the ten days of the show, RACQ spokesperson Clare Hunter warned trying to find a park was not worth the stress or the money.

"If you opt to drive you can expect traffic, changed road conditions, strict parking restrictions and expensive private car parks," Ms Hunter said.

"There is a strict two-hour parking limit for on-street parking, which is only indicated on signs as you enter the boundaries of Brisbane's central traffic area.

"No one wants to waste time driving the streets trying to find a suitable park when they could be inside enjoying all the show has to offer."

Ms Hunter said public transport was the easiest and cheapest way to get to Ekka.

"Dedicated Ekka bus stops have been set up close to entry gates, and trains arrive and depart regularly from Exhibition Station, right in the middle of the showgrounds," she said.

"Travellers who've pre-purchased their Ekka ticket will receive discounted public transport travel with a return trip just six dollars for adults and three dollars for children.

"If you live close by and opt to cycle, secure bike racks are available on Carriage and King Streets.

"If the car is your only option, make sure you prepare yourself in advance. Check out the Ekka website for discounts with nearby Secure parking stations and make yourself aware of road closures in the area."

The 2018 Ekka was proudly presented by RACQ for the third year in a row.

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RACQ is Queensland's largest club and peak independent motoring organisation. We were formed in 1905 to represent the interests of the State's first motorists and today campaign for safer drivers, vehicles and roads on behalf of the 1.7 million members who own the Club. We offer those members a vast range of motoring, insurance, banking, entertainment and travel services and benefits, and each year respond to more than a million calls for roadside assistance.