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MC: BRAD DALRYMPLE



We welcome Brad back the stage at the 2025 Brisbane Vegan Expo as the MC! With years of experience in environmental advocacy and community engagement, Brad always brings an uplifting, warm, vibrant presence.

Brad regularly collaborates with marine conservation groups, government and individuals, speaking passionately about how individual choices can help protect the planet and ultimately “us”.

On stage, he weaves together his personal journey, science-backed facts, and an infectious energy that inspires both seasoned activists and newcomers alike.

Brad Dalrymple, Principal Environmental Engineer, Ocean Protect
[Our Team - Ocean Protect](#)
[@braddalrymple](#)

EVENT DETAILS

Get set for a feast of delicious vegan food and cruelty free shopping! In addition to our amazing food vendors, a wide range of retail exhibitors will also be attending with clothing, skincare, household goods, healthcare and lifestyle.

VENUE: Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds (indoor venue)
Corner Gregory Terrace and Costin Street, Bowen Hills

DATE/TIME:	Day One	Day Two
	Saturday, 30 August	Sunday, 31 August
	10am to 5pm	10am to 4pm

FACEBOOK EVENT: [Brisbane Vegan Expo 2025 Event Page](#)

BUY TICKETS: [Tickets via Humanitix](#) or at the door (cash & card accepted)

THE FULL BRISBANE VEGAN EXPO EXPERIENCE

HOW TO GET THERE

The Exhibition Building is located on the corner of Gregory Terrace and Costin Street, Bowen Hills. The Brisbane Showgrounds is conveniently located just 1.5km from the city's CBD in Bowen Hills and 15 minutes from Brisbane Airport.

TRAIN | Bowen Hills and Fortitude Valley train stations are less than a 10 minute walk from the Brisbane Showgrounds. For further information visit the [Plan your journey | Translink](#) website or phone 13 12 30.

BUS | Buses access the streets surrounding the Brisbane Showgrounds regularly. The main bus stops are located on Bowen Bridge Road outside The Old Museum and on St Pauls Terrace near King Street. You can also choose to ride the [CityGlider](#) buses, which provide high-frequency transport from West End to Teneriffe and Ashgrove to Stones Corner, while the free [City Loop](#) bus service is perfect for exploring the CBD. For further information visit the [TransLink](#) website or phone 13 12 30.

BIKE | Numerous bike racks are located in King Street, including outside CAMS Cycling Collective. A map of Brisbane's bikeways can be found on the [Cycling Brisbane](#) website.

CAR PARKING OPTIONS

[Brisbane Showgrounds Parking | Brisbane Showgrounds | Brisbane Showgrounds](#)

The Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC Car Park)
600 Gregory Terrace (opposite the venue)

The Pavillion Car Park
53 O'Connell Terrace, Bowen Hills (900m from venue)

[Parking | King St Brisbane \(kingstreetbrisbane.com\)](#)

Entry via Machinery or Alexandria Street, Bowen Hills (300m from venue)

[Valley Metro, Fortitude Valley Brisbane QLD Car Park | Secure Parking](#)

52 Alfred Street, Fortitude Valley (500m from venue)

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WHAT TO BRING

BYO REUSABLES | Pack your reusable containers, cups and cutlery to help reduce single use items. Be sure to have plenty of reusable shopping bags with you as you stock up on all the goodies we have on offer!

SHOPPING / MARKET TROLLEY | We also recommend bringing a market trolley and/or comfortable backpack to make your shopping experience more enjoyable.

PAYMENT FACILITIES | ATMs are not available at the venue so if you plan to use cash throughout the Brisbane Vegan Expo, please ensure you bring it with you. All Exhibitors including food and drinks vendors will accept cash and card (surcharges may apply).

ANIMALS

Dogs and animals are not permitted at this venue (assistance dogs excluded).

ACCESSIBILITY

The venue and event is wheelchair accessible. For any assistance to help make your experience easier, please contact 0401 016 134 or speak with the team at the Registration Desk on arrival.

KID FRIENDLY

Bring the kids along to enjoy the experience. A kid's corner will be set up if you're needing a little break and will be filled with colouring activities for the little ones.

Change tables are available and for any assistance to help make your experience easier, please contact 0401 016 134 or speak with the team at the Registration Desk on arrival.

PLAN AHEAD

For ease of entry to the Brisbane Vegan Expo, pre-purchase your tickets and have your tickets (preferably digital) ready to show our team before you arrive.

BUY TICKETS: [Tickets via Humanitix](#) or at the door (cash & card accepted)

LIVE PERFORMANCES

KEIRA HUMPHERYS – SATURDAY & SUNDAY



Back by popular demand (we have received so many requests!), 12 year old Keira returns to the Brisbane Vegan Expo!

After charming the crowd at the entrance last year with her soulful voice and talent on the ukelele, Keira is set to bring even more joy this year.

Catch her not just at the front entrance, but also in pop-up performances throughout the venue and collaborations with our other performers.

Her passion for music and natural stage presence makes her a crowd favourite. Follow along with her journey – you won't want to miss her!

Instagram: [@keiralovestosing](https://www.instagram.com/keiralovestosing)

DUBLIN ROSE – SATURDAY



Dublin Rose is a captivating singer-songwriter and guitarist from Meanjin/Brisbane, weaving indie pop-rock and folk music with witty storytelling and bell-like vocals. Whether performing solo or with her three-piece band, she brings playful energy and heartfelt honesty to every set. Her catchy melodies and relatable lyrics draw listeners in—inviting them to dance, sing along, and truly connect.

You may have caught Dublin at recent QLD Vegan Markets and we're thrilled to see her for the first time at the Brisbane Vegan Expo!

Email: dublinrosemusic@outlook.com

Phone: 0476 102 011 | Website: www.dublinrosemusic.com

LAWRENCE GRATTON – SATURDAY



A very familiar face to the Queensland vegan community, Lawrence Gratton is a classically trained violinist and versatile musician whose performances captivate and inspire. With a style that blends classical technique with contemporary flair – you'll enjoy every moment of Lawrence's performance.

Known for his dynamic style and heartfelt playing, Lawrence is a regular at the vegan markets and brings a unique energy to every event. We're thrilled to welcome him to the Brisbane Vegan Expo again this year!

Instagram: [@lawrencegratton](https://www.instagram.com/lawrencegratton)

Website: www.lawrencegratton.com

LIVE PERFORMANCES

ZANE TAYLOR – SUNDAY



Get ready to be energised by the soulful sound and electric stage presence of Zane Taylor, performing live at this year's Brisbane Vegan Expo!

Known for his powerful voice, captivating guitar work, and raw, emotive songwriting, Zane is an emerging artist who brings depth, authenticity, and passion to every performance.

Whether he's delivering a heart-stirring ballad or an upbeat anthem, his music resonates deeply with audiences and leaves a lasting impression.

Zane has been making waves across Queensland, performing at festivals, markets, and intimate gigs, building a loyal following along the way.

Drawing inspiration from folk, blues, and roots music, his performance is a perfect fit for the Expo's celebration of compassion and community.

This year, you'll find Zane lighting up the Expo on Sunday with his signature sound and infectious energy. Whether you're discovering him for the first time or already a fan, his live set promises to be one of the many highlights of your Expo experience.

Don't miss this opportunity to catch one of Queensland's most exciting independent musicians in action!

Instagram: [@zane.taylor.music.au](https://www.instagram.com/zane.taylor.music.au)

YouTube: [@ZaneTaylorMusic](https://www.youtube.com/@ZaneTaylorMusic)



DAY ONE

SATURDAY LINE-UP

10.30AM

SIMON TOOHEY | SUSTAINABLE COOKING



We're thrilled to welcome back the incredibly talented Simon Toohey to the Brisbane Vegan Expo this year!

A crowd favourite and plant-based powerhouse, Simon is best known for his warm energy, bold flavours, and inspiring approach to sustainable, plant-based cooking. After wowing audiences at previous expos, he's returning to the main stage with a fresh lineup of mouth-watering cooking demonstrations that celebrate the beauty of vegetables and the joy of great food. Simon first captured hearts on MasterChef Australia, where he showcased his deep love for flavour and creativity, earning a reputation as one of the show's most innovative contestants.

Since then, he's become a passionate advocate for plant-based eating, proving that vegan food can be vibrant, delicious, and deeply satisfying. With a background in hospitality and a mission to make sustainable eating accessible, Simon's demos go beyond recipes—they're an experience. At this year's expo, visitors can expect Simon's signature style: thoughtful ingredients, clever techniques, and an undeniable charm that makes you feel like you're cooking alongside a good friend. His sessions are packed with practical tips, engaging stories, and a whole lot of flavour. You'll leave inspired to hit the kitchen and recreate his dishes at home.

Simon's return is part of what makes this year's Brisbane Vegan Expo so special. His presence highlights our commitment to bringing Australia's top voices in plant-based living to the community. Come along, take a seat, and discover how food can be both nourishing and exciting with Simon Toohey leading the way!

11AM

DR MALINA FIELDER | VEGAN PET NUTRITION:
SAFE, BALANCED, AND BACKED BY SCIENCE



Join Dr. Malina Fielder, veterinary surgeon and accredited animal nutritionist, as she presents the latest evidence and practical guidance on feeding dogs and cats a healthy plant-based diet. In this session, Dr. Fielder will explain why homemade food — when properly formulated — is the healthiest option for pets on any diet, and how 100% plant-based meals can meet the full nutritional needs of dogs and even cats.

You'll learn the difference between animal and high-quality plant proteins, discover why vegan diets are essential for pets with certain medical conditions such as liver shunts, and understand how to safely transition your companion animals to a complete and balanced vegan diet.

Dr. Fielder will also highlight trusted commercial vegan pet food brands and discuss the importance of professional formulation for homemade meals.

DAY ONE

SATURDAY LINE-UP

11.30AM

BUSINESS PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us for our Business Panel Discussion, where a lineup of passionate entrepreneurs will share their insights on building and growing successful businesses in today's world. This dynamic discussion will dive into the realities of running a driven business—covering topics like branding, sustainability, community engagement, and staying competitive in a growing market. The Business Panel Discussion offers valuable takeaways and real-world inspiration.

This will be an interactive session, with an introduction from each panellist followed by Q&A with the audience.



SHAIRIE BHIM | VEGANYUMM

Shai is the powerhouse behind VeganYumm, Brisbane's first 100% vegan bakery known for its colourful, nostalgic treats. What started as a small dream quickly grew into a thriving business loved by our community. VeganYumm proves that vegan sweets can be just as indulgent and joyful as their traditional counterparts—without compromise. Through clever branding, a strong social media presence, and a deep understanding of what her customers want, Shai has built more than just a bakery, she created a destination. Her journey highlights the importance of staying true to your values while evolving with your audience. At the Business Panel, Shai share her insights on product development, customer loyalty, and balancing business and family life with two kids!



DAVID MOORE | OMG! DECADENT DONUTS

David, the visionary behind OMG! Decadent Donuts, is the driving force behind the company's groundbreaking innovations, setting OMG! apart as an award-winning leader in inclusive, allergen-conscious treats. His creations have become the foundation of the company's mission to provide high-quality, unique products for diverse dietary needs. In addition to product innovation, David empowers OMG!'s global network by mentoring independent business owners and offering strategic guidance on business growth and management. He also oversees critical operations, including finance, logistics, and distribution, ensuring the seamless delivery of premium ingredients. Through his leadership, David continues to drive OMG!'s dedication to innovation, inclusivity, and global expansion.



LEIZL ESTIOKO | BRISBANE VEGAN EXPO

The founder of the Brisbane Vegan Expo, Leizl has created a space where vegan living, ethical choices and community connection can flourish. Since its inception, the expo has brought together thousands of people, businesses, and advocates, inspiring change and celebrating compassion. Leizl's passion for promoting veganism and supporting ethical businesses has been at the heart of every event, from curating diverse exhibitors to fostering an inclusive, welcoming atmosphere. As part of the business panel, Leizl will share her unique insights into launching a business, building strong relationships within the vegan community, and the realities of turning a vision into an impactful platform. Her experience spans not only event management but also supporting countless small businesses and charities to shine.

DAY ONE

SATURDAY LINE-UP

12PM

MACKENZIE CROSS | TOTAL ETHICS GROW YOUR VEGAN BRAND ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Ready to grow your vegan brand on social media — without burning out?

Join Mackenzie, Social Media Marketing Expert and founder of Total Ethics for a high-impact session on the most effective ways vegan brands can grow online. Working in this space for the past three years, Mackenzie understands the unique challenges of vegan brands and has helped amplify the voices of leading organisations like Vegan Australia, Doctors For Nutrition, and Edgar's Mission.

In this 20-minute talk at the Brisbane Vegan Expo, you'll discover the most effective (and sustainable) social media levers you can pull to grow your reach, build loyal followers, and make a real impact — even with limited time.

12.30PM

STEPHANIE SANDOR | YOUR VEGAN NUTRITIONIST BUSTING THE MYTH "VEGAN = AUTOMATICALLY HEALTHY"



Meet Stephanie Sandor, Your Vegan Nutritionist as she busts one of the most common myths about veganism. You made the switch to a vegan lifestyle because you care, not just about animals but also about your health, the planet, and what you put in your body. But what happens when your body doesn't seem to get the memo - that's where Stephanie comes in!

As a long-term vegan and clinical nutritionist Stephanie will help you combat persistent bloating, fatigue, skin issues, or that quiet voice wondering, "Am I missing something?" — she will help you find the answers. Stephanie's signature V.E.G.A.N. Method is designed to take plant-based health to the next level.

1PM

AMANDA HOLLY | ANIMALKIND UNVEILING THE HIDDEN COST OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES



Queensland is often seen as a paradise—celebrated for its tropical climate, the Great Barrier Reef, lush rainforests, and iconic outback. But behind this idyllic image lies a stark contrast for non-human animals. This presentation exposes the hidden realities of animal industries in Queensland, revealing the profound impact they have on animals, communities, and the environment. Join us as we uncover the truth beneath the surface and explore the urgent need for change.

AnimalKIND (formerly Animal Liberation Queensland) is an independent animal rights organisation founded in 1979. We are dedicated to advocating for the rights of non-human animals to live free from abuse, cruelty, and exploitation. Through education, advocacy, and community engagement, we strive to create a kinder world for all animals. Amanda is the Campaign Manager at AnimalKIND, with nearly a decade of frontline experience in the movement.

DAY ONE

SATURDAY LINE-UP

1.30PM

SIMON TOOHEY | COOKING FOR THE SEASON



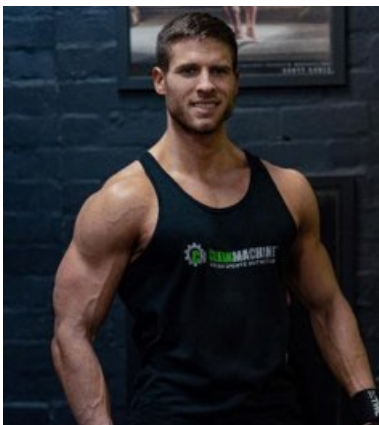
Join Simon as he dives into the delicious world of *seasonal cooking* – a celebration of fresh, local produce and the changing rhythms of nature. In this cooking demo, Simon will show how cooking with the seasons not only elevates flavour but also supports sustainability and reconnects us with where our food comes from.

With a focus on what's fresh and abundant right now, Simon will create a vibrant dish that is simple, nourishing, and much like him – full of character! Understanding seasonality is crucial for generating bold flavours while supporting local farmers.

We'll be hitting up the local markets to provide Simon with Brisbane's best produce and you'll learn how to let seasonal ingredients shine on the plate and be inspired to cook more mindfully and eat with the season.

2.15PM

FOREST NASH FITNESS | BUILD MUSCLE, LOSE FAT AS A VEGAN



Forest Nash is an NASM Certified Personal Trainer, RP Certified Nutrition Coach, and holds a Certificate in Plant-Based Nutrition from Cornell University. As a natural bodybuilding champion, lifelong vegetarian and vegan since 2015, Forest brings clarity, insight and passion, showcasing the transformative power of plant-based diets.

Forest dives into the role of vegan nutrition in building muscle and shedding fat, drawing upon his extensive expertise and personal journey to provide practical insights and debunk common misconceptions. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from one of the leading voices in Australia's vegan fitness community.

Website: [Forest Nash Fitness](https://forestnashfitness.com) | [@forest.nash](https://www.instagram.com/forest.nash)

3PM

BRAD DALRYMPLE, OCEAN PROTECT | PLANTS FOR THE PLANET



Brad Dalrymple is a passionate environmental engineer and sustainability educator with over 20 years of experience advocating for a healthier planet. As Principal Environmental Engineer with Ocean Protect, Brad has dedicated his work to raising awareness about the devastating impacts of plastic pollution and urban runoff on our oceans, and the urgent need for collective action to protect these vital ecosystems.

At the Brisbane Vegan Expo, Brad will present key findings on ocean protection — exploring the interconnectedness of our daily choices, waste systems, and the health of our waterways and marine life. Drawing on both scientific knowledge and real-world solutions, he'll unpack how seemingly small actions can contribute to a much larger impact, and how plant-based living fits into the bigger picture of environmental preservation.

DAY ONE

SATURDAY LINE-UP

3.30PM

CLARE MANN | VEGAN PSYCHOLOGIST TRANCE-BREAKING IN RELATIONSHIP-BASED ADVOCACY



Clare Mann is a vegan psychologist, communications skills trainer and the author of several books, including the internationally-acclaimed *Vystopia: The Anguish of Being Vegan in a Non Vegan World*.

If the facts alone were enough, everyone would have to be vegan! So why aren't they? The reality is that people rarely change their attitudes or behaviour based on facts, particularly where moral issues are concerned. How we make people feel is key to breaking the trance of their non-veganism. In this session, Clare Mann will present typical experiences she has come across of vegans faced with challenging issues or questions and how to use trance-breaking engagement to nudge people closer to veganism.

By the end of this session, you will learn:

- Trance-breaking methods to avoid resistance to veganism.
- Creative ways to encourage people to consider the ethical imperative of veganism.
- How to play the long game by expanding your mind as to what veganism really is.

4.00PM

CLOSING ADDRESS CAMERON GREEN | COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR ANIMALS



Cameron is a long-time vegan and activist, passionate about building a community. As a Co-organiser of the Brisbane Vegan Meetup, Brisbane Vegan Boardgames, and the Action for Animals Community, he has helped others find connection through compassion for the animals.

Cameron will share his journey of building a grassroots movement that brings people together with a focus on our shared values. His work is about empowering the community to make meaningful action or simply making a connection. Join Cameron as he discusses how collaboration, compassion, and consistency can create real change. You'll be inspired to find your voice and be part of a growing network making a difference.

Action for Animals Community: <https://a4acommunity.org>
<https://www.facebook.com/A4ACommunity>

Brisbane Vegan Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/brisveganmeetup/>
<https://www.facebook.com/brisveganmeetup>

Brisbane Vegan Boardgames: <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneVeganBoardGames>

DAY TWO

SUNDAY LINE-UP

10.30AM

SIMON TOOHEY | SECRETS TO TRANSFORM YOUR VEGGIES



Simon Toohey returns to Day Two of the Brisbane Vegan Expo with a cooking demonstration dedicated to one of his favourite challenges—making vegetables the absolute hero of the plate. In this session, he'll share his secrets to turning humble veggies into bold, satisfying dishes that burst with flavour and texture. With his signature creativity and easy-going style, Simon will walk you through clever techniques and ingredient pairings that elevate the everyday into something extraordinary.

Whether you're working with seasonal produce or fridge staples, Simon's veggie transformations will change the way you cook. Expect plenty of inspiration and plenty of chef-worthy tips.

11AM

KIDS' SHOW | RENATA JAYNE



Get ready for giggles, dancing, and fun as Renata Jane brings her joyful energy to the Brisbane Vegan Expo! Renata is a beloved children's entertainer known for her warm, engaging style and ability to light up any room—or stage.

With a mix of music, movement, and storytelling, her interactive shows are designed to spark imagination and keep little ones smiling from start to finish.

Whether she's leading a sing-along, getting the crowd up to dance, or sharing a fun story with a gentle message, Renata creates a space where kids feel included and inspired. Perfect for kids aged 0 to 12 years, her performances are a highlight for families at the expo!

11.30AM

CALLUM WEIR | PLANT-BASED NUTRITIONIST, BEYOND B12: HOW TO MASTER THE FORGOTTEN NUTRIENTS



Callum Weir, founder of Plant Fuelled Nutrition shines a light on a vital topic in plant-based health: the "forgotten nutrients." As a qualified plant-based nutritionist, Callum is passionate about empowering individuals to thrive on a vegan lifestyle through evidence-based knowledge and practical guidance. In this talk, he'll go beyond B12 to explore key nutrients that are essential for long-term health and wellbeing—but don't always get the spotlight.

Callum breaks down what these nutrients are, why they matter, and how to make smart dietary choices. He will give you the tools to optimise your health and feel confident in your nutrition. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from one of Australia's leading voices in vegan health.

Podcast Host @ Plant Fuelled Podcast | Website: www.plantfuelled.co.uk

DAY TWO

SUNDAY LINE-UP

12PM

MARK PAGES, PHYTALITY NUTRITION | SUSTAINABLE NUTRITION



Mark Page, founder of Phytality Nutrition, brings his passion for cutting-edge, plant-based wellness to the Brisbane Vegan Expo. With a background in natural health and sustainability, Mark has dedicated his work to developing premium vegan supplements that support optimal health without compromising the planet. From marine phytoplankton to advanced algae-based nutrition, Phytality's innovations are changing the way we think about plant-powered health.

Mark will share insights into the science behind Phytality's formulations and the powerful role of microalgae in supporting vitality, longevity, and environmental regeneration. Whether you're curious about plant-based omega-3s, bioavailable B12, or the future of vegan supplementation, Mark's talk is packed with practical knowledge and inspiration for those looking to thrive on a plant-based path.

12.30PM

CLARE MANN | VEGAN PSYCHOLOGIST
VYSTOPIA: ENEMY OR HIDDEN ASSET



Clare Mann returns for day two of the Brisbane Vegan Expo. Her skills acquired through a successful career as an organisational psychologist, university lecturer and speaker, are now applied to help vegans become confident, hopeful vegan conversationalists who are ushering in a kinder vegan world.

Having lived with the burden of knowing and being vegan of nearly two decades, she stood up to the medical world that diminishes the vegan's anguish as unnecessary.

She therefore coined the phrase Vystopia and now helps vegans all over the world develop powerful ways to become vegan change makers.

Vystopia is a normal, predictable and desirable response to what happens to animals, our health, ecosystems and society. When we tell others, instead of them changing on the spot, they resist, ridicule us, or become aggressive. What's going on?

The human animal is rarely rational, instead emotionally-driven and attempts to create certainty through traditions, beliefs, family pressure and conformity to prevailing societal norms. When we understand more about human behaviour, we discover the real root of their resistance and how to engage with them, so they say, "Tell me more!"

By the end of this session, you will learn:

- What's really behind people's resistance to veganism.
- How to gain rapport every time, so barriers come down.
- The Golden Rule when communicating about veganism.

Website: [Vegan Psychologist – Clare Mann](#)

DAY TWO

SUNDAY LINE-UP

1PM

COOKING DEMO | VEGA CAFÉ



Join the team from Vega Cafe for a delicious cooking demo, where owners Yuki and Haruka will showcase the vibrant, wholesome flavours that have made their café a local, Brisbane favourite. Known for their beautifully presented dishes and nourishing Japanese-inspired meals, Vega Cafe brings together plant-based nutrition and culinary artistry in every bite.

In this live demo, Yuki and Haruka will guide you through some of their most loved creations—sharing techniques, ingredients, and the inspiration behind their approach to vegan cooking. This is a chance to learn from two passionate creators who are all about flavour, balance, and heart.

1.30PM

SERGE BRAZHNIKOV | POWERSERGE, PERSONAL TRAINER
VEGANISM FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE AND DAILY VITALITY



Serge is a performance coach and holistic nutritionist with a deep understanding of movement, recovery, and fueling the body through vegan and plant based nutrition. Join his exclusive talk on “Veganism for High Performance and Daily Vitality” — where science meets practicality.

Whether you're an athlete, a busy professional, or simply someone who wants to thrive on a vegan lifestyle, this session will give you real-world strategies to energise your training, sharpen your mind, and optimise recovery — all through the power of plants.

Website: [PowerSerge](https://powerserge.com)
[@powersergemethod](https://www.instagram.com/powersergemethod)

2.00PM

SIMON TOOHEY | MAIN EVENT: MUSHROOMS



Mushrooms take centre stage in this earthy, flavour-forward cooking demo with Simon Toohey.

Known for celebrating plant-based ingredients in all their natural glory, Simon will explore the depth and versatility of mushrooms—from meaty textures to umami-rich broths.

You'll discover how to cook them to perfection and how they can form the backbone of hearty, satisfying dishes that don't compromise on taste.

Whether it's king oysters, shiitakes, or the everyday button, mushrooms have a world of potential waiting to be unlocked. Simon's playful yet practical approach will give you the tools to let mushrooms shine in your kitchen—elevating your meals with just the right balance of creativity and comfort.

DAY TWO

SUNDAY LINE-UP

2.45PM

FARM ANIMAL RESCUE | BEYOND THE FARM



Farm Animal Rescue returns to the Brisbane Vegan Expo to share a powerful and eye-opening presentation led by Brad King and Carol Slater. As long-time advocates for animal rights and co-founders of the sanctuary, Brad and Carol have dedicated their lives to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing lifelong care to animals once destined for slaughter. But their impact extends far beyond the peaceful paddocks of the farm.

In this special presentation, Brad and Carol will delve into the broader mission of Farm Animal Rescue—including their work in policy advocacy, public education, and shifting community perceptions around farmed animals. They will share how change happens not just on the farm, but across society when people are informed and empowered.

You'll hear heartwarming stories of rescued residents, as well as the real challenges sanctuaries face in a world still driven by animal agriculture. Brad and Carol will also explore how individuals can support the cause, whether through volunteering, activism, or simply living with more compassion in everyday life.

3.15PM

CLOSING ADDRESS – ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY

HON AMANDA DORN MLC, MEMBER FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AJP



As the Brisbane Vegan Expo comes to a close, it's only fitting that Amanda Dorn from the Animal Justice Party (AJP) takes the stage to deliver the final address.

The AJP opened the very first Brisbane Vegan Expo in 2019 as our inaugural guest speakers, helping set the tone for what would become a powerful and inspiring event for the vegan community across Queensland. Now, years later, they return to close this chapter with the same passion, purpose, and unwavering commitment to animal rights that has defined their journey from the start.

Amanda joins our two sitting MPs – Emma Hurst in NSW and Georgie Purcell in VIC and are the values-led representatives that animals desperately need.

A small business owner and Councillor for the City of Swan since 2023, Amanda is wholeheartedly committed to supporting local communities and the people of Western Australia more broadly - always guided by kindness, rationality and a true sense of 'justice' for animals, people and our planet.

This final moment on the main stage is more than just a farewell—it's a celebration of all that has been achieved and a call to carry the momentum forward. Amanda's words will honour the collective effort behind the Brisbane Vegan Expo while reminding us that the movement for animals is only growing stronger.

Join us as we end the Brisbane Vegan Expo with purpose, and a renewed commitment to creating a kinder world—together.

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