



2026 TOM QUILTY GOLD CUP

Event Program • Stirling's Crossing Equestrian Complex, Imbil QLD

Monday, 29 June

12.00 pm	Biosecurity checkpoint at Imbil Showgrounds opens
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Wednesday, 1 July

4.00 pm	Vet ring walk through
6.00 pm	A night with friends in <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i> Nibbles and tastings from Clovelly Estate Entertainment – Junction Road Music

Thursday, 2 July

10.00 am	Arabian Endurance Horse Show In partnership with the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Open to all registered purebred and derivative TQ26 entrants
1.00 pm	Entertainment in stall holders area – Vix and the Slick Chix Sponsored by Splendacrest Stables Weigh stations open
2.00 pm	Nominations open – close at 4.30 pm
4.00 pm	Vet ring walk through

4.00 pm	All participants must be onsite
5.30 pm	VIP and sponsors welcome – <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i> Official opening of TQ26
7.00 pm	AERA Awards presentations – <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i> Entertainment – ‘60 Years Down The Track’ presented by Trevor Knight

Friday, 3 July

8.00 am	Nominations re-open (close at 10.00 am)
10.00 am	Pre-ride vetting (aim to close at 1.00 pm)
1.00 pm	AERA Teams nominations – <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i>
2.00 pm	Final vet ring walk through (if needed)
3.00 pm	Pre-ride talk
5.00 pm	Strapper's race (strapping area set-up)
11.00 pm	Pre-start formalities including performance of ‘The Ballad of Tom Quilty’ by Trevor Knight
Midnight	Commencement of the 2026 Tom Quilty Gold Cup

Saturday, 4 July

1.00 – 2.00 pm	Winners expected to cross the line – anticipate this will be early afternoon and will depend on conditions
Midnight	Track closure

Sunday, 5 July

6.30 am	Strappers' Breakfast – provided by Imbil SES – Quilty Square
8.00 am	Best Conditioned horse workouts Pat Slater Cup workouts
10.30 am	Presentation of Top 10 rugs and Top 5 division rugs
12.00 pm	Presentation ceremony – <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i> Tom Quilty Gold Cup, buckles, Best Conditioned rugs, Pat Slater Cup and other special awards
5.30 pm	Tom Quilty dinner – <i>The Diamond Pavilion</i> Licensed bar supplied by Clovelly Estate Catering by Mary Valley Chamber of Commerce Steak, hot side dishes and salad

Monday, 6 July

9.00 am	Volunteer muster to start pack down
5.00 pm	Ride base closes

All times subject to review on the day.

Photo: Matty Sample and Nikki Sample – winners of the 2025 Tom Quilty Gold Cup. Photo by Sarah Sullivan.