



Cup of tea with a Queen – Imogen Batty

Description

MEET our Maraka Queen entrants, learn about their interests, dreams, who inspires them, even their favourite food and what it would mean to be crowned 2021 Maraka Queen.

Introducing our seventh and final Maraka Queen entrant, Imogen Batty. Imogen is 19 years old and has recently started at Totally Smiles as a dental assistant. She previously worked as a supervisor at Woolworths.

Imogen is sponsored by Guido's Panel and Paint, Snippers Boutique for Hair, Moduline and Terry White Chemmart Ingham.

We had the chance to catch up with Imogen and get to know a little more about her over a cup of tea. So, join us. Make yourself a cuppa, sit back and enjoy getting to know Imogen.

Favourite colour: Pink.

Favourite food: Chicken Parmy, but usually when there is food around, I find it hard to say no.

Hobbies/Interests: I do show jumping, love cooking and going for a casual drive.

Favourite TV show/series: "Married at First Sight" and "Keeping Up With the Kardashians".

Where did you go to school? Ingham State Primary School and Ingham State High School.

What made you decide to be a Maraka Queen entrant? To experience being a part of such an important community event and to meet new people and support the event.

What does it mean to you to be a Maraka Queen entrant? To me it means, that us entrants are proud to be part of the community and to support the community's involvement in the event.

What would it mean to be crowned 2021 Maraka Queen? To be crowned as Maraka Queen would be an absolute privilege, as I would be able to be more involved in the community. If only all six of the beautiful ladies could get it, but whoever it may be, will be very deserving.

What have you enjoyed most about the Maraka Queen experience so far? Just being a part of this experience, sharing it with other entrants and stepping out of my comfort zone with the help of the community.

What do you love most about living in Hinchinbrook? I love how everyone is so supportive of each other and all the attractions around the district. There is always something to do and see.

What is your fondest memory growing up in the district? I was living in Melbourne until I was about six but since then I've lived in Ingham. It was always knowing that I had very many people in the community watching and supporting me grow as a person.

What's your favourite place to visit in the Hinchinbrook Shire? I love going to the Cardwell Lookout, even when I don't intend to, my car always seems to just drive me there.

What's your favourite place to visit in the world? One day, I would love to go to Vancouver for Christmas, to experience what it would be like to have a white Christmas.

What would be your ultimate holiday? Anywhere that's cold and sunny.

Describe yourself in one word? Ambitious.

What is your greatest achievement to date? Graduating high school. I really didn't think I could but I did.

Who inspires you? My best friend Kaiti.

What motivates you? My horse Blue. He is such a beautiful boy and everyday not only does he amaze me, but he motivates me to continue show jumping and helps me reach my goals.

Do you have a cause close to heart? Anything to do with CRPS (Complex Regional Pain Syndrome), November 1 is the beginning of CRPS Awareness Month, and orange is the colour. So spread as much of the colour around to show your support. Also, Riding for the Disabled. My mum has been fighting a battle in trying to set it up for about three years now, not only does it involve the horses, but it brings together such a large percentage of the Hinchinbrook community, and because of the demand, it will be bringing other communities from around far north Queensland to the Hinchinbrook region.

What is your favourite life motto/ quote? "Fair is foul, and Foul is fair".

What are your dreams/plans for the future? Hopefully to study either law or education, to have a family of my own to raise and to stay part of the Hinchinbrook community.

We wish Imogen the best throughout her Maraka Queen journey and with all her future endeavours.



A special bond: Imogen show jumping with her horse, Blue who motivates her to reach her goals in the sport and in life.



Imogen likes going for drives to explore the region.



Enjoying the experience: Imogen with good friend Kaiti, at the Maraka Afternoon Tea.

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