



Show puts sprinkle of fun on menu

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SEEMS half of Brisbane will come alive with a colourful spread of Ekka-themed parties and dining options when the 10-day show kicks off this Thursday.

It's a terrific time to kiss the winter chills goodbye and celebrate who's doing what in Queensland right now.

And after a day, or even just a couple of hours, wandering the Ekka you might just be ready for a quiet meal and a glass of something cold.

■ **NOT** far from the showgrounds, on St Pauls Tce, newly opened **Les Amis** – which has just acquired its liquor license – will have a special Ekka menu on offer every day of the show.

You can enjoy two courses with a glass of wine for \$25, or one course and a glass of wine for \$18.

Love that.

Les Amis is at 515 St Pauls Tce. Phone 3852 6100.

■ **IF** the Ekka's just not your cup of chai, head instead to **Limes Hotel** where they're putting on cocktails and a gourmet barbecue every night in the Rooftop Bar.

You can snuggle up and watch the fireworks from there too. On August 11, the

night before the public holiday, there's an adults-only sideshow alley party with fire breathers, burlesque dancers, vodka fairy floss and more.

Register for an invite at www.limeshotel.com.au/blog.

■ **MEANWHILE**, **Belle Epoque** – also just a short walk from the Ekka grounds – will be offering charolais chateaubriand beef carved at the table for the month of August, and there's a nice Ekka twist here.

The French bistro offers the classic French dish chateaubriand, carved at the table, with 600g servings for two at \$85.

Charolais is one of the oldest and most highly regarded of the several breeds of French cattle.

The Belle Epoque twist involves the restaurant's owners, Tony and Fran John.

Fran's father Bill Bishop was one of the first breeders in Queensland to import and establish the charolais breed.

The charolais chateaubriand beef is served with roasted vegetables, mashed potato and bearnaise sauce.

Book on 3852 1500 or www.belleepoque.com.au.



HIGH LIFE: Relax with a drink at the rooftop bar of the Limes Hotel