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# Welcome

## MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS SHIRE MAYOR, LISA SCOMAZZON



Welcome to the most anticipated event of the year in our charming seaside town – Port Douglas Carnivale. The Douglas Shire Council, alongside our esteemed event partners, takes immense pride in presenting a vibrant program that embodies the essence of our community.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, Carnivale promises 10 days of festivities which sees the region come to life in a celebration that engages locals and attracts visitors from across the country.

The main weekend from May 24-26 will feature The Longest Lunch, the fun and vibrant Street Parade, Queensland Symphony Orchestra – Symphony Under the Stars, the Family Beach Day plus exciting new events including Savour TNQ and Paradise Picnic.

The Wonderland Spiegel tent returns with a packed season. Featured performances include Popcorn Underground and Absolutely 80s for mature audiences, as well as The Greatest Magic Show.

Heartfelt gratitude extends to the performers, partners, supporters and volunteers whose dedication and commitment ensure the success of Port Douglas Carnivale year after year.

Their collective efforts not only deliver a spectacular event program filled with bold and exhilarating experiences but also foster community engagement, support local employment and bring forth social and economic prosperity to our region.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND SPORT, THE HON. MICHAEL HEALY MP

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Port Douglas Carnivale, which highlights the personality and uniqueness of Port Douglas and Daintree.

Port Douglas Carnivale is supported by the Queensland Government through Round 26 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Queensland Destination Events Program, which strives to highlight the vital link between the wonderful events we host in our great state and the diverse destinations in which they take place.

Events such as this foster community pride, impart local culture with

all who visit and make meaningful contributions to the local economy.

Beyond Port Douglas Carnivale, there is so much to see, do and experience in Port Douglas and Daintree. I encourage all visitors from far and wide to soak in all the delights of the region and make the most of all the experiences unique to this special part of Queensland.

Congratulations to the organisers plus all those involved in working tirelessly to stage such a great event and for being part of the Queensland Destination Events Program.

Port Douglas Carnivale acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia, and pays respect to Elders past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who attend Port Douglas Carnivale.



# Street Parade

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**FRIDAY, MAY 24**  
**MACROSSAN STREET - 4.30PM ONWARDS**  
**FIREWORKS AT 8PM**



**FREE  
EVENT**

Port Douglas Carnivale kicks off with the vibrant energy and excitement of the much-loved Street Parade, making its way down Macrossan Street. Embracing the spirit of community, this year's theme, Classic Carnivale, encourages participants to reminisce and celebrate their fondest Carnivale memories from the past 30 years. Join in the festivities as you dance to the music and immerse yourself in the exuberance and theatrical flair of the street revelry.

The parade starts at 6.30pm. The fireworks display will start at approximately 8pm at the conclusion of the parade.

The sideshow alley at Market Park will open with rides and amusements from 4.30pm.

**Special thanks to MC for the night Mark Littler, announcer at 103.5 HIT FM Cairns**



# Kids Disco Street Parade

Get ready to groove at Macrossan Street's famous Kids Disco, setting the stage for the fabulous Street Parade. Join the jumping and bopping as DJ ACE spins kid-friendly sing-along tunes, dance hits and grooves with dance moves. Dance, sing and have a blast at the family-friendly parade viewing area at the top end of town. This free event kicks off at 4.30pm, offering parents plenty of space to relax while the kids enjoy themselves before the parade begins. With giveaways and interactive dancing fun, it is the ultimate spot to be with little ones.



FREE  
EVENT

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**  
**AT THE FRONT OF RATTLE N HUM**  
**MACROSSAN STREET**  
**4.30PM – 6.30PM**


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## Tropical Neon Nights featuring Mark Dynamix

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**  
**PORT DOUGLAS YACHT CLUB**  
**8PM TO LATE • Tickets: \$50**  
**DRESS CODE: TROPICAL NEON**

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Get ready to light up the night as Electric Dreams returns for another electrifying year. After the success of Tropical Neon Nights 2023 featuring Sgt Slick, it is back to raise the bar once more. This time, iconic Australian DJ Mark Dynamix takes the stage as the headliner. Known as the go-to ambassador for Ministry of Sound, Mark promises to bring the house down. With local support from Electric Dreams' DJs, it's set to be another unforgettable night. So, gather your neon crew at the PDYC for Tropical Neon Nights with Mark Dynamix.

**Enjoying Carnivale?**

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# TIN SHED PORT DOUGLAS

## Family Beach Day

FREE  
EVENT



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**SATURDAY, MAY 25**  
**FOUR MILE BEACH - 9AM TO 3PM**

SLSQ Surf Crew and Sandy the Beach Dog will be roaming the beach with safety information and fun activities.

### STORY TIME WITH ECKY GECK

Ecky Geck "The Aussie Geck" is an adventurous gecko living and playing in the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef.

**10am - 11am - 12pm on the esplanade lawn**

### KITES DISPLAY

Fly a kite, Tropical North Queensland style at Carnivale's Family Beach Day. Alongside all-day entertainment the Family Beach Day is famous for, be wowed by Kites QLD's Monster Kite Display.

### WINDSWELL SESSIONS

Experience the thrill of water sports with Windswell Sessions at this year's Carnivale. Try kite surfing, stand-up paddleboarding, or enjoy bumper tube rides. With first-class training and guaranteed fun for everyone, it's an opportunity not to be missed.

**8am to Noon • Some sports free.**  
**Tube rides from \$20.**

### BEACH HIRE

Deck chairs and surf board hire all day.

The golden sands of Four Mile Beach host this mega family outing. Enjoy day long entertainment in and out of the water along Port Douglas' glorious playground. Be involved and build something amazing in the sand sculpting competition for your chance to win a reef experience, or shake your hips and enjoy some Salsa in the Sand – it is all about the beach on Beach Day.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 8am Come and try Kite Surfing
- 9am Sandcastle Comp Entry
- 9am Market Activities, Food Trucks and Coffee
- 9am Party Animal Petting Zoo
- 9am Wildlife Habitat Petting Zoo
- 9am Nippers Activities
- 10am Beach Activities, Kites and DJ Postie
- 10am Story Time with Ecky Geck
- 10am Dreamstate take over, Treasure Hunt, Tug of War, Hula Hooping, Juggling and Sack Races – lots of fun for all
- 11am Story Time with Ecky Geck
- 12pm Story Time with Ecky Geck
- 12.30pm Skydive Display
- 1pm Drumming Workshop
- 1.30pm Sandcastle Judging
- 2pm Sand Sculpting winner announced and Salsa in the Sand

Port Douglas Carnivale would like to thank Quicksilver Cruises for donating the prizes for the sand sculpting competition





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**HEMINGWAY'S**  
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**Longest Lunch**

Indulge in the ultimate culinary experience at The Longest Lunch, where good company, delectable food and stunning vistas converge for a feast of the senses. Set against the stunning backdrop of the Daintree Rainforest and the Coral Sea, this alfresco extravaganza brings together 200 guests to revel in a world-class dining affair. Prepare to be wowed with dishes crafted by the most celebrated chefs and restaurants in the region. Don't miss out on this highlight of Carnivale - tickets sell out quickly, so book now.



**FRIDAY, MAY 24**

**CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT MARINA - ARRIVAL  
FROM 11.30 12PM – 3PM (LUNCH SERVICE)**

Tickets: \$260 plus booking fee

**\*\$10 OF EACH TICKET GOES DIRECTLY TO CHARITY**





# SAVOUR TROPICAL NORTH QLD

FREE  
EVENT



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**SATURDAY, MAY 25 &  
SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
**CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT MARINA**  
**NOON TO 6PM**

Embark on a culinary adventure at Savour TNQ, a two-day celebration showcasing the vibrant flavours of Tropical North Queensland. From street-food delights infused with native ingredients to delicious cocktails, Savour TNQ offers the chance to experience the region's gastronomic wonders firsthand.

Immerse yourself in a festival vibe with food stalls, bars and live music stage, creating the perfect atmosphere for connoisseurs of good food and drink. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment and embrace unique flavours presented by passionate professionals in a relaxed and laid-back atmosphere. Are you ready to savour the tastes of Tropical North Queensland?



## SATURDAY HIGHLIGHTS\*

"Cook-off" between Chef Ben Wallace and Port Douglas' chefs

4 street food stalls focused on local produce and native ingredients

Customer voting for best dish with prizes

Live music, lawn games and prize draws

## SUNDAY HIGHLIGHTS\*

8 food stalls by local restaurants and producers

Guided beer tasting and meet the head brewer by Hemingway's Brewery

Native spices and produce showcased by Oaks Kitchen & Garden

Live music, lawn games, face painting and demonstration by the head brewer at Hemingway's Brewery

**\*Event Highlights subject to change. Visit the [Carnivale](#) website for a detailed program.**

Savour TNQ is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.





# Temple of Fire

## The Hottest Spot in Town!

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**  
**PULLMAN PORT DOUGLAS SEA TEMPLE**  
**RESORT & SPA - 5PM - 9PM**

Tickets. \$59 including 1 drink and food voucher

Get set for the ultimate beach club soirée at the Temple of Fire. As the sun sets, Sea Temple is bringing the heat poolside. Sip on cool cocktails, sample gourmet delights from food stalls and dance to the beats of DJ Bart and DJ Safire. With entertainment by Buenos Nachos Productions, the Lagoon View Terrace at one of the region's most iconic resorts transforms into the hottest spot in town. It's all about the heat and energy – and a night that promises fiery fun.



### EST 1984

# PORT DOUGLAS

# Carnivale

# Map







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# Absolutely 80s BAND Smash Hits Show

FEATURING

Scott Carne – KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Dale Ryder BOOM CRASH OPERA

Brian Mannix -UNCANNY XMEN

Get ready for a blast from the past as tropical rock and pop takes over the Wonderland Spiegelent Festival Hub. The Absolutely 80s – Smash Hits Show is hitting the road in 2024 to pay tribute to the massive hits of the 80s from around the world. In a huge two-hour performance, the Smash Hits Show will rock the stage with iconic 80s hits from artists like Split Enz, Billy Idol, David Bowie, INXS, U2, Mondo Rock, Prince, Spandau Ballet and more. Get ready to groove to smash hits like Everybody Wants to Work, Change in Mood, Great Wall, Current Stand, 50 Years, Best Thing, Party, Bitter Desire, Dancin in the Storm and loads more classic 80s chart-toppers.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 24-25** ★  
**DIXIE PARK - VARIOUS TIMES** Tickets from \$65



# Popcorn Underground

**VARIOUS TIMES**  
**AUDIENCE 18+ - DIXIE PARK**  
Tickets from \$65

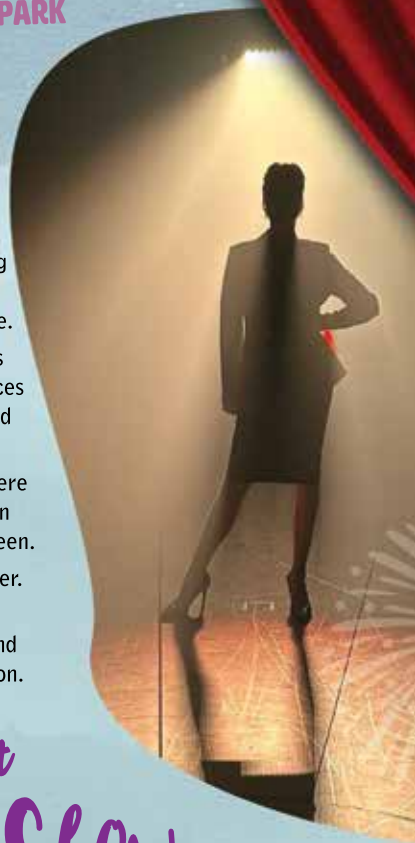
World-class cabaret, circus and variety that is beautifully filthy and rib-crackingly funny. All this wrapped up in a night of sizzling cabaret, adult carnival, astounding circus and extraordinary artists. It's a riotous variety show like you have never seen before.

Popcorn Underground stars the greatest cabaret and variety acts in the world. It is a show of glamour guaranteed to leave audiences breathless as the performers twirl their way through sex, skill and slapstick.

Named after the original Belgian Nightclub party subculture where anything goes, Popcorn Underground promises scintillating action that will take audiences to a grittier place than they have ever been.

"Just like caramel...warm and hilarious. Brilliant!" The Advertiser.

"Riotously funny, total debauchery, sexy, cool, and completely outrageous in the very best of ways! I loved Popcorn Underground so much I came back with friends and watched it again!" – Patron.



## The Greatest Magic Show

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 25-26**  
**DIXIE PARK - VARIOUS TIMES** Tickets from \$30

Don't miss the return of the multi-award-winning sensation, The Greatest Magic Show, to Port Douglas Carnivale. Sam and Justin are back with more whimsical wonders than ever before. Direct from Las Vegas, experience mind-boggling magic, extraordinary circus acts and side-splitting comedy, all with loads of audience participation. Every child receives a free magic wand on entry, ensuring they are part of the show from start to finish. Join the fun for an hour of non-stop laughter, wonder and amazement – it is a show you can't afford to miss.

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# The Arts

FREE  
EVENTS



## Projection Art – Bee Concerned

Bee Concerned is a thought-provoking projection installation by artist Tim Ellis, presented at the Saltwater building on Macrossan Street. This installation highlights the crucial role of bees in our ecosystem and the decline in their population due to pesticides, fertilisers and climate change.

**THURSDAY, MAY 23 – SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
Saltwater Building • 26/30 Macrossan St  
6pm to 9pm

This project was made possible by the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund, provided through Regional Arts Australia, administered in Queensland by Flying Arts Alliance.

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## Go Troppo Art Exhibition

**TUESDAY, MAY 21 – SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
Sugar Wharf • Tue – Fri 11am to 5.30pm  
Sat – Sun 10am to 5.30pm

Experience Go Troppo, a vibrant showcase of local artwork presented by Port Douglas Artists Inc. This event features a diverse collection of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, weavings, multimedia and more by 26 talented artists. Meet the artists, explore unique treasures and discover the region's finest artistic talents at Go Troppo during Carnivale.

**There will also be an opening event held at 5.30pm on Tuesday, May 21**

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## Tropical Destinations Photography Exhibition

**MONDAY, MAY 20 – SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
Port Douglas Community Hall • 10am - 4pm

Explore the beauty of Port Douglas at Carnivale's Tropical Destinations Photography Exhibition. Presented by the Douglas Photographic Society, this showcase features stunning images capturing the region's diverse landscapes and attractions. Take home a lasting memory with prints and calendars available for purchase. Don't miss this chance to experience the unique charm of Port Douglas through the lens of local artists.

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# Symphony Under the Stars

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

**REX SMEAL PARK - 7.30PM - 8.45PM**

Ticket Prices Vary

Gates open from 6pm with guests to be seated by 7.20pm for the 7.30 performance.

Light snacks and refreshments available.

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime event with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Under the Stars. This captivating performance will feature a world premiere composition, *Composition for the Reef* by renowned composer Paul Dean. Set against the stunning backdrop of Rex Smeal Park, overlooking the Coral Sea with Mossman Gorge and the ancient Daintree Rainforest, this event promises to be an unforgettable celebration of the region. Don't miss this unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the magic of classical music amid the natural beauty of Tropical North Queensland.



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# Community Events



**FREE  
EVENTS**

## POOCH PARTY



**SATURDAY, May 25**

**Jalunbu Park, Corner Mowbray & Garrick Sts  
10am to 2pm**

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Calling all dog lovers. Prepare for a tail-wagging good time at Pooch Party, a day filled with fun and games just for you and your furry friend. Treats, entertainment and prizes await at this canine carnival, including contests for the best dog trick, best owner/dog lookalike and cutest/ugliest dog. Bring your pooch, pack a picnic and enjoy a day of laughter and excitement at Jalunbu Park. Plus, feel good knowing this event doubles as a fundraiser for Douglas Shire's animal shelter, Paws & Claws.

## SUNDAY MARKETS

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**SUNDAY, May 26**

**Market Park • 8am to 1.30pm**

Discover the charm of Port Douglas at the Sunday Markets, nestled in the shaded, grassy Market Park along the waterfront. Take a leisurely stroll and explore a diverse range of vendors offering arts and crafts, jewellery, fresh produce, glassware, books and more. Indulge your taste buds with a variety of delicious treats, from hot crepes to freshly pressed sugarcane juice. Whether you are shopping for treasures or simply soaking up the atmosphere, the Sunday Markets offer a delightful experience for all.



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## DOUGLAS DASH

**SUNDAY, May 26 • Southern End of Four Mile Beach • 8am**

Dynamic Running presents the revamped Douglas Dash as part of Port Douglas Carnivale. This pure distance trail run features a new course starting at the Southern end of Four Mile Beach and ending at Rex Smeal Park. Runners will tackle four kilometres of beach before navigating the challenging 1.5-kilometre cross-country terrain of Flagstaff Trail. Times will be recorded and all ages and abilities are welcome to join this inclusive event during Carnivale.







# SHERATON

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## Italian Feast Under the Stars

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**SATURDAY, MAY**  
**18 Sheraton Resort**  
**5.30pm to 9pm**  
Tickets \$169  
(plus booking fee)



Experience a captivating long table dinner under the stars. This unique dining experience, situated beneath swaying palms and just steps from the shores of Four Mile Beach, features a divine four-course Italian dinner with perfectly paired wines and a cocktail on arrival. Along with dinner, enjoy the magic of live opera with performances by esteemed tenor Adrian Strooper, interspersed with colourful stories of days-gone-by from some of the Shire's first Italian sugarcane farmers. Enjoy the harmonious blend of fine music, regional history and fabulous fare accompanied by the sounds of waves lapping on Four Mile Beach. Reserve your seat today.

## Sheraton Sunset Session @Cafe del Mar

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**SATURDAY, MAY 25 • Sheraton Resort**  
**From 5pm • Tickets from \$50 (plus booking fee)**

World famous for celebrating spectacular sunsets in Ibiza since the 80's, Café del Mar returns to Port Douglas for a special edition of Sheraton Sunset Sessions. Revel beneath the palm-fringed shores of the resort's Main Beach pool, and expect delicious cocktails, Mediterranean-style bites and chill-out tunes from Café del Mar DJ, Jus Joe. Entry packages range from General Admission, which includes \$50 of food and drink credit to spend as you please, to Private Cabana, which includes full-day use of a your own poolside oasis and an evening of French Champagne and seafood. Limited tickets available – secure now for an unforgettable evening in paradise.

**BOOK EARLY** to secure a ticket that includes free return transport from Cairns to Sheraton. Travel in comfort aboard the new all-electric coach from Tropic Wings, who are pioneering sustainable transport in Tropical North Queensland.





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**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**REX SMEAL PARK • 1PM - 8PM**

## **AMBER LAWRENCE**

**LADY VALIANT • ROB LONGSTAFF BAND  
WHISKEY BOAT • KIDS DISCO AND MORE**

Get ready to be entertained by Australia's leading female country singer, Amber Lawrence, at Paradise Picnic. With six Golden Guitar Awards, including the prestigious Female Artist of the Year in 2023, Amber is set to light up the stage with her energetic performance.

Close out Carnivale with an unforgettable afternoon as Amber brings her star power to Rex Smeal Park, supported by an incredible line-up of local acts including Stu Harcourt, Whiskey Boat, Koalition, Al Boulton Band, Lady Valiant and the Rob Longstaff Band. Plus, keep the little ones entertained with kids' disco sessions throughout the afternoon.

Be sure to participate in the Best Dressed Picnic Area competition and enjoy roving entertainment throughout the afternoon. Paradise Picnic is the perfect way to spend the day with family and friends, celebrating the vibrant spirit of Carnivale.

**FREE  
EVENT**



### **WHAT'S ON**

- 1.00pm Stu Harcourt
- 1.45pm Kids Disco
- 2.00pm Whiskey Boat
- 3.00pm Koalition
- 4.00pm Al Boulton Band
- 4.45pm Kids Disco
- 5.00pm Lady Valiant
- 6.00pm Amber Lawrence**
- 7.00pm Rob Longstaff Band
- 8.00pm END

The Paradise Picnic is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.





# Port Douglas Music Trails

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY,  
MAY 24- 26**

**VARIOUS VENUES AND TIMES**

Let us take you through Port Douglas' most well-loved music venues.

Enjoy exciting original music and hear the stories that inspired it from local and touring musicians.

Port Douglas Music Trails' from May 24-26 features a stellar lineup including Melbourne blues artist Aaron Pollock, captivating audiences with soulful melodies and heartfelt narratives. Joining him is the immensely talented Rob Longstaff, known for his powerful performances and local favorite Katie Richards, promising a unique musical experience.



## FRIDAY, MAY 24

**CHILLY'S PIZZA**  
**Aaron Pollock**  
7pm-9pm

## SATURDAY, MAY 25

**BARRIER REEF  
TAVERN**  
**Pauly P Duo**  
2pm-5pm

## SUNDAY, MAY 26

**BARRIER REEF  
TAVERN**  
**Rob Longstaff**  
3pm-5pm



**CHILLY'S PIZZA**  
**Rob Longstaff**  
7pm-9pm

**PADDY'S IRISH PUB**  
**Aaron Pollock**  
5pm-8pm

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