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MESSAGE FROM
THE MINISTER FOR
ENVIRONMENT AND
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MINISTER FOR SCIENCE
AND INNOVATION,

THE HONOURABLE ANDREW POWELL MP

It's a pleasure to welcome you to Port Douglas Carnivale, an event that truly captures the character and charm of the region.

Supported by the Queensland Government through Round 29 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program, this event showcases the unique connection between our state's vibrant communities and the diverse regions they call home.

Events like Port Douglas Carnivale bring people together, celebrate local culture and contribute significantly to the community's pride and economy.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore all the region has to offer – whether it's its scenic beauty, local flavours or the warm hospitality that makes this part of Queensland so special.

A big congratulations to the organisers and everyone who worked hard to bring this wonderful event to life. Thank you for being part of the thriving Queensland Destination Events Program.



MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS SHIRE MAYOR,

LISA SCOMAZZON

Welcome to the most anticipated event of the year in our charming seaside town. Port Douglas Carnivale promises 10 days of festivities, blending new and long-time favourite events to engage locals and attract visitors from across the country.

The main weekend will feature Savannah Sounds, a new three-day music festival set against the stunning backdrop of Rex Smeal Park. The streets will be buzzing with the ever-popular Macrossan Street Parade, while Maho Magic Bar brings a touch of wonder and spectacle to Dixie Park. Families will once again enjoy the much-loved Tin Shed Family Beach Day. There is also a great range of community events from exhibitions to local theatre performances.

Carnivale wouldn't be possible without the dedication of performers, event organisers, volunteers and supporters who work tirelessly to create an event that not only entertains but strengthens our community, supports local businesses and showcases the unique energy of our region.

Thank you for being part of Port Douglas
Carnivale 2025 - enjoy the celebrations and
make the most of everything this special
time has to offer.

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 Straight Islander people who attend Port Douglas Carnivale.

FRIDAY, MAY 23 STREET PARADE AND FIREWORKS

Port Douglas Carnivale commences with the much-loved Macrossan Street Parade, a highlight that brings together the **community and visitors** alike. This year's theme, 'Tropical Treasures', celebrates the unique natural beauty, culture and community spirit of the Douglas region.

The parade starts at 6.30pm. The fireworks display will start at approximately 8pm at the conclusion of the parade. This year, for the first time, fireworks will launch from a tender on the water with Rex Smeal Park offering the best vantage point to take it all in. 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
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CELEBRATIONS 4.30PM ONWARDS
STREET PARADE 6.30PM - FIREWORKS AT 8PM



WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY - SATURDAY, 24 MAY

SIDESHOW ALLEY MARKET PARK

Sideshow Alley will take over Market Park for **four days of family-friendly entertainment**. WED 6.30PM - 9.30PM THURS 6PM - 9.30PM FRI 4PM - LATE

FRI 4PM - LATE SAT 6PM - 9.30PM

Locals' Night will be held on **Wednesday 21 May**, offering **unlimited rides from 6.30pm to 9.30pm for \$30**. Single ride tickets are also available. Height restrictions apply for rides – please check before purchasing tickets. Ticket box opens from 6pm.

IDAY, MAY 23 4.30PM - 6.30PM HE FAMOUS CARNIVALE KIDS DISCO HE FRONT OF RATTLE N HUM MACROSSAN STREET

Kick off the Port Douglas Carnivale celebrations with the Kids Disco on Macrossan Street, the perfect warm-up for the Street Parade. DJ ACE will keep young partygoers entertained with sing-along favourites, dance hits and fun moves to get everyone grooving. This free event starts at 4.30pm at the family-friendly parade viewing area outside Rattle N' Hum Bar and Grill.



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TIN SHED SATURDAY, MAY 24 FAMILY BEACH DAY

FOUR MILE BEACH - 9AM - 3PM

From kite surfing and sand sculpting to petting zoos and story time, Family Beach Day is packed with fun for all ages. Enjoy Dreamstate's high-energy games from 10am -1pm, kite-making workshops and the FNQ Nature Quest.

Kites QLD take to the skies at 10am, and the action continues with a skydive display at 12.30pm, followed by sandcastle judging and Salsa in the Sand at 2pm. Savannah Sounds hits the Tin Shed Beach Bar from 11am with Jolyon Petch on the decks from 12pm. Add in amusements, food trucks, markets and more - and it's a full day of free, beachside fun.

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. 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 & surf board hire all day.









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TIN SHED

HIGHLIGHTS

8am WindSwell's Come and try

Kite Surfing

9am **Quicksilver Sand Sculpting**

Competition entry

9am **Nippers Activities**

10am Kites QLD take to the sky

10/11/12pm Story Time with Ecky Gecky

10am **FNQ Nature Quest**

10am – 1pm Dreamstate take over, Crystal

Caves Treasure Hunt, Tug of War, Hula Hooping, Juggling and Sack Races - lots of fun for all

11am - 3pm Tin Shed Beach Bar

Jolyon Petch (12pm-2pm)

12.30pm Skydive Display by local crew

FNFF - doing it for Carnivale 1pm

African Drumming Workshop 1.30pm Sand Sculpting judging

2pm **Quicksilver Sand Sculpting**

winners announced followed by Salsa in the Sand with Jose

from Sabor Dance



SATURDAY, 24TH MAY 2025

5PM -10PM TEMPLEOFFIR

PULLMAN PORT DOUGLAS SEA TEMPLE RESORT & SPA



Get set for the ultimate beach club soirée at the Temple of Fire. As the sun sets, Sea Temple turns up the atmosphere poolside. Sip on cool cocktails, savour gourmet bites from food stalls and move to the sounds of DJ Safire and the Sax Man. With entertainment by Buenos Nachos Productions, the Lagoon View Terrace at one of the region's most iconic resorts becomes the place to be for a night of unforgettable beats, flavours and entertainment.

TICKETS: S79 AND INCLUDES 2 DRINK AND FOOD VOUCHERS

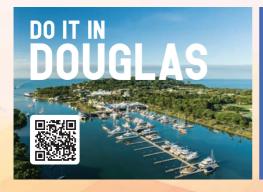
SUNDAY, 25 MAY 11AM - 4PM

CARNIVALE POOLSIDE FIES **OAKS PORT DOUGLAS**

OPTIONAL BIGGER THAN BEN HUR BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH **ALL-INCLUSIVE \$99**

Soak up the final day of Carnivale with a sun-drenched pool party that is free to attend and fun for all ages. Whether you are lounging poolside, splashing with the kids, or enjoying live entertainment, it's the perfect way to unwind after a weekend of celebrations. Or why not take it up a notch with the Poolside Bigger Than Ben Hur Bottomless Brunch. Adults can also enjoy a three-hour drinks package including Bloody Marys, mimosas, beer and wine.









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A NEON-LIT NIGHT OF AMAZEMENT. **DIRECT FROM JAPAN!**

To enter the dazzling Maho Magic Bar is to find yourself in an intimate, gorgeously bespoke space in which your every sense will be stimulated.

Take a seat, select a drink and be ready to disbelieve your eyes as Japan's leading closeup magicians and sleight-of-hand specialists perform exclusive magic shows at your table. You'll see these masters at work at point blank range, putting a wild contemporary spin on magic traditions that date back to Japan's Edo period.

Shirayuri is the pioneer with a storytelling twist; Kaori is the kawaii princess of illusion, in a profession traditionally ruled by men; E. O. Lee is the craziest magician on the planet; whilst everything Wambi touches takes on new forms. Rounding out the troupe is master of ceremonies, Sawaka, and her internationally renowned flair bartender, Jun.

Fueled by a carefully curated bar menu of premium Japanese cocktails and spirits, Maho Magic Bar is a once-in-a-lifetime experience you











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Step into a neon-lit Tokyo night at Maho Magic
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performances and electrifying energy, this one-of-akind experience promises pure magic and mischief.
Family-friendly sessions are also available on
weekend afternoons, offering a chance for younger
audiences (ages 6+) to experience the wonder of
Maho Magic Bar in a fun and engaging setting.

TICKETS: FROM \$62.10 PLUS BOOKING FEE



FRIDAY, 23 MAY — SUNDAY, 25 MAY FROM 6.30PM FROM 6.30PM FROM 6.30PM



SUGAR WHARF AND MACROSSAN STREET

Watch Port Douglas light up after dark as Tropic Lights, presented by Maker Port Douglas, transform the Sugar Wharf and Macrossan Street into a living reef. Captured by the talented team at Bio Quest, these large-scale projections show the beauty of coral and marine life, bringing the underwater world to the surface in vivid colour and breathtaking detail. It is a striking tribute to the Great Barrier Reef - one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders - and a timely reminder of the importance of its protection.

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Savannah Sounds - Rex Smeal Park

Get ready for an exciting new addition to Port Douglas Carnivale 2025 -Savannah Sounds at Rex Smeal Park. Brought to you by the team behind Savannah in the Round and presented by Douglas Shire Council with major sponsor Newsport, this three-day music and entertainment festival takes place against the stunning backdrop of the Coral Sea.

No BYO Food or Drinks. Food Trucks and Licenced bar on site.

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

4.00pm - Gates Open 4.30pm-6.30pm - Zoe Badwi (DJ & Vocal Set) 6.30pm-8.30pm - Andy Van 8.30pm-10.30pm - Jolyon Petch

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SATURDAY 24TH MAY

1.30pm - Gates Open 2.00pm-3.30pm - Local DJ 3.30pm-4.30pm - Kairos Kin 4.50pm-5.50pm - Max Jackson 6.10pm-7.10pm - The Wolfe Brothers 7.40pm-8.55pm - Sheppard 9.15pm-10.30pm - The Black Sorrows

SUNDAY 25TH MAY

11.30am - Gates Open 12.00pm-1.00pm - Katie Richards Band 1.15pm-2.15pm - Eddie Skiba 2.30pm-3.30pm - El Moth 4.00pm-5.15pm - Little Steely Brothers 5.45pm-6.45pm - Glenn Shorrock 7.00pm-8.15pm - Roadtrippers

CARNIVALE CRUISING WITH REEF UNLIMITED:

Reef Unlimited is thrilled to announce an exclusive ferry service aboard their new vessel Aquarius II for the Savannah Sounds music festival in Port Douglas. On Saturday, 24th May, festival-goers can enjoy a scenic journey from Cairns to Port Douglas, departing at 1:00 PM and returning at 11:00 PM. Each leg of the trip takes approximately 1.5 hours. Tickets are available for booking through www.reefunlimited.com













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SATURDAY, 17 MAY **ITALIAN FEAST UNDER THE** STARS 5.30PM - 9PM **SHERATON GRAND MIRAGE RESORT PORT DOUGLAS**

Celebrate the stories of Tropical North Queensland's Italian cane farmers with a spectacular long table dinner under the stars, featuring a four-course feasting menu of heritage-inspired dishes and paired Italian wines. Diners will be treated to live opera performed by the region's most esteemed musical talent and tales from local families whose forefathers shaped the local agricultural industry. An unforgettable evening of fine dining, music and history awaits.

TICKETS: \$169 PLUS BOOKING FEE

FRIDAY, 23 MAY

12PM - 3PM THE LONGEST LUNCH **SHERATON GRAND MIRAGE RESORT PORT DOUGLAS**

Taking place along Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas' spectacular palm-lined entryway, this year's Longest Lunch is not to be missed. After welcome cocktails by Devil's Thumb distillery, take your place at the long table for a true culinary extravaganza, featuring signature dishes from the resort's collective of award-winning restaurants and bars. Enjoy live music by ARIA-winning DJ Jolyon Petch, along with surprise entertainment and a fabulous charity raffle in support of KIND.

TICKETS: FROM \$295 PLUS BOOKING FEE



SATURDAY, 24 MAY

SHERATON SUNSET SESSIONS X CAFÉ DEL MAR 4.30PM - 8.30PM



Mirage Resort Port Douglas

The iconic, Ibiza beachfront vibes of Café del Mar are coming to Port Douglas for one-night only. Experience an elevated sunset soirée along Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas's Main Beach lagoon pool, accompanied by Café del Mar Sydney DJ Frankie Romano on the decks. Enjoy drinks from fabulous pop-up cocktail bars, gourmet nibbles and evening swims while soaking in a spectacular Tropical North Queensland's sunset. Choose from three entry packages, including general admission to private poolside cabanas with French champagne.

TICKETS: FROM \$50 PLUS BOOKING FEE



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CARNIVALE CLASSIC

MIRAGE COUNTRY CLUB, PORT DOUGLAS

Tee off at the Port Douglas Carnivale Classic, a premier golfing event at the Mirage Country Club. Enjoy a day on the greens with a challenging course and friendly competition. Whether you are chasing a personal best or just in it for the fun, this event promises a fantastic day for golfers of all levels. Entry includes a Savannah Sounds Festival Pass (Friday and Saturday), so why not make a weekend of it?

REGISTRATION \$225 PER PERSON



COMMUNITY EVENTS



POOCH PARTY



SATURDAY, MAY 24 10AM TO 12PM PORT DOUGLAS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Calling all dog lovers. Join the fun at Pooch Party - a tail-wagging morning of furry festivities including the Best Dressed Dog Beach Parade. Meet at Reynolds Park on Garrick Street at 9.30am and parade to the Port Douglas Surf Club via Four Mile Beach. Competitions then kick off at 10am with prizes for best dressed, best trick, waggiest tail, owner/dog lookalike and more. Enjoy a BBQ thanks to Malone's Butchers and free kids' activities with support from Port Douglas Vets. \$5 donation per competition entry to go to Paws & Claws animal shelter.

SUNDAY MARKETS

Explore the charm of the Port Douglas Sunday Markets, set in the shaded Market Park along the waterfront. Stroll through a variety of stalls featuring local arts, crafts, jewellery, fresh produce and unique finds. Treat yourself to market favourites like hot crepes and freshly pressed sugarcane juice. Whether you are searching for a special keepsake or just enjoying the laid-back atmosphere, the Sunday Markets are a perfect way to spend the morning.







TROPICAL DESTINATIONS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

MONDAY, 19 MAY TO SUNDAY, 25 MAY 10AM – 4PM - PORT DOUGLAS COMMUNITY HALL

Explore the beauty of the region at Port Douglas 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.

MARITIME ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Ahoy, history lovers. Step back in time at the Maritime Antiques Roadshow, a special Carnivale event hosted by the Low Isles Preservation Society (LIPS) in partnership with the Queensland Museum. LIPS is inviting members of the Douglas Shire community to bring along maritime artefacts, documents and relics for identification, documentation and storytelling. Whether it's an old logbook, ship lantern, or sea-worn navigational tool, every item has a story. Come along, explore fascinating relics already gathered from sawfish bills to whale rib bones and courthouse lanterns and help preserve the seafaring stories of the past.



SATURDAY, 24 MAY • 9.30AM – 3.30PM SUNDAY, 25 MAY • 9.30AM – 1.30PM CWA HALL • 8 BLAKE ST





GO TROPPO ART EXHIBITION

MONDAY, 19 MAY - SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2025 - 9AM - 5.30PM DAILY - SUGAR WHARF

Presented by Port Douglas Artists Inc., Go Troppo returns to the Sugar Wharf, bringing together the region's leading visual artists in a stunning showcase of creativity. A favourite for both locals and visitors, this exhibition features an **inspiring collection** of paintings, sculptures, ceramics, printmaking, weavings and multimedia. This year's event also includes a pop-up art market, offering the chance to meet the artists and find unique treasures from rolled canvases to artisan prints, cards and ceramics. An opening event will be held on Monday, 19 May at 6.30pm, with all welcome to attend.





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MONDAY, 19-22 THURSDAY, MAY

THE FOREVER REEF PROJECT



PORT DOUGLAS SUPERYACHT MARINA

Step inside the world's first Living Coral Biobank at Forever Reef, located at the Port Douglas Superyacht Marina. This groundbreaking facility is dedicated to preserving coral biodiversity, offering visitors the chance to see live coral collections up close and learn about vital conservation efforts protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

As part of Port Douglas Carnivale, a limited number of free tickets will be available each day. This exclusive offer gives attendees the chance to engage with marine conservation while exploring one of the most innovative reef preservation projects in the world.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a one-of-a-kind tour and be part of the movement to protect our oceans. Visit carnivale.com.au to find out how to redeem this offer.

SUNDAY, MAY 25 8AM **DOUGLAS DASH**

SOUTHERN END OF FOUR MILE BEACH

Dynamic Running presents the revamped Douglas Dash. This pure distance trail run starts at the Southern end of Four Mile Beach and ends 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.









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THURSDAY, 22 MAY

SEA CIRCUS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

TREASURED TALES

PORT DOUGLAS SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Settle in for a magical evening as Sea Circus Productions presents Treasured Tales – a spectacular celebration of life on the water. Watch in awe as local fire dancers, LED twirlers, stilt walkers, contortionists and aerial acrobats bring to life stories of adventure, connection and coastal fun.

Arrive early from 4.30pm to enjoy the family-friendly circus atmosphere, with games, music, contests, a DJ dance floor and lawn games. Come dressed 'nautically' and don't miss the sailing catamaran photo booth, part of the Sea Circus set.

The show begins at 6.45pm with an epic treasure hunt launching from WindSwell's Kitesurfing vessel. Learn the basics of compass navigation before setting off to collect clues from Port Douglas local clubs including Surf Life Saving, The Yachty and Douglas Sailing. With help from WindSwell and Segway Tours, you will uncover the real 'spot-x' and claim your treasure.

DOORS OPEN 4.30PM • SHOWTIME 6.45PM TICKETS: ADULTS \$30 • CHILDREN \$25 5 YEARS OLD AND UNDER FREE



CLINK THEATRE PRESENTS

18 MOWBRAY ST

FRIDAY, 23 MAY 8PM - 10PM COPACABANA CABARET TICKETS: \$35

Step into a world of glitz, glamour and sensational entertainment at Clink Theatre's first-ever Carnivale variety show. Inspired by the sultry rhythms and energy of Copacabana, this adults-only evening features a dazzling lineup of comedy, burlesque and live music. Expect cheeky standup, bold dance numbers and an atmosphere that sizzles from start to finish.

SUNDAY, 25 MAY 1PM - 3PM CARNIVALE FAMILY SHOWCASE TICKETS: \$10

Celebrate the local talent of the Douglas Shire with an afternoon of music, dance and fun for all ages. Featuring performances by both children and adults, the Carnivale Family Showcase is a heartwarming mix of community spirit and creative flair — the perfect way to wrap up your Carnivale weekend

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