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Welcome

MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS SHIRE MAYOR

Welcome to the biggest party of the year for our small seaside town – Port Douglas Carnivale. Douglas Shire Council is pleased to deliver, with our strategic event partners, a program that is fresh, fun, dynamic and celebrates the very essence of our community.

Now in its 29th year, the 10 days of Carnivale sees the region come to life in a celebration that engages locals and attracts visitors from across the country. The main weekend from May 19-21 will feature The Longest Lunch, hosted by the Local Collective, the Property Shop Port Douglas & Mossman Street Parade, FNQ Gin Fest, Tropic Rock presenting YOU AM I, the Family Beach Day and Seafood Extravaganza.

The Wonderland Spiegeltent will also bring its heady mix of burlesque, cabaret, music, dance and comedy in a 10-day season featuring *Popcorn Underground* and *Debauched* for mature audiences and *Circus Wonderland* for children and families.

I would like to thank all the performers, partners, supporters and volunteers whose contributions every year make Port Douglas Carnivale possible. With their combined support, we are able to not only deliver a spectacular event program that is bold and exciting, but one that also engages with our community supporting local jobs and bringing social and economic benefits for our region.

Michael Kerr, Mayor



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, SPORT AND INNOVATION AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT THE HON. STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

Welcome to Port Douglas Carnivale, a highlight on the It's Live in Queensland events calendar and a wonderful opportunity to showcase Cairns and Great Barrier Reef as a tourism destination.

The Port Douglas community is grateful to welcome visitors who fill their cafes and restaurants, stay in their accommodation, use local transport and explore our unique tourism experiences.

That's why we support events through Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program because

they bring a welcomed boost to the local community and supports local jobs. Events like Port Douglas Carnivale allow friends and family to reconnect and creates community pride. We hope you enjoy your stay and return again in the near future.

Be sure to immerse yourself in the local culture and get the opportunity to explore some of our world-class tourism experiences in this beautiful region.

Congratulations to the event organisers and volunteers – we wish you all the best for a successful event.

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 .



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Street Parade

Living The Best Life

FRIDAY, MAY 19
MACROSSAN STREET - 4.30PM ONWARDS
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Port Douglas Carnivale starts with all the colour, fun and frivolity of the much-loved Street Parade sashaying down Macrossan Street.

A true community event, this year's theme is *Living The Best Life*, inspiring people to share how they live their best lives in tropical paradise. Dance along to the music and be carried away by the joy and sheer theatricality of the street party. With prizes up for grabs, cheer on your favourites as they go past and let the judges know who you think should take home the best float award.

The parade starts at 6.30pm. A fireworks display will start at 8pm.

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

The Kids Disco, outside Rattle N' Hum, will kick off at 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

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



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Family Beach Day

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SATURDAY, MAY 20
FOUR MILE BEACH - 9AM TO 3PM

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 beachfront 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

9am	Sand sculpting competition registration
10am/11am and 12pm	Story Time with Ecky Geck
10am - 2pm	Pirate Wonderland Fun with games, treasure hunt and circus performance
10am	Kites QLD Monsters of the Sky
10am - 3pm	Mini Golf
10am - 3pm	Port Shorts Bites. Outdoor cinema
11am	Food Truck Lunch / Rides
1pm - 2pm	Djembe Drumming Workshop
2pm	Salsa in the Sand / Sand sculpting winner announced

WINDSWELL SESSIONS

See the Windswell crew and sign up for a free experience with water sports activities happening on the hour from 8am until 12pm. Turn to page 19 for more information.

KITES DISPLAY

Connect with your sense of wonder and be wowed by Kites QLD's Monster Kite Display as they fill the sky with all manner of creatures and shapes dancing on the ocean breeze.

PORT SHORTS BITES

The very best of Port Shorts films from local, youth and music filmmakers shown at the Beach Day outdoor cinema.

STORY TIME WITH ECKY GECK

Don't miss Story Time with Ecky Geck on the Esplanade Lawn. Ecky Geck "the Aussie Geck" is an adventurous gecko living and playing in the Daintree Rainforest and Great Barrier Reef.

DJEMBE DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Come and play djembe with master drummer Epizo Bangoura. Epizo will show you the basics of the instrument and teach you a fun, interactive rhythm that will have you playing the djembe with confidence ready for your next beach party.

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



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Longest Lunch

Dine out on good company, good food and good vibes at the most memorable meal of the year. Spanning the length of the boardwalk, The Longest Lunch brings 200 people together in an alfresco treat for the tastebuds. Surrounded by the stunning sea and mountains, guests can expect a world-class dining experience from Port Douglas restaurants Salsa Bar & Grill, Zinc Restaurant & Bar, La Cucina + Bar and Kai, complemented by handpicked beverages from Hemingway's Brewery and Devil's Thumb Distillery.

This hot ticket is a highlight of Carnivale with its beautiful setting, fun flavour and delectable dining. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Madison & The Sax Man and Amber Farnan from 5.30pm.

3 FRIDAY, MAY 19
CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT
MARINA - NOON TO 3PM

Tickets: \$260 plus booking fee

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FNQ Gin Fest

SATURDAY, MAY 20
CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT
MARINA - NOON TO 6PM



Say cheers with six local distillers at the FNQ Gin Fest. Sit back with a cocktail or classic gin and tonic and enjoy the live music from Cinnamon Sun. This event is for the gin newbie or the connoisseur, with tastings for that journey of gin discovery. Travel and sample Devils Thumb of Port Douglas, Wolf Lane and Narrow Tracks from Cairns, Distil On The Hill from Kuranda, Wild River Mountain from Wondecla and Mt Uncle from Walkamin.



**FREE
EVENTS**

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Seafood Extravaganza

SUNDAY, MAY 21
CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT
MARINA - NOON TO 7PM



This family-friendly event showcases the Port Douglas region's superb seafood right at the beautiful marina. Grab a bucket of prawns or parcel of fish and chips and a beer or wine, enjoy music and live entertainment while soaking up the afternoon sun and relaxed casual vibe along the boardwalk at this laid-back free event.





Kids Disco Street Parade

**Friday, May 19 • At the front of Rattle N' Hum
Macrossan Street • 4.30pm to 6.30pm**

Macrossan Street jumps and bops along at the famous Kids Disco leading into the Street Parade. Dance, sing and have fun as DJ ACE plays kid friendly sing-along songs, well-known dance hits and grooves with dance moves at the family-friendly parade viewing area at the top end of town.

This free event, which kicks off at 4.30pm is a warm-up to the Street Parade. Parents can sit back with lots of space while the kids have a good time waiting for the parade to start.

With giveaways and lots of interactive dancing fun, it is the place to be with the little ones.



Events Guide

FRIDAY, MAY 12 TO SUNDAY, MAY 21

Wonderland Spiegeltent at Dixie Park – Ticketed event

See the website for afternoon and evening times

Port Douglas Ghost Tours.....Rex Smeal Park 7pm - 8.30pm

MONDAY, MAY 15 TO SUNDAY, MAY 21

Douglas Photographic

Society Exhibition.....Port Douglas Community Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Art Exhibition – Go Troppo 2023

Exhibition Opening.....Sugar Wharf 6pm

FRIDAY, MAY 19

Longest Lunch (ticketed event).....Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina
12pm - 3pm

Art Exhibition – Go Troppo 2023.....Sugar Wharf 10am - 5pm

Kids Disco Street Parade.....Rattle N' Hum 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Sideshow Alley.....Market Park 4.30pm - Late

Living The Best Life Street Parade.....Main Street 6.30pm - 8pm

Fireworks.....8pm

Port Douglas Music Trails

Cinnamon Sun.....Tin Shed 7pm - 9pm

Tropical Neon Nights at Carnivale.....Yacht Club 8pm - Midnight

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Douglas Dash.....Rex Smeal Park 7am

Family Beach Day.....Four Mile Beach Esplanade 9am - 3pm

QLD Kites Display.....Four Mile Beach 10am - 3pm

Pooch Party.....Jalunbu Park 10am - 2pm

Art Exhibition – Go Troppo 2023.....Sugar Wharf 10am - 5pm

FNQ Gin Fest.....Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina
12pm - 6pm

Raise a Glass to the Past.....Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
Port Douglas 3pm - 4pm

Tropic Rock feat. YOU AM I.....Rex Smeal Park 5pm - 10.30pm

Italian Harvest Feast.....Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
Port Douglas 6pm - 9pm

Port Douglas Music Trails

Tim Woodz.....Tin Shed 1pm - 3pm

Stuie Harcourt.....Paddy's Bar 4pm - 6pm

Tessa Devine.....Chillies Pizza 7pm - 9pm

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Port Douglas Markets.....Market Park 8am - 1.30pm

Art Exhibition – Go Troppo 2023.....Sugar Wharf 10am - 5pm

Seafood Extravaganza.....Crystalbrook Superyacht
Marina 12pm - 7pm

Sunset Sessions.....Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
Port Douglas 5pm - 8pm

Port Douglas Music Trails

JC & The Tree, Tessa Devine,

Tim Woodz & Cinnamon Sun.....Central Hotel 2pm - 7.30pm

FREE & TICKETED EVENTS WWW.CARNIVALE.COM.AU



Tropical Neon Nights featuring DJ Sgt Slick



ARIA Award nominated Club maestro, DJ Sgt Slick (aka DJ Andy Ramanauskas) hits Carnivale for an unmissable night of thumping house music and legit club anthems, played by one of the best in the business. With meticulous sound and lighting production by Electric Dreams entertainment, a slew of killer support acts including Dektism DJ's, face painters, dancers and performers, this will be an unmissable party experience. Dress Code – Tropical Neon.

FRIDAY, MAY 19
PORT DOUGLAS YACHT CLUB
8PM TO LATE • Tickets: \$35

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Port Douglas Music Trails



FRIDAY, MAY 19 TO SUNDAY, MAY 21

VARIOUS VENUES AND TIMES - SEE THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Local legends Chopperdog Productions have conjured up something special for Carnivale with a mini festival of music, stories and laughs. Take an amble along Port Douglas' musical paths and join artists Cinnamon Sun, Tim Woodz, Stuie Harcourt, Tessa Devine and JC & The Tree for performances of original music plus discover their connections to the town and enjoy a tale or two.

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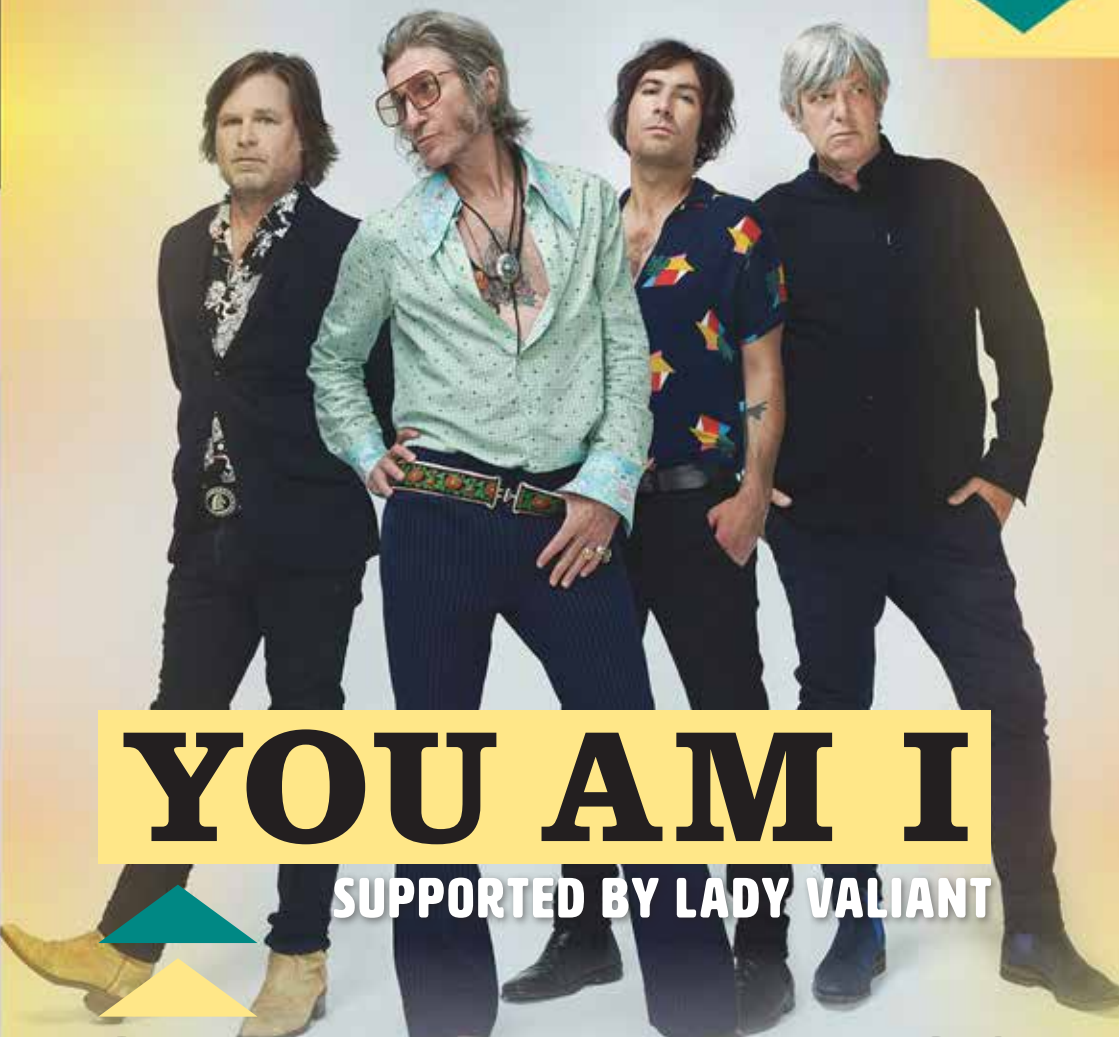
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REX SMEAL PARK • PORT DOUGLAS • GATES OPEN AT 5PM


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Community

POOCH PARTY



Saturday, May 20

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

Hot dog...there is a party just for you and your bestie. Pooch Party is a day of fun and games sure to get tails wagging. There are treats, entertainment and prizes for contests ranging from best dog trick, best owner/ dog lookalike and cutest/ugliest dog. Bring your pooch, take a picnic and delight in the 'canine carnivale'. Set at Jalunbu Park this event doubles as a fundraiser for Douglas Shire's animal shelter Paws & Claws so there should be lots of paws supporting this good cause.

SUNDAY MARKETS

Sunday, May 21

Market Park • 8am to 1.30pm

Located in the shaded, grassy Market Park, right on the waterfront, a lazy Sunday stroll through the Port Douglas markets is a must. Vendors come from all over the region to sell their products including arts and crafts, jewellery, fruit and vegetables, glassware, books, coffee and more. Feast on the variety of food available from hot crepes to freshly pressed sugarcane juice.

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Ghost Tour

May 12 to May 21

7pm to 8.30pm

Starting at Rex Smeal Park

Tickets \$32 (A12+) \$15 (C)

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Dare to treat yourself to something spooky? This unique guided walking tour will entertain you with historical tales of Port Douglas with a creepy twist. You will hear about inexplicable encounters, shocking disappearances and strange, dark and mysterious stories – and they are all true. Bring along a torch and a drink and be prepared for the unknown.

TROPICAL DESTINATIONS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

Monday, May 15 to Sunday, May 21
Port Douglas Community Hall

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Port Douglas' creative community shines at Carnivale and the *Tropical Destinations Photography Exhibition* displays the work of the talented Douglas Photographic Society. The photographers are among the luckiest artists in the world with such beauty and diversity on their back door. Through their lens you will travel around this unique region and possibly take a lasting memory home with prints and calendars for sale.



GO TROPPO ART EXHIBITION

Friday, May 19 to Sunday, May 21
SUGAR WHARF • 10am to 5pm Daily

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Pop into *Go Troppo* and view some of the finest locally inspired artwork from this region. The 19 exhibiting members of Port Douglas Artists Inc. are showing their work at the historic Sugar Wharf, with paintings, sculptures, ceramics, print making, weavings and multi media on display and for sale.

Exhibition opening event (all welcome)
6pm Thursday, May 18





SHERATON

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT THE SHERATON
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Italian Harvest Feast

SATURDAY, MAY 20 • Sheraton Resort • 6pm to 9pm • Tickets \$180.25

Generations of Italians have lived in Far North Queensland after first arriving following WWI to be cane cutters. Their food and enterprise are celebrated by the Sheraton with a delicious menu inspired by the stories they have told of communal eating, beautiful local produce and an Italian heritage. Share this wonderful meal with friends and family and experience a little bit of Italia during Carnivale.



Raise a Glass to The Past

SATURDAY, MAY 20 • 3pm to 4pm
Tickets \$53.19

Go anywhere in Far North Queensland and you won't be far from a field of sugar cane. Grown here since the 1870s, Sheraton Resort is taking the opportunity to honour the history of the industry and its delicious beverage by-product, rum. Raise a Glass to the Past is a masterclass in making rum and a chance to sample three examples of this local spirit. Each rum is matched with canapes and 'class' will be complete with a sugar cane rum cocktail.

Sunset Sessions

SUNDAY, MAY 21 • 5pm to 8pm
Tickets: \$54.26 (includes \$50 credit)

A regular event at the Sheraton, this Carnivale edition of Sunset Sessions will be super special. While a guest DJ provides a soundtrack, enjoy the setting sun poolside with colourful cocktails and tasty Mediterranean bites. Lap up the ambiance, relax and revel in this little bit of heaven.



Douglas Dash

SUNDAY, May 21

Start/Finish Rex Smeal Park • 7am

Entry: \$25 plus booking fee



Start your Saturday with the Douglas Dash, a 5km running trail that begins and ends at Rex Smeal Park, with the route taking in magnificent Four Mile Beach and the iconic Flagstaff Hill Walking Trail. Now in its third year, this fun run is not to be missed.



Windswell Sessions



SATURDAY, MAY 20

Four Mile Beach

8am to 12pm

Some Sports Free

Tube Rides From \$20

Have a go at water sports with the Windswell school this Carnivale. Try wake boards, stand-up paddle boarding or wind surfing or just have a blast on the bumper tube rides. First-class training and guaranteed fun for everyone.

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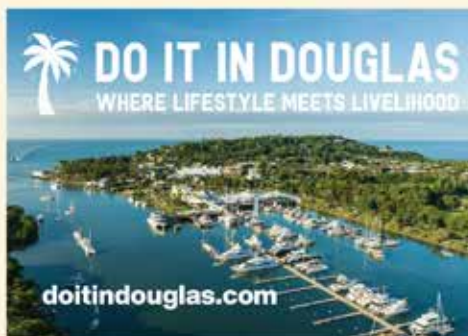
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