

COMPETITION SCHEDULE



**CAIRNS
SHOW**



**16TH - 18TH
JULY 2025**

**SECTION 29
ICED CAKES**



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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the largest regional agricultural show, where we proudly showcase the very best of Far North Queensland's agricultural, pastoral, mining, and cultural industries. We are passionate about bringing the country to the city, celebrating our region's rich heritage and vibrant community spirit.

Each year, this event brings together a diverse range of agricultural, cultural, and artistic experiences designed for children, young people, and families from local, regional, and remote communities. These activities are not only educational and entertaining but also create wonderful opportunities for families to connect and make lasting memories.

The Cairns Show is also home to a variety of exciting competitions, where exhibitors and competitors from across the region put their skills, craftsmanship, and dedication on display. From livestock judging, equestrian events, and woodchopping contests to arts, photography, cooking, and horticulture exhibits, these competitions highlight the incredible talent and hard work within our community. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a first-time entrant, the competitive spirit of the Show is an integral part of what makes this event so special.

The Cairns Show and its grounds stand as a testament to the dedication of our region, proudly hosting the largest Showmen's Guild entertainment outside of Brisbane's EKKA.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our hardworking staff, Committee, and volunteers, whose tireless efforts behind the scenes make this event possible. Your commitment and dedication do not go unnoticed.

To our visitors—thank you for being part of this celebration. Your support and enthusiasm are what make the Cairns Show such a special event year after year.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our generous sponsors. Your contributions are invaluable in ensuring we continue to deliver the high-quality show that our community has come to know and love.

With an exciting lineup of attractions, entertainment, competitions, and experiences, there's so much to see and do—you'll be hard-pressed to fit it all into just one day!

So come along, immerse yourself in the fun, and enjoy everything your local show has to offer.



Mr. Ian Allen

President, Cairns Show Association

Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining Association





ESSENTIAL SHOW INFORMATION

Cairns Show

Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th, and Friday 18th July 2025

Gate Opening Times:

9am to 9pm daily - *some attractions closing times may vary.*

Cairns Show Map:

The Map is available at all Gate Entrances as well as in the Cairns Show Guide, online via the Cairns Show Website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

Gate Entrances:

1. Corner of Severin St and Mulgrave Rd (Main Gates).
2. Quigley Street.
3. Mulgrave Rd, in front of the Fred Moule Exhibition Centre.
4. Scott Street.

Taxi Ranks:

1. Mulgrave Rd, in front of the Honey Providore Horticulture Pavilion.
2. Scott St, near St Augustine's College.
3. Corner of Mulgrave Rd and Severin St.

Bus Stops:

Sunbus Pickup and Drop Offs Points:

1. To the City – Mulgrave Road opposite the Show Ground Main Entrance
2. From the City – Mulgrave Road in front of the Cairns Youth Centre
3. Disabled Set down is the Corner of Mulgrave Road and Severin Street.

Accessible Parking:

Parking Bay Locations:

1. 5 bays in Severin Street, near Mulgrave Road
2. 5 bays in Severin St, outside St Augustine's College Swimming Pool.

Toilets:

Please refer to the Cairns Show Map for Toilet locations.

ATMS:

1. Immediately inside the Main Gate Entrance in front of the Cairns Show Office.
2. Outside the Fred Moule Exhibition Centre.
3. Immediately inside the Scott St Entrance next to the Sideshow Alley Rides.

First Aid:

1. Medical Outpost, near the Main Gate Entrance.
2. Clive Gordon Main Arena (Centre Ring).
3. Opposite Animal Nursery.

Smoking:

The Show is a smoke-free environment. Smoking is only permitted in signed, designated areas. Please refer to the Cairns Show Map for Smoking areas.

Cloakroom:

Next to the Show Office, Volunteers from the FNQ Hospital Foundation will look after your items while you enjoy the Show. There is FREE sunscreen available.

Wheelchair/Trolley Hire:

Unfortunately, we do not have Wheelchair or Trolley Hire at the Cairns Show. Please come prepared and refer to the Cairns Show Map for Rest and First Aid locations.

Dogs & Animals:

Dogs & Animals are not permitted at the Cairns Show! If you bring an animal with you will be denied entry. Exceptions to this: Service & Guide Dogs, or Animals approved for medical purposes (certificate/identification of approval will need to be shown to gate staff/security). Competitors competing in the Cairns Show Association Dog Show Championship will be able to enter the Dog Show/Campgrounds areas only – please enter via Quigley St.

GATE ADMISSION CHARGES

TICKETING INFORMATION

1. Purchasing Tickets Online is strongly encouraged. To purchase Tickets Online, visit the Cairns Show website at www.cairnsshow.com.au.
2. Presold (discounted) Tickets will be available at Earlville Shopping Town and Online. To purchase Presold Tickets please refer to the information below.
3. Tickets can be purchased At the Gates during the Show. Cashless payment is preferred, however, limited ATMS will be available around the grounds. Please refer to the Cairns Show Map for ATM locations.
4. Please note: a Transaction Fee Per Order will be payable to the Ticketing Merchant for all Ticket Orders online and in person.
5. By purchasing a Ticket, you agree to the Terms & Conditions outlined on our website.

PRESOLD TICKETS

You can buy discounted Presold Tickets either online at www.cairnsshow.com.au or at Earlville Shopping Town from Friday 5th to Monday 14th July, between 9am and 5pm. On Tuesday 15th July, tickets will be available at the Main Gates of the Cairns Showgrounds from 9am to 5pm, but only online purchases will be available after 5pm.

Presold Ticket Types:

Valid for One Day – Any Day of the Cairns Show.

- **Adult (18 Years and Over):** \$27
- **Concession/Pension:** \$23*
- For individuals 14 Years and Over with a Valid Student ID or Pensioners Card.
- *Please note: a discounted Concession/Pension Voucher will be published in the local newspaper, offering Concession/Pensioners One Day – Any Day Entry at \$21. Refer to the Cairns Show website for more information.
- **Child (5 Years to Under 14 Years):** \$15
- **Child (Under 5):** Free
- **Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children):** \$70
- Children must be aged 5 Years to Under 14 Years.
- Family members will receive individual tickets, allowing them to enter at different times during the same day.

TICKETS AT THE GATE

Starting from 12am Wednesday 16th July, ticket prices will revert to the standard gate prices as listed below.

Ticket at the Gate Types:

Valid for One Day – Any Day of the Cairns Show.

- **Adult (18 Years and Over):** \$30
- **Concession/Pension:** \$24
- For individuals 14 Years and Over with a Valid Student ID or Pensioners Card.
- **Child (5 Years to Under 14 Years):** \$16
- **Child (Under 5):** Free
- **Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children):** \$75
- Children must be aged 5 Years to Under 14 Years.
- Family members will receive individual tickets, allowing them to enter at different times during the same day.

BONUS DOLLARS

1. Bonus Dollars are NOT available for purchase online.
2. One sheet of Bonus Dollars is \$25 for a \$30 value.
3. Bonus Dollars may only be used in Sideshow Alley at the Cairns Show, and can be redeemed on the following: Rides, Food and Games. NOT redeemable on Showbags. Bonus Dollars are not transferable and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or misplaced. Unused tickets are non-refundable.

CAIRNS SHOW ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Become a Member of the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association and receive a range of benefits at the Cairns Show, Cairns Show Wine Awards, the Cairns Show Auto Spectacular, and throughout the year.

1. To Apply for Membership and more information on Benefits, visit our website.
2. ALL Membership Types can be used for THREE DAY entry of the Cairns Show.
3. 2025 Membership Applications/Renewals open January 2025, and close Friday 11th July 2025.
1. Membership year ending 31st December 2025. The Cairns Show Association has the right to refuse your application. Limited Applications are available and accepted.
2. By purchasing a Cairns Show Ticket, Membership, and/or Bonus Dollars, the holder agrees to the CAPMA Copyright, Privacy Policy, and Disclaimer. Please refer to our website for more information.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

Annual Member: \$95 or pay \$950 for a Permanent 10-Year Membership.

CAPMA members 18 years and over receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield gaining unrestricted, three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. One (1) Member's Guest Shield gaining unrestricted, three-day entry to the Cairns Show (non-transferable, single person entry).
3. Access to the De Jarlais Member's Pavilion during the Cairns Show. Buffet and bar not included in Membership (payable to vendor on the day).
4. Access to Member's Exclusive Deals during the Cairns Show.

ShowTime Member: \$55

As a ShowTime promotion only, ShowTime Members receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield gaining unrestricted, three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. Access to the De Jarlais Member's Pavilion during the Cairns Show. Buffet and bar not included in Membership (payable to vendor on the day).
3. Access to Member's Exclusive Deals during the Cairns Show.

Concession Member: \$17

CAPMA Members between 14 years to under 18 years receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield gaining unrestricted, three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
1. Access to the De Jarlais Member's Pavilion during the Cairns Show. Buffet and bar not included in Membership (payable to vendor on the day). Those under the age of 18 years must be always accompanied by an Adult!

Those 18 years or over receive the above and:

1. MUST hold a and present Valid Concessional Student Identification card.
2. Access to Member's Exclusive Deals during the Cairns Show.

Child Member: \$12

CAPMA Members 5 to under 14 years receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield gaining unrestricted, three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. Access to the De Jarlais Member's Pavilion during the Cairns Show. Buffet and bar not included in Membership (payable to vendor on the day). Those under the age of 18 years must be always accompanied by an Adult.

GENERAL CONDITIONS - COMPETITIONS

ENTRY & COMPETITIONS

This Show operates under the regulations set forth by the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies, the constitution, and rules of this Society, as well as any regulations specified within the individual sections of this Show's Schedule. In the event of any conflict between these rules and regulations, those outlined in the Schedule of this Society shall take precedence. For detailed information on the rules and regulations of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies, please visit www.queenslandshows.com.au.

By participating in any class outlined in this Schedule, all individuals agree to indemnify the CAIRNS AGRICULTURAL PASTORAL AND MINING ASSOCIATION against liability for any accidents, damages, losses, or illnesses to any Exhibit, Exhibitor, or Competitor. Additionally, participants acknowledge that all Competitions are under the complete control of the CAIRNS AGRICULTURAL PASTORAL AND MINING ASSOCIATION, whose decisions in all matters are final.

THE CAIRNS AGRICULTURAL PASTORAL AND MINING ASSOCIATION

1. No Competition Entries or Membership Applications will be taken over the phone.
2. A Chief Steward will be assigned to each Section to represent it in all matters. Failure to adhere to lawful directions from appointed Stewards, Committee, or Staff, or engaging in verbal or physical abuse, will result in Disciplinary Action, which may include exclusion from further Competitions and/or the Cairns Showgrounds.
3. Judges will be appointed, and their decisions will be final. No verbal or written communication will be entertained or considered.
4. **The organizers reserve the right to make any necessary decisions, inclusions, or changes to this Schedule, including Conditions of Entry and Special Regulations, without further notice.**
5. By entering this Competition, exhibitors acknowledge their compliance with these Conditions.
6. Judges at The Cairns Show are prohibited from having any prior or during judging information beyond what is provided by the Cairns Agricultural Pastoral and Mining Association. Vice Presidents are not permitted to compete in sections under their control.

ANIMAL AND BIRD EXHIBITORS

1. All animal and bird exhibitors are required to sign an Exhibit Health Declaration upon delivering their entry and must adhere to the health requirements outlined in this document. Exhibit Health Declarations can be obtained from the Show Office or the website www.cairnsshow.com.au.
2. Owners of animals are responsible for any veterinary fees incurred. The Cairns Show will not assume responsibility for any veterinarian expenses.
3. Please take note of the following conditions for entry into the grounds:
 - a. Glass items are prohibited on the grounds.
 - b. All electrical leads must be appropriately tagged in accordance with relevant industrial regulations.
 - c. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.

PRIZE MONEY & GST

The Prize Money listed in the Schedule does not include GST. GST will be added to the Prize Money for exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes. The Association will issue a "Recipient Created Tax Invoice" to exhibitors who are registered for GST purposes.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Cairns Show Association uses the information you provide in Membership or entry applications to offer member services and to organize and conduct competitions at the Cairns Show. By applying for Membership or entering our competitions, you consent to provide details such as your name, address, and exhibit details. Competition details may be shared with the media and included in publications. Your information will not be disclosed for any other purpose without your consent, except as required by law.

SECTION 29 ICED CAKES

OFFICIALS

Chief Steward: Ms. Carol Coates

KEY INFORMATION

Entry Fee: *As Stated.*

Prize: *As Stated.*

Entries Close: 4pm Friday 20th June. Entries on the day of Delivery may be accepted.

Delivery of Exhibits: 7am-11am Tuesday 15th July WIN News Arts & Crafts Pavilion (underneath De Jarlais Function Centre).

Judging: 1pm Tuesday 15th July.

Collection of Exhibits: 10am-2pm Saturday 19th July - Main Arena (Centre Ring) side of Arts & Crafts Hall.

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Channel 9 WIN News, Showbag Warehouse, Showbag Course, and Queensland Cake Decorators Association - Cairns Branch

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete an Entry online or in person at the Cairns Show Office, or post via PO Box 811 Bungalow, QLD 4870.
2. Entries will not be accepted over the phone or after the closing date.
3. Pay for Entry Fees online, by direct deposit, or in person at the Cairns Show Office (cash accepted).
4. Entries must be delivered to the designated part of the Showgrounds by the due date time and date shown.

AFTER THE SHOW

1. Exhibits NOT collected by Friday 29th August 2024 will become Property of the Cairns Show Association.
2. Prize Money can be collected between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, 4th August to 29th August from the Show Office if your total prize money is less than \$50.
3. Proof of identity is required to collect Prize Money. If you are collecting prize money on behalf of someone else, a letter of authorisation from that person will be required.
4. All Prize Money less than \$50 not collected by 29th August, 4pm will be returned to the Cairns Show Association Funds.
5. Prize money of \$50 and over will be deposited to the entrant's nominated bank account after 29th August.
6. Results will be available from the [Cairns Show website](#) AFTER the conclusion of the Show.



SPECIAL REGULATIONS

PLEASE READ SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASS YOU ARE ENTERING THOROUGHLY

1. Refer General Conditions of Entry & Competition in front of Schedule.
2. Exhibits may be collected from 10am-2pm Saturday 19th July. No responsibility will be taken for exhibits left in the Arts & Craft Pavilion after this time. Out of Town exhibitors may collect exhibits following the Fireworks for 30 minutes on Friday night 18th July 2024. Prior arrangements must be made with the Chief Steward.
3. Exhibits for sale must be clearly marked and cannot be removed until Saturday 19th July.
4. Commission of 20% will apply to all cakes sold and must be included in the sale price.
5. No person other than Judges and Stewards to be present throughout duration of Judging. The Judge reserves the right to alter the Class of an exhibit.
6. In the event of an exhibit in any one class not being worthy of a prize, no prize money, gift, etc, will be awarded
7. No exhibit can be entered into more than one class.
8. No free passes available to exhibitors.
9. Entries that are not completed according to this schedule may be ineligible for a prize.
10. All entries to be the bona fide handiwork of the exhibitor
11. For All Classes the base, presentation board or drape must fit within the perimeter of a 45cm square. The base boards must be raised on cleats or runners. Pillars or other means of elevating cakes are permitted.
12. Except where specifically otherwise mentioned, no non-sugar ornaments are allowed. No artificial paper, fabric flowers or leaves to be used and dried baby's breath is not permitted. However, minimal use of dried vegetable matter (e.g. polenta & semolina) may be used.
13. Reasonable use of wire, tape, stamens, ribbons, cotton, tulle, gelatine, piping gel & posy pics are permitted. However, wire of any kind MUST NOT penetrate the surface of the exhibit, and no pins are allowed to hold ribbons, etc.
14. Only minimal amounts of metallic paint and lustres will be allowed except for Open Contemporary Design.
15. Information sheets for the Judges should be completed.
16. To advise use of supports.
17. To clarify use of any item which may appear not to comply with schedule.
18. For any explanation necessary to clarify exhibit.
19. To clarify if your cake is a "Dummy".
20. Name, Address & Phone Number on the back of Class Card.
21. SECTIONS MARKED "JUNIOR" - Only children under 18 years are eligible to enter Junior Sections
22. SECTIONS MARKED "NOVICE" - Novice Sections are only for exhibitors who have never won a first prize in this class or any prize in the Open class and have not entered on more than four previous occasions.
23. SECTIONS MARKED "INTERMEDIATE"- Intermediate Sections are only for exhibitors who have never won a first prize in this class or any prize in the Open Class and have not entered on more than four previous occasions.
24. SECTIONS MARKED "OPEN" - Open Sections can be entered by anyone irrespective of previous wins.
25. Dummy Cakes may be used except in Class 29010 Novelty, where cake must be used to form shape.
26. Translation card (if necessary) attached to item on the right-hand corner at the front.
27. The Cairns Show Association is unable to provide refrigerated cabinets and accepts no responsibility for the condition of buttercream cakes stored for more than four days.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS – CONTINUED

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. **Bona fide Handiwork:** Must be handmade solely by the exhibitor.
2. **Sugar Paste:** Decorations made from sugar.
3. **Lace:** A piece of lace that is piped with royal icing.
4. **Extension work:** Piped with royal icing giving a delicate border finish to lower side sections of cake.
5. **Piping skills:** Royal icing that is piped directly on to the surface of the iced cake.
6. **Cleats or Runners:** Cleats must be adhered under boards sufficient to enable ease of handling.
7. **Pillars:** Supports tiered cakes - usually made in plastic, they come in different shapes and sizes.
8. **Wire:** Covered wire.
9. **Tape:** Florist tape to bind wire.
10. **Posy Pics:** Small plastic cone shaped holder.



JUNIOR SECTION

Entry Fee: \$1.10

Prize: 1st - \$20 + Trophy + Gift Voucher, 2nd - \$10, 3rd - \$8

11 YEARS & UNDER

Open to Children up to and including 11 Years.

Class 29001 Iced Cake

Any theme - to be judged on the originality of design and execution

Class 29002 Sugar Craft - No Cake Included

Floral arrangement and/or novelty. To be an imaginative creation, judged for ingenuity of design and execution, and arranged on a base board, no longer than 45cm x 45cm.

12 YEARS TO UNDER 18 YEARS

Open to Children 12 Years to Under 18 Years.

Class 29003 Iced Cake

Any theme - to be judged on originality of design and execution.

Class 29004 Sugar Craft - No Cake Included

Floral arrangement and/or novelty. To be an imaginative creation, judged for ingenuity of design and execution, and arranged on a base board, no longer than 45cm x 45cm.

NOVICE SECTION

Shop Owners, Tutors and Online Businesses can ONLY enter in the Open Section.

Entry Fee: \$1.10

Prize: 1st - \$20 + Gift Voucher, 2nd - \$10 + Gift Voucher, 3rd - \$8

Class 29005 Special Occasion Cake

One- or two-tier Cake can be Wedding, Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme, etc. For exhibitors who have never won a first prize in this class or any prize in the Open Class and have not entered on more than four previous occasions.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

Shop Owners, Tutors and Online Businesses can ONLY enter in the Open Section.

Entry Fee: \$4.40

Prize: 1st - \$20 + Gift Voucher, 2nd - \$15 + Gift Voucher, 3rd - \$10

Class 29006 Special Occasion Cake

One- or two-tier cake can be Wedding, Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme, etc. Open to those who have not previously won a first prize in this Class or any prize in the Open Class and have not entered on more than four occasions.

OPEN SECTION

Entry Fee: \$4.40

Prize: *As Stated.*

Class 29007 Special Occasion Cake

One Cake only (excluding Wedding Cake). Example: Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme, etc. Open to all exhibitors.

Class 29008 Wedding Cake

Two or three cakes to be tiered or otherwise presented on a common base board.

Class 29009 Contemporary Design

One or two cakes to be tiered or otherwise presented on a common base board, decorated using up to 5 cutters/tools. To be judged for ingenuity of design and execution of cutters. A minimum of three different types of cutters/tools must be used. Lustre, glitter, cachous, wires, rope, moulds, cutters, stencils, supports, pillars, perspex, colour, may be used but no artificial (e.g. silk flowers) or plastic (e.g. Bride and Groom) decorating items.

Class 29010 Novelty Cake

The exhibit MUST be sculptured from a cake. Cake content must be at least 50%. The remaining 50% must be edible content (no dummies), the cake and other content to be noted on the Judged information sheet. Arrange on a base no bigger than 45cm x 45cm.

Class 29011 Sugar Craft -No Cake Included

Floral arrangement and/or novelty. To be an imaginative creation, judged for ingenuity of design and execution, and arranged on a base board, no bigger than 45cm x 45cm. All exhibitors are eligible to enter this class.

BUTTERCREAM

Entry Fee: \$4.40

Prize: 1st - \$25 Gift Voucher, 2nd - \$20 Gift Voucher.

Class 29012 Special Occasion Cake

One- or two-tier Cake can be Wedding, Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme etc. Open to all exhibitors.



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