

COMPETITION SCHEDULE



**CAIRNS  
SHOW**



**15TH - 17TH  
JULY 2026**

**SECTION 14A  
POLECLMBING**



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## WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Australia's largest regional agricultural show, where we proudly celebrate the very best of Far North Queensland's agriculture, industry, culture, and community. Each year, the Cairns Show brings the country to the city, uniting families, honouring traditions, and connecting generations.

Our Show offers an exciting and diverse program featuring competitions, exhibits, entertainment, and hands-on experiences. From livestock and equestrian events to arts, photography, cooking, and horticulture, we are proud to showcase the exceptional talent and passion that make our region unique. And with Queensland's largest Sideshow Alley right here at the Cairns Show, there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

This year holds special significance as we celebrate the 121st Cairns Show alongside Cairns' 150th Anniversary - a meaningful milestone that allows us to reflect on our shared history, acknowledge the progress of our region, and celebrate the community spirit that continues to define us.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Federal and State Governments and the Cairns Regional Council for their valued support of the show. I also wish to acknowledge our dedicated staff, committee members, volunteers, sponsors, and exhibitors - and, of course, our visitors. Your ongoing support and enthusiasm are what make this iconic event possible year after year.

With so much to explore, one day at the Cairns Show is never enough - so come along, immerse yourself in the festivities, and enjoy everything that makes our Show truly special.

Enjoy the 2026 Cairns Show!



Mr. Ian Allen

**President, Cairns Show Association**

**Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral, and Mining Association**



## ESSENTIAL SHOW INFORMATION

### Cairns Show

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

#### **Gate Opening Times**

9:00am - 9:00pm daily

*Please note: Some attraction closing times may vary.*

#### **Cairns Show Map**

The Cairns Show Map is available at all gate entrances, in the Cairns Show Guide, and online via the Cairns Show website, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

#### **Gate Entrances**

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

#### **Taxi Ranks**

1. Mulgrave Road (in front of the Honey Providore Horticulture Pavilion)
2. Scott Street (near St Augustine's College)
3. Corner of Mulgrave Road and Severin Street

#### **Bus Stops**

Sunbus Pickup and Drop Offs Points:

- To the City – Mulgrave Road (opposite the Showground Main Entrance)
- From the City – Mulgrave Road (in front of the Cairns Youth Centre)
- Disability Set-Down – Corner of Mulgrave Road and Severin Street

#### **Accessible Parking**

Parking Bay Locations:

- 5 bays on Severin Street (near Mulgrave Road)
- 5 bays on Severin Street (outside St Augustine's College Swimming Pool)

#### **Toilets**

Please refer to the Cairns Show Map for toilet locations.

#### **ATMS**

1. Inside the Main Gate entrance (in front of the Cairns Show Office)
2. Outside the Fred Moule Exhibition Centre
3. Inside the Scott Street entrance (next to Sideshow Alley rides)

#### **First Aid**

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

#### **Smoking**

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

#### **Cloakroom**

Located next to the Show Office. Volunteers from the FNQ Hospital Foundation will look after your items while you enjoy the Show. Free sunscreen is available.

#### **Wheelchair/Trolley Hire**

Wheelchair and trolley hire is not available. Please come prepared and refer to the Cairns Show Map for rest areas and First Aid locations.

#### **Dogs & Animals**

Dogs and animals are not permitted, except for service/guide dogs, approved medical support animals (ID required), and authorised Dog Show competitors.

## GATE ADMISSION CHARGES

### TICKETING INFORMATION

1. Purchasing Tickets Online is strongly encouraged. To purchase tickets online, please visit the Cairns Show website at [www.cairnsshow.com.au](http://www.cairnsshow.com.au).
2. Presold (discounted) tickets will be available at Pre-Sold Ticket Booth and Online. Please refer to the information below for pre-sale ticket purchasing details.
3. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the gates during the Show. Cashless payment is preferred; however, limited ATMs will be available across the grounds. Please refer to the Cairns Show Map for ATM locations.
4. Please note: A transaction fee per order applies to all ticket purchases, both online and in person, and is payable to the ticketing merchant.
5. By purchasing a ticket, you agree to the Terms and Conditions outlined on the Cairns Show website.

### PRESOLD TICKETS

Discounted Presold Tickets can be purchased online at [www.cairnsshow.com.au](http://www.cairnsshow.com.au) or in person at Earlville Shopping Town from **Monday 6 July to Monday 13 July**, between 9:00am and 5:00pm. **On Tuesday 14 July**, tickets will be available at the Main Gates of the Cairns Showgrounds from 9:00am to 5:00pm. After 5:00pm, tickets will only be available for purchase online.

#### Presold Ticket 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 Pensioner Card
  - *A discounted Concession/Pension voucher may be published in the local newspaper, offering One Day – Any Day entry at \$21. Please refer to the Cairns Show website for details.*
- **Child (5 years to under 14 years) - \$16**
- **Child (Under 5 years) - 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 entry at different times on the same day

### TICKETS AT THE GATE

From **12:00am Wednesday 15 July**, ticket prices will revert to standard gate pricing as listed below.

#### Ticket at the Gate Types:

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

- **Adults (18 years and over) - \$30**
- **Concession/Pension - \$24**
  - For individuals 14 years and over with a valid Student ID or Pensioner Card
- **Child (5 years to under 14 years) - \$16**
- **Child (Under 5 years) - FREE**
- **Family Pass (2 Adults & 2 Children) - \$78**
  - Children must be aged 5 years to under 14 years
  - Family members will receive individual tickets, allowing entry at different times on the same day

### BONUS DOLLARS

1. Bonus Dollars are not available for purchase online.
2. One sheet of Bonus Dollars costs \$25 and provides \$30 value.
3. Bonus Dollars are valid for use in Sideshow Alley only and can be redeemed on rides, food, and games.
  - Not redeemable for Showbags
  - Not transferable
  - Cannot be replaced if lost, stolen, or misplaced
  - Unused tickets are non-refundable

## CAIRNS SHOW ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

### CAIRNS SHOW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Become a Member of the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association (CAPMA) and enjoy a range of benefits across the Cairns Show, Cairns Show Wine Awards, Cairns Show Auto Spectacular, and other events throughout the year.

1. To apply for membership and view the full list of member benefits, please visit our website.
2. All membership types include three-day entry to the Cairns Show.
3. Membership applications and renewals open **January 2026** and close **Friday 10 July 2026**.
4. Membership is valid for the membership year ending **31 December 2026**. The Cairns Show Association reserves the right to refuse any application. Memberships are limited and subject to availability.
5. By purchasing a Cairns Show ticket, membership, and/or Bonus Dollars, the holder agrees to the CAPMA Copyright, Privacy Policy, and Disclaimer.

### MEMBERSHIP TYPES:

#### **Annual Membership - \$120**

#### ***Or \$1200 for a Permanent 10-Year Membership***

CAPMA Members aged 18 years and over receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield providing unrestricted three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. One (1) Member's Guest Shield providing unrestricted three-day entry to the Cairns Show (non-transferable, single person entry).
3. Access to the De Jarlais Members Pavilion during the Cairns Show. *(Buffet and bar are not included and are payable directly to vendors on the day.)*
4. Access to exclusive Member deals during the Cairns Show

#### **ShowTime Membership - \$65**

#### ***Available as part of the ShowTime promotional offer only.***

ShowTime Members receive the following benefits:

1. One (1) Member's Shield providing unrestricted three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. Access to the De Jarlais Members Pavilion during the Cairns Show. *(Buffet and bar are not included and are payable directly to vendors on the day.)*
3. Access to exclusive Member deals during the Cairns Show.

#### **Concession Membership - \$24**

#### ***CAPMA Members aged 14 years to under 18 receive:***

1. One (1) Member's Shield providing unrestricted three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. Access to the De Jarlais Members Pavilion during the Cairns Show.
  - Buffet and bar are not included and are payable directly to vendors on the day.)
  - Members under 18 years must be always accompanied by an adult.

#### ***Concession Members aged 18 years and over receive the above, plus:***

- Must hold and present valid Concessional Student Identification.
- Access to exclusive Member deals during the Cairns Show.

#### **Child Membership - \$17**

#### ***CAPMA Members aged 5 years to under 14 receive:***

1. One (1) Member's Shield providing unrestricted three-day entry to the Cairns Show (single person entry).
2. Access to the De Jarlais Members Pavilion during the Cairns Show.
  - Buffet and bar are not included and are payable directly to vendors on the day.)
  - Members under 18 years must be always accompanied by an adult.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS - COMPETITIONS

### ENTRY & COMPETITIONS

This Show operates in accordance with the regulations of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies, the Constitution and Rules of the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association (CAPMA), and the regulations outlined within each section of this Show Schedule. In the event of any inconsistency, the rules and regulations contained within this Society's Schedule will take precedence.

For detailed information on the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies regulations, please visit [www.queenslandshows.com.au](http://www.queenslandshows.com.au).

By participating in any class within this Schedule, all exhibitors and competitors agree to indemnify the Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association against any liability for accidents, damage, loss, or illness involving any exhibit, exhibitor, or competitor. All competitions are conducted under the full authority of CAPMA, and all decisions made by the Association are final.

### THE CAIRNS AGRICULTURAL PASTORAL AND MINING ASSOCIATION

1. Competition entries and membership applications will not be accepted over the phone.
2. Each Section will have an appointed Chief Steward responsible for representing that Section in all matters. Failure to follow lawful directions from Stewards, Committee Members, or Staff, or any form of verbal or physical abuse, may result in disciplinary action, including exclusion from competitions and/or removal from the Cairns Showgrounds.
3. Judges will be appointed, and all judging decisions are final. No correspondence, verbal or written, will be entered.
4. **The Association reserves the right to make decisions, additions, or amendments to this Schedule, including Conditions of Entry and Special Regulations, without notice.**
5. By entering any competition, exhibitors acknowledge and agree to comply with all Conditions of Entry.
6. Judges must not have access to any information beyond that provided by CAPMA. Vice Presidents are not permitted to compete in sections under their direct control.

### ANIMAL AND BIRD EXHIBITORS

1. All animal and bird exhibitors must complete an Exhibit Health Declaration upon delivery of their entry and comply with all health requirements outlined in the declaration. Forms are available from the Show Office or at [www.cairnsshow.com.au](http://www.cairnsshow.com.au).
2. Animal owners are responsible for all veterinary costs incurred. The Cairns Show will not cover veterinary expenses.
3. Entry to the grounds is subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Glass items are prohibited on the grounds.
  - b. All electrical leads must be tested and tagged in accordance with relevant industrial regulations.
  - c. Dogs must be always kept on a leash.

### PRIZE MONEY & GST

Prize money listed in the Schedule is exclusive of GST. GST will be added for exhibitors registered for GST purposes. The Association will issue a Recipient Created Tax Invoice to eligible exhibitors.

### PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Cairns Show Association collects and uses information provided in membership and competition entry applications to deliver member services and to organise and conduct competitions. By applying for membership or entering competitions, you consent to providing personal details such as name, address, and exhibit information. Competition results and details may be shared with media and included in publications. Your personal information will not be disclosed for any other purpose without your consent, unless required by law.



## SECTION 14A POLECLIMBING

### OFFICIALS

**Vice President in Charge:** Mr. Glen Hunter

**Chief Steward:** Mr. Glen Hunter

**Stewards:** SES

### KEY INFORMATION

**Entries Close:** 4pm **Monday 13th July.**

**Practice Session:** 5:55pm **Wednesday 15th July.**

**Judging:** **Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th, and Friday 17th July.**

**Climbing:** All Climbers must be present and notify Officials 20 minutes before each event commences.

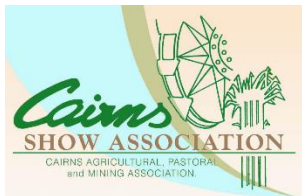
**Entry Fee:** One Fee of \$20 covers Entry to all Climbing Events.

**Prize:** *As Stated.*

### SPONSORS

The Cairns Show Association wishes to record its sincere thanks to the people who have contributed towards prize money and expenses for these events.

**Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association, Ergon Energy, Century Cranes, Showbag Carousel.**



### HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete an Entry online or in person at the Cairns Show Office, download an Entry Form and return it to [competitions@cairns-show.com](mailto:competitions@cairns-show.com), 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. On payment of Entry Fees, Gate Admission Tickets for the event will be sent direct to all entrants via email.

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Changes to the Schedule and commencement times may be carried out at the discretion of the Chief Steward. Entrants will be pre-advised of any changes.
- The Australian Show Pole Climbing Championships held at the Cairns Show is a competition to establish who can climb approx. 24.5m (80 Feet) up a free-standing wooden pole with appropriate climbing aids in the fastest times.
- Entrants will climb under the Australian Show Pole Climbers Rules of Competition available from the Chief Steward.
- Any entrants who are previous Cairns Show Novice Pole Climbing Champions must only compete in the Open Australian Pole Climbing Championships.
- The Chief Steward upon discretion may move competitors to more relevant heats if required.
- Competitors are entitled to 1x three-day pass for entry into the showgrounds. For wristband access, please contact the Chief Steward. Any additional individuals will need to purchase tickets.
- **Only competitors are allowed in the Clive Gordon main arena (centre ring).**
- **Only authorised vehicles are allowed in the Clive Gordon main arena (centre ring).**

## SECTION 14A POLECLIMBING

### ELIGIBILITY

- All entrants must:
  - Be of fit and healthy disposition and be capable of the extreme physical exertion required by the event.
  - They have their own personal climbing equipment.
  - Be sufficiently experienced in tree climbing techniques to competently use climbing equipment.
  - Complete and sign the official entry forms before participating.
  - Notify the organisers in advance of any special health conditions, such as epilepsy, diabetes etc.

### SAFETY & EQUIPMENT

- All entrants must bring the following climbing equipment:
  - Climbing harness, which must have a waist belt, 2 leg straps and a proper point of attachment for a safety line.
  - Pole strap of a sufficient length to encircle the pole and be safely attached to both sides of the harness with a minimum of twin locking snaps.
  - Set of climbing spikes.
  - Working boots and gloves.
- All equipment will be inspected before the event to ensure that it is safe and appropriate for the situation. Safety ropes and all fixings to the pole will be provided.
- The rope is semi dynamic, not dynamic which means it will not be as 'springy'
- The Chief Judge will check each entrant on the following points prior to allowing a climb to proceed:
  - The climbing equipment is correctly fitted, secured and adjusted.
  - The pole strap is around the pole and secured to the harness at both ends.
  - The safety line is running free through the top of the pole and secured to the correct coupling of the climber's harness.
  - The person belaying the climber understands the task and is ready.
  - The climber is ready and outwardly capable of completing the climb.
- Once the Chief Judge is satisfied that these requirements have been met, he will allow the starter to start the climb.
- When the climb is completed, the climber should rest until sufficiently recovered to climb down the pole with the belayer controlling the descent. If the climber is incapacitated for any reason, then the belayer will take his full weight and control his descent.
- A spare rope and set of equipment will always be available in case there is a need to help a climber down the pole.

### ORGANISATION OF EACH CLIMB

- Starting and Finishing the Climb:
  - When the Chief Judge is satisfied that the safety preparation has been observed, the starting will be undertaken by the starter. When the climber and belayer are ready, the climber will start with the words: 'Climber by your pole. Three, two, one, GO'
  - On "GO", the climber will start the climb and when at the top of the pole, will press a button.

## **SECTION 14A POLECLIMBING**

### **TIMING AND RECORDING**

All timing will be done by electronic timing equipment. Each clock will be started automatically when the climber's foot leaves the ground and activates the start switch. The clock will be stopped automatically when each climber pushes the button at the top of the pole. This time will be recorded in writing. A stopwatch will also be taken for each race based on visual observations of starting and finishing and will also be recorded in writing.

### **TIME CHECKING AND DISPUTES**

Every time in each event will be recorded in writing. It is the responsibility of each climber directly after the event to check the recorded times and agree with the timers. Any disagreements must be brought to the attention of the Chief Steward before the following climb commences to allow rapid investigation and decision. The Chief Steward will be responsible for settling any disputes and his decision will be final.

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY****PROGRAM MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE****5:55 PM****40 MINUTE DURATION****Class 14501** Division 4 Invitational Tree Climbing and Limbing Contest**Invitational ONLY. Max. 8 for tree climbing and limbing contest.***General practice if time permits.***Open to ALL competitors.****THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY****Program May Change Without Notice****5:15 PM****15 MINUTE TOTAL DURATION FOR BOTH HEATS****Class 14502** Division 2 Heat 1 - Open Australian Show Pole Climbing Championships**Class 14503** Division 3 Heat 1 - Cairns Show Women QLD Pole Climbing Championships**5:30 PM****15 MINUTE DURATION****Class 14504** Division 1 Heat 1 - Cairns Show Novice QLD Pole Climbing Championships*Standard Working Spikes is only permitted in this event. Entrants with modified spikes must only climb in the Open Championship.***7:05 PM****15 MINUTE DURATION****Class 14505** Division 1 Heat 2 - Cairns Show Novice - QLD Pole Climbing Championships*Standard Working Spikes is only permitted in this event. Entrants with modified spikes must only climb in the Open Champions.***7:35 PM****15 MINUTE TOTAL DURATION BOTH HEATS****Class 14506** Division 2 Heat 2 - Open Australian Show Pole Climbing Championships**Class 14507** Division 3 Heat 2 - Cairns Show Women QLD Pole Climbing Championships

**FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY****Program May Change Without Notice****5:30 PM****15 MINUTE TOTAL DURATION BOTH HEATS**

**Class 14508** Division 1 Heat 3 - Cairns Show Novice - QLD Poleclimbing Championships  
Standard working spikes are only permitted in this event. Entrants with modified spikes must climb in the Open Championships.

**6:00 PM****15 MINUTE TOTAL DURATION**

**Class 14509** Division 2 Heat 3 - Open Australian Show Pole Climbing Championships

**Class 14510** Division 3 Heat 3 - Cairns Show Women QLD Pole Climbing Championships

**7:00 PM****10 MINUTE DURATION****FINALS**

**Class 14511** Division 1 Finals - Cairns Show Novice

**Prize:** 1st - \$800, 2nd - \$400, 3rd - \$300, 4th - \$200

**Class 14512** Division 3 Finals - Cairns Show Women QLD

**Prize:** 1st - \$800, 2nd - \$400, 3rd - \$300, 4th - \$200

**Class 14513** Division 2 Finals - Open Australian Show Pole Climbing

**Prize:** 1st - \$1,800, 2nd - \$1,400, 3rd - \$1,000, 4th - \$800

**Best 4 Qualifying Times**

**Best 2 Qualifiers have Pole choice in final.**

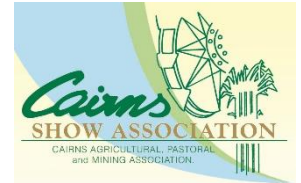
**Qualifier 1 verses Qualifier 3**

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