

COMPETITION SCHEDULE



**CAIRNS
SHOW**



**15TH - 17TH
JULY 2026**

**SECTION 17
FNQ HONEY & BEES
APICULTURE**

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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 15th, Thursday 16th, and Friday 17th 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.
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 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:

- **Adults (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.

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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.

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.
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 17 APICULTURE

OFFICIALS

Chief Steward: FNQ Honeys & Bees

KEY INFORMATION

Entry Fee: \$2

Prize: 1st - \$5, 2nd - \$3, 3rd - \$2

Entries Close: 12pm **Friday 3rd July**

Delivery of Exhibits: 9am-12pm **Monday 13th July** - Horticulture Pavilion (Cairns Youth & Recreational Centre).

Judging: 10am **Wednesday 15th July**

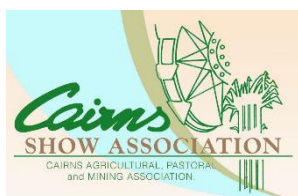
Collection of Exhibits: 7am-9am **Saturday 18th July.**

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.

SPONSORS

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



Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association, and FNQ Honey & Bees.



SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- Refer to General Conditions of Entry & Competition on page 7 of schedule.
- All exhibitors must fill in entry forms which must be lodged with exhibits.
- All exhibits must be the property of and the produce of the exhibitor's own apiary or apiaries with the exception of Mead classes where the honey may be purchased by the Exhibitor for the purpose of mead making. Proved infringement of this rule may lead to cancellation of entry.
- The Exhibitor's name must not appear in any exhibit.
- All exhibits must be delivered to the Cairns Showgrounds Honey Providore Horticulture Pavilion between 9am and 12pm (noon) on Monday 13th July 2025. All exhibits dispatched for entry are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Cairns Show Association will not be responsible for the loss of, or any damage whatsoever to exhibits or their late arrival.
- Please advise stewards if you would like your entry/produce back. You will need to collect this from the Pavilion on Saturday 18th July 2025 between 7.00am and 9am.
- Exhibits must not be removed without permission of the Stewards.
- Unless otherwise instructed by the Exhibitor, any exhibit not collected by 10am on Saturday 18th July will become the property of the Cairns Show Association.
- Where multiple entries are made by any one Exhibitor in any one class it is essential that individual exhibits be derived from geographically diverse apiaries.
- Judging will be conducted by Judge/s appointed by the Association.
- Where, in the opinion of the Judge, an entry is entered in the wrong class, the Judge may refer the matter to the Steward, and upon recommendation of the Judge and at the discretion of the Steward, such entry may be transferred to the class for which it is eligible.
- The Exhibitor irrevocably consents to the Cairns Show Association and the Cairns and District Beekeepers' Association Inc publishing or reproducing in any manner whatsoever any particulars of information in relation to their exhibits; the publication or reproduction may be in printed form or visual image through electronical means and/or on the internet.
- No free passes are available to exhibitors.

POINTS AWARDED ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS

First: 3 Points

Second: 2 Points

Third: 1 Point

In the event of two or more exhibitors securing an equal number of points, the prize will be awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the greater number of first, first and second, or first, second, and third placing as the case may be.

OPEN CLASSES

JAR HONEY

One Jar only per entry.

Class 17001 Liquid Honey Standard Colour Light

Class 17002 Liquid Honey Standard Colour Golden

Class 17003 Liquid Honey Standard Colour Dark

Class 17004 Creamed Honey

Class 17005 Comb & Liquid Honey

COMB HONEY

*Cut comb must be free of paper and decorative borders so that all the comb surface can be judged.
No less than 250g (nominal weight) of uniform size.*

Class 17006 Cut Comb

Class 17007 Frame of Comb Honey - No Less Than Half or Ideal Depth Frame

Comb must be 100% Comb.

Class 17008 Frame of Comb Honey - Full Depth Frame

Comb must be 100% Comb.

BEESWAX

Not less than 500g minimum in a rectangular loaf tin.

Class 17009 Beeswax - Yellow

Class 17010 Beeswax - White

BEESWAX FANCY

Class 17011 Beeswax - Fancy

NOVICE CLASSES

For competitors who have not won first prize at any previous Cairns Show Association competitions.

Class 17012 Liquid Honey
Any Colour - 1 Jar.

Class 17013 Comb & Liquid Honey
1 Jar.

Class 17014 Cut Comb

CHAMPION HONEY OF SHOW - \$250

*To be selected from first prize winners of **Classes 17001 - 17008***

Prize: \$250 + Sash + Certificate

CHAMPION NOVICE - \$25

*To be selected from **Classes 17012 - 17014***

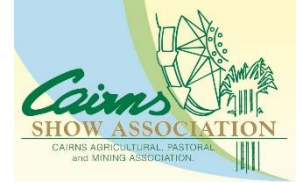
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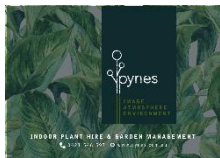
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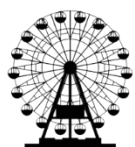


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