

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

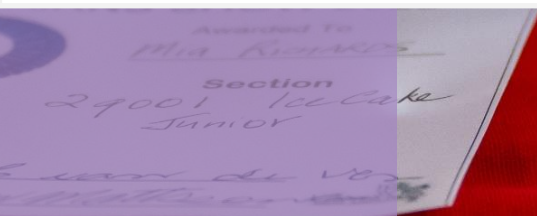


**CAIRNS  
SHOW**



**15TH - 17TH  
JULY 2026**

**SECTION 29  
ICED CAKES**



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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

Wheelchairs and trolley hire are 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:*

- **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

## 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 29 ICED CAKES

### OFFICIALS

Chief Steward: Ms. Carol Coates

### KEY INFORMATION

**Entry Fee:** *As Stated.*

**Prize:** *As Stated.*

**Entries Close:** 4pm Friday **19th June**. Entries on the day of Delivery may be accepted.

**Delivery of Exhibits:** 7am-11am **Tuesday 14th July** WIN News Arts & Crafts Pavilion (underneath De Jarlais Function Centre).

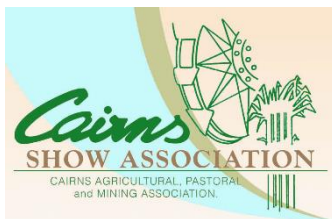
**Judging:** 1pm **Tuesday 14th July**.

**Collection of Exhibits:** **NOT BEFORE** 10am-2pm **Saturday 18th July** - Main Arena (Centre Ring) side of Arts & Crafts Hall.

### SPONSORS

The Cairns Show Association wishes to record its sincere appreciation to the following Sponsors who have contributed to this area.

**Cairns Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining Association, Jackley's Bakehouse, and Mareeba Cake Decorators Association.**



### 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. Class cards can be picked up at the Cairns Showgrounds Office either before drop-off or at the time of delivery.
5. Entries must be delivered to the designated part of the Showgrounds by the due date time and date shown.

### AFTER THE SHOW

- Exhibits NOT collected by **Friday 28th August 2026** will become Property of the Cairns Show Association.
- Prize Money can be collected between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday, **3rd August to 28th August 2026** from the Show Office if your total prize money is less than \$50.
- 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.
- All Prize Money less than \$50 not collected **by 28th August, 4pm 2026** will be returned to the Cairns Show Association Funds.
- Prize money of \$50 and over will be deposited to the entrant's nominated bank account after **28th August**.
- Results will be available from the [Cairns Show website](#) AFTER the conclusion of the Show.

## SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- Refer General Conditions of Entry & Competition in front of Schedule.
- Exhibits may be collected from 10am-2pm **Saturday 18th 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 **17th July 2026**. Prior arrangements must be made with Chief Steward.
- Exhibits for sale must be clearly marked and cannot be removed until Saturday 18th July.
- Commission of 20% will apply to all cakes sold and must be included in the sale price.
- 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.
- In the event of an exhibit in any one class not being worthy of a prize, no prize money, gift, etc., will be awarded
- No exhibit can be entered into more than one class.
- No free passes available to exhibitors.
- Entries that are not completed according to this schedule may be ineligible for a prize.
- All entries to be the bona fide handiwork of the exhibitor
- 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.
- 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.
- Reasonable use of wire, tape, stamens, ribbons, cotton, tulle, gelatine, piping gel & posy pics are permitted. However, wires of any kind **MUST NOT** penetrate the surface of the exhibit, and no pins are allowed to hold ribbons, etc.
- Only minimal amounts of metallic paint and lustres will be allowed except for Open Contemporary Design.
- Information sheets for the Judges should be completed, if needed.
- To advise use of support.
- To clarify use of any item which may appear not to comply with schedule.
- For any explanation necessary to clarify exhibit.
- To clarify if your cake is a "Dummy".
- Name, Address & Phone Number on the back of Class Card.
- SECTIONS MARKED "JUNIOR" - Only children under 18 years are eligible to enter Junior Sections
- SECTIONS MARKED "NOVICE" - Novice Sections are only for exhibitors who have never won first prize in this class or any prize in the Open class and have not entered on more than four previous occasions.
- SECTIONS MARKED "INTERMEDIATE"- Intermediate Sections are only for exhibitors who have never won first prize in this class or any prize in the Open Class and have not entered on more than four previous occasions.
- SECTIONS MARKED "OPEN" - Open Sections can be entered by anyone irrespective of previous wins or age.
- Dummy Cakes may be used except in Class 29010 Novelty, where cake must be used to form shape.
- Translation card (if necessary) attached to item on the right-hand corner at the front.



## 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 onto 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

**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 larger 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 larger than 45cm x 45cm.*

## NOVICE

**Shop Owners, Tutors and Online Businesses can ONLY enter 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

**Shop Owners, Tutors and Online Businesses can ONLY enter 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

**Entry Fee:** \$4.40

**Prize:** As Stated.

**Class 29007** Special Occasion Cake  
**Prize:** 1st - \$35, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10  
*One Cake only (excluding Wedding Cake).  
 Example: Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme, etc.  
 Open to all exhibitors.*

**Class 29008** Wedding Cake  
**Prize:** 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$40, 3rd - \$30  
*Two or three cakes to be tiered or otherwise presented on a common base board.*

**Class 29009** Contemporary Design  
**Prize:** 1st - \$40, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10  
*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 cutter/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  
**Prize:** 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10  
*The exhibit may be sculptured from cake (dummy may be used). Novelty is to be a themed cake not necessarily sculptured. Judge must be given an information sheet on how the cake/s is/are constructed/content. Arranged on a base board no bigger than 45cm x 45cm.*

**Class 29011** Sugar Craft - No Cake Included  
**Prize:** 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10  
*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 - \$20, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10.

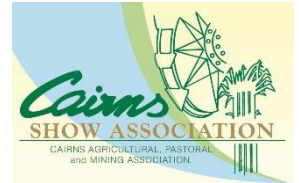
**Class 29012** Special Occasion Cake  
*One- or two-tier Cake can be Wedding,  
Engagement, Birthday, Christening, Anniversary, Christmas, Easter Theme etc.  
Open to all exhibitors.*



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