

# TOWNSVILLE SHOW

4TH JULY - 7TH JULY 2025

4 days of  
family FUN!





# Welcome to 2025 Townsville Show! Show Times

Friday - 4th July	5pm - late
Saturday - 5th July	9am - late
Sunday - 6th July	9am - late
Monday - 7th July	9am - late



## The Townsville Show is a part of the North's identity



I'm really looking forward to attending the Townsville Show again this year. As a born and bred North Queenslander, I'm proud to be your Premier. Alongside your local MPs Janelle Poole, Natalie Marr, Adam Baillie and Dale Last, our government is delivering for North Queenslanders, by:

- **Restoring community safety and putting victims' rights first**, with Adult Crime, Adult Time for youth criminals and early intervention to break the cycle of youth crime.
- **Getting disaster-affected locals back on their feet** and repairing and replacing essential infrastructure.
- **Tackling knife crime** through Jack's Law.
- **Upgrading Townsville University Hospital** with 165 new beds and a multi-storey carpark.
- **More police and a rapid response team** to target crime hotspots.
- **Giving more people a place to call home** and protecting your lifestyle while we grow.
- **Fixing the Bruce Highway**, making travel easier and safer.
- **Bringing the Olympic and Paralympic Games to North Queensland**, with the region hosting football and sailing events.
- **Delivering the Townsville-to-Mount Isa CopperString project** to bring high-voltage electricity infrastructure and generate more jobs for locals.

The Townsville Show brings all the best of North Queensland. I know your family will enjoy the rides and exhibitions, and I can't wait to see you there.

David  
**CRISAFULLI** MP  
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS

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## Message from the Manager

Hello and a warm welcome to everyone joining us for the 144th annual Townsville Show! On behalf of the Townsville Pastoral, Agricultural & Industrial Association, thank you all for your continued support and for being here at this year's event — we're truly grateful to have you with us. Last year's show saw an incredible turnout across the weekend, and I'm proud to say it recorded the highest ride ticket sales of any registered show in Australia, a milestone we're excited to build on this year. We're confident that this year will be our best yet, featuring all-new entertainment and an ever-growing crowd of enthusiastic attendees.

As I enter my 22nd year as Manager, my commitment remains the same; and that is to ensure that the Townsville Show continues to be a spectacular and cherished event for all. This show is more than just an annual tradition; it brings joy to families, supports local businesses, and highlights the incredible talent within our community.

One of the highlights of our show is the Exhibitor Competition, where the remarkable work of our local talents is on full display. Open daily until 8 p.m., the Exhibition Hall under the Main Grandstand showcases a diverse range of categories, including Floriculture, Ceramics, Pottery, Cookery, Arts & Crafts, and Fine Arts for Adults, Juniors, and Disability. For those interested in our feathered and four-legged friends, the Pigeon & Poultry Pavilion is also open daily until 8 p.m., while the Stud Cattle Arena will feature some of the finest cattle in the region. Be sure to check out the Centre Ring, where the Horse Section kicks off each day at 9 a.m. with exciting competitions such as Showjumping, Show Horses, Horse Sports, Harness events, and Pony Club showcases.

Another must-see attraction is the Woodturners Pavilion, where skilled artisans will be demonstrating their craft daily. And for those who love a test of strength and precision, the Woodchopping Arena is the place to be on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, with competitions happening throughout the day.

Of course, the Townsville Show wouldn't be the same without an exciting lineup of entertainment, and this year is no exception. We're thrilled to welcome back Above Ground Zero Fireworks, set to light up the night sky once again with their spectacular display. Showgoers can look forward to the ever-popular demolition derby, action-packed open-air performances by Aurelia Circus, and a hands-on circus workshop that's fun for all ages. After many years, the Globe of Death makes its return to the arena, promising edge-of-your-seat excitement. And, as always, the Showgrounds will be buzzing with an incredible mix of carnival rides, including crowd favourites like The Warrior, The Beast, and Breakdance, all guaranteed to deliver thrills for the brave at heart.

I'd also like to take a moment to sincerely thank our wonderful sponsors and local businesses whose support makes the Townsville Show possible. Special thanks to Flexihire Townsville, Strand Fitness, Townprint, Triple M, Power 100, HotFM, and StarFM. Your ongoing commitment plays a vital role in keeping this much-loved community tradition alive.

On that note, I feel it's important to also share that the Townsville Show has received no sponsorship or assistance of any kind from the Townsville City Council for this year's event. This makes the support from our local businesses and community even more meaningful, and we extend our deepest thanks to those who continue to stand with us.

To learn more, please turn your attention to page 25 to read about Matt Richardson.

Thank you once again for being a part of the Townsville Show in 2025. We hope you have an unforgettable time and make memories that will last a lifetime!

Chris Condon,  
Manager

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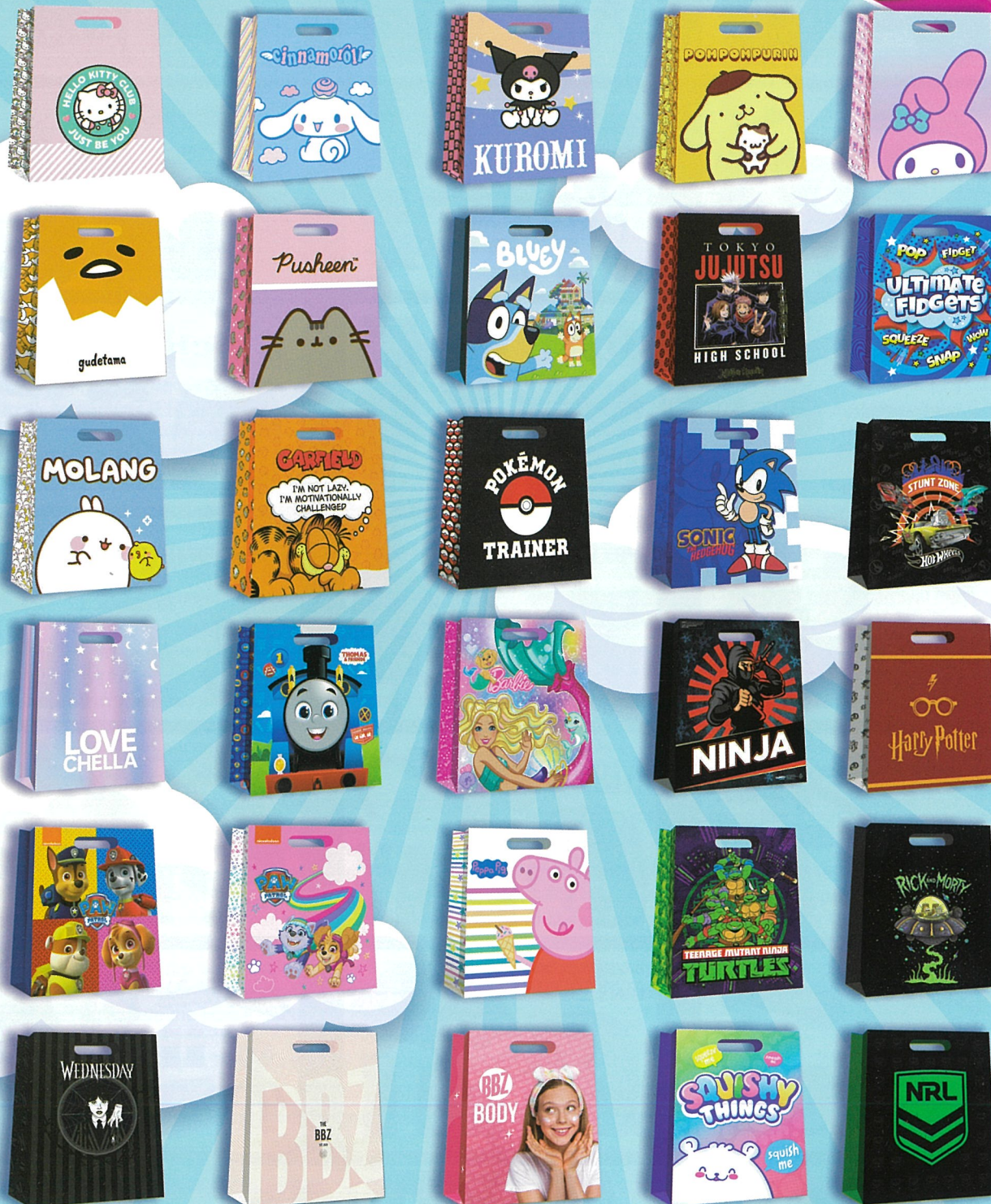
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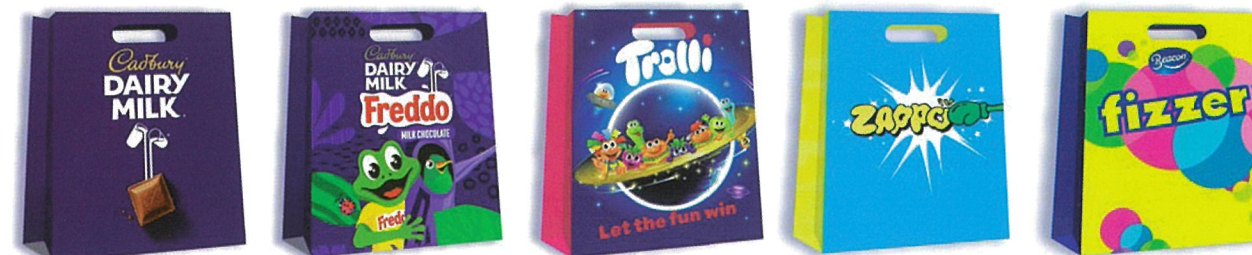
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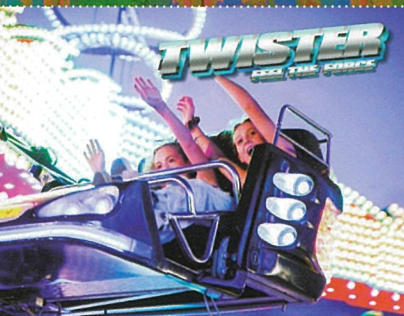
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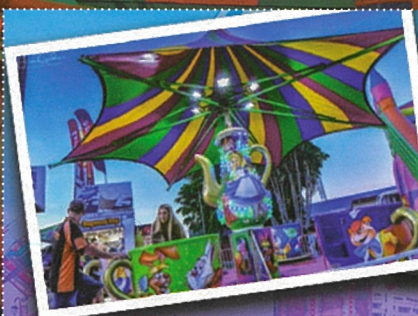
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# Buckle up & enjoy the ride! This year's lean, mean, screamin' machines!



**THE BEAST** Australia's ultimate thrill ride is back for another incredible year! Towering at 25 metres and soaring up to 45 metres in the air, The Beast delivers an adrenaline-pumping experience for 20 daring riders. Now in its ninth year touring Australia, it's a crowd favourite that continues to push limits and test nerves. With dazzling lights, high-energy music, and eye-catching artwork, The Beast is a show-stopping attraction you won't want to miss!

**BREAK DANCE** A true crowd favourite, this classic spinning attraction is fun for the whole family! Hop aboard Break Dance and get ready to spin on three thrilling axes. With vibrant lights, energising smoke effects, and hit music pumping, it's the ultimate party ride experience. Don't miss your chance to enjoy the timeless excitement of Break Dance—it's guaranteed to get you spinning!



**THE WARRIOR** Australia's tallest looping thrill ride is back for its third year, daring only the boldest to take a seat on its two 8-seater gondolas. Towering at an incredible 55 metres, The Warrior launches riders at speeds of up to 100 km/h, delivering an unforgettable upside-down adrenaline rush! Since arriving in early 2023, The Warrior has wowed not just thrill-seekers but also captivated crowds throughout Sideshow Alley. Soak in the view—before experiencing over 3Gs of pure exhilaration.

**TWISTER** The Twister is the classic favourite with an exciting twist! Riders spin in wild circles before lifting into the air for a spectacular view. Featuring vibrant lights and a powerful sound system, this ride brings the energy to life. Perfect for all ages, The Twister delivers fun and thrills the whole family can enjoy.



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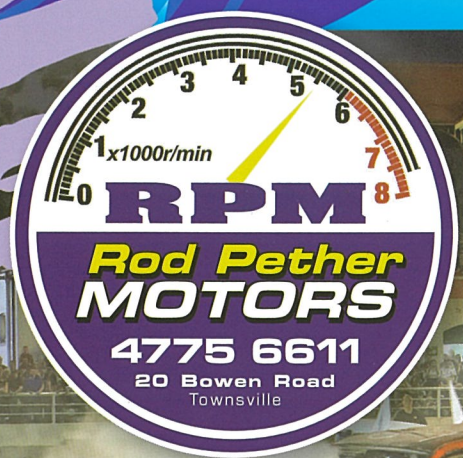


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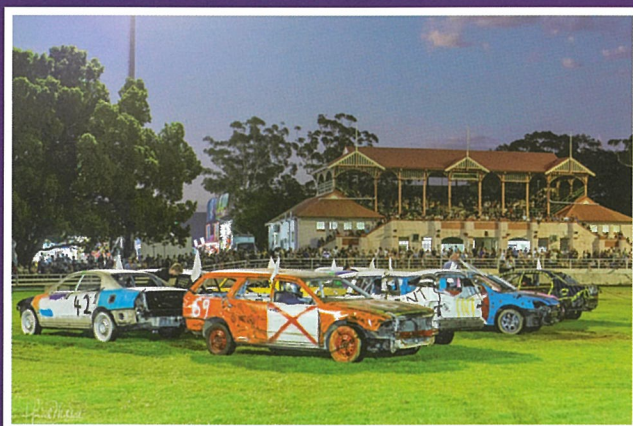
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GET READY FOR AN EXPLOSIVE WEEKEND OF THRILLS AS THE DEMOLITION DERBY CRASHES INTO THIS YEAR'S SHOW!

# DEMOLITION DERBY



Join us Saturday and Sunday nights from 7pm for a jaw-dropping display of guts, grit, and gear-grinding action. Watch as daring drivers smash it out in a wild contest of metal-crunching chaos, all for the glory of victory. This is edge-of-your-seat entertainment you won't want to miss



## Night Entertainment

7pm Start Fri - Sun 6pm Start Mon



### DEMOLITION DERBY

Get ready for the adrenaline-pumping excitement of the Demolition Derby! Head to Centre Ring from 7pm on Saturday and Sunday to witness fearless drivers go head-to-head in a thrilling display of controlled chaos. It's a high-octane showdown full of crashes, smashes, and non-stop action you won't want to miss!

### BAD BOYS BOXING

Looking for a night packed with grit, guts and raw action? Bad Boys Boxing delivers exactly that. Step into the ring and take your shot at the seasoned Bad Boys fighters. If you're tough enough, there's prize money up for grabs.

Prefer to watch? Grab a spot ringside and witness everyday contenders test their limits in front of a roaring crowd. It's loud, it's wild and it's pure entertainment.

Kicking off at 7pm on Saturday and Sunday night at the Bad Boys Boxing Gym. Don't miss the madness!



## Fireworks!

10pm Fri - Sun & 9pm Mon

### EYES TO THE SKIES

And we're not done yet! We're lighting up the night with a dazzling fireworks spectacular like no other. Thanks to Above Ground Zero Fireworks, the skies will come alive with colour and excitement—no matter where you are on the grounds, you'll have the best seat in the house. Catch the show at 10pm on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and at 9pm on Monday night! It's the perfect way to end each night of the Show in style.





# Daily Entertainment



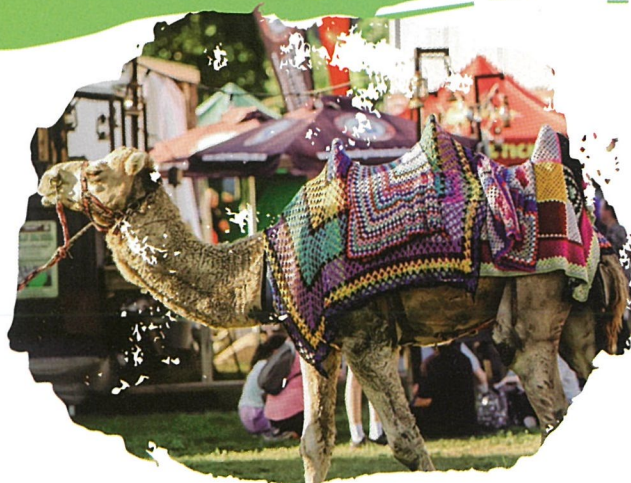
**SPELLBOUND WITH ENT** Stop in your tracks—this is no ordinary street act! Our Living Statue stuns with flawless robotic movement, jaw-dropping stillness, and sudden bursts of life that will leave you questioning reality. It's bold, it's brilliant, and it's guaranteed to draw a crowd. Snap a pic, soak in the moment, and if you're impressed (we know you will be), a donation is always appreciated!

**AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN** Carter's Petting Farm is back—and it's bringing four days of fluffy, friendly chaos! From early 'til late, animal lovers of all ages can cuddle, pet, and giggle their way through a barnyard full of adorable creatures. It's hands-on fun the whole family will love—come make some moo-velous memories with the Carters!



**PRECISION REPTILES** Don't miss the hourly venomous snake shows, where you'll get an up-close look at how some of the world's deadliest snakes move, react and behave in a safe, controlled setting with an expert handler. From 9am-5pm daily, enjoy an unforgettable reptile photo opportunity. Hold and interact with friendly, hand-raised animals—including pythons (sml, med, lrg), a bearded dragon, and a baby saltwater crocodile. (Animals are rotated and rested throughout the day to ensure their wellbeing.)

**THE BIG CAMEL** Join us at The Big Camel! Australia's longest-running camel ride experience since 1985. For just \$15, enjoy a calm and family-friendly ride on one of our gentle, well-trained camels—perfect for all ages. To add a little extra excitement, one lucky rider will also take home a genuine sapphire. It's a peaceful ride, a fun memory, and maybe even a sparkling surprise.



# Daily Entertainment



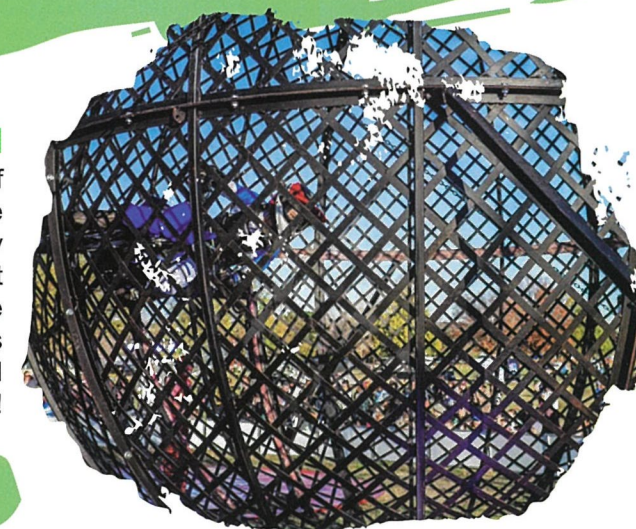
## OPEN AIR CIRCUS

Step right up for an unforgettable display of skill, strength, and showmanship as Circus Aurelia brings their Open-Air Circus to the Townsville Show! From breathtaking aerial silks and trapeze acts to gravity-defying acrobatics, unicycles, a lightning-fast foot juggler, whip-cracking lasso expert, and a mischievous clown guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. Located next to the Woodturning Pavilion, you can catch all the action with three shows daily, it's a dazzling experience the whole family will



## THE GLOBE OF DEATH

Don't miss the heart-pounding return of the Globe of Death, making its first appearance at the Townsville Show in years! Witness daredevil riders defy gravity as they race at breakneck speeds inside a giant steel sphere. This thrilling act will be held in the Woodturning Pavilion, with three incredible shows every day. It's fast, fearless, and guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat!



## JOIN THE FUN AT THE CIRCUS AURELIA WORKSHOP

Held three times daily next to the Woodturning Pavillion, Circus Aurelia's hands-on workshop invites participants of all ages and skill levels to step into the exciting world of circus. Learn the basics of juggling, hula-hooping, plate spinning, diabolos, lassos, unicycling, acrobatics, and more in a fun, supportive environment. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills, build confidence, and have a whole lot of fun under the big top!



# 2025 Program

Entertainment	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<b>Horses &amp; Showjumping</b> - Centre Ring FREE	-	All day - See Horse Schedule for event details	All day - See Horse Schedule for event details	All day - See Horse Schedule for event details
<b>Woodchopping</b> - Woodchopping Arena FREE	-	All day - See Woodchopping Schedule for event details	All day - See Woodchopping Schedule for event details	All day - See Woodchopping Schedule for event details
<b>Stud Cattle</b> - Stud Cattle Arena & Pavillion FREE	All day - See Stud Cattle Schedule for event details.	All day - See Stud Cattle Schedule for event details.	All day - See Stud Cattle Schedule for event details. Judging 9am.	All day - See Stud Cattle Schedule for event details.
<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Ceramics Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Fine Arts Adults Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Pottery Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Cookery Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Junior &amp; Disability Art Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Photography Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Floriculture Competition</b> - Exhibition Hall FREE	5pm - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm	9am - 8pm
<b>Pigeon &amp; Poultry Competition</b> - Poultry Pavillion FREE	5pm - 8:30pm	9am - 8:30pm	9am - 8:30pm	9am - 5:30pm
<b>Woodturning Competition</b> - Woodturners Pavillion FREE	5pm - Late	9am - Late	9am - Late	9am - Late

# Daily Entertainment

Entertainment	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<b>Supa Tony (Roving) FREE</b>	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
<b>Living Statues (Roving) FREE</b>	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous	Continuous
<b>Big Camel \$15</b>	from 5pm	From 9am	From 9am	From 9am
<b>Carter's Petting Farm FREE</b>	from 5pm	9am - Late	9am - Late	9am - Late
<b>Precision Reptiles FREE</b>	5pm - 7pm Photo Booth Only	9am - 6pm Last Snake Show 5pm	9am - 6pm Last Snake Show 5pm	9am - 6pm Last Snake Show 5pm
<b>Military Historic Vehicles</b> - Keiry Hall FREE	From 5pm	From 9am	From 9am	From 9am
<b>Military Re-enactors &amp; Collectors FREE</b>	From 5pm	From 9am	From 9am	From 9am
<b>Bad Boys Boxing Troupe</b> - Trades Hall FREE	-	From 7pm	From 7pm	-
<b>Circus Workshop FREE</b>	6:15pm, 7:45pm, 9:15pm	11:45am, 1:45pm, 3:45pm	11:45am, 1:45pm, 3:45pm	11:45am, 1:45pm, 3:45pm
<b>Open Air Circus Show FREE</b>	5:30pm, 7pm, 8:30pm	11am, 1pm, 3pm	11am, 1pm, 3pm	11am, 1pm, 3pm
<b>Globe of Death FREE</b>	6pm, 7:30pm, 9pm	11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm	11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm	11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm
<b>Demolition Derby</b> - Centre Ring FREE	-	7pm	7pm	-
<b>Above Ground Zero Fireworks</b> - Centre Ring FREE	10pm	10pm	10pm	9pm



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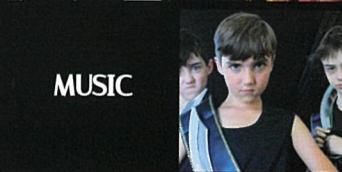
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- preparation for tertiary entry



- expert advice in the performing arts

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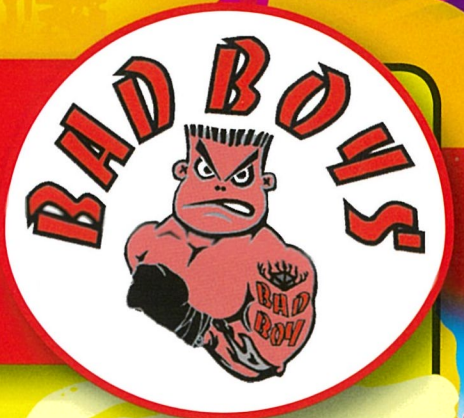
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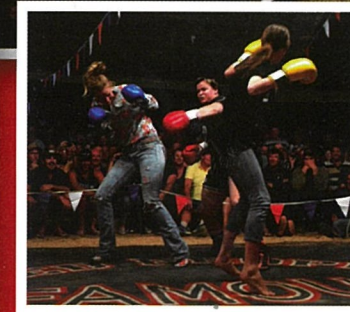
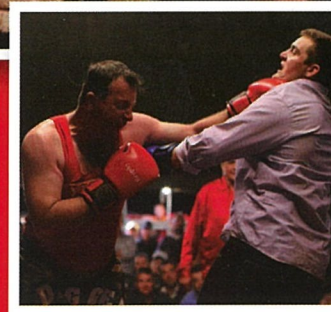
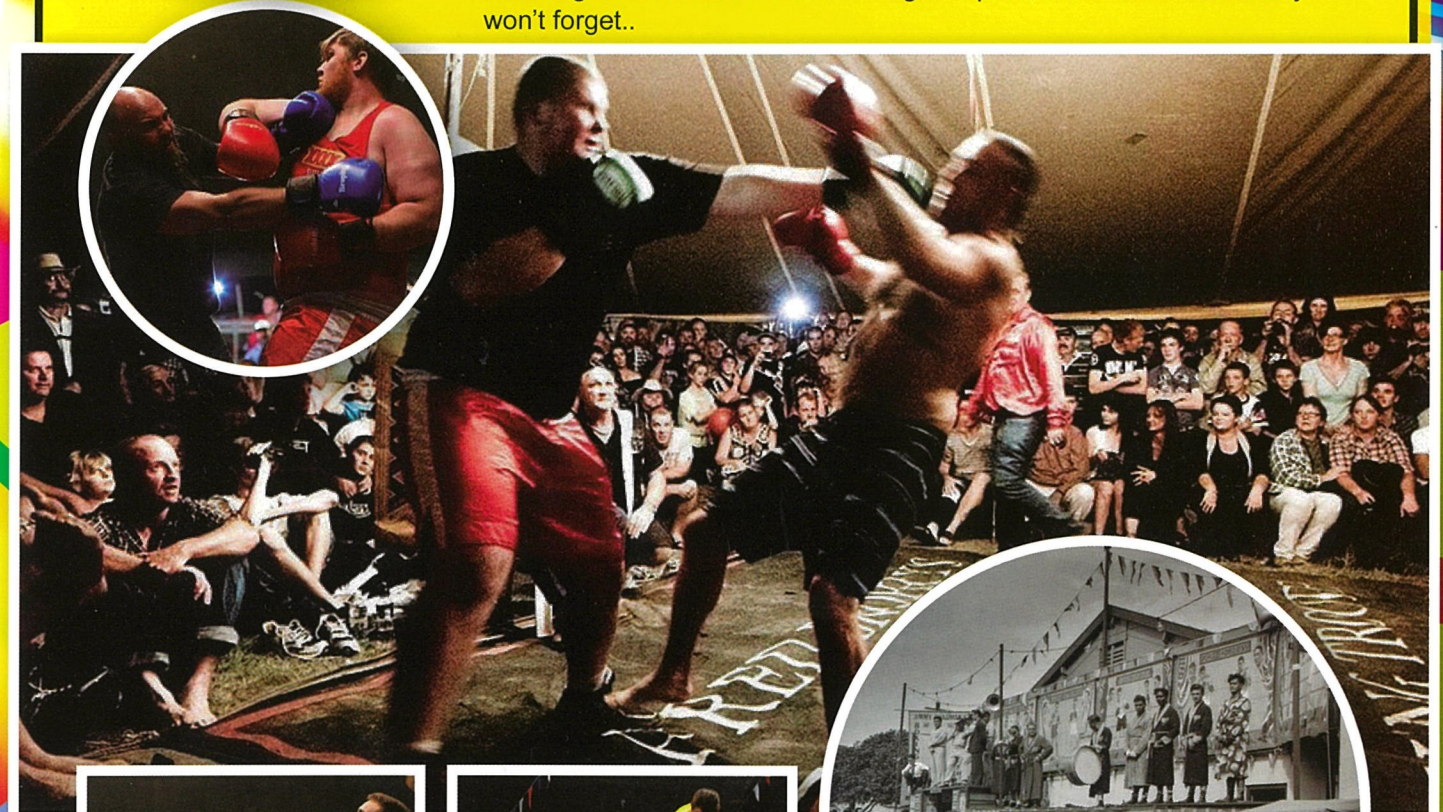


creativity takes courage

# BADBOYS BOXING TROUPE



Think you've got what it takes to have a crack at the toughest blokes around? Step into the ring with the legendary Bad Boys Boxing Troupe—established in 1989 and still throwing hands like no one else! Take on our hardened fighters for your shot at a stack of cold hard cash if you can outlast them. Not keen to trade blows? Come watch the fearless men of the public prove they've got the guts to take a hit. This isn't just a fight—it's a full-throttle, blood-pumping experience packed with roaring crowds, flying fists, and raw adrenaline. Whether you're swinging punches or cheering from the sidelines, it's a night of pure, unfiltered action that you won't forget..



The action kicks off at 7pm sharp at the one and only Bad Boys Boxing Gym—home to legends, heavy hits, and unforgettable nights. Get there early, grab your spot, and soak up the electric atmosphere as the crowd rolls in and the gloves go on. Whether you're chasing glory in the ring or just there to witness the madness, this is the kind of night that doesn't come around often. Big punches, bold challengers, and the raw, untamed energy of true Aussie spirit—it's all happening right here. Don't miss out on a night that'll have everyone talking. Be there—or wish you had been!



# 2025 Exhibitor Competitions



## CERAMICS

Hello everyone! We invite you to visit the Hobby Ceramics display at the 2025 Townsville Show, located under the Main Grandstand.

Hobby Ceramics is a creative and rewarding pastime where you can make unique items for yourself, loved ones, or even donate pieces to schools, charities, or fundraisers. One of the key skills you'll learn is how to work with greenware – raw clay poured into moulds. You'll be shown how to clean, shape, and even modify pieces to create something truly original, often taught during workshops.

You'll also discover how to use ceramic paints and tools to add colour, texture, and patterns to your work. Whether you're a beginner or looking to try something new, ceramics is a relaxing hobby that brings joy to all who give it a go.

Come say hello and see what it's all about!



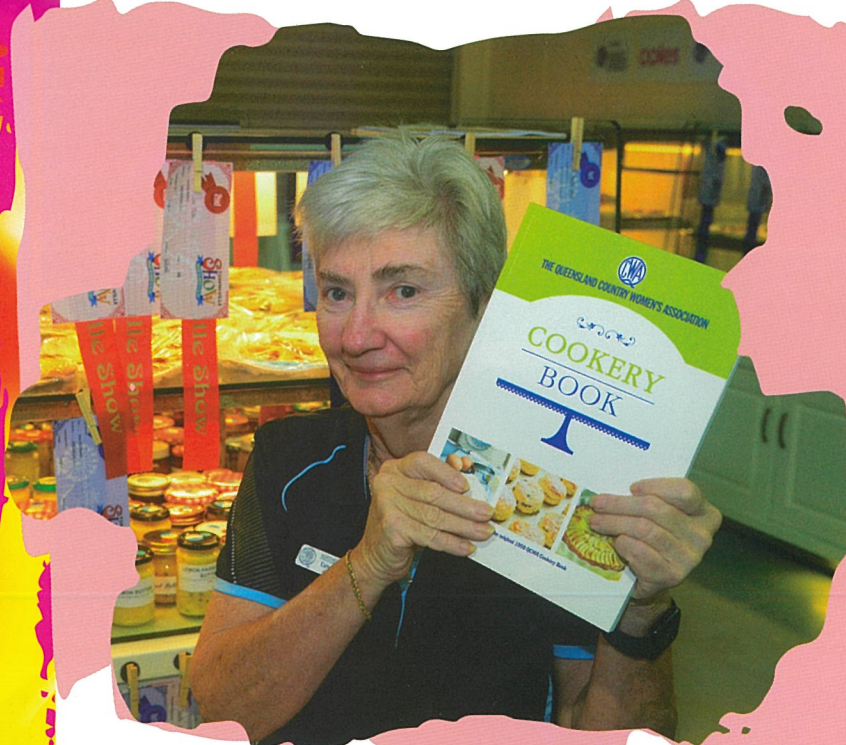
## ARTS & CRAFTS

An Amazing Display of Talent!

Come and explore our vibrant exhibit located under the Main Grandstand – you'll be amazed by the variety and creativity on show!

With 13 sections and 124 classes, the display features everything from knitting, crochet, embroidery, and patchwork to bears, dolls, papercraft, and other non-fabric crafts. There's also a fantastic range of entries from primary and secondary school students – our next generation of makers!

Chat with our friendly stewards, pick up a guide for next year's entries, or ask about joining our wonderful team of volunteers. We'd love to see you there!



## COOKERY

Since hosting its first state cookery contest in 1959, the QCWA has proudly championed the art of home baking and cooking across Queensland.

At the 2024 Townsville Show, the cookery competition was a standout attraction. The Exhibition Hall beneath the grandstand was filled with the sights and scents of prize-winning baked goods, stunning decorated cakes, and mouth-watering preserves.

Over the years, the QCWA's presence at the show has created a warm and welcoming atmosphere with highlights including live cooking demonstrations, fresh fruit giveaways, QCWA cookbooks for sale, and community raffles.

This year, be sure to stop by and take in the display. It's a true celebration of homemade talent, tradition, and community spirit.

And don't forget, we've updated our Facebook page. You can now find us at Townsville Show Cookery (formerly Townshillshowcookery) for all the latest news and updates



## FINE ARTS

Hello everyone and welcome to 2025!

After a successful comeback to the art section in 2024 both Emily and Jessica are back to run things hopefully bigger and better in 2025.

Special shout out to Julie who volunteered her time last year and we hope to have Julie and other Volunteers join us again in 2025.

We had many more entries in 2024 than we expected and were privileged to see such amazing artworks on display! We (Emily & Jessica) aim to make the art competition diverse and inclusive of all art styles this includes who judges alongside us. Last year, Good Vibrations Tattoo Studio went above and beyond in assisting and judging, providing us with such valuable input. We're absolutely thrilled to announce that they'll be returning as judges again this year!

We hope to see more entries in the 2025 Fine Art Section and hope to meet many more amazing artists!

## PHOTOGRAPHY

*Photographic Thoughts – Maureen Carthy*

Photography has been essential for documenting family and life. Before modern photographs, artists painted and sketched, or people kept cameos of their loved ones. These mementos were valued and highly sought after and were often outside the means of many.

With advancements in photography technology, including modern DSLR cameras and mobile devices capable of capturing high-quality images, anyone can now produce stunning visuals taken from the heights of the skies or to the depths of the sea. These everyday devices have become tools that have enhanced applications in scientific and industrial fields including forensic research, security, industrial applications and medicine to name a few.

I was asked what photography is to me.

## FINE ARTS JUNIOR & DISABILITY

The Fine Arts Competition School Section returns once again, celebrating the creativity of young artists from Townsville and surrounding areas.

Individual artworks and collaborative group murals will be on display under the Main Grandstand, showcasing a wide range of talent and imagination.

We're incredibly proud of the work submitted and grateful for the continued support from families, carers, teachers, and educators who help make this exhibition possible.

We hope you enjoy the display!



## FLORICULTURE

Visit the Floriculture display and enjoy a beautiful showcase of Roses, Gerberas, Orchids, Cut Flowers, Bush House Plants, Bonsai, Floral Art, and a Juniors Section.

A long-time favourite at the Townsville Show, this competition celebrates perfect blooms, healthy plants, and creative arrangements. Friendly local stewards are on hand to offer advice and growing tips.

Thanks to our generous sponsors: The Watering Can Garden Centre, Project Plants Trade Centre, Townsville & District Garden Club Inc, Townsville Orchid Society Inc, The Bloom Room Townsville, ClasiCo Fresh Fruit Shop and Townsville Bonsai Society Inc.

Find us in the Exhibition Hall under the Main Grandstand. Whether you're a gardening enthusiast or just browsing, it's well worth a visit.

Apart from recording significant and everyday moments, it's a creative outlet that allows me to view the world as unique snapshots and I could say it is a wellbeing support that distracts one from the daily pressures of a hectic life. Personally, I pursue this passion of mine by taking my camera to remote and intriguing locations, seeking captivating moments that bring me joy. And you may find me constructing still life compositions, akin to an artist painting on canvas, where I meticulously arrange scenes on a tabletop.

For me, photography is an art form, and I am grateful to live in an era where it is appreciated as such. It offers everyone the opportunity to experience the joy derived from capturing and making unique photographic artworks.

Today, I encourage the community to support the Townsville Show Society by participating in its annual photographic competition.





## HORSES & SHOWJUMPING

The 2025 Townsville Show Horse Section is shaping up to be an unforgettable event! With a jam-packed schedule, world-class judges, and top-level competitors, this year's event promises more excitement than ever.

The Show Horse Ring will showcase elegance and beauty, featuring some of the finest horses in the country. Competitors will showcase their skills in a wide range of classical riding events, judged by top-tier officials sourced both local and nationally. From rider and hack classes to western and working hunter events, Sunday promises a full day dedicated to the art and tradition of classical riding.

Showjumping fans won't want to miss the action in our ever-expanding Showjump Ring! This year features top competitors from across the state alongside beloved local riders. A major highlight will be the return of the exciting 6 Bar Feature Event—a true crowd pleaser, this event sees jumps increase in height with each round, pushing horses

and riders to their limits. With phenomenal heights and fantastic prize money at stake, it's guaranteed to thrill!

The Horse Section also celebrates local and young talent, with Saturday featuring led and ridden breed classes, and Monday dedicated to community and fun with classes for local youth including pony club events, horse sports, and harness classes.

And let's not forget the incredible sponsorship that makes it all happen! This year, we're proud to have amazing support from corporate sponsors offering big prizes, as well as generous contributions from local businesses and individuals.

Running across Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, with events daily until 4 pm, the Townsville Show Horse Section is a must-see. Whether you're a competitor or a spectator, join us for a weekend of spectacular horses, thrilling competition, and true North Queensland pride!



## PIGEONS & POULTRY

Now in its 99th year, the Townsville Poultry Club continues to support people of all ages and experience levels from Townsville and surrounding areas in promoting, breeding, and showing poultry.

The club is passionate about encouraging the next generation and newcomers to discover the joy of keeping and caring for poultry in their own backyards.

## STUD CATTLE

Come and visit the stud cattle section. The cattle are located in the Cattle Sheds on the south side of the Show Grounds, they will be on display for the duration of the show.

The led cattle competition will commence Sunday in the Stud Cattle Arena at 9:00am where you can see cattle being judged by Mitchell Cole. The cattle presented in the ring will be judged on their quality confirmation and temperament. We look forward to seeing you all there!



## CHOP TO IT!

It's said that woodchopping was born from one man's desire to outdo his mates. What began as a test of strength and skill between two timbermen has become a global sport, believed to be one of the very few that evolved directly from daily work. The first official competition took place in the backyard of a local hotel in Ulverstone, Tasmania, in 1870. Two locals challenged each other to see who could fell a tree the fastest. That friendly wager marked the beginning of one of the world's oldest competitive sports, and it has grown in popularity ever since.

In 2025, the Townsville Show Association is proud to once again present a full three-day woodchop program featuring a wide range of events: sawing, parent/child relays, chainsaw vs axe races, combination relays, handicaps and

championships. Competitors will travel from as far south as Tasmania and across the Eastern States to take part, enjoying our warmer winter and the well-known hospitality of North Queensland.

Woodchopping is a true family sport, with competitors ranging from juniors to veterans in their 80s. The field continues to grow in both strength and the number of female competitors, including our very own Takiah Moore-Barret, who was recently crowned Women's World Champion in the 275mm Underhand event at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney. Don't miss your chance to see her in action!

Make sure to visit the Woodchop Arena, meet the competitors, and enjoy one of the most exciting and enduring traditions of the Show.



## WOODTURNING

We'd love for you to visit the Wood Turners Shed during your time at the Townsville Show. You'll find our exhibition located right next to Carter's Farm.

Townsville Woodturners is a group of enthusiastic individuals who enjoy creating with wood on the lathe.

Come and see a range of beautifully handcrafted wood-turned pieces, many of which are available for purchase.

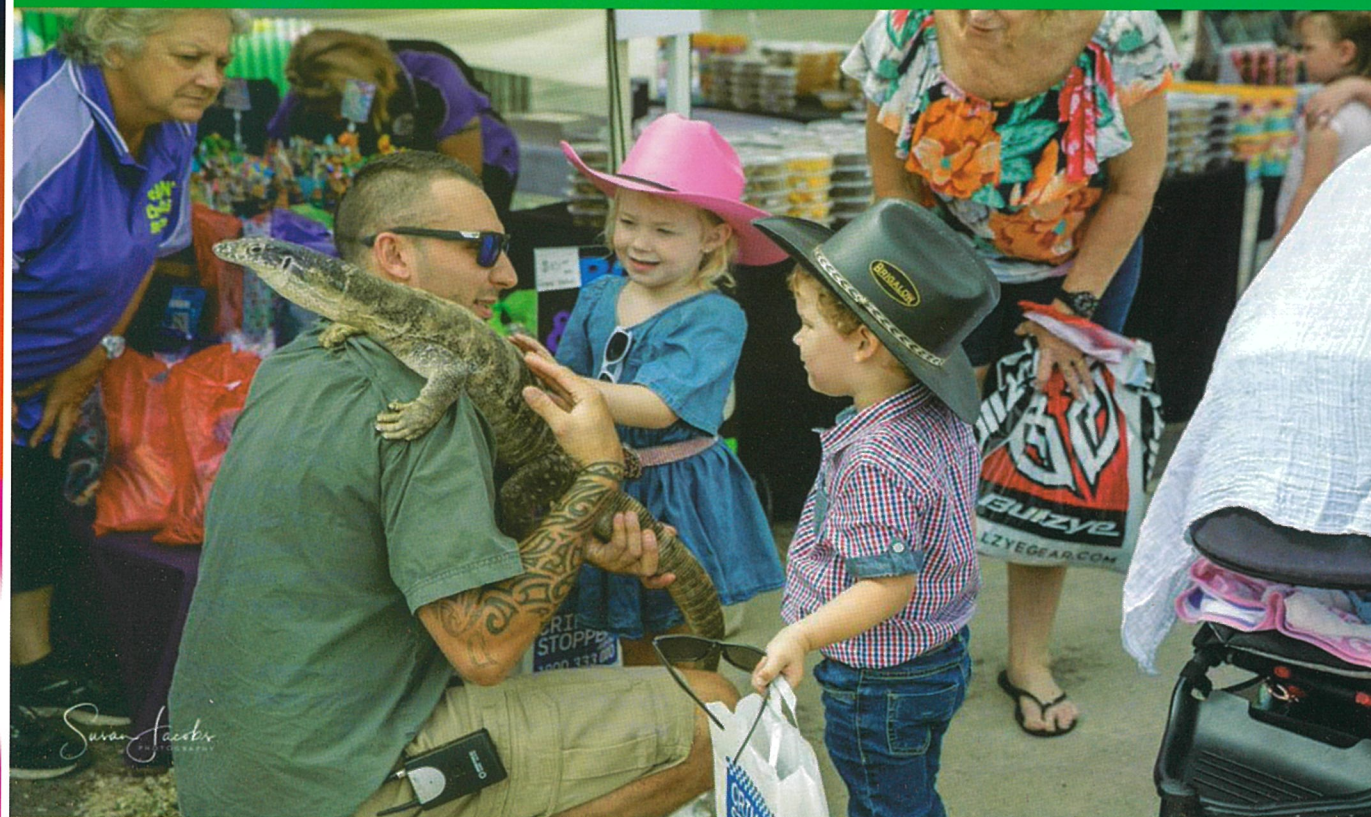
Woodturning is a hobby for everyone, regardless of age or experience. Drop in for a chat, learn about the craft, and find out how you can get involved or even join the club.

A big thank you to the Show Society for supporting us and giving us the opportunity to share our passion.



# PRECISION REPTILES

## INTERACTIVE WILDLIFE EDUCATION



Here is a little of what we have in store for everyone this year.

### Hourly Venomous Snakes Shows

Which will give you the opportunity to get close enough to see some of the world's most venomous snakes and the way they react in different scenarios, while also being in an extremely safe setting and handled by an experienced Venomous Snake Demonstrator.



### Reptile Photo Opportunity

Will be held every day from 9am - 5pm

With the chance to hold some of our beautiful handraised gentle animals.

- 3 x Pythons - SM, MED, LRG
- Bearded Dragon (Lizard)
- Baby Saltwater Crocodile

(Animals will be rotated and rested as our animals health and wellbeing is our main priority).



# A SHOW OF DISREGARD:

## HOW MATTHEW RICHARDSON TURNED HIS BACK ON TOWNSVILLE'S MOST ICONIC COMMUNITY EVENT

When the Townsville Show, a beloved not-for-profit institution with over a century of history, requested a simple gesture of support from the Townsville City Council, the response from Matthew Richardson, Director of Infrastructure and Operations, was anything but community-minded.

Let's be clear. The request wasn't for trucks, staff, or special services. It was simply to waive dump fees, a modest ask that had been granted in previous years. The Show, run entirely by volunteers, had already committed to handling all waste transport. All they needed was a small gesture of goodwill: to be able to dispose of rubbish without being penalised for serving the very city Mr. Richardson claims to "grow."

Instead, the Show's team received a cold, bureaucratic refusal. In a series of delayed, dismissive responses, Richardson repeatedly cited "financial sustainability" and "fairness" as excuses. He failed to distinguish between grassroots community efforts and commercial operations. He even had the audacity to suggest that forcing a volunteer-run event to absorb dump fees somehow delivers "value to the ratepayer."

This is not just tone-deaf leadership, it's a failure of civic responsibility.

Worse still, repeated attempts by the Show's organisers to contact Mr. Richardson were ignored. Voicemails went unanswered. Emails sat idle.

Only after persistent follow-ups did a response finally arrive, void of empathy and full of corporate jargon.

Matthew Richardson, whose public record includes controversial projects like the scrapped Strand parking meters and representing Council during a Senate inquiry into disaster resilience, has once again demonstrated a lack of connection to the community. The same man who temporarily stepped into the CEO role during a hush-hush HR meeting in 2024 now can't pick up the phone or back a local institution like the Townsville Show.

This is not a question of resources. It's a question of priorities.

Under Richardson's operational leadership, Townsville City Council paid \$2.6 million in termination benefits in a single financial year. \$350,000 of that exceeded contractual limits. And yet now, we're told that waiving dump fees for a not-for-profit event is financially unsustainable?

Let's call this what it is. Institutional apathy disguised as fiscal responsibility.

Mr. Richardson does not want to help the Townsville Show. That much is painfully clear. And in doing so, he has sent a loud message to the community:

**You're on your own.**



# 2025 Show Highlights



## KIDZ ID

Established in 2007 and unique to the Townsville Show, the Kidz ID Alert System was specifically designed by Townsville Police to quickly reunite lost children and their parents whilst at the Show and have registered over 95,000 children since 2007. Don't spend hours panicking over the whereabouts of your kids - Registration only takes a few minutes and you won't miss a moment of the incredible Show.

### Registration is as simple as...

1. Visit one of the Kidz ID Alert stands located at the Kings Road & Ingham Road entrances.
2. Complete a registration form with a full description of your child & their clothing.
3. Add a contact number so reunion is made easier!

Registered children will receive a wristband along with a friendly chat from a police officer regarding protective behaviour and how to safely enjoy their day on the grounds. The time taken to ensure the families peace of mind helps prevent grief & distress over missing children, and ensure we're doing our job of keeping your family safe while enjoying the Townsville Show!



Please Note: Police have advised all lost children will be given red cordial and a free puppy! ☺

Come on down and visit the QAS display at the Townsville Show inside Ron Richardson Pavilion. Meet your local paramedics, have a go at CPR. We can't wait to see you there!



## FIBRES AND FABRICS

Fibres and Fabrics is a dedicated craft group that brings together enthusiasts passionate about all things fibre and fabric. Specialising in techniques such as weaving, spinning, dyeing, quilting, embroidery, knitting, bookmaking and crochet. The group offers a supportive space for members to share skills, explore new methods, and work on creative projects.

Our open hours will be between 9am and 7pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday show days.

## BE STILL ENTERTAINMENT

David has been captivating audiences as a Living Statue for over 16 years, bringing a unique and memorable experience to events across the country. His journey began on the Gold Coast, where he performed as a street artist to support mission work in India. The name of his business, "Be Still Enterprises," is inspired by Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."

In 2010, while performing in Surfers Paradise, David was approached by Chris Condon, who dropped a business card into his tin and invited him to be part of the Townsville Show. He's been a crowd favourite ever since, appearing every year (with the exception of 2020).

David's striking stillness and creative costumes — from a cowboy and toy soldier to a gold top hat and tails — continue to delight audiences of all ages. Drawing on the discipline he gained during his eight years in the Australian Army, David brings both skill and heart to every performance, finding great joy in sharing his art and connecting with the community.



## THE MILITARY & HISTORIC VEHICLE CLUB

The Military & Historic Vehicle Club Townsville Inc. was established on 3rd April 1981 by a group of enthusiasts dedicated to preserving ex-military vehicles. Much like the Diggers themselves, these vehicles served with distinction, and the club was founded to ensure their legacy continues.

ANZAC Day holds special significance for us. We are honoured to stand alongside the RSL and Townsville City Council each year to pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country and to commemorate this important day.

For the past 25 years, we have proudly participated in the Annual Townsville Show. Our display, located in Keiry Hall, is free to visit and enjoyed by people of all ages.







## NORTH QUEENSLAND RE-ENACTORS AND COLLECTORS INCORPORATED: A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY

History comes alive in North Queensland as the North Queensland Re-enactors and Collectors Incorporated (NQMRC) presents an engaging and educational display at the NQMRC Hall. From the grandeur of the Roman Empire to the intense battlefields of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and beyond, this exhibition offers a fascinating journey through the ages.

Formed by dedicated history enthusiasts, the NQMRC is committed to preserving and showcasing Australia's military heritage, along with that of the wider world. Their carefully curated collections reflect years of passionate work and serve to honour the sacrifices and victories of those who served.

A key feature of the display is the range of items representing conflicts involving Australian troops. From the muddy trenches of World War I to the dense jungles of Vietnam, visitors can explore a variety of artifacts, including uniforms, weapons, and personal memorabilia. Each piece tells its own powerful story.

Adding another layer of authenticity, re-enactors in historically accurate uniforms help bring the past to life. Their attention to detail and dedication to realism provide an immersive experience, giving visitors a glimpse of what it was like to serve during different eras of military history.

Whether you're a long-time history buff or just curious, this exhibition offers a unique opportunity to connect with the past. Marvel at the craftsmanship of Roman armour or reflect on the bravery of the ANZACs at Gallipoli. There's something here for everyone to explore and appreciate.

Best of all, entry is completely free, making it a perfect outing for families, students, veterans, and anyone interested in history. The exhibition isn't just informative. It's a heartfelt tribute to the courage, resilience, and legacy of those who served.

Mark your calendar and make time to visit the NQMRC exhibition. This is more than just a display. It is a powerful journey through time, a reminder of the past's enduring impact, and a celebration of the human stories that shaped our world.



### North Queensland Military Re-enactors & Collectors Inc



*Come see our displays of historical military equipment, meet the re-enactors in military uniform from different periods. See what Australian or other soldiers had to carry around, the weapons and the vehicles they used. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.*

*Also the Townsville Model Club will have a display in our hall. Many great models will be on display and guys constructing models to show you how they are made.*

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| 4 Rotary Club Port of Townsville    | 18 Ron Richardson Pavilion                       | 32 Precision Reptiles       |
| 5 Apex                              | 19 Showbags                                      | 33 Fibres & Fabrics         |
| 6 Woodchop                          | 20 Seating Area                                  | 34 Showmen's Guild Camp     |
| 7 Military & Historic Display       | 21 Security                                      | 35 Parkes Street Ticket Box |
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| 9 Woodturning & Globe of Death      | 23 Showgrounds Office                            | 37 Showgrounds Workshop     |
| 10 Boxing Gym Display               | 24 Parkes St Entrance                            | 38 Bushman's Bar            |
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| 12 Pigeons & Poultry Pavilion       | 26 Stables                                       | 40 Stud Cattle Area         |
| 13 Showbag Alley                    | 27 Kidz ID Alert                                 | 41 Harness Pavilion         |
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