

35th



**12 - 14 JUNE
2026**

**FOOTS HILL STATION,
REID RIVER**

TOWNSVILLEFOLKFESTIVAL.COM.AU

SUPPORTED BY



City of
Townsville

**Townsville Folk Festival
April 2026 Newsletter**



Welcome

Welcome to our April newsletter and thank you for being part of our community as we work towards our 35th festival .

We're kicking of with a Taste of the Festival Launch Party at the Herbert Hotel, Saturday 16 May, 4.00pm - late.

We're excited about this year's TFF lineup and program - it's going to be a fantastic festival with something for everyone !

Add in camping, music and artisan workshops, guided star gazing, great market stalls, delicious food , an exciting Kids Festival being delivered by CircUp Arts, Rising Stars Band Academy with 8 high school bands performing after 8 weeks of mentoring at KingKonz School of Music and then leading a music industry tips and tricks discussion forum with members of Late November and Tropical Low, a Youth Music Space, First Nations Gathering Space and Blak Art Markets, Alabanza's Fire Show, LED display, dancing, choirs, yoga, healing and wellness stalls and offerings

Our competitions - Parasol & Umbrella Decorating, Home Brew, Song Writing - Open and Amnesty Categories

It will be the perfect festival for all ages.



All information and tickets at
www.townsvillefolkfestival.com.au





**SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026
4.00PM - LATE
HERBERT HOTEL
TICKETS \$20 AT THE DOOR**

A TASTE OF THE FESTIVAL LAUNCH PARTY

SILKY OAK

THE SWINDLERS

COMFORT ROYALE

THE LAYMAN PREACHERS

OB / DC

plus more to be announced

SUPPORTED BY





12 - 14 June 2026

Late November

The Timbers

Fred Smith

Sunday Lemonade

Hillbilly Goats

David Flower

GOLDHEIST & Andrew Clermont

Benji and the Saltwater Sound System

Luke O'Shea

Salt & Steel

KIMMI. f/t Triple Espresso

33 1/3

Pelicana

Amber Farnan

JC and the Tree

Joe Man Murphy

Chris Matthews

Katie Milae

The Layman Preachers

The Brogues

Tropical Low

The Lanes

Tiffany Grace

Vivien Aisi

Silky Oak

Zac Henderson

The Swindlers

Leni Peirano

Box of Chocolates

Andy Brassett

Comfort Royale

Halfway to Somewhere

Peter and Stephen Dymond-Ramplin

Aquapella World Music Choir

Swamp Tigers

Remiliano

Mangrove Jack Duo

Toshi Sakamoto

Wattle n Gum

Deep Sea Creature

Briony Alice

Townsville Drum Collective

Degenerates

Nexxius

Dog Act

No Clue

Lachy Hoedt

Circus Alabanza

CircUp Arts

Circus Etc

Tahmalpa

Danza Del Sol

Flashback Dance

Blokes in Shorts - Townsville Blokes Choir

FOOTS HILL STATION,
REID RIVER

TOWNSVILLEFOLKFESTIVAL.COM.AU

SUPPORTED BY





PARASOL & UMBRELLA DECORATION COMPETITION



PARASOL & UMBRELLA DECORATION COMPETITION

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

☂ DECORATE A PARASOL, UMBRELLA OR BROLLY 🎨 BE CREATIVE + ADD SHADE

JUDGING: 📅 SATURDAY 4.45-5:00PM 📍 MOUNTAIN STAGE AREA

🎫 COLLECT AN ENTRY TICKET FROM ROAMING JUDGES

JOIN FAMILY PARADE SATURDAY 5:45PM

🏆 WIN 2027 FESTIVAL WEEKEND TICKET



2026 Townsville Folk Festival Home Brew Competition

To enter bring at least two tall bottles of your finest beer, or ginger beer

Drop off at the Homestead on Saturday 13 June

Tasting and judging Sunday 14 June 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Enquiries call Pete from down the street on 0419 711 243

Cheers to bragging rights!

SONGWRITING COMPETITIONS

CALLING ALL SONGWRITERS!

Townsville Folk Festival – Foots Hill Chai Tent

Saturday 13 June | 9.00 - 10.30 am

 **Townsville Folk Club Songwriting Competition**

Open topic – write and perform about anything that moves you!

 **Amnesty International Human Rights Songwriting Competition**

Write a song on a human rights theme:

Refugee rights • Gaza justice • Women's rights • LGBTQIA+ rights • Right to protest
First Nations justice • Climate justice – and more!

 **PRIZES**

Winner (each comp): \$150 + closing ceremony performance

Runner-up (each comp): \$50

TO ENTER : Add your name on the blackboard beside Chai Tent



CircUP

Arts

KIDS FESTIVAL

Join us for a colourful, creative space where kids can play, make, and explore through circus, craft, and hands-on fun.

🌟 Circus Workshop and performance by CircUp Arts

🎨 Creative workshops delivered by CircUp Arts - parasol/umbrella decorating, mask making, instrument making, campsite decorations, flag making

👨👩👧👦 Fun for the whole family

📅 Workshops running Friday, Saturday and Sunday



RAFFLE

12 - 14 June 2026

Win two Adult Passes to one of these festivals

Festival	Where	When	Camping
Flametree Gathering	Lake Proserpine	21 - 21 Aug 26	No
Savannah in the Round	Mareeba	8 - 11 Oct 26	No
Tablelands Folk Festival	Yungaburra	23 - 25 Oct 26	Yes
Maleny Music Festival	Maleny	6 - 8 Nov 26	Yes
Wintermoon	Mount Charlton	May 2027	Yes
Townsville Folk Festival	Foots Hill	June 2027	Yes

One Ticket - \$10 Tickets - \$20

Purchase tickets at www.townsvillefolkfestival.com.au,
Taste of the Festival Launch Party , Townsville Folk Festival

Calling Volunteers

Applications are now OPEN,
and we'd love you to be part
of the magic that makes the
Townsville Folk Festival happen



We're asking for a minimum of 8 hours
of volunteering over the weekend,
and in return you'll receive:

Weekend camping

Festival ticket

Good vibes, great people,
and behind-the-scenes

festival fun



Volunteer roles are varied
and include:

Pre-festival site set-up

Front gate & ticketing

Camp warden

Merch tent

Sustainability & waste
management team

Post-festival pack-down

...and more!



Apply now

www.townsvillefolkfestival.com.au

2026 Ticketing Information

All tickets include:

GST

Booking fees

Camping (except Thursday night camping)

**Thursday Night Camping from 2pm Thursday 11 June
\$20 per person**

Weekend Ticket (Friday–Monday)

Adult \$270 |

Adult Concession \$250

Youth (13–17) \$135

Authorised Companion Free

Children 12 & under Free

Day Tickets

**Available for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
(individual day pricing applies).**

Concession and Youth available

Authorised Companion Free

Children 12 & under Free

All Day tickets include overnight camping until 10.00am next morning

Purchase tickets at www.townsvillefolkfestival.com.au



2026 FESTIVAL SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

CircUP

Arts



Queensland
Country Bank



TOWNSVILLE'S BEST MUSIC

STAR
106.3



DELIVERING
FOR QUEENSLAND



Queensland
Government

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Townsville City Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

SUPPORTED BY

