

35th



**12 - 14 JUNE
2026**

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**Townsville Folk Festival
12 May 2026 Newsletter**



Welcome

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

Only one month to go!

- Taste of the Festival Launch Party – Saturday 16 May, 4.00pm–late at The Herbert Hotel. Join us for an evening of celebration, community, and excitement as we come together to kick off the festival.
- We've listed our fantastic festival lineup for the year, the program and downloadable link are about to be released!
- We have a vibrant program of competitions including the parasol and umbrella decoration competition, Amnesty International's songwriting competitions, and the beloved Homestead Homebrew Competition.
- Plus our ever-popular festival raffle with great prizes of tickets to six incredible festivals to be won.
- We are delighted to share some of the food vendors - a delicious global feast will be available!
- We're also proud to acknowledge our fabulous sponsors whose support makes it all possible.



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 Layman Preachers

Geetha's Natyalaya Indian Folk Dance

OB/DC

The Swindlers

Comfort Royale

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Late November

The Timbers

Fred Smith

SundayLemonade

The 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 Andy Brassett Leni Peirano

Box of Chocolates

Big Eye Theatre

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

Geetha's Natyalaya

Townsville Auslan Choir

Blokes in Shorts - Townsville Blokes Choir

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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



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RAFFLE

Win two Adult Passes to one of these festivals

Festival	Where	When	Camping
Flametree Gathering	Lake Proserpine	21-21Aug26	No
Savannah in the Round	Mareeba	8-11Oct26	No
TablelandsFolkFestival	Yungaburra	23-25Oct26	Yes
Maleny MusicFestival	Maleny	6-8Nov26	Yes
Wintermoon	Mount Charlton	May2027	Yes
Townsville FolkFestival	Foots Hill	June2027	Yes

One Ticket - \$10 Three Tickets - \$20

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



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🍕🍌🍷 FOOD LOVERS, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU! 🍔🍵🔥

The Townsville Folk Festival is serving up a mouth-watering lineup of food and drink - it's a global feast in one place 🍷🌍

🍴 WHAT'S COOKING:

🍕 Ciao Bella woodfired pizzas straight from the oven

🍛 Seychelles Curries rich, fragrant, full-flavour curries

🍌 Loaded Mexican favourites 🍝 Mia Zito Italian Street foods

🍷 Oregon Kebabs juicy, grab-and-go goodness

🍜 Thai street food classics 🍗 crispy chicken & chips with a twist

🍷 Barra burgers & 🍌 croc bites for a true FNQ taste

☕🍞 Festival essentials: barista coffee, fresh toasties

🍦🍷 Frosty Mango ice-creams & drinks

From bold international flavours to local festival favourites – there's something for every craving .

find our food vendors at www.townsvillefolkfestival.com.au 😊



Food Vendors 2026



**Dragon
Kebab**



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 Online and Onsite Ticketing Information

Online ticket sales close at midnight on 11 June 2026. After this, tickets will only be available at the gate (EFT or cash accepted – no cash out).

- Gate prices increase by: Weekend tickets: +\$10 Day tickets: +\$5



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