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TARA FESTIVAL

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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

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# WELCOME

## MINISTERIAL WELCOME

Welcome to Southern Queensland Country for the Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races.

The Queensland Government supports the Tara Festival and other key events because of the \$800 million they contribute to our economy. Regional events mean regional tourism jobs - which are only created because you and thousands of other people have turned up to explore.

The festival has been running every two years since 2001 and drew more than 16,000 attendees in 2017.

The success of this event is a testament to the hard work of all the organisers and volunteers who make it possible.

If you are visiting the region, please make the most of your stay and explore Southern Queensland Country's rich tourism experiences.

*The Hon Kate Jones MP  
Minister for Tourism Industry Development*



## MAYORAL WELCOME

A warm country welcome to everyone who has joined us for the 10th Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races.

I'd like to congratulate the hard-working volunteer committee who continue to pull together this fantastic festival, growing it over the last 20 years to what it is now: a significant event on Queensland's tourism calendar.

The Western Downs is home to many fantastic events, with Opera at Jimbour last weekend and other exciting events like the Miles Back to the Bush Festival and Chinchilla Melon Festival to name a few. With so many great tourist attractions from the Bunya Mountains to the Dingo Fence at Jandowae and Jimbour House, I encourage all our guests to stay a while and visit these special places to get the most out of our wonderful region.

Our vibrant communities have a lot to offer and enjoy and we're excited to share them with you.

*Cr Paul McVeigh  
Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council*



## Welcome to Tara!

How are you all going? Welcome to our 10th Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races! Every festival seems to get bigger and better from the last, so we hope we can keep up with your expectations. While you're wandering around our sites, keep in mind the WHOLE festival is run by a small group of volunteers! No one gets paid here. A bit of slave labour is even encouraged. Our bit of a reward is to watch our locals enjoy when so many visitors come to our little town. If you can afford to spend a dollar or two in town we'd love you even more... so we hope you enjoy your stay and like us enough to come back to visit in another two years. Now... Party on and thanks for coming!

*Linda Petersen  
Chairman of Tara Festival Committee*



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Come see us during the festival at the Festival Store.

Ph: 0427 059 692

## FESTIVAL STORE & INFORMATION

Come talk to a local and get your festival questions answered and grab some festival merchandise.

**OPEN IN THE TARA MAIN STREET:**

9am - 3pm Monday to Friday

**THEN OPEN INSIDE THE FESTIVAL GROUNDS (marked on the festival map):**

Festival hours Saturday and Sunday.

## GET SOCIAL

We'd love to see your Tara Festival pics. Please share them and tag us [@tarafestival](https://www.instagram.com/tarafestival) and use the hashtags [#tarafestival](https://www.instagram.com/tarafestival) [#sqcountry](https://www.instagram.com/tarafestival) [#thisisqueensland](https://www.instagram.com/tarafestival)



All program guide information and schedules are subject to change without notice.



# FESTIVAL CAMPING



**Open:** 8am Wednesday July 31 to 5pm Monday August 5

**Fee:** \$30 is the total site fee (stay 1 night or stay 5 nights and pay only \$30)

**Water:** Taps located across the grounds offer potable water, so make use of these, but please no 'hook ups'. Waste water to be run under your van/camper.

**Dump Point:** Find a dump point at the Tara Lagoon next door to the festival. Many people are using this facility, so also consider if you can dump at your next stop.

**Dogs:** Well behaved dogs are welcome at your campsite. Please keep them on leash, away from the camels and race track and be aware that pets are not permitted within the festival grounds.

**Fires:** Permitted in contained vessels. No coals on the ground – disposal location provided.

Firewood available for sale onsite from Wednesday. Just stop them when you spot them driving by, or phone Dave on 0427 653 592. Will deliver to campsite.

**Kindling:** \$3 per 1kg Bundle.

**Split Firewood:** \$22 per 20kg.

**Extended stay:** To stay at the Showgrounds after 5pm Monday, the caretaker will be onsite to collect fees.



## COURTESY SHUTTLE BUS

Jump on the free festival bus to the main street. Departs from outside the festival entry gates (see festival map). Operating on a loop Thursday to Sunday 8.30am – 6pm. **Enquiries:** 0439 745 610 (Paul)

# PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY 31 JULY

### 8.30am FARM BUS TOUR

Spend the morning guided by our local farmers, visiting two farms to see sheep shearing in action, stud cattle and more. **Cost:** \$25 per person includes morning tea.

**Bookings:** Festival ticket box office at [www.tarafestival.com.au](http://www.tarafestival.com.au).

### 12 noon BUS TO GOLF AT THE GUMS

Play on one of Queensland's toughest sand green courses at The Gums Sports Club. Bus departing festival grounds at 12 noon, \$5 pp for bus (or 25km drive to The Gums).

**Golfing Cost:** \$5 per player. Clubs for hire \$5 (limited number available). Beverages available on course.

**Bus Bookings:** Festival ticket box office at [www.tarafestival.com.au](http://www.tarafestival.com.au)

## THURSDAY 1 AUGUST

### 8.30am FARM BUS TOUR

Same cost and info as Wednesday farm tour (see info above).

### 8.30am – 12noon ORIGIN OF GAS BUS TOUR

Our festival partner, Origin are hosting free bus tours for you to see behind the scenes at a gas plant. See the coal seam gas wellsite, gas plant compression facility and water treatment facility at the Talinga site. Please wear a long sleeved top, long pants, enclosed flat footwear and a hat. Board bus 8.15am.

**Bookings:** Festival ticket box office at [www.tarafestival.com.au](http://www.tarafestival.com.au) **Cost:** Free

### 12.30pm – 4pm ORIGIN OF GAS BUS TOUR

Same tour info 8.30am gas tour above. Board bus 12.15pm.

### 1-3pm THE GUMS SCHOOL on the QGC Stage.

A play, songs and reading Aussie books.

### 1pm BAREFOOT BOWLS

Enjoy a game of Barefoot Bowls at 1pm on Thursday. From the festival campgrounds it's just a stroll across the lagoon, 500m to reach the Tara Bowls Club. No bowls or bowling experience is necessary. BBQ lunch is available Thursday.

**Cost for Barefoot Bowls:** \$5 per player. **RSVP to secure your booking 0437 735 919**

### 6pm – 9.30pm BUSH DANCE

No need to bring a partner, no need to know how to dance... we'll call the steps and you join in the fun of a relaxed night of bush dancing. BBQ and food vendors available.

**Location:** Undercover QGC Stage area inside the Festival Grounds **Cost:** Free

## ALL BUS TOURS

Depart from the festival grounds. See location marked on the map in this program.



# FEATURE ENTERTAINMENT

## THE MCCLYMONTS LIVE IN CONCERT

Thirteen-time Golden Guitar Award winning sisters Brooke, Sam and Mollie McClymont will perform live in concert on the Origin Stage at 7.30pm Saturday Night.

Appearing with thanks to The Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund.



## Josh Arnold

### 'The Outback Fella'

Country music star Josh Arnold grew up in Tara and returns this weekend for a debut performance of our festival song! Josh, aka "The Outback Fella" has for the last couple of months visited our local small schools and co-written with the kids 'Small Town Culture' songs about what makes their communities special. See each of the schools proudly perform their school songs on our festival stage - and be in the crowd to be part of our new festival song music video! This initiative has been possible with the support of Arrow Energy.



## KIDS ZONE!!

Access all the fun of Kids Zone with a \$10 wristband. Wrist bands sold at the Information & Festival Store. **Check out all the action:** (between 9-4 Sat, 9-2 Sun) petting zoo, face painting, merry-go-round, combat obstacle course, inflatable climbing wall, mechanical bull and jumping castle.



# FRIDAY PROGRAM

## 9.00AM TARA BOOK WEEK PARADE

See the local school children dressed in costume and parading down the main street of Tara for all the visitors who have come to town. Come join us to give them their biggest ever audience!



## 9.00AM - 12NOON MARKETS IN THE MAIN STREET



## 5PM FESTIVAL GATES OPEN!





TIME	QGC STAGE
5.30PM	Aboriginal Dancers: Nunukul-Yuggera
6.00PM	
6.30PM	Cook Islands Culture Group
7.00PM	Ace Fireworks Display
7.30PM	Live Music with Jess Berwick playing popular covers and filling the dancefloor! Mechanical Bull. Bar open to 10pm
8.00PM	
8.30PM	
9.00PM	
9.30PM	
10.00PM	

## ABORIGINAL DANCERS: NUNUKUL-YUGGERA









# SATURDAY PROGRAM

TIME	QGC STAGE	ORIGIN STAGE		RACE TRACK AREA	ERGON COUNTRY AREA	TIME	
8.30AM						8.30AM	
9.00AM	Cook Islands Culture Group			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Country Music: Watling & Bates	9.00AM	
9.30AM	Cuban Dancers	Aboriginal Dancers: Nunukul-Yuggera		Yabby Races		9.30AM	
10.00AM	Caledonian Pipe Band			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		10.00AM	
10.30AM	Japanese Dummies: Toko Ton	Indian Dancers: Bollywood Dhamaka		Yabby Races	Sheep Shearing Demonstration	10.30AM	
11.00AM	Calypso/Reggae: Jahbutu Band			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Stewart Bryant Whip Cracking	11.00AM	
11.30AM		Celtic-rock Band: Murphy's Pigs		Yabby Races	Country Music: Watling & Bates	11.30AM	
12NOON	African Drummers: Baala Baajo			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		12NOON	
12.30PM	Caledonian Pipe Band					12.30PM	
1.00PM	12:45pm - 1:30pm OFFICIAL OPENING					1.00PM	
1.30PM	Festival Song & Small Town Culture Songs with Josh Arnold & School Kids	Spanish Mariachi Band			Stewart Bryant Whip Cracking	1.30PM	
2.00PM				Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Sheep Shearing Demonstration	2.00PM	
2.30PM	Cook Islands Culture Group	African Drummers: Baala Baajo		Yabby Races	Country Music: Cathy Drummond	2.30PM	
3.00PM	Japanese Dummies: Toko Ton			Showtime FMX: Motorcross Bike Stunt Show		3.00PM	
3.30PM	Aboriginal Dancers: Nunukul-Yuggera	Cuban Dancers		Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		3.30PM	
4.00PM	Calypso/Reggae: Jahbutu Band			Yabby Races	Stewart Bryant Whip Cracking	4.00PM	
4.30PM	Josh Arnold	Filipino Dancers		Camels to the barriers Camel Race: THE 400m FINAL! Winners Presentation	Sheep Shearing Demonstration	4.30PM	
5.00PM	Celtic-rock Band: Murphy's Pigs					5.00PM	
5.30PM						Showtime FMX: Motorcross Bike Stunt Show	5.30PM
6.00PM							6.00PM
6.30PM		The McClymonts Live in Concert			WATLING & BATES SATURDAY & SUNDAY	6.30PM	
7.00PM						7.00PM	
7.30PM	STOMP LIVE 9PM SATURDAY					7.30PM	
9.00PM	STOMP band playing covers and filling the dancefloor. Bar open until midnight						

# SUNDAY PROGRAM

TIME	QGC STAGE	ORIGIN STAGE	RACE TRACK AREA	ERGON COUNTRY AREA	TIME
8.00AM	Church Service	 <b>African Drummers: Baala Baajo</b>		 <b>Camel Races SAT &amp; SUN</b>	8.00AM
8.30AM	Poet's Breakfast				8.30AM
9.00AM	Filipino Dancers		Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Sheep Shearing Demonstration	9.00AM
9.30AM	Celtic-rock Band: Murphy's Pigs	African Drummers: Baala Baajo	Yabby Races	Country Music: Watling & Bates	9.30AM
10.00AM			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		10.00AM
10.30AM		Cuban Dancers	Yabby Races		10.30AM
11.00AM	Japanese Dammers: Toko Ton		Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Stewart Bryant Whip Cracking	11.00AM
11.30AM	Calypso/Reggae: Jahbutu Band	Filipino Dancers	Yabby Races	Country Music: Cathy Drummond	11.30AM
12NOON			Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		12NOON
12.30PM	Tara Music Group	Indian Dancers: Bollywood Dhamaka	Yabby Races	Stewart Bryant Whip Cracking	12.30PM
1.00PM	Spanish Mariachi Band		Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation	Sheep Shearing Demonstration	1.00PM
1.30PM	Cuban Dancers	Japanese Dammers: Toko Ton	Yabby Races	Country Music: Cathy Drummond	1.30PM
2.00PM	Filipino Dancers	 <b>Japanese Drummers: Toko Ton</b>	Camels to the barriers Camel Race Winners Presentation		2.00PM
2.30PM	African Drummers: Baala Baajo		Calcutta on Camel Race Final	 <b>Yabby Races SAT &amp; SUN</b>	2.30PM
3.00PM			Camels to the barriers Camel Race: THE 600m FINAL! Winners Presentation		3.00PM

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# AROUND THE FESTIVAL



## BOLLYWOOD FUN

Visit Bollywood Central on Saturday and Sunday for henna 'tattoo' art and also an interactive Bollywood Dance Workshop where you'll learn to dance to the latest Bollywood numbers by a trained choreographer.

**Kids workshops:** 3pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday

**Adults workshops:** 2.30pm Saturday and 11am Sunday

**Henna:** 10am-12noon & 2-4pm Saturday

**Henna:** 10am-11.30am & 12noon-1.30pm Sunday



## CAMEL & CAMEL CART RIDES

Richo has brought along his lovely quiet camels and they'll be saddled and ready to take you on a lumbering ride on Saturday or Sunday. New this year is his camel-pulled cart rides too!



## HELICOPTER JOY FLIGHTS

10am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday

The 'Colibri' Hummingbird takes 4 passengers at a time.

**Cost:** \$60 per person for a 5 minute joy flight. No bookings required. EFTPOS available.

Flights operated by Precision Aerial with Executive Helicopters.

## CAMP OVEN COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

Gather round the campfire with Michael Patch Saturday and Sunday to hear his tips and tricks of the camp oven, gathered from more than 25 years of experience cooking and professionally catering.



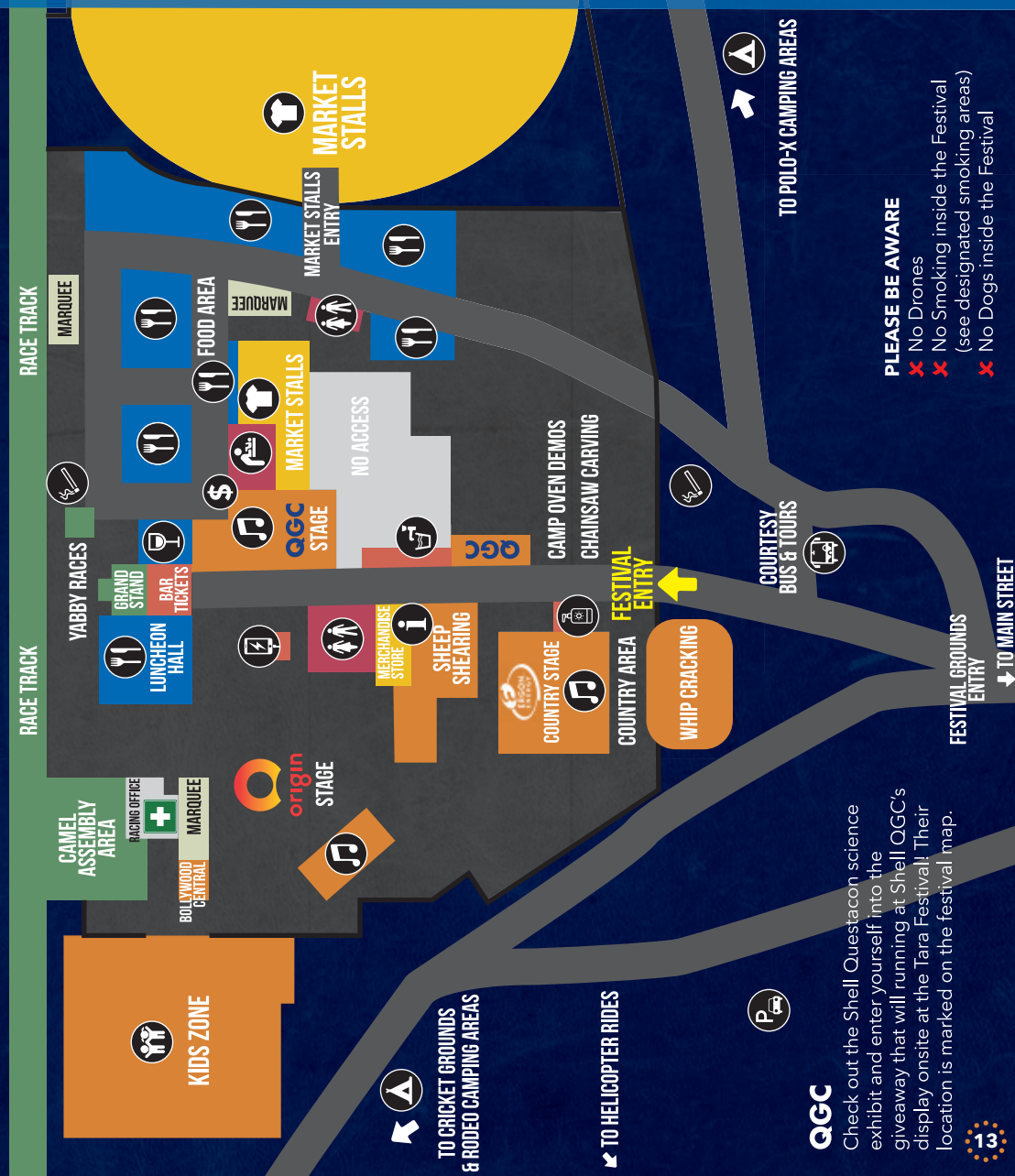
## CHAINSAW ART

Watch Matty G skilfully sculpt wood animals with his chainsaws! At previous Tara Festivals we have watched with amazement as he carved two large camels, a tiny emu and a kookaburra. What will he make at Tara Festival 2019?!

## FESTIVAL MAP

### LEGEND

- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- INFORMATION & FESTIVAL STORE
- FOOD OUTLET
- BAR
- KIDS ZONE
- MARKET STALLS
- TOILETS
- PARENTS ROOM
- SUNSCREEN STATION
- FIRST AID
- WATER REFIL STATION
- DEVICE RE-CHARGE STATION
- THANKS TO ORIGIN
- COURTESY BUS & TOURS
- ATM
- CAMPING AREAS
- PARKING
- SMOKING AREA



**OGC**

Check out the Shell Questacon science exhibit and enter yourself into the giveaway that will be running at Shell OGC's display onsite at the Tara Festival! Their location is marked on the festival map.



# CAMEL RACING PROGRAM

## SATURDAY

**Race 1: 9am, 400m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *Elders Tara*

**Race 2: 10am, 400m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *Jim's Joint*

**Race 3: 11am, 400m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *The Modern Trend*

**Race 4: 12pm, 400m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *Hallinan Family*

**Race 5: 2pm 400m Consolation Final**

Sponsored by *Careece Camel Rustlers*

**Race 6: 3pm, 400m Plate Final**

Sponsored by *Richard & Lou Thornbury*

**Race 7 + Calcutta on race:**

**3.30pm Calcutta, 4pm 400m Cup Final**

Sponsored by *Tara Rural Supplies*

## SUNDAY

**Race 8: 9am, 600m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *The Modern Trend*

**Race 9: 10am, 600m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *T & W Earthmoving*

**Race 10: 11am, 600m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *Foodworks*

**Race 11: 12pm, 600m Sprint Heat**

Sponsored by *Tankmakers Tanks*

**Race 12: 1pm, 600m Consolation Final**

Sponsored by *W.O.L.F. West of Leichhardt Fuels*

**Race 13: 2pm, 600m Plate Final**

Sponsored by *Brent & Debbie Arnold*

**Race 14 + Calcutta on race:**

**2.30pm Calcutta, 2pm 600m Cup Final**

Sponsored by *Western Downs Regional Council*

## FASHION ON THE FIELD (Saturday)

Best Dressed Cultural in the categories: male; female; young male; and young female.

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