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TARA FESTIVAL

**JULY
29-31**

2022

CULTURE • CAMELS • CAMPING



OFFICIAL PROGRAM

#tarafestival

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CAMEL PARTY!!

MINISTERIAL WELCOME

Welcome to the Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races, a wonderful opportunity to immerse yourself in Southern Queensland Country's local culture and community, and hopefully explore some of the superb tourism experiences on offer here.

The impacts of the pandemic have provided incredible challenges, but thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders our state was one of the first to put in place a COVID Safe Event Framework which paved the way for events such as this one to take place.

The Queensland Government is proud to support the Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races, through Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Event program and it is a feature on our It's Live! in Queensland events calendar. Events are an important part of our state's economic recovery from the pandemic

because they attract visitors to the region which stimulates the local economy and supports local jobs. Events are also an important opportunity for communities, friends, families and visitors to come together, creating community pride and reconnecting us.

Congratulations to the event organisers and all those involved in organising this event - may it be a successful one.

If you are visiting for the event, I encourage you to make some time to explore the diverse tourism experiences on offer in this beautiful region.



*The Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP
Minister for Tourism Industry Development
and Innovation and Minister for Sport*

MAYORAL WELCOME

Welcome to the Western Downs for another fantastic Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races!

Here in the Western Downs it's the people that make it, and I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of the committee of volunteers, and congratulate them on putting together another fantastic event.

The Tara Festival of Culture and Camel Races is a special event and undeniably an iconic fixture on the Queensland tourism calendar. This festival is so incredibly popular and highly anticipated that it sees the town's population grow 5-fold for the festival weekend!

The opportunity of an event like this to attract so many visitors to experience

the great town of Tara and surrounds is absolutely wonderful, and is due to the long-term dedication of the festival committee, and the support of locals who make our region such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

There is much to see and experience on the Western Downs! Be sure to explore and we hope to see you back for another of our exciting events. Maybe even the Big Skies festival at Jimbour House in October.

We look forward to sharing our vibrant community, fantastic events and exciting tourist attractions with you.

*Cr Paul McVeigh
Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council*

Hello from Tara!

On behalf of myself and my amazing committee, we welcome you with open arms.

We have been working very hard over the past 18 months, to bring you the best Festival of Camels and Culture we possibly can.

Be assured, If you are expecting a full weekend of non stop entertainment, all the food you can eat, enjoying yourself with old and new friends, well that's exactly what you are going to get.

So let's get this party started.

We can't wait to see you all.

*Kerry Kelly
President of Tara Festival Committee*

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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 Wednesday to Friday

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

Festival hours Saturday and Sunday.

COURTESY SHUTTLE BUS

BUS TO MAIN STREET: Departs from near front festival entertainment entry gate and operating continuously from 8am to 5pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

WITHIN FESTIVAL CAMPGROUNDS: Catch a ride to the entertainment entry gates 4pm to 11pm Friday, 8am to midnight Saturday and 8am to midday Sunday. Bus stops are signed.

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

GET SOCIAL

We'd love to see your Tara Festival pics. Please share them and tag us **@tarafestival** and use the hashtags **#tarafestival** **#sqcountry** **#thisisqueensland**

FESTIVAL CAMPING



Open: 8am Wednesday July 27 to 10am Monday 1 August

Water: Taps located across the grounds offer potable water, 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 racetrack and be aware that pets are not permitted within the festival grounds.

Fires: Permitted in a suitable above ground fire pit or bucket. **NO FIRES TO BE LIT ON THE GROUND.** Coals, ash and debris to be taken to the ash collection point at the campground entrance as you are leaving. No glass or tins in the fire debris.

Firewood: Kevin is our local firewood fella. Wood on sale from 10am Wednesday.

Bags: \$20.

Fire lighting Kit (chips, firelighters & matches): \$5. EFTPOS available.

Hail Kevin when he does a few rounds of camping areas throughout the day, or find him set up here at the Showgrounds in front of the caretakers house (at the end of the main entrance driveway).

Power/Generators: All sites are unpowered. Generators are permitted 8am to 7pm. There will be a charging station for phones inside the festival Saturday and Sunday during festival hours

PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

THURSDAY 28 JULY

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

ALL BUS TOURS

Depart from the front of the football fields at 5 Sara Street (walking from the festival to the main street its on the left just after the tennis courts).



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 and bar available. 1pm courtesy bus from front of Festival Entertainment Entry to Bowls Club.



Cost: \$5 per player. **Please Pre-book bowling: 0437 735 919**

Thursday Dinner at Bowls Club bookings essential ph: 0427 653 770.



THANKS FOR STAYING COVID SAFE

We thank you for remaining vigilant in keeping each other COVID safe.

Thank you to all the people who can't be with us because they are unwell and isolating. A big thank you also to anyone who feels unwell and makes the correct and selfless choice to leave the festival and test and isolate as needed.

Contact us via email to request a refund before the festival begins if you discover you must isolate.

WIFI AVAILABLE



We have festival WiFi access available for you to connect to. For \$20 you'll get 4 days of internet access for 2 devices. The service is run by Bullant Communications and they accept your payment via a portal with secure credit card payment.

SCAN QR CODE TO CONNECT



SUPPORT PH: 1300 414 226

THE WOLFE BROTHERS

9pm SATURDAY, Origin Main Stage



Get excited because the unique yet embracingly familiar sound that is The Wolfe Brothers is coming to Tara Festival! Revered country music duo, brothers Nick and Tom Wolfe always deliver a jaw-dropping live show, so expect an explosion of energy and good times. The Wolfe Brothers were the most played artist on Australian Country Radio in 2021 and are certainly on our playlist!

JAMES JOHNSTON

7.30pm SATURDAY, Origin Main Stage



We completely fell for James Johnston at Tara Festival 2017 and we just had to have his high energy talent back! James has released some cracking original music since we last saw him, with Raised Like That, the fastest ever debut single by an Australian-based country artist to reach 11 million streams.

Join us at Origin Main Stage and sing along to his most recent hits Small Town and Anything Like Me.

DEE JAYE BUX

10.30pm SATURDAY, QGC Stage

End your Saturday night on the dancefloor with Australia's Best Country Music DJ, Dee Jaye Bux! Spanning a career of 23 years in the DJ industry, he's the hottest new Aussie product to redefine country music Down Under, bringing country goodness twisted with ultimate remixes and party anthems.

JOSH ARNOLD

12.45pm & 1.30pm SATURDAY,

QGC Stage

Country music star Josh Arnold proudly grew up in Tara and returns to his hometown to join us at Tara Festival. He'll kick off our Official Opening Ceremony with the Tara Festival song he wrote, then he'll return to the stage with more original country songs.

ROOFTOP EXPRESS

PRESENTED BY ERGON ENERGY

6pm SATURDAY, Racetrack

11.30am SUNDAY, Inside Racecourse*

The Rooftop Express team will saddle up for Tara Festival to bring us world-first stunts and moments that take horse play and cattle mustering to a new level. Don't miss their Heroes of the Outback Show Saturday night – a first-class arena spectacular and a true-blue Australian comedy with awe-inspiring horsemanship.

* Access Sunday show from 11.15am via the festival exist gate near Origin Stage and walk around into the inside of the racecourse circle

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	INSIDE THE FESTIVAL
5.30PM	Carnivale Show Origin Main Stage
6.00PM	
6.30PM	Fireworks
7.00PM	Live Music with Jacques Van Lill Music QGC Stage
7.30PM	
8.00PM	
8.30PM	
9.00PM	
9.30PM	
10.00PM	



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SATURDAY PROGRAM

TIME	ORIGIN MAIN STAGE	QGC UNDERCOVER STAGE	RACE TRACK	DALBY TYRES COUNTRY CORNER	TIME	
8.30AM		Tara School P&C Breakfast available from 7.30am inside festival grounds			8.30AM	
9.00AM		Tibet2Timbuk2	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		9.00AM	
9.30AM	Flamenco Guitarist & Dancers	Egyptian & Middle Eastern Drumming	Yabby Race	Bill Ramsay	9.30AM	
10.00AM		Polynesian Performers	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		10.00AM	
10.30AM	Latin Drummers / Capoeira Trio	Korean Traditional Performers	Yabby Race	Shearing Demonstration	10.30AM	
11.00AM		Joe Tee & Afrodisa Band	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		11.00AM	
11.30AM		African Drummers	Yabby Race	Christine Teddy	11.30AM	
12NOON	German Band - Sneaky Schnitzel	Gundamena Warra		Shearing Demonstration	12NOON	
12.30PM	Country Music Star Josh Arnold's Festival Song followed by Official Festival Opening on QGC Stage					
1.00PM					1.00PM	
1.30PM	Tibet2Timbuk2	Live Music: Country Music Star Josh Arnold		Cathy Drummond	1.30PM	
2.00PM			Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		2.00PM	
2.30PM	African Drummers	Latin Drummers & Capoeira Trio	Yabby Race		2.30PM	
3.00PM		Flamenco Guitarist & Dancers	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		3.00PM	
3.30PM	Korean Traditional Performers	Egyptian & Middle Eastern Drumming	Yabby Race. Calcutta on 400m FINAL Camel Race.	Kings of the 50's	3.30PM	
4.00PM			400m FINAL! Camels to the Barrier. Camel Races. Winners Presentation.		4.00PM	
4.30PM	Polynesian Performers	German Band - Sneaky Schnitzel	Yabby Race		4.30PM	
5.00PM	 <p>THE WOLFE BROTHERS 9.00PM SATURDAY ORIGIN MAIN STAGE</p>				5.00PM	
5.30PM		Joe Tee & Afrodisa Band				5.30PM
6.00PM						6.00PM
6.30PM				Rooftop Express: Heroes of the Outback Show presented by Ergon Energy		6.30PM
7.00PM					7.00PM	
7.30PM	ORIGIN MAIN STAGE EVENING LINEUP JAMES JOHNSTON THE WOLFE BROTHERS	 <p>DEE JAY BUXE 10.30PM-12AM SATURDAY QGC STAGE</p>		 <p>JAMES JOHNSTON 7.30PM SATURDAY ORIGIN MAIN STAGE</p>	7.30PM	

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SUNDAY PROGRAM

TIME	ORIGIN MAIN STAGE	QGC UNDERCOVER STAGE	RACE TRACK	DALBY TYRES COUNTRY CORNER	TIME
8.00AM	Tara School P&C Breakfast available from 7.30am inside festival grounds	Church Service			8.00AM
8.30AM	 KOREAN TRADITIONAL PERFORMERS	Poets Breakfast Gary Fogarty	 ROOFTOP EXPRESS PRESENTED BY ERGON ENERGY 6pm SATURDAY, Racetrack 11.30am SUNDAY, Inside Racecourse*		8.30AM
9.00AM		Korean Traditional Performers			9.00AM
9.30AM	Egyptian & Middle Eastern Drumming	Joe Tee & Afrodisa Band	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation	Maurie Marion	9.30AM
10.00AM			Yabby Race		10.00AM
10.30AM	Tibet2Timbuk2	Gundamena Warra	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		10.30AM
11.00AM		German Band - Sneaky Schnitzel	Yabby Race	Shearing Demonstration	11.00AM
11.30AM	Latin Drummers & Capoeira Trio		Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		11.30AM
12NOON		Tara Music Group Aussie Sing Along	Yabby Race. Rooftop Express Show presented by Ergon Energy inside Race Track Area.	Cathy Drummond	12NOON
12.30PM	Polynesian Performers	Latin Drummers & Capoeira Trio	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		12.30PM
1.00PM		Flamenco Guitarist & Dancers	Yabby Race	Kings of the 50's	1.00PM
1.30PM	African Drummers	Joe Tee & Afrodisa Band	Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation		1.30PM
2.00PM	 POLYNESIAN PERFORMERS		Yabby Race. Calcutta on 600m FINAL Camel Race.		2.00PM
2.30PM			 JOE TEE & AFRODISA BAND	600m FINAL! Camels to the Barrier. Camel Race. Winners Presentation	 KINGS OF THE 50'S 2.30pm SATURDAY, Dalby Tyres Country Corner 12.30pm SUNDAY, Dalby Tyres Country Corner
3.00PM					3.00PM

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AROUND THE FESTIVAL



KIDS ZONE

All the fun of our JJ Richards Kids Zone is free! Enjoy face painting, the petting zoo, pony rides and fun inflatables.

Open: 9am - 5pm Saturday.
9am - 2.30pm Sunday.



CAMEL RIDES

Richo the camel trainer from Yeppoon is racing camels here in Tara and he's also brought some lovely quiet camels who will be saddled and offering \$10 camel rides in front of the festival entrance from 9am - 4pm Saturday and 9am - 2pm Sunday. Mini train rides also available for \$5 per person.



HELICOPTER JOY FLIGHTS

From 10am Saturday and Sunday
The EC120B, also known as the 'Colibri' (Hummingbird) takes 4 passengers at a time.
Cost: \$70 per person for a 5 minute joy flight. No bookings required. EFTPOS available.
Flights operated by Precision Aerial with Executive Helicopters.

FESTIVAL MARKETS

Browse the festival markets from 9am to 4.30pm Saturday and 9am to 2.30pm Sunday.



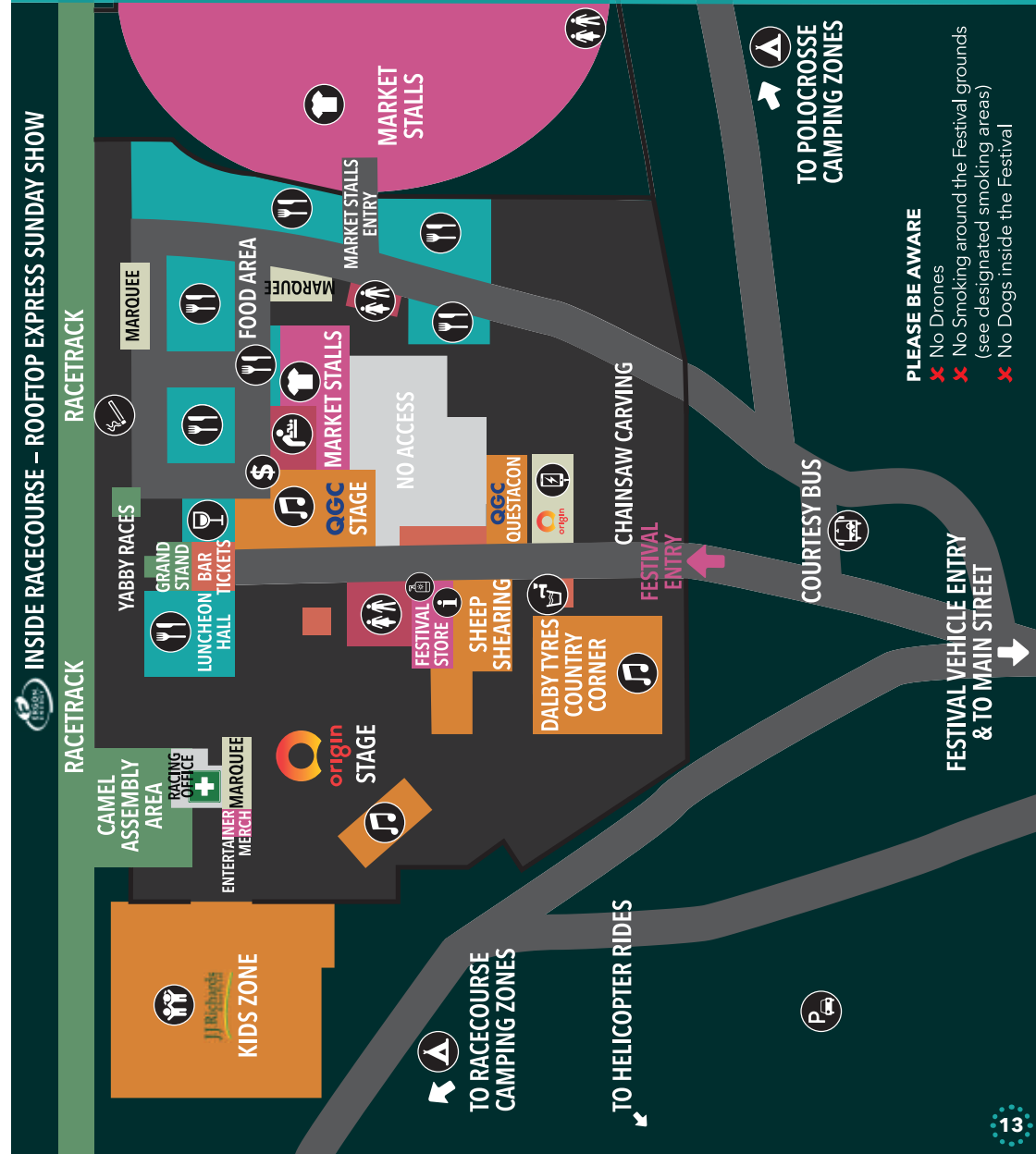
CHAINSAW ART

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, which are now on display in our main street! What will he make at Tara Festival 2022?!

FESTIVAL MAP

LEGEND

- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
- INFORMATION & FESTIVAL STORE
- FOOD OUTLET
- BAR
- KIDS ZONE
- MARKET STALLS
- TOILETS
- PARENTS ROOM
- SUNSCREEN STATION
- FIRST AID
- WATER REFILL STATION
- PHONE RE-CHARGE STATION AT ORIGIN ENERGY MARQUEE
- COURTESY BUS
- ATM
- CAMPING AREAS
- PARKING
- SMOKING AREA



PLEASE BE AWARE
 X No Drones
 X No Smoking around the Festival grounds (see designated smoking areas)
 X No Dogs inside the Festival

CAMEL RACING PROGRAM

Camels who place 1st and 2nd in the heats go on to compete in the Cup Finals. Camels placed 3rd and 4th in each heat compete in the Plate Finals and all the other camels get a second run as they compete in the Consolation Finals.

SATURDAY

Race 1: 9am, 400m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *Warden Diesel Services & Warden Transport*

Race 2: 10am, Brett McGrorey Memorial 400m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *Norman & McGrorey Families*

Race 3: 11am, 400m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *Hallinan Family*

Race 4: 2pm 400m Consolation Final

Sponsored by *Mark Thomson, Jim & Michelle Moran and Gene Davis*

Race 5: 3pm, 400m SEIKO Final

Sponsored by *Richard and Lou Thornbury*

Calcutta on 400m Final

Race 6: 4pm 400m Cup Final

Sponsored by *Westlink Petroleum*

SUNDAY

Race 1: 9am, 600m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *STAG Machinery*

Race 2: 10am, 600m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *Black Toyota*

Race 3: 11am, 600m Sprint Heat

Sponsored by *Elders Tara and The Modern Trend*

Race 4: 12pm, 600m Consolation Final

Sponsored by *Foodworks Tara*

Race 5: 1pm, 600m SEIKO Final

Sponsored by *Tara Rural Supplies & Condamine Seeds. Plate donated by Central Steel Sales.*

Calcutta on 600m Final

Race 6: 2pm, 600m Cup Final

Sponsored by *Western Downs Regional Council*

At our last festival in 2019 the team from Boulia, Outback Queensland won our 600m Cup Final sponsored by Western Downs Regional Council. Camel 'Gunna', jockey Kyrraley Woodhouse and trainer Tom Woodhouse.



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