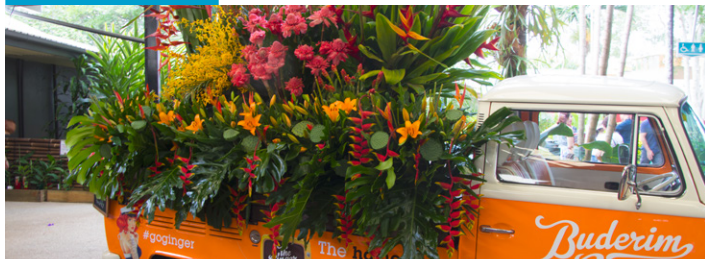


Events CALENDAR 2018

January



Ginger Flower and Food Festival, Ginger Factory



Suncoast Spinners
Tournament, Caloundra

Queensland Oztag
Junior State Cup,
Sunshine Coast Stadium

U18 Basketball
Queensland State Championships,
USC Stadium

February



Mooloolaba Beach Festival



Grape Stomp,
Flame Hill Vineyard

April



Australian Body Art Festival,
Cooroy

Time Warp Festival,
Palmwoods



Triathlon Pink,
University of the Sunshine Coast

Sunshine Coast Ukelele Festival,
Kenilworth

May



Big Pineapple Music Festival

Maleny Wood Expo

Goomeri
Pumpkin Festival



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March



Caloundra Triathlon,
Golden Beach



National Outrigger
Sprint Titles,
Lake Kawana



Noosa Festival of Surfing



Neil Diamond 50 Year Anniversary
World Tour, Sunshine Coast Stadium

Queensland Surf Life
Saving Championships
- Juniors, Masters and
Seniors

Kenilworth Cheese, Wine
and Food Fest



Mooloolaba Triathlon

Australian Dragon Boat
Federation National
Championships

June



Sunshine Coast
Agricultural Show,
Nambour Showgrounds

Surfing Queensland Series
- Bradnam's Queensland
Longboard Titles &
Bodysurfing Titles



Downunder Beachfest, Caloundra



Noosa Food and Wine



Queensland Oztag Tri Series, Sunshine Coast Stadium

Events CALENDAR 2018

July



Velothon Sunshine Coast

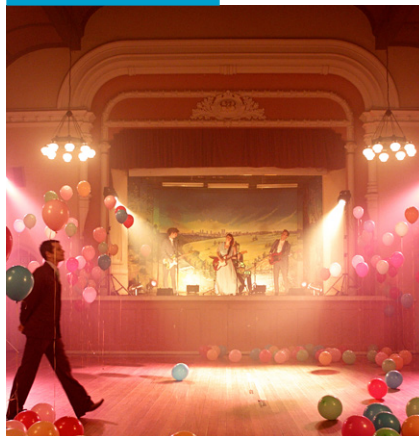
NOOSA alive!

Sunshine Coast Winter
Bowls Carnival



Queensland Garden Expo,
Nambour Showgrounds

October



Heart of Gold International Film Festival,
Gympie

Mary Valley Scarecrow Festival

Aussie World FestEvil



Sunshine Coast
Fashion Festival,
Caloundra

August



IRONMAN 70.3 Sunshine Coast

7 Sunshine Coast
Marathon

Gympie Music Muster,
Amamoor Creek
State Forest



November



Steve Irwin Day,
Australia Zoo

Kawana Triathlon,
Kawana Sports Precinct



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September



Horizon Festival
of Arts and Culture



Maroochy Music
& Vis Arts Festival



National Outrigger Titles –
Trans-Tasman Gubbi Gubbi
Waka Ama and National
Junior Titles

Mitchell Creek
Rock 'N' Blues Fest

Surfing Queensland Series
– Billabong Parko Grom
Stomp



Caloundra Music Festival

December



Noosa Triathlon
Multi Sport Festival



Woodford Folk Festival

Surfing Queensland Series
– Wahu Surfer Grom
Competition
– Ripcurl Grom Search

Sunshine Coast Masters,
Twin Waters Golf Club

Sporting EVENTS

With some of the largest profile sporting events calling the Sunshine Coast home, you can smash your personal best or cheer on the competitors, all with a stunning natural backdrop.

Land and sea

Competitors cycle through the undulating hills and rocky outcrops of the Glass House Mountains in the Velothon, participants in the 7 Sunshine Coast Marathon take in the views winding between Alexandra Headland and Maroochydore, whilst runners in the Runaway Noosa Marathon make their way through the seaside town of Noosa Heads.

Championship golf courses host the the Holden Scramble and Sunshine Coast Masters events, while Sunshine Coast Stadium welcomes competitive sporting events ranging from Oztag to pre-season Super Rugby and national rugby league (NRL) games.

An abundance of sparkling beaches and waterways means the Sunshine Coast is the ultimate destination for aquatic sporting events. The pristine white sandy beachfronts pave the way to the competition stage for the World Series Swims and the Noosa Festival of Surfing, whose Surfing Dog Competition annually gains worldwide attention. The region offers also premium rowing conditions for dragon boat racing and outrigger.

The Sunshine Coast is a favourite location for triathlon and multi sport events. Mooloolaba is home to IRONMAN 70.3 and the Mooloolaba Triathlon, while other state triathlons, run by the Queensland Triathlon Series, enjoy competing in Caloundra and Kawana, which offer picturesque conditions for competitors.



7 Sunshine Coast Marathon

Lightning strikes

Nowhere does hometown pride show more than in the region's very own national netball team, the Sunshine Coast Lightning.

The 2017 Suncorp Super Netball champions love to live and play on the Sunshine Coast, and you can watch them wear their colours proudly at any of the seven home games that will played at USC Stadium during the April to August 2018 season.



Sunshine Coast Lightning

Music EVENTS

Soak in the atmosphere and dance to your favourite beats in spectacular natural amphitheatres.

Single day

From sunny days to magical nights, the Sunshine Coast welcomes a variety of music festivals that boast the most impressive line-ups. The musical year kicks off in spectacular style with superstar Neil Diamond bringing his 50 year anniversary world tour to Sunshine Coast Stadium in March.

The Big Pineapple Music Festival opens its arms to music lovers from across the country for a magical day of good tunes, rays, a laid-back vibe and infectious energy. Not to be outdone, the Maroochy Music and Visual Arts Festival tails the year with a music festival like no other. Coinciding with the Horizon Festival of Arts and Culture, this music festival intertwines the best of creative industries with a world-class visual arts program. Music festivals on the Sunshine Coast are a plethora of atmosphere and good vibes.



Caloundra Music Festival



Gympie Music Muster

Multi day

Whether set in the Sunshine Coast's beautiful hinterlands or on sandy backyards, multiday music festivals allow you to soak in the best of music and the best of the region. Every year, Kings Beach transforms as Caloundra Music Festival settles in for four days of good vibes, amazing music and beachside undercurrents.

From cruisy coastlines to hinterland wonders, the renowned Gympie Music Muster and Mitchell Creek Rock 'N' Blues Fest will make your toes tap, while the Sunshine Coast Ukelele Festival will keep you smiling. The Woodford Folk Festival transports you to another world, where you can immerse your senses in the vibrant atmosphere. Set over the New Year period, this unique folk festival puts on an incomparable colourful celebration, with unique street art, hand-crafted installations, a choice of international performances from circus shows to comedies and a standout line-up of world class musicians.



Mitchell Creek Rock 'N' Blues Fest

Cultural EVENTS

Be inspired and let your creative juices flow with visual art and lifestyle festivals.

Arts

The Sunshine Coast region has an abundance of creativity, and its artistic community continuously shifts and shapes the region's character. The Horizon Festival of Arts and Culture is a ten day long celebration across the Sunshine Coast, promising to connect, disrupt and delight through arts, culture and creativity. The Heart of Gold International Film Festival beats the creative rhythm, with filmmakers from across Australia showcasing the very best of human nature. NOOSA alive! combines dance, music, theatre, and film over 10 days of artistic action. This great event has performances and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Step out of your comfort zone and experience the annual creativity of the Australian Body Art Festival and the Sunshine Coast Fashion Festival, showcasing local and international designers' passions for the human form; everything is art. From the luxe to the relaxed comes YogaFest, set to unwind and rejuvenate from the inside out. With stunning natural wonders to escape to, the Sunshine Coast is the perfect balance between the hive of art events and connecting with the natural world.



Maleny Wood Expo



Horizon Festival of Arts and Culture

Alternative

The Sunshine Coast embraces all events that bring people together who share a passion for the unique and wonderful, or just for a fun day out. From grassroots to major events, there's something for everyone to get involved with in the region. The Goomeri Pumpkin Festival is a great event for all ages, while the Mary Valley Scarecrow Festival is a fabulous community celebration where you can add some scarecrow spotting fun to your country road trip.

In the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast are secret gems of vintage events, that burst at the seams with character. There's even an event that celebrates the good old days, with the Time Warp Festival kicking it old school with rockabilly music, hot rods, bikes and pin ups! Keeping with the retro feel, Downunder Beachfest is a celebration of everything on four wheels. From the quirky to the informative, events like the Queensland Garden Expo, Maleny Wood Expo, Conscious Life Festival and the Gympie Garden Expo bring together communities of people sharing their passions and passing on their knowledge for generations to enjoy.

Food EVENTS

Celebrate and savour the diverse and delicious regional flavours.

Taste sensations

The Sunshine Coast is known for its world-class beaches, stunning hinterland scenery and amazing local farms and producers, providing the perfect location for some of the best food festivals in Australia. These foodie celebrations will challenge your taste buds to experience and pair flavour combinations you haven't even dreamed of, and savour artisan foods and the culinary talent of some of Australia's leading chefs and producers, with different cuisines to encounter around every corner.

With the coast a hot spot for craft brewers and wine enthusiasts, it's only natural that they're celebrated. Noosa Food and Wine is a premier event that brings together people from far and wide to enjoy the finer things in life, the Sunshine Coast Craft Beer and Cider Festival champions fabulous local and national brews, while if you enjoy getting in on the wine making action, make sure you check out the annual Grape Stomp.

Embrace your love for Asian cuisine by putting the Spicers Tamarind Retreat's Sunshine Coast Asian Food Festival in your calendar, and if discovering the local talent is your passion, what better way for the best of the region to showcase themselves than with cheese, at the Kenilworth Cheese, Wine and Food Fest.



Matt Golinski at the Ginger Flower and Food Festival

The Ginger Flower and Food Festival is a great opportunity to learn first-hand from experts on everything ginger; be it flowers and gardening to cooking demonstrations, they'll show you it all, while the Ignite Chilli Festival turns up the heat with chilli and spice and all things nice. Not only are these food festivals a way for the top producers in the region to bring the very best produce to your plate, it's a great way to interact directly with the food you're tasting.



Sunshine Coast Craft Beer and Cider Festival