

Remember to check the What's On Calendar closer to the event date, for updates on all of these events:

Australia Day

Saturday 26 January 2019

Whether you're listening to the Triple J Top 100 countdown over a BBQ with friends, or wanting to head out, check the weekly What's On calendar for last minute listings and events celebrating Aus Day.

**Fantasea Destination Adventure
Women's Mountain Bike Retreat
(2019 date to be confirmed - Feb)**

Get ready for the Fantasea [Destination Adventure](#) 'Magnetic Island Women's Mountain Bike Retreat'. The retreat includes mountain bike skills coaching, strength session, yoga, free diving, mobility workshop, informative seminar with all meals included. For more information check the daily [What's On Calendar](#) , closer to the event date.

PLUS

**Fantasea Destination Adventure
Mountain Bike Retreat
(2019 date to be confirmed - Feb)**

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

**Adventurethon Magnetic Island
(2019 date to be confirmed)**

Ready for a dirty weekend? Adventurethon Magnetic Island has grown from 79 competitors in the first year to over 2000 competitors and has seen continual growth with more and more participants looking to join the fun and find out exactly how tough and dirty they are.

Adventurethon attracts competitors from all abilities and skill levels, from top athletes from

around Australia like Jarad Kohlar (one of Australia's best Adventure racers, trail runners and paddling instructors), Guy Andrews (3 x Uncle Toby's Ironman winner turned Adventure racer), John Jacoby (3 x World Multisport Champion) and internationals such as Sam Clark (professional adventure athlete), Jess Simson (professional adventure athlete) to mid-range competitors challenging themselves with new goals, to regular mums and dads having a go at their first off-road event and families getting outdoors together. Whatever the skill level or ability, there is an option to suit everyone.

Events include 'Ultra Adventurethon', 'Enduro Adventurethon', 'Dirty Endurance Duathlon', 'Taste of Adventurethon' and 'Junior Adventurethon'. It's going to be BIG so check out the details today! For more information, or to register visit [Adventurethon](#).

Easter Weekend

Friday 19 March to Monday 22 April 2019

Easter is peak season on Magnetic Island, so book your [accommodation](#) early and settle in for a tropical island holiday.

Check the weekly What's On calendar for last minute listings, live music and events, plus church services

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Fantasea Destination Adventure

Ocean Paddling Retreat with Clint Robinson

(2019 date to be confirmed - March)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

ANZAC Day

Thursday 25 April 2019

The dawn ANZAC Day service on Magnetic Island can be a particularly moving ceremony of up to 1000 people. At 5am a pre-dawn start at the RSL leads a parade to Alma Park where the main ceremony is held. After the main ceremony participants usually venture back to the RSL Hall for a hearty breakfast. Check out the calendar for this year's event details.

Fantasea Destination Adventure

Trail Running Retreat with Melinda Gainsford Taylor

(2019 date to be confirmed - April)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

Music On Magnetic

(2019 date to be confirmed - April/May)

It's a week of fun and discovery in music and dance. The inaugural May 2010 camp was a huge success and included songwriting, world music choir, looping and improvising, flamenco dance, flamenco percussion, ensemble improvisation, Georgian vocal music, humarimba, Spanish guitar, Pushme Pullme dance and Reading Music Made Easy. Each year MOM has increased with interest and provided outstanding teachers combined with a friendly mix of willing pupils. Visit [Music On Magnetic](#) or [see the 2016 Music On Magnetic teachers](#) to find out what's in store this year. Book early - spaces are limited!

Labour Day (Long Weekend)

Monday 6 May 2019

Check the daily What's On calendar for all of this long weekend's events and activities close to the event date.

NQ Home Brew Competition

(2019 date to be confirmed - Early May)

2013 was the inaugural NQ Home Brew Competition on the deck at Peppers Blue On Blue Magnetic Island. With prizes valued at over \$5,000 plus raffles, tastings, expert judges and great food, it's bound to be another fun day 'on the deck', starting at 11am until 4pm. For more entry details on the 2016 NQHB, email Col Foley at: bookings@magneticislandtours.net.au

Mother's Day Classic

Sunday 12 May 2019

The Mother's Day Classic (MDC) in Alma Bay, Magnetic Island raises money for breast cancer research, and is an easywalk or run. This annual fundraising event has been held in major cities and regional areas across Australia since 1998, with local volunteer groups driving the regional events. The 2015 event will be Magnetic Islands first event, so lets make it a great one! Check the What's On calendar for event details.

40 Hour Jammin

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 May 2019

This colossal weekend of music is not to be missed! For over 40 plus hours Magnetic Island will resonate with a vast selection of music from musicians based within the region and from around Australia. Venues will range from restaurants to outdoor stages, jetty's, beaches, night clubs and cafes. The experience will be up close and moving. The 40 hour jammin is Australia's

only community engagement, fund raising music festival. Bringing awareness, entertainment and lasting change.

NQ Ocean Paddle Series

- Race 3 Fantasea Horseshoe Gallop

(2019 date to be confirmed - mid to late May)

(Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island to Townsville)

The long course takes competitors on a wild journey from Horseshoe Bay, around tropical Magnetic Island ending in Townsville, landing at the Rockpool on The Strand. For more information, see the What's On calendar or visit

[NQ Ocean Paddle Series.](#)

Outer Limits Two Bays Trail Run

(2019 date to be confirmed - May)

Long course: Approx. 20km

Short course: Approx. 10km. Start in Nelly Bay (next to the ferry terminal) and finish at Horseshoe Bay. More info at:

outerlimitsadventure.com.au

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

(2019 date to be confirmed - May/June)

If the Melbourne Cup is the race that stops a nation, then the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is the cuppa that stops an island. Magnetic Island's [Australia's Biggest Morning Tea](#) has been a long held tradition where local residents take a break to support the Cancer Council's leading fundraising events and the largest, most successful event of it's kind in Australia. A day in the park full of great home-made entertainment, scones and tea.

Check out the What's On calendar for this year's venue and times.

Magnetic Island Open Day

(2019 date to be confirmed - May/June)

There's a bunch of great activities for the whole family to enjoy across the island including FREE guided walks of The Forts by a local military historian, FREE guided wildlife walks, plus dining specials, live music, a jumping castle, self guided snorkel trail, island art exhibition and auction and much more. The weather is perfect too for one of our many bush and beach walks (1-3 hours).

Check the daily What's On calendar for more information and updates.

Fantasea Destination Adventure

Health Reset Week

(2019 date to be confirmed - June)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

World Oceans Day

(2019 date to be confirmed Queen's Birthday Holiday - Long weekend)

Magnetic Island celebrates World Oceans Day with a mix of fun family events, activities, a beach BBQ and live music at Base Magnetic Island in Nelly Bay - check the What's On calendar for details. Also check the calendar for last minute long weekend listings and events.

The Coral Coast Yacht Race & Rally

(2019 date to be confirmed - June)

Formerly known as the Dent To Dunk race, the race was renamed in 2012 and starts at Airlie Beach (Whitsundays) and finishes at Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island. The distance is approximately 130nm. For more information contact the [Abel Point Yacht Club](#).

June (Winter) School Holidays

Sat 29 June - Sunday 14 July 2019 (QLD)

It's a busy time of year for Magnetic Island, but it's also a great time to get outdoors and enjoy your holidays by the sea. Check the weekly What's On calendar for last minute listings and events. Just make sure you book your [accommodation](#) early, as this is peak season for the island.

Fantasea Destination Adventure

Yoga Tropical Island Holiday

(2019 date to be confirmed - June)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

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Battle The Barge

(2019 date to be confirmed)

(Townsville to Magnetic Island return)

Take on the Townsville Fantasea Barge as it takes off to Magnetic Island and back. Battle your way through Townsville's ocean waters and attempt to beat the Barge to the finish line. This race is filled with adrenalin and suspense as competitors give it all they got to prove man can overcome machine! See the What's On calendar or the [NQ Ocean Paddle Series](#).

Fantasea Destination Adventure

Celebrate U Weekend

(2019 date to be confirmed - August)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

Magnetic Island School Fete (Bi-annual)

(2019 date to be confirmed - August)

The Magnetic Island School Fete is a fabulously fun evening for the entire community. Locals support this bi-annual event with great gusto to make the day a success with live entertainment, great kids activities, market stalls, bargain buys, food stalls, plant sales, book sales and fun games - a definite 'must see' on the Magnetic Island calendar!

The day is a major revenue builder for the Primary School

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Magnetic Island to Townsville Swim

(2019 date to be confirmed - August/September)

The [Magnetic Island To Townsville Swim](#) starts at the waters edge in front of the Picnic Bay SLSC Magnetic Island and finishes at water's edge in front of the SLSC Clubhouse on the Strand Beach adjacent to the Strand Park jetty in Townsville.

The swim has been held almost every year since 1954. Over the years, the who's who of Australian swimming and surf-lifesaving have competed in the race. Over the past 60 years, the event has grown to become a very iconic event unique to Townsville.

They encourage all capable swimmers to train hard, put in the distances and, have a go at conquering the waters of Cleveland Bay and, become a part of both Australian and World Swimming History. It doesn't matter whether you come first or last, it is about giving it your best shot.

Bookfest

(2019 date to be confirmed - August/September)

Bag a bargain book or two at Bookfest. Kids or adults, fact or fiction, romance, biographies, reference, westerns, text books - loads of fun for all including trash and treasure, raffles, cake stalls, coffee shop, sausage sizzle and children's activities. Come along to C&K Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre at 25 Nelly Bay Rd, Nelly Bay with all proceeds going to Magnetic Island Early Childhood Centre. Feel free to drop off books or donations before the Bookfest at the centre, or to book a stall contact Lana or Kirralea on 4758 1168.

SeaLink Magnetic Island Race Week

(2019 date to be confirmed - usually last weekend of August/first weekend of September)

Sunferries (now SeaLink) [Magnetic Island Race Week](#) in 2009 was a huge success with plenty of great sailing, picture perfect weather and parties to be had with approximately 56 entries.

2011 grew with 86 entries and excellent sailing. The 2018 race starts on Thursday 30 August - Tuesday 5 September and looks to be even bigger with fun events for everyone to take part in!

Check out all the info at

[netic Island Race Week.](#)

[SeaLink](#) [Mag](#)

The Great Island Trek Magnetic Island

(2019 date to be confirmed - mid to late September 2018)

An awesome adventure with spectacular scenery and amazing spot prizes. Trek, walk or run across Magnetic Island and see secluded bays, spot koalas in the wild, keep at eye out for sea turtles and discover the hidden gem that is Magnetic Island. For more information about this great weekend, visit

[dventure.com.au](#)

[destinationa](#)

Great Barrier Reef Film Festival

(2019 date to be confirmed)

The [Great Barrier Reef Festival](#) is one of North Queensland's leading film festivals and serves up an exciting program of feature films, short films, documentaries, industry talks and workshops from around the globe.

Beginning with the **World Premier Gala Opening Night**, then **Shorts At the Sea** which is held at a spectacular seaside location in Geoffrey Bay with food and beverages available on the night. The GBRFF weekend continues at the

[Arcadia Village Hotel](#)

and includes

Village Shorts

plus a wide range of film events that will satiate the appetites of everyone from film enthusiasts to film professionals - with special events for families.

GBRFF also offers kids and audiences a great way of enjoying film and related media through a variety of experiences and workshops including FREE kids film workshops. **Discount ferry and movie tickets are available.**

You will need to get in early to secure accommodation on Magnetic Island, and to book your GBRFF tickets.

More information is available at:

gbrff.com.au

Fantasea Destination Adventure

Steve Moneghetti Running Retreat

(2018 date to be confirmed)

For more information about this great weekend, visit destinationadventure.com.au

MI Musos Youth Talent Quest

(2019 date to be confirmed)

As part of the Great Barrier Reef Film Festival, this fabulous day at Arcadia Village Hotel gives kids the opportunity to strut their stuff on stage in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The Quest offers different categories such as music, dance and much more. Come along and enjoy the fun!

Rotary Magnetic Island Beer Can Regatta

Sunday 2 September 2018

The challenge is on! Warm up with giant bean bag races, try your strength at the kids tug of war, and then sit back and enjoy the fun of The Grand Challenge - the Beer Can Regatta.

MI Care Biennial Arts Show

(2019 date to be confirmed - September)

The Magnetic Island Care Biennial Art Exhibition is the island's largest art exhibition, and features a wide range of paintings, local hand crafts and sculpture at Arcadia Village Hotel in Alma Bay. All proceeds go to MI Care and it's support of our elders.

Magnetic Island Bay Dayz Festival

No event for scheduled in the near future.

It was a fantastic month that includes 50+ events including:

PLUS:

- Junior Fishing Competition
- Talk Like A Pirate Day
- Oktoberfest
- Bookfest
- Magnetic Island State School Fete
- MI Musos Youth Talent Quest
- Twin Peaks Challenge
- Photographic Competition
- The island-wide Festival Front Yard Fantasies Competition
- Sand Sculpture Competition...

...plus writing workshops, ceramic workshops, live music, art exhibitions, environmental walks and talks, kids workshops, restaurant discounts and mega markets - you name it, the Magnetic Island Bay Dayz Festival has something for everyone . Plus extra mid-week kids activities during the school holidays! Just remember to book your

[accommodation](#)

early.

Magnetic Island Wine Festival (2019 date to be confirmed - September)

The 2010 inaugural Magnetic Island Wine Expo featured over 12 wine merchants and the opportunity to sample over 50 wines with live music plus lucky draws all afternoon! For a great afternoon head to the Water Garden Oasis as part of the Picnic Bay Hotel and sample a wide selection of wines while enjoying tropical views of Picnic Bay.

Best Of Magnetic Ocean Swim Classic (2019 date to be confirmed - September)

With over \$5,500 in prize money, this family friendly event includes swim and board races ranging from the 400m Splash For Cash race, to a 5km Ocean Swim race. Check the What's On calendar closer to the event date for more info, or check out/like the [Best Of Magnetic Ocean Swim Classic Facebook page](#) to stay in touch.

Mayhem On Maggie

(2019 dates to be confirmed)

It's a massive night on Maggie and amateur boxers clash at the [Arcadia Village Hotel](#) in a night of nights. We recommend that you book your accommodation early for this one! See the What's On event calendar for details closer to the date.

Oktoberfest

(2019 date to be confirmed - mid to late October)

The 2013 inaugural Magnetic Island Oktoberfest was a huge success at Sandi's On Magnetic Island, in Horseshoe Bay and it's looking to be even bigger in 2018. With imported German beer, traditional Bavarian Brass Band music, beer wenches and lederhosen, Bavarian food specials including succulent 'spit roast' pig, beef roast, steaks, pretzels, pork belly, schnitzels, bratwurst and sauerkraut, you'll be set to enjoy another authentic Oktoberfest in 2018! 10am-late each day.

Great Tropical Jazz Party

(2019 date to be confirmed)

For 22 years the Great Tropical Jazz Party has been a highlight weekend of cool jazz, held beneath the palms on beautiful Magnetic Island, attracting visitors and jazz aficionados from all over the world. The Party will be one night only featuring an all start line-up of musicians from around Australia starting at 6.30pm at Amaroo On Mandalay. For more information on the artists performing visit the [Magnetic Island Great Tropical Jazz Party](#). Check out the What's On calendar for more details.

Townsville Road Runners, Magnetic Island Race

(2019 date to be confirmed - September/October)

Four runs are set by the **Townsville Road Runners**, but it is possible to take sections of any of the runs to create your own. The Magnetic Island run starts from the Nelly Bay terminal after the 7.05am ferry from Townsville arrives (at about 7.30am). This event consists of any one of four runs, all finishing at Horseshoe Bay, where there will be tea / coffee etc. There is no timing or placings for this event. Register on the day at the start.

More info at:

[Townsville Road Runners](#)

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Melbourne Cup on Magnetic Island

Tuesday 6 November 2018

It's the race that stops the nation, (and Magnetic Island), and one of the best places to be is the Picnic Bay Hotel. Big screens, HEAPS of atmosphere, and the only place on the island to place your bets. So head to Picnic Bay to catch Melbourne Cup fever.

9.00am: TAB help desk and R&R Restaurant open.

10am: Sports bar opens.

Fashion on the field prizes and live music. Come dressed for race day!

Schoolies Week (QLD)

Mid to late November

Unlike many other southern centres, schoolies week on Magnetic Island is a much safer and quieter celebration. The island offers schoolies the opportunity to get out on the water or stroll it's many beaches during the day before enjoying nights out with friends. Additional activities and police and support are

scheduled for the island during Schoolies Week. Visit magneticislandschooliesweek.com.au or [Schoo](#)

lies.com

for more information.

Carols By Candlelight on Magnetic Island

Tuesday 11 December 2018

With lots of popular carols for everyone to join in singing, Magnetic Island Carols By Candlelight are held on from **7.00pm at Alma Bay** and led by Graeme MacCourt and a group of singers from the Magnetic Island Churches while the children from the Magnetic Island State School will present a Nativity Pageant during the evening. The Townsville Brolga Brass Band will accompany the singing. The programme will conclude at approximately 8pm. Entry to the Carols by Candlelight is free. Donations received on the evening will be donated to help people in need.

Christmas Day Lunch

Tuesday 25 December 2018

You'll need to book early to secure your Christmas Day Lunch at The Boardwalk Restaurant at Pepper Blue on Blue, or at Sandi's On Magnetic Island. ([See the daily calendar for details](#)) . All of the other restaurants on Magnetic Island are usually closed on Christmas Day, although you have free BBQ's at Horseshoe Bay, Alma Bay, Nelly Bay and Picnic Bay if you want to enjoy Christmas by the beach.

New Year's Eve on Magnetic Island

Magnetic Island is buzzing with a massive selection of NYE events to choose from. From live music, dinners and shows,

it's famous NYE Full Moon Down Under

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and fireworks on the shoreside in Nelly Bay. Just make sure you book your

[accommodation](#)

early, as this is peak season for the island. For more information, visit the NYE listing on our home page (Dec), or check the daily What's On calendar's 31 December NYE listing.

Check out the daily Magnetic Island What's On calendar (on the top left of this page), for the latest listings of events, festivals, gigs, exhibition openings and fun things to do while you're visiting.

If you're more of a nature

lover, check out the Magnetic Island

[Eco Calendar.](#)

Top things to do on Magnetic Island

Download our handy list of the [Top Things To Do](#) while you're visiting.

Staying over? Find your [Magnetic Island Accommodation.](#)

Remember to book early for the high seasons!: Easter, June and September school holidays and the Christmas/New Year break.