



Festival Cairns 2008

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27th August - 20th September

MEDIA INFORMATION

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THE CALANNA ROTARY DUCK RACE

TICKET SALES COMMENCE THIS WEEK AT CAIRNS SHOW

- Wed 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18, July 2008 -

On you ducks, get set, go! Ticket sales for this year's Calanna Rotary Duck race will begin this week at Cairns Show.

This event, which will once again raise money for Harald's House in 2008, is one of Festival Cairns' most popular events - drawing crowds to witness up to 10,000 plastic ducks racing their little hearts out on the Esplanade Lagoon. As per tradition, this event will take place at 4pm on Saturday, 20 September 2008 as part of Festival Cairns' finale celebrations.

According to duck race organiser, Sally Dixon, the Calanna Rotary Duck race has been held over the past four years - raising over \$100 000 for charities.

The tickets are \$5 and from this week, will be available for purchase from Cairns Show (watch out for the roving duck), any ANZ branch in the Cairns area or Calanna Pharmacy. There are four prizes up for grabs including a \$10,000 spa and a trip to New Zealand for four people.

This year's duck race has been greatly expanded to feature an afternoon program of duck related events beginning with a 'blessing of the ducks' and traditional Aboriginal dance.

"In conjunction with this year's duck race, we are also hosting "Harcourts Crikey-Catch-a-Croc Spectacular" with all children welcome to enter. There will be a limit number of crocs. Children will have the opportunity to fish one of these crocs out of the lagoon to win a stunt bike," said Sally.

The entry fee for "Harcourts Crikey-Catch-a-Croc Spectacular" is \$10. Entry forms will be available from Harcourts or on the day. This event will be held at 1pm at the Lagoon.

The duck themed events continue with a first in 2008 - the "Myer Fashion Parade". Models will strut their stuff down at duck headquarters on the Esplanade Lagoon - wearing the latest swimwear fashion from Myer. This will be immediately followed by a more tongue-in-cheek event, "Myer Fashion on the Duck Field" held at 2.00pm. This event is open to all who wish to dress up in their finest "Duck" costume to win \$500 shopping spree from Myer. Entry to this event is \$10.



And finally, there will be a celebrity duck race which is being kept under wraps. This event is based on four celebrity ducks being auctioned - which are then required to swim to the half way line.

In addition to the afternoon duck program, there will be plenty of things to do for the whole family on Festival Cairns finale day.

Festival Cairns 2008 will run from Wednesday 27 August to Saturday 20 September, 2008.

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