

# Sunshine Coast events calendar 2009



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# Welcome to the Main Event

From the sheer magic of the hinterland to the beachside towns dotted along the coastline, the Sunshine Coast is the perfect setting for an exciting line up of events. A range of local, national and international events will hit the stage in 2009, celebrating the true essence of our Sunshine Coast lifestyle. Find your event in 2009!

## January

### Ginger Flower Festival

Ginger Factory, Yandina  
22 – 25 January  
[www.gingerfactory.com.au](http://www.gingerfactory.com.au)

Colour your world with the flavours and the flowers of the Ginger Flower Festival. Touted as one of Australia's premier events for subtropical gardening, the festival features guest speakers, entertainment, gardening and cooking advice.



## February

### Caloundra Triathlon

Golden Beach, Caloundra  
8 February  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

The Caloundra Triathlon is race five of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series. Held at Caloundra's stunning Golden Beach, the triathletes will participate in a 400m swim, a 15km cycle and finish with a 4km run.

### Crazy John's Queensland State Championships

Kawana Waters  
26 February – 1 March  
<http://public.lifesaving.com.au>

Queensland Surf Life Saving Champions, past and present will gather at the scenic coastal location of Kawana Beach to contest for the Crazy John's Queensland State Championships. Challenge yourself or take it easy and enjoy the energetic atmosphere of the event.



## March

### Noosa Festival of Surfing

Noosa Heads  
15 – 22 March  
[www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com](http://www.noosafestivalofsurfing.com)

Visit Noosa for a week long celebration of surfing, music, culture, fashion and lifestyle. Be enchanted by the 'Aloha' spirit of Noosa and the Festival of Surfing.



### Heart of Gold Film Festival

Gympie  
25 – 29 March  
[www.heartofgold.com.au](http://www.heartofgold.com.au)

This festival is a four day, three night event with feel good short films, special features, documentaries, parties, and intimate question and answer sessions with talented filmmakers.

### Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival

Mooloolaba  
27 – 29 March  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

Ranked as the 2nd largest triathlon in Australia, the Mooloolaba Triathlon has become a celebration of sport. The 1.5km swim, 40km cycle and 10km run Triathlon is the centrepiece of a 3 day multisport festival that celebrates the best of the Australian summer lifestyle, at one of the world's premier beachside locations.



## April

### Opera on Kings

Kings Beach Park, Caloundra  
18 April  
[www.operaonkings.com.au](http://www.operaonkings.com.au)

If opera soothes the soul then the magnificent amphitheatre at Kings Beach Caloundra is heaven sent as the perfect backdrop to enjoy a musical treat.

### Dingo Creek Wine Jazz and Blues Festival

Traveston  
18 – 19 April  
[www.dingocreek.com.au](http://www.dingocreek.com.au)

Prepare for a great weekend of music, camping and self-indulgence against the beautiful backdrop of Dingo Creek Winery at the annual Dingo Creek Wine and Jazz Blues Festival.

## May

### Settlers Cove Noosa Food and Wine Festival

Noosa Heads  
1 – 3 May  
[www.noosafoodandwinefestival.com.au](http://www.noosafoodandwinefestival.com.au)

A perfect event for food lovers, the Noosa Food and Wine Festival brings together many of Australia's most influential chefs, producers, restaurateurs, winemakers and food writers. Plus some of Australia's leading performing arts acts.



### Rally Queensland

Marcoola – Imbil  
8 – 10 May  
[www.rallyqueensland.com.au](http://www.rallyqueensland.com.au)

This action fuelled event will be headquartered at spectacular Marcoola, where rally enthusiasts will meet head to head to then champion their way through the forests of the Hinterland to finish in number one spot back on the coastline.

### Noosa Blue Water Swim

Noosa Heads  
17 May  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

In May each year, a band of intrepid swimmers take part in one of the richest ocean swims in Australia – The Noosa Blue Water Swim.



# June

## Etchells Australian Winter Championship

Mooloolaba  
4 – 7 June  
[www.mooetchells.yachting.org.au](http://www.mooetchells.yachting.org.au)

The best of Australia's one-design class sailors come to Mooloolaba for the running of this regatta. Boats from all over Australia and New Zealand contest the seven race series, over three days of spectacular racing.



## Noosa Long Weekend

Noosa Heads  
19 – 28 June  
[www.noosalongweekend.com](http://www.noosalongweekend.com)

Recognised as one of Australia's foremost regional cultural events, the Noosa Long Weekend is a ten day celebration of theatre, art, food, film, dance, music and literature.

## Caloundra Cup Carnival

Sunshine Coast Turf Club, Caloundra  
27 – 28 June  
[www.sctc.com.au](http://www.sctc.com.au)

Caloundra Cup Carnival is the Sunshine Coast Turf Club's major racing event of the year, boasting more than \$860,000 in prize money and a week's lead up of social events.



# July

## Open Cockpit Weekend

Queensland Air Museum, Caloundra  
4 – 5 July  
[www.qam.com.au](http://www.qam.com.au)

Once a year at the Queensland Air Museum, the canopies are slid back and the cabin doors opened. Visitors can take the controls of a variety of historic aircraft, including military jet fighters, bombers and trainers as well as the cabins of some of the classic airliners.

## Queensland Home Garden Expo

Nambour  
10 – 12 July  
[www.homegardenexpo.net](http://www.homegardenexpo.net)

Come and see Queensland's top landscape designers and nurseries showcasing their creative talents, products and knowledge at the Queensland Home Garden Expo.



## Mitsubishi Rainbow Beach Family Fishing Competition

Rainbow Beach  
17 – 25 July  
[www.rainbowsportsclub.com.au](http://www.rainbowsportsclub.com.au)

Eight days of absolute family fishing fun with eleven catch and weigh categories held in one of the most spectacular locations in Queensland. The event encompasses off-shore, beach and estuary fishing and is "tailor" made for the family.

## Bindi Irwin's Birthday

Australia Zoo  
24 July  
[www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)

Australia Zoo's Wildlife Warrior, Bindi, is turning 11 and the celebrations will be huge fun for everyone! Come and celebrate with Terri, Bindi and Robert for all of the action of Bindi's 11th birthday, only at Australia Zoo, where Bindi and Crocs RULE!



## King of the Mountain Festival

Stan Topper Park, Pomona  
26 July  
[www.kingofthemountain.com.au](http://www.kingofthemountain.com.au)

The famous King of the Mountain Festival and Race is celebrating 30 years in 2009. The day kicks off with the famous poet's breakfast followed by a 10km run or a 3km family jog and ends with the gruelling Mountain Challenge Race.

# August

## Viridian Noosa Half Marathon

Noosa  
2 August  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

One of the top events in the Queensland running calendar is the Viridian Noosa Half Marathon. Challenge yourself to a 21km, 10km or 5km run-with something on offer for all levels this event is sure to bring out the best in you!

## Sunshine Coast Art Prize

Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, Caloundra  
19 August – 4 October  
[www.scap.org.au](http://www.scap.org.au)

Heading into its fourth year this prestigious cultural award showcases contemporary painting and 2D art from an exciting mix of leading local and national, emerging and established artists competing for the title and the much coveted \$20,000 prize.

## Toyota National Country Music Muster

Gympie  
25 – 30 August 2009  
[www.muster.com.au](http://www.muster.com.au)

Australia's biggest outdoor celebration of country music, the Music Muster boasts top Australian country and blues artists. The Muster is held over 6 days and nights and is presented across the Amamoor Creek State Forest Park.



## Festival of the Walks

Sunshine Coast Hinterland  
29 August – 13 September  
[www.festivalofthewalks.com.au](http://www.festivalofthewalks.com.au)

The Festival of the Walks is a two-week long celebration of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walks. Take part and experience some of the magnificent rainforest and mountain walks, ranging from easy to strenuous, from 20 minutes to several days.



# September

## Noosa Jazz Festival

Noosa  
3 – 6 September  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

Kick back and immerse yourself in all things Jazz. The Noosa Jazz Festival brings over 150 Australian and International artists to Noosa, producing an impressive four day Jazz spectacular.



## Australian Body Art Carnivale

Eumundi  
12 September  
[www.australianbodyart.com.au](http://www.australianbodyart.com.au)

The Eumundi Markets are home to one of the most colourful events in the Sunshine Coast calendar! The carnivale is an extravaganza of body-artists, face-painters, traditional artists, photographers, pavement artists, wearable art parades and entertainers.

## Sunshine Coast Blues Festival

Nambour Showgrounds  
11 – 13 September  
[www.blues.com.au](http://www.blues.com.au)

The Sunshine Coast Blues Festival brings together the best of Queensland's blues scene along with national blues artists. With on-site camping, workshops and jams the Festival is set to be a fantastic weekend of Blues.

## Tin Can Bay Seafood Festival

Tin Can Bay  
26 September  
[www.tincanbaytourism.org.au](http://www.tincanbaytourism.org.au)

Join in a fantastic day of family fun and entertainment with food, markets, live music, mullet throwing and prawn eating competitions, fashion parades, magic shows and helicopter joy flights.

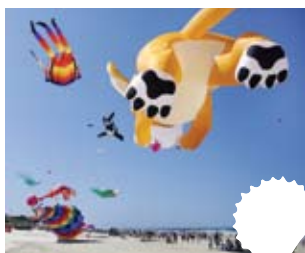


# October

## IGA Coolum Kite Festival

Coolum  
3 – 4 October  
[www.coolumkitefestival.com](http://www.coolumkitefestival.com)

Some of the best kite flyers from around the world descend on Coolum Beach for this kite spectacular. Kites of all shapes and sizes will be on display including massive character and theme based kites, as well as kite surfing, parachute jumping, arts and music.



## Gympie Gold Rush Festival

Gympie  
10 – 17 October  
[www.goldrush.org.au](http://www.goldrush.org.au)

Celebrate Gympie's gold mining history with a fantastic line up of events including the Twilight Float Parade, jugglers and tricksters, stilt walkers, floating sculptures or rise up to the challenge of the Queensland Gold Panning Championships!

## Caloundra Music Festival

Kings Beach Park, Caloundra  
October  
[www.caloundramusicfestival.com.au](http://www.caloundramusicfestival.com.au)

Music lovers are invited to celebrate and unwind at the 2009 Caloundra Music Festival. Starting Friday evening and continuing over the weekend, the extensive musical program welcomes everyone to enjoy some 'sun, surf and soul'.



## Noosa Triathlon

Noosa  
28 October – 1 November  
[www.usmevents.com.au](http://www.usmevents.com.au)

Noosa fills with thousands of athletic people vying for the top honour in one event - The Noosa Triathlon. The Noosa Triathlon attracts over 8,500 competitors and is just one of many events held as part of the Noosa Multi Sport Festival.

# November

## Steve Irwin Day

Australia Zoo  
15 November  
[www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)

Steve Irwin Day is always a ripper of a day to celebrate Steve's love for animals, family and conservation. Everyone everywhere can don some khaki for the day to keep Steve's dreams alive and at Australia Zoo there will be tons of activities to ensure a fun family day out!



## Holden Scramble Championship Final

Novotel Twin Waters Resort & Twin Waters Golf Club  
November  
[www.holdenscramble.com](http://www.holdenscramble.com)

A pinnacle event on the PGA calendar, the Holden Scramble Final is held at the magnificent Novotel Twin Waters Resort and Twin Waters Golf Club. Over 200 players, players partners, sponsors and VIP guests enjoy four days of golfing fun and entertainment.

# December

## Robert Irwin's Birthday

Australia Zoo  
1 December  
[www.australiazoo.com.au](http://www.australiazoo.com.au)

Crikey! Australia Zoo's cutest chip off the old block, Robert, is turning six and he wants you to help him celebrate this exciting day at Australia Zoo!

## The Australian PGA Championship

Coolum  
10 – 13 December  
<http://championship.pga.org.au>

The Australian PGA Championship presented by Coca-Cola is one of Australia's most prestigious professional golf tournaments. The tournament is held at the Hyatt Regency Coolum at the renowned Robert Trent Jones course. It is built on tradition, attracting some of Australia's best golfers.

