

# ALBEM



# FESTIVAL PROGRAM

26TH SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER 2026

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Outback by the Sea Festival acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, Gkuthaarn, Kukatj, and Kurtijar peoples.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We recognise their enduring connection to this land, the waters, and the skies above, and we honour their culture, traditions, and knowledge. As we come together to celebrate at the Outback by the Sea Festival, we are reminded of the deep history that has shaped these beautiful landscapes for thousands of years.









# Welcome to the Outback By The Sea Festival 2026

It is with great pleasure that I welcome residents and visitors to our annual Outback By The Sea Festival a celebration of everything that makes living, working and visiting the Gulf so special.

This year, due to local comment the festival has returned to a week long program, with plenty for everyone to enjoy from the Outback By The Sea Film Festival and the Karumba Community Anglers Fishing Competition, to the Outback By The Sea Concert featuring Australian music legend Shane Howard and 19-Twenty, along with a range of free workshops, activities and events.

A special thank you to our wonderful sponsors, media partners and the Queensland Government for their ongoing support, and to everyone who helps bring this festival to life.

We are particularly excited to see the Film Festival return for its third year with Film Festivals Australia. It is fantastic to provide our community with the opportunity to enjoy some of Australia's best short films, while also encouraging and showcasing our own young local filmmakers. This year, we are thrilled to have Australian actors Steve Bastoni, Louise Child and Sullivan Stapleton joining the judging panel.

With the Film Festival and Concert both being held at the Karumba Recreation Club, grab your picnic rug, bring your chairs, gather your family and friends, and enjoy two great nights of entertainment under the Gulf stars.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the Council team, volunteers, local businesses, performers and everyone working behind the scenes. Events like this take a huge amount of effort, and it is wonderful to see our community come together to make Outback By The Sea such a success.

On behalf of Carpentaria Shire Council, I hope you enjoy the festival, support our local businesses and, most importantly, have a fantastic week!

Jack Bawden - Mayor





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# Ocean & Outback Film Festival

We are thrilled to return to the Gulf of Carpentaria with a brilliant new lineup of short films and an exceptional judging panel. Following the fantastic community engagement and strong participation from local school students during our inaugural events, we look forward to building on that momentum in 2026. We can't wait to discover more local talent and meet the filmmakers once again. Presiding over our prize pool are esteemed judges Sullivan Stapleton (Blindspot) and Louise Child (Crazy Fun Park), who bring a wealth of industry experience to this year's festival.





Come and join us to unveil the next batch  
of Australia's best short film films"  
Saturday 26th September 2026  
from 6pm at the Karumba Recreation Club,  
with a licenced bar & food vendors.  
Bring a picnic rug, bean bag or camping chair.

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT.**

For further details please visit [www.ooff.com.au](http://www.ooff.com.au)





# FESTIVAL ARTISTS

Get ready to experience the creativity, talent and unmistakable spirit of the Gulf at the Outback by the Sea Film Festival!

Come along, soak up the atmosphere and discover the people, stories and creativity that make the Gulf such a unique place to celebrate. There's something for everyone — so come join the fun!

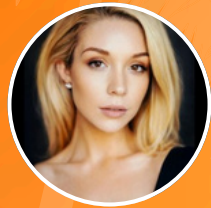
## Steve Bastoni

Steve Bastoni is a renowned Australian actor with a career spanning over three decades in film, television and theatre. Known for his powerful performances in iconic Australian films and TV shows, Steve has also made his mark as a director and producer. His contributions to the arts are highly regarded, and he remains a prominent figure in the Australian entertainment industry.



## Louise Child

We are delighted to welcome Australian actress, filmmaker, presenter, and writer Louise Child as a Judge. Bringing extensive experience in front of and behind the camera, her screen credits include Crazy Fun Park, Safe Home, and Fools in Paradise. NIDA-trained, Louise is also the founder of Louise Loves Productions and a Miss World Australian Ambassador. She looks forward to judging films and hosting our festival film workshop!



## Sullivan Stapleton

Internationally acclaimed actor Sullivan Stapleton is best known for starring in NBC's Blindspot, HBO's Strike Back, and Warner Bros' 300: Rise of an Empire. Following an AFI-nominated breakout performance in the feature film Animal Kingdom, his prominent film credits include Gangster Squad, Renegades, and Ride Like a Girl. His extensive Australian screen work includes hit series such as Underbelly, Rush, and Satisfaction, alongside an AACTA-nominated lead performance in Cut Snake.







# FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

**FREE EVENT**

10am - 2pm

Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, Karumba

Come along and learn how to make your very own short film! Hear from industry experts, including acclaimed Australian actor Steve Bastoni, Louise Child and Sullivan Stapleton, as they share their experience, insights and tips from the world of film. Whether you're an aspiring filmmaker, a budding actor, or simply love a good story — come along, get inspired and discover where your creativity can take you

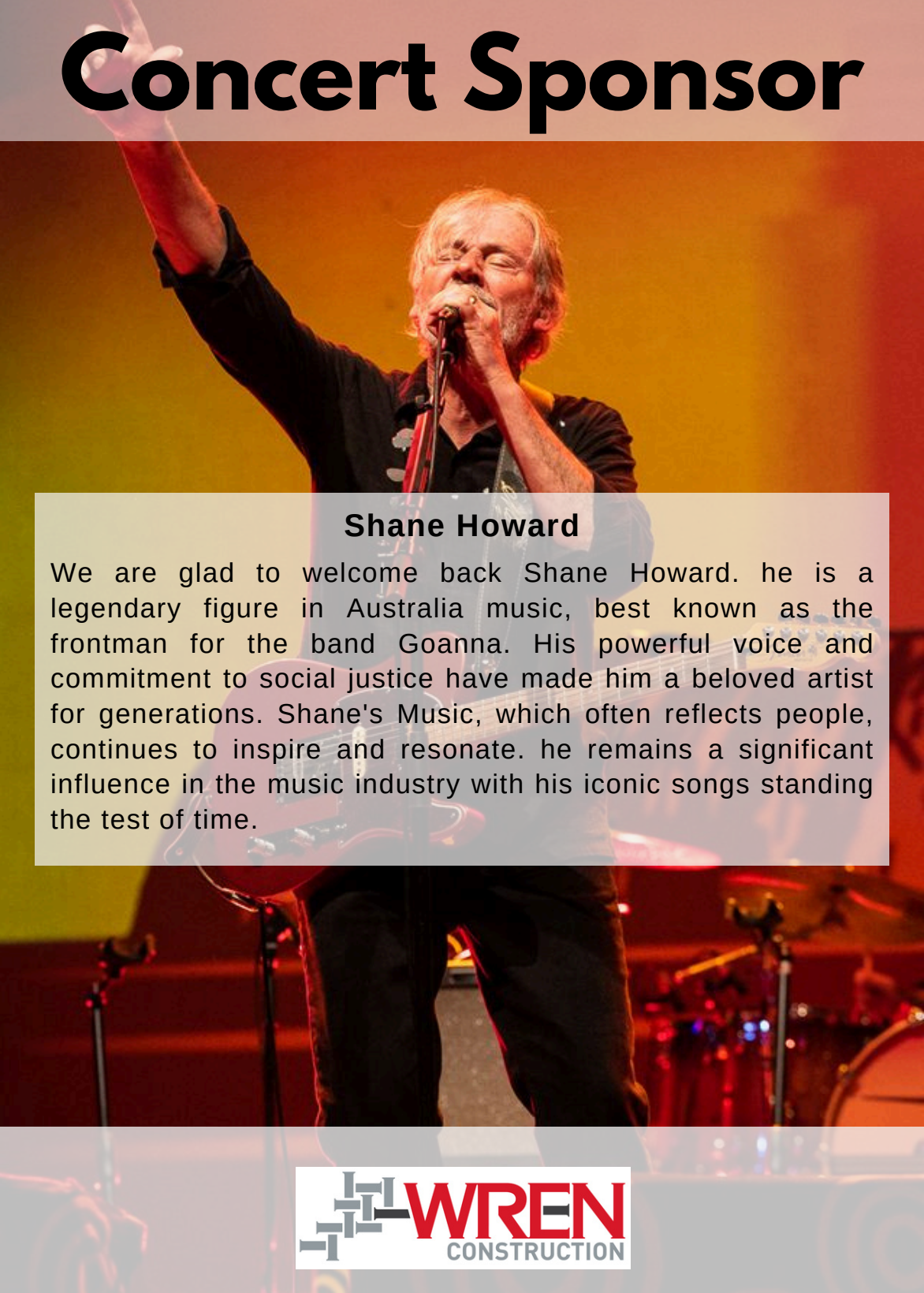
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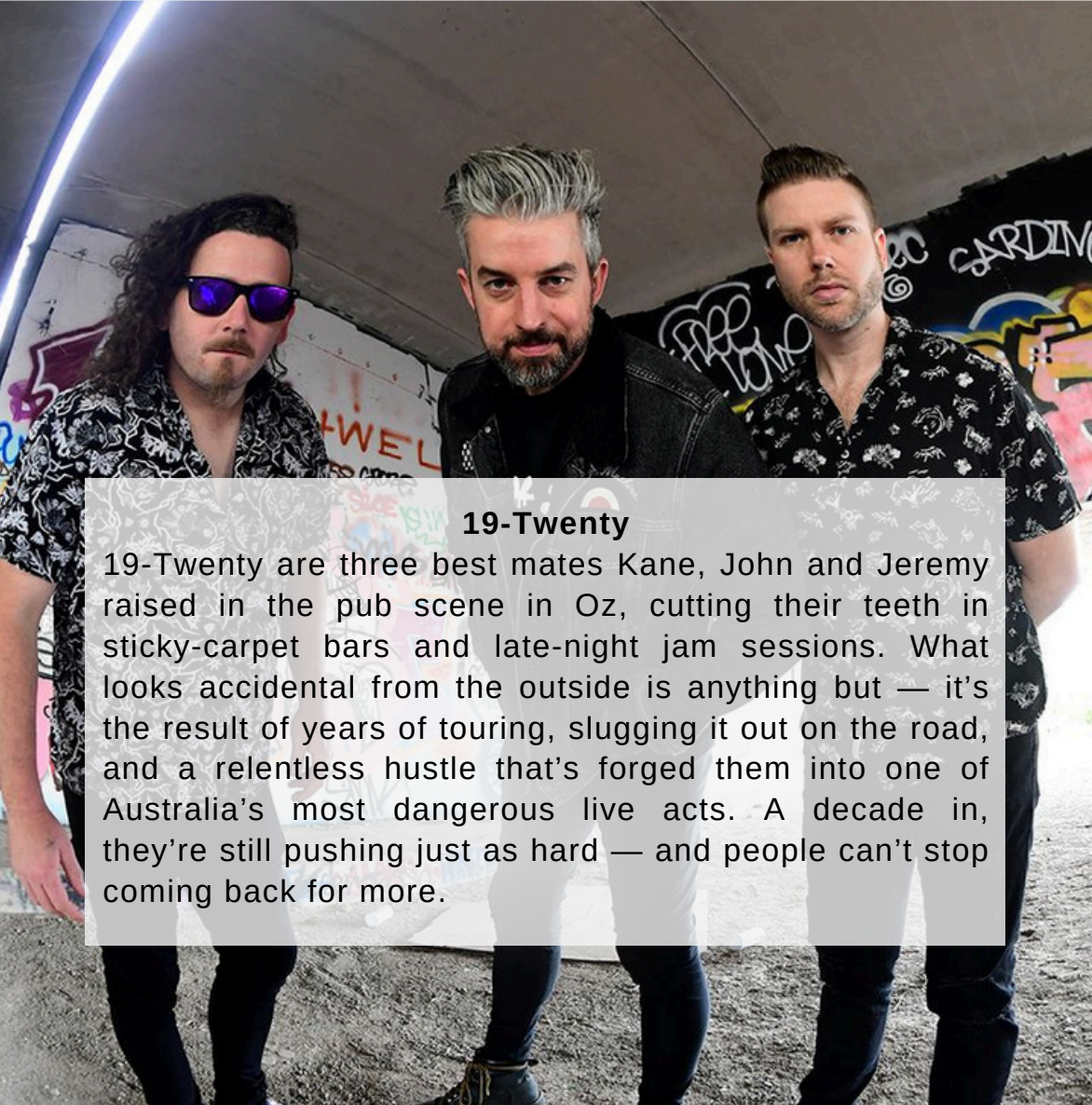
A photograph of Shane Howard, a man with grey hair and a beard, performing on stage. He is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and is singing into a microphone. His right arm is raised high in the air. The background is a warm, orange-red color, and there are stage lights visible.

## Shane Howard

We are glad to welcome back Shane Howard. he is a legendary figure in Australia music, best known as the frontman for the band Goanna. His powerful voice and commitment to social justice have made him a beloved artist for generations. Shane's Music, which often reflects people, continues to inspire and resonate. he remains a significant influence in the music industry with his iconic songs standing the test of time.



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## 19-Twenty

19-Twenty are three best mates Kane, John and Jeremy raised in the pub scene in Oz, cutting their teeth in sticky-carpet bars and late-night jam sessions. What looks accidental from the outside is anything but — it's the result of years of touring, slugging it out on the road, and a relentless hustle that's forged them into one of Australia's most dangerous live acts. A decade in, they're still pushing just as hard — and people can't stop coming back for more.





# THE CRACKUP Sisters

The Crackup Sisters are Australia's only female comedy rodeo clowns. Characters S.T. Ruth (Struthie) and Rowdy Rose Ruth have been touring rural and remote Australia since 2009, covering around 60,000km a year to entertain audiences of all ages at showgrounds, rodeos, festivals and outback events.

Beloved by kids and just as entertaining for adults, the Crackup Sisters know exactly how to work a crowd. Their shows combine comedy, acrobatics, Australian stock whip cracking and knockabout larrikin humour rooted deep in outback culture. You'll be bent over laughing before you know what hit you.





# ALBEM'S OUTBACK BY THE SEA FESTIVAL CONCERT

Featuring a great lineup of well-known Australian artists including Shane Howard, 19-Twenty & entertainment by The Crackup Sisters

Date: Saturday 3rd October 2026  
Time: 7pm till late (Gates open at 6pm)  
Location: Karumba Recreation Club

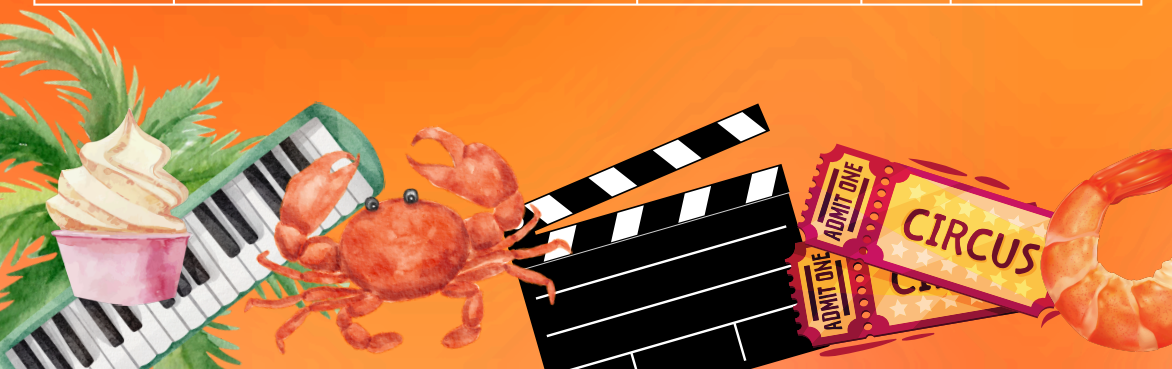


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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

| Time                                      | Event                                  | Location                               | Entry | Further Details |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| <b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> |                                        |                                        |       |                 |
| 4:00pm - 6:00pm                           | Markets                                | Karumba Recreation Centre              | FREE  |                 |
| 6:00pm - 10:00pm                          | Outback by the Sea Flim Festival       | Karumba Recreation Centre              | FREE  |                 |
| <b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>   |                                        |                                        |       |                 |
| 10:00am - 2:00 pm                         | Outback by the Sea Filmmaking workshop | Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre | FREE  |                 |
| <b>Monday 28th September</b>              |                                        |                                        |       |                 |
| 3:00pm - 5:00pm                           | Karumba Pool Party & Live Music        | Karumba Swimming Pool                  | FREE  |                 |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>  |                                        |                                        |       |                 |
| 10:00 am - 12:00pm                        | Adults Arts & Crafts                   | Normanton Library                      | FREE  |                 |
| 2:00pm - 4:00pm                           | The Rhythms of the Gulf                | Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre | FREE  |                 |





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|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 |                                                |                                                  |                      |                 |
| 9:00am - 11:00am                          | Under 5's Sensory play                         | Normanton Sport Centre                           | FREE                 |                 |
| 3:00pm - 6:00pm                           | Colour Run                                     | John Henry Memorial Oval/ Normanton Sport Centre | FREE                 |                 |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2026     |                                                |                                                  |                      |                 |
| 10:00am – 12:00pm                         | Kids Arts & Crafts                             | Normanton Library                                | FREE                 |                 |
| 10:00am - 11:00am                         | <i>Birdie's Yoga (First 5 Forever)</i>         | Normanton Library                                | FREE                 |                 |
| Starts 7:30pm                             | Trivia                                         | Albion Hotel                                     | FREE                 |                 |
| Friday 2nd October 2026                   |                                                |                                                  |                      |                 |
| 11:00am - 7:00pm                          | Karumba Community Anglers sign on & Live music | Karumba Lodge                                    | kccstaff@outlook.com |                 |



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| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2026                                                                |                                    |                           |                                                    |                 |
| 9:00am - 4:00pm                                                                                      | Escape Room<br>Bookings required   | Normanton Shire Hall      | <b>Free - Contact Normanton Library 47 478 444</b> |                 |
| 6:00pm - Late                                                                                        | Albem's Outback by the Sea Concert | Karumba Recreation Centre | <b>FREE</b>                                        |                 |
| Sunday 4th October 2026                                                                              |                                    |                           |                                                    |                 |
| 4:00pm - 6:00pm                                                                                      | Karumba Community Anglers weigh in | Karumba Lodge             | FREE                                               |                 |
| More events to be announced! Follow Outback By The Sea Festival on Facebook for updates and details. |                                    |                           |                                                    |                 |







# KARUMBA COMMUNITY ANGLERS CLASSIC

2 - 4 OCTOBER 2026

September 26 - October 4, 2026 - Come to Karumba for the Outback by the Sea Film Festival, a full week of activities for the whole community and a free concert on Saturday night featuring Shane Howard, 19-Twenty and the Crackup Sisters!



## EARLY BIRD DRAW



NOMINATE & PAY  
ANYTIME IN SEPTEMBER  
TO BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN!

All at the Karumba Lodge Hotel.

Nominations from 11am - 7pm Friday.  
Fishing from 1pm Friday to 3pm Sunday!  
Presentations from 6pm Sunday.



**FINGERLINGS**  
(0-5 YEARS)



Nomination Fee \$5

**JUNIOR**  
(6-15 YEARS)



Nomination Fee \$10

**SENIOR**  
(16+ YEARS)

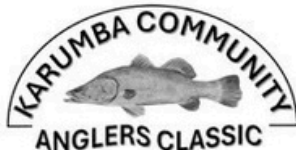


Nomination Fee \$20

FOR MORE INFO

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# Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre & Hatchery

Come and visit our award-winning venue and free interpretive centre. Discover the flora and fauna of the Gulf Savannah and look behind the scenes at the only hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf Barramundi!



*Daily Tour Times:*  
*9:30am, 11:30am & 1:00pm\**

We recommend booking online to secure a spot on the tour. Fees apply for guided tours, please visit our website [www.discovercarpentaria.com.au/Barramundi-Discovery-Centre](http://www.discovercarpentaria.com.au/Barramundi-Discovery-Centre) to make a booking and for the latest tour schedule and availability.



Barramundi Photo  
credit to Kerry Brisbane



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\*Tour times and availability are subject to change without notice due to pre-existing bookings or unforeseen circumstances.



# FILM FESTIVAL GALLERY



# OUTBACK BY THE SEA CONCERT GALLERY







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## **Access and inclusions**

The Outback By The Sea Festival is committed to ensure that all attendees have an enjoyable and accessible experience. We believe in creating an inclusive environment where everyone can participate fully in all the festival's activities and events.

## **Accessible facilities**

Wheelchair access: All major festival venues, including the Karumba Recreation Club, Barramundi Discovery Centre, libraries and sport centers are wheelchair accessible.

Accessible toilets are available at all festival venues and will be clearly signposted.

## **Assistance and support**

Our team will be on hand throughout the festival to provide assistance, visit one of the information booths if you need help.

## **Contact us**

If you have any specific needs or requirements or need additional information, please contact the festival organisers. Phone 47452200.

Carpentaria Shire Council Community Development team are here to assist you in any way possible to ensure you have a great festival experience.



The Outback By the Sea Festival  
extends to its deepest gratitude to  
all of our friends and supporters  
your generous contribution and  
unwavering support made this  
festival possible helping us  
celebrate the rich culture heritage  
and natural beauty of our region

Thank you to everyone who has  
contributed to making the  
Outback By The Sea Festival a  
success your support is invaluable  
and we are proud to have you as  
part of our festival family.



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