



LINDSAY AUSTRALIA
LIMITED

**BUNDABERG CUP
RACING CARNIVAL**

24 – 26 July 2025

Event Packages



Bundaberg Toyota



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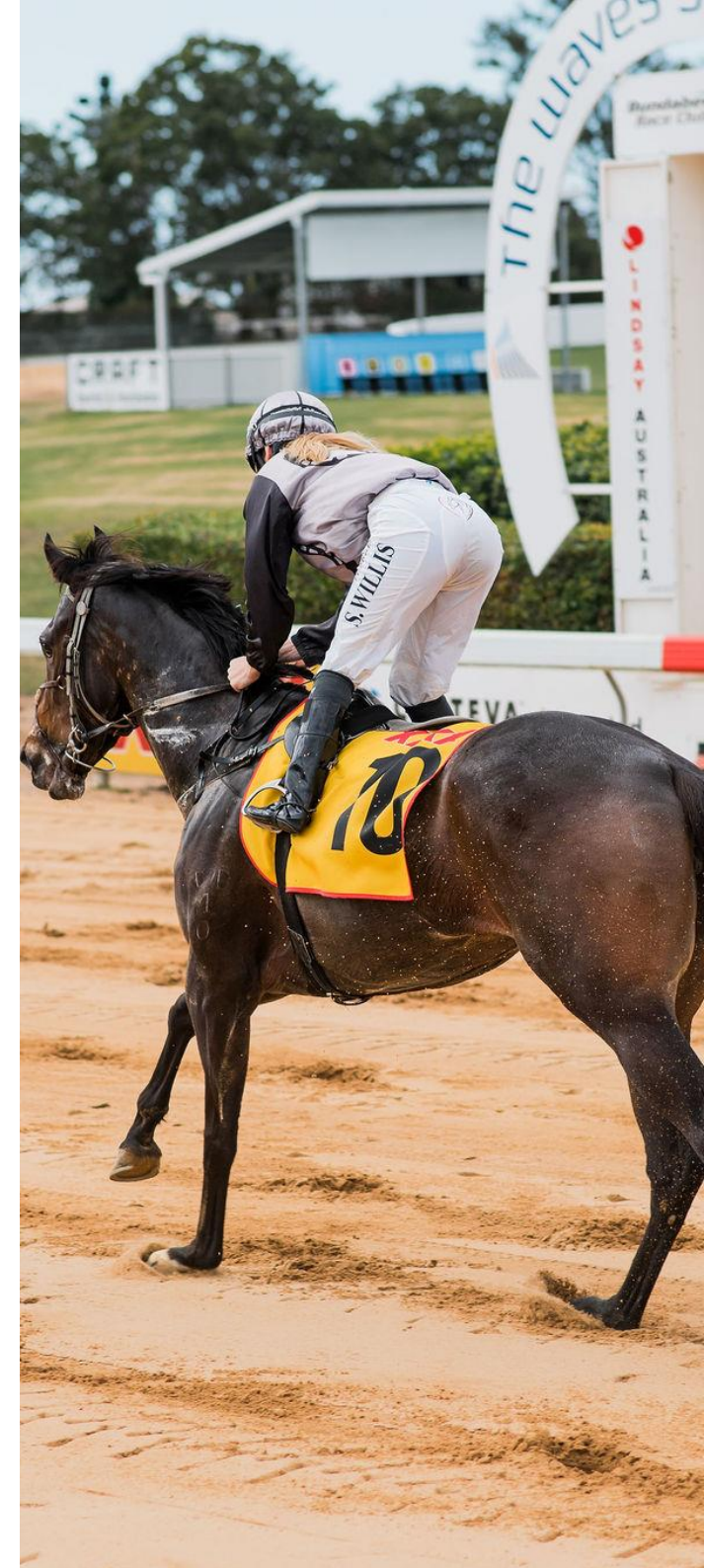
Our Story

The Bundaberg Race Club Incorporated is a vibrant non-profit organisation, supported by a small team of volunteers and part-time admin, grounds, and hospitality staff. This dynamic club proudly hosts seven exciting community race days each year. As the heart of thoroughbred racing in the Wide Bay, the Bundaberg Race Club stands as a key non-TAB race hub within the South East Country Racing Association.

The Bundaberg Race Club is a focal point for regional racing, fostering connections across the community. Trainers and jockeys travel from across Queensland—from Wondai and Eidsvold to Gympie, the Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, and Brisbane—to compete at Thabeban Park. As a dedicated training track, the club encourages local participation, allowing trainers to live, work, and race in the area. Bundaberg is a proud sporting community, where locals come together to cheer on the action.

Beyond racing, the Bundaberg Races have become a celebrated social event, offering a lively atmosphere where people can connect with friends, colleagues, and clients. With top-notch facilities and hospitality, the club creates an inviting space for everyone to enjoy a day at the track.

The Bundaberg Race Club partners with local suppliers and sponsors to craft memorable experiences for racegoers, with a variety of ticket options that cater to social groups and corporate gatherings alike. Income generated from sponsorship and events goes back into the club to enhance facilities and ensure future race days continue to flourish.



Message From Our Committee



Sean Ikstrums

Bundaberg Race Club President

Sean has built a successful career in the hospitality industry, bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for great events to the Bundaberg Race Club. Currently serving as a Sales Executive in Central Queensland for Lion Beer, Sean is committed to fostering strong relationships and driving business growth in the region.

Outside of work, Sean has always had a keen interest in racing, which started at a young age running Calcutta's for the family pub on Melbourne Cup Day. Sean is a dedicated advocate for the future of country racing, ensuring the Bundaberg Race Club continues to thrive.

“The Bundaberg Cup is more than just a race—it’s a celebration of regional racing, uniting the community for an unforgettable three-day experience. This unique carnival would not be possible without the generous support of our incredible sponsors, helping to elevate The Bundy Cup as an annual highlight on the racing calendar.” – Sean.

Message From Our Committee



Mark McLean

Bundaberg Race Club Vice President

Mark is the Managing Partner at Ulton, Australia's fourth largest regional accounting firm with offices in Bundaberg, Gladstone, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, and Brisbane. Mark is also the Director of Archer Park Racing and Furlong Financial, offering dedicated experiences and services to owners and the wider thoroughbred horse racing industry.

Mark has been a key member of the Bundaberg Race Club Committee since 2011. When not looking after his business interests, Mark loves nothing more than a day at the races and sharing the fun with friends.

“As much fun as it is racing horses, the greater fun and enjoyment is in the people I have met through racing and the relationships that have been formed over the years. Our partnership with Lindsay Australia has been integral to the success and growth of the Bundaberg Cup and we are grateful for the ongoing support from all our carnival sponsors” – Mark.

Racing Carnival Overview

The annual Bundaberg Cup Racing Carnival is three days of entertainment, food, fashion, and non-stop fun, all centred around the thrilling Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup.

Guests are treated to Bundaberg's unique flavours, vibrant local characters, and iconic venues, while celebrating the best of regional racing. As the highlight of the seven local race days held each year, the Bundaberg Cup Carnival is the club's premier event. From the moment attendees arrive, the excitement builds toward the grand finale: the Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup Race Day.

Launched in 2018, the Bundaberg Cup Racing Carnival has grown into one of the most highly anticipated events on the regional racing calendar, drawing crowds year after year for an unforgettable experience.

Day 1 – Bundaberg Toyota Golf Day

Day 2 – Next Payments Calcutta Luncheon

Day 3 – Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup Race Day

The Bundaberg Cup Racing Carnival is Queensland's only three-day racing event hosted by a non-TAB regional racing club. This prestigious event continues to draw some of the biggest names in racing, including Black Caviar's trainer Peter Moody, Melbourne Cup race caller and broadcaster Matt Hill, Queensland's leading premiership trainer Tony Gollan, Gai Waterhouse Racing co-trainer Adrian Bott, and most recently fifth-generation trainer Edward Cummings and Melbourne Cup-winning jockey Robbie Dolan.



Golf Day – Event Overview

The annual Bundaberg Toyota Golf Day forms Day 1 of the Carnival.

Held at the Bundaberg Golf Club, an 18-hole Championship Golf Course (Par 71) located in North Bundaberg, this Ambrose-style event offers a fun and inclusive golfing experience. Players form two teams of three, each taking a shot from the tee. The team then selects the most favourable ball position to continue the game, ensuring that the best possible shot is always taken. This format allows golfers of all skill levels to play together, fostering teamwork, camaraderie, and fair play while making the game enjoyable for everyone.

Event Details

Date	Thursday 24 July 2025
Location	Bundaberg Golf Club—22 One Mile Road, North Bundaberg
Format	Three-Man Ambrose
Registration/BBQ Lunch	10:30 am
Tee Off/Shot Gun Start	11:30 am
Clubhouse Presentations	4:30 pm
Prizes	Winning and runner up teams Longest drive and Nearest to the Pin prizes on all par 3's

Tickets are \$120 per player and include golf, cart, BBQ lunch, and limited drinks. Booking fees apply.

Players can nominate individually or as a team of three (total of 33 teams).



Calcutta Luncheon – Event Overview

The annual Next Payments Calcutta Luncheon forms Day 2 of the Carnival.

This exclusive event is hosted by thoroughbred race callers Russell Leonard and David Fowler. Guests will hear from one of the legends of Australia Racing, Hall of Fame jockey Mick Dittman, aka “*The Enforcer*”.

Held at Waves Sports Club, the Luncheon includes a delicious two-course meal, an all-inclusive drinks package, and the unique opportunity to get involved in the thrilling Calcutta Auction.

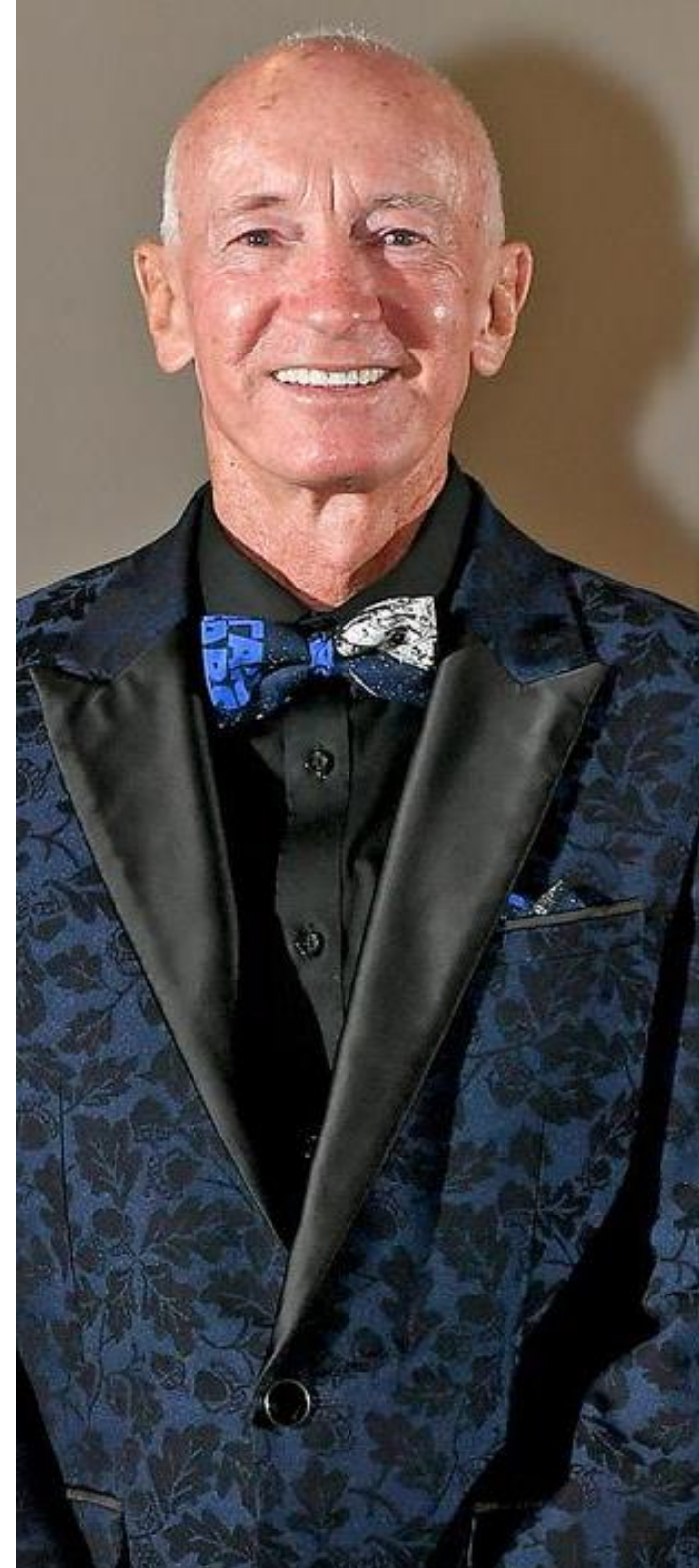
On the day, Calcutta tickets will be available for purchase, with race form provided by local bookmaker Robert Hooper. A raffle is drawn for each horse in the Cup Race, followed by the exciting auction, where guests can bid to purchase horses in the Calcutta Field. The lucky raffle ticket holder wins 50% of the winning bid if their horse sells, or if they’re the highest bidder, they pay just 50% to secure their horse.

The Calcutta Prize Pool is then distributed among the top three placegetters in the feature Cup race (70%/20%/10%). It’s a thrilling way to engage with the racing action while having the chance to win big!

Event Details

Date	Friday 25 July 2025
Location	The Waves Sports Club—1 Miller Street, Bundaberg
Doors Open	12:00 pm
Event starts	12:30 pm
Lunch Served	1:00 pm
Event Concludes	4:30 pm
Dress Code	Smart Casual (no shorts or thongs)

Calcutta Luncheon tickets are \$185 per person and include two-course lunch, all-inclusive beverage package, and racing industry guest speakers. Tickets are strictly limited. *Booking fees apply.*



Bundaberg Cup Race Day – Event Overview

The annual Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup Race Day forms Day 3 of the Carnival.

Guests of the Lindsay Australia Sponsor’s Marquee are treated to a top-tier hospitality experience, set against the thrilling backdrop of five local races. The marquee offers a feast of premium canapés, expertly crafted with fresh local produce, while guests indulge in a premium selection of beers, wines, champagne, spirits, and soft drinks—featuring award-winning local products from Bundaberg Rum, Kalki Moon Distilling & Brewing, and Bundaberg Brewed Drinks.

Trackside, the fiercely contested Melbourne Hotel Bundaberg Fashions on the Field competition showcases the region's finest style. All eyes then turn to the excitement of the feature Lightning and Bundaberg Gold Cup races, broadcast live from the sand track at Thabeban Park. It’s an unforgettable day of racing, fashion, and local flair, where every moment is filled with anticipation and celebration.

Event Details

Date	Saturday 26 July 2025
Location	Bundaberg Race Club, 20 Maynard Street, Bundaberg
Marquee Opens	12:00 pm
Canapes Served	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Local Races	1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Marquee Concludes	5:00 pm
Dress Code (Men)	Suit jacket or long-sleeved shirt + tie. No shorts or thongs.
Dress Code (Women)	Neat, contemporary racewear standards.

Lindsay Australia Marquee tickets are \$225 per person and include racecourse and marquee entry, premium canapes, and all-inclusive beverage package. Tickets are strictly limited. Booking fees apply.



Bundaberg Cup Race Programme – 26 July

Race 1 Maiden Plate (2YO & Up – Set Weights) (QTIS bonuses applicable) 1090m

For QTIS registered Fillies & Mares : Of \$17,500: 1st \$12,050, 2nd \$3,300, 3rd \$1,650, 4th \$500

For QTIS registered Colts, Geldings & Entires : Of \$15,000: 1st \$10,300, 2nd \$2,800, 3rd \$1,400, 4th \$500

For non-QTIS horses: Of \$10,000: 1st \$6,800, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$500

Race 2 BenchMark 55 Handicap 1212m

Of \$10,000: 1st \$6,800, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$500

Race 3 LIGHTNING OPEN HANDICAP 850m

Of \$13,500: 1st \$8,755, 2nd \$2,700, 3rd \$1,350, 4th \$675

Race 4 Lindsay Australia Ltd BUNDABERG GOLD CUP OPEN HANDICAP 1380m

Of \$18,500: 1st \$12,950, 2nd \$3,330, 3rd \$1,480, 4th \$740

Race 5 BenchMark 50 Handicap 1380m

Of \$10,000: 1st \$6,800, 2nd \$1,800, 3rd \$900, 4th \$500

Nominations close Tuesday 22 July 11:00 am | Weights declared Wednesday 23 July

Acceptances close Thursday 24 July 10:00 am | Jockey Declarations Thursday 24 July 1:00 pm

Final Scratchings Saturday 26 July 7:00 am



Fashions on the Field – 26 July

Categories

1. Buy Local 4670

Celebrates local entrants from the 4670 postcode whose racewear/millinery showcases Local Businesses.

2. Best Dressed

A celebration of racing fashion and tradition, while showcasing your own twist on modern elegance.

Prizes

- Winner - \$250 Voucher + \$250 Cash + sash
- Runner Up - \$150 Voucher + \$150 Cash + sash
- Third - \$75 Voucher + \$75 Cash + sash

Criteria

- Appropriateness for season and a day at the races
- Understanding of current fashion trends
- Head-to-to details and accessories
- Overall presentation and personality

Fashions on the Field is gender inclusive, open to anyone over the age of 18. There is no fashion's theme.



STAY | TASTE | PLAY | Visit the Bundaberg Region

STAY – Bargara Accommodation

You are spoiled for choice when it comes to incredible places to bask in the sun or relax in the shade while taking in the ambience of the majestic Southern Pacific Ocean. Stay within metres from the ocean and drift to sleep with the sounds of waves crashing in the distance.

Manta Bargara

Manta Bargara has a range of beautifully appointed 1,2, and 3 bedroom apartment options for families, couples, groups, or individual travellers requiring accommodation in Bargara. All rooms have been thoughtfully designed to take advantage of the surrounding environment while offering privacy and comfort.

STAY – Bundaberg City Accommodation

With the conveniences of a large regional centre and all the charm of a country town, Bundaberg caters to all accommodation needs.

Burnett Riverside Hotel

Located in the heart of the Central Business District, on the banks of the tranquil Burnett River, is one of Bundaberg's finest and most prestigious hotels. **The Burnett Riverside** offers an array of luxury suites, riverfront rooms, and one- and two-bedroom apartments. This hotel also offers guests on-site river deck fine dining in the H2o Restaurant and Bar.

Visit the Bundaberg Region website for other Accommodation options (or see pages 15 & 16)



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TASTE – Bundaberg City Restaurants

- [Water Street Kitchen](#) - One of the City's most acclaimed fine-dining restaurants
Wed & Thurs 11:00 - 3:00 & 5:30 – 9:00 pm | Friday & Saturday 9:00 – 3:00 pm & 5:30 – 10:00 pm
- [Grunske's By the River](#) – Unique Seafood Restaurant overlooking the Burnett River
Wed/Thurs/Sun 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Friday & Saturday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
- [The Waves Sports Club](#) – Ultra-modern Club offering lunch, dinner, and all-day café dining
[Rock Salt Bar & Grill](#) - Lunch 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Dinner 6:00 – 8:00 pm (8:30 pm Fri & Sat)
[Sticky Fingers Coffee Shop](#) – Open seven days 10:00 am until late.

TASTE – Bargara Cafés & Restaurants

- [Windmill Café](#) – Award-winning café offering an abundance of local produce and treats
Café open 7 days 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
- [Kacy's Restaurant & Bar](#) – You'll feel spoilt at Bargara's premier dining destination
Open Tuesday– Friday 5:30 – 8:00 pm & Saturday 12:00 – 8:00 pm.

[Visit the Bundaberg Region website for other café and restaurant options](#)



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TASTE – Bundy’s Best Brews Worth Travelling For

The region is filled to the brim with local brewers, artisan distillers, and master blenders. See behind the scenes at Bundaberg’s iconic drinks experiences. No matter your drink of choice, Bundaberg has something for everyone.

- [The Bundaberg Barrel - Bundaberg Brewed Drinks](#) – Learn about your fizzy favourites
- [Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience](#) – Birthplace of Australia’s Favourite Rum
- [Kalki Moon Distilling and Brewing Company](#) – Learn all about the local award-winning Gins
- [Ohana Tropical Winery and Cheeky Cider House](#) – Discover the flavours of Bundaberg
- [Ballistic Bargara \(The Brewhouse\)](#) – Sample the craft beers and Ballistic Brew range

If you’ve got some extra time up your sleeve on your Bundaberg trip, consider venturing 45km from Bundaberg to the Hinterland town of Childers and sip on smooth, fruity blends.

- [Hill of Promise Winery](#) – Boutique winery and cellar door, offering ‘grape to glass’ experience
- [Vinters Secret Vineyard](#) - Enjoy refreshments and snacks in the alfresco area and view the art gallery



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PLAY – Fun-filled Attractions and Activities

Come discover where great begins and play in the Bundaberg Region.

- [Amendine Lavender](#)
- [Bundaberg Botanic Gardens](#)
- [Fairymead House Sugar History Museum](#)
- [Hinkler Hall of Aviation](#)
- [Macadamias Australia](#)
- [Regional Art Gallery](#)
- [Splitters Farm](#)
- [Tarabelang Bunda Cultural Tours Bundaberg](#)
- [Tinaberries](#)

Bundaberg Race Club acknowledges the Traditional Country of the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples and recognises that this Country has always been and continues to be of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

We recognise the thousands of generations of continuous culture that have shaped this Country and the people on it. We pay respects to Elders, past and present.

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STAY – BARGARA ACCOMMODATION



Accommodation options listed above are suggestions only and may be sold out from early enquiries. We apologise for any inconvenience.

STAY – BUNDABERG CITY ACCOMMODATION



STAY - AIRBNB

- Bargara – [Bargara Homes and Apartments](#)
- Bundaberg – [Bundaberg Homes](#)



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PURCHASE TICKETS

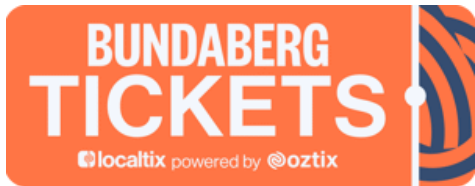
Bundaberg Race Club bookings have moved online to **Bundaberg Tickets**.

This allows patrons to easily make bookings with their credit card and have their tickets sent straight to their e-mail or phone. *Online booking and merchant fees apply.*

To reserve your spot or be added to the mailing list, please contact the Bundaberg Race Club office.

Invoices can also be sent upon request.

Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup Carnival Tickets will go on sale to the general public from 2 April.



CONTACT

If you require any further information about the Lindsay Australia Bundaberg Cup Carnival, please don't hesitate to contact the Bundaberg Race Club office.

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