

2009 75th Grafton Jacaranda Festival

October 31st - November 8th



Australia's oldest family floral festival

Preliminary Guide

THIS PROGRAMME IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY AUGUST 28

JACARANDA FESTIVAL HIGH FASHION RUNWAY SHOW
- South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club, Wharf Street, South Grafton.
7pm.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

JACARANDA CHILDREN'S PARTY - For selection of Party Princess, Flower Girl and Page Boy for 2009 Jacaranda Festival.
Starting at 9am at Market Square, Prince Street.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 30

**OFFICIAL OPENING OF JACARANDA FESTIVAL:
JACARANDA BALL** - South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club, Wharf Street, South Grafton.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

THE DAILY EXAMINER PARADE OF YOUTH & BANNER COMPETITION - Starting at the Civic Centre at 9 am, parade along Prince Street to Market Square.

JACARANDA EXHIBITION GARDENS ON DISPLAY

JACARANDA QUEEN CROWNING - In the evening the Junior Jacaranda Queen & Princess crowned then the judging of the 2009 Jacaranda Queen, Princess and Highest Fund-Raiser
- Market Square. Starts at 6.30pm.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

DRAGON BOAT RACES FAMILY FUN DAY, on the banks of the Clarence River at Memorial Park. Starts at 9am. Enquiries: Lyn Diskon 6642 9700.

JACARANDA CHORAL SERVICE at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 111 Oliver St.

JACARANDA ORGAN RECITAL at Christ Church Cathedral, Duke Street, Grafton.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 2

JACARANDA FESTIVAL REUNION AFTERNOON TEA - 2pm at Hat's On Course, Grafton Racecourse. Tickets \$15 each. Tickets available from the Festival Co-ordinator (see below).

BIG RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FILM FESTIVAL (venue to be advised) - For more information please contact Sandra Armstrong Principal Ulmarra Public School - 02 6644 5266.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

JUDGING OF DECORATED WINDOW DISPLAYS IN GRAFTON

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5

JACARANDA DAY - A fun day where seeing is believing.

2GF/VIDEO EZY FREE BREAKFAST in Market Square. Dancing, games & competitions for children.

JUDGING OF FESTIVE SHOPS, OFFICES & STAFF - Final judging on stage at Market Square commencing at 12 noon.

JACARANDA TALENT QUEST in Market Square. Bring a rug along and listen to live, local talent from 1pm to 6pm. Performers include line dancers, bush poets, ABBA tribute, local youth band and much, much more. If you would like to be part of this please contact the Festival Co-ordinator (see below).

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6

VENETIAN CARNIVAL on the banks of the Clarence River (Sponsored by Herb Blanchard's Haulage). This exciting night features the Clarence Valley Council's Fireworks Displays.

JACARANDA FESTIVAL CELEBRATION OF WOODEN BOATS An invitation for anyone with a wooden boat to participate - be it a canoe, kayak, sailing boat, speedboat, steam boat, or even an unfinished project, bring it along for both static and on-the-water displays. Partake in a flotilla passing behind the stage at the Venetian Carnival and parade the boat in the Grand Float Procession. For more details please phone: Gregg Spies 0408 420 623, 02 6643 0228 (work) or Nick Westman 0428 231 068 02 6643 4563 (home).

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7

TAFE MARKET DAY - Come and browse through this big market day with over a hundred stall holders and plenty of fantastic items for sale. Phone: 02 6641 1610 for more information.

JACARANDA CYCLE CRITERIUM - Prince Street, adjacent to Clock Tower. Three graded races plus a junior event. Queensland riders are reminded that summer time is in effect.

PIPE BANDS, SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, IRISH DANCERS & HIGHLAND DANCERS - Market Square.

GRAND FLOAT PROCESSION - Prince Street starting at 5 pm.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT IN MARKET SQUARE - the fun lasts all evening.

JACARANDA BULL & BRONCO RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS - Grafton Showground, Prince Street. Starts 6pm - 7pm.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

JACARANDA BEAUTIFUL BABY COMPETITION - Market Square. Many sections and excellent prizes.

JACARANDA FUN RUN - Caramana Park, Rogan Bridge Rd. Waterview Heights.

2km, 5km and 10km races. Entry fees are: 2km - \$2, 5km - \$5, 10km - \$10. On the day registration from 7am. Pre race day registration details to be announced. Refreshments on sale. Medallions to outright winners and age category winners. Spot prizes to lucky participants.

Exhibitions & Displays

- Northern Rivers Woodcraft Group
- Grafton Regional Gallery
- Clarence River Historical Society
- Clocktower Gallery
- Grafton Art Club
- Handicraft Mini Mart
- Jacaranda Doll Society
- Annual Antique Fair
- Jacaranda Gem Display
- Coldstream Gallery
- Bentleg Market & Gallery
- Festival of Flowers (Christ Church Cathedral)
- Seelands Studio Gallery exhibition of painting & drawings by Graeme Payne
- Astronomical Display
- Grafton Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild of NSW Exhibition "Threads of the Clarence"

Sporting Events

All sports attract big followings in Grafton and top surfing and fishing beaches are a short drive from the city. Special Jacaranda Festival events include:

- Jacaranda Festival Week of Golf
- Jacaranda Bowls Carnival
- Clarence River Sailing Club
- Grafton Greyhound Racing Club
- Jacaranda Maiden
- Jacaranda Cycle Criterium
- Volleyball Tournament
- Jacaranda Fun Run (Barnier Park Junction Hill)

Correspondence and enquiries should be addressed to:

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