



# OUR WHITSUNDAY CHRISTMAS



**2024 EVENTS PROGRAM**

**JOIN US THIS FESTIVE SEASON IN CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE REGION**



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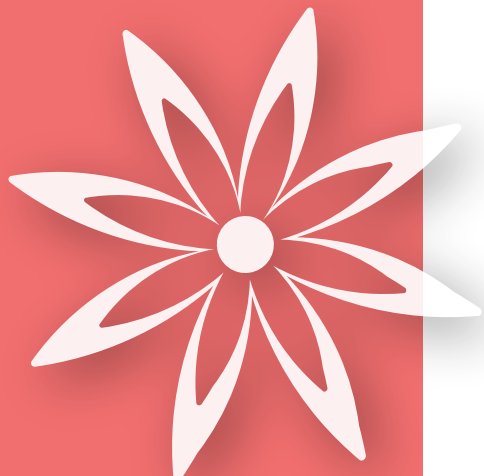
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I'm thrilled to share the Our Whitsunday Christmas Events Program for 2024! Our townships are all decked out with festive banners and our Community Christmas Trees in the four main areas will be lit up every night. Be sure to grab your family and friends and snap a photo together!

We'd love for everyone to join in the festive spirit by decorating your homes. You can even enter our 'Christmas Lights Our Whitsunday Way' competition for a chance to win some great prizes!

While Christmas is a joyful time for many, it can also be tough for some. To help those in need, we're running the Mayor's Festive Food Appeal in partnership with the Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre and Bowen Neighbourhood Centre. Your donations will make sure that everyone across the Whitsunday community can enjoy the holiday season.

As the year comes to a close, join us for New Year's Eve fireworks in Airlie Beach, Bowen, and Collinsville.

From all of us at Whitsunday Regional Council, we wish you a safe, happy and healthy Christmas - Our Whitsunday Way!

**Ry Collins**

Mayor | Whitsunday Regional Council



**Whitsunday Regional Council acknowledges the traditional owners and custodians of the lands in our region. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge their ongoing relationship and connection to Country.**

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREES

Over the Christmas holiday period, visit our Community Christmas trees located in our four major towns in the region at the following locations:

- Bowen Town Square
- Lions Park, Collinsville
- Pioneer Park, Proserpine
- Airlie Beach Foreshore

The trees are lit up each night for your enjoyment!

Grab your family and friends and get a photo by the Christmas Tree in your town and share the festive spirit on social media:

[#whitsundaychristmas](https://www.instagram.com/whitsundaychristmas)



## THE MAYOR'S FESTIVE FOOD APPEAL

### SPREAD THE FESTIVE CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS!

Join Mayor Ry Collins in supporting the Mayor's Festive Food Appeal.

### YOU CAN HELP IN TWO WAYS:

- 1 Shop & Drop, non-perishable food items at any Council Customer Service Centre or Whitsunday Regional Library by December 9.
- 2 Donate \$50, for a Festive Food Box for families in need. Scan the QR code for more information.

**IF YOU CAN, PLEASE SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS SEASON.**



Scan here to donate!



# CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUR WHITSUNDAY WAY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.... in the Whitsundays!

Celebrate the festive season by decorating your homes, shops and streets with festive lights and displays in the spirit of Christmas and you could win the prize for 'Best Residence/Shopfront' or 'Best Street Display' in the Whitsundays Christmas Lights Competition!

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TRAIL MAP

Have you set up a Christmas lights display at your home, shopfront or street?

Share the Christmas spirit and pin it on the digital map on the Your Say Whitsunday website. Whether or not you are entering our Christmas light competition, mapping your display will help families find you on their evening Christmas light tours!

Thank you to everyone who puts time and effort into these wonderful displays that bring a bright spark and joy into our lives every year.

## DO YOU HAVE AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS DISPLAY?

Enter our competition by 15 December for a chance to win:

### BEST RESIDENCE/SHOPFRONT

- \* SeaLink Whitsundays Whitehaven Beach Big Island Day Tour for two adults and two children.
- \* Two night stay in a Glamping tent for two adults with Lake Proserpine Glamping.

**SEALINK**



### BEST STREET DISPLAY

- \* The winning street will receive a commemorative street sign, installed by the Council.

## WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED 16 DECEMBER!



Scan here to map your display and enter the competition, good luck!

# COUNCIL SUPPORTED EVENTS

Friday 29 November | Bowen Town Centre | 5pm - 9pm

## **BOWEN CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY**

Sunday 1 December | Airlie Beach Foreshore | from 3.30pm

## **AIRLIE BEACH CAROLS BY THE BEACH**

Enjoy Christmas Carols

*Proudly sponsored by Total Entertainment, Whitsunday Audio Visual & Rotary Airlie Beach.*

## **& CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT**

Screening of **Merry Madagascar** followed by **Home Alone 2** on the outdoor cinema at 6:30pm. Enjoy free face-painting and delicious bites from the food vans. Don't forget to bring a chair or blanket to get comfy!

Sunday 1 December | Lions Park, Collinsville | 6pm

## **COLLINSVILLE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Enjoy Christmas Carols from 6pm

Saturday 7 December | Murroona Gardens | 6pm

## **MURROONA GARDENS CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Enjoy Christmas Carols

Sunday 8 December | Proserpine Cyclone Shelter,  
Sterry St Proserpine | 8.30am - 12.30pm

## **PROSERPINE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Friday 13 December | Main Street, Proserpine | 5pm - 9pm

## **PROSERPINE TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Enjoy festive shopping and food

Saturday 14 December | CYC Collinsville | 6pm

## **CYC COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Enjoy Christmas Carols from 6pm



# LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

All four of our regional libraries - Bowen, Collinsville, Cannonvale, and Proserpine - invite you to join in a week of daily self-led Christmas craft activities.

**16 - 20 December | 9:00am - 4:30pm**  
**SELF LED CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

No booking required - just drop in and get creative with some holiday cheer!



Scan our QR code  
to see what's on  
at your local library



# PROSERPINE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

## LIVE SHOWS

Thursday 5 December | 11am

**MORNING MELODIES | ANDREWS & BING CHRISTMAS SWING**

Friday 6 December | 7.30pm

**TONI CHILDS: A RETROSPECTIVE**

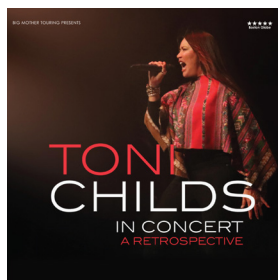
Saturday 14 December | 7.30pm

Sunday 15 December | 2pm

**CHRISTMAS ACTUALLY: The music of love actually live on stage**

Wednesday 18 December | 11am & 3pm

**MADA'S MAGIC MARVELS**



Scan our QR code to see a full listing of events at the PEC!

## CINEMA

7-9 December

**GLADIATOR II**

7-9 December

**WICKED**

19 December - 1 January

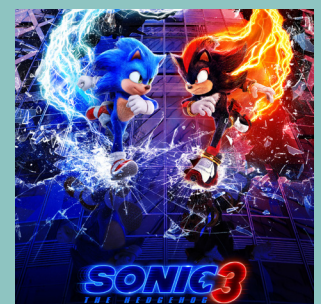
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19-24 December

**RED ONE**

26 December - 8 January

**SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3**



**PEC**  
PROSERPINE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

# SUPPORT LOCAL GIFT LOCAL

Let's support our community and where we can, 'think local first' when Christmas Shopping this yer.

Think about gifting products, services, experiences or even gift vouchers purchased locally. This helps people, industries and the Whitsunday economy.



# NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

Whitsunday Regional Council is proud to support various New Year's Eve firework displays across the region to welcome 2025.

**Airlie Beach Foreshore | 8.30pm & Midnight**

**AIRLIE BEACH**

Sponsors: WRC & additional sponsors welcomed

**Bowen Foreshore | 8.30pm**

**BOWEN**

Sponsors: WRC & additional sponsors welcomed

**Collinsville Showgrounds | 8.30pm**

**COLLINSVILLE**

Sponsors: WRC | Collinsville Community Association  
& additional sponsors welcomed

We would like to remind you to ensure pets are tied up or locked indoors to prevent them from jumping fences or running away as fireworks can be very distressing for animals.

If your business would like to sponsor a New Year's Eve Firework display, please contact [info@wrc.gov.au](mailto:info@wrc.gov.au)