

what's on in December

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events

7 December | Wardell Community Christmas Party **Wardell | wardellcore.community.com.au**

A relaxed & festive evening honouring the year's achievements with a long-table dinner, music & games!

12 December | Carols on the Plateau **Alstonville | 6628 5387**

Celebrate Christmas with performances, face painting, rides, an animal farm & a sausage sizzle.

13 December | Family Christmas Party **Shaws Bay Hotel | shawsbayhotel.com.au**

See Santa, the Wildlife Twins and enjoy Christmas raffles and goodies throughout the day.

14 December | Riverside Carols **Ballina | discoverballina.com.au**

Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols with food, glow sticks and a fireworks display.

19 December | Lennox Lions Christmas in the Park **Lennox Head | discoverballina.com.au**

Lions Club BBQ, chocolate wheel, live music and a special visit from Santa Claus.

26 December | Ballina Boxing Day Races **Ballina | ballinajockeyclub.com.au**

A day filled with live racing, variety of bistro-style food and beverages & free kids entertainment.

31 December | New Years Eve Family Festival **Alstonville | 0477 477 289**

Enjoy kids character shows, rides, food stalls, live music & end the night with a great fireworks show.

live music & events

Wharf River Club – Live Band on the Wharf

Wharf Bar & Restaurant | Sundays, 3pm | 6686 5259

Fair Go Skate Competition

Missingham Park | 5 – 6 December | 6686 5816

Wonderful Water: An Art Exhibition

Ramada Hotel | 5–7 December, 6pm | Gold Coin

Christmas Ham Raffle

Shaw Bay Hotel | 11 December, 4pm | 6686 2034

Tintenbar Up Front – Hootenanny Highway

Tintenbar | 14 December, 3.30pm | tintenbarupfront.com

Gloria – The Music Estuary

St Mary's Ballina | 14 December, 3pm

Newrybar Hall Community Christmas Markets

Newrybar | 17 December, 3–7pm

Tintenbar Up Front – Open mic

Tintenbar | 21 December, 3.30pm | tintenbarupfront.com

The Feramones – Boxing Day

Ballina RSL | 26 December, 8pm | FREE | 6681 9500

workshops & tours

Zentvelds Coffee Crop to Cup Tour

Zentvelds, Newrybar | 10–11.30am every Friday
\$35 inc coffee or hot drink | Bookings – 6687 2045

ReWear Summer Swap & Clothing Repair – Workshop

Ignite Studios, Ballina | 6 December, 11am – 1pm | FREE

Christmas Gingerbread House Making – Workshop

Alstonville Anglicans | 6 December, 3pm | \$55

Canapes & Cocktails Masterclass – Workshop

Bonito Peruvian | 13 December, 10–12pm | \$90

Half of Full Day Brewery & Distillery Tours

Behind the Barrel, Ballina to Byron | 0405 328 829
From \$149, 3 locations with a tasting paddle at each

Mug Luv Clay Workshop

Red Door Studio, Fernleigh | By appointment
\$110pp inc supplies and take home mug | 0403 528 868

Deep Sea Fishing

Fozies Fishing Adventures, Ballina
From \$100 river, from \$200 deep sea | 0427 834 376

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eat & drink events & deals

MONDAY

The Federal Hotel, Alstonville | \$18 Pizza Night
thefedhotel.com.au | 6628 0719

Chebon Restaurant, Ballina | Happy Hour \$12 Cocktails
3–5pm chebonrestaurant.com | 6687 8221

Seasons Restaurant, Ballina | Happy Hour 5.30–6.30 & Senior Night 10% discount | ballinacomfortinn.com | 6686 2922

TUESDAY

Chido Cantina, Lennox Head | \$16 two tacos, \$16 margaritas
chidocantina.com | 02 4081 2959

Wharf Bar & Restaurant, Ballina | Locals Night from 5pm |
\$22 specials | wharfbarballina.com.au | 6686 5259

Ballina's Indian Kitchen | All you can eat for \$27 |
12–2pm or 5–9pm | ballinaindiankitchen.com.au | 6681 3373

WEDNESDAY

Hey Lady Diner, Ballina | \$18 margaritas from 4pm
heyladydiner.com.au | 0458 330 484

The Australian Hotel, Ballina | 3 Tacos for \$20
australianhotelballina.com.au | 9188 2454

Kelp Restaurant, Ballina | Steak & Beer from \$25
kelprestaurant.au | 6686 6828

THURSDAY

Bonito Peruvian | Happy Hour | 3–5pm Wed to Sat
bonitoperuvian.com.au | 6628 3111

Lennox Pizza, Lennox Head | \$59 (2 med pizza, 2 garlic breads, 1 salad & 1.25l drink Mon–Thurs | lennoxpizza.com | 6687 7080

Mr Tipsys, Lennox Head | Curry Night – curry, rice, roti & drink \$30 | mrtipsys.com.au

Kelp Restaurant, Ballina | Steak & Beer from \$25
kelprestaurant.au | 6686 6828

Seasons Restaurant, Ballina | Pasta & Wine Night \$20
ballinacomfortinn.com | 6686 2922

FRIDAY

William Street Lennox Head | Brand new street food menu
From 5pm till late every Friday through winter

SATURDAY

Seven Mile Brewery, Ballina | Tasting Flights & Pop Up Food Trucks | Every Fri, Sat & Sunday 12–6pm | 1300 001 074

SUNDAY

Federal Hotel | Smokers Sundays | Every fortnight | 5pm |
Smoked meats & live music

DAILY

Quattro, Lennox Head | Family Pizza Pack Takeaway Only
– 2 pizzas, garlic bread & rocket salad for \$55 | 6687 6950

Market Guide northern rivers

FIRST WEEKEND

Byron Community Market | 1st Sunday | 8-3pm
Jonson St, Byron Bay | byronmarkets.com.au

Brunswick Heads Market | 1st Saturday | 8-2pm
Fawcett St, Brunswick Heads |
brunswickheadsmarkets.com.au

Pottsville Beach Market | 1st & 3rd Saturday | 7-1pm
Phillip St Reserve, Pottsville | pbnc.org.au/markets/

SECOND WEEKEND

Kingscliff Markets | 2nd & 4th Saturday | 8-1pm
Jack Bayliss Park, Marine Parade | kingscliffmarkets.com

The Channon Craft Market | 2nd Sunday | 8-3pm
The Channon Rd, Channon | thechannonmarket.org.au

THIRD WEEKEND

Alstonville Community Market | 3rd Saturday | 8.30-2pm
Alstonville Showground | facebook.com/alstonvillewollongbar

Lismore City Bowlo Markets | 3rd Sunday | 9-1pm
Lismore City Bowling Club | 0437 196 566

Makers & Finders Market | 3rd Saturday | 9-2pm
Knox Park, Murwillumbah | makersandfindersmarket.com

Mullumbimby Community Market | 3rd Saturday | 8-2pm
Stuart St, Mullumbimby |
mullumbimbycommunitymarket.com.au

Pottsville Beach Market | 1st & 3rd Sunday | 7-1pm
Phillip St Reserve, Pottsville | pbnc.org.au/markets/

FOURTH WEEKEND

Bangalow Market | 4th Sunday | 8-3pm
Bangalow Showground | bangalowmarket.com.au

Kyogle Bazaar Market | 4th Saturday | 9-2pm
Anzac Drive, Kyogle | kyoglebazaar.com.au

Nimbin Market | 4th & 5th Sunday | 9-3pm
Cullen St, Nimbin | facebook.com/NimbinMarkets

Broadwater Pub Markets | 4th Sunday | 12pm
175 Baraang Dr, Broadwater | facebook.com/BWaterHotel/

FIFTH WEEKEND

Nimbin Market | 4th & 5th Sunday | 9-3pm
Cullen St, Nimbin | facebook.com/NimbinMarkets

EVERY SATURDAY from October to April

Byron Twilight Market | Every Sunday | 4-9pm
Railway Park, Jonson St, Byron Bay | byronmarkets.com.au



WEEKLY FARMERS MARKETS

Ballina Farmers & Producers Market | Every Sunday
Commemoration Park | 7am-11am

Newrybar Twilight Market | Every Wednesday
Newrybar Hall | 3pm-7pm

Bangalow Farmers Market | Every Saturday
Piccabeen Park | 7am-11am

Byron Bay Farmers Market | Every Thursday
Butler Street Reserve | 7am-11am

Lismore Produce Market | Every Thursday
152 Keen St, Lismore | 3pm-6pm

Lismore Farmers Market | Every Saturday
Lismore Showground | 8.30am- 11.30 am

Mullumbimby Farmers Market | Every Friday
Mullumbimby Showground | 7am-11am

Nimbin Market | Every Wednesday
39 Cullen St, Nimbin | 3pm-6pm

Lismore Organic Market | Every Tuesday
Lismore Showground | 7.30am-11am



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as at July 2025

THURSDAY

Kelp Restaurant, Ballina | Live Music 6-8pm
The Australian Hotel, Ballina | Musical Bingo 7pm
Lennox Hotel, Lennox Head | Jam Night 8pm

FRIDAY

Shelly Beach Cafe, Ballina | Live Music 5-8pm
Shaws Bay Hotel | Soloist from 6pm, DJ from 8pm
Cherry Street Sports, Ballina | Live Music 7-10pm
Club Lennox, Lennox Head | Live Music 7-10pm
The Australian Hotel, Ballina | Live Music from 8pm
Lennox Hotel, Lennox Head | Live Music from 9pm

SATURDAY

William St, Lennox Head | Live Music 6-8pm
Shaws Bay Hotel | Soloist from 6pm, DJ from 8pm
Ballina RSL | Live Music 6-9pm
Club Lennox, Lennox Head | Live Music 7-10pm
Cherry Street Sports, Ballina | Live Music 8-11pm
The Federal Hotel, Alstonville | Live Music 8-11pm
The Australian Hotel, Ballina | DJ 9pm-1am
Lennox Hotel, Lennox Head | DJ from 9pm

SUNDAY

The Australian Hotel | Live Music from 2-5pm
Ballina RSL | Live Music/Blues Club 2.30-5.30pm
Shaws Bay Hotel | Live Band from 3pm
Wharf Bar, Ballina | Live Music 3-6pm
Lennox Pizza | Live Music 5-8pm
Seven Mile Brewery | Live Music 1 & 3 Sunday of month