

DARK SKY FESTIVAL



LORD HOWE ISLAND

16th May 2026 – 23rd May 2026

Printable Event Program

Updated: 2nd December 2025

Please check our website for the most up to date version

Online bookings for most events: darkskyfestival.info

Saturday 16th May 2026

6PM – 10PM

Stargazer – Tastes & Tunes at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club

Our festival opening event with Live music from Australian country music legend James Blundell and other special guests. Meet our science and astronomy experts including Fred Watson AM. Canapé dinner, including a welcome 'Dark Sky' G&T and transport home to your lodge. \$110 entry per person, bookings required, 'walk ins' not available.

Sunday 17th May 2026

5:30PM – 8PM

The Science Talks

at the Lord Howe Island Bowling Club
with Fred Watson AM & Ian Hutton OAM
\$75 entry per person including a delicious pizza
and Dark Sky G&T or soft drink,
bookings required, 'walk ins' not available.

6PM

Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island

at Driftwood Bar & Restaurant
\$150 per person, bookings required, 'walk ins'
not available.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD
\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6
Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

8:30PM – 10PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD
\$50 per person, bookings required.

Monday 18th May 2026

4:45AM – 9AM

Balls Pyramid at Sunrise

View an unforgettable sunrise over the world's
tallest sea stack with Reef & Beyond.
\$200 per person, bookings Required.

4:30PM

'Hidden World of Light' UV Dive

with Dive Lord Howe
Meet at the Dive Lord Howe Boatshed
\$350 per person, bookings required.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD

\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6
Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

6PM

Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island

at Driftwood Bar & Restaurant

\$150 per person, bookings required,
'walk-ins' not available.

6:30PM – 8PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$50 per person, bookings required.

6:30PM – 8PM

iPhone Astrophotography Workshop

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$55 Per person, bookings required, limited
space available.

8:30pm – 10PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$50 per person, bookings required

8:30PM – 10PM

iPhone Astrophotography Workshop

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$55 Per person, bookings required

Tuesday 19th May 2026

2PM - 3PM

**The Future of Lord Howe's Story Nights –
Lifting the lid on light pollution**

Lecture by Marnie Ogg

At the Lord Howe Island Museum

\$25 per person, maximum 20 guests, includes
coffee and cake from Coral Café, bookings
required, 'walk-ins' not available.

4PM – 9PM

Astrophotography DSLR Workshop

'Mastering the Night Sky'

Meet at the Picnic Tables in the CBD

\$200 Per person, maximum 10 guests, includes
gourmet grazing platter from Love Lord Howe.
Bookings required.

6PM

Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island

at Driftwood Bar & Restaurant

\$150 per person, bookings required,
'walk-ins' not available.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD

\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6
Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

6:30PM – 8PM

Outer Space, Inner Calm

A Stargazing Yoga & Wellbeing Experience

With Lord Howe Yoga

At Neds Beach 'Top Grass'

\$65 per person, bookings required.

6:30PM – 8PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$50 per person, bookings required.

7PM – 8:30PM

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

meet at the LHI Museum

\$80 per person, bookings required

8:30PM – 10PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$50 per person, bookings required.

9PM – 10:30PM

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

Meet at the LHI Museum

\$80 per person, bookings required

Wednesday 20th May 2026

2PM - 3PM

Threatened Skies – Astronomy in the era of satellite mega constellations

Lecture by Fred Watson OM

At the Lord Howe Island Museum

\$25 per person, maximum 20 guests, includes coffee and cake from Coral Café, bookings required, 'walk-ins' not available.

6PM

Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island

at Driftwood Bar & Restaurant

\$150 per person, bookings required, 'walk-ins' not available.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD

\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6

Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

6:30PM – 8PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$50 per person, bookings required.

6:30PM – 8:30PM

Android Astrophotography Workshop

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$55 per person, bookings required.

7PM – 8:30PM

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

Meet at the LHI Museum

\$80 per person, bookings required

8:30PM – 10PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

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8:30PM – 10PM

Android Astrophotography Workshop

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$55 per person, bookings required

9PM – 10:30pm

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

Meet at the LHI Museum

\$80 per person, bookings required.

Thursday 21st May 2026

4:30PM – 6:30PM

Kids Science Workshop

at the Lord Howe Island Brewery

\$50 per child, 6+ years, only 30 spaces

available – advance booking required.

Entry includes workshop, kids pizza and a soft drink.

4:30PM

Specialty UV biofluorescence Snorkel

with Dive Lord Howe

Meet at the Dive Lord Howe Boatshed

\$250 per person, bookings required.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD

\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6

Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

6PM

Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island

at Driftwood Bar & Restaurant

\$150 per person, bookings required,

'walk-ins' not available.

6PM

Twilight Botanica Dining Experience

at Anchorage Restaurant

\$150 per person, bookings required, 'walk ins' not available.

7PM – 8:30PM

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

Meet at the LHI Museum

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6:30PM – 8PM

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iPhone Astrophotography Workshop

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\$55 Per person, bookings required, limited
space available.

9PM – 10:30PM

Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton

Meet at the LHI Museum
\$80 per person, bookings required

Friday 22nd May 2026

5:30PM-8PM

Bowls & Black Holes

‘Fish Fry’ Space Trivia

at the Lord Howe Island Bowling Club
A traditional LHI ‘Fish Fry’ Dinner, followed by a
night of space trivia hosted by Mark Iscaro.
\$85 per person, bookings required,
‘walk-ins’ not available.

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven’s Reserve in the CBD
\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6
Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

8:30PM – 10PM

Dark Sky Stargazing

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD
\$50 per person, bookings required.

Saturday 23rd May 2026

3PM – 5PM

The Lord Howe Island ‘Chef Off’

Watch our talented Island chefs go
head-to-head for the ultimate prize.
In the Lord Howe CBD, just turn up!
\$Free

5PM – 6:30PM

The Light Walk

at Steven’s Reserve in the CBD
\$Free: Optional donation to the Year 5/6
Canberra Excursion, bookings not required

5PM – 10PM

Dancing Under The Stars

in the Lord Howe CBD
Food stalls, markets and dancing, just turn up!
\$Free