

# DARK SKY FESTIVAL



LORD HOWE ISLAND

**16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Printable Event Program**

**Updated: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Please check our website for the most up to date version**

**Online bookings for most events: [darkskyfestival.info](http://darkskyfestival.info)**

## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

5PM – 6:30PM

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4:30PM

**'Hidden World of Light' UV Dive**

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

6PM

**Dark Dining – Lord Howe Island**

at The Golfy with celebrity chef Josh Lewis  
\$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.

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**iPhone Astrophotography Workshop**

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

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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

2PM – 3PM

**The Future of Lord Howe's Starry Nights  
a lecture with Marnie Ogg**

At the Museum  
\$25 per person, including a coffee and cake from Coral Café, bookings required.

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.

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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

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## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

2PM – 3PM

### **Threatened Skies** a lecture with Fred Watson

At the Museum

\$25 per person, including a coffee and cake from Coral Café, bookings required.

5PM – 6:30PM

### **The Light Walk**

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6PM

### **Twilight Botanica Dining Experience**

at Anchorage 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.

## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

6:30PM – 8:30PM

### **Android Astrophotography Workshop**

Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD

\$55 per person, bookings required.

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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

2PM – 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

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**The Light Walk**

at Steven's Reserve in the CBD

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

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5PM – 10PM

**Dancing Under The Stars**

in the Lord Howe CBD

Food stalls, markets and dancing, just turn up!

\$Free