

DARK SKY FESTIVAL



LORD HOWE ISLAND

2027 Festival Program

Updated: 1st September 2026 - Check our website for the current version

Online bookings for most events: darkskyfestival.info

Saturday 1st May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
6PM – 10PM	Stargrazer – Tastes & Tunes at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club. Our festival opening event with live music from Pete McCredie and other special guests. Meet our science and astronomy experts including the original 'Astropunk' Mark Iscaro. Includes TBA dinner as well as a welcome 'Dark Sky' G&T and transport home to your lodge.	\$TBA per person Bookings required

Sunday 2nd May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation Bookings not required.
6PM – 8:30PM	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.

Monday 3rd May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
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 - 7:30PM	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. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation Bookings not required.
6PM - 9PM	Twilight Botanica Dining Experience at Anchorage Restaurant. A five course menu focusing on the flavours of Lord Howe Island.	\$150 per person Bookings required.
7PM – 8:30PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM – 10PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.

Tuesday 4th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation Bookings not required.
6PM - 9PM	Twilight Botanica Dining Experience at Anchorage Restaurant. A five course menu focusing on the flavours of Lord Howe Island.	\$150 per person Bookings required.
7PM – 8:30PM	Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton: Meet at the LHI Museum.	\$80 per person Bookings required.
7:30PM – 9:30PM	Astrophotography DSLR Workshop 'Mastering the Night Sky': Meet at the Crooked Post in the CBD.	\$120 per person Bookings required.

7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall 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.

Wednesday 5th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
4:30PM - 7:30PM	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. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation Bookings not required.
6PM -10PM	Dark Dining Lord Howe Island at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club. Discover flavour in a brand new way - Our most popular dining experience in 2025!	\$150 per person Bookings required
7PM – 8:30PM	Android Astrophotography Workshop: 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.
7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM – 10PM	Android Astrophotography Workshop: 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 6th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
4:30PM - 7:30PM	Specialty UV biofluorescence Snorkel: With Dive Lord Howe; meet at the Dive Lord Howe Boatshed.	\$250 per person Bookings required.
4:30PM - 5:45PM	Magic Hour with Fred & Marnie. Includes nibbles and a beer, bubbly or soft drink. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$65 per person Bookings required.
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation Bookings not required.
6PM - 10PM	Dark Dining Lord Howe Island at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club. Discover flavour in a brand new way - Our most popular dining experience in 2025!	\$150 per person Bookings required.
7PM – 8:30PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: 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.
7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM – 10PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: 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.

Friday 7th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
10AM - 11AM	Morning Lecture: With Duane Hamarcher - topic TBA at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	\$30 per person Bookings required.
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation. Bookings not required.
6PM – 8:30PM	The Science Talks at the Lord Howe Island Bowling Club. With Fred Watson AM & Ian Hutton OAM. Includes a Pizza and beer or soft drink.	\$75 per person. Bookings required.

Saturday 8th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
10AM - 11AM	Morning Lecture: With Fred Watson - topic TBA at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	\$30 per person Bookings required.
2PM – 3:30PM	The Lord Howe Island 'Chef Off' Watch our talented Island chefs go head-to-head for the ultimate prize. At the LHI Central School, just turn up!	Free.
5PM – 10PM	Dancing Under The Stars locals music night in the Lord Howe CBD. Food stalls, markets and dancing, just turn up!	Free.
NOTE	The Light Walk Closed	Closed

Sunday 9th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
10AM - 11AM	Morning Lecture: With Marnie Ogg - topic TBA at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	\$30 per person Bookings required.

6PM – 8:30PM	The Science Talks at the Lord Howe Island Bowling Club. With Fred Watson AM & Ian Hutton OAM. Includes a Pizza and beer or soft drink.	\$75 per person. Bookings required.
NOTE	The Light Walk Closed	Closed

Monday 10th May 2027

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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.
10AM - 11AM	Morning Lecture: With Duane Hamarcher - topic TBA at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	\$30 per person Bookings required.
4:30PM - 5:45PM	Magic Hour with Fred & Marnie. Includes nibbles and a beer, bubbly or soft drink. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$65 per person Bookings required.
4:30PM - 7:30PM	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. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation. Bookings not required.
6PM - 10PM	Dark Dining Lord Howe Island at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club. Discover flavour in a brand new way - Our most popular dining experience in 2025!	\$150 per person. Bookings required.
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7:30PM - 9:30PM	Astrophotography DSLR Workshop 'Mastering the Night Sky': Meet at the Crooked Post in the CBD.	\$200 per person Bookings required.

7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM - 10PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person bookings required.

Tuesday 11th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation. Bookings not required.
6PM - 10PM	Dark Dining Lord Howe Island at the Lord Howe Island Golf Club. Discover flavour in a brand new way - Our most popular dining experience in 2025!	\$150 per person. Bookings required.
7PM – 8:30PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person bookings required.
7:30PM - 9PM	Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton: Meet at the LHI Museum.	\$80 per person Bookings required.
7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM – 10PM	iPhone Astrophotography Workshop: 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.

Wednesday 12th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI	Free; optional donation.

	Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Bookings not required.
4:30PM - 7:30PM	Specialty UV biofluorescence Snorkel: With Dive Lord Howe; meet at the Dive Lord Howe Boatshed.	\$250 per person. Bookings required.
6PM - 9PM	Twilight Botanica Dining Experience at Anchorage Restaurant. A five course menu focusing on the flavours of Lord Howe Island.	\$150 per person. Bookings required.
7:30PM – 9PM	Indigenous Night Sky Experience with Duane Hamarcher. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	\$55 per person Bookings required.

Thursday 13th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven's Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation. Bookings not required.
6PM - 9PM	Twilight Botanica Dining Experience at Anchorage Restaurant. A five course menu focusing on the flavours of Lord Howe Island.	\$150 per person. Bookings required.
7PM - 8:30PM	Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton: Meet at the LHI Museum.	\$80 per person Bookings required.
7PM - 8:30PM	Android Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person bookings required.
8:30PM - 10PM	Nocturnal Walk with Ian Hutton: Meet at the LHI Museum.	\$80 per person Bookings required.
8:30PM - 10PM	Android Astrophotography Workshop: Picnic tables in the CBD.	\$55 per person bookings required.

Friday 14th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
10AM - 11AM	Morning Lecture: With Mark Iscaro - topic TBA at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	\$30 per person Bookings required.
5PM – 6:30PM	The Light Walk at Steven’s Reserve in the CBD. All funds raised support the 5/6 LHI Central School 5/6 Canberra Excursion.	Free; optional donation. Bookings not required.
6PM – 8:30PM	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.

Saturday 15th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
12PM - 4PM	Graze & Groove our festival closing event at the Golfy. Enjoy a cocktail on arrival, a selection of afternoon grazing plates and chilled live music all afternoon.	\$TBA per person Bookings required.
NOTE	The Light Walk Closed	Closed