DARK SKY FESTIVAL

LORD HOWE ISLAND

2027 Festival Program

Updated: 20th November 2026
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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 and Dr. Bob Fuller.	**$85 per person** Bookings required.

Monday 3rd May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5:45AM – 9AM	**The Admiralty Islands at Sunrise:** View an unforgettable sunrise on the water aboard historic MV Lulawai.	**$150 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

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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 picnic tables in the CBD. Hosted by Rob Embury.	**$120 per person** Bookings required.
7:30PM – 9PM	**Indigenous Night Sky Experience** with Dr. Bob Fuller 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 2026!	**$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 Dr. Bob Fuller 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
10AM - 11AM	**Morning Lecture:** With Dr. Bob Fuller **- XXX -** LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	**$30 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.
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 2026!	**$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 Dr. Bob Fuller. 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 A/Prof. Mariana Mayer Pinto - ***Beneath The Surface…. the changing light of our coastal environments*** at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	**$30 per person** Bookings required.
TBA	**Lagoon cruise with Mariana**	**TBA**
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 - ***Artemis and beyond…. our future on the Moon***, 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.**
TBA	**Lagoon cruise with Mariana**	**TBA**
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 - ***The future of Lord Howe's starry nights***, 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	**$75 per person.** Bookings required.

	drink.	
7:30PM - 9:30PM	**Astrophotography DSLR Workshop 'Mastering the Night Sky':** Meet at the picnic tables in the CBD. Hosted by Rob Embury.	**$125 per person** Bookings required.
NOTE	**The Light Walk Closed**	**Closed**

Monday 10th May 2027

Time	Event Details	Price & Booking Info
5:45AM – 9AM	**The Admiralty Islands at Sunrise:** View an unforgettable sunrise on the water aboard historic MV Lulawai.	**$150 per person** Bookings required.
10AM - 11AM	**Morning Lecture:** With Prof. Mariana Mayer Pinto - ***Beneath The Surface…. the changing light of our coastal environments*** at the LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	**$30 per person** Bookings required.
TBA	**Lagoon cruise with Mariana**	**TBA**
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.
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7PM - 8:30PM	**iPhone Astrophotography Workshop:** Picnic tables in the CBD.	**$55 per person** bookings required.
7:30PM – 9PM	**Indigenous Night Sky Experience** with Dr Bob Fuller 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**
TBA	**Lagoon cruise with Mariana**	**TBA**
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 2026!	**$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 Dr Rob Fuller. 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**
10AM - 11AM	**Morning Lecture:** With Dr. Bob Fuller **- XXX -** LHI Museum. Includes coffee and cake from the Coral Cafe.	**$30 per person** Bookings required.
TBA	**Lagoon cruise with Mariana**	**TBA**
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.

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 Dr Bob Fuller. Meet outside the Community Hall in the CBD.	**$55 per person** Bookings required.

Thursday 13th 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 - 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

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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 and Dr Rob Fuller.	**$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**