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Two weeks to Cooktown Discovery Festival

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COOKTOWN

The countdown is on to the Cooktown Discovery Festival, with just over two weeks until a bumper crowd is expected to fill the town for the event.

The annual festival, from June 14-16, is a highlight of the Cape's social calendar and includes family friendly entertainment, rides, displays and workshops, competitions, markets and more. The dodgem cars will be back at this year's funfair in Anzac Park, which is always a hit with the youngsters and young-at-heart, along with the street parade, scavenger hunt and fireworks.

For something a little more relaxing, Riverbend Cruises is offering themed river cruises across the weekend – the botanic river cruise with James Cook University botanists on Friday morning, a sunset cruise on Friday and Sunday evenings, the North Arm Adventure cruise on Saturday morning and a fireworks dinner cruise on Saturday evening. Not to be missed is the Poet's Breakfast at Nature's PowerHouse in the Botanic Gardens on Saturday morning. Catch some of the area's untapped talent in action over a full buffet breakfast from the PowerHouse's chef. And if you don't want to get around on foot, there will be a shuttle bus running all weekend on a circuit around town, including from the RV rest area at the racecourse to the Botanic Gardens and through the centre of town.

If you want to be part of the festival, it's not too late, with entries still open for the street parade – grab your entry form from the Cooktown RSL Memorial Club or RSL Sub-branch office or at the Council office. And if you just want to be a spectator, sit back and enjoy the show, with the parade being led by the ever-popular 1RAR Rising Suns Army big band.

While most events are free to enjoy, there are a handful of ticketed events, including Riverbend Cruises, the botanical drawing workshop and Poet's Breakfast, which are booking out fast. Visit the Discovery Festival website at www.cooktowndiscovery.com for more information, to view the full program, or to book your tickets.

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