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## Discovery Festival countdown is on

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A bumper crowd is expected for one of Cooktown's biggest annual events, with a packed program of new attractions joining the familiar favourites at this year's Cooktown Discovery Festival.

The annual festival, which is running from June 14-16, will this year include Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) supported sand sculpture workshops, cooking demonstration from celebrity chef Mark 'Black' Olive, the Cairns Lion Dancers, tai chi, and a magic show. Also back at the funfair in Anzac Park is the ever popular dodgem cars, which will be joined by the Storm Rider, inflatable worm and slide, huge inflatable playland and rocking pirate ship.

And for Discovery Festival stalwarts, the program favourites are still there, including the famous re-enactment of Captain James Cook's stay at the Endeavour River and interaction with the local Indigenous people. Also a festival highlight are Bungie's Helicopter Tours, the Green Adventure Challenge orienteering event, Poet's Breakfast, scavenger hunt and street parade. For those who like their competition a bit more fierce, don't miss out on taking part in or cheering on the athletes in the tug of war and truck pull competitions, or get messy at the pasta eating competition. "Our Discovery Festival really does have something for everyone, from art workshops, botanical tours and river cruises, to historical displays, the funfair and fireworks," Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott said. "This year we have some new and exciting events in the program, and with accommodation already almost booked out, it looks like we will have a bumper crowd."

While most events are free to enjoy, there are a handful of ticketed events, which are booking out fast. Visit the Discovery Festival website at [www.cooktowndiscovery.com](http://www.cooktowndiscovery.com) for more information, to view the full program, or to book your tickets.

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