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Cloncurry counts down to Beat the Heat Festival

Things are heating up in Cloncurry, with less than a day to go until the [Cloncurry Beat the Heat Festival](#) returns for a weekend packed with live music, family entertainment, local competitions, racing, markets and outback festival energy.

Held from Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September 2026, the much-loved annual event promises to bring locals, visitors and families together for one of the region's most anticipated weekends of the year.

With [free ticket registrations](#) still open for the Paddock Party, Cloncurry Shire Council is encouraging festivalgoers to lock in their place, round up their crew and get ready for a big weekend in the Curry.

The action kicks off on Friday night at the Cloncurry Recreation Grounds, with [Geed Up Band](#) set to headline the festival program. Known for their high-energy stage presence, crowd interaction and party-style performances, Geed Up Band promises to get the audience singing, dancing and right into the festival spirit.

Families will also have the chance to catch the Nickelodeons Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, with the much-loved characters set to make a special appearance as part of the festival's family entertainment line-up.

Cloncurry Shire Council Mayor Greg Campbell said the final countdown was an exciting time for the town.

"Beat the Heat is one of those weekends that really brings Cloncurry to life," Mayor Campbell said.

"It is live music, family fun, racing, markets, local competitions and plenty of personality all rolled into one weekend. It is a chance for locals and visitors to come together and enjoy something that feels distinctly Cloncurry."

First held in 2018, Beat the Heat has grown from a local celebration into one of Cloncurry's signature annual events, attracting visitors from across the region for a weekend of live music, racing, markets and local flavour, an experience found only in Cloncurry.

Festival favourites will return across the weekend, including the Curry Cook Off, Mine Cart Rally, Cloncurry Races and Sunday Markets, while the new Hot Wing Challenge is set to bring even more heat.

“The Curry Cook Off has become a real favourite at Beat the Heat, and the Hot Wing Challenge is a great new addition for a festival that loves flavour, fun and friendly competition,” Mayor Campbell said.

“It promises to bring plenty of energy to the program and give people another reason to get involved, cheer from the sidelines and enjoy the atmosphere.”

From big flavours and bold competitors to live entertainment and family-friendly fun, Beat the Heat continues to be a weekend built around the things Cloncurry does best.

Council is encouraging locals, visitors, tourism operators and businesses to help spread the word, register for free tickets and make the most of the September weekend.

“With only a couple of days until the weekend, now is the time to register, invite your friends and start planning,” Mayor Campbell said.

“Whether you are coming for the music, the races, the markets, the competitions or just a great weekend away, Beat the Heat promises to be a fantastic celebration of Cloncurry.”

The Cloncurry Beat the Heat Festival 2026 will be held from Friday 11 September to Sunday 13 September 2026.

Festival information and free ticket registrations are available now at <https://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/Our-Community/Events/Cloncurry-Beat-the-Heat-Festival-2026>

For updates, follow Cloncurry Beat the Heat Festival on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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