

Cap Coast's Captivating Celebration!

Mark your calendars to secure Sunday, 5th May for a day of family fun. Head to Emu Park for Emu Park Lions & Triple M's annual Festival of the Wind and be captivated as the sky comes alive with the vibrant colours of soaring kites. The festival is in its twenty-fourth year, having started in 1999 with two years missed, one due to COVID.

This celebration of wind and outdoor activity is an alcohol-free, action-packed, fun-filled day specifically designed for families and is held in Bell Park and on Fisherman's Beach, Emu Park. The festival attracts over 10,000 people from around the region boosting the small township of approx. 2500.

The highlight of the festival is kite flying with world class professional kite flyers displaying their skills, but the day is jam-packed with activities for families. Patrons can browse a bustling market, enjoy a carnival atmosphere with rides, face painting, balloon art, lots of kids' workshops and activities, photo opportunities, live entertainment, sand sculpturing and wacky beach game competitions.

There is something for all ages even down to the pint-sized attendees, from the energetic, to the creative and those that like to take things more leisurely. Keep an eye out for some special characters floating around the park and there will be some magic opportunities for photographs and lasting memories. Relax and listen to "Hemmo" and "King Cooee", guitar soloists, during the afternoon 'til the *Bendigo Bank's* spectacular fireworks display at dusk. For the creative try your hand at the sand sculpturing competitions or the more energetic might prefer to enter a team into the wacky beach games competitions, both offering cash prizes sponsored by *Squadron Energy*. Check out the website for more information, the program, and beach games entry form - <http://www.festivalofthewind.com>.

Whilst at the festival or beforehand in Emu Park don't miss the opportunity to buy a ticket in our festival raffle to have a chance at winning one of the great prizes sponsored by *Kingfisher Bay Resort and Rockhampton Helicopters*, or mega hampers sponsored by our local Cap Coast businesses, our local legends. The raffle will be drawn at 4pm at the festival.

A note to residents:

-As fireworks are not so loved by our pets, pet owners are advised to keep their animals secured during the fireworks display (at approx. 6:30pm) to keep them safe.

-Throughout the festival, Hill Street, east of Emu Street to Fisherman's Beach, will be closed to ensure pedestrian safety.

The Lions Club of Emu Park is proudly partnered by Triple M (CQ), Livingstone Shire Council, Bendigo Bank, Fun Time Amusements, Squadron Energy, NRG Industrial, Keppel Bay Sailing Club, JRT Group, & Absolute Waste, in the running of this festival. The Lions also thank their wonderful community volunteers who help this event take flight.

Don't miss this opportunity, make it a family day out and create some cherished memories with your loved ones.

In brief:

Event: Emu Park Lions & Triple M Festival of the Wind
Where: Bell Park & Fisherman's Beach, Emu Park
When: Sunday, 5-May-2024 – markets 8am festival activities 10am
Info: <http://www.festivalofthewind.com> / www.facebook.com/festivalofthewind