

Sand Safari

Arts Festival

INSPIRED BY SAND AND SEA | 10-26 FEBRUARY, 2017

Enter the enchanted wonderland of the 2017 Sand Safari Arts Festival presented by Streets Ice Cream as Surfers Paradise transforms into a precinct of art inspired by sand and sea from 10th-26th February.

This year, Sand Safari will bring sea mythology to life through sand sculpts of mermaids, Poseidon, sea creatures and more at the annual Australian Sand Sculpting Championships along the foreshore and across the coast with the Sand Trail.

The championships will see 9 of the country's most talented sculptors, as they intricately carve life-sized masterpieces inspired by the theme 'Mermaids and Mythical Creatures' over three days from 10th-12th February.

The awe-inspiring creations – each carved from 10 tonnes of sand – will then remain on display on the iconic foreshore until Sunday 26th February. There will also be an interactive sculpture exhibition where you can have your photo taken among the display.

Returning to Sand Safari for a second year are sand & sea themed art installations throughout Surfers Paradise by international artists Luke Egan (Filthy Luker) & Pete Hamilton (Pedro Estrellas). From mesmerising flying squid to oversized octopus and hanging jellyfish, Surfers Paradise is guaranteed to be truly octo-pied throughout February.

But the fun doesn't stop there. There will be plenty of fun activities where children can give sand sculpting a go in mini workshops along the foreshore or get creative with sand art and coloured sand activities. From the Surfers Paradise foreshore to other locations throughout the Gold Coast, this free event will have something for the whole family!

2017 Australian Sand Sculpting Championships

Dates: February 10 – 12, 2017

(Live sculpting February 10-12, winner announced February 12, works displayed until February 26)

Location: Surfers Paradise foreshore

Cost: Free

2017 Sand Trail

Dates: February 3 – 26, 2017

Location: Various locations from Coolangatta to Loganholme

Cost: Free

Inflatable Sea Sculptures

Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017

Location: Multiple locations throughout Surfers Paradise

Cost: Free

Sand Art Activities and Workshops

Dates: February 10 – 26, 2017

Location: Surfers Paradise Foreshore

Cost: Small fee applies for materials

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