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## **Airlie Beach Festival of Music up for QMusic People's Choice Award**

Could the Airlie Beach Festival of Music be the most popular event of its kind in the state?

The answer is 'yes' – with your help.

The festival has been nominated for 'Festival of the Year' in the 2019 Queensland Music Awards and is now officially a finalist in that category.

Presented by Jack Daniels, the QMA People's Choice Awards is a statewide poll allowing music lovers across Queensland to cast their votes.

Festival founder, Gavin Butlin, said he was thrilled the event had become a finalist and he encouraged everyone who had ever attended to spread the word and vote.

"Where else but Airlie Beach can you see 74 bands beside 74 Whitsunday islands in the heart of the Great Barrier Reef?" he asked.

"At most other festivals you watch bands on a stage in a paddock but our main tent at the Whitsunday Sailing Club is virtually surrounded by the Coral Sea."

Mr Butlin said this was also an event that brought an entire town to life, with the music spread throughout 18 venues mostly within walking distance across Airlie Beach.

"It's a party in a tropical paradise where the atmosphere is electric," he said.

"Our venues are easy to get to and fully equipped, and with a line-up of big name acts and emerging talent, there is something to satisfy every musical taste."

Tourism Whitsundays Chief Executive Officer, Tash Wheeler, said it was fantastic to see the Airlie Beach Festival of Music being recognised as one of Queensland's premier music festivals.

"Each year this event attracts a huge number of tourists visiting our beautiful region and soaking up the atmosphere that descends upon Airlie Beach over the festival weekend," she said.

Voting is open until midnight on February 28, at <http://themusic.com.au/qmas> and all entries go into a draw to win a double pass to BIGSOUND Festival.

The winner will be announced at the Royal International Convention Centre in Brisbane on Tuesday, March 19, in an event featuring performances by Amy Shark, DZ Deathrays, Resin Dogs, Clea, Emma Beau and Tokyo Twilight.

Limited tickets are on sale now via Oztix.

The 2019 Airlie Beach Festival of Music will be held from November 8-10.

Tickets are on sale via Whitsunday Tickets and [www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au](http://www.airliebeachfestivalofmusic.com.au) at early bird prices of \$240 for a three-day pass, \$130 for a single day ticket and \$1,000 for a VIP pass, until Sunday, March 31.

For all the latest news, follow the festival on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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**About Tourism Whitsundays:** *Tourism Whitsundays (TW) is the organisation responsible for destination marketing and visitor attraction for the Whitsunday region. It is the lead agency recognised by Tourism and Events Queensland and the Whitsunday Regional Council to lead the promotion of the region as a tourism destination. Tourism Whitsundays markets all aspects of the region including the Great Barrier Reef, Whitsunday Islands and Coast, accommodation, boating and sailing, fishing, touring, recreational activities, adventure, dining, shopping, weddings and honeymoons, conferencing and business events.*

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