

Ferris Wheel Trial

AIRLIE BEACH FORESHORE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- We are excited to announce that approvals have been provided to a third-party operator, Xtra Ordinary Events, for the temporary installation of a Ferris Wheel, in the Airlie Beach Foreshore, adjoining Airlie Creek, as part of a 5-month trial.
- The community has been vocal in recent consultations about the desire for more family activities, mainland tourist attractions and improvements to the vibrancy of our entertainment hubs. To achieve this, Council have worked to facilitate the opportunity with the operator through the granting of a temporary licence for the 5 month trial.
- The Ferris Wheel is a pop-up installation, with a similar one becoming a popular attraction within the Cairns Foreshore in recent years.
- During the final months of operation, we will seek community feedback via our consultation webpage - yoursay.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au, to understand sentiment toward the Ferris Wheel, its contribution to the communities enjoyment of the Foreshore and any other miscellaneous submissions of support or concern.

FERRIS WHEEL TRIAL

Opening Hours | 10am - 10pm | 7 Days a week



LOCATION | FAIRY TREE PARK



EXAMPLE: THE REEF EYE | CAIRNS

TIMELINE

INSTALLATION

JUNE 2025

OPERATION - TRIAL
PERIOD

JUNE - OCTOBER 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION
ON TRIAL

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER
2025

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION
FOR FUTURE YEARS

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER
2025

INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

SUNDAY 1 JUNE	MONDAY 2 JUNE	TUESDAY 3 JUNE	WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE	THURSDAY 5 JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of three car parks adjoining Anzac Cenotaph. • Adjoining business access and parking retained (see traffic controllers for guidance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of temporary construction fencing • Heavy vehicle access via Anzac Cenotaph to site under traffic control • Partial installation of base and wheel tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy vehicle access under traffic control • Installation of spokes and wheel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of gondolas • Reduction in temporary construction fencing footprint 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in temporary fencing to operational footprint • Testing and calibration • Re-opening of car parking



SPECIFICATIONS | HEIGHT 35M | FOOTPRINT - 260M² (17M X 21M)



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QUICK FACTS

Installation will involve limited heavy vehicle movements, including only a semi-trailer to bring containers onto the site and a crane. Vehicle movements will be managed by on-site spotters and traffic control, minimising impacts with grass protection mesh and movement between vegetation and the playground, to the site.

The Ferris Wheel will enhance amenity of the Foreshore, with lighting that will create vibrancy and electrical connection, operating quietly with a generator to provide backup power if required.

Site selection and orientation of the wheel aims to minimise potential impacts associated with queuing and view corridors, whilst providing 360° views over the Coral Sea, Foreshore and Conway National Park.

WHEN CAN I RIDE THE FERRIS WHEEL?

- The Ferris Wheel will be formally opened to the community early June, with low cost ticket prices and locals to receive an exclusive discount. <https://www.skylineattractions.com.au/airliebeach>
- If supported by the community during operation and public consultation, that will occur during September - October, Council may consider formalising the return of the Ferris Wheel in future years to activate our Foreshore.