

MEDIA RELEASE

PORT DOUGLAS PARTIES WITH A FUN, FLAVOURFUL FESTIVE SEASON

Port Douglas, 22nd December, 2017 – Port Douglas is revving up for a mammoth festive season with resorts and restaurants putting a tropical spin on the Christmas spirit and planning for New Year celebrations that will make the place pop.

The sparkle and joy of Christmas is being translated into sumptuous decorations and very special dining while 2017 will be farewelled with two fireworks displays on New Year's Eve and a plethora of party choices for revelers.

Tourism Port Douglas and Daintree (TPDD) executive officer Tara Bennett said Port Douglas' resort and restaurant businesses went all out to make the festive season memorable for visitors and locals alike.

"The town's relaxed charm and happening feel made it the place to farewell the year that was and welcome in the New Year."

She said the town went out of its way to make people feel joyous at this time of the year and join in the party atmosphere with special menus at restaurants and events to mark both Christmas and New Year.

These are just some of the celebrations around the town:

Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas has brought Christmas to the tropics for its guests with plenty of wow factor.

The resort's marketing specialist Shannae Rose said guests and the community can enjoy indulgences and events with a yuletide flavour.

"Our lobby is looking very festive with our 16ft high Christmas tree, graciously styled by Pip Addison of Modern Style."

The resort's new executive chef Salvatore Silvestrino has made sure all festive dining is something special with festive buffets including the Christmas Eve International selections and Christmas Day Seafood and Christmas Favourites.

New Year's Eve celebrations will be equally memorable and include a Daintree and Reef Gourmet Buffet followed by a Masquerade Party in the Daintree Lounge with Entertainment by Ashcats Soundsystem.

QT Port Douglas is offering its Christmas guests the best of both worlds – a sumptuous Christmas spread with all the trimmings or the more laid-back picnic on a secluded beach complete with bag of fresh prawns and plenty of bubbles

Barbados Port Douglas is putting the call out for cool tropical outfits on New Year's Eve. South Seas suave means tiki cocktails, a lei on arrival and a Polynesian fire show. Singer Mereana Pohatu will entertain early in the evening and a DJ and BBQ from 8pm to late.

2 Fish Restaurant has a very special NYE menu created by head chef Adam Ion featuring seafood, bubbles and lots of fun. The five-course dinner is matched with carefully selected wines.



MEDIA RELEASE

The Tin Shed aka Port Douglas District Combined Club caters to both families and romantic couples looking to celebrate the New Year. The restaurant has a special 5.30 seating of its a la carte menu so parents can take the youngsters off to the fireworks in plenty of time while the 8.30pm seating offers a more relaxed experience, with the evening finishing with a bang as diners can watch a lit-up night sky from the dining deck and an upstairs balcony.

And Hemingway's Brewery is throwing a beach party New Year's Eve and everyone's invited. Featuring free entry and 3 DJs, the party goes on until 2am. Revelers are encouraged to show off their best beach style.

ENDS

For more information, please contact:

Tara Bennett, Executive Officer

Tourism Port Douglas & Daintree

Phone: 07 4099 4588

Email: eo@visitportdouglasdaintree.com

Web: www.visitportdouglasdaintree.com

Issued by Tanya Snelling

Strategic PR

P 0417 202 663

E tanya@strategicpr.com.au