

# Gold Coast Events

## December 2008

**Cane Toad Festival:** This unique event celebrates this hideous creature with toad races, a reptile show and even a cane toad beauty pageant. (December 6 - 7)

## February & March 2009

**Golf:** The ANZ Ladies Masters tees off at Royal Pines Resort, with some 20 countries represented.

**Gold Coast Bridge Congress:** The world's best bridge players will be hoping to play their cards right as they battle it out for top spot. (February 28 - March 7, Gold Coast Convention Centre)

**ARL Masters Rugby League:** Veteran players will pull on their football boots once again in this tournament for players over 35. (March 11 - 14)

## May 2009

**Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show:** Last year's event saw more than 390 boats on the water while there'll also be hundreds of marine products on display in four large pavilions along the waterfront. (May 21 - 24)

## June/July 2009

**Coffee Festival:** Boutique roasters, growers and makers will display their wares alongside well-known coffee, chocolate, tea and spice houses, all with their roasts and blends available to sample. (June 14, Surfers Paradise)

### **Beaudesert Country and Horse Festival:**

The program includes a variety of horse and sheep-dog events as well as art, craft, heritage and children's activities. (June 5 - 14)

**Greek Festival:** Enjoy the hospitality of the local Greek Community as they celebrate their culture with food, wine and dance. (Evandale Parklands)

**Gold Coast Airport Marathon:** Famous for its fast, flat and scenic course, this annual event also offers races for different levels of fitness including a half marathon, 10km run, 7.5km walk and junior dash events. (July 5)

**Gold Coast Challenge:** This flagship sporting event on the university calendar will see over 1000 university athletes from across Australia converge on the Gold Coast to compete in 11 team sports.

**Old Skool and Torana Nationals:** Get into gear for a series of races and rallies for cars, bikes, muscle cars and hot-rods all built before 1985.

## August & September 2009

**Australian Formula One Superboat Series:** This thrilling event forms the final part of a national seven round series and includes not only the elite Formula One racing but Mono Hulls, Thundercats and jet skis.

**Tastes of Gold Coast:** This annual festival celebrates the Gold Coast's wine, food and arts industry with a host of events, tastings and classes held throughout the region.

**Pura Milk Gold Coast Show:** The largest community event in the Gold Coast boasts a wide-ranging program that includes rodeo, fireworks, vintage Cars, wood-chopping contests and much more.

### **ITU Gold Coast Triathlon World**

**Championships:** The competition will be fierce as elite triathletes from all over the world compete for this prestigious title. (September 9 - 13, Southport Broadwater Parklands)

**Go Xtreme Festival:** Held at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds this festival for adrenaline junkies features freestyle motocross, skateboarding and other amazing kamikaze stunts of the "do not try this at home" variety.

## October 2009

### **Street Torque and King of the Coast:**

This is a rev-head spectacular with over 500 cars on show as well as a stunt-bike demonstration, a bikini contest, driving competitions and more.

**The Paradise Regatta:** Thirty rowing crews (300 competitors) from around Australia and New Zealand will arrive in Surfers Paradise for an exciting programme of races.

**Nikon Indy 300:** Four days and four nights of fast-paced excitement will hit the streets of Surfers Paradise for the 19th Nikon Indy 300. (October 22 - 25)

