



31st ACA National Clogging Convention

9-12 September 2027, Gold Coast, Queensland

‘Broadbeach Cultural Centre’

61 Sunshine Blvd, Mermaid Waters QLD

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The National Clogging Convention moves to Broadbeach on the Gold Coast in 2027. We hope you will be able to join us for a weekend of “clogging on sunshine” and enjoy all that Queensland has to offer.

Guest Instructor

Josh “Clogdog” King

Josh “Clogdog” King was introduced to clogging in his hometown of Houston, Texas, USA, and discovered a life-long passion that would take him around the world, sharing his love of this unique American folk dance with students of all ages.

Instantly drawn to this dynamic, percussive dance form, Josh immersed himself in it; experiencing the explosive growth and evolution of the dance through the '80s and '90s, and embracing the breadth of different styles and techniques that seeped into clogging – traditional Appalachian, buck dancing, jazz, Canadian and Irish step influences, tap dancing, and more...a true melting pot of dance styles. It was during this time that he quickly discovered a special place in his heart for choreography and teaching.



Since then, the “Clogdog” has gone on to become a popular international clogging instructor, teaching at dance conventions and workshops across 37 U.S. states, Canada, Europe, and Australia; including marquee events such as the U.S. National Clogging Convention, the Australian Clogging Association National Convention, and the ECTA (European Callers and Teachers Association) Convention. A Certified Clogging Instructor (CCI), Josh has choreographed and taught many workshop favourites, including National Dance List routines in both the U.S. and Australia and the beloved fun dance classic “All Shook Up.” As a director and dancer, he has led competition teams to Grand Champion honours at premier events, and has also served as a judge at top-level clogging competitions throughout the U.S.

Josh's passion for bringing clogging to new audiences found a natural home at the Gympie Music Muster in Queensland, Australia, where he became a fixture for many years, teaching fellow cloggers new routines while also introducing hundreds of curious festival-goers to the joy of clogging from scratch. His enthusiasm for the art form has extended to the screen as well, with TV appearances on The Nashville Network and network news programs in both the U.S. and Australia, and a catalogue of instructional videos that have helped spread clogging far beyond the workshop floor. That same spirit continues through his popular YouTube channel, where choreography videos and tutorials reach and inspire cloggers around the world.

After meeting his wife Della while teaching at the Gympie Muster in 2004, Josh relocated to Australia, where he lives with his family and continues to be active in clogging internationally.

Website: www.theclogdog.com

YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@Clogdog/>

Social Dancing Saturday Night with Live Music

Get ready for a truly special clogging experience at the Gold Coast Convention!

On Saturday night, enjoy the unique experience of dancing to live music as a talented musician performs a selection of popular clogging songs. Every routine will be cued, just like a regular night of social dancing, so you can relax, have fun, and dance along with confidence.

Here's what some cloggers had to say about dancing to live music:



"It was simply amazing! We had a great time with him performing"

"LOVED dancing to your singing"

"Clogging to live music is the most fun I've ever had social dancing. It was incredible!"

Come along and experience the energy and excitement of clogging to live music!

Sunday Afternoon Wrap Party at SkyPoint

We invite you to join us at the Gold Coast's iconic SkyPoint on Sunday at 2pm for a relaxed afternoon to celebrate the end of the convention. Located 270m above sea level, SkyPoint Observation Deck offers 360-degree panoramic views of the Gold Coast.

SkyPoint offers a delicious selection of share plates and full meals, giving you plenty of options to suit your taste and appetite. Food and drinks are purchased by attendees at their own cost.

Cloggers will receive a discount for entry tickets, if purchased in advance on your registration form.

Last minute attendees are still welcome, but you'll pay the public entry price of \$42 on the day (price current as at time of printing).



It is 5.7km from the Broadbeach Cultural Centre, easily accessible by car or G:Link. The Surfers Paradise G:Link station is located directly in front of the SkyPoint Lobby, and costs only \$0.50.



Red Carpet Night

Saturday night will have a movie dress up theme to honour the iconic Gold Coast Movie World. Dress as your favourite movie character / actor / actress / director and strike a pose on the red carpet. Dinner will be served onsite.

Important dates

- **ACA Member “Early Release Special”** registration deadline – **13 September 2026**
- **ACA Member “Advanced Screening Special”** registration deadline – **28 February 2026**
- **Cuer/Instructor/Demonstration** registration deadline – **1 July 2027**
- **Dancer** registration deadline – **31 July 2027**

Registration Price

ACA MEMBER – EARLY RELEASE SPECIAL (until 13 September 2026)	\$175
ACA MEMBER – ADVANCED SCREENING SPECIAL (until 28 February 2027)	\$200
ACA MEMBER (from 1 January 2027)	\$225
NON-MEMBER	\$235
JUNIOR (<18 years at time of convention)	
EARLY RELEASE SPECIAL (until 13 September 2026)	\$150
ADVANCED SCREENING SPECIAL (until 28 February 2027)	\$175
REGULAR PRICING (from 1 March 2027)	\$200
NON-DANCER (Meals only)	\$125

Ticket Inclusions

Your weekend ticket includes:

Thursday: Evening Social Dance & Supper

Friday: Afternoon Workshops, Evening Social Dance & Supper

Saturday: Full Day of Workshops, Morning Tea/Lunch/Afternoon Tea, Dinner, Evening Social Dance to Live Music & Supper

Sunday: Morning Workshops & Morning Tea

Registrations & General Queries

Contact gcconvention2027@gmail.com

Location

Broadbeach is located in the heart of the Gold Coast region in South-East Queensland.

The Gold Coast is known for its wide golden beaches, world-class dining, luxury accommodation and entertainment. Beyond the coastline, the region offers an incredible variety of experiences including theme parks, rainforest hinterland walks, waterfalls, wineries, whale watching and shopping precincts.

Airports

Gold Coast Airport – approximately 30-60 minutes drive to the venue (depending on traffic).

Brisbane Airport – approximately 75 minutes from the venue.

Public Transport from Gold Coast Airport

Con-X-Ion Transfers: Book your ride at con-x-ion.com.au

Buses – Route 777: A limited-stop service linking Gold Coast Airport to Broadbeach South tram station (950m from venue). It runs daily from 5:15am to 11:30pm, with departures every 15 minutes between 6:30am and 8:30pm.

G:link Light Rail – to explore other suburbs of the Gold Coast, you can hop on the G:link Light Rail at Broadbeach South tram station (950m from venue). You can use it to reach Surfers Paradise, Southport, and beyond.

All public transport fares in South-East Queensland are \$0.50 per trip (including Buses and G:link). Purchase a ticket or swipe a credit card when getting on and getting off.

Use **Translink** to plan your journey using public transport <https://translink.com.au/>

Taxi – 13 Cabs 13 22 27 or Black & White 133 222

Venue

Broadbeach Cultural Centre (within Broadbeach Cultural Precinct) is a newly built community space located at 61 Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters, behind Pacific Fair Shopping Centre. The venue is air conditioned, and has over 100 parking spaces. The closest hotel is only 280m away, and there are many accommodation options with 1-2km of the venue.

A virtual tour of the Centre can be found at <https://cerge.app/inclusive-venues/broadbeach-cultural-centre/virtual-tour>

Flash mob

We're planning a flash mob on the Thursday of the convention, with more details to come. We'd love for you to join us for a fun afternoon of showcasing and spreading the joy of clogging!

Cueing, Demos and Instructing

To request to cue, teach a workshop or perform a demonstration, please complete the Cuer / Instructor / Demo Registration Form. **The Cuer/Instructor/Demonstration registration deadline is 1 July 2027.** Please email form to gc27.programming@gmail.com

Programming is at the discretion of the convention committee. To complement our movie-themed convention, we encourage you to choose a movie-themed routine or music for demo performances, although this is completely optional.

Thursday Social Dancing: Opening Night

A social night will be held at the convention venue in the evening on Thursday 9 September. Exact times will be advised closer to the time. **We ask that you wear your club shirt** tonight to celebrate the wide variety of clubs that will be joining us. This is an opportunity for newer cuers in the clogging community to take the stage. Club Leaders – please encourage your club members to have a go!

Banner Parade

The banner parade will be held on Thursday evening, so don't forget your club banner. If possible, we ask that only one person from each club carries the banner. More information will be provided to Club Leaders at a later date.

Meetings

A **Leaders Forum** and the **ACA's Annual General Meeting** will be held at the convention venue on Friday morning (10 September). Timing details to be made available later.

Showcase

The Convention Committee has made the decision to hold the **State Showcase on Friday night**. This has been done to distribute the formalities more evenly across the two nights, which will allow more time for social dancing on the Saturday night. Rehearsals will be Friday mid-afternoon.

Your Personal Safety

The ACA holds Public Liability Insurance. However, please understand that you are accepting responsibility for your own safety and security by registering to attend this convention. First Aid officers will be present at the venue during dance sessions.

Your Shoes and Taps

You will be required to present your shoes for tap checking and taping prior to dancing. Pre-taping of your taps will assist in minimising delays.

Booth Space

If you or someone you know would like to sell / display goods or provide a service, please email gcconvention2027@gmail.com for further details.

Videos

Workshop videos, Showcase videos and Demo videos will be made available on the ACA website or YouTube channel in a timely manner after the conclusion of the convention. You may also purchase a USB with these videos on it for \$15, to be sent by mail after the convention.

Workshop instructors – please note: It is the responsibility of the workshop instructor to bring a copy of their teach video on a USB with you to the convention. We require the video to be an MP4

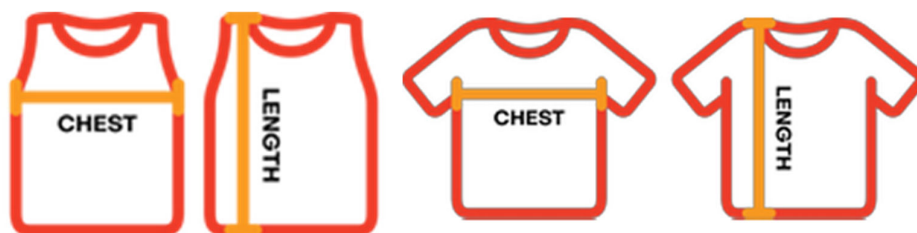
file filmed with landscape orientation. Filming of the walk through teach video will NOT be available to do at the convention.

Merchandise

SHIRTS – SIZE GUIDE

Measurements in cm +/-3cm. If in between sizes or unsure, we recommend to size up. Follow these steps to measure your favourite shirt and find the perfect fit:

1. Place the garment on a flat surface
2. Measure armpit to armpit for chest width
3. Measure top shoulder seam to bottom hem for body length



Men's Shirt



Ladies Shirt



Ladies Tank

Men's Shirt: 100% Cotton. White or Navy. Size 4XL & 5XL in WHITE ONLY.

MENS SHIRT SIZES	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	47	52	56.5	61	64	68	75	80
Length	71	75	78.5	82	83.5	85	87	89

Ladies Shirt: 100% Cotton. White or Navy.

LADIES SHIRT SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Chest	45.5	48	50.5	53	55.5	58
Length	63.5	64.5	65.5	66.5	67.5	68.5

Ladies Tank: 100% Combed Cotton. White or Ink Blue

LADIES TANK SIZES	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL
Chest	43.5	46	48.5	51	53.5	56
Length	62	64	66	68	70	65

Accommodation

There are many accommodation options within 1-2km. Additionally, you can hop on the G:link Light Rail at Broadbeach South tram station (950m from venue), which will take you to North to many accommodation options.

Some Accommodation Options for Broadbeach (this list has been compiled based solely on proximity to venue, and hotels are not necessarily recommended)	Distance to venue
Jadon Place Holiday Apartments 31 Hooker Blvd, Broadbeach Waters 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments 4 Star https://jadonplace.com.au/ T: (07) 5572 3288	280m
Neptune Resort 32 Surf Parade, Broadbeach http://www.neptuneresortbroadbeach.com.au/ T: (07) 5592 3555	900m
Mantra Sierra Grand Broadbeach 22 Surf Parade, Broadbeach 1,2 and 3 bedroom apartments 4 Star https://all.accor.com/ T: (07) 5668 5100	1.0km
Bel Air on Broadbeach 2633 Gold Coast Hwy, Broadbeach http://www.belairbroadbeach.com.au/ T: (07) 5584 9600	1.1km
Broadbeach Savannah Hotel And Resort 42-46 Surf Parade, Broadbeach https://www.broadbeachsavannah.com.au/ T: (07) 5504 4444	1.1km
Island Beach Resort 9-13 Margaret Ave, Broadbeach http://www.islandbeach.com.au/ T: (07) 5592 4112	1.1km
Ultra Broadbeach 14 George Ave, Broadbeach http://www.ultrabroadbeach.com.au/ T: (07) 5570 8900	1.1km

