



QUEEN ENTRANT PACKAGE

Community Event 2026

Ambassador Opprtunities

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome,

Thank you for considering becoming part of the 2026 Torimba Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program.

For more than 100 years, the Torimba Festival has brought our community together to celebrate the people, traditions and country spirit that make Ravenshoe such a special place to call home.

Being a Queen Entrant is about much more than participating in a festival.

It is about leadership.

It is about community.

It is about proudly representing the place we call home.

Throughout the program, you will have the opportunity to meet local businesses, connect with community leaders, support fundraising activities, participate in festival events and develop valuable confidence and communication skills.

Whether you have lived in Ravenshoe your entire life or have more recently become part of our community, we encourage you to consider taking part.

As a Queen Entrant, you are not simply participating in a competition. You are becoming a Community Ambassador for Ravenshoe and helping to continue a tradition that has been cherished by generations before us.

On behalf of the Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc, thank you for your interest in becoming a 2026 Community Ambassador.

Rylee Venables

President

Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Torimba Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program recognises young women who demonstrate community spirit, leadership potential and pride in Ravenshoe and District.

The successful entrant will be crowned the 2026 Torimba Queen and will serve as an ambassador for the Torimba Festival throughout a full 12 month period. The Torimba Queen will attend other official events representing Torimba throughout the year

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Encourage community participation
- Develop confidence and communication skills
- Build relationships with local businesses and community organisations
- Promote leadership and personal growth
- Celebrate young women making a positive contribution to the community
- Preserve and strengthen a long-standing local tradition

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, entrants must:

- Be between 17 and 24 years of age
- Live, work or attend school within Ravenshoe and District
- Submit a completed nomination form by the advertised closing date
- Be available to attend all mandatory program events
- Commit to participating throughout the festival period

ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The judging of the Torimba Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program takes place across the entire festival period.

As a result, entrants are expected to present themselves in a manner that reflects the prestige, responsibility and community spirit associated with the title of Torimba Queen.

As a Queen Entrant, you are committing to:

- Attending all mandatory events
- Participating in festival fundraising activities
- Supporting community events throughout the festival period
- Representing your sponsor positively
- Promoting the Torimba Festival in a positive manner
- Conducting yourself respectfully both in person and online
- Acting as a positive role model for younger members of the community

The Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc reserves the right to reject or withdraw an entrant from the program if their conduct is considered inconsistent with the values and expectations of the festival.

ENTRANT RESPONSIBILITIES

FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS

Fundraising forms an important part of the Queen Entrant Program and helps support the ongoing success of the Torimba Festival.

All Queen Entrants are required to:

- Sell a minimum of one book of raffle tickets.
- Participate in official festival fundraising activities.
- Support the Queen Entrant Cake Stall and associated fundraising initiatives.
- Follow fundraising guidelines issued by the committee.

Entrants who choose to sell additional raffle tickets and demonstrate exceptional fundraising efforts may be recognised through the Charity Queen Award.

To ensure fairness between entrants, no raffle ticket sales or independent fundraising activities are permitted prior to the official Meet & Greet.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the termination of an entrant's nomination.

IMPORTANT DATES

MANDATORY EVENTS

The following events form part of the official Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program. Attendance is compulsory unless prior approval has been granted by the Queen Mothers.

QUEEN ENTRANT MEET & GREET

Sunday 30 August 2026

Ravenshoe Golf Club

This event officially launches the Queen Entrant Program. Entrants will meet fellow participants, sponsors and committee members and receive important information regarding the festival period. Sponsors are expected to attend and sash their queen

FESTIVAL OPENING & QUEEN ENTRANT CAKE STALL

Saturday 10 October 2026

Entrants are expected to participate in the official opening of the festival and assist with fundraising activities.

Entrants are encouraged to contribute items for sale including cakes, produce, plants, preserves, crafts, books, sewing and other suitable goods.

FESTIVAL OF THE FOREST

Date and Time TBC

Entrants are expected to attend and support the official opening of one of the Torimba Festival's signature events.

TORIMBA MARDI GRAS & FIREWORKS

Friday 17 October 2026

The Mardi Gras is one of the festival's most important community events.

Entrants and sponsors are responsible for organising a float for the procession.

Entrants are also expected to assist with festival activities throughout the afternoon and evening as directed by the committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

TORIMBA BALL REHEARSAL

Friday 23 October 2026

Ravenshoe Town Hall

Attendance is compulsory.

Entrants will participate in rehearsals and assist with final preparations for the Ball.

Raffle books must all be returned on rehearsal night, including any unsold books.

QUEEN JUDGING

Saturday 24 October 2026

Radcare

Formal judging interviews and assessments will take place during the afternoon.

Further information regarding judging requirements will be provided closer to the event. Queen entrants are expected to remain for official photos to be taken after the interviews.

TORIMBA BALL & CROWNING CEREMONY

Saturday 24 October 2026

Ravenshoe Town Hall

This event marks the culmination of the Queen Entrant Program and the crowning of the 2026 Torimba Queen.

Entrants are required to remain at the Ball until at least 11pm or unless prior approval has been obtained from the committee.

ENTRANT DETAILS

APPLICANT DETAILS

Personal Information

Full Name

Preferred Name

Date of Birth

Age

Residential Address

Postal Address

Mobile Number

Email Address

Occupation / School

How long have you lived in Ravenshoe & District?

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact Name

Relationship

Mobile Number

Alternative Contact Number

Medical Information

Do you have any medical conditions, allergies or accessibility requirements the committee should be aware of?

Dietary Requirements

ENTRANT DETAILS

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

What does Ravenshoe mean to you?

Tell us about your involvement in the community.

What are your future aspirations?

Why would you like to represent the Torimba Festival as a Community Ambassador?

ENTRANT CONSENT

Media Consent

The Torimba Festival regularly uses photographs and video footage to promote festival activities.

Please indicate your consent:

- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Video Recording
- ☐ Social Media Promotion
- ☐ Website Promotion
- ☐ Printed Promotional Material

Privacy Collection Statement

The Torimba Cultural & Festival Association Inc collects personal information for the purpose of administering the Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program. Information collected will only be accessed by authorised committee members and will not be disclosed without consent unless required by law.

Participant Declaration

I acknowledge that:

- ☐ I have read and understood this application package.
- ☐ I meet the eligibility requirements.
- ☐ I agree to attend all mandatory events unless approved otherwise by the committee.
- ☐ I will conduct myself in a manner that positively represents the Torimba Festival and the Ravenshoe community.
- ☐ I understand that the committee reserves the right to withdraw my participation if these expectations are not met.

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Business Name

Sponsor Representative

Position

Contact Number

Email Address

Business Address

SPONSOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Sponsors play an important role in supporting the Queen Entrant Program and helping young women participate in this long-standing community tradition.

Sponsors are expected to:

1. Pay the entrant nomination fee of \$50, which contributes towards the entrant sash and administrative costs.
2. Attend the Queen Entrant Meet & Greet and official sash presentation where possible.
3. Support and encourage their entrant throughout the festival period.
4. Assist their entrant with costs associated with participation in the Mardi Gras procession, including float organisation and decorations where agreed between sponsor and entrant.
5. Assist their entrant with costs associated with the Torimba Ball where agreed between sponsor and entrant.
6. Promote their entrant and the Torimba Festival positively throughout the community.
7. Understand that financial support arrangements remain a matter to be negotiated between the sponsor and entrant.

ENTRANT DECLARATION

ENTRANT COMMITMENT

I acknowledge that by entering the Torimba Queen Entrant & Community Ambassador Program, I am committing to:

- Attending all mandatory events.
- Participating in fundraising activities.
- Selling a minimum of one book of raffle tickets.
- Supporting the Torimba Festival throughout the festival period.
- Conducting myself in a manner that positively represents my sponsor, the festival and the Ravenshoe community.
- Acting respectfully towards fellow entrants, volunteers, sponsors and community members.
- Upholding the values and traditions associated with the Torimba Festival.

I understand that the committee reserves the right to reject or terminate my participation should these expectations not be met.

ENTRANT CONSENT

Name

Signature

Date

SPONSOR DECLARATION

SPONSOR COMMITMENT

I acknowledge that by becoming a sponsor of a Queen Entrant, I am committed to supporting my entrant throughout the 2026 Torimba Festival and fulfilling the responsibilities outlined within this nomination package.

Sponsor Representative Name

Business Name

Signature

Date