

Strand presents...

Townsville's Strand has been transformed into a weekend wonderland of performance pleasures in Townsville City Council's "Strand Presents..."

The series of concerts and roving acts is an initiative providing beach-goers with unique entertainment and showcasing the arts of talented locals.

The program includes street theatre pieces, live music,

puppetry, roving minstrels, living statues, chalk drawing and a few other little surprises.

Performances run on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings along the esplanade until mid-January and are sure to delight the whole family.

For program guides visit www.townsville.qld.gov.au or call the customer service centre on 4727 9000.

Four fireworks displays for NYE!

New Years Eve will go off with a bang, with four awesome fireworks displays throughout the city.

There will be plenty of entertainment at Riverway from 7pm to 1am, including the Mules, Carinda Christie, Cranky Pants and Tess Latu. There will be a sideshow alley, amusement rides, food and drinks available and a licensed bar operating. No BYO alcohol is permitted.

Fireworks will be held across the city, going off at the Strand at 8pm, Riverway at 9pm (sponsored by McDonalds) and both the Strand and Riverway at midnight.



Swing into Christmas with David Campbell

Jingle bells will swing at this year's Townsville Bulletin Carols by Candlelight with "swing king" David Campbell set to headline the big event at Strand Park on Sunday, December 14.

The annual celebration is expected to bring thousands of Townsville residents together to raise their voices in Christmas cheer from 6pm.

Lifestyle and Community Committee chair, Cr Jenny Lane, said the spirited evening will once again highlight the talent of local entertainers as well as bring one of Australia's hottest performers to the city.

"Carols by Candlelight is always a spectacular night and what could possibly beat crooning along to your festive favourites as they're belted out by David Campbell?" said Cr Lane.

Campbell lists his musical heroes as classic swingers such as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jnr.

Campbell's extensive career in musical theatre and on the New York stage has been recognised with many awards. His album *Swing Sessions* has met platinum

status. He has co-hosted Australia's Top 20 countdown on VH1 and was crowned Sydney's Number One night radio show host in 2005.

Cr Lane says she has no doubt that Campbell's Carols by Candlelight performance will be one to remember, but doesn't think Campbell will quite manage to upstage Santa, who will also make a special guest appearance on the night to collect presents for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal.

Plenty of food and refreshments will be available plus Safe Flame Candles thanks to the Townsville Bulletin.



David Campbell is set to get the crowd swingin' at this year's Townsville Bulletin Carols by Candlelight sponsored by iSynergy Amcal Chemists, Walters Supa IGA and Jupiters Townsville.

Grants program to benefit from auction

Townsville City Council's community grants program is set to be the big winner when a Devine Limited and Leighton Properties house and land package goes under the hammer at River Park, Kelso.

Under the Together Townsville program, \$10,000 from the auction will go to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Appeal with half of the remaining profit going to the Partnerships and Sponsorships Grants Program.

The Partnerships and Sponsorships Grants program assists Townsville organisations to provide community services, cultural development and sport and recreation by contributing funds for capital costs, events, programs or operational expenses.

Townsville Mayor, Cr Les Tyrell said the house is currently under construction, with the auction due to take place in the second quarter of 2009.

"Devine Limited and Leighton Properties have agreed the value of the auction will be a minimum of \$400,000," Cr Tyrell said.

"This will result in a very generous contribution that benefits a whole range of organisations which are important to the social fabric of our town.

"It's great to see two prominent companies taking such a community-minded approach.

"It's a perfect example of how the private and public sectors can work together in the pursuit of one goal and that's to build a strong and vibrant community.

"I'm proud to be a partner in this arrangement because I can see very clear benefits for the many organisations that seek council's help."

Executive Director of Leighton Properties, Andrew Borger said Devine Limited and Leighton Properties will work with council to identify up to five major community projects to be recipients of the funding.

"The Devine Leighton Properties Southbank Townsville Joint Venture is delighted to be involved with the Townsville City Council community grants program," Mr Borger said.

"Our role as responsible corporate citizens extends to creating partnerships with the community, creating projects that help grow the city and its economy."



From Left: Devine Limited's Jim Shapcott, Townsville Mayor Cr Les Tyrell and Leighton Properties' Andrew Mabin.