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News & Sundries

Dancenorth Nominated as Outstanding Company for Highest Dance Honour

Australia's fastest growing dance company, Dancenorth, received notification recently that the company is shortlisted for Australia's highest honour for dance performance, an Australian Dance Award, for 'Outstanding performance by a company' for *Underground*.

The nomination comes less than a fortnight after the Townsville-based company accepted their first Green Room Award for the same production.

Dancenorth's General Manager, Joanne Fisher, explains that the company's meteoric rise within Australian dance will bring economic benefits to the region and boost Townsville's reputation by association.

'The success of the company's *Underground* extensive tour has seen Dancenorth continue to foster regional arts and dance on a national scale. We are proud to be a formidable professional contemporary dance-theatre company on the national stage, competing against other internationally acclaimed companies, whilst producing world-class dance in Townsville.' Joanne said.

Cementing the company's growing reputation on the national stage, this short-listing comes as Dancenorth commences creative development of this year's new production *Nowhere Fast* that will premiere in Townsville on July 1st to 5th this year.

The 9th Australian Dance Awards will be held at Melbourne's State Theatre within The Arts Centre on June 7th.

Dancenorth acknowledges the assistance of the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, the Australian Government through the Australia Council and the Townsville City Council.

For information: 4772 2549 <mailto:info@dancenorth.com> <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

Promotion Opportunities

Promote your event, exhibitions, festivals, major sporting events, and performances free of charge on <http://www.townsvilleholidays.info>, <http://www.queenslandholidays.com.au>, <http://www.australia.com> and up to 50 other websites, through the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (ATDW).

Visit <http://www.tq.com.au/atdwevents> and complete the registration form or refer to the events facts sheet for further information.

Events can also be advertised on the CIC's Events Calendar on the Townsville City Council's website: <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community/cic>

Arts events in North Queensland can be registered on <http://www.art-in-tropical-australia.com/arts-events.html>. This is a free service for not-for-profit groups and individuals – a small charge applies for commercial enterprises.

The Miles Franklin Literary Award 2009 Shortlist

The five novels selected for the Miles Franklin Literary Award 2009 Shortlist are:

Breath Tim Winton (Penguin), *Ice* Louis Nowra (Allen & Unwin), *The Pages* Murray Bail (Text Publishing Melbourne Australia), *The Slap* Christos Tsiolkas (Allen & Unwin), *Wanting* Richard Flanagan Knopf (Random House Australia)

The winner will be announced on June 18th

http://www.trust.com.au/awards/miles_franklin/

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Grants & Scholarships

Townsville City Council's Community Grants & Sponsorships

For information: 4727 9680 Community Development Section Townsville City Council

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Closing dates for 2009 funding rounds:

July 31st (for activities/projects commencing on or after October 1st)

October 30th (for activities/projects commencing on or after January 1st)

Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development

Grants may be provided to assist with the costs of participating in cultural development activities such as officially recognised conferences, festivals, workshops, touring, seminars, performances and exhibitions.

Grants up to \$1,000 for individuals and up to \$2,000 for organisations.

Community Heritage Grants Program

Closing date: last Friday of October each year

This program aims to assist organisations that play an active role in preserving Townsville's history and heritage with one-off grants up to \$5000.

Partnerships & Sponsorships Program

Ongoing

Recurrent and one-off funds of varying amounts

This program aims to assist Townsville organisations to provide community services, community development, cultural development and sport and recreation development activities in Townsville by contributing funds for capital costs, events, programs or operational expenses.

Community Organisations Grant Program

Three Rounds: March, July and October

One-off grants up to \$5000

These grants are available to cover costs involved in providing facilities/equipment, social services or community development activities and programs. Please note that arts organisations can apply under this program for activities that encourage participation by disadvantaged groups.

Community Micro-Grants Program

Ongoing

One-off grants up to \$1000

This program aims to assist Townsville community organisations with quick response funding so that they can make a positive contribution to the quality of life for Townsville residents through the provision of social services and community development activities, projects and programs.

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund Trust

Closing date: October 31st

The Breakwater Trust provides grants to community organisations that provide facilities and services to the community. Funds distributed are mainly for equipment, contributions to building costs and extensions.

For information and application packages: 4721 1453

<http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/BICCBF/index.shtml>

The William Thomas Williams Scholarships/Bursary

Closing date: last Friday of November annually

Honours Bursary

To be eligible, students must intend to be enrolled at James Cook University in a program of study leading to the award of a Bachelor of Music (Hons). A bursary of \$5,000 is available to a student who can demonstrate academic merit and a passion for their chosen field of music.

Postgraduate Studies Scholarship

The scholarship is available on the condition that the scholar is admitted to and continues to pursue the full-time program leading to the award of the degree of PhD, Master of Music, or Master of Creative Arts with Music as their specialist area of study. A scholarship of \$10,000 will be available for each of the two years of study for Masters and for each of the three years of study for PhD.

Applications can be submitted at any time for special consideration if applicants believe they have a strong case for consideration.

For information: http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/idc/groups/public/documents/brochure_flyer/jcuprd_031283.pdf

State, National

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Closing dates: May 31st; August 31st; November 30th

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provides grants to Queensland based not-for-profit community groups to deliver services and activities to Queensland communities. One-off grants of up to \$30,000 are allocated to non-profit organisations to help them provide services or activities that benefit the community. These grants are not intended to replace existing sources of support for organisations.

For information and application package: 3247 4284 <http://www.gcbf.qld.gov.au>

Australia Council for the Arts Grants

Australia Council grants are available in the following areas: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts (ATSIA), Community Partnerships, Inter-Arts, Dance, Literature, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts.

Closing dates vary according to the grant on offer.

For information: <http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/>

Janet Holmes à Court Artists' Grant

Closing date: May 15th, August 15th & November 15th

This grant is designed to provide financial assistance to professional artists for the public presentation of their work. Artists working in the disciplines of painting, printmaking, drawing, textiles, photo media, sculpture, mixed-media, installation, glass, ceramics, woodwork, jewellery, furniture, performance art,

electronic and digital media are encouraged to apply. The grant is a National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA) initiative, made possible through the sponsorship of Mrs Janet Holmes à Court and the support of the Visual Arts Board, Australia Council for the Arts.

For information and application forms: <http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/vcags>

The Freedman Foundation Travelling Scholarship for Emerging Artists

Closing date: June 5th

Provides assistance towards travel (for educational purposes) and/or tuition costs for young people building a career in the visual arts broadly in the areas of painting, photography or sculpture. Overseas travel (preferably for the first time) to undertake formal study, a residency or a planned program with a professional artist or mentor will be considered, as will informal study for a planned research project.

The scholarship does not provide assistance towards the production of art work (materials, studio rental, etc).

For information: <http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/freedman>

Young Indigenous Writers Initiative

Ongoing

This is a mentoring program run by FATSIL (Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages) that helps young Indigenous writers to develop writing skills and get work published. The aim of the program is to foster and promote the next generation of Indigenous writers in Australia.

Open to Indigenous people aged between 16 and 25 who have a passion for writing and an interest in language and culture.

For information: 03 9602 4700 Chris Patterson Magazine Editor

<http://www.fatsil.org.au/Get-Involved-/Chris-Patterson.html>

Music Bound Quick Response Travel Fund

This Fund aims to help Indigenous music coordinators attend professional development opportunities in Australia. The objective of this program is to support Indigenous arts workers to have greater access to industry development opportunities.

http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/music_bound_quick_response_travel_fund

Ian Potter Foundation

A private philanthropic foundation for charitable purposes in Australia including support for the arts.

For information: <http://www.ianpotter.org.au>

Australian Visual Artists' Benevolent Fund

Applications can be made at any time.

This fund provides limited financial assistance to visual arts practitioners faced with financial difficulty as a result of serious illness, accident or some other unexpected catastrophe. It is not intended that the fund should be used merely as a means of coping with financial hardship.

For information: <http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/australianvisualartistsbenevolentfund>

Australian Government – GrantsLINK

Find suitable and relevant grants for your community projects from the many Australian government grants that are available at <http://www.grantslink.gov.au/>

Australian Film Commission Funding

Grants available for film development; practitioner support (drama, documentary, animation, digital media, television, workshops and other initiatives such as SPARK (*Script Development Program*); co-productions (advice on official international co-productions); marketing; industry & cultural development (support for events and activities, national touring projects, new projects and interactive media); Indigenous branch; film development, travel grants, attachments and workshops for Indigenous filmmakers.

For information: <http://www.afc.gov.au/funding/default.aspx> and follow the links.

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Clubs & Groups

For a detailed list of cultural groups and clubs in Townsville visit

http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/apps/community_directory

Click on *Browse by Category* and then click on *Arts/Cultural*

Kelso Country Music Club

Aims to promote musical entertainment and to provide an outlet for members to display their talents and to enjoy the talents of others.

The Club which meets at the Upper Ross Hotel or the Thuringowa RSL Club conducts fun-days and cabarets each month for audience members and country music artists of any age.

For information: 4774 0221 or 0417 638 366 Roger Cordukes, President

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Competitions & Awards

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition – Call for Entries

Closing date: May 20th (no late entries will be accepted)

The *Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition* will be held in Townsville from July 18th to 24th.

It offers over \$18,000 in prize money.

Solo Sections include:

Open, Australiana (Australian composers), Vocal, Instrumental and Piano, and School Age.

Ensembles include:

School (3 – 8 performers) and Open (3 – 8 performers)

For information: 4728 9223 <mailto:concertovocal@hotmail.com> <http://www.nqconcerto.org>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Concerto and Vocal Competition Fund Raiser*

Siriol Kate Giffney Literary Awards 2009 – Charters Towers Writers Society

Closing date: August 15th

This short story and poetry competition for children and adults is open to all permanent residents of Australia. The topic: *To Celebrate Being a Queenslander*

For information and entry forms: http://www.bushcurls.com.au/index_files/Page1061.htm

State, National

Australian Artists' Opportunities

For information on competitions, prizes, awards and residencies.

http://www.solutionsindata.com/artist_opportunities/australian_artist_opportunities.htm

Redkite's Dare to Dream 2009 Scholarship Program – Call for Applications

Closing date: May 18th

Redkite, a leading Australian charity that supports children and young people with cancer and their families, awards thirty one scholarships to young people aged 16 – 21 with a current or past cancer diagnosis to pursue their area of interest such as academic study, dance, drama, music and sport.

In addition to the national scholarship, there are six \$2000 state and regional scholarships, twelve \$1000 High Commendation Awards, and twelve \$500 Encouragements Awards.

This program is being made possible through the support of Merrill Lynch.

For information: 1300 722 644 Leigh Kurth <mailto:lkurth@redkite.org.au> <http://www.redkite.org.au>

AHWA (Australian Horror Writers Association) Flash & Short Story Competition

Closing date: May 31st

Horror stories, tales that frighten, yarns that unsettle – all themes in this genre will be accepted.

There are two categories for submission: (1) Flash Fiction – stories up to 1000 words in length. The winning author will receive paid publication in the final issue of *Shadowed Realms* and an engraved plaque. (2) Short Story – stories with 1001 to 8000 words. The winning author will receive paid publication in *Midnight Echo* and an engraved plaque. Entry is limited to one story per author per category.

For information and entry details: <http://www.australianhorror.com/index.php?view=57>

Verandah 2009 – Call for Writers, Artists & Photographers

Closing date: June 1st

Writers, poets, artists, illustrators and photographers are invited to submit works for inclusion in the 2009 edition of *Verandah*, an annual literary art magazine published by Deakin University.

A fusion of fiction, fantasy, non-fiction and poetry, illustrated from cover to cover with art and design, the *Verandah24* team invites you to contribute to this eclectic body of creativity, one which aims to capture the essence of the human condition with all its emotion, drama, beauty and complexity.

For information and submission guidelines: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/verandah-res/>

Brunswick Poets and Writers Workshop Literary Contest

Closing date: June 4th

Brunswick Poets and Writers Workshop is celebrating its 36th anniversary. They are holding a poetry and short-story competition, any theme, any style.

<http://melbourne.gumtree.com.au/c-Community-activities-hobbies-Short-Story-Poetry-Competition-W0QQAdldZ81941490>

Live Life Villages Art Prize 2009 (Brisbane) – Call for Artists

Closing date: June 12th

The Live Life Villages Art Prize offering \$8000 in prize money including \$5,000 Acquisitive First prize, gives professional and emerging artists the opportunity to showcase their works and present them for sale.

For information: 3855 3722 <http://www.LiveLifeVillages.com.au>

City of Perth Black Swan Prize for Portraiture

Closing date: July 17th

In 2009 the exhibition is open to all Australian artists, enabling entrants to showcase their talents in the ever expanding field of portraiture. Portraits must be of a well known/respected Australian within their respective field, and the subjects must consent to be painted.

For information: <http://www.blackswanprize.com.au/>

Masterworks in the Vineyard 2009 – Call for Artists

Closing date: July 24th

A biennial invitational exhibition showcasing emerging and established contemporary artists working in a diverse range of media.

For information and entry forms: <http://www.masterworks.com.au>

Midsumma Festival 2010 – Call for Artists

Closing date: September 1st

Midsumma, Melbourne's premier arts and cultural festival, is now calling for emerging and established artists to be part of next year's festival which will be held from January 17th to February 7th.

The festival, in partnership with many well-known galleries around the City of Melbourne and the City of Yarra, annually presents a showcase of queer talent from local, national and international artists, providing queer artists a chance to express themselves to a new and growing audience, as well as the opportunity to present their work in a safe and supporting environment.

For information: <http://www.midsumma.org.au/call-for-midsumma-2010-visual-artists.html>

The Publishers' Cup Cricket Art Prize 2009 – Value \$20,000

Closing date: September 25th

The Publishers' Cup Inc Committee invites artists to submit a painting or composition representing or depicting some aspect or aspects of the game and sport of cricket, and may feature figurative, still-life, figure-in-landscape themes in settings of backyard cricket, beach cricket, social-cricket or local club cricket.

For information, conditions of entry and entry form: <http://www.publisherscup.org.au/>

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Employment/Expressions of Interest/Opportunities

Local

Artists and Craft Artists – Expressions of Interest Sought

Professional and non-professional artists and craft artists are invited to express their interest in teaching their craft to a group of adults.

An art/craft group has been running in Vincent for over six years and is looking for people/facilitators who can show/teach others a project/piece and how to complete it over a three or six hour session.

The group meets on Friday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm

The *Expression of Interest* should include:

- Brief description of craft/art
- Amount of time required to complete proposed project

- Name; mobile or landline numbers

Please note: Cost of materials would need to be kept to less than \$10 per head for the group, whose number averages about fourteen.

For information: 4728 3652 Andy

Please send expressions of interest to: <mailto:andrew.king@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Volunteer Week Opportunity – Volunteer Expo

Volunteering Nth Qld is holding a Volunteer Expo during Volunteer Week on May 17th. The Expo will be the perfect opportunity for organisations to showcase their programs and volunteers, and to recruit new volunteers. Spaces are still available for interested organisations who have not yet made a booking.

Volunteer Week runs from May 11th to 17th

For information and to express your interest: 4725 5990 Nam or Paula, Volunteering Nth Qld

[Click here](#) for more information on the *Expo*

The Townsville Oratorio Choir Rehearsals Commencing

The Choir invites you to join it for rehearsals for its Annual Oratorio, Handel's *Messiah* conducted by Neil Smith.

Rehearsals commence at 7.30pm on May 12th at the North Queensland Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT) Hall in Gill Park Pimlico. Rehearsals will finish at approximately 9.30pm with a break for a cup of tea/coffee part way through.

Everyone is most welcome!

Performances of the *Messiah* will be held on August 22nd and 23rd with a rehearsal at the venue on August 21st

Cost for participants: \$20 includes membership and music levy.

Please take a soft lead pencil – at least a 2B.

For information: 4728 5681 or 4773 2335 <mailto:eread@internode.on.net>

Townsville Little Theatre Auditions – ‘Forget-Me-Knot’

May 16th 2pm at PCYC, Castle Hill

Production dates: August 19th to 22nd

Written by David Tristram

Imagine the plight of poor old Robert Zeinfeld. Found wandering the streets of Leicester at 4am, without even the slightest clue how he got there. Total amnesia. And only a bruised head and a suspicious policeman for company. Not an experience you'd forget in a hurry. But then again, you have to see it from the policeman's point of view. Maybe this Zeinfeld character's not what he seems. Maybe he hasn't lost his memory at all. Maybe it's all an elaborate cover-up for, well, something or other.

Trouble is, the deeper he digs, the more confused he gets, until he finds himself wrestling a plot with more twists than a buckled slinky. Of course, the truth always comes out in the end. But first you have to know it's the end, and then you have to understand what the truth really means.

Cast requirements:

- 2 males 30 to 50 yrs
- 2 females 30 to 50 yrs

For information: 4724 3112

Delta Court Chamber Ensemble – Call for a Conductor

The Ensemble plays for fun and holds an occasional concert for family and friends. The group whose favourite composer is Mozart, is inviting a conductor to join it as soon as possible. Enquiries from wind and string players are also welcome.

Rehearsals are held at St Margaret Mary's Auditorium, Crowle Street, Hermit Park from 7.30 – 9.30pm on Thursday nights

For information: 0747 235 829 <mailto:frankwiseman@smartchat.net.au>

Music Centre North Queensland (MCNQ) Opportunities

Court Stories Project

Suzy Gilmour and Stephanie Tonkin are collecting material to use as a basis for the script of a short music theatre performance. They would dearly love to hear from anyone who has experiences or anecdotes to tell relating to the Old Magistrate's Court (now the Court Theatre). They also need volunteers to assist with researching old photos, stories, etc for this project.

Volunteering@MCNQ

This is a great way to access wonderful high quality music without buying a ticket! Please contact MCNQ if you can assist.

Fundraising & Donations

MCNQ is participating in the Rotary Art Union, and will receive 90% of the funds raised from the tickets they sell. Tickets will be on sale at upcoming concerts – the prize is a 2009 Ford Falcon XT 4.011 automatic

sedan or equivalent, and the booksellers' prize is a colour TV. If anyone can assist by selling tickets elsewhere please contact the MCNQ office. The centre hopes to raise at least \$900 from this activity. For information: 4721 1771 Margaret Caley <mailto:admin@musiccentrenq.net> <http://www.musiccentrenq.net>

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Opportunities

The Gallery Shop

The gallery shop is a vehicle to promote North Queensland art in its multifarious forms. Mini-exhibitions of handbags, jewellery, wearable felt art, pottery and miniatures – to name a few, occur in the Gallery's display cases. Product is sourced from all over North Queensland. If you know of artists seeking an outlet, please pass on this information. By dropping into the Gallery regularly you can indulge your consumer urge to purchase something unique, and simultaneously support a North Queensland artist.

For information: 4727 9672 Jo Terry, Administration Officer, Perc Tucker Gallery

artabout

artabout is Perc Tucker Regional Gallery's art-for-hire venture which offers artwork loans to corporate clients at reasonable rates. To discuss borrowing artwork from the Gallery's extensive collection please contact the Gallery's *artabout* officer on 4727 9011.

McGregor Casting – Call for Actors

Auditions will commence at the end of May in Townsville.

McGregor Casting is currently casting a major Australian Feature Film to be shot in Townsville from June until September 2009.

Performance experience is preferable, though not essential for all roles. The film is set in World War 1.

The following actors are required:

- Girls and boys (ages 9 – 14): caucasian girls and boys for dialogue roles. Experience not necessary.
- German Speakers: caucasian males, ages 17 – 45. Must be fluent German speakers and able to improvise dialogue in German. All builds. Experience not necessary.
- Papua New Guinean males: men from the PNG community, ages 18 – 45. Dialogue and non-dialogue roles. Experience not necessary.
- Aboriginal male (aged 17 – 22): seeking a young, optimistic, charismatic and energetic aboriginal male for a major support role. The character is a first class rugby league player, so the performer must be fit and athletic.
- Females (ages 16 – 20; 40 – 50): caucasian females for dialogue and non-dialogue roles. Australian accent. Experience not necessary.
- British males (ages 20 – 30): caucasian men with a natural British accent. All builds. Experience not necessary.
- Males (ages 20 – 35): caucasian males for dialogue and non-dialogue roles. Australian accent. Experience not necessary.

For information: (02) 9557 2844 Mobile 0414 245 200 Fax (02) 9557 2944

Even if you have registered interest with talent agencies, please forward a photo and bio to

<mailto:eliza@mcgregorcasting.com>

State Honours Ensemble Program 2009 – Nominations Open

Closing date: June 26th

The program will take place from October 1st to 4th at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University, South Bank, Brisbane.

Leading the State's finest young musicians will be a team of eminent conductors of national and international standing.

Nominations from schools, for students studying violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone (alto/tenor/baritone), french horn, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, percussion and voice (soprano/alto/tenor/bass) are invited.

For information and nomination forms: Lisa Dart <mailto:L.Dart@griffith.edu.au>

<http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/open-conservatorium/programs-courses/state-honours-ensemble-program>

State, National and International

Yungaburra Folk Festival – Applications Open

Closing date June 30th

Performer applications are now online at <http://www.yungaburrafolkfestival.org/>

The Festival will be held from October 22nd to 25th.

Write for the E-Festival of Ideas

If you're an innovative young media maker or even just a loudmouth social commentator and want real life actual media experience, the *Vibewire E-Festival of Ideas* is looking for you to help them cover the topics of their week long online conference from every angle!

For information: <http://vibewire.org/e-festival-of-ideas>

Your City Nights Project – ABC – Call for Contributions

Closing date: June 15th

The *City Nights* project is calling for text, audio, video and stills contributions that reflect the experience of the city, at night. Contributions are welcome in any genre and the stories are as big or small as a city. The best contributions will be selected, performed and be part of a program on ABC Radio National – with full credits of course.

For information: <http://pool.org.au/citynights>

Search for the 2009 Young Social Pioneers of Australia

Closing date: June 26th

If you're an aspiring young leader, who is up to something great, let the Foundation for Young Australians know about your work. You could gain a place on their one year program, giving you access to professional mentors, training & networks plus more!

For information: <http://www.youngsocialpioneers.org.au>

Country Viewpoint – Pool (ABC)

Country Viewpoint is a site for anyone who lives outside our capital cities, or perhaps has a connection to rural or regional Australia, who wants to share an experience, place or idea that is close to their hearts.

Country Viewpoint has been airing on ABC Radio National's Bush Telegraph program for almost a decade, but has now expanded to the greater community via the internet. *Country Viewpoint* invites expressions of views about anything funny, serious, topical or trivial in your backyard.

http://www.pool.org.au/content/country_viewpoint

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Publications

Convict Research Guide

The State Library of New South Wales has launched a free online guide to help hunt down convict ancestors. The Guide uses a step-by-step approach to researching the library's extensive historic records as well as other print, online and electronic resources. This easy-to-use guide is available to all web users and is just one of the valuable resources offered by the library's Family History Service.

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/navigators/convicts/index.html>

Discover Collections – From Terra Australis to Australia

Explore the State Library of New South Wales' unrivalled collections of journal, logbooks, letters, paintings, drawings and books documenting the adventures and achievements of the first British settlers in Australia.

http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/history_nation/terra_australis/index.html

A Pod of Poets

A series of eleven, 40-minute podcasts of Australian poetry, read by the authors. The poets come from all over Australia; some are emerging talents and some are established; several of them are on the school syllabus.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/poetica/features/pod/default.htm>

Kidz Book Club

An online show which can be used to enhance students' appreciation and awareness of books available for their reading pleasure. A new multi-channel player will deliver this new show directly to the user's desktop at school or a public library where it can be displayed on an electronic white board, shared on school networks or watched on desktop computers. Deb Abela and Phil Kettle host the internet-based show with two young kids and will review primary-aged books, interview authors and illustrators and promote a love of books and reading in primary-school kids.

<http://www.kidzbookclub.com.au/>

Butterflies

The story of a burn survivor which deals with issues of adolescent relationships, dreams and aspirations, anxieties and fears. The young adult novel was written by Susanne Gervay, who will be speaking about

Butterflies at the World Burn Conference in New York City in August. The story explores the complex areas of the emotional impact of burn on the individual and family while giving insight into the world of hospitals, patients and doctors.

<http://www.sgervay.com/butterflies.php>

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Sweatshops – Public Dance and Fitness Classes with Dancenorth

Dancenorth's public dance and fitness classes, offered in ten week block sessions, balance teaching techniques with energy and intensive exercise aimed at increasing vitality, balance, stamina and overall fitness.

Classes offered are contemporary dance, hip hop/street, jazz/funk, circuit training, Latin fitness and samba. *Sweatshops* are suitable for people aged over 15 years.

21 month unlimited classes memberships are available for \$200.

For information: 4772 2549 Dancenorth <mailto:info@dancenorth.com.au>

<http://www.dancenorth.com.au/sweatshops>

Dinosaur Art Activities – Museum of Tropical Queensland

Learn to Draw Dinosaurs

May 10th & June 14th

Brush up on your drawing skills and learn to draw a dinosaur with one of the museum volunteers.

Dinosaur Sand Art Activity – Museum of Tropical Queensland

May 24th & June 21st 11.30am – 12.30pm

Use the templates provided to make your own sand art – a picture made of coloured sand.

Cost: free

For information on both activities: 4726 0600 Museum of Tropical Queensland

Bridging to Volunteering Session – Volunteering North Queensland

May 12th 10 – 11am

This session will be of interest to:

- Volunteer involving organizations
- Those seeking volunteer opportunities

Presenter: Anita Berry, Manager of Volunteering North Queensland.

Learn about:

- Volunteering North Queensland's role in the community as a Volunteer Referral Centre
- how to better attract volunteers
- how to retain your volunteers
- the importance of the job description
- how to better support your volunteers and show that you value them
- time poor people and the changing trends in volunteering
- how to become a member of Volunteering North Queensland Inc.

Learn about:

- how to become a volunteer
- about volunteer rights and responsibilities.
- the Free State Wide Web linking service
- the benefits of becoming a volunteer
- long and short term volunteering
- time poor – have you considered becoming a special events volunteer
- benefits of becoming a volunteer

Thuringowa Library, Von Stiegel Room

Cost: free

For information: 4725 5990 Volunteering North Queensland Inc <mailto:vnq@volunteeringnthqld.org.au>

<http://www.volunteeringnthqld.org.au>

Culturally Inclusive Workshops

These workshops for people living with a disability are facilitated by the Cootharinga Society of North Queensland, Townsville Multicultural Support Centre and the Cultural Centre,

- Aboriginal painting – May 22nd
- Fijian cooking and dancing – June 5th
- Tokelau hat-making and traditions – June 19th
- African drumming – July 3rd
- Niue beading and traditions – July 17th
- Indonesian cooking and cultural displays – July 31st
- Filipino traditional music – August 14th
- Chinese knitting, music, culture – August 28th
- Papua New Guinean cooking and crafts – September 11th

All workshops will be held at the Castle Hill PCYC, Cnr Hugh and Harold Streets, West End

A Closing Ceremony will be held at the Cultural Centre, Flinders Street East on September 16th

For information and registration: 4759 2006 Karon Pearce, Cootharinga Society of North Queensland

<mailto:karon@cootharinga.org.au>

Life Drawing at Artspaced

Saturdays from 10am – 12noon

Spend an enjoyable and inspirational morning of life drawing with a model (no tuition) and other artists of all skills.

Cost: \$10 per class for model only. BYO materials – easels are provided.

Artspaced, Upstairs at Dancenorth, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets

For information: 0410 516 507 Ric

Basic Drawing Classes at Artspaced

May 16th to June 20th (Saturdays) 1 – 3pm

These classes will be based around the development of basic skills required for observational drawing, or drawing from life, including an introduction to elementary drawing media and a variety of drawing techniques. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss the work as the sessions progress. Participants are to provide their own materials – to be discussed on enrolment.

Cost: \$125 pre-paid for six sessions – numbers limited to 15.

Upstairs at Dancenorth, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets

Tutor: Jeanette Hutchinson Dip Vis Arts, BVA with Hons

For information and bookings: 0416 980 323

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Art Lecture Series (No 3)

May 13th 6pm

Controversies and Challenges in 20th Century Art by Associate Professor Anneke Silver

An illustrated talk highlighting some turning points and subversive moments in a light hearted journey through 20th Century art. Questions and comments will be welcomed.

Anneke is not only an artist, but the acclaimed founder of visual arts education in Townsville. She began, on her arrival in the city in 1961, with classes under her home, then at the TAFE and then helped establish the visual arts degree at James Cook University in the early 1990s.

For more than forty years Anneke has not only devoted herself to helping aspiring artists fulfil their potential but has served as a living example of what can be achieved. Her work covers all genres from painting to sculpture to pottery.

Cost: free

For information and RSVP (acceptance only): 4727 9011

Music Centre North Queensland (NCNQ) Workshops

Baala Baajo, African Music & Dance

May 10th 11am – 2pm

All welcome. Please take a drum if you have one. A limited number of drums will be available.

Cost: \$20/\$15

Flamenco Music & Dance

May 17th 9.30am – 2pm

Join in for a great time – no previous experience necessary.

- Flamenco Dance: 9.30 – 11.15am
Presented by Simone Pope and accompanied by guitarist Andrew Veivers – a beginners workshop in flamenco dance encompassing technique for upper body and feet. Female students should wear a closed toe shoe with a solid heel of at least 3cm, such as a character style shoe, comfortable pants or full skirt and leotard/ fitted top. Male students should wear a heeled shoe or boot (preferable with a heel of at least 3 cm, such as a cuban style heel), comfortable pants and t-shirt or shirt.
- Flamenco – The Art Form: 11.30am – 12.30pm
Presented by Simone Pope & Andrew Veivers – a discussion on the history, personalities and influences that have made flamenco what it is today including the evolution of the dance-form and the role of the music (guitar, singing and compás).

- Flamenco Voice: 12.45 – 2pm
Presented by James Paul and accompanied by guitarist Andrew Veivers – an introduction to the beautiful, haunting sounds of flamenco singing, its rhythm specific phrasing and techniques. No previous singing experience necessary.
Cost (includes all sessions): \$20/\$15

For information and bookings for both workshops: 4721 1771 Music Centre North Qld

<http://www.musiccentrenq.net>

Workshops will be held at the Court Theatre, Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets.

These projects have received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

Adult Workshop in Basketry

May 17th 11am-2pm

A one day workshop, at Pinnacles gallery, in learning the skill of twining and the craft of basketry with local artist Marion Gaemers.

Cost: \$15

For information: 4773 8871 Pinnacle gallery <mailto:pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Townsville Multicultural Support Group Womens Group Information Session

May 22nd 10am – 12noon

General information session including information on a free breast screen for women over 40 years. The meeting will also include some entertainment and lucky door prizes.

The Townsville Multicultural Support Group Inc (TMSG) is a community based organisation which encourages and helps people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds in a range of areas. Women from all backgrounds are invited to participate in this group which aims to provide social interaction and information for women of any background.

63 Ross River Road, Mundingburra

Cost: free

For information: 4775 1588 Cristina Martinez

Latin Vibrations Workshops and Party

May 23rd

Special Guest: Mary-Grace Brown Australian Salsa Champion 2007/2008. Mary-Grace is a North Queensland. She used to live in Cairns and has visited Townsville in the past to run salsa workshops. Now she is finding recognition on the international stage with her new dance partner, Australian Salsa Champion Jaime Jesus who will be visiting Townsville himself in September this year. Mary-Grace is the Asian Salsa Champion and won the International Korean Salsa Competition in 2008 as well.

Workshops:

10am Bachata Basics

11am Bachata Turn Patterns

12pm Intro to Salsa On2

1pm break

2pm Salsa Spin Techniques

3pm Salsa Intermediate Turn Patterns

4pm Salsa Advanced Turn Patterns

Cost: \$25 per workshop or \$120 for package of six

Party:

9pm – late

Cost: \$10 entry includes two performances by Mary-Grace.

Molly Malone's (upstairs), Flinders St East

0437 188 213 Jodie Connor <mailto:latinvibrations@live.com>

Queensland Writers Centre Workshops – Townsville

Freelance Writing with Tiana Templeman

May 24th

Non-fiction writer Tiana Templeman (*Absolutely Faking It*) will share the insider secrets on how to break into the industry as a freelance writer and let you know how you can become a regular name in local, statewide and national presses.

Developing your Writing Practice with Adair Jones

June 20th

During this workshop, Adair Jones (*The Tower of Forgetting*) will cover the discipline of daily writing, touching on different approaches, ways to get started and methods for going the distance.

Introduction to Poetry with Julie Beveridge

November 14th

There are so many genres of poetry, often it's difficult to know where to begin. Join Julie Beveridge (*Home is Where the Heartache is*) as she takes you through some fundamental exercises and techniques to get your poetic tongues wagging. Whether you would like to write poetry for recreation or publication, this introduction will set you up with the basics you need to get started.

For information: 3839 1243 or <mailto:qldwriters@qwc.asn.au> or book online at QWC's website

<http://www.qwc.asn.au/ProgramsEvents/RegionalProgram/Townsville.aspx>

For information and cost: 4778 8278 (AH) Mandy Wildeheart <mailto:awildeheart@austarnet.com.au>

These workshops will be held at the Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

Book Art for Prints with Sheree Kinlyside – Umbrella Studio Workshop

June 6th & 7th; 11th to 14th 10am – 4pm

This intensive workshop will teach the techniques the artist uses for designing and producing an editioned artist's book.

In the process, each participant will make an unbound copy (mock-up) of their book as well as a blind (without text and image) bound copy. In this case, it will be a hard cover flutter book which requires no sewing to bind and makes good use of paper. Participants will work on their own and make at least one complete book.

Please take your lunch.

Cost: \$130 members \$150 non-members

Umbrella Studio

For information: 4772 7109 <http://www.umbrella.org.au/news/74/22/Book-Art-for-Prints-with-Sheree-Kinlyside>

James Cook University Creative Arts Courses

James Cook University's School of Creative Arts (SoCA) offers the following programs:

- Certificate courses
- Diploma of Creative Arts
- Bachelor of Creative Industries
- Bachelor of New Media Arts
- Graduate Diploma of Creative Arts
- Master of Creative Arts
- Master of Music
- PhD

For information: 4781 3166 Elly Murrell <mailto:creativearts@jcu.edu.au>

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/>

[Click here](#) for information on the *William Thomas Williams Scholarship/Bursary*

[Click here](#) for information on other SoCA activities

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) Symposium – Call for Papers

Deadline for Abstracts: May 15th

Deadline for Full Papers: August 14th

Symposium Date: August 21st 8am – 5.30pm

The Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, a major initiative of the Queensland Government and Arts Queensland Backing Indigenous Arts strategy, will include a dedicated symposium of national significance for the discussion and stimulation of new directions in contemporary Indigenous Australian Art.

Co-hosted through a partnership with Arts Queensland and the James Cook University School of Creative Arts, the CIAF Symposium will inform and inspire Indigenous artists, industry professionals, academics, activists, students, collectors and media.

The 2009 CIAF Symposium invites abstracts that respond to the following themes for selection through a refereed process:

- Indigenous Art or Artists
- Historical Continuity & Contemporary Innovation
- Indigenous Art from Production to Market

Venue: Centre of Contemporary Arts (CoCA), 96 Abbott Street Cairns

Please forward, by email, abstracts of no more than 250 words and a brief 150 word biography to CIAF

Symposium convenor: <mailto:Russell.Milledge@jcu.edu.au>

The symposium seeks to explore the currency of Indigenous creative practice and papers will be considered that best relate to the CIAF Symposium themes and can be presented in the format of a 20 minute presentation followed by questions/discussion. Following a refereed review of abstracts, invited presenters will be asked to submit a full paper of between 2500-3000 words for potential inclusion in the publication of symposium proceedings.

For more information about the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair: <http://www.ciaf.com.au>

La Luna Youth Arts Workshops

La Luna offers workshops in drama, short film, speech and drama, circus, writing for performance and visual art for young people aged 15 – 26 years at the Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa. For information: 4773 6377 <mailto:info@lalunang.com>

North Queensland Recorder Society (NQRS) Workshop

June 12th to 14th

The North Queensland Recorder Society will hold its annual weekend workshop at the historic Hotel Noorla, Ingham. The guest tutor for 2009 will be recorder player Robyn Mellor (Canberra), supported by local tutors Malcolm Tattersall & Heather Coleman (recorder), Margaret Caley (baroque strings), and Valerie Huston (morning warm-ups). The workshops are open to players (any age or experience) of recorders, keyboard, plucked, bowed or blown (non-transposing) instruments.

Robyn Mellor is a leading Australian recorder player and teacher with twenty years experience as a music teacher, performer, conductor and administrator, working with children, teenagers and adults. She has had extensive experience in workshops and national festivals in Australia and New Zealand. Robyn gained a Bachelor's degree in music education from the University of WA and later studied recorder performance in Holland under Leo Meilink and Michael Barker. She has been Musical Director of the Canberra Recorder and Early Music Society and Artistic Co-ordinator of Music for Everyone, a Canberra community performing arts organisation providing programs for adults and children.

For information, registration and cost: 0427 757 958 Margaret Caley <mailto:posm@bigpond.com>
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~mtattersall/NQRS/NQRS.html>

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State, National

Australian Film Television and Radio School Courses

For advanced training in film, television, digital media and radio production.
<http://www.aftrs.edu.au>

Museums Australia National Conference

May 17th to 19th

With the four sub themes *Working Together*, *Working Hard*, *Working Differently* and *Working New* focussing on innovation and collaboration, this conference will showcase inspirational projects from around Australia and the world.

Newcastle City Hall

For information: <http://www.ma2009.com.au/>

Australian Songwriters' Conference

June 5th to 8th

The Australian Songwriters Conference will be held at Ettalong Beach, an hour north of Sydney.

<http://www.australiansongwritersconference.com.au/>

Young Writers' Boot Camp

June 29th to July 3rd

Queensland Writers' Centre Young Writers' Boot Camps are suitable for writers aged 13 to 17 years. Internationally acclaimed short story writer Cate Kennedy (Dark Roots) will lead participants through a week-long journey of writing discovery. Focusing on the short story, each participant will have the opportunity to write, edit and polish a new work as well as develop any works in progress during the week. Cate will also share her secrets to publication success and outline opportunities and avenues for young writers.

<http://www.qwc.asn.au/ProgramsEvents/BrisbaneProgram/YoungWritersBootCamp.aspx>

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Websites

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/sundayarts/>

Sunday Arts is a weekly, one-hour, all-Australian arts show featuring interviews, performances and profiles.

<http://www.fatsil.org.au/>

FATSIL (Federation of Australian and Torres Strait Islander Languages) is the national peak body for community based indigenous language programs in Australia. The organisation was established in 1991 in response to the Australian Language and Literacy Policy, to promote the maintenance, retrieval and revival of indigenous languages, through the support of community based language programs.

<http://www.abc.net.au/indigenous/map/default.htm>

Indigenous Language Map

<http://cbca.org.au/Default.aspx>

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)

<http://www.qwc.asn.au>

Queensland Writers Centre

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au>

State Library of Queensland

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/coll/musd/musq>

Music Queensland is the digital music collection of the State Library of Queensland

<http://www.qldstories.slq.qld.gov.au>

Queensland Stories is the State Library of Queensland's project to collect and display Queensland digital stories.

<http://thepuredrop.com.au>

ABC Online: *The Pure Drop* is an interactive online celebration of traditional and world music featuring performances and interviews with musicians from the far reaches of the globe. Can be watched on the site as flash video and is downloadable as MP4.

<http://www.pool.org.au>

Pool is a social media project developed by ABC Radio National. It's a place to share your creative work with the Pool community and ABC producers. A collaborative space where audiences become makers.

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Date Claimers

Link to the [Events Calendar](#) on the Townsville City Council's Website for additional events:

Please advise the Community Information Centre if you find errors in, or have additions or changes to, these events.

May/June

Queensland Writers' Centre Workshop

Developing Your Writing Practice with Adair Jones

June 20th

[Click here](#) for information

Townsville Show holiday

June 29th

July/August

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition

July 18th to 24th

For information: <http://www.nqconcerto.org>

Townsville Gem and Mineral Club Inc – Annual Gem Show

July 18th & 19th

For information: 0411 800 944 Elethia Brady

mailto:publicity_tgmc@yahoo.com.au

Australian Festival of Chamber Music

July 31st to August 9th

For information: <http://www.afcm.com.au>

Cultural Fest 09

August 12th to 16th

For information: 4772 4800 Townsville Intercultural Centre (formerly Migrant Resource Centre)

Unity in Diversity Conference

August 12th to 14th

For information: 4772 4800 Townsville Intercultural Centre

September

Strand Ephemera 2009

September 4th to 14th

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Townsville Eisteddfod

September 9th to 26th

For information: 4724 1653

Great Tropical Jazz Party – Magnetic Island

September 11th to 13th

For information: 4778 5918 <mailto:magneticjazz@hotmail.com>

October

2009 Xstrata Greek Fest Townsville

October 10th & 11th

For information: 0417 739 749 Bill Malandris

Yungaburra Folk Festival

October 22nd to 25th

For information: <http://www.yungaburrafolkfestival.org/>

November

Queensland Writers' Centre Workshop

Introduction to Poetry with Julie Beveredge

November 14th

[Click here](#) for information

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

Chocolate Salsa

<mailto:chocolatesalsa@mac.com> <http://www.chocolatesalsa.com>

May 9th 8pm – midnight

Habana Night

Don't miss out on another fun night dancing to the best Latin songs

mARTas Gallery & Café

Cost: \$10

Dancenorth

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets

4772 2549 <mailto:info@dancenorth.com> <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

[Click here](#) for information on *Sweatshops – Public Dance and Fitness Classes*

Extensions Youth Dance Company

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets
0418 755 833 <mailto:kylie@xtensions.org.au>

June 19th (7.30pm); 20th (2pm & 7.30pm) & 21st (2pm)

Dance to the Music of Time

This is a joint production between Extensions Youth Dance and Ulysses Butterfly, sponsored by the Ann Roberts School of Dance.

It will feature:

- *Adagio for Body & Strings* choreographed by Jane Pirani with a special appearance by Jane and Debbie Clements
- *Juliet's Soliloquy* choreographed by Kylie Ball

Riverway Arts Centre

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Exhibitions

Art on Kings

Shops 5-6/203 Kings Road Pimlico
4725 0250 <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au>

Gallery hours: 9am to 4pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am to 2pm (Saturday and Sunday)

The Gallery, administered by The Townsville Art Society Inc, welcomes enquiries from budding artists, art lovers and supporters. 150 member artists display their works at the Gallery and paintings are changed monthly. Artists are able to hold their own exhibitions.

Artspaced (formerly A Little White Space)

Dancenorth, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets
0416 980 323 Jeanette Hutchinson or 0401 099 094 Shane Keen
<mailto:artspace@gmail.com>

Artspaced is open from 10am – 2pm Wednesday to Saturday for coffee and to view works.

[Click here](#) for information on *Life Drawing sessions and Basic Drawing Classes*

Castling Street Heritage Centre

5 Castling Street West End
4771 5873

Opening hours: Wednesdays 10am – 2pm; Saturdays and Sunday 1 – 4pm

Visit Townsville's past – the only museum in North Queensland with three examples of Queenslander style houses.

Worker's dwelling (1884) – a simple cottage, fully restored and furnished

Currajong (1888) – 'grand' villa residence, fully restored and furnished

Farmhouse (1921) – example of an early house occupied by North Queensland farmers

Citylibraries

[May is Learning Month](#) – Details of displays, exhibitions and a full program of over sixty events across all library branches are available on <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/recreation/library/index>

Aitkenvale Library

Petunia Street, Aitkenvale 4727 8310

Knowledge Centre

Northtown Flinders Mall 4727 9666

Thuringowa Library

Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan 4773 8500

Eddie Koiki Mabo Library

James Cook University

May 21st to June 5th

Mabo Kara Art (Mabo My Art)

An exhibition by Gail Mabo which commemorates the first anniversary of the naming of the Eddie Koiki Mabo Library.

Gallery 48

48 The Strand 4724 4898

Gallery hours: 10am-2pm Wed & Fri

Gallery Hinchinbrook

76 Townsville Rd, Ingham

10am – 4pm Monday to Friday; 10am –12noon Saturday

4776 4646 Joanne Cassady <mailto:jcassady@hinchinbrook.gov.au>

Maritime Museum

42 – 68 Palmer St

South Townsville

4721 5251

Open Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm; Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 4pm

mARTasgallery & Café

86 Ogden St, City

4724 3107

[Click here](#) for information on Chocolate Salsa's *Habana Night*

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Flinders Street East, Townsville

Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

4726 0600 <http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au>

MTQ is free for residents of Townsville, Burdekin and Charters Towers council areas.

The Museum's *Discover More* talks are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 12noon – 1pm – see below

Discover More Talks

May 12th 12noon – 1pm

The talk will be given by Dr Alex Cook, Queensland Museum's Senior Curator of Geosciences, and will explore the amazing prehistoric animals that inhabited Queensland during the time of the dinosaurs.

New dinosaur exhibition opened on April 8th

Hatching the Past: Dinosaur Eggs and babies

Take a rare and exciting look at the life of dinosaurs through their eggs, nests and embryos. This hands-on exhibition blends the arts and sciences with an astounding array of dinosaur eggs and nests from all around the globe.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Flinders Mall, Townsville

4727 9011 <mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/recreation/gallery/perctucker/index>

The Gallery is available for hire for special events. Its central location and unique ambience makes it an ideal venue for distinctive cocktail parties, intimate dinners, launches and presentations.

To June 21st

Hall of Mirrors: Anne Zahalka Portraits: 1987-2007

This exhibition explores the thread of portraiture through the prolific career of one of Australia's pre-eminent photomedia artists. Anne Zahalka's portraits reveal more than just the individual. With an ironic and critical voice the images cleverly subvert stereotypes while capturing subcultures and a spirit of the times with acute observation. A NETS (National Exhibitions Touring Support) Victoria touring exhibition developed by the Centre for Contemporary Photography

To May 18th

A-List Youth by Matt Clark

Matt Clark, a local emerging artist, is currently completing a Diploma course in Visual Arts at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE. Strongly influenced by photography and mixed media formats, Matt combines the two to create a bold, colourful, youthful, and glamorous look – a stylistic element that is central to his commentary of today's 'next generation'.

Opening: May 12th at 6.30pm

To June 14th

Two Seasons: New Paintings 2007-2009 by Martin Kizur

In his previous exhibitions, Martin has explored particular elements of north Queensland living, such as in *Fruits of the Tropics* (2003) and *Jewels from the Sea* (2004). Now, in his first major solo exhibition, Kizur presents new oil paintings developed over three years. *Two Seasons* is the artist's response not to a particular element, but rather the tropics and tropical lifestyle as a whole.

Opening: May 8th at 7pm by Dr Nita Vasilescu, Patron of the Arts

Free Artist Floor Talk: May 10th at 11am

May 19th to June 7th

Vanishing Points

A series of paintings that form a mini retrospective by local artist Thurston Crimp. The works explore the idea of the vanishing point through a variety of subject matters, including abstraction, minimalism, and Thurston's own experiences of deafness.

Opening: May 24th at 11am

May 19th to June 21st

Big Region Small Focus

Inspired by the landscape and landmarks of the Townsville region, members of the Townsville Art Society present their annual miniature exhibition.

Opening: May 19th at 10.30am

June 3rd to 7th

2009 Ikebana Exhibition

Presented by the Townsville Sogetsu Ikebana Association

Opening: June 3rd at 7pm

Pinnacles Gallery

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central 4817

Hours: Wednesday & Thursday: 11am - 5pm; Friday: 11am – 7pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10am – 5pm

4773 8871 Fax 4723 0282 <mailto:pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au>

<http://riverway.townsville.qld.gov.au/explore/gallery/index>

May 9th to June 14th

Crossings

An installation of sculpture and multimedia work inspired by the Ross River in Townsville. The exhibition is a collaboration between local artists Vince Bray, Marion Gaemers, Candice Miles, Trish Nixon-Smith and Alan Valentine, celebrating the growth

and change of the city and its surrounds. Combining differing and comparable perspectives the artists create a greater consciousness of the river and water as a vital part of the city's existence. Lighting, digital imagery, film, sound and movement allow the artists to convey their intentions and push their own creative boundaries.

Opening: May 9th at 4pm by Cr Vern Veitch

School of Creative Arts James Cook University and Gallery

School of Creative Arts, Building DA300, Main Campus, James Cook University

4781 3142 Elly Murrell, Community Engagement & Events Officer

[Click here](#) for SOCA courses and information on the *William Thomas William Scholarship/Bursary*

[Click here](#) for information on *Beckett & Beyond* a performance by SOCA students in association with Tropic Sun Theatre Company

[Click here](#) for information on *Written by Us – Tales from the Cowshed 2009*

[Click here](#) for information on the *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) Symposium – Call for Papers*

May 11th to 29th

Body & Frame

Showcasing a collection of diverse works by local and national performance artists on screen.

Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery

5 Metro Quays 86 Ogden Street

47243953

0419790245

<mailto:sylvia.ditchburn@bigpond.com.au>

<http://www.sylviaditchburnfineartgallery.com>

Open: 10am – 4pm Tuesday – Friday; 10am – 1pm Sunday

Features original paintings and prints of the tropics and Australian outback by Sylvia Ditchburn, Vince Bray and James Brown.

Sylvia Ditchburn received *Public Acknowledgement* for Visual Arts at the *Townsville City Council Arts and Cultural Awards* on March 20th 2009

Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre (TATSICC)

Reef HQ Building Flinders Street East

4772 7679 Visual Arts Manager <mailto:vamngr@bigpond.net.au>

Opening hours: 9.30am – 5pm daily

TATSICC is available for group and school bookings as well as corporate and private functions and cultural workshops. For more information: 4772 7679

Fine Arts Gallery – Appreciate works by local and regional artists.

Retail Area – A range of interesting, quality hand-made items for sale.

Townsville Museum

Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts Currajong (access via Barbeler St – behind ambulance station)

4775 7838

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 4772 7817

<mailto:info@umbrella.org.au> <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

To May 31st

Elevating the Spirit

A celebration of organic texture by textile artist, Kerry Madsen-Pietch in the Main Space. Kerry explores relationships and unity through visual language elements and symbology, that links one's inner-self (soul, spirit, life force, essence) psyche to the outer world. Using techniques such as stitching, painting, collage, drawing, printmaking an assemblage, this body of abstract work references expands and transits into new exploratory directions.

Hollywood Revisited

Andrew Sewell has been busy in the Studio Downstairs using the press to print his collection of wood Japanese Keyblock prints in this, his first exhibition. The walls of the Access Gallery will be hung with some of America's most famous stars, horror film icons, super heroes and glamorous sex symbols. To coincide with this exhibition, Andrew will share his passion for printing in a Japanese Keyblock workshop in the Studio. Andrew is obsessed with action heroes and Hollywood icons, satisfying his voyeur tendencies in wood block printing. The workshop will concentrate on the Japanese Keyblock method.

The Reluctant Nun

This is an installation of printed works on paper that communicates an empathetic narrative by Sheree Kinlyside. The “convent life” became a personal experience; nuns became women and also beloved friends. The artist’s intention is to simply humanise these holy women so that others might be endeared. *The Reluctant Nun* tells the story of a young woman who is tempted by the things that tempt us all – fame, money, sex and the greener side of the fence. Showing in the Vault Space. Sheree will facilitate a workshop, *Book Art for Prints* in the Studio Downstairs in June.

Artist Talk and Concert

May 10th 11.30am

Suspect – Rebecca McHutchison

Rebecca McHutchison, one of Townsville’s most versatile performers will premiere *Suspect* an original jazz/fusion composition at Umbrella Studio, in the first of a series of free Coffee/Concert Artist talks, presented by Umbrella Studio in partnership with Music Centre North Queensland (MCNQ).

The concert will be followed by an artist talk by printmaker Andrew Sewell, who has been busy in the Studio Downstairs using the press to print his collection of wood Japanese Keyblock prints in his first exhibition, *Hollywood Revisited*. The walls of the access gallery will be hung with some of America’s most famous stars, horror film icons, super heroes and glamorous sex symbols.

For information and bookings: 4721 1771 MCNQ or 4772 7817 Umbrella Studio

June 5th to 12th

On the Edge – Group Exhibition curated by Dr Sasi Victoire

Zaro's Cultural Gallery

86 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

4782 2067 <mailto:zaro.gallery@bigpond.com>

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Festivals & Special Events

Strand Presents

Brass on the Grass – Townsville Brass in Concert

May 10th 6 – 8pm

Townsville Brass has just returned triumphant from the National Band Championships in Sydney having been declared No 1 across the nation in the Street March and second in the overall aggregate. Brolga Brass, the junior band, was the highest placed Queensland band in the D Grade competition at the Nationals so both bands are firing and ready to entertain audiences with their best on May 10th.

For information on Townsville Brass: <http://www.townsvillebrass.org/>

Gregory St Amphitheatre

Cost: free

Banner of Tripoli - Demonstration

May 16th during the evening

Have you ever fancied being a knight of old? Or a lady living in a castle during the middle ages? This Townsville group will set up a demonstration site on the Strand and show off fastidiously handcrafted and highly authentic items from all levels of society that would have used in the period 1150 to 1250 AD.

Strand Esplanade

Cost: free

Townsville Grammar School Big Band

May 17th 4.30 – 6.30pm

Join one of the best big bands in town for a wonderful afternoon's enjoyment on the beautiful Strand.

Townsville Grammar Big Band is in peak form and pumping out old and new classics of the big band repertoire. Join them and conductor Peter Chandler for a great concert.

Gregory St Amphitheatre

Cost: free

The Best of JCU

May 29th 6 – 9pm

Strand Presents series has teamed up with James Cook University Student Union to present a smorgasbord of talent to the Strand public. From great bands like *Bundawalla Moon*, to Torres Strait and Aboriginal cultural dancers plus a host of other multicultural dance and vocal groups, the JCU concerts present some of the variety in the student population currently studying at JCU.

Gregory St Amphitheatre

Cost: free

Flute Serenata

May 31st 5 – 6pm

This is a quartet of young players expertly guided by local musician Megan Franklin. They will alternately relax and excite the listener, soothing minds and making toes tap with a range of musical styles.

Strans Esplanade

Cost: free

Presented by Townsville City Council

For information: 4727 9685 Justine Wilkinson, Cultural Development Officer, Townsville City Council

Art for Art Sake Ladies High Tea at Dancenorth

May 10th 2 – 5pm

Dancenorth is energising Townsville's CBD with the company's ambitious *Art for Art Sake* series. Designed to connect people with art through a series of fun and exciting events, the second event of the series will be a *Ladies High Tea*, held on Mothers Day at Dancenorth. Featuring a choreographed fashion show by Katelyn Aslett, live entertainment by Kevin Wright and more in what promises to be a sensational day for Townsville ladies, in support of developing Townsville art.

Dancenorth, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets Townsville CBD

Cost: \$75 – \$80 with bookings per table of 10 or individually (includes a glass of bubbles on arrival)

For information: 4772 2549 Dancenorth <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

18th Annual Service of Thanksgiving

May 11th 6.45pm

Gift of Life Thanksgiving Services are held throughout Australia at this time, in recognition of organ and tissue donors and their families who make transplantation possible. Performance by Bella Voce choir.

Riverway Arts Centre

Cost: Thanksgiving Service – free; light supper to follow – \$20, tickets (0409 935 703 For information and to purchase tickets: 4796 2202 or 0409 935 703 Sue Baxter, Regional Donor Coordinator

Townsville Heritage Day

May 17th

Heritage Day is an annual, free community event that illuminates the rich history and heritage of the Townsville Region and will be held in West End Park on Ingham Road next to the West End Cemetery. Heritage Day highlights include displays by organisations that collect and preserve knowledge about Townsville's history; assistance with locating relatives buried in the West End Cemetery; rides on a vintage Chevy bus; Indigenous *Welcome to Country* ceremonies, food-tasting and dancers; vintage vehicles on display; free shuttle bus to the National Trust Centre and historic houses; live entertainment and children's activities. Food and drink will be available for sale as well.

This year, Heritage Day is extremely fortunate to have been awarded grant funding from Q150. This funding will be used to produce a theatrical presentation highlighting major events that shaped Townsville since its early days, featuring actors in period costume.

For information: 4727 9455 Ted Brandi Townsville City Council

Volunteer Expo

May 17th 11am – 4pm

Volunteering Nth Qld is holding a Volunteer Expo during Volunteer Week which runs from May 11th to 17th. The Expo will be the perfect opportunity for organisations to showcase their programs and volunteers, and to recruit new volunteers. The event which will be held at the Upper Ross PCYC will include the launch of the Community Renewal Project for 2009, interactive activities, a speaker spot and an exhibition of the *Post Card Project* carried out in Vincent Primary School, Weir Primary School, Thuringowa High School, Shalom College and the Upper Ross PCYC .

For information: 4725 5990 Nam or Paula Volunteering Nth Qld

2009 Children`s Festival

May 17th 1pm – 4pm

The *2009 Children's Festival* is a fantastic event full of fun for all the family. Arts, crafts, entertainment, face painting, healthy food and much more. Brought to you by the Communities for Children, Townsville West and Community Renewal, this event follows on from the very successful *Pirates of the Coral Sea*, *I Can Do Anything*, *Let's Pretend*, *Games Through Time* and the *2008 Children's Festival*.

Venue: Cambridge Park, Hodges Crescent, Vincent

Cost: free

For information: 4728 7727 Ideas to Life Pty Ltd

Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition – Sunday at Southbank Fundraiser

May 31st 2pm

An afternoon of entertainment including vocal and instrumental music from Vienna – City of Romance. Music and song to delight the hearts and minds of young and old.

Ladies fashions – *Dress to Impress*, children's fashions, afternoon tea, lucky door prize, mini raffles and giveaways and bar refreshments available to purchase.

Rydges Southbank Convention Centre, Palmer Street

Cost: \$36.50; table of ten \$350

For information: 4727 9797 TicketShop

[Click here](#) for information on the *Concerto and Vocal Competition – Call for Entries*

Writers in Townsville Society Inc Book Launch and Q150 Literary Dinner

June 1st 6 – 6.30pm

Book Launch – *Long after the Thrill*, a collection of short stories by Kerry Ashwin

June 1st from 6.30pm

Join the authors of the Queensland Writers Centre – *Q150 Writers Train*, Matthew Condon, Gregory Rogers and Belinda Jeffery for an intimate dinner and talk.

Townsville Motor Boat and Yacht Club, Plume Street, South Townsville

Order from an a la carte menu and pay as you go.

For information and RSVP by May 22nd: 0414 852 342 Kerry Ashwin <mailto:kerry.ashwin@gmail.com>

Palm Creek Folk Festival

June 5th to 8th

Presented by the Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club Inc

Mountain View Lake Caravan Park Bruce Hwy Giru

For information: <mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org> <http://www.tsvfolkclub.org>

[Click here](#) for information on Folk Club activities leading up to the Festival

Gateway to Expression Festival

June 5th to 8th

This inaugural Festival aims to bring together a wide community of people to join the entertainment, workshops, idea sharing, story telling and general socializing. Projects such as national speakers, Indigenous storytelling, dancing from the Islands, and workshops with well-known authors on novel writing, poetry, yarn spinning, playwriting and performance are being planned.

Charters Towers

Presented by Charters Towers Writers Society

For information: 0439 672 906 Rosa Christian <http://www.bushcurls.com.au>

Ecofiesta

June 14th

Eco Fiesta provides the perfect platform to celebrate all things environmental, with a full afternoon of interactive activities and entertainment for the whole family in Queens Gardens. The festival supports and celebrates local environmental organisations with workshops, displays and the presentation of winners of this year's Environmental Excellence and Sustainability awards.

Queens Park

Presented by the Townsville City Council

For information: 4727 9000 Customer Service Centre Townsville City Council

http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/council/media?media_id=52

Artfest

The NQ Potters studio at 15 Flowers Street, Railway Estate will be open to the public on July 12th from 10am – 3pm. There will be pottery, sculpture, paintings, silk and jewellery on sale. There will also be an opportunity to have a go on the potters wheel.

For information: Fiona Banner <mailto:flipastretch@bigpond.com>

State, National, International

Sydney Writers Festival

May 18th to 24th

<http://www.swf.org.au/>

Carnivale

May 22nd to 31st

For 10 balmy days and nights each May the festival of *Carnivale* takes over the seaside resort village of Port Douglas offering a chance to flirt with life and engage in a kaleidoscope of free and ticketed events. There're music, arts, sports, food, culture and all styles of entertainment.

<http://www.carnivale.com.au/>

Creative Sydney

May 27th – June 13th

Creative Sydney is a festival celebrating the wealth and diversity of the city's creative talents.

<http://www.creativesydney.com.au/>

Henry Lawson Festival of Arts – Grenfell, New South Wales

June 4th – 8th

<http://www.grenfell.org.au/henrylawsonfestival/>

Byron Bay Writers Festival

August 7th to 9th

<http://byronbaywritersfestival.com.au/v1/>

Cooktown Art Festival 2009

August 14th to 16th

Works by local artists, painters, sculptors, wood carvers, potters and photographers will be exhibited throughout Cooktown at various galleries, restaurants, museums, public halls and businesses.

Be entertained by the talented local musicians and poets, including a poet's breakfast where you can join in.

Soak up the atmosphere, beauty and history of the Cooktown region. Guide maps will be available for self guided tours or you can take advantage of the shuttle bus service.

http://www.cooktownart.com.au/cooktown_art_festival.html

Brisbane Writers Festival

September 9th to 13th

<http://www.brisbanewritersfestival.com.au>

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Film

Townsville Cinema Group

<mailto:info@cinemagroup.org.au> <http://www.cinemagroup.org.au>

For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde

Screenings at Warrina Cineplex.

Programs are available at Warrina Cineplex, on the group's website and at the Community Information Centre, Level 1, Northtown, Flinders Mall.

May 14th

The Counterfeiters

A pinched-looking Sorowitsch opens a suitcase full of American dollars – the largest counterfeiting operation ever, set up in 1936. Oscar winner! Austria 2008 (MA)

Jar City

A sublimely directed thriller combining murder mystery, family drama and a taste of Icelandic culture into a fascinating cinematic experience.

May 28th

Valley of Flowers

A Himalayan tale about passion and re-incarnation, that spans two centuries, from the Silk Route of the early 19th century to the bustling metropolis of modern-day Tokyo. India/Japan 2007 (M)

My Winnipeg

Cult director Guy Maddin revisits his boyhood. Creative interpretations of local lore, re-enactments of childhood traumas, and a quasi-documentary style made for a surreal reinvention. Canada 2008 (M)

June 11th

Hunger

An explosive, challenging interpretation of the true story of a man who leads a hunger strike as a political tactic in a battle over prison conditions. UK 2008 (MA)

Night

A contemplation of what happens every time the sun goes down. It taps into the subconscious – the thrills at what can happen under cover of darkness. Australia 2008 (PG)

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Music

Australian Strings Association

0401 298 014 Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

May 10th 3pm

Ulysses Chamber Concert

A fabulous journey to awaken the senses – a fun afternoon of light chamber and modern works.

Townsville Hospital Auditorium

Cost: \$15/\$9; students \$7; gold coin donation for patient ticket

All proceeds go to the Townsville Hospital Foundation

Barrier Reef Orchestra

4722 2789 Annette Elliss (Treasurer) <mailto:brotownsville@gmail.com> <http://www.nqorchestra.com>

[Click here](#) for information on the Orchestra's next concert *Tropical & Evergreen Delights*

Full Moon Drum Circle

June 7th

The *Full Moon Drum Circle* is facilitated by the *Rhythm Connection* and supported by Townsville City Council.

6 – 7.30pm Gregory Street Amphitheatre (weather permitting)

For information: Alex 0414 803 666

Jazz

NQ Jazz Club

The North Qld Jazz Club holds regular sessions at the PCYC Wellington St, Aitkenvale on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month from 5.30 to 9.30pm

4723 2417 or 0413 456 542 Marie Gibson (Publicity Officer) <http://www.nqjc.250x.com>

Cost: \$14/\$10 members

Magnetic Jazz Association

4778 5918 <mailto:magneticjazz@hotmail.net.au> <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty>

Music Centre North Queensland

Old Magistrate's Court Building, Cnr Stokes & Sturt Streets

4721 1771 <http://www.musiccentrenq.com>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Artist Talk and Concert* presented in partnership with Umbrella Studio

May 9th 7.30pm

Baala Baajo & Wassa, African music & dance

Ghanaian born, Nii Armah and Kenyan born, Sam Okoth, are accomplished singers, dancers and musicians, with a genuine passion for the music and culture of their native countries. Well-known for their energy, exuberance and musical talent they have travelled nationally and internationally, performing and teaching African arts and culture. Nii Armah and Sam blend traditional and contemporary rhythms from Ghana and Kenya to create a passionate, memorable and authentic African cultural experience.

Wassa is a six-piece percussion group performing traditional rhythms from West Africa on traditional instruments. The Townsville based group has been performing throughout North Queensland and as far as Papua New Guinea since 2001.

Court Theatre

Cost: \$25/\$20; child/school student \$15 child/school student; group of 5 - \$100 Tickets available at the door and online.

This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

May 15th 7.30pm

An Evening with Brian Kneipp

Actor, writer, musician and performer Brian Kneipp appears as a number of supercharged comic creations, (including himself), in a one man show that is full of laughs and music.

Court Theatre, Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

Cost: \$15/\$10 Tickets available at the door, and online

This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

May 16th 8pm

Jaleos Flamenco

Promising an evocative journey into the passionate heart of flamenco, and boasting artists recently returned from Spain, *Jaleos Flamenco* will captivate its audience with driving rhythms, breathtaking footwork and rich, sensual dance.

Under the direction of renowned flamenco choreographer/dancer Simone Pope and guitarist/musical director Andrew Veivers, *Jaleos Flamenco* includes a stunning line-up of ensemble dancers as well as James Paul (singer/guitarist/percussionist) who will be launching his debut solo CD – *Canta La Luna* (The Moon Sings).

Court Theatre, Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

Cost: \$25/\$20; \$15 child/school student, group of five \$100 Tickets available at the door, and online

This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

[Click here](#) for information on *Baala Baajo* and *Flamenco Workshops*

June 16th 7pm

Robyn Mellor, Telemann Ensemble & friends

Robyn Mellor is a leading Australian recorder player and teacher, who has performed on and taught recorder for twenty years. She has had extensive experience in workshops and national festivals in Australia and New Zealand.

The concert will feature music by Biber, Telemann, and Stolzel, for recorders and strings. Presented in partnership with the North Qld Recorder Society.

Sacred Heart Cathedral

[Click here](#) for information on *North Qld Recorder Society Workshop*

North Qld Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT)

4728 5681 or 4773 2335 <mailto:enquiries@www.nqomt.org.au> <http://www.nqomt.com.au>

The North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA).

PO Box 503 Castletown QLD 4812

<http://www.nqia.com.au>

Spirit of the Voice 2009

May 17th 5.30pm

Gala Twilight Concert

A celebration of wonderful choral singing presented by KMEIA (Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia) Townsville with special guest conductor David Lawrence from the UK.

Rydges Southbank, Palmer Street

Cost: \$20/\$10; family (2ad & 2ch) \$50

For information and to purchase tickets: <mailto:murrayfam@westnet.com.au> (please pre-purchase to secure your ticket)

Townsville Brass

0413 652 776 Noel Price mailto:noel_nthzone@bigpond.com <http://www.townsvillebrass.org>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Brass on the Grass* concert

Townsville & Thuringowa Country Music Club

4779 9368 (Dawn) 0417 199 744 <http://www.townsvillecountrymusic.com/Dates%20to%20Remember.htm>

Townsville Choral Society

4779 2495 or 0418 781 766
Choral Society Hall 485 Sturt Street Townsville

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8 – 11pm <mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org>
<http://www.tsvfolkclub.org>

The next folk Club meetings will be held on May 14th

Please note:

In the lead up to the *Palm Creek Folk Festival* (June 5th to 8th), the Folk Club will be running a series of concerts every Sunday between 10am and 12pm at the Cotters Markets in Flinders Mall. Local performers will include Sam Goudie, Kate Martin, *Litmus*, *Syrup of Figs* and *Tree Brother*. Be at the markets to support the music club that supports local talent.

Festival tickets will be available for purchase at a stall located at Centre Stage.

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Radio

Kulture Vulture – Radio Arts Programme

Kulture Vulture is an interesting, diverse and informative program produced by Iain McDougall and presented by Trevor Keeling on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 to 8pm on *triple t* 103.9, Townsville's community radio. Be listening for: *It Was the Year It Was* – a weekly nostalgia feature in which a year is selected at random and interesting snippets taken from movies, theatre, pop culture and hatches and dispatches both worldwide and locally. This is followed by a magazine-style presentation of upcoming events for the week ahead in the local area, including a ten minute chat segment between Trevor and Iain on these events and interviews with local arts personalities.

If you are involved in the local arts scene and are available for interview or would like your event showcased on *triple t* please contact Iain McDougall at <mailto:artscoord@optusnet.com.au>

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Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

4783 9880 <mailto:burdekin.theatre@burdekin.qld.gov.au>
<http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au>

May 14th 8pm

The Johnny Cash Tribute Show with Dail Platz

Cost: \$22/\$18, child & student \$18, group 10+ \$18, Friends of Theatre \$18

May 19th 7:30pm

Debutante Diaries

Kate McLennan's one woman show takes you back to your high school days as Kate plays a range of debzillas hilariously navigating their way through adolescence.

Memorial Hall, Home Hill

June 6th 8pm

Roman Rudnytsky in Concert

Roman Rudnytsky is an internationally active concert pianist of Ukrainian background whose frequent performances take him all over the world – to every continent and places in-between. In addition to performances in capital cities and important musical centres, he often plays in places away from the musical

mainstream, bringing the world and pleasure of classical music to audiences which seldom experience this type of music in live performance.

Cost: \$19.00/\$16

June 12th 7.30pm

Circus of Fools

Presented by Qld Arts Council and The Queensland Orchestra and featuring "X-Collective", the cabaret ensemble of The Queensland Orchestra. This brand new show will merge the virtuosity of classical musicians with the fun and frivolity of the cabaret stage. The program features classical repertoire including *Sabre Dance*, *March of the Gladiators*, *Comedians Gallop*, *Bacchanale* and *Nessun Dorma* plus popular favourites including *Johnny One Note*, *Skylark*, *Climb Every Mountain*, *Somewhere*, *This is the moment* and *I Will Survive*. And for the first time ever – Rod Stewart played on the bagpipes!

Cost: \$32/\$27, students/child \$19, Qld Arts Council Members – \$22; child/student \$12

June 13th 8pm

Spirit of the Eagle – The Words & Music of John Denver with Trevor Knight

Trevor has performed in Canada, USA, New Zealand and throughout the South Pacific. Highlights of his long career in Australia include performing for the Queen at the opening of Darling Harbour, a concert on the main stage of the Sydney Opera House and working with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

Trevor is a unique talent; his shows are five star quality leaving audiences clamouring for more.

Cost: \$25/\$22

Cowshed Theatre

Western Campus JCU

4781 3142 Elly Murrell, School of Creative Arts <mailto:elly.murrell@jcu.edu.au>

May 25th & 26th 6.30pm

Written by Us – Tales from the Cowshed 2009

Showcases second year performance students creating performance text for New Media Arts. Two evenings of live performed readings will enthral audiences with a plethora of tales for live and screen performance. Performance Writing breathes life into innovative story telling with second year students writing, performing and directing the text.

Free admission, refreshments provided.

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa

4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunang.com> <mailto:program@lalunang.com>

[Click here](#) for information on *La Luna Workshops*

Riverway Arts Centre

4773 8889 (Box Office)

20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa <http://riverway.townsville.qld.gov.au/arts/program>

May 16th 8pm

diesel – Solo and Selected

After releasing his eighth studio album in 2008, *diesel* hit the road for a solo tour. The show has an added element as the audience plays the main part in forming his set for the night deciding what songs he'll perform. On entry, each patron will be given a list of over forty song titles (ranging from Johnny Diesel and The Injectors to now, as well as songs from some of his favourite musicians) and asked to select three songs (preferably a closet five, something they haven't heard in a long time, or never heard before). *diesel* will then formulate his set list based on these choices for the evening.

On departure, the audience will be given the entire song list of choice with a personal note from *diesel*.

With a career that spans more than two decades, a library of releases, the latest including live DVDs *The First Fifteen '89 to '04* (debuting in the top 40 in the first week of release) and *Diesel + Strings – Live at The Vanguard*, his ARIA nominated live solo acoustic album *Singled Out*, seventh studio album *Coathanger Antennae*, producer/musician on Jimmy Barnes multi-platinum album *Double Happiness*, and a shelf of ARIA Awards, he's been called 'the musician's musician. Visit *diesel* at Myspace

Presented by QLive

Cost: \$33

May 20th

Debutante Diaries

Kate McLennan's one woman show was the over-whelming success story of the 2007 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. This show will take you back to your high school days, where the scent of Impulse deodorant and decomposing sandwiches still linger in the air. Kate McLennan plays a range of debzillas, hilariously navigating their way through adolescence. Experience first love, first kisses and first heartache all over again; the tears, tantrums and trauma of a world where the struggle to fit in at school is only matched by the struggle to fit into that halter neck dress you bought on eBay. You'll cringe and cry at the gut wrenching honesty but ultimately laugh because it's not happening to you. Join Kate McLennan for her hilarious multiaward winning *Mean Girls* meets *Carrie* comedy.

May 21st to 23rd 7.30pm + Saturday matinee at 2pm

Disney's High School Musical

A contemporary musical comedy about Troy, a popular high school basketball star, and Gabriella, a shy, academically gifted newcomer who discover they share a passion for singing. When they sign up together to audition for the lead roles in the school musical it threatens East High's rigid social order and sends their peers into uproar.

In a desperate attempt to maintain the status quo, the 'jocks', the 'brainiacs' and even the drama club regulars, are soon hatching convoluted plots to separate the pair and keep them off stage. However, by defying expectations and taking a chance on their dreams, the couple inspires other students to go public with some surprising hidden talent of their own.

Presented by William Ross High School

May 28th to 30th 7.30pm

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Presented by Ignatius Park College in association with St. Margaret Mary's and St. Patrick's Colleges *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* is nothing short of a phenomenon, one of the most endearing shows of all time. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's sparkling family musical has been a hit all over the world and continues to enjoy huge success. It is brimming with non-stop action, laughter and infectious fun that will delight both the young and young at heart.

Re-telling the biblical story of Jacob's favourite son, Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colours, this magical musical is full of unforgettable songs including *Close Every Door*, *One More Angel* and *Any Dream Will Do*.

Special matinee performances at 12.30pm for schools are available. Contact the box office for details.

(These are not open to the public)

Tickets: \$22; seniors \$15 (government Seniors Cards only – must be produced to collect tickets – these cannot be posted out); full time student including university \$15; family (2ad2ch) \$60; primary school matinee \$8 (conditions apply)

June 14th 6pm

Tropical & Evergreen Delights – Barrier Reef Orchestra

The second concert in the series, the Barrier Reef Orchestra under conductor John Curro OAM MBE presents:

- Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto in A major, K622* with soloist Macarthur Clough
- Sculthorpe's *Tropic*
- Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3 'Eroica' in E flat major, Opus 55*

John Curro OAM MBE is both the founder and Director of Music of Queensland Youth Orchestras (QYO) and has conducted the Queensland Youth Symphony for forty years. John is in demand as a conductor and tutor at youth music festivals throughout the world.

Presented by the Townsville City Council and NQ Ensembles

Cost: \$28/\$23; child 12 and under \$12; school student to Year 12 \$12

Members – Adult \$21 (not available online)

[Click here](#) for information on *Dance to the Music of Time*

Towers Players – Charters Towers Local Theatre Group

4787 1768; 4754 6555 <mailto:towersplayers@aanet.com.au>

<http://www.towersplayers.websyte.com.au>

June 12th; 13th; 19th & 20th

Fawltly Towers

St Pauls Playhouse, Charters Towers

Cost: \$30 includes show and two course meal – tickets at Poppet Head

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St
Townsville 4810
4727 9797 TicketShop
<mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au>
<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au>

May 22nd to 23rd 6.30pm

Bugsy Malone

Fat Sam engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth city slicker who has been occupied in sweet talking Blousey Brown, a would-be girl singer. With Bugsy's help Fat Sam escapes from a frame up, but he later learns that Dandy Dan's mob have splurge gunned nearly all his gang and destroyed his sarsaparilla and grocery rackets – his whole empire is gone. There's only one hope left, Fat Sam gets Bugsy to help him, meaning he has to break his date with Blousey, whom he promised to take to Hollywood. Meanwhile Bugsy and Leroy Smith, his newfound friend, witness a secret delivery of splurge guns at Dock 17 and with a bunch of down and outs, they help themselves from the crates. Finally Dandy Dan prepares for the showdown at Fat Sam's...

Don't miss a fun night of family entertainment!

Cost: \$28/\$18, child 12 yrs/under \$13, family (2ad + 2ch) \$72

Presented by Ryan Catholic College

May 26th 7.30pm

A Midsummer Night's Dream

This lavish production by the Queensland Ballet is a magical tale of gods and fairies, mischief and misadventures, and the confusing path of true love.

Oberon, the King of Fairies, seeks revenge on his Queen Titania following a quarrel but the mischievous Puck is not one to be trusted with a love potion, particularly, when four star-crossed lovers are involved – Hermia and Lysander, and Demetrius and Helena.

Full of action, humour and drama this is a delightful journey into a mythical world.

Cost: \$48/\$42, youth under 25years \$36, child 16years under \$26, group 10+ \$39 each, family (2Ad + 2Ch) \$132

June 4th; 5th (8pm) & 6th (6pm)

Grease

Enjoy one of the all time classics packed with hit songs and great characters and presented by Kirwan State High School.

Cost: \$35/\$25, school student \$25

June 12th 8pm

Akmal – Live & Uncensored with support act Joel Ozborn

Akmal returns to Queensland armed with some classic classics and some new classics for one very funny hour. Akmal continually displays an incredible ability to deal with hot topics in a non-offensive way, as he touches on issues such as religion, terrorism and hysterical looks at modern day life in Australia. This has resulted in appearances on TV shows such as *Rove Live*, *Spicks & Specks* and memorable guest spots on the brilliant *Thank God You're Here* and *Good News Week*.

Cost: \$34.90/\$31.90, group 10+ \$31.90 each

Presented by A-List Entertainment

Please note: Strong language – parental guidance recommended.

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

4771 4222 http://www.tecc.net.au/whats_on.php

May 16th (4pm) & 17th (10am & 1pm)

The Wiggles Go Bananas! Live in Concert

On tour with *The Wiggles*, will be all their Wiggly friends, *Dorothy The Dinosaur*, *Henry The Octopus*, *Wags The Dog*, *Captain Feathersword* and *The Wiggly Dancers*.

Cost: Floor and Lower level \$30 Upper level \$25 Adults at Children's prices (Please note there is a limit of 10 tickets per person)

Townsville Little Theatre

4724 3112

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Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433

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June 8th 6pm

Beckett & Beyond

Presented by James Cook University School of Creative Arts students, in association with Tropic Sun Theatre, *Beckett and Beyond* offers an entertaining and informative introduction to a number of playwrights and theatre practitioners whose theatrical praxis is essentially Imagist. Using a combination of live performance, video projection, lighting and sound, the five actors lead the audience on a journey through the theatrical landscape of the Imagists.

Including excerpts from the works of Samuel Beckett, Sarah Kane, Suzan – Lori Parks, and offering insights into the methodologies of many contemporary performers and directors, including Jan Fabre, Robert Wilson, Robert Le Page, Romeo Castelluci, Pina Bausch, Sankai Juku, DV8, Richard Foreman and others, *Beckett and Beyond* contains material that will shock and challenge its audience – and make them laugh at the same time!

Court Theatre, Cnr Stokes and Sturt Streets

Cost: \$10/\$5

World Theatre

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