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Strand Ephemera brings artistic delights to life

The popular Strand Ephemera will be a highlight of a big year of gallery programs in Townsville in 2009-10.

Strand Ephemera is Townsville's premier biennial outdoor arts event and attracts thousands of visitors to the city's favourite foreshore, with works ranging from the wacky to the wonderful.

This year's event will showcase the work of more than 20 Australian artists together with walks, talks and workshops for the public from September 4-14.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery also has the honour of being the opening venue for the touring exhibition Twelve Degrees of Latitude.

The travelling show is co-funded by the Queensland Government as part of the Q150 celebrations and features highlights of 27 regional galleries and university art collections in Queensland.

Townsville will host the fourth international public galleries conference later this year, titled Raise Your Voice, from 9-11 September in conjunction with the Strand Ephemera.

Lifestyle and Community Development Chair Cr Jenny Lane said gallery visitation was expected to grow in over the next 12 months.

The galleries will showcase the works of local and national artists, the annual children's exhibition and the ever-popular Xstrata Percival Portrait Prize.

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