



Townsville Arts e-bulletin

July 2009

Was this email forwarded to you? If yes, send an email with the word **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line to cic@townsville.qld.gov.au . If no, this e-mail is sent to you because you are a registered user. If you do not wish to receive further e-mails from us, please send an e-mail with the word **UNSUBSCRIBE** in the subject line to cic@townsville.qld.gov.au



In this issue

Calendar

Dance
Exhibitions
Festivals &
Special Events
Film
Music
Radio
Theatre

Expressions of Interest/
Opportunities

Workshops/Training/
Conferences/

Grants & Scholarships

Competitions & Awards

Date Claimers

Websites

News & Sundries

Publications

This e-bulletin is published by the Community Information Centre Townsville Inc and sponsored by the Townsville City Council.

Editors: Sandra James & Barbara Pearson
Community Information Centre Townsville Inc
Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall Townsville CBD PO Box 1314 Townsville 4810 Phone: 4771 4230
<mailto:cic@townsville.qld.gov.au> <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community/cic>

Disclaimer: While every effort is made to ensure accurate and up to date information is provided, the Community Information Centre (CIC) accepts no liability for any errors, omissions or other mistakes contained in this e-bulletin. The CIC relies on organisations and individuals to provide accurate information and no specific endorsement is denoted by their inclusion in this e-bulletin.

Events are subject to change without notice. Please check with the relevant organisations for further details.

Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

Chocolate Salsa

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

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>

Townsville Twin Cities Rock N Roll Dance Club

July 18th 6pm til late

Club Birthday Party Dinner Dance

Dance to the music of *Two-Iffik*. Dress: Rock N Roll or smart casual; drinks available for purchase at the bar
Greek Community Centre, 799 Flinders St

Cost: non members \$40; members \$25; children between 4 – 10 years half price; after 8pm (no meal) \$15

Pre-purchase tickets through Leanne on 0408 708 877 <mailto:linlay64@hotmail.com>

[Back to Top](#)

Exhibitions

Art on Kings

Shops 5-6/203 Kings Road Pimlico
4725 0250 <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au>
Gallery hours: 9am – 4pm (Monday to Friday) and 9am – 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.

To July 24th

The Kadro Group

An exhibition by Karen Grabbo and Denise Mills

July 27th to August 21st

The Magic of Colour

Townsville Watercolour Group exhibition with original works for sale

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

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

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

Aitkenvale Library

Petunia Street, Aitkenvale 4727 8310

Knowledge Centre

Northtown Flinders Mall 4727 9666

August 4th 2.30pm

Up Close and Personal with Andrew Ford: In Defence of Classical Music

This event is part of the *Australian Festival of Music 2009* official program. Andrew is an award winning composer, writer and broadcaster. He also presents *The Music Show* on ABC Radio National.

Cost: free

http://www.afcm.com.au/events_artists.php#pro_51

Thuringowa Library

Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan 4773 8500

Gallery 48

48 The Strand 4724 4898

Gallery hours: 10am – 2pm Wednesday and Friday

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 (last entry 3pm); Saturday and Sunday 12noon – 4pm (last entry 3pm)

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

To July 17th

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.

[Back to Top](#)

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 August 16th

Urapun Kai Buai

An exhibition by Billy Missi featuring the high quality linocut work of Zenadh-Kes printmaking revealing the traditional and newly interpreted stories of the Torres Strait. Urapun Kai Buai, meaning One Big Kin, focuses on family and cultural protocols, many of these large works speak of food gathering and mythical tales that are shared throughout the community. These works link traditional culture with contemporary art practice.

To August 16th

Metal as Anything

A survey exhibition showcasing thirty years of the diverse and intricate etchings of Townsville artist Ron McBurnie. A place where misbehaving dogs, ducks in box kites, jumping cats and eccentric toad shooters meet to examine their place in the carnival of characters and landscapes that the artist has created.

Free Artist Floor Talk as part of the Gallery's After 5 Access program: July 14th at 6pm [Click here](#) for information

To August 16th

Un suffer Me

This exhibition by Donna Beningfield reflects what young people experience when a relationship comes to an end – totally broken, bruised and lonely. Aspects of broken relationships will be represented through the images of two particular young people, although they could be any man or woman suffering in love. The signature song for this exhibition is Lucinda Williams' *Un suffer Me*.

Opening: July 26th at 11am

[Click here](#) for *Raise Your Voice: Fourth National Public Galleries Summit*

Peter Lawson Fine Art Gallery

4758 1915 16 Marine Pde, Arcadia, Magnetic Island

<mailto:peterlawsonfineart@yahoo.com.au> <http://www.peterlawsonfineart.com.au>

Hours: Tuesdays to Sundays 10am – 5pm Other times by appointment.

[Click here](#) for information on Peter Lawson's painting classes

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>

To July 26th

Depth of Field

A photographic exhibition by local Indigenous youth that explores and addresses themes, issues and social events that define what it means to be a young Indigenous person in North Queensland.

The gallery facilitated workshops where participants received tutelage from respected Indigenous artist Jenny Fraser. Jenny worked with the local youth to develop a personal vision and provide them with the technical skill to take and manipulate quality digital photographs.

In the months following the workshops local artists Rachel Tipoti and May Kabay mentored the *Depth of Field* artists, Melinee Jackway, Kathleen Namok, Harry Reuben, Krysten Harvey, Tania Haines, Eunice Webster, Tim Nardoo and Monique Satrick, assisting with the selecting and editing of photos.

To complement the local component in this exhibition *Big Eye Aboriginal Animations* from Australia and Canada will also be screening as part of the show. *Big Eye* is curated by Jenny Fraser and Rennae Hopkins. It explores a unique cross-tribal exchange of ideas and world views through various animation techniques.

Opening: July 11th at 2pm with a complimentary talk fest addressing themes of the importance of maintaining healthy indigenous communities with Dr Peter Malouf, Lecturer in Indigenous Health at James Cook University and artist Jenny Fraser – please RSVP intention to attend.

August 3rd to 23rd

D.I.Y. Viffe

Utilising recycled domestic and industrial materials, artists in residence will work with the community to build an evolving recycled cityscape in the gallery. The theme of the installation will be traditional and contemporary facets of North Queensland architecture.

[Back to Top](#)

Queensland Art Gallery

South Bank, Brisbane http://qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/coming_soon/the_met

To September 20th

American Impressionism and Realism: A Landmark Exhibition from the Met with Iconic Australian Paintings

The Queensland Art Gallery will be the only venue in the world to show this exhibition which features more than seventy impressionist and realist paintings from The Metropolitan's collection of American paintings and sculpture. The exhibition contains works by some of America's foremost artists of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, including James McNeill Whistler, John Singer Sargent, Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, William Merritt Chase, Maurice Prendergast and Mary Cassatt. More than thirty iconic Australian paintings will also be included in the exhibition by artists Tom Roberts, Charles Conder, Frederick McCubbin, Rupert Bunny and others.

Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) (Queensland Art Gallery)

South Bank Brisbane 3840 7303

To August 9th (GOMA foyer)

Thru the Lens: Palm Island Youth Photography Project

In 2007, local non-government organisation Bwgcolman Future Inc ran a filmmaking and photographic workshop for Palm Island youth, facilitated by photographer Peta O'Neill. Thirty-five aspiring photographers learnt about the camera, composition, light, different styles of photography, Photoshop, printing, presentation and display techniques, and throughout the week immersed themselves in their new craft, making over 1000 images.

These Palm Island photographs capture many subjects and themes, including celebrations of people and places, everyday activities, and the 'not-so-good stuff'.

Presented by the Queensland Art Gallery in association with the Catherine Freeman Foundation, Bwgcolman Future Inc and Department of Communities.

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

To July 24th

BoSS – Best of Student Show

Showcasing the very best of what students have created during Semester 1: from digital sound to web design, from visual arts to photo-imaging.

July 31st to August 21st

Screengrab

Screen based art on the theme of 'intervention' showcasing works from the *Screengrab* new media arts prize – [click here](#) for information

Opening: August 7th at 6pm

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

Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery

5 Metro Quays 86 Ogden Street

4724 3953 0419 790 245

<mailto:sylvia.ditchburn@bigpond.com.au> <http://www.sylviaditchburnfineartgallery.com>

Opening hours: 10am – 4pm Tuesday – Friday; 10am – 1pm Sunday

Original paintings + prints + Q150 Landscape Exhibition by James Brown, Vince Bray and Sylvia Ditchburn celebrating Queensland's 150th Birthday.

To July 19th

In the Fast Lane

Group exhibition featuring the first Townsville V8 Super Cars Event

July 28th to August 11th

Keynote Capers

Group exhibition to coincide with the *Australian Festival of Chamber Music*

[Back to Top](#)

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 – 4.30pm daily

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

Interpretative Centre – A collection of authentic Indigenous artefacts and historical literature from both Aboriginal and Islander cultures

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

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

July 25th to August 5th

Sisters' Stories

An exhibition of contemporary Aboriginal art works by Joanne Cassidy.

Townsville Museum and Historical Society

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 July 12th

On the Edge: visions of a tropical coastline

An intimate, geographical connection to the lush and cultural diverse coastal edge of the far North has inspired twelve established North Queensland artists to produce an exhibition exploring their commonality.

On the Edge defines a shared affinity for the unique tropical sea coast from Cairns to the Torres Strait.

Artists participating in this exhibition include; Anna Englitis, Ian Horn, Joey Laifoo, Elaine Lampton, Aaron Meeks, Rosella Namok, Dennis Nona, Brian Robinson, Alick Tipoti, Ceferino Sabatine, Zane Saunders and Sasi Victorie.

July 17th to August 23rd

Tracks of the Past Printing the Future: new works on paper from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Printmakers

The works on display are the results of three, one week workshops run at Umbrella in 2008. The series of master classes were facilitated by four of Australia's most renowned printmakers, Alick Tipoti, Arone Meeks, Theo Tremblay and Danie Mellor.

Opening: July 17th at 7pm with music from John Pedro.

August 17th to August 23rd

Printers on Celluloid

A video by Indigenous filmmaker Ben Southwell showing in the Vault Space captures the essence of the series of master classes which culminated in the exhibition *Tracking the Past, Printing the Future*. The documentary provides insight into this successful project and features interviews and footage of the project's progression.

[Click here](#) for information on the *Coffee Concert – Magnetic Reflections and Suite Brolga*

[Back to Top](#)

Festivals & Special Events

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

July 12th 10am

As part of NAIDOC Week the Catholic Diocese invites the community to celebrate Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by morning tea.

Cost: free

Book Launch – ‘Point of the Baton’

July 17th 5.30pm for 6pm

The *Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition* invites interested parties to the launch of *Point of the Baton* by William Cottam. This book is an account of the life Professor John Hopkins OBE, an extraordinary man who is an internationally renowned conductor and music educator. The book traces the various stages of Professor Hopkins' life in England, New Zealand and Australia and includes accounts and photos of some of the musicians he has worked with over the past sixty years.

Special guests at the launch will be Professor Hopkins and William Cottam.

Guest Speaker will be Dr David Salisbury, James Cook University

Mary Who Bookshop

For information and RSVP (by July 13th): 4728 9223 Caro Dall'Osto Director, Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition <mailto:carol.dalosto@ozemail.com.au> OR

4771 3824 Mary Who Bookshop

Bastille Day Celebrations

July 17th 7pm

Bastille Day, France's national holiday, is a time to celebrate the wonderful French culture, even in North Queensland! *Alliance Francaise de Townsville* is throwing a party in collaboration with the North Queensland Club to celebrate. There will be three courses of French cuisine prepared by French chef extraordinaire Jean, Can Can dancers, French trivia, lucky door prizes, and more!

North Queensland Club

Cost: \$55 members, \$60 non-members

For information and bookings (RSVP July 13th): 0409 765 197 Winsome Denyer

Arts, Craft & Hobby Charity Fair

July 25th 9am – 3pm

Got a favourite charity? Mission? Special project? And want to raise money for it?

An initiative of the Women for Missions to be held at the Church of the Ascension Grounds, Cnr Fulham Rd & Mill Drive Heatley.

Stall holders are invited to run craft workshops; perform musical items; dance; sing; action play or run a sporting activity. Non Profit Organisations can hire a 3x3 site for \$20 and keep all proceeds of their sales.

There will be clowns, face painting, balloons, activities, races, games and a jumping castle for the kids and music, dance, raffles, guessing games and a Retro fashion parade by Endos for the adults.

Light refreshments will be provided at 'Ye Olde English Tea Shoppe'.

Triple t outside broadcast bus on site.

For information and bookings: 4775 7554 Anne

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>

Townsville Gem and Mineral Club Annual Gem Show

July 18th (9am – 4pm) & July 19th (9am – 1pm)

Displays of gems and minerals and handcrafted jewellery. Demonstrations on cabochoning, silversmithing, faceting and wire wrapping. Rocks, gems, minerals and jewellery for sale. Lapidary and jewellery supplies. Commercial dealers and tailgaters (market stalls). Monster raffle. Refreshments on sale.

96 Mooney Street Gulliver

Cost: \$2 admission

For information: 0411 800 944 Elethia Brady mailto:publicity_tgmc@yahoo.com.au

2009 Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition

July 18th & 24th (Riverway Arts Centre) 19th to 23rd (Mercure Inn)

The competition 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)

Presented by Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition Association Inc

Cost: all admissions to sections at the Mercure Inn \$5

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

Gala Finals Concert

July 24th 7pm

Riverway Arts Centre Centre

Cost: \$22/\$19, members \$17, school students \$12.50, school groups 10+ \$10 each

Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM)

July 30th to August 8th

Led by internationally renowned Artistic Director, Piers Lane, the AFCM will feature artists including Jack Liebeck, Kathryn Stott, Federico Mondelci, Goldner String Quartet, Southern Cross Soloists and William Barton. There will be a number of special events including the Chefs in the North Dinner, Marine Talks, Young Families' Concert and A Breath of Fresh Air at Alma Bay, Magnetic Island.

For more information and complimentary brochures: 4771 4144 Festival office or visit

<http://www.afcm.com.au> For bookings: 4727 9797 TicketShop

Following is a taste of what is on offer during the Festival:

July 31st 8pm

Opening Night

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 1st 8pm

Governor's Gala Concert – 'Simple Gifts'

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 2nd 11.30am

Prayer

St James Cathedral

August 2nd 2pm

Coffee Concert

Umbrella Studio [Click here](#) for information

August 3rd 10am

Fred Blanks Presents – Totalitarian Music

Pinnacles Gallery, Riverway Arts Centre

August 3rd 11.30am

Marine Talks

Showcasing internationally renowned Oceanographer, Dr Sylvia Earle, most notable for her extensive work with National Geographic. *Marine Talks* will also feature a performance by the AFCM Advanced Winterschool.

Riverway Arts Centre

August 3rd 4.30pm

A Breath of Fresh Air

Experience the exotic sounds of African singing and drumming while watching the sunset over Alma Bay. Will feature performances by artists including, William Barton, Lorna McGhee and Timothy Constable.

Alma Bay Magnetic Island

August 4th 5.30pm

Cocktail Chat with Piers Lane

Jupiters Townsville Ballroom

August 4th 8pm

The Past – World Premiere

One of Australia's most renowned composers and broadcasters, Andrew Ford will present this work which will feature poetry of Oodgeroo Noonuccal with entries from Capitan Cook's diary.

Riverway Arts Centre

August 8th 10am

Young Families' Concert

4TOFM radio announced Glenn Mintern 'Minty' and Festival artists will introduce young listeners to the story of dinosaurs as well as the wonderful world of chamber music.

Riverway Arts Centre

August 8th 8pm

Festival Farewell

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th 10am

Concert Conversations

Jupiters Ballroom
August 1st, 6th, 7th & 8th 5.30pm

Sunset Series

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 2nd 5pm

North Shore Youth Winterschool in Concert

High school students will display their refined skills in this concert.

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 2nd, 6th & 7th 8pm

Evening Series

Townsville Civic Theatre

August 4th & 5th 1pm

North Shore Advanced Winterschool Public Masterclasses

A free lunchtime masterclass and concert series will be held in which the Advanced Winterschool will present some of Australia's finest emerging talent.

Jupiters Ballroom

August 6th, 7th & 8th 1pm

North Shore Advanced Winterschool in Concert

Jupiters Ballroom

Christmas in July Dance

July 31st

Presented by Townsville Variety Dancing Circle

Aitkenvale PCYC, Wellington Street

Cost: \$5 (at the door)

For information: 4789 3407 Jo

Cultural Fest 2009

August 12th to August 16th

Five fun filled days of dance, food, music, arts, workshops and sports. Cultural Fest's theme of 'Unity in Diversity' brings together people from all walks of life in the spirit of fun and friendship giving the festival a magical feeling.

Presented by Townsville Intercultural Centre and Townsville City Council.

Strand Park

For information: 4772 4800 Townsville Intercultural Centre <http://www.culturalfest.org/ourfestival.htm>

Tyto Environmental and Cultural Expo

August 19th to August 23rd 10am – 5pm

Environmental expo showcasing the natural and cultural highlights of the Hinchinbrook Shire.

Tyto Wetlands Precinct, Ingham

Cost: free

For information: 4776 4655 <http://www.hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au/events/TytoEnvironmentalCulturalExpo.shtml>

Strand Ephemera 5

September 4th to 11th

A festival of site specific sculpture and public art by twenty artists from around Australia. The artworks include several large-scale formalist works, environmental pieces, a performance, and an interactive walk of The Strand. The Festival will be complemented by a dynamic program of events.

An information desk will be placed on The Strand for the duration of the exhibition to assist visitors. An exhibition catalogue will be available for purchase from the information desk and Perc Tucker Regional Gallery. The catalogue will contain a map with the locations of each artwork, further information about the artworks, and a voting slip for viewers to choose their favourite pieces for the People's Choice Award.

Also keep an eye out for a photographic competition which will run this year.

For more information: http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/recreation/gallery/perctucker/strand_ephemera

Please note: Bookings are now being taken for school group tours and workshops. A children's activity booklet and teachers' resource kit will also be available in the lead up to and throughout the exhibition

For information: 4727 9637 Hannah Murray, Gallery Officer <mailto:hannah.murray@townsville.qld.gov.au>

[Back to Top](#)

State, National, International

On Edge Festival – Cairns

To July 18th

Russell Milledge, coordinator of and lecturer in the Bachelor of Creative Industries course at the SoCA Cairns campus has been busy co-producing this Festival. *On Edge Contemporary Media + Performance* is an annual program of contemporary arts which strives to produce a nationally and internationally relevant program of independent new work, that traverses the various disciplines of performance, sound, screen, new media and installation.

Dr Steven Campbell, music lecturer at the SoCA Townsville Campus, has been busy putting the digital sound together for one of the festival performances *Whispering Limbs* on which he has worked collaboratively with Russell Milledge and Bonemap.

For information and tickets: 4031 9555 <http://www.ticketlink.com.au/>

Mackay Festival of Arts

July 11th to 26th

This is the largest regional arts festival in Queensland. 2009 is the most ambitious yet, with a combination of new and old events such as *the Big Top Cabaret*, *Sarina World Music Concert*, *Bollywood Dance Party*, *the Whitsunday Voices* and *the Youth Literature Festival*.

For information: <mailto:festival@mackay.qld.gov.au>

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

Byron Bay Writers Festival

August 7th to 9th

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

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF)

August 21st to 23rd

Showcasing work from several of Australia's leading Indigenous art galleries alongside Queensland's Indigenous Art Centres, CIAF welcomes art collectors, dealers, gallerists, first-time buyers and those wanting to immerse themselves in the best Indigenous art from this region.

CIAF is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, with the art fair complemented by performances, workshops and the CIAF Symposium. Performances include dance, music, storytelling and song, and visitors can see artists at work at Djumbunji Press. Meanwhile the issues challenging and invigorating the Indigenous arts industry, in Australia and internationally, will be the focus of lively discussion at the CIAF Symposium on August 21st [Click here](#) for information

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

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 poets' 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

About Aireys Festival of Words

August 14th to 16th

Now in its third year, this Festival attracts internationally acclaimed writers and showcases the talents of local authors, illustrators, musicians and artists, who all take part in a weekend-long celebration of words, sounds and images.

For information: <http://www.aireysinlet.com.au/words/>

Reggaetown – Island Roots Reggae Festival

September 5th 1 – 11pm

A multicultural event showcasing established and emerging *Island Roots* music artists and styles from Jamaica, Africa, the Pacific Islands, mainland Australia and the Torres Strait Islands. *Reggaetown* celebrates the tropical lifestyle and surroundings of Queensland with a blend of traditional and contemporary cultural performances, markets, workshops and films.

Tjapulkai Cultural Park, Smithfield, Cairns

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

Brisbane Writers Festival

September 9th to 13th <http://www.brisbanewritersfestival.com.au>

Alice Desert Festival – Alice Springs

September 11th to 20th

Showcases the successful arts sector of central Australia through a range of professional and community events. Signature events include bush foods, wearable arts, cabaret, Bush Bands Bash and Desert Voice, a showcase for the many choirs in Central Australia, including choral singing in Indigenous languages. Organised by Red Hot Arts Central Australia.
<http://www.alicedesertfestival.com.au/>

[Back to Top](#)

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.

July 23rd

Wendy and Lucy

A resonant portrait of a dying America. A down-on-her-luck young woman drives across country, with her dog Lucy, in search of a better life in Alaska. USA 2008 (M)

Lemon Tree

A Palestinian widow stands up against an Israeli minister who moves into the house opposite her lemon grove, on the green line Israel/West Bank border. Israel 2008 (G)

August 6th

The Black Balloon

All Thomas wants is a normal adolescence in the outer suburbs of Sydney, but his autistic brother, Charlie thwarts his every opportunity. Australia 2008 (M)

Away from Her

A man coping with his wife's institutionalisation because of Alzheimer's disease faces an epiphany when she transfers her affections to another man. Canada 2007 (M)

Upper Ross PCYC

4789 2145 43 Allambie Lane, Rasmussen <http://www.urpcyc.com>

July 20th to 24th 6.30pm

Bedtime Stories

Twilight

Cost: Free

[Back to Top](#)

Music

Full Moon Drum Circle

August 6th; September 5th; October 4th; November 1st;

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.com> <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty>

Music Centre North Queensland

Old Magistrate's Court Building, Cnr Stokes & Sturt Streets
4721 1771 <http://www.musiccentrenq.net> <mailto:admin@musiccentrenq.net> (Margaret Caley)
<mailto:director@musiccentrenq.net> (Dr Michael Whiticker)

July 25th 8pm

An Evening with Brian Kneipp

By popular request, Brian returns with his side-splitting show.
Cost: \$15/10 Book early – last show was sold out!
Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

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>

Townsville Brass

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

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

[Click here](#) for information on the Society's production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*

August 8th (8pm) & **9th** (2pm)

Choral Concert – Cavalcade of Music

Townsville Choral Society Hall, 485 Sturt Street
Cost: \$12 Adults, \$10 includes light refreshments after *the* performance (tickets at the door)

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club

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

The next folk Club meeting will be held on July 16th

Umbrella Studio

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

August 2nd 2pm

Magnetic Reflections and Suite Brolga – Coffee Concert at Umbrella Studio

In a free concert as part of the *Australia Festival of Chamber Music*, two contemporary works will be premiered. *Magnetic Reflections* is an original composition by Dr. David Salisbury, lecturer in the School of Creative Arts at James Cook University. *Suite Brolga* is a composition that was inspired by a traditional Aboriginal story of how the Brolga came to be. Printmaker Shirley Collin, a Pitta-Pitta woman will narrate the story. Both were composed for William Barton on didgeridoo, Tim Constable on tuned percussion, *Serenata Flute Quartet* and David Salisbury on clarinet.

For information and interviews: 4772 7817 Vicki Salisbury, Director Umbrella Studio

[Back to Top](#)

Radio

'Centre Stage' – ABC North Queensland's Arts Segment

A fortnightly wrap on the Breakfast Show, hosted by Michael Clarke with Winsome Denyer, on what's happening on stages around north Queensland from the Burdekin, out to Charters Towers, up to Cardwell and of course in and around Townsville.

Centre Stage features information, reviews and interviews with local and visiting performers.

Be listening on every second Thursday at 7:20am on 630 ABC North Queensland – the next session will be aired on July 16th

For information: 4722 3045 or 0409 765 187 Winsome Denyer, Cross Media Reporter

<mailto:denyer.winsome@abc.net.au> <http://www.abc.net.au/northqld>

'That's Entertainment' with Triple T

This is an interesting, diverse and informative program of music and information produced and presented by David James (DJDJ) on Wednesdays from 6.30pm – 8pm on Triple T 103.9 FM, Townsville's community radio. The station's theme is 'unforgettable', so each program features a selection of award winning and popular music from the AFI's top 200 movies and movie soundtracks, sure to revive wonderful memories and emotional moments, together with interesting news snippets and brief interviews about Townsville entertainment, music theatre, dance music and arts events for the week ahead.

For information and to express an interest in having an event showcased to the wide Triple T listening audience: 4779 4711 or 0422 617 771 David James <mailto:thats.entertainment@ymail.com>

[Back to Top](#)

Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

4783 9880 <mailto:burdekin.theatre@burdekin.qld.gov.au>

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

July 16th 7pm

The Jungle Book – QA Musical Tale

Based on Rudyard Kipling's story of a young human baby, Mowgli, found in the wilderness by a family of wolves and raised as one of their own. HIT Productions will bring to life this production with Mowgli now in his early twenties, returning to the jungle to see Baloo and Bagheera, his animal mentors. Covering an eclectic range of styles from contemporary ballad to funk and bongo beat, *The Jungle Book* songs include *Bearstar*, *Jungle Law*, *Rumble in the Jungle* and *Baagheera's Song*.

Presented by HIT Productions

Cost: \$12, child \$9

July 17th 8pm

***Tarnished* by La La Parlour**

The comedic offspring of circus and burlesque; the collaborative blood, sweat and sore heels of four stunning, skilled and sassy performers with impeccable performance pedigrees. This year's incarnation of *Tarnished* will see these showgirl favourites bring new acts, new choreography and stunning new costumes to the Burdekin Theatre stage; adding new and exotic flourishes of colour and sauciness to their well-loved repertoire.

Cost: \$35/\$29

July 24th 8pm

Adam Harvey and Catherine Britt in Concert

Adam Harvey is a special Australian talent. With his captivating personality and laconic humour he has undeniable global potential in his ability to turn ideas into gems in the studio, and then turn them to gold on stage.

Catherine Britt is an accomplished singer-songwriter.

Cost: \$45/\$40

July 31st 10.30am

Morning Melodies: Black Tie – 'From Russia with Love'

Black Tie is a unique Australian cabaret act consisting of two bass baritone brothers, Con and Yuri Mavridis and their wives, cellist Sue and pianist Valerie. The group has received Australia's highest accolade, the MO Award, for the best Cabaret Group. Black Tie are in constant demand on the Australian Club and theatre circuits and have performed with such great performers as Max Bygraves, Pattie Lupone, Vic Damone, Dionne Warwick, the late Rosemary Clooney and Victor Borge.
Cost: \$12/\$10.50

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa
4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunanq.com> <mailto:program@lalunanq.com>

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

Props Youth Theatre

<mailto:pjtbarty@bigpond.com>

Riverway Arts Centre

4773 8889 (Box Office)
20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa <http://riverway.townsville.qld.gov.au/arts/program>

July 15th 6.30pm

The Jungle Book – A Musical Tale

This story by Rudyard Kipling has been popular amongst many generations of children, discussing themes that are as relevant today as they were when they were written. It tells the story of a young human baby, Mowgli, found in the wilderness by a family of wolves and raised as one of their own.

In this production brought to life by Hit Productions and presented by Townsville City Council, Mowgli, now in his early twenties, returns to the jungle to see his animal mentors. Covering an eclectic range of styles from contemporary ballad to funk and bongo beat, songs include *Bearstar*, *Jungle Law*, *Rumble in the Jungle*, *Baagheera's Song* and many more.

This show, directed by Glenn Elston, is a bright, colourful and entertaining experience aimed for children aged 4 to 12 years but can be appreciated by the whole family.

Cost: One Price \$15

July 16th 8pm

Tarnished by La La Parlour

This show is a guaranteed roller-coaster ride; a skilled, sexy and hysterical theatrical experience, complete with opulent costuming and a devil-may-care attitude. These sassy gals include Imogen Kelly, the deliciously daring TigerLil, the sensational and stretchy Kellie Vella and physical comedy darling, Neridah Waters. Audiences will enjoy the old-fashioned thrill of entertainment replete with astounding acrobatics, audacious aerials, deconstructed chorus-lines, wild whip-cracking, cheeky hip grinding, bubble baths, balloons and side-splitting physical comedy.

Please note: This performance contains adult themes and parental guidance is recommended.

Seating for this event is either Cabaret/Table Seating or Theatre Seating.

Cost: Cabaret Table Seat \$32 (alcohol permitted), Theatre Seat \$28 (non alcohol area)

July 17th 6pm (Year 1) 7.30pm (Year 3)

Arts Extravaganza

The lower school at Belgian Gardens State School will entertain their audience with an evening of dance, drama and song during their annual *Arts Extravaganza*. The school string orchestra and band will also be showcasing the school's strong instrumental program.

Cost: \$12.50/\$8 per performance

[Click here](#) for information on the *2009 Australian concerto & Vocal Competition and Gala Finals Concert*

Towers Players – Charters Towers Local Theatre Group

4787 1768; 4754 6555 <mailto:towersplayers@aanet.com.au>
<http://www.towersplayers.websyte.com.au>

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St
Townsville 4810
4727 9797 TicketShop

July 14th (8pm) & 15th (6.30pm)

The Taming of the Shrew

The Bell Shakespeare Company returns with one of the Bard's most popular works. During the sixteenth century it was common for male actors to play all roles regardless of gender. Now director, Marion Potts turns the tables with an all-female cast.

There have been many contemporary re-tellings of *The Taming of the Shrew* but this new production transcends expectation, taking the politics of marriage to ludicrous new heights. Vibrant, energetic and packed with female punch.

Cost: \$44.50/\$39, full time tertiary student \$33, school student \$15, group 6+ \$39 each

July 22nd to 24th (8pm), 25th (2pm & 8pm) & 26th (6pm)

Jesus Christ Superstar

This rock opera by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber and presented by Townsville Choral Society follows the last seven days of Jesus's life through the eyes of Judas Iscariot who is questioning whether or not Jesus is the son of God or just a man.

Enjoy *Everything's Alright*, *What's the Buzz?* *I Don't Know How to Love Him*, and, of course, the big hit from which this legendary show gets its name *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

Cost: \$40/\$30, school student \$20, Family (2ad+2ch) \$100, groups 10+ \$30 per ticket, school groups 10+ \$20 per ticket

July 28th & 29th 11am

Morning Melodies – From Russia with Love

Let *Black Tie* take you on a musical journey through the most wonderful melodies ever written about Russia. Folksongs to boogie, classical masterpieces to excerpts from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Cost: \$12, group 10+ \$9.50each

July 30th 8pm

The Michael Nyman Band with William Barton

For over three decades this band has been the laboratory for much of Nyman's inventive and experimental compositions. The sound is distinctive with his combination of certain rhythmic patterns and instrumental colours. Complementing Nymans popular repertoire is a work commissioned by the Queensland Music Festival – a collaboration between Michael Nyman and Australia's finest didgeridoo player, William Barton. This concert will be energetic, dynamic, evocative, brilliant and flawless.

Cost: \$54/\$49, full time tertiary students \$43, school student \$25

August 4th & 5th 8pm

Madame Butterfly

OzOpera returns to Townsville with the tragic love story *Madame Butterfly*. Directed by founder of The Bell Shakespeare Company, John Bell, this popular opera is set immediately after the conclusion of the Second World War in Nagasaki.

An eleven-piece chamber orchestra is conducted by Simon Kenway. Puccini's score is evocative and passionate, and the ending is made even more heart-wrenching by his use of rich instrumental colours.

Cost: \$44.50/\$39, tertiary student f/t \$33, school student \$15, group 6+ \$39 each

August 10th & 11th 7pm

The Billabong Prank

A dinky-di Aussie musical which tells the real story of what happened to the good old swaggy at the billabong. A truly humorous version of the *Waltzing Matilda* story with lots of fun, laughter and great music.

Cost: \$20/\$12, school student/child \$10, family (2ad+2ch) \$50, extra children \$8 each

Presented by Holy Spirit School

August 16th 6.30pm

The Kursk

Written by Sasha Janowicz this play was first performed in 2007. It is based on the tragic loss of life on the Russian nuclear powered submarine, the *Kursk*, which sank after a massive explosion during a naval exercise in the Barents Sea on August 12th 2000.

Cost: \$44.50/\$39, tertiary student f/t \$33, school student \$15, group 6+ \$39 each

August 17th 7.30pm

The Queensland Orchestra Northern Tour 2009

A sumptuous and romantic program from the Queensland Orchestra – Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.4 and the fourth symphony of Brahms. The Orchestra will be conducted by Marco Zuccarini who is making his second appearance in North Queensland.

Cost: \$53/\$44, school student/youth U30 \$28, QAC members \$44, groups 8+ \$44 each, school group 10+ \$17 each

[Back to Top](#)

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

4771 4000 http://www.tecc.net.au/whats_on.php

July 13th 7pm

Over The Top With Jim by Hugh Lunn

A stageplay.

July 24th

The Tropical Coast Tour presented by *Land Down Under*

A concert by Daryl Braithwaite, *Mental as Anything* and *Pseudo Echo*

Townsville Little Theatre

4724 3112 <mailto:theatre.lover@townsvillelittletheatre.org.au>

August 19th to 22nd (8pm) plus 2pm matinee on Saturday

Forget Me Knot

Robert Zeinfeld suddenly does not know who or where he is or how he got to the police station. Does his wife recognise him? Or is somebody else using Robert Zeinfeld's identity? What role does Inspector Monroe play?!! Written by David Tristram.

Pimlico Performing Arts Centre (PIMPAC), Fulham Road, Pimlico

Cost: \$20/\$15; group bookings of 10 or more \$15; high school students \$10

Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433

<mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au>

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

[Back to Top](#)

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.

August

Cultural Fest 2009

August 12th to August 16th

Townsville Oratorio Choir – Handel's Messiah

August 22nd & 23rd

For information: 4773 2335

September

Strand Ephemera 2009

September 4th to 14th

[Click here](#) for information

Great Tropical Jazz Party – Magnetic Island

September 11th to 13th

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

Townsville Eisteddfod

September 14th to 30th

For information: 4724 1653

Songbridge 2009 Festival of Music Gala Concert

September 22nd For information: <mailto:rehnfamily@bigpond.com>

October

Go Troppo Arts Festival – Port Douglas

October 2nd to 11th

For information: <http://www.go-troppo-arts-festival.com>

2009 Xstrata Greek Fest Townsville

October 10th & 11th

For information: 0417 739 749 Bill Malandris

Miss Saigon (North Queensland Opera & Music Theatre)

October 14th to 18th

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

QERDP09 Conference – Townsville

October 16th to 18th

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

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

[Back to Top](#)

News & Sundries

Kulture Vulture – Radio Program Comes to an End

The final session of this program was aired on Triple T on June 25th. Thank you to Trevor Keeling and Iain McDougall who committed a great deal of their spare time to voluntarily producing this valuable program. Since its inception in May 2007 Iain and Trevor interviewed around 700 people who ranged from emerging artists to those well known on the national and international stage. These interviewees included actors, dancers, visual artists, musicians, singers, comedians, sculptors, potters, floral arrangers, directors, artistic directors, curators, designers and even a live jazz band. The program was presented with an award at the *Townsville City Council Arts Awards* in 2008.

It was a pleasure to be involved, in a small way, in the initial planning of *Kulture Vulture* and to advertise it in this Bulletin over the past two years.

Violin Restorer in Town

Olaf Grawert from The Violin Studio, Brisbane will be in Townsville during the Chamber Music Festival (August 2nd to 7th) to do basic repairs and maintenance on instruments violins.

Olaf will be able to carry out most types of repairs (set ups, bridges, soundposts, planing fingerboards, pegs, cleaning and polishing, bow re-hairs and simple body and crack repairs) while he is here but suggests that for complex restoration work it would be better for him to take instruments to his studio in Brisbane.

To give Olaf time to carry out repairs while he is in Townsville it is desirable to contact him as soon as possible to make an appointment.

For information: 3844 6090 Olaf Grawert, The Violin Studio, 29 Lamington Tce, Dutton Park

<http://www.theviolinstudio.com>

La Luna Youth Arts Wins Commendation in Westpac Community Idol Competition

La Luna Youth Arts, based in Townsville, received a special commendation from the panel of expert community judges in the *Westpac Community Idol* competition of 2009. La Luna Youth Arts supports children and young people from a diverse range of backgrounds to create new artistic works to motivate, celebrate and inspire their communities. La Luna Youth Arts encompasses the performing arts, filmmaking, visual arts, writing for performance and contemporary music.

The *Westpac Community Idol* is an annual competition recognising outstanding work by Australia's 700,000 community groups in fields as diverse as sport, environment, Indigenous and literacy. *Westpac Community Idol* is part of the *Communities in Control* conference held in Melbourne each June. Idol finalists argue their credentials to a 'jury' of about 1500 conference attendees who vote on who should take home the coveted Idol status and \$6000 worth of cash and prizes from Westpac and Our Community.

As a commendee, La Luna Youth Arts has received a free ticket to this year's conference as well as a 12-month subscription to several prestigious fundraising and organisation-building newsletters.

For information: 4773 6377 Nam Enever, La Luna Youth Arts

New Multi-media Audio Tour at Reef HQ Aquarium

This audio tour provides a guided commentary with full colour images for all of the major exhibits and displays within the Aquarium. It is a personal journey of discovery, which can be stopped and started at will. Any one or all of the 34 tracks can be listened to at leisure. The full tour lasts for approximately one hour. The multi-media audio players are the latest technology in audio tours and were developed by Espro Acosutiguide Group in conjunction with the team at Reef HQ Aquarium.

The tour players are available to hire for \$10 from the Reef HQ Aquarium admissions desk.

For information: 4750 0703 Michelle Hood, Sales Coordinator, Reef HQ Aquarium

<mailto:M.Hood@gbrmpa.gov.au>

Earthlink Handcrafts Available for Purchase

Earthlink products are sourced from developing countries including Bangladesh, India, Peru, Thailand, Cambodia and Africa through organisations upholding the principles of fair trade. Earthlink is a member of the 'Fair Trade Association of Australia and New Zealand'.

Margaret, an Earthlink staff member, from Brisbane Southside will be in Cairns and Townsville in mid August and can be contacted on 0403 583 766 to arrange presentations of Earthlink products.

For information: <mailto:info@earthlinkhandcrafts.com> <http://www.earthlinkhandcrafts.com>

Promotion Opportunities

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

Visit <http://www.tg.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>

<http://www.art-in-tropical-australia.com/arts-events.html> for arts events in North Queensland.

The Miles Franklin Literary Award 2009 Winner

Tim Winton has won his fourth Miles Franklin Award with his novel *Breath* (published by Penguin)

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

[Back to Top](#)

Expressions of Interest/Opportunities

Local

Songbridge 2009 Festival of Music – Call for Singers

As part of the Q150 celebrations, *Allegretto Voices* has taken up the challenge to host the *Songbridge 2009 Festival of Music* in Townsville which will engage hundreds of young people, adults and audiences.

Songbridge Queensland is a state-wide celebration of choral singing with newly composed songs about the stories of regional centres including Townsville, Mackay, Brisbane and the Gold Coast

Songbridge Townsville will involve two days of rehearsals/workshops with *Brisbane Birralees Voices* and *Birralees Blokes* rehearsing the *Songbridge Theme Song* and the two new Townsville songs *Silent Heroes* SATB Harley Mead (in commemoration of the Blackhawk Disaster 1996) and *Magnetic Island* (Treble) Paul Jarman.

Rehearsal options:

(A) Rehearse for Term 3 – 10 weeks commencing July 14th with *Allegro Adult Choir* Tuesdays from 7 to 8.30pm

(B) Rehearse independently – semi-learn the songs from sound files/printed music and rehearse with *Allegro Adult Choir* Tuesdays from 7 - 8.30pm for the second half of Term 3 – 5 weeks commencing August 18th

(C) Rehearse totally independently – learn the songs from sound files and printed music and rehearse with Massed Choir on September 21st and 22nd

Gala Concert

September 22nd

Jupiter's Casino

Registration fee for participation in Massed SATB Choir (all options) and to perform at *Gala Concert* \$90 participants consider billeting visiting singers for September 21st and 22nd

For information and to register your interest: Kerry Rehn <mailto:rehnfamily@bigpond.com>

Townsville Arts Guide – Call for Entries

Closing date: July 15th

The Townsville Arts Guide is now being researched. The Guide is a free listing of details for all Townsville Arts and Cultural organisations.

Visit <http://townsville.artsguide.com.au/listing> to register your interest in having your organisation listed in the Guide.

Opportunities for paid advertisements also exist – please contact George Chapman on 0439 775 257.

Townsville Eisteddfod – Call for Volunteers

The Townsville Eisteddfod has been part of the North Queensland community for fifty years. It has provided performance opportunities in visual and performing arts for the youth of Townsville and Thuringowa with participants also coming from other parts of Queensland.

The Eisteddfod will be held from September 14th to 30th with more than 2000 entrants including up to 35 schools participating. More than 4600 performances take place in up to two theatres and audience numbers can exceed 1000 some days.

The Eisteddfod committee is seeking volunteers to work in the following positions:

- Door Keeping
- Marshalling
- Time Keeping
- Cash Handling (front of house selling entry tickets)
- Adjudicators' Secretary
- Announcing/Session Chairperson

A Doorkeepers Training Course will be held on August 22nd at 6.30pm at the Civic Theatre.

For information: 4724 1653 Lenore Nielsen/Kay Hinds during office hours – Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 9am to 12 noon

Printing at Umbrella Studio

To July 30th 5 – 9pm

Printmakers familiar with Umbrella's etching press can make use of it on Thursday evenings until the end of this month.

Cost: \$15 per person – sessions limited to 10 people each. Bookings are essential. Umbrella members will be given first preference.

482 Flinders Street Townsville

For information: 4772 7109 <mailto:info@umbrella.org.au> <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

Strand Ephemera – Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are required for artwork installation/demount, Strand information desk, function assistance, workshops, tours and with the education program.

For more information or to register your interest: 4727 9637 Hannah Murray, Gallery Officer, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery <mailto:hannah.murray@townsville.qld.gov.au>

'Create Your Youth Week 2010' – Call for Applications by Townsville City Council

Closing date: October 30th

Last year the Townsville City Council launched a new initiative *Create Your Youth Week*. The aim of this initiative was to increase involvement of young people aged 12 to 25 years in the development of activities to be held during *National Youth Week 2009*. *Create Your Youth Week 2009* was a great success with four inspirational ideas from young people being turned into reality.

The City Council is now inviting young people aged 12 to 25 years to submit ideas for activities they would like to see happen during National Youth Week 2010. Successful entries will then be supported by the City Council's Youth Development Officers to assist in planning these activities, with budgeting and financial support, promotion, and assistance with running the activity on the day.

For information and application forms: <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community/youth/index> or 4727 9000 Youth Development officers, Townsville City Council <mailto:youth@townsville.qld.gov.au>

[Back to Top](#)

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>

Expressions of Interest in Photographic Workshops (advertised Townsville Bulletin July 8th)

Closing date: July 31st

To help celebrate 100 years of Hellenes in North Queensland, expressions of interest are being sought from anyone interested in participating in a series of four photographic workshops capturing the essence of Hellenic culture. This will culminate in a photographic exhibition as part of the tenth anniversary celebrations of *Greek Fest* in Townsville.

Workshops will be conducted by renowned photographer Glen O'Malley who has exhibited both nationally and internationally and whose work can be seen in many Australian collections.

Participants will need access to their own digital camera, preferably SLR.

Workshops will be held at Pinnacles Gallery on August 15th, 22nd, 29th & September 5th from 9am – 3pm

The photographic exhibition will be held in the foyer of the Riverway Arts Centre from October 9th to 23rd.

For information and EOI form: <http://www.greekfest.com.au>

EOIs should be emailed to <mailto:pgotoexhibit@greekfest.com.au> by the closing date above.

Flying Arts Workshops – Call for Expressions of Interest

The following Flying Arts Workshops are on offer (to be held in Ingham) if at least ten people are able to commit to participating.

Working with Gourds: Create functional and artistic objects from naturally dried gourds using a variety of decorative effects (4 gourds per person).

Giant Puppet Workshop: Using primarily bamboo, cane, paper and materials to create large processional puppets, props or creatures.

Sculpting the Animal Form: Learn the skills of making small scale sculptures with wire, wood, plaster and clay. A foundation to further your sculptural exploration.

3D Art for Projects, Processions and Celebrations: Use cane, bamboo, paper and fabric to create artworks of choice such as lanterns, puppets, environmental sculpture, costumes and props.

Cost: Approximately \$110 each (plus materials) for a two day workshop

For information: 4776 6861 Pam Lane <mailto:plane11@optusnet.com.au> for Randi Pietroban Flying Arts Representative in Ingham

Opportunity for 'Gifted' Students with School of Creative Arts (SoCA) JCU

This program provides current senior high school students with the opportunity to enrol for study in the School of Creative Arts at JCU as part of their senior high school certificate. For those selected, it is an exciting opportunity to undertake tertiary level studies while still at high school and in doing so, access the state-of-the-art facilities and equipment available to students enrolled in the School of Creative Arts in Townsville. This program is strictly limited to those students who demonstrate a passion for creativity and whom experts in the School of Creative Arts assess as 'Gifted and Talented'. This would normally mean that the student is obtaining the grade of Very High Achievement in school-based arts subjects, and/or who has a folio of work that is of a very high standard.

For information, application guidelines and costs: http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/JCUPRD_046987.html

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.

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.

[Back to Top](#)

State, National and International

Manuscript Development Program for Fiction Writers

Closing date: July 24th

This national program has been created by Queensland Writers Centre and Hachette Australia for up to ten emerging Australian authors of fiction who are either unpublished or have no more than one significant work commercially published.

For information:

<http://www.qwc.asn.au/ProgramsEvents/NationalProgram/ManuscriptDevelopmentProgram.aspx>

National Play Festival 2010 – Call for Applications

Closing date: July 31st

A unique opportunity to develop and present work, in performance, to a national and international audience of theatre companies and producers. The festival is Australia's leading market for showcasing new unproduced plays.

For information and application forms: <http://www.pwa.org.au/Industry/NationalPlayFestival/>

Opportunity to Exhibit in Cairns – Call for Applications

Closing date: September 30th

Applications to exhibit at Cell Art Space in 2010 will be accepted from individual artists, art groups and curators living in North Queensland. Emerging visual artists are encouraged to apply and applicants are invited to visit Cell Art Space, 109 Lake St to see its full potential.

For information and application forms: <mailto:info@cellartspace.com> <http://www.cellartspace.com>

ABC's Gene Pool Opportunities

Join the *Gene Pool* group, start uploading, work with the ABC archives, chat in the forum, and see what other people are creating.

It could be an evolution-inspired story, a poem, a photo, a song, sounds, a doco or some video art. Make it as evolved or embryonic as you like.

The best audio entries will be broadcast on Radio National's *All in the Mind* and *The Night Air*. All audiovisual entries will go into the running for an exhibition at RMIT in Melbourne in November.

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

Country Viewpoint – Pool (ABC)

Country Viewpoint is a site for anyone who lives outside 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

[Back to Top](#)

Workshops/Training/Conferences

Local

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery 'After 5 Access'

The Gallery has launched this after hours program to allow patrons an opportunity to visit outside regular hours. Scheduled for 5 – 8pm on the second Tuesday of every month, these evenings will include a series of special events.

The next event will be held on July 14th at 6pm and will feature a floor talk and lecture by Ron McBurnie on *Metal as Anything*, a survey exhibition showcasing thirty years of his diverse and intricate etchings. ([Click here](#) for details)

Ron will talk about the influences on and chronological development of his art practice. He will comment on a number of artists including Michael Leunig, David Hockney, Glen Baxter, William Blake, Samuel Palmer and William Hogarth. In his lecture Ron will discuss a selection of his etchings in detail. He will look at their narratives and follow the making of an etching from the original idea through to the finished print. Ron will draw on relationships between his etchings and those of other artists who have influenced his work by showing original examples from his own collection of etchings and engravings from the 15th to the 20th Century.

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,

- 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>

Multimedia Workshops in Theatre and Film

July 21st to early December on Tuesdays from 4 – 6pm

Provided for young people aged 13 to 18 years by Lifeline Community Care NQ in partnership with the Xstrata Community Partnership Program NQ under the direction of La Luna Youth Arts.

The workshops will culminate in a staged performance at the Riverway Arts Centre.

Cost: free

Prior registration is essential.

For information and registration: 4775 9107 James Loveday, Project Coordinator
<mailto:james.loveday@lccq.org.au>

Free Public Talk at JCU by Buddhist Teacher

July 31st 2 – 2.50pm

Lama Choedak Rinpoche will discuss a refreshing and practical Buddhist response to dealing with the global economic crisis and to having less money.

Lama Choedak is one of Australia's most highly regarded meditation masters. Before coming to Australia he completed nine years of monastic training including a three and a half year solitary retreat sponsored by His Holiness The Dalai Lama. His teachings are delivered with humour and insight, and are lucid, practical and profound.

Padua Theatre, JCU Medical School

For information: 4773 4223 Phil Heang, Tharlam Buddhist Group
<mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au>

Calm Abiding Meditation Buddhist Retreat

July 31st to August 2nd

Experience an enriching weekend of Calm Abiding Meditation led by Lama Choedak Rinpoche, a Tibetan born meditation master who has lived in Australia since 1985.

Lama Choedak will carefully guide participants into each meditation session, teaching the fundamentals of Calm Abiding Meditation, so that complete beginners, as well as experienced meditators will go home with a set of self-transformative tools.

Paluma, Mt Spec.

Fully catered vegetarian meals with heated dormitory accommodation
Cost: \$260/\$240
For information: 4773 4223 Phil Heang <mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au>

Calm Abiding Meditation for Beginners

August 11th to September 29th (Tuesdays) 6 – 7pm
Conducted by the Tharlam Buddhist Group at the James Cook University Chaplaincy
Cost: donation
For information: Phil Heang <mailto:pheang@bigpond.net.au>

[Back to Top](#)

Unity in Diversity Conference

August 12th to 14th
This, the second Unity in Diversity Conference, will explore global trends in migration, the workforce and creating enhanced community cohesion and will address the need for collaboration, communication and cooperation across cultural, religious and ideological barriers.
The Conference is suitable for business leaders and multicultural stakeholders. It is aimed at government, education, community, cultural, religious and migrant settlement professionals.
Rydges Southbank Hotel & Convention Centre, Palmer Street, South Townsville
Presented by the Townsville Intercultural Centre (formerly Migrant Resource Centre)
For information: 4772 4800 <mailto:Favardin.Daliri@bigpond.com>
<http://www.culturalfest.org/unityindiriversityconference.htm>

'Sunday Afternoon on Location' – Painting with Peter Lawson

Learn to be an effective artist quickly.
Groups: \$30 per person – 3 hours tuition
Individuals: \$50 per person – 3 hours tuition
Evening studio painting also available: \$30 – 3 hour session
For information: 0418 727 534 Peter Lawson <mailto:peterlawsonfineart@yahoo.com.au>
<http://www.peterlawsonfineart.com.au>

[Click here](#) for information on Peter Lawson's Gallery

Raise Your Voice: Fourth National Public Galleries Summit – Townsville

September 9th to 11th
A three day conference featuring master-classes, keynote speakers and discussion panels focussing on current issues faced by Regional Galleries. The Conference will attract 200+ delegates from across Australia and New Zealand, including directors, curators, administrators, educators, public program staff, artists and interested stakeholders from all levels of government and the corporate sector.
The Summit is an initiative of Museum & Gallery Services Queensland in partnership with Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville City Council. It is also supported by Arts Queensland, the Australia Council and other Gallery service organisations across Australia.
For information and registration: http://www.magsq.com.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=465

Composition and Colour with Jan Hynes – Umbrella Studio Masterclass

October 3rd & 4th 10am – 4pm
For adults with previous art experience.
Cost: \$100 members/\$120 non-members – includes basic materials (participants may take their favourite medium/media to work with)
Limited to 10 participants – bookings are essential
BYO lunch, coffee and tea provided
For information and bookings: 4772 7109 Alana <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

Queensland Writers Centre Workshops – Townsville

Introduction to Poetry with Julie Beveridge

November 14th
There are so many genres of poetry, often it is difficult to know where to begin. Julie Beveridge (*Home is Where the Heartache is*) will introduce participants to some fundamental exercises and techniques to get their poetic tongues wagging. This introduction will provide the basics needed to start writing poetry for recreation or publication.
For information: 3839 1243 or <mailto:gldwriters@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>
Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

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

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.

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

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

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 *Opportunities for 'Gifted' Students*

[Click here](#) for information on SoCA exhibitions

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>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Multimedia Workshops in Theatre and Film*

[Back to Top](#)

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>

Australian Ceramics Triennale – Sydney

July 16th to 20th

The First Australian Ceramics Triennale (formerly the National Ceramics Conference), will build on the momentum of the highly successful 2006 VERGE Ceramics Conference in Brisbane. In 2009 the Australian Ceramics Triennale's three broad themes are Facing Asia, Future Practice and Activate/Cultivate.

For information: <http://australianceramicstriennale.com/>

Symposium: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

August 21st

Registration: 8.00 – 8.30am

Welcome to Country: 8.30am

Session: 9am – 5pm

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

Keynote speakers Judy Watson and Nicholas Rothwell will lead discussion on issues challenging and invigorating the Indigenous art industry. Topics include: Indigenous art or artists who are Indigenous; historical continuity and contemporary innovation; and Indigenous art from production to market.

Co-hosted through a partnership with Arts Queensland and the James Cook University School of Creative Arts, the CIAF Symposium will bring together some of the nation's leading thinkers on Indigenous art to discuss the issues challenging and invigorating the industry. The symposium will inform and inspire Indigenous artists, industry professionals, academics, activists, students, collectors and media.

Centre of Contemporary Arts, 96 Abbott Street

Cost: \$150/\$50 – bookings through Ticketlink 1300 855 835 <http://www.ticketlink.com.au>

For information: 4042 1796 Russell Milledge <mailto:russell.milledge@jcu.edu.au>

[Click here](#) for information on the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair

Re-Generating Community: A New Nexus between Art, Community and Local Governance – Conference

September 2nd – 4th RMIT University, Melbourne

The conference is partly aimed at drawing to a close an ambitious project using community arts to reinvigorate local government processes across five diverse local government areas in Australia including Charters Towers Regional Council. It has been sponsored by the Australia Council for the Arts and managed by the Cultural Development Network. Hosts for the conference are Cultural Development Network and RMIT Globalism Research Centre.

For information: 03 9925 2725 Martin Mulligan <mailto:martin.mulligan@rmit.edu.au>

[Charters Towers Link](#)

In this *Generations 2006 – 2009* national pilot program with RMIT investigating the practical ramification behind the theories of 'Animating Democracy', the Charters Towers Regional Council has been working with three generations of pastoralists and Aboriginal families who have a traditional association or ownership of the land. The project has aimed to build the bonds of trust that could eventually lead to Aboriginal families building new businesses and new lives on land shared with the pastoralists.

For more information on the Charters Towers Project: Su McLennan, Community Development Officer Charters Towers Regional Council <mailto:SMcLennan@charterstowers.qld.gov.au>

2009 IPEd National Editors Conference – Adelaide

October 8th – 10th

The conference will take place at the Adelaide Festival Centre on the banks of the River Torrens, with associated events taking place in and around the city centre.

For information: <http://www.editors-sa.org.au/?q=IPEd%20conference>

ARTSpeak 2009: Queensland Regional Arts and Culture Conference

November 18th to 20th – Beaudesert

This Conference will bring together more than 200 arts participants and practitioners from across the state and will be a valuable opportunity to explore new ideas and partnerships to ensure all Queenslanders have access to arts and culture. It will include keynote speakers, workshops, panel discussions and a program of artistic work around the themes: encouraging community participation and engagement through arts and culture; building strong communities; supporting vibrant regional arts and cultural practice; and activating creative spaces.

For information: 1800 175 531 Arts Queensland <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au>

[Back to Top](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Capacity Build Your Community with the Regional Arts Development Fund

Closing date: July 31st for projects and activities beginning after October 1st.

This funding program offers assistance at a grass-roots level for one-off projects and activities (generally up to \$5,000; more in some cases) that will benefit the cultural and community development of the Townsville region.

The following grants in the RADF program are available:

- Regional Partnerships (for service providers and community organisations to devise innovative products or programs by utilising creative/artistic talent. This category provides opportunities for local industry and businesses, community arts and non-arts community organisations (government departments and non-government) to work together to enhance existing projects or products, or develop new ones where the arts will play an important role in their realisation. It requires lateral thinking to maximise the benefit that this particular grant is offering.
- Building Community Cultural Capacity (for businesses, organisations or communities to access the arts as a vehicle for personal or professional development or developing community cohesion)
- Interest-free Arts Loan (a lending scheme particularly useful for entrepreneurs to initially finance an initiative and return the funds once the product is developed or the activity or project is completed, not unlike a financial start-up)
- Cultural Tourism (for projects and activities involving any artform that draw attention to the uniqueness of Townsville and surrounding region)
- Contemporary Collections/Stories (for projects and activities of a specific theme or idea relevant to the Townsville region or which address issues specific to the here and now)
- Concept Development (funding to generate ideas and explore further sources of finance rather than creating or realizing a product, project or activity; essentially finance awarded for the purpose of scoping or creating a plan of attack for a potential project or activity, or product development)
- Developing Regional Skills (for the professional development of Arts professionals)

Applicants do not necessarily have to reside in Townsville. However, all applications must demonstrate a direct benefit to the community/cultural development of the Townsville region.

Previous successful applicants must have acquitted all previous grants to be eligible to re-apply.

For information: 4727 9159 Mr Shannon Chadwick Community Cultural Development Officer, Townsville City Council

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/services/departments/cip/grants/cultural/index>

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) – see more detail above

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>

Theodore Kuchar Scholarship

Closing date: September 4th

The Australian Festival of Chamber Music, in partnership with the Townsville City Council has developed this Scholarship in recognition of Theodore Kuchar's significant contribution to the Festival. The scholarship is designed to support young emerging Townsville orchestral musicians through the costs of tuition and professional development.

For information: <http://www.afcm.com.au/education/scholarship.php> or <mailto:scholarship@afcm.com.au>

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

[Back to Top](#)

State, National

Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Closing dates: 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>

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) – Funding

Visions of Australia

Closing date: September 1st

http://www.arts.gov.au/arts/visions_of_australia

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/grants>

Grants and Services Finder – Australian Government

An online database that allows users to find information on Australian grants and services for the cultural sector. The database contains over 1,400 grants and services from over 1,200 organisations. These include organisations from shire councils, state government art bodies, and private providers.

<http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/grants/>

Janet Holmes à Court Artists' Grant

Closing date: 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>

[Back to Top](#)

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.

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.

Scholars and Artists in Residence – National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA)

Ongoing

Research proposals are invited from academics, performers, artists, audiovisual industry and archive professionals to draw fresh, innovative perspectives from the national audiovisual collection. Fellowships offer specially facilitated access and research into the national collection; close collaboration with NFSA curatorial and technical experts; access to the Library; modern accommodation; and a fully equipped work space provided on-site.

For information: http://www.nfsa.gov.au/about_us/sar.html

[Back to Top](#)

Competitions & Awards

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

Screengrab 2009 – Call for Entries

Closing date: July 13th

Theme: 'Intervention'

Intervention is the new catchcry of these troubled times. *Screengrab's* inaugural exhibition and new media arts prize invites practitioners working in screen based media to submit works on this theme. All forms of screen based media are encouraged including multi-channel video, digital illustration, audio sculpture, photography, generative media, 2D & 3D anime.

Open Prize: School of Creative Arts New Media Arts Prize \$2000

Tertiary Prize: Focal Press Tertiary New Media Arts Prize \$1000 Voucher

The exhibition is sponsored by Focal Press and the School of Creative Arts at James Cook University, QLD, Australia.

For information and entry forms: <mailto:screengrab@jcu.edu.au>

http://www.jcu.edu.au/soca/JCUPRD_044204.html

Max Harris Poetry Award 2009

Closing date: July 15th

Established in 1993 with the encouragement of acclaimed writer Max Harris, this national award acknowledges the significant contribution that poetry offers to Australian literary culture.

The winning entry (\$3000 prize) and two unpaid commended entries will receive University of South Australia Max Harris Poetry Award Certificates, which will be presented at an award ceremony in October 2009.

For information and entry forms:

http://poetryandpoeticscentre.com/index.php/Max_Harris_Poetry_Award_2009

City of Perth Black Swan Prize for Portraiture

Closing date: July 17th

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>

Basil Sellers Art Prize – Call for Entries

Closing date: July 24th

This prize defines sport in the broadest possible sense. In 2010, an acquisitive prize of \$100,000 will be awarded to a single, outstanding art work, displayed in an exhibition of short-listed finalists at the Ian Potter Museum of Art, the University of Melbourne.

For further information: <mailto:basilsellersartprize@unimelb.edu.au>

<http://www.sellersartprize.com.au/call-for-entries/>

ANZ Private Bank and Art & Australia Contemporary Art Award

Closing date: August 1st

Promotes the work of emerging artists.

For information: http://www.visualarts.net.au/grantsprizes/ANZ_AA

Back to Top

Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize

Closing date: August 14th

This annual award of \$1500 has been endowed by Bruce Dawe, one of Australia's best-loved and most widely read poets. The endowment is held in trust by the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, and administered by its Faculty of Arts.

For information and entry guidelines: <http://www.usq.edu.au/arts/community/poetryprize/>

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/>

[Back to Top](#)

Websites

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/reviews/2009/07/02/2614603.htm>

For Winsome Denyer's review of *Oedipus the King*, recently produced in Townsville by Tropic Sun Theatre

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

Regional Arts Australia is the key national body representing the broad and complex interests and concerns of those working with and for the arts in regional, rural and remote Australia.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/hindsight/features/holdingourtongues/>

Holding our Tongues is an ABC *Hindsight* project about the long and difficult task of reviving Aboriginal languages.

<http://q150.qld.gov.au/CelebrationHighlights/q150icons.aspx>

Queensland's 150 Icons chosen as part of the Q150 celebrations

http://q150.qld.gov.au/CelebrationHighlights/icons_poem.aspx

Read Rupert McCall's tribute to Queensland's chosen icons – his poem *Q150 icons*

[Back to Top](#)

Publications

Jacobi and Nan

Published by Black Ink Press and launched during NAIDOC Week this children's book was written by Esther Fischer about the close bond between a grandmother and grandson. It is beautifully illustrated by Kerensa (Kerri) McCann. Black Ink Press, a community-based publishing venture, mentors emerging writers and artists in order to create illustrated books especially for young Indigenous readers.

For information: 4723 4546 Jeanie Adams <mailto:info@blackinkpress.com.au>

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

Limelight Magazine (ABC)

The July issue explores the world's love affair with opera and why it's so popular in Australia and overseas.

<http://shop.abc.net.au/browse/product.asp?productid=840016>

'Beautiful Waste' – Poems by David McComb

Edited by Chris Coughran & Niall Lucy

Brilliant songwriter and lead singer of the *Triffids*, David McComb, died in 1999 leaving behind a legacy of evocative music. Always more than a pop musician, McComb was a perceptive poet who explored and confronted addiction, pop culture, the colloquial and the metaphysical.

<http://www.fremantlepress.com.au/books/poetry/1106>

[**Back to Top**](#)