

Funding available for Creative Communities

Townsville City Council is calling for the city's arts workers to apply for the next round of RADF grants.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a Queensland Government and Townsville City Council partnership which supports local arts and culture.

One of the successful applicants from the March 2009 round was Freedom Street, led by arts facilitator and art therapist Sally Ebringer.

Ms Ebringer secured funds for an arts project aiming to soften the hardships of the homeless in Townsville by teaching artistic skills. These activities take place regularly at the Community Emergency Centre in South Townsville near Dean Park.

Ms Ebringer's efforts are a true example of community cultural development having a positive impact in people's lives and shows how RADF is assisting social inclusion, access and equality in Townsville.

"I am happy to say that collectively over the last three months I have had over 400 clients attend the art program," Ms Ebringer said.

"During the class I am able to assess their health and refer them to a relevant service if required, which means the class is not only serving as an artistic workshop but also as an opportunity for the clients to engage community services."

The new round of funding is now open and council is keen to hear from people seeking assistance for short-term projects or activities that offer professional arts, cultural and heritage opportunities in the Townsville region.

Applications close Friday, 30 October.

Application forms and information outlining guidelines for the funding is available at www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

For information please contact the RADF liaison officer on 4727 9000.

Free fun day for the family

Townsville City Council, in partnership with North Shore by Stockland, is hosting a community fun day at the Northern Beaches Leisure Centre on Sunday, 18 October.

This community fun day is designed to encourage and strengthen neighbourhood ties. It is an opportunity for people from the community to get to know each other, have lots of fun and learn about the facilities and services in your community.

It will be a day full of activities, rides, entertainment, information stalls, giveaways, free sausage sizzle and cake and much more.

WHEN » Sunday, 18 October 2009

WHERE » Northern Beaches Leisure Centre

TIME » 12noon to 4pm

COST » FREE

Come along to celebrate North Shore's first birthday and see the celebrity swim dash – including Cowboys players and councillors in the pool. Proceeds of the dash will go to charity.



Northern Beaches Leisure Centre will be a hive of activity when October's family fun day arrives.

National Recycling Week nears

As National Recycling Week 2009 creeps closer, Townsville City Council's Waste Services department has given residents a shout out to recycle responsibly.

Waste Services' executive manager, Gary Ewart, said that while only a small percentage of

residents do not put their regular wheelie bin out for collection each week, a much larger percentage fail to put out their recycling bin for fortnightly collection.

"Unfortunately there are some residents who put all of their domestic waste into the one bin

each week instead of separating the recyclables from the non-recyclables," Mr Ewart said.

"We provide these two separate bins to every household to make the recycling process easier and strongly promote responsible recycling."

Mr Ewart thanked those residents who make the effort to dispose of their rubbish in the correct wheelie bin.

"Many residents do take the time to separate their recyclable from their non-recyclable rubbish and put these in the right bins. Council really appreciates this and so does the environment," he said.

"National Recycling Week is really a reminder to those who don't recycle throughout the year to start now. To recycle a cliché, there's no time to start like the present."

National Recycling Week will run from November 9 to 14. Townsville City Council is planning activities for all ages and more information will be available closer to November.



It is important to know what rubbish can and can't be recycled.

The Townsville Recycling Education Centre provides opportunities for locals to learn about the recycling process and also caters for school and community group tours. To arrange a tour, please contact the centre on 4774 5622.