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

Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

Dancenorth

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets
4772 2549 <mailto:info@dancenorth.com> <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

Extensions Youth Dance Company

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

[Click here](#) for information on Extensions performance *The Dancemakers*

Latin Vibrations

0437 188 213 <mailto:iwannadance@latinvibrations.com.au> <http://www.latinvibrations.com.au>

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Exhibitions

Art on Kings

Shops 5-6/203 Kings Road Pimlico
4725 0250 <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au>
Gallery hours: 9am – 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.

October 25th to November 6th

Twilight Art - Exhibition

Art exhibition by Marion O'Shea's talented seniors. Original artworks 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>

[Click here](#) for *CityLibraries Heritage Bus Tou*

[Click here](#) for information for Performance Readings by Members of Writers in Townsville Society Inc (WITS)

[Click here](#) for information on *Author Talk – The Curse of the Labrador Duck with Dr Glen Chilton*

Aitkenvale Branch

Petunia Street, Aitkenvale 4727 8310

Flinders Street Branch

Northtown Flinders Mall 4727 9666

[Click here](#) for information on *Floor Talk: Pleasures and Precepts*

Thuringowa Branch

Thuringowa Drive, Kirwan 4773 8500

Gallery 6

4779 0079 203 Kings Rd, Pimlico

A boutique gallery specialising in larger paintings suitable for homes or businesses. Exhibiting artists: Marion O'shea, Val Claussen, Irene Senent, Sally Grattidge, Donna Maloney and Tim Strickland.

[Click here](#) for **News** item re the opening of the gallery

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 Pam Lane <mailto:plane@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au>

October 19th to 30th

Maraka Popular Portrait Prize

Originally debuted in 2007, this competition features local identities painted by a variety of artists.

Ken Goldstein Photography – Gallery

Shop 4, 358 Flinders Mall 4724 0305

<mailto:galleries@kengoldstein.com.au> <http://www.kengoldstein.com.au>

Local and Australia wide images. Framed and unframed prints for sale.

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

[Click here](#) for information on the next *Discover More Talk* on October 13th

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.

[Click here](#) for information on *Perc Tucker Regional Gallery After 5 Access – A Traveller's Insight Into the Venice Biennale and Other European Exhibitions*

To October 18th

Townsville Art Society Annual Art Awards

The 2009 Townsville Art Awards provides an opportunity for local, state and national artists to exhibit a broad range of art. It aims to discover new talents and invigorate the market with contemporary and traditional artwork. Marian Drew, Senior Lecturer at the Queensland College of Arts will be the judge.

Opening: October 10th at 7pm

Free Floor Talk: October 11th at 11am

October 23rd to December 6th

Talking Tapa Pacifika Bark Cloth in Queensland

This exhibition showcases the diversity of Pacific cultural practices and visual iconography through the medium of tapa, a bark cloth that is decorated with distinctive designs, as practised in Pacific countries of origin and Pacific communities in Queensland.

To October 25th

2009 Townsville Ceramic Awards

October 9th to 25th

The 2009 Townsville Ceramic Awards showcases a diverse array of high standard entries from both emerging and well-known potters from around Australia. The Townsville City Council Acquisitive Award of \$3000 ensures the continued growth of the ceramic collection at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, while the introduction of the *Now Office Furniture Award* for \$1000 encourages the use of innovative technology. Jim Robison (UK) will judge the exhibition. Robison is well known for his large scale ceramic installations which are influenced by history and the environment.

Free Artist Talk: October 9th at 6pm Awards Judge, Jim Robison, will present a talk about his Public Art Commissions which include murals and sculptures in Yorkshire, Cambridge and Liverpool in the United Kingdom.

Opening: October 9th at 7pm by Councillor Jenny Lane

October 28th to November 8th

Young Artists Awards/Ignite Youth Exhibition

An exhibition of the Townsville City Councils annual art competition for artists from pre-school to 18 years of age. The awards provide an opportunity for budding young artists to display their talents.

Also featured will be an exhibition organised by 2008 Youth Art Program winner Aaron Ashley.

November 12th to 22nd

Culture in the Mix – James Cook University School of Creative Arts Graduate Exhibition

A cutting edge display of screen, print and web-based media combining the best of the degree's five fresh new media disciplines: digital visual arts, digital photography, new media design, digital sound and multimedia performance. The latest generation of digital arts practitioners challenge the traditions of gallery exposition, and lay the foundation for future North Queensland new media artists.

Opening: November 13th at 7pm

Showcase

To November 1st

Ripples

The spontaneity of Marie Warnecke's tiny watercolours capture the essence of the region, the ever widening circles radiating from her beloved Townsville area – outback, rainforest and islands.

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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

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>

October 17th to November 29th

Experimenta Playground

Experience a digital media playground of interactive artworks, video installations, short films and extreme art on screen by Australian and international artists.

School of Creative Arts JCU (SoCA) e-Merge Media Space

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

4781 3142 Elly Murrell, Community Engagement & Events Officer <mailto:elly.murrell@jcu.edu.au>

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

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

[Click here](#) for information on *Culture in the Mix* – SoCa students' graduate exhibition at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

October 12th to 30th

Creative Generation 2009

The 2009 *Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art and Design* invites the community to experience artworks by some of Queensland's outstanding senior secondary students. This touring exhibition showcases the artwork of forty students drawn from both state and non-state schools in every region of the state.

Opening: October 22nd at 4:30pm – refreshments provided, all welcome!

Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery

7 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

Q150 Landscapes by Queensland Artists through 2009

Artists: James Brown, Vince Bray and Sylvia Ditchburn celebrating Queensland's 150th birthday

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.

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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 4772 7817

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

October 9th to 15th

Parred Down

An exhibition of recent works in wearable glass by North Queensland artist Judith Bohm-Parr. From whimsical to outright outrageous, Bohm Parr uses the body as the link between self adornment and sculpture in this exciting display of contemporary wearable art.

Opening: October 9th at 7:30pm – will feature a wearable art fashion show with *Ignite Dancers* and flute accompaniment.

October 9th to 15th

The Altered Book Project

An exhibition of altered books (Access Space) by Fibres and Fabrics, a key arts organisation in Townsville. This collective of active and innovative artists and crafts women were invited by one of the members to be involved in an Altered Book Challenge. Participants were required to provide a book and a theme and these were then given individually to each of the sixteen people involved to alter creatively.

Opening: October 9th

October 9th to 15th

Genki

Pia Armitage has transformed the Vault into a meditation space to present *Genki*, which is Japanese for good energy. The exhibition looks at everyday activities that bring happiness to the individual, the family or society in general.

The works are photographic and printed onto fibre-based paper with cyanotype emulsion. One of the aims is to create works that have no negative impact on the environment. The cyanotype emulsion is made from 100% biodegradable ingredients.

The works are presented in a scroll type format, which is reflective of the tradition in Japanese houses to have a welcome area with a calligraphy scroll that has a poem or Buddhist script to bring the house good fortune.

October 11th 11.30am

Coffee Concert and Artist Talk

Wassa is a six-piece percussion group performing traditional rhythms from West Africa on traditional instruments. The Townsville based group has been performing throughout North Queensland and as far as Papua New Guinea since 2001. Presented in partnership with Music Centre North Queensland (MCNQ)
Cost: free

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Festivals & Special Events

Rotary Club of Townsville South West Annual Book Fest

October 10th & 11th

Rotary Club fund raising event with proceeds to Townsville Coast Guard, and international Rotary charity Polio Plus.

Domain central

For information: 0437 777 480 (Sue)

2009 Xstrata Greek Fest Townsville

October 10th & 11th

The *Xstrata Greek Fest* is a free event which aims to provide a unique opportunity for residents and visitors to embrace both Greek and Australian cultures over a weekend of non-stop entertainment, wonderful cuisine, music and dance.

The Fest will bring a great deal of fun and excitement for the 35,000 people who attend, with grape-stomping and olive spitting competitions, great children's entertainment and rides, Greek cooking demonstrations and a fantastic Agora (marketplace). Look out for the photographic anthology of 100 years of Greeks and Cypriots in North Queensland.

Riverway

For information: 0417 739 749 Bill Malandris <mailto:bill@greekfest.com.au>

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

Heatley State Primary School Food and Dance Fiesta

October 16th 5.30 – 9pm

Heatley State Primary School, 410 Fulham Rd, Heatley

Cost: free

For information: 4759 5333

Q150 Event: Queensland Health Travelling Exhibition

October 19th to 27th 9am – 5pm

A travelling exhibition of images, text, memorabilia and audiovisual materials.

The Townsville Hospital, Townsville

For information: 3234 1081 Marion Ganga

http://www.q150.qld.gov.au/event_details.aspx?event_id=112

Against the Grind Youth Festival

October 24th & 25th

Activities offered:

- Big Top performance tent, featuring live music and art performances, guest speakers and workshops
- Rides
- Food Vendors
- Launch of the new Riverway Skate park , YWAM Skate Ramp
- Townsville PCYC regional skate/BMX finale
- Local and interstate skate and BMX professional demonstrations
- Inflatable soccer, facilitated by Upper Ross PCYC in honour of crime prevention month
- Parkour activity, facilitated by Lifeline
- Photography workshops, facilitated by the Youth Network NQ Inc.
- Information and display booths
- Street art workshops
- UFO – DJ system and internet café
- YWAM hosted scooter competition
- Merchandise tent

Various venues

Presented by the Townsville City Council, Youth with a Mission and Townsville PCYC

For information: 4727 9000 Townsville City Council

http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/community/youth/against_the_grind

Full Noise Music Festival

October 24th 12noon – 10pm

The Festival will host some of Australia's most exciting emerging and established bands and DJs including *Empire of the Sun, Frenzal Rhomba, British India, Koolism, Bluejuice, Tame Impala, Numbers Radio, Alax, Act yo Age DJs, KillaQueenz* and *Low Budget*.

Cost: \$95 plus booking fee

Townsville & District Rugby Union Grounds, Hugh St Currajong

Presented by Mark Vass, Full Noise Festival promoter

Tickets can be purchased online at: <http://tickets.oztix.com.au/?Event=11695&promoid=100>

City Beach Shop Stockland, The Corner Store James Cook University

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

Annual Prize Dinner – Foundation for Australian Literary Studies

October 27th 6.30pm for 7pm

The annual prize dinner for the Foundation for Australian Literary Studies book of the year will be held at the George Coates Restaurant at TAFE at 6.30 for 7pm on Tuesday October 27th. The food and the company promise to be excellent and the insights into Australian history and politics fascinating.

For information, and expressions of interest by October 16th: 4781 5097 Jillian Bond 4779 9074 Mary Gallagher

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Oiche Shamna - Halloween Celebrations

October 31st 7pm - late

Enjoy a night of creepy craic – presented by the North Queensland Irish Association. Prizes for best dressed couple; best dressed male and best dressed female

Molly Malone's (back bar, ground floor)

Cost: \$10 members; \$15 non-members

Please pre-book tickets by contacting the following:

4727 6614 <mailto:jane.schober@ergon.com.au> or 4725 1799 <mailto:%20kepper@aapt.net.au>

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

CityLibraries Heritage Bus Tour

November 1st 9.30am

Sites the tour will visit include historic hotels of the South Townsville and inner city area. Commentary will be provided by local historian Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde.

Seats are limited, Bookings are essential as seats are limited. These tours are always very popular, so make your booking soon!

Departs from Thuringowa Library, 86 Thuringowa Drive

Cost: \$20 per person (includes lunch)

Contact: 4773 8811 CityLibraries Thuringowa

State, National, International

Yungaburra Folk Festival

October 22nd to 25th

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

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Film

School of Creative Arts, The Rehearsal Space (DA302-016) JCU Douglas Campus

4781 3142 <mailto:NorthernLights@jcu.edu.au>

November 6th 4pm

Northern Lights Short Film Festival

View the finalists of the *Northern Lights Short Film Competition*

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.

October 15th

The Class (Entre les murs)

Teacher and novelist Francois Bégandeau plays a version of himself as he negotiates a year with his racially mixed students from a tough Parisian neighbourhood. France 2008 (M)

Frozen River

The story of two lives in economic emergency, and two women who are brave and resourceful, and ready to do what's necessary. USA 2008 (MA)

October 29th

Last Ride

Hugo Weaving plays a desperate father who takes his ten year old son on the run after committing a violent crime. The two travel across the South Australian desert and toward an unknown figure. Australia 2009 (M)

The Flight of the Red Balloon (Le voyage du ballon rouge)

A little boy and his baby-sitter inhabit the same imaginary world. Through their adventures they are followed by a strange red balloon. France 2007 (PG)

November 12th

Eden is West (Eden a l'Ouest)

This brand new drama from director Costa-Gavras is centred around the illegal immigrants living in the EU. It memorably captures the magical nature of the world one young man encounters where every experience is full of both promise and threat. France/Greece/Italy 2009 (M)

This film occupies the entire program and is the final screening for 2009. Enjoy drinks and nibbles with the group after the movie.

The 2010 season is expected to commence in March.

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Music

Australian Strings Association

0401 298 014 Caroline Lloyd-Doolan

October 23rd 7.30pm

Ulysses Chamber Spectacular

A talented group of musicians will perform pieces by Handel, Barber, Bach, Wagner and others at St James Cathedral.

Supper provided after the concert.

Cost: \$15/\$9, students \$7

Full Moon Drum Circle

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.net.au> <http://www.magneticislandjazz.org>

Picnic Bay Surf Life Saving Supporters Club

4724 4211 The Strand

Jazz on Sundays

4pm – 8pm

Jupiters Hotel & Casino

4771 4000 (Tickets - Townsville Entertainment Centre Box Office) http://www.tecc.net.au/whats_on.php

November 13th 7.30pm

McClymont Sisters – Touring Australia on their Wrapped Up Good Tour

The three McClymont sisters are Australia's newest & hottest female country music talent.

Grand Ballroom, Jupiters Hotel & Casino, Townsville

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)

October 10th 7.30pm

Concert to Launch MCNQ's DiversCITY Project

Will feature exciting local multicultural musicians *Wassa* (music from West Africa), Matthew Obat & Thabisa Ageng (North African musicians), Jason Enriquez, (a contemporary popular song writer from a Filipino background) and Patrick Levi with his own brand of folk and reggae from Moa Island, Torres Strait.

This promises to be a night of colourful entertainment, and a chance to hear some of the best of Townsville's performers.

Tickets: \$15/\$10, groups bookings (five or more) \$10 per person.

Court Theatre Cnr Sturt & Stokes Streets

Cost: \$15

[Click here](#) for information on *WASSA Rhythms of West Africa – Coffee Concert and Artist Talk* held in partnership with Umbrella Studio on October 11th

October 17th 8pm

Dosshouse Chandeliers CD Launch

Simon Self returns from Sydney to launch his latest CD. Born and bred in Townsville, Simon is a contemporary jazz musician who recently completed a recording of songs that he has composed and arranged. Working under the alias *The Dosshouse Chandeliers*, the new music was performed by a group of Townsville musicians and was produced and recorded by Bjarne Ohlin (Tunesville Music Production Studios). This album, *Treat like Eggs*, consists of a unique blend of jazz, rock and fusion styles featuring poignant and intriguing lyrics with a literary sensibility.

Court Theatre, cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

Cost: \$18/\$15, groups of five \$15 per ticket

<http://www.myspace.com/simonself> <http://www.sonicbids.com/SimonSelf>

October 29th 7.30pm

Bob Malone in Concert

Los Angeles based Bob Malone plays over 100 shows a year all over the world, and he has opened for and/or played with Rickie Lee Jones, The Neville Brothers, Rev. Al Green, Boz Scaggs, Vonda Shepard, Arlo Guthrie, and many others. He's been featured as a *One to Watch* artist on NPR's *Acoustic Cafe*, as well as being on a Performing Songwriter Magazine Best of DIYs compilation CD. His music has been featured on Car Talk, and TV shows Dr. Phil, The Rachel Ray Show, Jag, and All My Children. His latest CD, *Aint What You Know* is being played on over 300 NPR and *Adult Album Alternative* radio stations, including steady rotation at XM Satellite Radios *Bluesville* and *The Village*. Bob is a three-time recipient of the ASCAP Plus Award for independent musicians.

Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

Cost: \$25/\$20 concession card holders & MCNQ members

November 6th 8pm

Collusion Music at the Court Theatre

Collusion Music (Brisbane), while presenting for Musica Viva In Schools in North and Far North Queensland, will perform in Townsville. The group will perform music by Mozart, Beethoven, Hindemith, Khachaturian, Davidson and Hopkins. Musicians of *Collusion* have broadcast for ABC, MBS networks and have released an album for MOVE records. *Collusion* has performed at Restrung, International Messiaen, Bangalow, Tyalgum, and Soul Food amongst others. Members are in demand as freelance artists, having performed for the Queensland Orchestra, the Melbourne Symphony, the Camerata of St Johns, the Queensland Art Gallery, Astra, Mercury, Chamber Made and Libra ensembles, the Brisbane Powerhouse, Bangalow, Tyalgum, Brisbane Writers, Restrung, X, Bonyi, Australian Chamber Music Festival and Queensland and Brisbane Festivals. Members have studied chamber music at prestigious institutions in Rotterdam, the Australian National Academy of Music, the Luzern Musikhochschule, and with Youth Music Australia (Australian Youth Orchestra) advanced programs.

Court Theatre Cnr Sturt and Stokes Sts

Cost: \$25/\$20, group of 5 or more \$20 each

For information on *Collusion*: 1300 810 021 <http://www.collusion.com.au>

November 14th (8pm) & **15th** (7pm)

The Crown v Killer Quayle

With a script by director Suzy Gilmore, visual images and design by Glen O'Malley, soundscape by Michael Whiticker, and actor Mark Reed in the role of Killer Quayle, this multi-arts performance will present a unique interpretation of historical stories relating to the Old Magistrate's Court. The action revolves around the trial of Killer Quayle, a shell-shocked WW2 veteran who was caught stealing flowers from Queens Gardens and distributing them to all the pubs in Flinders Street.

Songs of a City featuring original music with a Townsville theme written by Michael Whiticker and Victor Purkiss, and performed by several local musicians will precede *The Crown v Killer Quayle*.

Court Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Sts

Cost: \$28/\$20, students, children \$12

This project has received funding from the Qld Government through the Q150 Celebrations Fund and RADF in partnership with the Townsville City Council.

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North Qld Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT)

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

[Click here](#) for information on *Miss Saigon*

The North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA).

PO Box 503 Castletown QLD 4812

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

[Click here](#) for information on Halloween celebrations

Picnic Bay Surf Life Saving Club Performance Space

4724 5232 / 0423 313 773 Jacqueline Bisson The Strand

October 15th

Lonesome Trio

[Click here](#) for more information on this space

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>

Meets on the second Sunday of each month at the Western Suburbs Cricket Club, Harold Street, West End

Townsville Choral Society

4779 2495 or 0418 781 766

Choral Society Hall 485 Sturt Street Townsville

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club

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

<http://www.tsvfolkclub.org>

Club meetings will be held on October 22nd, November 5th

Townsville Oratorio Choir

4773 2335

[Click here](#) for information on *Last Night of the Proms* – Barrier Reef Orchestra with Townsville Oratorio Choir

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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 October 22nd

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: 0422 617 771 David James <mailto:thats.entertainment@ymail.com>

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Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

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

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*

[Click here](#) for information on *BillHouse – a whole new take on Shakespeare*

Music Centre North Queensland

[Click here](#) for information on *The Crown v Killer Quayle*

Props Youth Theatre

4723 9996 (H) Todd Barty <mailto:pjtbarty@bigpond.com>

Provides live theatre performance opportunities for children.

Riverway Arts Centre

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

October 17th 8pm

E-Motion

From the dawn of time, dance has expressed the most basic human needs, drives, and emotions – power, desire, love, worship, joy and freedom.

Starring some of Townsville's most popular world dance groups including *Scimitar Moon Belly Dance Centre*, *La Fiesta Salsa* and the *Hellenic Dancers of Townsville*, E-Motion showcases dance styles including belly dancing, Hellenic dance, hip hop, contemporary, and a range of latin dance – salsa, bachata and zouk. In addition, special guest performers, *Capoeira Brazil*, blur the boundary between dance and martial arts in a mesmerising display of power and control.

Cost: \$40/\$35*, full time student \$35 *Concession applies to customers with the following cards which must be produced to collect tickets: Health Care Card, Government Seniors Card, Pension Concession Card (private National Seniors Cards are not accepted).

Presented by Scimitar Moon Belly Dance & La Fiesta Salsa

For information and bookings: 4727 9797 TicketShop

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October 23rd 8pm

The Needle and the Damage Done

A joyous romp through a top ten of the worst music ever released in the history of the world, from someone who's been collecting bad vinyl since she was old enough to shoplift a Rolf Harris record. *The Needle And The Damage Done* takes audiences on a hysterical journey through the appalling musical excesses of William Shatner, VFL footballers, Bernard King, white supremacists, Torville and Dean, racists and John Laws.

Since selling out at the *Melbourne International Comedy Festival*, stand-up comic and DJ Fiona Scott-Norman has performed *Needle* at The Sydney Opera House, won a *Green Room Award*, and appeared on ABC TV's *The Collectors*.

Part slide-show, part show and tell, part cabaret, part stand-up, and directed by *Comedy Inc's* Paul McCarthy.

Cost: \$29, child 15 and under \$20, special online price \$25

For information and bookings: 4727 9797 TicketShop

October 28th (10am & 4.30pm) **29th** (10am) & **30th** (10am & 8pm)

BillHouse – a whole new take on Shakespeare

Six young Australians are thrown together in a futuristic combination of a prison-like society and reality television where they undergo re-education using a politically correct version of Shakespeare. Everything falls apart on our programmed housemates when one hacks into a rebel website and eventually corrupts his fellow housemates with the original and untainted wording of William Shakespeare.

Monologues from Shakespeare's plays form the body of the performance, interspersed with games and competitions, which test the housemate's knowledge as the power and beauty of Shakespearean text is explored and demonstrated.

BillHouse, written and directed by Brian Kneipp and presented by La Luna Youth Arts, stars Angus McDonell, Ellen Connor, Kate Saunders, Liam McDonell, Rosalind Harris and Roymata Holmes. It features an original soundtrack from Townsville musicians Brian Kneipp and Ryan Lower with a complementing light design by Emily Molloy.

Please note: this production is suitable for all children and young people, however La Luna Youth Arts recommends audiences be aged 12+ years

Cost: \$20/\$12, family (2+2) \$55

Bookings at Box Office or by phoning 4727 9797 TicketShop

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

<mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au>

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

October 10th 7.30pm

Barrier Reef Orchestra – Last Night of the Proms

Conducted by Sean O'Boyle and featuring Suzanne Kompass (Soprano), Gregory Moore (Tenor) and the Townsville Oratorio Choir

Time to brush off the red, white and blue and get ready for some good audience participation. A great program includes *Danny Boy*, *Finnegan's Wake*, *Pomp & Circumstance*, *You raise Me Up* and *Rule Britannia*.

Gregory Moore has performed with the Queensland, Adelaide, Melbourne and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras, the State Orchestra of Victoria and the Ten Tenors. He is a regular at the Brisbane Lord Mayor's *Carols by Candlelight* and has performed in the Australian production of *Pirates of Penzance*. Suzanne Kompass has performed in theatres all around the world including Italy, Canada, various centres in the United States and on Broadway. She has had lead roles in opera productions including *Le Nozze Di Figaro*, *Faust*, *Mannon* and *Linda Di Chamounix*.

Cost: \$35/\$27, tertiary student \$27, member North Queensland Ensembles \$25, school student \$14

October 14th, 15th, 16th (8pm), **17th** (2pm & 8pm) & **18th** (1pm)

Miss Saigon

A sensational new musical production from the North Queensland Music and Opera Theatre (NQOMT).

Miss Saigon is an epic love story about the relationship between an American GI and a young Vietnamese woman set in 1975 during the final days leading up to the American evacuation of Saigon.

Please note: Parental guidance is recommended as this production contains adult themes and some strong language.

Cost: \$40/\$35, school student/child \$25, NQOMT member \$35, group 10+ \$35 each

October 19th (6.30pm), **20th** & **21st** (9.30am & 11.45am)

The Fastest Boy in the World

Patch Theatre Company, Australia's premier theatre company for young children, celebrates the wondrous imagination of children and the child-like inclination of adults in this whimsical ride, on the wings of Henry Horatio Richard O'Dockerty's fantasy, to become the fastest boy in the world. The production explores ideas around the concept of time, space and distance. Henry races against the clock and eventually learns punctuality.

It is a lively rock concert-style performance, featuring a four piece band, combining music, song, physical imagery, video-clips, puppetry, innovative lighting and storytelling.

Cost: \$12

October 23rd & 24th 8pm

Dealer's Choice

Award-winning playwright Patrick Marber has written *Dealer's Choice* from first hand experience. He was a member of Gambler's Anonymous by the time he was twenty-three. The title is derived from a specific type of card-play.

The ritual at the end of service on a Sunday night in Stephen's restaurant is a game of poker. Two of his waiters, the cook and his compulsive son, Carl, are the regulars. Carl owes a considerable amount of money to his poker mentor, Ash. Through an agreed subterfuge between Carl and Ash, Ash joins the game. This seeming stranger wins hand after hand wanting to claim his debt but the outcome is nothing short of explosive. The tension is palpable.

Marber's skilful dialogue explores the father-son relationship, male bravado and opens a secret window into the world of men.

Dealer's Choice crackles with scalding wit and edge-of-your seat suspense as the stakes are driven to an almost unbearable knife-edge.

Townsville Civic Theatre

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

October 31st 8pm

The Dance Makers

It has been several years since *Expressions Dance Company* has been part of the local theatre season and their return is timely with the recent appointment of Townsville born and bred Natalie Weir as Artistic Director. This is a natural progression for Weir considering her long and close association with the Company. She was a founding member and received her first choreographic commission from the then Artistic Director Maggi Sietsma AM at the age of eighteen.

The program comprises three new works from three daring and unique Australian choreographers at differing stages of their creative careers.

Emerging artist, Timothy Brown, further explores his distinctive and quirky style and thrilling creator Csaba Buday, who worked with Leigh Warren and Dancers for five years and is now Lecturer in Contemporary Dance at Queensland University of Technology, completes his first ballet for *Expressions*. Concluding the evening is a one-act work from Natalie herself.

These innovative and gifted choreographers share with the audience the art of dance in the making.

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

November 7th 8pm

Arj Barker's Original Style bits 'n pieces

Australia's adopted son of comedy is back by popular demand, after a sell out season at last year's *Melbourne Comedy Festival*. He will certainly sell out again.

Barker who won the coveted *Perrier Best Newcomer Award* in 1997 has firmly established himself as one of the golden boys on the international comedy circuit. For years, he has been honing his craft at comedy festivals and clubs all around the world. He has made numerous appearances on late night talk shows, including the *Letterman* and *Conan O'Brian* shows, as well as starring in his own half hour special on the HBO (Home Box Office) produced by *Comedy Central*. He is also a favourite on Australian TV having appeared in *Thank God You're Here*, *Rove*, *Spicks & Specks* and *Good News Week*.

Arj has just finished filming the second HBO series of *Flight of the Concords* in New York.

Support act: Joel Osborn

Cost: \$39.90/\$34.90, group 10+ \$34.90 each

Presented by A-List Entertainment

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Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

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

October 10th 6.30 – 11pm

Annual North Queensland Rock Awards

An annual concert that features high school students who play in bands competing against each other for the NQ title.

Cost: \$20, groups 10+ \$15 (these must be purchased before October 10th)

November 24th

Glen Campbell – Live in Concert

With special guest Debby Campbell, Glen's vocalist daughter.

Inducted into the 2005 Country Music Hall of Fame, Glen Campbell has an unparalleled catalogue of hits, *Rhinestone Cowboy*, *Wichita Lineman*, *Gentle on My Mind*, *By the Time I Get to Phoenix* and many more.

Townsville Little Theatre

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

November 11th to 13th (8pm) & **14th** (8pm & 2pm)

How the other Half Loves

Three married couples are linked through the work of the men. A perfect setting for misunderstandings, subterfuge, love, sex and drama Alan Ayckbourn style.

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

Cost: \$20/\$15; groups 10+ \$15; high school students \$10

Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433

<mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au>

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

Writers in Townsville Society Inc (WITS)

<mailto:witsnq@gmail.com>

Performance Readings by Members of WITS (Writers in Townsville Society Inc)

Members of Writers in Townsville will conduct short readings of their own work in a variety of genres. The writers will then be available to answer questions.

October 25th 10am

Flinders Street Library meeting space, Level 1 Northtown, 280 Flinders Mall

Contact: CityLibraries Flinders Street ph 4727 9666 or WITS

November 7th 11am

Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

For information: 4727 8310 CityLibraries Aitkenvale or WITS

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Date Claimers

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

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

December

Woodford Folk Festival

December 27th to January 1st

<http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com/>

2010

National Folk Festival – Canberra

April 1st to 5th

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

'See Hear Now' Multi Arts Festival – Presented by Music Centre Nth Qld and SoCA

April 16th to 18th

For information: 4721 1771

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News & Sundries

Two Major Exhibitions Open at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery This Weekend

Townsville Art Society Art Awards winners will be announced on October 10th

The region's most prestigious showcase for local artists, the Townsville Art Society 2009 Art Awards has attracted 144 entries, forty of which are vying for the \$5,000 Townsville City Council and Xstrata Copper Open Award.

This year's judge, Marian Drew is Associate Professor and Convenor of Photography Programs at the Queensland College of Art, Marian is represented by commercial galleries in Australia, New Zealand and the US. She represented Australia in the First Asia Pacific Triennial in 1992. Her work is represented in State and National collections in Australia and international private collections.

The Awards have a total prize pool of \$12000 over nine categories. The cash prizes are all sponsored by groups, businesses and corporations within Townsville.

The Awards will be presented by Councillor Jenny Lane at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery on October 10th at 7pm. The exhibition will remain open until October 18th

2009 Townsville Ceramic Awards Exhibition will be opened on October 9th at 7pm by Councillor Jenny Lane. Judge, Jim Robison (UK), will announce the winners on the opening night.

The Townsville Ceramic Awards are north Queensland's premier ceramic exhibition. The Awards received over fifty entries from around Australia.

Organised biennially, the exhibition is the North Queensland Potters Association's (NQPA) major event. The organisation of this competition is entirely the work of NQPA members, all volunteers. The generosity of local sponsors ensures the success of the Townsville Ceramic Awards. The major award of \$3000 is acquisitive and sponsored by Townsville City Council. A total prize pool of \$7200 is offered over nine categories. This exhibition will remain open until October 25th

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker regional Gallery

People's Choice Award Winner – Strand Ephemera 5

Artist Amanda Feher has taken out this year's Walters IGA People's choice Award for her artwork *The Cray* which was exhibited on the Strand during *Strand Ephemera 5*. Overwhelmingly popular within the community, the 7.5 metre long copper and steel sculpture was modelled from a live specimen Amanda captured in Lake Tinnaroo.

For information: 4727 9000 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Fired Up North has Re-located

Fired Up North, the retail outlet of the North Queensland Potters Association has moved from Metro Quays in Ogden Street to 269 Flinders Mall. This shop has been supporting potters in Townsville for just over fifteen years by providing their high quality ceramics for sale to the general public.

Hours of business: Mon – Fri 10am – 5pm; Sat & Sun – 9am -1pm

For information: 4721 3656

Townsville City Council Cultural Policy and Action Plan

Townsville City Council is currently in the process of developing a Cultural Policy and Action Plan. Work has begun with the formation of a Steering Committee of some of the most active representatives of the arts from across Townsville. The process is expected to take 12-18 months to complete and will produce a document, the Action Plan, specifying Council's commitment to the arts for the next three to five years.

The members of the committee who are already hard at work drafting cultural goals and defining outcomes are: Shirley Collins, Carol dall'Osto, Sylvia Ditchburn, Margot Douglas, Joanne Fisher, Rick Garcia, Lorna Hempstead, Judy Hunter, Stephen Naylor, Christine Pulvirenti and Vicki Salisbury.

The Cultural Development Officer, Justine Wilkinson, is the Lead Officer and Cr Jenny Lane the Chair.

Councillors Tony Parsons and Suzanne Blom are also members of the committee.

The next part of the process of developing the Action Plan will be to conduct community cultural development projects looking at what we value about our city and its culture. That information will be used to assess what we see as our future direction for the cultural life of our city – our collective needs and aspirations – which will shape the strategies and actions of the plan.

Community opinion and input will be welcomed and could well influence the outcomes.

For more information or just to find out what stage the process is at: 4727 9586 Justine Wilkinson, Cultural Development Officer <mailto:justine.wilkinson@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Vote for Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM) for 2009 ABC Limelight Award

AFCM has been selected as a finalist for Best Event/Festival for the 2009 ABC Limelight Awards.

Vote for the Festival online by visiting <http://www.limelightmagazine.com.au/awards> or by completing a hard copy voting form available in the current October issue of *Limelight Magazine*.

Winners are chosen by public votes and will be published in the December issue of *Limelight Magazine*.

Voting closes October 23rd.

School of Creative Arts (SOCA) JCU Online Survey

SOCA Creative Arts Support Team endeavours to provide a high level of service to its clients and is seeking feedback on the quality of this service through an online survey which can be completed anonymously at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=13wwqKfMCZjLQfy74ZfWTw_3d_3d

New Gallery Opening at 203 Kings Road, Pimlico.

A group of well known local artists has taken over Shop 7a of this complex, and transformed it into a smart boutique gallery specialising in larger paintings suitable for homes or businesses.

The artists are Marion O'Shea, Val Claussen, Irene Senent, Sally Grattidge, Donna Maloney and Tim Strickland.

For information: 4779 0079

Opening: October 15th 5.30 – 6.30pm by Councillor Ray Gartrell

New Performance Space at Picnic Bay Surf Life Saving Club, The Strand

This performance space aims to promote inclusion and participation of cultural diversity and the various forms of performance arts including, dance, music, poetry, theatre, short skits and plays, stand up comedy, fire twirling on the headland, acrobatics and juggling.

The next event at the space is on October 15th featuring *Lonesome Trio* which is a fabulous local band.

Other performers to appear at the space will be indigenous artist and poet Maggie Walsh, local musician and Torres Strait Island Dancer Tom Neliman with his re-formed band *Wanum* and his son Laurie Neliman, local Aboriginal dancer and didgeridoo player Jai Cummins who has recently returned from Melbourne after the performance production with which he has been involved for three years in Charters Towers. Patrick Levi will also be performing for us again as will *Bandawalla Moons*.

For information: 4724 5232 / 0423 313 773 Jacqueline Bisson

Regional Achievement & Community Awards

Dr Linda Ashton of Townsville is one of three finalists in the *Coffee Club Arts & Culture Award*, through this year's *Queensland Regional Achievement and Community Awards*.

The Awards program is presented by WIN Television and the Queensland Government through the *Blueprint for the Bush Strategy* and recognises individuals and communities who play a vital role in enhancing the social or economic sustainability in areas, such as, environment & Landcare initiatives, businesses, event & tourism projects, Young Leaders and the Arts in regional and rural Queensland.

Dr Ashton is a prominent senior Lecturer at James Cook University whose passion lies in promoting learning, literacy and community teamwork through community arts projects and incredible team building experiences. Her amazing efforts have been rewarded on both a state and national level, in particular when she won the *JCU Vice Chancellors Excellence in Teaching Award* in 2007.

It has always been a dream of Linda's to celebrate the arts and synergise the relationship of indigenous and non-indigenous locals through use of arts across regional Australia. Some of her efforts with local indigenous groups have been published as educational texts and stories, to encourage knowledge and community well being. Her work continues to flourish throughout the North Queensland region.

http://www.awardsaustralia.com/RACA_qld.html#1

Performing Arts Historical Society (PAHST) – Call for Donations of Memorabilia

PAHST welcomes donations of performing arts related memorabilia including theatre programs flyers etc. PAHST is also happy to copy any items that donors wish to keep.

For information or to make donations: 4775 1565 Gordon Hodgson, 4728 5681 Ellen Read or 4775 3825 D'Esley Smith <mailto:enquiries@pahst.com> <http://www.pahst.com>

The Music Centre North Qld Launches its DiversCITY Project

DiversCITY is a Music Centre North Queensland project involving four north Queensland-based multicultural musicians/bands: *Wassa*, Patrick Levi, Matthew Obat & Thabisa Ageng, and Jason Enriquez. The Centre will be working with these artists over the coming year to:

- develop professional promotional materials, including audio and video recordings, photographs and a media promotion kit, and make these available to potential presenters via the Music Centre website
- facilitate applications to local festivals and explore further performance opportunities in North Qld.

This project has received financial assistance from the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and will be launched at a concert on October 10th.

[Click here](#) for details of launch concert

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

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

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

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Employment/ Opportunities/ Expressions of Interest

Local

Position Vacant – Umbrella Studio Business Manager (full-time)

Closing date: October 23rd

Umbrella Studio, a not for profit contemporary art space in Townsville, is seeking a committed, highly organized and creative person to expand on and enhance the business operations of the organisation. The Business Manager plays a pivotal role, responsible for a variety of activities including financial administration, office management and the co-ordination of daily operations to support ongoing programs and activities.

For a detailed job description: <http://www.umbrella.org.au> or <mailto:info@umbrella.org.au>

Northern Lights Short Film Festival – Call for Entries

Closing date: October 16th

Categories:

- Open Fiction Award – \$450
- Open Documentary Award – \$250
- High School Award – \$250

For information: 4781 3142 <mailto:NorthernLights@jcu.edu.au>

Post entries to: Northern Lights, c/- School of Creative Arts, James Cook University Q 4811
James Cook University's School of Creative Arts

[Click here](#) for screening details of the Festival

Full Noise Music Festival – Call for Volunteers

October 24th 12noon - 10pm

Volunteers are needed to assist in running this Festival. Duties will include ticket collection, cleaning, running drinks, stage support and signage operators.

The Festival will host some of Australia's most exciting emerging and established bands and DJs including *Empire of the Sun*, *Frenzal Rhomba*, *British India*, *Koolism*, *Bluejuice*, *Tame Impala*, *Numbers Radio*, *Alax*, *Act yo Age DJs*, *KillaQueenz* and *Low Budget*.

For information and to express your interest: <mailto:experience@teamlacey.com.au>

<http://www.fullnoisefestival.com.au/volunteering/>

Umbrella Studio – Exhibition Proposals Invited

Umbrella Studio invites exhibition proposals from established and emerging contemporary visual artists and curators seeking to present new and original work in a professional gallery environment.

Umbrella Studio operates four exhibition spaces: the Main Space, Access Space, the Vault and the Stairway. Different terms and conditions apply for the use of each of these spaces.

Umbrella Studio accepts exhibition proposals throughout the year, and a program sub-committee assesses these twice yearly in April and October. Emailed and faxed proposals will not be accepted. Successful applicants will receive a letter detailing their exhibition arrangements.

Umbrella Studio strongly supports emerging artists and the social and cultural diversity of the North Queensland region, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

For information and application details: 4772 7817 <http://umbrella.org.au/get-involved/proposals>

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>

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

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

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State, National and International

Adelaide Fringe 2010 – Call for Artist Registrations

Closing date: October 16th

2010 is a celebration of 50 years of *Adelaide Fringe* being on the edge, having grown to become Australia's largest arts festival. In 2010 the Fringe runs alongside the *Adelaide Festival*, *WOMAD* and the *Australian Performing Arts Market*. The *Fringe* is an open access event—anyone can take part.

<http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/getdoc/e4986de5-65b4-4d38-8b69-80d4a5377a4c/Artist-Information.aspx>

Short and Twisted – Call for Submissions

Closing date: November 30th

Short and Twisted, Australia's annual anthology of short stories and poetry with a 'twist', is renowned for its sharp, well-crafted pieces by established and emerging authors in every genre. Celapene Press is now seeking submissions of super short stories and poetry for the 2010 edition.

For information: <mailto:shortandtwisted@celapenepress.com.au> , Website:

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

Summersong Music Camp

January 15th to 22nd Lennox Head, NSW

For ages ages 17+

The faculty this year will be Tony Backhouse, Kristina Olsen, Mal Webb, Karl Farren, Fumi Yamamoto, Elliott Orr, Josie Kukukulie and Luciano Mesiti, with a few special guests. Daily classes include Songwriting, Vocal Explorations, A Cappella, Guitar, Guitar Accompaniment for Songwriters, Band Lab, Jamming, African Dance and African Percussion. Evening activities include student and faculty concerts, jams, parties, games, song circles and more. Participants can reside on or off-site. There are two levels of Partial Youth Scholarships available this year.

For information: Alison Pearl <mailto:apearl@mullum.com.au> <http://www.summersongmusiccamp.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>

Sound Quality (ABC) – Online

Ongoing

This is a program about music that does not need to fit into a genre to be understood and doesn't need the support of peers to sound good. New sounds and genres have found their way on to Radio National through *Sound Quality*. If you make or market music that needs an airing, sign up and upload to *Pool*. Tag it sound quality, and it'll be listened to, commented on, and might be used in the program.

http://www.pool.org.au/users/sound_quality

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

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Workshops/Training/Conferences

Local

Open Studio – Umbrella Studio

To October 23rd

The Studio Downstairs is busy with an open studio for young and emerging visual artists. The project will be facilitated by Aaron Ashley, Imogen Donato, James Ellis, Jordan Grant and Jason Hoskins who will be creating and collaborating on artwork for the *Ignite Youth exhibition* at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery opening on October 28th. Artists are invited to participate during this two and half week residency, and experience, observe or work alongside the facilitating artists.

For information: mailto:unpublished_author@hotmail.com

Museum of Tropical Queensland – Discover More Talk

October 13th 12pm

A fascinating insight into the history of the railway in Queensland will be given in a talk by rail historian Greg Hallam. The subject of railways and rail travel has proven to be popular with locals, and this talk will be aimed at railway enthusiasts as well as a general audience.

Greg Hallam is a professional historian working as Community & Heritage Adviser in Queensland Rail's (QR) corporate team. Based in Brisbane, his job takes him Queensland-wide promoting, recording, documenting and advising on the story of QR, both within and outside the organisation.

A third-generation railway family member with a family connection to QR that stretches back nearly a century, Greg has been active in the heritage profession in Queensland for nearly two decades as a researcher, commentator and published author

For information: 4726 0604 Steve Wilson, Museum of Tropical Queensland

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery After 5 Access – A Traveller's Insight Into the Venice Biennale and Other European Exhibitions

October 13th 6pm (doors remain open from 5pm)

Eric Nash, Project Officer at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and Kelly Bianchi, local emerging artist who currently teaches digital and traditional art practices at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE will talk about their recent travels to Italy and Spain.

For information: 4727 9011

QERDP (Queensland Events Regional Development Program) Regional Conference – Townsville

October 16th to 18th

Learn how to operate an event as a business and become more self-sustaining. QERDP09 will address the day to day needs to assist planning for the long term success of an event. An opportunity to exchange ideas and information with other event organisers.

For information: 1300 881 255 or 4724 2255 Rebecca Alferez, Program Coordinator
Queensland Events Corporation Pty Ltd Regional Development Program

Umbrella Studio Workshops

The Altered Book Project

October 24th & October 25th 10am – 3pm

This workshop follows on from the Fibres and Fabrics Access Space exhibition. Participants will be helped to create collectable, collaborative and quirky artists books to be auctioned at the Members' exhibition.

Cost: \$40 members, \$50 non-members

Glass Making Workshop

November 11th & 12th 9am – 4pm

Judith Bohm Parr will facilitate this glass making workshop during which participants will create a fused and slumped bowl or plate in a kiln, using coloured glass. The workshop is suitable for beginners and more advanced glass workers. There will be a power point presentation on technical aspects and all tools, equipment, materials and workshop notes will be supplied.

Please note: places are limited and booking are essential.

For information and workshop bookings: 4772 7109 <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

Speech Craft Workshops – Volunteering North Queensland

October 27th, November 3rd & 10th 9am – 1pm

Presenter: Olaf Schubert

Olaf has been a District 69 Officer of Toastmasters International for the past four years. District 69 covers Northern NSW, QLD, NT and PNG. He is presently the Faculty Head of Distance Education and has taught Speechcraft and Presentation skills to corporations, Toastmasters and the community from the Highlands of New Guinea to the deserts of Bedourie and all stops in between.

This workshop is suitable for individuals wanting to:

- learn the tips and techniques for effective public speaking
- gain more confidence as a public speaker
- develop skills that will help represent/promote their organisation

Cost: \$150 (VNQ members) \$175 (non-members) Places are limited to 16.

VNQ Training Room, 6/56 Charles Street, Aitkenvale

For information and registration: 4725 5990 Volunteering North Queensland

<mailto:vnq@volunteeringnthqld.org.au>

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Perc Tucker Gallery Art Tasters Art Classes for Adults – Drawing with Kelly Bianchi

Kelly Bianchi is a local emerging artist who currently teaches digital and traditional art at the Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE. Her approach is to promote extending the parameters of drawing and painting media to include new possibilities for image-making, through media such as photography, animation and video. **The**

The Vocabulary of tone – The poetic quality of light

November 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd 6.45 – 9.15pm

Following on from Kelly's first course, *Drawing light and dark*, held recently, where participants examined the sculptural and spatial qualities of light through drawing, this course is designed to further explore the more dynamic and expressive qualities of light and shade. No matter at what level your drawing skills are, this course offers a range of media and drawing approaches to expand your creative options.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Cost: \$98 (includes materials)

Bookings essential as places are limited – place confirmed upon payment

For information and bookings: 4727 9011

CityLibraries Floor Talk: Pleasures and Precepts

November 4th 12.30pm

Librarian Ron Store will discuss the development of children's literature

Cost: free

Flinders Street Branch, Northtown For information: 4727 9666

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

QPLA/PLA Conference 2009: 'Change and Challenge'

October 11th to 14th Jupiters Townsville Hotel and Casino

This conference is partnered by the Queensland Public Libraries Association and the Public Libraries Association and will feature many outstanding speakers. It will highlight how to deal more effectively with change and challenges in the three key areas of technology, organisations and community.

Keynote speakers are: Michael Stephens, library and information science educator; Bernard Salt, highly respected commentator on consumer , cultural and demographic trends and Noel Pearson, influential Australian Aboriginal lawyer and land rights activist.

For information: http://www.qpla.asn.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=15:announcing-the-2009-joint-qplapl-conference&catid=3:conferences&Itemid=21

Author Talk – The Curse of the Labrador Duck with Dr Glen Chilton

November 13th 6.30pm

The world's leading authority on the extinct Labrador Duck, Dr Glen Chilton, shares the story of his frenzied obsession to reveal the histories behind the mysterious bird. His book, the Curse of the Labrador Duck, is a magnificent blend of travel writing, science, detective work and mishap. Don't miss this talk!

Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

Cost: free

For information: 4727 8310 CityLibraries Aitkenvale

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.

Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room

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

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

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: 0416 980 323

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@lalunanq.com>

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Naked Voice at Peppers

A fun weekend of singing led by veteran a capella singers and facilitators Rachel Hore and Tanna Kjaer-Dona at Peppers Hiddenvale Retreat, Grandchester, sixty minutes from Brisbane.

For information: 5598 2880 or 0433 134 773 Marsha Gusti <mailto:mgusti@bigpond.net.au>
<http://www.rosellajam.net>

The Art of Good Health and Wellbeing: International Arts and Health Conference – Port Macquarie, NSW

November 10th – 13th

Convened by Arts and Health Australia, the national arts in healthcare advocacy and networking organisation.

<http://www.artsandhealth.org/events/the-art-of-good-health-and-wellbeing-port-macquarie-2009.html>

Craft Australia's 2009 Online Forum

To November 20th

Craft Australia presents their 2009 online forum – *Right Way: The Future of Indigenous Craft & Design*.

For information: (02) 6273 0088 Merryn Gates (Forum Coordinator)

<mailto:merryn.gates@craftaustralia.org.au> <http://CARightway.ning.com>

Centre Stage Scripts 'Mini Musical' Teaching Program

Centre Stage Scripts create plays for young performers that educate, elevate and engage. Their newest program *The Eat and Go Theatre Show* promotes healthy eating and an active lifestyle in a dynamic and meaningful way.

The Eat and Go Theatre Show is a program of eight mini musicals to be performed by school students.

Each musical reinforces a major health message. Using theatre, music and humour, the message crosses cultural boundaries benefiting actors and audiences alike.

Classroom teachers can use the program without further training.

The program allows for peer teaching which fosters:

- cross age relationships
- leadership
- responsibility
- positive role modelling
- pride and care

Participation in live theatre nurtures confidence and self esteem. Feedback from the audience engenders a sense of pride and awareness of the positive influence that students can have on their peers. This creates a happier school with confident and more caring children.

Cost: \$88 (incl GST)

For information: 03 5754 4778 Centre Stage Scripts <mailto:megan@centrestagescripts.com.au>

<http://www.centrestagescripts.com.au/home/index.htm>

Australian Film Television and Radio School Courses

For advanced training in film, television, digital media and radio production.

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au>

4th International Conference on Creative Expression, Communication and Dementia – Adelaide Convention Centre

October 21st to 23rd

This conference aims to bring together performing artists, seniors, health practitioners, international experts and researchers, managers and policy developers to discuss new ideas to stimulate and enrich the aged care sector through the use of creative expression.

For information: <http://www.alloccasionsgroup.com/CECD09>

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ARTSpeak 2009: Queensland Regional Arts and Culture Conference – Beaudesert

November 18th to 20th

This conference will bring together more than 200 arts participants and practitioners from across the state and will be a valuable opportunity for them 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>

Regional Arts Australia, 2010 Conference – Launceston

August 27th to 29th 2010

Tasmanian Regional Arts (TRA) will be the host of the Regional Arts Australia's seventh biennial conference. The conference will provide an opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts

For information: <http://www.regionalarts.com.au/raa1/national-conference.asp>

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Grants & Scholarships

Townsville City Council's Community Grants & Sponsorships

For information: 4727 9000 Community Development Section Townsville City Council

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

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

The Committee of the Townsville City Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is keen to hear from individuals and organisations throughout the Townsville region interested in developing arts based activities, projects or proposals for the city of Townsville.

Each application is assessed on merit and should indicate how the project or activity will benefit the communities of Townsville, and demonstrate how a relationship may be forged between the city of Townsville and the individual, group or organisation lodging the application.

The RADF program offers the following grant categories:

- Developing Regional Skills – specifically for professionals in the creative industries to further their career prospects
- Building Community Cultural Capacity – for community groups to engage industry professionals to work with them on developing their creative interests or to run arts development workshops or community projects
- Interest-free Arts Loan – similar to a financial start up and designed to foster arts and culture entrepreneurship
- Cultural Tourism – for projects and activities of either a professional or community art nature that promotes the intrinsic worth of the city's arts and culture to Townsville and beyond
- Contemporary Collections/Stories – for professional or community art projects and activities of a specific theme or idea that preserve or document Townsville's stories or material culture from 1960 onwards
- Concept Development – specifically for the development of arts and culture research, ideas and project proposals only
- Regional Partnerships – for partnerships between service providers and the community to devise innovative products or programmes by utilising creative/artistic talent.

Applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Community Cultural Development Officer, Mr. Shannon Chadwick (4727 9000), to discuss their ideas.

Application forms are available from Community Planning and Services Department, Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Street Mall and on the Townsville City Council website:

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

Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development

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

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

Community Heritage Grants Program

Closing date: last Friday of October each year

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

Partnerships & Sponsorships Program

Ongoing

Recurrent and one-off funds of varying amounts.

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

Community Organisations Grant Program

Three Rounds: March, July and October

One-off grants up to \$5000.

These grants are available to cover costs involved in providing facilities/equipment, social services or

community development activities and programs. Please note that arts organisations can apply under this program for activities that encourage participation by disadvantaged groups.

Community Micro-Grants Program

Ongoing

One-off grants up to \$1000.

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

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund Trust

Closing date: October 31st

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

For information and application packages: 4721 1453

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

The William Thomas Williams Scholarships/Bursary

Closing date: last Friday of November annually

Honours Bursary

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

Postgraduate Studies Scholarship

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

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

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

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Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Closing dates: November 30th

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

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

Australia Council for the Arts Grants

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

Closing dates vary according to the grant on offer.

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

Regional Arts Fund (RAF)

RAF funds from the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Heritage and The Arts (DEWHA) are managed by the Queensland Arts Council

For information and guidelines: 3004 7512 or <http://incommunities.gac.org.au/funding>

Community Broadcasting Foundation Funding

To encourage and support the production of quality community radio programs.

For information: <http://www.cbf.com.au/grantfinder.asp>

Australian Children's Television Foundation Funding

The ACTF is a national non-profit organisation. It is committed to providing Australian children with entertaining media made especially for them, which makes an enduring contribution to their cultural and educational experience.

For information: <http://www.actf.com.au/funding/funding.htm#support>

The art+place Public Art Fund

Closing date: November 2nd

This fund builds on Queensland's reputation as a leader in public art. The panel will consider proposals for both permanent and temporary public art projects.

For information and guidelines: <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/pub-art-funds.html>.

Janet Holmes à Court Artists' Grant

Closing date: 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>

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 – Indigenous

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>

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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

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Competitions & Awards

Local

Writers in Townsville Society Inc (WITS) Inaugural Townsville Poetry Prize

Closing date: October 31st

The competition is open poets throughout Australia aged 18 and over. Poems must not exceed 30 lines (not including title) and entries must be in English and unpublished.

Entry fee: \$5 each

Winners will be announced at the WITS Christmas Dinner to be held on November 22nd from 6:30pm at the Dalrymple Hotel, Bayswater Road Currajong

For information, entry guidelines etc: <mailto:witsnq@gmail.com>

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Australian Artists' Opportunities

For information on competitions, prizes, awards and residencies:

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

Woodford Folk Festival T-shirt Design Competition

Closing date: October 28th

Woodford Folk Festival is calling for submissions from across the country for designs for a t-shirt that will be featured as one of the official festival shirts at this year's event.

Designs will be posted on the Festival website as they are received. Voting opens midday October 30th and closes at 5pm November 27th with the top 5 entries announced at that time.

First round: The top 5 entries that receive the highest number of votes will win a one-day pass to the festival.

Final round: A panel of in-house judges will select the winning design from the top 5.

Winner announced on December 1st

For more information: <http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com/tshirtcomp>

noosa arts theatre inc – 2010 One Act Playwriting Competition

Closing date: November 15th

For entry forms, rules and guidelines: <http://www.noosaartstheatre.org.au/competitions.aspx>

The 2010 Somerset National Novella Writing Competition

Closing date: December 4th

This nationally recognised writing competition is open to all current students attending secondary school in Australia.

For information and entry forms: <http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/cofi> or Somerset <mailto:events@somerset.qld.edu.au>

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Websites

<http://www.blackbook.afc.gov.au/default.asp>

The Black Book – Indigenous Portal to Indigenous Media and the Arts

<http://www.form.net.au/indigenous-development/canning-stock-route-project>

The CSR Project is an alliance to promote a greater awareness of the history, culture and country of the Canning Stock Route.

<http://www.culture.gov.au/>

Stories on:

[Afghan cameleers in Australia](#)

[Overland Telegraph](#)

[Papunya Tula art movement of the Western Desert](#)

<http://adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/ozasia>

This event to be held at the Adelaide Festival Centre acknowledges and celebrates the changing dynamics of the cultural and social fabric of Australia particularly in relation to the cultures of the Asia Pacific region. Publications

http://www.awg.com.au/artman/publish/article_664.shtml

Alice Springs filmmaker, Warwick Thornton was awarded the Major AWGIE for the most outstanding Australian script of the year for his film Samson and Delilah, at the 42nd Annual Australian Writers' Guild AWGIE Awards

http://www.naidoc.org.au/NAIDOC-media-releases/11_july_2009.aspx

2009 National NAIDOC Award Winners

<http://artsyakka.com>

An online resource of practical tools and templates, information and ideas to take some of the 'hard yakka' out of creating community arts projects. The site is a Queensland Arts Council (QAC) initiative.

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Publications

Australians

The first volume of Thomas Kenneally's multi-volume history is a unique history of Australia where people are always centre stage. He has woven a vibrant history of convicts and Aborigines, settlers and soldiers, patriots and reformers, bushrangers and gold seekers to tell a rich and colourful tale. Published by Allen and Unwin.

<http://www.allenandunwin.com/default.aspx?page=337&book=9781741750690>

The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island

Chloe Palmer has won the Nettie Palmer Prize for Non-fiction with her book, *The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island* (Hamish Hamilton) as part of the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards. The book has also the NSW Premier's, Australian Book Industry and Indie Book of the Year awards for non-fiction and a Davitt crime writing award. At the Melbourne Writers Festival, *The Tall Man* also won the Ned Kelly Prize for true crime and the inaugural John Button award for non-fiction writing. This book documents the story of Cameron Domadgee's death on Palm Island and the investigation by Brisbane lawyer Andrew Boe, who worked on the case pro bono for the Palm Island community.

See more at: <http://www.penguin.com.au/lookinside/spotlight.cfm?SBN=9780143010661&Page=Extract>

New arts-health e-journal

The Australasian Journal of ArtsHealth (AJAH) is a new, international, blind-peer-reviewed electronic journal providing an outlet for researchers and practitioners working in the broad areas of arts and health.

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-centre/artshealth/journal>

Collecting cultural material: principles for best practice

Available online at <http://www.arts.gov.au/hoci>

A hard copy can be ordered by emailing <mailto:hoci@environment.gov.au>

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