Townsville Arts e-bulletin
December 2016 / January 2017

Community Information Centre Townsville Inc

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Townsville City Council is the Community Information Centre's major sponsor.
Season’s Greetings from all at the Community Information Centre

Community Information Centre Holiday Closing Times
Closes: December 9th @ 4pm
Re-opens: January 9th @ 9am

Calendar

Dance

Riverway Arts Centre
20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa
4727 9797 TicketShop mailto:ticketshop@townsville.qld.gov.au

December 11th 10am
Cheerfest 2015
Presented by Townsville Dance and Cheerleading
Cheerfest 2016 showcases the talents of all our cheerleaders. There is also a themed fiasco entitled "Snow 7". Once upon a time there was a girl named Snow. She had an evil step mum with a mirror you know. There was a forest and an apple and seven little friends. Prince Charming and some drama.
Cost: $27 / $19 / $16

Townsville Civic Theatre
41 Boundary St Townsville 4727 9797 TicketShop  http://www.ticketshop.com.au
mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au

December 8th – 9th 6.30pm; 10th 1pm, 6.30pm
TAPA on Broadway
Presented by Townsville Academy of Performing Arts
After a fabulous dance tour to Los Angeles and New York City, TAPA teachers and students bring a little bit of Broadway to the Civic Theatre. With our TAPA flair and creative touches, we present a showcase of talent not to be missed.
Cost: $33 / $23 / $19, family (2a + 2c) $89

December 10th 10am
TAPA – Too Cute to Boot
Presented by Townsville Academy of Performing Arts
The littlest members of TAPA will bounce, bend, bop and boogie all the way into your heart. Their confidence and enthusiasm will have you smiling all day.
Cost: $13.50 / $11

Latin Vibrations
2/70 Ingham Road Townsville
http://www.latinvibrations.com.au

December 11th 6pm
I’m Dreaming of a Light Christmas
Latin Vibrations’ Christmas Party / 8th Birthday
Celebrate another fabulous year of dance at the Latin Vibrations studio with an illuminating night full of performances & social dance fun.
* LUMINOUS dress theme: all things light/bright/neon/glow/sparkle!
* Group, Duet and Solo Performances throughout the night
* Social partnered dancing & group dancefloor fun & games
* Birthday Cake!
* Sausage Sizzle & soft drinks available to purchase
* 18+ only event
All LV students, instructors, supporters and friends are invited.
For information: http://www.latinvibrations.com.au/events
Cost: $15 prepaid, $20 at the door

Exhibitions

Art at Jezzine
Hut 25 Jezzine, Mitchell St, North Ward 4725 0250 mailto:tasarts@bigpond.com
http://www.townsvilleartsocietyinc.org.au Open daily 10am – 4pm

Continuing

December / January Sale
The Townsville Art Society has a sale continuing at “Art at Jezzine” Townsville’s Community Gallery for December through to 20 January 2017.
Open daily 10am – 4pm.

Don Roderick Gallery
76 Mosman Street, upstairs Stock Exchange Arcade 0427 874 094

To December 17th
Expressions from the Gallery
This is an art exhibition presented by the Don Roderick Gallery art group. The exhibition will be open daily 10am - 2pm through to Saturday 17th December.
Venue: Don Roderick Gallery, Stock Exchange Building, Mosman Street Charters Towers

Gallery 48
2/48 The Strand Townsville 4724 4898  http://www.gallery48thestrand.com
Open: 11am – 6pm Wednesdays and Saturdays

Continuing
To February 20th 2017

*Postcards from the North & South 2016*

PressNorth Printmakers showcases their fourth Postcard exchange exhibition in collaboration with their Southern Partner, Firestation Print Studio and an international guest partner, Hawkes Bay Printmakers from New Zealand.

A bygone communication mode has been revived through the interchange of postcard size prints by 80 printmakers from a wide demographic community. The postcards share their perspectives and concerns of everyday life by investigating philosophical, political, environmental and spiritual issues.

For information: mailto:gallery48thestrand@gmail.com

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**Innovate NQ**


**December 15th 5.30pm**

*Exhibition Opening*

*Ciska McCormack* will be updating her exhibition at iNQ, with new works to inspire and delight.

There will be a small opening event (with a few Christmas specials).

For information:  https://www.facebook.com/events/593569960843000/

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**Lounge Art by Lyn**

On display are acrylic and mixed media artworks of local scenes by *Lyn Smith*. Open by appointment weekdays or Sunday’s 11am – 2pm at: Indala Interior Design, 4/2 Blackwood St Townsville

For information:  Lyn Smith 0407 161 592 https://www.facebook.com/Lyn-Smith-Artist-1519041804976709/

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**Museum of Tropical Queensland**

70 – 102 Flinders St, Townsville  4726 0600  http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au

Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

Discounted prices for Townsville locals – proof of residency required.

**Permanent exhibitions** showcase aspects of the natural and cultural heritage of North Queensland.

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**New**

**December 10th – July 9th 2017**

*Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous*

Do you dare roam with dinosaurs? Do you know your *Australovenator* from your *Amargasaurus*, your *Spinosaurus* from your *Styracosaurus*?

*Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous* gives you a chance to experience life on earth 145 million years ago.

Featuring a herd of animated, life-size dinosaur models, including the fearsome *T. rex*, and Queensland’s very own *Muttaburrasaurus*, *Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous* will transport you back millions of years to when dinosaurs ruled the earth.

Get up close with these titans of the Cretaceous and see first-hand how they moved, roared, gnashed and bellowed.

Each dinosaur has been made to scientific specifications to capture the real look, feel, sound and movement of these magnificent creatures, giving you a close up look at some of the most extraordinary creatures to have ever walked the earth.

Entry to this exhibition is included with general admission tickets.

Cost: Townsville locals; prices: $7.50 / $5.50 / $4.40; family (2a + 2c) $19

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**Continuing**

**To January 26th 2017**

**Townsville Turns 150**

This significant exhibition reveals the news stories, events, developments and local personalities that shaped the Townsville region from 1866 to 2016.

From the declaration of the municipality of Townsville in 1866, to the spirited rejuvenation of the city’s heart in 2016, this exhibition tracks the development of the Queen City of the North as reported in local media.

The early newspapers’ stories reflected - and shaped - the opinions of a settler community, but as Townsville grew and evolved, so too did the stories, providing unique insights into the city’s life and lives and better reflecting the diversity of its residents.
The exhibition is collaboration between the College of Arts, Society and Education, James Cook University, The Townsville Bulletin, Townsville City Council and the Museum of Tropical Queensland, with support from local TV producer, Paul Lyons. *Townsville Turns 150* was developed with the support of a grant from the Townsville City Council's Townsville 150th Anniversary Grant Program.

**Perc Tucker Regional Gallery**
Cnr Flinders & Denham Streets, CBD
4727 9011 mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au
Open 10am – 5pm Monday – Friday; 10am – 2pm Saturday – Sunday

**Tour the Galleries**
*Visit the Galleries with your community group or social club!*
Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and Pinnacles Gallery offer free guided tours of current exhibitions to community groups and social clubs. This is a great way to spend the day with friends, learn about art and history and enjoy a nice morning or afternoon tea in the intimate Gallery environment. Visits can be catered to your groups needs and may include hands-on demonstrations, talks or workshops. Monthly organised visits are strongly encouraged; however one-off tours are also welcome. Afternoon tea may require a small donation for food.
For more information or to book a visit, contact Gallery Services 4727 9011.

**Friends of the Galleries**
For information: 4727 9011
Friends enjoy many benefits through their association such as:
• Friends of the Gallery membership card and welcome pack
• preferential booking to the Galleries’ annual program of workshops, lectures and social events
• exclusive members-only events
• complimentary copies of Gallery publications
• discounted exhibition admission fees (where applicable)
• exclusive email updates
• 10% discount at the Gallery Shop
• 10% discount on artwork purchases from Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and Pinnacles Gallery
• reciprocal member benefits with other participating regional, state and national cultural institutions upon showing your Friends of the Galleries membership card
• even more discounts and special privileges with selected partner organisations and retailers upon showing your Friends of the Galleries membership card

**New**

**December 9th - January 22nd 2017**
*Picturing Townsville*
Drawing works from the incredible *City of Townsville Art Collection*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery marks Townsville’s celebration of its 150th year with *Picturing Townsville*, an exhibition of hidden treasures created across those 150 years. Each work captures a moment in time and tells a story of the development of our city, and the issues and events that have shaped our community.
To be opened by: Ross Searle, Former Director, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
6.30pm Friday 9 December with formalities commencing at 7pm

**December 16th – February 19th**
*Exhibition Opening: Free and Foreign Subjectivity: Jordan Grant*
Exhibition to be launched by: Peter Westwood, Senior Lecturer & Coordinator of the Bachelor of Arts (Fine Art) (Honours) Program, School of Art RMIT University
Opening: 6.30pm Friday 16 December with formalities commencing at 7pm
Artist Talk: 10.30am December 17th

**Continuing**
To December 11th
An Exhibition
Emerging Artists from TAFE Queensland North - Pimlico Campus
The annual exhibition by Visual Arts students of TAFE Queensland North’s Pimlico Campus showcases the talent of the individual artists emerging from the school, and includes traditional 2D art forms, 3D design, sculpture and new media art such as video and animation.

To January 12th 2017
Of Other Times
This is an exhibition of works by a North Queensland based artist, Barbara Saxton-Horsley. Of Other Times is a series of works featuring Barbara's trademark style of incredibly detailed and intricate architectural and flora designs, all taken from Townsville and the surrounding area. Showing in the Vault Shop, Perc Tucker Gallery

Pinnacles Gallery
Riverway Arts Centre, Thuringowa Central
4773 8871   Fax 4723 0282   mailto:pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au
Open: 10am – 5pm Tuesday – Sunday

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Continuing
To February 12th 2017
Da Vinci Machines
The award-winning interactive exhibition invites everyone with curiosity to delve into the mind of artist, scientist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci and showcases many of his iconic inventions. On loan from the Museum of Leonardo da Vinci in Florence, Italy, the 60 interactive machines are created from original da Vinci drawings and highlights include the bicycle, the scuba suit, spring powered car, as well as flying machines. Among da Vinci’s innovations are automatons (the precursors to robots), nautical, hydraulic and architectural tools, ground-breaking applications of civil engineering and fear-inspiring machines of war like the tank. Visitors won’t need to travel to museums, galleries and churches in Europe to get up close to the paintings for which da Vinci became the most celebrated Renaissance artist. Included in the exhibition are actual-size digital prints of the Mona Lisa, The Last Supper, The Annunciation, Lady with an Ermine and da Vinci’s self-portrait. Visitors will have the rare opportunity to compare the restored Mona Lisa with the vibrant, pre-restoration painting.

To January 15th
Our Palmetum 2017
A collection of artworks by Group 6
Group t consists of local artists Margaret Crawford, Ros Jones, Marjory Cook, Sandra Moffat and Donna Beningfield whose work explores the Palmetum, one of Townsville’s Botanical gardens. This magnificent place of beauty is created not only by nature, but with colour, shadows, light play, angles and design. As artists, they endeavour to capture what each instinctively understands to be representative of sense of place in this: our Palmetum.
Venue: Your Space, Foyer of CityLibraries Thuringowa

RAAF Townsville Aviation Heritage Centre 47521712
RAAF Base, Ingham Road Townsville
Open Tuesday and Thursday 9.00am to noon, Sunday 10 am to 3pm
Major Exhibition: **No.1 Wireless Unit**, a showcase of the military life of the Japanese (Kana Code) communications code breakers in Townsville and the significant incidents which led to the defeat of Japan. Heritage Centre will be closed from Sunday 11 December 2016 to reopen 9:00 am Tuesday 17 January 2017.

**Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery**  
7 Metro Quays 86 Ogden Street, Townsville  4724 3953  0419 790 245  
mailto:sylviaditchburnart@icloud.com  http://www.sylviaditchburnfineartgallery.com  
http://www.sylviaditchburn.com  Open: 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday; 10am – 1pm Sunday

Continuing

To December 11th  
**Summer**  
This is a themed group show exhibiting painting and artworks by Sylvia and local artists.  
Cost: free

**The Drill Hall Studio**  
27 Mitchell St North Ward 4721 2634 Open 7 days  
0418 750 854  mailto:sue@thedrillhallstudio.com.au  http://www.thedrillhallstudio.com.au  
Open weekdays 9am – 5pm, weekends 9am – 4pm (Closed Easter weekend)

The Drill Hall Studio is situated in a striking Colonial era former Military Drill Hall, built in 1905. One of only two pre-Federation military Drill Halls left in Queensland, The Drill Hall studio features a sculpture garden, exhibition space, working artist studios as well as retail art, handmade gifts, accessories for you and your home, unique decor, art jewellery and designer clothing.

**TYTO Regional Art Gallery**  
73 – 75 McIlwraith St, TYTO Wetlands Precinct, Ingham  
Open 10am – 4pm daily

Continuing

To December 23rd  
**Artback NT presents Colours of the Country III – The Alice Springs Beanie Festival**  
This collection of Beanies, from the Alice Springs Beanie Festival, demonstrates the growth of the Beanie as an art form over the years and the imagination, creativity and fine craftsmanship presented in each piece. The colourful exhibition encapsulates the whimsical essence of the Beanie Festival and also highlights the works produced by indigenous artists from the Central Desert region who are regular collaborators in this cross-cultural event. An exhibition embraced by a broad cross section of the community, the collection will inspire audiences to laugh, don crazy headwear and bring out those knitting needles all over again.

**Umbrella Studio of Contemporary Arts – Gallery and Studio**  
482 Flinders St, Townsville  Open: 9am - 5pm (Monday – Friday), 9am – 1pm (Sunday)  
4772 7109  http://umbrella.org.au/

New

January 27th – March 5th  
**Venus Rising, Furies Raging: Bodies Redressed**  
Laurel McKenzie’s PhD graduate exhibition critiques representations of women through reconfiguring imagery from Western art history, right through to contemporary gameworlds, challenging persistent gendered imaging traditions.  
Opening Launch: 6pm Friday 27 January 2017

January 27th – March 5th  
**A Work for Clandulla State Gallery**
Developed as a site-specific installation, French and Liesch’s exhibition has become a rolling amalgamation of sites and interactions, creating new situations and photographic works at each stop.

Opening Launch: 6pm Friday 27 January 2017

**January 27th – March 5th**

**Coal Sugar Reef Magik: NQCC Postcard Fundraising Exhibition**
This is North Queensland Conservation Council’s invitational exhibition and fundraising auction of collectable miniature works from many of North Queensland’s most respected artists.
Opening Launch: 6pm Friday 27 January 2017
NQCC Auction: 7pm Friday 3 March 2017

**Continuing**

**To December 16th**

**Generation: 2016 Members Art Prize**
Umbrella Studio reaches a milestone in 2016 by turning 30 years old. This year, the theme Generation invites our artist members’ to reflect upon how Umbrella has impacted this generation of artists in Townsville or their own interpretation of the word generation. The exhibition has a $1,000 non-acquisitive artist prize sponsored by Sister City Partners.

**To December 16th**

**An Island Almanac**

### Festivals & Special Events

**150+ Years of Australian Military Uniforms**
**To December 11th** 10am – 2pm
For the Month of November/December 2016 in Hut 28 Jezzine Barracks Townsville, *The North Queensland Historical Re-enactment Society* are displaying 150+ years of Australian Military Uniforms.
There will be Uniforms from 1812 through to 2000, never before seen in Townsville.
Display Day - Sundays 10am-2pm
Venue: Jezzine Barracks, 38 – 52 Howitt Street North Ward
For information: 4779 8037  
[mailto:nqhrs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nqhrs@yahoo.com.au)  
Cost: gold coin donation

**Christmas Carnival and Carols Show**
**December 10th** 3pm – 8pm
You’re invited to a Christmas Carnival & Carols Show hosted by Sun City Christian Church. The Carnival starts in the Church Carpark at 3:00pm and the Carols Show will begin in the Main Auditorium at 6:00pm. This is a free event to bless our community. With a jumping castle, pirate ship ride, bouncy boxing, face painting, fairy floss and loads of other amusements and activities, there’s something for the whole family. There will also be food, drinks, stalls and a cafe open inside so you can relax and catch up over coffee. Be there for some great food, games, sing-alongs and photos with Santa and one of his reindeer.
Venue: Sun City Christian Church, 98 Eyre Street North Ward
For information: 4721 5716,  
[mailto:admin@suncity.org.au](mailto:admin@suncity.org.au)
Cost: free

**Christmas in the Creek**
**December 11th** 5pm
Bring the family out to celebrate a good old fashion Country Christmas @ Christmas in the Creek, Melvilles Farm. Alligator Creek.
Bring a blanket, bring the kids, bring cash (no eft available).
This is a fundraising event with profits going to Cerebral Palsy League Townsville and QCWA Northern Disaster Fund.
Brass band, Carols, food vans (healthy, gluten free and vege options available) stalls, Bush Poetry Comp, Best Dressed Christmas Theme (child, adult, group), raffles, lucky door, hay rides, Melvilles Animal Manger, jumping castle, Santa lights up Christmas Gum with country music and dancing till late.
Christmas Party at the Village
December 17th 4pm
Christmas is coming to The Village and everyone is invited. Join us for some festive fun and Christmas cheer. Enjoy some delicious treats, live music, face painting, fairy floss... the kids can even create their very own Christmas decorations. Wander the streets and view the entrants in the 2016 Christmas Lights Competition and be there when we announce the winners. There'll be Christmas treats for the kids plus much more.
For information: http://www.thevillagetownsville.com.au
Cost: free

Military Reenactment Training
To December 26th 10am – 12pm (every week on Saturday)
Saturdays from 10am military reenactment training will be happening at the NQMRC Hall at the Townsville showground. (Entry by back entrance near the horse stalls etc.) Training is run by the North Queensland Historical Reenactment Society Inc and incorporates the colonial period through to the Vietnam era.
Venue: Townsville Showground, 72-104 Ingham Road, West End
For information: 4779 8037, mailto:nqhrs@yahoo.com.au http://kennedyregiment.com/

New Year’s Eve Celebrations
December 31st – January 1st 2017 6.30pm
Welcome in the New Year in a relaxed, North Queensland style with Townsville City Council's New Year's Eve celebrations. Come along to Strand Park or Riverway from 6.30pm on Saturday 31 December for a movie on the big screen and an exciting fireworks display to close out the year.

Strand Park
- Pictures in the Park movie screening - Up from 7.15pm & Zootopia from 9.30pm
- 9pm & midnight fireworks displays
- Food vendors

Riverway
- Pictures in the Park movie screening - Up from 7.15pm
- 9pm fireworks display
- Food vendors
- Market stalls
- Free amusements

Parking will be available in the surrounding streets at each location. Regular Sunbus services will also be operating.
Cost: free

Paluma History
December 10th 9.15am
Residents, past and present, and friends of Paluma are invited to attend the official opening of the Andree Griffin Memorial Walking Track, the unveiling of the “Trees in Memory” Marker Stone on the Village Green and the Honour Board at the Community Centre. A morning tea will follow.
This is a project of the Paluma & District Community Assoc. Inc.
For information: lhyland@optusnet.com.au

Spirit of Africa
December 10th 6pm
Spirit of Africa presents The Legendary Mbira Maestro Garikai Tirikoti
Experience a sound so majestic, powerful and beautiful from the motherland africa.
Venue: Carlyle Gardens Theatre, 99/60 N Beck Drive Condon
For information: Simba 0432 149 093 http://tix.yt/spirit-of-africa-night-extravaganza
Cost $30 / $15
Stable on the Strand  
December 18th – 22nd 5.30pm – 9.30pm  
Join the fun of the Stable on the Strand – Townsville’s Christmas Festival  
Be a part of this annual Christmas event put on by the Combined Churches of Townsville.  
Venue: Strand Park, the Strand Townsville  
For information: http://www.stableonthestrand.com.au

The Hive up Late  
December 9th 5 – 9pm  
Come along to our very first ‘The Hive Up Late’ event.  
Promising a night of Fun for the Whole Family – This is where Food, Fun and Culture collide in Townsville. With over 20 Food Trucks on site from 5pm, you’ll be able to enjoy delicious food and drinks while listening to the cool beats of our groovin’ DJ (Thanks to Hot FM’s Food Truck Fiesta and The Youth Network NQ Inc). Wander the array of Christmas Markets or let-off some energy on the jumping castle and selection of kids rides also on site. Stop by The Hive Up Late Citybeach Volleyball stand to test your skills on the court and be quick to grab a FREE inflatable beach volleyball to keep for the summer.  
Venue: The Hive, Corner of Wickham Street, King Street and The Strand Townsville.

Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts  
482 Flinders St Townsville  
Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday; 9am – 1pm Sunday  
4772 7109  mailto:office@umbrella.org.au  http://www.umbrella.org.au  

December 9th 6 – 9pm, December 10th – 11th 9am – 1pm  
MEGA Print Sale Weekend  
Come snap up a bargain in this one time only sale event of 942 original artworks from artists across the globe. The artworks on sale were featured in all the ‘Compact Prints’ exhibitions, from 2002 – 2014. These 12 x 12cm artworks can be the start of your art collection or perfect Christmas presents for all your family and friends with all artworks priced at $25 each.

December 16th  
Umbrella Studio’s 30th Birthday Bash  
30 Reasons to Celebrate and You are invited  
All members past and present, as well as supporters, art lovers and general party-goers are invited to celebrate the end of Umbrella Studio’s 30th year. Come in your best 1980s outfit and dance to the top music hits of 1986. Bring a plate to share and meet or reconnect with artists in our community. Lucky door prizes up for grabs and a cash bar will be available.

Other Australian Festivals  

Markets

Balgal Beach Markets  
First Saturday of the month 8am – 1pm  
Fisherman’s Landing, Beachside Balgal Beach Rollingstone  
For information: https://www.facebook.com/balgalbeachmarket/

Bushland Beach Markets  
Second and fourth Saturday of the month 8am – 1pm  
Bushland Beach Park, beside Tavern  
For information: https://www.facebook.com/bushlandbeachmarkets1/

Carlyle Gardens Arts & Crafts Market  
First Saturday of the month 9am – 12noon  
Carlyle Gardens Retirement Village, 60 Beck Drive North, Condon  
For information: https://www.facebook.com/CGcraftmarket/?fref=ts

Castle Hill PCYC Sunday Markets  
Every Sunday 7am – 11am
Castle Hill PCYC, Cnr Hugh & Harold Streets Garbutt

**Central Saturdays**
Every Saturday 8am – 1pm
Central State School, 6 Warburton Street North Ward
For information: [https://www.facebook.com/centralsaturdaymarket/](https://www.facebook.com/centralsaturdaymarket/)

**Christmas Artist Market**
December 11th 10am – 2pm
There will be original artworks, prints and ceramics by some of Townsville's most prominent artists for sale. We'll also have a one-off sale of Gallery Services’ amazing exhibition publications.
Venue: Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Corner Denham Street & Flinders Street Townsville
For information: 4727 9011, ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au

**Cotters Market**
Every Sunday 8.30am – 1pm
Flinders Street (between Stanley Street and Denham Street) Townsville

**Horseshoe Bay Markets**
Second and last Sunday of the month 9am – 2pm
Horseshoe Bay foreshore, Magnetic Island
For information: [https://www.facebook.com/Magnetic-Island-Markets-224990557646899/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/Magnetic-Island-Markets-224990557646899/?fref=ts)

**Label Traders Market**
Third Sunday of the month 8am – 12pm
Vintage, recycled and designer market
Mundingburra State School, 77 Ross River Road, Mundingburra
For information: [https://www.facebook.com/labeltraderstownsville](https://www.facebook.com/labeltraderstownsville)

**Magnetic Island RSL Night Markets**
Weekly Friday 5.30 – 8pm
Magnetic Island RSL Hall, Arcadia

**North Shore Markets**
Weekly Saturday 7am – 12.30pm
Main Street, North Shore Town Square
- **Car Book Sale** – First Saturday of the month
For information: [http://www.northshoremakret.net.au](http://www.northshoremakret.net.au)

**Renegade Handmade Indoor Market Extravaganza**
Second Sunday of the month 8am – 1pm
Marian School, 140 Corcoran St Currajong
For information: [https://www.facebook.com/morethanamarket/?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/morethanamarket/?fref=ts)

**Riverway Moonlight Markets**
December 16th 5 – 9pm
Indulge in the moonlight/fairy lights themed Riverway Moonlight Markets every third Friday of the Month between May and December where Riverway comes to live from 5pm.
Kick off your weekend with dinner at the outdoor eatery and enjoy culinary delights from around the globe while listening to world class musicians.
Enjoy the live music, food stalls, arts, craft, jewellery, home wares, exotic items, designer fashions, home baking, fresh produce and much more.
Venue: Riverway Complex, 20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa Central

**Strand Night Markets**
First Friday of the month 5 – 9.30pm
Strand Park, the Strand North Ward
Suitcase Rummage in Townsville
December 18th 9am – 1pm
Suitcase Rummage is a mini scaled market with giant rewards; it promises to be everything that is a market without the hassle. It's about bringing a suitcase (or two) filled to the brim with your goods and treats. You can be a part of the Rummage experience by selling wares or come along to buy some real beauties. There will be vintage, artwork, bric-a-brac, clothing, books, jewelry, seconds, hand-made, shoes, records, music, badges, cards, handmade paper, and more. Come for a bargain, a swap, or an old fashioned haggle.
Venue: City Lane, 375 Flinders Street Townsville
For information: http://suitcaserummage.com.au/ mailto:suitcaserummage@gmail.com
Cost: $25 + bf (for a stall); free to attend as buyers.

Upper Ross Community Markets
First Saturday of the month 3 – 6pm
Apex Park, Riverway Drive Rasmussen
For information: https://www.facebook.com/upperrosscommunitymarkets

Willows Rotary Markets
Weekly Sundays  7.30am – 11.30am
Willows Shopping Centre, Thuringowa
For information: http://www.townsvillerotarymarkets.com.au

Film

Riverway Movie Night
Riverway, 20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa 1300 878 001

December 16th 7.15pm
The Good Dinosaur
From the creators of Finding Nemo and Inside Out, this Disney Pixar animation transports you to a world where dinosaurs and humans live side-by-side. Arlo the Apatosaurus makes an unlikely cave kid friend, with who he shares interesting encounters and fun adventures.
Venue: Riverway Lagoon, 20 Village Boulevard Condon
Cost: free

Townsville Cinema Group
mailto:info@cinemagroup.org.au  http://www.cinemagroup.org.au
For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde; 0417 762 363 Bill White
Screenings at Warrina Cineplex 164 Dalrymple Rd Currajong from 7.15pm
Cost: $13 non-members per screening; $90 members annual subscription

Screenings are planned to recommence in 2017 on March 9th.
Memberships for 2017 (new or renewal) will be available from November at info@cinemagroup.org.au

Music

4th Sunday Folk Music
4789 1897 or 0427 351 273  Dave & Sue  4 Kawana Court, Kelso.
The group meets on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December) at 2pm and has an emphasis on but not restricted to Australian produced folk music, song and poetry.

Full Moon Drum Circle
On the Saturday night closest to the night of the Full Moon, locals of and visitors to Townsville gather at the Strand Amphitheatre to make in-the-moment music on drums and percussion instruments. There’s a trailer full of drums and a couple of tubs of shakers, cowbells, clapsticks etc and everyone is invited to join in – no prior experience is required.
Venue: The Strand Amphitheatre
Presented by: The Rhythm Connection sponsored by Townsville City Council
For information: Alex Salvador 0414 803 666; http://www.therhythmconnection.com
Cost: Free

**Millennium**
Bring along the whole family for a magical evening of Christmas music and fun.
For information: 4775 7394 Rod
Once again the group, Millennium, will be presenting their unique brand of free-to-the-public "**Under the Stars**" Christmas musical events at the following locations:

- **December 10th** 7 – 9pm  
  **The Crossed Boomerangs Amphitheatre, Jezzine Barracks**
- **December 17th** 7 – 9pm  
  **The Riverway Amphitheatre (RSPCA Fund-Raiser)**
- **December 23rd** 7 – 9pm  
  **The Gregory Street Amphitheatre**

**Saturday Concerts at St James**
St James Cathedral holds concerts on the first Saturday of every month between March and November.
Venue: St James Cathedral, Denham St Townsville Qld 4810
For information: St James Cathedral 4771 2247
Cost: Donations welcome

**The North Queensland Irish Association (NQIA)**
Irish tunes sessions on the second Saturday of each month at Molly Malone's Irish Bar and Restaurant, Flinders Street East from 5pm. Irish sing-along song session from 6pm. Anyone interested in jamming should take a fiddle, tin whistle, flute, guitar, mandolin, ukulele, bouzouki, bodhran, bones, spoons or anything that can produce a lively dance tune.

**Thundamentals – Never Say Never Tour**
December 9th 8pm
Blue Mountains via Newtown hip-hop heroes Thundamentals, have emerged from the studio with a brand new offering in the form of their latest single ‘Never Say Never’ and a huge slew of tour dates to boot. Four releases deep and coming off their celebrated 2014 album ‘So We Can Remember’, Thundamentals live show has become a force to be reckoned with.
18+ event
Venue: Dalrymple Hotel, 310 Bayswater Road, Garbutt
For information: http://thundamentals.com.au/site/
Cost: $30

**Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club**
Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville  mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org  http://www.tsvfolkclub.org
Folk club meets at the Bellevue Hotel every 2nd Thursday night in the beer gardens.

**Townsville Jazz Club**
0451 015 299 Coralie Costigan (President)  http://www.jazztownsville.com
Regular sessions at the PCYC Wellington St, Aitkenvale on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month from 6 to 9pm. (doors open at 5.30pm)
Cover charge for club nights: members $10; non-members $15

**December 11th All the Presidents Men - Christmas Party**
All The President's Men playing for listening and dancing. Two course meal (roast Christmas dinner and dessert) included in the ticket prices. (Tickets without food are also available $25)
Bar operated by the PCYC, large dance floor and a happy, friendly club.
Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Margaret on 0437 926 680 or Coralie on 0431 618 618
**TTCMA Country Music Fun Day**
1pm (every second Sunday of the month)
Relax and enjoy an afternoon of country music held by the Townsville & Thuringowa Country Music Association.
Walk up / open mic opportunities for junior, juvenile and adult artists, sing/play along.
Sausage sizzle and drinks on sale. BYO chair.
Presented by: TTCMA - Townsville & Thuringowa Country Music Association
Venue: St Joseph’s Catholic School (undercover area), 65-67 Ross River Road, Mundingburra
Cost: $3 Entry Fee, children under 16 free
mailto:weus3@bigpond.net.au

**Townsville Music and Performance Arts Space (TMPAS)**
Old Courthouse, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Streets, City
TMPAS is a community based inclusive group driven by enjoyment of music and performance for everyone.
TMPAS holds Open Mic Nights at the Old Courthouse every second Friday of the month. Performers register 6.30pm for 7pm start (approximately 15 minutes' performance times for each act).

**Townsville Ukes**
West End Hotel Beer Garden, 89 Ingham Rd, West End
0408 188 540 Wally Murdoch  [mailto:wallym7@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wallym7@optusnet.com.au)  [http://townsvilleukuleleclub.org.au](http://townsvilleukuleleclub.org.au)
Meets Tuesdays weekly – beginner’s session 6.45 – 7.30pm; open session 7.30pm – close.

**Radio**

**Radio Triple T 103.9FM Community Radio**
*International Sunday* features a diverse collection of music, news, weather and current events in English as well as the native language of the presenters on Sundays from 12noon – 7pm.

**Theatre**

**Full Throttle Theatre Company**
The Old Courthouse Theatre, Cnr Sturt and Stokes Streets, Townsville
4721 5433 / 0476 590 004  [mailto:madonna@fullthrottletheatre.com](mailto:madonna@fullthrottletheatre.com)  [http://www.fullthrottletheatre.com](http://www.fullthrottletheatre.com)
[https://www.facebook.com/fullthrottletheatre](https://www.facebook.com/fullthrottletheatre)

*December 15th – 17th* 10.30am, 7pm
**The Breeze in the Bush**
Based on the family favourite, ‘Wind in The Willows’ by Kenneth Graham, this fresh take on the classic story will be adapted into a uniquely North Queensland outdoor theatre event for all the family. Matinees will perform indoors at the Old Courthouse.
**Evenings in the Perfume Gardens, corner Walker and Stokes Streets**
BYO chairs and picnic blanket.
There will be a sausage sizzle and canteen on site and some seating will be provided.

**Burdekin Theatre**
161 Queen Street Ayr
[https://www.facebook.com/BurdekinTheatre?_rdr=p](https://www.facebook.com/BurdekinTheatre?_rdr=p)

*December 14th* 10am
**Christmas Morning Melodies with Ricky**
Back by popular demand Ricky Romeo is bringing Christmas cheer to Burdekin residents through song. Join him and other local singers to bring in the festive season at the Burdekin Theatre on Wednesday, 14th December.

Complimentary morning tea will be provided by the Friends of the Burdekin Theatre from 10am with Morning Melodies commencing at 10.30am. This event is a free event sponsored by Burdekin Shire Council. Bookings are essential. Please book your free ticket online at the [Burdekin Theatre Website](http://www.burdekintheatre.com.au) or at the Burdekin Shire Council or phone 4783 9800.

**Cost:** free

**February** 3rd, 4th 8pm; 5th 2pm

**February** 10th, 11th, 8pm; 12th 12pm

**The Phantom of the Opera**

Burdekin Singers & Theatre Co Inc Presents Phantom of the Opera

presented by Burdekin Shire Council

**Cost:** $30 - $40

**The Ville**

45 Sir Leslie Thiess Drive Townsville 4722 2333

Tickets available from Box Office on 4771 4000 or at [tecc.net.au](http://www.tecc.net.au)

**February 10th** 7.30pm

**Urzila Carlson**

Urzila is a regular feature in the Melbourne International Comedy Festival as well as TV shows – Have You Been Paying Attention and MC Comedy up Late.

*Ticketing fee applies to all online and phone bookings, plus a 2% transaction fee applies to credit card bookings.*

**Cost:** $39.90  Drinks and snacks available.

**Townsville Civic Theatre**


**To December 9th** 6.30pm, 10th 1pm, 6.30pm

**TAPA on Broadway**

Presented by Townsville Academy of Performing Arts

After a fabulous dance tour to Los Angeles and New York City, TAPA teachers and students bring a little bit of Broadway to the Civic Theatre. With our TAPA flair and creative touches, we present a showcase of talent not to be missed.

**Cost:** $33 / $23 / $19, (2a + 2c) $89

**December 31st** 8.30pm

**New Year’s Eve Concert**

**Presented by NOOMT**

Bring in the New Year and celebrate the 'Best of British', with a grand performance of the royal variety. Featuring stunning choreography, amazing vocals and appearances from the stars of our hit shows, *Titanic, Rock of Ages, Oliver* and *Phantom of the Opera*, this comedy filled night of nights will take you for a trip down the Thames! After the show, join the cast on the theatre forecourt to enjoy the fireworks and welcome in 2017 in style.

**Cost:** $37.50 / $30, family (2a + 2c) $110, group 10+ $30

**February 8th - 18th**

07:30 pm - 10:40 pm Every day, until 18th Feb 2017

Matinee performances Saturday 11 February 2pm, Sunday 12 February 4pm and Saturday 18 February 2pm. No performances Monday 13 February or Tuesday 14 February.

**Grease**

Presented by the Townsville Choral Society

**Cost:** Adult $45; Concession $40; F/T Tertiary Student $35; School St./Child $30; Family (2ad+2ch) $125; Group 10+ $40ea; TCS Member Adult $40; TCS Member Conc. $35; VIP Member Adult $40.50; VIP Member Conc. $36; VIP Member Child $27
Townsville Little Theatre
4724 3112  mailto:theatre.lover@townsvillelittletheatre.org.au  http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/groups/townsvillelittletheatre/
Bookings: 4727 9797  mailto:ticketshop@townsville.qld.gov.au

To December 9th 7.30pm; 10th 2pm, 7.30pm

Birthrights
A bittersweet play about motherhood
At twenty-nine, Helen has a vital operation that stops her from having what she desperately wants: a child. Her younger sister Claudia gives her a wonderful gift when she agrees to be a surrogate mother. But what happens when, years later, Claudia discovers that she and her husband Martin cannot conceive and that Kelly, the child she gave to her sister, is the only baby she will ever bear? Contains strong language and adult themes. Children under 15 years not recommended.
Cost: $25 / $20 / $15

World Theatre Charters Towers
4761 5430  82-90 Mosman Street Charters Towers  mailto:worldtheatre@charterstowers.qld.gov.au
http://www.facebook.com/WorldTheatreChartersTowers

Celebrate 20 years of Entertainment at The World Theatre with something for everybody.

December 10th 6.30pm, 11th 2pm

Captain Hook’s Revenge
Towers Player's Christmas Pantomime
Towers Players with Friends of the Theatre, proudly supported by the Charters Towers Regional Council Community Grants Program
This year, you can come along and watch as Captain Hook and his band of pirates try to take revenge on Peter Pan, the Redsksins and Peter's new friends Wendy, Michael and Dotty Darling. How can Peter and his Neverland pals stop Hook from feeding them to the crocodile and taking control of Neverland? With lots of adventure and silliness, that's how. And don't forget, Santa might drop in for a visit with presents for every boy and girl under 12 years of age. Great fun for all the family.
Cost: $10

Workshops/Training/Conferences

ABC Open
For information: 4772 3025  http://www.abc.net.au/open

Alliance Française de Townsville Inc
French classes
For information: 0410 454 420  http://www.aftownsville.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/AllianceFrancaiseDeTownsville/

Art Lessons with Lynn Scott-Cumming
Painting and Drawing Classes held most Saturdays 2 – 5pm
Venue: Studio 36, 36 Norris Street, Hermit Park
Please text if you are intending to come as these classes are not held weekly.
For information: Lynn 0429 115 591, Fiona 0409 096 720
Cost: $20

Dr Barbara Cheshire’s Art Classes
Expert Art Tuition designed for Six Week Sets
From: February 8th – March 15th
Time: Wednesday afternoon: 1 – 4pm or Wednesday evening: 6 – 9pm
Early-bird price $280 if confirmed and paid before 31st January 2017
Full price $300
Students purchase own materials and brushes (minimum materials of 1 small canvas & limited range of test media supplied)

*Other Classes for 2017: May 3rd – June 7th, July 19th – August 23rd, October 11th – November 15th*

For Registration: 0412 632 261  mailto:bcheshir@bigpond.net.au

**Children’s Art Classes with Donna and Johanna Beningfield**

Painting and Drawings classes for children aged 8 and older on each Saturday from 9 -10.30am, 10.30am - 12, 12 - 1.30pm (school terms).

Venue: Hut 26 at Jezzine Barracks.

All material provided. $18 per class

For information: Contact Donna on 4778 4473 or Johanna on 0435 429 541

**Citylibraries Activities**

Aitkenvale Branch: Cnr Petunia St & Ross River Rd – 4727 8310
Flinders St Branch: Northtown – 4727 9666
Thuringowa Central: Cnr Thuringowa & Hinchinbrook Drives – 4773 8811. Please note Citylibraries

Thuringowa offers a free photocopying service for not-for-profit organisations.

Facebook is a great way to keep up-to-date with newly released books, programs, video links, and events

http://www.facebook.com/pages/CityLibraries-Townsville/254424854642071

What’s On Townsville has news about upcoming events, activities and resources, including workshops and activities, author talks, lectures, displays, children and young people's activities, information about library services, learning partner events, book reviews, reader and learner resources. Pick up a hard copy at your library or the Community Information Centre or view at:


**December 12**th 7pm
*Open for Business: Influential Business Families of Townsville’s Past*

December 13**th** 10am
*Morning Movie: Peter Pan*

January 12**th** 1pm
*Afternoon Movie: The Avengers*

January 13th 2017 9am
*Create Your Own 3D Superhero Comic*

January 11th 9.30am
*Chinese Calligraphy (Session 2)*

Venue: CityLibraries Thuringowa Central, 86 Thuringowa Drive Thuringowa

For information: 4773 8811,  mailto:library@townsville.qld.gov.au

Cost: free

**December 13**th 9am
*Christmas Sand Art*

Give your Christmas decorations a personal touch, using sand art you can put your spin on the traditional Christmas tree ornaments.

Venue: CityLibraries Flinders Street, Level 1 Northtown, 280 Flinders Street Townsville

For information: 4727 9666,  mailto:library@townsville.qld.gov.au

Cost: free

**January 4**th 2017 9.30am
*Origami (Session 1)*

January 4**th** 2017 11am
*Origami (Session 2)*

January 4**th** 2017 2pm
*Chinese Calligraphy (Session 1)*

January 5**th** 2017 11am
*Congolese Spider Webs*

**January 10**th 2017 9.30am
*Origami (Session 3)*

Venue: CityLibraries Aitkenvale, 4 Petunia Street Aitkenvale
**Dancenorth Open Classes**

Dancenorth dancers cross train by taking a variety of classes every day to ensure they are performance fit. To enable the general public to benefit from the dancers’ expert tuition Dancenorth has created these classes. There is a range of open classes for all abilities that are guaranteed to improve health, stress levels, posture, flexibility and confidence.

Classes include contemporary dance, ballet, pilates (beginners and intermediate), yoga (beginners and intermediate), belly dancing and social dance/ballroom/Latin.

Cost: $10 per class; $80 for a 10 class pass; $250 for annual unlimited classes


“Exploring Watercolour for Beginners” with Elise Edler

Tuesday evenings 5.30 – 8pm
Venue: Townsville Art Society’s Classroom, Hut 26, Jezzine Barracks, Mitchell Street, North Ward.

For information: contact Elise on 4775 2433 or 0409 267 334 or mailto:foxwellp@bigpond.net.au

**Mosaic Classes with Fiona Banner**

Learn to make mosaics – anything from planters to trivets and walls. You will be taught various methods that will enable you to continue mosaics for years. Classes will be held in Fiona’s studio at Hermit Park on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Other times can be negotiated.

For information: contact Fiona on 0409 096 720  mailto:flipastretch@bigpond.com

**Museum of Tropical Queensland**

70 – 102 Flinders St, Townsville  4726 0600  http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au

Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

Discounted prices for Townsville locals – proof of residency required.

**Permanent exhibitions** showcase aspects of the natural and cultural heritage of North Queensland.

**December 16th 5.30pm**

Night at the Museum

A special night time adventure designed with the Museum's younger visitors in mind. Discover what happens at night when the Museum closes and see the dinosaurs before they go to bed. Catch appearances by T-bone (our own teenage T. rex), make a fossil to take home, have your face painted, meet some live prehistoric-looking animals and much more. Come dressed as your favourite dinosaur or paleontologist and win some great prizes.

Prepare for a close encounter with some of the most extraordinary creatures to ever walk the earth and be amongst the first to see Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous. The exhibition features 20 moving life-size dinosaur models, including T. rex and Muttaburrasaurus

Cost: $20 / $15

**January 11th 2017 5.30pm**

Night at the Museum II

A special night time adventure designed with our younger visitors in mind. Discover what happens at night when the Museum closes and see the dinosaurs before they go to bed. Catch appearances by T-bone (our own teenage T. rex), make a fossil to take home, have your face painted, meet some live prehistoric-looking animals and much more. Come dressed as your favourite dinosaur or palaeontologist and win some great prizes.

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Cost: $20 / $15

**Nth Qld Potters Assoc Inc**

15 Flower St, Railway Estate 4772 3458  mailto:nqpotters@gmail.com

https://www.facebook.com/NorthQueenslandPottersAssocsince1972/?fref=ts

Phone or email Nth Qld Potters Assoc Inc for workshop information.

**Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Workshops**

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Cnr Flinders and Denham Streets, City
For information and bookings: 4727 9011  mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au

- **Tuesdays 6.30 – 9.30pm**  
  *Percival's Life Drawing* – sessions for short dynamic gestural poses.  
  Everyone is welcome, no experience is necessary and bookings are not required but participants will need to take their own drawing materials and paper. Please note that this is not an art class. Suitable for ages 15+ years, however under 18s will need their parents to accompany them in the first instance and sign a permission form.  
  Upstairs Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Cnr Denham and Flinders Streets, CBD (Denham Street entrance)  
  Cost: $15 per session (easels, model and boards supplied). Please take your own materials.

- **Free Family Fun Day**  
  December 18th 10.30am – 12.30pm  
  At Family Fun Days children can come and partake in art making activities in the gallery. Drop in for 5 minutes or 2 hours. All materials are provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Family fun days are held on the third Sunday of every month.  
  Cost: free

**Pinnacles Gallery**  
Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central  
Open: 10am – 5pm (Tuesday – Sunday)  
4773 8871  mailto:pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au

- **Sundays at Riverway**  
  1 - 4pm every Sunday  

- **Monday Morning Art Group**  
  10am – 3pm  
  Social painting sessions held in the RAC Workshop Room at Riverway Arts Centre. This group of senior citizens is aligned with the University of the Third Age (U3A), and help each other create art in oils, acrylic, pastels and watercolours. The Monday Morning Art Group is free to join but you must be a member of U3A to participate ($20 per year).

- **Da Vinci Machines Kids Workshops**  
  Every weekend of Da Vinci Machines is busy with workshops for the whole family to enjoy. Join the free Da Vinci-inspired workshops running from 10am to 1pm every weekend at Pinnacles Gallery. Enjoy the exhibition and make fantastic machines, cyphers and your own Mona Lisa.

  *Reveal the Mona Lisa*  
  Piece together and redesign the Mona Lisa to hang up at home.
  - 28 - 29 January 2017

  *Create your own Catapult*  
  Assemble a working catapult to bring home.
  - 19 - 20 November 2016
  - 14 - 15 January 2017
  - 11 - 12 February 2017

  *Write a Coded Da Vinci Message*  
  Using a cypher; write your own Da Vinci-inspired secret message in a bottle.
  - 21 - 22 January 2017

  *Build a Flying Machine*  
  Designed after Da Vinci's invention; recreate a model machine with wings!
  - 7 - 8 January 2017
  - 4 - 5 February 2017
Art classes: Details of the Drill Hall Studio’s art classes are available online. For information: [http://www.thedrillhallstudio.com.au](http://www.thedrillhallstudio.com.au)

Regular classes:
- Monday mornings: Painting Techniques with Sylvia Hewitt $30 pp
- Tuesday mornings: Water Colour for Beginners with Donna Maloney. $30 pp
- Wednesday evenings: Painting with Pastels with Sylvia Hewitt $30 pp
- Thursday mornings: Exploring Mixed Media with Cath Meharry $30 pp
- Saturday afternoons: Art4Teens with Kathy Cornwall $25 pp
- Sunday mornings: Develop your Drawing with Geraldine Hermann $30 pp

The Comedy Generation presents Comedy Open Mic
First Thursday of the month
Venue: Kirwan Tavern, 154 Thuringowa Drive, Thuringowa
For information: [mailto:info@thecomedygeneration.com](mailto:info@thecomedygeneration.com) [http://www.thecomedygeneration.com/](http://www.thecomedygeneration.com/)
Cost: free

The North Queensland Recorder Society
Workshops will be held on the third Sunday of every month.
Venue: St Joseph’s School on the Strand, Fryer St North Ward
For information: contact: Lynn 0478 225 955; Ian 0411 602 737
[http://www.nqrs.org.au/](http://www.nqrs.org.au/) [mailto:info@nqrs.org.au](mailto:info@nqrs.org.au)
Cost: $10 per workshop ($5 for students)

Townsville Art Society Inc
Jezzine Barracks Precinct Townsville 4771 3484 [mailto:tasarts@bigpond.com](mailto:tasarts@bigpond.com)
For information about adult and children’s Art Classes and Social Painting Groups please follow the link.

Townsville Writers and Publisher Centre Inc
At the Townsville Writers and Publishers Centre in Riverway Arts Centre two writers groups meet regularly to workshop the craft of writing. They are supportive and friendly communities to belong to and there are opportunities for collaborative projects but no expectations to do so.
Venue: Riverway Arts Centre 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa Central, meet in the foyer a few minutes prior.
For information: [mailto:info@twpc.org](mailto:info@twpc.org) 0409 121 221 [http://twpc.org](http://twpc.org)
To receive newsletters please sign up on the website or like twpc on Facebook to receive Event updates for all sessions: [https://www.facebook.com/twpc.inc/](https://www.facebook.com/twpc.inc/)

Verb Writers meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. These meetings are facilitated by Ariella van Luyn, published author and lecturer in Creative Writing at JCU, and usually include a small seminar on different aspects of writing and some practical exercises.

Speculative Fiction writers meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Facilitated by Marc Murkin this group is an active and energetic group that has recently published an anthology of short stories set in an imagined world. Writers in this group cover genres including but not limited to horror, fantasy, dystopian worlds and sci-fi.

Romance Writers of NQ meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month and is facilitated by Sarah Williams. If you think romance writing is straight forward and more related to Mills and Boons than to real life - you’d be wrong. Our newest group is still building in numbers but includes published authors who write across many sub-genres including rural romance, YA romance and paranormal romance. And the list of subgenres doesn’t end there.

Emerge is for young, budding writers. This group has been set up for writers from 12-17 years. Dates for Emerge sessions are available from our website or Facebook page. Emerge is facilitated by Chris Piccone, a student teacher with a passion for writing, and supported by Sean McBain, a JCU student and poet.
Write On, Townsville
Beginners welcome to a friendly salon for published and unpublished writers.
For information: 4775 4759 (leave a message): mailto:vicky4seal@gmail.com

State, National

Australian Film Television and Radio School Courses (AFTRS)
http://www.aftrs.edu.au

Australian Society of Authors
For information: http://www.asauthors.org

Date Claimers
https://whatson.townsville.qld.gov.au/ for additional events

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

News & Sundries

Arts for All Queenslanders Strategy
This digital interactive strategy can be found at http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/blog

Meeting of Cultural Ministers
National Arts and Health Framework can be found at http://mcm.arts.gov.au/

Arts and Culture: a quick guide to key internet links
Compiled by the federal government, this guide provides quick links to many key arts and cultural organisations particularly federal bodies.

The Hive Collective
The developers of The Hive (Queens Hotel Redevelopment) have established The Hive Collective, an exciting initiative that will offer spaces in local heritage listed building Lilac Court, Wickham Street, Townsville for free.

Townsville World Vision Fair Trade Pop-Up Shop 2016
Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday, 9am – 2pm Saturday
Hermit Park Shopping Centre, 124 Charters Towers Road Hermit Park

Open until Christmas
Unique handicrafts produced by fair trade co-operatives with a concern for people and the environment. This shop is staffed by volunteers, and proceeds are donated to World Vision Australia. The Townsville World Vision Community Group raises funds for special projects in disadvantaged communities overseas and in Australia.
For information: 0407 703 843 https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleWorldVisionCommunityGroup
Opportunities/Expressions of Interest

**Allegretto Choirs – Call for Singers**
Be part of a vibrant and exciting team of singers.
For information: Kerry Rehnmailto:allegrettochoirs@bigpond.com  http://allegrettochoirs.shutterfly.com

**AFCM 2017 Membership is now available.**
Become an *Australian Festival of Chamber Music* Member and win. Membership is a valuable way to support the Australian Festival of Chamber Music, plus it provides you with wonderful benefits including discounted tickets and an exclusive member only booking period. If you join before the 12th of December you could win a Silver Pass to the 2017 Festival, valued at up to $620, or one of three CD packs containing music from Piers Lane and other Festival artists. One year membership is just $95; two year membership and student membership are also available.
For information: www.afcm.com.au/membership

**Amadeus Singers Children’s Choir – Call for singers**
Amadeus Singers: rehearsals in 2017 will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic School Mundingburra. 3:45 - 4:30pm Years 1-3, 4:45 - 5:45pm Years 4-8

**CityLibraries Murri Rainbow Book Club**
Murri Rainbow Bookclub happens every second Saturday of the month from 10.30 to 11.30am at CityLibraries Aitkenvale. Join discussions on First Nation Peoples literature and other interesting books. Cost: free – bookings required
For information: 4773 8817 Janeese Henaway, Library Officermailto:Janeese.Henaway@townsville.qld.gov.au

**CityLibraries VIP Book Club (Vision Impaired)**
Any member of the community who is visually impaired, and their partners if they’re willing to participate, are eligible to join this club.
Each month Vision Australia mails out an audio book copy of the title to discuss, and the meeting provides an informal and social opportunity to discuss the book and share information.
Second Friday of each month from 10am – 11am at the Aitkenvale Library Meeting Room
Cost: free
For information: 4727 8316 Community Services Librarian

**Friends of the Galleries**
For information: 4727 9011
Friends enjoy many benefits through their association such as:
- Friends of the Gallery membership card and welcome pack
- preferential booking to the Galleries’ annual program of workshops, lectures and social events
- exclusive members-only events
- complimentary copies of Gallery publications
- discounted exhibition admission fees (where applicable)
- exclusive email updates
- 10% discount at the Gallery Shop
- 10% discount on artwork purchases from Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and Pinnacles Gallery
- reciprocal member benefits with other participating regional, state and national cultural institutions upon showing your Friends of the Galleries membership card
- even more discounts and special privileges with selected partner organisations and retailers upon showing your Friends of the Galleries membership card
Performing Arts Historical Society of Townsville (PAHST)
P1 Hut 24 Jezzine Barracks, North Ward
Historian/President, Gordon Hodgson, 4775 1565;
Secretary/Treasurer, Ellen Read, 0418 778 698
D’Esley Smith 4775 3825
mailto:enquiries@pahst.com  http://www.pahst.com
Opening hours: Wednesdays and Sundays 10am to 2pm

The Museum houses a collection of local performing arts history and traditions. It comprises more than 1,000 items documenting more than 100 years of performance in Townsville across theatre, music and dance.

If you have programmes, posters, flyers, newspaper cuttings, photos etc, they could be a valuable part of local performing arts history. Donations are welcome. Items can be scanned if you don’t want to part with them.

Promotional Opportunities
- http://www.townsvilleholidays.info
- http://www.australia.com

The Hive Collective – Expression of Interest
The Hive Collective is an exciting initiative that will offer spaces in local heritage listed building Lilac Court, Wickham Street, Townsville for free.

Spaces will be made available exclusively to individuals or businesses who make use of the premises for the purpose of manufacture of products or delivery of services that are uniquely Townsville.

To register your details visit http://thehivetownsville.com.au

Thuringowa Art Society
The Thuringowa Art Society is looking for new members. They are a not for profit organisation that offers the chance to exhibit without paying a commission, low cost annual membership, an annual bus trip to places of interest, inspiration and encouragement in a small group environment.

For information: Ailsa Reid 4773 4567

Townsville Community Music Centre Inc
Level 2, Civic Theatre Building, Boundary Street, Townsville
4724 2086 / 0402 255 182
mailto:admin@townsvillemusic.org.au  http://www.townsvillemusic.org.au

Sunday Series Concerts
The Music Centre has performance opportunities available throughout 2016 for local musicians and organisations.

The centre can produce and promote a concert for you, your band or your music organisation at minimal cost. At the moment the 2016 dates available are:

December 11th

A typical Sunday concert would be 2 – 4pm, maximum ticket price $25, less for concessions.

For information: Jeff Nielsen, 0402 255 182; mailto:admin@townsvillemusic.org.au

Grants/Scholarships/Sponsorships

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grants opening soon.

The second round of RADF will open on 12 December 2016 and close on 17 February 2017.
If you have a fantastic arts project you are looking to get off the ground, please head to the council website on the following link to read the grant guidelines and submit your application.
If you have any questions about your proposal or the grants processes please don’t hesitate to contact the Community Grants Team via:
Phone: 1300 878 001
Email: communitygrants@townsville.qld.gov.au

Townsville City Council’s Community Grants

- Community Grants Program

- The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program supports professional artists and artworkers to practice their art, for and with communities, resulting in mutual development of the professional artists/artworkers and communities in regional Queensland.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF)

State, National

Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grants
Open date (up to $5000) http://www.aboriginal.org.au/grants.htm

Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund – Public Grants Program
Grants of up to $100,000 for national, state and territory cultural institutions and $50,000 for artists, organisations and community groups are available for a wide range of arts and culture projects.
For information: http://arts.gov.au/anzac

Arts Queensland
Funding to support artists, arts and cultural workers and organisations is available through Arts Queensland and via many other sources including other government agencies, not-for-profit organisations, philanthropic foundations and online through crowd sourcing sites. This information will help you connect to possible funding sources including information on how to apply and how applications are assessed.
Arts Queensland Officers can provide assistance with funding enquiries. 07 3034 4016 / 1800 175 531
For information: https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/funding/

Australian Artists Grant
The Australian Artists’ Grant has been initiated by NAVA to assist professional visual and media arts, craft and design practitioners to produce, present and promote their work throughout Australia and overseas.
Amount: $500-$1,000
For information: https://visualarts.net.au/nava-grants/

Australia Council for the Arts Grants
The Australia Council has revised the grants program in response to the 2015-16 budget measures.
The grants program supports a diverse range of artists, artistic practice, organisations and arts activity.
For information: http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants

Australian Communities Foundation Funding
For information: http://www.communityfoundation.org.au/

Community Broadcasting Foundation Funding

Creative Partnerships Australia
For information: https://www.creativepartnershipsaustralia.org.au/
Performers’ Trust Foundation Grants

Grants are provided to promote and encourage music and the performing arts.

All applications for grants are reviewed by the trustees and must be for one or more of the following purposes:

- Performances at concerts at or for charitable institutions such as hospitals or homes for the aged;
- Scholarships for the promotion and encouragement of musical and theatrical education;
- The promotion and encouragement of the performing arts to the general public;
- The aid or assistance of any beneficiary who is unable to adequately maintain herself/himself by her/his own exertions and other income;

What can you use the grant for?

A grant under the PPCA Performers’ Trust Foundation can be used for costs associated with the above, including:

- Tuition fees;
- Travel costs (hire, airfares, petrol);
- Accommodation;
- Venue hire/PA hire;

A grant cannot be used to cover wages, salaries, commissions etc.


Smartygrants


The Gordon Darling Foundation Grant

The Foundation provides funding for a range of visual arts projects Australia-wide.


The Sidney Myer and Myer Foundation Funding


Competitions & Awards

Artists Opportunities & Support

For information: [http://www.competitionsforartists.com/](http://www.competitionsforartists.com/)

Creating Australia

For information on advocacy, support and leadership for the community arts and cultural development (CACD) sector: [http://creatingaustralia.org.au/](http://creatingaustralia.org.au/)

Writers’ Opportunities

Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc

For information: [http://www.fawnsw.org.au](http://www.fawnsw.org.au)

Australian Writing Opportunities

For information: [http://competitionsforwriters.com/](http://competitionsforwriters.com/)

Hunter Writers Centre

For information: [http://www.hunterwriterscentre.org/](http://www.hunterwriterscentre.org/)

Queensland Writers Centre (QWC)

For information: [http://www.qwc.asn.au/](http://www.qwc.asn.au/)
Opportunities for Musicians

*Music Council of Australia (MCA)*
For information: [http://www.mca.org.au](http://www.mca.org.au)

*Defence Jobs Australia – Musicians*

Dance Companies

*Dancenorth*
School of Arts Building, Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets, Townsville

Galleries & Museums

*Army Museum of North Queensland*
Jezzine Barracks, Mitchell Street North Ward
[http://armymuseumnorthqueensland.webs.com/](http://armymuseumnorthqueensland.webs.com/)  0457 526 704  [mailto:curator@gmail.com](mailto:curator@gmail.com)
Open: 9am – 1pm (Wednesday to Friday) 10am – 2pm (Sunday)
Collects and exhibits memorabilia associated with military units and their personnel from North Queensland.

*Art at Jezzine*
Hut 25 Jezzine Barracks Mitchell St North Ward 4725 0250  [mailto:tasarts@bigpond.com](mailto:tasarts@bigpond.com)
Open: 10am – 4pm daily

*Gallery 48*
Open: 11am – 6pm Wednesdays and Saturdays

*Garage Press*
16 Victor St Cranbrook
0422 416 632  Donna Foley
Open to the public on the first Saturday of each month.  Original prints by local printmakers are for sale.

*Girringun Aboriginal Art Centre*
[mailto:artsmanager@girringun.com.au](mailto:artsmanager@girringun.com.au)
The Centre represents artists from nine Traditional Owner Groups, the Nywaigi, Gugu Badhun, Warrgamay, Warungnu, Bandjin, Girramay, Gulgnay, Jirrbal and Djiru people.  The traditional country of these groups covers some 25,000 square kilometres from north of Townsville, south west to Clarke River, north to the Mission Beach area, west to Ravenshoe and east to include Hinchinbrook and the Family Group Islands.

*Good Shepherd Art Gallery*
Anne Walsh, Director 0437 630 611
Good Shepherd Home, 565 University Rd Annandale  Open: 9am – 5pm daily
Displays a range of artwork including oils, acrylics, watercolour and mixed media with subjects ranging from landscapes, seascapes, flora, fauna, people to abstract.  All works are for sale.

*Kaylenne Creighton Gallery*
Corner of Howitt & Rose Street North Ward 4724 1106
https://www.kaylennecreighton.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/kaylennecreightongallery
Open: Thursday, Friday 10am – 4pm, Saturday 10am – 2pm

**Maritime Museum**
42 – 68 Palmer St, South Townsville 4721 5251 mailto:tmhs@bigpond.com
Open: Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm; Saturday & Sunday 12noon – 3pm

**Mo’s Art – Gallery of the Townsville Watercolour Group**
14 Anderson St, Railway Estate 4724 2742 Marion O’Shea
https://www.facebook.com/Townsville-Watercolour-Group-1506318909687812/
Open Wednesday 9am to 12noon and for current exhibitions (please see exhibitions listed).
Otherwise by appointment

**Museum of Tropical Queensland**
70 – 102 Flinders Street Townsville 4726 0600  http://www.mtq.qm.qld.gov.au
Open: 9.30am – 5pm daily

**National Trust Heritage Centre**
5 Castling Street, West End 4771 5873  https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/townsville-heritage-centre/
Open: 10am – 1pm Wednesday; 1 – 4pm; Saturdays and Sundays; groups by appointment

**NQ Potters Association Inc**
15 Flowers St Railway Estate Townsville 4772 3458  http://www.ngpotters.com/
mailto:nqpotters@yahoo.com.au
Fully equipped art studio run by members – also offers classes.

**Perc Tucker Regional Gallery**
4727 9011 Cnr Denham & Flinders Sts, Townsville mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au
Open: 10am – 5pm (Monday – Friday) 10am – 2pm (Saturday & Sunday) Free admission

**Performing Arts Historical Society of Townsville (PAHST)**
P1 Hut Precinct Jezzine Barracks, North Ward Townsville
Ellen Read (Secretary) 0418 778 698 mailto:enquiries@pahst.com  http://www.pahst.com
Open: 10am – 2pm (Wednesday and Sunday)
To view the collection or donate items contact Gordon Hodgson (Historian) 4775 1565

**Peter Lawson Fine Art Gallery**
16 Marine Parade, Arcadia, Magnetic Island 0418 727 534 mailto:peterlawsonfineart@bigpond.com
http://www.peterlawsonfineart.net.au

**Pinnacles Gallery**
Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central 4773 8871
Open: 10am – 5pm (Tuesday – Sunday) Free admission

**RAAF Museum**
RAAF Base, Ingham Rd, Garbutt 4752 1712
mailto:raafmuseum.townsville@gmail.com
Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – 12noon; Sundays 10am – 4pm

**Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery**
4724 3953 Shop 7 Metro Quays 86 Ogden Street Townsville 0419 790 245
mailto:sylviaditchburnart@icloud.com  http://www.sylviaditchburnfineartgallery.com
Open: 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Friday; 10am – 1pm Sunday

**The Drill Hall**
27 Mitchell St North Ward 4721 2634
0418 750 854  mailto:sue@thedrillhallstudio.com.au  http://www.thedrillhallstudio.com.au
Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday; 9am – 4pm Saturday and Sunday

**Townsville Museum and Historical Society**
4775 7838 Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts, Currajong (access via Barbeler St – behind ambulance station)
http://www.townsvillemuseum.com.au  mailto:admin@townsvillemuseum.com.au
Open: 9am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday; 1.30 – 3.30pm first and third Sunday of the month; closed public holidays

**TYTO Regional Art Gallery**
73 – 75 McIlwraith St, TYTO Wetlands Precinct, Ingham

**Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts – Gallery and Studio**
482 Flinders StTownsville  Open: 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday; 9am – 1pm Sunday
4772 7109  mailto:office@umbrella.org.au  http://www.umbrella.org.au

**Music Groups**

**Allegretto Choirs**
4779 7368  mailto:alleggettochoirs@bigpond.com

**Amadeus Singers Children’s Choir**

**Aquapella World Music Choir**
4758 1707  mailto:beatlehmann@iprimus.com.au

**Australian Concerto & Vocal Competition**
4771 2419  mailto:info@acvc.com.au  http://www.acvc.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Australian-Concerto-Vocal-Competition/269234913140141

**Australian Festival of Chamber Music**
4771 4144 Level 1 Breakwater Terminal, Sir Leslie Thiess Dr, Townsville
mailto:info@afcm.com.au  http://www.afcm.com.au
https://www.facebook.com/australianfestivalofchambermusic

**Barrier Reef Orchestra – North Queensland Ensembles**
4722 2789  mailto:brotownsville@gmail.com  http://www.nqorchestra.com.au

**4th Sunday Music**
4789 1897 or 0427 351 273 Dave & Sue;  4 Kawana Court, Kelso.
The group meets on the fourth Sunday of the month

**Kelso Country Music Club Inc**
0499 303 967  Thuringowa RSL, Kelso Drive Kelso  mailto:petercjones007@bigpond.com
http://www.kelsocountrymusic.webs.com/
3rd Sunday of the month 2pm – 7pm; 4th Friday of month 7.30pm – 11pm

**Magnetic Jazz Association**
4778 5918  mailto:magneticjazz@hotkey.net.au  http://www.magneticislandjazz.org
Organises the *Great Tropical Jazz Party* held annually on Magnetic Island

**Townsville & Thuringowa Country Music Club**
0417 199 744  mailto:weus3@bigpond.net.au  http://www.ttcma.webs.com/
https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleCMA

**Townsville Brass**
0419 719 489  mailto:enquiries@townsvillebrass.org
http://www.townsvillebrass.org

Townsville Choral Society Inc

Townsville Community Music Centre
4724 2086 / 0402 255 182 Level 2, Civic Theatre Building, Boundary Street, Townsville mailto:admin@townsvillemusic.org.au http://www.townsvillemusic.org.au https://www.facebook.com/pages/Townsville-Community-Music-Centre/159636880763534

Townsville Concert Band
0408 088 675 mailto:mark.purvis@bigpond.com.au https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleConcertBand/?fref=nf

Townsville Jazz Club

Townsville Music & Performance Arts Space (TMPAS)
The Old Courthouse Theatre, Cnr Sturt & Stokes Streets, Townsville 0417 473 325 mailto:tmpas01@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/tmpas/

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Club
0428 994 125 mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org http://www.tsvfolkclub.org

Townsville Ukuleles
0402 322 137 mailto:tsvukes@gmail.com http://www.townsvilleukuleleclub.org.au/

Theatres & Theatre Groups

Burdekin Theatre
161 Queen Street Ayr

Full Throttle Theatre Company
The Old Courthouse Theatre, Cnr Sturt and Stokes Streets, Townsville 4721 5433 / 0476 590 004 mailto:madonna@fullthrottletheatre.com https://www.fullthrottletheatre

La Luna Youth Arts
Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa 4773 6377 mailto:info@lalunanq.com http://www.lalunanq.com https://www.facebook.com/LaLunaYouthArts

North Qld Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT)

Riverway Arts Centre
20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa
School of Arts Theatre
4772 2549  Cnr Stanley & Walker Sts
Townsville
https://www.facebook.com/dancenorthcommunity/

TheatreiNQ
50 Allen St Townsville  0467 245 478  mailto:theatreinq@gmail.com  http://www.theatreinq.com

The Outback Players Theatre Group Inc
0455 859 651  mailto:theoutbackplayers@gmail.com  https://www.facebook.com/outbackplayers

Towers Players Inc – Charters Towers Local Theatre Group
156 – 160 Mosman St Charters Towers  4787 1768 / 0427 871 768

Townsville Choral Society – Brian and Daphne Pease Memorial Hall
485 Sturt Street Townsville  0419 290 864
mailto:tcs@tcs.org.au  http://www.tcs.org.au

Townsville Civic Theatre
41 Boundary St Townsville  4727 9797 TicketShop

Townsville Little Theatre
4724 3112  mailto:theatre.lover@townsvillelittletheatre.org.au  http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au
https://www.facebook.com/groups/townsvillelittletheatre/

World Theatre Charters Towers
82-90 Mosman St  4761 5430  mailto:worldtheatre@charterstowers.qld.gov.au
http://www.facebook.com/WorldTheatreChartersTowers

What’s On Townsville

Clubs & Groups

For other arts and cultural groups and clubs in Townsville link to CommunityDirectory on the Townsville City Council website – click on NQ Arts Directory and then on Categories