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News

Help Save Your Community Music Centre

The Townsville Community Music Centre (TCMC) failed in its bid to gain triennial operational funding and the TCMC Management Committee is continuing to work to get at least some operational funding reinstated as well as renegotiating existing contracts and revaluing the services it provides.

Representatives of TCMC have met with Anna Bligh (Minister for Education and the Arts) and Grazia Catalano (Arts Queensland) at Community Cabinet and they have advised that the Cultural Infrastructure Program funding bucket is empty but they will work with us to secure operational and grant funding for the future. The Centre has bipartisan support from the Shadow Cabinet and full support of both Councils and local members Lindy Nelson-Carr, Craig Wallace and especially Mike Reynolds. However support is also needed from TCMC members and the wider Townsville/Thuringowa Community.

Here are some ways to help:

- Get the message out to everyone you know, start up conversations with strangers, write to the paper and your local politicians, sign the TCMC petition which closes on May 17th.
- If you didn't make it to one of our public focus groups, let TCMC know (by phone, letter, e-mail or in person) what it needs to do to stay a relevant part of the community.
- Attend as many TCMC concerts as you can and encourage others to do so as well.

- Take out membership and receive great reductions and a monthly newsletter. Membership fees are half price from now until December.
- TCMC needs your ideas and support for fundraising events.

The TCMC is holding a film Night at the Warrina on May 12th. There will be prizes galore as well as a raffle to be drawn on that night. Click [here](#) for more information.

To contact TCMC: phone 4721 1771 fax 4721 1805 [Mailto:tcmc@austarnet.com.au](mailto:tcmc@austarnet.com.au)

Pianos for Sale

JCU is undergoing phase two of a piano replacement program, which now involves the sale of 10 upright pianos and one grand, all of which are in excellent condition. Prices are available on application and interested parties should contact Ryan Daniel on 4781 3101, or [Mailto:Ryan.Daniel@jcu.edu.au](mailto:Ryan.Daniel@jcu.edu.au)

Name Change for Michaels on Magnetic

Michaels is now *Bambu Thai Restaurant and Art Gallery*. Heather Byrne is managing the gallery for *Bambu* and is looking for a few artists who would like some wall space for exhibitions. The Gallery is small but has room for expansion and Heather is keen to consider all pieces but feels smaller and medium price works seem to be the most successful. Casual painting groups meet at the Gallery on Fridays from 1pm.

For information: 4758 1187 Heather Byrne

Cultural Cameos

On the third Friday of each month from 10.00am – 12.00 the International Women's Group (IWG) holds a social meeting. It organises different activities for men and women on that day.

The theme for May is 'Papua New Guinea'. On Friday May 21st the Group will experience aspects of the PNG Culture which will be organized and presented by some of the members of IWG from PNG.

For more information: on: 4772 4880 Fereshteh

Indigenous Country Music Festival and Fundraiser

The No 1 Indigenous Country Music Festival 2004 will be held on May 29th at the PCYC Hall, Allambie Lane Rasmussen, starting at 12 noon. There will be free family activities and entertainment, with food and drinks available for sale. The main event kicks off at 7 pm. Entry is \$5 concession, \$10 single and \$15 for families.

The concert is being held to raise funds for 'Mothers Crying Out For Help' - a Twin Cities group which has had remarkable success turning around substance abusing youth through Cultural Development Camps up north. The next Camp is in September 2004, and they will be taking 30 kids with them. The self-help group is fledgling, and as yet, has not applied for adequate funding to cover the costs of the camps, and the artists appearing at the concert include Tonkey Logan, Lyndell Marshall, The Murray Upper Band, The Zaro Family, Ronnie Harrigan and Band and many others of note. All artists are kindly donating their services to help raise funds. There will also be traditional dance performances during the afternoon.

Some local visual artists have donated works of art to be sold at auction on the night to help raise funds, so the call is out for further artworks, or any other useful services anyone can offer.

Come along and enjoy the event, and spend some money to support a great group of women and their worthy cause.

For information: 0412 157 651 Maria Walmbly or 4772 5466 Tonky Logan at 4K1G or 0431 049 180 Donna Cobbo.

For donations of artworks: 4772 8506 Robyn Sweeney

Queensland Script Wins National Competition

The Bridge, a situation comedy drama written by Townsville based writer Christine Langtree and produced by Owen Johnston was the joint winner of a national comedy script competition *The Next Laugh* conducted by the National Screenwriter's Conference in conjunction with the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

The Bridge is set amongst the staff of an alcohol and drug rehabilitation centre. Christine Langtree has worked in a voluntary capacity for many years in the field of alcohol and drug rehabilitation and realised the potential for an ongoing TV series set in this environment.

Folk Club News

The Folk Club will be coordinating the entertainment at the *Eco Fiesta* which will be held in Queens Gardens

on June 6th. This will include managing the stage and running this year's original song competition. Headlining the entertainment will be the *Hottentots* who played at the *Palm Creek Festival* in 2003.

The Club has been offered space at Cotters Market to promote its activities and is looking for volunteers to sell tickets and memberships. The Club also needs willing musicians to spend a couple of hours on the Mall main stage. This is a great opportunity for emerging artists to achieve a public face.

For information: Richard Ryall

[Mailto:richardr@beyond.net.au](mailto:richardr@beyond.net.au)

Gregarious Chanters

Warm up your voices for the Palm Creek Rainforest Festival choir on May 12th and June 2nd at 7.30pm with the Poms from Oz.

For information: <http://www.pomsfromoz.com>

4ttt Fundraisers

May 30th 2 – 5pm

Trivia Afternoon QCWA Hall, Denham Street

June 27th 6am start

Golf Day Rowes Bay Golf Club

July 3rd

Christmas in July, Baxta's Bar & Grill

August 28th

Rock N Roll Cruise on Cleveland Bay

Bookings for these functions are essential.

For bookings and details of costs etc: 4721 5333

World Music Townsville (WOMUT)

From April 15, *WOMUT* will begin a fortnightly session at the Bellevue Hotel from 8 – 11pm.

WOMUT will feature a range of musical styles with a leaning to folk musicians and world cultures. The emphasis will be on non commercial music and include everything from jazz and country to ethnic and experimental music. CD music in the breaks will be sympathetic to the style of the live artists as well as attempting to enrich the world music flavour of the evening.

Inspired by the *World Music and Dance (WOMAD)* concept we will also be encouraging a wider range of performing artists than pure music.

For information: 4724 3120 Dr Michael Whitticker

Australian Festival of Chamber Music Program

Programs are available from many places around town including the Community Information Centre in Northtown.

For information: Chamber Music Festival Office 4771 4144

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Grants & Scholarships

Foundation for Young Australians - New Grant Round

Open to individual young people who are seeking support to follow their passion while contributing to their community. Applications can be made at any time and the Selection Committee will meet quarterly to decide on applications received. It is expected that the average grant allocation will be between \$500 and \$1,500 and the maximum grant allocation will be \$3,000 over one year.

For further information and application forms: <http://www.youngaustralians.org>

2004 Special Project Fund

Closing date: May 7th

Category 1: Professional Development Bursary Grant Program. Grants between \$500 & \$1000 available for individual gallery staff and volunteers as travel assistance. Grants between \$500 and \$2500 available to

assist public gallery staff, management bodies and volunteers to formulate group initiatives.

Category 2: Special Projects. Grants up to \$2000 available for councils, galleries and exhibition spaces which do not employ a professionally trained director.

For further information: 3215 0820 Summer Bland, Regional Galleries Association of Qld (RGAQ)

[Mailto:mail@rgaq.org.au](mailto:mail@rgaq.org.au)

\$5000 Commonwealth Bank Foundation e-Learning Grants

Closing date: June 4th

The Commonwealth Bank Foundation is again inviting primary schools across Australia to apply for one of 70 e-learning grants valued at \$5000 each to help in the development of literacy and numeracy skills through an e-learning project.

The e-learning grants program, now in its third year, recognises the increasingly important role played by on-line initiatives in developing literacy and numeracy skills among school children. The grants assist teachers and students to implement and develop e-learning in their schools.

Interested primary schools can access a range of resources to help them develop their e-learning initiative and prepare their application at <http://www.commbank.com.au/elearninggrants>. The resources include summaries of the successful 2002 and 2003 e-learning initiatives.

Information packs will be sent to all Australian primary schools in April 2004. Full program details can also be found on the e-learning grants website.

NAVA Visual and Craft Artists' Grant Scheme

Closing date: May 15th for exhibitions in August, September or October

Closing date: August 15th for exhibitions in November, December or January

Closing date: November 15th for exhibitions in February, March or April 2005

Grants of up to \$500 (individuals) and \$1000 (groups) provide assistance towards the costs of public presentation of visual arts, craft and design but not towards the production of artwork.

For information: (02) 9368 1900

[Mailto:nava@visualarts.net.au](mailto:nava@visualarts.net.au)

<http://www.visualarts.net.au/nava/formsdownload.asp>

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Competitions & Awards

Environmental Song Competition

An initiative of Townsville City Council and Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club. Heats will be held at the Folk Club which meets at the Bellevue Hotel on May 20th and June 3rd at 8pm and the final will be staged at the Eco Fiesta in Queens Gardens on June 6th

For information: 0417 377 616 Alannah McFadzean

[Mailto:alannahmac@bigpond.com](mailto:alannahmac@bigpond.com)

River Festival Public Art Competition 2004

Expressions of interest by 5pm Monday May 17th

First prize: \$20,000 commission

Second prize: \$10,000 commission

Each commission is for the production of a public artwork in the form of public seating within the Kirwan Central Business District Renewal Project as part of Thuringowa's Public Art Plan.

Objectives:

- Increase the profile of Thuringowa's:
 - Public Art Policy and Procedure.
 - Public Art Plan.
 - Public Art Trail.
- Provide an alternative avenue for artists to be involved in a public art project.
- Provide an avenue to educate artists; to increase knowledge and awareness of Public Art and its process.
- Demystify the transition process from local arts practice to public artwork involvement.
- Attract first time public artworkers as well as seasoned public artworkers.

Competition details:

- The competition is to be run by Thuringowa City Council.
- Each commission to be completed in accordance with Thuringowa City Council's Public Art Policy and Procedure.
- Entry into the competition is by Expression of Interest (EofI).
- Project Briefs are available at <http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au> or by calling 4773 8411.
- EofI's to be short listed to 10 artists by the Public Art Advisory Group by May 21st
- The 10 short listed artists will be paid \$500 to produce sketched designs and an approx 50% actual size maquette to be exhibited at the Thuringowa River Festival.
- The competition winners will be announced at the festival on Sunday June 27th
- The winners will work directly with and be guided by the Cultural Development Officer throughout their commission to produce the final product for installation.

How To Apply:

Your Expression of Interest for this competition should include:

- a short resume;
- details and visuals of your most appropriate and recent work; plus
- a statement as to why you would like to be included in the selected 10 artists.

Send to:

Angela Griffiths, Cultural Development Officer; PO Box 86, Thuringowa Central, 4817

[Mailto:council@thuringowa.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@thuringowa.qld.gov.au)

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North Queensland Concerto & Vocal Competition

July 12th to 16th

Closing date for entries: May 26th

For information and entry forms:

4728 9223

[Mailto:nqconcerto@hotmail.com](mailto:nqconcerto@hotmail.com)

<http://www.nqconcerto.org>

2004 Paul Lowin Prize for Composition

Closing date: June 30th

Anyone can nominate a work for the award including publishers, composers and the general public.

Categories are:

- Orchestral Prize
- Song Cycle Prize

For information: (02) 9247 4677 0412 093 063 Anna Cerneaz

<http://www.paulowin.perpetual.com.au>

The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize

Closing date: May 28th

The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize is awarded by the South Australian Museum Foundation Incorporated. All artists are encouraged to enter including international artists.

For information:

(08) 8207 7421 Mark Judd

[Mailto:judd.mark@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:judd.mark@saugov.sa.gov.au)

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

The Short Crap Film Festival # 3 – Short Crap National Competition

Closing date: July 15th

In September 2004 *The Short Crap Film Festival #3* will visit Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne. For its national competition *Short Crap* is looking for films of a different nature, from experimental to comedy. If you have a short that has made people question the nature of a short film, or a short that has made at least one person laugh, then *Short Crap* would love to see it.

For information and entry forms: (03) 9489 3447

[Mailto:shortcrap@fullyflared.com](mailto:shortcrap@fullyflared.com)

<http://www.fullyflared.com>

5th Annual Kodak Filmschool Competition

The *Kodak Student Filmmaker Program* is open to submissions for its fifth annual cinematography competition. Designed for students and recent graduates in the Latin America and Greater Asia and Japan regions, the competition has seen past winners from schools in Argentina, Australia, Hong Kong and Korea.

The regional first prize includes a trip to the Cannes International Film Festival, where clips selected from the

winning films' entries will be screened at the *Kodak Emerging Filmmaker Showcase*. The regional winners also participate in seminars and other activities hosted by Kodak.

Winners will be announced by March 1st 2005

For more details regarding deadlines, regional rules and regulations contact your local Kodak representative or visit <http://www.kodak.com.au/go/motion>

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Expressions of Interest & Opportunities

River Festival Public Art Competition 2004

Expressions of interest by 5pm on May 17th

For further information [click here](#)

KickArts Shop

The new *KickArts Shop* is seeking expressions of interest and product samples from local artists, designers, crafts people and suppliers.

For further information: 4050 9494 Georgina Hutchinson

Shop Supervisor, KickArts Shop, CoCA Complex, 96 Abbott Street, Cairns

[Mailto:georgina@kickarts.org.au](mailto:georgina@kickarts.org.au)

Volunteer Presenter of Classical Music – Position Available

Community Radio 4ttt FM on 103.9 regularly airs classical music, along with other musical genres and is seeking new presenters to join the classical music team.

As a Classical Music Presenter you will need to:

- Have a passion for fine music
- Love to share it with others
- Be prepared to attend Radio School for five weeks – one night per week
- Meet other Classical Presenters at a Graduation evening in the sixth week
- Spend a few more sessions at your own pace to practice your technique
- 'Buddy' up 'on air' to refine your program preparation with one of the experienced Classical Music team
- present your own program when you are ready.

Contact Sandy at 4ttt FM on 4721 5333 during office hours to register your interest.

Compact Prints 2004

Closing date for entries: July 23rd

Exhibition: October 15TH to November 14th

Umbrella Studio invites artists working in digital and traditional print media to participate in its biennial international print exhibition and exchange, *Compact Prints 2004*.

Compact Prints 2004 is a celebration of contemporary print practices embracing traditional, non toxic and technological methods.

Umbrella's preference is for works printed on quality acid free paper measuring 12x12 cm. The image can be any shape or orientation provided it is within these dimensions. Participants need to submit two prints from the same edition and a brief artist statement (approx 50 words). The Studio will produce an interactive CD ROM catalogue which will include the artists' works and statements. Participants will receive copies of this together with their exchanged prints at the end of the exhibition.

For information and entry forms: 4772 7109 Umbrella Studio

[Mailto:info@umbrella.org.au](mailto:info@umbrella.org.au)

Eco Fiesta Opportunity

Be part of the Eco Fiesta *Great Art Challenge* and flex your art muscle in a public frenzy of creation.

To mark the International Year of Rice, Townsville City Council requires two teams of three artists to work with a selection of set materials (plus other materials and equipment the artists' provide) to create an artwork within three hours at the Eco Fiesta on June 6th

Set materials TCC will supply are: 10kg rice, 5 sheets of rice paper, 10 bamboo garden stakes, Chinese joss paper, wire, tape, and string.

Teams need to outline a brief proposal on the entry form and submit it by May 18th to Justine Wilkinson, Community & Cultural Services, TCC, Level 1, Northtown
Or PO Box 1268, Townsville, Qld, 4810
Ph: 4727 9685 [Mailto:jew@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:jew@townsville.qld.gov.au)
Forms will be available at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, the Knowledge Centre and other art venues.

Flying Arts' Youth Arts Residency

July 3rd to 9th

Workshops in ceramics, drawing, installation, multimedia, painting, photography, jewellery making and folio development are being offered to senior students in a residency program in Brisbane. Participants will also visit universities, galleries, public art sites, talk to practising artists and artworkers and meet creative students from throughout the state.

Cost: \$399/\$299 – bursaries are available.

For information: 3853 3271 Flying Arts

[Mailto:info@flyingarts.org.au](mailto:info@flyingarts.org.au)

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

Arts West 3rd Biennial Exhibition

Closing date: May 31st

Theme: *Inside Out...Defining Our Space*

The Exhibition will run at the Augathella Visitors' Centre, Main Street, Augathella from July 8th to 24th. It is offering two open categories as well as two awards (Brian Tucker) for regional and emerging artists.

For information: 4657 4821 Arts West Inc

[Mailto:artswest@ozemail.com](mailto:artswest@ozemail.com)

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

Publicist – Sydney Symphony

Employment opportunity as published in the Weekend Australian Review 24/04/2004.

The Sydney Symphony is seeking an experienced and motivated individual to be part of its Marketing and Public Relations team. Responsibilities will include liaising with the media, guest artists, conductors and musicians; researching and developing support materials; managing and maintaining the image library, media database, website content and reports. Salary: \$46,500. Applications to be forwarded by Friday 30 April to Samantha Naidoo HR Manager, Sydney Symphony, GPO Box 4972, Sydney NSW 2001. Or email:

samantha.naidoo@sydneyphilharmonics.com website: www.sydneyphilharmonics.com

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Workshops/Training

Painting Workshops

Pinnacles Gallery is hosting two painting workshops with tutors Lyn Mott and Margaret Crawford from the Kelso Art Group:

Saturday 15 May

Painting Trip to Ross River Dam 10am – 4.30pm Cost: \$20 Including painting materials and bus trip from Pinnacles Gallery to Dam and return.

A fun day for participants to explore plein-air landscape painting techniques. Some painting experience is desirable. Participants should bring their own refreshments and cut lunch.

Saturday 22 May

Basic Painting Techniques (With anything but a brush!) 10.30am – 1.30pm Cost: \$5 including materials. Suitable for beginners – no experience necessary. Venue: Von Stieglitz Room, Thuringowa Council

Seminar - A Community Centred Model for Tourism

Townsville Enterprise Boardroom May 4th 4 - 8.30pm

Cost: Free (\$ 8.00 for pizza dinner)

This seminar is aimed towards communities and community organisations wishing to engage in cultural tourism product development for the first time (or who need advice and direction to improve); local/regional tourism business enterprises who wish to expand in order to build mutually beneficial local community links and partnerships; and tourism, heritage and arts sector organisations and networks.

For full details of the seminar proceedings: [Mailto:gibhemp@austarnet.com.au](mailto:gibhemp@austarnet.com.au)

Bookings are essential and as soon as possible please

To book, send your name(s) and organisation you represent and a 1-2 sentence description to:

[Mailto:christie@tel.com.au](mailto:christie@tel.com.au)

Dance North Public Workshops - Jumpin Jazz

May 10th 17th 24th 31st & June 7th

High octane, sexy, dynamic jazz. Learn styles from casino to cabaret to modern.

Cost: \$10 casual classes (buy the series and save)

School of Arts, Cnr Stanley and Walker Streets 6 to 7.15pm Mondays

For information: 4772 2549

Weekend Workshops

Presented by Townsville Community Music Centre & Townsville Community Orchestra

June 5th & 6th

Featuring a range of tutors the workshops will culminate in a public concert and afternoon tea on June 6th

\$40 per person

For information and bookings: Townsville Community Music Centre 4721 1771

Computer Classes for the Over 40s

Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced – Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases. Presented by Townsville City Council's Community Services Section these classes are practical and easy to understand. Presented over 6 weeks (Tue & Thur) for 1½ hr sessions. \$6 per session.

For information: Joan 4727 9714 (bh) 4779 7987 (ah)

Library Internet Training

Contact your local library for details of their training programs

Aitkenvale 4727 8310

Townsville 4727 9666

Thuringowa 4773 8500

Small Wonders Dance North's Children's Creative Dance Classes – Term 2

April 24th to June 19th

Come and dance, perform on stage and have heaps of fun. Designed to encourage skill development and performance.

Saturdays: 9.30 to 10.30 am for ages 9 to 12; 11 am to 12 noon for ages 5 to 8

Cost: \$70 per term (\$10 resource fee for the whole year)

School of Arts Building, Cnr Stanley and Walker Streets

For information and bookings: 4772 2549

La Luna – Term 2 Workshops

Workshops' costs: \$93 (\$72 with government health care card) + \$13 membership fee for 12 months Venue: 559 Flinders Street West, Townsville CBD.

For information and bookings: 4771 2600

Fizzical Theatre for children 5 to 9 years

Bugs and Butterflies

Join tutors Hilary Martin and Arminelle Fleming and improve your dramatic and artistic skills through story telling, improvisation, character creation and stage performance as well as drawing, painting and sculptural work.

Tuesdays 4-6pm Workshops commence April 27th

Body Works for children 10 to 14 years

Words & Meanings

Explore the complex words and develop skills in script analysis, characterisation and vocal expression with tutors Arminelle Fleming and Hilary Martin. Participants will apply themselves to the study and re-creation of

the texts of writers including Ted Hughes, John Marsden and Maureen McCarthy. The workshops will allow participants to gain a better understanding of interpreting texts and scripts.

Wednesdays 4-6pm Workshops commence April 28th

Jagged Edge Theatre for Children 15+

Word Play

Working with artistic director Suzie Gilmour, this term's series of workshops will see participants bringing to life a script specifically for young people. Skills developed over the course of the workshops will include text analysis, stage craft, characterisation, voice work.

Thursdays 5.30-8pm Workshops commenced on April 29th

Writing for Theatre – Voices On Program

This is a playwriting program for secondary school age participants, with playwright tutor John du Feu and professional actors from Tropic Sun Theatre. Participants will work on creating and developing a script that will be performed by actors as part of a rehearsed reading.

Workshops for Townsville participants: May 12th 19th 26th & June 3rd 9th 16th 4 - 6pm

Workshops for Thuringowa participants: May 10th 17th 24th 31st & June 7th & 14th (14th is tbc) 4 - 6pm at Kirwan State High School.

Landmark

This is a FREE multicultural theatre-based project for young women, aged 15-25 years, from migrant backgrounds. Theatre worker and visual artist Daphne Cazalet and playwright Catherine To will hold workshops in which participants use theatre games and visual collages to help narrate their stories. In consultation with the group, Catherine will use participants' stories as the basis of a play. If you're interested or know someone who is, please contact La Luna as soon as possible.

Community Consultation Training

August 23rd & 24th

Are you interested in working with the community doing art projects? Local Councils are combining with the QLD Community Arts Network (QCAN) to present the two day, nationally accredited training LGACOM502A *Devise and Conduct Community Consultations* in Townsville in August. The training focuses on facilitation skills, models of participation, consultation methodologies, the location of power and its role in participation, quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis, strategic questioning, creative consultation strategies as well as relevant legislation and protocols. It is relevant to companies and corporations, NGO's and state government workers. Participants will gain units towards the Diploma in Local Government (Governance and Administration). This training costs around \$500 per person but is subsidised by Thuringowa and Townsville councils for local residents.

Costs: \$125 (waged persons) \$75 (unwaged) with some full scholarships available.

For enquiries please call the Cultural Development Officer

Thuringowa City Council: 4773 8603 Angela Griffiths

Townsville City Council: 4727 9685 Justine Wilkinson

2004 Museums Australia National Conference

May 15th to 21st

For the latest news and information about the Museums Australia National Conference go to:

<http://www.museumsaustralia.org.au/conference>

Secure on-line registration is now available. You can also download the registration form. Bursary applications are also available. Please note that bursaries are only available to Museums Australia members.

To contact the conference organising committee

[Mailto:foodforthought@meetingplanners.com.au](mailto:foodforthought@meetingplanners.com.au) Ph: (03) 9417 0888

Draft Education and the Arts Strategy Released

The Australia Council is demonstrating its strong commitment to expanding the connection between education and the arts by releasing the draft *National Education and the Arts Strategy*. The draft strategy outlines the Council's long term commitment to fostering an environment in which the arts are an integral part of every Australian child's education. The draft strategy is the first of its kind for Australia and has been developed by the Australia Council, in consultation with the National Education and the Arts Network (NEAN).

The full draft strategy and feedback form can be downloaded from the Australia Council website:

http://www.ozco.gov.au/council_priorities/education

Dialogues and Differences in Arts Education

May 21st & 22nd

A symposium in the Faculty of Education and Social Work at The University of Sydney which aims to explore

current pedagogy and research specifically emerging methodologies which relate to primary secondary and tertiary arts education.

For information:

http://faculty.edfac.usyd.edu.au/profdev/forms/D&D_Flyer.pdf

3rd International Lifelong Learning Conference,

June 13th to 16th

Yeppoon, Queensland

For information: 49306310 or 49309414

Lifelong Learning Conference Secretariat

[Mailto:lifelong-learning-conference@cqu.edu.au](mailto:lifelong-learning-conference@cqu.edu.au)

<http://www.library.cqu.edu.au/conference/2004>

Dance Rebooted: Initialising the Grid

July 1st to 4th

Presented by the Tertiary Dance Council of Australia, Australia New Zealand Dance Research Society and Ausdance National. This conference will bring together dance researchers from Australia, New Zealand and internationally to generate a focus on the sustainability of dance practice and research.

To be held at Deakin University, Melbourne

For more information: [Mailto:kvincs@deakin.edu.au](mailto:kvincs@deakin.edu.au) or visit:

<http://www.moski.com.au/reboot>

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Websites

<http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/partnerships>

Community & Business Partnerships

This service is for community groups and businesses, particularly small to medium sized organisations who want to connect, make a difference and who want to find out more information about forming a partnership - all with the aim to create and inspire more community business partnerships.

The service is an initiative of the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership, administered through the Australian Government's Department of Family and Community Services. The Brokerage Service has many features and behind each of the following services you will find many helpful resources.

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

Film Scene – a website on which film students can promote their works

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

Film Info – a website which provides FREE information to film students

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

New website for Queensland Community Arts Network (QCAN)

http://sector.amol.org.au/people/networks/other_lists

Instructions for those wishing to subscribe to *Artists' Books Online* should visit the above website - an initiative of Artspace Mackay and Australian Museums and Galleries Online (AMOL).

<http://www.mca.org.au/music.playforlife.htm>

A joint initiative of the Music Council of Australia, the Australian Music Association (AMA) and the Australian Society of Music Education (ASME), *Music. Play for Life* is a great example of an effective education and the arts partnership. The website is full of useful information, advocacy materials and examples of current music education activity to inspire individuals, committees, organisations and communities to get involved and get collaborating.

<http://www.ifacca.org>

The International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), the first global network of national arts funding bodies.

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Date Claimers

Eco Fiesta

June 6th

For further information [click here](#)

Palm Creek Rainforest Festival 2004

June 11th to 14th

For information: 0417 377 616 Alannah McFadzean (Festival Coord)

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

4ttt Fundraisers - Golf Day Rowes Bay Golf Club

June 27th 6am start

For bookings and details of costs etc: 4721 5333

River Festival

June 26th & 27th

For information: Thuringowa City Council 4773 8411

4ttt Fundraisers - Christmas in July

July 3rd

Baxta's Bar & Grill

For bookings and details of costs etc: 4721 5333

Friends of the Theatre Variety Concert

July 11th

For information: 4779 9418 Stan Newman

North Queensland Honour Choir in Townsville

July 19th

St James Cathedral

For information: 4722 4938 Cathie Neil

2004 Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM) Winterschool

June 30th to July 11th

For information and application forms: 4771 4144 Andrew Millard [Mailto:Andrew.Millard@afcm.com.au](mailto:Andrew.Millard@afcm.com.au)

Palmer Street Jazz Festival

August 6th to 8th

For information: 4721 5333 4TTT

Cultural Fest

August 13th to 15th

For information: 4772 4800 Migrant Resource Centre

4ttt Fundraisers Rock N Roll Cruise on Cleveland Bay

August 28th

For bookings and details of costs etc: 4721 5333

Friends of the Theatre Variety Concert

August 29th

For information: 4779 9418 Stan Newman

Friends of the Theatre Variety Concert

October 17th

For information: 4779 9418 Stan Newman

Creative Craft and Sewing Show

October 28th to 31st

For information: 4771 5755 Harvey Events

Friends of the Theatre Variety Concert

Nov 28th

For information: 4779 9418 Stan Newman

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

May 1st 7th & 8th

Alice in Downunderland

Follow Alice down the rabbit hole and into the rain forests of North Queensland for the final time.

For information: 4772 2549 Dance North

May 18th

The Little Mermaid

Presented by the Queensland Ballet

Following two sell-out seasons in Brisbane, The Little Mermaid goes on tour in 2004. Returning to the traditional tale by Hans Christian Andersen, this ballet by François Klaus will delight and amuse people of all ages as the story moves between the realms of the sea and the earth.

More than just a fairytale The Little Mermaid tells how yearning creates choices that can have lasting consequences. With music that includes Greig's Piano Concerto in A minor and Bach's Air in G, The Little Mermaid offers a feast of sight, sound and magical memories.

Cost: Adult \$38, Concession \$27, Group 8+ \$30, F/T Tertiary Student \$27, School Student \$20

Townsville Civic Theatre 7pm

For information: 4727 9797

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Exhibitions

Burdekin Plum Tree Gallery

Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Flinders Street East
Open daily 9.30am – 5pm
<http://www.mtq.qld.gov.au>
For information: 4726 0600

April 30th to May 3rd

Husqvarna Viking International Quilt Masterpieces: A Voyage of Discovery

The Museum of Tropical Queensland (MTQ) invites you to 'find yourself in a quilt' with its superb visiting exhibition – a quilt trip never before seen in Australia.

Designed around the theme of self-expression, self-knowledge, self-esteem and self-development, the display features 45 quilts, all finalists in an international contest. Quilters from countries as diverse as Sweden, Israel, Australia, the UK and the USA entered this prestigious competition. The quilts, made predominantly with the use of a sewing machine, include modern interpretations of the theme as well as traditional styles. A variety of techniques is evident, but all display exquisite design and skill. To have these quilts in Australia is a rare treat.

Maritime Museum

42 – 68 Palmer St
South Townsville
4721 5251

Women's History Month

The Museum of Townsville opened its new permanent display, *The Women's War 2* on March 31st. The opening coincided with the last day of Women's History Month Australia, which celebrated the lives of Australian women.

The display focuses on the war years of 15 women who were living in Townsville during this time, and who have remained in the area. While services in maritime industries were targeted for the display, other land based work has been included. Stories and memories abound of loss, fear, joy, motivation, new friendships and selflessness, with hardship, 'making-do' and new challenges a part of every-day life amidst the changing face of Townsville.

The gender imbalance within the museum has been redressed, and serves to highlight the important roles that women played during the war - jobs detailing the early detection of enemy warships and planes, working in film laboratories, in the medical services, the Comforts Fund, or providing homely dinners for some of the tens of thousands of soldiers in transit; or digging out the garden bomb shelter in the defence of the home.

Set amidst the background music of Glen Miller and a short tape of the bombing of Townsville, visitors can sit in the 'parlour' and read contemporary magazines and newspapers and reflect on past times and lives. Funding for the display was received through the Pamela Denoon Trust (sponsors of the Women's History Month 2004), the Townsville City Council, Commonwealth Office of the Status of Women and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Saluting Their Service.

Perc Tucker

Flinders Mall,
Townsville CBD
Ph: 4727 9011
ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au

To May 30th

Nu Horizons: Australian Women Artists in China

Works by nine Australian artists who travelled to the People's Republic of China as part of an international cultural exchange project.

May 7th to July 11th

Walk this Way

An exhibition exploring the shoe and foot fetish. Includes sculpture, painting and photography by local and nationally known artists.

June 4th to August 8th

Rough Cuts

An exhibition of prints contrasting two distinct periods of European figurative art – the early Expressionist period (1895 to 1925) and the Neo-figurative period of the 1970s & 80s. This is a National Gallery of Australia Travelling Exhibition, supported by Australian Air Express.

Pinnacles

Thuringowa Civic Centre
86 Thuringowa Dr, Thuringowa
4773 8566
[Mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au](mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au)

May 6th – May 29th

Journeys in Thuringowa

The Kelso Art Group unveils a selection of artworks featuring aspects of the Thuringowa region: from the majestic Paluma rainforest to magnificent sweeping vistas over Ross River Dam. The oil and acrylic paintings on canvas, and watercolours, drawings and pastel works on paper were produced on site or inspired by visits to the locations featured.

June 3rd – June 26th

River Reflections

Thuringowa River Festival Art Competition – Art students from Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Cape York and Mount Isa TAFE Colleges explore the “Spirit of the River” theme and compete for prizes in Indigenous and non-Indigenous categories. Winning, commended and other selected works, in all media, will be displayed at the 2004 Thuringowa River Festival at Pioneer Park on 27 June.

Townsville Art Society Gallery

Northtown, Flinders Mall
9.30am - 4pm Mon – Fri
9.30am - 12.20pm Sat & Sun
E-mail: tas@beyond.net.au
4772 4733

May

Glenda Rains will be exhibiting during May. Also on display is a selection of new works by members of the Art Society.

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West
Townsville 4810
Ph 4772 7817
info@umbrella.org.au

To May 16th

An Altered Playground

Sculptures by Bonney Bombach in which she investigates the interrelationship between the natural environment and the man-made, constructed from naturally occurring found objects and recycled materials.

To May 16th

1 & a bit dimensional

An exhibition of sculptures made from found and recycled materials as well as works on paper, by local artist

Bernadette Boscacci.

To May 16th

Sanctus

Anneke Silver presents a contemplative installation of small gold icons.

Sofitel Reef Hotel & Casino

July 5th to November 25th

Australia's largest cattle stations - two decades of photographs

Fiona Lake's photographs taken in the three states across the top of Australia, on show in the 'Lobby' and 'Tamarind' galleries in the Sofitel Reef Hotel & Casino, Cairns. Sponsored by the Australian Agricultural Company and to be officially opened on July 15th by Cairns Mayor, Kevin Byrne. This function will also be the launch of Hotel's new art exhibition programme.

(The opening of a new exhibition space – exhibitions are arranged through the Art Adviser who works for the Sofitel Hotel in Melbourne)

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Festivals

May 1st to 3rd

Nth Qld Festival of One Act Plays (FOOAP)

For further information on session times and prices, please contact the Civic Theatre on 4727 9797.

May 6th to 9th

Australian Italian Festival

For information: 4776 5288 Jane Clark

May 29th

No 1 Indigenous Country Music Festival

For details and information [click here](#)

May 29th to 30th

Greek Fest

For information: 0417 739 749

June 6th

Eco Fiesta

Eco Entertainment - with a folk/world fusion flavour

Eco Café - with a global tinge

Eco Expo - diversity and sustainability in over 40 displays

Eco Workshops – a taste of the arts with an eco bent

Eco Kids – come in costumes and make and parade wondrous creations from the recycling box

Queens Gardens, cnr Gregory and Paxton Streets, 12 – 5pm

For information: 4727 9685 or 4727 9693 Community Development, Townsville City Council

[Mailto:jew@townsville.qld.gov.au](mailto:jew@townsville.qld.gov.au)

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Film

Townsville Cinema Group

Fortnightly screenings at the Warrina Cineplex at 7.15 pm.

Annual subscription: \$66 (reducing monthly) for 16 double feature programs. Non-members: \$11 per screening

For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson - Wilde

PO Box 1821 Aitkenvale Q4814

Pick up the 2004 Season brochure from the Community Information Centre

May 13th

The Man on the Train (France) 2002 M and

Mostly Martha (Austria) 2002 PG

May 27th

Le Cercle Rouge (The Red Circle) (France/Italy) 1970/2002 M (fills entire programme)

Townsville Community Music Centre Fundraiser

May 12th

Camp

7pm Warrina Cineplex

For information: Townsville Community Music Centre 4721 1771

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Music

May 5th

Marlina Whop – Classical Flute

1.10pm Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

For information: 4721 1771 Townsville Community Music Centre

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8pm

For information: [Mailto:alanahmac@bigpond.com](mailto:alanahmac@bigpond.com) 0417 377 616

May 6th & 20th

May 6th is women's night

May 9th

Townsville Guitar Orchestra

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery 2pm

For information: 4721 1771 Townsville Community Music Centre

WOMUT (World Music Townsville)

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8 – 11pm

For information: 4724 3120 Dr Michael Whitticker

May 13th - Carla Herrod, an original singer guitarist who combines country, acoustic, folk and bluegrass on her first CD. The Session also includes the *The Fat Bottomed Boys*.

May 27th - Tulca Mor, Irish music with Jenny Fitzgibbon and trio from Brisbane.

May 23rd

Friends of the Theatre Variety Concert

Friends of the Theatre presents a Variety Concert at the Pimlico High School Performing Arts Centre commencing at 2pm, featuring Adam Sperring, Peter & David Clay, Val Peters, Donna Ahlers, a sneak peek at the Choral Society's June musical High Society, Bridgette Muller, Ann Roberts Dancers and Tim Page.

\$8, \$6 concession. For information: 4779 9418 Stan Newman

May 4th & June 3rd

Full Moon Drum Circle

Gregory Street Amphitheatre 5:30 - 8:00pm (weather permitting)
For information: 0414 803 666 Alex

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Theatre

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St
Townsville 4810
4727 9797 Ticket Shop
4727 9013 Admin
civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au

May 1st – May 2nd

Festival of One Act Plays

The Festival of One Act Plays is in its 12th year this year and its purpose is to provide amateur actors and directors with an opportunity to produce quality theatre for the enjoyment of live audiences. Twelve plays are scheduled for the weekend with everything from comedy and drama to satire, the experimental and the truly absurd.

Contact the Civic Theatre for session times and details.

Cost: Single session – Adult \$15; Conc \$12; School Age \$10; Participant \$9; Season passes available.

May 21st – May 23rd

Iggy Park Greatest Hits Volume 1

Presented by Ignatius Park College in association with St Patrick's College and St Margaret Mary's College. A review of thirty years of Ignatius Park College productions featuring past and present students.

Friday 21 May, 7.30pm; Saturday 22 May, 1.30pm; Saturday 22 May, 7.30pm; Sunday 23 May, 6.30pm

Cost: Adult \$20; Child under 10 \$10, School Student 10+ \$15; Pensioner/FT Tertiary Student \$15; Family (2 Adults, 2 Kids) \$50

May 25th – May 26th

Zigzag Street

Zigzag Street explores the life and times of Richard Derrington. He is 28 years of age, suddenly single, eating badly, doing his job badly, playing tennis badly and lives in his grandmother's house at 34 Zigzag Street, Red Hill, Brisbane. Richard is searching for answers, looking for love and happiness but this six week snapshot of his life is filled with chaos, poor judgement, interpersonal clumsiness and hope. A play for anyone who has ever been bitten on the backside by love and knows how much it hurts.

Tuesday 25 May 8pm; Wednesday 26 May 8pm

Cost: Adult \$35; Conc \$29; FT Tertiary Student \$24; School Student evening \$12; Group 8+ \$29

May 27th

The Carer

Presented by McPherson Touring

A comedy, by Alan Hopgood.

George Parker's wife has recently died from Alzheimer's. He had taken early retirement to care for her, and we now see him adjust to his new way of life. It is touching, funny and true.

Starring Charles (Bud) Tingwell, this solo role promises to crown a long and brilliant career. Bud lost his own wife a few years back and he says many things in the play echo his own experience. He says when his wife died it was the first time that he faced living alone. He had always had people around him – during the war, in theatre, raising a family. Like the character he portrays, he remains positive - 'Bud' is the perfect incarnation of George Parker

2pm & 8pm

Adult \$47.90, Concession \$37.90, Groups 8+ \$37.90, Special Offer to Theatre 2004 Subscribers \$37.90

May 31st

Paul Kelly in Concert

One of Australia's most prolific recording artists - Paul Kelly returns to Townsville to promote his latest album *Ways and Means*. The album was recorded without fuss in Melbourne last winter and is filled with exquisite moments where the emotion cuts every which way. The result is a celebration of sorts, a bittersweet symphony and deep treasure trove. These songs will withstand multiple readings. They're fresh and resilient. Paul is joined on this tour by his nephew Dan Kelly and special guests the Alpha Males.
8pm All tickets \$37

June 8th

Shaolin Warriors

Following a sell-out tour of Australian capital cities in 2003, the *Shaolin Warriors* will captivate and amaze you. They display an awe-inspiring combination of martial arts, contortion, acrobatics and incredible athletic skill as they weave an enchanting storyline reflecting their ancient philosophy and traditions.

Enter this forbidden world and experience remarkable feats of physical mastery as twenty-four authentic Shaolin Warrior monks demonstrate these remarkable feats in a mind-blowing Kung-Fu spectacular.
8pm. Adult \$65 (\$55 before April 30), Group 6+ \$55 (\$50 before April 30), Pensioner/Unemployed/FT Tertiary Student \$50, School Students \$45, Family (2 Adults + 2 School Students/Children) \$184, Family (1 Adult + 3 School Students/Children) \$166.

June 10th

Puppetry of the Penis - The Director's Cut

The international smash-hit comedy *Puppetry of the Penis* returns with *The Director's Cut*. In addition to your favourite genital origami works of art, the boys will share some hilarious tales and footage from their current sell-out USA tour.

'Shocking, ridiculous, hilarious' *The Melbourne Age*
7pm and 9.30pm Adult \$36, Concession \$32, Group 8+ \$32

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