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News & Sundries

Seasons Greetings from all at the Community Information Centre

Please note: The Centre will close at 4pm December 22nd and will reopen at 9am on January 17th

Townsville City Council Heritage Awards

Nominations are now open for the Townsville City Council Heritage and Building Conservation Awards 2006 – Closing date: March 31st 2006

The Awards aim to recognise the contributions made by property owners, architects, builders, businesses and interest groups in conserving Townsville's heritage, historic buildings and in adding to the urban environment of Townsville.

Award categories:

Category 1 Heritage Renovation Award - Residential

This category is aimed at residential properties. It seeks to promote and recognise work that is sympathetic to the heritage characteristics of the property and the overall streetscape.

Category 2 Heritage Renovation Award – Commercial

This category is aimed at commercial heritage properties. It seeks to promote and recognise work that is sympathetic to the heritage characteristics of the property and the overall streetscape.

Category 3 Heritage Conservation Award

Nominations for this category are open to owners of residential and commercial heritage listed properties who have undertaken heritage conservation work.

Category 4 Sympathetic New Development Award

This category is aimed at new developments in close proximity to a heritage place, places and/or precincts.

Category 5 Community Education and Promotion Award

This award aims to recognise the contributions made by individuals and groups to educate, promote, or foster positive appreciation of the value of heritage to the wider community.

The awards ceremony will be held at the former Magistrates Court in Sturt Street, on the April 28th 2006.

For information and nomination forms: 4727 9457 <mailto:jop@townsville.qld.gov.au> Townsville City Council's Special Precincts Unit

Townsville Heritage Day 2006

Townsville City Council in concurrence with the National Trust of Queensland's annual Heritage Festival is holding a Townsville Heritage Day on May 21st 2006 from 1 – 4pm at the West End Park adjacent to the West End Cemetery. Last year's event was a resounding success with this year's event aiming to be bigger and better with an increased number of displays and activities.

Organisations involved in this year's event include the Family History Association, Military and Historic Vehicles Club of Townsville, James Cook University, the National Trust Branch of North Queensland, Conservation Volunteers Australia, local museums and several council units.

Attractions at the Townsville Heritage Day include guided tours of the West End Cemetery, the opening of the National Trust of Queensland's Heritage Houses on nearby Castling Street to the public, antique dealers' displays and valuations, a swap meet and family entertainment including music, poetry and storytelling. Food and drink will also be on sale.

For information: 4727 9457 Jo Prego or 4727 9455 Ross Stanger Special Precincts Unit

http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/heritage/heritage_day.asp

Streets Alive – A Townsville City Council Initiative

Streets Alive is an exciting initiative of the Townsville City Council which aims to bring you and your neighbours closer together. Residents may get together and with the support of Council hold a small gathering, plan or undertake a community project, plan a community art project at a get together, help each other out or come up with some idea that will bring them together.

Streets Alive has been used so far to support some local art projects as well as simple neighbourhood gatherings. The *Under the Mango Tree* exhibition from the Townsville Watercolour group. This annual exhibition, in Mundingburra, fitted the *Streets Alive* criteria by involving neighbours in their exhibition. *Streets Alive* provided some catering and promotional support. As well we are currently working with some artists and residents to look at a community art project in Oonoonba. *Streets Alive* will be used to host a planning meeting to bring interested parties together to initiate the planning process.

Whether purely social or for a community project, *Streets Alive* is open to any good ideas that meet its aims. Get your neighbours involved and submit a *Streets Alive* application form.

For information: 4727 9680 <mailto:jmf@townsville.qld.gov.au>

For application forms: Community Development Section, Community and Cultural Services Department, Townsville City Council, 1st Floor Northtown or City Council Administration Building, Walker Street
4728 4922

Townsville City Council Community Centre Drop In Program

The Council's vision is that its community centres will be vibrant hubs of community activity, providing a variety of opportunities for participation in community life accessible to all. Drop into the local community centre to meet other residents, share ideas, skills and interests, get news and information or just to have a cuppa.

From January 30th 2006 the Neighbourhood Mobile Library will visit the community centres according to the Community Drop In Program days and times.

The Community Centre Drop In Program will finish on December 16th and recommence on January 30th.

Community Drop In and Mobile Library times are:

- Annandale Fridays 9am – 12noon; Mobile library 11am – 12noon
- Heatley Thursdays 9am – 12noon; Mobile Library 10.30am – 11.30am (week 2)
- Oonoonba Wednesdays 9am – 12noon; Mobile Library 10am – 11.30am
- Railway Estate Wednesdays 1.30 – 4.30pm; Mobile Library not available yet
- Wulguru Fridays 1.30pm – 4.30pm; Mobile Library 2.15 – 4.15pm

For information: 4727 9705

Tatts & Tiaras Cocktail Party and Charity Auction

February 10th 7pm

3rd Annual Cocktail Party & Charity Auction with Live Entertainment

Presented by the Abused Child Trust at The Brewery

For information and bookings: 4779 0611 Jodi Hamilton <mailto:jodih@abusedchildtrust.com.au>

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Grants & Scholarships

Thuringowa RADF

Thuringowa RADF rounds close annually on:

- March 31st for projects beginning after 1 June and
- September 30th for projects beginning after 1 December.

Application forms and further information are available from the liaison officer or by visiting

<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/resident/grants/radf/>

Examples of successful RADF grants are listed on the website at

<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/resident/grants/radf/successfulapplicants.htm>

Townsville RADF

The next round of Townsville RADF closes on March 15th for activities beginning after May 1st

For information: 4727 9685 Justine Wilkinson, Cultural Development Officer

<mailto:jew@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Townsville RADF News

Successful applicants of the October 2005 round of Townsville RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) have been announced by Council. This is the first of two rounds for the 2005-2006 financial year. The following applications were successful:

Projects

Black Ink Press

Preparing and publishing an illustrated storybook for children and young people depicting the story of James Morrill and the Aboriginal People - \$5,000

Ms Karen Gibb

Hiring art workers for an evening of visual arts and music - \$3,170

Mental Illness Fellowship NQ

Conducting workshops leading to presenting an exhibition at the 2006 International Conference of the Mental Health Service - \$3,500

North Qld Potters Assoc Inc

Running tile making workshops for environmental groups to be installed in Queens Gardens - \$1,515

Townsville Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre

Employing an Indigenous artist to coordinate, produce, and market a visual arts exhibition - \$3,300

Ms Robyn Whittaker

Employing two local professional actors coordinating and staging a Performance Art night - \$3,815

Ms Elena Higgins

Assisting with the recording of a 14 track album of original compositions - \$2,500

Skills Development

Bella Voce Assoc Inc

Providing a 3 day master class by Piroska Varga for the Bella Voce Choir and their conductors - \$3,044

Ms Cleona Bin Dol

Facilitating a series of visual art workshops for Indigenous people who currently work in the arts or have an interest in developing skills - \$640

Cloudstreet

Running three singing workshops in Townsville, designed to empower and assist people who long to sing - \$900

North Qld Junior Jazz Festival Org Inc

Employing two international jazz educators and performers to teach at the NQ Jazz Summer School - \$2,500

Individual Professional Development

Ms Margot Douglas

Travelling to Sydney to attend the biennial Jewellers & Metalsmiths of Australia Conference and participate in a workshop - \$1,000

Ms Hanya Smith

Attending the Australian String Academy Summer School in Sydney - \$1,195

Arts Queensland's Project Grants Program

Ongoing

This program supports excellence in the arts, economic development and innovation by providing one-off funding to individuals, partnerships and not-for-profit organisations working in any art form. For information: 3224 4896 1800 175 531 Arts Queensland

http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/pdf/grants_2005_guidelines_proj_grants_programs_doc.pdf

Australian Network for Art and Technology (ANAT) Conference and Workshop Fund

A quick response fund for Australian artists (resident in Australia) to attend national and international events. Funding is available for travel and registration fees and applicants must be members of ANAT.

The closing date for each round is the last day of every month (except for December), with applicants notified by the 14th day of the next month. The event being applied for must start no earlier than the 21st of the following month. Applications can be submitted via email or hard copy by post. Prospective applicants are advised to contact ANAT staff prior to submitting their application.

For information and application forms: (08) 8231 9037 <mailto:anat@anat.org.au>

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

Funding - Youth Led Futures

Closing date: December 16th

The Foundation for Young Australians has funding available for Indigenous organisations working with young people. Youth Led Futures grants are available to Indigenous organisations to develop and implement initiatives that address issues important to young Indigenous people and their communities.

For information and application forms: (03) 9670 5436 <http://www.youngaustralians.org>

Nelson Meers Foundation Grants

Closing date: December 31st

The Nelson Meers Foundation exists to enable visual, performing and literary arts' projects which would not otherwise happen. Applicants must be charitable organisations with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status.

For information: Samantha Meers Nelson <mailto:info@nmfoundation.net>

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

Australian Film Commission

Check out the website for a number of available grants: <http://www.afc.gov.au/funding>

Freecall: 1800 226 615

Australian Government Department of Communication Technology and the Arts Arts and Touring Funding

Festivals Australia

Festivals Australia is a Commonwealth Government cultural grant program which provides assistance to regional and community Australian festivals for the presentation of quality cultural activities. An advisory committee assesses applications against the program guidelines through a competitive selection process. There are two funding rounds a year which are advertised nationally, with closing dates of February 15th and July 15th.

For more information: http://www.dcita.gov.au/arts/arts/festivals_australia

Contemporary Music Touring Program

Closing date for Round 11: February 7th

The *Contemporary Music Touring Program* supports touring opportunities for Australian musicians, and increases audience access to live Australian contemporary music, particularly in rural and regional Australia.

For more information: 1800 819 461 <mailto:music.touring@dcita.gov.au>

http://www.dcita.gov.au/arts/arts/touring_program

Festivals Australia Regional Residencies

Closing date: February 15th

Organisations managing regular festivals or significant one-off community celebrations are eligible to apply for this program.

For information: (02) 6271 1661 http://www.dcita.gov.au/arts/arts/festivals_residencies

DCITA – Indigenous Culture Support

Closing date: February 22nd

Supporting the strengthening and revival of Indigenous languages through community-based activities. The program recognises that Indigenous languages are central to Indigenous cultures and an integral part of the knowledge passed down from generation to generation. Aims: to support an active network of language and culture centres; to encourage the recording and transcription of languages; to assist the development of language teaching materials and support national initiatives to maintain and strengthen Indigenous languages.

For information: DCITA Program Officer in your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC)

Freecall 1800 079 098 <http://www.indigenous.gov.au> <http://www.dcita.gov.au/indig>

Arts Queensland – Creative Fellowships

Available to artists and cultural workers who are widely acknowledged as established practitioners in their field and who can demonstrate outstanding development potential.

For information: 3225 8307 Henry Laska, Acting Program Manager, Arts Queensland

<mailto:henry.laska@arts.qld.gov.au>

The Indigenous Creative Business Development Program (ICBD)

Closing date: end of June

Free practical business assistance to indigenous artists and creative enterprises to increase their capacity for developing and operating sustainable businesses in the creative industries, and to gain a greater share of the profits from their creativity. Business development assistance in a framework for Indigenous people to empower themselves socially, culturally and economically, and guide them to develop sustainable incomes and businesses that promote and celebrate traditional and urban culture. Applicants must identify as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander.

For information: 1300 665 086 <mailto:info@creativeeconomy.com.au>

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Competitions & Awards

IPA Aspire Youth Career Grant Logo Design Competition

The vision of the IPA *Aspire* Youth Career grant is to assist young people of Townsville (aged 15 to 23 years) in accessing opportunities to develop creative, challenging and rewarding entry level career paths. The Townsville Youth Council and Vincent Youth Reference Group played an important role in developing the grant process and are now seeking a logo design through this competition.

Anyone aged under 25 years who lives, works or studies in Townsville is eligible to enter the competition which closes on January 27th 2006.

For information and entry forms: 4727 6964 Joelle Adams, Youth Project Officer, Community Development Section, Townsville City Council mailtojxa@townsville.qld.gov.au

The Australian Music Prize 2005 – AMP 2005

Closing date: January 6th 2006

Established to reward an Australian music artist (or group of artists) a cash prize of \$25,000.00 in recognition of their outstanding creativity during a particular year. In the essence of the UK's prestigious Mercury Music Prize. For information and entry requirements:

http://www.apra.com.au/news/industry/popup/news/050921_The_Amp.asp

For some information on the *Mercury Music Prize*: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/music/mercurys/>

Tropfest 2006

Closing date: January 19th

Filmmakers from around the nation are invited to submit their Sony Tropfest 2006 entries. All short films submitted must be no longer than seven minutes in length and must include the Tropfest Signature Item (TSI), to show the film was made specifically for Sony Tropfest 2006. The TSI for 2006 is 'Bubble'. For information: <http://www.tropfest.com>

Griffin Award

Closing date: January 20th

The \$5000 Griffin Award is made annually for a new play. Playwrights (over the age of 18) who are citizens of Australia or residents of Australia for at least 12 months prior to the Award closing date are eligible to enter. Entries must not have been produced or commissioned, or be due for production.

<http://www.griffintheatre.com.au/Scripts/griffin-award.cfm>

'Black Dog' Writing Competition

Closing date: January 31st

The theme for this competition is How to live with the 'black dog' (depression). The Black Dog Institute is hoping that this competition will encourage sufferers, family members and friends to provide insights into their experiences and to describe the overriding influences in coping with mood disorders in enriching their lives. Entries are to be in the form of a written article (of between 500 and 1500 words) and must address the topic of 'How to live with the black dog' (depression).

<http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/media/eventscal/index.cfm>

Kathleen Mitchell Award

Closing date: January

An award established by the will of the late Kathleen Adele Mitchell to encourage "the advancement, improvement and betterment of Australian literature, to improve the educational style of the authors and to provide them with additional amounts and thus enable them to improve their literary efforts". Applicants must be aged under 30 years at the time of their book's publication; resident of Australia for the twelve months preceding the closing date and must be either Australian or British born, or be a naturalised Australian.

For information: (02) 9332 1559 <mailto:trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au>

Theatrelab Australian Voices Award

Closing date: February 1st

Writers are invited to submit full-length play scripts to Theatrelab for the 2006 playwriting award. Categories include open, emerging, indigenous, youth, regional and grey matter. Winning writers receive \$1,000 cash, preliminary workshops in Sydney to develop their scripts with prominent Australian actors, directors and teachers; core workshops at NIDA with American playwright Edward Albee and American voice master teacher Kristin Linklater, and an opportunity to present scenes from their play to industry professionals.

For information: (02) 9590 3623 Theatrelab <http://www.theatrelab.com.au>

2006 Bald Archy Prize

Closing date: February 9th

Entry Forms for next year's Bald Archy Prize (the alternative Archibald) for comic or satiric portraits of well-known Australians (in any style) are now available.

Entry Fee: \$25

For information: 0439 672 213 baldarchy@westnet.com.au

Energy Australia National Trust Heritage Awards 2006

Closing date: February 20th

Providing recognition to individuals, government departments, commercial organisations and community groups for completed 2005 projects that promote the conservation of Australia's natural, built or cultural heritage. <http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/events/heritageawards/default.asp>

2006 Ian Maclean Award

Closing date: March 10th

Anyone qualified in the areas of archives, record keeping, history, technology, anthropology and museum studies may be eligible for this award. The \$15,000 stipend will be offered to individuals interested in conducting research that will benefit the archival profession and promote the contribution that archives make to society.

http://www.naa.gov.au/about_us/ian_maclean_award.html

The Gallipoli Art Prize

Closing date: April 4th

For information on entry requirements: <http://www.gallipoli.com.au>

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Arts Scholarships and Awards

The 2006 Micahael Kieran Harvey Scholarship (piano) – closes April 28th 2006

For information and entry forms: (02) 9332 1559 Cauz Group Pty Ltd

<mailto:trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au> <http://www.trust.com.au/Content.aspx?topicID=27>

Taronga Foundation Poetry Prize

Closing date: June 9th

Australia's leading poetry competition for young people under 20 years of age, offering over \$25,000 in prize money across a variety of prizes. A joint initiative of the Taronga Foundation and the Poetry Australia Foundation, the aim is to promote interest in both wild life and poetry. Poems may be on any subject, but all poems which concern the preservation and value of wildlife and the environment will also be considered for the Wildlife Prize (\$3,000). All prize-winning poems and a selection of commended poems will be published in an anthology to be released by Random House Australia in November 2006.

For information: (02) 9978 4616 Fran O'Brien <mailto:foundation@zoo.nsw.gov.au>

<http://www.zoo.nsw.gov.au/content/view.asp?id=41>

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Thuringowa RADF - Call for Feedback

Closing date: January 29th

The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Thuringowa City Council partnership to support local arts and culture. Each year Council has to apply (bid) to Arts Queensland for half of the total funding Council makes available for RADF applicants in its community. To help fulfil this requirement Council is seeking feedback from the community. Your comments could help Thuringowa City Council receive increased funding which will be specifically available for arts and cultural projects, activities, workers, workshops, etc in the 2005/2006 financial year.

For information and Feedback Forms: 4773 8603 <mailto:angelag@thuringowa.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/resident/grants/radf/feedback.htm>

Get Your Artistic Juices Flowing

In the new year the Folk Club will be calling for all interested artists to submit designs for the 2006 Palm Creek Folk Festival t-shirt. The design must include a gecko or a frog or both.

For information: 4780 4574 Alex <mailto:jaymieandalex@austarnet.com.au>

Auditions for Rent

Nth Qld Opera & Music Theatre (NQOMT) is holding auditions for its production of *Rent* on January 7th and 8th For information: 4728 5681 or 4773 2335 <http://www.nqomt.org.au>

Northern Beaches Festival – Call for Submissions

The Northern Beaches Festival is in planning mode for the 2006 festival which runs for three weeks in June. Expressions of interest from groups, performers and artists are most welcome. For information: <mailto:flemingy@bigpond.net.au>

Australian-Italian Festival Seeking Expressions of Interest

Planning for the 2006 Australian-Italian Festival, to be held in Ingham from May 10th to 14th, has begun and expressions of interest from groups, performers and artists are most welcome. For information or to register: 4776 5288; 0408 778 895 (mobile) Jane Clark, Festival Director <mailto:italianfestival@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au> <http://www.australianitalianfestival.com.au>

Women in Music - Theme for Women's History Month 2006

Women in Music is about women making, creating and teaching music. It is about finding the voices and sounds of women musicians whose stories are not well known, have never been told or are lost. It is also about the many women who taught music in small country towns, schools and convents. It is about exploring the culture from a musical perspective to reveal the lives and times in which these women lived and worked and in this way to reveal the rich heritage of Australian women's music.

The Women's History Month (WHM) theme is being announced early in the hope that it may inspire event holders, or prospective event holders, to plan their WHM event around this theme. The theme is not binding; rather it is a suggestion for consideration.

For information: <mailto:womenshistorymonth@nfaw.org> <http://www.womenshistory.org.au>

From January 2006 WHM events can be registered online at <http://www.womenshistory.org.au/Celebrate/register.htm>

Exhibitions Manager Required by Cairns Regional Gallery

Closing date: December 22nd

The Exhibitions Manager is responsible for all aspects of the Gallery's exhibitions and collection management programs and will oversee the ongoing building maintenance program. This is a full time position.

For information: 4046 4800 Administrator or Gallery Director <mailto:p.brinkman@cairnsregionalgallery.com.au>

Raw Space Residencies

The RAW Space moving image residency offers four artists the opportunity to live and work in Brisbane for four weeks. Each month, two Queensland artists (one from regional Queensland, one from Brisbane) have the opportunity to live in residence with two other artists (one national, one international), and share ideas, explore their practice, and create new works.

At the end of each month, works are displayed in the RAW Space Gallery on Melbourne Street, South Brisbane.

For information: http://www.rawspace.org/resi_intro.php

Queensland Writers Centre – Poet in Residence 2006

Closing date: January 24th

The Queensland Writers Centre, in association with Queensland Poetry Festival and Judith Wright Centre for Contemporary Arts, seeks expressions of interest for its 2006 Poet in Residence. Open to individuals from Australia or overseas. Applicants must be available to live in Brisbane, July–September 2006, and willing to participate in a wide range of programs.

For information: 3839 1243 <mailto:qldwriters@qwc.asn.au> <http://www.qwc.asn.au>

Jewellery Journey Air 2005

Closing date: December 31st

Contemporary jewellers, designers and artists are invited to participate in the second edition of Jewellery Journey Air 2005. Jewellery Journey is an international jewellery project where participants exchange dialogue, ideas, sketches, pose questions and provide feedback based on the topic on a type of "blog" and will end with an international touring exhibition.

For information: Katrin Arp or Stefanie Mayera <mailto:contact@jewelleryjourney.de> <http://www.jewelleryjourney.de>

Brisbane Festival Theatre Fringe

Closing date: January 9th

Artists across the nation are invited to be involved in the Brisbane Festival. Anyone can apply, although productions must be new and original work. The Fringe will run in three performance spaces at Metro Arts from July 1st to 29th 2006.

For information: <mailto:thefringe@brisbanefestival.com.au>
<http://www.brisbanefestival.com.au/thefringe>

ABC Radio Regional Production Fund

Closing date: ongoing

Showcases regional talent by providing a means for the ideas of artists and program makers in regional areas to be heard by the wider community. Applicants may submit programs in a variety of genres, including documentary features or series, music segments, drama, comedy, serials, short stories, history, poetry, discussion programs or creative broadcast events. Programs should be suitable for broadcast on any of the ABC's radio networks.

For information: (08) 9220 2781 Deb Leavitt <mailto:leavitt.deborah@abc.net.au>
<http://www.abc.net.au>

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Workshops/Training/Conferences

School Holiday Activities

Thuringowa Library Services

As usual, during the summer holidays Thuringowa Library will be offering free and exciting activities for children. Regular story times for preschoolers will continue throughout the break (except for December 28th & 30th). The holiday activity program will feature many library based activities for children of different ages ranging from Christmas craft and portraiture lessons to science sessions and the *Cooeee! Summer Reading Program* (see below).

For information: 4773 8500

Cooeee! Summer Reading Program

To join, register with the staff at the Thuringowa Library Circulation Desk and get a *Cooeee!* Starter Pack full of activities and games to do over the summer holidays. Then start reading! Follow the instructions to be in the draw to win some fantastic prizes. Check out the *Cooeee!* website for lots of fun games, puzzles, quizzes and competitions. You can even send in your stories, book reviews and drawings. Highlights are live Internet chat sessions with famous authors Andy Griffiths and Meme McDonald.

For information: 4773 8500 <http://www.connectqld.org.au/cooeee>

Townsville City Library Services

Lots of activities planned over the holidays including under 5s Christmas parties, Christmas beading, Christmas crafts and poetry writing.

Book early as the programs are very popular and spaces are limited.

For information: 4727 9660 The Knowledge Centre Townsville City 4727 8310 Aitkenvale

Play the X-Box

Available at the Knowledge Centre (bookings essential – limit of ½ hour per day).

For information: 4727 9660 The Knowledge Centre Townsville City

Townsville City Council's Holiday Program for the Older Kids

Summertime 05-06

Ages 12 to 18

For information: 4727 9680 Joelle Adams

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Now free to locals this is a fascinating discovery centre for people of all ages.

Troppo Festival

January 7th – January 22nd

Keep an eye on the media for more details on this fun filled festival.

As well as the festival activities every gallery has hands-on children's activities and don't forget to check out the Science Centre. Thirty six hands on exhibits will challenge your senses, tease your brain, stretch your imagination and show you just how exciting science can be.

For information: 4726 0600

Townsville Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre

School Holiday Program with heaps of interactive activities that everyone will enjoy including the mums and dads.

For information: 4772 7679 Vicki Salisbury

Reef HQ

Smaller Creatures in the Museum

January 7th to 24th

Craft activities

10.30am – 12.30pm

For information: 4750 0800

La Luna Youth Arts

Human Mechanicals

January 10th to 12th

The first combined drama and visual arts workshop, for 10 to 13 year olds, will focus on the shapes and images the human body can create. Using La Luna's body bags participants will create a short performance piece and a clay statue featuring the amazing mechanics of the human movement.

Mood Madness

January 17th to 19th

A combined visual arts and drama workshop for 7 to 10 year olds exploring how emotions can be used as a stimulus for collage and performance making.

Cost: \$65 or \$50 for bearers of a government health care card.

Bookings essential

For information and bookings: 4771 2600

Spotlight

Kids Christmas Holiday Craft Classes

December 19th to 23rd

9 – 11 am or 12noon – 2pm

Age: 5 to 12 years

Bookings essential: 4721 4711

The Bead Gallery Beading Classes

To December 23rd & January 9th to 19th

Ages 7 and up

Cost: \$10 including materials

Bookings: 4721 1122

Art in the Park

Join an informal water colour group to paint outdoors every second Saturday of the month. BYO lunch and drinks, chair, sunscreen, art gear etc and enjoy a day of companionship, leisure and recreation in a shady venue.

For information: 4758 1187 Heather Byrne <mailto:heatherbelle7@bigpond.com>

North Queensland Jazz Summer School

January 16th to 20th

Presented by the North Queensland Junior Jazz Festival, the University of Queensland School of Music in association with Griffin Financial Professionals with Pete Churchill and Nikki Iles direct from the Guildhall School of Music in London.

Classes in introductory and advanced arranging and improvising vocal jazz ensemble will be held each day and a community choir will rehearse and workshop each evening. The venue is Townsville Grammar School Music Centre. There will be a number of jazz and vocal jazz concerts throughout the week at The Rocks and at the North Queensland Jazz Club.

Cost: adults \$100; students \$75; Community Choir \$30

For information and registration forms: Cathie Neil <mailto:cathieneil@yahoo.com.au> or <mailto:nei@tgs.qld.edu.au>

Actorphobia – an AFTRS Workshop

Closing date: January 20th

This intensive six day workshop with the Australian Film Television Radio School will provide directors with a methodology for analysing scripts and developing effective actor- director relationships.

The course is divided into two parts.

Course Dates: February 4th to 6th and February 10th to 12th

Fee: \$600

To register for this seminar: <http://myregistration.aftrs.edu.au/sr.cfm?v=E010E1&dx=n68P&lg=0>

2006 Jewellers and Metalsmiths Conference

January 27th to 29th

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

The Somerset Conference for Librarians, Teachers et al

March 8th 2006

To be held at the Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise. Conference delegates have free access to Celebration of Literature sessions.

For information: 5530 5458 Catherine (Sue) Bonifant, Head of Library Services, Programme Director-Celebration of Literature, Somerset College Library

<http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/conflib/>

Somerset College Celebration of Literature

March 8th to 11th 2006

The aim of the Somerset College Celebration of Literature is to encourage a love of reading and writing among both students and the general public.

For information: <http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/cofl/default.htm>

Publications

ATO Guide for Non-Profit Organisations & Fundraising

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) recently published a useful guide that explains the tax liabilities associated with fundraising activities and the concessions available. The different fundraising requirements for state, territory and local governments are also covered. The guide can be ordered from the ATO by phone on 1300 720 092 (Quote the NAT number 13095-03.2005).

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Websites

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

Townsville City Council values it's younger citizens. Check out everything from activities to facilities to support on this site.

http://www.ozco.gov.au/news_and_hot_topics/news/the_visual_arts_board_is_born/

Visual Arts Board - The Australia Council's Visual Arts/Crafts Board and New Media Arts Board have amalgamated to become the Visual Arts Board. The Visual Arts Board covers craft, new media, painting, design, sculpture, photography and all other visual art forms.

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

New website for Australian Youth Orchestra

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

Information on Craft Australia including newsletter

<http://www.elevenmagazine.com>

eleven magazine for online information on music, film and art

<http://www.jazzenews.com>

Online jazz news service

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

Churchill Fellowships

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Date Claimers

Link to the Community Information Centre's [Events Calendar](#) for more events

NQOMT's 'Rent'

April 19th to 22nd

For information: 4728 5691

Beauty and the Beast

April 20th to 23rd

For information: 0427 871 768 Allan Georgee, Towers Players Inc

Fashion Bash Townsville

April 21st to 23rd

For information: 0428 887 114 Henry Peterson

Umbrella Studio C Art

May

For information: 4772 7817

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2006 Australian-Italian Festival

May 10th to 14th

For information: 4776 5288

Townsville Heritage Day 2006

May 21st

[Click here](#) for more details

Eco Fiesta

June 4th

For information: 4727 9685

River Festival

June 24th to 25th

Australian Festival of Chamber Music

June 30th to July 9th

For information: 4771 4144

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

Cultural Fest 06

August 18th to 20th

For information: 4772 4800

2006 Regional Arts Australia National Conference

September 14th to 17th

http://www.artspacemackay.com.au/home/other_programs_and_events/activities7

Greek Festival

October 14th & 15th

For information: 4775 1924; 0417 739 749 (mobile)

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

dancenorth Australia

The School of Arts Building, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets

4772 2549 Wendy Salter Marketing Officer <mailto:wendy@dancenorth.com>

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Exhibitions

Burdekin Plum Tree Gallery

Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

Mon, Thur, Fri & Sat 10am – 2pm. Other times when volunteers are available 0439 822 064

Castling Street Heritage Centre

5 Castling Street West End

4771 5873

Opening hours: Wednesdays 10am – 2pm; Saturdays and Sunday 1 – 4pm

Visit Townsville's past, the only museum with two examples of Queenslander style houses in North Queensland.

Worker's dwelling (1884) – simple cottage, fully restored and furnished

Currajong (1888) – example of early house occupied by north Queensland farmers

Gallery Hinchinbrook

76 Townsville Rd, Ingham

10am – 4pm Mon to Fri/ Sat 10am – 12noon

4776 4646 Heather Flett <mailto:hflett@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au>

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Flinders Gallery

693 Flinders Street, Townsville

4771 2222

To December 25th

Permanent and changing exhibition of works by Gallery artists including paintings, sculpture, ceramics and glass. Featuring new work by Anneke Silver, and new artist to the Gallery Ruth Niemann. Focus exhibition of antique 18th and 19th Century copper & woodblock engravings and mezzotints.

Maritime Museum

42 – 68 Palmer St

South Townsville

4721 5251

Museum of Tropical Queensland

Flinders Street East

Townsville CBD

Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

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

For information: 4726 0600

To February 26th

Australia Under Attack 1942 – 1943

An Australian War Memorial Travelling Exhibition. This exhibition presents the experiences of Australians at a time when the nation was under attack and many believed the country was facing the threat of invasion. It displays many rare and fascinating objects and draws on the Memorial's extensive collection of photographs, works of art, and personal items.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Flinders Mall,

Townsville CBD

4727 9011 <mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au>

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

Visit the Gallery Shop for a gift created by a local artist.

The Gallery is available for hire for special events. Its central location and unique ambience makes it an ideal venue for distinctive cocktail parties, intimate dinners, launches and presentations.

To February 5th

Towards Beauty's End

The many manifestations of beauty in art are explored through works by artists from Australia and Singapore. Includes works by Eric Chan, Ian Grant, Robyn Medek, Rosella Namok and Kumari Nahappan. A University of Queensland Art Museum touring exhibition.

To February 5th

Habitus – Habitat Great Walks Art & Environment - Wet Tropics South

An exhibition celebrating Queensland's walking trails through the responses of 8 artists to the Wallaman Falls National Park site. Participating artists are Bruce Anderson, Jill Chism, Julie Gough, Anne Lord, Stephen Mulqueen, Barbara Pierce, Ben Trupperbaumer and Troy Wyles Whelan.

Exhibition Opening: December 16th at 7pm

Artist Walk Through: December 17th at 11am

Project Space

To February 5th

Magnetic Radiance

An exhibition by Karen Landt. Karen presents a series of large field photographs reflecting Magnetic Island's inner beauty.

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Showcase

To January 8th

Wire Ware

Glass beads and pendants by Kerry Stelling.

Pinnacles Gallery

Thuringowa Civic Centre Cnr Thuringowa Drive and Hinchinbrook Drive, Thuringowa

4773 8566 Fax 4773 8623 <mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au>

<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/gallery>

Opening hours Monday 10am – 5pm and Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 6pm

To January 7th

Five Squared

Canberra-based textile artists *tACTile* have created an exhibition of art quilts that explores the individual and collaborative opportunities of the square. The artists Jenny Bowker, Dianne Firth, Helen Gray, Beth Miller and Beth and Trevor Reid have each created a large square work to which the other four artists have responded with smaller pieces.

To February 4th

Borrooloola and Beyond

Kelso artist Lyn Mott celebrates the diversity and age of the remote Borrooloola region on the Gulf of Carpentaria in the Northern Territory. The mixed media paintings depict weathered escarpments, hidden rock holes, springs, rivers and islands from this spectacular area.

Power House Museum

Eighth Avenue, Home Hill

Open daily 8am to 5pm

Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre (TATSICC)

Reef HQ Building Flinders Street East

4772 7679 Vicki Salisbury, Visual Arts Manager <mailto:vamngr@bigpond.net.au>

Opening hours: 9.30 – 5pm daily

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

TATSICC hosts daily performances from Monday to Friday featuring a variety of professional and community Indigenous performers and visual artists.

Art Gallery

Appreciate local and regional works by Townsville artists Karen Doolan, Delta Gela, Sean Leathers, Michael Sailor, George Dean and James Doyle.

Retail Area

Buy handmade clothes, woven hats and fans, hand strung shell and beaded jewellery and other well crafted, cultural items.

Townsville Art Society Gallery

Cat & Fiddle Arcade, Flinders Mall

9.30am - 4pm Mon – Fri 9.30am - 12.20pm Sat & Sun <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au> 4772 4733

Townsville Museum

Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts

(access via Barbeler St – behind Ambulance Station)

Currajong

4775 7838

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 Ph 4772 7817

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

Please note: Umbrella Studio will close for the Christmas break on December 21st at 1pm and will reopen at 9am on January 9th.

December 16th to January 16th

Hooray for Brollywood

Umbrella Studio's 2005 Members' Exhibition

Opening night: December 16th

Hooray for Brollywood will kick start with a fundraiser where decorated umbrellas donated by artists will be sold. Dress up in something 'divine' or as a Brollywood celebrity. Festivities will commence at 7pm featuring live performances and entertainment.

January 27th to February 26th

2005 Education minister's Awards for Excellence in Art

Education Queensland touring exhibition showcasing outstanding art works by forty seven senior visual art students from across Queensland. It includes art works by students from Kirwan, Pimlico, Ayr, Mackay and Tully State High Schools.

Vincent Gallery

JCU Vincent Campus, Cnr Fullham Road and Palmerston Street Vincent

4781 3142

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FESTIVALS

24 Days of Christmas

Townsville City Council presents *Christmas on the Strand 2005*

For details of events: 47714230 Community Information Centre

or <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/> and follow the link

December 19th to 23rd

Stable on the Strand

Presented by Combined Churches and Townsville City Council

Strand Park 5.30 – 9.30pm

December 31st

Thuringowa New Years Eve Celebrations

Welcome in 2006 at this annual family event - side show alley, fireworks, live music, dance, food and refreshments, BYO and licensed bar areas.

Thuringowa Soundshell, Thuringowa Central 7pm

Cost: free

For information: 4773 8411

January 26th to 29th
Illawarra Folk Festival

Bulli, NSW

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

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Film

Townsville Cinema Group

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

The Cinema Group finished its 2005 season on November 10th. Its 2006 season will commence in March.

For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde

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Music

December 17th

Flute Magic

Part of Townsville City Council's 24 Days of Christmas

The Rock Pool, Kissing Point 6-7pm

December 31st

New Years Eve Variety Evening

Nibbles and light supper served during the evening. Bar service available.

Choral Society Hall, 485 Sturt Street 7.30pm for 8.30pm

Cost: \$25 (Bookings Essential)

For information and bookings: 4779 2495; 0418 781 766

January 3rd

The Doobie Brothers - live in concert

Supported by the Master of Oz Blues *Chain*

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre 8 pm

Cost: A reserve seating \$135; B reserve seating \$119

For information and bookings: 4771 4000

Perc Tucker Concert

4727 9011

December 16th 12 noon – 2pm

Christmas Celebration

One of the year's gems. Listen to Jack Wilson and the Jackhammer band and celebrate the Christmas spirit with a selection of jazz, rock & blues from Jack's Baby Boomers Songbook at the Gallery.

Cost: \$25 non-members, \$20 members

Wine & nibbles included. Not to be missed!

Music Centre North Queensland

4721 1771 <http://home.austarnet.com.au/tcmc>

December 18th

Walisuma de los Andes

Walisuma is a word from the Inca language, which means "from the soul". *Walisuma de los Andes* is a group of four indigenous South American musicians who perform the beautiful timeless music of the Andes Mountains on traditional instruments. Instruments played are panpipes (zampona), flutes (quena), guitars, charango-ronroco (10 stringed instrument), mandolin, violin, bombo (drum) and congas. The members of *Walisuma* are Miguel Ayma from Bolivia, Andrew Mellado from Chile,

Genaro Chuquicallata from Peru, and David Zapata from Peru. *Walisma* has delighted music lovers all over Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Europe for the past nine years.

Bellevue Hotel, Allen St, South Townsville 5 – 7pm

Cost: \$12/\$8 or \$10/6 for MCNQ members.

After the concert enjoy a very reasonably priced Sunday roast at the Bellevue restaurant.

February 24th

Harry Manx

Harry Manx has been called an "essential link" between the music of East and West, creating musical short stories that wed the tradition of the Blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. He has created a unique sound that is hard to forget and deliciously addictive to listen to. A successful touring performer, Manx has brought his "breathtaking" solo shows across Canada, into the USA, Australia, France and most recently to Singapore and Spain. He has appeared at many prestigious festivals, world-class theatres, concert halls and infamous Blues clubs around the globe. Playing the Mohan Veena, lap steel, harmonica and banjo, Manx quickly envelops the audience into what has been dubbed "the Harry Zone" with his warm vocals and the hauntingly beautiful melodies of his original songs.

School of Arts Theatre 8pm

Full Moon Drum Circle

February 13th

Full Moon Drum Circle is facilitated by the Rhythm Connection and supported by Townsville City Council. Join the drummers between 5.30 and 7.30pm (weather permitting) at the Gregory Street amphitheatre.

For information: Alex 0414 803 666 <http://therhythmconnection.music.net.au>

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

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

Alternate Thursdays

For information: Fran Bancroft <mailto:franban1@aapt.net.au>

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Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

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

January 26th 5pm

Celebrate Whats Great

The Burdekin Shire council presents its Australia day celebrations with an official ceremony at the Burdekin theatre followed by an aussie BBQ in the Theatre Plaza as well as Aussie Karaoke.

La Luna Youth Arts

4771 2600

December 16th 11am, 1.30pm, 6.30pm

Acting Up

A play written by young people for young people. Free performances at the Lifeline North Queensland Conference Centre,

A partnership production between Lifeline North Queensland and La Luna Youth Arts, funded by Xstrata's Community partnership Program.

Nth Qld Opera & Music Theatre

4728 5681 or 4771 2520 <mailto:enquiries@www.nqomt.org.au>

December 31st 8pm

New Year's Eve 'Let's Celebrate'

[Click here](#) for details

Props Youth Theatre

December 16th 10.30am

The Totally Awesome Christmas Show

Featuring **The Fantastic Wizard of Oz**

Cost: \$7 (tickets can be purchased at door, or by phoning 4723 9996)

Choral Society Hall

For information: 4723 9996

The Outback Players Theatre Group Inc

The Palace, 118 Boundary St, South Townsville

4778 8107

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St

Townsville 4810

4727 9797 Ticket Shop

4727 9013 Admin

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

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

Townsville City Council launched its seventh Theatre Season on November 21st with a preview of the exciting new productions on offer for 2006. The Season includes, among others, an Argentinian Tango piece *The Piazzolla Project*; *John Chen in Recital* by arrangement with the Sydney International Piano Competition of Australia; *Windmill Baby* a play by David Milroy, Yirra Yeakin Theatre and *Clan* performed by the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

For information on the 2006 Theatre Season and Subscriber Packages contact the Ticket Shop – see above

Complimentary Theatre Season brochures are available at the Community Information Centre or by contacting the Ticket Shop.

December 31st 8pm

New Year's Eve 'Let's Celebrate'

New Year's Eve Let's Celebrate is a family fun show filled with variety song and dance. Featuring a host of Townsville's top performers, this performance will include excerpts from several of our favourite musicals. Countdown to midnight after the show with cast, family and friends!

Cost: \$25/\$22, child 14 yrs & under \$15, family (2Ad+2Ch) \$65

Presented by the North Queensland Opera & Music Theatre (NQOMT)

February 1st to 4th 8pm + 2pm matinee on Saturday

Jekyll and Hyde – The Musical

Townsville Choral & Orchestral Society Inc (TCOS) opens their 100th year with *Jekyll & Hyde*, the rousing gothic musical based on the classic tale of good and evil. *Jekyll & Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic story about a brilliant doctor whose experiments with human personality create a murderous counterpart. The two extreme sides of morality battle it out within the soul of one man. If you liked *Les Miserables* or *Phantom of the Opera* then you are going to truly love *Jekyll & Hyde*. Starring 35 of Queensland's finest performers, this musical thriller runs for a strictly limited season. Don't miss this amazing experience.

Cost: Opening Night - adult \$30, school student \$15, family (2ad+2ch) \$80.

Other performances - \$35/\$30, school student \$15, family (2ad+2ch) \$80. Group discounts also available.

Townsville Little Theatre

4724 3112 <http://www.townsvillelittletheatre.org.au>

Tropic Sun Theatre

4721 5433

<mailto:jp@tropicsun.com.au> <http://www.tropicsun.com.au>

Tropic Sun proudly acknowledges support from the Townsville City Council, Xstrata, Radio 4ttt, Dal Roberts, Townsville Bulletin, The Queensland Theatre Company and the State Government through Arts Queensland.

February 1st to 11th

Boston Marriage

An engagingly elegant piece by David Mamet (*Duck Variations, Oleanna*). America's favourite playwright is on sparkling form in this darkly erotic comedy of manners. *Boston Marriage* is wonderfully funny, full of bizarre inventiveness and twists of a plot. A startling modern drawing room comedy set in the parlour of two 19th Century society ladies. Mamet gives an acute analysis of a female relationship. The repartee is fast and furious, his wit as biting as ever. The play, exquisitely wrought, is as light, deadly, and unique as a cyanide sorbet confectioned by Escoffier. *Boston Marriage* further asserts Mamet's reputation as one of the world's greatest playwrights. Old Magistrates' Court Sturt and Stokes Streets

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