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News & Sundries

Seasons Greetings from all at the Community Information Centre!

Please note: The Centre will close for the festive season at midday December 22nd and will re-open at 9am on January 15th. We will not be publishing the Arts E-bulletin in January.

Charity Christmas Cards

The Community Information Centre has only a small selection of charity Christmas cards remaining. Pop in to the office (Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall – just across from the Library) before they all go. Charities represented are: Cystic Fibrosis, Heart Foundation, Save the Children, World Vision and National Trust. For information: 4771 4230

Books from Black Ink Press Make Excellent Christmas Gifts for Children

Black Ink Press is our local community-based Indigenous writing, illustrating and publishing venture. It trains and mentors emerging writers and artists in order to create contemporary illustrated books especially for young Indigenous readers.

The three latest books launched are written using Australian Indigenous languages. Ideal for a child's first picture book are the *Gudgal* Books by William Santo – a set of small books in English and the Gudgal language from around Charters Towers. The set includes a pocket dictionary and can be purchased as a set or individually.

Aukam (in Kalaw Kawaw Ya and English) is a beautiful traditional Torres Strait Island story. *Mitakoodi Bush Tucker* is full of photos and information about food that can be found around Cloncurry and Mount Isa.

For information: 4773 5077 fax 4773 5307 <mailto:info@blackinkpress.com.au> books can be viewed and purchased online and are also available at: Black Ink Press (4773 5077)

Mary Who Books (4771 3824), Flinders Mall, Progress Bookshop, Hammett Str, Currajong (4725 2640), Jeff Hills (4779 2807) and can be ordered through all good book shops. The books are distributed by the Australian Book Group.

More Christmas Shopping

If you've run out of ideas for Christmas gifts try shopping at:

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Flinders Mall

Pinnacles Gallery, Riverway Arts Centre, Thuringowa

Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre (TATSICC), Flinders Street East Museum of

Tropical Queensland, Flinders Street East

Cotters Market (Sundays), The Mall

Classical Music Available for Concerts and Functions

Silverwood Duo, featuring violin and guitar, is available for hire for concerts and functions.

For information: 4725 7533 David Roberts <mailto:juliedavidjack@bigpond.com>

4725 8913 Margaret Caley <mailto:reacaley@bigpond.com>

Townsville Concert Bands Open Night

There will be an open night on February 5th, from 6 – 7pm, for interested musicians to meet and greet, join in with the band and check out its new rehearsal venue at the Riverside Gardens Community Centre, 55 Riverside Boulevard, Riverside Gardens.

Anyone interested in joining the band should take an instrument, music stand and a smile!

For information or to register your interest: 0424 891 872 Darren (Band Conductor)

<mailto:townsvilleconcertbands@hotmail.com>

Call for Theatre Memorabilia by PAHST (Performing Arts Historical Society Townsville)

Please think of PAHST when you go to a production/performance. Don't throw that programme or flyer away! Donate it to PAHST.

The aim of the Society is to collect evidence of Townsville's contribution to the Performing Arts, and to make this collection accessible to all. All contributions are welcome. If you have Theatre programmes of old shows or recent ones, or any other ephemera (press cuttings, photos etc), they could be a valuable part of local performing arts history. ...theatre, music, dance, school shows, puppetry, vaudeville etc. PAHST is very interested in seeing them and talking to you about them.

For information: 4775 1565 Gordon Hodgson, 4728 5681 Ellen Read or 4774 3825

D'Esley Smith <mailto:enquiries@pahst.com> <http://www.pahst.com>

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An Interesting Snippet from PAHST's November Newsletter

The School of Arts Building in Stanley Street was opened on May 27th 1891. The Northern Age Newspaper reported a glittering occasion. The Mayor, Hon. Lionel Fairley addressed the crowd, followed by "A Grand Inaugural Ceremony and Performance".

The Crook, Forbes and Lyle Drama Co [a travelling company] performed *The Ring of Iron*, which apparently had a mixed reception.

The Theatre, to the rear of the School of Arts was named *Her Majesty's Theatre*.

Over the years the building has suffered from cyclones and role changes, but survives to this day as the home of *dancenorth Australia*. It was, at one time, the home of the Townsville Little Theatre.

News from the North Queensland Recorder Society

The North Queensland Recorder Society has a new president and a new focus. Margaret Caley has taken over from long serving President Pam Cocks and plans a greater involvement with other early music players.

Margaret says "The NQRS has always welcomed players of other instruments (including me) – cello, baroque violin, oboe, guitar, etc. to playdays and residential workshops. In 2007, the society will be even more actively encouraging performers of other "early" instruments to join in. Playdays will feature music which can benefit from a mixed group of instruments, such as polychoral works, and music for mixed consorts. Ruth Wilkinson, the guest tutor for the Paluma weekend, is a highly skilled performer on both recorder and viol, and is an ideal person to help to launch the Early Music aspect of NQRS. I hope that, by broadening its activities to encourage Early Music, the society can provide opportunities for local musicians to develop an awareness of HIP (Historically Informed Performance) ideas, and provide enriching musical experiences for all members."

Wanted to Buy

Second-hand flute

Contact Megan: <mailto:meganfranklin@dodo.com.au>

News from the Music Centre North Queensland

The Music Centre has moved from its original office and is now happily settled in two offices at the back of the Old Magistrates' Court (OMC) office area. It is now sharing the OMC office area with Tropic Sun Theatre.

Two major project funding applications for 2007 submitted by the Music Centre have been successful – Arts Queensland will fund *Forty Days in the Tropics* and the Australia Council will fund *See Hear Now 2007*.

Forty days in the Tropics hosts four, ten-day residencies as follows:

- June 15th – June 24th *Clocked out Duo* (Vanessa Tomlinson and Erik Griswold) – percussion, jazz piano, contemporary music, composition,
- July 27th – August 5th Mara & Llew Kiek - world and early music, choirs and plucked string instruments,
- August 17th – 26th Linsey Pollak – community music, wind instruments, world music, inventing own instruments and composing
- Sept 7th – 16th Michael Keiran Harvey – classical and contemporary piano,

See Hear Now is an exploratory, multi-arts festival (music, visual arts, dance, theatre). It will run from June 22nd to 24th at the Riverway Arts Centre. Performing artists from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Cairns and the local area will be involved in this event. It will consist of seven concerts and five workshops/discussions.

For information: 4721 1771 0419 026 895 Dr Michael Whiticker <http://home.austarnet.com.au/tcmc>

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 is open to any good ideas that meet its aims. Get your street involved and submit a *Streets Alive* application now.

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

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 your local community centre.

Have fun, share your skills and interests with others, get news and information or just have a cuppa.

This program will finish on December 15th and will recommence in 2007 on January 15th.

Free computer classes to eligible applicants will be offered in 2007 commencing January 15th.

Community drop in times are:

- Annandale Tuesdays 1 – 5pm

- Heatley Thursdays 9am – 1pm
- Oonoonba Mondays 1 – 5pm
- Railway Estate Wednesdays 1 – 5pm
- Riverside Gardens Thursdays 1.30 – 4.30pm
- Wulguru Fridays 9am – 1pm

For information: Sheila Betts 4727 9719 <mailto:sb7@townsville.qld.gov.au>

News from Thuringowa RADF

The initiative for, and decisions about funded arts and cultural activity in the City of Thuringowa are made by the Thuringowa RADF (Regional Arts Development Fund) committee against criteria based on Thuringowa's Cultural Policy.

The following projects were granted funding through Thuringowa RADF in the September 2006 round:

- Coralie Cassady for publishing an indigenous poetry book of factual accounts regarding indigenous issues
- Shannon Chadwick for formulating concept designs, under the guidance of public artist Richard Gillispie, for the new Bohlevalle Community Centre
- Childrens Book Council (Qld Branch) for bringing eight Queensland & interstate children's authors and illustrators to Thuringowa & Townsville region for *Books North* a children's literature festival
- Madonna Davies, to workshop and develop stage two of a theatre production to work with La Luna Youth Arts to develop a dance
- Extensions Youth Dance Company for hosting four professional artists from Ryan International School Delhi, India for the La Luna Youth Arts Festival and conduct workshops and perform within the Thuringowa & Tville communities.
- Michelle Hall, to conduct document design and sewing workshops with young women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- Henry Petersen Creative Marketing for staging three professional student training workshops for entrants of the 2007 Fashion Bash
- Indian Cultural Society Townsville Inc for organising festival of *Holi* for the members and local community including dance and cultural training sessions & workshops
- Ozcare – Townsville Residential Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services to assist with the preparation for an exhibition of an art collection developed in Ozcare RDATS Art Therapy program.

Shannon Chadwick commenced work on December 11th as the Community Development Officer, Thuringowa City Council and he will be responsible for RADF and Council's liaison with Arts Queensland.

For information: 4773 8603

[Click here](#) for information on RADF closing dates

Amendments Proposed to the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006

The government's proposed amendments to the Copyright Amendment Bill 2006 are available from the Australian Parliament website at <http://www.copyright.org.au/u27225>

Launch of Children's Art Centre at the Gallery of Modern Art, Southbank, Brisbane

The largest-ever *Kids' Asia-Pacific Triennial* was launched within the new Children's Art Centre at the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) on December 2nd.

Artists from Asia, Australia and the Pacific have created interactive art works for children as part of *Kids' APT*, which will be on display until May 27th 2007.

For information: <http://www.qag.qld.gov.au/kids>

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Grants & Scholarships

Townsville City Council Grants program

Community groups, organisations and individuals interested in applying for funding in 2007: the next round of Townsville City Council's Grants program closes in March 07.

For more information on the range of grants offered, and to download Guidelines and Application Forms go to <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/services/commdevt/grants.asp>

Thuringowa RADF

Thuringowa RADF has two rounds per year closing on:

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

For information and application forms: 4773 8603 Shannon Chadwick, Community Development Officer
<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/resident/grants/radf/>

State, National

Arts Queensland – Creative Fellowships

Closing date: December 15th

Arts Queensland has formed partnerships with Griffith University, the Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland to co-fund three annual Arts Queensland Creative Fellowships.

For information: <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/pdf/AQ069%20Creative%20Flwshps07.qxd.pdf>

Sony Tropfest 2007

Closing date: January 11th

The primary aim of *Sony Tropfest* is to encourage short film production. All films entered must feature the *Tropfest* signature item to show the film was made specifically for *Sony Tropfest*. The *Sony Tropfest* signature item for 2007 is *Sneeze*. Sixteen films will be chosen for screening at the Sony Tropfest 2007 on February 18th at the Suncorp Piazza, Southbank, Brisbane as well as other venues throughout Australia – check website.

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

Nelson Meers Foundation Grants

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

Australian Film Commission Grants

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

Arts Queensland's Project Grants Program

Closing dates: Up to \$3000 – Ongoing

Arts Queensland's Project Grants Program supports excellence in the arts, innovation and business growth by providing one-off project funding to individuals, collectives and not-for-profit organisations working in any art form.

For information: <http://arts.qld.gov.au>

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/pages/documents/>

Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF)

Closing date: ongoing

Department of Education and the Arts including the State Library of Queensland provides financial assistance to projects that involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural retention and/or broadening community awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts and culture.

For information:

<http://www.qld.gov.au/grants/grantdetails.action?grantId=8ae5936c063948ea010639496fb20089>

Australia Council Grants

Australia Council grants are available in the following areas – ATsIA, CCD, Dance, Literature, Major Performing Arts, Music, New Media Arts, Theatre and Visual Arts.

Closing dates vary according to the grant on offer.

<http://www.ozco.gov.au/grantFinder.aspx>

Australian Government Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Funding

Playing Australia Program

Closing date for Round 29: December 15th

Playing Australia, the National Performing Arts Touring Program, assists the touring of performing arts across Australia. The program provides Australian Government funding to companies, producers, venues, presenters

and tour organisers to tour performing arts across state and territory boundaries where this is currently not commercially viable and there is demonstrated public demand.

For information: http://www.dcita.gov.au/arts_culture/funding_programs_and_support/playing_australia

Contemporary Music Touring Program

Closing date for Round 13: February 6th for tours taking place from July 1st

The Contemporary Music Touring Program will continue to support touring opportunities for Australian musicians, and increase audience access to live Australian contemporary music, particularly in regional and remote Australia.

The Program now includes special assistance for tours to remote communities, through its Touring Remote Areas (TRAX) guidelines.

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

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

Festivals Australia

Closing date: February 15th for projects commencing after July 1st 2007

Festivals Australia is an Australian Government cultural funding program which provides assistance to Australian regional and community festivals for the presentation of quality cultural projects. Funding is available to add a new or special sort of cultural activity that has never been done before and could not otherwise be afforded.

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

Festivals Australia Regional Residencies Program

This is a companion program to Festivals Australia which provides assistance to regional and remote communities to 'tell their stories and the stories of their communities', at local festivals and major one-off community celebrations.

For information: http://www.dcita.gov.au/arts/arts/festivals_residencies

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Competitions & Awards

State National and International

Hal Porter Short Story Competition

Closing date: December 15th

The Hill of Content Bookshop 2006 Hal Porter Short Story Competition for short stories of up to 2500 words is open to residents of Australia.

First prize \$1000, two minor prizes of \$500 plus book prizes and certificates for short listed stories.

For information: <mailto:artsneg@bigpond.net.au>

<http://www.aneg.org.au/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=13>

The Sovereign Asian Art Prize

Closing date: December 31st

The Sovereign Asian Art Prize is a visual arts prize, established by The Sovereign Art Foundation, to give recognition to some of the most important artists of our time.

For information visit: <http://www.sovereignartfoundation.com>

Bald Archy Prize 2007

Closing date: January 10th

Created in 1994 as a spoof of that more serious competition, the Bald Archy provides artists of all styles and standards with a genuine opportunity, ranging from the hilarious to the bizarrely vulgar, to create portrait paintings of humour, dark satire, light comedy or caricature.

The Bald Archy Prize offers a \$5000 acquisitive prize.

For information and application forms <http://www.wagga.nsw.gov.au>

Alpha 2 Omega Short Story and Poetry Competition

Closing date: February 1st

The *Alpha 2 Omega* Short Story and Poetry Competition is open to all residents of Australia and New Zealand. Entry fees are free to anyone attending the *Alpha 2 Omega Literary and Dramatic Arts Festival 2007* otherwise a \$5 entry fee applies (\$15 for 4 entries, any combination).

Short stories may also be considered for publication at the discretion of the judges. Book prizes may be awarded for Highly Commended at the discretion of the organisers.

For information: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/tau.ceti/A2O/index.html>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Alpha 2 Omega Literary and Dramatic Arts Festival*

Prometheus Visual Arts Award

Closing date: February 28th

The Prometheus Visual Arts Award is an acquisitive art award and exhibition, which is conducted biennially by the Prometheus Foundation.

For information and application forms: <http://www.prometheusartaward.com.au>

Black Dog Institute 3rd Annual Writing Competition 'The Getting of Wisdom ... Managing the Highs of Bipolar Disorder'

Closing date: January 31st

The Institute is inviting sufferers of bipolar disorder, family members, friends and interested professionals to write on how to manage the elevated mood, the 'high', that is characteristic of this illness.

For information and application forms: <http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/media/eventscal/index.cfm>

Henry Lawson Festival of Arts 2007 Verse and Short Story Competition

Closing date: March 2nd

The Grenfell (NSW) Henry Lawson Festival of Arts, to be held from June 8th to 10th 2007, is seeking entries in the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts 2007 Verse and Short Story Competition. Total prize money is \$3,410, and a statuette sculpted by Michael Mandelc awarded to the overall winner in each section. Entries must be posted to the coordinator, Gaynor England, PO Box 77, Grenfell, NSW, 2810.

For information: (02) 6343 5132 <mailto:wilgabar@westnet.com.au> <http://www.henrylawsonfestival.asn.au>

Entry forms are available at <http://www.henrylawsonfestival.asn.au/entry2007.pdf>

Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize

The *Vincent Buckley Poetry Prize* was established to commemorate the life and work of the late Vincent Buckley – poet, critic and Professor of English at the University of Melbourne. It is awarded biennially.

The next call for submissions will be at the beginning of April 2007.

For information: <http://www.australian.unimelb.edu.au/public/awards/buckley.html>

The Gallipoli Art Prize

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

Fellowships Offered by the School of Literature and Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

The Charles Pick Fellowship

Closing date: January 31st

A six month residential fellowship to support the work of an unpublished writer of fictional or non-fictional prose, with an award of £10,000 and free accommodation at the University. The Fellowship commences on September 1st 2007.

For information: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/eas/fellowships/pick.shtml>

The David TK Wong Fellowship

Closing date: January 31st

A fellowship for a writer planning to produce a work of prose fiction, in English, which deals seriously with some aspect of life in the Far East. This residential fellowship lasts one academic year, with an award of £25,000 and is open to published and unpublished writers of any age and nationality. The fellowship commences on October 1st 2007.

<http://www.uea.ac.uk/eas/fellowships/wong/wong.shtml>

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Employment/Expressions of Interest/Opportunities

Local

Expressions of Interest - Public Art at Townsville Sports House

The Art Built-in Unit, Project Services, is calling for Expressions of Interest from artists on behalf of the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation for Townsville Sports House located at 3-9

Redpath Street, North Ward, Townsville. Through the Art Built-in program there is an opportunity to incorporate public artwork on the site.

An artist will be commissioned for an application to the lawn area at the entrance of the facility as well as the internal feature wall in the foyer area. Artists with an interest in Public Art are invited to apply.

To receive a copy of the Expression of Interest Package, please contact Lynda Gasbarri on

3224 6352 or <mailto:Lynda.Gasbarri@projectservices.qld.gov.au>

Submissions must be received by 12 noon 29th January 2007

World Interplay Call for Scripts

Closing date for scripts: May 20th

Interplay is seeking applications from interested playwrights (aged 18 – 26) and tutors who wish to participate in the 2007 World Interplay Festival to be held in Townsville from July 3rd to 17th.

For information: http://www.worldinterplay.org/childsplay/cgi-bin/show_page.pl/5/151

Call for Singers to Join Award Winning Choir

If you love singing in harmony join *Aquapella*, the award winning world music choir. *Aquapella* won the ABC Classic FM *Choir of the Year* competition in Queensland this year not because they are an exclusive group of elite singers, but because of their enjoyment in their singing and their great repertoire.

Classes are open to experienced singers, and beginners who can hold a tune. No music-reading skills are required.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9pm, during school terms, upstairs at the School of Arts Centre, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets.

If you'd like to travel the world by song please contact Beat Lehmann on 4758 1707.

[Click here](#) for *Aquapella* concert

State National and International

ABC2 Seeks New Contributors for Australia Wide: Video Lives

Closing date: December 15th

ABC2 invites aspiring and established filmmakers, living in regional and remote Australian communities, to submit applications for *Video Lives, Series 2*. *Video Lives* is broadcast weekly during *Australia Wide*, ABC2's flagship regional news and current affairs program and is also available as video on demand, attracting a national and international audience.

Successful applicants will be provided with camera equipment and will be paid a fee for each film submitted for broadcast.

Prior to submitting applications, participants are urged to consider that approximately fourteen, five to six minute segments will be required between February and June 2007.

<http://abc.net.au/tv/australiawide/videolives>

Call for Young Artists, Photographers, Cartoonists, Illustrators, etc

Closing date for submissions: December 31st

Out of the Blue, the first book to be published by *Schools Out!* founder, Michael Colling, is currently looking for illustrations, photographs, cartoons, and other artwork from young Australians aged 13 to 35 years. Each of the stories included in the book are about overcoming hardship, and artwork should reflect this overall theme. It's all about bringing to light many of the issues faced by young people, and inspiring others to get through these difficult times. Contributions for art could be either reflective, insightful, inspiring, or even an injection of humour.

Out of the Blue explores some of the personal stories of hardship that many Australians face, breaking down stereotypes, promoting help seeking behaviours, and just letting young people know that they are not alone.

Although currently in the publishing process, *Out of the Blue*, is not due for release until September 2007. All updates will be posted on the *Schools Out!* website.

For information: <http://www.schoolsout.net.au>

Auditions for Young Dancers

January 23rd

Extensions Youth Dance Company is seeking vibrant young dancers (experience not essential) aged 13 years and over.

School of Arts Theatre, Cnr Stanley & Walker Sts, Townsville

Sign on 5.30pm

Audition 6 – 7.30pm

For information: 0418 755 833 Kylie Ball, Artistic Director <mailto:xtnsions@bigpond.net.au>

Collections Australia Network – Do you listen to podcasts?

Collections Australia network (CAN) is compiling a list of the best collections sector related podcasts for its sector resources pages, and is seeking recommendations.

Send the name of the podcast and a web link to: <mailto:crina.belevi@collectionsaustralia.net>

Manuscripts Invited for Museum History Journal

Closing date: March 1st

Manuscripts will be considered for publication in the *Museum History Journal*, a new, refereed international publication of critical evaluative histories relating to museums, to be published semi-annually by Left Coast Press Inc, beginning in 2008.

The term 'museum' will be interpreted to include a broad range of museum types, including natural history, anthropology, archaeology, fine art, history, medical, and science and technology, but also related cultural institutions, such as aquaria, zoos, botanical gardens, arboreta, historical societies and sites, architectural sites, archives, and planetariums. A variety of scholarly approaches, such as analytical, narrative, historical, cultural, social, quantitative, and intellectual, are anticipated.

The inaugural issue of the journal is planned for January 2008.

For further information: <mailto:hgenoways1@unl.edu>

Call for participation - UNESCO Digital Arts Award 2007

Closing date: February 16th

The UNESCO Digital Art Award 2007 is organized in association with the Sharjah Biennial 8 on the theme of *Still Life – Art, Ecology and the Politics of Change*.

For information: [http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-](http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32309&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

[URL_ID=32309&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html](http://portal.unesco.org/culture/en/ev.php-URL_ID=32309&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html)

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Workshops/Training/Conferences

Local

School Holiday Activities

Library Holiday Programs

Contact the libraries for details of their holiday programs

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

Note that the libraries close over Christmas

Thuringowa Library Services

As usual, during the summer holidays Thuringowa Library will be offering free and exciting activities for children.

Log on to the website for further details or ring 4773 8500

<http://library.thuringowa.qld.gov.au>

Townsville City Library Services Holiday Activities

The Knowledge Centre Townsville City: 4727 9660

Aitkenvale: 4727 8310

The new Young Persons Librarian has lots planned over the holidays. There is a Teddy Bears Christmas Party with Christmas stories, craft and nibbles; decorating the Christmas tree; Sewing Classes (create your own bag); and two sessions with NQ Science Centre (Experimenting with balloons and Magic - Is science magic, or is magic science?)

Warhammer Display

8 – 29 Jan Aitkenvale Library

Twin Cities Gamers Association has set up a display of Warhammer scenarios.

Prizes to be won! Bookings not necessary

Aitkenvale: 4727 8310

Parents' Internet training

23 Jan Aitkenvale Library 6 pm – 8pm

An Internet training introduction for parents with children at school.
Learn how to help with homework, recognise good websites and be aware of internet safety and security.
Bookings: 4727 8310

Christmas Holiday Science

Double Helix Science Club Holiday Events

18 Dec – Crystal Gardens (ages 5 – 14)

20 Dec – Santa's Workshop (ages 5 – 14)

24 Jan – Balloon Science (ages 5 - 8)

26 Jan – Dancing LEGO Robots (ages 9 – 14)

Cost: \$10 for Double Helix members, \$12 for non-members (Join the Double Helix Club at a discounted price).

10 – 11am or 12.30 – 2pm

Bookings essential. Contact: 4725 7887

Centacare – Kaleidoscope

A life skills program for children based on the principles of Attitudinal Healing. Topics covered include self-esteem, my strengths and virtues, positive thoughts, expressing feelings appropriately and learning from mistakes. Children are able to express what they have learnt through creative activities.

For information: Wendy 4772 9000

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery – Art Escape

Call the gallery for information on their activities in December and January. The program includes: creating the most extravagant and spectacular star ever to top a Christmas tree; learning about optics and basic electronics whilst creating colourful optic fibre decorations; looking at patterns from cultures around the world and more.

School Holiday Program 2006

Bookings essential (places are limited): 4727 9011

Townsville City Council's Holiday Program for the Older Kids

Summertime 06 - 07

Ages 12 to 18

For information: 4727 9694 Joelle Adams

<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au/services/commdevt/programs.asp#School%20Holiday%20Program>

Museum of Tropical Queensland

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

Creepy Crawlies

January 8th – 25th

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

Reef HQ

January 6th to 21st

Learn about the dangerous creatures at Reef HQ

10.30am – 12.30pm

For information: 4750 0800

Riverway Holiday Activities

For information: 4773 8411

Go to <http://riverway.thuringowa.qld.gov.au> for details. Brochures listing all holiday activities at Riverway are available from the Community Information Centre

Townsville Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre

School Holiday Program with heaps of interactive activities that everyone will enjoy. Participate in leaf weaving, traditional dance workshops, didgeridoo painting and much more.

For information: 4772 7679 Vicki Saylor

Bunnings Christmas School Holiday Activities

Free classes on each Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the school holidays in conjunction with their standard weekend classes on Saturday and Sunday.

Bookings essential: 4726 9000

Spotlight – Creatives (Craft Ideas Online)

The Creatives are a gang of 10 friends who were just born to be creative. They are leaders of a club developed especially for Spotlight kids. The Creatives live in a fantastic fun packed, fully interactive website that's devoted to stimulating and nourishing the artistic spirit that inhabits every little crafter. Join online or at Spotlight – it's free. www.thecreative.com.au

The Bead Gallery Beading Classes

Bookings: 4721 1122 www.beadgallery.com.au

Shopping Centres

Check out your local shopping centre for their activities during the holidays

For more School Holiday Activities contact CIC on 4771 4230 or call into the Centre which is located on Level I, Northtown, opposite the Knowledge Centre.

2006 Youth Arts Festival

Free Arts Forums with La Luna Youth Arts

Want a career in the arts? Need some advice on how to get a foot in the door?

Arts professionals will share advice and tips on how to have a successful arts career.

For information: 4773 6377

December 13th

Music Industry Forum: 3 – 4.30pm

Meeting Room, Riverway Arts Centre

December 15th

Technical Theatre & Event Management: 2.30 – 4pm

Theatre & Performance-Making Forum: 5 – 6.30pm

Performance Venue, Riverway Arts Centre

December 17th

Visual Arts Forum: 9.30 – 11am

Writing Forum: 11.30 – 1pm

Umbrella Studio of Contemporary Art, Townsville CBD

Dance Forum: 2 – 3.30pm

School of Arts, Stanley Street, Townsville

[Click here](#) for Festival events

La Luna Youth Arts Workshops

Workshops are suitable for young people aged fourteen years and over.

December 12th

Creating a Dance

Want to start creating your own dance routines? Need expertise and direction? Join Kylie Ball, Artistic Director, Extensions Youth Dance Co and learn useful tips about choreography.

10am – 12noon

Cost: \$5

Funk / Hip Hop Dance

Kylie Ball, Artistic Director of Extensions Youth Dance Company will teach you how to add a bit of funk to your dancing! This workshop is for anyone who wants to groove to the beat, even if you have two left feet!

1 – 2.30 pm

Cost: \$5

Fizzical Force

Join circus performer and tutor James Loveday and embark on a workshop that will make you want to run away and join the circus. In this workshop you will learn some basics about acro-balance, object balance and circus improvisation.

Rehearsal Room, Riverway Arts Centre

3 – 5pm

Cost: \$5

December 13th

Traditional Folk Dance of Orissa

Sandeep Salaria of the Ryan International School of Delhi, India will teach a folk dance from Orissa. Here's your chance to learn a new dance and explore the culture of India.

10 – 11.30 am

Cirque de Play

Just before you run away and join a circus, join James Loveday a professional circus performer and learn and explore some of his circus toys – pois, diablo, spinning plates, juggling balls – you name it... James has probably mastered it.

12.30 – 2.30pm

Rehearsal Room, Riverway Arts Centre

December 14th

Performance Making

Join Amy Losiak, artistic director of Rounded Circles Theatre Company and embark on a discovery of learning about performance making. Amy will share with you what she learnt at the Australian Theatre for Young People's National Studio.

10 – 11.30am

Cost: \$5

Building Bridges Through Improvisation

Utkarsh Marwah from the Ryan International School of Delhi, India will share with you techniques to create performance using improvisational tools and exercises.

3 – 4.30pm

Cost: \$5

Rehearsal Room, Riverway Arts Centre [Click here](#) for Festival events

La Luna Term 1 2007 Workshops

February to April 2007

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa

All participants must be members of La Luna Youth Arts.

4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunanq.com>

Squirle Theatre Age: 5 – 8 years *Let's Play* with James Loveday

Zig-Zag Theatre Age: 9 – 11 years *M³* with Susan Prince

Twisted Theatre Age: 12 – 14 years *Off The Cuff* with Arminelle Fleming

Jagged Edge Theatre with Arminelle Fleming Age: 15 – 17 years

Razed Theatre with Arminelle Fleming Age: 18 – 26 years

Theatrix with Arminelle Fleming Age: 8 – 16 years

Cirque de Play with James Loveday Age: 8 – 14 years

Fizzical Force with James Loveday Age: 15 – 26 years

Art Romp for Teachers – Art Workshop

January 20th & 21st 9am – 3pm

Introducing the *I Can – I Am* drawing and art program. Easy to follow and implement, this seven step program promises to inspire creativity in both teachers and their students.

Cost: \$120 – includes morning tea, materials, information booklet and detailed lesson plans – participants will need to provide their own lunches.

Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders Street

For information: 0429 727 509 Sally Ebringer <mailto:asea@westnet.com.au>

JCU Graduate Writing Courses

Enrol in the new postgraduate writing program at JCU beginning in 2007.

Learn how to write

- memoir
- literary journalism
- for newspapers
- short stories
- novels

For information: 4781 4916 <mailto:Lindsay.Simpson@jcu.edu.au>

The Museum of Tropical Queensland Free Lecture

December 12th 12 – 1pm

Dr Ian Dight of Burdekin Dry Tropics Natural Resource Management will give a free public lecture as part of the Museum of Tropical Queensland's *Discover More* talks.

Entry to the Museum of Tropical Queensland is free for residents of local councils through the Council Community Pass, generously supported by Townsville, Thuringowa, Burdekin, Charters Towers and Dalrymple councils.

For information: 4726 0604 Stephen Wilson

Medley Mag Seeking Contributions

Closing date: December 20th

Medley Mag is seeking contributions from photographers, artists and writers on anything to do with Christmas.

The magazine is looking for diversity & creativity!

For information: <http://www.medleymag.com.au>

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State, National

Writers Retreat with Linda Jaivin

January 7th to 12th

O'Reilly's Rainforest Guesthouse, Tamborine Mountain

No cooking, no cleaning, no outside pressures or distractions. Instead you'll have a week immersed in your writing under the tutelage of one of Australia's most exciting literary talents, Linda Jaivin.

For information: 3839 1243 Queensland Writers Centre

Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Workshop

AFTRS Queensland is once again offering its very popular Standby Wardrobe Workshop aimed at those wishing to work as a wardrobe standby or wardrobe assistant. The workshop will be held in the AFTRS Training Room, 2nd level, 420 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane from January 29th & 30th. Entry to AFTRS courses is competitive.

Cost: \$240

For information and registration: <http://myregistration.aftrs.edu.au/sr.cfm?v=E397E1&dx=UNLXX68&lg=0>

Somerset College Celebration of Literature

March 13th to 17th

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

Somerset College home page: <http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au>

Alpha 2 Omega Literary and Dramatic Arts Convention

May 5th to 7th

Presented by Omega Writers in association with the Harvest Rain Theatre Company at the Sydney Street Theatre, Sydney Street, New Farm, Brisbane.

For information: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/tau.ceti/A2O/comp.htm>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Alpha 2 Omega Short Story and Poetry Competition*

Online Writing Courses

<http://www.alumni.uts.edu.au/networks/writers/October2006.html>

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Websites

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

The Griffin Theatre is the only theatre company in Sydney entirely dedicated to the professional development and production of new Australian plays.

<http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au>

National Trust of Australia

<http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/events/festival/>

National Trust Heritage Festival – NSW – March 3rd to 18th

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

For information on Fashion Bash

<http://www.fuel4arts.com/sauce>

Sauce is a micro-site of <http://www.fuel4arts.com> and covers all areas of arts promotion in eight chapters.

<http://www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/>

The recently launched National Library of Australia (NLA) Digital Collections website offers users more ways to explore the library's digitised pictures, maps, manuscripts, sheet music, printed items and selected oral history and folklore recordings.

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/etropic>

Etropic – an electronic journal of studies in the tropics

<http://artshub.com.au>

Arts Hub – a comprehensive arts jobs information service, and authoritative and independent arts news outlet.

<http://artsnexus.com.au>

Arts Nexus – a non profit, regional arts development and cultural industry association providing services for the arts, entertainment and cultural sector in Far North Queensland.

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Date Claimers

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

2007

Grease

January 31st to February 4th

Townsville Choral & Orchestral Society

Tatts & Tiaras Day Cocktail Party and Charity Auction

February 9th

Venue: Musuem of Tropical North Queensland

Cost: \$40p/h

Contact: Jodi Hamilton - Fundraising & Community Relations Abused Child Trust 4779 0611

Stagecoach Performance Workshops (Camp)

March 30th to April 2nd

For information: 0407 572 786 Paul Wilson

National Folk Festival, Canberra

April 5th to 9th

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

Easter Public Holidays

April 6th to 9th inclusive

The Buddy Holly Story – NQOMT

April 18th to 22nd

For information: 0406 233 310 Catherine

Craft & Quilt Fair

April 19th

For information: (02) 9452 7575

International Digital Art Award Exhibition

April 21st to May 20th, Pinnacles Gallery

For information: 4773 8566

Ten Days in the Towers

April 28th to May 7th

Venue: Charters Towers

Presented by: Charters Towers Country Music Inc.

Contact: 4752 0312 (Festival Hotline)

Recorder Society Residential Weekend – Paluma

May 25th to 27th

For information: <mailto:eacaley@bigpond.com.au>

Australian-Italian Festival, Ingham

May 18th to 20th

For information: 4776 5288 Jane Clark

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

Northern Beaches Festival 2007

June 2nd

For information: <mailto:nbf.secretary@hotmail.com>

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

June 11th

Forty Days in the Tropics Residency

June 15th to 24th

Music Centre – [Click](#) for details ,

See Hear Now

June 22nd to 24th

An exploratory, multi-arts festival (music, visual arts, dance, theatre).

Music Centre – [Click](#) for details ,

Townsville Show

June 29th to July 2nd

World Interplay festival

July 3rd to 17th

[Click here](#) for information

Festival of Chamber Music

July 6th to 15th

<mailto:info@afcm.com.au> 4771 4144

Thuringowa River Festival

July 10th to 15th

www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/thuringowa/river_festival/

Forty days in the Tropics Residency

July 27th to August 5th

Music Centre – [Click](#) for details ,

4TTT Palmer Street Jazz Festival

August 3rd to 5th

For information: 4721 5333 www.4ttt.org.au

Cultural Fest

August 12th to 19th

Migrant Resource Centre 4772 4800

Forty days in the Tropics Residency

August 17th to 26th

Music Centre – [Click](#) for details ,

Seniors Week

August 18th to 25th

Strand Ephemera

September 7th to 16th

For information: 4727 9674

Forty days in the Tropics Residency

Sept 7th – 16th

Music Centre – [Click](#) for details ,

The Great Tropical Jazz Party on Magnetic Island

October 12th to 14th

Presented by: Magnetic Jazz Association Inc

For information: 4778 5918

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Dance

Extensions Youth Dance Company

[Click here](#) for information on Extensions Youth Dance Company's Performances during the Youth Arts Festival

dancenorth Australia

The School of Arts Building, Cnr Walker and Stanley Streets
4772 2549 Marketing Officer <mailto:tricia@dancenorth.com> <http://www.dancenorth.com.au>

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Exhibitions

Art on Kings

Shop 6/203 Kings Road Pimlico
4725 0250 <mailto:tas@beyond.net.au>
Gallery hours: 9am to 4pm (Mon to Fri) and 9am to 2pm (Sat and Sun)

The Gallery, which is administered by The Townsville Art Society Inc, welcomes enquiries from budding artists, art lovers and supporters. 150 member artists display their works at the Gallery and paintings are changed monthly. Artists are able to hold their own exhibitions.

Burdekin Plum Tree Gallery

In partnership with **Zaro's Cultural Gallery**
86 Eighth Avenue, Home Hill
4782 2067
Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 5pm

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) – a simple cottage, fully restored and furnished
Currajong (1888) – an example of an early house occupied by north Queensland farmers

Flinders Gallery

693 Flinders Street, Townsville
4771 2222
Gallery hours: 10 am – 5 pm Mon to Fri/9.30am – 2pm Sat
Permanent and changing exhibition by Gallery artists

Gallery Hinchinbrook

76 Townsville Rd, Ingham
10am – 4pm Mon to Fri/ 10am – 12noon Sat
4776 4646 Heather Flett <mailto:hflett@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au>

Knowledge Centre – City Library

Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall, Townsville CBD

Iesha Stewart Gallery

Ceramic Sculpture Artist

62 Ross River Road Mundingburra (opposite Mundingburra State School)
Phone 4775 1225/0409 265407 fax 4775 1226 <mailto:mail@iesha.com.au> <http://www.iesha.com.au>

The Gallery features ceramic sculptures of Iesha Stewart and other ceramic artworks from prominent artists including Ric & Judy Pierce, Ruth Park, Gayle Rodgers, Neil Boughton and Dave Scott. Other works include wood sculptures from Andre Vanne and paintings from Rose Tambanis. The gallery aims to provide quality artworks representative of Australian urban, coastal or outback environments.

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

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.

[Click here](#) for information on the Jack Wilson Christmas concert

December 12th to January 7th

All at Sea

Sculptures and jewellery by Andy Frost, inspired by a love of the sea.

To be opened by Beat Lehmann and the *Aquapella World Music Choir* at **7pm on December 15th**.

To January 28th

Conflict and Aftermath – Photographs by Tim Page

World famous war photographer, Tim Page, has put his life on the line documenting the world's zones of conflict. Stunning imagery from a photographic icon.

To February 4th

Artbank: Celebrating 25 years of Contemporary Australian Art

Artbank, the Australian Government art rental initiative, is at the forefront of collecting contemporary art and craft from Australia's emerging and established Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists. *Artbank* celebrates a quarter of a century by touring an exhibition of significant artworks acquired from each year of its operation. It includes contemporary abstraction, landscapes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, glass, photography, and sculpture by important artists. Collected since *Artbank's* inception in 1980, these works form a distinctive snapshot of the recent art and craft produced in Australia.

(Selected works from the *Artbank* collection, include works by Margaret Olley, Arthur Boyd, Mick Namarari Tjapaltjarri, John Brack, Jeffrey Smart, and Jimmy Pike).

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Pinnacles Gallery

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Blvd, Thuringowa Central 4817
Hours: Wed – Fri: 11am - 7pm
Sat: 11am - 6pm
Sun: 11am - 2pm

4773 8874 Fax 4723 0282 <mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au>
<http://www.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/gallery>

To December 24th

Fashioning – The Exquisite Corpse

An exhibition of wearable art based on the surrealist word and drawing, *The Exquisite Corpse*.

Born in 1925, the word game saw the creation of accidental poetry described as a collaborative experiment through tapping into the collective unconscious. The word game quickly developed into a popular parlour drawing game, and has now become the premise for twenty two local artists to participate in the great Pinnacles fashion experiment, *Fashioning the Exquisite Corpse*.

January 6th to February 4th

Comix 2 Pls, 1 Agent & a Whole Lot of Bull

An exhibition of comic artworks by some of Australia's best known independent publishers, featuring comic characters that are animals living in a human world.

Zoo Goes There

This exhibition is an educational resource for Queensland primary and secondary schools, making art accessible to kids by empowering them to curate and hang their own exhibitions.

February 10th to March 11th

Out the Back

This is an exhibition by a group of Thuringowa photographers capturing the essence of the diverse backyards that traverse the landscape of the city.

Curated by Innisfail photographer Glen O'Malley.

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 Visual Arts Manager <mailto:vamngr@bigpond.net.au>

Opening hours: 9.30am – 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

[Click here](#) for school holiday activities

Fine Arts Gallery

Appreciate works by local and regional artists.

Retail Area

A range of interesting, quality hand made items for sale.

Culture Club

Enjoy Friday night with the Culture Club. Nibbles, drinks and entertainment on the last Friday of every month.

Townsville Museum

Cnr Hugh & Palmerston Sts

(access via Barbeler St – behind Ambulance Station) Currajong 4775 7838

Townsville Water Colour Group

For information: 4729 0270

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Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 4772 7817

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

Please note: Umbrella Studio will close for the Christmas season on December 21st and will re-open on January 15th

[Click here](#) for information on art workshops at Umbrella studio

December 15th – January

Umbrella Members Exhibition – Chairs

Contemporary Townsville and North Queensland artists from Umbrella's membership come together for the annual themed members' exhibition. The theme for the exhibition is *Chair*.

December 15th 7.30pm

Auction of Chairs and Other Works

Umbrella's fundraising auction will be conducted by Hugh Urquhart.

Vincent Gallery

JCU Vincent Campus, Cnr Fullham Road and Palmerston Street Vincent
4781 3142

Festivals & Special Events

Stable on the Strand

December 19th to 24th

Presented by Combined Churches

The Strand

Cost: free

For information: 4774 6089 <http://www.stableonthestrand.com.au>

24 Days of Christmas

To December 24th

Presented by Townsville City Council

11th Serenata String Quartet, Gregory Street Amphitheatre, 6 – 7pm

12th Brass with Class – Carols Along the Strand, Strand Promenade, 6 – 8pm

Townsville Choral society – Carols, Gregory street Amphitheatre, 6 – 7pm

13th Magic Matt the Magician – Strand Promenade, 6 – 7pm

14th Brass with Class – Carols Along the Strand, 6 – 8pm

Street Theatre, Strand park, 6 – 7pm

15th Townsville Brass Band – Carols, Gregory Street Amphitheatre, 6 – 7pm

16th Fishing Santas – Santas in the Tropics, Water Park, 4 – 5pm

Grease Promo, Gregory Street Amphitheatre, 5 – 6pm

17th Brass with Class – Carols, Strand promenade, 4 – 6pm

Fishing Santas – Santas in the Tropics, Water Park, 4 – 5pm

One Horse Open Sleigh Rides, Water Park, 2 – 6pm

18th Christmas Entertainment, Strand Promenade 6 – 8pm

19th Townsville Choral Society – Carols, Gregory Street Amphitheatre

20th Fishing Santas – Santas in the Tropics, Pier 5 – 6pm

21st Magic Matt the Magician, Strand Promenade, 6 – 7pm

Grease Promo, Gregory Street Amphitheatre, 6 – 7pm

22nd Fishing Santas – Santas in the Tropics, Pier, 5 – 6pm

23rd Magic Matt the Magician, Strand Promenade, 5 – 6pm

24th Stable on the Strand – Carols and Service, Strand Park, 7 – 8pm

For updates: <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au> or Townsville Bulletin

La Luna 2006 Youth Arts Festival

For young people fourteen years of age and over

For information: 4773 6377 La Luna Youth Arts

For performances at the Riverway Arts Centre: 4773 8889

For the performance at the School of Arts: 4772 2549 (tickets available at the box office up to one hour prior to the performance)

[Click here](#) for information on free art forums. [Click here](#) for information on Festival workshops.

December 12th

The Cat Dances Boom-Boom

Young performers from the Ryan International School of Delhi, India will perform a tale, which uses folk dances and traditional Art from India. It's not the size that makes a difference, but your self-confidence that takes you ahead in life. So never underestimate others and yourself!

Performance Venue, Riverway Arts Centre 6 – 7pm

Cost: \$5

December 13th

"B" by Rounded Circles Theatre Co

Be surrounded by elements of fire and sound, as you become 'extras' in this contemporary and innovative theatre work created by a hip youth arts company from Kuranda.

Amphitheatre, Riverway Arts Centre 5 – 6pm

Cost: free

December 15th

Performance Spectacular

Young performers from Extensions Youth Dance Company, Rounded Circles Theatre Company, Ryan International School of Delhi and La Luna Youth Arts perform original works.

Performance Venue, Riverway Arts Centre 7 – 9pm

Cost: \$5

December 16th

Riverage

Come along and see your favourite local bands perform. This event will feature the Street Pirates, Blood Monkey, Emalene, Prometheus and The Danka Humphris.

Amphitheatre, Riverway Arts Centre 2 – 6pm

Cost: free

December 17th

The Cat Dances Boom-Boom

Young performers from the Ryan International School of Delhi, India will perform a tale, which uses folk dances and traditional Art from India. It's not the size that makes a difference, but your self-confidence that takes you ahead in life. So never underestimate others and yourself!

School of Arts (Dance North), Stanley St, Townsville 4 – 5pm

Cost: \$5

Pirates of the Coral Sea

December 15th & 16th

Ahoy me hearties! Come join the likes of Capt Jack Sparrow, Bluebeard, Capt Hook and Long John Silver in search of the lost treasure of the Coral Sea. This event is open to all families to enjoy arts, crafts, games, dancing, singing, painting, swimming, races, ships, sand and of course the sea! Captain Feathersword will be leading a merry bunch of swashbuckling pirates to the plank on both days and there will be fun and games for all ages to enjoy.

Long Tan Swimming Complex, Heatley 10am 12noon; 2– 9pm both days

Cost: December 15th is open to residents of Heatley, Gulliver and Vincent only – free entry

December 16th is open to all residents of North Queensland – gold coin donation

Presented by Communities for Children, Townsville West

For information: 4728 7727 Joanne Fisher <mailto:Joanne.fisher@buckstreet.com>

Woodford Folk Festival

December 27th to January 1st

<http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com/main/index.php>

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Film

Townsville Cinema Group

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

For information: 4779 2815 Bruce Gibson-Wilde

Screenings at Warrina Cineplex. \$11 per session for non members

Please note: The 2007 season will commence in late February.

Music

December 15th

Jack Wilson & the Jackhammer Band Christmas Concert

The 2005 concert was sold out – don't miss out this year! Listen to Jack and his band play a selection of jazz, rock & blues from Jack's *Baby Boomer's Song Book*.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery 12.30 – 2pm
Cost: \$20 members \$25 non-members
To reserve a seat: 4727 9011 or <mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Aquapella World Music Choir Concert

December 15th
[Click here](#) for information

Townsville Choral Society – New Years Eve Celebrations

[Click here](#) for information

Full Moon Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle is facilitated by the Rhythm Connection and supported by Townsville City Council. The next *Drum Circle* will be held in February 2007
For information: Alex 0414 803 666 <http://therhythmconnection.music.net.au>

Magnetic Jazz Association

4778 5918 <mailto:magneticjazz@hotmail.com> <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty>

Music Centre North Queensland

4721 1771 0419 026 895 Dr Michael Whiticker <http://home.austarnet.com.au/tcmc>

[Click here](#) for information on *Forty Days in the Tropics* workshops the *See Hear Now 2007* festival

January 27th

Blue for you

A blues extravaganza featuring Sydney-based blues wiz Chris Raggatt and local musicians Joel Wilson, Rebecca McHutchison, Gavin Forno, Michael Whiticker, Victor Purkiss, Joe Toppi, Jeremy Hawker, Paul Krause and Laurence Backer amongst others.

Riverway Arts Centre 8pm

Cost: \$12/\$8

For information: 4721 1771 For bookings: 47738887

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

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

Alternate Thursdays

For information: <mailto:secretary@tsvfolkclub.org> <http://www.tsvfolkclub.org>

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

For information and bookings: 4771 4000 <http://www.tecc.net.au>

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Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

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

Charters Towers Players Inc

0427 871768 Allan Georgee

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa

4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunang.com>

[Click here](#) for information on the *Youth Arts Festival*

January 18th & 19th 10am and 12.30pm + 7pm on the 19th
Edumication!

Join *La Luna* on a journey through time and discover how young people of the past coped with a variety of schooling challenges such as; going to school before sunrise, studying before paper was invented, risking your life just to learn how to read and write.

Cost: free

Pimlico Performing Arts Centre

Bookings for groups are essential.

North Qld Opera & Music Theatre

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

[Click here](#) for information on NQOMT's New Year event

Props Youth Theatre

December 19th, 20th & 21st 10.30am

The Emperor's New Clothes

In this sparkling new version of the story, full of jokes and songs, the Emperor is an outrageous fashion victim, who just has to have the latest thing to wear for the Grand Parade! And that's when Bogus and Fishweedle, two enterprising con-men, appear on the scene, with their entrancing new Polyfabuloso cloth...

Great family holiday entertainment presented by Props Youth Theatre. The show will last for about seventy minutes with an interval and there will be a very special Christmas visitor at the end of the show on each day.

Choral Society Hall, Sturt Street

Cost: \$7 (tickets available at the door)

For information: 0407 161 706 Karen Vane

The Outback Players Theatre Group Inc

The Palace, 118 Boundary St, South Townsville

4778 8107

Townsville Choral Society

Choral Society Hall, 485 Sturt Street, City

4779 2495 or 0418 781 766 <mailto:rpease@bigpond.net.au>

December 31st

New Years Eve with the Townsville Choral Society

Celebrate and welcome the New Year with special guest performers Sandy Voss and Melanie Hall at the Townsville Choral Society's *Great Variety Evening*.

Doors open 7.30pm – show starts 8.30pm and celebrations continue until well after midnight.

Choral Society Hall (airconditioned) 485 Sturt Street

Cost: \$25 includes nibbles and light supper. Bar service available.

Bookings essential

For information and bookings: 4779 2495 / 0418 781 766 Brian Pease

January 31st to February 4th

Grease

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Riverway Arts Centre

20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa

For information and bookings: 4773 8889

<http://riverway.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/about>

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Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St

Townsville 4810

4727 9797 TicketShop
<mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au>
<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au>

December 15th & 16th (6.30pm + matinee at 1pm on Sunday)

That's Entertainment

Enjoy a sparkling evening of song, dance and story-telling, as the students of the Townsville Academy of Performing Arts (TAPA) add a magical touch to a wonderful year of learning and performing. The tiniest performers will delight you with their enthusiasm, and Townsville's artists of the future will amaze you with their talents and achievements. From the beginning to the end, there is magic in this energetic performance.

Cost: \$21/\$17, school children \$15, family (2ad+2ch) \$60.60

December 22nd 8pm

Carl Barron – Best Bits of My Two DVDs

Carl's success has come due to many years of hard yakka and a keen ability to observe us all "doing our thing". He's been performing stand-up comedy for well over a decade and tours relentlessly, both in Australia and overseas. Invitations to prestigious international festivals are all taken in his stride and are as important as a local Friday night RSL gig around the corner.

His two DVD's have sold multi-platinum copies and are the most popular stand-up comedy releases in Australian retail history

Catch him before he heads overseas!

Please note: parental guidance is recommended for anyone aged under 15 years.

Cost: \$37/\$32, group 10+ \$32

Presented by A-List Entertainment

December 31st 8pm

New Years Eve at the Civic – musicals.com

Inspired by our modern internet culture, *musicals.com* will take you on a web-surfing journey to find out everything there is to know about musicals and more. Welcome the New Year with songs from Little Shop of Horrors, Annie, Camelot, West Side Story and The Producers .. to name a few! A wonderful line up of local talent Directed by Glenn and Cathy Shield. Presented by NQOMT

Townsville Civic Theatre

Cost: \$25/\$22, child 14 yrs & under \$15

For information and tickets: 4727 9797 TicketShop

January 31st to February 4th

Grease

Presented by the Townsville Choral and Orchestral Society, *Grease* is the quintessential 50's Rock'n'Roll musical! With its outstanding cast, dazzling choreography and fantastic orchestra, you'll enjoy classic songs like *Summer Nights*, *Greased Lightning* and *You're the One that I Want!*

Join the irresistible Adam Mullamphy as Danny, and Cara Doolan as Sandy, along with those groovy T-Birds, sassy Pink Ladies and the whole gang at Rydell High for the high octane Rock'n'Roll party!

January 31st, February 1st & 2nd – 8pm, February 3rd – 2 pm & 8pm, February 4th – 6pm

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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>

World Theatre

Charters Towers 4787 8472

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