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News & Sundries

Charity Christmas cards

The Community Information Centre has a good range of charity Christmas cards available in its office on Level 1, Northtown, just across from the City Library. Pop in to browse and/or buy. Charities represented are: Abused Child Trust, Cystic Fibrosis, Heart Foundation, Save the Children, World Vision Shop.
For information: 4771 4230

Books from Black Ink Press Make Excellent Christmas Gifts for Children – They're a Good Idea for School End-of-Year Awards Too

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.

Some of the Indigenous writers and illustrators have won prizes, and Black Ink Press has been recognised by a Townsville City Council literature award. Three of Black Ink Press's books are included in *Books from Our Backyard*, celebrating Queensland writers.

How the Cassowary got its Helmet, *Molly the Grey Kangaroo*, *My Mob Going to the Beach*, *Biddy's Fishing Line*, *Turtle Egg Day*, *Bajirriga the Turtle* and *Aukum* are suitable for children. *Mitakoodi Bush Tucker*, *Crow Feathers: an Indigenous collection of poems and images*, and *River Girl* are for teenage and older readers. *River Girl* is one of the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Notable Books for 2006.

For information: 4773 5077 fax 4773 5307 <http://www.blackinkpress.com.au>
<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

Strand Market – November 17th, December 1st

The Barrier Reef Orchestra AGM – Call for Committee Members

The Barrier Reef Orchestra, now in its sixth year, is an enthusiastic and committed orchestra and going from strength to strength with its last concert, *Amadeus*, sold out.

All positions will be declared vacant at the AGM and the Orchestra is actively seeking new members on the committee especially those with business acumen, accounting & marketing skills.

It is particularly looking for a new chairperson and treasurer.

Candidates for the committee should be financial members and nominated and seconded by financial members. Nominations should be lodged with the secretary at least fourteen days prior to the AGM.

The AGM will be held at the Soundshell, Thuringowa City Council on December 7th at 6pm.

For information and expressions of interest: 0403 190 848 Kathleen Ryan, Deputy Chair Barrier Reef Orchestra <mailto:famryan@aapt.net.au>

Townsville Multicultural Support Group End of Year Celebrations

November 18th

Presented by the Townsville Multicultural Support Group at 63 Ross River Road, Mundingburra.

For information: 4775 1588 Cristina Martinez

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Townsville Little Theatre Christmas Party

December 9th

This will be a relaxed, informal evening, allowing members, partners and friends to catch up for a meal and some Christmas cheer.

West End Hotel 5.30pm for 6pm start

Cost: \$19 per person (drinks extra)

Bookings essential ASAP

For information and bookings: 0408 634 651 Alex or 4778 4335 Iain

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>

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 the Christmas period.

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>

ABC 2006 Short Story Winners Announced Recently

Congratulations to the 2006 short story winners from regional Australia. These stories have been produced and are now being broadcast on ABC Radio. The winners were selected from a field of 1400 entries.

The judges were author Robert Drewe, Radio National presenter Ramona Koval, publisher and editor, Bruce Sims, and author Sarah Armstrong.

For information and to read the winners' stories: <http://www.abc.net.au/shortstories/>

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Grants & Scholarships

State, National

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

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The Patrick White Playwrights' Award

Closing date: November 20th

A major playwriting initiative of Sydney Theatre Company and The Sydney Morning Herald, offering Australia's richest playwriting award to a full-length unproduced play of any genre by an Australian playwright 20 years of age or over.

For information and entry forms: (02) 9250 1700 <mailto:fgeerts@sydneytheatre.com.au>
<http://www.sydneytheatre.com.au/content.asp?cID=36>

Somerset Poetry Prizes for School Aged Children 2007

Closing date: November 22nd

For information: http://www.somerset.qld.edu.au/cofl/Somerset_Prizes.htm

Somerset National Novella Writing Competition 2007

Closing date: December 6th

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

noosa arts theatre inc – One Act Playwriting Competition

Closing date: November 30th

For entry forms, rules and guidelines: http://www.noosaartstheatre.org.au/One_Acts.html

Fellowship of Australian Writers (Vic) Inc 2006 National Literary Awards

Closing date: November 30th

A number of awards are offered.

For information: <http://www.writers.asn.au/comps/FAWNationalLiteraryAwards2006.pdf>

Arts Scholarships and Awards

The Vasanta Scholarship 2007 – closes December 1st

For information and application forms: <http://www.trust.com.au/Content.aspx?topicID=27>

IP Picks 2007 National Writing Competition

Closing date: December 1st

Now in its sixth year, the *IP Picks 2007* National Writing Competition seeks entries of unpublished manuscripts in the following categories:

- Best Fiction
- Best Creative Non-Fiction
- Best Poetry and
- Best First Book

The winners are guaranteed royalty publication by one of IP's three imprints. In 2006, eight authors of the winning and commended entries accepted royalty contracts.

For information, entry form and conditions: http://www.ipoz.biz/ip_ip_picks.htm

Inner City Life Literary Competition 2006

Closing date: December 1st

A writing competition for adults on the theme of Inner City Life organised by the NSW Writers' Centre, sponsored by Gleebooks and the Village Voice, and open to anyone from anywhere. The organisers are seeking short stories to 500 words and poems to 20 lines.

For information: <http://www.alumni.uts.edu.au/networks/writers/October2006.html> and scroll down to competition details.

McGregor Prize for Photography

Closing date: December 1st

The competition is coordinated by the McGregor Schools Staff and held at the USQ Toowoomba Campus.

For information and entry forms: <http://www.usq.edu.au/mcgregor/photo>

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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>

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 plus 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

Salvo's Community Choir – Call for Singers

Singers from the Twin Cities are invited to join the Salvos Community Choir which will perform at Carols Under the Stars on December 10th at The Salvation Army Thuringowa City, Beck Drive North, Condon.

Rehearsals are held on Sundays.

For information and rehearsal times: 4723 5607 Isabel Beckett, The Salvation Army

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

North Queensland Opera and Music Theatre(NQOMT) – Auditions

Auditions will be held on November 25th for *Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story* directed by Bill Munro.

For information: 0406 233 310 Catherine <http://www.nqomt.org.au>

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.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Call for Volunteers

The Gallery has an existing team of volunteers who assist with functions, tours and openings but would greatly appreciate some extra help during the week and on weekends over the next few months.

If you would like to help out at the Gallery for a few hours at a time please ring Wendy on 4727 9011

Strand Ephemera – Call for Artists

Proposal deadline: December 7th @ 5pm

Artists are invited to submit proposals for the Perc Tucker Gallery's fourth biennial outdoor sculpture exhibition which will be installed along the Strand from September 7th to 16th 2007.

For entry forms, selection criteria and further information: 4727 9679 Amber Church, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Cnr Flinders and Denham Streets Townsville, PO Box 1268 Townsville QLD 4810 <mailto:ac2@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Z Card – Townsville Arts Trail

Are you involved in the arts and culture in Townsville and would like your details included in an exciting Z Card promotion? We want to hear from you if you are interested in promoting your studio or organisation etc in a Townsville arts trail publication.

To find out more and to see if your entry suits the criteria, please contact Department of Community Development Townsville city council on 4727 9680

Expressions of Interest Sought

La Luna Youth Arts is holding the inaugural *Youth Arts Festival* from December 8th to 17th.

The festival has a three-tiered focus:

- performances & exhibitions for and by young people
- one-off workshops in a range of arts activities including filming, composition, stage combat, mosaic
- seminars about how to work professionally in the arts industry (e.g. getting published, completing grant applications)

La Luna is looking for schools and groups who might be interested in contributing to the festival in the following ways:

- performances or exhibitions
- students involved with YAA interested in selling their wares at La Luna's 'market day'
- teachers wishing to access information that may be of benefit to students interested in pursuing a career in the arts

For information: 4773 6377 Hilary <mailto:director@lalunanq.com>

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State National and International

The Queensland Orchestra Opportunity

Advertised in the Australian Weekend Review on November 4th

Section Principal Clarinet position available.

Applications close December 15th, Excerpts will be available in the week commencing January 22nd and auditions to be held in the week commencing February 5th.

For information and lists of set repertoire: 3377 5000 Charlotte Maddren

<mailto:maddrenc@theQueenslandorchestra.com.au>

Artist in Residence Opportunity

The Shorncliffe Pottery Club Inc, SE Queensland, has recently completed a new pottery studio and in line with the growth of the refurbished club has an opportunity for an Artist in Residence. This position would be ideally suited to an emerging artist or recent graduate. One year's worth of studio access and membership is offered in exchange for light workshop duties, (including regularly firing 2 electric kilns, helping to keep the workshop tidy and assisting other pottery club members). A motivated artist could also create teaching opportunities for themselves as part of this association. Both kiln firing experience and a willingness to apply for a blue card are essential. Forward resumes and applications by mail to: <mailto:attyk@aapt.net.au> or post to: The Shorncliffe Pottery Club Inc, c/ Sandgate PCYC, PO Box 158, Sandgate, Q 4017.

Adelaide Fringe 2007

March 8th to 31st

Adelaide Fringe is Australia's biggest arts festival. The *Fringe* is open to any and all artists who wish to participate. With music, dance, theatre, comedy, visual arts, film, writing, cabaret, digital arts and more, there really is something for everyone.

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

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Workshops/Training/Conferences

Local

Photographic Workshop with Tim Page

Renowned war photojournalist, Tim Page has had an enduring career which has covered all parts of the globe. Tim will be conducting workshops at the Perc Tucker Gallery on November 25th and 26th from 10am – 4pm. Participants will need digital cameras to use on location shoots as part of the workshop activities.

Open to people aged 18 and over. Numbers are limited – bookings are essential.

For information and bookings: 4727 9011

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Artist's Talk

November 28th 6pm

Join Tim Page for a talk on the man behind the lens. Renowned war photojournalist, Tim Page has had an enduring career which has covered all parts of the globe. Come and listen to a modern day photographic legend.

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery

Kaleidoscope: Centacare's Life Skills Program for Children

Kaleidoscope is a life skills program for children based on the principles of attitudinal healing. Topics covered include self esteem, personal strengths and virtues, positive thoughts, expressing feelings appropriately and learning from mistakes. Children are able to express what they have learnt through creative activities. Guided visualisations and relaxation exercises are included in each session.

A January school holiday program is available and the after school programs (advertised here in October) will recommence in January 2007.

Cost: \$10

For information: 4772 9000 Wendy

Oriental Brush Painting Group at Umbrella Studio

Following the success of the Chinese brush painting classes at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery an oriental (both Chinese and Japanese) brush painting group has formed at Umbrella Studio.

The aim of the group is to promote and foster this art practice through regular meetings in an atmosphere of friendship and support.

There will be workshops in traditional and contemporary methods, paint-ins, location paint-outs, exhibitions, and a painting trip to China is being planned.

Open to artists and non-artists – talent is not a pre-requisite to join this group. Beginners are welcome.

For information: 0437 658 768 Helena, tutor/facilitator

Life Drawing Sketch Club at Umbrella Studio

A life drawing sketch club will meet at Umbrella Studio every Friday from 1 – 4pm commencing November 10th. Suitable for all levels of experience. Easels, drawing boards and models supplied.

No bookings required – just take your drawing materials.

\$10 per session (no tuition)

For information: 4772 7109 Umbrella Studio

Shake Your Arts Workshops

Tropic Sun Theatre is currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone aged 16 and over who wishes to take part in these acting skills workshops which are conducted by experienced theatre professionals.

For information: 4721 5433 Tropic Sun Theatre

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>

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La Luna Youth Arts Workshops

La Luna Youth Arts has recently moved from Flinders Street West to the Riverway Arts Centre. La Luna will continue to offer arts workshops for children and young people aged from five years to adult at its new premises. All participants must be members of La Luna Youth Arts.

Workshops, similar to those listed below, will be offered again in 2007.

For information: 4773 6377 Fax 4773 6577 <mailto:info@lalunang>

Fizzical Theatre (5 – 9yrs) with Susan Prince

To December 5th Tuesdays 4 – 6pm

La Luna Youth Arts' youngest workshop group welcomes a new tutor this term, professional actor and writer, Susan Prince. Susan will be working with this group to devise a short performance for the end of year showcase.

Body Works Theatre (10 – 14yrs) with Chris Glover and Ryan Lower

To December 6th Wednesdays 4 – 6pm

For the remainder of this term participants will continue to work on a short film to be written, performed and filmed by the young people themselves. The finished product will then be screened at our end of year showcase on December 8th.

Jagged Edge Theatre (14 – 17yrs) and **Razed Theatre** (18 – 26yrs) with Arminelle Fleming and Susan Prince

To December 4th Mondays 5 – 7pm

This workshop group will focus firstly on staging its up coming show *Party Rite*. The remainder of the term will be spent with tutor Susan Prince on developing physicality in performance and preparing a short piece for the end of year showcase.

Cutting Edge Films (14yrs +) with Ryan Lower

To December 4th Mondays 4:30 – 6:30pm

Participants will continue work on their current short film project with an aim to screen the film at this year's end of year showcase as well as enter it into local competitions next year.

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State, National

Graduate Diploma in Community Cultural Development

Applications close: November 17th

Offered by the Community Arts Network of SA Inc, this course combines the theory and practice of arts management with community development and is delivered by distance mode, over two years of full-time study (part-time study can be negotiated). It is suitable for artists, recreation officers, social and youth workers or teachers who work in collaboration with the community and who use the arts, for example theatre, craft, visual arts, music or writing, with the focus of enriching community life.

<http://www.cansa.net.au>

Flying Arts – ETA McGregor – January 2007

Closing date: December 1st

Flying Arts ETA McGregor experience is an opportunity for secondary students to build portfolios, learn new skills and experiment with different visual arts media in the context of USQ Toowoomba's McGregor Summer School.

For information: <http://www.usq.edu.au/mcgregor/eta.htm>

For details of bursaries available to assist with registration and/or travel costs:

3853 3271 <mailto:info@flyingarts.org.au> <http://www.flyingarts.org.au>

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

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>

[Click here](#) for information on short story and poetry competitions

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.blarneybulletin.com>

The October edition of the Blarney Bulletin, the voice of the Australian Celtic Community and incorporating the Australian Celtic Tiger Resource Directory, is now online. To read the Bulletin and listen to the Blarney Podcast click on the above website.

<http://www.wannabee.com.au/index.html>

For information on Wannabee Publishing

<http://www.newwriting.uts.edu.au/>

For information on UTS (University of Technology Sydney Centre for New Writing)

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

For information on the 2007 Sydney Festival

<http://www.tasmanianwriters.org>

Tasmanian Writers Centre

<http://www.theprogram.net.au>

Check out The Program, an initiative of Australia Council for the Arts

<http://www.artsconnect.com.au/callforartists/index.htm>

artsConnect is an independent website promoting Australian artists of all media.

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

Arts jobs information service and arts news outlet

<http://www.kspf.iinet.net.au>

Katherine Susanna Pritchard Writers Centre

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Date Claimers

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

New Years Eve at the Choral Society

December 31st

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

New Years Eve at the Civic with NQOMT

[Click here](#) for information

2007

Australian-Italian Festival, Ingham

May 18th to 20th

For information: 4776 5288 Jane Clark <mailto:italianfestival@hinchinbrook.qld.gov.au>

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

Northern Beaches Festival 2007

June 2nd

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

Townsville Show

June 29th to July 2nd

Festival of Chamber Music

July 6th to 15th

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

Cultural Fest

August 12th to 19th

Migrant Resource Centre 4772 4800

Seniors Week

August 18th to 25th

Strand Ephemera

September 7th to 16th

For information: 4727 9674

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Arts/Cultural Calendar

Circus

Varekai by Cirque du Soleil

To December 3rd – Brisbane

Critically acclaimed, *Varekai* is a radiant, fast-paced experience peppered with jaw-dropping acrobatics and spectacle accompanied by inspiring live music. It will be performed under Cirque du Soleil's signature 2,631 seat blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau (Big Top) in Brisbane. The Australian tour is the first time *Varekai* has been seen outside of North America where it has played to 3.4 million people.

Varekai will be the fourth Cirque du Soleil production to tour Australia, after audiences were introduced to *Saltimbanco* in 1999. The company most recently toured Australia with *Quidam*, which performed to almost one million people across the country.

For information and tickets: <http://www.cirquedusoleil.com> or 1300 130 300 Ticketek

Dance

Rakkasah 2006 – A Belly Dance Spectacular

November 17th & 18th

Don't miss this opportunity to see Belly Dance at its finest. Featuring some of Queensland's finest Belly Dance artists with over 40 performers and special guest artists. Presented by the Scimitar Moon Belly Dance Centre.

School of Arts Building, Cnr Stanley & Walker Sts – doors open at 6.30pm, show starts at 7pm

Cost: \$25/\$20 children (15 & under) \$15

For information and bookings: 0428 765 854 Judy, Scimitar Moon Belly Dance Centre

Diary of a Dance Studio

December 8th & 9th Townsville Civic Theatre

[Click here](#) for information

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 *Strand Ephemera – Call for Proposals, Call for Volunteers*

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

To November 19th

JCU Fine Arts

Exhibition of graduate work from James Cook University Bachelor of Visual Arts students.

November 17th to December 3rd

Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE ATSI Student Exhibition

Certificate and Diploma of Visual Arts ATSI student exhibition.

November 24th 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.

Opening event: November 24th @ 7pm

[Click here](#) for information on a *Photography Workshop* and an *Artist's Talk* by Tim Page

December 8th 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).

Showcase

To November 19th

The Fourth Element

Glass artwork by Victoria Nelson

Stairwell Gallery

To November 26th

Art in Schools Urban Nature Ecotourism Puzzle Map

As part of the 2006 International Ecotourism conference, over 400 students from ten Townsville primary schools have been working alongside local artists Kath Cornwell, Madeleine Challender, Alison McDonald and Leah McManus to create an *Urban Nature Ecotourism Puzzle Map*. Schools participating in this project are: Oonoonba, Hermit Park, Currajong, Garbutt, Belgian Gardens, South Townsville, Cranbrook, Annandale and Aitkenvale State Schools, and the Annandale Christian School.

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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*.

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

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 *Umbrella's Hit, Scrape, Click, Drag* concert

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

To December 10th

Textile Travelogue

Textile artist Kerry Robertson documents her travels around North Queensland in contemporary sculptural pieces using traditional embroidery techniques.

To December 10th

Students In-Case

This is an exciting new addition that will run in conjunction with Compact Prints 2006. Students In-Case will showcase the work of high school students from Townsville and the surrounding regions in the access space of the Gallery

To December 10th

Compact Prints

Umbrella Studio's signature event follows on from the success of Compact Prints 2002 and 2004, and interest generated overseas. This print exhibition and exchange has become a biennial event, open to national and international artists working in traditional and digital print media.

Opening event: November 10th at 8pm – to be officially opened by Karina Bennett from Sea FM.

15 December – 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

December 8th to 17th

Youth Arts Festival

This Festival which is being run by La Luna Youth Arts has a three-tiered focus: performances & exhibitions for and by young people, one-off workshops in a range of arts activities including filming, composition, stage combat, mosaic and seminars about how to work professionally in the arts industry (e.g. getting published, completing grant applications). Events will be held in various venues in Townsville and Thuringowa.

For information and venues: 4773 6377 Hilary <mailto:director@lalunanq.com>

[Click here](#) for information on opportunities to be part of the festival.

December 27th to January 1st

Woodford Folk Festival

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

April 5th to 9th

National Folk Festival, Canberra

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

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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.

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Music

[Click here](#) for information on musical productions by the North Queensland Opera and Music Theatre (NQOMT)

November 12th

Guitar Concert and CD Launch

The Townsville Guitar Orchestra will play contemporary Australian music at this free concert and CD launch hosted by the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery.

Richard Charlton who is one of the featured composers will be attending the concert.

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery 11am

For information: 4775 1818 Joanne McCluskey

November 17th

Hit, Scrape, Click, Drag

A contemporary, avant garde concert at Umbrella Studio with an emphasis on rhythm. Features seven musicians including Cleis Pearce from Byron Bay on viola and locals Matt Hill on keyboard and Rebecca Hutchison on saxophone.

Cost: \$8 members \$10 non members – drinks & nibbles on sale

For information: 4772 7109 Umbrella Studio

December 6th

Carols by Candlelight

Presented by Thuringowa City Council

Thuringowa Sound Shell 6 – 9pm

For information: 4773 8411

December 10th

Community Carols Under the Stars

Salvation Army Hall, Beck Drive, Condon 7.30pm

Presented by The Salvation Army, Thuringowa City

A *Speed Stacks Competition* for young people (aged 8 to 14) will commence at 5pm. Try your hand at reconfiguring (restacking) stacks of plastic cups as quickly as possible! Registrations are essential. There will be a free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting and supervised activities for children aged 0 – 7.

For information: 4723 5607

December 10th

Carols by Candlelight

Presented by the Townsville City Council at Strand Park.
The pre-show will run from 6 to 7pm and the main show from 7 to 9pm.
Cost: free
For information: 4772 5851

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>

Full Moon Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle is facilitated by the Rhythm Connection and supported by Townsville City Council.
The final Drum Circle for 2006 was held on November 5th.
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>

St James Cathedral

4771 2247

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street, South Townsville 8 – 11pm
Alternate Thursdays
For information: Fran Bancroft <mailto:franban1@aapt.net.au>

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

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

Brisbane Entertainment Centre

November 26th

The Captain and the Kid Tour with Elton John and his Band

Elton plays through the entire concert and his band features Davey Johnstone, Nigel Olsen, Guy Babylon, Bob Birch and John Mahon
Bookings: 132 849 Ticketek
<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/search/DateSearchResults.aspx?d=633000960000000000>
Advertised in the Weekend Australian Review on October 7th

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Radio

Awake! – Radio National

Awake! means 'listen up' in the Arrernte language of central Australia. It is produced and presented by Aboriginal broadcasters and is Australia's only national Indigenous arts and culture program. It covers music (from the yidaki and gumleaf to techno), arts, spirituality, politics, dance, literature and theatre.

Awake! is also a showcase for features and documentaries produced by indigenous people overseas, including Maori, Polynesian, native American and South African broadcasters.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/awake/>

Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

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

Charters Towers Players Inc

0427 871768 Allan Georgee

Choral Society Theatre Restaurant

Choral Society Hall, 485 Sturt Street, City
4779 2495 or 0418 781 766 <mailto:rpease@bigpond.net.au>

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa
4773 6377 <mailto:director@lalunang.com>

North Qld Opera & Music Theatre

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

December 2nd 3pm

Celebration of Yuletide

An afternoon of easy listening Christmas songs accompanied by light refreshments, tea & coffee.
Presented by the Company Singers with musical director Neil Smith.

Nth Qld Opera & Music Theatre (NQOMT) Hall, Gill Park

Cost: \$5, children under 14 years free

For information: 4728 5681 or 4774 0344

New Years Eve at the Civic

December 31st 8pm

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

The Outback Players Theatre Group Inc

The Palace, 118 Boundary St, South Townsville
4778 8107

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>

November 11th 2.30pm & 7.30pm

36th Annual Recital – Croft-Gilchrist School of Dancing

Enjoy this performance featuring all kinds of dance including ballet, modern, tap, character and highland.

Cost: evening – adult \$25, age pensioner \$15, school student \$15, family (2ad+2ch) \$68; matinee – adult \$20, aged pensioner \$10, school student \$10, family (2ad+2ch) \$50.

November 12th 2.30pm

Together At Last - Julie Anthony & Simon Gallaher

It's been more than 20 years since Australian music icons Julie Anthony and Simon Gallaher sang their first duet together and during that time, they have remained the best of friends.

In the early 1990's they performed their first series of concerts which proved that not only was the combination a winner, but that they also had a remarkable vocal blend.

Julie and Simon are consummate performers with pure, strong voices, perfect harmonies and together, an endearing stage presence that makes their shows a truly memorable experience.

Cost: adult/senior \$29.90, FOTT/group 10+ \$27.90

November 17th 7pm

Belgian Gardens Primary School Arts Extravaganza

This promises to be an entertaining evening showcasing the school's dance, choral and instrumental talent.

Cost: adults \$15, pensioners and secondary school students \$10, Primary school students \$5

November 18th 7.30pm

On Fire Big Band with Special Guest James Morrison

On Fire Big Band is a group of Salvos who love jazz and the hot sounds of big band. It has been playing jazz for over 12 years and has a distinctive brand of jazz that mixes big band grooves with gospel tunes.

James Morrison has performed with *On Fire Big Band* in several ventures over the past few years throughout Australia. James, *On Fire Big Band* and the outstanding a capella vocal quartet *The Idea of North*, have recorded a concert series, live, which has resulted in the *Jazz with Heat and Direction* CD.

James Morrison is a virtuoso musician. Besides the trumpet, he plays trombone, euphonium, flugel horn, tuba, saxophones, and piano. He has performed with many well known jazz musicians including George Benson, Ray Charles and B.B. King and has played in the world's most famous jazz clubs in New York, Paris and London. He has recorded with The London Symphony Orchestra, and performed for Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth II and for US Presidents Bush and Clinton. In 1997, James was recognised for his service to the arts in Australia and awarded a medal of The Order of Australia.

Concertgoers can expect to hear big band jazz and gospel standards, many of which have been arranged by James Morrison. Some of the arrangements have featured on the following CDs: *Snappy Doo*, *Manner Dangerous*, *The Gospel According to Groove*, *Scream Machine*, *On Fire Big Band*, *Jazz with Heat and Direction*, and *On Fire Big Band's* latest release *Unfinished Business*.

Cost: \$35/\$30, children 12 yrs & under \$20

Presented by The Salvation Army

November 22nd 1 & 7pm

The Christmas Carol – Marque Talent Studios

Mr Scrooge hates Christmas and is visited by the spirit of Christmas past, present and future through the use of song, dance and acting. Mr Scrooge learns how to love again and celebrate Christmas.

Cost: \$22/\$20, school student \$17, family (2ad+2ch) \$63 school group bookings available

Presented by Marque Talent Studios

November 23rd & 24th 8pm

Carl Barron - Best Bits of My Two DVDs

Carl Barron fans saw him sell out fifteen dates in January at the Sydney Opera House, and all before Christmas! His two DVD's have sold multi-platinum copies and are the most popular stand-up comedy releases in Australian retail history. Almost everywhere he performs, people flock to see him.

Carl has been doing stand-up comedy for well over a decade and tours relentlessly, both in Australia and overseas. He takes invitations to prestigious international festivals in his stride – they are as important to him as a local Friday night RSL gig around the corner.

Catch him before he heads overseas!

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

Presented by A-List Entertainment

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

November 29th 11am with complimentary morning tea from 10am

Morning Melodies – Love and Roses

Stars John MacNally.

After his popular performance in 2003, Irish tenor John MacNally returns to Townsville with his new show *Love and Roses*. Inspired by a CD he recorded in Nashville, Tennessee, this performance will feature the most-requested songs from his tours around Australia, the USA, Canada and Ireland.

John will sing 'rose' classics such as *La Vie en Rose*, *The Rose of Tralee*, *My Ringsend Rose*, *Roses of Picardy*, *My Wild Irish Rose*, *Moonlight and Roses* and *The Days of Wine and Roses*. Also included in this show are enchanting love songs *You'll Never Know Just How Much I Love You*, *When I Fall in Love* and *Blue Spanish Eyes*.

Of course John's show would not be complete without Irish favourites *A Touch of Shamrock*, *Galway Bay*, *Are Ye Right There Michael*, *Phil the Fluters Call*, *Irish Eyes* and *Too-ra-loo-ra-loo-ra*. With unique presentation, John's magnificent voice allows him to embrace all genres of music and his connection with the audience is enhanced by his wonderful stories and sense of humour. His repertoire also includes songs of inspiration and a few country and western tunes as well.

Join us for a complimentary morning tea at 10am followed by *Morning Melodies - Love and Roses* with John MacNally.

Cost: \$12; group 10+ \$9.50

December 8th & 9th 7.30pm

Diary of a Dance Studio

Students of Ann Roberts School of Dancing celebrate a year of learning with *Diary of a Dance Studio*. This is a great evening of entertainment for the whole family.

Cost: \$25/\$16, school student \$14.50, family (2Ad+2Ch) \$60

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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>

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.

World Theatre

Charters Towers 4787 8472

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