



Townsville & Thuringowa Arts e-bulletin

October 2006



In this issue

[News & Sundries](#)

[Websites](#)

[Grants & Scholarships](#)

[Date Claimers](#)

[Competitions & Awards](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Circus](#)

[Dance](#)

[Exhibitions](#)

[Employment/](#)

[Expressions of Interest/](#)

[Opportunities](#)

[Festivals](#)

[Film](#)

[Music](#)

[Workshops/Training/](#)

[Conferences/](#)

[Poetry](#)

[Theatre](#)

This e-bulletin is sponsored by the Townsville and Thuringowa City Councils

Editors: Barbara Pearson & Sandra James
Community Information Centre (Townsville & District) Inc
Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Mall Townsville CBD
PO Box 1314 Townsville 4810 Phone: 4771 4230

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

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

Disclaimer: While every effort is made to ensure accurate and up to date information is provided, the Community Information Centre (CIC) accepts no liability for any errors, omissions or other mistakes contained in this e-bulletin.

The CIC relies on organisations and individuals to provide accurate information and no specific endorsement is denoted by their inclusion in this e-bulletin.

Events are subject to change without notice. Please check with the relevant organisations for further details.

News & Sundries

Invitation to CIC's Thirtieth Birthday Party!

The CIC turns thirty this year and is celebrating with a luncheon party.

Date: November 15th

Time: 12.30pm (following the Centre's AGM which will commence at 12noon)

Venue: Mayors Reception Room, TCC Administration Building, Walker Street

RSVP: October 31st 4771 4230 <mailto:bap@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Volunteering North Queensland Has Moved to New Premises

Addresses and contact numbers have changed to:

Street Address: Unit 6/56 Charles Street, Aitkenvale

Postal Address: PO Box 1496 Aitkenvale BC Qld 4814

Phone: 4725 5990

Fax: 4725 5996

Christmas Country Fair / Craft Market

November 5th 8.30 – 2pm

High quality craft market with forty stalls. Morning tea and lunch available

Holy Spirit School Assembly Shed, Hatchett St. Cranbrook

Cost: free

For information: 4773 4908 Kathryn Bowman

Creative Craft & Sewing Show

October 26th to 29th 10am – 5pm

Features workshops, demonstrations, and a vast array of craft supplies.

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

Cost: from \$12 for one day pass

Presented by Access All Areas Event Management

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

Guitar Orchestra CD Launch

The guitar orchestra is performing and launching their latest CD at 11am on November 12th at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery.

Cost: free

CDs will be available for sale at the performance.

For information: 4751 5945 Alison McDonald

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 form 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 continue until December 16th

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>

[Back to Top](#)

Grants & Scholarships

Local

Regional Arts Development Fund (Townsville)

Closing date: October 27th

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a Queensland Arts and Townsville City Council partnership supporting local arts and culture. It offers funding to individuals and community groups for one-off, short term activities, employing professional artists and arts and cultural workers. Information sessions and a grant writing workshop are planned in the next couple of months, and applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Cultural Development Officer to register interest in attending or to discuss potential projects.

Application forms are available from Community and Cultural Services Department – Level 1 Northtown, Flinders Street Mall, (4727 9680) or from Townsville libraries.

Information and forms can also be accessed on Council's website <http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au>

Breakwater Island Casino Benefit Fund

Closing date: October 31st

Grants to non-profit community organisations in North Queensland. There are two funding rounds per year and grants do not usually exceed \$5000.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/grants/grantdetails.action?grantId=8ae5936c063948ea010639493029003b>

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>

[Back to Top](#)

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>

Ian Potter Foundation

Closing dates: November 1st

A private philanthropic foundation for charitable purposes in Australia – including support for the arts.

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

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

[Back to Top](#)

Competitions & Awards

Local

Presentation of the Colin Roderick Award for the Best Book Published in Australia in 2005

October 17th 6.30 for 7pm

The Foundation for Australian Literary Studies cordially invites you to the presentation of the Colin Roderick Award for the best book reflecting Australian life published in 2005.

This year's winner is Peter Temple, well known as Australia's leading crime writer, for his novel *The Broken Shore*. *The Broken Shore* has already been extensively praised and received several awards, not only as a 'crime novel', but as a gripping and moving study of a policeman with a passion for justice.

Peter Temple has worked extensively as a journalist, editor and influential teacher of writing, having established the prestigious *Professional Writing and Editing* course at RMIT. He has won four *Ned Kelly Awards* for best crime novel.

The Award will be presented to Peter at a dinner to be held at the George Coates Restaurant, Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, Cnr Fulham Road and Hugh Street, Pimlico.

Cost: \$55 per person (includes GST, pre-dinner drinks and wine)

For bookings: 4781 4426 or 4781 4451 School of Humanities, JCU

For information: 4779 9074 Donat Gallagher <mailto:donnmary@austarnet.com.au>

State National and International

Arts Scholarships and Awards

2006 Marten Bequest Travelling Scholarship – closes October 27th

The Vasanta Scholarship 2007 – closes December 1st

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

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

2006 Sidney Myer Performing Arts Awards

Nominations close: October 31st

The following awards will be made:

Individual Award \$35,000

Group Award \$60,000

Facilitator's Prize \$10,000

For information: <http://www.myerfoundation.org.au/115.asp>

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>

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

Pascall Prize for Critical Writing

The 2006 Pascall Prize for Critical Writing will be announced at a function to be held in Sydney on October 25th.

<http://www.aussing.com.au/pascall/index.htm>

Monash University Indigenous Scholarships

Closing dates: October 27th

Monash University is offering several scholarships for Indigenous Australians including:

Monash University Indigenous Scholarship for Excellence

Monash University Indigenous Scholarship for Excellence and Equity

For information on these and others:

<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/scholarships/opportunities/indigenous-excellence/index.html>

2007 ABC Symphony Australia Young Performers Awards

Closing date: October 27th

Each year, Symphony Australia presents awards to outstanding young Australian musicians. In 2007 applicants will be placed in one of the following three categories:

- Strings
- Keyboards
- Other Instruments.

For information and application form: http://www.symphony.net.au/art_perf_08.html

2007 Varuna Awards for Manuscript Development

Advertised in the Weekend Australian Review on October 7th

Closing date: October 31st

A chance to be one of five writers to develop their work to the best professional advantage working with a senior HarperCollins editor in the supportive residential environment of Varuna, The writers' House in Katoomba, NSW. The 2007 program will run in April 2007.

For information and application forms: <http://www.varuna.com.au/writingprograms.html>

2007 NSW Premier's Literary & Translation Prize – Call for Nominations

Advertised in the Weekend Australian Review on October 7th

Closing Date: November 10th

The Awards honour distinguished achievement by Australian writers and translators.

For information, nomination forms and guidelines:

<http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au/awards/LiteraryAwards/LiteraryAwards.htm>

The Gallipoli Art Prize

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

[Back to Top](#)

Employment/Expressions of Interest/Opportunities

Local

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 with the children's exhibition *Exquisite House* which runs until October 29th and the Jack Wilson Christmas concert in mid December.

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

Perc Tucker Gallery's 'The Percival' – Call for Artists

Closing date: October 25th

Artists are invited to submit entries for *The Percival* portraiture award. Entries must be drawn from real people, for example, prominent local identities, family members, everyday characters or self portraits.

For information and entry forms: 4727 9679 Amber Church <mailto:ac2@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Strand Ephemera – Call for Proposals

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.

Proposals should be submitted between late October and late November 2006. In the meantime, interested artists should contact the Gallery to register their contact details so that any information about *Strand Ephemera* can be forwarded to them.

A selection of sculptures for the exhibition will be made in December.

For information and to register contact details: 4727 9674 <mailto:ptrg@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Perc Tucker Gallery Elevator Interior Refurbishment – Call for Designs

The interior of the Gallery's elevator is due for refurbishment, presenting an opportunity for artistic input. Designs that can be incorporated into the stainless steel interior are sought from local artists. An artist's fee will be paid for the selected design and the artist will be acknowledged. For information: 4727 9679 Amber Church <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 Mandy Wildeheart, Cultural Development Project Officer 4727 9649 or <mailto:asw@townsville.qld.gov.au>

Expressions of Interest Sought!

La Luna Youth Arts is holding the inaugural *Youth Arts Festival* in December this year. 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>

[Back to Top](#)

State National and International

LifeLens – Short Film Festival

Official entries due: October 25th

Lifeline Community Care is seeking inspiring young film makers and students to bring 'What we do' to life in three to eight minutes. Pick one of the following themes: *Being Heard*, *Psychological First Aid* and *Strengthening Families*.

Over \$5000 in cash and prizes available.

For information and registration: <http://www.lccq.org.au/film>

Indigenous Visual Arts Inquiry

Submission closing date: October 27th

On August 15th 2006 the Australian Government announced a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Indigenous Visual Arts and Craft Sector. The Inquiry will be undertaken by the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee. Arts Queensland encourages all practising Indigenous artists and artswomen, arts organisations, Cultural Infrastructure Program clients and members of the non-Indigenous arts industry and general community who have an interest in the Indigenous visual arts and craft sector to make a submission to the Australian Government's Inquiry.

More information is available at the Australian Government website

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/indigenous_arts/index.htm

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/>

[Back to Top](#)

Workshops/Training/Conferences

Local

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.

An after school program runs for six weeks as follows:

Grades 1 to 3: October 23rd 30th & November 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th from 3.30 to 5pm (Mondays)

Grades 4 to 7: October 26th & November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 3.30 to 5pm (Thursdays)

Cost: \$10 – afternoon tea is provided

A January school holiday program is also available at Centacare.

For information: 4772 9000 Wendy

Chinese Brush Painting Group at Umbrella Studio Soon

Following the success of the Chinese brush painting classes at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery an oriental (both Chinese and Japanese) brush painting group is now forming.

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

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

EATS – Emerging Artist Talks at Umbrella Studio

For information: 4772 7817 <mailto:info@umbrella.org.au> <http://www.umbrella.org.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>

[Back to Top](#)

Indexing Course in Townsville Soon

Printworthy is seeking expressions of interest for an indexing course to be held in Townsville. A date can be fixed once enough people have registered their interest.

The jam packed two day course will be conducted by master indexer Max McMaster who will provide participants with practical indexing skills which they can use in their workplaces or in new careers.

The teaching of software and the business of freelance indexing will also be included.

For information (including course costs) and registration: 0409 121 221

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

Fizzical Theatre (5 – 9yrs) with Susan Prince

October 17th 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

October 18th 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

October 23rd 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

October 16th 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.

[Back to Top](#)

Music for the Terrified

Mondays October 16th to November 20th 6 – 7pm

Music classes for adults with little or no previous experience with music.

"If you can speak, you can sing!" This is true – but are you a bit scared?

Have you ever said?

"I wish I could sing"

"I'd love to sing, just for fun"

"I'd love to sing in a choir, but I'm too nervous"

"I'm not sure if I have a voice or not but I'd like to find out"

This short course is for you.

Kerry Rehn is an experienced classroom music specialist and choir director who has been involved in music education for over 20 years. Her qualifications include a Diploma of Teaching, Graduate Diploma in Special Education and the Kodaly Certificate of Australia. She has taught music to students of all ages from babies to adults including pre-school, primary, secondary and tertiary.

After teaching do re mi classes and adult musicianship courses for many years, she is currently teaching classroom music and choir in two Catholic Primary schools in Townsville and is directing two community choirs.

Classes held at 72 Perroux St. Pimlico

Cost \$45

For more information or to enrol contact Kerry Rehn 4779 7368

<mailto:rehfamily@bigpond.com>

Life Drawing Workshops with Gerald Soworka

October 15th, 22nd & 29th 9:30 – 12:30

A fun, active and intensive three Sunday mornings focused on capturing the energy and dynamism of the human form. You will be individually guided through a series of drawing exercises to cultivate and further your drawing abilities and personal style.

Suitable for all levels of ability.

Samples of Gerald's work can be viewed at <http://people.aapt.net.au/~canetoadhunter>

Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders Street West

For information (on cost) and bookings: 4772 7109

Two Hours to Publication and Profit – a Workshop with Craig Bolland

October 26th

Commitments, commitments, commitments, where's the time to write? Whether you have family responsibilities, weekend or after-hours jobs, or are a beginner writer trying to break into the market, this mid-week seminar shows you how to find time for, and make money from, your writing. Author and journalist Craig Bolland (*I Knit Water*) covers making the most of your limited availability to write marketable 'two-hour pieces', either fiction or journalism, for profit, pleasure, profile and, most of all, publication.

Aitkenvale Library 6.30 – 9pm

Cost: QWC members \$48/\$40, non members \$80

For information and bookings: 3839 1243 Julie Beveridge, Marketing and Program Coordinator, Queensland Writers Centre <mailto:jbeveridge@qwc.asn.au> <http://www.qwc.asn.au>

State, National

Monash University Indigenous Scholarships

Closing date: October 27th

Monash University offers several scholarships for Indigenous Australians.

For information and entry forms: (03) 9902 6011

<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/scholarships/opportunities/indigenous-excellence/index.html>

Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management

Applications Close: November 11th

Course Duration: one year part time - four one week blocks of study

The Indigenous Arts management course aims to provide specialist training and skills to visual and performing artists and arts workers.

<http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/Course.aspx?topicID=861&courseID=37>

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>

Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) – Course

DVD Authoring Course – November 22nd to 24th

Closing date for entries: November 8th

This course aims to provide participants with an intensive introduction to DVD production.

Course Director, Cathy Vogan.

Places are limited and entry is competitive. Course fees must be paid immediately on being offered a place.

Cost: \$600

For information: (07) 3257 7646 <http://myregistration.aftrs.edu.au/sr.cfm?v=E359w1>

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

[Back to Top](#)

Websites

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

Youth Arts Queensland

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

Australian Youth Orchestra

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

Australian Libraries Gateway

<http://www.asauthors.org/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=ASP0016/ccms.r>

The Australian Society of Authors is the peak professional association for Australia's literary creators. Members include biographers, illustrators, academics, cartoonists, scientists, food and wine writers, children's writers, ghost writers, librettists, travel writers, romance writers, translators, computer programmers, journalists, poets and novelists.

<http://jacketmagazine.com/00/about.shtml>

John Tranter's online poetry magazine is a free internet-only literary site. All issues, over 5,000 printed pages, are available and feature poetry, creative prose, reviews, interviews, author photos and informative articles.

<http://www.cultureandrecreation.gov.au/articles/festivals/>

For links to festivals around Australia

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

National Folk festival

Date Claimers

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

Carols by Candlelight – Thuringowa

December 6th

For information: 4773 8411

Jack Wilson Christmas Concert

December 15th

For information: 4727 9011 Perc Tucker Gallery

New Years Eve at the Choral Society

December 31st

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

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>

Strand Ephemera

September 7th to 16th

For information: 4727 9674

[Back to Top](#)

Arts/Cultural Calendar

Circus

Varekai by Cirque du Soleil

November 9th 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

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>

October 26th to November 4th 8pm

nightcafe 06

A new *nightcafe*, drawing upon the same themes as last year's work which was so well received by Townsville audiences. Still set in a bar before opening, but what happens will be new, fresh and full of laughter.

This will be the Christmas send-off you always wished for. Come and party with *dancenorth*.

What critics said about 2005 *nightcafe*: 'captivating and thrilling in its originality'.

School of Arts Theatre – Cnr Stanley & Walker Streets

Cost: \$30/\$24, children \$10, table bookings are available \$10 per person

Extensions Youth Dance Company

October 19th to 21st 6.30pm & 8pm

Collective Branches – Breaking Spaces

This performance showcases new works by six young choreographers for thirty five dancers.

Breaking Spaces is about opening corridors, tilting doorways and shifting views.

School of Arts Theatre

Cost: \$15 (all tickets – limited seats)

For information and bookings: 4772 2549

[Back to Top](#)

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

To October 26th

Defining the Divine by Jackie Wintour, Michele McCarthy & Serafina Ilardi.

A collaborative exhibition of paintings and sculpture which fulfills a component of the Bachelor of Visual Arts degree at JCU.

Opening: October 13th at 7pm

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*, *The Percival – Call for Artists* and the *Gallery Elevator Interior – Call for Designs*.

To October 22nd

Young Artist Awards

Townsville City Council's annual art competition for children from pre-school through to Year 12.

To October 22nd

Amongst the Wolves

Lee Harnden is recognised locally, nationally and internationally as a graffiti artist of high repute. In this show, Lee will extend his practice to include fine art and explore new concepts.

To October 29th

Exquisite House – Xtrata Children's Exhibition

Without doubt it is a child's eye that gives us the most honest view of the world. Kids tell it as it is, and the work by Tobias Richardson reveals an insight into a child's world through the eyes of a mature artist. The work in this exhibition reveals a variety of the artist's perspectives on the house/home/dwelling but Richardson's work brings us back to a child-centric position more than any other work.

Born in Sydney, Tobias has studied and practiced visual arts both nationally and internationally and his work crosses many disciplines including sculpture, installation, collecting and painting. The multi sectional sculpture included in *Exquisite House* is a reinterpretation of his child hood drawings.

October 27th to November 5th

JCU Bachelor of Photography Students Exhibition

Exhibition of graduate work from James Cook University Bachelor of Photography students.

November 3rd to 12th

Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE Visual Arts

Annual exhibition of work by Diploma of Visual Arts students.

November 10th 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.

Showcase

October 31st to November 19th

The Fourth Element

Glass artwork by Victoria Nelson

[Back to Top](#)

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 October 29th

Flying Arts Regional Art Award Exhibition

Open to regional Queensland and northern New South Wales residents, the Flying Arts 2006 Regional Art Award is a fine exhibition of the immense diversity and creative skills thriving in the region. Townsville and Thuringowa artists have enjoyed great success in these Awards for several years. Don't miss the only regional presentation of this exhibition and be sure to vote for your favourite work to help decide the winner.

To October 29th

Nature Transmogrified

An exhibition of sculptures, by Adrian Vanderlugt, exploring the journey of his life, across a number of continents. The works are inspired by the cultures he engaged with and are represented by the animals he encountered.

November 4th 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

[Back to Top](#)

Umbrella Studio

482 Flinders St West Townsville 4810 4772 7817
<mailto:info@umbrella.org.au> <http://www.umbrella.org.au>

EATS – Emerging Artists' Talks – phone above for information

To November 5th

3 Conversations

Art practitioners Christine Rigano (Home Hill), Adrienne Fleming (Toowoomba) and Janice Symonds (Townsville) maintain a dialogue across media including paintings and other objects. *3 Conversations* gives voice to ideas of wholes and parts, isolation and separation, inside and out, individual and group.

To November 5th

Descarte's Error

Descartes's error was that he believed that body and mind could be separated and that our essential being was non-corporeal and detached from physicality. This exhibition by local artist Gerald Sowarka is a celebration and a re-affirmation of human embodiment through large-scale multi-panel drawings of male and female figures. Media used include charcoal, pastel, ink wash and coffee on paper.

November 10th to December 10th

Textile Travelogue

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

November 10th 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

November 10th 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.

Vincent Gallery

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

Festivals

To October 15th

The 10th Great Tropical Jazz Party on Magnetic Island

Ten bands and over forty leading overseas, interstate and local musicians present three nights and two days of exciting jazz from mainstream to contemporary at the International Resort, Nelly Bay, Magnetic Island.

This year's line-up includes, from New York, accomplished singer, composer and multi-instrumentalist Tom Lellis, and Australia's Kristin Bernadi, winner of the prestigious 2006 *Shure Montreux Jazz Voice Competition* in Switzerland. Other visiting bands include John Mackey Quintet (Canberra & Sydney), Mark4 (Sydney), Ted Vining Trio (Melbourne), Hoffman/Newcomb Famous Quintet (Brisbane), Elana Stone Quartet (Sydney) and Exposed Bone (Sydney).

Presented by the Magnetic Jazz Association Inc

For information: 4778 5918 <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty/2006main.htm>

A print friendly version is available at <http://www.cichappell.com/jazzparty/2006printpage.htm>

October 14th & 15th

Greek Fest

This year's Greek Fest will be held at Riverway, Thuringowa. Some highlights of the festival will be: the Hellenic Dancers of Townsville performing traditional and modern Greek dances, *Aegean Groove* filling Riverway with the sounds of Greece, the Hellenic Artefacts exhibition and some great Greek food.

Cost: free

Presented by the Townsville Greek Community

For information: 4775 1924 / 0417 739 749 Bill Malandris, co-ordinator

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

October 21st

Words on Water – New Date for Postponed Event

Outdoor performance event mixing vocal recordings, sounds, lights, projected photographs, words and fire-sculpture.

Artists: Colin Bright – composer; Suzy Gilmour – writer; Glen O'malley - photographer.

Performers: Woodenbong Fire tribe; Magneticus Acrobatics; children from Magnetic Island; Aquapella World Music Choir.

Port Park, Palmer Street, next to Maritime Museum 7pm – take a rug and sit on the grass.

For information: 4727 9680 or 4727 9685

October 21st to 22nd

North Queensland Champion of Champions Festival

Presented by The Townsville Country Music Association Inc.

PCYC Rasmussen

For information: 4779 9368, Dawn McIntyre <mailto:dawnalan@austarnet.com.au>

November 11th 4 – 9pm

Oonoonba State School Annual Mango Fest

Oonoonba Primary School, Fairfield Waters Drive

Presented by the Oonoonba Primary School Parents & Citizens Association

For information: 0408 884 657 Debbie Sullivan

October 22nd

Family Summit – Family Celebration Day

Presented by Townsville City Council

Workshops, family displays, kids activities, food, non-stop entertainment.

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

10am – 5.30pm

For information: Community & Cultural Services Department 4727 9714

November 3rd to 6th

Wangaratta Festival of Jazz

<http://www.wangaratta-jazz.org.au/docs/programme.php>

The ABC will bring you some of the best music from this year's *Wangaratta Festival of Jazz* via broadcasts on Radio National, ABC Classic FM and the ABC's digital jazz radio station, DIG Jazz – stay tuned.

December 27th to January 1st

Woodford Folk Festival

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

[Back to Top](#)

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

October 19th

Go for Zucker! (Alles auf Zucker!)

Having left his mother and brother in East Berlin just before the Wall went up, Jaeckie Zucker (Henry Hubchen) also left behind his Jewish name, Jakob Zuckerman and all things Jewish. In the 40 years he has spent on the West side of the Wall, Jaeckie has become a hot pool player and gambler and liar. His family are at their wits end with him. His life becomes more complicated when his mother dies. Germany 2005 (M)

Neil Young: Heart of Gold

An intimate musical portrait of legendary singer/songwriter Neil Young, filmed at the world premiere of Young's *Prairie Wind* concert at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium in the summer of 2005. Young's relationship with his friends and family, mortality and faith are reflected in his songs. He is joined on stage by his regular musical companions – his musicians and backup singers including his wife Peggi Young and country star Emmylou Harris. USA 2006 (G)

Final screening for 2006:

November 2nd

Life is a Miracle (Zivot je Cudo)

Emir Katurica offers us an incredibly animated cast and a gripping journey to experiencing the whole gamut of saturated human emotions. Whether at peace or at war, sharing joy of being with friends or bitter taste of parting, the characters in the film are given a fascinating ability to see beauty in every moment of their life.

Serbia and Montenegro/France 2004 (M)

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

[Back to Top](#)

Music

Full Moon Drum Circle

November 5th

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

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

Magnetic Jazz Association

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

[Click here](#) for information on the *Great Tropical Jazz Party* on Magnetic Island

Music Centre North Queensland

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

October 14th 8pm

Ash Grunwald and guest artist

Nationally acclaimed as Australia's greatest blues singer and front man for Triple J's *Roots N All*. One of the finest young Australian performers of blues n roots, Ash is bringing this music to a new generation with his use of grooves and hip hop feel. Playing the lap steel, dobro and acoustic guitar and utilising a loop player to build his musical textures, Ash's music displays the strong influence of the Delta blues tradition of artists such as Robert Johnson, Howlin Wolf and Elmore James, coupled with the more experimental percussive accompaniments of contemporary blues and folk musician Tom Waits.

Pimlico Performing Arts Centre, Fulham Rd, Pimlico

Cost: \$30/\$27, groups of five or more \$25 each

St James Cathedral

4771 2247

October 15th 7pm

Thomas Heywood Organ Concert

Thomas Heywood is an international organ recitalist based in Melbourne. He is currently on tour in the US. In Townsville he will play the pipe organ in St James' Cathedral which is the largest in Queensland outside of Brisbane. Thomas has produced many recordings and these will be on sale at the concert.

Cost: \$20/\$15

Townsville Folk & Acoustic Music Club

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

Alternate Thursdays

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

October 20th 8pm

Martin Pearson Performs

For more than a decade, Martin Pearson has been the leading comedian at all of Australia's major folk festivals, regularly playing to full houses of over 1000.

His astonishing gift for parody and lightning-fast wit have made him a favourite of audiences across the country.

Bellevue Hotel, Allen Street

Cost: Folk Club members \$5, non-members \$7

Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre

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

November 11th 8pm

Dwight Yoakam – Blame the Vain Australian Tour 2006

Townsville Entertainment & Convention Centre

Cost: \$69.50 per person

Contact: 4771 4000 (Tickets)

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

[Back to Top](#)

Poetry

November 11th

Bushies and Bards

Bush poetry mates are pleased to present a variety of *Bushies & Bards* in support of Townsville & District Life Education – featuring Melanie Hall, Kathie Priestley, Val Dart, Linda Bubb, Lyn Tarring, Eileen Flynn, Hal Bubb, Rusty Dart and the Palmerston Singers.

Wulguru Community Hall 2.30 – 5pm

Cost: \$13 per person, includes tea/coffee, damper and cookies joy, raffle and lucky door prizes

For information and tickets: 4772 3391 Wendy Flynn

Theatre

Burdekin Theatre

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

October 21st 8pm

The Eagles Experience

Cost: \$27

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>

October 14th, 20th & 21st, 27th & 28th

Choral Society Theatre Restaurant – ‘Nonsense’

This year the Choral Society is using an exciting new format for its Theatre Restaurant. It will present *Nonsense* the hilarious musical directed by Alan Cooke and with a very talented cast.

Cost: \$35 dinner and show – bar service available

La Luna Youth Arts

Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa
4771 2600 <mailto:director@lalunang.com>

October 19th to 21st

Party Rite

La Luna Youth Arts has produced a multimedia performance, in response to the growing concerns about the partying culture of young people, which is intended to educate and inform as well as entertain young people.

Party Rite – a suspected overdose – what should you do? What is ICE and why should I put it on my phone? You never get a record for your first drug conviction, do you?

These questions and more are answered in *Party Rite!*

Young people are going to party and *Party Rite* is not trying to discourage this but the show does give some excellent advice on how to stay safe and avoid serious problems during a party, or indeed, a party season.

Riverway Arts Centre – Thursday 9.30am, 12noon, 4pm; Friday 9.30am, 12noon and 8pm;
Saturday 8pm

Cost: \$12/\$9, young people 12 years and over \$6, school groups \$4.50 each – staff admitted free

Nth Qld Opera & Music Theatre

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

To October 15th

Cats

Presented by the North Queensland Opera and Music Theatre Group Inc and based on the universally popular T S Eliot poetry in *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*. *Cats* tells the enchanting story of one special night of the year, *The Jellicle Ball*. Victoria, a young beautiful cat, dances to signal the invitation to the *Jellicle Ball*. And so begins the introduction to *Cats*. One by one they step forward to be chosen to make the special journey to be reborn.

Breaking new ground in the concept and staging of the Queensland non-professional premiere of *Cats*, North Queensland Opera & Music Theatre has assembled the purr-fect production team including directors Andrew Higgins and D'Arcy Mullamphy, choreographer Kylie Ball, vocal director Claire King, instrumental director Emma Crocker and set & costume designer Luke Ede (NIDA Graduate).

The team is planning to take *Cats* into a new era. There will be no junk yard in this version and the costumes are astonishing. The best talent from the North is working hard to bring you a show you won't forget.

11th to 14th – 8pm (with 2pm matinee on the 14th); 15th – 6pm

Cost: \$35/\$30, full time tertiary student \$30, group 10+ \$30, school student \$18, school group 10+ \$16 (Wed & Thurs) \$18 (Fri, Sat & Sun)

The Outback Players Theatre Group Inc

The Palace, 118 Boundary St, South Townsville
4778 8107

October 6th & 7th; 13th & 14th; 20th & 21st

A Wink of the Sphinx

Bar opens at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, show starts at 8pm

Cost: \$25 (includes dinner & show)

Riverway Arts Centre

20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa
For information and bookings: 4773 8889
<http://riverway.thuringowa.qld.gov.au/about>

[Back to Top](#)

Townsville Civic Theatre

41 Boundary St
Townsville 4810
4727 9797 TicketShop
<mailto:civic.theatre@townsville.qld.gov.au>
<http://www.townsville.qld.gov.au>

To October 15th

Cats

[Click](#) for details

October 17th

Treasure Island

Heatley State School's version of *Treasure Island* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's traditional story of a young orphan, Jim Hawkins, who finds a treasure map. He convinces the wealthy Squire Trelawney to sail the Caribbean in search of the treasure but blood-thirsty pirates, led by Long John Silver, are also seeking the treasure for themselves.

Heatley State School celebrates its 25th year with this, its twelfth biennial musical.

Fun for the whole family!

October 17th – 6.30pm, October 18th – 10am & 6.30pm, October 19th – 10am

Cost: \$24/\$16, child \$12, family \$60, school group bookings available

October 20th 8pm

Adam Brand - What a Life Tour

Eight times Golden Guitar winner Adam Brand is touring Queensland in October with an exciting new show.

Brand's new album *What A Life* was released on July 8th and made its debut on the ARIA Australian Artists Country Chart at number 1 where it remains after six weeks, confirming him as one of Australia's most popular and successful country artists. All of Adam's previous four albums are either gold or platinum certified.

Adam and his band will be joined by special guests Felicity Urquhart, Carter & Carter and Sam Hawksley. Adam will play a mix of his hits and songs from the new album with two video screens running for the duration of the show.

Cost: \$35/\$32, group 10+ \$32, child 14 yrs and under \$17

October 21st 8pm

Brass Then and Now with Sydney Brass

Fanfare-like sounds will echo through the auditorium of the Civic Theatre when *Sydney Brass*, directed by Paul Goodchild, performs its first concert in Townsville. Trumpets, including piccolo trumpet and flugal horn, trombones, French horn, tuba and timpani will present music from the Renaissance to the present, beginning with two antiphonal works by Jean-Baptiste Lully and Giovanni Gabrieli and finishing with some exciting arrangements of modern favourites including Bernstein's *West Side Story* and hits from The Beatles.

Paul Goodchild formed *Sydney Brass* from the *Sydney Brass Ensemble* in the late eighties. Paul's father Cliff, Principal Tuba with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and four colleagues from the brass section of the Orchestra formed the *Sydney Brass Ensemble* in 1958.

Sydney Brass is a group of eleven musicians including members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and freelance players performing regularly with Australia's major orchestras.

Cost: \$38/\$35, tertiary student \$25, school student \$12

October 26th (6.30pm) & 27th (9.30am & 11.45am)

Who Sank the Boat?

Presented by South Australia's Patch Theatre Company, *Who Sank the Boat?* is an acclaimed theatrical story-fest featuring eight of Pamela Allen's most-loved stories, including *Who Sank the Boat?*, *Bertie and the Bear* and *Mr McGee Goes to Sea*. These wondrous stories are presented using a range of styles including luminescent black-light theatre, puppetry, operetta, mime, dance, song and live music.

Who Sank the Boat? explores what happens when, for no particular reason, a cow, a donkey, a sheep, a pig and a tiny little mouse decide to go for a row in the bay one warm sunny morning. As the animals climb into a rowing dinghy one after another, the boat begins to sink lower and lower in the water. The last in is the mouse ... young audiences will have great fun trying to work out who sank the boat!

From the company that presented the magical *Pigs, Bears and Billy Goat's Gruff* in 2004 and the fun-filled *Sharon, Keep Ya Hair On!* in 2005.

Pamela Allen is a phenomenon in the world of children's writing. Her picture books have earned classic status and many of her stories have remained popular for more than 20 years.

Suitable for children aged 4 to 8 years

Cost: adult \$14, child \$9, school groups \$7.50

October 28th 7.30pm

Army in Concert with Guest Star Marina Prior

Enjoy an exciting musical journey with the Australian Defence Forces combined Army Bands, and guest star Marina Prior.

Marina Prior is well known for her starring roles in musicals such as *Les Miserables*, *Cats* and *West Side Story*, and her regular appearances on *Good Morning Australia* and *Carols by Candlelight*.

Townsville's own 1RAR Band will join musicians from Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney to present an exhilarating night of music-making.

Cost: \$40/\$35, child 14yrs & under \$25

Presented by Townsville Legacy

October 29th 2pm

Celebration of Strings

String players from Townsville and Thuringowa primary schools perform in a variety of string ensembles.

Presented by Australian String Teacher's Association

November 5th 6pm

Saffire – Renaissance

Don't miss this very special opportunity to experience Australia's highest-selling classical group - *Saffire*. Four of Australia's most dynamic young classical guitarists return to Townsville with *Renaissance* – the highly anticipated follow-up to their 2004 concert.

This ARIA Award-winning guitar quartet includes Karin Schaupp, who is welcomed back to Townsville after her spectacular performance in *The Piazzolla Project* earlier this year, and top guitarists Gareth Koch, Slava Grigoryan and Leonard Grigoryan. As soloists, these musicians are individually forging their own paths in the world of classical guitar. Performing together as *Saffire* they play with a synergy, passion and energy rarely heard.

Saffire has a wide repertoire reaching across many musical styles and periods and pushing many musical boundaries. This concert will feature pieces from their third release – *Renaissance*. As its name implies, Renaissance is music inspired by a period in history and *Saffire* utilise this genre as a springboard for their own composing, arranging and performing skills, bringing a contemporary sound to an early form of music. Performing on a variety of instruments in the guitar family, including baritone guitar, dobro, steel string, classical, nylon and octave guitar, what you hear is not a quartet but a small orchestra, an expansive sound-scape unlike any other.

Cost: \$38/\$35, tertiary student \$25, school student \$12

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

[Back to Top](#)

Townsville Little Theatre

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

November 1st to 4th 7.30pm plus 2pm matinee on Saturday

Happy End

A melodrama, with songs, presented by Townsville Little Theatre.

Set in 1919 in Chicago, the play tells the humorous and romantic story of a Salvation Army worker, Hallejah Lil, who tries to reform a gang of thugs. In the process she falls in love with the dashing leader, Bill Cracker. Bill is framed for murderous deeds so Lil sets forth to prove his innocence.

Enjoy an evening of goodies and baddies with some great songs!

This is a theatre-restaurant style evening. Seating is in tables of six – BYO supper, drinks will be on sale.

PIMPAC (Pimlico State High School Performing Arts Centre)

Cost: \$15/\$10, school student \$8

For information and bookings: 4727 9797 TicketShop

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.

[Back to Top](#)

World Theatre

Charters Towers 4787 8472