



Sheri Piccone, untitled rock feature (detail), Photograph. Part of 'Scape' an exhibition featured at the Lagoons Gallery & Café, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, from 9 May – 1 June 2008.

Welcome to the Creative Mackay e-bulletin 9 – 23 May 2008

This fortnightly e-bulletin provides the latest information on news, events and opportunities about arts and culture for Mackay and region. If you would like to contribute information to the e-bulletin, please email creative@mackay.qld.gov.au

Please Note: As of 4 July 2008 the creative mackay ebulletin will be changing from fortnightly to monthly distribution.

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Regional Arts Development Fund / Final Round for 07/08 Closes 14 May for projects starting after 18 July 2008. Mackay Regional Council in partnership with Queensland Government offers arts and cultural grants for professional arts workers, individuals and community groups from Mackay. The RADF funds one-off, short-term projects that offer professional arts, cultural and heritage opportunities. More information and application forms can be found at www.mackay.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Arts Development Officer on 1300 622 529.

Nominations are now open for the Art-Is-In Regional Art Awards

Nominations are invited for groups and individuals who have made a significant arts or cultural achievement during June 2006 – June 2008 and reside or work in the Mackay, Isaac or Whitsunday Regional Council areas. Nominations will close at 5pm Friday 13 June. The awards ceremony will be held during the Mackay Festival of Arts *Partie D'Artiste*, Friday 18 July. Winners will receive a certificate of achievement and be featured in Issue 38 of the Art-Is-In Calendar. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and be entered into a prize pool drawn during the *Partie D'Artiste*. Nominations are available from Mackay Regional Council and will also be included in Issue 37 of the Art-Is-In Calendar due out late May. For more information contact the Arts Development Officer 1300 622 529 / creative@mackay.qld.gov.au

Call for Expressions of Interest – Professional Development Workshops

Mackay Regional Council would like to provide a series of professional development workshops for artists and arts and cultural organisations across the region. The dates for these workshops are yet to be confirmed however it is

likely to be happening from August 2008 onwards. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from people wanting to participate. The proposed workshops will include:

- Grant Writing and Project Development;
- Oral History Collection and Management;
- Strengthening Business Arts Partnerships.

To register your interest please send an email to creative@mackay.qld.gov.au and specify which workshops you would like to attend. (Please click on the email link provided rather than hitting the reply button)

Central Queensland University Library Society Want your Books...

Need to off load some Books, CDs, Records or Sheet Music? CQU Library Society is collecting for a Giant Book Sale to be held at the university on Sunday 24 and Monday 25 August 2008. If you have anything to give them, they are willing to collect them from your residence. For more information contact CQU Library 4940 7536 or Robin McWhinney 4952 2299.

Wine & Food Day Artist's Village: Calling all creative creatures!

A highlight of the Mackay cultural calendar, the Mackay Festival of Arts is the largest regional arts festival in Queensland. Growing in popularity every year, and celebrating 21 years in 2008, the eight day festival promotes our creative energy and our sense of pride and identity as a region. Mackay Festival of Arts offers the community an opportunity to share their arts, crafts, food, or information with the community. This year, the Wine & Food Day has been moved to beautiful, historic Queens Park and local and regional artists are invited to participate in the Artist's Village. As this is a community event, preference will be given to stalls that represent tastes, themes and topics relevant to Mackay. You can:

- Run a workshop for kids or adults
- Have a stall and sell your artwork
- Demonstrate your art form, and/or
- Create an installation piece

To register your interest, fill out an expression of interest form through the Festival website at www.festivalmackay.org.au or call Georgia or Shanna on 49684548 to discuss your ideas.

Please consider when applying that we are primarily looking for highly creative, hand crafted, culturally specific or unique workshops and products that may be useful or beneficial to the community.



1. Exhibitions, Events and Performances...

Cage of Ghosts: Jon Rhodes / Friday 28 March - Sunday 11 May.


A National Library of Australia Traveling Exhibition featuring the photographs of Jon Rhodes, Cage of Ghosts represents the search for physical reminders of Aboriginal occupation in South-Eastern Australia, where the impact of European settlement has been the longest and most intense. Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

Coolamon - carrying the culture – Brisbane / Monday 21 April to Sunday 25 May 2008

A program of free events and activities from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of Brisbane will be held during April and May. Brisbane Square Library, in the city centre, will be made a keeping place for traditional and contemporary art and a meeting place to share stories, ideas and performances with the City's residents and visitors. Coolamon - carrying the culture is part of Council's Cultural Connections in Libraries program, which provides opportunities for the wider Brisbane community to enjoy and understand the beliefs and customary practices of the many different cultures of Brisbane. Activities include a range of talks, performances, storytimes, displays and free movie screenings. For further information, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au

 **Sunday Series Concerts** / 25 May, 31 August & 28 September, 3pm

Want to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of wonderful music and great company? Why not come along to the Sunday Series concerts where you will hear the talented students from CQCM perform a wide variety of music from classical, music theatre, jazz and contemporary. There will be solo items interspersed with some of the fantastic ensembles that have become a trademark of CQCM Mackay. Afterwards, stay on to hear some more music in the foyer and enjoy a delicious snack of pizza and a glass of wine while watching the sun set over the Eungella Range. \$10 per person. CQCM Theatre, Boundary Road, Planlands, Mackay. For more information contact CQCM 4940 7800, Annette Worthington 4955 1755 or David Kidd 4953 4410.

 **Tracy** / 8 – 11 May, 8pm

Two girls. A crime. A cyclone. An English schoolgirl arrives in Darwin on the eve of Cyclone Tracy. An Aboriginal girl is rounded up and walked into town after a tribal spearing. Physical theatre, puppetry, masks and original music. Crossroad Arts presents, Business Unusual and Darwin Theatre Company co-production Tracy There will be one matinee show on the 9th, May at 11am. Cost: \$20 adult, \$15 conc. Crossroad Arts: 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay. Bookings are essential. Ph: 4953 5122 or email admin@crossroadarts.com.au.

 **Scape Exhibition** / 9 May – 1 June 2008

This series of images by photographer Sheri Piccone, from the islands just north of Mackay, capture interesting textures and colours, creating an introspective glimpse into places often unseen and sometimes overlooked. The exhibition launch will be held at the Lagoons Gallery and Café Friday 9 May, 7.30pm. The Lagoons Gallery and Café, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens is open Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 3pm, weekends 9am to 4pm.

 **artspaced out...a magic night on the move** / Saturday 10 May, 5.15pm

A unique social event organised by the Artspace Mackay Foundation. Let us take you to a mystery venue, where you will enjoy a fantastic evening full of magic entertainment, art, music, food and fun. Welcome cocktail from 5.15pm at Artspace Mackay. Transfer to mystery venue 6pm sharp. Catering by NEfood. Tickets \$75.00, all inclusive (catering, drinks, entertainment, transfers from and to Artspace).

Tickets available at Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, phone 4957 1722 or Artspace Foundation 4951 2299.

 **The River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival Friday 9 May**

All roads lead to the beautiful Pioneer Valley on the weekend of May 9th -11th 2008 for the inaugural River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival.

Marian

Melba House - Festival Information Centre / Dame Nellie Melba memorabilia, art & craft, 9am - 4pm Contact (07) 4954 4299.

Eungella

Annual Mother's Day Luncheon / 10.30am. Eungella Hall. Supporting Eungella Childcare Centre. 3 course meal \$20 incls glass of wine, & lucky door. Licensed bar. Entertainment: games, trivia ,cent sale, Sassafras Singers. Treat yourself to a trip up the range for a luscious lunch and fun day out. Even stay the weekend for the rest of our 'River Rock to Mountain Top' festival activities. **Bookings essential RSVP 2nd May** Contact Jenni 4958 8061.

Gargett

Clay, Canvas 'n' Feathers Exhibition / 10am – 4pm. Gargett Gallery Contact (07) 4958 5024

Mirani

Mirani Museum / Open 4.30pm - 6pm. Free entry

"Soiree at Sunset" official function (Invitation only) / 4.30 pm. Proudly sponsored by Mackay Regional Council & Yalumba Wines.

Festival Launch / 6pm- 9.30pm. Free Community Entertainment featuring Lantern Parade, Hey Amigos, 'Circus Pandemonium' –students from Mirani High School, Sensory Circus Tribe Fire Show, Official Opening, Shadow Puppet Show, Valley District Youth Council, and Friends of Pedro. Bring your own picnic food & chair, **no glass**. Hot & Cold Drinks only available. Proudly sponsored by Mackay Regional Council & Westpac.

Pinnacle

35th Ye Olde Time Music Hall / Doors open 6:30 pm. Pinnacle Playhouse. Contact MEC (07) 4957 1777 to book. Bus available from Mackay.



Wanda Bennett facilitates a Shadow Puppet Making Workshop at the Mirani Community Hall. Come and see the Shadow Puppet Show as part of the River Rock to Mountain Top Festival Launch in Mirani, 9 May from 6pm onwards.

The River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival Saturday 10 May

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Festival Bus Tour - Coops Travel / Full Day tour Bookings Essential. Mackay/ Gargett / Finch Hatton/ Dows Creek. Contact (07) 4959 1543 to book.

Marian

Tag-along Horse Ride musters / Lloyd Park Marian 7.30 am then via Marian and Mirani to Dows Creek Hall, arriving approx 2.30 pm.

Melba House - Festival Information Centre / Dame Nellie Melba memorabilia, art & craft, 9am - 4pm. Contact (07) 49544 299

Mirani

River Rock to Mountain Top 4 Ball Ambrose / Pioneer Valley Golf Club 9am - 5pm. To register teams contact (07) 4959 1277

Mirani Museum / open 9.30 am - 2.30 pm. Gold coin entry. With sausage sizzle 11am – 1pm.

Gargett

Platypus Fours Men's Bowls Tournament / 9am - 5pm

Social Tennis / 10am - 5pm

Pioneer Valley Sporting Association. To register contact (07) 4959 1476 / (07) 4958 5138

"Clay, Canvas 'n' Feathers Exhibition / 8.30am - 2.30pm. Gargett Gallery. Contact (07) 4958 5024

"Colour the Valley" texture & drawing workshops / 10am - 3pm. Pioneer Valley Arts. CWA Hall. Prior bookings only Contact (07) 4954 1487.

Finch Hatton

Country Art & Craft Market / 9 am—3pm. Historic Railway Station Grounds, BBQ lunch available. Evening entertainment at the Criterion Hotel.

Dow's Creek

Bush Carnival / 2.30pm - midnight including:-

The Valley Spinners & Craft Inc, "Fall into Colour" dyeing demonstrations, Genealogical Group Historical Display on the Sugar Industry, Pioneer Valley Machinery Preservation Display, BBQ, Bar, Ham Wheel, Balloon Burst, Cent Sale

Country Music, Stalls, Campfire Sing-a-long, Bush Poetry. For more information contact (07) 4959 1457.

Pinnacle

35th Ye Olde Time Music Hall / Doors open 6.30pm. Pinnacle Playhouse. Contact MEC (07) 4957 1777 to book. Bus available from Mackay.

Eungella

Bush Dance / 6pm – late. Eungella Hall. 'Rock the mountain top' with the talented versatile musicians in "Hullabaloo". Bush dancing (with caller, so all can join in) Old time dancing, Bush poetry, Competitions & prizes, Licensed bar. Includes Aussie styled home cooked dinner. Cost: \$25 adult, \$15 high school \$7 primary school, pre school free. Come, enjoy the fresh mountain air and a fun country night for young 'n old, .Stay the night ready for "The Beaut Ute Muster" next day. Bookings essential limited numbers. RSVP 2nd May Ph. Glenda 49 584 527 or eungellautemuster@hotmail.com

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Marian

Melba House - Festival Information Centre / Dame Nellie Melba memorabilia, art & craft, 9am - 4pm. Contact (07) 49544 299

Community Mother's Day Markets / 8am - 2pm. Catholic Church Grounds. Free gift for Mothers. Mother's Day Gifts Silent Auction. Children's rides, BBQ.

Mirani

Mirani Museum / Open 9.30am - 3pm. Entry: \$4.

Gargett

Mother's Day Luncheon Followed by Come and Try Bowls (casual attire) / 12noon - 5pm

Pioneer Valley Sporting Association. Contact (07) 4959 1476 / (07) 4958 5138

"Colour the Valley" Colour & Pastel workshops / 10am - 3pm. Pioneer Valley Arts. CWA Hall. Prior Bookings only Contact (07) 4954 1487.

"Clay, Canvas 'n' Feathers" Exhibition / 10am - 4pm. Gargett Gallery. Contact (07) 4958 5024.

Pinnacle

Badila Art Gallery / Open 10am - 3pm. Free entry. Paintings by Pioneer Valley Arts.

Music with Geoff Walsh / 12noon - 3pm. Pinnacle Playhouse Foyer, free entry. Bring Mother for an enjoyable afternoon of easy listening.

Eungella

Beaut Ute Muster including "Best Mother's Ute" / 10am to 3pm.

Eungella oval. 10am Ute registrations (various categories) / 11.30am Judging / Bonnet races. 3pm Awards Ceremony followed by Rolling Thunder Drive to Broken River. Raffle Drawn: Season pass for 2 to Gympie Muster 2008 value \$600. Food stalls, licensed bar. Bring Mum for a fun day out. Contact Maz 49584522 or Sonia 49584717 or eungellautemuster@hotmail.com

Lions Mothers Day Farmers Market / Sunday 11 May, 8am - 2.30pm

Market Stalls will coincide with the River Rock to Mountain Top Festival.
Jim Moule Street, Gargett, Pioneer Valley. Contact: Lesley Kane 4958 5024.

Clay 'n' Canvas / Sunday 11 May – Sunday 29 June

An exhibition of wood fired pots and platters by Arthur & Carol Rosser. Paintings by Lesley Kane.
Gargett Gallery, Lot 1 Jim Moule Street, Gargett, Pioneer Valley. Open 10am - 4pm, Thursday to Sunday. Contact: Lesley Kane 49585024.

☀ **Judith, Stuart & Friends** / Wednesday 14 May, 6pm

This is the second in the series for 2008 and Judith is once again playing the wonderful Stuart and Sons grand piano to present an evening of musical fun and learning. You will sing along with some of the best music of the Broadway stage and enjoy some of the quirkier anecdotes of 'life upon the wicked stage!' Free. CQCM Theatre. Boundary Road, Planlands.

☀ **Brushmen of the Bush** / 16 May – 29 June

A Broken Hill Regional Gallery Traveling Exhibition celebrating the artistic achievements of five outback artists who have made a valuable contribution to Australian art – Pro Hart, Jack Absalom, Eric Minchin, Hugh Schulz and Mackay resident John Pickup. Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

☀ **Exhibition floor talk: Brushmen of the Bush** / Saturday 17 May, from 11am

Free event, no bookings necessary. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

☀ **Six Decades Exposed** / 16 May – 29 June

Brushman of the Bush John Pickup has also been an active photographer since 1946, recording the World and its people through his lenses. Six Decades Exposed looks back over more than sixty years and is featured in conjunction with the Brushmen Retrospective Exhibition in the Mazda Foyer, Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.



John Pickup, Photograph (detail) Fishermen launch for the morning catch, Copacabana Beach, Rio De Janiero. October 2006.

☀ **Meet the Collection** / Saturday 17 May, 10.30am

An opportunity to view the Mackay City Council Artists' Book Collection
Free event, no bookings necessary. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

☀ **Mackay/Pioneer Valley Arts Council Writers' Group Open Day** / Saturday 17 May

The MPVAC Writers Group will be hosting an Open Day at the Gordon White Library from 10am - 3pm. Please come in and visit us. Find out what we have done, what we like to do and what we can do for you. Morning tea will be served.

☀ **0.7° c - Creative takes on climate change - Community Forum** / 23 May, 6pm

Community forum with Sue Hayes, Australia's representative for Al Gore's 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Cost: FREE.
Enquires to Crossroad Arts, 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay, Ph: 4953 5122 or e-mail admin@crossroadarts.com.au


☀ **Opening night of the Festival and Art Extravaganza** / Friday 23 May

Tickets \$15 available at the door. Drinks and nibbles available. Come and meet the artists. You will be among the first to see who wins each of the fourteen sections. This is a great way to start the Festival with food, drinks and music
Contact Marilyn Bliss 4956 2618.

☀ **Conversations in Improvisation** / Friday 23 May, 8pm

Staff, including some of our specialist visitors, and senior students will present a night of varied jazz styles. There will be something for all tastes in this concert with a range of works including original compositions. Familiar standards and more modern pieces will mean there is a balance of swing and groove! The always popular CQCM Jazz Orchestra will feature some new repertoire. CQCM Theatre. Boundary Road, Planlands. \$20 Adults / \$15

Concession / \$10 Friends of the Con / \$5 Students. For bookings phone 4940 7800.

 **Soiree at the Con** / Saturday 24 May, 7.30pm

Presented by Whitsunday Anglican School P & F Social and Fundraising Committee 'Soiree at the con' will feature musicians Lachlan Clark; Marko Banic & Charlotte Boumford; Duo VV; Juice; and the Middle School Drum Circle's African Drums. Where: Conservatorium of Music, Central Queensland University, Mackay Campus, Planlands. Tickets on sale now at the main office \$25. (Includes delicious finger food.) Drinks will be available for purchase from the bar.

 **Let's Read Information Session** / Thursday 29 May, 7pm

The Let's Read project was initiated in 2002 by the Centre for Community Child Health in partnership with The Smith Family, with funding assistance from the Telstra Foundation to examine the importance of reading with young children. A community information Session will be held at The Shed, behind the Neighbourhood Centre in George Street and anyone interested in becoming involved with getting a Lets Read program up and running in our region is welcome to attend. For more information contact Wendy Hone, Project Officer, Let's Read Queensland, The Smith Family (07) 49 59 1818 / 0432 054 926 / dog_frog@westnet.com.au / www.thesmithfamily.com.au
The Smith Family is a national, independent non-profit organisation that supports financially disadvantaged Australian children to reach their potential through education.

 **2008 Discover Sarina Festival** / 24 – 31 May 2008

Sarina Art Extravaganza / 24 - 30 May, 10am-5pm; 31 May, 10am-2pm

14 categories of Art at Sarina Cultural Hall. Nominate your favorite piece for the Peoples Choice Award. Extravaganza Café open. Entry fee \$4.00 Contact Marilyn Bliss 4956 2618.

Sarina Art Gallery / 24 – 31 May (closed Monday). There will be a "Sarina Rocks" painting competition at the Gallery at the Field of Dreams, along with a photo competition. Entry forms at Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre, Sarina Library or phone 4956 6227.

Tropical Moon Studio / 24 – 31 May. The Studio will be hosting their annual Art & Craft Exhibition at 6 Cilla Hill Court off Sarina Beach Road. Ron Ailwood will be in attendance to answer any questions and he can take you on a guided tour of the tropical gardens Inquiries 4956 6524.

The Sarina and District Historical Centre / 24 - 31May. The Museum is in the Field of Dreams and entry is only \$3.00 for the Festival the display is Sarina Shire Council 1912-2008. Inquiries 4956 2435.

QCWA Sarina Branch / 24 – 31 May, 9am-2pm. Tasty Devonshire teas are available at the hall daily. They will have a bric-a-brac table where you will be able to pick up a bargain in Brewers Road Sarina Phone R Webb 4956 1006.

Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre / 24 – 31 May, 9am-5pm. The Centre will display locally made Art & Craft from the Sarina area with free entry at The Field of Dreams 4956 2251.

Sarina Motor Inn / 24 – 31 May, 9.30am - 3pm. Local aboriginal & Islander craft is a highlight of this display along with local arts & craft. Light lunches are also available. 49434131.

Sarina Library / 24 – 31 May. The Sarina Library is where one finds the amazing Sarina Pictorial Quilt that tells the story of Sarina. Open 9am - 5pm, Mon to Fri. (Thur, 10am - 4pm; Sat, 9am-Noon) Free admission.

Sarina Sugar Shed / 24 – 31 May. There are guided tours at 9.30,10.30, Noon, 2pm and they have a 10% discount for the Festival-Adults \$15.00 Children \$7.50 Pensioners and Seniors \$12. This is the only miniature sugar mill in Australia and is open from Monday to Saturday The Shed is at the southern end of Sarina in the Field of Dreams 4943 2801.

Sarina Fibre Arts / 24 – 27 May, 10am- 4pm. Display at St Luke's Hall Broad St Sarina with a gold coin donation. Phone 4942 9140.

Fashion Parade & Buffet Luncheon / 24 May, 11am-3pm. Gloria Murray will mc a fashion parade with a difference at the Sarina Football Club. Bookings are essential and the cost is \$15.00 Phone 4943 2948.

Shindig at Colston Park / 24 May, 6pm. At QCWA hall Colston Park with local bands playing country music, lucky door prizes, spot raffles and talent quest. This is to raise money for hall maintenance. Door entry includes light supper. Pre booking Adults \$10, kids \$5 and Family \$30. At the door prices will be adults \$15, kids \$5 and family \$35. Phone Jamie Lucas 0429 190 764.

Grasstree Beach Progress Assoc / 24 May, 10am-1pm. Lots of prizes and giveaways will be available at Grasstree Beach. There will be coconut painting and sand sculpturing and lots of good fun for the kids phone 4956 6227.

Rogers Rural Life Expo / 24 May, 8am-2pm. A field day for the man on the land, hobby farmer and home gardener. There will be guest speakers and product demonstrations, kid's entertainment and refreshments Phone 4956 2139.

Cartoonist at Youth Centre / 24 May, 10am. Brian Doyle gifted Brisbane cartoonist will be at the Youth Centre showing the youth the magic of cartooning 4943 2962.

Rock n Roll Dancing / 24 May, 6pm. At the RSL Central St there will be rock n roll dancing with a great band and demonstrations. Entry fee \$5.00 Phone 4956 1814.

Sarina Football Club Reunion Dinner / 24 May, 6pm. Reunion dinner at the Croc Club to celebrate the 35th and 25th anniversaries of Sarina Football. Bookings are essential 4956 1229

Painting Exhibition / 24 - 31May, 10am -4pm. Bush to Beach Painting Group will be open every day. You will be able to see the artists working. Free admission phone 4956 6227.

Sylvia's Digital Photography /24 – 31 May, 10am- 4pm
Sylvia Greenwood will introduce photography as an art form with her inspirational photographs. Free admission
Phone 0410 178 472.

Sarina Markets / 25 May, 7am – 12noon. These markets are held at the Sarina Showgrounds. You can come early and have a great \$8 breakfast and fortify yourself to go around over 130 stalls. Free entry. Contact 4956 1066.

Grand Parade / 25 May, 12noon. Commences at Cultural Hall car park and goes up Anzac St, turn into Brandon then Central St then Railway Lane to Field of Dreams 4956 6227.

World Music at Field of Dreams /25 May. After the parade the music will begin. Come and enjoy yourself at the Field of Dreams with all types of sounds 4943 2962.

Freshwater Point Rocks Tour / 26 May, 9am. A tour of the rocks by Val Osborn. Discover the mysteries of this fascinating area with local Val Osborn. The tour will start around 9am at low tide. A documentary will be shown at Dragon Rocks Phone 4943 1963.

Opera North at Dragon Rocks / 26 May, 6pm-9pm. Opera North will be presenting "Songs we love to sing from Musicals and Operas" This will be a supper show and a bus will be available to take you from Sarina to Freshwater Point and back. Bookings 4956 6227.

Generations Healthy Life Centre / 27 May, 9am-5pm. We would like Sarina to be the healthiest town in Queensland so come to an open day at 1-3 Leslie St Sarina and be educated by well being experts. Contact Aly 4943 2361.

Preview of Royal Doulton / 27 May, 10am-2pm. At Pick a Bunch 28 Broad St Sarina there will be a preview of the latest Doulton Ware. Mathew Hopwood the Royal Doulton representative for Queensland will be in attendance with the new pieces from this year's collection. Come and meet him. Phone Anne Madge 4943 1634.

Orchidways - Polstone Farm Tour / 28 May, 10am. Learn how sugarcane is grown on the farm and come aboard a tractor-drawn covered wagon and see the farm. Contact Marion 4959 7298.

Mansfield Park Animal Nursery / 29 May, 10am-5pm. Buses will leave Sarina to take you to Colston Park. There is a \$5.00 admittance fee. Phone 4956 6227.

Dance Party and Night Skate / 30 May, 6pm-10pm. This will be held at the Skate Park in the Cultural Hall car park. For further information phone 4943 2962.

Breakfast with the Poets / 31 May, 10am. Come to the Grand Central Hotel, 21 Central St Sarina and enjoy real Australiana in pleasant surroundings with good company. Contact 49561627.

Harvest Fair / 31 May, 4pm – 8pm. St Michaels Catholic Church will be holding their harvest fair. Come along and join in all the fun at the fair. Contact 4956 1632.

ABC Tropical North Outside Broadcast from outside Sarina Council Chambers / Time and date TBA

2. Training, Workshops and Conferences...

☀ **Call for expressions of interest: Flying Arts Workshops** / Dates & Venue TBC

Earthworks Foundations – Environmental Sculpture with Wanda Bennett

Using natural found materials you will create temporary and permanent pieces of artwork. Learn basic weaving and construction skills. 'Play' with an assortment of natural materials – vines, leaves, stones, soil, flowers, bamboo, string, shells etc.

Finding Colour in Nature through plant dying with Kirsten Ingemar

Discover the amazing colours attainable from local plants and trees. Learn to dye natural fibres with a variety of plant materials and a minimum of chemicals. Create intricate designs and patterns on fabric with simple shibori techniques. Together the group will create a small colour catalogue of plants used in the workshop for future reference.

Cost per workshop: \$100 members / \$110 non-members.

For more information contact Hayley Hemsworth 4956 7272 / fineartphotography@aapt.net.au

☀ **DreamWorks** / 6 week series second Friday of the month Feb-July

This program uses a multi-modal creative arts approach to dreamwork, empowering participants with tools to journey within to interact with dreams and their uniquely personal meaning to access valuable insight and wisdom for living. Facilitator: Judith Grieve. Masonic Centre, Cnr Wood St & 9th Lane, Mackay. For more information and bookings contact 4942 4171.

☀ **Redbag** / Every Saturday 9am-1pm

Workshops for committed youth between the ages of 12 – 26. Dancers, performers, singers, visual artists, writers and filmmakers. This production will showcase at the Mackay Festival of Arts. Cost \$15. Crossroad Arts, 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay, Ph: 4953 5122 or e-mail admin@crossroadarts.com.au

☀ **Voice club Season One** / Tuesday 13 May - 6pm to 7.30pm, Tuesday 27 May - 6pm to 7.30pm.

Pioneer Employment, The Disability Employment Specialists presents the Voice club singing, playing, fun & friendship. Local singing teacher Karen Bonham will lead us on this adventure of the voices. People with and without a disability are invited to join the VOICE club. \$10.00 per session - \$6.00 concession. Location: Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room. Lagoon Street. To book your place contact Pioneer Employment on 4953 2292 / voiceclub@pessmackay.com This program is proudly supported by Hail Creek Mine.

☀ **Beginners African Drumming Workshop** / Saturday 10 May, 1pm - 3pm

This is your chance to learn the basics of playing the Djembe. This workshop is for people who have never picked up a drum and those who own a Djembe but have never learned the correct techniques. Cost: \$30 full / \$22 Concession. Location: to be notified when booking is made. Instructors for these workshops are Jennifer Emmett and Karen Bonham. Jennifer has been playing African Drums since 2001, she joined Zinzabar in 2003 and commenced teaching beginners in 2004. Karen has been teaching singing for 10 years and performing in Mackay for 20 years. Karen joined Zinzabar in 2006. For more information or to book your place contact handdrum@dodo.com.au / Jennifer Mobile: 0409 543 702 / Karen Mobile: 0432 944 208.

☀ **Books without sewing: artist book making workshop with Brisbane artist Adele Outeridge** / Saturday 10 May, 9am -3pm. Whitsunday Anglican School P&F Art Centre, Celeber Drive Beaconsfield. Cost: \$110. Includes Lunch, morning tea and basic materials required. Bookings essential. Contact Renee Truscott 4969 2009.

☀ **Discover the wonderful world of Watercolours with Rosemary Payne** / Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 May 2008
This weekend workshop aims to introduce students to basic watercolour techniques through practical demonstration and application. Materials will be explored and the practical process of watercolour application will be explained. Participants will become competent in mixing paint and using related materials.
Fee: \$110 / concession \$100.00 (inc. GST). Bookings essential.
To book contact Artspace Mackay, ☎ 07 4957 1722

☀ **BMA Kidspace** / Tuesday 13 May, 10am - 2pm

A gallery of fun for under fives, their parents and carers proudly presented by BHP Billiton BMA. 10am-2pm - Drop-in free artist run activities and gallery tours. 12pm-1pm - Live music with *Rubberband*, Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

☀ **Workshops on how to access & manage grants - Mackay** / 15 & 16 May 2008

Practical Skills in Writing Submissions, Thursday 15 May 10am - 2pm / **Project Management Strategies**, Friday 16 May 8.30 – 11.30am. Multicultural Development Association Incorporated invites all interested community members to attend two free training sessions on how to access & manage grants, conducted by Alice Orozco Grants Access Worker at MDA. Training will include two sessions: "Practical Skills in Writing Submissions" and "Project Management Strategies" Sessions will be held at the Mackay Regional Council Administration Building, 1st Floor, Reception Room, Gordon Street. If you have an idea for a particular project, please bring it to the workshop. RSVP to: Natasha Syed Ali (07) 49572626 / Facsimile: (07) 49576728 / Email: mcw.gsnc@bigpond.net.au
MDA would like to acknowledge Multicultural Affairs Queensland for funding these workshops

☀ **Securing Funding: writing grant applications, developing partnerships and sourcing funding - Cairns** / 15 & 16 May 2008. This 2-day funding workshop for museums, galleries, and other arts and cultural heritage organisations will provide an introduction to funding models and structures, tips for designing a project, writing grant applications, creating a budget, keeping up to date with grants programs, developing partnerships, as well as featuring a philanthropic funding expert, and funding body representatives. This workshop will be held in Cairns at the Council Chambers with the generous support of Cairns Regional Council and the Museum Development Officer. Cost: \$30 (inc. GST) inclusive of learning materials, morning and afternoon teas and lunches. FREE to volunteers from museums, galleries, and other arts & cultural heritage organisations. For bookings and enquiries, please contact Kerri Laidlaw, Training & Professional Development Coordinator on 07 3215 0844 or email kerri.laidlaw@magsq.com.au

☀ **African Drum Rhythm workshop Series** / Saturday 17 May, Saturday 24 May, Saturday 31 May & Saturday 14 June, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. For those who have attended a Beginners Workshop and want to learn more! In this series or 4 workshops we will teach you how to join in and play your part in the group. You will learn some different drum parts and how to come in and out of the rhythm. We are committed to giving you a real chance to learn the basics and build your confidence to advance your skill level. You will experience the fun and exhilaration of drumming as part of a group. Cost: Series of 4 workshops \$80 full / \$65 Concession or per workshops \$30 full / \$22 Concession. Location: To be notified when booking is made. Instructors for these workshops are Jennifer Emmett and Karen Bonham

Jennifer has been playing African Drums since 2001, she joined Zinzabar in 2003 and commenced teaching beginners in 2004. Karen has been teaching singing for 10 years and performing in Mackay for 20 years. Karen joined Zinzabar in 2006. For more information or to book your place contact handdrum@dodo.com.au / Jennifer Mobile: 0409 543 702 / Karen Mobile: 0432 944 208.

☀ **Costume / Set Design Masterclasses** / 17 May, 9am-3pm & 18 May, 9am -1pm

Dominie Hooper, international theatre set designer who has showcased at the Edinburgh Festival and West End, London, will demonstrate the art behind set and costume design. Cost \$85. Enquires and bookings to Crossroad Arts, 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay, Ph: 4953 5122 or e-mail admin@crossroadarts.com.au

☀ **2008 Discover Sarina Festival Workshop Programme** / 24 – 31 May 2008

Scrapbooking workshops / 24 May, 10am-2pm; 26 May 6-10pm; 30 May 6-10pm; 31 May 10-2pm. Cost \$10.

Please bring 4 or 5 photos to work with. 70 Broad St (Confa Dental).

For inquiries and bookings contact 0408 558 009.

Digital Camera Workshop /24 May, 12noon- 2pm. \$40.00 fee. Learn how to master your camera.

Bookings 4956 6227.

Craft Workshops / 24 - 31 May. Bobbin N Sew, 12 Central St Sarina will be holding a series of workshops during the Festival Phone 4956 1098.

Mosaic workshops / 26 - 30 May, 1pm-5pm. To be held in the Field of Dreams, making mosaic table tops for the cement tables. No Charge. Phone 4943 2962

Crafty Beachcombers / 27 May, 9am - 12noon. The girls of Crafty Beachcombers will be holding workshops at Louisa Creek Recreational Hall and morning tea will be available. A bus will run from Sarina Tourist Art & Craft to take you there and bring you back. Bookings 4956 6227.

☀ **0.7° c - Creative takes on climate change - Redbag Masterclasses** / 24 - 25 May, 9am - 3pm.

For ages 12-26. Theatre, music, dance and song with Sue Hayes. Cost \$85. Enquires and bookings to Crossroad Arts, 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay, Ph: 4953 5122 or e-mail admin@crossroadarts.com.au



Inspired by melting ice-caps, the sound of melting water was used as a basis for an early Redbag workshop

☀ **Creative Writing with Brooke McReynolds** / Saturday 31 May & Sunday 1 June 2008

This 2-day workshop in creative writing will take participants through a series of interactive exercises covering topics such as: getting started; styles and genres; character and voice; dialogue and description; structure and revision; poetry and; getting published. Participants will do a lot of writing themselves throughout the workshop and can expect plenty of talking, laughter and applause! For more information contact Artspace Mackay, ☎ 07 4957 1722

☀ **Woodturning Classes** / 1 June 2008

Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. Clubhouse. Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. For more information contact

Bob 4957 4569.

 **Professional Development: The Cutting Edge Speed Workshop Series** / 2 & 3 June 2008

Dr Judy Esmond will be conducting workshops on volunteering, leadership and teamwork in her upcoming 'Cutting Edge Workshop Series'. There will be three action-packed, content-rich workshops to choose from. The workshops include: Workshop 1 - How to lead by doing nothing, Monday 2 June, 9.15am - 12.15pm; Workshop 2 - How to recruit, retain and recognise even more volunteers, Monday 2 June, 1pm - 4pm; Workshop 3 - How to build terrific teams, Tuesday 3 June, 9.15am - 12.15pm. These workshops will be held at Mercy Place, Brisbane, and cost \$90 per workshop. For further information, visit www.morevolunteers.com

 **Annual Regional Conservation Groups Conference – Hosted in Mackay** / 6 - 9 June 2008

To be held at the Central Queensland University main lecture room. Forum costs are \$50.00 per day, which includes morning and afternoon tea, and lunch. The Mackay Group will subsidise the Forum costs for the QCC affiliated conservation organisations. Meals will be provided by caterers on site, please advise the organisers if you have any special dietary requirements. Local band Friends of Pedro will be providing entertainment during Saturday night's dinner at Padaminka from 7.30pm onwards. For more information or to register visit www.mackayconservationgroup.org.au

 **2 Days in Acrylics (Landscapes)** / 7 & 8 June, 10 – 4pm

Workshop with Mary Brown. \$45 (includes lunch). Greenhill Nursery and Gifts situated at 410 Greenhill Road Ilbilbie. Limited places please contact Rhonda on 4950 1174.

 **Fibre and Form/Wearable Art Workshop with Michael Kay** / Saturday 7 - Monday 9 June

UTAS is bringing Textile Tutor Michael Kay to Mackay for a 3 day workshop on the Queens Birthday long weekend. This workshop will introduce participants to techniques enabling them to produce unique and unusual fabrics that could be used for wearable art, costume or fashion garments. Discover the magic properties of iron-on-interfacing, carving and slicing of multi-layered fabrics, dyeing synthetics and why a heat gun should be in every sewing kit! Bring a sewing machine (heat gun supplied) and take away a bag full of new ideas and techniques. This workshop will be limited to 18 participants. We are calling for a \$100 deposit to guarantee your placement in this exciting 3-day workshop with the balance due in full by 1st May 2008. Location: CQU Campus, Building 51/Room G04. Cost \$225 (dyes and some fabrics supplied). UTAS reserves the right to change the dates on courses if minimum numbers are not achieved. No refund will be available for cancellations made less than 14 days prior to the course commencement date. To register contact Ann Williams-Fitzgerald 4957 7505 / annwf@optusnet.com.au

 **Fused Glass Workshop** / Saturday 14 – Sunday 15 June

A two day workshop on fused glass will be held at the Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre on. The workshop will be delivered by a tutor from the Mackay TAFE. Participants of the workshop will be able to acquire accreditation towards certificate 1 in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft although this is not a condition of the workshop. The workshop will produce a set of coasters, a bowl or platter and cabochons for jewellery making. This workshop will be the first in a series of three fused glass workshops to be held at the Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre. The further two workshops will be the intermediate and advanced. For more information or to book a place in this workshop please contact Jennifer Clark, Coastal Community Development Officer, Isaac Regional Council on 4964 5408 / jennifer.clark@isaac.qld.gov.au

 **Warm Glass for beginners with Judith Bohm-Parr - Rockhampton** / 14 – 15 June, 10am – 4pm

Presented by Flying Arts Inc and Rockhampton Art Gallery learn how to fuse glass in a kiln resulting in two projects that can be taken home such as tiles, drink coasters, fridge magnets, wind chimes. This workshop will not cover 3D shapes, all projects will be flat. Rockhampton Art Gallery. \$100 for members / \$110 for non-members. Please note the materials levy will be \$55 per person and will cover the supply of all glass, kilns and materials. For more information contact Elva Cupo 4927 7129 / elva.cupo@rrc.qld.gov.au

 **Warm Glass Level 2 with Judith Bohm-Parr - Rockhampton** / 16 - 17 June, 10am – 4pm

Presented by Flying Arts Inc and Rockhampton Art Gallery learn how to turn a flat piece of glass into a bowl or plate. Learn how to texture glass, use crushed glass, powdered glass and simple moulds for glass slumping.. Rockhampton Art Gallery. \$100 for members / \$110 for non-members. Please note the materials levy will be \$55 per person and will cover the supply of all glass, kilns and materials. For more information contact Elva Cupo 4927 7129 / elva.cupo@rrc.qld.gov.au

☀ **Watercolours – Beginners to Intermediate with Rosemary Payne** / Saturday 21 – Sunday 22 June, 9am – 4pm. Many of you will know Rosemary as a positive and encouraging tutor with a wealth of knowledge in watercolour. This workshop is suited to total beginners or those wanting to brush up on some old skills. This 2 day workshop is being held by the Mackay Art Society at their hall in Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. Fee: \$100 (members/\$110 (non-members). To book please phone Maree Angus 4956 4489.

☀ **Wrapt In Rocky CQ Textile Forum 2008** / Sunday 29 June – Saturday 5 July 2008
Be part of the first Regional Textile Forum for Central Queensland, a fantastic week long winter event in all things textile and fibre related. Join in with the best textile tutors and students from across Australia. For more information contact nanette.balchin@bigpond.com / 4939 3885 / 0410 383 483 or visit www.ggcreations.com.au/tafta/

☀ **Holiday Theatre Craft Workshops at Crossroad Arts** / June July holidays
Holiday workshops in voice, physical theatre, mask, puppetry and creative play at Crossroad Arts.
Week 1: 30June - 4 July, 10am - 4pm, Ages 13-15
Week 2: 7July – 11 July, 10am - 4pm, Ages 16-26
Times and ages negotiable for group bookings. \$150 per week, per student.
Contact Crossroad Arts: ph 07 4953 5122 or email: admin@crossroadarts.com.au



Anke Willems - performer and workshop leader, Crossroad Arts

☀ **18th Australian Festival of Chamber Music - Townsville** / Friday 4 – Saturday 12 July 2008
Where winter sounds wonderful. The largest chamber music festival in Australia with an enviable international reputation for the quality of its music making and warm social interactions. For more information visit www.afcm.com.au

☀ **Winter in the Tropics - Cairns** / 6 - 11 July 2008
Winter in the Tropics is a six-day drawing workshop with Geoff Dupree. Geoff Dupree is a well-known and respected representational painter who has acquired a considerable reputation as a drawing and painting teacher. He designed a highly successful drawing program in the Faculty of Art and Design a Monash University. The workshop will be held at the James Cook University in Cairns from Sunday 6 to Friday 11 July 2008, and cost \$690 full fee for six days. A list of materials needed will be received once registered. For further information, contact Margaret Genever ☎ 07 4093 8835 or ✉ genevers@bigpond.com

☀ **Southern Downs Sculpture Symposium 'Stories of the Condamine River'** / 12 – 27 July 2008
An initiative of the Kilarney Area Promotions Association the 2008 Sculpture Symposium will feature with the popular Jumper and Jazz Art and Music Festival. Up to 20 participating artists and a team of 5 guest artists will carve local Warwick Tanamerah sandstone in the highly visible venue of Leslie Park, Warwick, so that progress can be viewed and enjoyed by the general public. The finished sculptures will be donated to a number of smaller communities and located in Federation Park by the Condamine River. For more information visit the website: www.sculpturess.com or

email Events@sculpturess.com

☀ **Parents' and Educators' Forum – Thinking Ink - Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival** / Thursday 17 July, 4 – 6pm. “Beyond Skin Deep – stories from the fabric of life” with author Archie Fusillo. Archie is an excellent motivation speaker on issues relating to children’s literacy. This session will be interesting to teachers, librarians and parents. Kindly sponsored by Hail Creek Mine. Whitsunday Anglican School, Celeber Drive, North Mackay. For more information and bookings contact Louise Clare 4969 2059 or www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

☀ **Writers' Workshop – “Writing on the Edge” - Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival** / Thursday 17 July, 4 – 6pm. Award winning authors of social relevance, Scot Gardner and Tara June Winch will speak about their writing styles, the treatment of real life issues in fiction and character development. “Writing on the Edge” is community based writers' workshop suitable for aspiring and seasoned writers from senior school to adult. This workshop is supported by a grant from RADF. The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture. Gordon White Library, Mt Pleasant. For bookings or more information contact Louise Clare 4969 2059 or www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

☀ **Professional Development: Australian Copyright Council - 2008 Training Program**
The Australian Copyright Council is an independent non-profit organisation that provides information, advice and training about copyright in Australia. The Australian Copyright Council is running its 2008 Training Program in Brisbane in September and October 2008. The training sessions provide information on copyright essentials: creators' reputation rights, recent developments, websites; licenses for digital resources, protecting and exploiting rights, permissions and clearances, compliance procedures and policies and much more! For further information, visit www.copyright.org.au or contact the Australian Copyright Council by email info@copyright.org.au

☀ **Disaster Planning for Cultural Collections - Brisbane** / Wednesday 1 October 2008
Disaster Planning for Cultural Collections is a one-day workshop presented by Kim Morris, AICCM Conservator of the Year 2006. This is a course recommended for managers and staff responsible for cultural collections in libraries, museums, art galleries and archives that do not have a current Disaster Response Plan. The course presents a strategic approach to developing an effective Disaster Response Plan and sets the plan in the context of practical risk management. A broken water pipe can cause as much damage to a valuable cultural collection as a serious flood or cyclone. Is your organisation prepared? For further information, visit www.caval.edu.au

***Please see the Art is in Calendar for an extensive list of weekly workshops.
If you would like to receive a copy of the Art is in Calendar, please send your mailing address via email to creative@mackay.qld.gov.au.***

3. Work and Opportunities...

☀ **Master of Contemporary Arts**

The School of Visual & Performing Arts from the University of Tasmania provides a unique opportunity to develop your creative talents in a dynamic arts environment through postgraduate study. We are now offering places in our postgraduate course 'Master of Contemporary Arts' to the Central Queensland Region, so artists do not have to relocate to undertake study.

Study in the Master of Contemporary Arts (MCA) is undertaken, by distance, through the highly prestigious Academy of the Arts at the Launceston campus. This challenging and creative program provides professional studio/workplace-oriented experiences that will extend your understanding and appreciation of arts-related concepts, propositions and contemporary professional practices, assisting in new opportunities for work in the creative industries. Visual arts, gallery practices, theatre and digital design disciplines offered twice a year in February and July. For more information contact the Queensland Postgraduate Field Officer, Ann Williams-Fitzgerald, School of Visual and Performing Arts, University of Tasmania, 07 4957 7505, annwf@optusnet.com.au

☀ **Call for entries – AFS Pharmacy Art on show Awards 2008** / Competition closes Friday 23 May, works deadline 11th June 2008. Presented by the Mackay Show Association the Art on Show Awards and 3 day exhibition will be held from 17 – 19 June 2008 at the 500 Pavilion Mackay Showgrounds. Total Prize money \$9,500.

Entry forms now available from:

Mackay Showgrounds Office, AFS Friendly Care Pharmacy, Artspace Mackay, Milton Picture Framers, Arthouse Gallery, TJ's Picture Framing, Gargett Gallery, Verena's Framing & Prints, Mackay Entertainment Centre, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Colour Me Crazy (Proserpine), or online at www.mackayshow.com.au
For further information contact Mackay Show Association 4957 3916 or admin@mackayshow.com.au

☀ **10th Queensland Premier's Literary Awards** / Nominations Open, Entries close on Friday 23 May 2008
A wonderful opportunity for emerging writers. Recognising, celebrating and supporting talented writers on a national scale this is one of the most diverse awards program of its kind. The awards offer \$225,000 in prize money across the following 14 categories:

- Fiction Book Award \$25,000
- Emerging Queensland Author - Manuscript Award \$20,000
- Unpublished Indigenous Writer - The David Unaipon Award \$15,000
- Non-Fiction Book Award \$15,000
- History Book - Faculty of Arts, University of Queensland Award \$15,000
- Children's Book - Mary Ryan's Award \$15,000
- Young Adult Book Award \$15,000
- Science Writer Award \$15,000
- Poetry Collection - Arts Queensland Judith Wright Calanthe Award \$15,000
- Australian Short Story Collection - Arts Queensland Steele Rudd Award \$15,000
- Literary or Media Work Advancing Public Debate - The Harry Williams Award \$15,000
- Film Script - Pacific Film & Television Commission Award \$15,000

For more information visit www.literaryawards.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3405 5215.

☀ **David Unaipon Award** / Nominations Open, Entries close on Friday 23 May 2008

Budding and aspiring Indigenous writers are encouraged to enter one of Australia's leading Indigenous literary awards. As part of the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards, the David Unaipon Award offers unpublished Indigenous writers the chance to receive \$15,000 in prize money. The winning manuscript will be published by the University of Queensland Press and the winner will be mentored by the publishing house.

For more information visit www.literaryawards.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3405 5215.

☀ **Call for expressions of interest: Relay for life Sarina** / Saturday 31st May from 2pm

The Relay for Life Sarina is happening at the Sarina Showgrounds on Saturday 31st May from 2pm and continues until 8am on Sunday morning. The relay is a fundraising and awareness event for Cancer. We are trying to create an interactive feel to this relay and are looking for artists and arts workers who would like to provide interactive art activities throughout the event. If there is anyone interested in helping us to achieve this therapeutic and experimental outcome then we would love to hear from you. Contact Margie Ward on (w) 49432962 / (h) 49564517

☀ **Auditions for 'Caravans'** / late May

A radio soapie. Auditions in late May. Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders, Australian South Sea Islanders and the multicultural communities are encouraged to audition. Caravans will be broadcast nationally and will feature in the Mackay Festival of Arts. Please enquire at Crossroad Arts, 418 Shakespeare St, Mackay, Ph: 4953 5122 or e-mail admin@crossroadarts.com.au

☀ **21st Mackay Festival of Arts Volunteer Intake Session** / Monday 2 June, 6pm - 7.30pm

Mackay Regional Council and Pioneer Employment are working together to develop an exciting and dynamic volunteering experience for the 2008 Mackay Festival of Arts, July 12 to 19 2008. Phone: 4953 2292 or email volunteer@pescmackay.com to book your place. Volunteer Intake Session bookings close Friday 30 May 2008. Limited numbers so book early to guarantee your position.

☀ **Expressions of Interest - Teaching at AbaF** / Applications close Monday 2 June 2008

AbaF is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced presenters to deliver the following professional development workshops offered by AbaF - Artist Business, Securing Successful Partnerships, Arts Business Partnerships, Business Case Approach, Building Relationships and Securing Donations, Effective Annual Giving and Applying to Foundations.

Casual presenters from each state and territory of Australia are being sort to deliver metropolitan and regional professional development workshops for individual practitioners and those working in the arts and cultural sector. Presenters must possess excellent presentation and facilitation skills current knowledge of private sector support for arts and cultural organisations an understanding of the income generation challenges facing arts organisations and artists today experience in developing and or managing giving programs, trusts or foundations and experience in developing or managing sponsorship and partnering programs.

To submit an expression of interest in any of the casual workshop presenter positions please submit a covering letter addressing the above criteria and a copy of your CV to Angela Mamalis, Manager, Professional Development. For further information contact Angela on (03) 9616 0317 or visit www.abaf.org.au/skillsdevelopment

☀ **Nominations are now open for the Art-Is-In Regional Art Awards** / Nominations close Friday 13 June 2008

Nominations are invited for groups and individuals who have made a significant arts or cultural achievement during June 2006 – June 2008 and reside or work in the Mackay, Isaac or Whitsunday Regional Council areas. Nominations will close at 5pm Friday 13 June. The awards ceremony will be held during the Mackay Festival of Arts *Partie D'Artiste*, Friday 18 July. Winners will receive a certificate of achievement and be featured in Issue 38 of the Art-Is-In Calendar. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition and be entered into a prize pool drawn during the *Partie D'Artiste*. Nominations are available from Mackay Regional Council and will also be included in Issue 37 of the Art-Is-In Calendar due out late May. For more information contact the Arts Development Officer 1300 622 529 / creative@mackay.qld.gov.au

☀ **Young Filmmakers Festival Queensland presents: My Story** / Entries close 1 July 2008.

Tell your story at the Young Filmmakers Festival Queensland and win filmmaking equipment and other fantastic opportunities. Filmmakers must be under 18 years of age on 1 January 2008 and be living in Queensland. Films must be less than 8 minutes in length and connected to the theme "My Story". Free Entry, free awards night entry. For more information visit the website: www.youngfilmmakersfestivalqueensland.com



☀ **Max Afford Playwright's Award** / Closes Friday 4 July 2008

The Max Afford Playwrights' Award was established to promote interest in Australian drama and to encourage the writing of plays in Australia, to help and give incentive to young writers of plays for either stage, TV or films.

The Award is an initiative of the late Thelma May Afford in memory of her husband, Max Afford, who in her will established a fund to offer a periodical prize to provide young writers with a reward enabling them to improve their creative writing and through the above means to improve the general public's appreciation of Australian drama and playwrights. For more information about Max Afford visit www.trust.com.au/assets/contentFiles/About_Max_Afford.pdf

The 2008 winner will receive:

- \$7,500 cash prize; and
- Expenses to a maximum of \$2,500 for registration, accommodation and airline tickets to attend a reading of the winning play at the annual Australian National Playwrights' Conference following the announcement of the winner.

Entries close Friday 4 July 2008 and winners are announced late 2008

To download a 2008 application form visit www.trust.com.au/assets/contentFiles/MaxAfford_2008Form_A4.pdf

If you wish to be updated on milestones for this Scholarship send your email address with "Max Afford" as the subject to: psalter@cauzgroup.com.au

For further information regarding this Scholarship please contact: Cauz Group Pty Limited

Telephone: (02) 9144 2415 / email: trustawards@cauzgroup.com.au

 **Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize 2008** / Entry Form Due Friday 25 July 2008

The Tattersall's Landscape Art Prize is one of Australia's most lucrative Landscape Art Prizes. The Arts Prize is acquisitive. The winning entry will receive: \$20,000; Highly commended: two business class airfares to Europe sponsored by Emirates; and Members Choice: \$5,000 gift voucher for Hardy Brothers Jewellers.

The artist is required to submit a painting relating only to the landscape theme which refers to any aspect of landscape executed in traditional or contemporary painting style and may include figures in landscape. There **MUST** be an element in the painting that refers to land. Only one entry per artist. An entry fee of \$44 is required to be forwarded with the entry form by Friday 25 July. Artists are requested to submit an image of their painting either electronically (JPEG ONLY), or by CD, disk or photographic print and must be received by Art Promotions Queensland no later than Friday 8 August 2008.

For more detailed information about submission requirements contact Bernie Hollett (07) 3219 7217 /

bernie@apq.com.au

 **Jada 2008 – Entries open for Australia's richest regional drawing award** / Entries close 4pm Friday 1 August 2008.

Entries in the 2008 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award is open to all artists who are residents of Australia who can submit up to two drawings. In 2008 the award celebrates 20 years of promoting innovation and excellence in Australian drawing and has increased to \$30,000 to coincide with this important anniversary. The major award of \$15,000 is acquisitive, along with further acquisitions to the value of \$15,000. Hendrik Kolenberg, Senior Curator of Australian Prints, Drawings and Watercolours, Art Gallery of New South Wales, is the judge for this year's prize. Please contact Grafton Regional Gallery (02) 6642 3177. Further information: www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

 **Smithsonian Fellowship Program** / Applications close 5pm Friday 1 August 2008.

The Program provides Fellowships each year to enable Queenslanders to undertake research projects at the Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum complex and research organisation. The Program seeks to foster an interchange of knowledge and skills between Queensland organisations and the Smithsonian and supports the Queensland Government's Smart State Strategy through the development of international alliances and networks. Up to three Fellowships will be awarded in 2008. The duration of a Fellowship is for a maximum of 26 weeks and a minimum of 13 weeks with a maximum award of \$30,000. Applications are open to Queenslanders working in any area of mutual interest with the Smithsonian, including evolutionary, systemic, behavioural and environmental biology; biodiversity, conservation and climate change; earth, mineral and planetary sciences; astrophysics; anthropology, archaeology, **linguistics and indigenous and cross-cultural studies; material and folk culture**; science and technology; **art, design and crafts**; materials conservation; and **museum practice, education and outreach**. Detailed information about the Fellowship Program, including the guidelines and application form, are available at www.premiers.qld.gov.au/awardsevents

 **Far North Queensland Contractor for Creative Production Hubs in Queensland** / Offer Closes: Thursday

21 September 2008, 2pm. Arts Queensland invites proposals from suitably qualified contractors to undertake planning, regional research, consultation and project development in the Far North Queensland area to contribute to the development of Creative Production Hubs in Queensland.


This project will investigate the potential for producer hubs that can act as an interface between creators and presenters, servicing independent / small group artists in all areas of their work: networking, audience development, tour coordination, audience development, administrative, production and marketing, thus enabling the artists to focus on the creative side of their work.


The successful contractor will need to demonstrate:


- Track record and knowledge on performing arts producing and touring: particularly in the independent and small to medium sectors.
- Significant networks and contacts across relevant and appropriate stakeholders in north and far north Queensland
- Superior writing, analytical and communication skills
- Ability to complete project within mutually agreed timeframe and budget


For further information, please refer to the Queensland Government's e-tender website:
www.qgm.qld.gov.au E-tender Reference: AQ 015/2008


4. Grants and Funding


 **Pushed for time?** Volunteers don't have the time to search out suitable grants, and then write a winning application. For assistance with your Grant Writing & Grant Searches Go to www.fundraisingbuddy.com.au/html/grants.htm

 **Regional Arts Development Fund** / Final Round for 07/08 closes 14 May 2008 for projects starting after 18 July 2008. Mackay City Council in partnership with Queensland Government offers arts and cultural grants for professional arts workers, individuals and community groups from Mackay. The RADF funds one-off, short term projects that offer professional arts, cultural and heritage opportunities. More information and application forms can be found at www.mackay.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Arts Development Officer on (07) 4968 4444.

 **ANZ Seeds of Renewal Program** / Applications Close Wednesday 14 May 2008
\$10,000 per grant to fund small, rural and regional not-for-profit organisations that have projects and activities that aid the growth of their community. Funds communities that have a population of 15,000 people or less; projects with a charitable purpose; and applications from not-for-profit organisations with an ABN. Priority will be given to applications from within drought affected communities in an EC (Exceptional Circumstances) declared region. For more information visit www.frrr.org.au

 **Country Credit Union Community Grants Scheme 2008** / Closes 16 May 2008
Not-for-Profit organisations in the Mackay area are being invited to apply for a grant to develop and improve programs and services in the areas of: arts, culture and heritage, sports and recreation (where the activity benefits the whole community), education, and the environment. Applications must be submitted to either of the QCCU branches in Mackay (Centrepoint Arcade or Mt Pleasant Shopping Centre) by 16 May 2008. For more information and application form visit www.qccu.com.au

 **Our Place Our Future Funding** / Applications close Monday 2 June 2008
Our Place Our Future is a Blueprint for the Bush initiative aimed at building rural communities capacity to develop socially, culturally and economically sustainable communities. There are four funding rounds a year and advertising has commenced for 08/09 Round 1. Revised information and funding papers have been placed on the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation's web site: www.localgovernment.qld.gov.au/?id=6832 If you have any enquiries contact Fiona Brady, B4B Regional Community Officer on 4967 4451.

 **Community Heritage Grants** / Applications close Friday 6 June 2008
From the National Library of Australia. Up to \$10,000. Aims to preserve and provide access to locally held nationally significant cultural heritage collections across Australia. Community organisations such as historical societies, museums, public libraries, archives, Indigenous and migrant community groups which collect and provide public access to their cultural heritage collections are eligible to apply. For more information visit www.nla.gov.au/chg

 **Australia Council for the Arts' 2008 Community partnerships grants program** / Applications close Sunday, June 15, 2008. Applications to the following grant categories are now open:

- Creative producer (Amount: \$45,000) - Creative producer grants will be offered for producers to deliver community arts and cultural development projects.
- Program grants - Program grants provide support for significant community arts and cultural development programs consisting of a range of projects, targeting a variety of different groups and engaging a number of cross-sectoral partners.

- 2008 Ros Bower Award (Amount: \$50,000) - The Ros Bower award honours an artworker or artist with a proven record of high achievement in the field of community cultural development.
- 2008 Kirk Robson Award (Amount: \$10,000) - The Kirk Robson awards recognise outstanding leadership in community cultural development demonstrated by the young artist, who died in 2005.

Other Community Partnerships project grants are open between 1 February and 1 September. Prospective applicants to all community partnerships grant categories should speak with community partnerships staff before applying. For more information visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/community_partnerships

 **Q150 Community Funding Program** / Next round opens 30 June 2008

The Q150 Program aims to encourage all Queensland communities to undertake activities and projects that celebrate and commemorate Queensland's 150th anniversary in a way that reflects the unique culture, heritage and aspirations of their own community. The Q150 Community Funding Program is a \$4 million grants program open to not-for-profit incorporated community organisations, local councils, schools, and tertiary institutions throughout Queensland. To download the funding guidelines and application form, visit www.q150.qld.gov.au. Applicants can apply for between \$2,000 - \$10,000. For further information, phone (toll-free) 1800 502 419.


 **Pratt Foundation / ISS Institute Overseas Fellowships** / Applications close Monday 30 June 2008

Applications for The Pratt Foundation/ ISS Institute Overseas Fellowships are now open to Australian artists, trades or technical persons. Each successful applicant receives a maximum of \$8,000 towards costs such as airfares, living allowance, accommodation, course fees and materials. Should costs exceed \$8,000 the recipient raises the additional funds. Please contact ISS Institute on 03 9882 0055 or issi.ceo@pacific.net.au For more information visit www.issinstitute.org.au

 **Sector Project Grants in dance, music, theatre, writing, new media, visual arts, craft and design and cultural development / Round one closed; Round two closes 31 August 2008**

"The aim of the Arts Queensland grants program is to position Queensland as a dynamic place where artistic excellence and cultural engagement takes priority. We want our arts and cultural industry to be developing meaningful projects which convey a uniquely Queensland voice, resonate with audiences and highlight the state's growing reputation for edgy and innovative performance, music and design. We want our artists to be able to take advantage of professional opportunities which will expand their horizons at national and international levels. Projects can include new work, exhibitions, productions, industry development and cultural engagement activities."

The new guidelines for Sector Project Grants are available on the Arts Queensland website at <http://www.arts.qld.gov.au/funding/sector-grant.html> For more information contact Arts Queensland on (07) 3224 4896 or toll-free 1800 175 531 / grants@arts.qld.gov.au

 **Visions of Australia** / Applications for Round 31 close on 1 September 2008 for projects commencing on or after 2 February 2009. Visions of Australia aims to enable more Australians to enjoy our diverse culture by accessing high-quality exhibitions of cultural material. It provides funding to eligible organisations to develop and tour exhibitions of Australian cultural material across the country, in particular regional and remote areas. Exhibitions should have a predominantly Australian source or theme. All applications must be in the required format and must be received by the advertised closing date. Late applications and applications that are emailed or faxed will not be accepted. Funding is not available for projects that commence before the indicative commencement date. For further information, visit www.arts.gov.au/arts/visions_of_australia

 **Indigenous Small Grants** / Assessment dates are 12 May & 14 October

Indigenous Small Grants provides an opportunity for Indigenous organisations and organisations that work with young Indigenous people and communities to support new initiatives or expand existing successful initiatives. Funds are available for initiatives that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of young people aged 12-25 years. Applications will be accepted from non-profit organisations (including local government and schools). If your organisation is not an Indigenous organisation please provide information of your organisation's experience in working with Indigenous people and organisations. To download guidelines and an application form please go to: http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya_fund_indigenous_small_grants.asp Applications can be made at any time. Grants offer a maximum of \$5,000.

5. ebulletin Tid Bits...

Did you know ...

Mackay Regional Council and Pioneer Employment are working together to develop an exciting and dynamic volunteering experience for the 2008 Mackay Festival of Arts, July 12 to 19 2008

Festival Volunteer Intake Session / Monday 2 June, 6pm - 7.30pm
Phone: 4953 2292 or email volunteer@pesmackay.com to book your place
Volunteer Intake Session bookings close Friday 30 May 2008 .
Limited numbers so book early to guarantee your position.

If you volunteered on the 2007 Festival of Arts, you do not need to attend the Intake Session. Just contact us before the 30th of May to confirm your position.



Volunteer Positions

Festival Information Hosts

Customer Service / Lost Property / Sales of Festival Merchandise / On-site enquiries.

Green Room Hosts

Provide information to artists / Keep artists food and drinks stocked / Keep the green room clean and tidy

Car Park Attendants

Directing Traffic flow at Festival events.

Assistant Stage Managers

General Backstage duties at Festival Events.

Artist Hosts

Transporting performers to and from airport, accommodation, and rehearsals.

(Council vehicle will be provided however you must have a current drivers licence and be over 25).

Operations Crew

Assist to set up & pull down for Festival Events / Distributing programs at festival events / Site clean ups.

Photography Crew

Take photographs at volunteer planning sessions and festival events.

Catering Coordinator

Coordinate catering for volunteers at information and work sessions.

Volunteer positions & responsibilities will be discussed further at the Volunteer Intake Session.

Monday 2 June, 6pm - 7.30pm. Phone 4953 2292 or email volunteer@pessmackay.com to book your place.

Volunteer Information, Planning and Training

Becoming a Festival Volunteer means you will need to attend: Intake, Information, Training, Planning and Work Sessions, to ensure that you are included in the planning of and understand your role in the Festival.

You will need to be available to attend the following sessions:

- **Monday 2 June**, 6pm - 7.30pm: Festival Volunteer Intake Session (For new Festival Volunteers)
- **Tuesday 10 June**, 6pm - 8.30pm: Festival Volunteer Information Session
- **Tuesday 17 June**, 5.30pm - 7pm: Workplace Health & Safety Induction
(Alternative dates: 3, 10, or 17 June, 8.30am - 10am)
- **Tuesday 1 July**, 6pm - 7.30pm: Festival Volunteer Work Planning Session
- **Tuesday 8 July**, 6pm - 8pm: Festival Volunteer Final Planning Session

Volunteer's Main Festival Dates

- **Sunday 13 July**: Long Table Dinner, Queens Park
- **Monday 14 - Thursday 17 July**: Jack Sturgeon Lunch Box Concerts, Mackay Entertainment Centre
- **Tuesday 15 July**: In the Bin Short Film Festival, Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens
- **Friday 18 July**: Art-Is-In Regional Arts Awards Partie D'Artiste, 500 pavilion Mackay Showgrounds
- **Friday 18 July**: Set Up, G&S Engineering Wine & Food Day, Queens Park
- **Saturday 19 July**: G&S Engineering Wine & Food Day, Queens Park
(This is our main event so we need all volunteers to be available on this day.)

I look forward to working with you at the 21st Festival of Arts.

Jennifer Emmett

Volunteer Coordinator

Phone: 4953 2292

Email: volunteer@pessmackay.com

6. Community Showcase...



Katraz Dance Represents MACKAY!!

Six Students from Katraz Dance studio in North Mackay have swept away awards in two categories at NOMA Fashion Bash in Townsville.

Sunday 13 April was the end of a three day event at the Riverway Arts Centre and Katraz dancers performed a hip hop routine in the Showcase Section.

Groups from Townsville, Charters Towers, Ayr and Rockhampton also performed in the Showcase. The Katraz Dance Group won 2nd in best dressed team dance wear & 3rd in Best team Fashion Dance Routine. The only group to win in two categories.

The composition, level of creativity and design, innovation and overall dance presentation performance and assessment of their individual skills and talents were used as the criteria by the judges.



Katraz Dancers L to R: Megan Mattingley, Nadine Sleeman, Daniel Allan, Kat Shields, Kaitlyn Spark
Leande Van Loggerenberg

Katraz dance operates from 38 Grendon St North Mackay offering Hip Hop dance classes for Kids and Adults. For more information contact Katraz Dance on (07) 4951 0804 or drop in at the studio to pick up a schedule.

Working on an interesting arts project?
Been somewhere or done something you would like to share with our arts community?

Email creative@mackay.qld.gov.au to make a submission for inclusion in the Creative Mackay ebuletin's "Community Showcase".

Relevant photographs are welcomed for inclusion with your submissions

SUBMISSIONS

As of 4 July 2008 the creative mackay ebuletin will be changing from fortnightly to monthly distribution.

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