



Get ready to rock your socks off!

The Festival of Arts will bring an exciting, free mini blues and roots concert to Sarina thanks to Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Pty Ltd.

From the ashes of Songs for Sarina comes Sarina Rocks, a free afternoon of entertainment for the entire family.

Festival, Events and The Arts portfolio councillor Chris Bonanno encouraged families to pack a picnic and head to Anzac Street car park on Saturday, July 13.

"If you love live music, you don't want to miss this outdoor concert."

"The headline act Shaun Kirk has to be seen to be believed - his one man

blues show is mind-blowing."

"Local musician Namarca Corowa will be a hit with the audience, performing his fantastic South Sea Islander blues."

From rock and punk to blues and reggae, Sarina Rocks will feature a variety of music styles appealing to all ages.

Kicking off at 1pm, Sarina Rocks will be hosted by SeaFM's radio host Ange Julian.

Cr Bonanno said tickets were selling quickly for a number of shows.



Shaun Kirk will amaze audiences with his one man blues show at Sarina Rocks.

"People are not holding back this year with events such as the Progressive Dinner already sold out."

The Festival of Arts My Island Home program features 16 days of music, dance, theatre and comedy.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said residents would be proud of the quality acts headlining this year's festival.

For program details or to purchase tickets visit www.festivalmackay.org.au or call 4961 9777.

**Sarina Rocks
Free Concert
Saturday,
July 13
1 - 5pm
Anzac St
car park.**



>> Be a Festival of Arts early bird, purchase tickets before June 28 to receive a \$5 discount on most shows.

COUNCIL - in brief -

Early bird discount for registration

The following half-price pet registration fees are available until July 31.

Dog: \$70
Desexed dog: \$30
Cat: \$15
Desexed Cat: \$5

Further discounts for pensioners are also available.

NAIDOC Week Libraries Competition

Are you a Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descendant? Visit one of council's six library branches and become a member before Monday, June 24 and you could win a special pass to meet Northern Territory group, the Tjintu Desert Band at the Mackay Festival of Arts Opening Night on July 6.

Makeover for the Mackay City Centre

Council will match the Federal Government's grant of \$8.8 million to transform the Mackay City Centre into an exciting, tropical public domain. The \$18 million makeover will include the installation of high quality pavements, interactive signage, new lighting, street furniture and landscaping, allowing residents and visitors to work, shop, be active and relax in the City Centre.

Fitness fun in Sarina

Enjoy fitness activities in Sarina including Zumba, Yoga, Tai Chi, walking groups and more thanks to *Focus on Sarina* and *Healthy Rural Communities Mackay*. Visit the activity calendars on council's website for more information. Activities are free or a gold coin donation.



A two-lane bridge will soon replace the existing single-lane overpass at West Funnel Creek.

Revamp set for 80 year old bridge

Council will work around platypus breeding season during the construction of a new two-lane bridge over Sarina's West Funnel Creek.

Located within the Sarina Range, the new \$1.5 million bridge will replace an existing one-lane overpass, originally built in the 1930s.

Roads and Drainage portfolio councillor Kevin Casey said the current bridge had stood the test of time but an upgrade was necessary.

"With ongoing maintenance issues, increased usage and safety concerns, the upgrade is essential."

"Excavation and in-stream works will start soon to cater for platypus breeding season."

Restoration works will also be undertaken along East Funnel Creek Road, on either side of the new bridge. The existing bridge will remain open during construction and some disruption to traffic will take place.

Have a go at saving H₂O!

In one year, our region can guzzle over 13 billion litres of water, which equates to about 5200 Olympic swimming pools.

Water and Sewerage portfolio councillor Frank Gilbert said residents can monitor their water usage by undertaking regular reads from their water meter.

"Regular monitoring can help identify leaks either inside a home or underground."

"Checking your meter will ensure there are no surprises when the bill arrives."

Cr Gilbert said watching the flow of water usage and reducing consumption where possible can help delay the need to build new infrastructure, ultimately saving ratepayers millions.

"You will see a difference in consumption by making simple adjustments to the way water is used at home."

>> For more water saving tips, visit council's website.



The Sarina Library will keep kids entertained over the school holidays.

Crafty science fun at the library

A school holiday workshop combining science with art is set to draw a large crowd of enthusiastic youngsters to the Sarina Library in July for the Sensational Science Crafts workshop.

Community Development and Libraries portfolio councillor Alison Jones said children would enjoy creating colourful coral and making their own bath bombs.

"It's important that children enjoy learning and this workshop certainly puts a fun spin on science."

Cr Jones said the Sarina Library offers fantastic services for families that are free to join.

The holiday workshop will take place on Friday, July 5 from 10am and is suitable for prep to 12 years. Parental supervision is required.

>> Visit the libraries 'What's On' calendar on council's website for more holiday fun.