



Welcome to the Creative Mackay e-bulletin

28 March – 11 April 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

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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.

Hunting for a gift or a special piece of art for your home?

Visit the Mackay region's newest tourist attraction - the **Sarina Art Gallery**. From paintings and hand-woven silk scarves to an array of artwork, all pieces on display are for sale by local artists. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am, you'll find the Sarina Art Gallery in the Field of Dreams Parkland, next to the Sarina Sugar Shed. For more details or to hire the gallery for your own exhibition contact Mackay Regional Council on 1300 MACKAY.

Need some advice on preserving archives?

Free copies of the National Archives of Australia publication: Keep it for the Future - How to set up small community archives, are available through Mackay Regional Council. If you wish to receive a copy contact the Arts Development Officer on 133 622 529 or creative@mackay.qld.gov.au **Only 50 copies available so first in first served.**

Calling all creative young People / 9 - 11 April, 12.30 – 3.30pm

An exciting opportunity for 11 - 18 year olds to work with professional Designers, Artists and Musicians to produce a short performance for the Opening night of the River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival on Friday 9 May. The 3 day workshop program will incorporate aspects of set design, theatre production, shadow & UV puppetry, and music & movement. Come along, support your community and have loads of fun while learning new skills. Places are limited so please book early to secure your place. Mirani Community Hall. For more information or to book your place contact Wanda Bennett 4958 5030. This Project has been made possible with assistance from the Regional Arts Development Fund, a state and local government partnership in regional arts and cultural development; and is supported by the River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival.

2008 Sector Project Grants in dance, music, theatre, writing, new media, visual arts, craft and design and cultural development / Round 1 Applications close 30 April / Round 2 Applications close 31 August 2008
Projects can include new work, exhibitions, productions, industry development and cultural engagement activities. For more information, visit www.arts.qld.gov.au, email grants@arts.qld.gov.au, or contact Arts Queensland on (07) 3224 4896 or toll-free 1800 175 531.

Paxtons Market / The Sunday for Paxtons Market has changed to the first Sunday in the month starting 6 April. For more information contact Julia Nixon 4959 1230.

1. Exhibitions, Events and Performances...

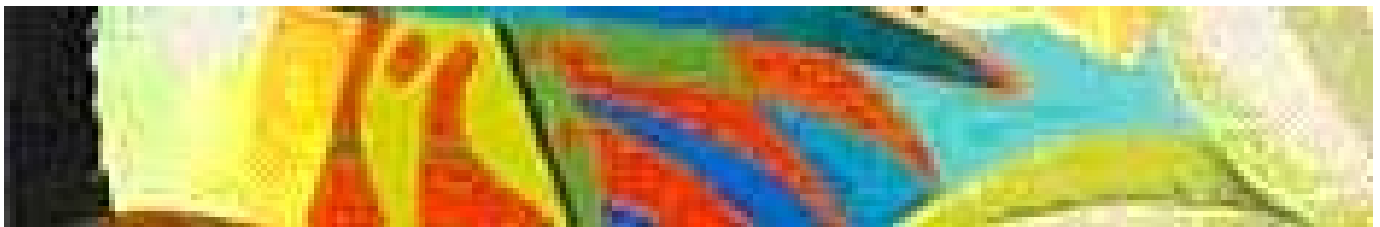
Exhibition of works on paper / 9 February - 29 March 2008
Works on paper by renowned Australian Printmakers Dianne Fogwell, Ron McBurnie and Euan McLeod. Artists' Books by Wim de Vos and Adele Outteridge + Etchings by Glen Skien. Arthouse Gallery, open Wednesday to Friday 10am - 5pm + Saturday 11am - 3pm or by appointment. 148 Wood Street, Mackay, Qld. 4740.
Contact: arthouse150@westnet.com.au / www.artgallerymackay.com.au

Cage of Ghosts: Jon Rhodes / Friday 28 March - Sunday 11 May.
A National Library of Australia Travelling 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.


Exhibition Floor Talks (tbc) / Saturday 29 March, from 11am. Free event, no bookings necessary. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.


San Lazaro / Friday 28 March, 8pm
Melbourne based nine piece Latin funk sensation San Lazaro draw upon traditional salsa, bomba and rumba rhythms, fused with the urban sounds of reggae, funk and hip-hop to create some of the most diverse and uplifting party music ever to come from an Australian band. Their debut album 'Mestizos Urbanos' (urban people of a mixed race) is a direct reflection of the bands intention to be faithful to their roots whilst embracing their influences. They share a strong heritage in the performance of traditional styles of Latin music, which acts as a binding element used to re-enforce the youthful musical experimentation unique to San Lazaro. Mackay Entertainment Centre Foyer. For more information and bookings contact 4957 1700 / mec.boxoffice@mackay.qld.gov.au / www.mackayentertainment.com.au


Tropical Reflections / Saturday 29 March, 6 pm
Jenni Kirkwood solo exhibition - Including Wearable Art - portraying the vibrant colours of our tropical region. Complimentary wine and nibbles. Shingley Beach Resort, Shingley Drive, (Able Point Marina turn) Airlie Beach. RSVP Monday 24 March to Jenni 4951 4600 / jenni@kirkwoodart.com.au





Jenni Kirkwood, Tropical Reflections Solo Exhibition (detail)


 **Meet the Collection** / Saturday 29 March, 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.


 **Community Sunday Funday** / Sunday 30 March, 1 – 4pm. Free activities will include: Sound Circles, Windsock making, Circus Workshops, Beach Sports and Family challenges (eg. Sack and three-legged races). All welcome!! The Esplanade, Bucasia Beach. For more information contact Kathleen Gooch, Mackay City Council 4968 4444.


 **Youth Week Sarina Beach Party** / Sunday 6 April, 11am – 5pm
Celebrating 10 years of the Sarina Youth Council and the first youth gathering of the new Mackay Regional Council. Activities include demonstration by world champ sand sculptor Dennis Massoud, free sausage sizzle, battle of the bands, lucky door prizes, sensory circus, face painting and much more...
If you are a youth band and wish to register for the battle of the bands contact the Sarina Youth Centre on 4943 2962 or Mackay Youth Support Services on 0407 149 787. Prizes include \$800 Yamaha Music Voucher, 4 x \$50 City Beach Vouchers and 4 x Birch Caroll & Coyle Double Movie Passes.

 **Queensland Songbridge Concert** / Friday 7 April, 7.30pm.
A vibrant program of choral music performed by talented young people throughout Queensland. A special feature of this project has been the engagement of Queensland local artists and young people in the creation of music which tells the stories of the South Sea Islander heritage in Queensland, and the World Premier of "Returning Home" by Harley Mead. A new work written for young voices, based on the recollections of Mackay resident Fiona Tass and her family's history. Special Guests: Brisbane Birralee Voices, Australian Composer Harley Mead, Past Principal Flautist Qld Orchestra Patrick Nolan; Mackay Featured Artists: Akapel, BAKK Studio Singers, Banksia Voices, Friends of Pedro in Trio, Harvisongs, Mackay West State School Choir, and Selah Gospel Choir.
Tickets \$10 Adult, \$8 Concession and \$15 for a family of up to five. Call 4954 9248 to reserve your seats.
Holy Trinity Church, Gordon Street Mackay. For more information contact Maggie Hains 0423 920 697.

 **National Youth Week - Underage Rage (ages 12 – 17)** / Monday 7 April & Tuesday 8 April, 7pm – 11pm
Featuring local band Eyesdownfire. Doors Nightclub, Victoria Street Mackay.
For more information contact 4968 4436.

 **Exhibition Bush to Beach** / 8 April – 20 April 2008
An exciting exhibition by established and emerging local artists in a variety of media including: Acrylics, Oils, Pastel, Watercolour and Prints. The Bush to Beach Art Group is a collective of local artists living and working in the bush and at the beaches in our local community. Sarina Art Gallery, Field of Dreams (between Art Craft Center and Sarina Sugar Shed). Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am to 4pm (Closed Mondays). Inquiries to Steve Howells 49566221
stephenhowells@bigpond.com

 **National Youth Week – Splash Out and Mission Inflatable** / Tuesday 8 April & Thursday 10 April
Splash Out: 9.30am – 11.30am, jam-packed with crazy new inflatable toys for children 5 – 14 years. \$5 per child, includes free hot drink. Mission Inflatable: 2pm – 5pm. Memorial Swim Centre, Milton Street Mackay. For more information contact 4968 4533.

 **The Wiz, by Charlie Small** / Thursday 10 April – 10am & 2pm, Friday 11 April – 10am & 7.30pm
Saturday 12 April – 2pm & 7.30pm
"Amateur production by special arrangement with Dominie Pty Ltd"
BMus Music Theatre Students, CQCM Theatre. Boundary Road, Planlands
Bookings through Mackay Entertainment Centre on 4957 1700.

 **Harry Lynn Quartet with Melissa Western** / Friday 11 April, 8pm

The Quartet comprises Harry Lynn, acknowledged as one of the most versatile jazz pianists in Australia, the effervescent Mal Wood on trumpet, the rhythmic bass of Peter McLaughlin and the lively Warren Whittaker on drums. Their fat jazz sound and true interpretations make them a “must see” for traditional jazz fans. Mackay Entertainment Centre Foyer. For more information and bookings contact 4957 1700 / mec.boxoffice@mackay.qld.gov.au / www.mackayentertainment.com.au

☀ **National Youth Week - Back to Bush Activities** / Saturday 12 April, 2pm – 6pm
Join in the activities from horse shoe throwing to damper making. Colston Park Hall, Sarina Range.
For more information contact 4943 2962.

☀ **The Kiev Ballet: Swan Lake** / Sunday 13 April, 7.30pm
The Kiev Ballet (The National Theatre of Opera and Ballet of Ukraine) will perform evening-length Sleeping Beauty with fresh sets and costumes featuring Gold Medalist Viktor Ishchuk, International Ballet Competition Moscow 2005 and Natalia Domracheva, Gold Medalist International Ballet Competition, Orlando 2007. Mackay Entertainment Centre. For more information and bookings contact 4957 1700 / mec.boxoffice@mackay.qld.gov.au / www.mackayentertainment.com.au

☀ **National Youth Week – SK8 Competition** / Sunday 13 April
Registration from 12noon, competition kicks off at 2pm. Bucasia SK8 Park, Mackay Bucasia Road. For more information contact 4968 4436.

☀ **Film Night: “An Old Mistress”** / Friday 18 April, 7.30pm. (Bar Opens 6.30pm.)
Light supper served after the film. CQU Mackay Library Society members \$5, non-members \$9. Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music Theatre, CQU Mackay Campus, Boundary Road, Planlands. Contact Film and Arts, Mackay Inc 4940 7536 or 4952 2299 / www.library.cqu.edu.au/visit/location/mackay/libociety/index.htm

☀ **Wintermoon Festival** / Friday 2 May – Monday 5 May
Experience the Wintermoon Festival in the beauty of the rainforest at Cameron’s Pocket. For more information visit the website www.wintermoonfestival.com



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 dyeing 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.

☀ **Children's Art Classes with Margaret Burgess** / Monday afternoons 3.30 - 5.15pm
Commencing 3 March at Mackay, Mackay Art Society Hall, Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. To register your interest or for more information contact Margaret Burgess 0401 834 829 / robandmarg@orion-online.com.au

☀ **Music Workshop** / Saturday 29 March - Sunday 30 March 2008
Music Teachers' Association of Queensland, Mackay Branch present Samantha Coates - Workshop titles include: Melody and Harmony: Creativity in the exam room; Theory in 7 minutes; Music for Fun, Music for Life. For an application Form and further information phone Cynthia 0407 035 963 or Janet 4952 2708

☀ **Flying Arts presents Anneke Silver Drawing workshop** / Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 March, 10am to 4pm
"Drawing is a great way to learn to 'see'. It can be the foundation for making art or it can be an art form in itself." Although this workshop is for beginners it is also appropriate for those who want to refresh their skills. Besides learning a lot it will be fun. Sarina Cultural Hall, Anzac St, Sarina. Cost \$120 (TBC) Contact Marilyn Bliss 4956 2618 / marilynbob@aussiebroadband.com.au

☀ **Introduction to Permaculture** / 3 April
A 2 day workshop covering basic Permaculture principles and the conceptual plan for the Community Garden. This workshop is formulated for any volunteer wishing to become more involved in activities at the site or wishing to establish their own site at home. Cost. \$50.00 members. \$100.00 non-members.
To register contact Luke ☺ mcomgard@bigpond.net.au

☀ **National Youth Week - Cartoon Workshop** / Saturday 5 April, 10am – 2pm
Gordon White Library. Bookings Essential. Phone 4944 3000.

☀ **National Youth Week - Mosaic Workshop** / Tuesday 8 April & Wednesday 9 April, 10am – 1pm
Sarina Youth Centre. For more information contact 4943 2962.

☀ **National Youth Week - Free Surf Lessons** / Tuesday 8 April – Friday 11 April, 3pm – 4pm
Mackay Harbour. For more information contact 4968 4436

☀ **National Youth Week - Make your own comic book badge at Artspace Mackay** / Tuesday 8 April – Sunday 13 April, 10am – 5pm. Create collaged badges from old comics, magazines, paper & pens. Gold Coin Donation per badge. For more information contact 4957 1722.

☀ **BMA Kidspace** / Tuesday 8 April & 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.

☀ **National Youth Week - Sensory Circus Movement and Motion Workshops** / Thursday 10 April - Friday 11 April, 10am - 1pm. Sarina Youth Centre. For more information contact 4943 2962.

☀ **National Youth Week - Sensory Circus Workshops** / Sunday 13 April, 3.30pm
Sensory Circus workshops will be held from 3.30pm during the Bucasia Skate Competition. Bucasia Skate Park, Mackay Bucasia Road (in front of Hibiscus Shopping Centre)
For more information contact the Youth Development Officer, Mackay Regional Council 49684436.

☀ **Poetry of the Body** / Wednesdays, 6 week series commencing 16 April, 6 - 8pm
This program supports participants' confidence and skills to journey within and listen, to creatively open up to the

body's wisdom through movement, music, poetry and art. The aim is to empower deeper self understanding, authentic personal expression, unravelling physical and emotional tension in support of living, loving, labouring and being who we are inspired to be. Facilitator: Judith Grieve, Masonic Centre, Cnr Wood St & 9th Lane, Mackay. For more information and bookings contact 4942 4171.

Artworkers Business Planning Workshops for Artists and Arts Workers

Artworkers will be holding a series of Business Planning Workshops to help members and arts organisations to develop Business Plans. Different models and formats will be presented and participants will be taken through a facilitated process that will help them clarify their core business, positioning, goals and strategies. Separate workshops will be catered specifically for arts practitioners and arts organisations. Workshops will be limited to 15 participants – so to avoid disappointment, please ensure you register early.

Business Planning for Arts Practitioners / Friday 18 April, 10am – 4pm & Saturday 19 April, 10am – 4pm.

Cost: \$55 (GST incl) members / \$82.50 (GST incl) non-members.

Business Planning for Arts Organisations / Tuesday 29 April, 10am – 4pm / Wednesday 30 April, 10am – 4pm.

Cost: \$110 (GST incl) members / \$165 (GST incl) non-members.

Level 1 Board Room, 381 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley. RSVP: Monday 7 April to info@artworkers.org or phone: 3215 0850. No bookings will be secure without finalised payment. Please note: Lunch for both days is not provided. Laptop computers welcome but not mandatory.

Collage and wax nostalgia works with Ngaio Lenz / Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 April, 10am – 4pm

This two-day workshop will encourage participants to incorporate personal papers, letters, stamps etc., preferably with some history and connection, into collage and wax 'nostalgia works'. The intention will be to show participants how to produce an intimate reflection of themselves or a loved one, or just a small collage using their own intuitive response to the items they have brought. Students will learn how to trust their instincts and consider placement of items, as well as proportion, colour, texture and balance to make something they can hang on a wall at home.

Especially good for those who feel they have no painting skills, but want to make art.

Fee: \$110 / concession \$100.00 (inc. GST). Bookings essential.

To book contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722

Drawing for Beginners with Anneke Silver / Sunday 20 April, 10am – 4pm

Drawing is a great way to learn to 'see'. It can be the foundation for further art making or an art form in itself; use oriental brush and ink, charcoal, conte or pencil to capture a moment in time or quality of light. This workshop will begin with the basic principles of tone, line and mark making using structured exercises and will then work towards individual expression. Rockhampton Art Gallery. Cost: \$50 members / \$55 non-members. For more information contact Elva Cupo 4927 7129 / elva.cupo@rcc.qld.gov.au

Tropical Food Plants / Sunday 20 April

A half day workshop to discover the abundant variety of tropical food plants for this region. Learn some basic propagation techniques and locations to source stock. Cost. \$30.00 members. / \$60.00 non-members.

To register contact Luke ☎ mcomgard@bigpond.net.au

Bamboo Drypoint Etching with Ruth Parry / Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 April, 10am – 4pm

Developed initially for schools by New Zealand printmaker Stanley Palmer, Bamboo Drypoint Etching is an exciting technique using dried sheaths, which grow at the base of the bamboo, in place of a metal plate. After cutting these sheaths and gluing them to a baseboard, an image can be scratched in the shiny surface, enabling ink to penetrate and hold in the fibrous tissues of the organic plate when it is inked. A fantastic, non-toxic printmaking technique using natural, easily-found materials.

Fee: \$110 / concession \$100.00 (inc. GST). Bookings essential.

To book contact Artspace Mackay, ☎ 07 4957 1722

 **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

 **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

 **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

 **Call for Expressions of Interest - Glass fusion Workshop with Judith Bohm-Parr** / 14 – 15 June

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. Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre (at Flaggy Rock) on June 14 - 15 2008. For more information contact Jennifer Clark, Community Development Officer, ISAAC Regional Shire Council 4964 5408 / 0427147493 / jennifer_clark@broadsound.qld.gov.au

 **Call for Expressions of Interest - Silk Painting 2 day workshop** / April/May/June, Dates TBC

Venue and cost TBC. To register your interest in either of these workshops contact Marilyn Bliss 4956 2618 / sarinaarts@hotmail.com

 **Winter in the Tropics** / 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 at 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

 **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

**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...

 **Art Deco Regional Festival Coordinator** / Applications close 31 March

Museums Australia (Victoria) and the Royal Historical Society of Victoria are looking for a versatile and experienced person to coordinate the Art Deco Regional Festival Project. The role will coordinate the development of a program of art deco related exhibitions, events, tours, activities and lectures across Victoria to coincide with the Art Deco 1910-1939 Winter Masterpiece exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. Salary: \$60,000 pro rata. Location: Melbourne, Victoria. Employment Status: Full Time. For more information contact Erica Sanders (03) 8341 7344 / exec@mavic.asn.au or visit www.historyvictoria.org.au or www.mavic.asn.au

 **Arts Innovations Facilitator** / Applications close Thursday 20 March, 5pm

Latrobe City Council is seeking to appoint an Arts Innovation Facilitator to work across the visual, performing and community arts sector and act as a facilitator in providing links within these areas for community, artists, educational institutions and businesses to engage with the arts sector. The position of Arts Innovation Facilitator requires a broad understanding of community culture development within local communities, knowledge of networks in the education sector and issues impacting local artists, and experience in preparing and managing program budgets. This position is temporary full time and will be reviewed at the end of 2009. For more information contact Jacqueline Hemsley on (03) 5128 5705.

 **Electrofringe 2008 – Call for Proposals** / Proposals close 31 March 2008


Electrofringe is a five day festival of electronic arts and culture occurring as part of *This Is Not Art* in Newcastle Australia. *Electrofringe* is dedicated to furthering the creative use of technology and electronic art forms with focus upon skills exchange and development and is currently seeking proposals in the following program areas: Artist and Project Presentations; Panels, Workshops, Site Specific Residencies, Special Events, Electro-Online (web based art) and Electro-Screen (single channel video based works). For more information visit www.electrofringe.net

 **Liquid Architecture – Call for entries** / Submissions for installations close: 1 April 2008 / Submissions for screen works close: 1 May 2008. Liquid Architecture, Australia's premier sound-arts festival, celebrates the diverse methods of sound making and sound theory. It is now calling for submissions for sound- based installation works and video-based short screen works to be presented at Liquid Architecture 9, Sydney 2008.

Due to the cross disciplinary potential of sound, the artistic content of the festival encompasses many art practices, presented in the form of live performances, exhibitions, installations, AV presentations and recorded works. Please contact Jennifer Teo & Alex White, Directors at liquidarchitecturesydney@gmail.com Further information: www.liquidarchitecture.org.au

 **Sarina Art Extravaganza, 23 - 31 May** / Entries close Friday 25 April 2008

With prizes worth more than \$14,000 this event is well worth entering. There are 13 adult categories and one for youth. Brochure and entry form available from Marilyn Bliss 4956 2618 / sarinaarts@hotmail.com

 **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

 **Call for expressions of interest: Discover Sarina Festival** / 23 May to 31 May 2008.

Gala Opening of the Sarina Art Extravaganza followed by seven days of arts, crafts and community workshops.
Anybody wishing to hold or attend a workshop please contact the secretary Anne Smith 47566227/
discoversarina@optusnet.com.au

 **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

 **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

 **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.

 **Australia Council Inter-Arts Funding**

Contemporary Australian art is driven by the experimentation and innovation of artists working at the edges of established artistic practice. To facilitate this exploration, the Inter-Arts Office is pleased to announce its new grant rounds for 2008.

- Synapse - Enables collaborations between the arts and sciences. **CLOSED**
- New work - A one-off funding initiative for the creation of new interdisciplinary artworks. Applications close: 31 March 2008.
- Residencies - Applications close: 1 May 2008.
- Projects - Project grants support artists working in interdisciplinary and hybrid arts to engage in research and development, creative development and/or production.

Please contact staff at the Inter-Arts Office on 9215 9116 or 1800 226 912 or visit:
www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants

 **Visions of Australia** / Applications close: 1 April 2008.

Visions of Australia aims to enable more Australians to enjoy our diverse culture by accessing exhibitions of cultural material. It provides funding to eligible organisations to develop and tour exhibitions of Australian cultural material across Australia. Exhibitions should have a predominantly Australian source or theme. There are two funding rounds each year. Further information: www.arts.gov.au/arts/visions_of_australia

 **Q150 Community Funding Program** / Closes 13 April 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. The Q150 Community Funding Program is now open and closes on 13 April 2008. 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.

 **Siganto Travel Scholarship** / Applications open Monday 14 April

The biennial bursary offers emerging visual arts, craft and design practitioners the opportunity to expand their professional development through travel. Funds up to the value of \$7000 are available for travel that will support an individual's career development. Examples of projects funded by the Scholarship include (but are not limited to) attendance at international and interstate conferences, residencies and masterclasses, and international research projects used to access resources unavailable in Australia. Rub shoulders with the rich and famous at the Venice Biennale, undertake a photography residency in Los Angeles, or learn about contemporary indigenous painting in central Australia. For more information on applications visit www.artworkers.org

☀ **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...

Check this out...



In harmony with the environment Pooktre is the art of shaping living trees as they grow into predetermined designs. After 20 years of research Peter and Becky Northey have become master tree shapers. Their latest plantings are destined to produce living houses!!!!

www.pooktre.com



Quote from the website gallery:

“At the time that I was designing this Chair I had no knowledge of anyone else who was trying to shape living trees anywhere in the world. Knowing that if I had the idea, many others would have the same thought go through their mind. Some may have been able to act upon the idea, according to their life experiences and circumstances. This design was one of my favorites at that time. We now have a completely different perception for living tree chairs, which incorporates stone or glass into the design of tree chair. It's been 7 years since this tree was planted and our designs have been changing and evolving though-out that time.”

This website was located through Dave Evans' book *Cool Hunting Green: Recycled, Repurposed and Renewable objects that inspire a greener world*.

6. Community Showcase...

Whitsunday Arts Projects

Mackay has a healthy Arts scene which often produces different and innovative work, but like many smaller cities it lacks the highly concentrated and diverse talents of artists found in big cities like Brisbane and Sydney.

Juliana Milroy, a Drama teacher at Pioneer High School, realized that if her students were to get the type of opportunities and experiences they needed and deserved to continue and better their performance skills she was going to need to bring the talents of Brisbane to Mackay. Juliana and a work colleague, Betsy Atkinson, Mackay Christian College drama teacher, discussed the situation in October 2007. This led to the establishment of the 'Whitsunday Arts Projects'.

'**Whitsunday Arts Projects**' is a unique and exciting venture that will continually create opportunities and experiences in the dramatic field for the youth of Mackay. Both Juliana and Betsy strongly believe in providing bigger and better learning experiences for their students and with the help of Backbone Youth Arts, a prominent youth theatre company in Brisbane, these opportunities are about to occur.

On the 31st of March two well-known artists will be arriving in Mackay for three days to run student and teacher workshops. Joe Mitchell is currently the Youth and Education Manager of the Queensland Theatre Company and a prominent figure in the theatre scene in Brisbane. He will be joined by Andrew Cory, an experienced actor and teacher of theatre styles such as clowning and physical theatre. He is also the Artistic Development Coordinator for **Backbone Youth Arts**.

Andrew stated that "Backbone Youth Arts is quickly emerging as Queensland's premier youth theatre company. We are very excited to be able to create partnerships with passionate regional artists and teachers to create exciting arts experiences for children and young people. It may only be small now but this three day festival may be the start of something very big and I hope that this is just the start of our relationship with the young performers of the Mackay region".

These two dynamic and talented artists will, across three days, work with approximately 90 youth across Mackay and along with Juliana Milroy and Betsy Atkinson hope that this leads to more exciting and innovative theatre throughout the state.



Check out their website: www.backbone.org.au

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 ebulletin's "Community Showcase".

Relevant photographs are welcomed for inclusion with your submissions



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