The Art of Bass Guitar Surgery...Gary Steele, one of the featured visiting artists at the 2008 Wintermoon Festival fixes an injured instrument...This year's festival will run from Friday 1 May until Monday 4 May. Check out their website for information about the 2009 program www.wintermoonfestival.com

Welcome to the Creative Mackay e-bulletin
16 January – 20 February 2009

This monthly 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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₪ 2008 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Showcase & Arts Connecting Communities Program Launch / Saturday 7 February 2009, 6pm – 8pm. Featuring a selection of local arts and cultural work by RADF recipients including performances, roving entertainment and a very special unveiling. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street Mackay. RSVP by Thursday 22 January creative@mackay.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 622 529.

If you have accessed an RADF Grant in the 2007/2008 or 2008/2009 funding years and have not yet received an Expression Of Interest Form or Submissions Template contact the Arts Development Officer, Mackay Regional Council on creative@mackay.qld.gov.au / 1300 622 529.

The Arts Connecting Communities Program has been introduced to the Mackay Region with assistance from the Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF), proudly supported by their National Principal Partner for the Arts Connecting Communities Program: Toyota Community Spirit. The introduction of this program to our region has been made possible with the support of an RADF Grant. The RADF is a joint Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

₪ Mackay Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund / Third Round for 08/09 Closes 18 February
2009, 4.30pm for projects starting after 23 March 2009. Mackay Regional Council in partnership with the Queensland Government offers arts and cultural grants for arts workers, individuals and community groups from the Mackay Regional Council area. 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.

 İzac Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund / Applications close Friday 20 February 2009, 5pm.
Do you have an idea for a Public Arts Program? Are you an artist wanting to develop skills through eligible Training? Do you belong to a group that wants to HOLD A WORKSHOP with a provider? Do you have an Arts or Cultural Project that may be eligible for funding? Applications are invited from organisations and individuals in the Broadsound Region of the İzac Regional Council for the first round of grant funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund for the 2008/2009 financial year. This funding is for projects to be run in March, April and May 2009. Application kits are available at all İzac Regional Council Offices and Libraries or you may download application kits from council’s website www.isaac.qld.gov.au or Arts Queensland’s website www.arts.qld.gov.au. Applications should be forwarded to Jennifer Clark, Broadsound Business Unit, RADF Liaison Officer İzac Regional Council, PO Box 1, St Lawrence Qld 4707. For more information or to request an application kit by mail contact: Jennifer Clark on 4964 5408, mobile 0427147493 / email jennifer.clark@isaac.qld.gov.au

Are you part of a small cultural group that would like to find out more about becoming an incorporated Association? The Ethnic Communities Council Queensland would like to hear from you. If you would like more information please contact Sharon Malebogo Orapeleng. Phone: 07 3844 9166 / sharonO@eccq.com.au

1. Exhibitions, Events and Performances…

Creative Shots Exhibition / now to 26 January 2009
Creative Shots Photo Club Inc members enjoy the wonderful world of image making. The club welcomes all levels of photographers from beginners to advanced, with any type of camera – from compact to professional. Along with their monthly location outings, members enjoy sharing tips and techniques on taking photographs, using equipment and image software. Their current Annual Exhibition is available for viewing at the Lagoons Gallery until 26 January 2009. The Lagoons Gallery and Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday - 10am to 3pm, weekends 9am to 4pm.

 Myth to Modern: Bronzes from the Queensland Art Gallery Collection / now to 1 February 2009.
Showing in the McAleese Gallery this exhibition draws on the Queensland Art Gallery’s collection of figurative bronze sculpture to explore the application of this enduring medium across a variety of subjects and themes. Myth, legend, portraiture and Modernism feature in a selection of works, dating from c.1700 to the emerging Modernism of August Rodin, and early twentieth-century works by Jacob Epstein and Henry Moore. This intimate focus exhibition, comprising 14 works by predominantly European artists, also includes works by Australian sculptors Daphne Mayo, Bertram Mackennal and Harold Parker, who were directly influenced by the rich tradition of Western myth and history. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.
Making it Modern: The Watercolours of Kenneth Macqueen / now to 1 February 2009
Also showing in the McAleese Gallery A Queensland Art Gallery Travelling Exhibition of Kenneth Macqueen’s (1897–1960) watercolours, Making it Modern highlights his importance as a key Australian modernist and reveals him as a complex and highly individual artist.

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer
Correspondence: Ngaio Lenz

THURINGOWA – Collectors / now to 1 February 2009
Collectors is an exhibition that utilises the art of digital photography as a means to represent and explore people’s obsession with collecting. The exhibition is open to anyone who may have an obsession for collecting and invites people to submit digital images of their personal collection/s for display in the Gallery. The collections captured in these images may include anything from shoes, stamps, cars or to more unusual and quirky items that people are driven to accumulate. Pinnacles Gallery Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard Thuringowa. Open Wednesday 11am-5pm, Thursday 11am-5pm, Friday 11am-7pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm. For more information contact pinnacles@townsville.qld.gov.au

Showing in the Artspace Mackay Seminar Room an exhibition celebrating our creative kids and showcasing artworks produced in Artspace Mackay’s 2008 art programs for children. Children’s programs include BMA Kidspace, our monthly program for toddlers, school holiday workshops and the regular art classes for children, Kids Art Club. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

Exhibition on show at Lagoons Gallery: Snow and Ice / Now to 1 March 2009.
Snow and Ice, by Sherilyn Piccone, comes from the depths of winter in the South Island of New Zealand. These macro photographic shots capture a moment in time of ice crystals and snow which are always in the process of change. This series creates a feeling of coolness, tranquility and purity of water. The Lagoons Gallery and Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday - 10am to 3pm, weekends 9am to 4pm. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoons Street Mackay.

Siemens Science Experience at CQUniversity Mackay Campus / 20 – 22 January 2009
Mackay’s science experience offers hands-on fun. Teens from throughout the Mackay and surrounding region are invited to take part in Siemens Science Experience at CQUniversity in Mackay from January 20 to 22 in 2009. The 3-day event is open to current year 9 students. It is designed to show students the fun and practical side of science and technology as well as provide a social activity for the teens on their school holidays. Students will be kept busy with sessions such as ‘Getting Plastered’; ‘Consciousness and Perception; Illusions That Fool Us’; ‘Engineering – Building Out’; and ‘The Forensic Study of White Powders’. CQUniversity and Siemens have hosted the event for the past 13 years enabling local year 9 students entering year 10 to investigate the world of science, meet other like-minded students and enjoy a university experience. Registrations will be closing at the end of December. Registrations can be completed via http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/ or contact Tam Kiln on (07) 4940 7808 or email t.kiln@cqu.edu.au

Pathways Exhibition / 6 February at 6pm
International Film Night – Happy-Go-Lucky (UK) / 6 February, 7.30pm
To be held in Cook theatre, CQ University, Boundary Road, Planlands. Members $5.00, non-members $9.00. Complimentary refreshments and supper provided. Contact Pauline McNee on 49407578 for details.

Hall of Mirrors: Anne Zahalka Portraits 1987 – 2007 / 7 February – 22 March 2009
Showing in the McAleese Gallery A NETS Victoria Touring Exhibition developed by the Centre for Contemporary Photography. Hall of Mirrors explores the thread of portraiture through the prolific career of one of Australia’s pre-eminent photomedia artists. Featuring many iconic images, this major survey exhibition will also introduce audiences to previously unseen portraits. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer: In her shoes: 6 women artists
Six Artists from varying backgrounds and environments will explore a turning point, important moment or experience in their lives that is not represented or celebrated in a traditional ritual or ceremony. Through diverse mediums: film, textiles, assemblage, installation and works on paper, the artists’ stories are told via a connection with shoes.

Voice Club Season One/ Tuesdays 10 February - 31 March, 6pm - 7.30pm
At Voice Club we sing for fun & friendship. Voice club is particularly inclusive of people with a disability. All members of the community are welcome to join us. We believe that music and movement promote good health. Australian South Sea Islander Hut. Cost $12 per session. Con $7.
For bookings & information Email: voiceclub@pesmackay.com.au or phone: Jennifer Emmett on 4953 2292

AGM Mackay Fibre Arts Association Inc. / 13 February 2009, 10am
Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston. Members and visitors welcome. Phone Roey 4954 1467 or Helen 4942 2269 for more information.

Printbank AGM meeting / 15 February 2009, 2pm
Mackay Fibre Arts rooms, Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston. Contact Diane 49549465

The Leap Community Garage Sale / Saturday 28 February 2009, 7am - 2pm
Have an annual cleanup, part with unwanted junk and Xmas pressies at the 1st Leap Community Garage Sale to be held on the Leap Community Hall Grounds or your house. Sausage Sizzle & cold Drinks available. $5.00 a sale and gold coin donation for entry for bargain hunters. For a Garage Sale contact Tammy 49 540 866.

Mobile Library Dates
The Mobile Library has been refurbished and may be visiting an area near you. Why not check out the schedule and see when you can catch it. Visit www.mackaylibraries.com.au or phone 0408 775 936 / 4944 3000.
2. Training, Workshops and Conferences…

☀ School Holiday Fun at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens / January 2009
Get the kids out of the house and discover some fun holiday activities from art and crafts to critter fun.
Kids Botanic Art Group / Monday 19 January 2009, 10 am to Noon.
Wednesday Wildlife Warriors / Wednesday 21 January 2009, 10 am to Noon;
Cost per child is $5. Each group is limited to 10 children. Bookings essential - phone 4952 7300 or email botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

NEW ☀ The Valley Theatrical Players Inc. / Every second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm
The Valley Theatrical Players Inc. are a group of artists who enjoy their craft with it's many facets. Our home is The Pinnacle Playhouse, Elsie Nash St Pinnacle, it is a lovely building with it's pleasant foyer for entertaining, theatre with seating for 200 and auditorium which is used for many activities. This community group consists of all ages the only requirement to join is that you enjoy theatre. Adults and children are able to learn the crafts of acting, singing and dancing then enjoy performing in front of a live audience. We have three major productions through the year a Live Theatre Show, Theatre Restaurant and a Pantomime. There are also many technical aspects to the theatre and we are always looking to train people into these positions. This is a voluntary organisations that exists for the community. Please feel free to come along or Phone Lorraine 49585171 or Cheryl 49585261.

☀ Optimism Summer Festival / Saturday 17 January 2009, 10.30am – 2.30pm
Presented by the Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art. This free day of interactive art activities is part of the Gallery of Modern Art's (GoMA) Contemporary Australia: Optimism exhibition program. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

☀ Innovation & Harmony Mixed Media Painting with Lesley Kane / 31 January & 1 February
Participants will be encouraged to stimulate their creativity with an alternative approach using mixed media. Armstrong Beach, Sarina. $50 pp per day. Contact: Mary Brown 49561073

☀ Hadarah Belly dancing Beginners Classes / Monday 2 February 2009, 6.45pm - 7.45pm
Dance Classes for Fun & Fitness, Six Week Course starts 2nd Feb. 2009. International Dance Affair Studio, Evans Avenue North Mackay. Cost $60.00. Contact Carol on Ph. 07 4955 6577/ Mob. 0412 759 343

☀ Moohaha, Singing, rhythmic, social & performance group / Saturdays 7 February – 4 April, 2pm – 4pm.
No previous experience required, just a sense of fun and participation. Group facilitators are Karen Bonham and Jennifer Emmett. Karen has been performing for over 20 years and teaching singing for over 10 years. Jennifer has been playing African Drums since 2001, and commenced performing and teaching in 2004. Workshops are for people
the ages of 12 and above. Season 1 has 8 x 2 hour sessions. Cost is $15.00 per session or $80.00 for the season. Venue to be advised. Contact Karen on 0448 108 047 or Jennifer on 0409 543 702/ moohaha@dodo.com.au

☼ Australian National Performance Intensive / 16 - 27 February 2009
This two-week Performance Creation Workshop held at the Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music will be hosted by acclaimed interdisciplinary performer Mr Gerald Trentham from Toronto, Canada. This talented director, choreographer and performer has been specifically brought over here to share with us his unique approach to the creation of new performance work. The course runs from 16 to 27 February 2009. If you are interested in attending the two-week performance intensive, please contact SCAR Australia for more details on 0417 279 485 / scaraustralia@gmail.com

☼ Poetry of the Body: An invitation to freedom through the body’s wisdom - Monthly Movement Group / Starts February 18, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6pm - 8pm. Open to the body’s wisdom through movement, free your mind... surrendering... unravel tension, uncover insight and inspiration for your life. Venue: Mackay masonic Centre, cnr Wood St & 9th Ln, Mackay. Fee: 5 sessions $175; concessions available. Facilitator: Judith Grieve, Creative Arts Therapist & Counsellor. For enquiries and bookings T: 4942 4171.


☼ Women Weaving Wisdom: empowering women’s collective journey - Monthly Women’s Circle / Starts Saturday 28 February, 4th Saturday of the month, 2pm - 5pm. Fostering sustainable... vision... skills... wisdom... we'll story, create objects of functional beauty, laugh, sing, move, meditate, learn and share encouragement. Venue: Mackay Masonic Centre, cnr Wood St & 9th Ln, Mackay. Fee: 5 sessions $200; concessions available. Facilitator: Judith Grieve, Creative Arts Therapist & Counsellor. For enquiries and bookings T: 4942 4171.

☼ Term 1, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 6 – 8 years / Every Saturday, Saturday 28 February – Saturday 4 April 2009, 10am – 12noon. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. $110 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. for children 6 - 8 years. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

☼ Term 1, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 9 - 12 years / Every Saturday, Saturday 28 February – Saturday 4 April 2009, 2pm – 4pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. $110 per child, includes materials and afternoon tea each week. for children 9 - 12 years. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

☼ Weaving Circles / Sunday 1 March 2009, 9am to 4pm
Weaving Circles bring the ancient craft of weaving into the traditional craft circle, a gathering to feel the joy of handwork. There are seven workshops, each based on one of the seven patterns called keyforms, because each one is both universal form and ancient symbol. The keyforms are: the amulet, the bowl, the doll, the belt of power, the mask, the bundle and the shawl. Join the Weaving Circle on Sunday 1 March 2009 at Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston, 9am to 4pm. For more information call Pam Hutley 4959 7332. Certified Weaving Circle Leader.

NEW ☼ Mackay Community Garden Inc. is holding a series of half-day workshops for early 2009
Introduction to composting: 6th March, no cost
Cooking in the garden with Shine: 26th March, $30 members, $60 non-members
Native Bush Tucker with Matt Bloor: 3rd April, $30 members, $60 non-members
Mosaic workshop: 17th April, details to be announced
Basic home food gardening with Luke: 17th May, $30 members, $60 non-members
Metaphysics with plants, with Jenny Otto: 23rd May, $20 members, $40 non-members
Natural animal rearing with Jenny Otto: 13th June, $20 members, $40 non-members
Tropical food plants with Shine & Luke: 26th June, $30 members, $60 non-members
For further details please contact Jenny Otto on 4955 2758.

NEW ☼ Mask Making workshop / 14 March 2009
Pre-Festival Mask making workshops are being held at, the Pinnacle Playhouse on the 14th of March, Mirani Community Hall on the 28th March, and at the Gargett CWA Hall on the 18th of April. For any queries please contact Ellen Ruthenberg on: (07)49585030 / email: ellen.ruthenberg@bigpond.com

☼ DreamWorks - Dreams and their Themes / 1st Saturday of the month, 2pm - 4.30pm
Join a monthly DreamWork group gathering to journey within and interact with dreams for their uniquely personal meaning. Sessions are experiential and participants are supported to work either alone or in pairs to utilise various DreamWork tools to identify dream themes, deepening self awareness in support of personal development. An experiential and creative arts approach to excavating for meaning within the language of dreams. Suite 1A Mackay Masonic Centre, $30 session. Facilitator: Judith Grieve, 4942 4171.

☼ Fourth National Public Galleries Summit / 9 – 11 September 2009
Join leading Australian and International keynote speakers and colleagues to be part of the Fourth National Public Galleries Summit being presented in Townsville, North Queensland, from 9 – 11 September 2009. Presented by Museum and Gallery Services Queensland this significant industry event is being hosted by the Townsville City Council and Perc Tucker Regional Gallery and will include a comprehensive two-day program and a series of master classes. The Summit will also feature the official opening of Twelve Degrees of Latitude, a landmark exhibition showcasing the work of 27 regional gallery and university art collections in Queensland. The National Public Galleries Summit is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body. Mark these dates in your diaries and stay tuned for further information.

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…

NEW ☼ Calling for Expressions of Interest – Community Art Therapy Project
Visual and performing artists with an interest in working with at-risk youth and families are invited to participate in this collaborative project. For further information please contact Melissa Selleck, PO Box 11244 Mackay Caneland Q4740 or email to melselleck@yahoo.com.au

NEW ☼ Alcoa Foundation Outstanding Community Worker Award
The Alcoa Foundation Outstanding Community Worker Award - with a prize of $5000 - has been designed by the Alcoa Foundation and Our Community to recognise the contribution to the nation's life made by the women and men working in community groups. Nominate a community worker for the award - it's a great way of saying thanks. Find out more at www.ourcommunity.com.au/communityworkeraward

NEW ☼ Interested artists wishing to explore pathways for entry into the MCA degree
The School of Visual & Performing Arts from the University of Tasmania announces 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 Queensland region in February 2009, so artists do not have to relocate to undertake study. Study in the Master of Contemporary Arts (MCA) is undertaken externally [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.

Entry into the Master of Contemporary Arts postgraduate study is offered twice a year, with study starting in February and July.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact: UTAS Queensland Postgraduate Field Officer [Marketing & Recruitment] Ann Williams-Fitzgerald on 4957 7505 or annwf@optusnet.com.au to discuss pathways for entry into the MCA degree. For further information on the School of Visual and Performing Arts visit our website at: http://www.acadarts.utas.edu.au or telephone 03 6324 4400.

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☀ Search for Local Folk - Art Teachers
Sharon Wellington is searching for local folk - art teachers. If you are able to assist please contact her on 4953 3969.

☀ Expressions of Interest - The Way It Is / 2009
Expressions of interest are being sought for a new program called The Way It Is that engages at-risk young people through a range of artistic mediums including dance, voice, movement, photography and music creation to explore the real issues in young people’s lives will be established in Mackay next year. We are looking for expressions of interest from any organisations or individuals who would like to be involved as a creative partner / supporter / referral agency. If you would like further information please contact Jordan Edmeades on 0417 279 485.

☀ Vibewire calling youth writers for performance
Vibewire.net is in the process of launching a new part of its website for emerging and established scriptwriters, playwrights and screenwriters. No experience is necessary but writers must be from 18 - 30 and able to finely craft a stage or screen script to publishable standard. All genres are accepted. If you have been working on a script that just isn't coming together and feel that a bit of feedback is needed, Vibewire.net is more than happy to workshop the piece with you. This call for submissions is an open one; work is accepted throughout the year. For submissions and questions please email Vibewire or visit Vibewire.net to find out more about this not-for-profit youth media and arts organisation. Email: scripts@vibewire.com.au / Website: http://www.vibewire.net/

NEW ☀ AbaF QLD Coordinator - Join our team!
Join the team at AbaF working to strengthen the arts through private sector support. If you have the right blend of business skills and arts knowledge, apply for a position with our small but brilliant team. Coordinator AbaF Queensland AbaF is seeking a coordinator to assist in the implementation of AbaF’s national services and programs in Queensland. Applications close Monday 19 January 2009. Click here to download a copy of the advertisement and position description. Casual workshop presenter positions AbaF is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced presenters to facilitate the delivery of AbaF's professional development programme. We are seeking casual presenters from each state and territory of Australia to deliver our range of professional development workshops for individual practitioners and those working in the arts and cultural sector. The workshops include:
- Artist Business
- Securing Successful Partnerships
- Arts Business Partnerships
- Business Case Approach
- Building Relationships and Securing Donations
- Effective Annual Giving
- Applying to Foundations.

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 experience in developing or managing sponsorship and partnering programs.

To submit an expression of interest in any of the casual workshop presenter positions please email a covering letter addressing the above criteria and a copy of your CV to Angela Mamalis, manager professional development. For further information please telephone Angela on 03 9616 0317.

NEW ☼ Artworkers Alliance - 'Eat Your Words' / Friday 30 January 2009, 5pm.
Interested in arts writing? Then it's time to EAT YOUR WORDS! Supported by the Australia Council for the Arts, and managed by Artworkers Alliance - 'Eat Your Words' is a collaborative writing project that is designed to help foster the development of critical arts writing in Australia. Through the project, 8 emerging writers will have the opportunity to attend an intensive writing workshop in Brisbane, and collaborate with academics, visual artists and leading Australian arts writers. Selected writings from the collaboration will be published in the July 2009 issue of Artworkers magazine - 'Artworker'. Emerging writers under the age of 30 are invited to submit a 600 word arts related article or visual arts review with their entry form. Entries close 5pm Friday 30 January 2009 - so get cracking! For entry forms, terms and conditions and more information on Eat Your Words visit www.artworkers.org Eat Your Words has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its funding and advisory body. For media enquires please contact Communications Manager: Sofie Ham on 07 32150850 / email info@artworkers.org

☼ Our Valued Seniors Photographic Competition 2009 / Closes Friday 30 January 2009
You can help shape the way seniors are viewed in Queensland. Queensland’s population is ageing and it will continue to age. Currently Queensland is home to approximately 1.5 million seniors. There can be no one image to illustrate such a diverse population. The way seniors are depicted in the media helps or hinders the attitude the rest of the community has towards older people. Recognising this fact, COTA Queensland has launched a photographic competition “Our Valued Seniors” to encourage seniors and others to capture positive images of seniors in the community.

The competition is open to amateur photographers and has four entry categories each with $500 prize money:

1. Seniors Ageing Well;
2. Seniors and Youth (intergenerational);
3. Diversity among seniors – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander seniors, Australian South Sea Islander seniors, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) seniors; and seniors from Non English Speaking Backgrounds (NESB);
4. Seniors Volunteering and in the Workplace.

Submit all photographs as high-resolution digital images (min. 210mm x 250mm 300dpi RGB JPEG or TIF) on CD OR 20 x 25 cm (8 x 10 inch) print. Think of a title for each photograph and write 50 words describing the subject and how the photo was taken. Fill in the registration form and send it with your photos (maximum three per entrant) by Friday 30 January 2009 to: COTA Queensland, GPO Box 21, Brisbane Qld 4001.

For more information, entry criteria and a registration form please contact: COTA Queensland (07) 3316 2999.

☼ Trust Foundation Scholarships at Swinburne / Applications for 2009 will close Friday 30 January 2009. A gift from Trust Foundation will enable two scholarships to be offered to students enrolling in 2009 for the Graduate Certificate stage of the Master of Business (Philanthropy and Social Investment) offered through the Asia Pacific Centre for Philanthropy and Social Investment, Swinburne University of Technology. The scholarships are valued at $10,000 each and offer a full fee waiver for one year. For full course details visit: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/business/philanthropy/programs.htm

☼ Call for nominations - 150 Sounds of Queensland: Re-imagining the State’s Cultural and Natural Diversity through Sound / Closes March 2009. This is one of the projects selected for the celebration of
Queensland’s 150th anniversary of statehood (2009) and funded by the Q150, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (www.q150.qld.gov.au). The aim of the project is to compile “150 important sounds of Queensland” through community nomination (individual or group). The sound source can be natural or built environment and from present or past. The key element of the nomination is not only the description of the sound itself but also its significance (social, cultural, ecological/environmental) and conservation strategy either already in place or suggested by the nominee. It is planned that selected sounds will be professionally recorded and become a Queensland Sound Archive. We hope to have participation from groups and individuals diverse geographical locations, ethnic and language backgrounds, and across generations, so that the outcome will reflect the State’s rich social, cultural and environmental profile and history. An attention to sound, we hope, will allow us “re-imagine the State’s cultural and natural diversity” in a creative and enjoyable way. The nominations will stay open for 6 months till the end of March 2009. We hope this will allow sufficient time for school and community groups to incorporate this project into their activity. The project details, nomination forms (on-line and PDF) are on the project website: www.ecco.org.au/150sound

NEW ☼ Call for entries - Sarina Art Extravaganza 2009 / Entries due on Friday 24 April 2009
Entry Forms and enquiries: Marilyn Bliss 07 4956 2618 / email marilynbob@aussiebroadband.com.au
This is the 20th anniversary of the Sarina Art Exhibition. Dates for the exhibition are: Opening night Friday 22 May 6.30pm. Saturday 23 May - Friday 29 May 10am - 5pm and Saturday 30 May 10am - 2pm. This year there will also be a Children's Exhibition. The exhibits will come from the Primary Schools in the Sarina Area. Venues: Sarina Cultural Hall, Anzac Street Sarina. Children's Exhibition - Sarina Art Gallery, Field of Dreams, Broad Street, Sarina.

☼ Mackay Regional Sugar Festival Art Competition / Closes 21 May, 2009
The Theme: SUGAR IN ALL ITS FORMS. The competition is open to adult and youth artists. Adults over 18 - entry size maximum 1m, suitable for hanging, sections Easel, Paper, $10 per entry; Youth, High School – entry size Maximum A3; Primary 5-8 years, 9 - 12years entry size maximum A4, $2 per entry. Exhibition of entries The Studio, Old Town Hall, Mackay Regional Library, Gordon Street. Contact: Roslyn Kirby, 4944 2612 for information.

NEW ☼ Gargett Gallery Drawing Prize / 1 - 31 May, 10am - 4pm Thursday to Sunday
$1000 prize for best drawing. All works for sale. Gargett Gallery, Jim Moule Street, Gargett, Pioneer Valley. The winner will be announced at 6.30pm. 9 May. Please contact: Lesley Kane 49585024

☼ Employment Opportunities - Queensland (Taken from the M&GSQ e-bulletin)

Positions Vacant: Qantas Founders Museum, Longreach
The Qantas Founders Museum at Longreach, Western Queensland may have employment opportunities for several interpretive guides in the 2009 Western Queensland tourist season (March – October). Guides conduct tours of the museum's Boeing 747 'Jumbo' jet and Boeing 707 aircraft. They should be multi-skilled and carry out a full range of front of house and customer service duties during their working days. While the positions are casual, in the tourist season, so much work is available that work days are usually of at least 7 hours duration. Penalty rates apply to weekend and evening work. Above award hourly rates are paid. These positions would suit recent museum studies graduates or current students who wish to gain a practical front line understanding of interpretive guiding and front of house duties. For further information, contact Steve Eather, Curator, Qantas Founders Museum at curator@qfom.com.au

NEW - Position Vacant, Coordinator, Fourth National Public Galleries Summit / Applications Close Tuesday 27 January 2009, 5pm. Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Ltd (M&GSQ) seeks a highly motivated person with excellent communication, project and time management skills to assist with the development and presentation of the Fourth National Public Galleries Summit being held in Townsville, North Queensland, 9 - 11 September 2009. The position is for a 6 month period, and may be either full-time or part-time (80% pro rata), based on a 35 hour week. The position description is available at http://www.magsq.com.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=445. For more information
NEW - Position Vacant, Exhibition Development Coordinator, Museum & Gallery Services Queensland / Applications close Tuesday 27 January 2009, 5pm. Museum and Gallery Services Queensland Ltd (M&GSQ) invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Exhibition Development Coordinator. The position is part-time (50% pro rata) job share, based on a 70 hour fortnight for six months. The position description is available at http://www.magsq.com.au/01_cms/details.asp?ID=448. For more information please phone: 07 3215 0822 / email: rebekah.butler@magsq.com.au

4. Grants and Funding

NEW ☀ Help us improve government grants
“Our Community” is conducting a Grants Survey, the results of which will be presented to government grantmakers from across Australia at the annual Best Practice in Grants Management Conference on Friday, 20 February 2009. I encourage everybody who has ever applied for a grant or considered applying for a grant to complete this survey and help shape the future of the grantmaking landscape in Australia. It's your turn to have a say! Complete the survey now at www.ourcommunity.com.au/grantsurvey2009

☀ 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

☀ NAB to provide $100 million in loan capital to support micro-businesses in Australia
NAB launched their award winning Microenterprise Loans pilot 18 months ago. Since then 110 applicants have been supported with unsecured, not-for-profit business loans of between $500 and $20,000. NAB has announced that they are now providing $100 million in loan capital to support micro-businesses in Australia. This investment, at its full capacity, will make Australia a microenterprise world-leader in the developed world. At a more grassroots level, it will provide not-for-profit loans to Australians with a sound business plan but little or no avenues to access business credit. NAB will also be looking to build additional partnerships with community and government organisations to help deliver the increased scale of this loan product. Visit www.nab.com.au/community for more information.

☀ Arts Partnership Fund / Applications close 1 February 2009
Round 1 of the Queensland Arts Council and Heritage Building Society Arts Partnership Fund 2009 is now open. The fund supports projects for up to $3,500 for not-for-profit organisations to assist in hosting festivals, workshops or cultural events. Check to see if you’re eligible by visiting their website. Applications close 1 February, for activities taking place April - June inclusive 2009. http://www.qac.org.au/htm/QACHeritageArtsPartnershipFund.asp

NEW ☀ Applications for QERDP round 16 / Close on Friday 13 February 2009
QERDP Manager Sandra Garvin would like to remind event organisers that QERDP’s next round of funding – for events held from 1 July 2009 up to and including 31 December 2010 – will close on 13 February 2009. For more information about the Queensland Events Regional Development Program contact the program secretariat on 1300 881 255.

The Janet Holmes à Court Artists’ Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to professional artists for the public presentation of their work. This funding is made possible through a generous donation from Mrs Janet Holmes à Court and the support of the Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council. This grant provides assistance towards the costs of public presentation of visual arts, craft and design. This can include, but is not limited to, framing, media releases, media photographs, advertising, space rental, installation costs, promotional printing, mail outs,
documentation, freight, travel, equipment rental, insurance, technical assistance and opening costs. Amounts available are: $500 for individuals and $1,000 for groups. This grant does not provide assistance towards the production of artwork (materials, studio rental, research etc). Applications for this grant must be prepared and submitted by the artist/s exhibiting, not their venue, agent or exhibition curator.

Individuals and groups are eligible to apply only once per round and if successful, cannot apply again for 12 months. Visual arts, craft and design are broadly defined and include: painting, printmaking, drawing, textiles, photo media, sculpture, mixed-media, installation, glass, ceramics, woodwork, jewellery, furniture, performance art, electronic and digital media. Indigenous artists and artists from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Notification of decisions will be within two months of the closing date. Applications must reach the NAVA office, or be postmarked by the above dates. If the deadline falls on a weekend, applications will be accepted up to 5pm on the following Monday. Send applications to the National Association for the Visual Arts.

Application Deadlines for exhibitions in May, June, July - Deadline: 15 February; Aug, Sept, Oct - Deadline: 15 May; Nov, Dec, Jan - Deadline: 15 August.

The Janet Holmes à Court Artists’ Grant is a NAVA initiative, made possible through the generous sponsorship of Mrs Janet Holmes à Court and the support of the Visual Arts Board, Australia Council for the Arts. The National Association for the Visual Arts is supported by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, an initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments. The National Association for the Visual Arts is assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body.

☼ [Festivals Australia / Applications close 16 February 2009 for projects starting after 1 July 2009.
Do you have a new and special festival project in mind? Are you an organisation running a regular community festival, located in the regions and needing funding to turn your dream arts project into reality? You may be eligible for funding from the Festivals Australia program to add an exciting new arts element to your festival. Applications need to be made by regional, community or local government organizations rather than individuals. You’ll find application forms on our website [www.arts.gov.au/festivals_australia](http://www.arts.gov.au/festivals_australia) Please phone our program officers to discuss your project on freecall 1800 819 461 or 02 6275 9554 or email festivals.australia@environment.gov.au

☼ [Regional Arts Development Fund / Third Round for 08/09 Closes 18 February 2009 for projects starting after 23 March 2009. Mackay Regional Council in partnership with the Queensland Government offers arts and cultural grants for arts workers, individuals and community groups from the Mackay Regional Council area. 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](http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au) or by contacting the Arts Development Officer on 1300 622 529.

☼ [Funding Available: Museums Australia National Conference Bursaries 2009 / Closes Friday 27 February 2009, 5pm. Museums Australia Queensland Branch (MAQ) is offering National Conference bursary funding which will replace the monthly Professional Development Bursaries currently available. What will be funded: Conference bursary applicants may receive a contribution towards travel, accommodation and conference registration costs to attend the 2009 Museums Australia National Conference in Newcastle. Please note that depending on demand, applicants may not receive all the funds requested. Applicants who receive less funding than requested need to ensure they can cover the remaining conference costs from other sources before accepting the bursary.

Who is eligible to apply: MAQ bursaries are available to assist unpaid workers (volunteers), part-time workers and full-time students from local, regional or remote museums, galleries and keeping places to attend the full conference program. Applicants must be either individual or organisational members of Museums Australia Queensland. Applications will be accepted from full-time paid workers employed in small museums (including local government) but not those employed by State or Federal Government institutions, however these bursaries will be awarded only if there are sufficient funds.

Conditions:
· Due to the amount of funding available, MAQ can only fund one application per institution even if multiple submissions from the one institution are received.
· Queensland bursary applications will be assessed by the MAQ Executive Committee.
General Conditions associated with Conference bursaries are included in the official application form. Further information about the Museums Australia National Conference 2009, visit www.ma2009.com.au Please use the official MA National Conference Bursary Application Form to apply, available from the Conference Secretariat by email ma2009@willorganise.com.au or phone 02 4973 6573. DO NOT send applications to the MAQ office as they are being collected in Newcastle by the Conference Organising Committee.

**Regional Arts Fund** / Closes Friday 13 March 2009
Next Round of the Regional Arts Fund 2009 closes Friday 13 March. Artists and arts organisations in regional Queensland can apply for between $5,000 and $30,000 for regional arts projects. The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative through the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), to support the Arts in Regional, Remote and Very Remote/Isolated Australia.

**NEW ☼ Community Broadcasting Foundation Transmission Support Grants now open / Closes**
Wednesday 11 March 2009. The Transmission Support Grant Categories are:

- **Transmission Support Grants - Equipment**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/a778c2e2ce/articleid=52&zoneid=23)
- **Transmission Support Grants - Operational**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/c448e57b8a/articleid=56&zoneid=26)
- **Transmission Support Grants - Development & Special Projects**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/570ee352d1/articleid=57&zoneid=27)

**NEW ☼ Community Broadcasting Foundation’s Ethnic Grants now open / Closes**
Friday 20 March 2009
Ethnic Grant Categories are:

- **Ethnic Program Grants**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/fbeac0a1ce/articleid=79&zoneid=41)
- **Ethnic Development Grants - New Program Group**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/29e011f207/articleid=80&zoneid=42)
- **Ethnic Development Grants - Youth Participation**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/5045d32510/articleid=81&zoneid=43)
- **Ethnic Grants - Special Projects**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/a72c786e63/articleid=82&zoneid=44)

**NEW ☼ Community Broadcasting Foundation’s new Amrap grants program is now open! / Closes**
Wednesday 1 April 2009. Amrap grants will help to promote and develop contemporary Australian music and musicians through airplay on community radio. The Amrap grant categories are:

- **Amrap grants - Live Music Broadcasts**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/bc705b1c24/articleid=332&zoneid=64)
- **Amrap grants - Live Music Recordings**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/d1c0d987da/articleid=334&zoneid=66)
- **Amrap grants - Music Correspondents**
  [Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/d9fc627bb6/articleid=336&zoneid=67)

**NEW ☼ Community Broadcasting Foundation equipment grants / no closing date**
Applications for grants for satellite reception equipment
[Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/d8a81e7a1b/articleid=74&zoneid=39)
and Digital Delivery Network (DDN) computers
[Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/9660382cc2/articleid=84&zoneid=46)
can be made at any time. Guidelines and application forms are available from the CBF website
[Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/c8d5c229d)

View the due dates of all CBF grants on the Key Dates calendar
[Link](http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CommunityBroadcastin/46c28bdc47/f476601f07/a3de28b1d3)

If your station is keen to profile, interview, record or broadcast Australian musicians in-studio or at outside broadcasts, festivals, concerts or gigs, check the Community Broadcasting Foundation (CBF) website [www.cbf.com.au](http://www.cbf.com.au) to find out
Australia Council for the Arts: Creative Communities Partnerships Initiative

The creative communities partnership initiative supports major community arts and cultural development projects of excellence. Creative communities partnerships support opportunities for Australians to participate in meaningful arts and cultural activities in the places where they live, encouraging innovation and enhancing community wellbeing. Proposals may include a range of diverse but related activities and could be for a period of up to three years for total amounts between $50,000 and $600,000. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2012. The creative communities partnership initiative is open to organisations and proposals may be submitted at any time. For further information, visit www.australiacouncil.gov.au or contact community partnerships on 02 9215 9025, email cp@australiacouncil.gov.au

5. ebulletin Tid Bits…

Did you know …

River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival Date Claimer


Wintermoon Festival Date Claimer

This year’s festival set in the Rainforest surrounds of Cameron’s Pocket west of Calen will run from Friday 1 May until Monday 4 May. Check out their website for information about the 2009 program. www.wintermoonfestival.com

6. Community Showcase…

Wearable Art at The Woodford Folk Festival 2009

(Submitted by Rensina)

The Woodford Folk Festival was on again this year. Rita Treka and I were invited down to run workshops in Apocalyptic Apparel - Wearable Art made from recycled materials.

I ventured from the north, joining Rita and our troupe of 12 volunteers at the Festival. By day the costume tent was a virtual ‘sweat shop,’ filled with sewing machines, fabric, ‘stuff from the dump’, other paraphernalia and willing participants who produced a myriad of superbly creative costumes.

A belt from bedsprings, a tyre tube belly dance belt and hoop skirts from red satin sheets and white lace, kitchen curtains were some of the completed works of art.

Come dusk, our troupe banded together, in the limited space of the tent, tussling with make up and costumes to emerge, transformed into enchanted, theatrical characters, spilling out onto the Woodford Festival streets.

Rita and I made these colorful character costumes, complete with headpieces, individually, in the months prior to the Festival. A manned lighting trolley designed and built from two bike frames by Allen Mulder, spotlights our way
through the dimly lit alleys of the festival.

Here the characters saunter amongst the crowds of spectators, bewitching their visual senses, the parade adding a touch of magic to the streets each night.

Workshop, Apocalyptic Apparel- Wearable Art, Woodford Folk Festival 2009.

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 welcome for inclusion with your submissions

**SUBMISSIONS**

If you would like to contribute to Creative Mackay, please email the details to creative@mackay.qld.gov.au.

The deadline for the next issue is Wednesday 18 February 2009.

Contributions from the Mackay, Whitsunday and Isaac Regional Council areas are welcome. Submissions will be accepted from other areas however, inclusion is dependent on available space after all local submissions are received. Listings for arts/cultural activities and events are free.

To ensure your submission is included please forward your text in the format below. Please do not use Caps Lock or send flyers in PDF or word format as these require editing.

**Submissions Format:**

Title of event or activity / date and time
Brief description of activity (up to 20 words)
Location. Costs. Contact details for more information.

If you wish to submit graphics/photos to accompany your submission TIFF files are our preference followed by JPEG files. Please also include a caption to accompany the graphic/photo. Information to include in a caption would be full name of person or event and brief description; or if it is an artwork - title of artwork, medium and artists name.

** There is no guarantee that graphics/photos will be included in the ebulletin.
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