

Creative Mackay e-bulletin

31 August – 14 September

Welcome to Creative Mackay

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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**** Artists who intend applying for this round and wish to seek support from the Arts Development Officer will need to arrange a meeting prior to Friday 9th November 2007.**

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School of Visual and Performing Arts, University of Tasmania (UTAS)

Extract taken from 'The Academy'. UTAS publication for The Academy of the Arts.

The Academy's special teaching, professional practice and research interests in the themes of community, place and change and the environment set within the Tasmanian context are to expand significantly in 2008.

We are forging a number of community, business and education partnerships in Central Queensland that will enable us to undertake teaching, learning and research projects centred on sub-tropical and tropical environments, especially the Great Barrier Reef.

The possibilities offered by the culture, place and communities of Central Queensland would provide an interesting point of difference to the distinctive nature of Tasmania's temperate environment.

We are indebted to the Mackay City Council, particularly Mayor Julie Boyd, Marcella Massie from the Queensland Government Department of State Development and Trevor Davison, Head of Campus, Central Queensland University for their encouragement and support.

I am pleased to say that Artspace Mackay Regional Art Gallery and Museum, Mackay Regional Botanical Gardens, Central Queensland Institute of TAFE and Central Queensland University will join us as community engagement partners in this exciting endeavour.

1. EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

VISUAL ART

Faces & Places / 1st to 30th September

Exhibition of paintings by Lyn Ahmat and Joyce Blanche.

Meet the artists Saturday 1st September. Artist Talk 2pm. Drinks 2.30pm

Gargett Gallery ☎ 49585024.

VISUAL ART

Down by the Creek / 21st August - 16th September

A Printbank Mackay members exhibition inspired by the Landcare Conference theme of "Palm Vine Forests". Kenaf Australia will be making their fabulous natural fibre paper. The Lagoons Gallery & Cafe, Visitors Centre, 9 Lagoon Street, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Open Wed-Fri 10am to 3pm, weekends 9am to 4pm. ☎ 4952 7300

THEATRE

Blurred / Opens 23 August, continues 24, 25 30, 31 & 1 September

Kucom Theatre Inc. Proudly Presents its latest Youth Production - BLURRED by Stephen Davis. BLURRED is a series of observations of that all Australian right of passage - *Schoolies Week*. Directed by Betsy Atkinson, BLURRED is cast by 12 very talented local teenagers aged 15-18.

All performances at Kucom Theatre Playhouse, 361 Shakespeare St (Opp Showgrounds)
All bookings Mackay Entertainment Centre. ☎ 49571777

VISUAL ART

Bowen Art Society's Festival Exhibition / August 29 - September 2, 9am - 6pm

Annual competitive exhibition with categories for most fine art mediums, styles. Held in conjunction with Bowen Lions Coral Coast Festival.

Opening night Tue 28 August, QCWA Hall, Herbert St, Bowen. Contact Pamela ☎ 4786 1577 or

Julie ☎ 4786 1498 / ✉ sellars@netspace.net.auVISUAL

VISUAL ART

Marks and Motifs: Prints from the PCA Collection / 31 August – 21 October 2007

A QUT Art Museum Travelling Exhibition celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Print Council of Australia (PCA), Marks and Motifs consists of 45 works commissioned by the PCA since the 1960s.

The exhibition gives an insight into the historical development of printmaking in Australia, particularly with the recent emergence of new print technologies, (including photomechanical and digital processes) and the effects this has had on more traditional methods such as linocut and woodcut.

This exhibition is supported by Visions of Australia, an Australian Government Program supporting touring exhibitions by providing funding assistance for the development and touring of cultural material across Australia.

Floor Talk: Saturday 1 September, 11am

Group Tours available: 4 September – 19 October, 10am – 3pm (Tuesday-Friday)
Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Mackay ☎4957 1722

VISUAL ART

Leo Alexander Scott: My Space / 31 August – 21 October 2007

Local artist Leo Alexander Scott presents a selection of recent work, which draws upon personal experiences and observations of everyday living in regional Queensland.

Floor Talk: Saturday 1 September / 11.30am

Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Mackay ☎4957 1722

FESTIVAL

Flower and Craft Festival / Saturday 1st September 2007 @ 2pm

Organised by the St. Charles Anglican Parish of West Mackay. Includes afternoon tea and lucky door prize. Features Floral Art, Handicraft, Sweets, Cookery, Vegetables, Flowers and Plants, and a Cent Sale.

There will also be a Children's Section Competition: Poster, Cooking & Floral Art. Entries close at 11am 1st September.

For more information contact Daphne ☎ 4957 4054 or ☎ 4951 2501 / 4957 7408

VISUAL ART

Faces & Places / 1st - 30th September

Paintings by former Mackay artist Lyn Ahmat and Brisbane artist Joyce Blanche.

GARGETT GALLERY - 10am - 4pm - Thursday to Sunday

Contact Lesley Kane ☎ 49585024

VISUAL ART

Meet the Collection / Sunday 2 September, 11am, continuing monthly

(2 September, 7 October, 3 November)

An opportunity to view the Mackay City Council collection artists' book collection. No bookings necessary.

Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Mackay ☎4957 1722

MUSIC

Con Off-Site - Voices in the gallery / Friday 7 September, 1pm

Live music performance at Artspace Mackay by Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music students.

Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Mackay ☎4957 1722

CINEMA

Film Night: Prairie Home Companion / 7th September @ 7:30pm

Light supper served after the film. Members, fulltime students \$5, non-members \$ 9

Cook Lecture Theatre, Building 1, CQU Mackay Campus, Boundary Road, Planlands

Film and Arts, Mackay Inc. ☎ 4940 7536

www.library.cqu.edu.au/visit/location/mackay/libociety/index.htm

FESTIVALS

Wakakirri / Friday 7th September @ 7.15pm

The National Story Festival, also known as Wakakirri, is Australia's largest multi arts event and is fun, accessible and affordable for all schools. Schools are invited to create stories and present and share their works at Wakakirri Festivals held around Australia in front of live audiences, online and through an annual TV show. The vision of the Wakakirri National Story Festival is to teach young Australians about themselves and others through the process of creating and sharing stories.

\$22.50 Admission, tickets on sale to public – 31 August 2007, Mackay Entertainment Centre

☎4957 1777 ☎ www.mackayentertainment.com.au

DANCE

Urban Wonderland - BRACI Raw Metal Dance Company

7th September @ McKenna Hall

Contact Marg ☎ 4786 9888

MUSIC/COMEDY

Wickety Wak / Saturday 8 September 2007 @ 8pm

A combination of serious melodies, mixed with unique parodies of some of the world's most noted performers always left the audiences wanting for more. From Tom Jones to Cher and Willie Nelson to Dolly Parton no performer was left unturned. From 1975 to 1990 Wickety Wak toured Australia 48 weeks each year, entertaining audiences of all ages around Australia quickly becoming a household name. Now the Wak are back and touring again.

\$45 adults; concession available

Tickets available from Mackay Entertainment Centre

☎4957 1777 ☎ www.mackayentertainment.com.au

FESTIVAL

Global Grooves in the Gardens / 9th Sep 2007 11:00am – 6pm

Chill out and celebrate our cultural diversity at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Feature performers include Walisuma playing traditional music from the Andes, effervescent 8-piece Marimba group Jambezi and the electrifying sound of reggae/soul band Banawurun. Global Grooves activities include a Citizenship Ceremony and a host of free multicultural workshops, storytelling and more...

The Friends of the Botanic Gardens, Hail Creek Coal, ABC Tropical North, Multicultural Arts Queensland and Mackay City Council support the free family day.

Global Grooves in the Gardens starts at 11am and runs until 6pm. Parking is limited and the Mackay Explorer Bus will run hourly from the Mackay Tourist Information Bureau to Marina.

For more information contact Georgia Smith ☎ 4968 4444 / 📧 georgia.smith@mackay.qld.gov.au

VISUAL ART / MUSIC

Kidspace / Tuesday 11 September 10am-2pm, continuing monthly (11 September, 9 October, 13 November)

A gallery of fun for under fives, their parents and carers.

10am-2pm > Drop-in free artist run activities

12pm-1pm > Live music with Rubberband, Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music
Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, Mackay ☎4957 1722

THEATRE

Educating Rita / Tuesday 11 September 2007 @ 8pm

Australia's Premier Theatre Touring Company, HIT Productions is pleased to announce the 2007 tour of Educating Rita starring Lisa Chappell (McLeod's Daughters and 2004 Gold Logie Nominee) and David Downer (All Saints).

\$32 adults; concession available

Tickets available from Mackay Entertainment Centre

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COMEDY

Arj Barker / Wednesday 12 September 2007 @ 8pm

Arj Barker returns to Australia, armed with some new classics and some classic classics, to present one funny hour.

\$34.90 adults; concession available

Tickets available from Mackay Entertainment Centre

☎4957 1777 📧 www.mackayentertainment.com.au

THEATRE

TOSCA - the technopera / 13 - 15 September 2007 @ 8pm

Re-written Re-arranged Animated

Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music Theatre

Central Queensland University. Tickets: \$20/\$15

Bookings ☎ 4940 7800

MUSIC

Paul Kelly / Thursday 13 September 2007 @ 8pm

Australian Singer / Songwriter Paul Kelly and the Boon Companions, an East Coast regional tour

\$46.90 admission

Tickets available from Mackay Entertainment Centre

☎4957 1777 📧 www.mackayentertainment.com.au

ART & CRAFT

St Anne's Sixth Annual Art & Craft Spring / Saturday 15 September 2007 9am - 4pm

"Enchanted Wonderland" is the theme for this year's festival. Craft workshops will be occurring throughout the day, student groups will be performing and The Songbird Singers will be entertaining.

Opening evening / Friday 14 September 2007 7pm - 9pm

Come and enjoy the Wine & Cheese Opening of the festival while previewing exclusive arts and crafts from all over Queensland. Guest Artist Kay Paton, bronze sculptor, will open the festival. For more information contact Sharon ☎ 49 566 230

CHORAL

Mackay Choral Society: Last Night at the Proms 2007

Sunday 16 September 2007 @ 4.00 pm

Mackay Choral Society, under the Baton of musical director Kim Kirkman are presenting a revival of their very popular "Last night of the Proms" concert, last performed in 2005 receiving a standing ovation at the conclusion. For this concert they have two guest artists, Dimitri Kopanakis and Fiona Mariah.

Tickets available from Mackay Entertainment Centre

☎4957 1777 📧 www.mackayentertainment.com.au

VISUAL ART

RAW07 – "Belonging" / September 20 – October 14

This exhibition investigates the influence of local art on regional communities and the impact of regional communities on the production of local art. The exhibition will explore the broader concept of the sense of 'Belonging' in a regional area with the intention to investigate how the individual lives within their home space and explore how home space relates to community space, how community space relates to regional space and how regional space forms part of the national perspective.

Opening night / Friday 21st September 2007 at 6.30pm

Exhibition curator Ann Williams-Fitzgerald brings together seven **Regional Artist Women** to present a diverse range of visual arts including painting, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, weaving and jewellery exploring the theme of BELONGING in the Mackay/Whitsunday region.

The Lagoons Gallery & Cafe, Visitors Centre, 9 Lagoon Street, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Open Wed-Fri 10am to 3pm, weekends 9am to 4pm

Contact Dale Arvidsson ☎ 4952 7300 📧 botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au /

www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au/events or Ann Williams-Fitzgerald ☎4957 7505
📧 annwf@optusnet.com.au / www.angelfire.com/oz/fitzgeraldann/index.html

2. TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS: ADULT WORKSHOP PROGRAM 2008

Artspace Mackay is making some changes to the regular program of adult workshops for 2008 and is seeking workshop proposals from local artists interested in facilitating two-day workshops in 2008.

It is proposed that a weekend program of two-day, one-off workshops be offered throughout 2008 to allow greater community participation and greater variety in workshops. The workshops will be held at the Mackay Town Hall, Sydney Street, with workshop fees and administration of the program collected/organised through Artspace Mackay.

Workshop proposals for 2008 are due **Friday 26 October 2007** and should consist of:

- A title and outline of the workshop
- Participants' material requirements for the workshop
- A brief, one-page resume
- 3 – 5 artwork images

For more information or to comment on the proposed change to the Workshop Program contact the Public Programs Officer Tracey Heathwood ☎07 4957 1785 or email: tracey.heathwood@mackay.qld.gov.au

Intermediate Glass Bead Making / 8th & 9th September

With Flying Arts tutor Tracey Brown.
CWA Hall Gargett - \$45 per day plus materials.
☎ 49585024 Lesley Kane.

Paper Making / Thursday 13th Sept, 10am – 12noon

Introduction to paper making using recycled paper and plant fibres. Activity – making a variety of decorative papers. Facilitator Wanda Bennett
Mackay Women's Health & Information Centre.
418 Shakespeare St. Mackay
☎49531788 ✉ mwhic@easynet.net.au

Oils/Pastels Workshop with Larry Blovits (American Artist)

21,22 & 23 September 2007. Mackay Art Society Inc.
For more information contact Lyn ☎ 49575298

Intermediate Silversmithing / 22nd & 23rd September

With Flying Arts tutor Mauri Maunsell
CWA Hall Gargett - \$45 per day plus materials.
☎ 49585024 Lesley Kane.

Artspace-To-Go Holiday Art Program: Bamboo Drypoint Etching with Ruth Parry /

Wednesday 3 October
Holiday Art at Sarina Youth Centre
Art for children aged 10-12 years. Bookings essential.
\$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings)
10am-12pm for children 10-12 years.
To book contact Artspace Mackay ☎4957 1722 or Sarina Youth Centre ☎4943 2962

Artspace-To-Go Holiday Art Program / Thursday 4 October

Artspace Mackay Seminar Room
Bamboo Drypoint Etching with Ruth Parry
Art for children aged 8 -12 years. Bookings essential.
\$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings)
10am-12pm or 2pm - 4pm
for children 8-12years.
To book contact Artspace Mackay ☎4957 1722

2007 Arc Biennial / October

The Arc Biennial is back for 2007. Celebrating all things art, the 2007 Arc Biennial is a festival event held in Brisbane in October. An opportunity to change the way everyone thinks about visual art, design and craft, the Arc Biennial promises sustenance for the eyes, ears and mind and the opportunity for discussion, debate and discovery.

This year the Arc Biennial features something for everyone with art exhibitions, a three-day Symposium program, and special events.

Exhibition / 6 October – 2 December

The exhibition includes the works of Lincoln Austin, Jenni Baxter, Penny Byrne, Ray Cook, George Wu, Lily Hibberd, PJ Hickman, Alasdair MacIntyre, Archie Moore, Ben Quilty, Scott Redford, Victoria Reichelt, Aaryn Snowball, The General Will, The Upholstery, Judith Wright. QUT Art Museum.

Symposium / 12 – 14 October

Three day free public symposium. Speakers in the symposium program include: Lee Lin Chin (SBS Journalist and host of television program Fashionista), writer and trendspotter Dave Evans (The Coolhunter), Tony Ellwood (Director Queensland Art Gallery), Jason Dax Woodward (Street Artist), Andrew Frost (writer, The Art Life), Peter Boyd & Denise Sprynskyj (from fashion label Six) and more.

Gardens Theatre, QUT Gardens Point Campus

The Arc Biennial is managed by Artworksers, a cultural development agency that exists to support the people working in the visual art, craft and design industries in Australia. To find out more about the Arc Biennial visit www.arcbiennial.com

Papermaking in the Gardens

Saturday 1st December and Sunday 2nd December, 9am – 4pm each day

Venue: Mackay Botanic Gardens

Participants will experience all facets of the papermaking process from plant collection through to drying techniques. All equipment and most materials supplied. No materials fee. Paper samples, artworks and end uses for your papers will be on display.

Cost: \$50.00 per day. Tea/coffee station provided. Bring lunch.

Numbers are strictly limited (8 is ideal but we can manage 12)

To book a place or register your interest in future workshops, contact Lysbeth Gould, Kenaf Australia, PO Box 1103, Proserpine Q 4800. ☎ 4945 4991

Email kenaf@whitsunday.net.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

Heywire / Applications close: Friday 7 September 2007.

Heywire is an opportunity for Rural and Regional youth to tell their story by broadcasting their insights on ABC radio: Local Radio, Triple J, Radio National, Radio Australia and ABC online.

Heywire winners from around Australia also gather for a yearly forum in Canberra, a chance to come together for a life-changing event and discuss the issues facing young people.

Applicants must be between the ages 16 to 22 and from Regional or Rural Australia.

For further information go to: www.abc.net.au/heywire or ☎ 1800 26 26 46

Asialink's Residencies Program 2008 in Asia / Fri 7 September

Applications are now open for the 2008 round of Asialink's Arts Residency Program.

Residencies provide an opportunity for Australian arts practitioners to spend up to four months living and working in an Asian country. Residencies are offered in: Visual Arts, Literature, Performing Arts, and Arts Management. Asialink Residencies offer the challenges and rewards of in-depth cultural exchange only possible through an extended stay in-country. The Asialink Residency program provides a grant of up to \$12,000 towards travel, living and project expenses and provides a network of initial contacts in the host country. Up to 40 residencies will be offered nationally.

Download application forms from <http://www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au/artsresidencies> or email arts@asialink.unimelb.edu.au or ☎ 03 8344 4800

ReelDance / Close Mon 1 October

We are proud to announce the 5th ReelDance International Dance on Screen Festival which brings together some of the best dance films and videos from around the world and culminates in the screening of the finalists for the ReelDance Awards for Australian & New Zealand Dance Film & Video 2008. As in 2006, a touring arm of the festival will see the films

travel to cities in Australia and New Zealand including Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Auckland.

Contact admin@reeldance.org.au ☎ +61 2 8571 9111 www.reeldance.org.au

2008 Libris Awards

The Libris Awards are Australia's premier national artists' books prize and are open to artists living and working anywhere in Australia. An initiative of the Mackay City Council through Artspace Mackay, these biennial awards seek to develop awareness of the Council's significant collection of artists' books and to develop the collection further through the acquisition of new works by leading Australian artists working in the field.

Acquisitions and Awards

CATEGORY 1: Mackay City Council - National Artists' Book Awards (Acquisitive)

CATEGORY 2: Blue Horizons Property Consultants - Regional Artists' Book Award (Acquisitive)

CATEGORY 3: Arthouse Gallery - Young and Emerging Artists' Book Award (Acquisitive)

Works by all finalists may also be acquired for inclusion in the Mackay City Council Artists' Books Collection. Additional acquisitions will total \$2,000.

Announcements and Exhibition

Prize winners will be announced at the opening of the Libris Awards exhibition and the launch of the 4th Australian Artists' Books Forum at 6.00pm Friday 8 February 2008.

The Libris Awards: Australian Artists' Books Prize will be on display at Artspace Mackay from 9 February until 23 March 2008. All award winning books will be acquired for inclusion in Mackay City Council's Artists' Books Book Collection housed at Artspace Mackay.

Important dates

Closing date for entries: 5pm Friday 12 October 2007

Shortlist of finalists announced (website): Friday 19 October 2007

Selected works to be received between Monday 7 January and Friday 18 January 2008

Announcement and opening of exhibition: 6pm Friday 8 February 2008

Exhibition dates: Saturday 9 February to Sunday 23 March 2008

Finalists works to be collected no later than 5pm Sunday 6 April 2008

Guidelines and further information

Nicholas Williams, Exhibition Officer, Artspace Mackay on 07 4957 1794

or http://www.artspacemackay.com.au/artists_books/libris_awards

4. GRANTS AND FUNDING

New Artistic Practice Grants / Applications close September 21 2007

The Australia Council for the Arts is offering Grants for new artistic practice outside the existing artforms. This includes inter-disciplinary and hybrid arts and cross disciplinary projects involving artists and practitioners from other fields.

Other Funding is available through a range of arts programs and initiatives including:

- Residencies (Applications close 15 October)
- Synapse Art/Science initiative (Applications close 3 September)
- Run_Way (Applications close 15 October)

www.ozco.gov.au/boards/new_media_arts/

For more information visit or contact the Australia Council's Inter-Arts Office on 02 9215 9116 or toll free 1800 226 912.

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forms can be found at www.mackay.qld.gov.au or by contacting the Arts Development Officer on (07) 4968 4444.

Regional Quick Response Grants / Throughout the year

This funding program provides support of up to \$1500 for cultural development in regional Queensland. Applications are assessed within 48 hours of being received. For information about Regional Quick Response Grants contact Kevin Hides at Queensland Arts Council on 3846 7500. <http://www.qac.org.au/htm/RegionalQuickResponseGrant.asp>

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