June
Four Artists Four Exhibitions, 6-28 June, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.

July
Deep Heart Arts, Mackay Festival of Arts, 11 - 26 July, various events across the Mackay Regional Council area.

August
Bowen Film Group Inaugural Film Festival, 24 - 25 August, Grandview Hotel Open Beer Garden.

A locally made Yurt was recently used as a performance space in Gargett and a workshop space at the Wintermoon Festival. Look out for this yurt during the Mackay Festival of Arts.
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Contributions from Mackay and region are welcome. Listings for arts and cultural activities and events are free. Quarter, half and full page advertising rates are available by contacting Mackay Regional Council.

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Email contributions to: creative@mackay.qld.gov.au

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Mackay Events

On the edge: Visions of a tropical coastline / Now until 28 June. An intimate connection to the lush and culturally diverse coastal edge of far North Queensland inspired twelve established artists to produce an exhibition exploring their commonality. On the edge features artists who live along the coast, from Cairns to the Torres Strait Islands, and explores their shared affinity for this unique tropical region. McAleeese Gallery, Artspace Mackay, Civic Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Film: Easy Virtue (PG) - 93 mins / 5 June, 7.30pm
Presented by Film & Arts, Mackay Inc. Set in 1929, and starring Colin Firth and Kristin Scott Thomas, where Old World Manners (England) vs New World Freedom (USA), the film is adapted from an early Noel Coward comedy of the same name. Cook Theatre, Building 1, CQ University Mackay Campus Boundary Rd, Mackay. Members/Students $5; Non-members: $9. Ticket price includes glass of wine, juice, tea/coffee and light supper after the film. For more details visit the Film & Arts Mackay Website http://library-films.cqu.edu.au or phone the CQUlibrary on 49407578.

Cirque De Cabaret / Every Friday night from 5 June
Cirque De Cabaret will be performing their dynamic circus infused cabaret show at The Metropolitan Hotel every Friday night from 5th June. This is a dinner and show package which incorporates dance, acro, stilts, hoops and various aerial apparatus (trapeze, tissue, lyra). The audience will enjoy a great 3 course meal with full table service whilst being entertained by a spectacular floor and aerial show. Dinner and show package is $48 per person with group discounts available. Bookings can be made through The Metropolitan Hotel on 4957 2802.

Unpacked: New Acquisitions, Mackay Regional Council Collection
In the Cox Rayner Gallery from April 2009 this exhibition highlights a selection of donated and purchased artworks from 2008, and commemorates Artspace Mackay’s fifth birthday.

Mackay Regional Council<br>
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Got a great arts or cultural project idea? Round 3 Wednesday 17 February 2010. For more information on Round 1 Wednesday 19 August 2009 for projects commencing after 21 September 2009. The RADF Program.

The RADF is a joint Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture. www.mackay.qld.gov.au

Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

For more information or to discuss your ideas contact the Arts Development Officer on 1300 622 529.

Regional Arts Development Fund

Four Artists Four Exhibitions / 6 - 28 June Four local Artists use a variety of spaces at The Botanic Gardens to exhibit inspirational artworks. Their Exhibition Opening rolls out during the afternoon Saturday 6 June. 3.30pm Jenny De Thomisis in the Tropical Shade Garden 4.15pm Wanda Bennett on the Lagoon Deck 5.00pm Kassandra Ellison in the Meeting Room 5.45pm Donna Robinson in the Lagoons Gallery

Jenny De Thomisis is an outdoor exhibition of ephemeral works created from both natural and manmade materials focusing on exploring ideas associated with the negative impact of human intervention on the land. Jenny's artworks will be created from natural materials e.g. twigs, grasses and vines with a hint of manmade fibre and will resemble nests, cocoons or tunnels - some tiny, some very large. They will be placed in trees, on or in the ground in hidden and obvious places throughout the entire Tropical Shade Garden at the Botanic Gardens. These artworks can be viewed every day from 9am to 5pm and changes will be seen over the period. In the Tropical Shade Garden, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

Creation and Re-Creation / 6 June - Sunday 28 June Creation and Re-Creation by artist Donna Robinson is the culmination of a 12 month documentation of Armstrong Beach, Sarina and our human existence within it. Photographed in situ, interesting yet mundane items have been transformed into montages of abstract images that are not only extraordinarily aesthetic but also infused with a touch of her own humanness. The collection of photographs, in the exhibition are available for viewing at the Lagoons Gallery. The Lagoons Gallery and Cafe, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

Alfrecco Art / 6 - 28 June Alfrecco Art by Wanda Bennett is concerned with the environment and our sense of "place" in it. Wanda works mainly with natural, recycled and found objects using both traditional and contemporary weaving techniques to create site specific installations and sculptures. She draws much of her inspiration from the diverse landscape of tropical Queensland where she currently lives and works from her home based studio. Her current work investigates the uncelebrated rites of passage we experience in our lives, land rhythms and our connection to place. In the Lagoon and Tropical Sun Lawn, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

A Social Study of Celeber Drive / 6 June - 28 June A Social Study of Celeber Drive by Kassandra Ellison examines a series of works located at Celeber Drive and a series of works located at the Lagoons Gallery and Cafe, residents and people in the street. Celeber Drive in Mackay. The artwork embodies everyday occurrences and is mainly about society within the street, the human condition and social settings. Jenny finds these three themes fundamental in ones approach to life and the surroundings around them. The intimacy Kassandra sets out to convey in this study is lives, concerns, stories, character and observations. In addition, placing people in their social contexts conveys a reflection of ones time or life in a room, or place within the street. The Social Garden Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

Tunnels and Trenches / 6 June - 28 June Tunnels and Trenches by artist Jenny De Thomisis an outdoor exhibition of ephemeral works created from both natural and manmade materials focusing on exploring ideas associated with the negative impact of human intervention on the land. Jenny’s artworks will be created from natural materials e.g. twigs, grasses and vines with a hint of manmade fibre and will resemble nests, cocoons or tunnels - some tiny, some very large. They will be placed in trees, on or in the ground in hidden and obvious places throughout the entire Tropical Shade Garden at the Botanic Gardens. These artworks can be viewed every day from 9am to 5pm and changes will be seen over the period. In the Tropical Shade Garden, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon Street. Cost Free.

A Film Screening of Appaloosa

Film: Appaloosa (M) - 115 mins / 3 July, 7.30pm Presented by Film & Arts, Mackay Inc. Directed by and starring Ed Harris, and also Jeremy Irons and Viggo Mortensen, this is a good old fashioned western about two mercenary lawmen attempting to bring peace to a small New Mexico town in the 1880s. Cook Theatre, Building 1, CO University Mackay Campus, Boundary Rd, Mackay. Members/Students $5.00; Non-members: $9.00. Ticket price includes glass of wine, juice, tea/coffee and light supper after the film. For more details visit the Film & Arts Mackay Website lms.cqu.edu.au or phone the University library on 4940 7578.

Wanda BENNETT
Hands on: Rick Wood - a commitment to clay / 10 July - 30 August. A retrospective exhibition curated by Artspace Mackay, Hands on celebrates the life and achievements of Rick Wood, a revered local potter.

Rick’s involvement with pottery began when he enrolled in a hobby class at the Mackay Education Centre in 1973. He was awarded a master craftsman/trainee grant from the Crafts Board of the Australia Council in 1978 and worked with Eugenilla potters Arthur and Carol Rosser in 1970-80. After completing his traineeship he received a workshop development grant from the Crafts Board and set up his own pottery studio at Black’s Beach in 1981, devoting the remainder of his career to the vocation of pottery. He later relocated to Slade Point and set up EarthSea Pottery in 1991 and, from 1995, worked with his wife Leonie Wood. In 1993, Rick was awarded a Graduate Diploma in Visual Arts from Monash University and, in 2001, he completed a Certificate in Science from James Cook University, Townsville.

The exhibition features many examples of Rick’s early works, which demonstrate his interest in salt-glaze and slip. His later work exploits glazing techniques from ancient China. Rick’s work has been included in several significant group exhibitions such as The Queensland Gift 1988, for the Queensland Potters Association and Decorated clay at the Queensland Art Collection.

McAleeese Gallery, Artspace Mackay, Civic Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Exhibition Floor Talk with Glenn Cooke & Leonie Wood / Saturday 11 July, from 11am. Join Glenn Cooke, Curator of Decorative Arts, Queensland Art Gallery, and Leonie Wood for an intimate discussion on the work of Rick Wood, featured in the exhibition Hands on: Rick Wood - a commitment to clay. Free event. McAleeese Gallery, Artspace Mackay, Civic Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Also showing
Listening to ink: A Printbank Mackay exhibition / 10 July - 30 August. Printbank Mackay is a local group of artists who aim to explore the artform of printmaking in all of its diversity. The group share an interest in printmaking and a desire to improve their knowledge of the artform further develop their technical skills. This exhibition features a variety of prints by current members. Mackay Mazda Foyer, Artspace Mackay, Civic Precinct, Gordon Street, Mackay. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

DEEP HEART ARTS, Mackay Festival of Arts / 11 – 26 July. In Mackay, and its immediate region will come alive with the most ambitious arts festival yet. The vision for this year’s festival is to create a program of events that will touch the audiences souls and celebrate the wonderful treasures of landscape, food and artistic talent that abound herein the deep heart of Queensland. We have chosen artists to complement what occurs in the region and intend to build on past successes and create new iconic events for the whole community to enjoy.

Last year saw the emergence of Queens Park as the new home for the biggest party Mackay has ever seen when the new Mackay Entertainment Centre opened on Saturday 11 July with a Jimnny Barnes concert followed by fireworks and continues to the closing event, the fabulous ROYAL PALM AVENUE LONG TABLE DINNER in Queens Park on Sunday 26 July.

For the first time Festival events will be staged in Sarina, the Pioneer Valley and Seaforth. Many events will be free and those which are not have reduced ticket prices due to invaluable deep hearted support from the business and art communities.

The Festival Program will be launched on Thursday 28 May where all the heartfelt events will be announced. For more information contact David Gerrand, Festival & Events Producer on 1300 622 529.

Whitsunday Anglican School, North Mackay. Kindly sponsored by Alman Financial Planning. For more information or bookings contact Ellen Reiner 4969 2018 or www.whitsundayyowies.com.au

Mackay Skin Clinic Literary Dinner – Picture This...Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival / Thursday 16 July & Friday 17 July, 9am – 2pm. Two days of celebration of all things books and writing. Jam packed with workshops, booktalks, performances and more. There will be heaps of top authors, illustrators, dramatists and artists visiting from throughout Australia. Whitsunday Anglican School Campus, Centre Drive, North Mackay. For bookings and more information contact 4969 2099 or www.whitsundayyowies.com.au

Mackay Craft WA Annual Exhibition / 12 July - 26 July. Mackay Craft WA invites you to celebrate the work of local artists through the exhibition Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm, Sunday 12pm – 4pm.

For more information, contact 5478 1777.

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Public Book Signing – Picture This...Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival / Saturday 18 July, 10am – 12pm. On Saturday morning, books signing with John Marsden, Emily Rodda, Matt Ottley, and Steven Herrick will be open to the public at Gordon White Library. Bring your books along for signing by your favorite author. Gordon White Library, Mt Pleasant. Kindly supported by Mackay Regional Council and Artspace Mackay. For information contact 49890218 or www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

The Joy from Oz / Saturday 4 July, 7.30pm & Sunday 5 July, 7pm Mackay Choral Society is very excited to present a new show: “The Joy from Oz” featuring songs from Australian Music Theatre Shows. Venue: Conservatorium of Music Boundary Road Plainlands. For more information contact: Ken Martin, Mackay Choral Society 49424944 / kmartin@netspace.net.au.

Dance Party / Friday 24 July, 6.30pm – midnight. Come along with your BBQ things for a community BBQ at 6.30pm. The dance starts at 7.30pm. Entry fee is $10. You can dance at any of the shops and everyone is welcome. The theme is “Fun and there are prizes for the best costume. There will be a fundraising raffle for our competition couples to assist with travel costs. For more information and more contact DanceFactor 0409 874 747 / dancefactor@gmail.com or visit www.dancefactor.com.au

Recycled Art - Creating Flora for Landcare Day / Saturday 1 August & 15 August, 2 pm - 4 pm. Children will be making flowers, plants and creatures, from recycled materials for an installation at the Botanic Gardens (A Garden of Flora) for Landcare Day. Limited to 20 children school age children. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Cost $5. For more information contact 49527300.

Exhibition of Nine / 3 August – 30 August 2009. This photographic exhibition features nine photography students who are currently completing their Diploma of Photomaging at TAFE under the guidance of prominent and well known Mackay Photographer Ann FitzGerald. These students will allow the viewer to glimpse into a small facet of these talented emerging photo artists. Featuring the works of John Robertson, Tracey Gallety, Lynne Tennant, Gary Matthews, Jodie Gosbee, Kylie Mitchell, Cheryl Schmidtke, Sandra Schmidtle (Gallety) 4942 7469 / san.nev@bigpond.com ; Catherine Campbell (Bawmer) 49523622 / catherine@cjld.chariot. net.au ; Betty Eveson (Reeves) 49424360 / betty.je@hotmail.com ; Lynne Tennant (Humphreys) 4942 9997 / baryn@matilda.net.au

Landcare Day / Sunday 23 August, 10am – 2pm. During Landcare Day at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, visitors and especially children can indulge in a Community Weaving Project and continue the creation of “A Garden of Flora” using natural and recycled materials on the Tropical Sun Lawn. Help to build a model size Sustainable Enviro City from cardboard and boxes in the Meeting Room. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. For more information please call 49527300.

The Sunday Series / Sunday 30 August, 3pm
Want to enjoy a Sunday afternoon of wonderful music and great company? Why not come along to the Sunday Series concerts while watching the sun set over the Eungella Range. Performers: The Sunday Series performs a wide variety of music from classical, musical theatre, jazz and contemporary. There will be solo items interspersed with some of the fantastic ensembles that have become a trademark of CQUniversity Mackay. Afternoons, stay on to hear some more music in the foyer and enjoy a delicious snack of pizza and a glass of wine while watching the sun set over the Eungella Range. Performers: A delightful drama with a powerful message. Cook Theatre, Building. 1, CQ University Mackay Campus, Boundary Rd, Mackay. Members/Students $6.00. Non-members: $8.00 Ticket price includes glass of wine, juice, tea/coffee and light supper after the film. For more details visit the Film & Arts Mackay Website http://library-films.cquni.edu.au/ or phone the CQUniversity library on 49407578.
Mackay Fibre Arts Workshops - Call for Expressions of Interest. We are a vibrant group of creative people with expertise in hand embroidery, machine sewing, quilting, spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting and hand made books. If you wish to learn any of these, or other fibre arts, please contact us so we can arrange a workshop to suit. Contact Geraldine geraldinemoylan@hotmail.com or Jenny carlson@bigpond.com

Pyrography Classes and tuition / 2,16 & 30 June, 1.30pm - 4pm. Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. wish to advise they now have Pyrography Classes and tuition on the 2,16 & 30 June from 1.30pm until 4pm held at our Club House at Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield. $2 admission. Contact Mrs Bev Craig Ph 49424277. This is in connection with the USA all welcome.

Scroll -saw classes / Tuesday 9,16 & 30 June, 1.30pm - 4pm. Scroll -saw classes, ongoing and leaders welcome, held on Tuesday 9, 16 & 30 June from 1.30pm until 4pm at Mackay Woodturners Association Inc Club House at Snow Wright Court. Contact Mrs Bev Craig Phone 49424277. Members of USA and Visitors Welcome.

Mackay Fibre Arts workshop / Friday 12 June. Learn to weave on weave-it-looms. Create 15cm woven squares to make into knog cushions, couch covers and shawls. To be held at Pitkin House, Pitkin Street Walkerston. 9am - 3pm. Bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Fee $20 per person. Contact Helen 4942 2269 for materials list.

Natural animal rearing with Jenny Otto / 13 June. $20 members, $40 non-members. Mackay Community Garden Inc. Streeter Avenue. For further details please contact Jenny Otto on 4965 2758.

Learn to knit with Pam Hutley / Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 June, 10am - 4pm. Students will learn the basics of the age-old craft of knitting in this two-day workshop. Tuition will cover: casting on; learning purf and knit stitches; assign additional colours into the work and; casting off. Whilst designed as a beginners course, this workshop is also suitable for those who have had knitting tuition, but need a 'refresher'. Mackay Town Hall, Sydney Street. Bookings essential. Fee: $110.00 / $90.00 concession (inc. GST). For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Woven story: Basket weaving using natural materials with Wanda Bennett / Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 June, 10am - 4pm. Using an assortment of materials – cane, fabric, handmade paper, local grasses etc., participants will develop basic weaving skills to produce a small woven article. Through use of colour, texture and text participants will be encouraged to make their finished article a ‘memoir’ representative of their personal story. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Bookings essential. Fee: $110.00 / concession $100.00 (inc. GST). For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Term 2, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 6 – 8 years / Every Saturday until 20 June 2009, 10am - 12pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room, $110 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

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Tropical food plants with Shine & Luke / 26th June. $30 members, $60 non-members. Mackay Community Garden Inc. Streeter Avenue. For further details please contact Jenny Otto on 4965 2758.

Woodturnings and Crafts Exhibition / Friday 26 & Saturday 27 June. 9am - 4pm and Sunday 28 June 9am-3pm. Mackay Woodturners Association presents a Woodturnings and Crafts Exhibition. Three days of woodturnings and craft demonstrating by the Mackay Woodturners, Mackay Pioneer Potters and Porcelain Artists. Refreshments will be available. Goods will be for sale. Mackay Woodturners Association Inc Club House at Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield. Free admission. For more information contact Gloria McFadden glortmac@ms.com.au or President Bob Armstrong ph.4947 4569.

Colour Relief with Glen Skien / Saturday 4 & Sunday 5 July, 10am – 4pm. An introductory workshop in methods of achieving lino cut prints in colour. Glen Skien will introduce this two day workshop in which participants will learn several methods for producing colour including single block, reduction block printing, multiple plate, chine colle and hand colour techniques. The versatility of relief printmaking is fully explored in a myriad of colour options. Bookings essential. Fee: $110.00 / concession $100.00 (inc. GST). For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Call for Expressions of Interest – Workshops: Creative woodturning & carving; and Embellishment of Woodturned items and creative machine embroidery / Saturday 4 & Saturday 11 July. Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. are hosting world renowned artists Neil & Liz Scobie from Coffs Harbour for Workshops in July. When: Saturday 4th & Saturday 5th July. Where: Mackay Woodturners Clubrooms, Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. To register you interest phone 4957 4569.

Pyrography Classes and tuition / 7 & 21 July, 1.30pm - 4pm. Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. wish to advise they now have Pyrography Classes and tuition on the 2,16 & 30 June from 1.30pm until 4pm held at our Club House at Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. $2 admission. Contact Mrs Bev Craig Ph 49424277 this is in connection with the USA all welcome.

Term 3, Art Kids with Rosemary Payne / 9 - 12 years / Every Saturday, Saturday 1 August – Saturday 5 September, 10am – 12pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room, $110 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. For children 6 - 8 years. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

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Spotlight on John Marsden Parents' and Educators' Forum / Picture This...Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival / Thursday 16 July. 4 – 6pm. John Marsden has been described as "the most popular author today in any literary field" (The Australian). His books have been published around the world, translated into fourteen languages, are available in eighteen countries! This session will be interesting to teachers, librarians and parents. Whitsunday Mitsubishi Alliance, 22 Gordon Street, North Mackay. Kindly sponsored by Hail Creek Mine. For more information and bookings contact Louise Clare 4965 0669 or www.whitsundaysvoices.com.au

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To register your interest phone 49574569

WORKSHOPS: MACKAY WOODTURNERS ASSOC. INC.

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Discover it, inspire it: Creative Charcoal Drawing with Magdy Shiha / Saturday & Sunday 8 August, 10am – 4pm. This course aims to introduce participants to the basics of charcoal drawing techniques whilst investigating the elements of design. Through practical application and a slide show presentation from the tutor, students will be encouraged to develop an individual, creative drawing style, using experimental drawing techniques. Bookings essential. Fee: $110.00 / concession $100.00 (inc.GST). Mackay Town Hall, Sydney Street.

Ballroom Classes / Fridays, 7pm – 8pm (September – December) 6, 16 & 30, 2pm – 3pm. Mackay Woodturners Association Inc Club House at Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. $2 admission. Contact Mrs Bev Craig Ph.4951 1233 or email b_english@madec.org.au / t_byron@madec.org.au

Mackay Woodturning Association Open days / Wednesdays & Sundays, 8.30am – 12noon. Mackay Woodturners Assoc.Inc. Club House at Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. Enjoy the fellowship, demonstration and receive help with your woodworking project. $2 admission. 2nd Cuppa. All Welcome. For any further details contact President Bob Armstrong 4957 4569.

MAKO Art Program with Debbie Connors / Mondays and Fridays The MAKO (MADEC Accessible Knowledge Options) Art Program is an innovative program for people who have a disability within the Mackay region. This dynamic program is professionally designed to maximize the participants' ability to explore a diverse range of techniques and produce great results. This program runs twice weekly on a Monday or Friday from 10am – 4pm at the Slade Point Community Hall. Free access to all MAKO Members. If you wish to be involved contact Tracey or Blake at MADEC for more information. Phone 4951 1233 or email b_english@madec.org.au / t_byron@madec.org.au

Nancee’s Belly Dancing / Monday – Wednesday Nancee’s Belly Dancing with swords - intermediate to advanced classes. Tuesdays - Bollywood classes. Wednesdays - Belly Dancing - intermediate and beginners classes. For more information contact Nancy 9545 6716.

Pioneer Potters / Wednesdays, 9am – 3pm Classes by appointment and gallery open Wednesdays. New members very welcome. 8 Loughnane Court, off Swayne Street, North Mackay. Contact 4957 6255.

Learn To Dance / Fridays, 7.30pm Latin American dance tuition with our region’s own Latin dance couples Raul and Sebera of Latino Rhythms. Learn to dance the Cha Cha, Argentine Tango, Rhumba, Samba, Jive in a friendly social atmosphere. You’ll enjoy the people and the dance every Friday night. Gordon Street Dance Centre, cnr Greenland & Ungerer Sts, North Mackay. Call David or Julie on 0415 729 230 for more info.

Mackay Fibre Arts / Second and Fourth Friday of the month, 9.30 am – 3 pm. Bring your current project (as well as some lunch) and share the joy of working with fibre. Mackay Fibre Arts Meeting Rooms, Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston. For more information contact Geraldine Moylan 4951 3296.
Poetry of the Body: An invitation to freedom through the body’s wisdom - Monthly Movement Group / 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6pm - 8pm. Open to the body’s wisdom through movement, free your mind...serendipity...unwaver, uncover inspiration and insight for your life. Venue: Mackay Masonic Centre, cnr Wood St & 9th Ln, Mackay. Fee: 5 sessions $175; concessions available. Facilitator: Judith Greive, Creative Arts Therapist & Counsellor. For enquiries and bookings contact 4942 4171.

Rubrik Meeting and Workshop Printbank Mackay / Third Sunday of the month 10am different activity morning and 2pm meeting. Monthly meeting devoted to discussion around general business of the group and planning upcoming exhibitions and workshops. Mackay Fibre Arts members and the correct use of your tools. For costs and further information contact Bob Armstrong, President of Mackay Woodturners 4957 4769.

Women Weaving Wisdom: empowering women’s collective journey - Monthly Women’s Circle / 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 Greive, Creative Arts Therapist & Counsellor. For enquiries and bookings contact 4942 4171.

Woodturning Classes / Tuesdays, 6.30pm Any one interested in Woodturning. Mackay Woodturners have Classes available Tuesdays at 6.30pm. Full training offered from safety to understanding and the correct use of your tools. For costs and further information contact Bob Armstrong, President of Mackay Woodturners 4957 4769.

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Test Drive the Arts / August 2007 – November 2009 Launched in August 2007 the scheme offers thousands of free theatre tickets to residents of Queensland who are new to the arts or have not been in the last three years. This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy some great theatre and find new opportunities throughout the state. It’s really easy - just search the website for venues and companies near you. Have a look at what’s on offer and grab your tickets quickly - before someone else does! New offers are posted on the site regularly, so if there is nothing of interest today, come back to the site again soon! For more information, please refer to www.testdrivearts.com.au

Sarina & Surrounding Area

Palettee Knife Painting with Julie McEneny / 6 – 8 June This wonderful workshop will be held over the long weekend in June (3 days, 6-8 June inclusive). It will be held at the Sarina High School Agricultural College and will cost $120 per person. Enquiries Marlyn Bils. ph 4956 2618 email marlynbob@austelbroadband.com.au

Mackay Woodturners Association demonstrating at the Sarina Show / 1 & 2 August. All day both days we will be giving demonstrations of Woodturning, Pyrography and Scroll-Sawing. We will have sales of Wooden items turned and Crafted. We are happy to answer any of your wood questions. Contact Our President Bob Armstrong on 4957 4569 for more information or email the secretary Gina Mcfadzen glorimac@mcs.net.au

Flaggy Rock Quilters / every Friday, 9 am The Flagg Rock Quilters meet every Friday at the Flagg Rock Community Centre from 9am. Everyone and anyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Once a month the group have a workshop or project day. These days are designed to increase skills and learn new techniques. The group are currently working on a series of braided quilts, basic sample quilts and bag making. For more information or to receive a Flagg Rock Quilters newsletter contact Jennifer on 4948 5408 or Rosa on 4950 2201.

Sarina Fibre Arts Group Inc / Saturdays, 9 am. Everyone is welcome to visit or become a member. First Saturday is for assistance in putting together quilts. In house workshops are held second and fourth Saturday of the month. The third Saturday is club business meeting day and show and tell. Sarina High School Library. Contact Akia 4942 9140 or Mar 4956 4594.

Sarina woman's singing group / Tuesday nights, 6 - 7 pm Held at the Sarina QCWA hall. Participation is gold coin donation. For more information contact margieward@gidgeon.com
Valley Art Exhibition / 6 & 7 June, 10am – 4pm
Valley Art Precinct, the most comfortable setting, by the pool at the Racquet Club restaurant, the perfect opportunity to catch up with friends, enjoy a day of leisure – and they will entertain the kids, free!
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Bowen Film Group Inaugural Film Festival
the secretary at jillj22@tpg.com.au.


Artists and Potters Meeting
information about the group, including membership, email the
Hazelwood Court, Cannonvale. Contact Karina Shim 4946 6617.

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Tuesday 25 August. Film selection is still underway for the

Film Screening: Tom White
Outreach Centre, 81 Mt. Nutt Road, Bowen. Admission free. For

Trees: Giving Shape to the Bowen Environment / Tuesdays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
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Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre
Open daily 9am – 5pm. 1 Railway Square, Sarina. Contact 4956 2251.

Whitsunday Family History Group Inc
Second Saturday of the month, 9.30am. New members and visitors welcome to attend discussion group and workshops. Library, Proserpine Community Centre, 2 Herbert Street, Proserpine. Contact 4945 1500.

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Badia Arts Centre
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Garrett Gallery
Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am – 4pm or by appointment. 54 Wellington Street, Garbutt. Contact 4958 5024.

Mirani Museum
Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am – 2.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am - 3.30pm. Local history display. Victoria St, Mirani. Contact 4959 1100.

Sarina Art Gallery
Visit the Mackay region’s newest tourist attraction - from paintings and hand-woven silk scarves to an array of artwork, all pieces on display are for sale by local artists. Open Tuesday - Friday from 10am to 4:30pm; Saturday from 10am, 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.

Sarina District Historical Centre Inc
Contact Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 2pm as well as last Sunday of month from November to September from 10am to 12.30pm. For more information contact Carolyn on 07 4943 1926.

Museums & Galleries - Pioneer Valley

Whitsunday Amateur Variety Singers community choir conducted by Jenni Kirkwood. All welcome. Queens Beach School, 18 Beach Avenue, Bowen. Contact 4785 1522 or 4786 6262.

Singing for Pleasure / Tuesdays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Whitsunday Amateur Variety Singers community choir conducted by Karina Shim. All welcome. Whitsunday Neighbourhood Centre, Hazelwood Court, Cannonvale. Contact Karina Shim 4946 6617.
Museums & Galleries - Prosepine, Bowen & Whitsunday Areas

Bowen Historical Society and Museum
Open Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm, Sunday 10am - 12pm
A well-presented saga of the history of Bowen, the first settlement in North Queensland. You will be delighted by a variety of exhibits going back to the year 1770. 22 Gordon Street Bowen. Contact 4786 2035.

Denise Vanderlugt Studio Gallery
83 Bennet Road, Strathdickie (5 minutes from Proserpine). Please phone 9454 1326 / vanderlugt@dodo.com.au

Proserpine Historical Museum
Open Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm, 198 Maian Street Proserpine. Contact 4945 3969.

Paxton’s Market / Sunday 7 June, 5 July, 2 August 9am - 1pm.
Next to Pacinos restaurant in River Street. Light Refreshments, local fruit & vegetables, home baking, arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork, ironwork, clothing, textiles, cards, cosmetics, skincare products, live music and more. Contact: Julia 4959 1230


Proserpine Quota Markets
 Held third Sunday of the month 8am – 12pm
Arts, crafts, home produce, jewellery, clothing, knick-knacks, etc. Pioneer Park Proserpine. Contact 0439 416 304.

Queens Beach Bowen Market
 Held first, third and fifth Sunday of month 8am – 12pm
Arts, crafts, produce live music and fundraising events. Cnr The Esplanade and Mt Nut Rd. Contact 4786 5312.

Seaforth Sunday Markets
/ Every Sunday 8am - 11am
Arts, crafts, fruit and vegetables, baked goods, bric-a-brac, clothing and accessories. In the foreshore parkland at Seaforth.

The Hut Markets / First Sunday every month, 8am -12noon.
The Hut Markets are held at the Australian South Sea Islander Meeting Hut at the Lagoons, Ram Chandra Place, West Mackay. All are welcome. New Stall holders are also welcome. Please contact Noeline on 49 532413. Come along. Free tea and coffee.

The Leap Country Markets / Every Sunday 8am -12noon.
The Leap Country Markets are held at the Leap Community Hall Grounds situated 20km from Mackay. Enjoy a Aussie Brekky, bargain stalls, country hospitality and free stuff to give away. For Stall holders contact Morgan 49 540 960.
**Shape the future of arts and culture**

Community input is being sought from residents regarding the development of arts and culture in 2010 to 2015.

**Tuesday 9 June > Sarina**
> 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Sarina Boardroom, Council Administration Building, Broad St, Sarina

**Wednesday 10 June > Mackay & Calen**
> 9am to 11am
Old Town Hall, Sydney St, Mackay
> 1pm to 3pm & 7pm to 9pm
Calen War Memorial Hall, McIntyre St, Calen

**Thursday 11 June > Mackay, Walkerston & Gargett**
> 9.30am to 11.30am
Australian South Sea Islander Meeting Hut, Mackay.
> 1pm to 3pm
Gargett Gallery, Jim Moule St, Gargett
> 7pm to 9pm
Walkerston Library, Dutton St, Walkerston

**Friday 12 June > Walkerston & Mirani**
> 9.30am to 11.30am
Walkerston Library, Dutton St, Walkerston
> 1pm to 3pm
Mirani Community Hall, Victoria St, Mirani

**Saturday 13 June > North Mackay**
> 9.30am to 11.30am
Gordon White Library, Phillip St, Mount Pleasant
> 1pm to 3pm
Northern Beaches Bowls Club, Function Room

Residents must RSVP by Wednesday 3 June to Fiona Bishop at fiona.bishop@mackay.qld.gov.au or phone 4961 9554.
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