

Mackay's zaniest dog and cat names

A dog named Cat, a cat named Dog, and region's pet owners get even more creative naming furry friends

MACKAY pet owners are creative when it comes to zany, wonderful and unique monikers for their dogs and cats.

Council's pet registration records show there were 270 Bellas among Mackay's dog ranks last financial year. Other popular dog names included Molly (201), Max (164), Ruby (164) and Charlie (139).

Popular names for their feline friends included Bella (35) Misty (22), Smokey (19), Tigger (19) and Kitty (18).

But at the other end of the spectrum there are long lists of dog and cat names that are one-of-a-kind in our region.

Among cats, they include the likes of Zen Master Akira, Winfield Blue, Stumpy Long Tail, Stripper and Aticus Loon.

There is also a cat named "Dog".

Among the dogs, unique names in our region include the likes of Albus Dumbledore Lyons, Brutus

Maximus, Frangipani-lee, also known as Pani, Dagwood, Col. Roy Mustang and Beaver Menzies (owner must be a Manly Sea Eagles fan).

There was also a dog called "Cat".

Cr Fran Mann said many Mackay pet owners put plenty of thought into names for their pets.

"Most dog and cat owners adore and love their pets, treating them like family members," she said.

French bulldogs Frie and Burger look quizzical about some pet names. Photo: Coffee and Hops.



"That love is reflected in the many varied names for dogs and cats registered with council.

"Many, obviously, like their pets to stand out among the crowd, which is great."

Interesting dog names

- Albus Dumbledore Lyons
- Brutus Maximus
- Frangipani-lee
- Dagwood
- Col. Roy Mustang
- Beaver Menzies
- Jar Jar Binks

Interesting cat names

- Zen Master Akira
- Winfield Blue
- Stumpy Long Tail
- Stripper
- Aticus Loon
- Deckchair
- India-Ying

>> Pet registration notices have been sent out for the new financial year. Make sure you register your pet before July 31 and save between 30 and 50 per cent

>> Remember, Your Pet, Your Responsibility. More information on responsible pet ownership at mackay.qld.gov.au/pets

Treat your 'best friends' to day out

TREAT your puppy to a morning adventure to meet some new friends while you update their registration details.

This year's Pet Registration Day will be held on Saturday, July 28, from 9am to noon on council's front lawn, Gordon Street.

Cr Karen May said it was one of residents' last opportunities to take advantage of the discount period.

"Pet owners can save between 30 and 50 per cent by registering their pet before the end of July," Cr May said.

"Registration fees are put towards the cost of running the Animal Management Centre, so if your pet ever goes missing it can be cared

Council's 2018 Pet Rego Day will be held on the Civic Precinct lawns on Saturday, July 28.



for," she said. "Registration also ensures that council has your latest contact details so we can get in touch with you should your pet go missing."

Cr May said there would be a number of stallholders at the event with helpful pet

information, including the RSPCA Education Mobile Unit (EMU) Van.

She said there would also be a best-dressed pet competition held at 10am and plenty of free giveaways. Pet owners can also save 20 per

cent on desexing their pet at participating vets by booking in before August 31 as part of RSPCA's Operation Wanted.

Cr May said desexing reduced the desire to roam and aggressive behaviour in animals.

It can also reduce the risk of some cancers and eliminates unwanted litters that place burden on council's Animal Management Centre and RSPCA centres.

Discounts for registering before July 31 include:

Dogs

- Desexed dog **\$37** (normally \$56)
- Non-desexed dog **\$86** (normally \$121)
- Pensioner desexed dog **\$19** (normally \$33)
- Pensioner non-desexed dog **\$40** (normally \$78)

Cats

- Non-desexed cat **\$27** (normally \$47)
- Desexed cat **\$12** (normally \$20)

DBCT Illuminate

IT'S back to light up the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens from Wednesday, July 25, to Friday, July 27. Illuminate - the artwork trail expertly lit by our MECC lighting technicians - has returned for a second year, this time starting at the Meadowlands Amphitheatre. Free to enter from 6pm to 9pm each night, this year you can expect live music, great food and amazing giant firefly roving puppets, interactive cocoons and a quirky photo booth.

WBBL is back

THE Brisbane Heat will return to Harrup Park this summer for two Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) games. After attracting 7795 fans to two games at Harrup Park in Mackay last season, the Heat will return to the city for a repeat showing when they host the Adelaide Strikers on a Saturday night, January 5, and Melbourne Renegades on the following afternoon, Sunday, January 6. Mayor Greg Williamson helped announce the fixtures earlier this week. Council is supporting the games through its Invest Mackay Events Attraction Program.

Airshow thrills

HISTORY will come alive at Mechanos 2018 as Paul Bennet Airshows brings some of the world's most influential and iconic aircraft to Mackay. On Saturday, August 11, Mechanos spectators will get closer than ever before to aircraft that have defined history, and seemingly defy the laws of physics. The star of the Paul Bennet Airshows fleet is undoubtedly the Wolf Pitts Pro. With only two models produced, the Wolf Pitts Pro is capable of unbelievably wild manoeuvres that are unlikely to be reproduced by any other aircraft.

Plant trees

MACKAY Regional Botanic Gardens will be the site of this year's National Tree Day in our region. Council is aiming to plant 2000 trees over two days. School Tree Day will be held on Friday, July 27, from 10am to noon and National Tree Day will be held on Sunday, July 29, from 8am to 10am. Volunteers are needed for the Sunday. RSVP to 4961 9872 by July 23.



Sugar City Sounds to rock venue

EARLY ticket sales have been strong for Sugar City Sounds Mackay at BB Print Stadium in September.

An all-Aussie line-up of Pete Murray, Birds of Tokyo and The Living End will play the venue which hosted Elton John last year and Kiss, Motley Crue and Thin Lizzy in 2013.

Between them, they have more than 16 chart-topping albums - including six number ones - seven ARIA awards, and seven APRA awards.

Mayor Greg Williamson, promoter Rick Szabo, of Q Live, who also helped bring the Kiss concert to Mackay, and MECC and Events manager Andrew Bobeldyk announced the line-up earlier this month and there was an immediate rush on tickets.

>> Book Sugar City Sounds tickets at themecc.com.au



Don't tie recyclables in plastic bags.

How to recycle right

THE ban on single-use plastic shopping bags has only been enforced for a few weeks but council workers are already finding the heavier reusable plastic bags at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Cr Karen May said recyclables tied in plastic bags were one of the biggest causes of contamination at the MRF.

"Just because it's reusable doesn't mean it's recyclable," she said. "Tying your recyclables in plastic means that many otherwise recyclable items will end up as landfill. The MRF cannot recycle any plastic bags, including bags marked 'bio-

degradable' or the new thicker shopping bags. Hessian reusable bags also can't be recycled."

Cr May said the plastic bags could also disrupt operations at the MRF by causing breakdowns and delays.

"Please don't place your recyclables in plastic bags before dropping them in your yellow-lidded bin. Empty them into the bin and reuse your bag for other purposes."

Unwanted plastic bags can be disposed of in your general waste bin or placed in a participating shopping centre collection bins.

>> More information at mackay.qld.gov.au/recycle



> **ROUGE: acrobatics, cabaret and burlesque - Wonderland Spiegelent, Civic Precinct, July 20-29**

> **G&S Engineering Wine & Food Day: Queens Park, Saturday, July 21, 10.30am to 5.30pm**

> **Caneland Central Lunchbox Concerts: Local talent and guest stars playing from 11.30am to 1.30pm daily from July 24 to 26**

> **Né:Roi Ballet World Premiere excerpts - Thursday, July 26, 7.30pm in the MECC Auditorium**

> **G&S Engineering Wine & Food Day: Queens Park, Saturday, July 21, 10.30am to 5.30pm**

> **DBCT Illuminate: Explore wonderful illuminated creations in the Botanic Gardens nightly from July 25 to 27**

> **G&S Engineering Comedy Club with Dave Thornton: MECC Auditorium, Saturday, July 28, from 8pm**

> **Friends of the MECC Jazz Brunch: MECC North Foyer: Sunday, July 29, 11am to 1pm**

> **Swing Man - a boogie-woogie mid-life crisis: Pinnacle Playhouse, Sunday, July 29, from 2pm**

Check out full program at themecc.com.au/festivals

Festival ramping up

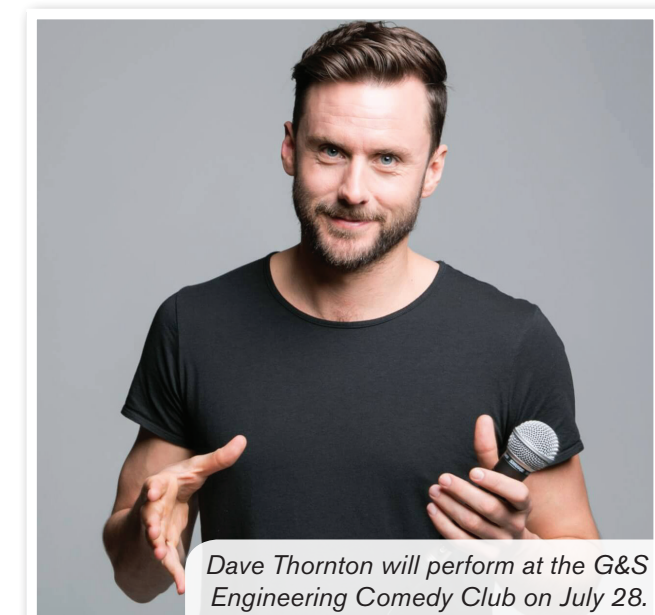
THE Mackay Mazda Festival of Arts will ramp up this Saturday with a jam-packed line-up of chilled and up-tempo music at the free G&S Engineering Wine and Food Day.

From there, the week just keeps getting better. If you love theatre and dance, the Wonderland Spiegelent with acrobatic burlesque show Rouge (July 20-29) will whet your appetite.

Follow that with the world premiere of key scenes from new ballet Ne:Roi (July 26) and this year's Festival will showcase dancing of a calibre normally reserved for capital cities.

Of course, no Mackay Mazda Festival of Arts would be complete without comedy, and this year, according to Cr Justin Englert, we have two side-splittingly funny shows.

"G&S Engineering Comedy Club on Saturday, July 28,



Dave Thornton will perform at the G&S Engineering Comedy Club on July 28.

will feature Dave Thornton," Cr Englert said.

"He's a very Aussie comedian with an interesting, witty take on our way of life and what makes us tick," he said.

"There's a lot about his material that people will relate to, but I think what makes him so funny is that he's a likeable guy - he doesn't take himself

too seriously and he's more than happy to make fun of himself," he said. "The dance comedy show 'Swing Man' by Damian Callinan (July 29) will also be a crack-up, with the added bonus of some toe-tapping swing tunes.

"Callinan has a razor-sharp wit and many people would recognise him from shows like Spicks and Specks."

>> Book Mackay Mazda Festival of Arts events at themecc.com.au/festivals

Expo returns to the Big Shed

THE first Mackay Seniors Expo to be held at the Mackay Showgrounds' Big Shed last year received rave reviews from its distinguished demographic.

The event is back at that location this year on Tuesday, August 21.

Cr Fran Mann said the big, open shed provided a cool expo environment where residents and exhibitors could easily interact without having to shout.

>> More details on the Mackay Seniors Expo event at mackay.qld.gov.au/expo