

## Mackay ready to mark Anzac Day

There will be 25 Anzac Day services to choose from in our region during next week's commemorations

FOR the second year in a row, next week's Mackay Anzac Day main parade march will form in the car park behind Dudley Denny City Library on the corner of River and Gregory streets.

had members from our community who have generously donated their own time to drive the buses on Anzac Day," he said.

"On behalf of the community and our diggers, I would like to give a big thank-you to all our volunteer bus drivers on Anzac Day."

The free shuttle buses will be located at the rear bus stop at Caneland Central.

A return service will be available following the 9.30am service. The pick-up location will be on Alfred Street, between Gregory and Macalister streets.

Cr Williamson said Anzac Day had become far more than remembering the diggers at Anzac Cove.

"Today Anzac Day is a day when we pause to acknowledge that the freedom and lifestyle we enjoy as Australians has come at a cost," he said.

"We remember all the men and women who had to take up arms on this nation's behalf. We salute those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our freedom.

"As Australians we live peacefully in a diverse, secular democracy. It is important that we gather as a community and embrace the spirit of Anzac which lies at the very core of what it means to be called an Aussie."

Residents are encouraged to attend one of 25 Anzac Day services being held around the Mackay region next week (listed right).

In Mackay, the dawn service will be held at 5am and the citizens parade service at 9.30am, both at Jubilee Park, on the corner of Alfred and Wellington streets.

**BELOW: A map of the parade route for the Mackay main parade, marching off at 8.30am.**



>> For more information on services, visit [mackay.qld.gov.au/anzacday](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/anzacday)



Brendan McCormack is one of the volunteers driving shuttle buses to transport veterans and students to the Anzac Day assembly point.



> **Bloomsbury:** 5.30am, Bloomsbury Soldier's Hall, Doughertys Rd, Bloomsbury

> **Calen/St Helens:** 4.25am and 11am Calen Memorial Hall, McIntyre St, Calen

> **Eton:** 5am, Hotel Eton, Telegraph St, Eton

> **Farleigh:** 5.30am, Cenotaph, Farleigh Sugar Mill Grounds, Armstrong Street, Farleigh

> **Finch Hatton:** 4.28am and 6.15pm, Finch Hatton Cenotaph, ANZAC Parade, Finch Hatton

> **Gargett:** 8am, Gargett War Memorial, opposite Gargett Pub, Gargett Septimus Rd and Jim Moule Street, Gargett

> **Greenmount Homestead:** 6.40am, Memorial Trees at Greenmount Homestead, Greenmount Rd, Greenmount

> **Hay Point/Half Tide Beach:** 5.30am, "The Shack", Half Tide Esplanade.

> **Koumala:** 7am, Cenotaph adjacent to Koumala Primary School, Bull St, Koumala

> **Kuttabul:** 5.30am, Remembrance Gardens, Hampden State School, 2880 Bruce Highway, Kuttabul

> **Mackay:** 5am and 9.30am, Jubilee Park, corner Alfred and Wellington streets, Mackay

> **MADASSIA:** 3pm, South Sea Islander Meeting Hut, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, Lagoon St. Mackay

> **Marian:** 4.28am, Anzac Place, Marian

> **Midge Point:** 5am, The Point Tavern, 7 Conder Parade, Midge Point

> **Mirani:** 4.30pm, Railway Park Memorial, Mackay-Eungella Rd

> **Northern Beaches:** 10.30am, Bucasia Cenotaph, Seaview Park, Bucasia

> **Pinnacle:** 10am, Pinnacle Hotel, 604 Mackay-Eungella Rd, Pinnacle

> **Sarina:** 4.28am and 10am, Broad Street Cenotaph, Sarina

> **Seaforth:** 6am, Cenotaph at ANZAC Park, near Post Office at Palm Avenue, Seaforth

> **Walkerston:** 5am and 7.45am, ANZAC Memorial Park, corner Dutton and Bridge streets, Walkerston

## Murals bringing laneway to life

A COMMUNITY artwork project bringing a City Centre laneway to life is just one result from a council initiative to activate spaces throughout the region.

The 5th Lane Mackay Laneways Project involves the installation of murals and artwork.

It is being funded by council's AMP! Activate My Place program and Mackay City Centre.

Deputy Mayor Amanda Camm said the 5th Lane Activation was a wonderful outcome of the AMP program.

"Fifth Lane is one of Mackay's most prominent laneways within the City Centre, offering pedestrians a direct route into Mackay's main dining and entertainment hub," Cr Camm said.

"Fifth Lane was an uninspiring and under-used area, with the laneway generally untidy and some of the walls covered in mold and graffiti," she said.

"The 5th Lane Mackay Laneways Project is being delivered by Everyday Design, which is comprised of local artists. The project will involve the installation of street art, paste-ups, temporary displays and light displays."

A Cinema Under the Stars event, to be hosted by Mackay Hospital Foundation next month, is another AMP initiative.



Artist Jodie Connolly and a butterfly mural in 5th Lane in the City Centre.

Cr Camm said the reinvigoration of 5th Lane would provide a safe, clean and friendly environment.

She said it would also promote increased visitation and business opportunities in the City Centre.

"The project is now under way, with some artwork on the wall. To assist with

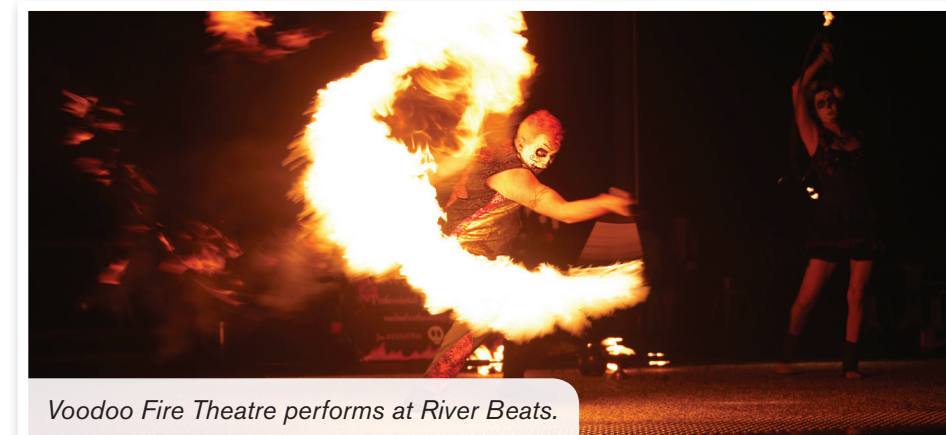
beautifying the laneway, artists are calling on budding young artists to come along to a free workshop.

"During the class, you can create your own artwork to be included in the finished laneway."

Find out more about the workshop online at [mackaycitycentre.com.au](http://mackaycitycentre.com.au)



## Activation projects lighting up region



Voodoo Fire Theatre performs at River Beats.

FROM plans for a mural on the Slade Point Water Tower to a night of cinema under the stars, the AMP! Activate My Place initiative is making its mark.

As well as the 5th Lane Mackay Laneways Project, this financial year AMP also funded:

**Voodoo Fire Theatre**  
**Event: River Beats.** Each month, in conjunction with the Paxtons Night Markets and the River Street Twilight Markets, patrons could find

River Beats events in the grounds by the Leichhardt Tree at Bluewater Quay.

Everyone was able to take a seat on the picnic mats provided and enjoy the free events.

The first River Beats was held on Friday, September 14, last year and included fire shows by Voodoo Fire Theatre, belly dancing by Embellish and live drumming performances by Pelican Zen and Zenith Rhythms. There was also a flea circus

to keep the kids entertained.

Residents and visitors who have attended the River Beats events have been entertained under a starry night sky in a beautiful setting by the Pioneer River.

**Slade Point Neighbourhood Watch Community Group**  
**Project: Slade Point Water Tower Mural.** Council's Activate My Place program and the Queensland Government's Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

have provided funding for the Slade Point Water Tower Mural.

Council anticipates that the art installation on the water tower will complement the recent improvements made to the Lamberts Beach Lookout and support social and economic returns for the Mackay region and the community through increased visitation and business opportunities.

The project will also assist with promoting our region's tourism offerings and encourage locals and tourists to visit the area.

Council also recognises this project will deliver a positive opportunity for the region's emerging artists and act as a catalyst for the future development of a Mackay Regional Art Trail.

Prior to the mural starting, council will be doing maintenance work on the

tower in May. The mural works are expected to begin at the start of June.

**Mackay Hospital Foundation**  
**Event: Cinema Under the Stars.** Cinema Under the Stars will be held on Friday, May 3, on the Mackay Base Hospital lawns on the banks of the Pioneer River. Gates open at 5.30pm.

Family movie *Mrs Doubtfire* will be screened. Entry is free and we suggest moviegoers bring a picnic blanket.

When preparing this placemaking project, the Mackay Hospital Foundation acknowledged successful public place events share the following qualities: accessibility, comfort, sociability and inclusivity.

The banks of the Pioneer River were carefully selected as a reflection of the Mackay community's unique culture and history.

## COUNCIL - in brief -

### Try the 5

GET active and win more than \$6000 in fitness prizes. Council will run its Try the 5 campaign again in May to get the Mackay region moving. There will be five themed weeks of free activities to try in biking, adrenaline sports, water sports, gym/ personal training and walking/ running. The campaign will be officially launched at the Mackay ARC (Aquatic and Recreation Complex) on Monday, April 29. Visit the council website at [mackay.qld.gov.au/trythe5](http://mackay.qld.gov.au/trythe5) for more details about this year's campaign.

### Traffic works

WORK has started to improve safety at two notorious intersections on Victoria Street. The construction works are for two roundabouts at the intersections of Victoria and Lawson and Victoria and Tennyson streets. The project is fully funded by the Australian Government's Black Spot Program. Construction of the roundabouts will be completed at night until late June, weather permitting. The road will be closed between 6pm and 6am and will be reopened throughout the day.

### Park upgraded

WORK will begin on stages one and two of the Camilleri Street District Park Masterplan in late May. The project will double the size of the popular Blacks Beach park, making it the biggest and most diverse park in the Northern Beaches. New additions will include a youth hub, new public amenities, boardwalk and footpath from Barber Drive to Camilleri Street car park, additional shelters, an electric barbecue, picnic tables and bench seats, a water bubbler and rubbish bins, and a dog park. This project is jointly funded by the Queensland Government and council.

### Watch live

COUNCIL'S ordinary meetings are now livestreamed. You can tune in live to watch debate and decisions from the council chambers on council's website or our YouTube channel. Ordinary meetings of council are held twice a month on Wednesdays from 10am. Or, you can check out replays of the meetings, again on our website or YouTube channel.