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December

Paxton's Riverside Night Market,
Friday 19 December, 5pm - 9pm.
Next to Pacinos restaurant in
River Street.

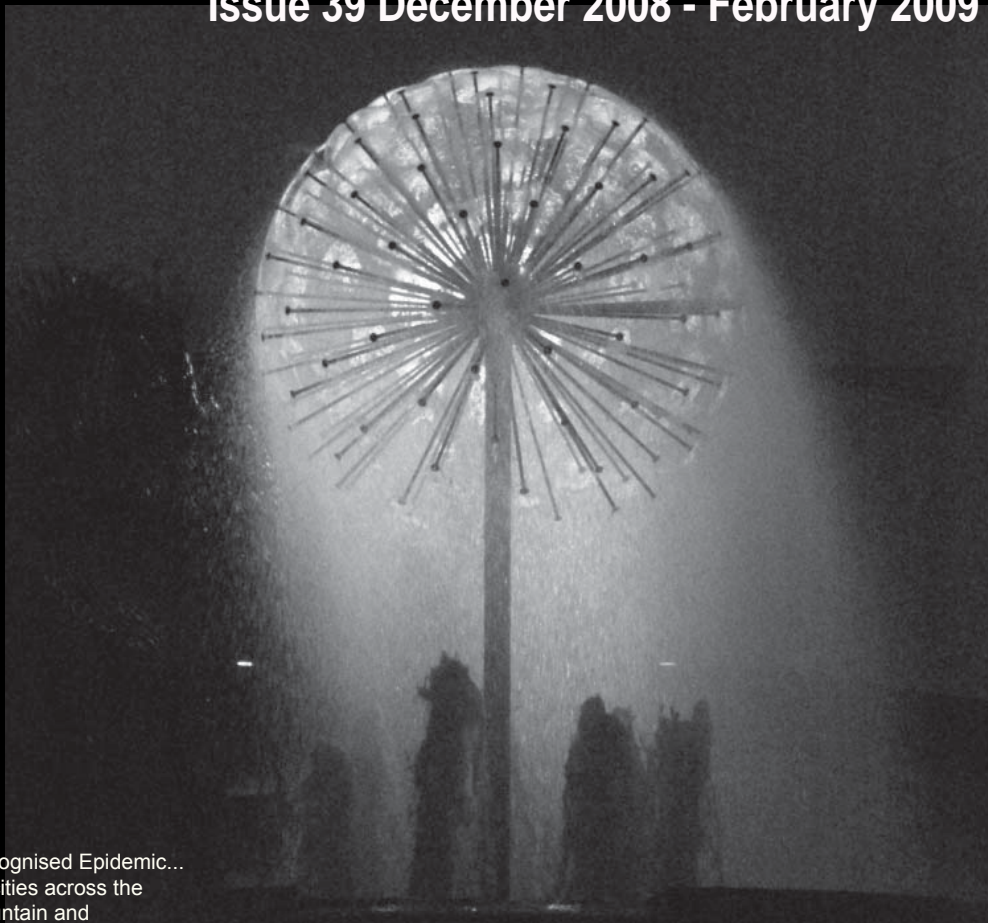
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Artspace-To-Go Holiday Art
Workshop, Tuesday 13 January
2009, 10am - 12pm. Gargett
Gallery.

February

In her shoes: 6 women artists.
Showing in the Mackay Mazda
Foyer, Artspace Mackay.

Beautiful Landmarks for an Unrecognised Epidemic...
Mackay Regional Council joined cities across the
globe when they coloured the Fountain and
Administration Building in the Civic Precinct B.L.U.E.
for World Diabetes Day, Friday 14 November.





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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.

Closing date for issue 40 submissions is Monday 26 January 2009.

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

Mackay Events

Works on Paper / to Sunday 31 December, 10am - 4pm
New drawings, collagraphs, prints, etc. by artist-in-residence Lesley Kane. Gargett Gallery, Jim Moule St Gargett. Admission free Contact 49585024 / 49585124 (fax) / kane@matilda.net.au

Olafur Eliasson's The cubic structural evolution project / to 14 December. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. Olafur Eliasson's The cubic structural evolution project 2004, created from more than 300 kilograms of white Lego building blocks, is a highlight from the Queensland Art Gallery's international collection. Like any contemporary city, Eliasson's mini Lego world grows and reduces over the course of the exhibition as children and adult audiences participate in the pulling down and rebuilding of the Lego structure. Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

Bucasia Beach Quilters Inc. annual Patchwork & Quilting Display / 10 - 22 November. During library hours, Mackay City Library, Gordon St Mackay. For more information contact Lesley 4942 4841.



Children participating in Olafur Eliasson's The cubic structural evolution project 2004. White plastic Lego blocks, wood, mirror. Purchased 2005. Queensland Art Gallery Foundation Grant. Collection: Queensland Art Gallery. Image courtesy: Queensland Art Gallery

Q150 Shed Public Regional Auditions December 2008 - Mackay / 3 December. Presented by Bank of Queensland. Auditions are on for all artists, performers, story tellers, musicians and bands who submitted Q150 Shed audition EOI forms in November. Celebrating the iconic Australian shearing shed, the Q150 Shed will tour to 13 regional centres across the State as Queenslanders celebrate 150 years of independence as a colony from New South Wales. From June to December 2009, Queenslanders will enjoy the educational workshops and exhibits commemorating Queensland's rich history. By night, the venue will transform into a unique and memorable entertainment venue, showcasing music and performances from some of Queensland's most talented artists. To participate in the auditions being held during December 2008, artists must have already submitted their Expression of Interest (EOI) form in November. For further information please contact: Producer, Q150 Shed Tour, Email: info@majorbrisbanefestivals.com.au / Phone: (07) 3833 5400. www.q150.qld.gov.au.

2008 Regional Auditions:

1 December Maryborough / 2 December Rockhampton
3 December Mackay / 4 December Townsville
5 December Cairns / 8 December Caboolture
9 December Mount Isa

The Carer / Running Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights until 13 December, 8pm. Kucom Theatre by arrangement with Bay Street Productions proudly presents this one-man play, highly praised for its sensitive treatment of Alzheimer's disease and its warmth and humour. Jointly directed by Maureen Coleman and Heather MacTavish and featuring Jim Kelly, The Carer is a warm and funny play that deals with issues of love, modern families, and how we face the future. Kelly's character in the play, George Parker, has recently lost his wife to Alzheimer's. He has taken early retirement to care for her, and we now see him adjust to his new way of life. It is funny, touching and very real. The Carer opens at the Kucom Theatre Playhouse in Shakespeare Street on Friday 28 November, and will run Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights until 13 December. Bookings can be made through the Mackay Entertainment Centre, phone 4961 9700.

Printbank Mackay Vestival Exhibition / 1 - 31 December
A unique exhibition by Mackay Printbank Artists. Variety vest will have a feast. Café La De Da, Wood St, Mackay. For more information contact Diane Patmore 4954 9465

Got a great arts or cultural project idea?

Consider accessing assistance through the RADF Program.

Closing dates for 2008/2009 are:

Round 1 CLOSED

Round 2 CLOSED

Round 3 Wednesday 18 February 2009

For projects commencing after Monday 23 March

Round 4 Wednesday 20 May 2009

For projects commencing after Monday 22 June

Guidelines are available online
www.mackay.qld.gov.au

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



The RADF is a joint Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

Christmas Art Exhibition Featuring Dysart Artists Suzanne Bushell & Rob Shepperson / Until 14 December. Moranbah Art Gallery Council Chambers. All Welcome. For more information contact 0439 882 684 or 4958 1452.

Vacant Room / Tuesday, 2 December - Saturday 6 December
 A fusion of film and multi-arts by young people presented by Crossroad Arts. One week only. The Crossroad Arts Loft, corner of Gordon and Wood Sts, Mackay. Tickets: \$10. Group discounts available. Seating limited, bookings essential. For further information, contact Crossroad Arts on 4953 5122 or admin@crossroadarts.com.au

Myth to Modern: Bronzes from the Queensland Art Gallery Collection / 5 December 2008 – 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.



Paul GAUGUIN, France 1848 – 1903. Madame Schuffenecker c.1890, cast c.1960. Bronze, at least 20 casts. 44 x 32.5 x 18cm. Purchased 1982. Queensland Art Gallery Foundation

Making it Modern: The Watercolours of Kenneth Macquoen / 5 December 2008 – 1 February 2009. Also showing in the McAleese Gallery A Queensland Art Gallery Travelling Exhibition of Kenneth Macquoen'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

Floor Talks / Saturday 6 December, 11am
 Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

Paxtons Riverside Markets / 7th December, 9am – 1pm.
 Light Refreshments, home baking, arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork, ironwork, clothing, textiles, cards, skincare products, live music and more. Paxtons Building next to Pacinos Waterfront Restaurant in River Street, Mackay. Contact: Julia 4959 1230.

Carols in the Foyer / Sunday 7 December, 6pm
 Presented by The Margaret Harvison Vocal Studio and Friends Ensemble in association with The Mackay City Band. Foyer - Mackay Entertainment Centre. A programme of Christmas Carols will be presented by Students of The Margaret Harvison Vocal Studio joined by the "Friends Ensemble" reflecting the true Christmas Story. An open invitation is given to all to attend and there is no admission charge, however there will be an opportunity to give a donation and place a small gift below the Christmas Tree. Gifts will be distributed to Lifeline, St. Vincent De Paul Society and The Salvation Army. For further information contact - Margaret Harvison 4953 4971/ mfarvison@wackado.com.au

Under the Queensland Sun Exhibition / 13 December - 21 December. A combined Art Exhibition by Kay Paton, Bronze Sculptor from Nebo; Maree Angus, Pastellist from Alligator Creek; Susan Riley Gee, Impressionist Painter from Blacks Beach. Old Town Hall, Sydney St, Mackay. Come along and see this exciting collaboration of works by three of our local artists. Visitors will be served Morning and Afternoon Tea on 13 & 14 December. Phone 49505440 / 49564489 / 49547231 respectively for enquiries

Prawn to be Wild / 13 December, 7.30pm
 The fifth in the series of exciting Prawn concerts. Starring Peter Axford – bass, Luke Venables – tenor, Kim Kirkman – tenor, Beth Allen – mezzo soprano, Kristi Gregory – soprano and Judith Brown – piano. Music theatre, opera and popular song from star performers, a great night of singing! Mackay Conservatorium of Music Theatre Saturday, \$15 adults, \$10 concessions, Tickets at door.

Free Choral Concert / Sunday 14 December, 4pm
 The Mackay Choral Society presents a performance of Mozart's Requiem mass and an Irish mass by Gillies Mathieu with guest soloists and Orchestra. Conducted by Kim Kirkman; Featuring Kristi Gregory, Soprano; Beth Allen, Alto; Luke Venables, Tenor; Peter Axford, Bass; Kathleen Campbell, Whistle; Brendan Smith, Fiddle; Luke Hanson, Pipes. This free concert is sponsored by Mackay Regional Council, Mackay Entertainment Centre. For more information contact Ken Martin 49424095

Paxton's Riverside Night Market / Friday 19 December, 5pm - 9pm. Next to Pacinos restaurant in River Street. Light Refreshments, home baking, arts and crafts including jewellery, woodwork, ironwork, clothing, textiles, cards, leatherwork, gift baskets, skincare products live music and more. For more information contact Julia 4959 1230.

Creative Kids: a showcase of children's artwork, 2008 / 23 December 2008 – 1 February 2009. 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.



Above: Young FUSE artist Arunya Olive. FUSE previews of Vacant Room were held as free public art screenings in the Crossroad Arts windows of the Parish Hall during October.

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.



Anne ZAHALKA Sunday, 2.09pm 1995 from the series Open House. Type C photograph. Courtesy the artist, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery (Sydney) and Arc One Gallery (Melbourne)

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.

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. Contact Tammy 49 540 866.

Global Grooves in the Gardens 2009

Date Claimer:

Sunday 25 October at the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens from early afternoon until early evening.

Stay tuned for opportunities to participate in this multicultural celebration...

Global Grooves has been confirmed to continue as an annual event held on the third weekend of October each year.

Mackay Workshops & Meetings

Term 4, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 6 – 8 years / Every Saturday to 6 December, 10am – 12pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. \$110 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. For children 6 - 8 years.

Term 4, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 9 – 12 years / Every Saturday to 6 December, 2pm – 4pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. \$110 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. For children 9 – 12 years

Putting Indigenous theory into (Art) practice / Townsville 2nd December; Mackay 3rd December; Cairns 4th December. An experiential demonstration of Indigenous Australian social-health theory. This practical, hands on workshop draws on the knowledge shared with Lorraine Muller in her research (she has permission to share this with you), and is an exciting way to incorporate the creation of safe shared space where learning can flourish. Participants will gain an insight into the depth, diversity and connectedness of Indigenous ways of working, using art and fun. About the Speaker: Lorraine Muller - I am an Indigenous grandmother, in the latter stages of writing my research thesis on the meta theory that informs Indigenous helping theory. It is a privilege to be trusted to collate such a task. In my research journey of learning, seeking to document Indigenous Social-Health Theory, many people have shared their knowledge and wisdom with me. I continue to be amazed, excited, inspired and humbled by the many ways this theory is evident in practice. AASW Members \$30 / Non members \$60 / Students \$15.

Workshops in:

Townsville – James Cook University, Western Campus Room DG258 - 007; Tuesday 2nd December TIME: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Mackay – James Cook University, Penn St. AMIET Room Wednesday 3rd December TIME: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Cairns – Centacare Migrant Resource Centre Thursday 4th December TIME: 1.30pm – 4.30pm

For more information and a registration form please contact aaswnqld@aasw.asn.au

BMA Christmas Kidspace / Tuesday 9 December, 10am - 2pm A gallery of fun for under fives, their parents and carers proudly presented by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance. 10am-2pm > Drop-in free Christmas-themed artist run activities and gallery tours; 11.30am > visit from Santa; 12pm-1pm > Live music with Rubberband, Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music. For more information contact Artspace Mackay, 07 4961 9722.

Mackay Regional Council's Q150 Design Competition / Entries close Friday 19 December, 5pm 2008.

In 2009, communities throughout the state will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Queensland's separation from the colony of New South Wales. In celebration of this significant milestone, the Queensland Government is coordinating a state-wide community art project that involves distributing large 'tiles' to each local government in Queensland to decorate.

Mackay Regional Council is running a competition, open to all residents, to determine the design of two tiles from our region. One tile will reflect the Mackay region's past and one will represent the hopes, dreams, aspirations and vision for the future. Once completed, the tiles will come together to form a 41 square metre art piece at the RNA Showgrounds, ready for the 2009 Ekka. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mackay residents of all ages to contribute to a state-wide community art project and to make their mark on a permanent, public artwork. Themes and topics that could be referenced in the tiles include:

- Original inhabitants – Indigenous culture, tribal references;
- Migrants – British, European, South Pacific, Asian etc;
- Settlements – who, when, where;
- Local culture – music, festivals, events, food;
- Lifestyle – domestic architecture, street cricket, backyard gardens;
- Industry – agriculture, markets, mining, manufacturing;
- Tourism – when, where, why
- Disasters – floods, cyclones, snake, crocodiles, the depression, war years;
- Education – schools, TAFE, Universities;
- Icons – people, places, things;
- Nature – flora and fauna, landscapes, seascapes.

Winners of the Q150 Design Competition will receive tickets on board the Q150 steam train, which will travel to more than 30 communities throughout Queensland in 2009, visiting Mackay in May to celebrate Queensland's 150th with events and activities. Winning entrants will also be acknowledged in the final submission of tiles to the State Government.

We'd like to encourage you, your school and/or community group to get involved in this exciting project. Competition entry forms and two tile templates are available to download from www.artspacemackay.com.au.

To enter the competition, simply create your two designs on the templates provided and submit with the completed entry form attached.

Tile templates can be enlarged to A3 size but should not exceed this. The entry form also asks entrants to describe what each tile depicts.

Entries for the Q150 Design Competition close 5pm, Friday 19 December 2008 and can be submitted in person (at Artspace Mackay), via post or email.

If you have any questions about Mackay Regional Council's Q150 Design Competition, please contact Tracey Heathwood on ph: 07 4961 9785 or email: tracey.heathwood@mackay.qld.gov.au.



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Holiday Art Workshop / Wednesday 14 January, 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. Art for children aged 8 – 12 years. Bookings essential. \$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings). Artspace Mackay, Gordon Street, 4961 9722.

Optimism Summer Festival / Saturday 17 January, 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.

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.

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.

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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.

Book Arts Group, Mackay Fibre Arts / Third Sunday of the month, 9.30 am – 3pm. General hands on activity day for Fibre Arts and Printbank. Mackay Fibre Arts Meeting Rooms, Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston. Contact Geraldine 4951 3296 / geraldinemoylan@hotmail.com

Botanical Art Interest Group / Fourth Wednesday of the month, 9.30am – 11.30am. Meet and exchange ideas with like-minded artists from beginners to advanced. There will be someone to get you started and discuss techniques on this wonderful journey of observing and recording plant life. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens Meeting Room. Contact 4952 7300.

Bucasia Beach Quilters Inc / Wednesdays, 9.15am - 12noon Come along and meet with other Patchwork and Quilters. Cost is \$2 per morning, held at the Bucasia Beach Community Hall, Butler St. Bucasia. Morning tea is provided. Contact Helen 4955 7098.

Choral Singing / Monday Nights, 7.30pm Community choir, no audition required just a love of singing. Cost: \$5.00. Mackay Choral Society, Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield – Jeanette Oberg 4942 2575 / info@mackaychoralsociety.org.au

Circus Classes / Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays Open to all ages and abilities. Come learn acrobatic balance, trapeze, rope, hula hooping, juggling, stilt walking, poi, staff twirling and fire twirling. All in a safe and fun environment. For venue and class times contact Tammy, Sensory Circus Tribe 4954 8431 / 0413 506 804.

Creative Shots Photo Club Inc / Third Monday of each month except December. Mackay Botanical Gardens Meeting Room. For more information contact Cheryl 0439 785 937 / info@creativeshots.com.au or visit www.creativeshots.com.au

Dance Classes at Neighbourhood Centre Bedford Road Andergrove / Wednesdays & Fridays
Wednesdays: 4.30pm to 5.15pm Special Needs Youth Class \$5 / 5.30pm to 6.00pm Kids Class \$5 / 6.30pm to 7.30pm Performance Class \$10 / 7.30pm to 9.30pm Street Latin Class \$10; Fridays: 7.00pm to 8.00pm Ballroom Class \$10 / 8.00pm to 10.00pm Latin and Social Dance Class \$10. Any two classes on same day \$15. Bring along some nibbles to make a social night of it. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits and Soft drinks for sale. Call Diane qualified Dance Teacher and Adjudicator on 0409 874 747 / dancefactor@gmail.com / www.dancefactor.com.au

DreamWorks - Dreams and their Themes / 1st Saturday of the month, 2pm - 4.30pm. Join a monthly DreamWork goup 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.

Drum Lessons
Drum Lessons available from an experienced qualified teacher for beginners to advanced students. 19 Meyer St, North Mackay. \$25/half hour lesson. Contact Tim 0401 023 716.

Flamenco Nights / Mondays, 7.30pm Open to Musicians and Dancers. Cost: \$10.00. Contact Claudio Pinochi 49552655 / Claudio255@hotmail.com

Katraz Dance / Monday – Friday
Various classes are available for adults and kids including Tiny Totz, Hip Hop, Belly Dance and Dance Cardio. 38 Grendon Street, North Mackay. For more information contact Katraz Dance on 4951 0804 / 0415 624 457.



Learn To Dance / Friday Nights, 7.30pm
Latin American dance tuition with our region's own Latin Dance couple, David and Julie Seymour 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. Grendon Street Dance Centre, cnr Grendon & Ungerer Strs, North Mackay. Call David or Julie on 0415 729230 for more info.

Mackay Choral Society Community Choir / Monday Nights, 7.30pm. No audition required, just a love of singing. Cost: \$5.00. Mackay Choral Society, Snow Wright Court, Beaconsfield. Contact Jeanette Oberg 4942 2575 / info@mackaychoralsociety.org.au

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 Roey Tregenza 4954 1467.

Mackay Pioneer Valley Arts Council Writers Group / Fourth Monday of the month, 7pm – 10pm. For friendly folk who like to write. The meetings include small workshops by different members, critiques of works submitted by members and lots of talk about writing and writers. Gordon White Library, North Mackay. Contact Frank 4953 5117.

Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. Club Days
Every Wednesday, 8.30am – 12noon / Second and forth Sundays of the month, 8am – 1pm. Members woodturning and open to visitors. Pyrography every Tuesday 1.30pm – 4pm. Clubhouse, Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield. For more information contact Bob 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
Mondays: Belly Dancing with swords - intermediate to advanced classes; Tuesdays: Bollywood classes; Wednesdays: Belly Dancing - intermediate and beginners classes. For more information contact Nancy 4954 6716.



Children attending art classes with tutor Margaret Burgess work with the Maroniettes they created.

Sarina & Surrounding Area

Profusion of Colour Exhibition / Tuesday 1 December to Sunday 14 December, 10am - 3pm. Sarina Art Gallery, Field of Dreams Parkland. Free. Jodie Kane on 4961 9655.

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 Alicia 4942 9140 or Mary 4956 4594.

Pioneer Valley

Artist in Residence / Until 29th December
New work by artist in residence Lesley Kane. Gargett Gallery, Jim Moule Street, Gargett. 10am to 4pm Thursday to Sunday. Contact 49585024.

Christmas Exhibition / 1 – 31 December
Artworks for sale - Jewellery by Carolyn Martin, Venetian-style Masks by Ellen Ruthenberg, Sculptures using natural materials by Lyn Kane, Paintings by Elly Sloomaker, Prints by Lesley Kane. Gargett Gallery, Lot 1, Jim Moule Street, Gargett, Pioneer Valley. Contact: 49585024.

Carols by Candlelight in the Country at Greenmount Homestead / Saturday 6 December. Walkerston Rotary's Carols by Candlelight in the Country at Greenmount, just 5km west of Walkerston. Starting off with the popular Sausage Sizzle at 6pm with local artists entertaining leading up to the 7pm start for the carols singing. Free song books will be available. As well as blankets and chairs - feel free to bring your own picnic to enjoy with family and friends in the beautiful surrounds of Greenmount Homestead while listening, and joining in, the carol singing. Santa Claus is making time in his busy schedule to make a special visit during the evening. Glowsticks, Candles and other Christmas goodies will be on sale...

There will also be Open House at the homestead from 4pm. Take advantage of the Free Entry with a guided tour of historic Greenmount Homestead. A wonderful relaxed family afternoon and evening is guaranteed.

2 day intensive Blacksmithing course for beginners / 6 & 7 December. Intensive beginners course. Numbers are limited to 10. For more details of costs for the course contact Margaret Burgess ph 0401834829 / robandmarg@orion-online.com.au.

Blacksmithing workshops for ladies / 10 December, 7am
One day workshop for ladies who would like to try their hand at blacksmithing without attending the "2day intensive course for beginners". Participants will learn about the tools of the trade, and experience using them to produce a set exercise, which they will take home at the end of the day. Cost \$125. Numbers are limited to 10. Tutor - Terry Drennan (Toowoomba). Venue: Council Shed at Eton Pony Club Grounds. Eton. Camping available. (showers toilet on grounds). Bring: Closed in shoes, insulation tape (prevents blisters) safety glasses. lunch & a cup. All equipment will be supplied. Enquires to Margaret Burgess ph 0401834829 / robandmarg@orion-online.com.au

Pantomime: The Grinch 'The Panto' / Friday 12th December – Saturday 13th December, 7pm. The Valley Theatrical Players Inc. Pinnacle Playhouse. Present The Grinch 'The Panto' a pantomime by Limelight Scripts (with Acknowledgement to the character created by Dr. Suess). The story is about The Grinch a mean character who's heart is two sizes too small. Set apart from Whoville because of his nasty disposition he decides to steal Christmas. The story changes when a little girl named Polly loves the Grinch back to normal (as normal as a Grinch can be). The Grinch's heart grew two sizes that day. Refreshments available for tickets and enquiries phone 49585261.

Artspace-To-Go Holiday Art Workshop / Tuesday 13 January 2009, 10am – 12pm. Gargett Gallery. Art for children aged 8 – 12 years. Bookings essential. \$20 per child (\$10 subsequent siblings)

Call for expressions of interest - Montmellick embroidery workshop. Mackay Fibre Arts will be holding a Montmellick embroidery workshop in late February next year. The workshop will be held at Pitkin House, Pitkin St Walkerston. Costs and exact dates will be confirmed nearer the time. Please contact Verena 49532090 or Roey 49541467 to register your interest.

River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival Date Claimer
The River Rock to Mountain Top Community Festival in the Pioneer Valley near Mackay is set for May 8th - 10th 2009.

Beading supplies and classes in the Mirani area
Make your own costume jewellery or home wares. A maximum of 4 persons per class – make an item of your choice in your own time. Orders taken via phone or upon attendance. Classes are flexible, available upon request and charged at \$8/hour plus materials. Bookings essential. Contact Keirann of Dejour Designs 0412 141 765 or 4959 1283.

Valley Spinners & Craft Group Inc Meeting / first Monday of each month, 9.30am - 3pm. Anyone who wishes to join us will be welcome. We cover a large range of fibre crafts, and are a lively friendly bunch. Just bring your lunch, tea and coffee provided. At the CWA hall, Gargett. Contact Roey 49541467 or Connie 49585220.

Bowen Basin

Clermont Art Group Open Art Days / Second Saturday of the month, 9am. The Art Group will get together to paint. Tutors will be available to help anyone attending. Beginners welcome. H Block, BAC Quarters, Jellicoe Street, Clermont. Contact 4651 0587.

Clermont Patchwork and Quilters Group Inc / Thursdays, 9.15am & Saturdays, 10am. The group meets on these days and new members or visitors are welcome to come along and join in. Blair Athol Coal Recreation Room, Jellicoe Street, Clermont. Contact 4983 3155.

Flaggy Rock Quilters / Fridays, 9am
The Flaggy Rock Quilters meet every Friday at the Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre starting at 9am. Everyone and anyone are 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 braid quilts. For more information or to receive a Flaggy Rock Quilters newsletter contact Jennifer on 4964 5408 or Rosa on 4950 2201.

Genealogy
The Broadsound Business Unit of the Isaac Regional Council has a large collection of genealogy resources which rotate around the shire. These resources are made available to anyone interested in genealogy (family history) at different locations in the shire. These locations include Dysart, Middlemount and St Lawrence libraries and the Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre. For more information on the genealogy groups or the genealogy resources contact Jennifer on 4964 5408.

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.

Printbank / Third Sunday of the month, 2pm
Monthly meeting devoted to discussion around general business of the group and planning upcoming exhibitions and workshops. Mackay Fibre Arts Meeting rooms, Pitkin House, Pitkin Street, Walkerston. Contact Heather 4942 7820 or Diane 4954 9465.

Salsa In The City / Tuesday Nights, 7.30pm - 9pm
Salsa is one of the most popular dances in the world today and you can learn to Salsa every Tuesday Night at the AM Bar. Whether you are a first time Salsera or already caught the craze, come along on Tuesdays and join in the fun and the best part, it's FREE. Mackay Grand Mercure Hotel, AM Bar. Contact David or Julie of Latino Rhythms for more info 0415 729 230.

Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. Club Days
Every Wednesday, 8.30am – 12noon / Second and forth Sundays of the month, 8am – 1pm. Members woodturning and open to visitors. Pyrography every Tuesday 1.30pm – 4pm. Clubhouse, Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield. For more information contact Bob 4957 4569.

Weaving Circles.
A Weaving Circle weaves together the fabric of community through weaving the Weaving a Life keyforms. Even if you have never woven before, you will love the feel of the natural materials, the beautiful portable loom, the colours, textures and patterns you can weave into your own life. Classes begin February 2009. For more information, contact Pam Hutley 4959 7332 / phutley2@bigpond.com For more information, contact Pam Hutley. PH 4959 7332 or EM phutley2@bigpond.com

Ilbilbie Hall Management Committee Craft Days / Tuesdays, 9am. Every Tuesday is craft day at the Ilbilbie Community Hall. The day kicks off at 9am. Bring your current project along or learn a new skill. The group is currently working on embroidery, patchwork, stamping and papercraft and fabric dyeing and manipulation. Come along and meet new friends. For more information contact Margaret on 4950 3921.

WAGS – Women’s Action Group of Clairview

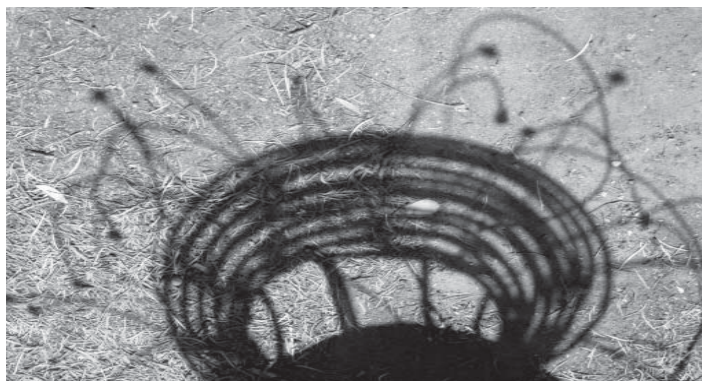
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Flaggy Rock Community and Recreation Centre.

Mackay TAFE is currently running a series of fused glass workshops at this centre. There is also the ability to run pottery classes (a kiln and potters wheel are located on site) at the centre. If you are interested in either of these opportunities contact Jennifer Clark – Coastal Communities Development Officer on 4964 5408 or 0427147493.

Ilbilbie Hall Management Association Incorporated

The Ilbilbie Craft Group is currently running a series of fabric dyeing and free motion embroidery workshops. Local Greenhill fabric artist Lori Gourlay has been employed to deliver these workshops with the intention of exhibiting works created by participants in an exhibition to be held late in 2008. If you are interested in the workshops please contact Margaret on 4950 3921 or Jennifer on 4964 5408.



Proserpine, Whitsundays & Bowen

Artists and Potters Meeting / Wednesdays, 9am – 12pm

The Bowen Potters Group and the Art Society use the Arts Centre for their activities. The members consist of local residents dedicated to all forms of art. New members and visitors always 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.

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.

Museums & Galleries - Mackay

Arthouse Gallery

4 High Street, Walkerston. Open by appointment. Contact 4959 2330 / 0418 722 523
arthouse150@westnet.com.au / www.artgallerymackay.com.au

Artspace Mackay - Regional Art Gallery

Open Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm (closed Mondays)
Civic Centre Precinct, Gordon Street Mackay. Contact 4957 1775.

Greenmount Homestead

Open Sunday - Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm
Preserving and sharing cultural heritage. Contact Greenmount Homestead 4959 2250.

Jenni Kirkwood Art & Tropic Expression

Open Saturday and Sunday 10am - 4pm
Works include hand painted earthenware, wall hangings, tiles, paintings, post and mirrors, all in colourful tropical themes. Frangipani House, 82 Nebo Road, Corner Schaefer Street, Mackay. Contact 4951 4600.

Mackay Museum Historical Society

Open Thursdays and first Sunday of the month 10am - 2pm
A showcase of Mackay’s History. 3 Casey Avenue, South Mackay. Contact 0422 237 172.

Mackay Town Hall - Community Exhibitions Program

Artspace Mackay’s Community Exhibitions Program is an ongoing program of exhibitions by local artists and community groups, upstairs at the Town Hall, Sydney Street Mackay. For further details on current exhibitions, contact Artspace Mackay 4957 1722.

Milton House Gallery

Featuring changing exhibitions of high quality original art by local and Australian artists. Open Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 12pm. 88 Milton Street, Mackay. Contact 4951 1623.

Orange Gecko Art Network

54 Wellington Street Mackay. Contact Ann Williams-Fitzgerald 07 49577505 / orangegecko@optusnet.com.au / www.angelfire.com/planet/orangegecko

Pioneer Potters Gallery

Open Wednesdays 9am - 3pm. Have a go at pottery in a friendly and casual atmosphere. From sculptures, pots, ornaments. Handbuilding to wheelwork. Limited only by your imagination. 8 Loughnane Court, North Mackay. Contact 4957 6255.

The Lagoons Gallery - Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens

Open Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 4pm (closed Mondays)
The Lagoons Gallery is a modern space showcasing ever-changing local and touring exhibitions and displays with an environmental or cultural theme. Located at the main visitor’s centre, Lagoon Street, West Mackay. Contact 4952 7300
. www.mackayregionalbotanicgardens.com.au/events

The Old Station Teahouse and Craft Gallery

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 4 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5 pm (Closed Wednesdays). Featuring local arts and craft. 231 Cape Hillsborough Road, Seaforth. Contact 4959 0528.

TJ’s Gallery on Evans

Featuring a range of abstract art from a variety of artists. Open Monday - Friday 8:30am – 5pm, Saturday 8.30am – 12.30pm. 24 Evans Avenue, North Mackay. Contact 4957 2022.

Wood Chook Gallery

Offering a large range of local hand made items. Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, Saturday 9am - 1pm. Centrepoint Arcade, Mackay City Heart. Contact 4957 8520.

Museums & Galleries - Sarina

Sarina District Historical Centre Inc

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am to 2pm. For more information contact 4943 1926 or 4956 2436. The Sarina District Historical Centre will close on the 12th December until the 12th January 2009.

Sarina Sugar Shed

Open Monday - Saturday from 9am. Australia’s only fully operational miniature sugar processing Mill and Distillery. Field of Dreams Parkland, Railway Square Sarina. Contact 4943 2801 / info@sarinasugarshed.com.au / www.sarinasugarshed.com.au

Sarina Art Gallery

This Gallery is only open when exhibitions are booked. Opening hours during exhibitions are Tuesday to Sunday, 10am – 3pm. Field of Dreams Parkland, next to the Sarina Sugar Shed. Check out the Sarina Events listing in this booklet or subscribe to the creative mackay monthly ebulletin to find out when exhibitions are being held. For more details or to hire the gallery for your own exhibition contact Mackay Regional Council on 1300 MACKAY.

Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre

Open daily 9am – 5pm. 1 Railway Square, Sarina. Contact 4956 2251.

The Art Shack/Greenhills Nursery and Gifts

Open Wednesday - Sunday 9am - 3pm. Featuring artwork by local emerging regional artists. 410 Greenhill Road, Ilbilbie Qld 4738. Contact Rhonda Page 4950 1174 / 49503112 (A/H).



Sarina Art Gallery, Field of Dreams Parkland, Railway Square.

Museums & Galleries - Pioneer Valley

Badila Art Centre

Open Sat from 9.30am – 2.30pm or by appointment.
A Pioneer Valley Arts Gallery featuring over 100 paintings by local artists. The Badila Art Centre is a working art gallery. All artists and students are welcome to join in with the members or come and have a look. Elsie Nash Street, Pinnacle. Contact Mel Lowth 4958 3170.

Gargett Gallery

Open Thursday - Sunday 10am - 4pm or by appointment.
Jim Moule Street, Gargett. Contact 4958 5024.

Mirani Museum

Open Tuesday - Friday 9.30am – 2.30 pm, Sunday 9.30am - 3pm
Local history display. Victoria St, Mirani. Contact 4959 1100.

Museums & Galleries - Bowen Basin

Clermont Historical Society and Museum

Open Monday & Tuesday 10am – 12pm, Wednesday - Friday & Sunday 10am - 4 pm, Saturday 2pm - 4pm. There are options for groups to visit outside of these times. Gregory Highway. Contact 4983 3311 or 4983 1098.

Coalface Gallery – Isaac Regional Council Art Gallery

Open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm. Grosvenor Complex, Bachelor Parade, Moranbah. Contact 4941 7254.

Nebo Museum

Open Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 3pm. The Courtyard, Reynolds St, Nebo. Contact 4950 5471.

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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 4945 1326 / denise@vanderlugt.com.au

Proserpine Historical Museum

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 4pm.
198 Main Street Proserpine. Contact 4945 3969.

Whitsunday Art Gallery

Open Monday - Sunday 10am - 4pm
Gallery has a featured artist each month. Refreshments available. 76 Shute Harbour Road, Cannonvale. Contact 4948 1090.

Markets

City Centre Markets

Sundays 8.30am – 12.30pm. Live music all morning, jumping castle, kiddies train, plants, home cooking, fruit & vegetables, hand made jewellery, crystals, beads, skincare, loads of arts and crafts. There is something for everyone. Come along for a great day of fun. New stallholders welcome. Mackay City Centre, Victoria Street. Contact 4957 8994.

Louisa Creek Markets

New stalls and boot sales welcome. Hector Sports Grounds, Louisa Creek. For dates and more information contact 4956 3256.

Mackay Showground Markets

Every Saturday 6.30am – 11am. Homemade, home grown and second hand. Stall holders invited to turn up on morning. Mackay Show Grounds, Gordon St Entrance. Contact 4957 3916.

Marian Markets

Market day with various stalls including homemade cakes, jams, chutney, confectionery, plants and orchids, crafts, fruit and veg, sausage sizzle, tea/coffee & drinks. Catholic Church grounds, Anzac Ave Marian. For dates and more information contact 4954 3242 or 4954 3233.

Moranbah Lions Markets. / Last Sunday of the month, 8am – 12pm. Town Square Park. Contact 4941 5250.

Paxtons Riverside Markets / first Sunday of the month, 9am – 1pm. Light refreshments, arts, crafts & homemade wares. Paxtons Building next to Pacinos Waterfront Restaurant in River Street, Mackay. Contact Julia 4959 1230 or Jill 4956 6236. A Christmas night market will be held on the 19 December, 5pm - 9pm.

Pioneer Valley Country Music Association Family Night / Third Saturday of the month. Featuring local artists and musicians. A great family evening. Everyone is welcome. United Church Hall, Walkerston. Contact Betty 4942 8475.

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 Nutt Rd. Contact 4786 5312.

Sarina District Historical Centre Inc Market / Sunday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Field of Dreams Parklands. For more information contact 4943 1926 or 4956 2436.

Sarina Showground Markets / Last Sunday of the month, 8am – 12pm. Over 150 assorted stalls including plants, home cooking, gifts and fresh produce. Kids activities with plenty to see and do. Show Society canteen open early with good food and cold drinks. Live local music all day. Sarina Showgrounds. Contact 4956 1066.

Seaforth Sunday Markets

Every Sunday 8am - 11am. A community market with stallholders selling a range of jewellery, craft, fruit and vegetables, baked goods, bric-a-brac, clothing and accessories. In the foreshore parkland at Seaforth. Contact 4959 0332.

The Hut Markets

First Sunday of the month commencing Sunday 2 March 2009, 8am - 12noon. New stall holders welcomed. The Australian South Sea Islander Hut at the Lagoons, Ram Chandra Place, West Mackay (City Gates). For enquires and stallholder bookings contact 4953 2413 / 49 59 1492.

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. Contact Tammy 49 540 866.

The Troppo Treasure Market

Second Sunday of the month except June (Mackay Show), open to stall holders for set up 5.30am - 7am and the public from 7.30am. Hot food, ice cream, coffee, drinks and entertainment for all. Founded by the Rotary Club of Mackay North. Income raised will support their chosen charities. For more information visit the website www.troppomarket.com.au

Whitsunday Lions Airlie Beach Foreshore Markets

Held Saturdays 8am to 12pm. Arts, crafts, home produce, jewellery, clothing etc. Airlie Beach Foreshore.



Local band The Search play at Paxton's Warehouse on River Street for a public screening of the documentary *Searching for The Search*, produced by up and coming young film maker Anna Porter with the assistance of the regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). The RADF is a joint Queensland Government, through Arts Queensland, and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.



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