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Art Is In Calendar of the Arts, on behalf of the Community Development Team at Mackay Regional Council would like to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and New Year.
Council has an ongoing responsibility to provide communication suitable to the needs of all residents. Anyone who wishes to receive Council information in an alternative preferred format should phone 1300 622 529 or email council@mackay.qld.gov.au

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Art is in Calendar of the Arts Contributions

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 43 submissions is Friday 29 January 2010.


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

Mackay Events

Waters’ edge: Creating environments / Until 13 December 2009
An environmental art project conceived and facilitated by Cairns-based artist Jill Chism, Waters’ edge: Creating environments draws attention to water as a vital substance for life. The exhibition features photographs of environmental artworks created by nine Queensland artists, at specific sites throughout Queensland, during residencies in 2008. Installations by three Mackay artists involved in the project – Tracey Heathwood, Ashley Holmes and Ngaio Lenz, will also feature in this exhibition. McAleese Gallery. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

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Consider accessing assistance through the RADF Program.

Round 1 Closed
Round 2 Closed
Round 3 Wednesday 17 February 2010 for projects commencing after 22 March 2010
Round 4 Wednesday 19 May 2010 for projects commencing after 22 March 2010 on 1300 622 529.

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

For more information contact Cathy Knezevic, Arthouse Gallery 4 High Street, Walkerston. Phone: 0749 592 330 / Mobile: 0418 722 523.

Arthouse Gallery

Arthouse Gallery's Festive Art Fair is focusing on affordable art, craft and design, the fair will be a relaxed and fun way to browse a variety of art at one time. As well as the new artworks by Lockhart River Gang, Ron Mcburnie and Dianne Longley guest artist for the Festive Art Fair will include: Sandra Bowkett - wearable art - pendants and brooches; Lyn Kane - woven birds; Bob Faulkner- Paintings; Leonie Wood – Textiles. Arthouse Gallery is the place to discover and buy paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography and original prints – the aim is to make contemporary art accessible to everyone. For more information contact Cathy Knezevic, Arthouse Gallery 4 High Street, Walkerston. Phone: 0749 592 330 / Mobile: 0418 722 523.

Arthouse Gallery Festive Art Fair

Mackay City Band performs at Carols in the MECC Foyer / 16 December. If you would like more information on upcoming performances or would like to join please email mackaycityband@gmail.com for more information. The Mackay City Band rehearses weekly in the band hall located on Leisure Court, Mackay from 7pm.

The Hut Markets / Sunday 6 December, 8am - 12noon (First Sunday of the month, except January/February) Grab a taste of South Sea Island culture with this monthly market day with local craft and food. Australian South Sea Islander Meeting Hut via Ram Chandra Drive southern entrance, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. All are welcome. New Stall holders are also welcome. Please contact Noeline on 49 532 413. Come along. Free tea and coffee.

The Messiah / Sunday 13 December, 2pm
Presented by Mackay Choral Society this is a free concert sponsored by the Mackay Regional Council and The MECC. Handel's Messiah is an all time favourite and does not need any introduction, what better way to spend a cool Sunday afternoon. Mackay Entertainment Convention Centre. For more information contact Ken Martin 49424085 / kmartin@netspace.net.au

Arthouse Gallery Festive Art Fair pendants.

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Fiona MacDonald: Local studies / 18 December 2009 – 31 January 2010. From the early 1990s to today, Fiona MacDonald’s major creative focus has been the archives from her hometown of Rockhampton. In this exhibition, Fiona transforms archival material by recomposing and integrating it with her own invented imagery and techniques – often drawing on diverse print media traditions, such as street art, and folk traditions such as weaving and collage. McAleese Gallery. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer

Free Exhibition Floor Talk / Saturday 19 December, from 11am.

Carols in the Gardens / 19 December, 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Come along and bring all the family to this very popular Christmas event on Saturday December 19 from 5.30 to 8.30pm. Featuring “The Harmonics”, “Karen Bonham” and others as the entertainers for the evening. Garden Friends will have their ever-popular raffles, glow candles, bracelets, and Christmas Carol songbooks for sale. The Lagoon Cafe will be open until late. Contact Maya Harrison 49527300. botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Sunday in the Park / 20 December, 2pm – 4pm
Bring a chair or a picnic blanket, then settle back, and enjoy the sounds of local musicians at this free concert. Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Tropical Sun Lawn, adjacent to the main entrance, 9 Lagoon Street. Phone 49424477 or contact Maya Harrison 49527300. botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Botanic Gardens' Collection Exhibition / 13 January – 31 January 2010. The Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens has a varied collection of paintings, prints and photographs. A selection of these will be on display for the public’s viewing pleasure as they dine in the air-conditioned Cafe and Gallery. The Lagoons Gallery and Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday - 10am to 3pm. Weekends 8am to 4pm. Cost Free. Contact Maya Harrison 49527300. botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Our Local History Exhibition / 3 February – 28 February 2010 Our Local History Exhibition is a selection of photographs from the Mackay Regional Council’s Local History Archives. The Lagoons Gallery and Cafe is open Wednesday to Friday - 10am to 3pm. Weekends 8am to 4pm. Cost Free. Contact Maya Harrison 49527300. botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Postcard Exhibition “Subject Matters”

Artspace Mackay Foundation launches the first POSTCARD EXHIBITION “SUBJECT MATTERS”

An eclectic collection of over 70 compact canvases for Auction and for Sale. Featuring a creative mix of talented Queensland Artists. Entries close 13 December 2009. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 4961 9722.
Habitus – Habitat / 5 February – 4 April 2010 Featuring a selection of works created during artist residencies throughout Queensland in 2005 and 2006, Habitus – Habitat showcases some of the finest contemporary art practice currently taking place in Queensland. McAleese Gallery. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

Also showing in the Mackay Mazda Foyer Who minds the shell?: Lesley Kane / 5 February – 4 April 2010 Lesley Kane’s fascination with prehistoric times is ever so often taken of fossil shell deposits from the inland sea during the relentless search and mining of coal. For more information, contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

Free Exhibition Floor Talks / Saturday 6 February, from 11am Film & Arts Mackay, & CQ University Library Film Night: Bottle Shock / 5 February 7.30pm. In 1976, Californian vintner Francis Ford Coppola took the blind tasting known as the ‘Judgement of Paris’. Alan Rickman gives a simply delicious performance as the winemaker. We pay tribute to the Napa Valley won the blind tasting known as the ‘Judgement of Paris’. Alan Rickman gives a simply delicious performance as the winemaker. We pay tribute to the

Mackay Workshops & Meetings

Mackay Fibre Arts Workshops - for Expressions of Interest. We are a vibrant group of creative people with expertise in hand embroidery, machine sewing, quilting, weaving, knitting, crochet & hand-made books. If you know 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 carbone@bigpond.com

Term 4, Kids Art Club with Rosemary Payne: 8 – 12 years / Every Saturday until 5 December 2009, 10am – 12pm. Artspace Mackay Seminar Room. $10 per child, includes materials and morning tea each week. For children aged 6 - 8 years. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

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BMA Kidspace / Tuesday 1 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 artist run activities and gallery tours 12pm-1pm > Live music with Rubberband. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

Nature’s Christmas Decorations, from Seeds and Leaves / Wednesday 16, Thursday 17, Friday 18, Monday 21, and Tuesday 22 December. 2 sessions per day, 10am – 12 Noon and 2pm – 4pm. School Holiday Fun. Get the kids out of the house and discover some fun holiday activities from art and crafts to discovery walks in the Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens. Groups of 10 children in each session. Cost $5. Limited numbers. Booking essential. Payment due at time of booking. Contact Maya Harrison 49527300. botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Make a Bee Line for the Gardens / 7 - 9 January 2010, 2 sessions per day, 10am – 12 Noon and 2pm – 4pm. During January’s School Holidays a range of events at the Botanic Gardens will keep the kids active and busy every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Children will discover all the Wildife that begins with B: Birds, Beetles, Bats and Bugs observe them up close, learn about the important role they play in nature and then create some of their own creatures. Each group is limited to 10 children, children to be aged over five, and bookings are essential. Payment due at time of booking. Cost $5 each. For further information, please contact Maya Harrison at the Botanic Gardens. Phone 4952 7300 or botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

Art & Place workshop and information sessions / Saturday 6 February 2010, 10.30pm – 2pm. Come along to this free workshop and information session, presented by Arts Queensland, to learn more about the Queensland Government’s art+place public art fund. This fund devotes $12 million to new public art projects in Queensland, from 2008 – 2010, and builds on Queensland’s reputation as a leader in public art. It provides assistance for public art projects to Queensland local government councils, not-for-profit arts and cultural organisations, arts and cultural festivals and arts and cultural projects. For more information contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

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Hide and Seek Trails / 19 - 21 January 2010, 2 sessions per day, 10am – 12 Noon and 2pm – 4pm. During January’s School Holidays a range of events at the Botanic Gardens will keep the kids active and busy every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Follow the clues and discover surprises in the Botanic Gardens from frogs, fungi, footprints and FUN! Each group is limited to 10 children, children to be aged over five, and bookings are essential. Payment due at time of booking. Cost $5 each. For further information, please contact Maya Harrison at the Botanic Gardens. Phone 4952 7300 or botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

KIDS’ APT Holiday Art Workshop / Sunday 14 January 2010, 10am – 12pm. Art for children aged 8 – 12 years. Bookings essential. $20 per child ($10 subsequent siblings). For more information contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722. Artspace-To-Go Holiday Art Workshop / Thursday 14 January 2010, 10am – 12pm. Art for children aged 8 – 12 years. Bookings essential. $20 per child ($10 subsequent siblings). For more information contact Artspace Mackay 07 4961 9722.

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Indigenous artists are encouraged to apply.

Please attach a brief resume including any experience working with young people or groups, and images of previous artwork where available.

Please do not send original images.

Funding is in the process of being sought for artist fees and purchase of materials.

Information provided including images may be used in future funding submissions and program facilitation.

Artists involved will have the option of participating in an experiential arts therapy group with other artists and support workers involved in the project.

Send EoIs to: Creative Community Solutions, PO Box 11244, Mackay Caneland QLD 4740.

For more information contact Melissa Selleck on 0437 047 030 or melselleck@yahoo.com.au

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which Artspace Mackay resides. We pay our respects to the traditional custodians of the land of the Warrgamay people and acknowledge their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.
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 0442 2575 / info@mackaychoralsociety.org.au

Mackay City Band & Mackay German Fest Band
The Mackay City Band rehearses weekly in the band hall located on Leisure Court, Mackay from 7pm, followed by the Mackay Germanfest band. If you would like more information on upcoming performances or would like to join please email mackaycitybandband@ gmail.com for more information.

Mackay Fibre Arts / Second and fourth Fridays 9:30am - 3pm and third Sundays 10am - 3pm. Join this vibrant group to learn the skills of embroidery, quilting, spinning, weaving, knitting, crocheting, felting, basketry, and book arts. Contact Geraldine 4951206 or Jenny 49592014 for more information.

Mackay Meditation Group / Third Sunday of the month, 8am – 1pm. Meet at the Mackay City Band 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 / byron@madec.org.au

Mackay Woodturners Association Inc. Club DaysEvery Wednesday, 8:30am – 12noon / Second and forth Sundays of the month, 8am – 1pm. Members woodturning and open to visitors. Pymore Road, Tuesdays and Sundays, Clubhouse, Snow Wright Court Beaconsfield. For more information contact Bob 4567 4568.

Nancee’s School of Belly Dance / Wednesdays 11am to 12 noon Meet at International Dance Affair, Malcomson St. North Mackay ( next to North Mackay Newsagency) entry via Cornwall St. Cost $7. Beginners welcome. For more information contact Jeanette 49421569 or 0413570211.

Pioneer Potters / Wednesdays, 9am – 3pm Classes by appointment and gallery open Wednesdays. New members very welcome. B Loughnane Court, off Swanee Street, North Mackay. Contact 4597 6256.

Poetry of the Body: An invitation to freedom through the body’s wisdom - Monthly Movement Group / 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8pm - 9pm. 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, ccr Wood St & 8th Ln, Mackay. Fee: 5 sessions $175; concessions available. Facilitator: Judith Grieve, Creative Arts Therapist & Counsellor. For enquiries and bookings phone 4942 4171.

Printbank AGM / Sunday 21 February 2010, 2pm AGM Meeting in the Town Hall Mackay. Electing a new Management Committee. For more information please contact Brigitte 4956 6446 or Diane 4954 9455.

Ballroom Classes / Fridays, 7pm - 8pm Celeste Angel Dandridge Community Centre. Learn Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, and more. Beginners to Advanced. June – Quickstep / July – Foxtrot / August – Waltz. Cost is $10 per person. For more information contact DanceFactor 0409 874 747 / dancelfactor@gmail.com or visit www.dancelfactor.com.au

Bollywood Beat / Thursdays 6.15 - 7.15 Amateur Bollywood Dancers get to beat out beat music and a great way to keep fit. Everyone welcome. Phone Nancie 49546716 AV or Leonie on 49551024 / bollywoodbeat@hotmail.com

Book Arts Group, Mackay Fibre Arts / Third Sunday of the month, 9.30am – 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 / geraldineymolan@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 learn 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 0442 2575 / info@mackaychoralsociety.org.au

Colleen Heathwood Arts Classes Acrylics, drawing & mixed media. Beginners to Intermediate. Designed to encourage participants to explore different mediums and learn to ‘look’ in a relaxed and supportive environment. 49511623 / 0437 033432 2 Taylor Street, Mackay. $20 per class or $110 upfront for seven weeks.

Creative Shots Photo Club Inc / Third Monday of each month except December. Mackay Botanical Gardens Meeting Room. For more information contact Cheryl 4957 5937 / info@creativeshots.com.au or visit www.creativeshots.com.au

DreamWorks - Dreams and their Themes / 1st Saturday of the month. 2pm - 4.30pm. Join a monthly DreamWork/group gathering to joyfully dream 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, deeper self awareness in support of personal development. An exploration of 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 Pinho 49552655 / Claudo255@hotmail.com

Hadarah Bellydancing BellyDancing Classes for Fun and Fitness. International Dance Affair Studio, Evans Avenue Nth Mackay. For further information contact 07 4955 6747 / 0412 759 343.

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 6504 / 0412 759 343.

Learn To Dance / Fridays, 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, ccr Grendon & Ungerer Sts, North Mackay. Call David or Julie on 0415 729230 for more info.

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Interested artists wishing to explore pathways for entry into the MCA degree, The School of Visual & Performing Arts from the University of Tasmania announces a unique opportunity to develop your creative talents in a dynamic arts environment through postgraduate study. We are now offering places in our postgraduate course ‘Master of Contemporary Arts’ to the Queensland region so artists do not have to relocate to undertake study. Study in the Master of Contemporary Arts (MCA) is undertaken externally through the highly prestigious Academy of the Arts at the Launceston campus. This challenging and creative program provides professional studio/workplace-oriented experiences that will extend your understanding and appreciation of arts-related concepts, propositions and contemporary professional practices, assisting in new opportunities for work in the creative industries. Entry into the Master of Contemporary Arts postgraduate study is offered twice a year, with study starting in February and July. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity please contact: UTAS Queensland Postgraduate Field Office [Marketing & Recruitment] Ann Williams-Fitzgerald on 4957 7505 or annwilf@optusnet.com.au or Ann Williams-Fitzgerald@utas.edu.au to discuss pathways for entry into the MCA degree. For further information on the School of Visual and Performing Arts visit: http://www.acadarts.utas.edu.au or telephone 03 6524 4400.

Weaving Circles: empowering women's collective journey - Monthly Women's Circle / 4th Saturday of the month, 2pm - 5pm. Fostering sustainable vision, skills... we'll store, 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, Certified Weaving Circle Leader. 49597332/thuteley2@bigpond.com

Social Latin Classes / Wednesdays, 8pm – 9.30pm Andergrove Neighbourhood Centre, Bedford Road. For Beginners learn the basics - Intermediate to Advanced learn brand new moves. June – Salsa / July – Samba / August - Cha Cha Cha. Cost is $10 per person. For more information contact DanceFactor 0409 874 747 / dancefactor@gmail.com or visit www.dancefactor.com.au

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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 49704569.

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2010 RADF Showcase

Date Claimer:

Saturday 13 February, 6 - 9pm
Venue to be confirmed.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to participate in this showcase event featuring a selection of local arts and cultural work by RADF recipients...

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De Jouer Designs
20 Daly Street, Marian. Open 7 days featuring local art & craft from local artists and workshops including - Beading, candle making, patchwork, Fabric Art, Ceramic painting, Basic Sewing and much more. Phone staff on 4945 3050.

Armstrong Beach Machine Embroidery Group / third Tuesday of each month. The Armstrong Beach Machine Embroidery Group meets the third Tuesday of each month at Llewellyn Hall, Armstrong Beach commencing approx 8.30am. The focus of the group is on informality, networking in a relaxed atmosphere and basically enjoying & sharing experiences and techniques in a group atmosphere. More information can be obtained by contacting Lydia Cerr on Ph 49430731 or email blzcon@bigpond.com

Flaggy Rock Quilters / every Friday. 9 am
The Flaggy Rock Quilters meet every Friday at the Flaggy Rock Community Centre from 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, basic sample quilts and bag making. For more information or to receive a Flaggy Rock Quilters newsletter contact Jennifer on 4964 5408 or Rose on 4950 2201.

Sarina Country Music Association Family Night / First Saturday of the month, 7pm. Featuring local artists & musicians, it’s a good Family Night. 7pm start, at Sarina Bowl Club. Everyone is welcome. Contact Pat Fowler 0427503274.

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 4944 9140 or Mary 4956 4594.

Sarina woman’s singing group / Tuesday nights, 6 - 7pm
Held at the Sarina QCWA hall. Participation via gold coin donation. For more information contact margieward@bigpond.com

Pioneer Valley
Valley Spinners & Craft Groups 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.

The Valley Theatre Players Inc. / Every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Pinnacle Playhouse. The Valley Theatre Players Inc. are a group of artists who enjoy their craft with its many facets. Our home is The Pinnacle Playhouse, Elsie Nash St Pinnacle, it is a lovely building with its pleasant foyer for entertaining, theatre with seating for 200 and auditorium which is used for many activities. This community group consists of all ages the only requirement to join is that you enjoy theatre. Adults and children are able to learn the crafts of acting, singing and dancing then enjoy performing in front of a live audience. We have three major productions through the year a Live Theatre Show, Theatre Restaurant and a Pantomime. There are also many technical workshops with experienced professional tutors are held regularly. For more information contact Margaret on 4950 3921.

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Museums & Galleries - Pioneer Valley

Badilla Arts Centre
The Centre opens on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 2:30pm. The Badilla Arts Centre (next to the Playhouse in Pinacoe) is a working art gallery and all public, artists, and students can participate with members and everyone is welcome to attend. You can contact Marie on the 4952 5626, Val on 4956 5254 or Pat 4954 1487.

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, Saturday 9.30am - 3pm Local history display. Victoria St, Mirani. Contact 4958 1100.

Museums & Galleries - Brisbane Basin

Coalface Gallery
The Coalface Gallery is situated in the Isaac Regional Council’s offices in Batchelor Street Moranbah. The gallery is open to the public from 8.30am – 5pm Monday to Friday and on market day which is the last Sunday of each month. For more information contact Jennifer on 4954 5408 or jennifer.clark@isaac.qld.gov.au

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.

Clermont Library and Visitor Information Centre
The Clermont Library and Visitor Information Centre is situated on the corner of Herschel and Kamoo Streets and has an Artspace which is dedicated to the works of local artists. The centre is open to the public and can be contacted on 4983 4750.

Historic Nebo Museum & The Courthouse Gallery
Open Tues, Wed & Thursday, 9am – 3pm. 8 Reynold Street, Nebo. Contact 4950 5471.

WAGS – Women’s Action Group of Clairview
WAGS operate from the Clairview Community Hall - beautiful sea views. This industrious group sell their art and craft to locals and the travelling public. They also sell tea, coffee and home made cakes and slices, used books and magazines. A percentage of every sale is donated to organisations that have an impact of the local communities i.e. the helicopter rescue service. WAGS operate Monday to Friday, 9am – 1pm from April to October each year. For more information contact Lyn on 4956 0006.

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 Vanderflugt Studio Gallery
83 Bennett Street, Strathdickie. (5 minutes from Proserpine). Please phone 4945 1250 / vanderlugt@dodo.com.au

Proserpine Historical Museum
Open Monday - Friday 9am – 4pm. 188 Main Street Proserpine. Contact 4945 3969.

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

Sarina Sugar Shed
Located last Sunday of each month, 8am – 12pm Over 150 assorted stalls including plants, home cooking, gifts and fresh produce. Free entrance. Phones Rhonda No. 4059 094 006 or Carole No. 4059 094 006. Everyone is welcome. Buses welcome, morning teas can be provided if you give us a call first. Ph Rhonda 07 49503112 or Carole 0409 094 006. Only 50 minutes south of Mackay. 410 Greenhill Road, Ilbilbie, (4 kms off the Hwy, Opposite servo) e-mail rhonda.l.page@gmail.com. Gallery open other times on request by phoning either Rhonda or Carole.
Hiromi TANGO with local collaborating artists Hiromi Hotel Mackay Orchid House 2009.