



E-News 5: Monday 8 September 08

Events & Media Opportunities

WEEK THREE – FESTIVAL CAIRNS

Another bumper weekend – while rainy, didn't dampen attendance at Carnival on Collins yesterday with some 20,000 in attendance. Reggaetown Festival and Food, Wine and All That Jazz were absolute crackers, as was Sneaky Beats, United – Youth Concert, Stomp the Nard and all the other wonderful events on the calendar.



Pictures: Some shots from my phone at yesterday's Carnival on Collins – Sarah Flenley of Jute puts on her market hat to 'man' her stall, Eliza goes Retro, The kids check out the map and try on funny hats

- **In Her Own Words – Majella Smith, Food Wine & All That Jazz,**

“Event was very successful with around 400 people more than last year attending - gate numbers just over 1600. We have had lots of positive feedback which always makes you feel good. The kid's space was a great success with Gherkin the Clown & his face painter friend who gave all the little ones 'Love Cairns' love hearts. We had lots of giveaways in that area also – tattoos, glow sticks etc. Paris Texas played some great, easy listening Jazz for the first couple of hours. The Allure girls with their high impact dance were well received. Felix Chen was amazing with his fire dance – loudly applauded – he is so fit & so professional. Hip2Soul got the crowd moving with some great dance music to finish off the night. Steve & Tammy from 4CA did the MC role & they were terrific. The food was well received with interesting & tasty dishes. Annette Jarrett from Leukaemia did well with her ice bucket hire & water sales. The Movenpick Ice Cream cart was fabulous with some very interesting flavours. We had the ATODS alcohol testing people at the gate as people left offering breath tests – I think they may have helped a few people change their minds about driving home. All in all a great event!!

Thanks for your assistance & interest. Look forward to working with you again in the future.”
Assistant Event Coordinator at Events NQ, Majella Smith

RACQ Insurance Parade of Lights – Entries Wanted NOW!!!!



Last minute call for entries in this year's Parade of Lights – be it walkers, floats, cyclists, tap dancers – you name it – the more the merrier – contact Events Cairns on tel: 4051 0222 NOW to register...or visit Website www.festivalcairns.com.au

Check out the website for more information www.festivalcairns.com.au – or my Festival Cairns blog – features all press releases/media kit and updates...www.pipmillerpr.com.au or call me on 0419 681543

For interviews with Operations Manager, Narell Black, call her on 0433 078830 or tel: 40307518 email: narell@eventscairns.com

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK? Well, apart from stating the bleedin' obvious of Cairns Amateurs, there is heaps – poetry slamming, busking, storytime by local celeb, Diane Cilento, Kooky Cabaret burlesque at Tanks, 7 Deadlies at JUTE - read on and find out. Media calls highlighted in red.

Monday 8 September 2008:

- **Possum Magic – the Musical – SOLD OUT. Final shows at 11.30am and 1.30pm today at Cairns Civic Theatre.**

Tuesday 9 September 2008:

- **Australian Poetry Slam 08 at Tank 5, Tanks Art Centre. Youth Workshops 10am to 12 Noon. Adult Workshops 6pm to 8pm**

For the second year running, Tanks will host Australian Poetry Slam in association with the State Library of Queensland. If you didn't know – slams are an electric spoken word showcase open to anyone with something to say. Workshops today to get ready for Slam performance hosted by QLD slammaster, Ghostboy tomorrow night from 7.30pm. FREE workshops. **Contact Pip Miller 0419681543 for media opps with Ghostboy.**

Wednesday 10 September 2008:

- **Storytime in the Library presented by Cairns Libraries at Cairns City Library 10.30am.**

Reading of the award-winning children's book, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister by mystery Taipans basketballer. **For bookings contact Cairns City Library on 4044 3720 or details contact Kristie Jones at Cairns Libraries on 4044 3791.**

- **Drum Up Big Workshop from 7pm to 8pm at Yorkeys Knob Community Centre workshop .**

The first of two workshops (second is Wed 17 September) with Tara Tucker who will teach drumming workshops for participation in RACQ Insurance Parade of Lights on Saturday 20 September. **For information, email: drumupbig@hotmail.com**

- **Australian Poetry Slam 08 at Tank 5, Tanks Art Centre. Slam Performance hosted by Queensland slammaster and renowned performance poet, Ghostboy from 7.30pm.**

Two minutes, a microphone and a live audience as judge – performers can speak, sing, scream, rap, howl or whisper their words with the top two slammers being flown to Brisbane for the state final and vying for \$10GRAND up for grabs. FREE event with Food served from Flavours of India.

- **Consentino's Threshold presented by Cairns Regional Council at Cairns Civic Theatre 8pm**
Experience the art of illusion, dance and escapes with Cosentino at Cairns Civic Theatre. **For information, contact Ticketlink on tel: 4031 9555.**
- **Ensembles, Arias & Pipe Organ presented by Cairns Classical Music Group at Cairns Presbyterian Church (opp. Cairns Civic Theatre) at 8pm**
This event will feature ensembles of talented musicians in instrumental groups and choirs, gifted aria signers and pipe organ for an enchanting, one-night-only concert. **For information, Margery Duffy OAM on tel: 4053 2630.**

Thursday 11 September 2008:

- **Cairns Amateurs 50th Celebration Fashion Parade Brunch from 9.30am Cairns Convention Centre**
675 behatted ladies will line up at 9.30am for a champagne sipping Extravaganza – officially gets underway from 10am.
- **Diane Cilento takes Storytime in Mossman Library presented by Cairns Libraries at 10.30am.**
Reading of the award-winning children's book, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister by Diane Cilento. **For bookings contact Mossman Library on 4099 9496 or details contact Kristie Jones at Cairns Libraries on tel: 4044 3791.**
- **Second batch Ergon Energy Busking Festival Heats today and tomorrow at City Place Pitch from 12 noon to 2.35pm.**
Catch a circus act, Chris Wighton and Mike Gilligan - the singing guitarists, Simon 7 didj player and comic, Ronald Ressegieu. **For information, contact Melinda Norris, Bright Black AV on mob: 0400 798 425 or Claudette Bartos at Inner City Facilities, Cairns Esplanade on tel: 4044 3715**
- **Birch Carroll and Coyle's three night Pictures in the Park starts today with screening of HAIRSPRAY...from 6pm. FREE, Family event in Fogarty Park.**
September 11 – Hairspray, September 12 – Enchanted, September 13 – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. **Contact Festival Cairns on tel: 4051 0222.**
- **Big Band Spectacular presented by Cairnsbands at Cairns Civic Theatre from 7.30pm. For ticket information, contact Ticketlink on tel: 4031 9555**

Friday 12 September 2008:

- **Final Family Fun event at the Pier featuring La Goons today at The Pier from 10am to 1pm**

- **Ladies Day: Cairns Amateurs 50th Racing Carnival** two day horse-racing program starts today at Cannon Park Racecourse. Gates open at 10am. For information, contact Cairns Amateurs on tel: 4041 4911.
- **Festival Friday at Ba8, Shangri-la** from 5pm
- **Birch Carroll and Coyle's Pictures in the Park** continues with Screening of ENCHANTED from 6pm. FREE, Family event in Fogarty Park. For information, contact Festival Cairns on tel: 4051 0222
- **7 Deadly Australian Sins at JUTE Theatre** opens Tonight from 6.30pm for dinner and show from 8pm. Season extends until Saturday 27 September 08. For information, contact Northern Circus Alliance on tel: 4032 2428 or tickets, contact Ticketlink on tel: 4031 9555
- **Kooky Cabaret** presented by The Tanks Art Centre at Tank 3 from 6.30pm

Saturday 13 September 2008:

- **Cairns Amateurs 50th Racing Carnival** – second of two day horse-racing program starts today at Cannon Park Racecourse. Gates open at 10am. For information, contact Cairns Amateurs on tel: 4041 4911
- **2008 Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial** featuring around 100 competitors in pre-1986 rally cars will be making a pit-stop at Cairns Showgrounds – half way point of 7000 km 2008 Red Centre to Gold Coast Trial from 12.30pm to 3pm.
- **Birch Carroll and Coyle's Pictures in the Park** final night with screening CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY in three day program from 6pm. FREE, Family event in Fogarty Park.
- **Love Cairns, Love the Taipans** Opening Home Game of 2008/09 NBL Season Tips off tonight from 7.30pm at Cairns Convention Centre. For tickets, contact Taipans Shop on tel: 4054 4511

Sunday 14 September 2008:

- **Walk for Women presented by Mercy Ministries on the Esplanade from 8am**
Everyone welcome (at \$10 per person) to raise awareness of life-threatening Issues affecting local women....**for information, contact Gail Rogers on tel: 0412 906 241.**
- **Festival Cairns Cup from 12 noon Cairns Yacht Club**
Now in its seventh year, the Cairns Yacht Club will once again hosts its annual event featuring more than 50 yachts of varying sizes and colours who will race it out in Trinity Inlet. **For information, contact Warner Ferguson on tel: 0408 187 497**
- **BDO Kendalls Swing by the Lagoon** from 3pm to 5.30pm

Featuring The Military Band of the First Battalion Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR), the Cairns Youth Stage Band and the Hotshots Big Band. FREE, family event at the Lagoon. **Contact Festival Cairns on tel: 4051 0222.**

The Super Kids Circus Show presented by The Tanks Art Centre & Northern Circus Alliance from 3-5.30pm Tank 3, The Tanks Art Centre.

This is the third annual Super Kids Circus featuring eight local youth and children's circus groups and artists-in-residence, Brisbane troupe, Swing Set Circus. **Tickets available from Ticketlink on tel: 4031 9555. Contact Lisa Capon at Tanks on tel: 4032 6604 for more information.**

Please note, there are media opportunities included in week one e-news. They are written in **RED**. Other opportunities will no doubt arise during the week and will be issued / notified under separate cover.

After the races, don't forget the third of four Festival Friday's at Ba8, Shangri-la....

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