



E-News 6: Monday 15 September 08

Events & Media Opportunities

WEEK FOUR – FINALE WEEK of FESTIVAL CAIRNS 08

Well, Cairns has turned all out over the last three weeks – living and loving Cairns and its Environment...AND...Festival. Great attendances to both free and ticketed events are testimony to its success...and thank heavens our gorgeous spring weather returned on Friday afternoon for a bumper Amateurs ball and race day on Saturday. Other highlights were a win for the Skytrans Taipans at their opening home game of the season against the Dragons...and yesterday, BDO Kendall's Swing by the Lagoon was a fabulous success...families et al flocking to the esplanade for a wonderful afternoon of music...and didn't the kids love the free balloon-art (sponsored by Festival Cairns) showcasing the amazing creativity of Cody and Dani. The weekend fun culminated in Superkids Circus at Tanks, Festival Cairns Cup (yacht race) and Pictures in the Park at Fogarty Park – screening Hairspray and Enchanted...that were postponed earlier on in the week.

This week, kicks off in style with some great events still on the program....don't miss The Audrey's on Friday night at Tanks, Harbourlights inaugural Wine and Dine Lunch, Ergon Energy's Busking Festival – finals of amateur comp and three day program of five international acts – putting beat back in the streets.

And if you get time, check out JUTE's latest production, 7 Deadly Australian Sins – I attended the opening night on Friday – absolutely fantastic production!! SEE IT, SEE IT!!!

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.

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?

Monday 15 September 2008:

- **Media Opportunity:** Monday 15 September from 10am at Dundees Restaurant on the Waterfront for Harbourlights Inaugural Wine & Dine Lunch
Chris Northam, General Manager of Sebel Harbour Lights Cairns and Tina Wort, Manager & Director, Dundees on the Waterfront will talk about this food and wine spectacular – that will be held for the first time on Friday 19 September from noon. Showcases the three new restaurants on this dining strip – Olano's Ristorante e Lounge Bar, Dundees on the Waterfront and Café Lumiere. Entertainment by Simon Harris and his band, Front Ear and fashion parade by Tuba Rose.

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Vision: Executive chef of Olano's Ristorante e Lounge Bar, Brad Nascone, Executive chef of Dundees on the Waterfront, James Wort and Proprietor of Café Lumiere, Chantal Spaulding will showcase the three dishes that will grace Friday's lunch menu.

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Tuesday 16 September 2008:

- Storytime at Smithfield Library from 10.30am....reading by Councillor, Val Schier, Mayor of Cairns Regional Council. Free event. Bookings on tel: 40577755.

Wednesday 17 September 2008:

- **Media Call for Dress Up Your Business Winner's Presentation – TBA – details Pip Miller PR 0419 681543**
- Final Festival Cairns Storytime at Babinda Library from 10.30amreading by Taipans player. Free event. Bookings on tel: 4067 1112.
- **Media Call with Motley Two at Esplanade Pitch – Wednesday 17 September at 1.00pm**

On Thursday 18 September at 12 noon, the first of five international busking acts, Mulletman and Ladderman, will 'bring it' to Cairns streets at City Place Pitch - they have been performing together in and around Australia, NZ and Asia since 1998. With a dynamic infectious energy combined with a chemistry and repertoire of tricks and feats of danger, these guys will leave you breathless with laughter. *For further information contact: Melinda Norris, Operations Manager, Bright Black AV 0450 699 535, Corporate Communications Manager Gaylene Whenmouth Ph. 4080 4891 or 0418 502 891 or Pip Miller PR, Festival Cairns, Ph: 4032 4400 or 0419 681543*

- Couch Music Search at Blue Sky Brewery from 7.30pm - costs \$10 to enter and funds to benefit COUCH....for information, tel: 4051 7290.

Thursday 18 September 2008:

- Ergon Energy Busking Festival Program of International Acts starts today from 12 noon at City Place Pitch with Motley 2 followed by Bikeboy at 1pm, Patrick McCullagh at 2pm, Pogo Dudes at 7pm and Blackstreet Boyz at 8pm....over at Esplanade Pitch you can catch Patrick McCullagh from 1pm, Motley 2 from 2pm, Pogo Dudes from 3pm, Bikeboy from 4pm, Blackstreet Boyz from 5pm, Motley 2 from 6pm and Pogo Dudes from 7pm.

Call Gaylene Whenmouth on 0418 502 891, Simone Roseler on Tel: 4044 3715 or Melinda Norris, Bright Black AV on Tel: 4057 5544.

- Paluai Sook Sook presented by Tanks Art Centre at Tanks Amphitheatre...cultural dance group from PNG...Tickets \$10. For further information, Marcia Muir on tel: 4032 6607.

Friday 19 September 2008:

- **Media Call with Black St Boyz at Esplanade Pitch – Friday 19 September at 8am**
Experience the incredible comic duo of Alfred and Seymour as the Black Street Boyz. These guys bring back team comedy. Dance, music, audience participation give each one of their shows a unique excellence that can never and is never duplicated. Imitated by numerous TV commercials and film caricatures, only the originals survive the test of time. www.blackstreetboyz.net:
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- Ergon Energy Busking Festival Continues at City Place Pitch from 12noon and Esplanade Pitch from 11am. Contact me for detailed program on 0419 681543.
- Harbourlights Wine & Dine Lunch from 12 noon today....entertainment, fashion parade – all the ingredients for what is destined to be a fabulous inaugural event. Contact Chris Northam, General Manager, Sebel Harbourlights tel: 4057 0801.
- Ergon Energy Busking Festival Amateur competition from 4pm to 6pm today at Esplanade Pitch – 12 fantastic acts.... Call Gaylene Whenmouth on 0418 502 891, Simone Roseler on Tel: 4044 3715 or Melinda Norris, Bright Black AV on Tel: 4057 5544
- Tanks Art Centre Headline Act – The Audreys tonight...doors open at 6.30pm with show starting at 7.30pm. Tickets \$30 from Ticketlink tel: 4031 9 555. Food served by Flavours of India. For information on The Audreys, www.theaudreys.com.au
- Cairns Concert Orchestra – A night of Classical Music at Rondo Theatre from 7.30pm. Tickets \$20. For information, Rowan Allison on 0409 590 001 or Sue Stitt 0407 639 141.
- Final Festival Friday at Ba8, Shangri-la from 5pm

Saturday 20 September 2008: FINALE DAY

- Reef Hotel Casino Masters Rugby Tournament presented by Cairns Old Cross Rugby Union Club from 9am to 4pm at Barlow Park. Admission is free. For information tel: 4041 2529.
- Tropical Wave Festival presented by CARMA from 10.30am to 10.30pm in Forgarty Park – FREE – everyone welcome. For information, Olive Tau Davis: 0410 469 272.

This event is a one-day community multicultural extravaganza spanning art and craft, food, music, dance, story-telling, workshops, markets – and much, much more.

- Rotary Duck Events from 1pm at Esplanade Lagoon. Proceeds to benefit Harald's House.
1pm: Harcourts Crikey-Catch-a-Croc to win fantastic stunt bike from Pump n Pedals...
2pm: Myer Fashions on the Duck Field and Myer Fashion Parade – dress up in your best duck costume to win a \$500 shopping spree from Myer.
3pm: Rotary Corporate Duck Race
4pm: Calanna Rotary Duck Race – 10,000 plastic ducks will race their little plastic hearts out for three fantastic prizes...\$11,000 spar from The Pool Man, \$7,000 NZ Holiday from Flight Centre and Skytrans Cairns Taipans Family Gold Pass.
4.30pm: Celebrity Duck Race. Contact Sally Dixon on tel: 4033 0254.
- World's Greatest Grill presented by Leukaemia Foundation from 2.30pm to 9pm at Pelicans BBQ site on Cairns Esplanade. Sausages \$2, Burgers \$5 and Drinks \$2. For further information, Bernie McKean on tel: 4041 1644.
- RACQ Insurance Parade of Lights from 6pm...inspired by this year's Love Cairns, Love the Environment....still time to get involved....walkers needed to parade lanterns...contact Festival Cairns on tel: 4051 0222 for more information.
- Social Media Opp: VIP Finale Event from 6pm in VIP enclosure opposite Coast Roast. Media are invited to attend as guests, but must RSVP asap to me on 0419 681543....Ryldges Tradwinds Catering will wow guests with their Triple R (Reef, Range, Rainforest) menu, drinks from Foster's Group and Coca-Cola Amatil and theming by Stageworks Australia. For information, Pip Miller 0419 681543.
- Final event on the program – Cairns Ports Explosion of Lights from 8pm...fireworks over the Inlet – magnificent sight and apt way to end a 25 day program of 47 events.

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