

Events Calendar 2010



EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4 September

THE RETREAT ROCKS

The Retreat Hotel, Peak Downs Hwy, Epsom, 11.30am-11.30pm

The Retreat Hotel rocks for 12 hours of solid rock music. Featuring 'Masters of Rock' with 5 hours of Led Zeppelin, ACDC, Guns & Roses, Deep Purple and The Doors. Supported by four great bands:- Harbour Road (Rolling Stones, Cold Chisel, Noise Works), Undercover (Steppenwolf, Angels, Green Day), Earthmovers (Creed, Crowded House, INXS). Two huge stages, food for sale all day, rooms available and free camping with toilets and showers. Free breakfast for campers, free non-alcoholic drinks for designated drivers. 18+ event – no id no entry. No eskies and no animals. Enquiries to MECC ph 4961 9777 www.mackaytix.com.au Tickets \$72.50 includes bus fare from and return to Mackay and Moranbah. \$62.50 without bus fare, \$70 at the gate. Accommodation enquiries to The Retreat Hotel ph 4957 7522.

5 September

BLUEWATER TRAIL – FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, 8.00am-11.00am

Get Dad active this Father's Day and try out the Bluewater Trail. Prizes, giveaways, food and drink, entertainment. Fun for the whole family! Meet at the grassed area near the children's playground. For more information contact Carissa Cockings on 4961 9496.

5 September

DAD'S DAY OUT

Pinnacle Hotel, from 9.00am

Join the fun at the 'Show n Shine' Dad's Day Out at the Pinnacle Hotel on Father's Day. Kids rides, ice creams, food, hot and cold drinks available. Contact Russell 0447 227 447 for more information. \$2 gate entry.

10 September

DINOSAURS ROAM IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

Coal Garden at Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, 3.30pm-4.30pm

Meet Erth's Awesome Prehistoric Creatures, from cut baby dinosaurs to teeth-gnashing giants. Ancient life-like dinosaurs are alive and most friendly as they give away prizes to children who have completed the Botanic Gardens Dinosaur Quiz in the Coal Garden. Follow the dinosaur footprints to find where the Coal Garden is and the dinosaurs are lurking! For more information contact Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens ph: 4952 7300 or botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

11 September

ERTH'S DINOSAUR PETTING ZOO

MECC, 2.00pm, 6.00pm

It's a petting zoo, but not as you know it. Meet erth's awesome prehistoric creatures, from cute baby dinos to teeth-gnashing giants. Ancient life-like dinosaurs are alive and mostly friendly (!) in this fun, educational and unique performance event that will delight children of all ages. For more information contact MECC box office ph 4961 9777 or purchase tickets online www.mackayecc.com.au

11 September

COAL TO COAST FESTIVAL – SARINA

Sarina showgrounds 10 am to 6 pm.

The Coal to Coast Festival – Sarina will be held on Saturday 11 September at the Sarina Showgrounds. Gates open at 9 am. Entry is by gold coin donation. Markus Meiers, Tamworth Golden Guitar winner, will headline this family friendly festival. He will be joined on stage by The Twine, semi final winners of Australia's Got Talent and BEN 10 and Gwen the fabulous cartoon characters. The festival will feature a range of integrated activities including live entertainment, bands, a licensed areas,

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food, amusements, the Coal Games and a major Swap Meet organised by the Sarina Rotary Club. Visit www.coaltocoastfestival.com.au or contact David Gerrand 4961 9763 for more information.

12 September

HEALTH AND HARMONY FESTIVAL

'The Met', East Gordon Street, South Mackay, 10.00am-3.00pm

The Festival brings together the best of health and wellbeing, beauty, fitness, natural therapies, complimentary medicine, nutrition, organics, spiritual and personal growth, home and giftware, and much more. The program showcases local musicians, dancers and performers. Refreshments are available and for the kids - there's facepainting, jumping castle and craft. All welcome and entry is a gold coin donation. Health & Harmony Festivals are held on the 4th Sunday of February, May, August and November. Visit www.healthandharmonyfestival.com for more information.

12 September

COLLUSION COMMUNITY CONCERT

MECC, 8.00pm

Musica Viva and BMA present Collusion. In this free concert, Collusion will present an exciting and varied program combining classic pieces by Bruch, Mozart and Khatchaturian with great pieces by renowned Australian composers Hopkins and Edwards. The variety of pieces in this program will make this concert fun and interesting for all ages, and is a great opportunity to introduce kids to chamber music. Entry is free. For more information call 1800 646 574.

18-26 September

CORPORATE CONFERENCE - *Expecting 900+ delegates*

19 September

SUNDAY IN THE PARK

Tropical Sun Lawn, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Bring a chair or a picnic blanket, then settle back, and enjoy the sounds of local musicians at this free concert. Contact the Botanic Gardens on 49527300 or email botanic@mackay.qld.gov.au

19 September

RE-OPENING OF MULHERIN PARK CELEBRATION

Mulherin Park, Mackay Marina, 10.00am-3.00pm

There will be rides, businesses from the port precinct showcasing their products, roving entertainment, bands, magic shows, food stalls and even balloon making for the kids.

21 September

JOHN BUTLER TRIO

MECC, 8.00pm

John Butler Trio will be causing an April Uprising from August as they embark on a carbon neutral national tour supporting their latest album. Supported by Blue King Brown. Tickets on sale at the MECC box office 4957 1700. Cost \$70

25-26 September

MACKAY HOME SHOW & LIFESTYLE EXPO

MECC

The 2010 event has been expanded to include more indoor displays and a special outdoors area. On display at the event will be all the very latest in home improvement services, renovation ideas, furnishings, lifestyle choices and health, solar, environmental and relaxation products. The outdoors area will host a range of lifestyle, leisure and adventure products to complement your life outdoors. With an onsite food court, coffee shops, free entertainment, and some great prizes to be won over the weekend this event is a great day out for the whole family. For more details contact Australian Events on 4634 7288 or visit www.australianevents.com.au

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OCTOBER

2-3 October

MACKAY YACHT CLUB'S FESTIVAL OF SAIL

Mackay Marina

The Festival of Sail 'Smile for a Child Sail Challenge and Family Fun Day' is being held over 2-3 October at the Mackay Yacht Club. For more information contact Mackay Yacht Club ph: 4954 6605 or visit www.mackayyachtclub.com.au

3 October

POWDERFINGER – SUNSETS THE FAREWELL TOUR

Mackay Showgrounds, gates open 5.00pm, first act 6.00pm

Aussie rockers Powderfinger have announced their final tour before the band splits. Joining Powderfinger will be old friend Jet. Tickets available from www.ticketek.com.au or 132 849, MECC www.mackaytix.com.au or 07 4961 9777 or at the boxoffice, and Anarchy Clothing, Mackay 07 4957 3803. Cost \$93.70. For more information contact the MECC boxoffice on 4961 9777.

3 October

SUNDAY SERIES CONCERT

CQCM Theatre, 3.00pm

Supported by the Con Friends, this Sunday afternoon series will delight all ages with performances of songs from music theatre, classical and popular repertoire together with a wide variety theatrical excerpts performed by the talented students from the CQUniversity Bachelor of Theatre program. Come and meet your friends, be entertained and then stay on to enjoy a delicious snack of pizza and a glass of wine while watching the sun set over the Eungella Range in the Con Friends Courtyard. Tickets purchased at the door on the day \$10 adults \$5 students. For more information contact CQCM on 4940 7800.

7 October

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION'S LIGHT THE NIGHT

Gooseponds, North Mackay, 4.00pm-8.00pm

Please join us, invite family and friends, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the evening with entertainment, inspiring stories from patients, families and supporters. Post a message of hope and walk along side those we are working to help. You can help create a beautiful sea of lights by lighting your own balloon. Each coloured balloon contains a tiny light and has a special meaning. For more information contact Julie Marshall on 4951 3117.

9 October

RIVER TO REEF FESTIVAL

Bluewater Quay along River Street, 10.10am – 10.10pm

The River to Reef Festival will be featured on the banks of Mackay's impressive blue Pioneer River and highlight the newly purpose built Bluewater Quay along River Street. See the raft race, pelican Push Boirdman Rally, amusements and great seafood and markets. So bring a blanket, set up a chair and prepare for a great tropical family day out at this year's River to Reef Festival in Mackay. Contact David Gerrand, Mackay Regional Council on 4961 9763 or visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au for more information.

6-8 October

CORPORATE CONFERENCE - *Expecting 350+ delegates*

8-10 October

SYDNEY TRAVELLING FILM FESTIVAL

Mackay City Cinemas, Gordon Street

Mackay audiences are in for a treat when the Sydney Travelling Film Festival returns to town, screening 8-10 October at the Mackay City Cinemas. Delivering the best in world cinema, the 2010 program serves up stories from all over the world.

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Tickets on sale in advance from the cinema box office. Full program details downloadable from www.sydneyfilmfestival.org/tff/locations/tfflocationsmackay.aspx

13-17 October

HAMILTON ISLAND TO MACKAY YACHT RACE

Mackay Marina

The Hamilton Island to Mackay Race is the first leg of the WOYRC Series (Whitsunday Offshore Yacht Racing Series) which is jointly run by Mackay, Whitsunday and Bowen Yacht Clubs. This yacht racing series has been running annually since 1977, and is the oldest established yacht racing series in North Queensland. The WOYRC series is for monohull and multihull yachts which comply with Yachting Australia's Category 4 safety standards. The series has both individual and interclub team divisions. For more information contact Mackay Yacht Club ph: 4954 6605 or visit www.mackayyachtclub.com.au

15-17 October

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND BLOKART CLUB REGATTA

Cape Hillsborough National Park Beach

The Central Queensland Blokart Club Regatta will be held over Saturday 16 October and Sunday 17 October, with Friday 15 October being the sign in and practise day. Blokarts are a 'one design' land yacht using wind power to propel the three-wheeled craft along various firm surfaces including beaches, grass, bitumen and concrete. Races are to be held in various weight divisions in the production and performance classes. Racing format will involve approximately 10 timed races per class over the weekend, with the winners accumulating the most points per class. Racers are entered from various states, with rivalry between competitors being strong and the importance of being placed on good sportsmanship. Come and cheer on the competitors for a great family fun weekend at Cape Hillsborough. Ph: 4954 3465 or email drcabinet@optusnet.com.au

16-17 October

MORANBAH ROTARY HOME & LEISURE SHOW

Moranbah Community Hall & Grounds, Sat 10.00am-5.00pm, Sun 10.00am-2.00pm

Don't miss the annual Moranbah Rotary Home & Leisure Show. It will be a family fun weekend with exhibits, jumping castles, kid's rides, food stalls, live entertainment and something for everyone. For more information call Shae 1300 667 459 or visit www.onqevents.com.au

17 October

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22 October

THE BIG NIGHT IN CONCERT

CQCM Theatre, CQUniversity, 11.00am & 7.30pm

A performance by the Jazz and Popular Music students of pop and rock standards in a number of fast moving and high energy sets, featuring a light show adding to the mood and excitement, authentic costuming and choreography. The students never fail to impress with style and technique way beyond their years. Tickets: Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Con Friends \$15, Student/Child \$10. Book through Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre on 4961 9700.

22-31 October

AUSTRALIAN PSYCHIC EXPO

Magpies Sporting Club, 9.00am-7.00pm

Following last year's amazingly successful event at this great club, they're back again for a 'Fantabulous' time with psychics, lots of stalls, free workshops everyday. Free entry. For more information visit www.expo.net.au or phone Magpies Sporting Club on 4965 6100.

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24 October

GLOBAL GROOVES

Queens Park via Goldsmith Street, East Mackay, 11.00am – 6.00pm

Global Grooves celebrates the wonderful multicultural community of Mackay. Great music, dance and singing from Mackay and national artists. Fantastic ethnic food, amusements and workshops for kids and the whole family. Contact David Gerrand on 4961 9763 or visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au for more information.

30-31 October

CLERMONT COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Clermont Civic Centre, 8.30am

Clermont is situated south-west of Mackay 3hrs drive. The overall open winner will receive \$1000.00, Junior & Juvenile winners will receive \$250.00 each. Prize money for each section will be 1st \$100.00 2nd \$60.00 3rd \$40.00. A walk up and meet and greet night will be held on Friday night at The Clermont Hotel Motel from 6.00pm. This festival is for amateur performers only. Contact Vicki Holmes by email vickiholmes@bigpond.com or phone 4983 1694.

30-31 October

CALEN CLASSIC FISHING COMPETITION

38 McIntyre Street, Calen, 5.00am-10.00pm

The Calen Classic is an annual fishing competition held over an entire weekend in October. It provides two days of fun and entertainment for the whole family, individual or group. A variety of beautiful camping sites will be available, as well as a caravan park with self-contained villas and sites. Enjoy the Saturday night fireworks display, food, licensed bar, kids activities and live entertainment. Presentations will be held on the Sunday night, with sponsored prizes and trophies. All funds raised are distributed between local Calen no-for-profit community groups. The event has been running for eight years and keeps getting bigger and better each year. Visit www.calenclassic.co.cc or contact Sue Spreadborough on 4949 7333.

NOVEMBER

2 November

MECC MELBOURNE CUP SPECTACULAR

Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre, 11.00am

Plans are currently underway at the MECC to host a Grand Melbourne Cup Spectacular in 2010. Prepare to dress up and get ready for the most famous Tuesday of the year! Plan ahead to join us for Melbourne Cup Day -- the celebration that stops the nation. Enjoy the comforts of the state-of-the-art MECC and view the big race from two super screens. Dine in style, tantalise your taste buds and be entertained by an assortment of live performances. Special guest, world renowned fashion designer and member of the Australian Design Hall of Fame, Richard De Chazal, will treat guests to a fashion parade featuring some of his latest haute-couture designs. Tickets will go on sale in August 2010 - book early to avoid disappointment!

2 November

MELBOURNE CUP DAY RACES

Ooralea Racecourse Mackay ph: 4952 1155.

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DECEMBER

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31 December

NEW YEAR'S EVE STREET PARTY

When the sun goes down this New Year's Eve, Mackay City Centre will come to life! Family-focused entertainment starts at 5.30pm on the City Heart roundabout stage, Victoria Street. There will also be amusement rides, face painting, novelty balloons, glow lights and an early evening fireworks display just for the kids. At 9.00pm the fun gets funky with local and visiting bands playing live. Be entertained by contemporary, alternative and classic rock. The New year will be ushered in with a fireworks spectacular over the Pioneer River at midnight.

Tbc December

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa will be making a special appearance with treats for all. Join in the carols, sample the Christmas stalls and get your special free photo taken with Santa under the stars. There will be fun, food and refreshments available. Starts 5.30pm. Contact Shaping Mackay ph: 07 4957 8994.

Tbc December

CAROLS IN THE GARDENS

Bring along a chair or picnic blanket and enjoy a family night of carols under the stars. Visit the Gardens Friends stall and purchase safe glow candles and buy a ticket in the raffle full of great prizes. Lagoons Cafe open until late - reserve a front row table by phoning 4952 4966. From 5.30-8.30pm in the Tropical Sun Garden Lawn, Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens.