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# 2020 EDUCATOR'S SEASON LAUNCH

Thursday 28 November 2019, 4pm  
MECC North Foyer

*You're invited to a catered afternoon to find out about:  
Making the most of the 2020 School Entertainment Program  
Applying for funding with Pathways to Performance  
Our 2020 MECC Youth Ambassador Program  
Visit [themecc.com.au/schools](http://themecc.com.au/schools) to find out more*

Win a Plattered  
Up Platter for  
your staff room!

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# TERM FOUR EDUCATORS NEWS

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - MECC YOUTH AMBASSADORS 2020

Do you have any students who are inspired individuals and potential young advocates of the creative arts?

MECC Youth Ambassadors might be budding drama performers, singers, dancers, sound designers, lighting technicians, curators, producers or simply attentive audience members. If this sounds like someone you know, we invite them to be part of this engaging program!

By being a part of the MECC YA program, students will have the opportunity to enjoy special access to art events with like-minded peers, while gaining the opportunity to get hands-on experience in performing arts, technical productions, media and marketing.

Your students will benefit from gaining unique insight into the workings of the theatre and its productions while having behind the scenes access to performances and workshops.

Download the 2020 Youth Ambassador Nomination Form from [www.themecc.com.au/schools/youth\\_ambassador](http://www.themecc.com.au/schools/youth_ambassador) or e-mail [meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au) for more information.

## YOUTH AMBASSADOR UPDATE!

Our Youth Ambassadors have had a very busy Term Three!

Mackay North State High School student Tahlia was treated to a special opportunity on July 27, when she participated in a private cello lesson with Stephanie Arnold from Opera Australia. Upon Tahlia's request, the lesson focused on the song 'Sweet Child O' Mine'. Anyone walking into the MECC during this time were serenaded by the beautiful sounds of two passionate artists creating music together.

Aiden, Jayde, Murphee, Tahlia, Mitchelle and Ruby volunteered for pre-show craft activities for Possum Magic & Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus. The Youth Ambassadors brainstormed ideas at the YA meeting, and delivered the idea on the night of each performance. Handing out free lucky dips to children, the group finished their volunteer duties by watching the magic of theatre on the MECC stage.

Best of luck to the two Youth Ambassadors who auditioned for the John Bell Scholarship! We have our fingers and toes crossed you get through! Winners will be announced in December!

Youth Ambassadors were treated to a pizza party on September 12 as a thank you for their hard work over the year. All you can eat pizza and soft drink, followed by watching Bell Shakespeare's performance of Much Ado About Nothing.





# TERM THREE PHOTO RECAP!

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Students from Mackay's Youth Choir A-Choir'd Pitch shared the stage with Opera Australia!

Massive thank you to Mrs Jennifer Bee!



Youth Ambassadors Tahlia and Mitchell volunteered for Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus pre-show engagement activities.

The Youth Ambassadors then watched the show together!



Possum Magic was incredibly busy, 10am and 12pm sessions were at full capacity! Wow!

**Left:** Nebo State School

**Right:** Marian State School students on the bus, which was paid for through Pathways to Performance funding.



**Left:** Full house!

**Right:** Marian State School students in the foyer.



Mayor Greg Williamson enjoyed a drumming lesson with Yamato - The Drummers of Japan!



Mackay State High School enjoyed the Regional Access Workshops provided by Bell Shakespeare.

Workshops guided students through the plot, key characters, themes, scene work and design of Much Ado About Nothing.



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Moranbah State High School students enjoyed the Raising Spencer workshop with actor Llyal Brooks. The school was successful with their Pathways to Performance application towards their transport costs.



St Anne's Catholic Primary School students enjoyed the Loose Ends workshop 'Chain Reaction', and watched the performance at the Bob Wood Sarina Cultural Hall the following day.



## ROALD DAHL

The performance of Roald Dahl's The Twits was on the same day as Roald Dahl's Birthday!

The MECC celebrated with birthday cake, disco, dance and craft activities.

Left: Mistake Creek State School travelled 4 hours to visit Mackay and watch the performance of the Twits!

Right: Birthday cake to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday.

Right: Q&A session after the performance.



Mackay Christian College and Holy Spirit College students enjoyed backstage tours with our Technical Services Coordinator Corby Stuart.



# 2020 TERM ONE EXCLUSIVE SNEAK PEEK...

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## MISSION SONGS PROJECT BY JESSIE LLOYD

Jessie Lloyd's profoundly moving and important Mission Songs Project reveals what daily life was like for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians on Christian missions and state-run settlements.

Mission Songs Project is an initiative to revive contemporary Australian Indigenous songs from 1900 to 1999, focusing on the Christian missions, state run settlements and native camps where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were relocated.

Jessie Lloyd first became curious about the songs from the Aboriginal reserves or the mission days when she heard her Aunties singing an old tune from Palm Island, QLD called 'The Irex'. The Irex was the name of the boat that used to transport the stolen generation children and those removed under the Aborigines Protection Act in the early to mid 20th century. This song was what the families used to sing as they didn't know if they would see their loved ones again.

Jessie has travelled Australia visiting various communities and elders seeking their stories and advice about the music and life of the old days. So far Jessie has gathered a significant collection of around 40 – 50 'mission songs', songs that were written about life on the 'mish'; on the settlements, reserves and native camps where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were removed.

Performing songs many Elders thought long forgotten, Mission Songs will captivate audiences in March next year.

**Thursday 12 March, 7.30pm**

**Term 1 Week 7**

**60 minutes, no interval**

**Recommended for Ages 12+**

**Themes & Issues: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture & history**



*Mission Songs Project is produced by Performing Lines and supported by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its arts funding and advisory body, and the Indigenous Languages and Arts program.*

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# TERM FOUR TRIVIA

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## TERM FOUR IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Fresh uniforms, shiny shoes, white socks and beautiful hair are no more, it's Term 4! Looking out at the sea of students you are reminded it is not just **you** who is ready for the Christmas break – the students are dishevelled, exhausted and ready to test your patience.

Primary School teachers have probably seen enough head lice to qualify for a Degree in Entomology, High School Teachers have muttered the words "tuck your shirt in" so many times, they are now mumbling the sentence in their sleep.

Term 4 teacher life is big... assessments, report cards, swimming carnivals, Christmas Fairs, moving up days, Eisteddfod, concerts, rewards days – the list is endless and there are only so many hours in the day!

The MECC team is here to help! One lucky staff room will win a Plattered Up Platter valued at \$125 (6-10 people) to help celebrate the end of another year. Answer the below quiz, and one winning entry will be randomly drawn on November 21! Good Luck!

*Name the cheese, send your answers, name and school to [meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au) for your chance to win!*



## EISTEDDFOD IS HERE!

The Macrossan and Amiet 72nd Annual Eisteddfod is back and will bring almost three weeks of events in October, allowing individuals and schools the opportunity to compete in dance, music, singing and speech and drama.

Participating in events at the Eisteddfod is an excellent launching pad for young performers hoping to carve out a career in the arts and has helped pave the way for many talented locals to artistic prominence.

### Allocated Sessions for 2019:

Sunday 6 October 2019 > 1pm  
Friday 11 October 2019 > 8.30pm  
Saturday 12 October 2019 > 8.30am  
Saturday 12 October 2019 > 11am  
Saturday 12 October 2019 > 1.30pm  
Saturday 12 October 2019 > 4pm  
Saturday 12 October 2019 > 6.30pm  
Sunday 13 October 2019 > 8.30am  
Sunday 13 October 2019 > 10.30am  
Sunday 13 October 2019 > 1pm





## MEET OUR YOUTH AMBASSADORS

**Name:** Tahlia Pearce | **School:** Mackay North State High School | **Grade:** 11

On Saturday the 27th of August 2019, I attended a one on one workshop with Stephanie Arnold from the Opera Australia Orchestra who later that night performed in Madama Butterfly.

This was a fantastic opportunity to build my skills that helped better my performance. This experience enabled me to feel more confident performing solo in front of an audience. Stephanie was extremely kind and the one on one experience allowed her to focus on little things that I could change to create a larger and cleaner sound. After this workshop I was lucky enough to assist the Friends in ushering duties for Opera Australia's performance of Madama Butterfly. I had never experienced an opera before and was extremely excited to see the performance and help with ushering. The performance was absolutely amazing, and I would love to see it again. The cast were so talented, and the music was just lovely.

This experience was just wonderful and is in the top ten of best days of my life. I am so grateful to the MECC Youth Ambassador Program for allowing me to experience something as amazing as this.

## EDUCATORS CONNECTING WITH THE LIBRARY

Join us at the Library to explore the diverse range of materials and resources freely available for teachers and educators that will help maximise learning outcomes for children and students of all ages.

**Dudley Denny City Library**

**Thursday, October 10**

**4.30 pm - 5.30pm**

**Gordon White Library**

**Tuesday, October 22**

**4:30 pm - 5.30pm**

This workshop has been developed to incorporate information for all educators in Early Years services and teachers of both Primary and Secondary schools.

**NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

If you have further questions, contact Claire Grandcourt  
email [claire.grandcourt@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:claire.grandcourt@mackay.qld.gov.au) or phone 07 49619316.



# TERM FOUR ARTSPACE MACKAY

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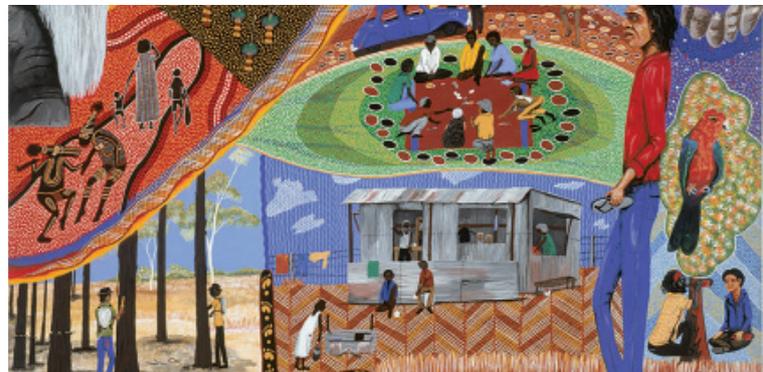


## VIOLENT SALT

FIELD Engineers Gallery, Artspace Mackay  
30 Aug to 24 Nov

The exhibition Violent Salt reflects on the experiences of the marginalised, the underrepresented and the silenced. The exhibition discusses issues surrounding racism and discrimination against First Nations peoples and minority groups as well as the lack of respect for, and desecration of culture and the natural environment. The works presented in Violent Salt reflect on a social, physical and geographical landscape that has been witness to violence and oppression. It questions how we can repair deep wounds, re-connect across culture and assert and celebrate cultural identities meaningfully and transformatively.

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## SOME PEOPLE ARE STORIES: VINCENT SERICO

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay  
30 Aug to 03 Nov

Vincent Serico's remarkable life journey through regional, remote and rural Queensland is captured in Some People Are Stories, the first major touring exhibition of Vincent Serico's work since his death in 2008. Vincent Serico's artistic body of work spans over forty years. He interpreted the whispers – from both land and people. Many of his paintings document significant events in his life or of previous generations as Indigenous people struggled with cultural and lifestyle changes.

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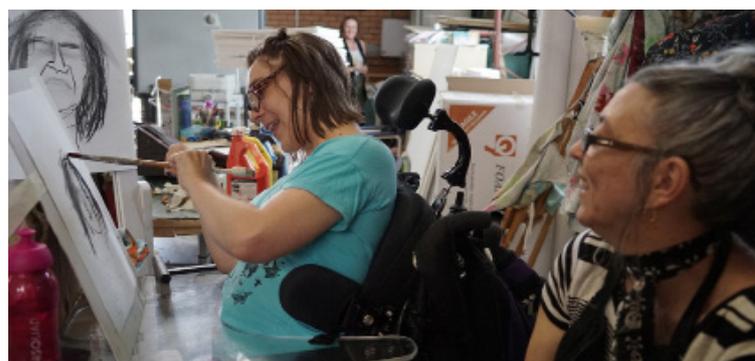


## SACRED INK: CONNECTING TO CULTURE

Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay  
8 November 2019 – 16 February 2020

Sacred Ink: Connecting to culture is an Artspace Mackay photographic exhibition delivered in partnership with the Mackay and District Australian South Sea Islander Association (MADASSIA), which explores how the art of tattooing has been embraced by local Australian South Sea Islanders as a means of cultural connection to, and affirmation of, their South Sea Islander heritage. Sacred Ink investigates the stories of their tattoos and how they intersect with themes of family, heritage and identity.

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## REASONABLE & NECESSARY: PRINTS AND ARTIST'S BOOKS BY ARTEL ARTISTS

Gallery Three, Artspace Mackay  
18 Oct to 19 Jan

This inspiring touring exhibition showcases the work of 33 Artel Artists, some of whom possess complex and profound disabilities. Artel, CPL's (Choice, Passion, Life) creative industries studio supports the development of a positive and participatory cultural identity for people with profound and complex disabilities. The studio offers space, instruction and an environment in which this particular community of individuals has been able, over many years, to express themselves as a dynamic artistic movement.

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Book an exhibition tour for your students today, pre-prep to yr 12 [artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au)

Artspace, Mackay's Regional Art Gallery, situated in the Civic Precinct only a 2 minute walk from the MECC

For more information about exhibitions on shows, visit [www.artspacemackay.com.au](http://www.artspacemackay.com.au)

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