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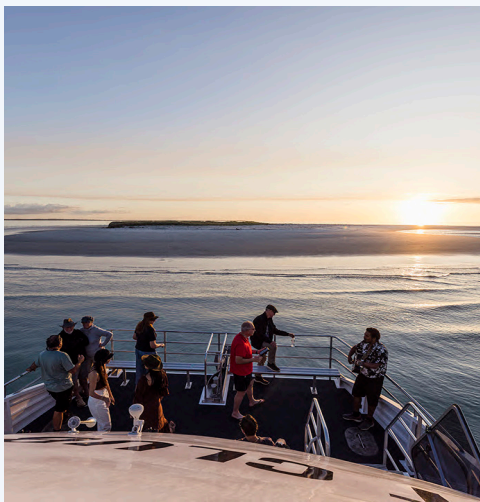
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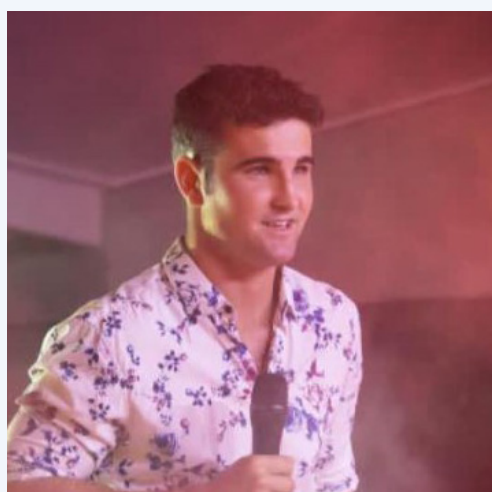
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Note from the Editor

Hopefully, I'll get the chance (maybe even a couple of times!) to head out this month and soak up some whale watching. Every trip feels just as thrilling as the first, because you never quite know what the day will bring, and that mystery is part of the wonder.

Some days, you cruise far and wide to find them... other days, they're right there, close to shore. But that moment you spot the first whale of the season, when everyone on board gasps in unison, is absolutely breathtaking. It's a reminder of how lucky we are to witness something so wild and beautiful.

It's that heart-skipping moment when a massive shadow rises from the deep, and suddenly, there it is, a gentle giant of the sea breaking the surface, mist shooting into the sky from its blowhole. Time seems to pause as you watch in awe, feeling both humbled and exhilarated. Whether it's a graceful tail flick, a playful breach, or the haunting sound of a whale song, the experience feels almost otherworldly, like nature is sharing one of its best-kept secrets just with you.

The experience is raw, powerful, and deeply moving and something you'll never forget.

So, if you haven't been whale watching yet, what are you waiting for?

Inside this issue!

Thanks to our friends at **NUI Events**, we've got ticket giveaways to the **Sounds of Rock Music Festival** at Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay, on Saturday, September 6! With a lineup packed full of fantastic artists, this is one festival you won't want to miss!

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PLUS – I had the pleasure of chatting with **Brooweena artist Kerri Dixon**, who is truly living her dream. Her passion for wildlife art and pastels shines through in every piece, and with some upcoming exhibitions on the horizon, you'll want to keep an eye out!

There is so much to look forward to, so turn the page and start reading!

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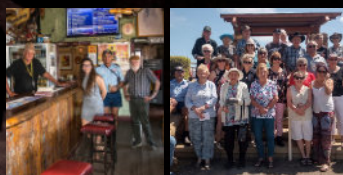
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Firing up the classics with **DRAGON**



By Kim Parnell

For over five decades, Dragon has been a staple of the Australian music scene, with their timeless hits, electric live shows, and a legacy that continues to evolve. Behind the backing vocals and unmistakable riffs is guitarist Bruce Reid, a Canadian-born musician whose journey from snowy Montreal to the sun-soaked stages of Australia is as fascinating as the band's own story. I caught up with Bruce ahead of Dragon's return to Hervey Bay, where he shared insights into his life, the music, and the band that still has crowds dancing after fifty years.

I first met Bruce Reid in 2017 when Dragon was performing in Hervey Bay. I had interviewed founding member Todd Hunter via phone a few weeks earlier, and by the time the band arrived in town, I was eager to see them perform. I had grown up with their music in the 80s and loved their sound.

Bruce Reid, Dragon's guitarist since 2006, brings a unique flavour to the group. He moved to Australia in 1993 at age 37. He mostly grew up in Montreal, a city he remembers fondly for its vibrant seasons.

"Montreal has the most beautiful summers and falls," Bruce recalls. "Then a very long winter. As a kid, I'd ski and play ball hockey in the snow. Touring was always a challenge, though, as you had to keep track of your car in case a storm buried it, or warm it up between sets if it was minus 25. But it's a truly beautiful place."

When it comes to his music, Bruce is known as a slide guitar specialist, and over the years, that skill has only deepened.

"I started with a pedal steel guitar, mainly used in country music, when I was in my first band. It had ten strings and pedals that changed the pitch of the strings as you played. I later sold it.

"Then just last year I invested in a really good one. Before that, I used a lap steel, just a plank of wood with six strings that sits on your lap. Plug it into an amp and you can sound like a cat in heat in the backyard," he laughs.

Within a year of arriving in Australia, Bruce found himself playing for Wendy Matthews. He did some recording with her, which turned into an 11-year run as her guitarist. His move to Dragon came later, in late 2006.

"Wendy was taking a break, and Todd Hunter called asking if I wanted to record for an album called *Sunshine to Rain*, which was part of the Liberation Blue Acoustic Series and released under the Liberation Music label.

"The label helped '70s and '80s bands record acoustic versions of their hits and get back on the road. It gave us freedom to rearrange songs and perform them differently, which helped me since I didn't know Dragon's back catalogue too well at the time."

Bruce had caught glimpses of Dragon's legacy over the years; he'd seen them featured in a *Countdown* special and used to spot the band going to rehearsals when he and Wendy's band were at Stage Door Rehearsal Studios in Alexandria in New South Wales.

"Our soundman was close to Todd and recommended me and drummer Pete Drummond when Todd needed new players. That's how it all started. Todd and I began rehearsing at my workplace, TAFE NSW Ultimo, and that's where the whole adventure began."

Initially, Bruce thought he could juggle both the Wendy Matthews Band and Dragon, but Dragon quickly became a full-time commitment.

Interestingly, Bruce and Wendy shared more than just music—they grew up in the same Montreal neighbourhood, NDG (*Notre-Dame-de-Grâce*).

"I used to hang out on her street and play sports with her brother. Wendy left Montreal young to pursue music in LA, but we had a lot of commonalities before reconnecting in Australia."

Bruce also played with *The Catholics*, a respected Sydney jazz group, and was a member of ARIA award-winning *Karma County*.

In July of 2008, Dragon was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame, and joined on stage by James Reyne and Ian Moss to perform *Rain* and *April Sun in Cuba*. In the years that followed, *Dragon* released previously unreleased recordings, including the album *Happy I Am* in 2009 under the Ozmomusic label.

"All of us are songwriters," Bruce says. "We just keep creating. Even if a new song doesn't become a hit like *Rain* or *Are You Old Enough*, we have to keep writing. Occasionally, we sneak in a new one during shows, and if it keeps the crowd bopping, we're happy."

One lesser-known fact in Dragon's story is their connection to John Farnham's hit *Age of Reason*.

Bruce says, "Todd Hunter and Johanna Pigott wrote that song for John after a direct request. It sat on a record executive's desk for a while until making its way back into Farnham's hands."

"There's actually a version with Marc Hunter singing the song that wasn't released at the time, but we included it on *Sunshine to Rain* as a bonus track, with Mark Williams also doing a version. It's a fan favourite once we tell them who actually wrote it!"

Dragon continued to evolve, releasing *Chase the Sun* and *The Great Divide* in 2011. That year, they played the Rhythm and Vines Festival in New Zealand, an experience Bruce won't forget.

"We barely got to Gisborne because of heavy fog. The field was empty before we went on, and we thought, 'Great, we travelled four hours for this.' But by the middle of our set, 15,000 people had turned up, as the other bands had finished. They knew all the words. Dragon still has a huge following in New Zealand."



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Dragon toured extensively with their 40th Anniversary Tour, *The Long Way to the Top*, and the Red Hot Summer Tour with Jimmy Barnes in 2012/13 as standouts.

"The first Red Hot Summer gig was 45 degrees on the stage. I was nearly fainting; it was brutal, a true test of endurance. That was indeed a red-hot summer!"

In 2012, they released *The Dragon Years – 40th Anniversary Collection*, a two-CD set that peaked at No. 21 in New Zealand.

These days, Bruce lives in the Blue Mountains, surrounded by fellow musicians. When not on tour, he still teaches Music Industry at TAFE NSW Ultimo, where he's taught for 25 years. Teaching fits perfectly around touring with Dragon.

Bruce holds a special fondness for Hervey Bay, calling it "gorgeous" and one of his favourite places to visit. He even went whale watching here back in 1993.

Dragon's setlist is a hit parade, finely tuned for maximum momentum.

"We have a set that just rolls with about fifteen songs that are in the DNA. It's remarkable how many hits Dragon actually has. The music will have people singing, dancing, and rocking out to the very end. It will be a typical Dragon gig, full of energy, memories, and great melodies."

The Sounds of Rock Festival in Hervey Bay is on Saturday, September 6 and is set to deliver an unforgettable day of music, featuring an incredible lineup including Jon Stevens, The Angels, Baby Animals, Pseudo Echo, Dragon, Eurogliders and Taxiride (with Jason Singh).

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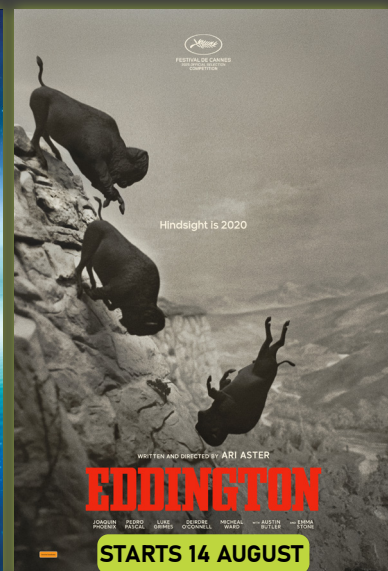
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Yoga & Whale Watching

By Peta Johansen

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Voyage deeper.

That's the ethos behind the unlikely pairing of our region's popular whale watching season with the practice of yoga.

Gaia Health and Life Coaching owner and certified yoga instructor Sara Ashdown inherited the program from a fellow yogi who moved away. But Sara instantly saw the connection between the two.

"In Western culture, we tend to focus on the physical side of yoga, which is great, it's really good for our physical health. But yoga also encompasses our emotional and mental health and how we live our lives.

"How it connects to the whales is that sense of connection with nature and other beings on this planet. The true sense of yoga is 'ahimsa,' that's our first yama (or tenet), it is kindness to all beings.

"With that in mind, what we're looking for is - yes, we want to see the whales and appreciate their beauty and majesty - but also have that connection with another species on a more spiritual level."

Sara is also a diver, animal activist and sound healing practitioner who brings her experience and knowledge to build a cohesive experience on land and water over two Sundays in August. This program fuels her passion for connectedness between humans and animals in her favourite environment, the ocean.

"There's plenty of peer-reviewed research showing the profoundly uplifting and healing effects of being with these animals, from all over the world.

"It's fun interacting with whales, but there's a very real side to healing even for those of us that just go for the pleasure of it."

The day-long program begins with yoga, meditation and sound healing before lunch and an afternoon boat trip to meet with the whales. Sara expects the morning session will enhance the group's experience out on the water. "With the yoga, we're doing the inner work and connecting with ourselves first, and that then enables us to connect on a



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much deeper level with other beings.

"When we're doing this sort of meditation workshop, we're connecting with that energy."

As a totem animal, whales represent family, freedom, intelligence and spirituality.

"Family doesn't necessarily mean blood relatives but relates to tribe. That's the energy we resonate with, and gosh, who doesn't want that?" Sara said recent studies deciphering the pod language used by whales and dolphins included what they describe as a swear word that dolphins use to label humans!

"The research now is saying that they have what we call 'basic culture,' which we only thought was in the human animal. So, culture being that they're passing on songs, they're passing on knowledge.

"Dolphins, whales... they all communicate by sonar. So that is all vibration. That is frequency, and we now know, particularly the stuff I am doing with sound baths (crystal singing bowls), is that frequency can heal.

"There does seem to be something profoundly beautiful about these animals, and they seem to find us as fascinating as we find them."

Through paddleboard yoga and sound healing, Sara has seen interactions between marine animals and humans enhanced by crystal singing bowls.

"Dolphins slowly came up to us, we've had turtles doing the same thing. Fish, stingrays, they all interact. We are all connected by it."

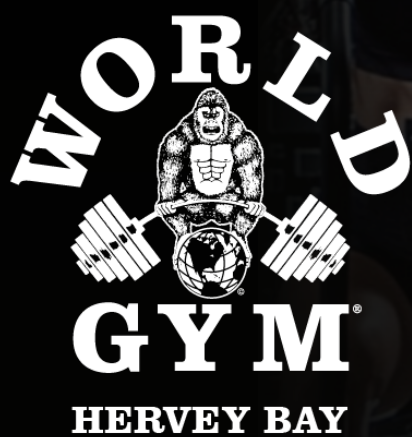
And that's what she envisions for the Yoga & Whale Watching program. Fitness or experience in yoga is not necessary - Sara just encourages anyone prepared to journey inward as well as out on the water.

"Anyone wanting to have a little bit more of a connection, that profound feeling of connecting with another species on, dare I say it, a slightly deeper level."

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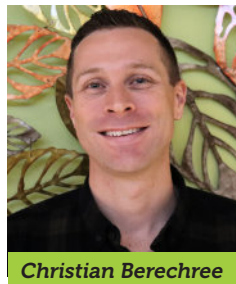
Creating Connected Communities

What would you do if you could do anything?

By Christian Berechree

Operations Manager

Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre



Christian Berechree

It's a simple question that can spark some amazing conversations about the future of our community.

I recently had the privilege of presenting to Year 10 students from one of our local high schools, introducing them to The Neighbourhood Hive - HBNC's learning and innovation hub.

In the spirit of innovation, the workshops ended with a brainstorming exercise focused on creating a new community space that brought something valuable to Hervey Bay.

To really get the creativity going, I took the reins off and told the students there were no rules – even the laws of gravity and physics need not apply.

What they came up with was truly inspiring.

There were anti-gravity zones, frozen and underwater worlds, and concepts that would require some VERY generous sponsors to get off the ground.

There were also ideas that showed heartfelt community spirit – like a collaborative garden, and a communal space for our home-schoolers.

All of this, and much more, was generated in about 20 minutes of group brainstorming.

Just imagine what they could have come up with in a full day or week!

I wonder how much we could achieve by making more of an effort to meaningfully engage with Fraser Coast youth.

By simply asking them what they want for their community in a fun, low-pressure environment, a whole range of ideas were sparked.

Given time, teamwork and resources, who knows how far these ideas could go?

Perhaps without even realising it, we can all tend to shut down ideas before they have a chance to see the light of day.

It's too expensive, it's too hard, we've tried it before, it will never work...sound familiar?

I'll leave you with the same message I left with those Year 10 students – dream big.

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Living the dream

By Kim Parnell

For local artist Kerri Dixon, life before moving to Brooweena to 'Live the Dream' was hectic to say the least. After twenty-seven years running a sign manufacturing business in Brisbane, the daily grind wore thin for Kerri and her husband, then their kids grew up and started to leave home. Craving change, they sold everything and bought a farm, despite having no farming experience. Kerri, now semi-retired, made one request: the property had to include room for an art studio so she could finally focus on her passion.

Swapping city life for a rural farm was a culture shock for Kerri and her husband.

"Going from the stress of running your own business, trying to make ends meet, and wondering where the next pay is coming from, to selling everything and becoming debt-free made all the difference.

"The stress levels dropped to zero, and we were able to truly relax for the first time in years.

Part of the dream was to become semi-self-sufficient farmers on their 180-acre property, but reality hit hard. Kerri tried selling eggs with one hundred free-range chickens and even had a custom-built chicken tractor. But after thirteen hours a week, egg-stamping, and market days, she was barely breaking even.

They also tried cattle and sheep, only to discover they would need 1,000 acres to make it profitable. Even the veggie garden didn't thrive.

"All my big farming dreams went out the window after about a year," Kerri laughs.

She soon remembered why she made the move: to focus on her art. She converted the double garage into a studio and joined local art societies, entering small comps with her pastel work. When they asked her to teach, she nervously ran her first workshop—with no experience—and it was a hit.



That spark grew into a passion. Now, Kerri shares her love for wildlife art and soft pastels, teaching others and embracing the simple, nature-inspired life that feeds her creativity.

Kerri believes that soft pastels are the best medium for wildlife.

"The pastels create a really soft look and are very forgiving; they are beautiful to work with and a brilliant medium for beginners."

Living rurally, where even a milk run takes forty-five minutes, Kerri wanted to connect with other isolated women, both in Australia and overseas. That's when she launched *The Creative Barn Membership* online, nearly four years ago.

Now with over two hundred members worldwide, Kerri hosts regular Zoom sessions and has built a thriving, supportive art community.

"They come for the lessons, but stay for the connection," she says.

She also runs annual art retreats in the small Tasmanian town of Winnaleah, which sell out every year to members eager to meet in person, often for the first time.

The busy artist will be holding a student exhibition in November at the Maryborough Regional Art Society Gallery.

"The idea for the exhibition came about because some of my students are a little older and lack confidence. By having a student-only exhibition, it feels less intimidating. It builds their confidence so much, they come to the opening and are blown away seeing their work displayed alongside others, realising it looks just as good. The exhibition runs throughout the month, and I also include a slideshow of my international students' work.

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"This year, I'm adding a virtual gallery tour for those who can't attend in person. I hold the exhibition every November at the Maryborough Art Society Gallery, and it's completely free for my students.

"It's so rewarding to see their faces on opening night. Some even sell their work during the show. It's a beautiful, community-building experience."

Kerri also has a solo exhibition coming up at Gatakers Artspace in Maryborough in April next year. Titled 'Colours of K'gari' (formerly Fraser Island), it highlights the rich reds and oranges of the island's iconic dingos and the Maheno Wreck, contrasted with the cooler tones of the landscape. "I'm fairly well known for drawing dingos," Kerri says. So, keep an eye

out for this striking showcase.

Last year, she was featured in the Artist's Spotlight at the Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, a proud moment for the artist.

She's also in the Doyle Art Awards and recently sold a piece to Darcey Doyle's niece, which Kerri says was "pretty amazing."

Locals can join her art class at the Maryborough Art Society.

For all her events, head to her Facebook page www.facebook.com/kerridixonart. You can also find Kerri on the web, www.kerridixonart.com. If you want to know more about the membership, here's where you need to go: www.thecreativebarnmembership.com.



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Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2025



Sat, Aug 2

Suitcase Rummage

9am – 12pm

The Shedding, Torquay
Hervey Bay

Sat, Aug 2

Street Feast – Hervey Bay

4pm – 9pm

\$3 entry per person
Seafront Oval

Sat, Aug 2

**41st Annual Acquisitive
Competitive Art Exhibition
Opening Ceremony and Awards
Presentation**

12 noon

Gatakers Artspace, Maryborough
(Exhibition runs till mid Sept)

Sat, Aug 2

**Granville State School 150th
Celebration**

9am – 3pm

Memorabilia and historical items
Cambridge St, Maryborough

Sat, Aug 2

**Antiques & Collectables &
Handicraft Fair**

9am – 2.30pm

Admission: Adults \$10.00, Children
under 16 Free
Hervey Bay Historical Village &
Museum

Sun, Aug 3

**Hervey Bay Bird Club
Annual Bird Expo**

9am – 12pm

\$2 Adults/Children under 12, free
Maryborough Showgrounds &
Equestrian Park

Sun, Aug 3 - Fri, Aug 8

Maryborough Eisteddfod 2025

To view the full program:

www.maryborougheisteddfod.com

Tue, Aug 5

**Future Pathways – School and
Beyond**

4pm – 7pm

St Mary's College Maryborough

Thu, Aug 7

**Creating Waves
(Part of the Hervey Bay Whale
Festival)**

Hosted by UniSc
Doors Open 5:30pm
Main Lecture Hall Fraser Coast
Campus
herveybaywhalefestival.com.au

Fri, Aug 8 & Fri, Aug 22

**Ghost Hunting 101 at the Bond
Store**

(Every fortnight)

6.30pm – 8pm

Cost involved
Ages 15+
Wharf St, Maryborough

Sat, Aug 9

**Hervey Bay Whale Festival
City and Sea
(Part of the Hervey Bay Whale
Festival)**

From 2pm

Parade of Lights &
Seafront Celebrations
herveybaywhalefestival.com.au

Sat, Aug 9

Wrestling – Rise From the Ashes

(Wide Bay Pro Wrestling)

6pm – 9.30pm

Ticketed event

Maryborough City Hall
www.stickytickets.com.au

Sun, Aug 10

**Paddle Out for Whales
(Part of the Hervey Bay Whale
Festival)**

From 8am

Torquay Jetty & Ernie Organ Park
Register to participate
herveybaywhalefestival.com.au



Sun, Aug 10 & 17

Yoga and Whale Watching

9am – 5pm

Cost involved

Tickets and info –
www.events.humanitix.com

Fri, Aug 15

**RDE-Regional Disability Expo
with Bonus Seniors Expo**

9am – 3pm

Free Entry, Register Online
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PCYC Hervey Bay

Fri, Aug 15 - Sun, Aug 31

**Theatre: Dr Fibjoy's Amazing
Theatrical Exclusion and Demise**

Ticketed event

Z-Pac Theatre, Scarness
www.zpactheatre.com.au



Tue, Aug 19

**Rock n Roll Never Forgets –
The Bob Seger & Silver Bullets
Ultimate Experience**

7.30pm

Brolga Theatre & Convention Centre
www.brolgatheatre.org

Thu, Aug 21

Daniel Champagne LIVE

Ticketed event

Family friendly

Pialba Memorial Hall

Tickets:
www.events.humanitix.com

Fri, Aug 22 - Sat, Aug 23

High School Musical

St James Centre

138-172 Pantlins Lane

Urraween

Tickets: www.trybooking.com

Fri, Aug 22

**Beyond Reality – Jaden Boon's
Comedy Hypnosis Show**

Ages 18+

Doors open – 7.30pm – 10pm

Hervey Bay Boat Club

Tickets via Eventbrite

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Fri, Aug 22

COMMUNITY: Global Beats & Eats

One Festival. Many Worlds

Event by HBNC

3pm – 8pm – Free entry

City Park, Charles St, Pialba

Fri, Aug 22

The Eagles Greatest Hits

From 7.30pm

Brolga Theatre & Convention
Centre

www.brolgatheatre.org

Sat, Aug 23

Exhibition Opening

**Girra: Fraser Coast National Art
Prize & Strange Kinship**

3pm – 5pm

2 new exhibitions

Hervey Bay Regional Gallery

Sat, Aug 23

Tiaro Bulls & Barrels

(Host-Tiaro State School P&C)

Gates open 3pm

Tiaro Recreational Grounds

Tickets: www.ticketebo.com.au

Sat, Aug 23

Fraser Coast Music Workshops

Session 6: Recording

4pm – 8pm

\$5 per person – Limited tickets

Kondari Hotel, Hervey Bay

Sat, Aug 23

**Smashing Bumpkins Bush Dance
2025**

Event by Kindness Works Ltd

5.30pm – 8.30pm

Cost involved

Hervey Bay Baptist Church
Nikenbah

www.simpletix.com

Sat, Aug 23 - Sun, Aug 24

Volleyball Comp - Coastal Clash

(By Fraser Coast Volleyball
Collective)

Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club

Find event on Facebook

Wed, Aug 27 - Sat, Aug 30

Peter Pan Jr

(Bayside Christian College)

Hervey Bay Baptist Church

Cost involved

www.trybooking.com

Fri, Aug 29

**Stephen Hunter Q&A and Fan
Interaction for Adults**

7pm – 8.30pm – Free

The Neighbourhood Hive, Pialba

Sat, Aug 30

Stephen Hunter Acting Workshop

9am – 1pm

Cost involved:

www.trybooking.com

Federation Room, Brolga Theatre,
Maryborough

Sat, Aug 30

**Jenny Ferris Yellow Rose Awards
& Luncheon**

(Host: Zonta Club of Hervey Bay)

11.30am – 2.30pm

Ticketed event

Find the event on Facebook

Banksia Seafood and Grill

Sat, Aug 30 - Sun, Aug 31

**Fundraiser: Fraser Coast Hospice
Quilt & Craft Show**

9am – 4pm

Entry fee applies

To book:

www.frasercoasthospice.com.au

TAFE Hervey Bay

Sat, Aug 30 - Sun, Aug 31

**QLUG Hervey Bay Brick Show
An Event for Lego Fans**

St James Lutheran College,
Urraween

Entry: \$5

Tickets: www.trybooking.com

Sun, Aug 31

**Sunday in the Park + Band Hall
Handcraft Markets**

Family day out

9am – 1pm

Queen's Park, Maryborough

Sun, Aug 31

MSM & Rods Car Show

8am – 12pm

Public entry: \$2 per person

Tinana Soccer Fields

Sun, Aug 31

Street Feat – Maryborough

Session 5: Sound

4pm – 9pm

Cost: \$3 entry per person

Mary River Parklands - Granville

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LIVE MUSIC ON THE FRASER COAST

August
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HERVEY BAY

Hervey Bay Boat Club

Fri 1, 6.00 pm, Aaron Westlake
Sat 2, 6.00 pm, Frank Benn
Sun 3, 2.00 pm, Shane Allsop

Fri 8, 6.00 pm, Shannon Young
Sat 9, 6.00 pm, Darren Marlow
Sun 10, 2.00 pm, Shaun Beckett

Fri 15, 6.00 pm, Derek F. Smith
Sat 16, 6.00 pm, Joel Spence
Sun 17, 2.00 pm, Aaron Westlake

Fri 22, 6.00 pm, Foreign Currency
Sat 23, 6.00 pm, Dean Gray
Sun 24, 2.00 pm, Emma Newman

Fri 29, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs
Sat 30, 6.00 pm, Brian Speirs
Sun 31, 2.00 pm, Shannon Young

Hervey Bay RSL

Fri 1, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 1, 6pm, Bevan Spiers
Sat 2, 8pm, GR8 CO

Fri 8, 11.30am, Billy Guy
Fri 8, 6pm, Doug Edwards
Sat 9, 8pm, Rhubarb Tarts

Fri 15, 11.30am, Ladybyrd Duo

Fri 15, 6pm, Emma Newman
Sat 16, 8pm, Kick Arse Country

Fri 22, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 22, 7pm, Rock 'n Roll Boys
Sat 23, 8pm, Dogwood Crossing

Fri 29, 11.30am, Trevor Judge
Fri 29, 6pm, Brad Turner
Sat 30, 8pm, Forbidden Road
Sun 31, 12pm, Ladybyrd Duo

Beach House Hotel

Fri 1, 9pm, Just Dez
Sat 2, 9pm, DJ Crooksy
Sun 3, 2pm, Frank Benn

Fri 8, 9pm, Brian Spiers
Sat 9, 9pm, Head on Collusions
Sun 10, 2pm, Foreign Currency

Fri 15, 9pm, The Boys
Sat 16, 9pm, Red Betty
Sun 17, 2pm, Frankie Busta

Fri 22, 9pm, (TBA)
Sat 23, 9pm, Rhubarb Tarts
Sun 24, 2pm, Shannon Young

Fri 29, 9pm, Dust Trio
Sat 30, 9pm, DJ Nixon

Sun 31, 2pm, Tash

The Clubhouse Hervey Bay

Fri 1, 6pm, Shannon Young
Sat 2, 6pm, Joel Spence

Fri 8, 6pm, Frank Benn
Sat 9, 6pm, Bevan Spiers

Fri 15, 6pm, Aaron Westlake
Sat 16, 6pm, Brad Turner

Fri 22, 6pm, Emma Newman
Sat 23, 6pm, Nick Rolfe

Fri 29, 6pm, Kev Carroll
Sat 30, 6pm, Sam Maddisson



Emma Newman

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Carriers Arms Hotel

Sat 2, 8pm, Dust Trio
Sun 3, 2pm, Open Mic

Sat 9, 8pm, Diamonds & Rust
Sun 10, 2pm, Open Mic

Sat 16, 9pm, The Lowdown
Sun 17, 2pm, Open Mic

Sat 23, 9pm, Merlin
Sun 24, 2pm, Open Mic

Sat 30, 9pm, Luke Karolak
Sun 31, 2pm, Open Mic

Maryborough Services Club

Fri 1, 9pm, DJ Nixon
Sat 2, 8pm, Whiskey Mountain Boys

Fri 8, 9pm, DJ Moto Sas
Sat 9, 8pm, Dogwood Crossing

Fri 15, 9pm, DJ Nixon
Sat 16, 9pm, 80's vs 90's Tribute show

Fri 22, 9pm, DJ Mr Sparkles
Sat 23, 2pm, Geed up
Sat 23, 8pm, Switch

Fri 29, 9pm, DJ Nixon
Sat 30, 8pm, Marshall Brothers

Maryborough Sports Club

Fri 1, 7.30 pm, Red Betty

Fri 8, 7.30 pm, 2EZ

Fri 15, 7.30 pm, Billy Guy
Sun 17, 1.00 pm, Derek Smith

Fri 22, 7.30 pm, Rock n Rolla Billys

Fri 29, 7.30 pm, Maria Whittaker
Sat 30, 7.00 pm, Don Costa
Sun 31, 12.00 pm, Don Costa

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WIN TICKETS TO THE SOUNDS OF ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

We've got **6 single General Admission tickets** up for grabs, thanks to our friends at **NUI Events!** That means **3 lucky winners** will each score two tickets — perfect for bringing a mate along for the fun! (Each ticket admits one person for general entry.)

About the Event:

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 6, 2025**, because the **SOUNDS OF ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL** is set to explode onto **Seafront Oval, Hervey Bay**. The lineup is fantastic!

Get ready to sing, dance, and rock out with music legends like Jon Stevens, The Angels, Baby Animals, Pseudo Echo, Dragon, Eurogliders and Taxiride featuring Jason Singh.

This is more than a festival — it's a full-blown celebration of classic hits, powerhouse performances, and pure rock energy. Don't miss your chance to be part of the action!

HOW TO ENTER:

Step 1:

Answer the following question:

Can you name three of the artists or bands performing at the Sounds of Rock Music Festival 2025 in Hervey Bay?

(Hint: You can find the answer on Facebook at facebook.com/soundsrock, at the top of the event page on www.oztix.com.au, or on posters and promotional signs around the region.)

Step 2:

Email your answer to **whatsonfrasercoast@outlook.com.au**. The first 3 correct entries will each win two General Admission tickets.

Important:

- Winners must pick up their ticket from Torquay, Hervey Bay, before the event.
- Winners will be notified via email, and a pick-up time will be arranged.

Conditions of Entry:

- Only enter if you can attend the Sounds of Rock Music Festival on **Saturday, September 6, 2025**, from 1pm to 10pm. (Tickets are not redeemable for cash.)
- You must pick up your ticket from Torquay, Hervey Bay.
- Each of the 3 winners receives 2 General Admission tickets. (Value: approx. \$287.00).
- All other expenses are the winner's responsibility.
- The judge's decision (What's On Fraser Coast Magazine) is final, and no correspondence will be entered into unless you are a winner.
- The competition ends when all tickets are won or by **Wednesday, August 20, at 4 pm**, whichever comes first.
- Winners will be announced on **Thursday, August 21**, on the What's On Fraser Coast Magazine Facebook page. (All winners would have already received an email in response to their winning entries.)

Good luck!

Please note — this competition is run by the What's On Fraser Coast Magazine, not The Sounds of Rock Music Festival or NUI Events, who play no part in the competition.





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Whale watching ON THE FRASER COAST

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What to pack for a whale watching trip

Whale watching offers an unforgettable chance to get up close and personal with our magnificent Humpbacks. With a little planning ahead, you'll make the most of your adventure, so come prepared and get ready for an amazing day out on the water!

Dress in layers - It can get quite cool out on the water, so wear a couple of layers so that you can take a layer off if needed.

Apply sunscreen - even when it's cloudy and cool, you can still be exposed to harmful UV rays and get sunburnt. So, pop on sunscreen. before heading out.

Consider taking along a waterproof jacket - you can sometimes get a little wet from the spray of the ocean water. You will want to keep yourself warm and dry.

Don't forget your sunglasses - On a sunny day, the sun hits the water and creates a strong glare, making it hard to see.



Take a hat - a hat will help protect you from the elements. Make sure the hat is secure, as you don't want it to blow away!

Wear sensible shoes - the deck of a boat can get slippery and wet. So, put away the stilettos and wear flat shoes, preferably with rubber soles.

A small waterproof backpack - A waterproof bag can help to keep your possessions dry when water from the ocean sprays on board the boat.

Bring a camera - You will want to capture the many memories of your special day.

Bring binoculars - If you are lucky enough, the whales might come close to the boat. Sometimes you can see them in the distance. This is when binoculars are handy.

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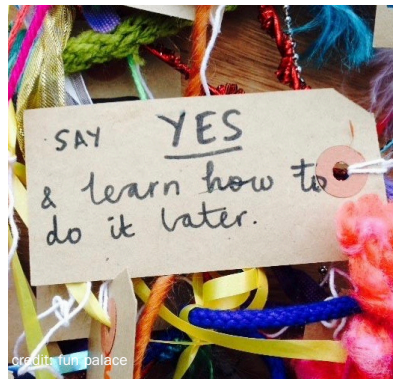
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FROM SURVIVOR TO BEACON:

Chloe Brown's Mission to Illuminate Hope on the Fraser Coast

In the heart of the Fraser Coast, Chloe Brown stands as a testament to resilience and transformation. Having endured the harrowing realities of domestic violence (DV), she emerged not only as a survivor but as a formidable advocate for change. As the founder and director of Shine Bright Mental Health, Chloe has dedicated her life to supporting women and children affected by DV, ensuring they find solace, support, and a path forward.

Shine Bright Mental Health offers a sanctuary for those navigating the aftermath of trauma. With services ranging from private counselling to NDIS support coordination, the organisation emphasises empowerment and compassion, walking alongside individuals on their journey to healing. Chloe's personal experiences infuse the organisation's ethos, fostering an environment where clients feel seen, heard, and valued.



Central to Chloe's advocacy is the annual "One Day at a Time" Gala, now in its third year. Scheduled for September 27, 2025, at Maryborough City Hall, this event is more than a fundraiser; it's a beacon of hope. The 2025 gala spotlights children impacted by DV, aiming to raise funds for essential therapeutic services like play therapy, which are often inaccessible due to financial constraints. Through partnerships with organisations such as Yoorana, Centacare, and ACT for Kids, Shine Bright ensures that the funds directly benefit the local community.

The evening promises a blend of inspiration and entertainment. Attendees will hear from keynote speaker Jelena Dokic, whose personal journey from tennis stardom to DV survivor resonates deeply with the gala's mission. Musical performances by Emma Newman and the Rhubarb Tarts will set the tone for a night of unity and purpose.

All proceeds from the gala will support the newly established Shine Bright Foundation, ensuring sustained assistance for women and children in the Fraser Coast region. Chloe's unwavering commitment transforms personal pain into collective empowerment, reminding us that with support and solidarity, healing is possible.

Join the Movement

Tickets for the "One Day at a Time" Gala are now available. By attending, you're not only supporting a noble cause but also standing in solidarity with countless individuals seeking a brighter future. Secure your spot and be part of a transformative evening dedicated to hope, healing, and community.

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Jelena Dokic -
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and DV survivor





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Stephen Hunter

Q&A + FAN MEET & GREET

Step inside the world of film and television with one of Australia's most accomplished screen talents.

Join us for an unforgettable event with Stephen Hunter, the acclaimed actor behind Bombur in Peter Jackson's The Hobbit trilogy. With a career spanning decades across blockbuster films and hit television series, Stephen will share personal stories, industry insights, and behind-the-scenes anecdotes from working on global productions.

From roles in Thor: Love & Thunder, Escape from Pretoria, The Merger, and Ruby's Choice to TV credits including Heartbreak High (Netflix), Wolf Creek, The Leftovers (HBO), The Tourist (BBC), and Reef Break (ABC US), Stephen's impressive body of work makes this a must-attend event for fans and aspiring actors alike.

★ Live Q&A Session

Ask your burning questions about acting, filmmaking, life on set, and working with legends like Jane Seymour, Daniel Radcliffe, and Taika Waititi.

★ Meet & Greet

Get your chance to meet Stephen in person after the Q&A. Take a photo, grab an autograph, and chat with one of the most down-to-earth talents in the industry.

EVENT DETAILS

Hervey Bay

Friday, 29th August
The Neighbourhood Hive
Student Session 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Adults Session 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Maryborough

Saturday 30th August
Brolga Theatre, The Federation Room,
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Don't miss your chance to connect with a true professional whose passion for acting and coaching continues to inspire. Whether you're a fan of epic fantasy, gritty dramas, or Australian cinema—or an aspiring actor yourself—this event is for you.

FREE Event you must book a ticket to attend:

Hervey Bay School Kids Session:

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★ Auditor Access (12–18 spots available)

- Perfect for actors and creatives who want to observe professional coaching in action.
- Learn from watching each scene unfold, with commentary and coaching from Stephen throughout.

EVENT DETAILS

Maryborough

Saturday 30th August
Brolga Theatre, The Federation Room,
9:00am - 1:00pm

Hervey Bay

Sunday 31st August
The Neighbourhood Hive
9:00am - 1:00pm

★ All attendees receive:

- Access to the live Q&A at the end of the session
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OPINION PIECE:

IMAGINE IF YOU WILL

By Andrew Sadler

Imagine if you will, a world that operates exactly as you want it. This almost comes under the "If I won Lotto, what would I spend my money on?" For most of us, neither of these will ever eventuate; for the very few, the latter may happen, but for just about all of us, the world as we want it will never happen.

No matter how we think, there are always some people out there who think differently, and that's a good thing. Call them Lefties or Right-Wingers, in reality, it's just a label to make them easy to identify, to pigeonhole them. Why do we need to pigeonhole people? Has someone convinced us that this is a requirement, but why?

Many years ago, I participated in a "Team Building Seminar", admittedly with about as much enthusiasm as having a boil lanced. I don't like being asked multichoice questions, limiting my answer, and being told about my personality. I know I'm stubborn and cantankerous, two traits I cherish. I can talk to most people if they interest me! Yet a diplomat I'm not. More than anything, I hate the idea of being pigeonholed. Be an individual; you don't need to run with the pack all of the time.

Perhaps this is why, to this day, I run my own business, wherever possible, my own way, not the same repetitive stuff common today. I enjoy people who tell me that whatever we're doing appeals to their palate. Something that is very subjective, as everyone's palate is different. What I don't enjoy is comments like, "Your coffee is not the same as my usual coffee shop". Of course it isn't, we probably use different beans from different countries, roasted to different profiles. Are McDonald's and KFC the same flavours? Don't answer that!



This is why I would never like to see anyone shaping our world to their own design, because there wouldn't be personality or individualism. Just imagine if you will, both the Middle East and Australia being shaped the same, both have amazing individual beauty, but I wouldn't like to see the same scenery, because why would you want to stay here, or come here?

Keep who we are, be proud of who we are, then best of all, don't let some bully tell us what we can and can't do, because remember, all empires eventually fall.

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with Tania Comerford

As my Husband fights 'Incurable' Cancer: Lessons in Love, Faith and What Truly Matters

Some mornings, lyrics find you and refuse to let go. These lyrics grabbed my heart and squeezed it tight:

"I'm going to love you like it's the last night on earth..."

"If tomorrow never comes, I will love you until the day I die..."

"I prayed for you a thousand times..."

These words aren't just poetic – they've become our reality. When my husband was diagnosed with 'terminal' cancer, everything changed. This is not just a story about illness – it's a story about what truly matters. About showing up fully, loving fiercely, and believing – wholeheartedly – that nothing is curable, and nothing is impossible.

When my husband was diagnosed with 'terminal' cancer;

My values screamed clearer and louder

My faith became stronger

My beliefs became more powerful - now my husband's life depended on it.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

My strong beliefs are amplified:

To Be is more powerful than to do

Slow down the pace of life

Notice the details and be in nature

Be intentional yet calm and relaxed.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

The little things are the big things:

I find so much joy in....

Watching him sleep peacefully in his chair

Seeing him delight in the food he can actually taste

See his eyes light up when he helped someone with a few whispered words of wisdom.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

The meaningless things of life vanish

A powerful reminder of our vows (37 years ago) screams even louder "in sickness and in health" - not as a duty - but as a privilege.



Tania Comerford

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

I delight in his gratefulness in all the little tasks I and others do for him.

Our gratefulness has increased so much in this season.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

My knowledge that vulnerability leads to intimacy is at a whole new level

Deep intimacy is found in all the gentle tender ways we treat each other during the day

Holding him when he's unable to fall asleep on his own

Washing him when he's too weak to do so himself.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

I'm reminded of those precious moments as a full time Mum of young children - I loved being available to nurture, pour out love, care and attention all day.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

His depth of love and his connection to love has grown stronger every day

I love the contentment and twinkle I now see in his eyes

We are not the same man, woman and couple we were just a few months ago.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

I've never been so proud of him my entire life

His faith, strength and determination is unstoppable

I know he/we will win this battle!

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

We have become fiercely protective of our relaxed lifestyle

It's how life should be

I want to share the lessons we're learning of what really matters in life!

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

I live each day with no regrets

I savour every moment.

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

If today was my last on earth - I wouldn't change a thing

"I'm going to hold you like it's the last night on earth".

As my husband fights 'incurable' cancer;

We know more POWERFULLY than we have EVER known before - that NOTHING IS INCURABLE and NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!!!

This is HOW we are DEFEATING 'incurable' cancer;

Faith, Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Gentleness, Stillness, Hope, Confidence, Belief, Gratitude, Determination, Humour, and Never giving up!

Tania Comerford

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Whimsy Meets Darkness in a Double Bill of Dazzling, Twisted Theatre

Z-PAC Theatre invites audiences on an unforgettable journey through the delightfully absurd and the disturbingly profound in an exciting new double bill: *Dr Fibjoy's Amazing Theatrical Exclusion* and *Demise: A Series of Tragic Tales*.

First, prepare for high-octane hilarity with *Dr Fibjoy's Amazing Theatrical Exclusion*, directed by Jonathan Sharp. Bursting with physical comedy, live music, masks, and a splash of improvisation, this whimsical show follows the outrageous Dr Fibjoy—a snake oil salesman turned storyteller—and his merry ensemble as they leap through tales inspired by Eastern European folklore.

"This show is about the joy of live performance," says director Jonathan Sharp. "We wanted to create something totally unpredictable, where audiences are part of the fun. It's messy, magical, and full of heart."



Jonathan's ensemble of young adult actors morphs from one colourful character to another, creating a vibrant patchwork of skits that celebrate community, culture, and chaos. Whether you're 9 or 90, you'll leave smiling.

Then, shift gears for *Demise: A Series of Tragic Tales*, directed by Nicky Fernandes. This darkly comic quartet of short plays offers a gripping exploration of human frailty, trauma, and the absurdity of existence.

"*Demise* tackles painful subjects with humour and empathy," says Nicky. "Each story invites the audience to laugh, squirm, reflect, and confront the complex emotions we often shy away from. It's raw, real—and weirdly relatable."

From a lovesick hitman in "Sweet Comic Valentine" to the twisted desperation of "Reasons Why You Should Eat Me," the plays traverse decades and psyches. "Cancel My Appointments" offers bleak hilarity from within an existential spiral, while "Fishing" delivers a chilling punch beneath seemingly calm waters. The plays are as cinematic as they are theatrical.

Together, *Dr Fibjoy* and *Demise* present two sides of the theatrical coin—one riotous, the other reflective. Don't miss this bold, genre-defying night of theatre that will have you roaring with laughter one moment and catching your breath the next.

Performances at Z-PAC Theatre run over three weekends from 15-31 August.

For more information and to book tickets, visit zpactheatre.com.au

Don't miss this genre-defying double bill—equal parts laugh-out-loud and chillingly thought-provoking.

Warning – *Demise* Contains adult themes, dark humour and moments of violence.

Book now at zpactheatre.com.au

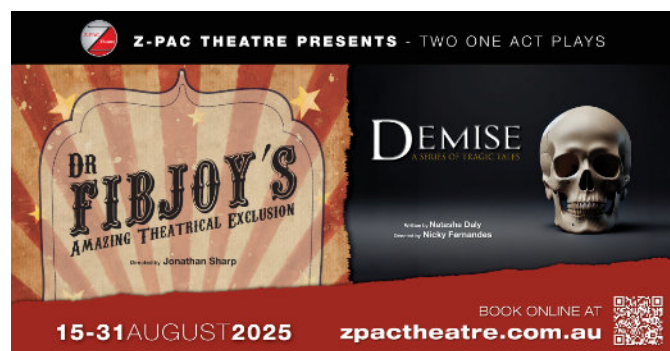
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FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR CHARITY SUPPORT

By Scott Rowe

General Manager, Rally for a Cause

Anthony Burgess might be in the fight of his life, but he is comforted to know that he has the support of strangers behind him during his ongoing battle.

The 46-year-old Bidwill resident was diagnosed with bowel cancer in 2024, which then spread to his hips and prostate.

Anthony has been unable to work for most of 2025 as he undergoes treatment but is "forever grateful" to the charity Rally for a Cause for their support during the battle.



Anthony Burgess with wife

"From the moment I was nominated for support, dealing with the charity has been an absolute pleasure.

"Rally for a Cause has helped pay the registration on my car, helped with household bills and most recently purchased a wheelchair for me."

Anthony was a loyal employee of civil and building works company SGQ for several years until he started to feel ill.

He was experiencing pain in his stomach for almost twelve months before his diagnosis.

Not being able to work forced Anthony and his wife to move out of their rental accommodation and reside in his camper trailer in the backyard of one of his relatives' properties.

"You never see anything like this happening; it really turns your life upside down. It has been tough, but without Rally for a Cause, it would have been even tougher.

I am forever grateful and offer big hugs to everybody who supports the charity and helps make a difference in the lives of people like me."



Anthony Burgess with daughter

What's On in SEPTEMBER

September is shaping up to be an action-packed month on the Fraser Coast, with an exciting lineup of events you won't want to miss! We've rounded up our Top 3 picks to help you make the most of the month. Get ready for a month full of fun, flavour, and fantastic local experiences.

COSENTINO - TRICKED - AN EVENING OF WONDER

When: Wednesday, September 3

Where: Brolga Theatre & Convention Centre, Maryborough

Tickets: www.brolgatheatre.org

Step into the mysterious world of Australia's greatest illusionist, Cosentino.

Witness the impossible as the 'International Magician of the Year' takes you on an unforgettable journey with his brand-new production.

The show is an immersive experience where the line between reality and fantasy are blurred.

Be captivated by breathtaking grand stage illusions, mind-boggling close-up wonders and heart-stopping escapes that will leave you mesmerised.

You won't believe your eyes! This production is perfect for all ages, thrill seekers and anyone who truly loves a one-of-a-kind magical experience.



MARY POPPINS FESTIVAL

When: Sunday, September 28

Where: Queens Park, Richmond St & Wharf St

Cost: Free Entry

The event celebrates the power of storytelling and sets the scene for visitors to be transformed into their own world of play and imagination. Maryborough's beautiful Queens Park, riverside parklands and heritage streetscapes come to life in scenes reminiscent of the Mary Poppins stories.

This free event is guaranteed to delight both young and the young at heart, with festival favourites, Chimney Sweeping, Nanny Races and the Grand Parade along with characters from the novel such as Mary Poppins, and Admiral Boom firing his cannon, plus street food vendors, market stalls, rides, pavement art and live entertainment. For more information, head to www.events.visitfrasercoast.com.

SPRING IN THE GARDENS

When: Monday, September 22

Where: Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens

Cost: Free Entry

Come along to the Botanic Gardens from 10am to 2pm, for a free family fun day celebrating all things Spring!

Presented by Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens and the Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre.

Highlights include:

- Face Painting
- Food and Drink Vans
- Petting Zoo
- Arts and Craft Activities



SOCIAL SNAPS

Out and about on the Fraser Coast!



Ashley Wakefield & sister
Bethany with 'Spirit' in
the background



Mark is the
friendly co-owner
of Freedom III

Blessing of the Fleet
Thank you to the Boat Club
Adventure Cruises for the sunset
cruise aboard the Amaroo.
Photos by Kim Parnell



Whalesong's
Doug
Greenshields
with Aleeca
Waterman



SOCIAL SNAPS

Out and about on the Fraser Coast!



Mermaids Elle, Clare, Kate & Tamsin with Aquaman Mitchell on board Salty Safaris



Mitchell Webb looks great as Aquaman



Musician Joel Spence performs at Blessing of the Fleet

SOCIAL SNAPS

Out and about on the Fraser Coast!

Blue Dolphin Marine Tours, Peter Lynch has been a skipper for over 40 years



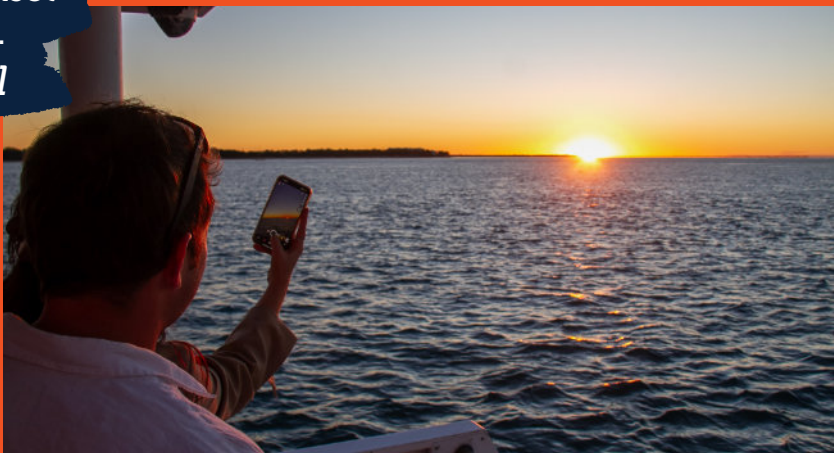
Potato swirls all round for the Marais's, Samantha, Karen & Madison



Blessing of the Fleet
Thank you to the Boat Club Adventure Cruises for the sunset cruise aboard the Amaroo.
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6 year old Zoe Sanders enjoyed the sunset cruise on the Amaroo



TIDE TIMES URANGAN

AUGUST

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Fraser Coast Markets



MARYBOROUGH

Maryborough Rotary Markets

Adelaide and Ellena St, Maryborough
Every Thursday - 7am to 12pm

MARYBOROUGH

Sunday Mixed Markets

Tinana Markets on the Field
Every 2nd Sunday of the month
7am - 12pm
maryboroughsmm@gmail.com

HERVEY BAY

Torquay Beachside Markets

Opposite the Torquay Hotel
Every Saturday
7am to 1pm

HERVEY BAY

Koala Markets - Kruger Court

Every 2nd & 4th Sunday
6am to noon

HERVEY BAY

Nikenbah Markets

Hervey Bay Animal Refuge
Nikenbah-Dundowran Rd, Nikenbah
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month
6am to 12 noon

HERVEY BAY

Markets at the Pier

Pier Park, Urangan, (in front of Jetty)
Every Wednesday & Saturday
7am to 12pm

OTHER AREAS

Glenwood Community Produce Markets

Pepper Rd
2nd and 4th Sunday of the month
8am to 9:30am

OTHER AREAS

Brooweena Markets

Historical Village, Smith Crescent
4th Sunday every 3rd month
8am to noon

OTHER AREAS

Bauple Markets - Band Hall Road

4th Saturday of the month
7am - noon

OTHER AREAS

Howard Country Markets

Howard Community Centre,
Steely St, Howard
1st Saturday of the month
7am to 12 noon

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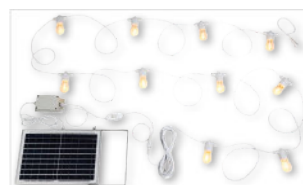
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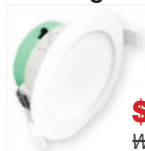


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