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RIVER FEST



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS





All Tribes Coming to the Big River

Darumbal Enterprise invites you to gather with traditional Custodians the Darumbal people on the banks of Tunuba. Come with respect, ready to engage, dance and be enriched by the oldest living culture on earth.



Darumbal

Message from the Mayor

Councillor Tony Williams

Welcome to the 10th anniversary of Rockhampton's beloved River Fest, themed "Reflection." This year, we honour a decade of growth, transformation, and community spirit since the festival's inception in 2014.

From its humble beginnings as a local community celebration, River Fest has blossomed into an iconic three-day event. Each year, over 35,000 attendees gather to enjoy a spectacular array of arts, culture, and entertainment. We are thrilled to have you join us in this remarkable journey.

Start your festival weekend with Country on Quay followed by two nights of non-stop music. The festivities will culminate with a fantastic performance by Eskimo Joe on Sunday.

Visit the Artist Collective Zone and Rockhampton Museum of Art for an exceptional range of workshops and activities from local and nationally renowned artists.

Embark on a gastronomic adventure with Flavours of the World - a must-visit for all food lovers!

Explore the debut of Market Village, nestled between Derby and William Streets, featuring over 35 stallholders.

Discover the new Arts on the Fringe program at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre, showcasing local talent through workshops, musical performances, and short films. We hope you take the time to explore this hidden gem.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this special milestone. Here's to a weekend filled with joy, creativity, and community spirit!



SUNDAY  TUNUBA



Eskimo Joe

Prepare for an enchanting evening with Australian rock legends Eskimo Joe as they embark on a national acoustic tour, captivating audiences in some of Australia's most picturesque theatres.

The ARIA Award-winning Fremantle trio will take you on a journey through a career-spanning acoustic set, featuring some of their most iconic hits.

Our listening recommendations to get warmed up for Eskimo Joe.

Black Fingernails, *Red Wine* (2006),
Sweater (1998), *Who Sold Her Out* (2001)
The first time (2024)

Sunday 7:15pm Tunuba Main Stage



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Message from the Minister for Tourism and Sport

The Hon. Michael Healy MP

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Rockhampton River Festival which highlights the personality and uniqueness of Rockhampton.

Rockhampton River Festival is supported by the Queensland Government through Round 26 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Queensland Destination Events Program, which strives to highlight the vital link between the wonderful events we host in our great state and the diverse destinations in which they take place.

Events such as Rockhampton River Festival foster community pride, impart local culture with all who visit and make meaningful contributions to the local economy.

Beyond Rockhampton River Festival, there is so much to see, do and experience in Rockhampton. I encourage all visitors from far and wide to soak in all the delights of Rockhampton and make the most of all the experiences unique to this special part of Queensland.

Congratulations to the organisers plus all those involved in working tirelessly to stage such a great event and for being part of the Queensland Destination Events Program.



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FRIDAY  TUNUBA



Travis Collins

Get ready for a night of electrifying country music as Travis Collins, one of Australia's most beloved country singer-songwriters, headlines the Tunuba Stage for Country on Quay at the Rockhampton River Festival 2024 on Friday, July 26th!

With an illustrious career spanning nine albums, Collins has garnered over 36 million career streams and earned accolades, including nine Golden Guitar Awards and four CMC Awards.

Experience the captivating energy of Travis Collins live on stage, delivering heartfelt ballads and exhilarating country-rock anthems that have made him one of Australia's finest country music artists.



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Friday 9:15pm
Tunuba Main Stage

Country on Quay

FRIDAY  TUNUBA



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**GEMMA
KIRBY**

**TRENT
RICHARDSON**

SATURDAY  **SHIPYARD**

SATURDAY  **TUNUBA**



Hillbilly Goats

Golden Fiddle Winners, four-time Bluegrass Golden Guitar Finalists, and recently crowned Folk Band of the Year in the Australian Folk Alliance Awards, the Hillbilly Goats deliver a show unlike you've ever seen.

Renowned for their musical twist on traditional tunes, the Hillbilly Goats captivate audiences with big harmonies, tap dancing, banjo, and a heavy presence of hard fiddle and fast harmonica.

From major festivals at home to international stages abroad, the Hillbilly Goats have carved their own niche with a colourful, vibrant, and talked-about show that will take audiences on a musical journey.



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Saturday 11am Tunuba Main Stage (Family Show)

Saturday 6pm Shipyard Stage

The Stone Apes

The Stone Apes effortlessly bridge the gap between tropical guitar riffs and a hard-hitting rhythm section, captivating audiences wherever they perform.

Frontman Jye Kennedy's powerful vocal performance, coupled with his ability to freestyle songs on the spot, means that every show is a bespoke performance! Their irrepressible sound has garnered a dedicated following already.

Their debut single 'Nuclear Summer' has amassed over 40,000 streams, leading to the release of their debut EP 'Strange Colours' and earning premieres on Triple J's 'Home & Hosed'.

Saturday 9:15pm
Tunuba Main Stage



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SATURDAY  TUNUBA



FRIDAY SATURDAY  
CUSTOMS HOUSE



Godz

A hedonistic dive head-first into the lives of the ancient gods of Olympus!

Follow your favourite gods like Cupid and Hercules as they paint the scene of Ancient Greece and bring you to the biggest party to hit Mount Olympus since 500 BCE.

Your favourite group of comedy acrobats take their unique mix of storytelling, circus, and physical prowess to godlike proportions. Expect a bodyssey of gravity-defying stunts, true tests of heroic strength and muscularity, and surprise comic twists.

Friday 6pm Customs House

Saturday 1:30pm & 5:30pm Customs House



VIDEOS &
TICKETS

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Ironing Maidens

DAILY



CUSTOMS HOUSE

The Ironing Maidens live electronic experience is the absolute most fun you will ever have while thinking about the housework.

Ingeniously adapting real irons and ironing boards into electronic instruments this performance is a high energy, captivating explosion of dancing, visuals, wit, humour and steamy hot sounds. With house inspired tracks built from real world laundry sounds and samples, the Ironing Maidens set bangs like an unbalanced washing machine and you will be dancing your way to a wrinkle free, electro future.

It's a multi-platform mix of original music, captivating visuals, pop costumes by Frida Las Vegas, lighting, high energy dance and plenty of ironing puns.

**Dance Workshops Saturday 10am,
Sunday 1pm Customs House**

**Show Friday 8:45pm, Saturday
8pm & Sunday 5pm Customs
House**



VIDEOS &
TICKETS





Unite*Play*- Perform

UnitePlayPerform (UPP) is an Australian arts health organisation enhancing wellbeing through creativity in a globally connected world. UPP is a transformational therapeutic methodology incorporating play, making, performance and community. UPP workshops are governed by the aim of allowing healing and creativity to occupy the forefront of our everyday lives.

ØFFERINGS (Melissa Gilbert) First Nations lineage is from Mununjali Peoples, Yugumbah - Five Rivers with ties to Quandamooka.

Ceremonial Procession Friday 6pm

Utopia Playshops Saturday & Sunday
10:30am, 12pm & 1:30pm

Hyper Temples Friday 7.30pm,
Saturday & Sunday 3:30pm,
5pm & 6:30pm



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DAILY  **ROD LAVER PLAZA**

Melissa is the Artist, Founder and Educator behind UnitePlayPerform, whose artist name is ØFFERINGS, is a Eora-based multi-disciplinary artist and educator who strives to facilitate togetherness and connection through socially engaging art. Gilbert boasts a vast background in experimental art and creative industries such as music performance and production, hosting immersive large-scale events.

This is a unique opportunity to explore tangible spectacular art, touch, clip clasp and co-design your very own large scale soft sculpture Hyper Temples or design your own plush avatar made with layers of wearable art!

Hyper Temples [FREE]

Join OFFERINGS in a demolition party, building and destroying large scale Hyper Temples.

Utopia Playshop

Choose, build and embody your very own plush avatar.

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Ironing Maidens Full Show
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Program subject to change

SATURDAY

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RIVER FEST



STAGE

WALTER REID

LIVE MUSIC

ARTS ON THE FRINGE

ART WORKSHOPS

SHORT FILMS



East Street



MARKETS

HERITAGE HOTEL

William Street

RMOA

NEON ALLEY

GODZ IRONING MAIDENS

CUSTOMS HOUSE



THE SHIPYARD



COMMUNITY ART

GATHERING SPACE

ARTIST COLLECTIVE

UNITE PLAY PERFORM



BUBBLE CANTEN

Denham Street

OXFORD HOTEL



FLAVOURS OF THE WORLD

& BAR

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Quay Street

Fitzroy Bridge



TUNUBA MAIN STAGE

BOATHOUSE

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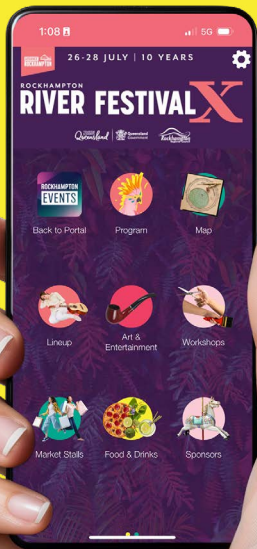
ARTS ON THE FRINGE WALTER REID

The Arts on the Fringe program brings together local talent and community spirit through a series of interactive activities and exhibitions. A visit to the Centre during River Festival will allow you to join in on arts and crafts workshops as well as enjoying captivating musical performances and short films.

Participating groups: Capricornia Printmakers | Officina Athelstane | Rockhampton Lapidary Club | Rockhampton Rail Modellers Association | CQ Strings, Rockhampton Youth Orchestra & Unisong Choir | CQ Contemporary Artists | Royal Queensland Art Society (Rockhampton Branch) | Patch-Happy Circle | Rockhampton Embroiderers' Guild | Capricornia Potters | Yellow Paint Incorporated

A dedicated **SENSORY QUIET ZONE** is available in the Walter Reid Cultural Centre for attendees who may be experiencing sensory overload.





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WALTER REID CULTURAL CENTRE

Over the Fence 24 & A World of Dark Comedy 5

Celebrating the filmmakers that have come together to deliver us a feast for the senses that not only demonstrates their comedic prowess but their exceptional storytelling. Challenge your perceptions on life, death and morality as we embrace the absurd and showcase a line-up of both acclaimed filmmakers and rising stars. Join us later for the adults only (18+ only) screening of A World of Dark Comedy.

OVER THE
FENCE
COMEDY FILM
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A WORLD OF
DARK
COMEDY





Luke Roberts: Beyond the Great Divide

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Born in Alpha, Central Queensland, artist Luke Roberts has been at the fore of performance, photography, painting and installation for over five decades. His work pushes the boundaries of art, addressing his complex Catholic upbringing, sexuality, identity, gender and Queerness. Curated by Nicholas Tsoutas.



The Gold Award

Hyper Temples Build and Destroy

'Living, breathing series of tactile object-works that will morph shape and move' to unexpected locations. In this installation, Offerings references Jungian archetypes and breathwork; the form of each object beginning with an intention, a mindful breath, and a letting go as I brought their shapes into being with paper and scissors. Experience Build and Destroy on Rod Laver Plaza.

Wendy Sharpe: I Am All Those Who Are No More

As winner of the Archibald Prize and Sulman Prize, Sharpe is one of Australia's most awarded painters. She is also a muralist; her most recent mural was commissioned by the Jewish Museum in Sydney; a deeply personal work that sadly, due to pandemic closures, was never on public view. RMOA has invited Sharpe to create a mural on site.



Stephen Bird: Industrial Sabotage



Wendy Sharpe: I Am All Those Who Are No More



Collection Focus: Capricornia Printmakers

The Gold Award

RMOA is proud to present this acquisitive painting prize again in 2024. This invitational award showcases the finest in contemporary Australian painting practice, with the most outstanding work to be acquired into RMOA's collection.

The Gold Award 2024 Artists:
Patricia HOFFIE | John Honeywill | Jumaadi | Tjungkara Ken | Rosella Namok | Ryan Presley | Gareth Sansom | Louise Tuckwell.

Stephen Bird: Industrial Sabotage

Stephen Bird is a painter and ceramicist whose artworks take aim at the class divide of British pottery. Bird looks to the pre-Industrial Revolution records of workers creating one-off pieces of experimentation. Bird's wares, which he terms 'industrial sabotage,' surprise and shock with their violent, bawdy, funny and even grotesque subject matter; offering much more than an ornamental surface.

Collection Focus: Capricornia Printmakers

Over one inspiring year, local artist collective Capricornia Printmakers embarked on a transformative journey of selecting and responding to artworks from the Rockhampton Museum of Art Collection.



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Before I Die...

You are invited to write on our enormous communal blackboard the things you want to achieve before you die, forcing you to reflect on your own mortality and future aspirations.



Reflection Trees

Join our shared storytelling by writing a message to be hung from the branches of the Reflection Trees: Appreciation, Gratitude and Future Dreaming.



Flora & Fauna of Tunuba

Collaborate to create art pieces depicting the flora and fauna of Tunuba (Fitzroy River) to be displayed along the riverfront during the festival.

Community Art Zone



Bubble Canteen

Welcome to The Bubble Canteen, a magical installation where the air sparkles with 12,000 bubbles each minute; a world of wonder and delight. The Bubble Canteen is not just an exhibit—it is an experience that reaches out, and invites you to return time and again to its captivating embrace



Neon Garden

Get ready to light up your Instagram feed! The talented Carla O'Brien is bringing her dazzling Neon Garden and Heart Arch to Quay Street.

"My neon installations are more than just really cool art; they are experiences that light up the night, spark conversations, bring lots of joy and leave people with photo reminders of a really fun time."

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Neon ALLEY

FRI 26TH JULY, 5PM-10.30PM | SAT 27TH JULY, 4PM-10.30PM

"Neon Alley" is a captivating addition to the Rockhampton River Festival, transforming East Street Links into a colourful destination for good times, delicious street food by Amuse Dining and expertly crafted cocktails by Man the Bar.

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Market Village

This year will see more boutique market stalls at the festival, in a new zone called Market Village. This spot is exclusive to market stall holders and will be set up between Derby and Williams Streets to accommodate an additional 35% market stall sites for this year's festival.

With over 35 stallholders there's something for everyone - from hand crafted jewellery and leather accessories to homemade spices and sweets, you'll find what you're looking for in Market Village.

Did you spot our massive cockie?

In honour of the River's cheekiest residents – the sulphur-crested cockatoos – our enormous mascot can be found on the way to Arts on the Fringe. Tag your cockatoo shots [#ExploreRockhampton](#) [#VisitQueensland](#).



Flavours of the World

This year's festival welcomes back the Flavours of the World, a festival favourite for those looking to be transported to different countries through the aromas and tastes that are on offer from a range of cuisines from many nationalities. This precinct is in front of the Tunuba Main Stage on Quay Street.

Flavours of the World will include:

Hungary Aussie | Pompano Seafood Deli | Teppanyaki Noodles By Yamatoumi | Best Of The Wurst | Tiki Bowl | The Glory Of Thailand | Paella Magic | Brazzo Boys | Real Aussie Fruit Icecream | Come On Mate! Gourmet Japanese | Mr. Pulled Slow Cooked Meats | Dutchy Delights | Pho House Rocky

As well as, throughout the festival:

Mr Mojo | Shiro Gelato And Snack | Poppalicious Popcorn And Fairy Floss | Miss Bubble Tea | Fresh Thailicious Delights | Big Mama's Kitchen - Kebab Heaven | Twisted Tatas | The Calamari Hut | Spuds 2 Go | Glutenfree4u Cq | Nimo's Schnitzel | Coffee4u2u | The T Wagon | Janeo's Barista





Artist Collective

SATURDAY  

Artist Village

The Rockhampton Regional Council is excited to showcase the region's talented homegrown artists through the creation of an Artist Collective.

A key part of this year's Rockhampton River Festival Community Arts Program, the Artist Collective aims to highlight and celebrate the local arts community.

The Artist Village will include:

Arco Iris Interiors | Wild Mount Morgan Clay | Artwork By Kimz | Elizabeth Kate Fine Artworks | Alana Read Art | Fethers Studio | Draw Creative By Emma Ward | Gleeson Art | Nancy Liddle | A Shade Of Allusion | Paintings By Caitlin | Rockridge Creations | Capricorn Coast Art | Royal Qld Art Society | Linda Weedon | David Plant Art | Lexi Maller & Amelia Ogg | Driftwood And Paint | A Little Bit Of Lovely Glass | Stained Glass Greenhouse

Saturday 10am - 7pm

SUNDAY 

Thrift-it

In a move to address the fast fashion crisis, we're thrilled to unveil River Festival's inaugural sustainable marketplace – Thrift It.

Thrift It encourages mindful consumer habits, urging everyone to think about the origins and destiny of their belongings. It's time to celebrate not just the goods but also the good-will in making sustainable choices.

We can't wait to discover some hidden fashion treasures at Thrift It as part of the Artist Collective Zone on Sunday 28 July, 10am - 6pm. Together, let's make a positive impact—one pre-loved piece at a time!

Sunday 10am - 6pm



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