



CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL SISTER CITIES NEWSLETTER

“Fibres of Life” Exhibition 2010

Following the highly successful “Earth Links” ceramics exhibition in 2008 and the “Face of a Sister City” photographic exhibition in 2009, the Cairns Regional Council Sister Cities Advisory Committee will this year host the “Fibres of Life” exhibition. The exhibition will be held from 19 November to 12 December 2010 at The Tanks Art Centre and will feature 100 fibre works.

Each of our Sister Cities – Lae (PNG), Oyama and Minami (Japan), Riga (Latvia), Scottsdale (USA), Sidney (Canada) and Zhanjiang (China) are invited to submit 10 locally produced fibre works for the exhibition.

Twenty fibre works will be selected from the Cairns Region for the exhibition and this year we have also invited the city of Catania (Sicily) to join in the exhibition.

For the purpose of this exhibition “fibre” works will be defined as:

- Felting
- Embroidery – hand or machine
- Cross-stitch
- Tapestry
- Lace-tatting
- Basketry,
- Tapa cloth
- Quilting
- Patchwork
- Appliqué
- Dyeing - shibori

- Spinning
- Weaving - netting
- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Paper
- Wearable art
- Mixed media

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This wonderful “mini” quilt was created by Cairns artist Frances Minstrom and has been adopted as the “logo” for the exhibition



Australia Japan Society FNQ Student Rebound presentations

Almost 50 people attending the presentations at Cairns Regional Council on 16 March 2010 by two Cairns students recounting their experiences during their trips to Oyama and Minami.

Rebecca Coxon from Trinity Anglican School and Benja-

min Mahler from Peace Lutheran College won scholarships from AJS to visit each of the Cairns Japanese Sister Cities, Minami and Oyama for five weeks during December 2009 and January 2010.

The AJS Scholarship program is held every year and students are encouraged to be involved with AJS and discover more about Japanese language and culture.

For more information visit www.ajsfhq.org.au

Cairns Regional Council Sister Cities

Lae	Papua New Guinea
Minami	Japan
Oyama	Japan
Riga	Latvia
Scottsdale	USA
Sidney	Canada
Zhanjiang	China

Information:

- For more information about Cairns Regional Council Sister Cities visit our website
- www.cairns.qld.gov.au/content/sisterCities



Sunday 28th March 2010
5:00pm for 5:30pm
TJAPUKAI THEATRE (SMITHFIELD)

Adult \$12 pp by donation
AJS Members: \$10 pp by donation
Under 12 : \$2 pp by donation
Limited Finger Food is included
and a Cash Bar available
No BYO: Food & Drink

SOUNDTRACK - ENGLISH
Rating : PG

**ADVANCE BOOKINGS
NECESSARY
TO RESERVE SEATS**
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A young boy, Sôsuke, befriends a strange looking goldfish whom he names Ponyo. Unbeknownst to Sôsuke, Ponyo is a magic fish who has decided that she wants to live with Sôsuke and the other humans. Unfortunately, Ponyo's decision to give up her underwater life creates a crack in an ancient magic spell, and places the world in danger. Together, Sôsuke and Ponyo must set things right.

崖の上の一軒家に住む少年・宗介は、クラゲに乗って家出したさかなの子・ポニョと出会う。宗介のことを好きになるポニョ。しかし、かつて人間を諦め、海の住人となった父によって、ポニョは海の中へと連れ戻されてしまう。ポニョは、妹たちの力を借りて父の魔法を盗み出し、再び宗介のいる人間の世界を目指す。危険な力を持つ生命の水がまき散らされ海はふくれあがり、嵐が巻き起こり、妹たちは巨大な水魚に変身して、宗介のいる崖へ、大津波となって押し寄せる。海の世界の混乱は、宗介たちが暮らす町をまるごと飲み込み、海の中へと沈めてしまう。少年と少女、愛と責任、海と生命。神経症と不安の時代に、宮崎駿がためらわずに描く、母と子の物語。



Lion Dance Classes:
When: Every Saturday
Time: 3.00pm - 6:00pm
Where: Edge Hill State School Stadium
Contact: Mrs Lai Chu Chan
Mobile: 0409 632 820

Chinese Playgroup:
When: Friday from 9:30-11:30am
Where: Smithfield Uniting Church near the Smithfield Library
Age group: 5 or under 5
Contact: Tiffany 40381171 or 0419748667
Languages: Mandarin or Cantonese
Cost: Absolutely free, with guided activities and outdoor play area



50TH LATVIAN SCHOOL YOUTH SONG AND DANCE CELEBRATION 2010

Song festivals have been an essential part of Latvian culture since the 19th century. Both in Latvia and abroad they have served a s appoint for not only defining, maintaining and regenerating Latvian culture, but also as a means of political expression and a call for unity.

This year the 50th Anniversary of the Latvian School Youth Song and Dance Celebration will be held in our Sister City Riga from 9th to 12th July.

Riga's historical centre has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the city is particularly notable for its extensive Jugendstil (German Art Nouveau) architecture, which UNESCO considers to be unparalleled anywhere in the world.



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The Year of the Tiger roared in mightily with the launch of the CNY Festival at the Esplanade and culminating with a wonderful CNY dinner at Café China on 27 February. Both functions were attended by record crowds. The CNY Festival is such a success that it was recently awarded the "Best Chinese Community Event" by the Australian Chinese Chamber of Commerce. The Award was accepted on 23 January in Brisbane by Mary Low, who has been Chairman of the Festival for the past seven years.

The Lion Team has been especially busy making numerous appearances at the Cairns International Airport as

the City welcomed over 14,000 Chinese visitors on special charter flights from Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong. It was fitting therefore that the lion dancers finished the new year celebrations with the inaugural presentation of the Daryl Hayward Memorial shield and lion dance encouragement award to honour Daryl's passion for the development of the junior lion team.

CADCAI also welcomed Deputy Consul General Meng Mian and Consul Wang who made their first visit to Cairns and attended the CNY Dinner.

Now that the hustle and bustle of the

festivities is over, CADCAI is focusing it's efforts in setting in motion the plan to get their Cultural and Heritage Centre built. This project will only be possible with the support of everyone in the community, so please make a tax-deductible donation to the Cultural & Heritage Trust Fund or volunteer with other fund-raising activities.

COMING EVENTS

10 April 6.30pm

Relay 4 Life Banquet

At Café China, Book with Glenda on 4056 2727

30 May 12pm

Relay 4 Life Yumcha

At Café China, Book with Glenda on 4056 2727

"Face of a Sister City" Photographic Exhibition held in Sidney BC, Canada

About 60 invited guests, including the Town Council, the Board of the Community Arts Council, Sidney Sister City Assoc (SSCA) Members and Sidney photographers attended the opening of the "Face of a Sister City" Exhibition held in Sidney, BC, Canada on 13 January 2010.

Over 400 members of the public visited the exhibition over the next week. The photographic prints were sold for \$10 each, with the funds raised going to the Haitian relief fund. SSCA matched the \$500 raised through sales and the \$1000 was passed on to the town's funding raising efforts.

The exhibition featured all of the photographs from the Cairns Regional Council "Face of a Sister City Exhibition" held in 2009.



Lesley Nichols Chair of the Sidney Sister Cities Assoc reads Mayor Val Schier, Cairns Regional Council's, letter at the opening of the exhibition

Multi-cultural Diary

4 April	Chinese Community Cairns and District Chinese Assoc Mary Low 0406 342 703	Chinese Qingming Festival
13 April	Thai Community Far North Buddhist Association Pimthong Kipper 0418 640 140	Songkran Festival – Thai New Year
14 April	Sikh Community Gurinder Mavi 0410 662 459	Sikh Khalsa Day
20 May	East Timorese Community The East Timorese Association in Cairns Antonio Pinto 0407 964 342	East Timorese Independence Day
28 May	Chinese Community Cairns and District Chinese Assoc Mary Low 0406 342 703	Chinese Dragon Boat Festival
1 June	Samoan Community Voice of Samoa Leva Rae 4041 7699	Samoan Independence Day
3 June	Italian Community Italian Social & Dance Club Inc Luciano Codotto 4054 4258	Italian Republic Day
3 June	Indigenous Community Indigenous Coordination Centre 4048 8600	Mabo Day
12 June	Philippine Community Philippines Cultural Society of Cairns Mila Gapas 4032 2268	Philippines Independence Day
16 June	African Community Suleiman Forna 0407 552 054	International Day of the African Child
20 June	Refugee Community Migrant Settlement Services Olive Tau Davis 4041 7699	World Refugee Day



Italian National Day will be celebrated at the Brothers Leagues Club on 5th June 2010, for more information contact Frank Lanza at frank@franklanza.com.au

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