



MilBi

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15 – 24
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Milbi Festival is the Bundaberg Region's newest arts and culture festival which helps us to mark the beginning of our famous turtle breeding season.

Turtles have a unique ability to understand where they were born and have come from.

They live, navigate and explore the ocean for 20 - 30 years and then return home to their birth place to nest.

It is a celebration of place, culture, art and community - a celebration of where we call home and what makes us unique.

It is a festival for everyone.

Milbi Festival is an opportunity to celebrate the **rebirth**, **ritual** and **regeneration** that is our turtle season.



MILBI FESTIVAL 2019

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings and welcome to everyone participating in the inaugural Milbi Festival.

This community celebration of arts and culture coincides with the beginning of turtle season.

Milbi brings our community together and highlights our abundance of creative talent.

I'd like to thank all partners, sponsors, staff, volunteers and supporters for assisting Bundaberg Regional Council to plan and deliver this event.

I'd also like to thank organisers of the former Crush Festival for laying the foundations on which we're now building a new era.

Council undertook a consultative process last year to find out what our community wants in arts and culture, which led to us adopting the Arts+Culture Strategy 2019-23.

There was strong feedback that people want an arts and cultural festival which is family friendly and affordable.

That's what the program for Milbi delivers. The events are mostly free or very low cost and virtually everything is suitable for the entire family.

Enjoy as many of the activities and events as you can. And be like the turtles ... keep coming back.

Mayor Jack Dempsey



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MEET ARTIST RACHAEL SARRA



RACHAEL SARRA IS AN ARTIST AND DESIGNER WHOSE WORK DOES THE TALKING.

As a contemporary Aboriginal artist from Goreng Goreng Country, Rachael uses art as a powerful tool in storytelling to educate and share Aboriginal culture. Her style is feminine, fun and engaging but is strongly drawn from her heritage and her role as an Aboriginal woman in a modern world.

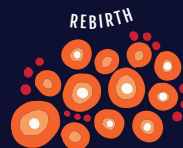


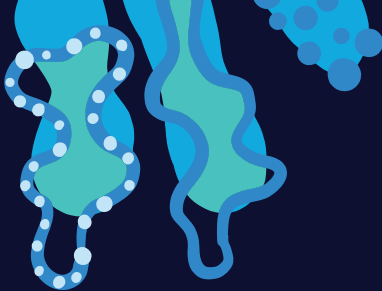
ABOUT MILBI

CQ Language Centre worked with Council to develop the Milbi Festival name, choosing an engaging word that connects with the theme to celebrate the region's turtles. This name coincides with the 2019 focus as the International Year of Indigenous Languages.

While there are many different language groups with different words for various turtle species within the region, the name Milbi recognises the thousands of generations of people on this country.

Council pays respect to the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang and Bailai people of our region as well as other First Nations people who now call our region home.





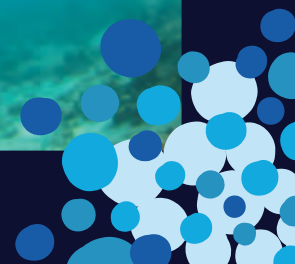
MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

Mon Repos Turtle Encounter is the only ranger-guided turtle encounter available on the east-coast and is instrumental in the research into turtle conservation, specifically the endangered Loggerhead turtles that frequent this beach.

Take an unrivalled peak behind the curtain of a natural wonder thousands of years in the making at Mon Repos Conservation Park. Watch as mother turtles lay their clutches of eggs from November – January on a ranger-guided tour at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter.

In January – March form a pathway to the ocean for the baby turtles as they begin their dangerous journey into adolescence with only 1 in 1000 turtles making it to maturity. Come witness a miracle at the Mon Repos Turtle Encounter and create memories to last a lifetime.

Visit bundabergregion.org/turtles for more information





PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

TRADELINES EXHIBITION OPENING

DATE Friday 8 November **TIME** 5.30 - 7.30 pm

PLACE Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery

Join us for this free exhibition opening night which will feature a welcome by a local Elder and an opening talk by Dr Anita Holtsclaw and Dylan Sarra, along with live music, drinks and canapes.

TURTLE HOUR

DATE Tuesday 12 November **TIME** 7.30 - 8.30 pm

Join our living lab and participate in Australia's largest ever experiment to reduce urban glow in support of sea turtle conservation. Turn off your lights for one hour for the turtles.

WELCOME THE TURTLES

DATE Tuesday 12 November **TIME** 5.30 - 8.30 pm

PLACE Bargara Esplanade **COST** Free event

Welcome the turtles at Bargara Beach. Join the crowd for a traditional welcome as the super moon rises. Join in a musical call to the ocean to these beautiful animals which return to our shores every year.

MILBI FESTIVAL GALA OPENING CEREMONY

DATE Friday 15 November

TIME 6 - 7.30 pm

COST Free event

PLACE Buss Park

Be part of a spectacular event designed to celebrate the beginning of the turtle season and to launch the new Milbi Festival. This gala event is not just about witnessing a spectacle, but about joining in. You'll learn a welcome to country in song and dance, you'll become part of the world premiere of a new composition written specially for Bundaberg and to welcome the turtles. This will be a night you won't forget.





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bandabara CONCERT

DATE Friday 15 November
TIME 7.45 pm
COST \$10
PLACE Moncrieff Entertainment Centre

Hundreds of school students have been rehearsing newly commissioned music written to pay respect to the land we live on, *bandabara*, the traditional lands of the Taribelang people. Join these students and award-winning Brisbane ensemble Topology who take you on an immersive journey through music. This concert includes the world premiere of new choral compositions by Andrew Howes and local composers John Rotar and Lukeaja Morrison, directed by Michelle Leonard OAM.

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MILBI FESTIVAL ART WALK AND FUN DAY

DATE Saturday 16 November
TIME 10 am - 4 pm
COST Free event
PLACE Bargara - various locations

A focus of Milbi Festival, the Art Walk and Fun Day will include art activity stations from Crawford Park at Archie's Beach to Jay Teens Park at Nielson Park Beach. Make mosaic milbis at Crawford Park with Paul Perry and Julie Highlands, and construct a turtle collage with found objects at the Basin on Kelly's Beach. Create a recycled Jellyfish with Beverley Whip on the Bargara Beach Boardwalk and make unique ceramic and woven objects with Kathy Valks at the Rotunda along Bargara's Esplanade. Then check out the main stage and live musos at the end of the footpath at Jay Teens

Park where there will be sand sculpture workshops, live bands and other free fun family activities.





MILBI STORIES

TIME 6 - 8.30 pm
COST Free event
DATE + PLACE Monday 18 November
Woodgate Community Hall
Tuesday 19 November
Moore Park Beach
Community Hall
Wednesday 20 November
Waterloo Hall
Thursday 21 November
Gin Gin RSL Hall
Friday 22 November
Paragon Theatre, Childers

Mini Milbi Festivals will pop up around the region throughout the week. The night will start with a festival vibe outside a small community hall with interactive art activities. As darkness falls, hear stories in sound from around our region made by people from our region. Then witness the world premiere of the new work by local artists and Topology. These might be small halls, but they will pack a punch during Milbi Festival.

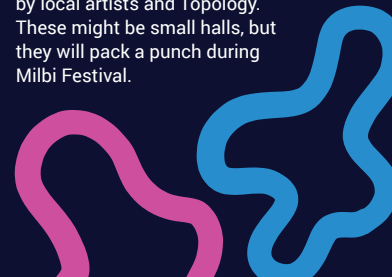


IMAGE ABC Wide Bay

MILBI STORIES

CLOSING EVENT FEATURING TOPOLOGY & ABC WIDE BAY'S VOICES IN THE DARK

DATE Saturday 23 November
TIME 7 pm
COST \$10
PLACE Moncrieff
Entertainment Centre

All five new films and their newly composed soundtracks featured in the Milbi Festival Small Halls shows throughout the festival will come together in a night of celebration of the diverse communities we live in. Get up close and personal with the natural world around us and hear local composers' responses to these worlds performed by Topology and local musicians. The night will also feature a selection of ABC Wide Bay's Voices in the Dark radio documentaries.

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IMAGE Topology

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MILBI AT THE HINKLER HALL OF AVIATION BOOK NOW

DATE 16, 17, 23 & 24 November **TIME** 10 - 11 am

PLACE Hinkler Hall of Aviation **COST** \$5 ticket

(Bookings essential)

Create your own Milbi with a ceramic artist from Bundaberg Pottery Group. Mould the clay to create your unique turtle and use the inspiration of the Milbi brand to cover your creation and make a unique piece to keep forever.

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TRADELINES: EXHIBITION OPEN DAY

DATE Sunday 17 November **TIME** 10 am - 2 pm

PLACE Bundaberg Art Gallery **COST** Free event

Using traditional and contemporary trade lines such as the Burnett River (*bural bural*), stock routes and the Bruce Highway as points of cultural exchange the exhibition, Tradelines will feature First Nations artists connected by these paths from this region and beyond.

Join artists and gallery staff for an interactive day in the Gallery and BRAG Park in Barolin Street. There will be activities for all ages.

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MUSES TRIO BOOK NOW

DATE Sunday 17 November **COST** \$25 adult
TIME 3 pm \$20 concession
PLACE Christ Church \$10 students
Free child U5

Muses Piano Trio are some of Australia's leading and most exciting musicians in contemporary classical music, known for their edgy, spine tingling and virtuosic performance style: Christa Powell (violin), Louise King (cello) and Therese Milanovic (piano). Muses Trio celebrate music composed by women, performed by women, and focus on bringing this relatively unknown, yet vastly deserving collection of works to the stage and enthralled audiences. Muses Trio celebrates Clara Schumann's 200th anniversary of birth and CD launch with a performance of spoken word, diary extracts and her personal piano trio fragmented and reconstructed with music by female composers inspired by her legacy: pianist, virtuoso, composer, wife to a very unstable genius, mother to eight.

CULTURAL TOURS BOOK NOW

CBD TARIBELANG LANGUAGE TOURS

DATE Sunday 17 November **TIMES** 10.30 am,
PLACE Tours departing from 11.30 am and
Bundaberg Art Gallery 1pm
COST \$15 ticket

The Taribelang people have lived on this country for thousands of generations. When English surveyor John Thompson and his assistant AD Edwards came to the area in 1868, they were fascinated by Taribelang language and incorporated many of the sounds they heard into the CBD street names. Byron Broome, a Taribelang man, takes us on a tour to point out what those words are and what they mean. Ever wondered about the origin of Bourbong, Barolin or Woongarra? In this International Year of Indigenous Languages, now's the time to find out.

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CULTURAL TOURS BOOK NOW

CREATIVE REGIONS STORY WALKS

DATE Sunday 17 November
PLACE Tours departing from Bundaberg Art Gallery
TIMES 10.30 am, 11.30 am and 1 pm
COST \$15 ticket

Fire, murder and even rogue cows. Take a stroll with Bundy Story Walks and learn about some of the quirkiest sides of Bundaberg and finish with a locally made Gelato from Alowishus.

CULTURAL TOURS BOOK NOW

HISTORY TOURS WITH ANGELA LATHOURAS

DATE Sunday 17 November
PLACE Tours departing from Bundaberg Art Gallery
TIMES 10.30 am, 11.30 am and 1 pm
COST \$15 ticket

Angela Lathouras's family have been in Bundaberg for 99 years and her passion for history is intense. Walk with her into our past and relive the stories that are uniquely Bundaberg.

BUNDY'S BLUEBIRD SONGWRITER'S CAFE

WITH KEVIN BENNETT AND KELLY CORK

DATE Sunday 17 November
PLACE Workshop - Moncrieff Entertainment Centre
Show - Oodies Café
TIMES 2 pm workshop
6 pm show
COST \$15 workshop BOOK NOW
\$25 show BOOK NOW

Kevin Bennett and Kelly Cork are well respected singer/songwriters. Kevin, from Sydney, is a CMAA Golden Guitar winner from 2006 and 2011 and is a 2006 ARIA nominee. Kelly, from Maleny, is an award winning songwriter who has shared the stage with the likes of Sara Storer, Brad Butcher, Felicity Urquhart and of course, Kevin Bennett himself.

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THE ERGON ENERGY CAVERN OF WONDER

DATE Sunday 17 November to Friday 22 November
TIMES Various times
COST \$2 entry

PLACE Sugarland Tavern

The Ergon Energy 'Cavern of Wonder' transforms an unlikely space into a virtual underwater world through the use of illuminated sculpture, projections and digital installations. Local professional artists have been engaged to facilitate workshops with community groups to collaborate on ideas to bring the space to life through creativity. The installation is inspired by Bundaberg's position as the gateway to the Southern Great Barrier Reef and invites exploration from all ages.

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SMALL ISLAND BOOK NOW

DATE Wednesday 20 November
PLACE Moncrieff Entertainment Centre
TIMES 6.30 pm
COST \$25 adult
\$20 pensioner, full time student, government senior
\$15 groups (10+)

Andrea Levy's Orange Prize-winning novel Small Island comes to life in an epic new theatre adaptation. Experience the play in cinemas, filmed live on stage as part of National Theatre Live's 10th birthday. Small Island embarks on a journey from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury, England. The play follows three intricately connected stories. Hortense yearns for a new life away from rural Jamaica, Gilbert dreams of becoming a lawyer, and Queenie longs to escape her Lincolnshire roots. Hope and humanity meet stubborn reality as the play traces the tangled history of Jamaica and the UK.

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VISITING WRITER CAYLIE JEFFERY [BOOK NOW](#)

DATE Thursday 21 November **TIME** 6.15 - 8.00 pm

PLACE Bundaberg Library **COST** Free event
(Bookings essential)

Caylie Jeffery calls herself an accidental historian. Her book, *Under the Lino*, tells the incredible story of what happened after Caylie discovered some money and documents under the flooring of her 1912 home in Brisbane, and the race to find heirs and answers. Join Caylie at the Bundaberg Library to find out more about this historical intrigue.

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CREATURE FEATURE AND PLANT SMART [BOOK NOW](#)

DATE Friday 22 November **TIMES** 3.40 - 4.20 pm,

PLACE Bundaberg Botanic Gardens **COST** Free event
(Bookings essential)

Take an informative and fun hot lap around Agnes Lagoon in the beautiful Bundaberg Botanic Gardens with natural areas officer Sally and botanist extraordinaire Cody as they thrill and inform you of the wonders of the fresh water turtles at the Botanic Gardens. Hear anecdotes about life cycles, conservation, breeding and diet. Then meander up to the Fairymead House lawn for Pop Up Pictures in the Park.

POP UP PICTURES IN THE PARK FINDING NEMO

DATE Friday 22 November **TIMES** 6.00 pm

PLACE Fairymead House lawn

The Botanical Gardens will sparkle with the stars of a different kind when we erect the silver screen for an incredible night of free movies to be enjoyed in our enviable outdoor climate. Families are invited to join Squirt and Crush as they are Finding Nemo in the late afternoon. BYO low slung chair, blanket, or cushions.

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POP UP PICTURES IN THE PARK

TMNT: OUT OF THE SHADOWS

DATE Friday 22 November **TIMES** 8 pm

PLACE Fairymead House lawn

After intermission, it's the grown up's turn to relax and unwind with the sci-fi action comedy, true to festival theme - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows. BYO low hung chair, blanket, or cushions.

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RENDEZVOUS AT THE ZOO [BOOK NOW](#)

DATE Saturday 23 November **PLACE** Alexandra Park Zoo

TIMES 7 - 8 am breakfast **COST** \$15 adult breakfast
8.30 - 11 am activities \$10 U14 breakfast

Breakfast - Enjoy an exclusive breakfast with the animals at Alexandra Park Zoo. Whilst munching down on delectable locally sourced breaky treats, our zoo keeper will introduce a variety of species and present informative anecdotes about the creatures in their care. The event showcases the newly acquired freshwater turtles and purpose built habitat.

Free zoo inspired activities in the park - Under the shade of the sprawling fig trees, visitors to the park will enjoy a variety of free activity stations including listening to stories about animals, making their own story books and engaging with the zoo through a self-guided activity book.

GALLERY SHOP + LOCAL DESIGNER LAUNCH

DATE Saturday 23 November **TIMES** 3 - 4 pm

PLACE Bundaberg Art Gallery

Please join us at the gallery at 3 pm for the official launch of our new Gallery Store. Coinciding with this opening will be the launch of local designers' new collections inside the Tradelines exhibition at the Gallery. Sparkling and locally made appetisers will be served upon entry until 4 pm.

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PACIFIC ISLAND EXPERIENCE

DATE Saturday 23 November **TIME** 3 - 7 pm
PLACE Civic Centre & Buss Park **COST** Free event

Join local Pacific Island community groups for some great tastes, cultural displays and storytelling.

TWILIGHT ARTISAN AND HANDMADE MARKET

DATE Saturday 23 November **TIME** 4 - 7 pm
PLACE Post Office Lane **COST** Free event

The Twilight Artisan and Handmade market will kick off in Post Office Lane from 4 pm and feature designers, artists and makers from the region and beyond as well as curated selection of food trucks/stalls. The market will lead visitors out of the gallery to explore one of Bundaberg's often unexplored laneways.

MILBI STORIES CLOSING EVENT

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MILBI MINI FILM FESTIVAL

DATE Sunday 24 November **COST** \$10/film
PLACE Moncrieff Entertainment Centre or \$20/three films

10 am Undermined - Tales from the Kimberley (M) **BOOK NOW**
12.30 pm Rubber Jellyfish (G) **BOOK NOW**
2.30 pm 2040 (G) **BOOK NOW**

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FESTIVAL PARTNERS



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The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Bundaberg Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the
land and sea throughout Australia.

We pay our respects to Elders, past,
present and emerging.