

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Fun, creativity and learning come together with a jam-packed schedule of free family art activities at Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

State Library of Queensland Children's Studio

Children will enjoy getting creative at the State Library's Children's Studio and Exhibition where they can get hands-on creating, viewing and discussing art with their parents, other children and artists.

Exhibition

The State Library of Queensland has selected 23 artworks from the collection at Dr Piscitelli AM Children's Art Archive in Brisbane and put them onto the walls of the State Library's Children's Studio in Tank 4. The exhibition features Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's drawings, paintings and prints that explore who they are, where they live and what they do. Work for the exhibition was created in workshops at Indigenous Knowledge Centres in Hope Vale (2009), Poruma (2007) and Erub Island (2004) led by children's art educator Dr Barbara Piscitelli.

Presented by the State Library of Queensland.

Workshops

The whole family can learn from professional artists and arts workers at wonderful workshops throughout the weekend, including drawing and printmaking, and instruction based on the Children's Picture Diary method developed and facilitated by arts educator Dr Barbara Piscitelli.

Presented by the State Library of Queensland in partnership with the Indigenous Knowledge Centre network and Dr Barbara Piscitelli.

Location: State Library of Queensland Children's Studio
Tank 4, Tanks Arts Centre

Dates & times: Fri 20 Aug: 10 am – 11 am, 11 am – 12 pm,
12 pm – 1 pm (education focus)
Sat 21 Aug: 11 am – 4 pm (open studio)
Sun 22 Aug: 11 am – 3 pm (open studio)

Entry: FREE



Shuttle bus stop 11. See pp 74–77 for timetable.

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Artwork (detail) by Jada Hart of Hope Vale from The Dr Barbara Piscitelli AM Children's Art Archive, John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

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Children's Art Station

Education Queensland's FNQ REACH (Regional Excellence in Arts and Culture Hubs) program will present activities at the Children's Art Station on the Tanks Promenade. The Art Station will feature three local emerging Indigenous artists working in collaboration with a team of local secondary school arts specialists. The children participating at the FNQ REACH Children's Art Station will be able to choose from a selection of easy hands-on art activities, whilst working alongside artists and teachers in a wide range of media. Activities are FREE and all materials are provided.

The FNQ REACH program promotes excellence and opportunity to Indigenous and non-Indigenous students by supporting arts education delivery across all phases of learning. Teachers and students work together and alongside arts workers to ignite creativity and build career pathways for students.

Presented by FNQ REACH.

Location: FNQ REACH Children's Art Station,
Promenade, Tanks Arts Centre

Dates & times: Sat 21 Aug: 10 am – 11.30 am, 12 noon –
1.30 pm, 2 pm – 3.30 pm, 4 pm – 5.30 pm
Sun 22 Aug: 10 am – 11.30 am,
12 noon – 1.30 pm, 2 pm – 3 pm

Entry: FREE



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Hector Claudie, Lockhart River State School (detail).

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