

# spotlight

EVENT GUIDE

# RENT



MAR 25 - APR 25

## FEATURE EVENT

RENT  
21, 22, 23, 28, 29 MARCH  
PILBEAM THEATRE

[SEEITLIVE.COM.AU](http://SEEITLIVE.COM.AU)



## BUYING TICKETS

The Pilbeam Theatre is located on the corner of Victoria Parade and Cambridge Street, Rockhampton.

You can buy tickets in the following ways:

**At the Pilbeam Theatre Box Office** | Victoria Parade entrance

**By Phone** | on 4927 4111

**Online** | [www.seeitlive.com.au](http://www.seeitlive.com.au)

## FRIENDS OF THE THEATRE

If you enjoy the theatre, why not become a Friend of the Theatre? Friends of the Theatre is an organisation where members volunteer to work in various aspects of the theatre such as ushering, bar, candy bar and program selling. Friends receive discounts to many of the shows listed in Spotlight, and also receive a newsletter mailed direct to them.

Each time a Friend of the Theatre works they receive a Performance Work Voucher, which is exchanged for tickets to events. Unlimited seats are available in exchange for Performance Work Vouchers on events in Spotlight bearing the blue star symbol. For other events, voucher seats are limited to a total of six seats per performance. Further details as well as membership forms are available from the Box Office.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Theatre programs start promptly at the advertised start time and latecomers will not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance. Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Pilbeam Theatre or other Council venues.

The use of cameras and recording devices during performances is illegal and penalties for infringement of copyright in this way are severe. Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off before entering the auditorium. Crying or fidgety children can be a distraction to other theatregoers and performers, so if you bring your small child to the theatre, please book an aisle seat in case you need to exit the auditorium.

## TICKETING ABBREVIATIONS

<b>A:</b> Adult	<b>S:</b> Student (Tertiary)	<b>J:</b> Junior *
<b>C:</b> Concession	<b>FoT:</b> Friend of Theatre	<b>SC:</b> Senior's Card
<b>P:</b> Pensioner	<b>G10+:</b> Group of 10 or more	<b>F:</b> Family
<b>T:</b> Teacher (School Group)	<b>SS:</b> School Student (School Group)	

\*Preschool and school age, 3 yrs to 17 yrs. May have additional age restrictions. Please check with the Box Office to confirm eligibility for a particular price category.

## ROCKHAMPTON SPEEDWAY

**WHERE** ROCKHAMPTON  
SHOWGROUNDS

**WHEN** SAT 22 FEB.



**S**aturday 22 February is the **Street Stock Queensland Title**, bringing cars from all over the state to Rockhampton. As far north as Barcaldine and as far south as Brisbane.

[www.rockhamptonspeedway.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonspeedway.com.au)

## THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE

**WHEN** WED 26 FEB. 6:00PM  
THUR 27 FEB. 10:00AM,  
12:00PM

**COST** A \$20, J \$15  
SCHOOL GROUP  
DISCOUNT AVAILABLE FOR  
MATINEES



**O**ne of the most-read and famous children's books of all time, **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** emerges off the page in a masterful theatrical experience for children 18 months+ and their adults.

Created by Jonathan Rockefeller, the production features a menagerie of over 75 magical puppets, including the star of the show – The Very Hungry Caterpillar – and an Australian cast who bring these beloved books to life on stage. Alongside The Very Hungry Caterpillar, the show features three other Eric Carle stories – Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?, Ten Little Rubber Ducks, and The Very Busy Spider. From the team that brought you The Gruffalo, and The 13, 26, 52, 78 and 91 Storey Treehouses.

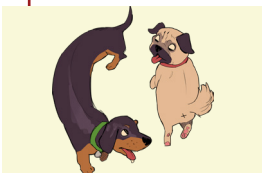
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**WHERE** WALTER REID CULTURAL CENTRE

**WHEN** FRI, 28 FEB.  
SAT 1 MAR.

**COST** A \$29.90, C \$24.65,  
J (3-17) \$19.65

**Rockhampton Little Theatre and Yeppoon Little Theatre present five funny short plays! Vote One. Polling Day gets nasty when red ragger ALP man Bert tries to clash with the genteel LNP supporter, all while teaching newbie Eric the ropes.**

A Dragon is Essential. The path to true love never did run smooth, particularly nowadays. Lisbeth asks for advice on how to attract Alex, with mixed results.

**Other plays:** Housekeeper Wanted; I Mean To Say; Cleaning House.

Occasional coarse language.

[www.rockhamptonlittletheatre.org.au](http://www.rockhamptonlittletheatre.org.au)

**WHERE** WALT REID CULTURAL CENTRE

**WHEN** THUR 13 MAR. 7:00PM

**COST** A \$17, C \$15, M \$12



**Rocky Flix presents Of Love and Lies. An uplifting family friendly story about the power of a child's love, and the lengths that one boy will go to to help get his father's life back on track.**

**Note:** French with English subtitles, 2019. Rated PG.105 min.

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## ARTISAN MARKETS



**WHEN** SAT 1 MAR.  
8:00AM - 1:00PM  
ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION

SAT 12 APR.  
8:00 AM - 1:00PM  
WALTER PIERCE PAVILION

**COST** FREE ENTRY

**Showcasing the best handmade products Central Queensland has to offer. Join local artisans for a wonderful morning market, complete with live music, morning teas, a great vibe and amazing creations.**

## ANNUAL BIRD SALE / EXPO



**WHERE** ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION. ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS

**WHEN** SUN 9 MAR.

**COST** ENTRY \$2. UNDER 13 FREE.

**Join the Rockhampton Finch and Parrot club for their annual bird show /sale at the Rockhampton Showgrounds in March. It's a family friendly event with birds on display also available for purchase. It is also a great opportunity for young or less experienced enthusiasts to gain knowledge and be mentored by experienced and successful keepers.**

## AUSTRALIAN BLACKBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WHERE** ROBERT SCHWARTEN PAVILION. ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS

**WHEN** 13-22 MAR. FROM 9:00AM



**Approximately 400 players from around Australia will be flying in to Rockhampton to compete in the Australian National Blackball Championships in March. With a prize fund of over \$90,000 players will ensure they bring their 'A' game to Rockhampton!**

[www.blackballaus.com.au](http://www.blackballaus.com.au)

## GET TO KNOW WALTER REID!

**WHERE** WALTER REID CULTURAL CENTRE

**WHEN** SAT 15 MAR.  
10:00AM - 3:00PM



**Join the artists of the Walter Reid Cultural Centre in their open day, 'Get to Know Walter Reid.' See exhibitions, displays and entertainment. Take the opportunity to talk to artists and perhaps even awaken an artistic skill yourself.**

Amongst the groups taking part in the open day are: Royal Queensland Art Society - Artworks on display and demonstrations by members. **Fibre Arts Group - Stain Glass Felting Workshop** (\$30 +materials, booking essential 0403 827 012).



## Book, Music and Lyrics by Jonathan Larson

Musical Arrangements  
Steve Skinner

Original Concept/Additional Lyrics  
Billy Aronson

Music Supervision  
and Additional Arrangements  
Tim Weil

Dramaturg  
Lynn Thomson

RENT was originally produced in New York  
by New York Theatre Workshop and on Broadway  
by Jeffrey Seller, Kevin McCollum, Allan S. Gordon  
and the New York Theatre Workshop.

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International

Director Amanda Hock | Musical Director Stephanie Quinlan  
Vocal Director Daena Walton | Choreographer Patric Lilleboe



**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE

**WHEN** FRI 21 MAR. 7:30PM  
SAT 22 MAR. 7:30PM  
SUN 23 MAR. 2:00PM  
FRI 28 MAR. 7:30PM  
SAT 29 MAR. 7:30PM

**COST** A \$55, C \$50,  
J (15-17 yrs) \$40,  
G 6+ A \$45, FOT \$45

**R**ockhampton Regional Council's 2025 musical is **RENT**, Jonathan Larson's iconic Pulitzer Prize-winning musical that shaped a generation of audiences and taught us all to measure our life in love.

Set in the East Village of New York City, RENT by Jonathan Larson, is about falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Rent has become a pop culture phenomenon, with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages.

If you like our productions of Grease, Into the Woods, Jersey Boys and Mamma Mia! you're sure to love RENT!

Patron advice: Adult themes, HIV, drug and suicide references.

## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

**WHERE** ROYAL QUEENSLAND ART  
SOCIETY ROOM  
WALTER REID CULTURAL  
CENTRE

**WHEN** SAT 29 MAR.  
9:00AM-4:00PM

**COST** \$80 (INCLUDING ALL  
MATERIALS)



**I**f you would like to try your hand at watercolour painting, then come along to the Royal Queensland Art Society on 29 March for a beginners watercolour workshop with artist Ann-Maree Perfect. Information and bookings: 0407394087.

## ROCKHAMPTON SPEEDWAY

**WHERE** ROCKHAMPTON  
SHOWGROUNDS

**WHEN** SAT 29 MAR.



**S**aturday 29 March is the Annual Aaron Smithwick Memorial QLD Super Stocker Title, dedicated to life member Aaron Smithwick who passed away from cancer. Aaron's brother Justin also races and it will be a battle of local drivers. Daniel Lennon will be defending the Q1 title.

[www.rockhamptonspeedway.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonspeedway.com.au)

## THE BLACK BLUES BROTHERS

**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE

**WHEN** FRI 4 APR. 7:30PM

**COST** A \$79.90, C \$74.90,  
J \$59.90, F (2A+2J) \$250,  
G10+ A \$74.90



**T**he Black Blues Brothers has wowed more than 650,000 spectators across 20 countries and established itself as a must-see international show, with numerous sold-out performances, standing ovations, and four- and five-star reviews.

In a Cabaret scenography with the vintage charm of the Cotton Club, five artists of the famous Nairobi Sarukazi school link jumps, pyramids and the most unbelievable acrobatics one after the other in scenes paying tribute to John Landis' Blues Brothers. An American-inspired show with an electrifying atmosphere, enhanced by an irresistible musical score. A blend of contemporary circus and musical comedy, The Black Blues Brothers is a dynamic show, suitable for audiences of all ages and nationalities. Simply not to be missed.



## ROCKYNATS



**WHERE** VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
**WHEN** FRI 4 - SUN 6 APR.  
**COST** SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

**G**et ready to ignite your passion for cars, bikes, music, and high-energy fun at Rare Spares Rockynats 05, Central Queensland's ultimate car and bike festival!

Experience the excitement of burnout competitions, street drags, drifting, and the 4x4 show. Whether you're a hardcore motorsport enthusiast or a casual fan, there's no shortage of adrenaline-fueled action. Plus don't miss our off-track program with live music headlined by legendary Aussie artist Pete Murray, supported by local and emerging talents, RockabillyNats pinup pageants, tattoo competitions, and the iconic Mulletfest, there's something to keep everyone entertained. The kids will love the FMX Kaos stunt team, Off-Road RC Racing, and Junior Racing Experience – Rev It Up Racing, offering hands-on activities and competitions for all ages. Get your tickets now!

Various venues. See website for details [www.rockynats.com.au](http://www.rockynats.com.au)

## MORNING MELODIES AMANDA HOCK; IT'S A MUSICAL LIFE



**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE  
**WHEN** MON 7 APR. 11:00AM  
**COST** A \$20, C \$18, G6+ \$17,  
FOT \$17

**A**manda Hock is one of CQ's most recognisable performers, with stage credits in some of the region's biggest musicals. Now, see her in her own show, *Amanda Hock: It's A Musical Life*, an intimate look at her favourite roles from the Pilbeam Theatre stage.

Featuring songs from *Wicked*, *Mamma Mia!*, *Chicago*, *Mary Poppins* and more, along with backstage anecdotes and an insight into why Amanda has spent such a large portion of her life on the Pilbeam stage. *Amanda Hock: It's A Musical Life* is supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a partnership between the Queensland Government and Rockhampton Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

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## EMMA MEMMA'S DANCE ISLAND PARTY

**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE  
**WHEN** WED 9 APR. 10:00AM  
**COST** \$35. EVERYONE AGED 1  
YEAR OR ABOVE MUST  
HAVE A TICKET.



**A**RIA award-winning children's entertainer, Emma Memma, is taking her brand-new show *Dance Island Party* on the road, giving Central Queensland families a chance to dance, sing and party!

Families will be treated to a sprinkling of Emma Memma's classic songs featured on this year's hugely successful Boop and Twirl Tour as well as new favourites like Coconut Tree, Welcome to Dance Island and Beach Trolley that are all featured on Emma Memma's YouTube Channel and the new Dance Island Party album.

## ROCKY FLIX

**WHERE** WALTER REID CULTURAL  
CENTRE  
**WHEN** THUR 10 APR. 7:00PM  
**COST** A \$17, C \$15, M \$12

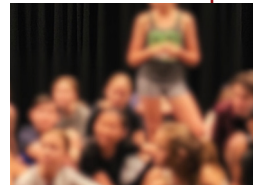


**R**ocky Flix presents *Hammar skjold – Fight for Peace*. Gripping political thriller exploring the life and legacy of Dag Hammarskjöld, the second Secretary General of the United Nations. Swedish with English subtitles, 2024. Rated M. 112 min

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## MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS

**WHERE** WALTER REID CULTURAL  
CENTRE  
**WHEN** FRI 11 - SUN 13 APR.  
**COST** \$295 PER 3 DAY  
WORKSHOP.



**J**oin us for three days of musical theatre fun and learning with Easter school holidays workshops conducted by the Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre, Griffith University.

Two groups: Grades 8-10 and Grades 11-12.

Limited places. Booking essential.

Tickets: [www.secitlive.com.au](http://www.secitlive.com.au)

## DION PRIDE SINGS THE SONGS OF HIS FATHER



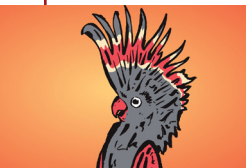
**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE  
**WHEN** WED 23 APR. 7:30PM  
**COST** A \$95.60, C \$85.60,  
 FOT \$85.60,  
 J (3-17 yrs) \$85.60

**As the son of legendary Country Music Hall of Famer, Charley Pride, Dion's captivating performances have taken him across the globe.**

Dion carries on his family's musical legacy while forging his own path. With his remarkable talent as a songwriter and multi-talented instrumentalist, playing guitar, piano, drums, and bass, Dion has demonstrated his versatility in the world of music.

Now you can see Dion Pride performing the songs of his father, live on stage at the Pilbeam Theatre. For the Australasian dates "Dion Pride Sings the Songs of his Father" Dion is joined by original Charley Pride touring musicians including Ronnie Miller (pedal steel guitar), Danny Hutchins (piano/keys) and Mark Kalson (fiddle).

## MELBOURNE COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW



**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE  
**WHEN** FRI 2 MAY. 7:30PM  
**COST** A \$49, C \$45, J \$35??.  
 G6+ A \$40, FOT \$40

**Australia's most iconic comedy tour is hitting the road for a huge 27th year! Bringing together the brightest stars from the 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're delivering top-tier humour straight to your town!**

Featuring a dynamic line-up of comedy legends and fresh faces, this year's Roadshow promises nation-wide happiness. So, grab your friends, lock in your tickets and prepare for a much-needed dose of laughter as the 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow rolls into Rockhampton.

For mature audiences, 15 +. Contains coarse language and adult themes.

Presented by Rockhampton Regional Council.



## Morning Melodies

Join us for Morning Melodies in 2025. We have a great lineup of shows for you. Morning Melodies is presented by Rockhampton Regional Council. Free morning tea provided before the show, from 10am.

**10 Feb** 007 Shaken Not Stirred  
**7 April** Amanda Hock - It's A Musical Life  
**7 July** Angelo Conway – Golden Age of American Standards  
**25 August** Craig Martin – The Great British Songbook  
**20 October** Grant Wolf Whitfield & Rhonda Janes - Dazzling Duets  
**8 December** Darren Coggan – Home for Christmas

## THE TEN TENORS

**WHERE** PILBEAM THEATRE  
**WHEN** SAT 3 MAY. 7:00PM  
**COST** A RESERVE \$110  
 B RESERVE \$99



**Marking 30 years since their very first performance in Brisbane in 1995, Australia's favourite tenor ensemble The TEN Tenors will embark on the Australian leg of their massive world tour.**

The TEN Tenors are known for their iconic performances of some of the all time great songs which have become TEN Tenor staples - included Bohemian Rhapsody, Hallelujah, Funiculi, Funiculà, Largo AL Factotum and, of course, Nessun Dorma. Each show features new and exciting interpretations of well-known classical pop and rock songs, accompanied by show-stopping choreography.

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# events calendar

FEBRUARY	<b>13</b>	Rocky Flix	WRCC
	<b>22</b>	Speedway	RSG
	<b>26-27</b>	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	PT
	<b>28-1 March</b>	The Long and Short of it	WRCC

MARCH	<b>1</b>	Artisan's Markets	RSG
	<b>9</b>	Bird Sale/Expo	RSG
	<b>13</b>	Rocky Flix	WRCC
	<b>13-22</b>	Australian Blackball Championships	RSG
	<b>15</b>	Get to Know the Walter Reid Cultural Centre	WRCC
	<b>21-29</b>	RENT	PT
	<b>12</b>	Artisan's Markets	RSG
	<b>29</b>	Speedway	RSG
	<b>29</b>	Watercolour Workshop	WRCC

APRIL	<b>4</b>	The Black Blues Brothers	PT
	<b>4-6</b>	RockyNats	RSG,O
	<b>7</b>	Morning Melodies: Amanda Hock	PT
	<b>9</b>	Emma Memma's Dance Island Party	PT
	<b>10</b>	Rocky Flix	WRCC
	<b>11-13</b>	Musical Theatre Workshops	WRCC
	<b>23</b>	Dion Pride Sings the Songs of His Father	PT

**PT:** Pilbeam Theatre

**WRCC:** Walter Reid Cultural Centre

**RSG:** Rockhampton Showgrounds

**HV:** Heritage Village

**MB:** Music Bowl

**O:** Other Venue

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