



FRIENDS OF THE GLASSHOUSE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Everyone's invited to the *Friends of the Glasshouse Christmas Dinner Dance* on Thursday 11 December 2008 at Rydges Port Macquarie from 7pm to 11 pm.

Enjoy canapés and a glass of Cassegrain sparkling or a Wicked Elf Ale on arrival, then sit down to a scrumptious roast dinner of turkey, ham and pork with delicious veggies, followed by plum pud and custard. All accompanied by Cassegrain's award winning red and white wines. Tea and coffee, with mince pies, complete the festive menu.

Swing (or singalong!) to some musical favourites, presented by the Glasshouse's very own songstress Lyn Turner, accompanied by Geoff Kearns. There'll be lucky door prizes and gift bags too.

The cost for this fabulous evening, including wine and entertainment, is just \$75 for members of the Friends of the Glasshouse and \$95 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Glasshouse Box Office on 6581 8888.

Non-members can save on the price of their ticket by joining the Friends of the Glasshouse for \$30 for Singles and \$50 for Couples/Families at the same time.

For more information on the Friends of the Glasshouse or to reserve your Christmas Dinner Dance ticket, call the Glasshouse Box Office on 6581 8888, or contact Margret Meagher direct on 0412 225 763 or by email

margret@glasshouse.org.au You can also download a Friends of the Glasshouse membership form from the Glasshouse website - www.glasshouse.org.au



WHAT'S ON AT THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS REGIONAL GALLERY LUNCH FOR THE TRADES

Sculpture by Ruth Downes

Until 14 DECEMBER 2008

FREE ADMISSION

People who appreciate fine craftsmanship and elegant design, with a clever twist, will love the current show at the Regional Gallery. Sculptor Ruth Downes has created a whole menu of "lunches" and served them in a cafeteria-style setting, paying tribute to the trades people who have helped to create her public art.

The exhibition received rave reviews from 'tradies' at Port Macquarie-Hastings Council who visited the Gallery for afternoon tea recently and a special tour of the show with Sharni Lloyd, Director of the Gallery.



WHAT'S ON AT THE PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS REGIONAL GALLERY ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2008

Australia's Most Controversial Portrait Prize

19 DECEMBER 2008 - 18 JANUARY 2009

FREE ADMISSION

The Archibald is coming to Port!

Stay tuned for more info but we can let you know that there will be a Private Viewing for the Friends of the Glasshouse at the Regional Gallery on Thursday 18 December from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm. Invitations to this exclusive preview for the Friends of the Glasshouse will be issued shortly. For more information about the Friends of the Glasshouse, please call the Box Office on 6581 8888 or email info@glasshouse.org.au. Friends of the Glasshouse Membership forms are also available via the Glasshouse website - www.glasshouse.org.au

Until its move into the Glasshouse, the Port Macquarie-Hastings Regional Gallery is located in the Peachtree Walk Arcade at 80 Horton Street. Tel: 02 6581 8737
Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun 10am-2pm



INSPIRING THEATRE AUDIENCES OF THE FUTURE

As part of its commitment to introducing a new generation of audiences to live theatre, the Glasshouse presented the production of *Big Sister Little Brother* at Tacking Point Primary School in November 2008.

"Having lost the opportunity to present *Big Sister Little Brother* at the Glasshouse, we were delighted to host Jigsaw Theatre Company in partnership with Tacking Point Primary School," said Robyn Birrell, Glasshouse Performing Arts Director. "Jigsaw is one of Australia's leading children's performing companies and this show, which deals with sibling relationships, holds not only an important message but when wrapped up in the silliness of the traditional tale of *The Emperors' New Clothes* is great family entertainment."

Jigsaw Theatre Company held 3 performances of *Big Sister Little Brother* over the 2 days, ensuring over 450 students had the chance to see the show.

[Visit the Jigsaw Theatre Company's website.](#)



WELCOME TO COMMUNITY & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

The Glasshouse welcomes Lesley Atkinson as the new Director of Community and Cultural Development at PMHC. Lesley is responsible for the Glasshouse staff along with the Community & Cultural Development team and Library staff.

Lesley comes to Port Macquarie from Bathurst Regional Council where she has held a similar role for the past two and a half years. She has been in local government for 13 years, including Wodonga Council in Victoria and was involved in a wide range of community development projects in Albury before moving to Bathurst.

Lesley is special guest at the Friends of the Glasshouse Dinner Dance on Thursday 11 December and is looking forward to meeting everyone.



GLASSHOUSE UNWRAPPED FOR CHRISTMAS

The scaffolding and hoardings along Clarence Street have now been removed to reveal the Glasshouse more clearly from street level. Most of the upper level glass glazing and flashing has been completed.

The floor in the 606 tiered seat theatre is in place and the distinctive timber paneling, integral to the building's world class acoustics, is now being installed.

The Glasshouse has also just received its first delivery of timber from sponsor, Australian Solar Timbers for installation in the upper level of the Glasshouse Art Gallery and the Mezzanine level walkway.



'OYSTERS IN THE VINES' AT CASSEGRAIN WINERY

Enjoy prized Hastings River oysters fresh from harvest at *Oysters in the Vines* at Cassegrain Winery on Sunday 25 January 2009. Try them freshly shucked or cooked by expert chefs, using the best local ingredients.

Bring the whole family along for a day of good food, fine wine, jazz music, kids' activities, entertainment and more. For more information, email info@cassegrainwines.com.au. Cassegrain Wines is a sponsor of the Glasshouse. www.cassegrainwines.com.au



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLASSHOUSE FLOWERS

Glasshouse Flowers, located in the Garrison building opposite the main entrance to the Glasshouse, is celebrating its first birthday.

In addition to Jacqui Albutt's signature floral arrangements, Glasshouse Flowers has expanded its gift range in time for Christmas, and now also offers locally designed fashion from the Shanti Butterfly Collection and "Tasty Hastings Hampers".

The "Tasty Hastings Hampers" complement the recently launched Journey of Flavours program which showcases high quality local produce. Choose from

delicious jams, tangy pickles, bush tucker flavours, scrumptious chocolates and fudges, hand creams and soaps all created in the Hastings region. A Christmas gift that will be sure to delight.

Jacqui has also created striking table centrepieces, Christmas wreaths and other festive arrangements. Glasshouse Flowers, a sponsor of the Glasshouse, has a beautiful range of creative solutions for Christmas and a gift wrapping service is available.

Glasshouse Flowers is located at Shop 6, The Garrison Building, Clarence Street. Tel 6584 2242 or email jacqui@glasshouseflowers.com.au



HASTINGS CHORISTERS PRESENTS THE MESSIAH

Originally scheduled for the Glasshouse, the Hastings Choristers, under the musical direction of Robyn Ryan OAM, is presenting excerpts from Handel's classic oratorio, the *Messiah*, in the Baptist Church, McIntyre Street, Port Macquarie on Sunday 20 December 2008 at 8pm & Sunday 21 December 2008 at 2pm. Heather Moen-Boyd will accompany the choir on the pipe organ.

A celebration of Christ's life, the *Messiah* is a musical favourite at Christmas time and a truly uplifting experience. Tickets are \$22 for adults (concessions also available) from the Visitor Information Centre in Gordon Street. Tel 1300 303 155

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Until next time - best wishes from the Glasshouse Team

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