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## What's On in 2014 at the MECC?

The Great Big What's On currently being distributed to theatre goers in the region details what's coming to the MECC in 2014, and according to Centre Manager, Mark Fawcett there's another terrific year in store to keep residents and visitors to the region entertained and stimulated.

With a lineup featuring the very best in Australian and international acts, there's bound to be something that you'd like to see at the MECC in 2014 said Mr Fawcett.

The year starts with one of our most popular entertainments, ***Ice City***. This giant temporary ice rink, the largest in regional Queensland, starts on Boxing Day and runs through until 19 January. With disco nights on Friday nights, an ice slide, penguin aides to help children and novices, and family fun galore, ***Ice City II*** promises to be the coolest entertainment in town.

Then as the rink packs up it's time to bring on the shows, and there's a fantastic line up coming to Mackay again.

For theatre fans we have the stage show of ***Calendar Girls***. If you enjoyed the movie you will love seeing a troupe of talented Aussie actresses strut their stuff and reveal what it takes to raise funds! Shake & Stir Theatre who is already well known to audiences brings us George Orwell's ***1984***, yes; Big Brother is literally back! **Bell Shakespeare** return to Shakespearean tragedies with ***Henry V***, told in Bell's unique and inimitable style, and ***Long Lost Lonesome Cowgirls***, features the songs of Patsy Cline, Hank Williams and Johnny Cash, you'll laugh, cry and sing-a-long with this award winning play set in a small QLD town in the not-so-swinging sixties.

Music, Dance and Comedy feature heavily, and we are delighted to welcome the **Chooky Dancers** to Mackay. Known Australia wide after a magnificent performance on Australia's Got Talent, the Chookys promise to amaze with a fusion of indigenous dance meets western culture. **Queensland Ballet's** enchanting performance of the fairytale ***Cinderella*** will leave you captivated, and **Sydney's Sydney Dance Company** and **Dancenorth** from Townsville will ensure your 2014 dance card is full.

International acts feature strongly, and we welcome back super star **Petula Clark**. Also returning is the **Glenn Miller Orchestra** direct from the States. Also from the States is ***Swing with the Kings***, a leading tribute from Las Vegas to Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Junior.

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We also welcome The Hollies for the very first time, along with **Grace Barbe** from the Seychelles a world music star dubbed "Kreole's daughter"

For the young, and the young at heart it's welcome back **Circus Oz**, Australia's favourite circus troupe, and thanks to our sponsors Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal we have a great selection of kids shows including **Pete the Sheep, Wombat Stew, and The 13 Story Treehouse.**

It wouldn't be an entertainment season without the **Melbourne International Comedy Roadshow**, and in what promises to be side splittingly funny we welcome **Damian Callinan** to Mackay in **Roadtrip**, where Damian visits us for three days, makes a mini documentary of the sights he finds, and then brings his to life on stage!

There is all this and much, much, more in store in 2014.

Look out for the 2014 Morning Melodies Program which celebrates 30 years of Morning Melodies in QLD with some of the most popular morning performers such as **Simon Gallaher, Rhonda Burchmore** and **Kamahl.**

To find out what's on in 2014 ask the MECC for your copy of the **Great Big What's On**, or visit [www.mackaytix.com.au](http://www.mackaytix.com.au)

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