

INFORMATION ABOUT PATHWAYS TO PERFORMANCE

The Pathways to Performance program is an initiative of Friends of the MECC, with support from BHP and Glencore Hail Creek Open Cut Mine, which recognises that a barrier to schools attending the theatre, and associated educational programs, is distance, ticketing and transport costs.

The Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) entrepreneurs an annual entertainment season designed to entertain, stimulate and educate.

Comprising of a range of genres such as drama, dance, children's theatre, physical theatre and the like, performances are chosen not only for their appeal, but also for their ability to provide capital city experiences in a regional city such as Mackay.

Leading Australian companies such as Bell Shakespeare, Queensland Ballet and Opera Australia are brought to Mackay by the MECC to ensure residents of the Mackay region and surrounds access quality programs at affordable prices, in the same manner as their capital city counterparts.

Each year the MECC contacts educators throughout the region advising of performances coming to the centre, which have significant educational merit or which enhance aspects of the school curriculum through workshops.

Schools may reserve their requirements for performances and workshops in advance and then apply for transport, ticket and or workshop costs to be covered through the Pathways to Performance program.

**Application forms can be downloaded from:
www.themecc.com.au.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Primary and Secondary Schools within the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Regional Council areas:

- Primary or Secondary Schools with reservations to a MECC performance
- One application may be submitted for multiple schools sharing transport (this collaboration is encouraged)
- Educators who can explain how attending a performance links to the curriculum/lessons
- Recipients may apply more than once in a year. However, once successful, all subsequent applications must be for transport only.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Make a booking. Reserve your tickets for your preferred performance/s through The MECC - **www.themecc.com.au** or **phone 4961 9777**
2. Obtain a Pathways to Performance Application Form from: **www.themecc.com.au**
3. Obtain two quotes for transport
4. Lodge application forms, transport and other supporting documentation with the Friends of the MECC Inc. online or via email: **meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au**

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE ASSESSED

The Friends of the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre Inc. is an independent incorporated association charged with raising funds for the Centre and providing voluntary services such as ushering and ticket taking. The Friends of the Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre Inc. will assess applications approximately one month prior to the specific show.

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WHICH SHOWS ARE AVAILABLE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING IN 2019?

All shows from the 2019 School Entertainment Program are now available to apply for Pathways to Performance funding*. Ensure the show you wish to attend is part of this Season by visiting the MECC website - www.themecc.com.au/schools. Terms and Conditions and caps for funding will apply per show.

Please see below for 2019 show dates and application cut off dates. If you have any questions about your application, please contact the MECC Box Office on 4961 9777 or meccsalesandmarketing@mackay.qld.gov.au.

**All shows except TWO*

Show	Show Date	Pathways to Performance Application Cut off Date	Weeks out from show funding announced
I Want To Know What Love Is	Wednesday 13 March 2019 (T1 Wk7)	Thursday 7 February 2019 (T1 Wk3)	4 weeks
The Sapphires	Thursday 28 March 2019 (T1 Wk9)	Thursday 7 February 2019 (T1 Wk3)	6 weeks
Kids Day at the MECC	Saturday 13 April 2019 (Holidays)	Thursday 7 March 2019 (T1 Wk6)	4 weeks
Djuki Mala	Thursday 23 May 2019 (T2 Wk5)	Thursday 4 April 2019 (T1 Wk10)	6 weeks
Billionaire Boy	Tuesday 28 May 2019 (T2 Wk6)	Thursday 4 April 2019 (T1 Wk10)	7 weeks
Bruce	Wednesday 12 June 2019 (T2 Wk8)	Thursday 2 May 2019 (T2 Wk2)	5 weeks
QB - Dangerous Liaisons	Saturday 6 July 2019 (Holidays)	Thursday 6 June 2019 (T2 Wk7)	4 weeks
Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus	Tuesday 23 July 2019 (T3 Wk2)	Thursday 6 June 2019 (T2 Wk7)	5 weeks
Opera Australia Madama Butterfly	Saturday 27 July 2019 (T3 Wk2)	Thursday 6 June 2019 (T2 Wk7)	6 weeks
Possum Magic	Tuesday 30 July 2019 (T3 Wk3)	Thursday 6 June 2019 (T2 Wk7)	6 weeks
Yamato - The Drummers of Japan	Thursday 1 August 2019 (T3 Wk3)	Thursday 27 June 2019 (T2 Wk10)	5 weeks
Spencer	Wednesday 21 August 2019 (T3 Wk6)	Thursday 27 June 2019 (T2 Wk10)	6 weeks
Much Ado About Nothing	Thursday 12 September 2019 (T3 Wk9)	Thursday 1 August 2019 (T3 Wk3)	5 weeks
The Twits	Friday 13 September 2019 (T3 Wk9)	Thursday 1 August 2019 (T3 Wk3)	5 weeks

*MECC reserves the right to rectify errors or make changes to the above, however applicants will be notified if this occurs.

WHAT NEXT?

Successful applications will be notified within 48 hours after assessment. The applicant will be advised that the costs of the tickets and or workshops and associated transport will be met through the Pathways to Performance program and invoices relating to transport should be sent to The Friends of the MECC Inc. (*please ensure invoices are made out to The Friends of the MECC Inc*). The school will be required to confirm transport with the bus company, and the MECC suggest allowing the unsuccessful bus transport quote know it will no longer be necessary.

The MECC will directly liaise with The Friends of the MECC Inc. to pay theatre ticket costs and/or transport costs. A representative from the MECC will contact successful applicants prior to the performance and/or workshop activities to confirm participation and advise timeframes for attendance.

Successful applicants will be expected to submit a formal evaluation form post event and place a 'thank-you' acknowledging the assistance of the Pathways to Performance Program in their school/community newsletter or social media pages.