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## News release > City Centre in spotlight for Anywhere Festival

A THEATRICAL performance at Hair Asylum and a comedy walking tour by a man in a penguin suit are just some of the weird and wonderful events taking place in the Mackay City Centre, as part of the Anywhere Festival (March 13-22).

Proudly hosted by the Mackay and Isaac Regional Councils, Mayor Deirdre Comerford and Isaac Regional Council Acting Mayor Dale Appleton were on hand to officially launch the festival today at Oaks Rivermarquee.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said she was proud that Mackay and Isaac were the first regional areas in Australia to host The Anywhere Festival.

“Our arts and business communities have joined forces with the organisers to stage a festival program that is unique, affordable and a lot of fun,” Cr Comerford said.

“It’s a great opportunity for our City Centre businesses to showcase their versatility and for locals and visitors alike to enjoy some exciting performances.”

Mackay’s City Centre and Isaac townships including Middlemount, Moranbah, Nebo and Dysart will host a variety of exciting musical and comical performances as part of the ten day festival.

Festival, Events and the Arts portfolio councillor Chris Bonanno said it was great to see fourteen different local businesses in and around the City Centre host performances.

“Venues include the Mackay Grand Suites and The Dispensary – the festival will be a great opportunity for audiences to enjoy entertainment in different settings throughout our City Centre.”

Anywhere Festival Artistic Director Paul OSurch said, “It’s time to explore your nooks and crannies.”

“The Anywhere Festival is about fun shows in interesting spaces at affordable prices so that anyone can go to a few shows and explore spaces in a different way, that’s really the key and why I love this festival,” Paul said.

The festival has run for four years in Brisbane and in 2012 was named one of the “Top Nine International Festivals You Must See!” by QANTAS Travel Insider along with big established intentional festival like Edinburgh Fringe and Salzburg Festival.