

**ANIMATING**  
2014  
**SPACES**

Animating Spaces is a state-wide multi-arts initiative of Artslink Queensland designed to revitalise and celebrate significant or unusual spaces within regional communities through locally-driven arts activities and events.

Now into its second year Animating Spaces is gaining momentum and cementing a reputation for inspiring creativity and quality community engagement.

Kerryanne Farrer, Regional Arts Development Officer at Artslink said, “Animating Spaces is a place making project that invites regional Queenslanders to re-imagine unique public spaces in their community through any art form of their choice...be it music, digital projection, sculpture, dance. Regional artists get paid work on large-scale projects, artworkers partner with councils and small business and locals get involved in creating art, all with a shared vision of transforming their home town. Their combined efforts are revealed in a celebratory event where the place is literally animated.”

In 2014 Animating Spaces will enliven the following communities:

**Yeppoon      11 – 12 July**

*Changing Tides* will highlight the uniqueness of Yeppoon’s waterside location and bring together local artists, primary school students and members of the local community to celebrate local landmarks, history and spirit.

The primary school children will take part in workshops to create colourful designs that will be transformed into flags and lanterns by local crafters. Another project will see significant coastal landmarks captured and transformed into ceramic artworks installed as an art trail. A third project will culminate in a spectacle of light, projection, movement and sound immersing the viewer in a cascade of the memories of life on the Yeppoon coast through the generations.

**Roma            16 August**

*Roma’s heART* will combine traditional and contemporary artistic methods to transform areas adjoining the Roma Community Arts Centre – a place some would say is the heart of Roma - into meaningful and vibrant creative spaces. A celebratory event will pump the town with new life when three familiar spaces will be unveiled after their “ART” transplant!

**Samford        12 – 13 September**

*Samford Now* will draw together multiple art forms in a vibrant celebration of people and place. They will create history when local folk make mini movies to be screened in a short-film festival, enliven the little known Samford parklands trail with a sculpture walk and host a street arts progression with puppet, lantern and music making workshops.

## Cooktown 20 September

*Echoes on the Wind* will float through Cooktown as stories, past and present, are reflected in an evocative series of community events. From beautiful, inclusive and useable public art work to the development of a brand new Indigenous dance and song of great significance, the community will be united in creative celebration.

There will also be a major project involving local young people interviewing the locals and hearing their stories – then shaping these yarns into a design space and ultimately painting a large mural artwork that Cooktown can be proud of.

## Gladstone 27 September

The Gladstone Region will create a sense of adventure as they reinvent the local's experience of the Gladstone Aquatic Centre precinct. A grassy knoll will be crafted into an inviting youth space, the parkland around the local tennis and squash courts will be converted into an entertainment precinct for 14 – 28 year olds to showcase their talents, and the whole sports centre area will burst into digital colour and movement when art from local photographers and videographers is projected on to the walls.

Animating Spaces is a project of Artslink Queensland to assist fifteen regional Queensland communities from 2013-2015 and is funded by the Australia Council for the Arts, Arts Queensland, Regional Arts Australia and the participating local councils. The 2014 councils include Cook Shire Council, Gladstone Regional Council, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Livingston Regional Council, and Maranoa Regional Council. The project is also supported by the QUT Creative Industries Work Integrated Learning Program.

Applications are now open for 2015 projects and community arts organisations and councils in Queensland regions are encouraged to apply. Submissions will be accepted until 31 July 2014 and information on how to apply can be found on the Artslink Queensland website [artslinkqld.com.au/animatingspaces](http://artslinkqld.com.au/animatingspaces)

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