

Call of the Running Tide

Environmental Sculpture & Multimedia Art Festival

18th - 27th September 2021

Locations:

Port Douglas: Port Douglas Community Centre and surrounds (10am-5pm daily), Rex Smeal Park, Flagstaff Hill walk (all hours), *Garden of Plastic* at Mossman Shire Hall (10am-2pm daily)

Free events.

Opening:

6pm Friday 17th September, Port Douglas Community Centre. All welcome. Free Event with Cash bar.

What

Call of the Running Tide Environmental Sculpture and Multimedia Art festival (CRT) is a high quality curated event and an invitation by artists to engage meaningfully with the unique ecosystems from Rainforest to Reef in the Far North. The sculptural and Multimedia works will also inform viewers of current local and global environmental threats.

The inaugural CRT, held in in Douglas Shire September 2019, attracted 6,000 visitors to widespread acclaim.

CRT continues the region's significant history of environmental activism. It engages local communities and visitors and aims to build and encourage environmental awareness. Through art, *Call of the Running Tide* inspires and challenges viewers to contemplate how they can make a difference.

CRT 2021 will be bigger and better than the previous event. 38 interstate, regional and local artists have created multiple sculptures and multimedia works which will be displayed in Rex Smeal Park, on the Flagstaff Hill walk, at the Northern end of Four Mile Beach and in Port Douglas Community Hall and grounds.

The *Garden of Plastic* workshops and installation, for 7-12 year old children, is a key CRT event. Funded by the Mossman Rotary Club and supervised by two enthusiastic, experienced artists, parents are able to drop their children for the workshops between 10am-2pm each day of the festival at the Mossman Shire Hall. Discarded and washed up bottle tops will be attached to wooden

panels that will be laid out on a large area of the Hall's floor. Selected panels from this installation will be used to create a mural at the new Paws and Claws facility in Craiglie. Students from Port Douglas Primary school have also created artwork panels and these will be on display at the Port Douglas Community Hall.

How

Call of the Running Tide is auspiced by Port Douglas Artists Inc. Major sponsors and supporters are primarily Douglas Shire Council, Arts Queensland and the federal government through Regional Arts Fund. Other important sponsors include NorthSite Contemporary Arts, Gambling Community Benefit Fund Queensland Government, Tourism Port Douglas and Daintree, Tangaroa Blue Australian Marine Debris Initiative, Great Barrier Reef Legacy, Douglas Shire Sustainability Group, Mossman Rotary Club, Queensland Sotheby's International Realty, Queensland, James Cook University, Central Queensland University, and Mossman Hardware.

Call of the Running Tide aims to continue as a biennial festival with a significant place in the Douglas Shire events calendar, attracting local, state-wide, national and international visitors.

Where

Environmental sculpture will be installed along the Flagstaff Hill walk, at the Northern end of Four Mile Beach, within Rex Smeal Park and in and around the Port Douglas Community Centre. Multimedia works will also be projected at Rex Smeal Park. Smaller sculptures, installations and multimedia art will be displayed in the Port Douglas Community Centre.

The Garden of Plastic event is at the Mossman Sire Hall between 10am and 2pm every day of the festival.

Who

Forty invited environmental artists and emerging and professional local artists will create and install environmental artwork in Port Douglas.

The event is curated by Jill Chism, a local experienced and nationally-recognised artist who is supporting artists to produce quality artworks with thematic consistency. Jill is supported by other Port Douglas Artists members and in particular by Rosey Cummings, the Coordinator of CRT, also Anna Curtis, Chrissie Mclaughlin, Ross Cummings Tim Ellis and Stephanie Milne.

We anticipate 5,000 local and regional Queenslanders and interstate visitors will attend *Call of the Running Tide*. And we invite local and regional communities to feel proud of this event, to be involved and to share the experience with others.

Call of the Running Tide is currently seeking volunteers who will help with setting up and de mounting artworks, offering information about artworks and assisting the public to experience *Call of the Running Tide* in Rex Smeal Park and the Port Douglas Community Hall. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Rosey Cummings (on your email?)

Call of the Running Tide is on Instagram and Facebook.

Pease also visit the website www.calloftherunningtide.com.au