



Now in its 16th year, the Whitsunday Reef Festival showcases the beauty and splendour of the Great Barrier Reef and celebrates what it means to live in the “Heart of the Reef” in Airlie Beach.

The 10-day entertainment extravaganza includes fireworks, carnival rides, live music and entertainment, a street parade, classic car show, recyclable craft regatta, comedy gala, family fun day, markets, reef art installations, sand sculpting, helicopter joy flights and starlight movies.

For more information visit www.whitsundayreeffestival.com.au or follow the festival on Facebook.

Art comes to life at Whitsunday Reef Festival

WEARABLE art is a growing worldwide phenomenon and the Whitsundays have their very own wearable art fashion parade each year as part of the Whitsunday Reef Festival (August 5-14). The theme this year is “Finding the Reef”, which can be interpreted in a number of different ways, and the Wilmar Wearable Art Parade and judging will take place on Saturday August 13 at the PCYC and on the Airlie Beach foreshore.

Described as “the painted canvas come to life”, Wearable Art can be sewn, constructed, glued, painted, collaged, riveted, woven and knitted – and just about anything else your imagination dreams up! In the Whitsundays, lack of imagination is certainly not a problem, with last year’s entries a kaleidoscope of colourful ribbons, streamers and tinsel, with everything from clocks to newspapers incorporated into the outfits.

“Every year the entrants never fail to amaze me with their ingenuity,” festival organiser Margie Murphy said. “Outfits can be made from metals, recycled objects, silk, rubber, natural fibres or industrial offcuts – there really is no limit to what you can create and the materials you can use to make it”.

Entry and consent forms for the 2016 Wilmar Wearable Art Awards are available on the Reef Festival website or from the organiser. The completed forms should be in by Monday 25 July by email to korenschaw@prspne.catholic.edu.au. Once you have lodged your entry form you will receive the event information pack. However there will still be plenty of time to complete those show-stopping wearable art creations by the date of the event on 13 August. Please contact the event organiser Kirsten Orenshaw on 0458 581 232 with any questions.