

upcoming events...

december

> MINISTRY Of Sound event at Main Street featuring DJ John Course on Thursday, December 22. Tickets on sale now at the Mackay Entertainment Centre. Ph 4957 1777

Gig Guide

TONIGHT

- > Platinum Lounge – Phil Hewitt Karaoke in main bar
- > Molloys – Godfathers of Funk, 7.30pm
- > McGuire's – Congo Cans from 9pm
- > Andergrove Tavern – Karaoke with Anna, 8pm
- > Whitsunday Hotel – Mike Rox
- > Cougar Bar – DJ Attic
- > Pulse – Secret Santa @ Pulse
- > Main Street – Miss Bundy Comp, DJ Barnsie and DJ Gerbal, 9pm-3am
- > Gordi's – Karaoke with Stacey

FRIDAY

- > Molloys – James Wilson, 5pm, Godfathers of Funk, 9.30pm
- > McGuire's – Namarco from 9pm
- > Main Street – DJ Gerbal, 9pm-4am
- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Karaoke with Lonny
- > Cougar Bar – DJ Attic
- > Tommy De's – (formerly The Balcony) Official opening featuring DJ Sparkles from The Family @ Brisbane
- > Kooyong Hotel – Karaoke with Anna, 7.30pm
- > Colours at Hotel Mackay – Camera Shy
- > Platinum Lounge – Heineken De-Stress 5pm, DJ Mr K, Fashion on Fridays featuring Anarchy Clothing
- > Doors – Juvenile DJs from the Gold Coast
- > Pulse – Pulse Nurse out & about with free entry, prescriptions and Secret Santa
- > Northern Beaches Bowls Club – Show Us Ya Tich in the sports bar 8pm-late
- > Harrup Park Country Club – Hot 2 U
- > Sails on the Marina – Jay C and the Axeman, 8pm-late
- > Taylors Hotel – Nightowls, 7pm
- > Northern Suburbs Leagues Club – Ripple Effect, 7.30pm
- > General Gordon, Homebush – Rachel Lady Grinning Soul, 1-7pm
- > Seaforth Bowls Club – Debbie Cheyne 7 - 11.30pm

SATURDAY

- > Molloys – Godfathers of Funk, 9.30pm
- > McGuire's – Poindexta, 9pm in the sportsbar, karaoke with Sammy from 8pm in the lounge
- > Main Street – DJ Gerbal, 9pm-4am
- > Gordi's – Karaoke with Stacey
- > Platinum Lounge – DJ Mr K
- > Doors – Juvenile DJs from the Gold Coast
- > Pulse – Summer Fun, fashion shows, Secret Santa, DJs
- > Mackay Yacht Club – Debbie Cheyne, 1-5pm
- > Harrup Park Country Club – Tracy Watts
- > Latitude 21, Clarion Hotel – Girls In Harmony, 3-7pm
- > Colours at Hotel Mackay – Camera Shy
- > Kooyong Hotel – Lady Grinning Soul (Rachel) 1-5pm
- > Outlaws Clubhouse – Lady Grinning Soul (Rachel) 8pm-midnight
- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Karaoke with Whit All Stars
- > Cougar Bar – Tropadelica, featuring DJs Discord, Da Mix and Undercover Brothers, old school jungle and psy trance
- > Grand Central Hotel, Sarina – Ripple Effect, 7.30pm

SUNDAY

- > Mackay Surf Club – Peppe Tucci, 2-5pm
- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Muffyoke
- > Platinum Lounge – DJ Jam Session, Come as you are
- > McGuire's – Krap Karaoke with Mad Mick from 8pm
- > Eton Hotel – Ripple Effect, 4-8pm
- > General Gordon, Homebush – Live lunchtime music with Lady Grinning Soul (Rachel), 12.30-3pm, jam session hosted by Biggsy & Rachel from 3-8pm
- > Dolphin Heads Resort – The Noise, Sunday session, 12.30-4.30pm
- > Pulse – DJ Brenos & the crew
- > Sails on the Marina – Nightowls, 4pm

MONDAY

- > Molloys – Muso's Christmas Party, 8pm
- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Karaoke with Whit All Stars
- > Cougar Bar – DJ Attic hospitality night

TUESDAY

- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Live music with Ratgirl
- > Pulse – Any Style, any flavour, top 40, rnb, dance

WEDNESDAY

- > Whitsunday Hotel Front Bar – Mike Rox
- > Platinum Lounge – Phil Hewitt Karaoke
- > Gordi's – Muso's jam night
- > McGuire's – Christmas Carols and Beer Barrels: Mackay's best-known bands performing their take on Christmas carols, from 9pm in the sportsbar
- > Pulse – DJ Brenos and DJ Funky

CD reviews

Each week we'll review a new CD



> pop

Claire Trentain Loving The Blue and Green

Murlyn Music – MGM

CLAIRE Trentain is a talented young singer/songwriter – and Loving The Blue and Green is what she calls her “self-portrait”.

Released independently just last week, the full length album is the first Australian album to be produced by international hitmakers Murlyn Music (Britney Spears, Celine Dion and Jennifer Lopez).

And Claire is rightly “damn proud” of what she’s achieved. “It’s been a long road – but it’s worth it,” she said.

Claire best sums up Loving The Blue and Green: “It’s mixed up, diverse, playful and personal. I want to create a guitar-based, melody-driven album that relates and connects with people.”

It’s full of fun, catchy melodies and songs and Claire has purposely made her repertoire tempt many musical tastes.

It’s easy to connect to Claire’s lyrics – Tainted Youth or the first single, Perfect, could easily be stories from any teenager growing up and discovering what life’s all about.

While she lives in Brisbane now, Claire was born in Moranbah – and it was there her love of the arts and music developed. “It’s had a huge effect on what I do now. I’ll never forget where I’m from.”

Request Loving the Blue and Green from any record store – and you’ll not only be helping yourself to a great listen, but you’ll also be helping Claire’s album reach the shelves.

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Stephanie Rose

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charts

This week's TOP 10 Singles

courtesy of AAP

- 1 Maybe Tonight .....Kate DeAraugo
- 2 My Humps .....Black Eyed Peas
- 3 Stickwitu .....The Pussycat Dolls
- 4 Jingle Bells .....Crazy Frog
- 5 Hung Up .....Madonna
- 6 Push The Button .....Sugababes
- 7 Because Of You .....Kelly Clarkson
- 8 You're Beautiful .....James Blunt
- 9 Everything I'm Not .....The Veronicas
- 10 Gold Digger .....Kanye West



Movies

courtesy of Birch, Carroll & Coyle CINEBUZZ (Australian Top 10)

- 1 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire .....M
- 2 Saw 2 .....MA
- 3 Flightplan .....M
- 4 Domino .....MA
- 5 Brothers Grimm .....M
- 6 The Constant Gardener .....M
- 7 Prime .....M
- 8 Wolf Creek .....R 18+
- 9 Waiting .....MA
- 10 Tim Burton's Corpse Bride .....PG



DVDs

courtesy of Video Ezy, Mackay

- 1 Fantastic Four .....
- 2 Monster In Law .....
- 3 Sin City .....
- 4 The Island .....
- 5 Madagascar .....
- 6 House of Wax .....
- 7 War of the Worlds .....
- 8 Kicking and Screaming .....
- 9 Land of the Dead .....
- 10 The Longest Yard .....

events

What's happening at Platinum Lounge

PLATINUM Lounge has a packed calendar this Christmas season.

Wednesday and Thursday nights it's open from 7pm for Phil Hewitt's Karaoke Show.

From 5pm each Friday the venue hosts a De-Stress Clinic – which includes a free cocktail on arrival, free Platinum nibbles, free games of pool, and free neck and shoulder massages.

From 8pm tomorrow night Fashion on Fridays will see models hit the catwalk in the latest styles from City Heart store Anarchy Clothing – to music by resident DJ Mr K.

On Saturday Platinum is open from 7pm until 4am, with a 3am lock-out and music by DJ Mr K.

Aspiring DJs can have their turn on the decks on Sundays from 7pm with Come As You Are, DJ Jam Sessions.

Platinum's Christmas Break-up Party will be on Friday, December 23, from 5pm-8pm and are offering punters something special.

The deal is simple – whatever money people put on the bar, the club will match dollar for dollar.

For example, if workmates or friends throw money in the hat, and come up with \$100, they will receive an additional \$100 on the tab.

Conditions apply and bookings are essential. Phone 4944 1877.

New Year's Eve will be Platinum's Summer of Saturdays New Year's Eve Party, featuring DJ Mr K and guests.

Guys throw on your boardies – girls throw on your bikini tops – there will be no lock-out time.

The venue is also hosting Bar Stars – encouraging singers, musicians, fire-eaters, contortionists, mime artists, magicians, comedians, unicyclists, jugglers, ventriloquists, circus acts and speciality performers to register by phoning 4944 1877.

Platinum's Model Search is also on.

Interested people that have the looks, personality, and determination to be a model should send a photo, along with an entry form from Mackay's City Heart's leading fashion outlets, hair-stylists or Platinum Lounge. Entries close 31/01/2006 and terms and conditions apply.

Got an entry for the Gig guide?

Get it in before 10am, Tuesday. Email details to [rose@dailymercury.com.au](mailto:rose@dailymercury.com.au) or phone 4957 0339

32 entries up for grabs.

TOKEN collect 6 tokens to enter.

Join our VIP Section

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year's Eve

All inclusive \$60 HEAD

Drinks and Finger Food

8pm until New Year

\*Conditions apply

Whitsunday INTERNATIONAL HOTEL

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Motor Dome

WOW FACTOR RAMPAGE

THURSDAY NIGHT

- STADIUM MOTO X PRACTICE - Gates open 7 pm
- BURN-OUTS - Gates open 8 pm (Thanks to Pioneer Road Services)

UP-COMING EVENTS

- TBA - BURNOUT "RAMPAGE" Competition!
- May 13-14 Jet Sprintboat Shoot Out Round 2 Aust. Titles

Farrelly's Lane, Paget

Ring Hotline for Details: 4952 6362 [www.mackaymotordome.com.au](http://www.mackaymotordome.com.au)