

Case Study

Empire Theatres Open Day – Celebrating 20 Years

The Empire Theatre opened its doors on Saturday 28 June 1997, after an extensive refurbishment and restoration to create a state of the art regional performance venue from a historic cinema.

20 years on, the Empire Theatres Precinct has seen many additions and changes and its success in servicing the cultural and artistic needs of the community is undeniable.

To celebrate this milestone, the Empire Theatre opened its doors to the public on Sunday 25 June. Tours, performances, workshops and activities filled the buildings of the precinct with the best local talent and some fantastic visitors like the Australian Army Band Brisbane and some of the stars of Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium.

Across the day, over 2500 patrons were entertained by 52 performances, 9 demonstrations, 7 workshops, 6 screenings, 5 tours and historical displays across 10 venues involving over 370 performers.

Welcomed by a smoking ceremony and acknowledgement of Country by Winangali Infusion, this celebration acknowledged the past and looked ahead to the next 20 years of operation.



Erth's Prehistoric Aquarium puppet delights the crowd.

When: Sunday 25 June, 2017

Where: Empire Theatres Precinct

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The Australian Army Band Brisbane playing in the Main Auditorium



Jacob Watton and partner dance in the Armitage Centre



Winangali Infusion welcome the crowd on the front lawn



Belinda Reid performs in the Vestry



Toowoomba Youth Choral Society sing songs from their production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang in the courtyard