

# q festival: QUEENSLAND'S RANGEBOW

The party everyone can join - no labels required

The fires, floods, plagues, pandemic and monkey-pox blighted the country on top of the parent of all turn-backs with a federal election and result that left everyone looking to join the party everyone really wanted to go to: The Rangebow Festival [www.therangebowfestival.org](http://www.therangebowfestival.org) welcomes every individual, no labels, no acronyms, because everyone belongs in a healthy vibrant community. Festival Director, Wayne Parcell said, *"This festival celebrates diversity, inclusion, sustainability and reconciliation - without acronyms and without labels. It's time to celebrate each other for who we are as individuals, together."*

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Just when you thought it was time to ask Hugh to run away with you to the circus singing "This is me" at the top of your voice, the people living on Jinibara country in the sunny coast Hinterland released tickets for The Pageant of Pineapple Queens and Bunya Kings. You can finally shine on that runway after the Drag Run-a-way Workshops of creative personal empowerment or simply join the fun with the audience in Maleny. Or, if you want to step out in a different way, take a Walk on the Wild Side for experiences of land and nature that might have you face to bill with a platypus.

No party of course would be complete without the Sunshine Coast Symphony Orchestra and a Moonlight Symphony performing popular classics and also original compositions with The Rangebow Children's Orchestra. You could even stay on for a rollicking night of Cabaret performances until late - Montville has never known anything like it.

If you're looking for a more traditional sanctuary, but with a different lens, the Anglican churches of St Mary's Montville and St George's Maleny may be just the ticket for Celluloids from the closet featuring five films that explore the four festival themes including Faithfully me about coming out as transgender in a Christian environment and Regenerating Australia offering hope for the future of our environment.

If you're looking for a First Nations gourmet experience, award-winning indigenous chef Aunty Dale Chapman will deliver a food and culture experience at Flaxton Gardens that will take you far, far away with Forage Fire Feast.

With fresh air now around you, this is the time to wake up to your dreams with the help of Joan Hanger who was Princess Diana's Dream Analyst. In The Enchanted Garden Joan will take you on a

journey through the life of your dreams. Stay on for conversations and entertainment for the whole afternoon. For a truly captivating experience of the world's oldest culture, join Jinibara Culture Man BJ Murphy who will bring to life the Dreamtime stories of the Glasshouse Mountains, with the ancient lands in sight.

Although you might prefer a trip to the Teatro alla Scala in Milan, why not instead join an intimate audience in Montville to be carried away on the wings of arias at The Chapel of Love by Queensland Opera performers. At last, you can spoil yourself and your friends, with that tantalising tiara and turquoise evening gown, paired with that gorgeous silk pashmina. Tuxedos are the more conventional choice for some but don't be afraid to slip into that red velvet jacket with black stripes for your hinterland escape.

Perhaps just getting away from the mundane with a session of Barefoot Bowling Bingay will add some outdoor and indoor hilarity to your day in Mapleton. Or, if you are sportier, some Tennis with balls and strings might give you something to giggle about in Montville.

If you just want to take the weight off your feet, take a comfy seat at the Majestic Cinema Theatre in Nambour and relive those Golden Days of crooners and foot tapping numbers, surprisingly with a mirror ball! You could even take a tour and let someone else do the planning and the driving on one of many tours on offer, like the Sniff, Lick and Nibble Tour.

If a full escape just isn't an option, then put the kids and grandparents in the car and enjoy the Bunya Bears Brunch and let the festive atmosphere of the Sustainability Fair and Parade around the Main Drag take you away from the drudge for a few hours.

At the end of it all, we can be thankful together for a fabulous festival with a service of thanks and breakfast, This is Us, on The Village Green led by Reverend Deborah Bird of St Mary's Anglican Church, Montville.

Maybe you don't need to run away after all. After everything of the last couple of years, all you really needed was The Rangebow Festival. Join the party everyone wants to go to, celebrating diversity, inclusiveness, sustainability and reconciliation across The Range communities 10 - 13 August 2022.



*Free events and ticket details at [www.therangebowfestival.org](http://www.therangebowfestival.org)*