

Queensland Ballet Community and Education Regional Programs Gympie 2026 Connecting through Dance



QLD Ballet Regional touring Photos Chelsea Clark, Angharad Gladding

Gympie, 11 August, 2026; Queensland Ballet, in partnership with Gympie Regional Council supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund, will bring a week of free and subsidised dance and movement experiences to Gympie from 11 – 15 August, offering residents of all ages and abilities the opportunity to connect through dance.

Taught by Queensland Ballet's Teaching Artists, the Community and Education regional touring program is designed to increase access to high-quality arts experiences for Queensland communities, supporting creativity, wellbeing and lifelong participation in dance while providing pathways for young people interested in pursuing further training and careers in the arts.

The diverse program of free/subsidised Community and Education activities across Gympie and surrounding communities includes, **First 5 Forever Storytime Ballet** sessions, **In-School Workshops**, **community dance classes**, **Ballet for Seniors**, and bespoke **specialised workshops** created to engage community groups.

Developed and coordinated by Queensland Ballet's Education Manager, Kath Cadd, an experienced educator and Registered Teacher who has spent more than 15 years' teaching and leading Dance and Performing Arts subjects in Queensland schools.

"Gympie's program has been carefully designed in collaboration across various teams from Gympie Regional Council to engage the local community and reflect the diverse interests and needs of residents. We are looking forward to connecting and moving with participants, sharing our dance, while also finding opportunity to learn from the places we visit and people we meet."

"We admire Gympie Regional Council's vision in working with us to provide such varied experiences and opportunities for their local community. We love spending time in the region and are looking forward to our visit to see familiar faces, met on previous tours, and meet new participants. We warmly encourage all people to get involved," Cadd said.

Gympie Mayor Glen Hartwig said Council's partnership with Queensland Ballet, supported through the Regional Arts Development Fund, continued to provide valuable opportunities for the community to connect through dance.

"Supporting arts and culture is an important part of creating vibrant, connected communities, and this partnership with Queensland Ballet helps ensure more residents can experience world-class workshops without having to leave the Gympie Region," Mayor Hartwig said.

"This connection with a world class ballet company also provides fantastic opportunities for young people in our region who have aspirations of dancing on a national or international stage.

"Queensland Ballet's visit to our region last year was incredibly well received, with residents of all ages and abilities getting involved in workshops and community activities.

"Whether you enjoyed Queensland Ballet's visit last year or are thinking about giving it a try for the first time, I'd encourage everyone to take advantage of this year's program."

Program highlights include:

- First 5 Forever Storytime ballet sessions in Gympie, Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach and Imbil.
- In-School Workshops in Gympie, Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach, Imbil and Amamoor.
- Community Classes (Petit Pointers (ages 2-5), Junior Ballet and Repertoire (ages 6-9), Intermediate Ballet and Repertoire (ages 10 – 13), Advanced Ballet and Repertoire (age 14+)
- Ballet for Seniors
- A community engagement piece working with specific community groups. This engagement will extend to a Career Pathways Immersion Experience at the Thomas Dixon Centre later in the year.

Bookings and more information: [Queensland Ballet regional programs - Queensland Ballet](#)

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Editor's Note

Biography and photos [here](#).

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Queensland Ballet's mission is to contribute to Australia's cultural landscape by being an integral part of the national and international ballet ecology - striving for artistic excellence, pathways for emerging artists, and impact through our community

4/4 outreach, education, and dance health programs. We aim to enrich lives and contribute to wellness across society through the magic of ballet.

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