

Friday 10 May 2019

**BALLET BRINGS CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY TO GAYNDAH & MUNDUBBERA**

Queensland Ballet continues its commitment to sharing the gift of ballet throughout Queensland when its Edsquad tour kicks off in May.

Artistic Director Li Cunxin said the QB Edsquad will visit 24 communities from Cloncurry to Cairns and St George, offering a range of new workshops to cater for all ages and ability levels.

“The aim of our Edsquad tour is to inspire regional Queenslanders to experience the physical, social and emotional benefits of dance through accessible arts opportunities,” Mr Li said.

“Although we can’t always take our Company performances to every community, we like to tailor opportunities for everyone to engage with ballet.

“Our Edsquad is a team of highly skilled Teaching Artists, all former professional dancers themselves, who bring outstanding teaching and coaching experience to these workshops.”

On offer for Gayndah and Mundubbera on Monday 20 May & Tuesday 21 May are:

Mundubbera

**Monday 20 May** – Laura’s School of Dance

5pm – 6pm Community Class 6 – 11yrs

6pm – 7pm Community Class 12 – 17yrs

**Tuesday 21 May**

All day - In-School workshops

Gayndah

**Tuesday 21 May** – Burnett State College

4pm – 6pm Teacher Professional Development (primary school and early years teachers)

**Wednesday 22 May**

All day - In-School workshops

“We are firmly committed to extending the reach of Queensland Ballet beyond the stage and beyond our home city of Brisbane.

“We are delighted to provide our regional communities the chance to experience the classes and teaching expertise we are renowned for.

“In 2018 we welcomed almost 4200 participants into our regional workshops and we’re looking forwards to seeing this many again in 2019.”

“We believe that regardless of where you may be on the dancing journey anyone can take part in these inclusive, inspiring and enriching workshops.” QB’s 2019 Edsquad Tour runs from 20 May to 7 July. For further details and register online visit:

[queenslandballet.com.au/learn/2019-regional-school-community-workshops](https://queenslandballet.com.au/learn/2019-regional-school-community-workshops)

In 2019 Queensland Ballet’s regional tour of Liam Scarlett’s *Dangerous Liaisons* will visit the Gold Coast, Cairns, Toowoomba and Mackay from 14 June – 6 July.

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Media are invited to attend the listed workshops and capture photos or footage along with interviews. For media inquiries contact:

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