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## Holiday offerings aplenty

Staying sane when school is out



**DISCOVER YOUR BACKYARD**  
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WITH the school holidays here, already we are asking ourselves how are we going to fill in the days, entertain the children and at the same time; keep our sanity. Well, in this week's Discover your own Backyard give you a few ideas and make the school holidays fun for all members of the family.

The Central Highlands has a number of libraries spread across the region, each library do an amazing job and each will be hosting a bucket full of activities.

Want to know more?  
[www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/library/programs](http://www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/library/programs)

The Central Highlands Science Centre is extremely proactive with all the sciencey things that kids love to do, experimenting, inventing and creating stuff, with a special feature being **Lego in Motion**. Check out [www.chscience.com.au](http://www.chscience.com.au)

The cinemas are all showcasing kid's movies be it Capella, Blackwater and Emerald so jump online and check out movies and times;

Blackwater: Mon to Fri - The BFG & Ice Age 4, Ghostbusters & Pete's Dragon. [www.bicc.com.au](http://www.bicc.com.au)  
Capella: The BFG, Secret Life of Pets, Pete's Dragon and more. [www.capellaentertainment.com.au](http://www.capellaentertainment.com.au)

Emerald Cinema Complex, to check out times and

what's showing go to: [www.fliks.com.au](http://www.fliks.com.au).

At Springsure, the pool opens this weekend so let's hope the weather heats up a little. Minerva Hills National Park is a great place to visit, take a picnic or a couple of sausages for the barbie, and keep your eyes open for a koala or two or even the "white goat".

Just up the road in Clermont and great for a day of getting the kids out of the house there is heaps to do such as the school holiday program at the Clermont library or drop in to the Clermont Historical Centre and have a look at the Centenary of the 1916 Clermont flood Exhibition [www.isaac.qld.gov.au/flood-of-memories-exhibition](http://www.isaac.qld.gov.au/flood-of-memories-exhibition)

And then there are the usual activities that will get you out into our sandstone wilderness areas and national parks, maybe a bit of camping at Arcadia Valley, bushwalking, photography, canoeing at Nuga Nuga, fishing or sapphire fossicking. In Blackwater there are mine tours, the Coal Mining Museum and the Teddy Bears' Picnic, inquiries and bookings through the Blackwater International Coal Centre.

The Federation Woolshed Visitor Information Centre in Springsure, the Blackwater International Coal Centre in Blackwater, the Central Highlands Visitor Centre in Emerald and the Clermont Historical Centre are the best places to find out what is on, so drop in to your local VIC. .

■ See more holiday activities pages 18-21.