



Local businesses put their name on the map

Goodes Butchery, Jade Garden and Bernadette's Beauty Care are just some of the local businesses listed on Sarina's new mini map.

"The pocket sized directory includes a list of 150 local businesses offering information on health, wellbeing, retail and food," he said.

As part of council's Focus on Sarina program, to increase activity in the area, 150 businesses took up the opportunity to have their name printed on council's easy-to-read mini map.

"There is also a map of the Sarina Town Centre and the coastline making it easy to get to businesses and attractions in the area."

Tourism and Economic Development portfolio councillor Greg Martin said Sarina's new business directory and mini map benefits everyone; residents, businesses and tourists alike.

John Ward from John Ward Jewellers has been doing business in Sarina for 18 years and welcomes the new business directory.

"We rely on word of mouth and the new directory allows us to promote our business to the wider community and people who are passing through."



John Ward, Cr Greg Martin, Jenny Buckley from the Dental Clinic, Therese Lambert from Centre Pharmacy and Lesley Ward check out council's new business directory.

Mr Ward said council's Sarina Business Network is a great program to be a part of.

"The program is free and provides us with up-to-date information on developments and projects happening in the area and the opportunity to

chat with other businesses.

"If you're a business in Sarina I recommend you join today by visiting council's website."

The new Sarina Business Directory will be launched

at the Sarina Business Networking Breakfast on Friday, April 19 at the Sarina Bendigo Bank at 7.15am.

Copies of the new directory are available at participating businesses.

>> For further information please contact Economic Development on 1300 MACKAY (622 529).

COUNCIL - in brief -

Bring your baby and join in the fun

Babies giggling and parents singing is what you'll find at the Sarina Library every Tuesday from 9.30am to 10am. Council is running a new Baby Bounce session for babies up to 18 months filled with nursery rhymes and lullabies to help promote early literacy development. For further details call the Sarina Library on 4961 9297.

Hotels and motels require yearly tick

Under new Local Laws hotels and motels in the Sarina and Pioneer Valley area are required to be approved each year to ensure they meet health and safety standards. Public swimming pools are also required to have an annual approval. For further information please contact council's Environmental Health Section on 1300 MACKAY (622 529).

Check out our community gardens

Thanks to council's Natural Environment Levy the Sarina Landcare Group has built community native gardens in Sarina to encourage residents to make the switch from potentially weedy exotic plants to local natives. The gardens are located at the corner of Beach and Cemetery roads to view.

Road details at your fingertips

If you would like to know what roads are being fixed in your area or how long the works are expected to take, visit council's specially designed webpage mackay.qld.gov.au/roads. The page lists short term and major road projects as well as maintenance works.

Kids give Sarina's new playground the thumbs up



Mitch and Madeline Tileny love council's new playground.

Two Sarina kids Madeline and Mitch have ditched their computer games for council's new playground at the Field of Dreams.

activity panels, a see saw, swings and a spinner.

Nine year old Mitch Tileny said he loves the see saw and the monkey bars.

"They're both fun and let you touch the sky," he said.

His 12 year old sister Madeline prefers the spinner.

"You can stand up, go really fast and turn around for ages," she said.

Parks and Environment portfolio councillor Theresa Morgan said council is committed to providing quality parks and playgrounds so that our children can live a healthy life.

"Parks and outdoor play equipment give families the opportunity to get outside, enjoy some fresh air and have fun at the same time

"The kids are also doing some form of exercise."

No slippery business here



It's easy to launch your boat at the Sarina Boat Ramp.

Looking for somewhere to launch your boat and stay on your feet; then head to the Sarina boat ramp.

Following feedback from local boaties, council is cleaning the ramp every month to reduce the risk of slipping.

Roads and Drainage portfolio councillor Kevin Casey said it's important that our boat ramps are in tip top condition.

"The Mackay region has one of the highest per capita boat ownership in the State with one in every eight residents owning a boat," he said.

"As a council we want to make sure our boaties can get out onto the water and land a big catch.

"Council urges boaties to still be vigilant on the ramps, always wear footwear and be careful retrieving your boat."

>> For details on playgrounds in your area, visit council's website www.mackay.qld.gov.au/parks.

>> For details on boat ramps in the region, visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au/boatramps.