



Sarina Community Bank® Supports Community

The local Sarina Community Bank® Branch Bendigo Bank has again been active by supporting our local services. The recipients of funding were Sarina Fire and Rescue Services who received \$540 for two Navman GPS systems that are to be installed in their units and the Sarina Police who received \$810 for three Navman's GPS systems to be installed in the police cars.

The local Sarina Ambulance Committee after receiving \$1520 earlier in the year were delighted with the three Navman GPS systems that have been very beneficial for paramedics in the locating of properties and road not so easy to find on maps. The presentation was made at the Annual General Meeting where over 60 people made up of shareholders, invited guests and community representatives attended.

In September this year the Company declared its first dividend to shareholders that reside mainly in the Sarina Region. Over \$85,000. has been returned to the Community through dividends, sponsorships and donations, from its opening in June 2005.

The Community Bank® is looking to engage with the community to gain feed back as to

where they would like to see funds invested in Sarina and the region.

It is proposed a public meeting will be held in February to gain information on where the public would like to see our funds invested. The support we have received from the community and business houses by transferring their banking business has seen our business grow in such a way we are able to now make significant investments in our community.

Talking it up in the Pub

Hard times and doing it tough when you're a bloke... Dealing with Anxiety and Depression.

A special dinner presentation by GPs for all men and women who would like to know more about men's health. Everyone is welcome with free health checks and presentations by local GP's. It is free admission with free dinner and dessert being offered.

This will be held at the Sarina Leagues Club on Wednesday, December 2 from 6pm till 9pm. To book your place, please contact Roslyn at Mackay Division of General Practice on 4953 4491.

Sugar Shed - Christmas Hampers



If you're looking for a special gift or stocking stuffer, Sarina Sugar Shed has a range of yummy hampers bound to sweeten any relationship.

Beautifully hand-packed in stylish boxes with ribbons, you can choose from liqueurs, gourmet sauces, homemade treats and much more.

Check out their catalogue and order online by visiting www.sarinasugarshed.com.au or drop into the Sugar

Shed at the Field of Dreams Parkland, Railway Square, Sarina (open Monday to Saturday from 9am).

The Sugar Shed will be closed from 4pm, Thursday, December 24 and will reopen on Monday January 4, 2010. Sarina Sugar Shed would like to thank their customers and suppliers for their support in 2009 and extend their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Help Raise funds for Sarina Surf Lifesaving Club

Boardies Day is on again! This national fundraising event is a fun and simple way for you to either show your support to your local Surf Life Saving Club or provide funding to those clubs in most need in your state. Simply swap your uniform and work attire for board shorts (or any beach-themed attire) on Friday, 27 November and make a gold coin donation in support of Surf Life Saving.

Or go one step further and try one of these ideas on for size: Decorate your workplace in a red and yellow theme; Have a beach party or lunchtime BBQ; Challenge another business; Have a competition for the best dressed, loudest boardies or the most funds raised; Hold a morning tea & encourage your work mates to bring a plate of food that is red or yellow.

If you have not signed up yet, registration is easy, just visit www.boardiesday.com.au. Once registered, a Boardies Day Kit will be emailed to you. Those who can't dress down can still help the cause just by clicking the "Support a Club or Participant" icon above to make a donation direct to a Surf Life Saving Club. Click on this link and help donate towards Sarina Surf Club - http://www.everydayhero.com.au/sarina_surf_club.

All the money raised will go back to fund the work of volunteer lifesavers around Australia, ensuring our beaches remain the safest in the world. Every little bit helps!

Sarina Bus Scheme

> Have you heard about the new bus service in your area?

> Do you think the bus stops are in the right place?

> Are you happy with what days and times the bus is leaving?

> Would you prefer a different drop off point in Mackay?

If you would like to provide feedback on the new bus service, you can do any of the following:

> Fill out the survey on Councils website – www.mackay.qld.gov.au

> Phone Councils Sarina Bus Service Hotline on 4961 9655

> Come to our public meeting on Tuesday, 8 December 2009 at 5.30pm at Sarina Cultural Hall.

Armstrong Beach Christmas Party

The Armstrong Beach Area Progress Association Inc. along with the Armstrong Beach Rural Fire and SES will be holding their community Christmas Party on December 12th from 4.30pm.

Santa will be arriving approx. 5.30 pm with the Balloon Man and a Live Band also present. If Santa is to bring your child a gift please drop it at 16 Deguara Avenue, Armstrong Beach or 69 Melba Street, Armstrong Beach along with number for catering purposes.

The Party is fully licenced with a pig-on-spit for dinner. Lots of fun for the whole family.



Sarina Historical Centre - Plaque Unveiling

On Saturday 17th October Sarina District Historical Centre Inc had their 6th Family Plaque unveiling at the Field of Dreams. Approximately 100 people attended the unveiling of 26 family plaques.

The Plaques were unveiled by former Sarina Shire Councillor Mr Michael Hackett whose family has been associated with the Sarina Region since the early 1900's. Cr Karen May as Patron of the Historical Centre said a few



Michael Hackett unveils the plaques

words about the busy year the Volunteers have had and how they are trying extremely hard to preserve the history of the Region. Cr Darryl Camilleri thanked the Volunteers for preserving the history of the Sarina Region and looked forward to the next book coming out.

Families came from as far away as Beaudesert in the south to Cairns in the north. Many of the families use the day as a 'Family Reunion' and then move on to having other family functions over the weekend. Mrs Carolyn Scott, President of the Sarina District Historical Centre Inc announced that the next book, which is presently at the publishers, will be launched on the 26th January 2010 as part of the Australia Day Awards. Mrs Scott said that it was wonderful to meet the families as many of the plaques have been done over the internet and it was great to be able to put a face to the name.

Morning tea was prepared by the Volunteers and enjoyed by all who attended.



Sarina Art Gallery

Sarina Art Gallery is one of Mackay Regional Council's community exhibition spaces. Situated in the Field of Dreams Parkland in Sarina, Sarina Art Gallery is a small exhibition space that is ideal for local artists or artist groups.

For exhibiting opportunities and further information contact Artspace Mackay (07) 4961 9722
www.artspacemackay.com.au

Open 10am-4pm (during exhibitions only)



2010 RADF Showcase

Date Claimer:

Saturday 13 February, 6 - 9pm
Venue to be confirmed.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to participate in this showcase event featuring a selection of local arts and cultural work by RADF recipients...

The Regional Arts Fund is a joint Queensland Government and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

Sarina Newsletter - Now on Councils Website

Did you know that you can now find this newsletter on councils website?

Just visit >
www.mackay.qld.gov.au

Mackay Regional Council Community Grants

The Mackay Regional Council through the Grant Program aims to provide assistance to local community groups/organisations who make positive contributions to the quality of life in the Local Government area. Grants are offered twice each year. Applications close on the 3rd Friday in February and August. The Upcoming round closes on Friday, 21 August 2009. Forms are available on the Mackay Regional Council Website www.mackay.qld.gov.au or you can contact Community Development on 1300 622 529.