



Sarina
NEWS
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Sarina Neighbourhood Centre

The Sarina Neighbourhood Centre is a Mackay Regional Council service which receives funding from the State Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities through the Neighbourhood Centre's Initiative.

Services available:

- Information, advice and referral
- Community information directories
- Community newsletters
- Community notice board
- Sarina events calendar
- Community education activities
- Emergency relief funding



Facilities available:

- A meeting room is available for community members and groups to utilise during the centre's operating hours
- An office is available for visiting services to meet with clients during the centre's operating hours
- Centrelink access point is available for self services

The Sarina Neighbourhood Centre is located next to Mackay Regional Council Client Services Centre, 65 Broad Street, Sarina.

Phone: 4961 9290 or 4961 9283

Email: margaret.mcdowall@mackay.qld.gov.au

Save the date!

> *Thursday, August 20*

Sarina Neighbourhood Centre's Sarina Senior's Morning Tea will be held Thursday, August 20 at the Cultural Hall Sarina. Be sure to mark this one in your calendar!





Buffy dressed for success!

Sarina has strong links to State of Origin, producing four Origin greats in Martin Bella, Dale Shearer, Kevin Campion and Wendell Sailor.

Situated in the town centre of Sarina is another Queensland icon – a giant cane toad statue that locals have nicknamed 'Buffy'.

In the lead-up to the Origin opener, Wednesday May 27, Buffy had been decked out in maroon.

Ladies from the Sarina Hostel and Sarina Tourist, Arts and Craft Centre had decorated the giant creature in a giant knitted maroon scarf.

Buffy was lit overnight for the first game thanks to an Energy Hub trailer being provided by Group CCTV.

Tourism and Economic Development portfolio councillor Greg Martin said Buffy was one of many unique and popular tourist attractions in the Sarina area.

"There is so much to do in Sarina and we encourage Mackay locals to visit and enjoy the country hospitality," Cr Martin said.

"Plan a trip and enjoy beautiful beaches, a tour of the award-winning Sarina Sugar Shed and take a photo with Buffy the cane toad."

Sport and Recreation portfolio councillor Paul Steindl said Sarina boasted a proud State of Origin history.

"Bella, Shearer, Campion and Sailor played a combined 65 games for Queensland and were former Sarina juniors," Cr Steindl said.

"Daly Cherry-Evans also played some games for the Sarina Crocodiles," he said.

The late Barry Gomersall, affectionately known as the 'Grasshopper' was also working and living in Sarina when he refereed nine Origin games between 1982 – 1988.

Sarina State of Origin greats:

- Martin Bella played 21 Origin games from 1987 – 1994
- Dale Shearer played 26 Origin games from 1985 – 1996
- Kevin Campion played 4 Origin games from 2001 – 2002
- Wendell Sailor played 14 Origin games from 1996 – 2001

Buffy the Cane Toad:

- Buffy was originally crafted out of paper mache in 1983 to become a float for a sugar festival. It was later cast in fibreglass to become a fixture in the town, in recognition of Sarina's cane farming history.
- Buffy is located on Broad Street, which is also the Bruce Highway, the main road that passes through the middle of the town of Sarina. It sits in-between the north and south bound lanes.
- "Buffy" is short for the cane toad's scientific name 'Bufo Marinus'.



Because a movie tells a story worth reading!

The LitVids book trailer competition is back again! Residents aged 12-100 years are encouraged to enter the competition and make a trailer for their favourite book.

\$250 is up for grabs for the overall winner of each age category. Registrations are now open and close on Saturday, June 27. Collect a participant pack at any branch for more details. To view previous years entries go to: www.vimeo.com/litvids

Important dates:

> **Storyboarding & book trailer information session** with Tristan Bancks, bookings essential.

Friday, June 5, 4pm to 5.30pm at Gordon White Library

> **Technical workshop - learn the video editing**

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Saturday, June 13, 9.30am to 3pm at Gordon White Library

> **Winners announced at Whitsunday Voices Open Night**, Wednesday, July 15.



Mayor's column

One of the nice things I get to do as Mayor is send congratulatory messages and I was very pleased recently to send one to Sarina resident Annie Roberts who has reached the significant milestone of 99 years of age. Happy birthday Annie.

It is always pleasing to receive feedback from tourists visiting our area and I was extremely proud to receive the following comments recently regarding the Sarina Tourist Information Centre.

"My husband and I are on the first leg of our travels through this lovely region. We called into the Tourist Information Centre at Sarina and were thrilled by the passion of the local volunteers in that centre. They couldn't have been more helpful."

Would you please pass on my congratulations to the volunteers at Sarina".

Well done to Sarina Community Bank Branch – Bendigo Bank for bringing 150 delegates to Mackay for the Bendigo Community Bank State Conference. They got to showcase our region and everything Sarina has to offer.

They are a fine example of good corporate citizenship and playing their part to build community.

At the recent 2015 Mackay Region Tourism Awards I was delighted to see that the Sarina Sugar Shed took out three top Awards.

- Gold Award for Tourist Attraction Award
- Gold for Daily Mercury Award for Excellence in Food Tourism, and
- Gold Award for Outstanding Contribution by a volunteer or a volunteer Group.

Congratulations to staff and volunteers it is great to see your hard work being publically recognised.

Pictured above: Phil Taylor, Manager Glenys Mansfield and Deputy Chair Mackay Tourism Scott Rebgetz.



Anzac Day 100 Year Family Day

The Sarina RSL in conjunction with the Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre held a family day at the RSL following the main parade.

Free jumping and water slides along with merry go round all made for a children's playground of fun. Outside catering was provided by the volunteers from the Arts & Craft Centre while volunteers from the RSL manned the bar.

This successful event it was all due to some very important sponsors. Sarina Community Bank® Bendigo Bank again supported the community event with a very generous contribution; they also allowed us the use of the mobile EFTPOS machine, the marquees and piggy. The bank is only able to support these events through the community supporting them with their banking business. Call Roanna and discuss your banking needs. You will find the staff very friendly and helpful.

Sarina Insurance & Financial Services headed up by Rick Davis and supported by Barb, Linda & Marilyn, located right next door to the Community Bank® on Broad Street lent their support. Rick and his team offer great service for all your insurance needs.

Gary Glover from the Sarina Men's Shed helped out by making a frame for poppies that were made by community members to be pinned on. Special thank you Gary. This frame was displayed at the entrance of the RSL and after the parade transferred to the outside of the building.

Special thanks also to the students from Swayneville and Grandma's Place who made poppies for us along with many of the community people who either purchased or made a poppy to display on our wall of remembrance.

On behalf of the Sarina Tourist Art & Craft volunteers we thank everyone that came and participated in this great day.



Volunteers Strike Silver at Mackay Tourism Awards

The Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Centre was delighted when advised they had won the Silver Award in the category of "Outstanding Contribution by a Volunteer or Volunteer Group" at the recent Mackay Tourism Award held in Clermont.

The Centre is very proud of its record of operating for 19 years totally by volunteers.

Without our volunteers we would not be able to service the community with wonderful handmade craft items, all locally made, and promote our area to the many visitors that call in on their travels.

The Centre is housed in historical buildings that have been restored to stand proudly in the Field of Dreams complex. The Craft & Information Centre is open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm.

Volunteers are welcome to join the team of workers who make the centre such a happy place to visit and stay a while.

Visit us to find out more or call Gloria on 0488 772 493 for more information.

sarina festival

The Sarina Festival Committee is seeking volunteers for the 2015 event to be held Saturday 12 September 2015

Volunteers Wanted

Monthly meeting held second Tuesday each month at

Miller House Central Street Sarina 5.30pm

E-mail : sarinafestivalinc@iinet.com.au



Did you know that...

Sarina residents will soon have a new shared path connecting the town centre to the educational and recreational precincts.

Part of the Active Towns program, the 2.5m wide path is a shared facility to cater for cyclists and walkers.

The \$763,000 Active Towns project is an initiative of the State Government and Mackay Regional Council which aims to encourage walking and cycling in the region.

The path would extend from Anzac Street near Sarina State High School and follow the laneway to Leslie Street. The path then crosses Range Road and follows Central Street across the railway, down Station Lane and into Railway Square.

Active Towns *walk run ride*



Swayneville State School

Under 8's Day was held on Tuesday, May 19 at Swayneville School. Numbers swelled as little people from around the district joined with our students to celebrate early childhood learning. Invitation was extended to playgroups, and kindergartens round the Sarina Range and wider Sarina area. Students from Oakendan State School were honoured guests, and our local chaplains were recognised too as part of Chaplaincy Week.

Swayneville would like to express their thanks for the participation and support of the numerous community based organisations. We potted up with Landcare, did fishing from the SES rescue boat, saved lives while checking out the ambulance, and clambered all over the fire truck. Our local adopt a cops also had the WOW factor with their flashing lights and noisy sirens, but it was the local children's librarian (from Sarina Library) that had them interacting with books and stories by the end of the morning. Faces were painted by the Sarina High School students and our After School Care Providers (PCYC) were there too to direct busy hands!

While there were 40 activities to engage with, our students report that they really enjoyed the merry-go-round and painting using the lettuce spinner as the best activities. For the teaching teams – well, the best part was the smiles. Thanks for coming along and making the morning one to remember.

If you missed the under 8's celebrations, Koumala State School is celebrating on the last day of term. Please ring them for further information.

In other news...

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Raise The Roof Big Bash Fundraiser, and thankfully the weather chose to be kind. Stories were swapped about cricket highlights and disappointments, and plans for strategies for 'next year'. While the 'next year' idea can be shelved for a while, the fundraising event certainly was successful. Thanks goes to Rotary and Chaplaincy for their support on the ground, to all the families that pitched in and helped with set up and pack up, and a special thank you to P&C executives. A thank you goes to everyone who came along and participated.

Sarina Biennial Quilt and Craft Show

Sarina Biennial Quilt and Craft Show held early this month was a great success. Numbers of those attending was comparable to previous shows and we were very pleased to have the traders in attendance.

Traders included Col and Margaret of the Big Red Bus, Trevor and Ivy of Howard Drapery, Carol Hughes of Molly Dookes, Wendy and Andy of Koala Conventions, Wendy Patullo of Iddy Biddy Proserpine, Linda Johnson of the Old Willow Cottage, Debbie of Bobbin'n Sew and guest demonstrator Diane Hope of RST Designs. Our thanks to them for their participation and generosity with prizes.

Dorne Cawte was delighted with the response received for the Knitted Knockers. Dorne gained a further 20 new knitters and received donations to assist with the purchase of yarn required to make the knockers.

It was a huge effort by all members of our Fibre Arts Group to make it so successful. We all should be proud of this. We very much appreciate the help given by the husbands and helpers with setting up and dismantling afterwards.

After the weekend members participated in a two day fabric dyeing, stamping and machine quilting techniques workshop with Diane Hope. This resulted in some interesting pieces with the inspiration to create our own articles.

Next month's in-house workshop will be making a quillo which is a quilt that folds into a cushion with Dorne Cawte. We welcome anyone interested in coming along to the High School Library in Anzac Street on Saturday morning between 9am and noon to join us to learn a new craft. A group of our members also meet at the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday mornings from 9am-noon. Feel free to drop in.

For further information about our group contact Mary on 4956 4594.

RentConnect

We help Queenslanders to find and secure a home to rent in the private market. They can help people who are able to manage a tenancy but who are struggling to access the private rental market due to non-financial barriers. Barriers such as limited rental history, lack of skills, knowledge, understands and documents required for applications.

Contact RentConnect at:

Mackay Housing Service Centre, 22-30 Wood St, Mackay Q. 4740

Phone: 4967 0888 or Toll free: 1800 069 237

Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church

Holiday Kids Club has been held each year in the second week of the June/July school holidays. This years dates are Tuesday to Friday, July 7-10. The hours are 9:30am to 12.30pm. Costs are only \$2 per child each day, with families asked to contribute something to be shared for morning tea.

It is always a happy time with children, ages 4-13 enjoying singing, stories, craft, food, games and lots of fun. The 2015 theme is "Joseph's Egyptian Adventure."

The Holiday Club is held at the Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church property at 87 Range Road. It gives families the opportunity of four mornings of fun for the children at the start of the cane crushing season. Beautiful winter weather means the children can enjoy the activities held outdoors and there is plenty of undercover area if it turns rainy.

Parents are welcome to phone and enrol their children ahead of time, or come and enrol Monday, July 6 between 3-5pm. Children can also be enrolled on the first day, Tuesday, July 7. Parents are welcome to drop the children off or to stay with their children for the morning.

More information is available by phoning 4956 2510 or 0468 473 459.

Vision, Strength, Quality and Empowerment

The Mackay Women's Centre provides a range of free counselling and support services for women in the city of Mackay and surrounding region.

Our counsellor visits Sarina every Thursday morning at the Sarina Neighbourhood Centre, 65 Broad Street. Appointment can be made by calling the office.

The Centre also host many different activities on a weekly basis, some of these include Zumba Gold, Australian Breastfeeding Assoc Meetings, Tai Chi, Mackay Active Women's Group and Yoga and Meditation.

For further information please call the office on 4953 1788 between 8.30am — 4.30pm or visit www.mackaywomenscentre.com.au.


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Get Out, Get Active

All women and girls in the Sarina district who are looking to become more active or generally want to become involved in any physical activity are invited to attend an information session at the Mackay Regional Council, Sarina Boardroom on Wednesday, June 3 at 2pm.

The information session is your opportunity to let the Mackay Regional Council Sport & Recreation Officer know what activities interest you so a program can be tailored to suit the women and girls in our district.

Get Out, Get Active



Women are invited to Get Out, Get Active!

This is a program aimed at encouraging you to join in and let us know what active recreation or sporting activity you would be interested in Calen, Northern Beaches, Ooralea, Pioneer Valley and Sarina areas of the Mackay region.

Why get involved?

- Make a move and improve your lifestyle
- Boost your health and confidence
- Meet new people
- Have fun



Interested?

Phone council's Sport & Recreation Officer on **1300 MACKAY** (622 529) or email sport@mackay.qld.gov.au





Meeting Place

Community Art Project

As part of Stage 3 Public Art, Mackay City Centre, a new artwork celebrating our unique environment will be created for the City Centre and everyone is invited to contribute!

Community information and consultation sessions will be held in the Mackay City Centre and throughout the Mackay region in May, followed by a series of hands-on printmaking workshops with celebrated local artists.

Imagery created in the workshops will be incorporated into the final artwork.

Come along to your nearest information session:

Sarina: Tuesday 9th June, 10am

Sarina Neighbourhood Centre (in the Mackay Regional Council Sarina Administration Building), 65 Broad Street Sarina.

Information sessions will also be held at:

- **Mackay City Centre:** Former Retravision Building, Wood St
Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 May, 10am-4.30pm
Thursday 28 May, 8-9am and 5.30-6.30pm: Presentation by Wanda Bennett
- **Eungella:** Tuesday 2nd June, 10am
Eungella Memorial Hall, North Street, Eungella
- **Midge Point / Bloomsbury / Calen:** Thursday 11th June, 9.30am
Bloomsbury Soldiers Memorial Hall, Dougherty's Road, Bloomsbury
- **Pioneer Valley**

For more information phone Wanda Bennett on 0407 171 371.

JUNE DATE CLAIMERS

- 1 9am–1pm 26th Annual Sarina Arts Extravaganza, Sarina Cultural Hall
3:30-5:30pm Makerspaces 14-16 years old, Sarina Library
- 2 9:30am Nebo/Sarina Range QCWA Social Day, Range Hall Colston Park
9:30-10am Baby Bounce for 0-18 months & their grown ups, Sarina Library
9:30am Group Fitness Fun, St Luke's Hall
- 3 8am-noon Sarina Men's Shed Group, Lee St
9-11:30am QCWA Sarina Branch building craft skills, QCWA Hall
9am-noon Sarina Fibre Arts Group, Sarina Neighbourhood Centre
10am-11am Storytime for 2-5 year olds & their grown ups, Sarina Library
- 6 8am-noon Sarina Tourist Art & Craft Market, Field of Dreams Sarina
8am-noon Sarina Men's Shed Group, Lee St
9am-noon Sarina Fibre Arts Group, Sarina High School
World's Greatest Meal, Sarina RSL
- 8 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
- 9 9:30-10am Baby Bounce for 0-18 months & their grown ups, Sarina Library
9:30am Group Fitness Fun, St Luke's Hall
5:30pm Sarina Festival Meeting, Miller House
- 10 8am-noon Sarina Men's Shed Group, Lee St
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9am-noon Sarina Fibre Arts Group, Sarina Neighbourhood Centre
10-11am Storytime for 2-5 year olds & their grown ups, Sarina Library
- 25 MACKAY SHOW HOLIDAY
- 27 8am-noon Sarina Men's Shed Group, Lee St
9am-noon Sarina Fibre Arts Group, Sarina High School
- 28 7am Sarina Showgrounds Market



The Sarina Events Calendar is displayed at the front of the Sarina Neighbourhood Centre.

To have your event added to the Sarina Events Calendar contact the Sarina Neighbourhood Centre by phoning 4961 9290 or 4961 9283 or emailing margaret.mcdowall@mackay.qld.gov.au

Save the date!

**Sarina Showgrounds Markets
Sunday, June 28, from 7am.**

- > Plenty to see and do
- > Meet up with old friends
- > Kiddies activities
- > Home baking
- > Old wares
- > Plants
- > Trash and treasure
- > Handmade Clothing
- > Canteen open with good food and cold drinks!

For all enquiries please call (07) 4956 1066 or 0418 737 096 or visit the website www.sarinashowsociety.com.au

Site bookings are essential.