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Meet the best in NQ sports in Sarina



Residents and families have the chance to meet Olympic Gold Medallists Petria Thomas and Linda Mackenzie and see the best of the best in North Queensland sports at the upcoming North Queensland Sportstar Awards Gala Dinner in Sarina.

For the very first time in the history of the North Queensland Sportstar Awards, Mackay Regional Council in partnership with the North Queensland Sports Foundation, will host a gala awards night in Sarina on Saturday, April 21.

The aim of the awards is to recognise the efforts of the best sports people and their services to sport in North Queensland and to encourage them to go on to greater heights.

Mayor Col Meng said the night is open to the public and it's promised to be a great night out.

"Tickets are \$60 each and include live music and performances, plenty of photo opportunities with sports stars, dinner and drinks."

The Sportstar Awards Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 21 at the Bob Wood Cultural Hall with pre-dinner drinks starting from 5.30pm.

Tickets can be booked via phoning the MECC Box Office on 4961 9777, visiting their website www.mackaytix.com.au or in person at the MECC in Alfred Street, Mackay.

>> For more information on the event please phone council's Recreation Services on **1300 MACKAY (622 529)** or email sport@mackay.qld.gov.au.



Our Bluewater Lagoon is worth a dip

It's free, highly popular and generates an estimated \$5 million in economic benefits to the region annually. They're the findings from an economic and social benefits study of the Bluewater Lagoon, which has been conducted as part of our funding agreement with the Australian Government.

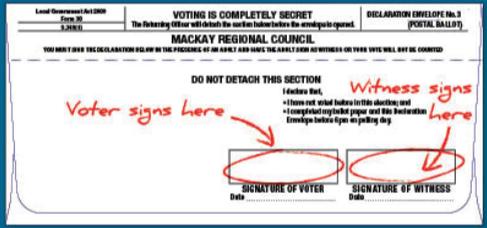
The three tiered aquatic facility attracts almost 400,000 annually, 85 per cent of the visitors are local residents, about 10 per cent are tourists and the remainder come from the Isaac and Whitsunday areas.

With the Sarina Pool closed for general maintenance until the end of August why not try out the Bluewater Lagoon. Everyone's raving about it!

>> For further details on our aquatic facilities visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au/aquatic_facilities

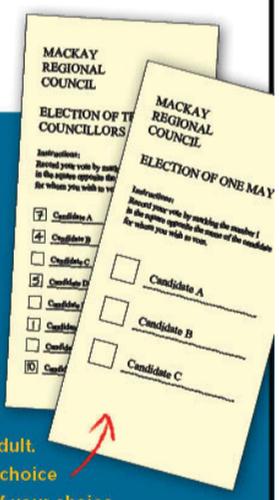
Make your vote count.

Ballot packs have been mailed to eligible voters in the Mackay Regional Council area. Voting is compulsory.



You MUST sign the declaration envelope and get it witnessed by an adult.
- Mark a number "1" in the box next to the Mayoral candidate of your choice
- Mark numbers 1-10 in the box next to the 10 councillor candidates of your choice

Post ballot papers prior to Saturday April 28. Details at www.ecq.qld.gov.au



Free business and health activities

If you're looking to improve your business or to take part in some fun, free healthy activities than look no further than your own Sarina Town Centre.

On Saturday, April 14 council launched a 'Focus on Sarina' program to help boost activity in the area. The program includes a range of business initiatives and health and wellbeing activities such as Tai Chi, yoga, gentle exercise and lots more.

As part of the program, a Sarina Shopper competition was also run. The winners of the six \$250 shopping vouchers were Barbara Manning, Toni Gascoyne, P. Harris, A. Howland, Debbie Riley and Nola Turner. Plus two \$250 savings accounts at the Bendigo Bank were won by Sandy Kerr and V. Welsh.

>> For further information please visit council's website or call **1300 MACKAY (622 529)**.



Project Snapshot – Grasstree Beach

To meet the needs of our growing community council is reconstructing and widening a 3.95km to 4.2km section of Grasstree Beach Road, Grasstree Beach. A bike lane for cyclists is also being constructed.

Cost: \$280,000

Completion date: August 2012



>> For information on road works in your area please visit council's website www.mackay.qld.gov.au.

Did you know?

On Wednesday, April 25, ANZAC Day commemorations will be held across the region to acknowledge and remember our veterans. Visit council's website for the full list of services.