



**Sarina**  
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## RACQ CQ Rescue benefits from Sarina community fundraiser

The Sarina Beach Progress Association has presented RACQ CQ Rescue with a \$1000 donation raised through the proceeds of their Garage Sales Day held on Sunday, May 20. Residents of Sarina Beach and Campwin Beach paid a small registration fee to take part in the day and each registered household then ran its own individual sale.

A significant portion of the income raised on the day came from a sausage sizzle manned by members of the Sarina Beach Progress Association at the Sarina Beach Store. The Sarina Beach Store acted as a meeting point for Garage Sales Day visitors and where they could collect maps showing the locations of the various sale sites. Owners of the Sarina Beach Store, Sharon and Greg Schofield generously donated the ingredients for the sausage sizzle.

Sarina Beach Progress Association President, Terry Clarke said RACQ CQ Rescue is seen by community members as a very valuable service.

Local residents have to travel to work in centres as far afield as the mines, and also to Mackay for many other services. In addition, many residents use small boats around the local islands and along the coast south to Cape Palmerston. It is reassuring for the area's residents to know

that the helicopter rescue service is there if they ever need it.

The Garage Sales Day has become so popular for the Sarina Beach Progress Association that it plans to hold the event in late May each year, with proceeds going to a local organisation.



Picture: Louise Blines accepts a \$1000 donation from Terry Clarke and Sharon Schofield.

# Meet the Councillor



Hi, my name is Greg Martin and I am the newly elected portfolio councillor for urban Sarina and also Tourism and Economic Development.

I have a 25 year background in journalism and for the past decade have owned and operated a small business in Mackay's City Centre.

I look forward in the near future to meeting and working with business owners and ratepayers in the Sarina district to produce some positive actions that will help make a more productive outcome for business and also help Sarina retain its identity as an attractive place to live.

Any business owners or ratepayers with specific concerns are encouraged to contact me on 0418 887 756 or via email [greg.martin@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:greg.martin@mackay.qld.gov.au).

## Sarina Fibre Arts

Sarina Fibre Arts will be holding their biannual Quilt and Craft Show in the Bob Wood Cultural Hall at Sarina on April 27 and 28, 2013 with a guest tutor, merchandise tables, multi draw, quilt raffle and more.

## Youth Bringing About Change

The Sarina Youth Centre is a place that many Sarina youths regularly visit to hang out, engage with other young people and receive support. Thanks to the newly commenced Youth Action Team Sarina, the young people of Sarina are also able to utilise the centre to bring about change in their own community.

The Youth Action Team Sarina (commonly known as YATS) consists of a group of young people from Sarina aged 10 to 25 years who want to be involved in the development of youth activities in their town.

Meetings are held monthly at the youth centre and provide an avenue for young people to share their ideas and work towards putting on events in the region. Friday, July 20 saw the first YATS meeting which was attended by 12 local youths. Many ideas were put forward by the group such as movie nights, skate competitions and a variety of games and activities. Future meetings will involve putting plans together and continuing to brain storm how to continue to provide for the youth of Sarina.

Any young people aged 10 to 25 are encouraged to attend the next meeting on Friday, August 24 at 4pm at the Sarina Youth Centre located on Anzac Street.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tania or Erin at the Youth Centre regarding any queries on 4961 9277 or email at [sarinayouthcentre@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:sarinayouthcentre@mackay.qld.gov.au)

# Events at Sarina Wesleyan Methodist

## Wednesday, August 1 from 7pm

Soup and sandwiches followed by a presentation on Church History by Dr. Don Hardgrave. All Welcome.

## Sunday, September 9 from 6:30pm

Inter-church council sponsored prayer and praise evening at Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church. Supper following. All Welcome. This is a time when all the Sarina churches together share a time of praise and fellowship.

## Saturday, October 27 from 6pm

Concert night. Supper following. A great time for all the family to share their talents including singing, instrumental, poetry, skits, jokes, etc. Fun time for all. All welcome!

Contact 4956 2510 for more information.  
Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church  
87 Range Road, Sarina.

## High Tea for New Residents

If you are new to the Sarina area, or maybe have been here for a while but are finding it hard to meet people then come along to Lady Latte Cafe on Wednesday, August 22 for High Tea.

This is a free event and promises to be a lot of fun, with great food and the opportunity to meet others who are living in the area. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Carrie by Monday, August 13. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Contact Carrie on 1300 622 529 or email her at [carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au).

## Erosion Walk

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) recently hosted an Erosion Walk and Talk, delivered by visiting Soil Conservation Officer, Peter Pearce.

Regional Landcare Facilitator, Saskia von Fahland said the day was a success with participants visiting a grazing property at Hay Point. Participants were able to see and discuss overland and gully erosion, and hear about potential causes and solutions. She said that Mr Pearce has over 30 years' experience in designing remediation works for such problems and was able to offer practical ideas which land managers could implement with little or no outside help.

Ms von Fahland said depending on demand, another similar workshop could be organised in the future. Anyone wanting to know more about topics discussed or to obtain printed case studies supplied on the day can call Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association on 4956 1388 or email [slcma@mcs.net.au](mailto:slcma@mcs.net.au). Land managers wishing to express interest in attending future events or to host one on their property are also encouraged to contact the group.

*This workshop was supported by funding from the Australian Government's Caring for Our Country via the Central Qld Coast Landcare Network.*



Picture: Peter Pearce (Soil Conservation Officer) looking at Gully erosion.

# It's a busy time for golfers in Sarina

## **BBQ – 'Snag-a-hole-in-one' at the Sarina Golf Club.**

Work has almost finished on the Sarina Community Bendigo Bank sponsored BBQ near the clubhouse and it is now available for use by the club for special events and for visitors to use for social, corporate and fundraising functions. Special thanks to John Neale, Michael Lindeberg and Nifty the painter for volunteering their time. Corporate groups and social players should take advantage of the golf specials every Monday and Tuesday and half price golf on Fridays to organise events. Catering for a BBQ can be arranged or you can bring your own catering supplies and use the facilities.

## **WINTERSUN CARNIVAL**

Coming to Sarina on Thursday, August 9 is the annual veteran golfers Wintersun Carnival. Play starts in Proserpine on August 6, then to Halliday Bay, Sarina, Pioneer Valley and Mackay attracting approximately 100 locals and grey nomads from as far south as Melbourne. Thanks to the organisation and people like Kevin and Kath Hansen this Sarina leg has been a great success for many years.

## **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The committee is getting geared up for more visitors in the Pacific Parks Estate Open Championships following the Wintersun Carnival. The mixed pairs event kicks off the three days of competition on Saturday, August 18, with the Men's Open on the following day. The ladies championship will be held on Saturday, August 25. These events attract golfers from the North Queensland district which takes in clubs from Sarina to Ingham and west to Mt Isa.

## **WORKERS CAMP**

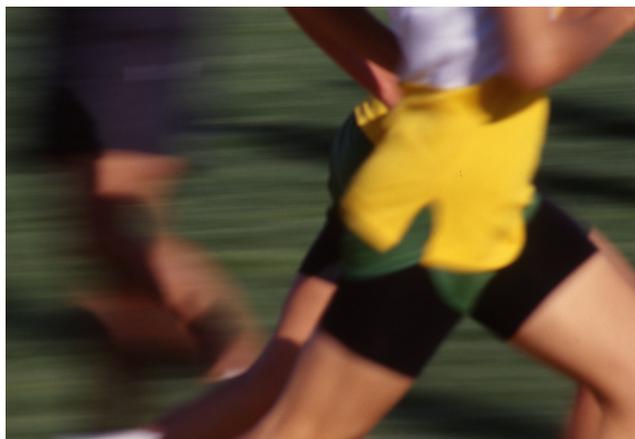
Spare land at the Sarina Golf Club will soon be home to a construction worker's village. This has been in the planning stage for approximately 12 months and construction is about to begin. The club is excited about the village as it feels the workers [initially 400 growing to 600 if needed] will provide a financial boost to Sarina businesses. The Sarina Golf Club hopes that some of the workers will be golfers and enjoy the facilities we can provide.

## **FREE GOLF LESSONS**

Over the last decade the number of young and lady golfers has been on the decline throughout Australia. [This seems to be due to work commitments – most teens have part time jobs and ladies like to go back to work when their children go to school.] Sarina Golf Club wants to reverse this trend so it is offering free tuition for primary school students in years 6/7 and High School students on Wednesday afternoons after school, and for ladies on Tuesday and Saturday mornings at 9am.



# Upgrades to Sarina & District Amateur Athletics Club



Upgrades to the grounds of the Sarina and District Amateur Athletic Club are well on their way thanks to many hard working volunteers. This is a project that started in 2009 and has received three grants from The Community Benefit Fund at a total of \$85,874.55. These grant applications were submitted by Ruth Cliffe, the athletic club's grants officer.

This grant money has been used to purchase pole vault equipment, a moveable shed to house the pole vault mats, flow cell units to keep the mats dry (the mats sit on top and the water flows under these units preventing the mats from becoming waterlogged under the shed) and a multi purpose tartan running strip to be used for pole vault, triple jump and long jump. The new tartan was recently laid by Tony and Greg Newton from Rephouse Australia with the help of Brett and David Glendinning and Ruth Cliffe.

The club also received funding of \$1500 from the Sarina Bendigo Community Bank and Mackay Regional Council for \$3800 to go towards the foundations for the tartan strip and pole vault mats pad which has cost over \$16,000. A quality job has been performed on the swampy ground of the Sarina Athletics Oval with the foundations being laid by David Glendinning, Kevin Jenkins, David Lisle and Chris Blakey.

David Glendinning has also engineered stainless steel frames for the long and triple jump boards. The next project for David Wray and David Glendinning will be to connect more suitable wheels to the moveable shed. As part of the upgrades, the club has also shifted the existing long jump pit and Peter Jones from Holcim Quarry operations donated the sand for the new pit.

The Sarina and District Amateur Athletic Club Motto is "Athletics for Life for Everyone". These new facilities will encourage athletes with a disability, teenagers and masters athletes to use the athletics field while still allowing the younger athletes to enjoy the use of the tartan strip for their long jump. Board frames have been placed close to the pit to allow for the younger age groups to use it.

For the project to be complete the athletics club needs a long jump/triple jump pit dug at one end of the tartan strip and filled with sand and the oval needs to be top-dressed and levelled, which will be done by Vic Norton. The club has received a Flood Relief Grant through the RACQ Foundation of \$28,771.32 for this.

The Sarina Athletics Oval will then be a facility that the community can be proud of and will complete one of the stages in the Brewers Park Master Plan.

There are many people who have contributed to this project and put in many hours of voluntary work. The Sarina and District Amateur Athletics Club would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. They would also like to thank the following for their letters of support: Ted Malone, Mackay Regional Council and the old Sarina Shire Council, Sarina High School, Athletics North Queensland in Townsville, Mackay Athletics Club and Emerald Athletics Club.

## Submit a story!

If you would like to submit an article for the next Sarina Community Newsletter or would like to be on the mail list contact Carrie on 1300 622 529 or email [carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au).

# Sarina Surf Life Saving Club Success

Surf Life Savings Annual Presentation Night was held in Townsville on July 21 for the Surf Lifesaving Savings Queensland (SLSQ) North Barrier Branch. The branch contains eight clubs from in the North including Forrest Beach, Ingham, Townsville, Picnic Bay and Arcadia, Ayr, Bowen, Eimeo, Mackay and Sarina. Sarina this year for the first time has taken out the clean sweep for the Life Saver of the Year awards. These went to:

## **Jared Dunkerley**

Under 14 Life Saver of the Year and the Townsville Bulletin Junior of the Year

## **Kylie Dunkerley**

Under 18 Life Saver of the Year

## **Jack Robinson**

18-25 years Life Saver of the Year

## **Dave Ronald**

Senior Life Saver of the Year

The Club was very proud to take the clean sweep in these very important categories that reflect the quality of our volunteer patrolling members.

On top of this other award recipients were:

## **Lesley Street**

Junior Activities Officer and Team Manager of the Year

## **Dave Young**

Trainer of the Year

These six people now go on as finalists at the SLSQ State Awards.

If this wasn't all enough the club also gained the Branch's prestigious awards as its 'Champion Patrolling Club' and winning the 'Best First Aid Room'. These two awards belong to all our patrol members from the 14 year old SRC holders to the oldest of the Bronze Medallion holders for their great efforts throughout the last patrol season.

The club has its first sign-on day to be held on Sunday, August 26 at Sarina Beach, with Nippers commencing after the September School holidays on October 7. The patrolling season starts again on Saturday, September 22. Anyone wanting to join this fantastic summer sporting and volunteer club should contact 4956 6476 or email [lifesaving@sarinasurfclub.com.au](mailto:lifesaving@sarinasurfclub.com.au).



## Looking for a great summer activity?

Sarina Surf Life Saving Club offers something for everyone, whether you're 4 or 94 years old.

**We will have an open day on August 26, 2012 at the clubhouse at Sarina Beach.**

Join us for a free sausage sizzle and look around the club and what we have to offer.

The Nipper season starts on October 7 and runs through until February 24. For more details please contact 4956 6476 or email [lifesaving@sarinasurfclub.com.au](mailto:lifesaving@sarinasurfclub.com.au)

# Catchment Care Activity Days



Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA) recently held a series of educational, interactive school activity days themed "Understanding and caring for our catchment". Over two days, 265 students from Alligator Creek, Swayneville and St Anne's primary schools came together at the Sarina State High School Agricultural Department's Rural Skills Centre to participate in the event.

All students participated in a variety of activities, which gave students a greater understanding of how to care for our catchment. The activities were delivered by enthusiastic volunteers and staff from SLCMA, Sarina State High School's Agricultural Department and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Students were treated to a guided tour of the innovative farm practices at the Sarina Rural Skills Centre; they gained an understanding of how catchments work and ways to keep our waterways healthy. They also had the opportunity to get up close and personal with macro invertebrates (waterbugs) as they learnt about their use as an indicator for waterway health.

The activity days were funded by Queensland Government's Natural Resource Awareness Grants 2012. The funding, part of the Queensland Government's commitment to the environment, provided integral support towards transport for schools to attend the event, the purchase of resources for school activity kits that are now available for loan by local schools and development of activity booklets for all students and teachers that participated in the event. The activity booklets contain information for each activity and are able to be used for future studies in the classroom.

For more information please contact Saskia von Fahland on 4956 1388.

# Hot water burns

## Did you know?

Every day more than three children under five years of age present to a hospital Emergency Department in Queensland for the treatment of scalds, mainly caused by hot tap water and spilt food and drinks in the family home. Scalds are one of the most serious, painful and long-term injuries for young children and can happen very quickly, depending on the temperature of the water.

At 60°C a serious burn can happen in 1 second  
At 55°C a serious burn would take 10 seconds  
At 50°C a serious burn would happen after 5 minutes

The risk of children and their families suffering traumatic scalds in the home can be reduced by installing hot water tempering devices, and following these prevention tips:

- > **Keep the hot water tap temperature set at no more than 50°C** throughout your entire home. To do this, don't try and adjust the thermostat yourself - call your local plumber for a check-up of your hot water system. Hot water is required to be stored at a minimum 60°C+, so some sort of tempering device between the tank and the tap is always required. There are a range of devices that can be used to reduce the risk of scalds in your home.
- > **Always run the cold water first** before turning on the hot tap and check the temperature with a bath thermometer or your elbow.
- > **Always turn the cold water tap off last.**
- > **Don't ever leave your child alone** for any reason while they are in the bath. If you need to leave the bathroom (such as if the doorbell or phone rings), always take your child with you.
- > **Turn hot taps off tightly** and use child resistant tap covers.
- > Scalds can also be caused by spills of tea, coffee, soups and noodles so **keep all hot foods and drinks out of the reach of young children** and never have a hot drink while nursing a young child.



**Queensland Government**  
Queensland Health  
Department of Infrastructure and Planning

*This information has been taken from the Queensland Government's Hot Water Burns Like Fire leaflet. For more information visit [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au).*

# 10 years of Sarina Museum

On May 25, 2002 Sarina Shire Council handed the former St Anne's Convent building over to the Sarina Historical Centre to set up as a place to preserve the history of the Sarina region and it became known to locals as the Sarina Museum.

Because of all the road works that have been going on in Sarina the volunteers decided not to celebrate in May but wait until July 27 and have an open day as the entrance to the Field of Dreams opened earlier in the week.

Some of the first volunteers came to help celebrate this significant milestone as well as locals and visitors alike. A wonderful day was had by all who attended and approximately 50 people came throughout the day to congratulate the volunteers for continuing to preserve the history of the Sarina region.

A photographic display showed where the building came from, how it got to the Field of Dreams and what it looked like on opening day. After May 25, 2002 the doors were closed and it took twelve months to set up and organise displays for its official opening on July 27, 2003.

The volunteers at the Sarina Museum would like to thank the people of the Sarina region for their continued support over the last 10 years and look forward to the next 10 years.

If you would like to help the Museum out and you have a spare day once a month, or once a week, please come and volunteer as we are always looking for more people to help. The more people we have the easier it is for everyone.

If you're interested contact the Museum on 4956 2436 or come down to the Museum on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday between 9am and 2pm.



Picture: The Sarina Museum volunteers gathered for a morning tea to celebrate their 10 year milestone.

## Playgrounds for Grasstree Beach

Grasstree Beach will be buzzing with excitement come Saturday, August 11 when close to 150 cars from the annual Variety bash gather with locals to celebrate the opening of the new \$225,000 playground. Mackay Regional Council Parks and Environment portfolio councillor, Theresa Morgan said that the entire community will benefit from the playground.

"The playground features a solid shade structure for infants and a pirate themed playground for younger children to enjoy", Cr Morgan said.

"An 8 meter high climbing net will challenge the younger adults and some new fitness combos have also been installed around the playground, adding to the existing equipment along the beach", she said.

Variety – the children's charity have provided council with a donation of \$25,000 towards the playground at Grasstree Beach thanks to the support of key sponsors Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal, Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal Management, Sucrogen and the Bendigo Bank.

The 10 day, 4000km Variety Bash will wrap up in the Mackay Region on Saturday, August 11 and the entire community is invited to the playground opening, commencing at 11.30am.