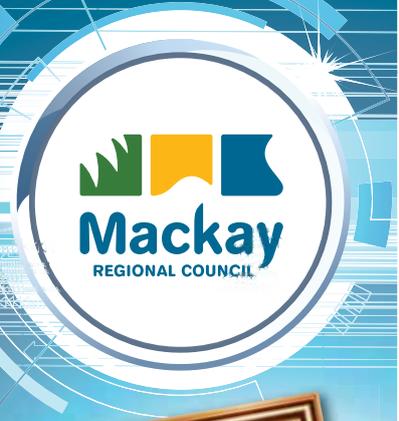




For more information phone: 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529) or visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au



Attend FREE Sport Sign On Day and WIN!!

Those who attend the Free Sports Expo and Sign on Day on Sunday, February 12 at the MECC will walk away winners.



Wheelchair basketballer Kristy Bugeja will be attending Sunday's Sports Expo event

Not only do you get the chance to try out a range of different sports, you also get to meet Olympic stars and a league legend and go into the draw to win a trip for two to Brisbane or one of five \$100 Amart All Sports vouchers.

Mayor Col Meng said it pays to be active and play a sport.

"Making sport fun and easily accessible is what it's all about."

"By participating in some form of recreational or sporting activity you get to have fun, be active and healthy."

Almost 100 sporting clubs and recreational activities from throughout the region will be showcasing their sports on the day. There will be information on training times, locations and equipment and you get the chance to rub shoulders with some of Australia's top athletes.

Shane Webcke, a veteran of 20 State of Origin appearances and 254 NRL games, will be joined by Australian hockey players Steve Lambert and Nikki Hudson as well as Beau Menzies and Scott Kennedy, who are members of the Australian Paralympic Football Team.

The Sports Expo and Sign on Day at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) on Sunday, February 12 is a free regional event and runs from 10am until 2pm.

The event is supported by Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal, the Active After School program, Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association, Queensland Government, Mackay Regional Council, ZINC FM and Amart All Sports.

>> For further information on the Sports Expo and Sign On Day please visit council's website.



Photographers - get snapping and win cash!

In honour of the Mackay region celebrating 150 years and to capture and record our region's changes over the past 150 years, Mackay Regional Council is running a photo competition with great prizes up for grabs.

To enter the *Snap That!* photo competition simply select a photograph from the past in your chosen category, (our people, our places, our stories) either from a personal album or via Picture Queensland's online collection (pictureqld.siq.gov.au) then snap your own matching photo and upload both pictures to council's website.

Each category has two age groups, Under 18 and Over 18 with prizes a \$300 voucher for first place and a \$150 voucher for second place. Entries close Monday, April 20, 2012. If you need help, council's Library Services will be conducting information sessions to assist entrants. Proudly supported by Snap Printing.

>> For more information or to submit your entry log onto mackay.qld.gov.au/snapthat or phone 1300MACKAY (622 529).

Protect yourself against dengue



The best way to protect yourself and your family from dengue fever is by getting rid of dengue mosquito breeding sites around your home and yard.

that's pooled in things like pot plant bases, Store anything that can hold water undercover and Throw out any rubbish lying around your yard.

Dengue mosquitoes can survive in very small amounts of water, meaning that anything around your home that can hold water could contain dengue mosquitoes.

We all have a responsibility to protect ourselves, our families and our neighbourhoods from dengue fever. Dengue mosquitoes do not breed in rivers, swamps, open drains, creeks or mangroves; they breed in our backyards.

To stop dengue mosquitoes breeding around your home, remember to Tip It, Store It, Throw It. Tip out any water

>> For more information visit www.health.qld.gov/dengue.

Local volunteer honoured



Jim Meek, Jan Lindbergs and Mayor Col Meng

Mackay Regional Council has paid tribute to long serving member of the Pioneer Valley community Jan Lindbergs for her hard work and dedication to the community at the 2012 Australia Day celebrations.

Jan was awarded the prestigious Lori Burgess Award for her 15 years of service to the Pioneer Valley community.

Jan established and helped run the Mirani Playgroup back in the late 1990s, is an active member of the Valley Theatrical Players and is an Adult Leader for Emergency Management Mirani.

Jan is highly respected by the community and is a very worthy recipient of the 2012 Lori Burgess Volunteer Award.

>> For info on volunteering please visit council's website.

Project snapshot – Branscombe Road

As part of our Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) council is undertaking rehabilitation works on Branscombe Road, Walkerston.

The \$1 million works include provision of traffic management, installation of new drainage culverts and stabilisation of existing pavements. The works are expected to be completed by mid March.



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

Did you know?

In the month of December council staff mowed over 800,000m² of grass in Mirani and spent 70 hours whipper-snipping the area.