



Clean 'n' green waste facility for Sarina

Gone are the days of simply dumping your rubbish at the tip. A new, purpose-built waste facility in Sarina, will provide residents with more choice when discarding waste from whitegoods to steel and recyclable materials.

Council is upgrading its rural waste transfer stations and is investing \$2.4 million into a new Waste Transfer Station in Sarina to better manage the region's rubbish.

The new facility to be built at the current Sarina Waste Transfer site will feature purpose built buildings for disposal and collection of green waste, individual containers for steel, whitegoods and recycling and sealed access to the facilities.

Waste, Health and Regulatory Services portfolio councillor

Laurence Bonaventura said council is focused on providing efficient and environmentally friendly waste stations.

"This new facility will allow you to discard your rubbish into categories so we can deliver the waste to where it needs to go, either Hogan's Pocket Landfill or council's Materials and Recovery Facility (MRF)."

"The more recyclables we recover, the less waste we have, and fewer carbon emissions."

Cr Bonaventura said construction is expected to



An artist impression of what the new Sarina Waste Facility will look like.

start in April and residents can continue to dump their rubbish at the Sarina Waste Transfer Station.

"The current Sarina Waste Transfer Station will remain open during the construction of the new waste facility. The Transfer Station is open five

days a week, 10am to 5pm Saturday to Wednesday and can be accessed via Brooks Road."

The new waste facility is expected to be completed by June 2014, weather permitting.

5,752 tonnes of recyclable materials were processed in the 2012 financial year at Mackay's MRF.

>> For further information visit council's website www.mackay.qld.gov.au

COUNCIL - in brief -

Women weather the storm

Sarina residents are invited to attend a free workshop aimed at bringing women together to talk about and prepare for natural disasters and to share knowledge with new community members. Sessions will take place on April 19, May 3 and 10, with free child minding and morning tea provided. RSVP essential, call 1300 MACKAY.

Gold coin fitness classes

Bring a gold coin and join the Healthy Rural Communities activities in Sarina. *Beach Yoga* on Sundays from 5.50am at Sarina Beach; *Pramercise* on Thursdays from 11.45am at Sarina Bowls Club; *Heartmoves* on Mondays from 9.30am at the Sarina Bowls Club; *Tranquil Yoga* on Mondays from 1pm at Louisa Creek.

Help plan Sarina Festival

Planning is underway for the Sarina Festival. Replacing the Coal to Coast Festival, the celebration will boast a full program of events in Sarina, including a Ute/4WD Muster. Residents are welcome to share their ideas at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at the Miller House at 5.30pm.

Storytime at Sarina Library

Spend some quality time with your little one and make new friends at *Storytime*, at Sarina Library on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am. The sessions encourage a child's love of books and music. Come along and discover how the library environment is an exciting place for the whole family.



Central Queensland University students volunteer their time planting trees at the Grasree Beach reserve.

Get dirty for a great cause

We all know that many hands make light work and Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) together with council are encouraging residents to join in a clean-up at Grasree Beach reserve between February 25 to 28 and March 11 to 14.

Parks and Environment Manager Peter Cluff said the Reserve had been infested with heavy lantana weed and illegally dumped household waste.

"You can come along for an hour or for the day," he said.

"It really is everyone's responsibility to help care and preserve our natural areas for future generations."

To lend a hand, meet at the Grasree Beach reserve, Zelma St (look out for the CVA van) anytime from 9am to 2.30pm wearing long sleeved clothing, closed-in footwear, water and lunch if helping out for the day.

>> To stay up to date with community volunteering opportunities, follow council's facebook page.

Last call for mini-map listings

Businesses in the Sarina region have one final chance to be included in the Sarina mini-map.

The mini-map, a *Focus on Sarina* project, is a pocket sized business directory, available free of charge from tourism outlets and local shops.

Tourism and Economic Development portfolio councillor Greg Martin said the new mini-map and directory would be handy for both visitors to the Sarina area and locals looking for a quick reference guide.

To ensure your business is listed, contact council's economic development program before February 28 by emailing sarinabusiness@mackay.qld.gov.au.

>> For more details on the Focus on Sarina program, visit council's website.



Pest Management Officer Michael Tuckett briefs landowners following the shoot in the Sarina area.

Pigs don't fly but helicopters do

Council in conjunction with Reef Catchments and Landcare Sarina, captured 248 feral pigs as a result of a coordinated pig shoot earlier this year.

Funded by the Federal Government (Caring for our Country) and local landowners, close to 25 properties took part in the program, including for the first time, an experienced shooter and pilot assisting from a helicopter.

Waste, Health and Regulatory Services portfolio councillor, Laurence Bonaventura said feral pigs caused large amounts of damage to the environment and render some agricultural land useless because of the damage they inflict.

"Landowners must take steps to contain and control feral pigs," he said. Along our pristine coastline pigs also destroy turtle nests as well as mangroves.

>> If feral pigs are an issue on your property, contact council for advice on 1300 MACKAY.