



Sarina
NEWS

February 2013

The Good Guys provide a timely boost to local lifesavers

Sarina Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) have received a timely boost to their patrol capabilities thanks to the donation of an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) by The Good Guys as part of the 2012 Surf Safe Appeal Corporate Donations. The generous donation will assist Sarina SLSC volunteers patrol along the northern Queensland coastline around Sarina Beach.

SLSC's CEO, John Brennan said the support would significantly enhance the area's patrolling and lifesaving capabilities.

"Every year our volunteer surf lifesavers, and there are over 40 at Sarina SLSC, perform a vital service for the local community, giving up countless hours of their own time to watch over swimmers and ensure that residents and tourists alike can enjoy our beautiful beaches safely," Mr Brennan said.

"Surf Life Saving Queensland relies heavily on the ongoing



Sarina Surf Life Saving Club President Kent Street and 2012-2013 Jupiters Summer Girl Entrant Nicola Street test out the new ATV.

support and generosity of people and organisations such as The Good Guys to ensure that we have the resources in place to provide this service for many years to come."

"People forget that we are an organisation that relies on donations and grants, every day we are responsible for the lives of thousands yet we depend wholly on the generosity of the general public."

Mr Brennan said the appeal, coordinated by the Surf Life Saving Foundation, is one of our main chances to actively say – help.

Last season, Queensland's lifesavers spent more than 300,000 hours on patrol, performing 346,008 preventative actions and, most importantly, saving 2,866 lives in the process.

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Behind the scenes, SLSQ educated more than 300,000 people on surf safety through its various community awareness initiatives.

Volunteers put in so many of their own hours on patrol and we are relied upon to make sure they have the right equipment and support to carry out their job properly. Even a simple rescue tube costs \$120, yet it is priceless when it comes to a rescue. It costs over \$2,000 to train a young lifesaver, over \$10,000 a year to maintain an active patrol and a Surf Life Saving Club must obtain over \$60,000 worth of equipment (including inflatable rescue boats, surf rescue boards, rescue tubes and defibrillators).

"On behalf of the Sarina SLSC and Surf Life Saving Queensland, I would like to thank The Good Guys for their generous support in helping to keep our beaches safe," Mr Brennan said.

Donate

Even though the 2012 Surf Safe Appeal is over, you can still donate.

In fact, you can donate 24/7, just follow the link on our website at:
<http://www.lifesaving.com.au/default.asp?contentID=829> to support this great cause.

Sarina SLSC were also lucky enough to receive an inflatable rescue boat (IRB) fitted with Yamaha outboard motor. These can be used to conduct search and rescue exercises along shore lines, up creeks and off shore. They are a great patrolling tool for the club and help ensure safety to beach goers.

This was supplied to the Sarina Surf Life Saving Club from the Samuel L & Eileen F Gluyas Charitable Trust managed by Perpetual. The trusts and foundations managed by Perpetual have been long-term supporters of our clubs in North Queensland and play a significant role in helping Surf Life Saving keep our beaches safer.

Fundraising Dinner for Sarina Surf Lifesaving Club

Sarina Surf Life Saving Club's entrant for the 2012-2013 Jupiters Summer Surf Girl, Nicola Street, will be holding a fundraising dinner on March 15, 2013 at the Sarina Cultural Hall complete with entertainment by Australia's Got Talent Finalist, Ben Price.

Ben is one of the best and funniest impersonators in Australia, taking off identities such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Bush, Shrek, Homer Simpson, John Cleese, Sean Connery and heaps more. He will be joined by Judah Kelly who recently appeared on X Factor and made it through to the boot camp stage. To finish the night off Sarina's great local singer Chrissy Nixon will be appearing.

The Sarina Surf Lifesaving Club would love to see you there to enjoy a great night of laughs and entertainment as well as providing terrific support to the Sarina SLSC. For tickets please phone 0427 877 874.

Sarina Karate Club Starts Back For The Year

The Sarina Karate Club has recommenced training for 2013. The Dojo trains Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 6pm til 7.30pm. Beginners are welcome.



The training includes strength, stamina, reflex and realistic self-defence, competitive sports karate as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle. Call 4956 2311 to enrol.

Landcare Is For Everyone (LIFE) - Become involved



There will be lots of opportunities for community members in the Sarina catchment to become involved in landcare throughout 2013. Whether you are a landholder, school student or volunteer; Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) has something for you. From native plants give-aways, newsletters and free property visits to field days, school activities and volunteer events. Here's a snapshot of what's on offer:

➤ SLCMA continues to offer free property visits, planning and land management advice for landholders in the catchment. Property visits are tailored to individual property needs and can include weed identification and control advice as well as pasture, native vegetation, waterway and stock (including horses) management recommendations.

For eligible properties, there is also the opportunity to participate in the Land For Wildlife Program – a free, voluntary conservation program that provides support and advice for managing your properties' natural assets. This program is supported by the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.

➤ Our doors are always open to new volunteers who are interested in learning about native plants, their identification and propagation as well as meeting other enthusiastic volunteers. The SLCMA Community Volunteer Program operates every Wednesday from 9am to 12noon and is supported by the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.

➤ SLCMA is once again partnering with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) and offering hands-on community days both during the week and on weekends. Activities will be held around the catchment including the Sarina Community Native Gardens, Plane Creek Revegetation site and Louisa Creek Reserve. Join in the fun and help rehabilitate and preserve our natural environment.

➤ We are inviting the community to help us support local and national initiatives such as the Sarina Relay for Life (April), National Tree Day (July), Mackay Coastal Clean Up (March and October) and Great Northern Clean Up (September).

➤ There will be paddock walks about weeds, seagrass monitoring workshops and guest speakers for our monthly meetings. To keep up to date with what is happening, become a SLCMA member, receive our monthly newsletter and up to 20 free native plants a year.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities come and visit our office at 101 Beach Road, Sarina, drop us a line on 4956 1388 or see us at our landcare stall at the next Sarina markets.

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Sarina Dance School 2013

Sarina Dance School has been operating for eight years and has its own studio on Broad Street, Sarina.

We offer student's many styles of dance including:

- Tap
- Modern jazz
- Ballet
- Junior and senior contemporary
- Beginners to senior hip hop
- Boys hip hop
- Tiny tot tap and ballet class (new addition)

Each class runs for 20 minutes.

Miss Jade welcomes Miss Keli who will be taking the fairy ballet class. There will be a class in the morning and a class in the afternoon. Sarina Dance School provides a safe and friendly environment for all students and encourages students to grow in their dance skills.

If you would like more info please call 0407 674 567 or email jade.gillham@bigpond.com.au.

Volunteer Opportunities: Conservation Volunteers

If you are looking for an opportunity to do some volunteer work, you might want to consider Conservation Volunteers. Opportunities for volunteering in February include:

- > **Grasree Beach and Sarina Community Native Gardens** - February 11 to 15 and February 25 to 28, 2013
- > **Sarina Community Native Gardens** - February 16, 2013
- > **Hay Point Foreshore and Alligator Creek School Nursery** - February 18 to 21, 2013
- > **Hay Point Foreshore** - February 23, 2013

Volunteers can be dropped off and picked up from either Mackay or Sarina. For further information contact Danielle Crespan on 4951 0933 or email dcrespan@conservationvolunteers.com.au.

Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch

Invitation

Sarina Community Grants Information Session

Date: Wednesday 20 February 2013

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Sarina RSL

RSVP: Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch by 13 February on 4943 2634 or email: megan.gablonski@bendigoadelaide.com.au

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Santa comes to Pacific Parks Estate



Santa with members of the Sarina Fire Service

Santa Claus made a special appearance at Sarina's master-planned residential community, Pacific Parks Estate. The big red fire truck escorting Santa added to the excitement of the afternoon for the many kids who were out in the streets to greet him.

While the Sarina Fire Service kindly escorted Santa around the estate, many of its residents took the opportunity to catch up with their neighbours and enjoy in the food and festivities. Residents in Hook Court even took to their annual street cricket match to celebrate the festive season.

What's on at Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church

Church services every Sunday at 9am. The Chapel is now air-conditioned for your comfort!

Sunday Kids Club

Commences February 3 at 9am. Held every Sunday. Separate activities for children aged 4, grade 7 and high school ages.

Bible Studies

Classes commence Wednesday, February 6 at 697 Sarina Beach Rd. Classes are held every Wednesday with lunch at 1pm followed by Bible study. Evening classes held at 6:30pm with an evening meal, followed by Bible Study at 7pm at 87 Range Rd.

"Uth Turn"

Youth Group commences February 9 from 4pm to 6pm. Held every Saturday for high school-aged youth.

Looking ahead:

- > Sunday, March 31 at 9am. Easter Service at 87 Range Rd.
- > Sunday, May 12 at 9am. Mother's Day morning tea and service.

Mark Your Calendar:

Holiday Kids Club, June 22 to July 5 from 9.30am to 12.30pm from Tuesday to Friday. For ages 4 to 13. Activities include stories, songs, crafts, games and morning tea. Great annual event at 87 Range Rd.

ALL WELCOME!

*Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church, 87 Range Rd.
Sarina*

If you have any articles for the next Sarina Community Newsletter, or would like to be on the mail list, please contact Carrie Jones at Mackay Regional Council on 1300 622 529 or email carrie.jones@mackay.qld.gov.au.