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New boat ramp facility in Sarina

If you are looking for a great place to launch your boat and park your trailer, then head to Freshwater Point.

Mackay Regional Council and the State Government have just finished building a new \$500,000 boat ramp facility at Freshwater Point.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads funded and constructed the 70 metre concrete ramp and council provided access from the terminal end of Miram Khan Drive to the new ramp and built 18 car parking spaces with lighting.

Roads and Infrastructure portfolio councillor Kevin Casey said it's a great facility and one that you can use any time of the day.

"The lighting allows you to use the facility during the hours of darkness, early in the morning and at dusk."



"Council is committed to providing state-of-the-art infrastructure and sport and recreation facilities in our region," Cr Casey said.

"Boat ramps like the one at Freshwater Point allow families and anglers to enjoy a day out on our waterways and hopefully land a big catch."

"I encourage everyone to venture out and try this great facility."

Council provides boat ramp facilities at many locations throughout the region.

>> For information on boat ramps in our region please visit our website.



Arts funding available

Local artists and art organisations have the chance to access funding for future projects through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF).

The RADF, a joint initiative of Mackay Regional Council and the Queensland Government provides monetary support to local arts and culture.

For the 2011-12 financial year there are four rounds of funding available.

The first round closes on Wednesday, August 24 at 4.30pm for projects commencing after Monday, September 26, 2011.

Interested applicants are encouraged to liaise with council's Arts Development Officer on 1300 MACKAY (622 529) to ensure applications meet the RADF guidelines.

>> Application forms are available via council's website and the Sir Albert Abbott Administration Building on Gordon Street, Mackay.

Great opportunity at the Sugar Shed

If you love meeting new people, making new friends and being involved in your community then we have the perfect opportunity for you!

The Sarina Sugar Shed is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to ensure the visitors to the only miniature sugar mill and distillery in Australia, have a memorable and world class experience.

There are a variety of roles available including tour guides, gift shop operators, factory workers, bottling of sauces and general maintenance of the Shed.



Volunteer shifts range from Monday to Saturday, 4 to 8 hours, and we can work around your commitments.

Full training is provided, simply talk to our staff about the great opportunities available at this award winning facility.

>> For further information please contact 4943 2801 or email info@sarinasugarshed.com.au.

Sarina Pool set to re-open

The Sarina Pool will be re-opened to the public on Monday, September 5.

Elisha Nicole Hunt has been appointed the new lessee and will operate the facility on behalf of council and in partnership with Education Queensland.

You can take a dip, get the children ready for the swim season or get fit.

The Pool will be open seven days a week, Monday to Friday 6am to 6pm and Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 6pm. Opening hours may vary due to schools using the facility.

Facilities available include a 25m, 8 lane outdoor pool, amenities, learn-to-swim and stroke correction classes.

>> For more information on opening hours or learn-to-swim classes please contact the Sarina pool on 4956 2156.



Go into the draw to win \$500

Rate notices for the half year ending December 31, 2011 have been posted and if you pay your rates in full before the due date, Friday, September 9 you will receive a 10 per cent discount on general rates and service charges provided.

All rates paid by 5pm Wednesday, August 24 will go into the draw to win one of three \$500 shopping vouchers.



>> Rate payment options can be found on your notice and via council's website.

Did you know?

Councillor Darryl Camilleri will be available at the Sarina Customer Service Centre on Monday, September 5 from 9am to 12noon to discuss general matters. If you have a specific issue please make an appointment by calling 1300MACKAY.