



**Sarina**

NEWS

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*Photo Caption: Fran Lloyd and Ronnie Boyle get busy upgrading the Sarina Shelter Sheds artistically.*

## Upgrade To Sarina Shelter Sheds

The Sarina Beach Progress Association is painting a series of murals on the two shelter-sheds in the beach-front park which Mackay Regional Council has recently upgraded.

The upgrade includes replacement of weathered fittings with stainless steel fastenings, new aluminium picnic furniture and completely new roofs.

Council also painted all support fixtures, and, after discussion with the Progress Association, left the new side-panels for the

Association to complete with murals.

The murals were designed by local artist Roni Boyle, and painting is being carried out by Association members under the guidance of Roni and Fran Lloyd. In addition to various voluntary painters, other members have played a role in providing morning teas.

The group is about to start work on the northern shelter, which should be finished in a few weeks time. Council has agreed to cover the murals with a weather-proof clear

polyurethane paint.

Sarina Beach should then possess two high-quality shelters, complete with free electric barbecues, and additional seating in the park, provided by council and the Progress Association.

The park is used extensively by the families of Lifesavers during the life-saving season and by numerous casual visitors such as back-packers throughout the year. Sarina Beach is the only patrolled beach south of Mackay.

# Sarina Skate Park officially on the drawing board

Following a Combined meeting of the Rotary, APEX and Lions Clubs in Sarina last November, a committee has been formed to plot the direction and oversee the design and building of Sarina's first ever Skate Park.

Spokesperson Jeff Hardie said that there had been efforts in the past to raise money and develop plans although they had never been implemented.

"With the support of Sarina's Service Clubs right behind this Project, we aim to create a fantastic facility for the community of Sarina, and deliver a safe, family orientated Skate Park that can be used by many groups within the community," said Mr Hardie.

The Skate Park Committee, which contains members of Rotary, APEX, Lions and the Sarina BMX Club, is currently engaged with Mackay Regional Council to apply for land located at the north-eastern end of Brewers Park. This area has been identified as the best location for a Skate Park, which has been highlighted by the release of the Recreation and Open Space Plan.

The Apex Club of Sarina, with the full support of Rotary and Lions Clubs recently submitted an application to the Bendigo Bank Community Grants Program with the funding applied for to be used for the design of the new Skate Park.

Sarina Skate Park Committee member Sue Simmonds said that the committee were planning to engage a Sunshine Coast firm to design the Skate Park, with community consultation to follow.

"Our research shows that up to 1500 people aged 5 to 25 within Sarina and District community would take advantage of the Skate Park facility," said Mrs Simmonds.

"This is an exciting project for the community of Sarina and we are committed to making it happen with the assistance of Mackay Regional Council," said Mr Hardie.

Mr Hardie said that a Facebook page had been created and encouraged fans to join "Sarina Skate Park".

For further information and photos, please contact Jeff Hardie on 0409 050 547 or by email [tolcin02@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tolcin02@bigpond.net.au).

# Surf Life Saving Season now on

Mr Kent Street, President of Sarina Surf Lifesaving Club said "The Surf Lifesaving season is now in full swing with beautiful Sarina Beach being patrolled by volunteer lifesavers every Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday and on public holidays. Our patrols cater for all our members who may be on irregular work shifts or are able to spare one day a fortnight or even a month - we'd love to see you down there."

Our Junior Activities (Nipper) Program is also now in action every Sunday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am at the beach, this caters for ages from 5 through to seniors and is great fun for the whole family. We have members who are learning first aid, undertaking their Surf Rescue Certificate or even completing their Bronze Medallion. If you would like to become a volunteer surf lifesaver "An Australian for Life" then we can train you. Anyone wanting more information please contact The Sarina Surf Lifesaving Club.

# Come view Sugar Strike Display

The display of the 1911 Sugar Strike currently on display at the museum is soon coming to a close. Come in to the Museum to view the display before it ends. It has a replica miniature strike site and information on the history of the strikes put together by the volunteers of the Sarina Historical Centre.

The Museum is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9am to 2pm as well as the last Sunday of the month from 9am to 12.30pm.



# National Tree Day: Sarina Community Native Gardens

Community members recently volunteered their time and joined Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) to plant 83 Australian native plants at the Sarina Community Native Gardens on National Tree Day, Sunday, July 31.

The gardens are being established on the corner of Beach Road and Cemetery Road and the focus of the day was planting local native plants in the 'Sensory Gardens'.

After the event, afternoon tea and cold drinks were enjoyed by all who participated.

The gardens will be a long term educational resource and recreational garden for locals, visitors and schools.

The gardens will provide a family friendly place with walking trails and interpretive signage. They are being designed to provide an opportunity for the local community and visitors to learn about local native plants, their benefits and uses in various garden situations.

When completed, the Sarina Community Native Gardens will showcase plants from local ecosystems including coastal, wetland and rainforest habitats.

The Sarina Community Native Gardens project is supported by the Mackay Regional Council Natural Environment Levy.

For more information contact Margaret Meng on 4956 1388 or [slcmap@mcs.net.au](mailto:slcmap@mcs.net.au)



Photo caption: Lynnette Keir and daughter Aaliyah.



Photo caption: Shonae Morrison, Gregg Meng, Tiffany Meng, Vada Morrison and Jazmine Meng show their green thumbs.

## SAVE THE DATE - OCT 30!!

MONSTER Cent Sale - Sunday, October 30 at Llewellyn Hall, Armstrong Beach. Doors open at 12.30pm and Cent Sale starts at 1.30pm. \$5 entry includes afternoon tea and lucky door prize. Multi-draw and raffles. For more details phone 4943 0565.

# Salonika Beach gets a 'Great Northern Clean Up'

Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association (SLCMA) volunteers and local residents put on their hats, gloves and boots on September 11 to clean up Grendon Park and the Salonika Beach foreshore.

A total of six bags of rubbish and larger items were collected on the day from the popular park and its surrounding beaches. The most common rubbish was cigarette butts and the most ironic piece of rubbish was a metal rubbish bin.

The younger volunteers got a quick lesson in kite flying as they battled strong winds while helping to remove large timber items from the beach.

Following the clean up, adult participants relaxed over morning tea and a cold drink while they enjoyed views over the Pacific Ocean and the younger volunteers got to play in the now rubbish free sands of Salonika Beach.

The Great Northern Clean Up was a first for our region and a chance for local communities north of the Tropic of Capricorn to take part in a Clean Up Event at a more suitable time for our northern climate.

SLCMA Project Officer, Margaret Meng said the event created a great opportunity for local residents to become involved in their community and help protect their local coastline and its inhabitants.

The 'Great Northern Clean Up' event was proudly supported by Mackay Regional Council and BMA Community Partnership Program through the Sarina Community Coastcare Program.

*This story was submitted by Margaret Meng, Project Officer, Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Inc. (SLCMA).*

## ChIP Water Safety Competition

The Sarina ChIP (Childhood Injury Prevention) Group are currently holding a water safety competition open to all residents in the Sarina area.

For your chance to win an Ipad Shuffle, a movie pass or iTunes vouchers simply go to [www.kidsalive.com.au](http://www.kidsalive.com.au) and complete the five water safety lessons. Once this is done, print off your certificate and put your name, address, contact number and age on your certificate.

You will then need to place it in one of the entry boxes which are located at the Sarina Library, Sarina High School, Sarina Youth Club, Miller House and the Sarina Branch of Bendigo Bank.

For further information on using the website, information is available at the entry boxes - the competition closes at 5pm on Monday, November 14.

Thanks to the Sarina branch of Bendigo Bank for supporting the competition and providing the prizes. For more information contact Kylie John on 0401 202 750.

## Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church



### > Annual Concert Night

Saturday, October 29 from 6pm

### > Christmas Holiday Kids Club

December 13 to 15 from 9:30am to 12:30pm  
Christmas stories, games, craft, song, morning tea and fun - suitable for ages 4 to 13 years old, cost \$2 per child per day. All welcome.

### > Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25 from 9am

**87 Range Road, Sarina / Ph: 4956 2510**

# Are you or your business prepared for an emergency or natural disaster?

A free information session and workshop on how to best prepare for the upcoming Storm Season will be held on November 22 at 7pm for local residents and business owners in Sarina.

Emergency Management Queensland will do a presentation on preparing your business and/or your home, emergency kits and Disaster Management roles of State and Local government. The focus will be on resilience and the role of planning and managing risk. Residents and business will have the opportunity to do an emergency evacuation plan for their home or business. Businesses will also have the opportunity to commence preparing a continuity plan.

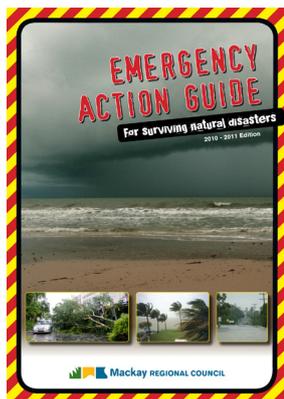
With the Storm Season upon us from November, residents and businesses are being reminded to be prepared and not to wait for a disaster to happen. When a disaster strikes communities can be isolated and essential services disrupted for up to three days or more. Residents may also not have immediate access to support and will need to rely on the supplies and equipment they have on hand at home. Staff may not be able to return to work for a few days, therefore it is important for businesses to have strategies and a continuity plan to be able to recover and re-open for business.

The severe weather experiences in Queensland last summer reminds us that we cannot afford to be complacent about the dangers presented by seasonal weather events. Experts in disaster management can establish strategies to mitigate severe weather events, but business and residents should also be prepared to do what they can to protect themselves and their property.

These sessions are brought to you thanks to Mackay Regional Council. To find out more about how you, your business and your local community can be prepared for cyclones, floods or urban/rural fires, simply come along to the upcoming free information session and workshop. Please contact council's Community Resilience Project Officer Mandy Lavarack on 4961 9671 for more information.

**> 22 November from 7pm at the Sarina Primary School Hall, Broad St**

## THIS STORM SEASON... BE PREPARED!



Council's Emergency Action Guide provides valuable information on how to best prepare for the storm season and also includes information on cyclones, floods, storm surges and rural bush fires. Collect a copy from council's Customer Service Centres or download a copy at council's website ([mackay.qld.gov.au](http://mackay.qld.gov.au))

**Check out the *Storm season* feature on pages 6 & 7 for more information on how to prepare.**

