



Tell your mate thanks with an Australia Day Award



2012 Award winner Betty Hobbs helped fundraise for Hector Hall

Does your mate often pick up rubbish at the beach or spend his or her weekends coaching sport?

If so, you should nominate them today for a Mackay Regional Council Australia Day Award.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said our Australia Day Awards are about paying tribute to those that make our region great.

"You don't have to be a volunteer to win an award, just someone who goes out of their way to improve our region and make our region a better place to live."

Cr Comerford said two new award categories have been added to the 2013 Australia Day Awards to honour an environmental champ and to recognise a South Sea Islander's contributions, as part of their sesquicentennial.

The Overall Awards are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Environmental Achievement Award

The Regional Awards are:

- South Sea Islander Sesquicentennial Achievement Award
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Volunteer Award
- Cultural Award
- Sports Achiever Award

Nominations close Monday, January 7, 2013.

>> Nomination forms are available at council's Customer Service Centres and on council's website.



Food for Fines

Christmas is a time of giving and you can help those less fortunate this year by paying your overdue library fines with food.

Council's Food for Fines Christmas Appeal runs until December 8 and by donating non-perishable food items at any council Library you will have your overdue fines waived.

>> For further information visit council's website or phone 1300 MACKAY (622 529).

Photos remind us that it's time to prepare



2008 floods, Mackay

You may not have been here for the destructive 1918 cyclone that hit Mackay or the damaging floods in 2008, but they were real and they had a devastating impact on our region and their families.

150 Years of Resilience: Mackay's Natural Disasters Photographic Exhibition is on display at the Sarina Library from November 13 to 27 and highlights the devastation and destruction caused by Mother Nature.

Mayor Deirdre Comerford said it's the perfect time to see these photos, reflect

and prepare yourself for the Storm Season.

"These photos remind us that as a community we cannot become complacent."

"A few hours spent organising an emergency kit and preparing your yard could mean the difference between life and death."

>> For preparation details visit: www.mackay.qld.gov.au/emergency

Watch the flow of your H₂O

Over the last few weeks council has noticed an increase in water consumption in the Sarina area.

To help preserve our precious resource residents are reminded that they are on level one water restrictions and that means no watering between the hours of 10am and 4pm. Watering is only permitted on alternate days and using water efficient sprinklers/hoses.

>> For further details visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au/water

FREE composting workshop

**9am -11.30am
Saturday, November 24
Mackay Community Gardens
Streeter Ave, West Mackay**

To help nourish your garden council is providing a free Composting Workshop.

>> Phone Fiona Paterson on 4961 9051 to secure your spot.

Looking for fitness providers

Do you run a regular health or fitness class that people love to take part in? If so, council is looking for physical activity providers to take part in their 'Focus on Sarina' program up until the end of the year. The program caters for all levels of fitness.

>> Contact Sport and Recreation on 1300 MACKAY or email sport@mackay.qld.gov.au.

Improving Sarina roads

Council is currently undertaking shoulder seal works on Leslie, Jackson and Dawson Street and Place Avenue in Sarina. The works include removing the existing shoulder material and replacing it with a bitumen seal.

Cost: Approximately \$400,000
Completion Date: Mid-December



>> For information on road works in your area, please visit council's website.

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Christmas Giveaway

Win! a \$500 Wish Giftcard plus a double pass to MECC Theatre Season

Simply visit:
www.mackay.qld.gov.au/codeword
and enter the special codeword:
"CHRISTMAS"