



**Sarina**  
NEWS  
December 2020

# Sarina Neighbourhood News

Sarina Neighbourhood Centre aims to keep you up-to-date with what's happening in your community and the programs, projects, events and initiatives that matter to you.

## It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas

**WELL everyone, it's been a bit of a tough year. Fingers crossed we can all get together with our families and stay safe over Christmas. This last newsletter of the year focuses on the coming Sarina based Christmas events. We have a lot of active groups out there, so make sure you support them to keep these events happening for next year.**

We've included a brief "monthly calendar" for those groups that are starting to get together again as COVID restrictions ease. Many won't be back until next year, however, there are a few regular activities that are starting back, just make sure you check for any Christmas closures. Apologies if we missed anyone. If you would like your groups' information added, please let us know. We are happy to include everyone and get your information out to our community.

The Sarina Neighbourhood Centre will close from Christmas day to New Year's Day, reopening January 4, 2021.

### Good news

OVER the past month, we've had a few visitors who were accessing emergency relief come back to the centre to let us know that they got their jobs, they got an interview or they finally got a problem sorted.

You can't beat a smile on a once sad face. It's always nice to have people come back and let us know that they're doing okay.



*Kindness is doing what you can, where you are, with what you have*

- RAKtivist



# What's happening in Sarina?

**AS we all learn to be COVID-safe, a number of community groups are getting back to their regular activities, with COVID-safe measures in place, of course.**

**Always check with the group to make sure days/dates and times are correct and any COVID restrictions, as activities may have changed.**

If you would like your group or activity to be included, contact the centre and we will add you in.

## Sarina District Weekly Activities Calendar

- Tuesday, fortnightly, 8.30am Sarina Mums & Bubs Catch Up – Apex Park (from December 1)
- Tuesday, 10am Cuppa at the Park – Apex Park
- Wednesday, 9am to noon Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association Volunteer Morning
- Wednesday, 9am to noon Sarina Fibre Arts – Creative Cottage, Lee St, Sarina
- Wednesday, 8am to noon Sarina Mens Shed
- Thursday, 10.30am to 12.30pm Sarina Womens Group – The Field of Dreams Railway Square
- Thursday, 6pm Sarina Darts Club (they also have Bingo on Tuesdays at 7pm)
- Saturday, 8am to noon Sarina Mens Shed
- Monday, 9am to 11am Orange Sky Laundry Service – Bob Wood Cultural Hall car park
- Wednesday, 7pm to 9pm Alcoholics Anonymous at Uniting Church Hall
- Thursday (every second), 9.30am ATSIChS BBQ Breakfast, Field of Dreams to explore options to address alcohol or other drug issues
- Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am Aerobics Group Llewellyn Hall



## Upcoming Events

Sarina Showground Markets are back on November 29 and December 20 from 7.30am

## Volunteers wanted

ORANGE Sky is looking for Sarina Based volunteers. They currently are getting support out of Mackay but would really like this to be supported by locals. They currently run Monday mornings but are hoping to also run on Thursdays, visit [orangesky.org.au/get\\_involved](http://orangesky.org.au/get_involved) for more information.



## HOW TO HELP

Orange Sky provides free mobile laundry and shower services to people doing it tough across Australia.

Find out how you can help by visiting:

[orangesky.org.au](http://orangesky.org.au)

# Sarina Christmas events

## Sarina Christmas events kick off with:

- Christmas Carols – Sarina Wesleyan Mission Church, November 28 from 5pm
- Market Christmas Party – Sarina Leagues Club, December 4 from 5.30pm
- Armstrong Beach Area Progress Association's Community Lolly Drop and Christmas Party at Llewellyn Hall, December 12 from 4pm to 8pm
- Carols by Candlelight – Sarina Beach Surf Lifesavers – December 19 from 5.30pm
- Emergency Services lolly drop, Christmas Eve (details TBC)

## Church Services

**Anglican Church at Sarina, Koumala and Carmila over the Christmas period.**

### December 24: Christmas Eve

- Carmila Anglican Church  
5 Music Street from 5.30pm
- Koumala Anglican Church  
Mumby Street from 6.30pm
- Sarina Anglican Church  
58 Broad Street from 11.30pm

### December 25: Christmas Day

- Sarina Anglican Church  
58 Broad Street from 8am

### Sarina Uniting Church Christmas services:

- Meet in St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church  
Carmilla, December 24 from 5pm
- Sarina Uniting Church  
Range Road, December 25 from 7am

### Baptist Church

- Sunday, December 20, 10am

### New life Church

- 1 Leslie Street, Sarina,  
December 25 from 9.30am

### Wesleyan Methodist Church

- Sarina – 87 Range Road, December 20 from 9am  
Christmas items followed by finger food lunch
- Christmas Eve service – December 24 from 7am



*Sarina's Christmas tree was lit this week.*



29th November 2020 and  
20th December 2020

**The Sarina Showground Markets will recommence.**

Gates are open for customers from 7:30am.

Plenty to see & do.

ATM Facilities. Home Baking, Fresh Produce, Old Wares, Plants,  
Trash & Treasure, Handy Craft, Handmade Clothing & Gifts.

Stay at home if unwell or have a cough, fever, sore throat,  
fatigue or shortness of breath

Maintain Physical distancing

To book a stall please email [sarina.showsoc@bigpond.com](mailto:sarina.showsoc@bigpond.com)  
for a Market Site Application Form.



# Sarina Neighbourhood Centre

**Sarina Neighbourhood Centre is a Mackay Regional Council service, which receives funding from the State Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disabilities through the Neighbourhood Centre's Initiative.**

THE centre is an information and referral service linking Sarina district residents to information services and support available in the local area or made available through visiting providers. Keep in touch with who is doing what and where via our community newsletters, Facebook page, centre-based notice board and community directories. If you would like your information added or shared, please let us know and we will get it out there.

## Centrelink Access Point

The centre hosts the Centrelink Access Point for Sarina. Save your data and a trip to Mackay by using the Centrelink Kiosk, phones and wifi. Centrelink officers are not available as part of this service, however service users are able to contact Centrelink via free phone call on the Centrelink phones available.

## Emergency Relief Program

The centre provides emergency relief in the form of food vouchers for those living in the Sarina District experiencing a financial emergency. As part of the program, service users meet with a financial counsellor to work through budgets and strategies to reduce the need for emergency relief. The Emergency Relief Program runs Monday mornings only.

Phone the centre from 9am Monday to check your eligibility and book an appointment with the financial counsellor. If our appointments are booked out, the centre is also able to provide information on other services that may be able to assist you from Mackay.

## Meeting Room

Our major focus is getting Mackay services down to Sarina. To do this we provide free meeting space



for visiting providers and host the Sarina Intergency meeting. Just a few of those that use our space include: UCC Financial Wellbeing and Resilience Service (Mondays), My Pathway Employment Service (Tuesdays), Mackay Women's Service (Thursdays) and monthly visits from the Mackay Community Legal Centre. If you are a provider and would like to use our space, contact the centre. Room bookings for 2021 are filling fast. And, if you visit the area and use other spaces, let us know so that we can spread the word.

## Programs and Events

Is there a need in the Sarina Community? Do you have a great idea but aren't sure how to move things forward. The Sarina Neighbourhood Centre can help by connecting you with other likeminded agencies or work with you to run programs and events throughout the year. Past events supported by us include Womens Day, Queensland Day, Seniors Week Celebrations and education programs such as the food safety courses for our local groups who love to run sausage sizzles and market stalls.

Come in and tell us what you would like to happen in your area and we'll work with you to explore the options.

**The Sarina Neighbourhood Centre is located next to Mackay Regional Council Client Services Centre, 65 Broad Street, Sarina.**

Phone: 4961 9290 or 4961 9283

Email: [SarinaNeighbourhoodCentre@mackay.qld.gov.au](mailto:SarinaNeighbourhoodCentre@mackay.qld.gov.au)



[facebook.com/sarinaneighbourhoodcentre](https://facebook.com/sarinaneighbourhoodcentre)

**SARINA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB**

# MARKET Christmas PARTY

WATER SLIDES ★ OUTDOOR BAR ★ SPITS ★ STREET FOOD ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ RAFFLES

**DECEMBER 4TH 5:30PM**

**SANTA**

HOSTED BY **ATSICHS MACKAY**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR OPTIONS TO ADDRESS ALCOHOL OR DRUG PROBLEMS? THERE MAY BE QUESTIONS YOU CAN ASK TO GUIDE YOU

COME AND JOIN US FOR A

# BBQ BREAKFAST

WHEN: EVERY 2ND THURSDAY MORNING

TIME: 9:30AM

WHERE: FIELD OF DREAMS - SARINA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SUZIE PENNEY (ATSICHS MACKAY) 0438 632 920

Sarina Surf Life Saving Club presents

# Carols by Candlelight

Hosted by Triple M's Jay & Dave

**Sarina Beach**

Sat 19 December

from 5.30pm

**Twilight Markets** from 3pm

- NO EFTPOS
- Food
- Bar
- Lucky Hams
- Glow Products
- Raffles
- Santa Appearing
- Local Performers
- Family Fun
- BYO chairs/rug

Sponsored by the following:

**Ray White** | **Saraya Community Bank** | **Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal** | **Bendigo Bank** | **Mackay Regional Council** | **TRIPLE M** | **Sarina Surf Life Saving Club** | **Michelle LANDRY**

For further information: Sarina Surf Life Saving Club Email: lifesaving@sarinasurfclub.com.au

# Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 28th November 2020

**Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church**

87 Range Road Sarina

Invite your friends & family to come & enjoy this time together!

Everyone is welcome to this no cost event

5-6pm JarraVale Alpaca & Animal Farm

Walk the animals, dress up in Christmas costumes and be part of the Nativity scene with the animals. Take Photos!

6-7 pm Sausage Sizzle & Kev's Christmas Pudding

7pm Christmas Carols & Special Items

In case of rain the event will continue in the under-cover area

Enquiries please phone 4956 2510

# Nominate your local hero

Australia Day Awards pay tribute to individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to their local community and/or achieved exceptional results in sporting or cultural endeavours.



If you know someone who is deserving of a nomination,  
fill out a form at [mackay.qld.gov.au/australiaday](https://mackay.qld.gov.au/australiaday)  
Nominations close Wednesday, January 6, 2021

