



## Sarina Tourist Arts and Crafts Centre

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# Craft Centre back in business



**WE'RE BACK!** The Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre is up and running again following the nation-wide closures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The centre reopened on Monday, June 22 under strict guidelines outlined in a COVID Action Plan from Mackay Regional Council, following a decision by the centre's board of directors at its monthly meeting on June 15.

Opening hours have changed – 10am to 3pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 1pm Sundays – and will be reviewed by the board at its next meeting on July 27.

A positive aspect of the shutdown in March, April and May is that it has brought a flood of fresh new creations by our crafters, who have still been hard at work at home.

Board chairman Bob Neilsen expressed thanks to treasurer Jennifer Costello and her husband Len for all the hard work they had done over the past few months of the shutdown to improve and tidy the centre.

“Not everyone is aware of just how much of their own time Jen and Len contribute to the smooth running of the centre,” he said.

Len put many hours of work into guerneying the centre, while Peter Dallas of Sarina replaced rotting boards in the ramp leading up to the shop.

There were 111 visitors to the craft centre during the eight days of June when it reopened, and a predicted surge in tourism to the north is expected to bring an influx to view our quality hand-made crafts.

Board member Judy Langdon said Tas Webber and his team from Tourism Mackay were working hard to get the word out that North Queensland is open for business and welcoming back tourists.

The board voted to reestablish liability insurance to \$20 million, after it was reduced to \$10 million during the shutdown.

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In other news from the board meeting:

**NEW MEMBER:** The centre has welcomed a new member, mosaic artist Helen Loudon of Sarina.

**COMPUTER:** A hard drive for the centre's computer was replaced at a cost of \$398. A price is to be sought for an upgrade and a grant for this will be sought.

**EUNGELLA MILK:** Sales of Eungella Milk have been discontinued.

**DEFIBRILLATOR:** Bendigo Bank has approved a grant of \$2495 for a defibrillator for the centre. The defibrillator is being installed to increase safety for members and visitors, and ambulance training in its use will be sought.

**CENT SALE:** A mega cent sale planned for this year has been deferred until next year due to the COVID disruptions.

**NEXT MEETING:** The board's next meeting will be on Monday, July 27. Board members welcome input from crafters and volunteers. A full list of contacts is available on the craft centre's website, [sarinafieldofdreams.com](http://sarinafieldofdreams.com).



*Di Proctor, in front, and Helen Stewart wish Jennifer Costello a very happy birthday.*

### No birthday fuss, please

JENNIFER Costello didn't want a fuss made of her birthday.

Of course her birthday on June 27 was a special one (not saying how many) so that was ignored and a lot of secret planning went on to get her friends and family together at the Sarina Arts and Crafts schoolhouse building for the occasion.

Her daughter Debbie put on a beautiful high tea to celebrate Jen's birthday. After lots of consideration as to how to get her there Jen was abducted by her best friend Marg under the pretence that they would be having a quiet morning tea together.

Jen did question Marg when they passed the intended cafe and turned off into the Field of Dreams, but she was

shocked and delighted to see her family and friends had thrown her a surprise high tea to celebrate her birthday.

Her family gifted her a Royal Doulton English Rose teacup and saucer and plate, which she made good use of, and she was given a beautiful arrangement of flowers courtesy of her friends at the Sarina Arts and Craft and the Sarina Fibre Arts. Happy 70th birthday Jen. (Oops, secret's out now.)



*Marg Hinrichs and Rhonda Payne with Jen; Jen with her teacup; and about to cut the cake.*



*Sarina Fibre Arts Group members, from left Sue Smith, Rosemary Rowles, Karen Parchert, Dulcie Christensen, Jan Grinter, Jennifer Costello, Di Proctor, Margaret Schwarzrock, Helen Stewart, Judy Siddins, Helen Larcombe, Gayle Tomerini and Celia Gutschlag.*

## **COVID can't stop creativity**

COVID lockdown didn't stop the members of Sarina Fibre Arts Group from being creative.

The group has returned to regular Wednesday and Saturday morning meetings, and members were keen to show off some of the works they created during the break.

"During COVID we had a chance to work on all the unfinished items we had at home and a lot of us tried our hands at something new," group member Margaret Schwarzrock said.

Members will hold in-house workshops on the second and fourth Saturday of each month.

Gayle Tomerini is showing how to make trolley handle cases and in July Debbie Rhule will talk about Dorset buttons.

Group members supply crafts to the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre, which has reopened for business at the Sarina Field of Dreams. It is open Monday to Friday 10am-3pm and Saturday and Sunday 10am-1pm.



*Sarina Fibre Arts members, from left Celia Gutschlag, Karen Parchert and Val Pearce show off some of their creations from COVID 19 lockdown.*



## Great printer – make an offer

THIS printer is available at the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre, Field of Dreams, Sarina.

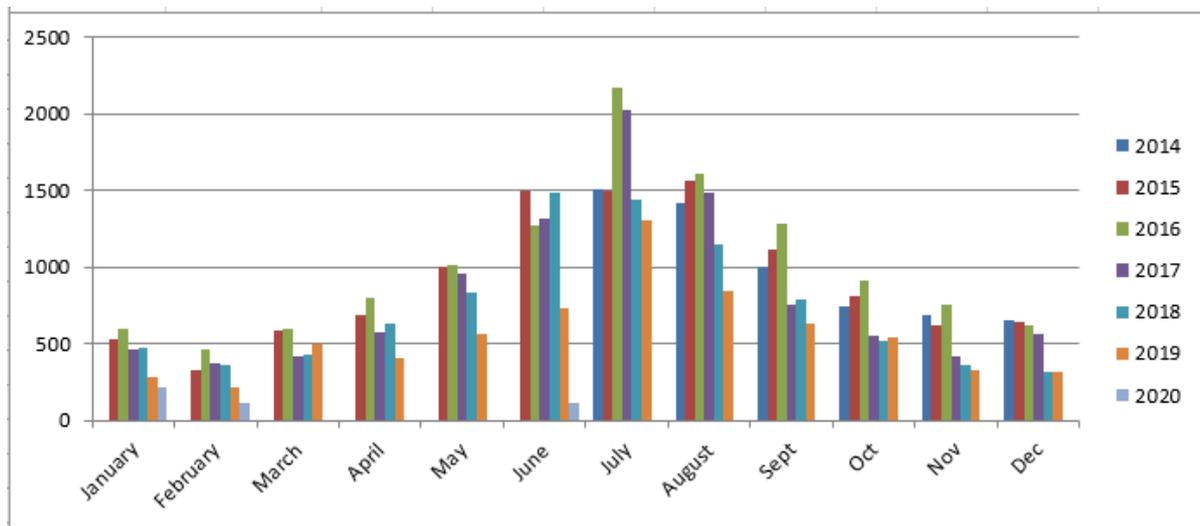
It is a Fuji Xerox Apeosport Model VC2275 modern high-speed printer, in excellent condition.

The printer comes with three brand new drum cartridges and five new toners.

It has had little work, and would be suitable for a busy office, or for home.

\$1500 or make an offer.

For information and to arrange an inspection contact Jennifer Costello, 0414 735 787 or email [sarinainfo@easynet.net.au](mailto:sarinainfo@easynet.net.au).



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
January		535	598	467	474	283	213
February		326	464	373	358	211	116
March		582	596	414	426	495	
April		687	798	571	631	404	
May		1001	1015	954	839	564	
June		1500	1270	1317	1488	738	111
July	1511	1501	2168	2026	1446	1301	
August	1414	1565	1614	1483	1145	850	
Sept	1005	1115	1283	751	793	630	
Oct	745	817	918	558	517	543	
Nov	688	623	754	416	368	330	
Dec	656	638	626	570	318	323	
Totals		10890	12104	9900	8803	6672	

The graph and tables above show attendance figures at the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre since 2014. The centre was closed due to COVID-19 restrictions in March, April and May this year.