



## Sarina Tourist Arts and Crafts Centre

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# The wedding charmer



*Theresa Sant with her display of wedding charms.*

MANY brides have Sarina's Theresa Sant to thank for some of the finishing touches to their big day.

Theresa has been making wedding charms and garters for 30 years and sells them exclusively at the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre, where the theme of the month of September is weddings.

"Doing the wedding charms and garters for me is my relaxation, it's the only thing that keeps me sane," she said.

"I play with the satins, the pearls, the crystal diamonties, it's a relaxation.

"I love my craft work, I've done a lot of it: I used to make raffia hats for many years and other crafts and sewing.

"I meet with friends once a month and we make something different, but I stick with the charms for the Arts and Crafts

Centre."

Theresa said she had calls from many people in Australia and overseas for special wedding charms.

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"I get a lot of requests from people for something different such as Australian like kangaroos and boomerangs and I can make various colours.

"I've had a lot go overseas to South Africa, Scotland, Malta and Italy."



She said despite the world-wide COVID pandemic there was still a demand for wedding charms, even if people were unable to attend the actual event.

"People may not be able to go to the wedding but they still want to give the bride something, and a wedding charm is ideal.

"If people have special requests they can tell the ladies here at the Arts and Crafts Centre and I can make them."



Theresa said one of the more unusual requests she had was for a medieval theme wedding.

"It was based around a King Arthur of the Round Table theme, and she wanted silver and black wedding charms.

"I also had to make a stubby bottle garter, they wanted to give that to the groom."

Theresa was bought up on a Munbura farm and later lived at Koumala with her husband Peter, where they raised sons Jared, Leon and Nicholas. They have two grandchildren, Joshua, 14, and Sophie, 11. Their family includes daughters-in-law Rejane and Linda.

The Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre is open seven days a week, 10-3 week days and 10-1 weekends.



*Wedding garters come in a range of colours.*



*Bendigo Community Bank Sarina chair Karen May and Sarina Arts and Crafts treasurer Jennifer Costello hold a cheque for a defibrillator, now installed at the centre. With them are, from left the bank's deputy chair Maree Franettovich, Arts and Crafts chairman Bob Neilsen and secretary Rhonda Payne.*

## **Bank donates defibrillators**

TWO Sarina community organisations have received defibrillators valued at nearly \$5000 through grants from the local Bendigo Bank for emergency medical equipment they hope they never have to use.

The Sarina Arts and Crafts Society and the Sarina Fibre Arts Group now have defibrillators at their premises thanks to the grants, valued at \$2495 each.

Representatives of the two groups and Sarina Community Bendigo Bank were at the Arts and Crafts Centre at Sarina's Field of Dreams for the presentations.

Sarina Bendigo Community Bank branch chair Karen May said the donations had come about through community grants from the bank.

"We are very, very pleased to be able to donate these two defibrillators which we hope they never have to use," said Cr May, who is Mackay's deputy mayor.



*Bendigo Bank's Maree Franettovich and Karen May and Sarina Fibre Arts members Jenny Price and Karen Parchert.*

Arts and Crafts treasurer Jennifer Costello and Fibre Arts treasurer Karen Parchert thanked the bank for the donations.

Jennifer said the defibrillators would provide an added protection for all using the centre, including tourists and other visitors. "We also hope they are never used," she said. "But it is also wonderful to think that the bank has given both our organisations something that could mean the difference between life or death."

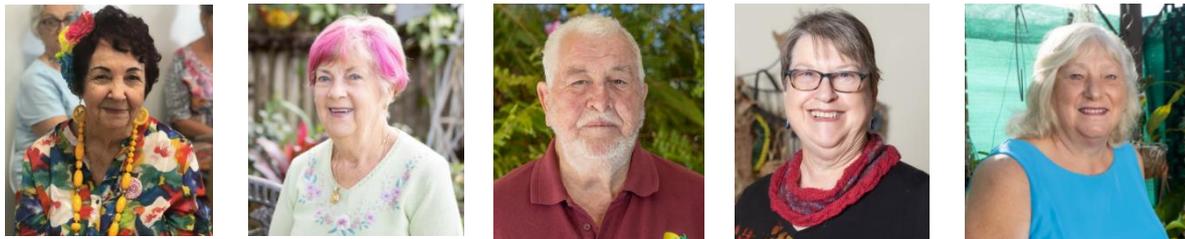
Bendigo Community Bank Sarina deputy chair Marie Franettovich and executive assistant Patrice Willoughby also attended.

The Arts and Crafts Centre operates from heritage buildings next to the new Mackay Regional Tourism Information Centre at Sarina's Field of Dreams Parkland and is manned by volunteer crafters seven days a week.

Many of its crafts are provided by members of the Fibre Arts Group, who meet twice weekly at Lee St, Sarina. The two groups work closely together and many Fibre Arts Group members supply crafts to the Craft Centre as well as volunteering to man the centre.

Also present were Arts and Crafts Centre chairman Bob Neilsen, board members Rhonda and Charlie Payne and Fibre Arts Group member Jenny Price.

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*Veronica McFadzen, Colleen Farry, Rod Nunn, Helen Pickering and Lesley Ward are among those honoured for Senior Citizens Week. Pictures: Becca Bannan*

FIFTEEN Sarina residents have been honoured as part of Senior Citizens Week, including the Sarina Arts and Crafts treasurer Jennifer Costello.

The Sarina nominations include current Sarina Arts and Crafts board members Colleen Farry and Rod Nunn, a former secretary Lesley Ward, and crafters Helen Pickering and Veronica McFadzen.

Others are Audrey Zunker, Carolyn Scott, Jenny Boswood, Len Goode, Mary Ahern, Merv Murray, Cedric Bishop, Norma Lang and Ollie Patroni.

The full stories and pictures of all the Sarina seniors is on the Sarina Neighbourhood Centre Facebook Page. Their stories have also been shared to the Sarina Community Notice Board.

Go to the Facebook page or the Sarina Community Notice Board to read their stories.



*Jennifer Costello. Picture: Becca Banon*

# Honour for our Jennifer

JENNIFER Costello's dedication to the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre has helped ensure its place as a key attraction at the Field of Dreams Parkland.

Jennifer became involved with the Crafts Centre when she and husband Len moved to Sarina from Mackay about 12 years ago. Craft Centre board member Lilian Brown said that upon becoming treasurer, Jennifer upgraded processes so that the centre could operate more efficiently.

"She bought in the bar coding system that we have now. Before that, we used to take the stickers off the items we sold and count them at the end of the day. If you missed one, a crafter could miss out on payment," Lilian said.

She does all the office management of the centre voluntarily, and she and her husband Len are always working around the place.

Jennifer recently obtained a grant from the Sarina Community Bendigo Bank for the purchase of a defibrillator to improve safety for volunteers and visitors to the centre. She is also the correspondent for the Sarina Fibre Arts Group.

The centre was closed for three months this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, during which time Jennifer and Len worked voluntarily to clean up and improve the building, ready for its reopening in June.



## 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 | 595  |
| August   | 1414 | 1565  | 1614  | 1483 | 1145 | 850  | 631  |
| 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 |      |

## Visitors on the rise

VISITOR numbers continued to show a slight rise at the Sarina Arts and Crafts Centre during August. This table and the graph below show the figures since 2014.

