



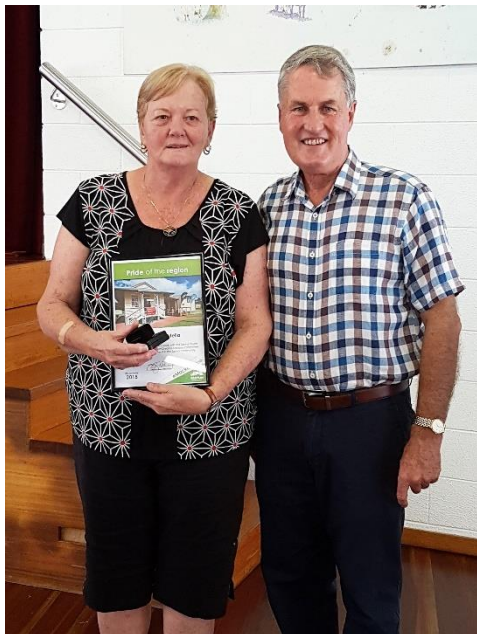
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## Sarina Tourist Art and Craft Centre Newsletter February 8, 2018



*Sarina Tourist, Arts and Craft Centre volunteers at the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Bob Wood Cultural Centre on Australia Day. In the group are John Whitaker, Len Costello, Jenny Costello, Lilian Brown, Margaret Schwarzrock and Dulcie Christensen; back row Mary Whitaker, Keith MacDonald and Sandy MacDonald.*



*Jenny Costello with her Pride of the Region award presented by Mayor Greg Williamson.*

## Treasurer is our pride

THE community work of three members of the Sarina Tourist, Arts and Crafts Centre was recognised on Australia Day.

Centre treasurer Jenny Costello was presented with a Pride of the Region award by Mayor Greg Williamson for her work for the centre, and Lilian Brown and Mary Whitaker were awarded certificates for their involvement in the original board of the Bob Wood Community Centre 30 years ago.

Jenny said she became involved in the crafts centre about 11 years ago, soon after she and husband Len moved to Sarina.

“I went down and had a look at it and found it was manned entirely by volunteers, which I like, and it’s also a good way to meet people,” she said.

"I've done office work, so it wasn't long before I became treasurer.

"We didn't have a computer in those days so when we finally got one it was my job to enter all the details of our craftspeople and their goods."

At the time Jenny did not do any crafts, but she's now taken up fibre arts so visitors to the centre might be able to pick up one of her creations soon.



*Margaret Schwarzrock, Dulcie Christensen and Lilian Brown with the display on Australia Day.*

*Sandy MacDonald with part of her display.*

## Sarina's best on display at arts centre

THE new year has brought together one of the finest collection of Sarina's arts and crafts ever offered.

The Sarina Tourist, Arts and Crafts Centre at the Field of Dreams at Sarina's southern entrance has a theme of children's and baby's toys and clothes for the month of February, but includes a wide range of crafts from applique to woodwork.



*Lilian Brown with a doll made by Sandy MacDonald.*

"I think this display is the highest quality that we can provide," said board member Lilian Brown, who has been a volunteer for the cooperative society which runs the centre since its inception in 1996.

"My responsibility is quality control, and as such you try to make sure that everything we display is of the highest quality. While some of

the materials involved are necessarily bought, we ensure that most of the product is hand-crafted.

"My grandma taught me to sew and I used to make all my own clothes."

The society has about 50 craftspeople from the Sarina and Mackay area, and a few from further afield including Rockhampton woodcarver Tom Lynn who displays intarsia inlay carvings of Australian themes.

This month's display includes dolls by Chris Brough and Sandy MacDonald, children's toys by Heather Ruddell and caftans by Kerry King, among many others.



The centre is open seven days a week and is manned by volunteers who also act as tourist guides for Mackay's attractions, as it also operates as a tourism information centre.

A new tourism information centre is being built at the Sarina railway station next to the craft centre, and is expected to be operational by June.



*Ronda Payne models a caftan made by Kerry King.*

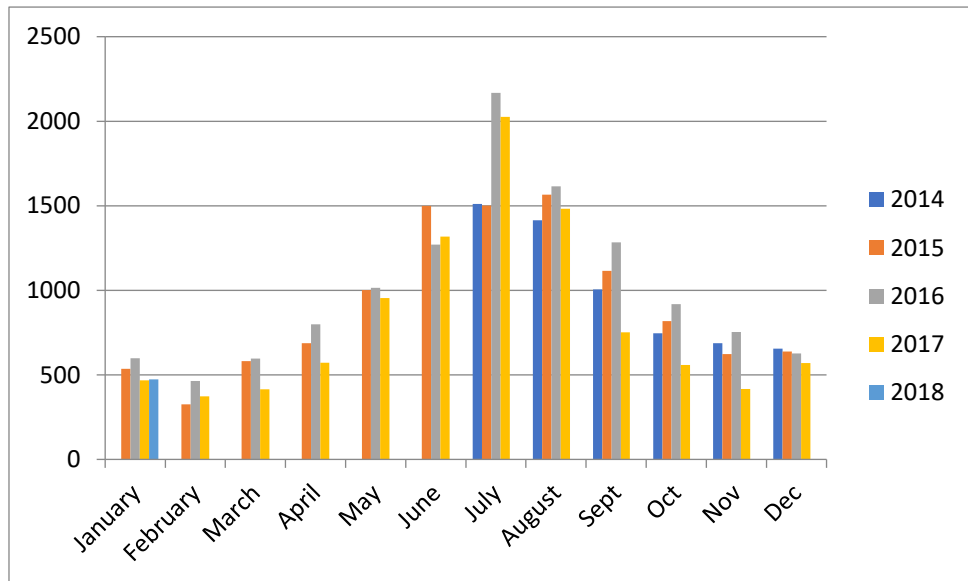
Craftspeople who regularly display at the centre include:

Rita Roberts (machine embroidery, table runners), Chris Brough (bears), Annette Kunze-Perry (knitting, toys, clothes), Bob Neilsen (petrified wood jewellery), Bev Chelepy (greeting cards), Marion Rolleston (water colours), Helen Larcombe (knitting), Paul Marsh (local honey), Veronica McFadzen (scarves, jewellery), Cynthia Ellis (jewellery, dream catchers), Dulcie Christensen (sewing, applique), Owen Bromley (Sarina post cards), Elaine Smith (china painting), Greg Smith (wood carving), Helen Stewart (crochet, denim bags), Janelle Barba (fudges), Joy Atkinson (quilting, feltwork), Judy Langdon (chutneys), Jenny Price (sewing, quilting), Pat Wedel (sewing), Kerry King (caftans), Di Proctor (sewing), Thelma Bromley (sewing), Sandy MacDonald (dolls), Sharon Maudsley-McFadzen (hats, children's clothes), Julie Kerr

(Australian crochet), Teresa Sant (wedding charms), Peter Dallas (Queensland wooden signs), Katherine Mian (sewing, knitting, crochet), Mary Whitaker (sewing, quilting), Robert Armstrong (wooden toys), Heather Ruddell (children's toys, crochet), Santina Bisseker (jewellery, sun catchers), Troy Geisler (wood turning), Sarina Fibre Arts (postcards), Mary Penfold (crochet), Sarina Men's Shed (woodwork), Beverly Craig (sewing), Helen Pickering (weaving, applique), Lilian Brown (sewing, applique, machine embroidery), Lyn Stratton (sewing), Margaret Schwarzrock (crochet), Neville Ruddell (woodwork), Tom Lynn (intarsia), Ron Draper (carved wooden figures).

## Board meeting scheduled

The next meeting of the board of the Sarina Tourist, Arts and Crafts Centre will be held at 5.30pm on Monday, February 26 at the Mt Pelion State School building.



*This graph of tourist visitors to the Sarina Tourist, Arts and Crafts Centre shows a slight increase in visitor numbers in January 2018 of 474 compared with 467 in 2017. A total 9990 tourists visited the centre in 2017, down from 12,104 in 2016.*



## Bob shows his Aussie Spirit

*Bob Neilsen donned the appropriate headgear for an Australia Day function at the Sarina Men's Shed.*

*Bob works tirelessly for the Men's Shed and is also board chairman for the Sarina Tourist, Arts and Crafts Centre.*

## What's on in Sarina this week?

### Thursday 8th

➤ 9:00am - **Aqua Fun Fit & Fab – Keep You Moving Aqua Movement**

9:45am @ Sarina Pool. Classes \$10.00 per session (plus pool entry)

Contact Margaret Ross 0400 997 588 for more information.

➤ 9:30am - **Tech Savvy Seniors @ Sarina Neighbourhood Centre.**

The Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland Program involves the delivery of training in libraries across Queensland, and aims to encourage more seniors to embrace technology.

Basic Computers @ 9:30am – 10:30am

Basic Internet @ 10:45am – 11:45am

Basic Email Part 1 @ 12noon – 1:00pm

Basic Email Part 2 @ 2:00pm- 3:00pm

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 4961 9387.

➤ 10:30am - **Sarina Women's Group** 12:30pm @ Field of Dreams (next to Arts & Craft Building)  
The Group is open to all women. It is connecting with women on a social and learning level. Come, meet others, make new friends, talk, and laugh in a safe and supportive environment. For more information call 4953 1788.

➤ 6:00pm - **Aqua Fun Fit & Fab – Deep Water Running Class** 6:45pm @ Sarina Pool. Classes \$10.00 per session (plus pool entry). Contact Margaret Ross 0400 997 588 for more information.

#### **Friday 9th**

➤ 6:30am - **Aqua Fun Fit & Fab – Deep Water Running Class** 7:15am @ Sarina Pool. Classes \$10.00 per session (plus pool entry). Contact Margaret Ross 0400 997 588 for more information.

➤ 9:00am **Sarina Yoga Classes** @ 7 Leslie Street, Sarina. Contact Bernadette 0427 022 749 / Facebook: Sarina Yoga

➤ 9:30am - **FACE Up** 11:30am @ St Luke's Hall, Sarina. This group enjoys a cuppa and the opportunity to explore Christianity in a relaxed and inclusive manner. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Kari Morphy 0407 132 183 for details.

➤ 3:30pm - **Junior Tennis Hot Shot Fixtures** 4:30pm @ Hoey Street Tennis Courts, Sarina  
For more information please contact Steve Merker on 0429 837 414.

#### **Saturday 10th**

➤ 8:00am - **Sarina Men's Shed** 12:00 noon @ 40 Lee St Sarina, Sarina Men's Shed.

A place for men to be socially active and form friendships, and allows new opportunities for activity and interaction in their lives post-work. More information phone 0402 248 716.

➤ 8:00am **Sarina Yoga Classes** @ Sarina Beach, Owen Jenkins Drive, Beach Walkway just before Sarina Beach Motel. If you require a chair, please bring one. Contact Bernadette 0427 022 749 / Facebook: Sarina Yoga

➤ 9:00am - **Sarina Fibre Arts** 12:00 noon @ Creative Cottage 36-40 Lee St Sarina. Contact Celia on 4943 1426 or Mary on 4956 4594. All welcome.

➤ 2:00pm - **Sarina Tennis Saturday Afternoon Social Double Fixtures** 4:00pm @ Hoey Street Courts, Sarina. For more information please contact Ashley Ischenko on 0410 831 922 or Conrad McBean on 0448 011 377.

#### **Sunday 11th**

➤ 9:00am **Sunday Kids Club** @ Sarina Wesleyan Methodist Church, 87 Range Road Sarina.  
Phone 4956 2510 or 0468 473759 for more information.

#### **Monday 12th**

➤ 6:30am - **Aqua Fun Fit & Fab – Deep Water Running Class** 7:15am @ Sarina Pool. Classes \$10.00 per session (plus pool entry). Contact Margaret Ross 0400 997 588 for more information.

➤ 8:00am - **Sarina Men's Shed** noon @ 40 Lee St Sarina, Sarina Men's Shed. Phone 0402 248 716

➤ 9:30am - **Toddler Time** 10:00am @ Sarina Library Sarina. Toddler Time encourages language development and social interaction for toddlers 2-5 years. The session features nursery rhymes, finger plays, action songs and a story. Children learn best from the important people around them.

➤ 5:30pm - **Aqua Fun Fit & Fab – Deep Water Running Class** 6:15pm @ Sarina Pool. Classes \$10.00 per session (plus pool entry) Contact Margaret Ross 0400 997 588 for more information

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