

Membership It's that time of year when Membership is due...



For just \$10 a year, membership of the Neighbourhood Centre offers you

- The opportunity to connect with other people and make new friends;
- Laughter and fun times;
- The chance to be involved in Centre activities and learn new skills;
- Up-to-date information and interesting newsletters;
- The right to give input into who is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Association through the election of a Management Committee.

Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre acknowledges the Yirrganydji people, the Traditional Custodians of Djabugay country that runs northwards from Trinity Inlet to Port Douglas. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future, and honour those whose culture and customs have nurtured and continue to nurture this land.







Supporting the community since 1990

The Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre 205 Reed Road Trinity Park P: 4055 6440 PO Box 260 Smithfield Q LD 4878 E: admin@mcnc.org.au

MONDAY

Armchair Yoga: Gentle exercise 9.30 -10.30am. \$8 pp Cairns Early Years Centre: Move Baby Move 1 - 2pm Free; bookings essential Ph: 4034 6800 Food Relief: Support for people experiencing financial hardship; appointments necessary. 1pm - 3pm. Please call 4055 6440 on previous Thursday or Friday for an appointment. Al-Anon: 6pm - 7pm. Ph Carl 0403 669 893 TUESDAY Line Dancing: Fun for everybody! 9.30am - 10.30am Members \$3 Non-Members \$5 Tuesday Club - Guest speakers, activities and lunch. Members \$10 Non-Members \$12 WEDNESDAY Playtime: For families with children under school age, 9 - 11 am. Free. Bring a piece of fruit to share. Bridge: for experienced players, 9am - 12 noon. Members \$3 Non-Members \$5 Shed Mosaics: Putting Pieces in Place. 12.30pm - 3.30pm. Members \$3 Non-Members \$5 Food Relief: Support for people experiencing financial hardship; appointments necessary. 1pm - 3pm. Please call 4055 6440 on previous Monday or Tuesday for an appointment. Yoga with Suzanne: 6pm-7pm Ph: 0421 076 244 THURSDAY Community Garden: Enjoy working in the edible, organic garden. Volunteers welcome! From 9am. Book Club: the 1st Thursday of the month. From 10.30am. Members \$3 Non-Members \$5 Canasta: 1 – 4 pm Members \$3 Non-Members \$5 Toastmasters Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. 7pm - 9pm. Ph: 0401 585 767 <u>FR</u>IDAY Yarning and Darning — have a yarn while you darn..... 10am-12 noon All are welcome. Free! SATURDAY Free Seniors Fitness Class 10.30 - 11.30am Ph: 0421 672 284 High Fire Ministries Church Service 11.30am—1.30pm Ph: 0428 884 286 Free Acting Class for Adults: 3pm—5pm 0447 451 936 <u>SUNDAY</u> Trinity Baptist Church: Religious Service 9.30-12.30pm and 4.30 - 7.30pm Ph: 0407 127 204



Celebrate Queensland Day 2024

This Queensland Day, Thursday 6 June 2024, we celebrate 165 years since the state officially separated from New South Wales to become an independent colony in 1859.

Queensland Day is an important celebration of our state's culture and heritage, and an opportunity to reflect on what we love about Queensland and being a Queenslander – whether it be our people, places, opportunities, or lifestyle.

#Maroonlt this Queensland Day

To help us celebrate Queensland Day, share what you love most about Queensland on Facebook or Instagram and you could win tickets and vouchers to great Queensland Experiences. Tag your post with the hashtag #MaroonIt or include it in the copy for your chance to win.

Hear from Queensland Day Ambassadors like celebrity chef, Alastair McLeod, and contemporary Aboriginal artist, Chern'ee Sutton, sharing what they love most about Queensland.

Visit the <u>Queensland Day website</u>, follow Queensland Day on <u>Facebook</u> or contact us via <u>email</u> to find out more about the 2024 Queensland Day activities.

It's your state. It's your day. Maroon It!





Compete for spot prizes, have some fun, and show off your smarts! Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia while you support local charities

> SATURDAY 1ST JUNE 6.00 PM FOR A 6.30PM START \$15 PER PERSON - SUPPER INCLUDED BOOK WITH SOL - OATT 523 344 FRESHWATER QCWA HALL 253 KAMERUNGA ROAD



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CERTIFICATE III INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

(Ageing & Disability)

Winner of the TNQ Community **Training Initiative Award 2022** This program is fully supported and funded! And includes:

- Goal setting
- Resume writing
- Job application skills
- AFP police check
- First Aid & CPR
- VET gualification
- Blue Card & NDIS Screening (Yellow) Card)

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TRAINING HTO 40928

> 16 weeks of training



Face-to-face training each Wednesday & Thursday

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Fully subsidised under the QLD Government Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative

Starts Wednesday 24th July 2024 EMAIL: EDU.SUPPORT@MCNC.ORG.AU Eligibility oriteria will be discussed at first point of

This training opportunity is subsidised by the Queensland Government with training, assessing and certificates awarded and delivered by MiHaven Training: RTO Code 40928 & organised, recruited and supported by the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre situated in the northern beaches of Cairns.





11.30AM TUESDAY 30 JULY 2024 205 REED RD, TRINITY PARK RSVP: TUESDAY 23 JULY 4055 6440 MEMBERS \$15 NON-MEMBERS \$20

FESTIVE ATTIRE IS A MUST

Our annual Community Fun Day was held on 4 May this year.























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Newsflash: attractiveness doesn't have an age limit

Young is not the only way to be gorgeous. Ageism is rampant and the cult of youth thrives. But writer Carolyn Tate says our eyes need to find the beauty in all ages to celebrate and honour the richness of everyone.

By Carolyn Tate

What do you think of when you think of natural beauty? Is a sapling tree more beautiful than a centuries-old Moreton Bay fig?

Is a tiny stream more beautiful than an established waterfall that's been carving its way through rock through the ages?

No, because there is beauty in what blossoms over time, wonder in ancient wisdom, and beauty in nature - including human beings who have the privilege to grow older.

Finding beauty in all ages means finding the beauty in ourselves, too.

Yet the human brain seems hardwired to discriminate against grey hair, wrinkly skin and frailer bodies, even though the greatest gift of life is to live long enough to experience such signs of ageing.

It can be easy to be unconsciously swept up in the narratives fed to us by mass and social media, especially when it comes to attractiveness and ageing. In a recent study, more than half of the women surveyed said the way they're portrayed in the media makes them feel 'bad about ageing', and a massive 88% in the over-50 category feel like they are represented 'poorly' in films, TV shows and advertisements.

"Young is beautiful" is the overarching message, but what does that mean for us as we age?

Step back: no-one decides beauty has an expiration date

It can be helpful to take a big step back and take a more critical look at these stories that so insidiously seep into our brains and influence our self-perception.

Who gets to decide that beauty has an expiration date? Not only is this concept profoundly flawed, but it also serves a specific agenda: to sustain an industry that capitalises on insecurity.

Lucky for us, something else that comes with age is wisdom.

If you'd like some inspiration, check out the <u>**#ILookMyAge**</u> movement on Instagram, designed to question the "compliment" we've all paid at some point, where we've told someone they don't look their age.

Why is that a good thing? What does that say about us if we do look our age?

Looking at the broad media landscape, you might notice a stark pattern. From commercials showcasing models in their 20s to advice columns that glorify youthful aesthetics, the message is clear: ageing is a battle that we all must fight it to stay attractive and relevant.

This is a strategy employed by thousands of brands designed to make us feel "less than" so that we'll buy that serum, moisturiser, fitness product, face mask, skin treatment, makeup...you get the picture. And it's a lucrative one, with the beauty industry in Australia alone being worth \$8.6 billion in 2022.

The reality of what makes someone attractive will always be subjective, but it's definitely not confined to those narrow parameters.

Commercial juggernauts won't stop with their ageist marketing messages in our lifetimes, urging us to do what we can to stay young, but we can decide not to buy into them.

Embrace your own attractiveness

We can resist ageism by first noticing the attractiveness in ourselves and each other.

That doesn't mean we stop caring, of course. Feeling well put-together and groomed is linked with greater wellbeing, and it feels good to be able to put your best foot forward – and that will mean different things to different people: Botox, treatments, fitness regimens, surgery – whatever works for you. But it's important to embrace the best version of who you are right now.



QUEENSLAND DAY 6 JUNE 2024

Queensland will celebrate its birthday and official separation from New South Wales in 1859 on 8 June 2024. Laccepted an invitation from Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre to attend the Seniors Group on Tuesday 4 June as a guest speaker. I'm looking forward to hearing about what Queensland means to you and what makes you proud to be a Queenslander.

It's also a great opportunity to share with the community a range of cost-of-living measures that have been released ahead of the upcoming state budget. I personally met with the Premier and Treasurer ahead of the state budget and strongly advocated for additional cost of living relief for Far North Queensland families.

\$1,300 POWER BILL REBATE

Ahead of the upcoming state budget, the Queensland Treasurer has released additional cost of living relief for every household. From 1 July 2024, every Queensland household will receive a \$1,300 credit on their power bill. \$1,000 of this will be provided from Queensland's new Miles Government, with an additional \$300 being provided by the Federal Government.

Seniors, pensioners and concession card holders will again be eligible for an additional \$372 rebate, which means their total rebate in 2024 – 2025 will be \$1,672. If Ergon don't already know that you have one of these concession cards, just give them a call so you'll receive this additional rebate.

Because we've made multinational mining companies pay their fair share, and kept electricity assets in public hands, we can deliver these measures to reduce your household bills. Programs like Free Kindy, Free TAFE and freezing car rego are all made possible by our coal royalties and because Queenslanders own our energy assets.

0.50 CENT BUS FARES

From 5 August this year, all TransLink Bus Services across Caims will be just 50 cents. We're launching this as a six-month trial to help take the pressure off household budgets. This will be welcome news for Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre (MCNC) patrons who are able to catch a bus and make the short walk to the centre from the nearby stop. The MCNC offer some terrific programs and staying connected to community is key to looking after our own emotional wellbeing, especially after the devastating wet season we've had.

IGEM SUBMISSIONS OPEN

Residents are still encouraged to submit feedback for the Inspector-General of Emergency Services (IGEM) review into to the flooding event. I understand that re-living some of these memories may be difficult, but it is important for you to have your say to help inform future disaster responses and planning across the Barron Delta. More information is available here www.igem.gld.gov.au/submissions. The report should be ready for release by August this year.

Beautiful Young People Are Acts Of Nature, But Beautiful Old People Are Works Of Art.						
 4 June: Queensland Day Celebrations 11 June: Elder Abuse and Scams Trivia with Tracey Cairns Community Legal Centre 18 June: Bingo with Gail 25 June: My Europe Trip - Diana Pettersen 						
JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18	JUNE 25			
BBQ Queensland Day Celebrations	Cairns Community Legal Centre Elder Abuse and Scams Trivia with Tracey	with Gail	Birthdays May 4/6 Gail 15/6 My Europe Trip with Diana			
July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30		
BBQ Movie	Cairns Community Legal Centre Social isolation and Ioneliness with Tracey	Services Australia My Aged Care Carers Payments with Debbie and Dana	Birthdays	Christmas		

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Greetings from Cairns Libraries



Did you know that community groups can use our library

spaces as a **meet up place**? Your local library is a convenient place to meet with free air-conditioning, free wi-fi, toilets on-site, and plenty of space for small groups to sit round a table for a chat. For groups with bubs and young children, you will find a play area with high-quality educational toys and, of course, a vast selection of books for readers of all ages. Want to bring food and snacks into the library with you? No problem... pick up a coffee on the way, bring your snacks, and make yourself at home. Discover your local library as a convenient place for your next group meeting... call your local branch if you have any questions!

It is June and finally our tropical winter is here! Want some tips for getting the most out of your tropical garden during the winter months? Come along to our **Tropical Gardening Circle** to meet with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Our June Tropical Gardening Circle meets at 10.30am on June 17th, Gordonvale and Stratford Libraries.

If gardening isn't your thing, how about trying a book club? We have two to choose from:

• Page Turner Book Club Earlville Library, 10.30am on Thursday 20th June

Page Turner Book Club Smithfield Library, 10.30am on Wednesday 12th June

The assigned book for Smithfield is **The Beekeeper of Aleppo** by Christy Leftari. You can borrow it in print, as an e-book, or as an e-audiobook. Our Earlville book club has no assigned reading list. Come along and share what you've been reading, and what you'll be reading next.

If you love books and reading, you'll love our Page Turner book clubs.

Have you heard about our **Cairns Living Libraries Program**? Each month a guest speaker shares their personal story in a small group setting. Our June storyteller is a local author who will share her fascinating story of living for 16 years as an ex-pat in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Come and hear Alison's story at Smithfield Library, 10.30am on Wednesday 26th June.

Finally, don't miss our next community safety session at Gordonvale Library -

"**Don't Get Hacked!"** will teach you everything you need to know about protecting yourself from hackers and cyber criminals.

- Don't Get Hacked Protect Yourself from Cybercrime
- Gordonvale Library
- 10am Tuesday 11th June



Social Media

Give us a thumbs-up and stay connected or check out our *new* website at:



www.mcnc.org.au

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New internet radio station aims to teach tips and tricks with IT



A new online Australia-wide not-for-profit radio station for seniors is entertaining listeners with a unique combination of timeless music and top tech tips.

MITE Radio - it stands for Making IT Easy - is where music, memories and technology unite.

Based in Perth, founders of the station, Kay and Tony Maccione, want to empower people to enhance their lives with technology.

But they want to do it while entertaining with a soundtrack that transports listeners from the golden age of rock'n'roll to 80s synth-pop.

"Our primary passion is to make IT easier for people," Kay said.

"Listeners can ask tech questions via email, text, or on our socials."

"Tony is our tech guru. He is a whizz and has been in the industry a long time so very few questions challenge him."

"He knows how frustrating it can be for older people who didn't grow up in the tech age to finally get the hang of their phone, only to find it gets updated and they don't know what to do."

Between 11am and 12noon weekdays WST, (2 and 4pm AEST) listeners can hear answers to all their tech questions plus a series of cyber snippets.

"We cover various categories and talk about things like what you can get for nothing on the Internet and tips and tricks, such as how to increase the size of text on your mobile phone and how to avoid scams," Kay said. "There are also fun things like the fact you can sit on the beach with a solar powered bikini on, plug your phone in and charge it on the beach."

The snippets are played twice in the hour 24/7 and also go to other outlets MITE has a partnership with - including The Senior.

"Our radio station is easily accessible, you just go to a smart device and press play," Kay said.

"It's a familiar medium, particularly to people who didn't grow up in a digital age."

"You can be entertained and amused, hear great music and learn a bit."

MITE Radio, which launched in February, is building its local content and will have more programs coming on board covering areas like finance, photography and social media.

www.Miteradio.com.au

Article with thanks from The Senior

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CAIRNS DISTRICT IVOR EDWARDS PERFORMING FOR THE FUN OF IT. CONFIDENCE AND SELF EXPRESSION.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:



Perform a character that you've created. Storytelling - tell a story - act it out. Improvisation - make it up as you go along. Voice and movement work - very important. Singing - Dancing - Comedy - Drama. "EVEN?" Dabble in some Shakespeare.

ACTING CLASSES FOR ADULTS IS FREE.

As I get older time is more valuable than money. I teach acting to explore the creativity in the class - and to have fun. I also perform for the children in Cairns hospital - for the same reason.

WHO DO YOU THINK HE IS?

- 1972 Professional musician.
- 1979 7 years NIDA level studies in theatre.
- 1980 Wrote and performed music and drama for theatre-in-education.
- 1986 10 years touring Australia as an accredited NSW Education Dept. performer and educator.
- 1996 7 years teaching acting at Nepean Community College.
- 1996 4 years as NSW public speaking finalist. Champion in '97.

1980 - 2011

31 years working in music and drama with Pre-schoolers, special needs, autism and aspergers clients. Retired in Cairns.

- 2011 Retired in Cai
- 2014 7 years performing as paediatric clown in Cairns hospital.

Come and have a go at some of the things you've always fancied doing, but never had the opportunity.

actingclassesforadults@outlook.com 0447451936

Saturdays at the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre 3pm - 5pm Ph: Ivor on 0428 884 286 - Department of Treesport and March Sould'



Interested in becoming a school crossing supervisor?

Make a difference to the lives of school children at

- Generous casual pay-rate starting at \$34.88 per hour
- Long-service leave entitlements
- Queensland Government superannuation

Te apply, contact your local Road Safety Officer on 0403 733 03F or visit Imr.gld.gov.au/SafeSchoulTravel.



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marlin coast neighbourhood centre

supporting community

FOOD DONATIONS

supporting people experiencing financial hardship

WE ACCEPT:

- · canned food & pantry items
- personal care products
- baby care products
- pet food

ALL PRODUCTS MUST BE UNOPENED & IN DATE



Donations can also be made at our Centre: 205 Reed Rd, Trinity Park

Children's Play Time Volunteer wanted

MCNC runs Children's Play Time each Wednesday morning from 9am to 11.30am. We are looking for a reliable volunteer who holds a current *Working with Children Card* (Blue Card) or is able to obtain one (MCNC can help you with the application).

Duties will include (but not limited to):

- setting up toys
- preparing morning tea
- connecting with parents



For further information call Helen on 4055 6440

Australia's first and only aged care publication created specifically for today's primary unpaid carers.



Continued from page 7 "As I get older, I find that my idea of beauty has changed," says Martin, a 64-year-old married man from Sydney. "I see my wife as a whole person, not just a two-dimensional image – and, man, is she beautiful!

"My wife is 60, and all I see is beauty in her. In her strength, in her love for me and our family, and in all she brings to the world. And yes, in her face. I still get a little thrill sometimes when I look at her."

Anna, a 72-year-old divorcee from Brisbane agrees: "When my husband left after 40 years of marriage, I thought that part of my life was over, but then I met my new partner through friends and he has such a kind face – I think he's the most handsome man I've ever seen!"

Buying into that "attractiveness is youth" narrative cannot serve you.

Your age is something that you can't change, and is a waste of energy at best – and it can have seriously detrimental effects on your mental health at worst.

Making peace with who you are now and finding the beauty in who you are inside and out is a much better use of your time (and, most likely, your money).

So let's redefine what beauty really is and celebrate our stories, our compassion, our community, and all that we've achieved. What could be more attractive than that?





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THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Armchair Yoga Gentle exercise 9.30am—10.30am Ph: Rike 0401 164 202 \$8.00 per person	Line Dancing 9.30am — 10.30am Member \$3 Non-Member \$5 Ph: 4055 6440	Bridge Social Bridge for the experienced player. 9.30am—12 noon Member \$3 Non-Member \$5 Ph: 4055 6440
Food Relief for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. Appointments are limited. Bookings essential. Phone 4055 6440	Tuesday Lunch Guest Speakers, Activities and Lunch from 10.30am. Member \$10 Non-Member \$12 Ph: 4055 6440	Playtime Each Wednesday morning 9.00am — 11.30am for families with children under school age. Free. Phone 4055 6440
Cairns Early Years Learning Centre "Move Baby Move" 1.00pm — 2.00pm Ph: 4034 6800		Shed Mosaics 12.30pm — 3.30pm Member \$3 Non-Member \$5 Ph: 4055 6440
		Food Relief for individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. Appointments are limited. Bookings essential. Phone 4055 6440
A.A. 5.50pm — 7.10pm Ph: Carl 0403 669 893		Yoga with Suzanne 6.00pm — 7.00pm Ph: 0421 076 244

VENUE HIRE The Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre (MCNC) has wonderful air-conditioned facilities for hire – large function rooms, kitchen facilities, covered patio, children's playground - so why not hire the Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre for your next gathering, whether it be a one-off celebration eg Birthday, Christening, Family Party, or for an ongoing regular activity—club or church meetings, craft, sporting and/or leisure groups.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY/SUNDAY	
Community Garden	Yarning & Darning	Saturday	
Morning from 9am	10am—12 noon	Fit for Seniors	
Ph: 4055 6440	Have a yarn while you darn		
Free Morning Tea	Bring your craft for a morning of connecting while enjoying morning tea! All are welcome.	10.30—11.30am Ph: Tony 0421 672 284	
Book Club	Free!	FII. TONY 0421 072 204	
First Thursday of the month			
10.30am to 12 noon		High Fire Ministries	
Member \$3 Non-Member \$5		11.30am—1.30pm	
Phone 4055 6440		Ph: Nev 0428 884 286	
Card playing group activity. 1pm—4pm Ph: Barb 0400 490 215		Acting Classes for Adults 3pm—5pm Free! Ph: Ivor 0447 451 936	
		Sunday	
Toastmasters Club		Trinity Baptist Church	
1st and 3rd Thursday of each		9.30am—12.30pm	
month		4.30pm—7.30pm	
7.00—9.00pm Ph: 0401 585 767		Ph: Steve 0407 127 204	

Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm Fridays 9am - 1pm

The Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre is an incorporated community-based organisation. Our vision is to be widely recognised as an organisation dedicated to promoting, supporting and enhancing community, family and individual well-being. We operate within the Social Justice Principles of equity, access, equality and participation through professional support, a friendly, safe and inclusive meeting place, respect for the individual, a commitment to the community and integrity throughout the organisation.

The Centre receives core funding through the Queensland Government's Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts.