

"Camo" style for a Day



Gracie Dixon Centre Community Care News December 2021

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A message from the Coordinator

Mark your Diaries

Hello Everyone,

This is a short newsletter just to keep you up to date with the end of year celebrations.

Christmas 2021

After a lot of discussions and menu planning it was decided to hold this years Christmas party at the Gracie Dixon Centre on **Friday 10 December 2021**.

Tom Quinn will be catering for this event, and we have decided on a hot lunch which I'm sure will be enjoyed by everyone. Our Christmas theme for 2021 is **"Under the Sea"** and everyone has been extremely busy in the craft corner colouring and cutting out sea creatures so come dressed as a mermaid, shark, blue bottle a jelly fish or just yourself. Normal transport will be provided for clients already using the Gracie Dixon bus. Due to limited space, we can only cater for clients who regularly attend.



Gracie Dixon Centre

The Gracie Dixon Centre closes at midday on **Friday 24 December 2021**. Please ensure your loved one is picked up by **11.30am**. Normal transport arrangements will apply for those clients who use the Gracie bus, but will be dropped home before lunch. The Centre reopens on **Tuesday 4 January 2022**.

Bargara Day Respite

Bargara Day Respite will finish for the year on **Thursday 16 December 2021** and recommence on **Thursday 20 January 2022**. Any client who wishes to come into Bundaberg and join in with the clients at Gracie Dixon, you are most welcome to do so. The daily fee to attend Gracie Dixon is \$17.50 and the hours are 9am to 3pm.

Domestic Services

Domestic services will finish on **21 & 22 December 2021** and the girls will revisit on **11 & 12 January 2022**. Please chat to both Jennarah and Jodi about your service so that we can roster your request. If you are going away for the Christmas / New Year break, could you also tell the girls so that I can cancel your domestic service.



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Mowing

Mowing clients will continue as per normal where you will receive a mowing service each month. Please chat to your contractor if you are going away over the festive season so that he doesn't book your mowing service.

Wills EPA's and Advanced Health Directives

Attached to your newsletter is a flyer for a free session at the Bundaberg Library on **Monday 6 December 2021**. This education session covers Wills, EPA's and Advanced Health Directives. If you would like to find out more, phone the Library on 4130 4140 to book your place.

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Centre Meals

Now that the warmer months are upon us the menu at the centre has changed. Sweets have replaced the soup, meat and vegetables is generally served however on occasions we will have cold meats and salads or sandwiches and wraps as well as fish and chips.



If you are unable to attend the Centre, please call ahead to advise of your absence. This would be appreciated as we pre-order meals from Tom Quinn Centre which are cooked fresh and delivered daily, so advanced notice helps with our catering.

Volunteers

Bundaberg Regional Council works with volunteers to provide many of its services to our community in an inclusive and friendly way.

Are you someone who wants to give back? Your life experiences, skills and want to contribute to others, will make you the ideal volunteer. Volunteers can help with a wide variety of activities.

We are currently looking for volunteers to undertake kitchen assistant duties. You will be required to assist with the preparation of morning tea, lunches and the general cleaning and maintenance of our dining area.

In return, you will receive training, where references will be provided upon requests. Other benefits include the opportunity to give back and engage with the community where you will have the privilege of being recognised for your hard work.

You will need to obtain an Australian Federal Police clearance prior to commencing at the centre in a volunteer role.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we would love to hear from you, so please:

Send an email to gracied@bundaberg.qld.gov.au or phone 4130 4120.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

Stay safe

Lyn



Laugh for the Day



The local news station was interviewing an 80 year old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered. "Interesting," the newsman thought...

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a *banker* when she was in her 20's, then a *circus ringmaster* when in her 40's, and a *preacher* when in her 60's. And now... in her 80's - a *funeral director*.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she married four men with such diverse careers.

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."



Lunch Outing to Melbourne Hotel 19 November



More Dress ups & fun @ Gracies



Another eventful day

