



# Port Douglas Community Service Network Newsletter

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## Centre News

There are lots of good things happening around the Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre (PDNC) commencing with the most exciting news that the recent Queensland Government budget substantially increased the annual base funding for Neighbourhood Centres. This will help us provide job security for our hardworking staff, improved infrastructure and most of all increased services to our wonderful community. That's definitely a high 5 for everyone involved.

Wednesday June 22 was a massive day at PDNC with the team from O'Brien's Electrical & Plumbing volunteering products and labour for a huge working bee at the Centre. Around 70 tradies and their partners came along to carry out some major upgrades to plumbing, electrical and even gardening and painting. What an amazing fun group of people doing a great job for communities. The O'Briens team have a conference every year somewhere in Australia and they pick a not for profit organization in that town to carry out a Taskforce project.

Thank you to O'Briens Plumbing & Electrical, Bunnings Smithfield and also to Hemingways Brewery, Port Douglas and the Sheraton who provided catering for the hungry hoards.



## Boomerang Bags

Our Boomerang Bag sewing group is up and running on Friday **Morning at 10 am**, led by Belinda and our volunteer Deb, If you know your way around a sewing machine or just happy to help with cutting up material, screen printing or ironing your help would be gratefully appreciated. Tea & coffee supplied and a few laughs. Come along you may just find yourself in stitches.

The NicNak Shed is now selling Boomerang Bags made with love at the Centre for a gold coin donation. We also have a sewing machine for rent at the NicNak Shed for \$10 per day.

## What's On

(Activities in blue are held offsite)

**Mon:** Play Group 0-5 years 9.30am-11.30am

**Tues:** Play Group 0-5 years 9.30am-11.30am

**Games Group** 1.00pm-3.00pm

**Table Tennis** 1.1pm-3.1pm PD Community Hall

**Tai Chi** for all abilities-1 hour appointments

1.00pm-4.00pm

**Weds:** Men's Breakfast 8.30am-10.00am

**Oz Harvest Food Relief** 9.00 am till its all gone

**Playgroup** 0-5 years 9.30am—11.30 am

**Fortnightly Foodies** 11.00am— 12.00pm

**Get Creative Arts & Crafts** 1pm-3pm

**Thurs:** New Parents Group Newborn-Walking Age

10.00am-12.00pm

**Child & Maternal Health Nurse**

9.00am-12.00pm appointments 4084 1200

**Chatty Café**—10am—11:30 downstairs at the Tin Shed.

**Original Book Club (Monthly)**

**Fri:** Boomerang Bags 10:00 am-11.30am

**Page Turners Book Club (Monthly)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NicNak Shed Fashion Parade @ Palmer Sea Golf Club**

Saturday August 13th @ 1.00 pm

Tickets \$50 including Finger Food and a glass of bubbly on arrival. Come in to the NicNak Shed to buy your tickets.

**Tickets available soon, \$50 includes finger food and a glass of champagne.**

**Trip to the Movies & Lunch**

We will be running another trip to the movies to see "Where the Crawdads Sing" as well as lunch on Tuesday 9 August. We will be leaving PDNC at around 8:30 am. Cost to be advised. Please contact Belinda at PDNC on 4099 5518 or [cdwpt@pdnc.org.au](mailto:cdwpt@pdnc.org.au) to register to attend.





The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) provides access to safe, fair and affordable loans up to \$1500 to purchase essential household goods, such as fridges and washing machines, essential education or medical items or to pay for vehicle repairs and registration.

Potential applicants can phone the Centre on 40995518 and follow the prompt to our Microfinance area to make an appointment.

Our NILS Microfinance Worker will also be available each Wednesday at the Mossman Library from 10.00am until 12.30pm.

### Fortnightly Foodies

#### WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

##### INGREDIENTS

- 185g Crushed biscuits
- 90 g melted butter
- 500g cream cheese softened
- 350g condensed milk
- 100g white chocolate
- 1 tbs gelatin powder
- ¼ cup hot water
- ¾ cup cream

Step 1 – sprinkle gelatin over hot water and allow to cool

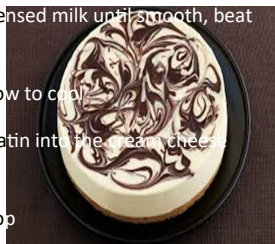
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Step 3 – beat cream cheese and condensed milk until smooth, beat in the cream

Step 4 – Melt white chocolate and allow to cool

Step 5 – beat white chocolate and gelatin into the cream cheese mixture and spoon evenly over base.

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### Angela's Technology Tips

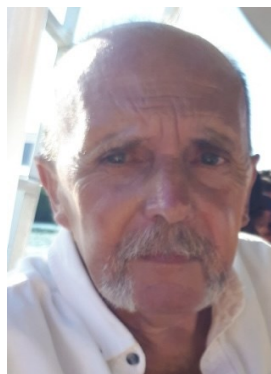
(I find I use this Tip almost every day):

How to restore the last websites you visited on a computer/laptop if you accidentally closed your browser session or turned off your device.

All you have to do is keep pressing the **Ctrl+Shift+T** key combination until all the previously visited pages you wish to restore are back open.



### Volunteer Profile



Peter Drury is the other half of the dynamic duo Pocket Rocket & Patient Pete. Pete is always up for a job whether it be picking up the bread, doing a tip run or picking up various items for the Centre. Peter and Yvonne are originally from Sydney and have been volunteering for the past 2 years. It is a pleasure to have Peter as part of the Neighbourhood Centre Family.

#### **Would you like to be like Peter? Volunteers needed**

We are currently looking for a volunteer to help us keep the NicNak Shed open on Saturday mornings. Working with one of our staff, the role involves serving customers and/or sorting items for sale depending on your interest area.

We are also looking for group leaders for our walking group and our Be Connected to Technology Group. We are also always looking for people who would like to teach others a new skill or facilitate a group.

We welcome new volunteers for all areas of our organisation. Please email [cdwpt@pdnc.org.au](mailto:cdwpt@pdnc.org.au), drop in or call the Centre on 4099 5518.

#### Men's Breakfast

The breaky boys recently went on a fishing trip, we supplied egg and bacon rolls, plenty of snacks and drinks for all on the trip. We still catered for the boys that turned up for the breaky on the veranda and everyone pitched in to keep the morning going smoothly. We had a variety of bait, found prawns and live bait caught that morning worked best. Terry caught the first 2 fish, if you put both nose to tail it would almost be legal (yes they were very small) . Peter caught the third fish, a cod, before we could get the camera it leaped off the line and swam to freedom. It was a great trip on the pontoon boat, plenty of bloke stuff to chat about, we learnt a lot about Dixon Outlet and some history of the boats on the way. Thanks to our volunteers Terry & Peter and our Community Development Worker Geoff for making it a great day.

## Staff News

We are very excited to announce that Tanya Morris has commenced as our new Volunteering Queensland Community Connect Worker. Tanya comes to us with many years experience in the Community Development sector in Douglas Shire and elsewhere. For the next 6 months Tanya will be working across Douglas Shire to promote volunteering, match potential volunteers with roles and provide resources and support to our Local Volunteer Involving Organisations. Drop in and say Hi to Tanya in the Tiny House Monday—Wednesday.



We also welcome Sharon Croxford as a part time receptionist and admin officer to complement our volunteer receptionists. Sharon joins us for a 3 month stint to assist us with our policy and procedure work and to help us to continue to provide a welcome to all our clients.

We welcome Jeanne Priestley as our new NicNak Shed worker. Jeanne will be running the NicNak Shed on Saturday mornings so make sure you come in and say hi between 9 & 12.

Our trainee receptionist Eleanor Griven completed her Certificate 3 in Community Services in record time and has now returned to Yarrabah to be closer to family. We wish Eleanor well in her future endeavours.

Our fabulous Relief Worker, Angela has also decided to move on. You may have met the extremely hard working Angela at the the NicNak Shed or running Playgroup or you may have attended a Be Connected session facilitated by Angela. Thank you Angela, for all your hard work.

## **Work with us - Relief Worker**

We currently seeking a casual relief worker to cover staff leave in our Op Shop and Playgroup throughout the year. This role would involve backfilling on an as needs basis, the following roles:

Children and Parent Support Worker responsible for setting up, supervising and cleaning up after Playgroup and New Parents Group

Retail Employee Level 3 in our Op Shop, the NicNak Shed responsible for customer service, opening and closing, cash handling, sorting donations and working with our volunteers

This is a great opportunity for an adaptable, reliable individual with flexibility and resilience who is interested in blocks of casual work with advance notice and the occasional last minute days of work to cover unplanned absences. This role would suit a person with life experience who is studying, transitioning to retirement or running a part time small business. Paid training will be provided.

The Ability to obtain a Commission for Children, Young People and Child Guardian 'Positive Notice for Working with Children Blue Card' and to gain a First Aid and CPR certificate is essential.

Pay rates are as per the General Retail Industry Award 2010 and the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010.

If you would like to discuss this role please call the Manager on 07 4099 5518.

To apply please send a resume and one page cover letter explaining what you would bring to this role and how it would fit with your current situation to [manager@pdnc.org.au](mailto:manager@pdnc.org.au)

**Applications close at 4pm on Monday 18 July 2022.**

