



We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our centre stands, the Bundjalung nation.



The Centre will be closed between Christmas and New Year.
Services will cease at close of business on Friday Dec 21st, 2012
and resume on Wednesday Jan 2nd, 2013.
PBNC Markets, Opp Shop and Community BBQ will be held on
Sunday Jan 6th, 2013.....see markets story on page 7



our newsletter

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Rockin' The House

More than 100 Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre staff and volunteers once more rocked Pottsville Beach Sports Club with their fab Christmas party, held on December 10. Centre workers performed two special skits, Santa Baby and Hit The Road, Jack, which brought the house down.



Led by Marie, the girls, Erin, Chris and Karen, looked stunning in their red dresses and whirling feather boas, while Drew and Ken amazed the crowd in their tights.



Tom made a very authentic Santa and managed to control sneezing or fainting which may be induced by red boa tickling.

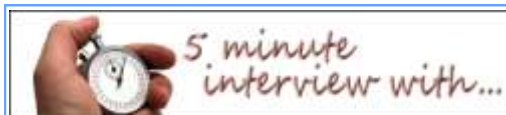


Inspired by this uninhibited display, many partygoers joined performers on the dance floor later and proceeded to whip up a storm to the music of Trevor Rix. With delicious food provided by club caterers, convivial company and plenty of Christmas cheer, everyone was assured of a great night, topping off a very successful and enjoyable year for the centre. **Check out the video on the website.**









Janice

Opp Shop volunteer



Do you have a favourite movie?

I don't watch movies very much, but I just love the TV program **Eastenders** (I am glued to the TV from Monday to Thursday when it's on!)

Do you have a favourite book or author?

Not really - I prefer **puzzle books**.

What famous person would you choose to spend an evening with, and why?

I would choose **Richard Gere**. He is soooo handsome, and I love all his movies with Julie Roberts.

Whom do you admire most?

My partner **Denny**. He is always

there for me - he is my strength and he is also very good to my family.

If you could travel to any country, where would it be and why?

New Zealand. From what I have heard, it's a very scenic place to visit.

What is your favourite food?

Chicken - anything with chicken - just love it!



The happy team of PBNC staff and students on placement

Pictured at the PBNC staff meeting held at the centre in November were (from left): Volunteer Coordinator/ Finance Worker **Julie Watson**, Student on Placement **Troy Johnson**, Centrelink Agency's **Lee Robertson** and **Jo Frater**, Tech Centre Coordinator **Drew Stevenson**, Manager **Angela Maxwell**, Brighter Future's **Ken Johnson**, Caretaker / Honorary Joint Coordinator Opp Shop and Tech Centre **Tom Nolan**, Student on Placement **Libby**, Community Capacity Worker **Karen Hodder**, and **Christine Beck** and **Erin Smith** of Brighter Futures.

Another great AGM

More than 20 people attended PBNC's Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, November 20 in the Reef Room at the centre and were treated to an imaginative, informative PowerPoint presentation about the centre, delivered by Angela, who also presented a very comprehensive and impressive Annual Report.

This was followed by a presentation from Lily featuring Drift, the centre's newsletter, which acts as a record of all the centre's wonderful

accomplishments, features many stories about its workers and provides information on the centre's services and programs.

The Management Committee was then duly elected, with all positions filled, and Tom once again performing the role of Returning Officer with flair.

The governance team is as follows: President - Rhonda James; Vice President - Lily Crockett; Secretary - Chris Warner; Treasurer - Rob Ottery; Public Officer - Lily Crockett;

Ordinary Members - Don Swan, Len Greer and Peter Howell.

Sadly Carol Marshall vacated the secretarial position, which she has held for seven years, and which is now filled by Chris Warner. The rest of the committee was re-elected. Carol Marshall will be missed greatly by all on the committee for her professionalism, experience, efficiency and sense of humour (when needed!) She has agreed to participate on sub-committees as required.

Community development seeds are sown

PBNC supports a diverse range of volunteers and from this field spring current and future community development workers. A skilled and talented pool of retired and semi-retired people make up a

Supporting a student on placement is often regarded as a difficult task and one many centres would be wary of undertaking, but PBNC has waded in to take on nine students this year. The students undertake

couple of groups and assisted with referral and information services. The centre is really living up to its motto -

“linking people and strengthening our community”



considerable portion of the centre’s volunteer workers, but the centre also supports many TAFE students on placement from community service courses and several people on mutual obligation. The centre also mentors young people and offers Work Development Order places.

various special projects. Drew facilitates at the Tech Centre and is assisting with Work Development Orders. Michelle is facilitating meditation sessions for Women’s Circle. Adam has facilitated Stretch-Your-Mind and Troy has just assisted Adam. Jane facilitated a

Students On Placement (from left): Libby, Rena, Troy, Emma, Adam. Other Students On Placement are Michelle, Jane and Karen G.

Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre’s

Women’s Circle

The Women’s Circle meets every fortnight in the Sandbar Room and offers opportunities for women to meet together in a relaxed and supportive environment for a time of inner reflection and friendship. The group’s focus is ‘women supporting women’ in the local community.

Michelle and Lily, the organisers of the group, both share a passionate interest in the benefits of meditation and enjoy creating the space for others to also experience those benefits. As facilitator, Michelle (pictured right) has used meditation as a tool for relaxation and rejuvenation in her own life for a number of years and writes her own meditations which are used in the sessions. A different theme is chosen each fortnight as the intention and direction of the circle.



The afternoon starts at 1pm, when we come together to form our circle. We spend a short time getting to know each other, by way of an informal, relaxed ice-breaker. General information is shared on the benefits of meditation, followed by a guided meditation, some personal reflection and time for a cuppa with a view to friendship at the close.

The circle is worth experiencing as an opportunity to step out of the busyness of life for a tranquil time of peace and relaxation. Bring a sweet, savoury or fruit to share, BYO cushion, bottle of water, shawl or blanket (chairs are also available). Gold coin donation. Tea and coffee are provided by PBNC.

Phone Michelle 0439064813 or Lily 0266 764555 for bookings or with any questions you may have concerning the circle.



PBNC markets - held on the first and third Sunday of each month. In July 2003 PBNC held its first market. It was quite an experience and workers were certainly winging it on the day. Nine years later the markets have been improved and streamlined and today provide a very enjoyable experience for stallholders, regular local patrons, tourists and volunteers alike. Revenue has doubled since our initiation as have the numbers of people attending the markets. The increase in market related revenue has enabled many family and people oriented programs to run at the centre. The ongoing success of our market is attributable to everyone involved, so 'hats off to you all'.

This page is dedicated to Don Dunlop (deceased): a wonderful man who is sadly missed by many.





We miss you, Dave!
It's always sad when a volunteer leaves the centre, but one of the most missed will surely be Dave B.

Dave always dressed appropriately for work and presented a fine example of how to meet WHS (Work Health and Safety) requirements. He was always ready with a smile and a chat, and prepared to take on the next task.

Dave lives in Newcastle and was staying with his uncle, Russell (Uncle Russ), who has been volunteering at the centre for more than a year, and who introduced Dave to PBNC about six months ago.

Dave has been working as a go-between for the Opp Shop

and Maintenance Crew, moving loads up and down the ramp on the new, purpose-built trolley. Dave said he loved helping the women in the Opp Shop, chatting, laughing and working with them, and also loved working with the guys in the maintenance crew.

"I feel happier and more confident now, and really like the work," Dave added when asked about his time at PBNC. "I'd like to find work like this back in Newcastle." Dave also said he might think about coming back to live at Pottsville, and he hopes to return to the centre for working visits.

Come back, Dave, we miss you. Congratulations on a job well done!



A gem of a place

Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre is fortunate to have numerous supporters on various levels in many different areas; association members, management committee, volunteers and staff; all those who use the centre and its services in some capacity; and all those who support the centre in the community work that is achieved here.

With your individual input, collectively we are able to provide a multi-faceted, vibrant neighbourhood centre. The centre extends a huge thank you to all its supporters, far too many to even begin to mention by name, for their valued input to the centre over the past year.

**Thank you, everyone...
and here's to a sparkling and prosperous
New Year!**

what's on at the centre

PBNC ADMINISTRATION

Monday to Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

with Ruth - Reef Room
First Wed each month 2 - 4pm

LIGHT AEROBICS

with Vera - Sandbar Room
Tues 9.15 - 10.15am, Fri 9.15 - 10.15am

OPP SHOP

Monday & Friday	9am - 4pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs	9am - 1pm
Saturday	9am - 1pm
Market Sunday	7am - 1pm

POTTSVILLE PLAYTIME GROUP

Sandbar Room
Monday 10am - 12pm
Thursday 10am - 12pm

**PBNC TECHNOLOGY CENTRE
COMPUTER LESSONS &
INTERNET ACCESS**

Monday & Friday	9am - 1pm
Tues, Wed, Thurs	9am - 5pm

ART AND PLAY

With Emma-Lea - Coral Bay
(next to the Reef Room)
Tuesdays 10 - 11am
Ph. Emma Lea 0434 790 969

STRETCH-YOUR-MIND

Thursday 12.30 - 2.30pm

TOY LIBRARY

Monday to Friday
9.30am - 12.30pm

WORDSFLOW

Rosemary Nissan Wade
Sandbar Room
Friday 12.30 - 3.15pm

**Contact Administration Office
for more details or bookings
(02) 6676 4555.**

**Centrelink
Agency**

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 1.30pm

Applications to join our Association are always welcome - just ask for your application form from one of the friendly front desk crew or call PBNC 6676 4555

Side by Side is a social support group for children and young people with Aspergers and their parents or carers. The group meets during school terms from 1pm on the first Saturday of each month for combined primary and secondary school age, and the third Saturday each month for teens. Contact Debbie or Terry on 6676 0483 for more details

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<p>Technology Centre 9am-1pm</p> <p>Pottsville PlayTime Sandbar Room 10am-12pm</p> <p>Toy Library 9.30am-12.30pm</p>	<p>Technology Centre 9am-5pm</p> <p>Toy Library 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Diabetes Support Group with Ruth (1st Wed each month) Reef Room 2-4pm</p>	<p>Technology Centre 9am-1pm</p> <p>Light Aerobics with Vera Sandbar Room 9.15-10.15am</p> <p>Toy Library 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Pottsville Toddler Tunes & Stories Sandbar Room 10.30am-12pm (in school term)</p> <p>WordsFlow with Rosemary Nissan Wade Sandbar Room 12.30-3pm (in school term)</p>
Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
<p>Technology Centre 9am-5pm</p> <p>Light Aerobics Sandbar Room 9.15am - 10.15am</p> <p>Toy Library 9.30am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Scrabble 10am - 12noon</p>	<p>Technology Centre 9am-5pm</p> <p>Pottsville Playtime Sandbar Room 10am-12pm</p> <p>Stretch Your Mind Reef Room 12.30-2.30pm</p> <p>Toy Library 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>UFO Craft Group Reef Room 9.30am-11.30am</p>	<p>Opp Shop 9am-1pm</p> <p>Side by Side Aspergers Support Group - 1pm See ad above</p>
<p>DANCING WITH NIKKI Freestyle dance classes for pre-schoolers to adults - \$5 per lesson. Contact Nikki on 0417 036 609</p>		Sunday
<p>Tweed Coast U3A conducts classes at PBNC including Quilting, Booklovers and Botany For Inquisitive Gardeners. Phone 0466 355905 or email tweedcoastu3a@gmail.com</p>		<p>Pottsville Beach Markets, Opp Shop (7am-1pm) & Community BBQ - First & third Sunday each month</p> <p>Market dates Jan 6th & 20th, 2013</p>
<p>WOMEN'S CIRCLE Meditation Thurs Jan 10th & 24th, 1-2.30pm Phone Lily 6676 4555 or Michelle 0439 064 813</p>		

