

GRAND OPENING FOR GRAND NEW BUILDING





TWEED
SHIRE COUNCIL



**Tweed Shire Council and Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre
invite you to the opening of the centre's new building**

**on Friday, February 17th, 2012 - from 2pm till 4pm
at Pottsville Beach Neighbourhood Centre, Elizabeth St, Pottsville, NSW.**

PROGRAM	
2:00	Welcome to Country
2:05	Entertainment
2:20	Speeches
2:50	Cutting the ribbon and entertainment
3:10	Afternoon tea and viewing of the new building

RSVP: admin@pottsbnc.ngo.org.au or phone Lily (02) 6676 4555 by Tuesday, January 31st, 2012

Excitement is in the air at PBNC as everyone prepares for the official opening of the new building on Friday, February 17th.

The second stage (main construction) of the new building project has just been completed.

This new building replaces the substantially smaller old admin building and storage garage. It accommodates PBNC's main reception, administration offices and meeting room, staff kitchen and facilities, Centrelink agency, the Brighter Futures program, and counselling rooms in the upper level.

The lower level accommodates the much needed space for recycling second hand furniture, a repair and

refurbishment workshop, storage and shop-floor display areas, and a youth mentoring and training space.

The building was handed over for PBNC's use in mid-January, and those using or visiting it are enjoying the colourful, spacious premises with its natural lighting and cooling.

Volunteers turned their hands to painting and turfing and even undertook the huge task of tiling the downstairs workshop and shop-floor areas to reduce dust from the concrete floor.

Surrounding gardens have been planted by volunteers with local species which are flourishing thanks to their initial health, the rainy weather and ongoing care from volunteers. The plants were donated by Management Committee President, Rhonda.

Come along and celebrate this magnificent joint achievement!

See page 3 for story.

Please phone Lily on 6676 4555 if you will be attending so numbers are known for catering purposes.

PARTY, PARTY PARTY



Amazing is the word which summed up PBNC's recent Christmas party at Pottsville Sports Club.



The volunteers and staff were amazing and the organisation, food and entertainment were amazing according to reports filtering in after the event.



Can't wait
for the
next party



entertainment from the incomparable Wayne Nettle. Wayne soon had the crowd laughing and singing along to many old favourites, such as Shout!, duelling guitars and the unforgettable Itsy Bitsy Yellow Polka Dot Bikini accompanied by his (hidden) band of renown, and various costume changes.

There was also a very special duet from Iris on triangle and Julie on horn and, due to public demand, a short guest appearance from famed local comedian (and PBNC volunteer) Bill—pictured far right with Julie the timekeeper.



THE STORY OF THE NEW BUILDING

PBNC has a bold, modern look since its new building came into operation in mid-January.

The building provides spacious, light, airy, uplifting surroundings for workers, service providers and the community, and looks out onto native gardens and lawn (both products of volunteer labour) and picnic tables.

The project is the result of a successful partnership between Tweed Shire Council (Stage 2 - main construction), PBNC (design and progress participation and a monetary contribution towards all stages) and NSW Premier's and Cabinet Department (Stage 1 and 3), via funding from the Community Building Partnerships' Program - and individuals, including many PBNC volunteers who have devoted their time, expertise and labour to the project.

PBNC's volunteer team has contributed an amazing amount of volunteer labour (a conservative estimate of this 'in kind' value is about \$150—200k and climbing!) This is even more remarkable considering team members are doing all this on top of their usual volunteer work (such as dealing in governance and administration, second hand furniture, gardening, maintenance and the market Sunday community barbeques).

This new outlet will accommodate increased numbers of programs, service providers, workers, volunteers / mentors and participants. The extra spaces will allow for concurrent activities to take place. In particular, outreach services and counselling (by having more than one space at the same time) will reduce waiting time for clients and increase opportunities for immediate cross referral and case work support.

The previous building (containing asbestos), was very small and unsuitable for the delivery of community/social services. The larger, multi-purpose design of the replacement building has superior, safer and more comfortable access for volunteers, workers, participants and clients.

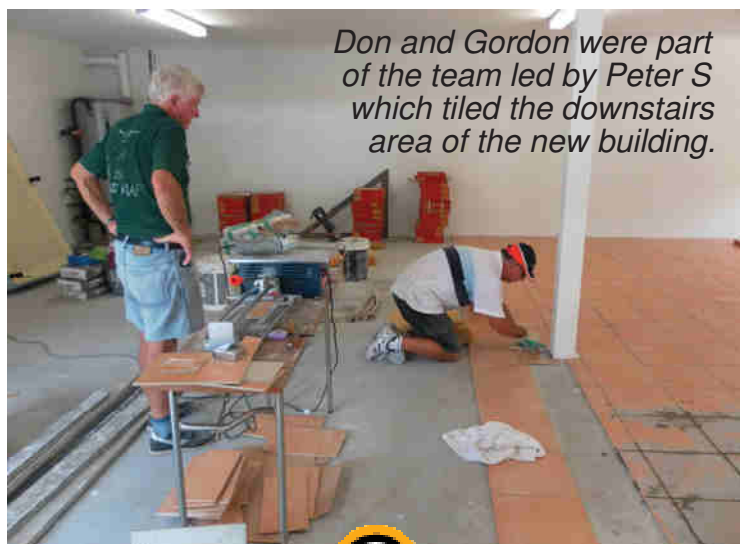
It is anticipated that increased sales from the youth mentoring and recycling program (young people working with seniors to sort, and refurbish / display furniture and household goods for low or no cost to the community, via the opportunity shop), will provide further welcome income to ensure continuity of programs (existing and new) to further build capacity within this community, and to support PBNC's many productive workers.

Have you heard...? 

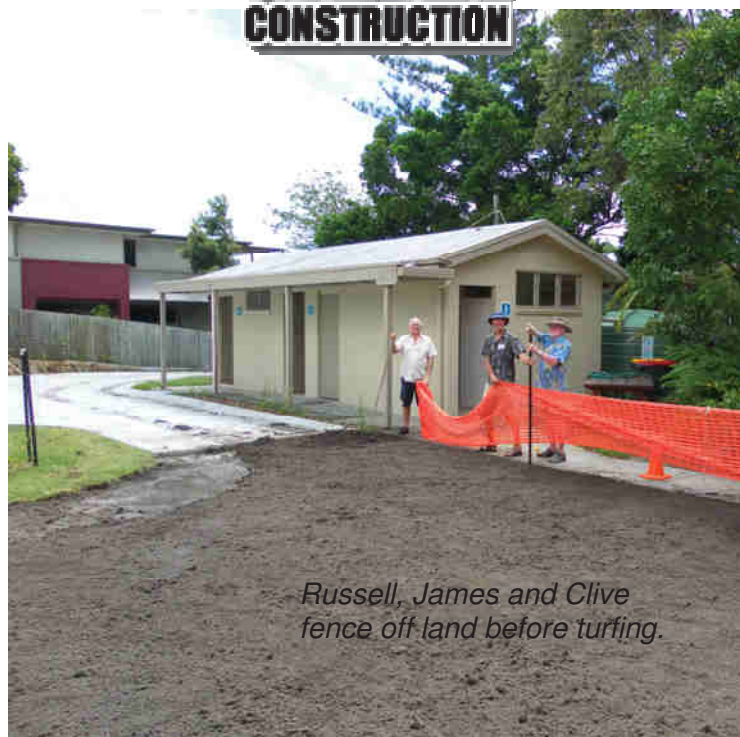
This month PBNC welcomed the following volunteers -

Christine - Admin, **Emma** - Admin, **Sybil** - Admin, **Deb** - Opp Shop, **Pauline** - Admin/Tech Centre, **Fiona** - Tech Centre

Share your news! If you'd like to share some news through this column, tell Julie or Lily at the centre or email lilypbnc@gmail.com



Don and Gordon were part of the team led by Peter S which tiled the downstairs area of the new building.



Russell, James and Clive fence off land before turfing.

Get those fingers tapping on the keyboard or pick up that pen! Let's have some contributions to **InHouse**. If you have any interesting items or information for our wonderful, willing workers and supporters, email it to admin@pottsbnc.ngo.org.au or leave it at the office for Julie or Lily.

Centrelink Agency & PBNC Admin
Monday to Friday 8:30am - 1:30pm

Diabetes Support Group
with Ruth Sandbar Room
(first Wed each month) 2 - 4pm

Light Aerobics
with Vera - Sandbar Room
Tuesday 9.15 - 10.15am
Friday 9.15 - 10.15am

Opp Shop

Monday 9am - 4pm
Tuesday 9am - 1pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Thursday 9am - 1pm
Friday 9am - 4pm
Saturday 9am - 1pm
Market Sundays 7am - 1pm

Pottsville Playgroup

Sandbar Room

Monday 10am - 12pm
Tuesday 10.30am-12.30pm
Thursday 10am - 12pm

Pottsville Toddler Tunes & Stories
Sandbar Room Friday
10.30am - 12pm (during school terms)

PBNC Technology Centre

Computer Lessons & Internet Access

Monday 9am - 1pm
Tuesday 9am - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 6pm
Thursday 9am - 5pm
Friday 9am - 5pm

Richmond Tweed Mobile Library
Friday (restarting 6th Jan 2012)
9.45am-12noon & 1-3pm
Ph 6625 1415

S-t-r-e-t-c-h Your Mind
with Adam
Thursday 12.30 - 2.30pm

Toy Library (free)
Monday to Friday
9:30am - 12:30pm

WordsFlow
Rosemary Nissan Wade
Sandbar Room
Friday 12.30 - 3pm

Membership due: To remain a financial member of the centre for 2012, visit the Admin office to pay your \$2 membership fee. If applying for membership, ask the staff for an application form. **New members always welcome.**

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.

what's on at the centre

Monday

Technology Centre
9am-1pm
Pottsville Playgroup
Sandbar Room
10am-12pm
Toy Library
9.30am-12.30pm

Tuesday

Technology Centre
9am-5pm
Light Aerobics
with Vera
Sandbar Room
9.15-10.15am
Pottsville Playgroup
Sandbar Room
10.30am-12.30pm
Toy Library
9.30am-12.30pm

Wednesday

Technology Centre
9am-6pm
Diabetes Support Group with Ruth
(1st Wed each month)
Sandbar Room 2-4pm
Toy Library
9.30am-12.30pm

Thursday

Technology Centre
9am-5pm
Pottsville Playgroup
Sandbar Room
10am-12pm
Stretch Your Mind
12.30-2.30pm
Toy Library
9.30am-12.30pm

Friday

Technology Centre
9am-5pm
Light Aerobics with Vera
Sandbar Room
9.15-10.15am
Toy Library
9.30am-12.30pm
Pottsville Toddler Tunes & Stories
Sandbar Room 10.30am-12pm (during school term)
Richmond Tweed Mobile Library Service
9.45am-12noon & 1-3pm
(02) 6625 1415
WordsFlow with
Rosemary Nissan Wade
Sandbar Room
12.30-3pm

Saturday

Opp Shop 9am-1pm

Sunday

Pottsville Beach Markets, Opp Shop
(7am-1pm) and
Community Barbeque

First and third Sunday
each month

Market dates
Feb/Mar/April:
February 19th
March 4th & 18th
April 1st & 15th

DANCING WITH NIKKI

This is a brand new program for the centre!

Nikki is conducting high energy freestyle dance classes for pre-schoolers to adults.

Come along and have some fun - it only costs \$5 per lesson.

For more information and class times, contact **Nikki van den Arend** on 0417 036 609.



Contact Administration Office
for more details or bookings
(02) 66 76 4555.