



# RDA Newsletter February 2012

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**CENTRE UPDATE**  
**Property Settlement**  
**Day was**  
**Friday 10th February!**  
**IT'S OURS!!**

## **GROUP RIDES COMMENCE Monday 20th February**

Our regular group rides will commence for 2012 on Monday 20th February. These programs require a lot of assistance so we are hoping to see all our wonderful volunteers again in the lead-up to the 20th for their volunteer training. It's been quite a while since we had the programs running, so we hope you'll still remember what to do!!!! See you all soon.

### **For all Riders and Volunteers....**

You can print off a copy of the 2012 Membership form before you come to the centre from our website, you can pay by EFT, cash or cheque. (No credit card or EFTPOS facilities). Volunteers can also print off a copy of the Blue Card application or renewal form from our website - go to Volunteers, scroll to the bottom of the page to find it. Please check your Blue Card for validity.

### **It's Your Centre - So Get Involved!**

No matter whether you're a parent, teacher, support worker or volunteer, this centre and its benefits will be for EVERYONE, so get involved! If there is a working bee or a fund-raising campaign, we'll be looking forward to your support. If you'd like to find out all our ambitious plans for the future, come along to a function to find out more. Our aim is to have all involved with SCRDA feel a sense of ownership, community and belonging. And that means you can have lots of input into what is designed! Have your say now!!!

Thanks go to the dedicated volunteers (Including 2 new volunteers) who turned up on 2 Tuesdays when the rain was pelting down. Not much outdoors work was accomplished on the first Tues, but a few indoor jobs were completed. On the second Tues, we managed to get a lot done between the showers. Thank you - you know who you were! Gumboots and Drizabones were essential attire!!

Electricity and water should be on before the start of the volunteer training week. Despite having water underground, the old connections are so rusted they keep popping off everytime they are put under pressure. Since all this is happening underground, there's been lots of digging to find the leaks, only to find the next lot! We have given up on the existing water lines and will start afresh.

## National Volunteers Week - May 13 -20

It's always important to recognise and value our wonderful VOLUNTEERS!! This year, depending on funding, we are hoping to organise a Volunteers Awards Dinner, funded by a grant application. At this early stage we are looking at Thursday 17th May and planning on it being held at Nambour RSL. Early efforts to organise it are under way, so watch this space and pencil it in your diaries.

### DIARY DATES

FEB 4 - Saddle Club Sign-On Day  
FEB 4 - Working Bee from 9am  
FEB 6 & 7 - Rider paperwork days 9-12pm  
FEB 10 - Settlement Day  
FEB 11 - Saddle Club starts  
FEB 13 - 17 Volunteer Training Week  
-come along on at least 1 morning  
FEB 14 - Management meeting 1pm  
FEB 20 - Rider programs re-start!  
FEB 25 - AGM from 11am  
MAY 13 - "Sarah's Day"  
MAY 17 - Proposed Volunteer Dinner

### Best Wishes

Our very best wishes go to John Forrest, one of our very dedicated volunteers, who is always on hand at working bees and is a "sounding board" for President Matty. John had a particularly nasty fall requiring him to stay in hospital for a couple of days. He'll be out of action for 8 weeks, but we hope to see him back on deck asap. Also, our best wishes to volunteer Alison Clift who is about to undergo knee surgery.

### PHOTO GALLERY



### Latest Fund-Raisers

PAUL'S COLLECT-A-CAP PROMOTION IS CONTINUING Bring in your caps to the centre during Volunteer Training Week and once programs have started.

You can help us earn \$3000 in one day! We have been asked to hand out election material for John Connelly on 24th March at Mapleton, Yandina, Nambour and Cooroy from 7.45 till 12 and 12 till 4.30.

If you can help us to do one of these shifts in one of these areas, please advise [admin@sunshinecoastrda.com.au](mailto:admin@sunshinecoastrda.com.au) asap. Imagine the amount of sausage sizzles we'd have to do to raise that amount of money!!

PLEASE HELP!!!!

### GroupSpaces

This is a system where all our contacts, newsletter, events, ticketing and payments can all be managed in one place and solve the problem of lost contacts if one's computer crashes. Once we're familiar with the system, you will be able to go to GroupSpaces to change your details if you move or get a new contact number, or delete all your contacts if you wish to unsubscribe, without having to contact the Secretary.

### Tip of the Month - TICK REMOVAL

This is especially good for ticks in "hard to reach places" with tweezers. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15 - 20). The tick will come out on it's own and it will be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away.