

HAMBLEDON HOUSE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Community members participating in the Hambledon House Community Centre Neighbourhood Centre Week celebrations



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# What's On in June

## at Hambledon House Community Centre



### Connect with Others

**Seniors Morning Tea** - Tuesday 2 June 10:00 am - 11:30 am. Bookings essential.

**World Environment Day** - Friday 5 June 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Join us for fun, free activities!

**Seniors Game of Scones** - Friday 12 June 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Free. Everyone 55+ is invited to join. Play Games. Eat Scones. Please let us know if you are attending by calling 4037 2874.

**Community Garden Group** - Every Tuesday 9 am to 11 am. Everyone welcome. BYO hat, sun protective clothing and drink bottle. Call Casey on 4037 2874 for more information.

**Book Club** - Friday 5 June 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Call Casey on 4037 2874 for more information.

**Men's Group Yarning Circle** - Friday 12 and 26 June 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. No matter your mob, come for a yarn! Free food and drinks on the night. No need to RSVP. Call 4037 2874 for information.

**BrekkyNet** - Friday 19 June 7:30 am to 8:30 am. BrekkyNet is a bi-monthly networking event offering professionals from the services sector the opportunity to learn about other local services.

**Healthy for Life for Seniors** - Mondays Group A 10:30 am - 11:30 am. Group B 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Free weekly fitness program. Both Healthy for Life groups are now **fully booked**. Please note **Healthy for Life will not be running on 15 June**.

**Busy Needles**, handicraft group - Fridays 8:30 am - 12:00 pm. Bring your own craft to work on.

**Cairns Stamp Club** - Wednesday 10 June 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Everyone welcome.



### Families with Children

**Family Music Fun with Jaye** from Uplift Music - Mondays 9:15 am - 10:00 am.

**Play Matters Playgroup** - Wednesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am. For families with children 0 - 5 years old. Does not run during school holidays.

**Wuchopperen Play Group** - Thursdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am during school term. Open to all families with children aged 0 - 4 years. Morning tea provided. For information call 4080 1159.



### Learn Something New

**Digital Drop-In** - Wednesdays 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Seniors, learn more about your smartphone or tablet. Laptops not suitable for these sessions.

**Ukulele Class** (adults) - Mondays. Intermediate - 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm (must have completed Beginners class); Beginners class - 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm. Bookings essential: call 4037 2874.

**Community Presentation** by Services Australia - Tuesday 9 June 9:30 am to 12:00 pm (see flyer).



### Community Support

**Lives Lived Well** - Tuesday 9 and 23 June 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. Free counselling and support for people impacted by alcohol and other drugs. Call 1300 727 957 or 0437 742 832 for more information.

**Justice of the Peace** - Last Friday of the Month - 26 June 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. No booking needed.



### Also this Month

**School holiday activities** at various locations. See the School Holiday Program in this newsletter.

# Seniors Activity Schedule



**Digital Drop-In**  
Wednesdays  
1 pm to 2 pm  
Learn more about your smartphone or tablet (No laptops)



**Seniors Morning Tea**  
First Tuesday of the month  
10:00 am to 11:30 am  
Bookings essential



**Game of Scones**  
Second Friday of the month  
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Board games and conversation



**Healthy for Life**  
Mondays  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
Seniors Fitness

Call 4037 2874 to attend  
Hambledon House  
Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway,  
Edmonton



## MISSION AUSTRALIA

# Happy World ENVIRONMENT DAY FRIDAY 5 JUNE

Come & Join us at Hambledon House on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 11:00 -1:00 pm

Activities include: A community flower mandala and a collage of your favourite nature scenes  
If you can please bring flowers and a photo



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## Join our Little Leaps supported playgroup.

Little Leaps is a supported playgroup for kids aged up to 5 years old and their parents or carers. As a supported playgroup, families are encouraged to participate with their children.

Little Leaps is totally FREE to attend.

### Session details

**WHEN:** Wednesday weekly for 8 weeks, starting 29th April

**WHERE:** Act for Kids  
48 Graham St, Edmonton

**TIME:** 09:30 am to 11:00 am

Morning tea provided.  
Please contact us if you need transport



To find out more about the Little Leaps supported playgroup, contact **07 4033 8510**  
[littleleaps@actforkids.com.au](mailto:littleleaps@actforkids.com.au)



## FREE to attend playgroups!

Play Matters has a range of Southside playgroup locations

Play Matters Australia invites you to come along for a free and fun morning of playgroup! Meet new families and other children, enjoy free morning tea, and participate in many developmental activities and experiences.

White Rock State School (Free Food Pantry)  
Mondays 8.30am to 10.30am

Hambledon House Community Centre  
Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am

2 POP-UP Playgroups at a variety of locations across South Cairns from Earlville to Gordonvale

Join our closed Face Book Group @ Play Matters Cairns Southside Playgroups to keep in the loop

For more information, please contact DI 0429 053 187

These Programs are Funded by The Federal Government



**play matters**  
the heart & science of play

# Neighbourhood Centre Week Open Day

Hambledon House Community Centre celebrated Neighbourhood Centre Week with a vibrant Open Day, inviting the community to explore what we do. The event showcased the centre’s wide range of programs, usually delivered across a month, condensed into a day of back-to-back activities.

It was magical seeing everyone and it was an opportunity to ask you what you want to see in your neighbourhood centre. Some of the ideas called for healthy and cultural cooking classes, a home work club, pottery, weaving and so much more. We will try and bring your ideas to life. We want you to shape your community centre. Thank you to the Edmonton Coles team for cooking the sausages. Nothing beats the smell of a sausage sizzle. We appreciate your energy and support.

The community gardening group kept everyone busy with a plant swap, and great gardening ideas with sustainability at the heart and even had recycled milk bottles as mini green houses with seeds for community to take home. We should see a surge in pumpkins in a few months. A recycling art project had everyone with a drill in hand and the end product was a rainbow heart. Where should we hang it?

The Book club inspired the new Book Swap space and invited Deborah Gavranich to talk about her book *The Girl Who Left* - an inspiring story spanning from Croatia to our local cane fields. Talking books, we are supporting the Cairns south community to activate and connect with their neighbours and community through the Street Library movement. Do you want to be part of this?

So much fun, interesting conversations and a warm fuzzy feeling of connection.



# MEN'S GROUP **YARNING CIRCLE**



**When:** Every Friday fortnightly  
12 & 26 June, 10 & 24 July  
**Time:** 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
**Location:** All meet at Hambledon House Community Centre  
177 Bruce Hwy, Edmonton

Men's Yarning Circle is a safe, respectful space where ALL men come together to yarn, listen, support one another, and strengthen connection, culture, and wellbeing.

**For more information**

Call: 4037 2874 Mob: 0474 420 443 or email:  
hambledonhouse@missionaustralia.com.au



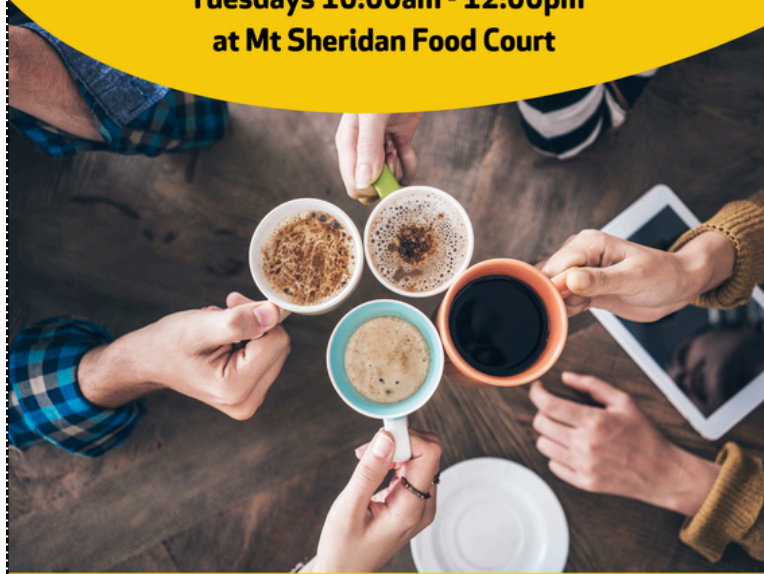
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**Mondays 10:00am - 11:30am**  
at Caffin8 Cafe Gordonvale

**Tuesdays 10:00am - 12:00pm**  
at Mt Sheridan Food Court

have a chat



Chatty cafe is a safe space for everyone in the community. You might live alone or work from home, be a young person, new parent, a grandparent, or be new to your local area. Everyone is welcome.



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# UKULELE CLASS FOR ADULTS



**Beginner class 2:00-2:45pm**  
Every Monday

RSVP required

- **Beginners are welcome**
- **Ukulele provided or bring your own**
- **Small groups**



Hambledon House Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway Edmonton  
07 4037 2874  
hambledonhouse@missionaustralia.com.au



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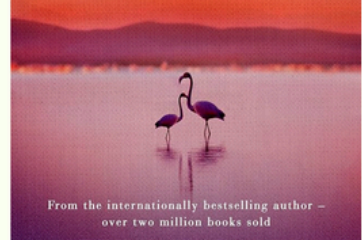
**Next meeting:**  
Friday 5th June  
9.30am

Hambledon House  
Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway  
Edmonton



**KATHERINE SCHOLES**

*The Beautiful Mother*



From the internationally bestselling author – over two million books sold

# BOOK CLUB

Come along to our cozy book nook for Book Club the first Friday of June and chat about this month's book 'The Beautiful Mother' by Katherine Scholes.

If you are interested in joining, we have copies of each month's book available.

If you have any further questions, please contact Casey via email [stuchbery@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:stuchbery@missionaustralia.com.au) Alternatively call the Centre on 4037 2874



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# Early Years Conference

The Cairns Early Years Conference once again brought energy, insight and connection to our region, highlighting the importance of strong supports for children and families during the early years of life. Held every two years at the Cairns Convention Centre, the conference stands as a beautiful example of community organisations and government departments coming together for the benefit of the community. Each day, the conference welcomed 420 to 440 delegates, reflecting a strong and sustained interest from professionals committed to early years outcomes.

At its core, the conference promotes collaboration and evidence-based practice, bringing together educators, health professionals, community workers, volunteers and academics who share a commitment to improving outcomes for children. It also provides a powerful platform for local organisations to showcase their innovative work on a national stage. This year local organisations presenting at the conference included Wuchopperen Health Service and Connected Beginnings, Pacifikai, the Far North Early Childhood Network (FNECN), Mission Australia and Innate Therapies.

In 2009, Mission Australia, through the Australian Government-funded Communities for Children program, alongside Queensland Health, supported the first Cairns Early Years Conference. Since then, the conference has continued to grow, attracting an increasingly broad audience of partner organisations, speakers and delegates. Today, the event has evolved into a significant regional gathering made possible by the dedication of committee members from Mission Australia's Communities for Children Cairns south & Yarrabah, The Benevolent Society, the Department of Education, Act for Kids, Wuchopperen Health Services, Queensland Health, Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services, and The Cairns Institute at James Cook University.

This year's conference was filled with big ideas, inspiring speakers and meaningful conversations—from engaging keynote presentations to valuable connections formed at the Twilight Networking event and a vibrant collaboration space that reinforced the power of working together.

The committee thanks everyone involved in making the conference a success and looks forward to its return in 2028, continuing the shared commitment to giving every child the best possible start in life.

**MISSION AUSTRALIA** | together we stand

 **Queensland Government**

**benevolent** SOCIETY

 **THE CAIRNS INSTITUTE**  
Research in tropical societies

 **Act for kids**

 **Wuchopperen**  
HEALTH SERVICES



# National Reconciliation Week

For Reconciliation Week, Hambledon House Community Centre held an event to build awareness around reconciliation.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, All In, reflects on how we all can contribute to reconciliation through everyday actions, conversations, and relationships.

Through a fun and engaging trivia activity we focused on reconciliation, culture, and shared learning. The event created a welcoming space for connection, conversation, and celebrating the diversity within our workplace and communities.

The day reflected Hambledon House Community Centre's ongoing commitment to reconciliation, inclusion, respect, and cultural understanding.



# Volunteer Week

In celebration of all of our volunteers, a big thank you! You help us everyday! You are amazing! At Hambleton House Community Centre we had a celebration lunch to celebrate all of our volunteers because, the truth is, without you we couldn't do what we do.

Volunteers from Hambleton House Community Centre were joined by volunteers from Douglas House who support the Woodworking Shed, The St Michael's team who support the Monday Food pantry at Gordonvale and emerging volunteers who will be supporting the Men's Group.

If you have ever thought about volunteering come to Hambleton House Community Centre and see what we do. We are always looking for more support especially with driving to help with our Food Pantry collection.



# Communities for Children

## Art For Everyone – Our Story

Lilly and Sarah are two local southside mums who are passionate about arts, crafts, and building a strong community for local families. We believe the southside is a wonderful place to live and raise our children.

We first met through the HIPPY program and quickly discovered a shared passion for creativity, connection, and community involvement. Both already actively volunteering through church and other local community groups, we later connected through the Cairns South Together Community Connectors group and recognised a need for free school holiday activities for children on the southside.

Our activities are designed for children approximately 5–15 years of age and aim to provide fun, inclusive, creative experiences where families can connect. Lilly is a qualified teacher who was already running art classes through her church. Sarah has a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a background in OSHC, so together we decided to combine our skills and experience to offer free activities for southside children and families.

One of our first community activities was at Sugarworld's "Party in the Park," where Lilly and her husband ran sports and face painting activities while Sarah provided craft experiences. As community interest grew, Hambleton House Community Centre generously offered us a welcoming space where families could gather, connect, and learn more about the valuable services available through the centre.

We started small with just a few families attending, but as interest continued to grow, we realised we needed funding support to make the activities accessible to even more families. We successfully applied for Grassroots Funding through Communities for Children Cairns south & Yarrabah, which has allowed us to continue expanding our programs and reach.

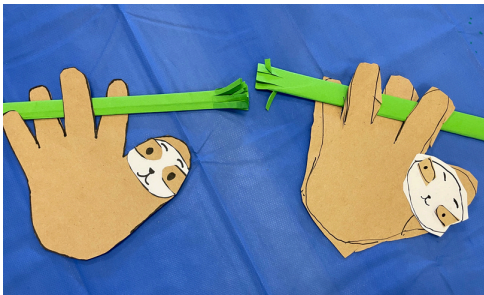
Through our activities, we are also able to share knowledge about the local community, including events, services, and resources available to families on the southside. We aim to offer activities across multiple locations to make them accessible to as many families as possible. Listening to children and families is important to us. We regularly gather feedback from participants about what activities they would like to try and use those ideas to help shape future programs.

Some of our past programs and activities have included art classes, sewing, themed craft including sloth craft, sausage dog craft, axolotl craft, recycled craft, sand, seed and stone activities, robots and STEM, healthy eating and sport, community garden activities, and bubble workshops.

These school holidays, we are excited to be planning community craft activities along with light and shadow playground experiences.

We have also been involved in or are currently working on a range of community projects and events including:

- Disc golf activities
- Children's Festival
- Gordonvale Carols
- Child and Youth Markets
- Cairns South Together Heart Sculpture Trail




We are incredibly grateful to Communities for Children for their funding and ongoing support. We love being involved in our community and appreciate all the wonderful families we have met along the way. Follow us on Facebook at Art For Everyone.


# June/July

# School Holidays

Free!

Location:  
**Hambledon House  
 Community Centre**  
 177 Bruce Highway  
 Edmonton  
 To Book  
 Call 4037 2874

**Monday  
 29 June**  
Big Musical Brain \*^  
Workout  
 9:00 am - 10:00 am  
 Ages 0 - 5 yrs  



**Tuesday  
 30 June**  
Big Musical Brain  
 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
 Ages 6 - 12 yrs \*^  


**Wednesday  
 1 July**  
Tie Dye Time \*  
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
 All Ages 6+

**Thursday  
 2 July** \*^  
Community Craft  
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Ages 5 - 15 yrs  



**Monday  
 6 July**  
Big Musical Brain  
Workout \*^  
 9:00 am - 10 am  
 Ages 0 - 5 yrs  


Location:  
**7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist  
 Church**  
 Edmonton  
 Call 0420 653 779

**Wednesday  
 8 July** \*^  
Shadow & Light Playground  
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Ages 5 - 15 yrs  


**Wednesday  
 8 July** \*^  
Shadow & Light Playground  
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Ages 5 - 15 yrs  


**Thursday  
 9 July** \*^  
Shadow & Light Playground  
 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Ages 5 - 15 yrs  


**Thursday  
 9 July** \*^  
After Glow  
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
 Ages 10 to 16 yrs  


Location:  
**Sugarworld  
 Gardens**  
 To Book  
 Call 0483 220 734

**Thursday  
 2 & 9 June**  
Camping Experience ^  
 Sugarworld Gardens  
 9 am - 1 pm  




Community Craft



Tie Dye Time

\* Bookings essential ^ Parents required to stay



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**Communities FOR CHILDREN**  
Calms South & Yarrabah

**Uplift MUSIC**

# The **BIG** Musical Brain Workout

Monday 29th June & Monday 6th July  
9:00 - 10:00am  
0-5 Years

Tuesday 30th June  
9:30 - 11:00am  
6-12 Years

For more information and to request a copy of the registration form  
Email: [jaye@upliftmusic.com.au](mailto:jaye@upliftmusic.com.au)  
Phone: 0409 890 797

Join us at Hambleton House Community Centre

There is no cost to attend however registration is required.  
Parents / Carers are to remain onsite for the duration of the session.

Did you know that when you listen to or play music it lights up nearly every part of your brain!

Come along and join in music making, singing, instrument play and music challenges.

Register now and give us your song suggestions!

# TIE-DYE TIME

## Craft Workshop

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON EXPLORING OUR EMOTIONS THROUGH COLOUR & TIE-DYE ART**

When: 1:00 - 3:00 pm Wednesday 1 July 2026  
Where: Hambleton House Community Centre, 177 Bruce Highway Edmonton

Free for kids - All ages from 6+  
Bookings essential, via reception or call 4037 2874



# FREE COMMUNITY CRAFT EVENT!

CREATE. CONNECT. SPREAD KINDNESS.

A fun, creative event for CHILDREN AGED 5-15 & FAMILIES!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

- STREET LIBRARIES**  
Decorate mini libraries to share books and inspire our community!
- FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS**  
Make bracelets for friends, family, or someone new!
- KINDNESS ROCKS**  
Paint rocks with kind messages to brighten someone's day!
- AND MORE!**  
Cards, bookmarks, decorations and other creative fun!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 10 am - 12 pm Bookings essential  
Contact [hambletonhouse@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:hambletonhouse@missionaustralia.com.au) or 4037 2874

Hambleton House Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton



# SHADOW & LIGHT PLAYGROUND

CRAFT \* ART \* LIGHT \* PLAY \* IMAGINE

SHADOW PUPPETS • GLOW IN THE DARK PAINTING • SLIME • LIGHT TABLE • SHADOW FREEZE • FREE PLAY

FREE School Holiday Fun!!  
Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12pm or 4pm-6pm  
Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 12pm  
Seventh Day Adventist Hall, 57 Thomson Street, Edmonton

Bookings Essential  
Art For Everyone on FB  
or Sarah 0420 653 779





## Join us these School Holidays

# CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Set up camp, play some games, relax, try magnetic fishing, toast a marshmallow!

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 9am - 1pm  
The Raintrees @ Sugarworld Gardens

**For Residents of Cairns South and Yarrabah**

**Free Family Event** Drop in anytime from 9am till 1pm  
Where: The Raintrees, Sugarworld Gardens  
Ages: 5-12 but younger or older siblings welcome

This is a stay and play event, not a drop off service with caregivers required to stay with children

Join our playworkers for a morning of family connection at the beautiful Sugarworld gardens

For more information scan the QR code or visit the [FNO Nature Quest Facebook page](#) and go to events




info@fnqnaturequest.com  
0483 220 734




# poppers and popstars

**FREE**

2-day school holidays workshop for children aged 6-12 yrs with separated parents or families

Including fun games and activities, arts and crafts, and a chance to make new friends!

Dates: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 9am - 3pm  
Location: Hambledon House Community Centre

For further information or to register, please contact us on 4041 6063 or [fnqchildcounsellors@raq.org.au](mailto:fnqchildcounsellors@raq.org.au)  
Last referrals by Monday 22nd June

Jessica and Rishita  
Supporting Children after Separation Program



# AFTER GLOW

CREATE. EXPRESS. GLOW.

- GLOW IN THE DARK PAINTING
- BODY ART
- SHADOW PUPPETS
- LIGHT TABLE
- SHADOW FREEZE & MORE

JUST GOOD VIBES.

UNPLUG. BE CREATIVE. BE YOU.

ART • LIGHT • MUSIC • FRIENDS • FREE PLAY  
COME AS YOU ARE. LEAVE GLOWING.

FREE School Holiday Fun!!

Thursday July 9th Ages 10 - 15 4 pm - 6 pm  
Seventh Day Adventist Hall, 57 Thomson Street, Edmonton



Bookings Essential  
Art For Everyone on FB  
or Sarah 0420 653 779




Partnering with



more info on facebook 

# SUPPORT OUR CHILD & YOUTH MARKETEERS





## Sunday 5 July 10am - 1pm



# News from the community

## A Review of the Edmonton Men's Shed 2026

Hidden away on Thompsons Road - down towards the Speedway, stands the proud premises of your local Men's Shed. Put together by a devoted nucleus of local retired and not so retired, enthusiastic men, from within mostly the local Edmonton area, it all came together officially forming and opening about 2014. Steered by these various "tradies and business skilled men" and with grants from Cairns City and other local business people, plus acceptance by Queensland Mens Shed Association, membership gradually has strengthened to the current 35 men.

The members meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week, as many and as few that can attend, sharing camaraderie, a cuppa, a chat, plus using the variety of donated / grant claimed - mainly woodworking tools - with the enclosed workshops.

Members attend to repairs of community based organisations equipment, make and complete furniture repairs, design and make for sale speciality furniture, attend deceased estate cleanups - assisting families with disposal of surplus tools and equipment and tools. Members and proposed "new Members" all participate in safety and safe use of Shed tools and equipment, plus members assist one another with plant operation, assembly and product finish.

The Shed members are very thankful to Cairns businesses for their ongoing support, substantial donations of materials and equipment enabling the older members to reacquaint themselves with updated techniques and a feeling of regaining their place as part of an ongoing useful society member.

New members are always welcome - come visit the Shed, meet our team and share what you can offer as well as integrate with what our Shed members can offer you. It doesn't cost much, mainly a bit of your valuable time and input of your expertise to the already Shed members varied trades and projects. it is NOT compulsory, you come along when you can. As a member, while on the Shed premises and or when doing a Shed related project / BBQ etc you are fully insurance covered.

Looking forward to seeing a few new faces over the coming season. We are here to support one another.

Col - your friendly current Pres.



## THE EDMONTON MEN'S SHED NEEDS YOU !!

Are you interested in joining the Edmonton Men's Shed?

A group of local blokes are involved in the operation of this community facility at 1151 Thomson Road, Edmonton.

(Look for two grey sheds on left-hand side on the way to speedway & boat ramp, approx. 1.5km's east from Edmonton traffic lights)

We are always on the lookout for new members!

If you would like to find out more, feel free to visit,  
or phone 0447 014 942

email: edmontonmensshed@gmail.com

Mail: PO Box 387 Edmonton Q 4869

Shed opening hours:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12.00 - 3.30 pm approx.

More information on Australian Men's Sheds can be found  
at:

[www.mensshed.org](http://www.mensshed.org) or [www.qldmensshed.org](http://www.qldmensshed.org)

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# OPEN PRAYER & COMMUNITY CONNECT

Hearts United in Prayer, Hope, and Faith

TUESDAYS FR T NIGHTLY

9 & 23 JUNE

7 & 21 JULY

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

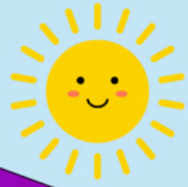
Join us at Hambledon House Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway Edmonton

Phone: 4037 2874

Mob: 0474 420 443

[GelaD@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:GelaD@missionaustralia.com.au)

EDMONTON  
COMMUNITY  
KINDERGARTEN



ENROL NOW

## Limited spots available in 2026



### CONTACT US

4055 4402

[admin@edmontonkindy.com.au](mailto:admin@edmontonkindy.com.au)

Edmonton Community Kindergarten

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# COMMUNITY PRESENTATION



A Services Australia Financial Information Service Officer will provide information about:

### Accommodation Options

- Staying in your current home
- Living in a retirement village
- Downsizing
- Renting
- Living with family



Date: 9 June 2026

Time: 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Hambledon House Community Centre  
177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton

To book or for more information call: 4037 2874



Hambledon State Primary School

Join in at our Pop-Up Playgroup!

### Join a Pop-Up Playgroup today!

Play Matters Australia invites you to come along for a free and fun morning of playgroup!

**Time:** 9.00am-11.00am

**Day:** Tuesday, 2nd June 2026

**Place:** Hambledon State primary School -Stokes St Edmonton

**Cost:** Free, with morning tea included

#### For more information:

Join our closed Facebook group: @Play Matters Cairns Southside Playgroup, or contact Di 0429 053 187 Look for us on Facebook @ PlayMatters Cairns Southside Playgroups



# News from the community

## Matt Smith MP – Member for Leichhardt

Great to check in with everyone on the South side. I hope everyone had a relaxing Easter holiday break, although it feels a long time ago already! I've been working hard, advocating for the Far North this past month, both across the region and also down in Parliament House. The good news is that Jim Chalmers the Treasurer handed down his Federal Budget mid-May and we have received some significant investment in the region.

The biggest news is that there is a national Local Infrastructure Fund of \$2 Billion announced, of which \$500 million will be specifically targeted for the regional areas of Australia – this money will be used to subsidise roads, sewerage, connectivity and everything necessary to prepare sites on which to build new houses. Only a couple of days later, the Treasurer also announced an additional \$190 million specifically to target Mount Peter and encourage growth along the Cairns South corridor. This is a massive vote of confidence in the Far North, so that by 2034 there will be over 13,000 new build homes across the South side, welcoming an estimated 42,000 new residents. Even better, 5,000 of those plots will be exclusively available for first time buyers, so it's going to present some really great opportunities for young couples and families looking to get their first home.

I'm very excited to see this whole new suburb shoot up over the course of the next decade, and of course with it will come new jobs, opportunities and families that will grow up proudly calling the Far North their home. There has also been an extension in the continuation of funding for Yellow Crazy Ants Eradication, which we know has been a significant issue in our southern suburbs for a number of years. This means, the crew at Wet Tropics Management Authority are able to continue the great work they have done already, to remove this invasive species from our area.

The Edmonton Urgent Care Clinic has been going from strength-to-strength delivering essential health care for folks on the South side, and the Budget has now funded both of our Urgent Care Clinics to remain permanently as part of Medicare. Labor recognises the importance of Medicare and its significant role keeping all of us as healthy as possible. With 53 fully Bulk Billed general practices across the electorate, the two (permanent) Urgent Care Clinics, a walk-in Medicare Mental Health Clinic on Mulgrave Road and cheaper prescriptions for all, the government is doing everything in our power to look after every Australian's health, both inside and out.

I always value hearing your voices, and if you want to get in touch with my team at any time, you can call my office on 07 4051 2220, email [matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:matt.smith.mp@aph.gov.au) or feel free to pop into the office at 200 Mulgrave Road.

If you want to follow my movements more closely you can find me online at my website [MattSmithMP.com](http://MattSmithMP.com) or my social media feeds "Matt Smith MP" across Facebook and Instagram. Until the next time, look after one another and I'll look forward to catching up again with you soon.



# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.

**When:** Tuesday 2nd June

**Where:** Hambledon House Community Centre

**Time:** 10:00am - 11:30am

**Details:** Guest speaker Sandra from Cancer Council.

Collaborating monthly Seniors Morning Tea.

RSVP required.

[biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://biggestmorningtea.com.au)



Hambledon House Community Centre

## FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Supporting the vulnerable  
in Cairns South

Help us help others

All non-perishable donations welcome such as:

- Canned fruit or vegetables
- Soup, spaghetti, baked beans and canned meat
- Rice and noodles
- Lunch box items and spreads
- Breakfast cereal, crackers
- Long-life milk

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED IN TO  
HAMBLEDON HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
177 BRUCE HIGHWAY EDMONTON  
CALL 4037 2874 FOR INFORMATION

THANK YOU

MISSION  
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# SOUTH SIDE CELEBRATION

Save the Date!  
4 September 2026

2:00 pm to 5:30pm

Ravizza Park, Edmonton

- ★ Bouncing Castles
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Family Entertainment
- ★ Stage Program
- ★ Sausage Sizzle
- ★ Information Stalls

Do you work with people (of any age!) that can sing, play an instrument, dance, juggle or recite poetry? Perhaps you have a band, choir or other performers that would like to perform on the Ravizza Park stage? Email Janelle: [simj@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:simj@missionaustralia.com.au) or call 4037 2874.

## BrekkyNet

# 19 June 2026

You are cordially invited to the  
June 2026 BrekkyNet

Guest speaker: Wayne Morden, Business Manager from  
STEPS Group

**WHEN: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

Where: Hambledon House Community Centre,  
177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton

RSVP: Contact Janelle on 4037 2874 or  
[simj@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:simj@missionaustralia.com.au)  
by 12 June 2026

RSVP early to ensure your space. Numbers are limited.





Wuchopperen Play Group.  
 Every Thursday  
**Hambledon House - Edmonton**  
 9:30 - 11:30am  
 Kids 0 - 4 years  
 All children welcome.

Each week Wuchopperen offers  
 Playgroup activities:  
**Tuesday** - Wuchopperen Manoora  
**Thursday** - Hambledon House -  
 Edmonton  
**Friday** - Cairns West State School



Wuchopperen  
 HEALTH SERVICE LTD  
*Keeping Our Generations Growing Strong*

# playgroup

**TUESDAY**  
 1.30-2.30PM

**YARRABAH KNOWLEDGE CENTRE  
 LIBRARY**

**Come and join us**

- Play
- Social
- Information
- Friendship
- Support
- Air conditioning
- Food

Contact Latoya @ Wugu P: 40 560 500 | Dulcie @ YKC P: 40 569 120

## WE NEED MORE UNDER 9s & UNDER 11s TO SIGN UP!

**MORE MATES**  
 BIGGER TEAMS, MORE FUN

**MORE GAME TIME**  
 MORE PLAYERS, MORE OPPORTUNITIES

**BE PART OF THE SUNS**  
 A CLUB. A COMMUNITY. A FAMILY.

**OUR FUTURE. OUR CLUB.**  
 LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

**BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME!**  
 UNDER 9s BORN 2016 & 2017  
 UNDER 11s BORN 2014 & 2015

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

DM US OR CONTACT OUR CLUB FOR MORE INFO | FOLLOW US TO STAY UP TO DATE!



**DJARRAGUN COLLEGE**  **CAPE YORK GIRL ACADEMY** 

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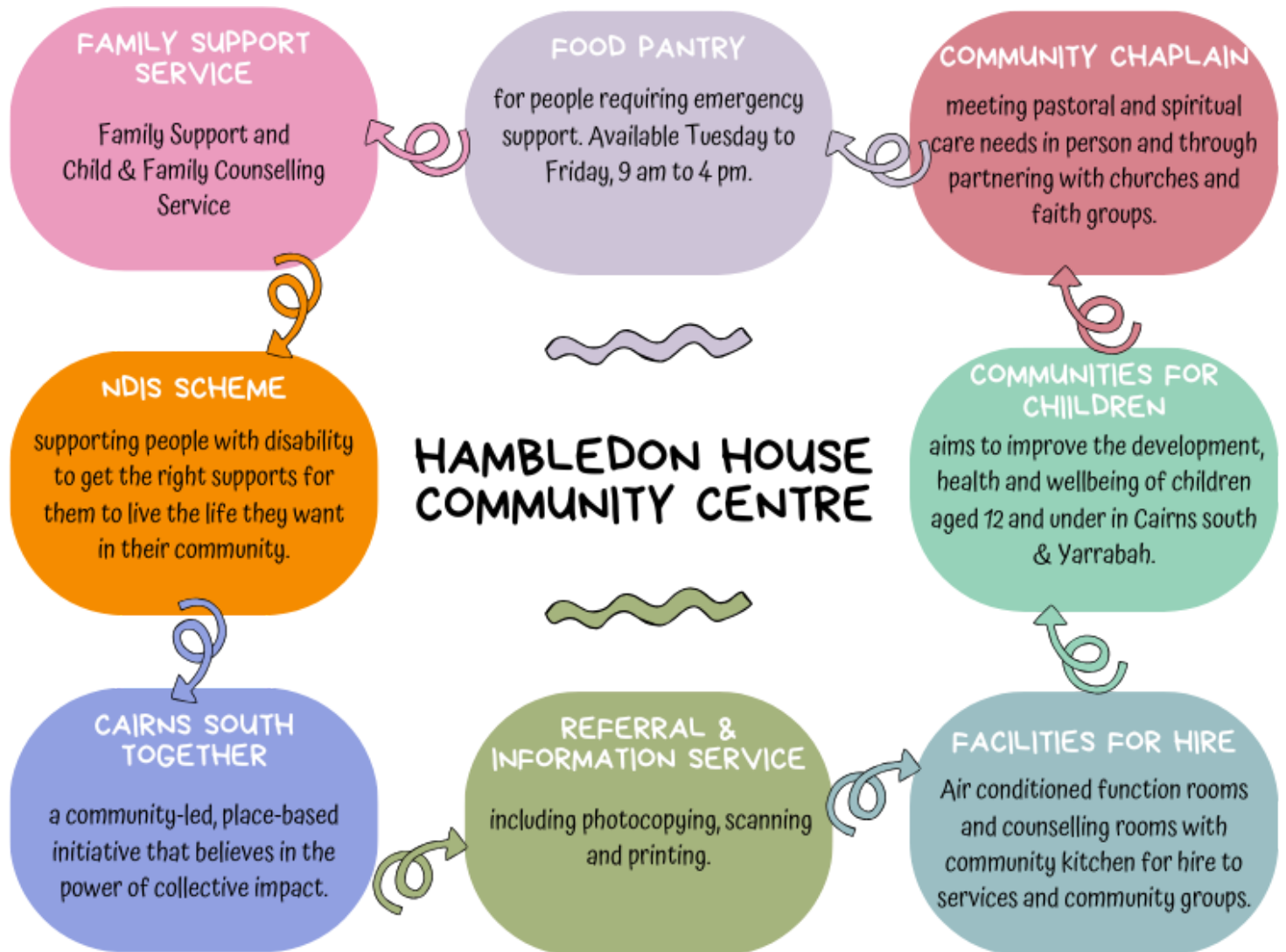
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## Services and Supports at the Centre



More information can be found at [www.hambletonhouse.com.au](http://www.hambletonhouse.com.au) or by calling 4037 2874 between 9.00am and 4.00pm

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Food pantry

Available at the following locations:

<p><b>Hambleton House Community Centre</b> 177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm Phone: 4037 2874</p>	<p><b>Gordonvale Early Years Centre</b> 33 Sheppards Street, Gordonvale Thursday 1 pm - 4 pm Phone: 4034 6800</p>	<p><b>Saint Michael's Catholic Church</b> Gordonvale Community Hall, Cannon Street, Gordonvale Mondays 9 am - 12 pm Phone: 4037 2874</p>
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# CONTACT US

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[www.hambledonhouse.com.au](http://www.hambledonhouse.com.au)

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
 Closed 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm week days and closed weekends and public holidays

## Staff

Program Manager: Tom  
 Program Coordinator: Sally  
 Community Engagement Officer: Janelle  
 COF Community Engagement Facilitators: Robbie and Andrew  
 Community Development Officer: Casey  
 Community Chaplain: Daniel  
 CfC Contract and Service Development Officer: Liz  
 Case Manager: Chae  
 Child and Family Counsellor: Jessica  
 Administration Officer: Fiona  
 Administration Officer: Aki  
 Casual Admin Support: Sarah  
 Volunteers: Kathy, Helen, Anna, Wendy, Val, Lynne, Jude, Robin, Lisa, Yvonne, Kozo, Priscilla, Hayley, Pam and Dixie

## External Services

QLD Health 24 Hr Mental Health	1300 64 22 55
Kids Helpline (24/7)	1800 55 1800
Gambling Helpline (24/7)	1800 858 858
Relationships Australia (9-5pm)	1300 364 277
Beyond Blue	1300 224 636
SANE (10 am - 10 pm weekdays)	1800 187 263
Mensline (24/7)	1300 789 978
Parentline (8 am - 10 pm)	1300 30 1300
DV Connect (Women's line 24/7)	1800 811 811
DV Connect (Men's line 24/7)	1800 600 636
Lifeline (24/7)	13 11 14
Q Life (3 pm - 12 am)	1800 184 527
Standby (Cairns) (24/7)	0407 490 005
Suicide Call Back Service	1300 659 467
Alcohol Drug Info Service (24/7)	1800 177 833
Poison Info Life (24/7)	13 11 26
QSTARS (tenancy advice)	1300 744 263

## Online information and chats

Black Dog Institute: [www.blackdoginstitute.org.au](http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au)  
 Beyond Blue: [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)  
 Headspace online chat: [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au)  
 Reachout: [www.reachout.com](http://www.reachout.com)  
 Parentline: [www.parentline.com.au](http://www.parentline.com.au)

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# JUNE 2026

## AT HAMBLEDON HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1 FAMILY MUSIC FUN</b> 9:15 am - 10 am <b>HEALTHY FOR LIFE*</b> 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <b>UKULELE WORKSHOP</b> 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>2 COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP</b> 9 am - 11 am <b>SENIORS MORNING TEA*</b> 10 am - 11:30 am	<b>3 PLAYGROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am <b>DIGITAL DROP-IN</b> 1 pm - 2 pm	<b>4 WUCHOPPEREN PLAY GROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>5 BUSY NEEDLES</b> 8:30 am - 12 pm <b>BOOK CLUB</b> 9:30 am - 10:30 am <b>ENVIRONMENT DAY</b> 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
<b>8 FAMILY MUSIC FUN</b> 9:15 am - 10 am <b>HEALTHY FOR LIFE*</b> 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <b>UKULELE WORKSHOP</b> 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>9 COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP</b> 9 am - 11 am <b>LIVES LIVED WELL</b> 9:30 am - 1:30 pm <b>OPEN PRAYER</b> 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>10 PLAYGROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am <b>DIGITAL DROP-IN</b> 1 pm - 2 pm <b>STAMP CLUB</b> 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>11 WUCHOPPEREN PLAY GROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>12 BUSY NEEDLES</b> 8:30 am - 12 pm <b>GAME OF SCONES</b> 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <b>MEN'S GROUP</b> 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
<b>15 FAMILY MUSIC FUN</b> 9:15 am - 10 am <b>HEALTHY FOR LIFE*</b> Cancelled <b>UKULELE WORKSHOP</b> 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>16 COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP</b> 9 am - 11 am	<b>17 PLAYGROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am <b>DIGITAL DROP-IN</b> 1 pm - 2 pm	<b>18 WUCHOPPEREN PLAY GROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>19 BREKKYNET</b> 7:30 am - 8:30 am <b>BUSY NEEDLES</b> 8:30 am - 12 pm
<b>22 FAMILY MUSIC FUN</b> 9:15 am - 10 am <b>HEALTHY FOR LIFE*</b> 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <b>UKULELE WORKSHOP</b> 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>23 COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP</b> 9 am - 11 am <b>LIVES LIVED WELL</b> 9:30 am - 1:30 pm <b>OPEN PRAYER</b> 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>24 PLAYGROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am <b>DIGITAL DROP-IN</b> 1 pm - 2 pm	<b>25 WUCHOPPEREN PLAY GROUP</b> 9:30 am - 11:30 am	<b>26 BUSY NEEDLES</b> 8:30 am - 12 pm <b>JP SERVICE</b> 11 am - 1 pm <b>MEN'S GROUP</b> 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
<b>29 FAMILY MUSIC FUN</b> 9:15 am - 10 am <b>HEALTHY FOR LIFE*</b> 10:30 am - 11:30 am 11:30 am - 12:30 pm <b>UKULELE WORKSHOP</b> 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm	<b>30 COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP</b> 9 am - 11 am			

\*Bookings required

## IMPORTANT DATES

1- 30 June	Pride Month	14 -20 June	Refugee Week: A Million Stories
3 June	Mabo Day	20 June	Refugee Day
5 June	World Environment Day	21 June	International Day of Yoga
7 June	World Food Safety Day	21 June	World Music Day
8 June	World Oceans Day	26 June	Last day of Term Three
15 - 21 June	Men's Health Week	27 June - 12 July	School holidays