



"The Meeting Place"
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Upcoming Events & activities:

Mural Project: Thursdays
3.30-5pm at the shopping
centre.

Kids homework group:
Mondays 3:30 - 5pm at the
cottage.

**Taree & District Preschool
Playgroup:** Contact -
Wendy Shoemith 6552
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**Enter our Xmas Hamper
Draw (see over) - FREE.**
Drawn December
between 3.30- 5pm.

PCYC mobile activity van
in Ruprecht Park Tuesday
13th & Thursday 15th from
early afternoon.

'The Meeting Place' Newsletter



Christmas 2008

Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services Inc.

Christmas at the Cottage!

With Christmas fast approaching there is no better time to get into the Christmas Spirit.

There will be a Christmas Party on 15 December 3:30 - 5pm at 'The Meeting Place'.

There will be a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus - with lollies for the kids.

The SES will attend and there will be

A BBQ and goodies for the kids as well as Christmas Hampers to be won.

So come along and join in the Xmas Cheer.



Christmas Cake Recipe!

If you're after an old-fashioned Christmas cake, look no further.

Preparation Time: 30 minutes, **Cooking Time:** 180 minutes

Ingredients (serves 20)

- 510g (3 cups) sultanas
- 265g (1 1/2 cups) Sunbeam flame raisins
- 155g (1 cup) currants
- 150g (1 cup) pitted dates, finely chopped
- 1 x 100g pkt red glace cherries, quartered
- 75g (1/2 cup) Ocean Spray raisins
- 75g (1/2 cup) dried pineapple, finely chopped
- 50g (1/4 cup) mixed peel
- 185ml (3/4 cup) brandy
- 2 tsp finely grated orange rind
- Melted butter, to grease
- 250g butter, at room temperature
- 200g (1 cup, firmly packed) brown sugar
- 4 eggs
- 300g (2 cups) plain flour
- 2 tsp mixed spice
- Blanched almonds, to decorate
- Red glace cherries, extra, halved, to decorate
- 2 tbs brandy, extra

Method

Combine sultanas, raisins, currants, dates, cherries, raisins, pineapple, mixed peel, brandy and orange rind in a large bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and set aside, stirring occasionally, for 2 days to macerate. Preheat oven to 150°C. Brush a round 22cm (base measurement) cake pan with melted butter to lightly grease. Line the base and side with 3 layers of non-stick baking paper.

Use an electric beater to beat butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well between each addition until just combined. Add butter mixture to fruit mixture and stir to combine. Add flour and mixed spice and stir until well combined. Spoon into prepared pan and smooth the surface. Lightly tap pan on benchtop to release any air bubbles. Arrange almonds and cherries on top of the cake.

Bake in oven, covered with foil, for 2 hours 40 minutes to 3 hours or until a skewer inserted into centre comes out clean. Drizzle hot cake with extra brandy. Set aside to cool before turning out.

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Mural Project

The Mural Project will be continuing for the next few weeks at the shopping centre in Mudford St.

The Mural Project is an MVNS project to work with local youth in positive ways. Children between the ages of 10 - 16years are invited to come along on Thursdays between 3:30 - 5pm at the shopping centre to help paint a Mural which will then be displayed at the shopping centre.

Kids Homework Group

The Kids Homework Group operates at the cottage every Monday afternoon 3:30 - 5pm.

As well as access to computers for students needing computer access to complete assignments or homework, there are indoor and outdoor activities and afternoon snacks

Local indigenous artist, Serge Morecombe and local TAFE art teacher Bianca van de Straat are on hand to offer assistance as well as other service providers from the community. Some afternoon tea is provided so come along and say gday!

provided.

Sometimes guest speakers are invited to talk about issues that may be of relevance or interest to the kids.

This group is open to all children who live on the estates serviced by the cottage.

Taree & District Preschool Playgroup

Taree & District Preschool Playgroup is now running a playgroup out of the cottage every fortnight.

For further information please contact Wendy Shoesmith on 6552 5088.

Enter the Draw to Win a Xmas Hamper

Xmas Prize Draw

Enter your name into an entry box at the cottage for the chance to win a Xmas food hamper. There will be two prizes both valued at \$100.

You will need to put your entry into the box on the day.

You must be present at the

Christmas party at 'The Cottage' on 15 December to collect your prize.

To enter simply tear off the section below, complete your details & pop it in the box.

Xmas Hamper Draw Entry Form

Name:
Address:
Contact No:

Entry into the Draw is FREE
All prizes will be drawn on 15th December between 3:30 & 5pm
You must be present at the Draw to collect your prize.