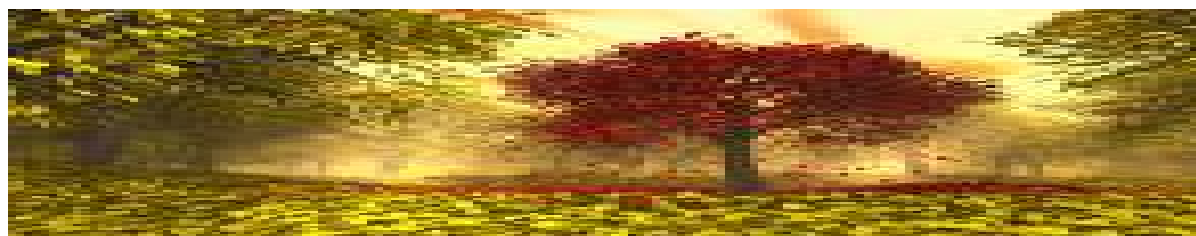




# THE 'NEIGHBOURHOOD COTTAGE AT MARJORIE ST' NEWSLETTER

March 2010

## AUTUMN AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COTTAGE



### Have your electricity and water bills gone through the roof recently?

Come along to a **FREE** session and learn ways to **SAVE** on electricity and water bills.

This session will run for 2 hours on  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**10am - 12noon at 22 Marjorie St**  
(a light morning tea and lunch will be provided).

Bookings for this session are **ESSENTIAL**.  
They will be held at 22 Marjorie St.  
Phone **6553 5121** to book your place.

### SAFETY FOR SENIORS

Do you want to find out ways to make yourself and your home safer?

Come along to our **FREE** session which will take you through a number of ways to achieve this.

**When: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**Where: 22 Marjorie St 10am - 12noon**  
Morning tea provided.

Guest speakers include: Ambulance, Fire Service, Police and Centrelink

**Phone 6553 5121** to book your place!

### Seniors Week Event

Supported by Housing NSW

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**

**Morning Tea -**

**Come and join us!**

A warm invitation is extended to all Seniors residents of the estate to attend this function at **22 Marjorie Street**. Please **RSVP to 65535121** & also indicate if you would need transport to the venue

### Wellness for Women Program

Do you live on the housing estate?  
Ladies - want to learn more about yourself and your health?

Come along to our information session at the cottage on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.30am for more information and a light lunch! Call **6553 5121** to register

### LOCAL NEWS

#### Reporting incidents

Need to report an incident/vandalism to Police? To ensure that your concerns are registered then please report any incidents to: **131444**. Police will respond as appropriate.

#### New syringe disposal unit

There is a new syringe disposal unit located at the Bushland Shopping Centre in Mudford St. This will be regularly maintained by Council.

**ADVERTISEMENT:** Lucky's Scrap Metal Pty Ltd - Lot 12/Bay 5 Grey Gum Road TAREE NSW 2430 Phone: 65518112  
We will remove all scrap metal including metal white goods and car bodies

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Neighbourhood Cottage has a computer available to all social housing residents to access Centrelink and other Services free of charge!

The Cottage is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 10 and 12 for FREE computer access. ALL WELCOME!

**UPDATE FROM HOUSING NSW**

Housing NSW is currently completing Stage 2 of the major upgrade works to the Ruprecht estate - this work involves the extension of Marjorie Street exiting into Valerie St as a one way traffic street. This major work will provide street frontage to a number of properties in Pindari and Valerie Streets. This work is planned for completion July 2010 with good progress to date.

Once the road work is completed Housing NSW is reviewing the number of social housing properties in the area with a view to reducing the number of predominately three bedroom accommodation through a local sales strategy.

Also as part of the ongoing management of the estate the local Client Service Team will continue to focus on property management issues. This focus is around management of lawns and grounds, property care of individual tenancies and nuisance and annoyance issues. Tenancies which do not meet their obligations under the Residential Tenancy Act may be referred to the Tenancy Tribunal to ensure compliance.

A recent visit to the estate by the Housing NSW Regional Area Director was a highlight for the Spotted Gums Gardens where he was impressed with the good work of the local Garden Group in maintaining the Park. Well done to all who assist in this work.

**INDIGENOUS SUPPORT WORKER**

Hi, my name is Karen Slatyer and I am the Community Support Coordinator for Taree Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander community members. We also have an outreach service at Wauchope and Port Macquarie on Wednesday's.

We can offer support, advice and assistance in many areas by listening to what the issue is and then referring you onto the right organisation. There are no age restrictions and I offer a personal and confidential service. So if you need to chat about your situation then drop in or ring me, as I would only be too happy to help you in the right direction.

**Contact details:**

Karen Slatyer  
Community Support Service Coordinator  
02 6552 3652 or 0409 163 241  
82 Victoria St  
Taree NSW 2430

**MUMS**

If you have preschool children and would be interested in attending a storytelling morning at the cottage - please let us know of your interest and we will arrange regular 'story telling' mornings - 65535121

**DO YOU HAVE A PET?**

Do you want your pet desexed?  
Do you have a Health Care Card?  
You may qualify for assistance with the costs.  
Ring the RSPCA on 6552 7177 - please leave your name, phone number and type of animal to be desexed, and they will get back to you



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