

Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Inc.

ZENDA FOR THE 21ST **CENTURY WOMAN**

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2024

FOR WOMEN BY WOMEN



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BILL OF BIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Workshop and Counsellor Appointment **Bookings**

We realise that at times not being able to attend an appointment is unavoidable, but if you have booked a spot for a workshop or counselling session, and no longer able to attend, please ring to cancel as soon as possible. Our waiting list is growing, and it may be possible to put someone into that place.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP US HERE AT THE CENTRE WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A HEARTFELT THANK YOU ~ FROM ALL THE TEAM AT THE WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE.

VOLUNTERS PLAY A BIG PART IN ANY ESTABLISHMENT AND WITHOUT YOU, THE CENTRE WOULD NOT BE THE SAME. A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WOMEN WHO HAVE DONATED BOOKS, CLOTHES AND TOILETRIES RECENTLY. THEY HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AMONGST OUR COMMUNITY.

AS USUAL, OUR MOST REQUESTED ITEMS ARE TOILETRIES -STANDARD SIZES OF SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, DEODORANT, TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE, FACIAL CLEANSERS, SANITARY PRODUCTS ETC.

WE WELCOME ALL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DAYS AHEAD.

THANK YOU ALL

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

Physical

I have a right to be free of physical violence
I have a right to decide who can touch me
I have a right to personal space

I have a right to pay attention to messages given to me by my body

I have a right to make my own decisions about my physical appearance

I have a right to access health care of my choice

Sexual

I have a right to be free of sexual violence
I have a right to say no to sex
I have a right to say no to a sexual activity that makes me uncomfortable
I have a right to insist on safe sex
I have a right to get to know someone before having sex
I have a right to change my mind about having sex with someone

Emotional

I have a right to say no to things asked of me I have a right to be treated with respect I have a right to be free of verbal abuse I have a right to express my own opinions I have a right to my own beliefs and spirituality I have a right to make my own decisions I have a right to privacy I have a right to pursue my dreams I have a right to end a relationship if it no longer feels right for me, I have a right to change my mind I have a right not to have to report all of my movements and activities to another person I have a right to decide how I would like to spend my free time I have a right to prioritise my self-care I have a right to set my own personal standards I have a right to choose not to keep a secret that makes me feel bad I have a right to express my feelings

Social

I have a right to see my friends and family
I have a right to spend time with my friends or family on my own
I have a right to make new friends
I have a right to speak to other men
I have a right to work or study
I have a right to ask for help and support
I have a right to have fun

Financial

I have a right to be involved in deciding how joint finances are spent

Spiritual

I have a right to choose and practice my own religious or spiritual beliefs

From the Manager

Hi,

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. As we are nearing the end of 2024 the service will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16 October at the Centre commencing at 5.00pm. All current financial members can vote, if required and anyone can attend the AGM.

If you haven't renewed your membership please see Jenny in reception, it costs \$5 to be a member. If you are not yet a member, complete a membership form and get the benefit of being able to borrow books from our library, receive this wonderful newsletter and voting rights at our AGM (if required).

I would also like to congratulate our wonderful Women's Community Support Worker, Henny Duxbury, who graduated this week as a Social Worker. Henny was originally a student at WBWHC when studying for her degree and we couldn't let her leave so offered her a 2-day week position at the Centre. Henny has been a great support at the Centre working alongside Marj with the Women's Yarning Circle. Henny will always help where needed. She has supported our reception staff and filled in when required and goes above and beyond her usual role description. Henny is a pleasure to work with and we are happy to have her on our team. Congratulations again Henny on all your hard work towards your Social Work degree.





Keep up to date via Facebook for further information on events at the centre. October is Sexual Violence Awareness Month and on the 25 October the Fraser Coast Domestic and Family Violence Alliance group will be holding a 'Reclaim the Night' March for women and children from Seafront Oval to Scarness Park Rotunda commencing at 5.30 for 6.00pm March. Please check the Fraser Coast Domestic & Family Violence Alliance Facebook page for details.

We also have our end of year celebration on the 5 December at Scarness Park Rotunda. A flyer will be sent out within the next few weeks. Look forward to seeing you all there again.

Lynette

Just a reminder, the Centre closes on the last Friday of each month



Indigenous News with Marj

Galangoor D'Buthbee-

Good morning in 'Butchulla' language

I would like to acknowledge and pay my respects to our "Butchulla" Elders and Leaders, past, present and emerging, whose country we live, walk, work and play on.

Butchulla Lore

Minyang galangoor gu, djaa kalim baya-m (what is good for the land must come first).

Minyang waa nyinang, waa bunmalee dhama-n (do not touch or take anything that does not belong to you).

Wangou nyin gamindu biralunbar, nyin wama-n (if you have plenty, you must share).

Showcasing Success

Women's Yarning Circle on 'Butchulla' Country

Our Women's Yarning Circle continues to grow and glow shining brightly week after week with a minimum of 25 women coming together every week to support each other in weaving circle and or arts/craft circle or just being together. Friendships, connections and much more happen every week at our Yarning Circle.

R U OK Day - A Conversation that could change a life

On Thursday 12th September we hosted a day with women's Yarning Circle to bring awareness around mental health, starting a conversation that could change a life. R U OK? is a national suicide prevention charity and registered public health promotion that encourages people to stay connected and have yarns that can help others through difficult times. R U OK? People are connected: People are connected, have a sense of belonging and so are more likely to reach out for help when they are struggling with life. People are protected from suicide: People who are struggling with life are supported by the people around them. The mission is to inspire and empower people to meaningfully connect with those in their world and lend support when they are struggling with life.



Are your mob, your way, R U OK? Because we are #STRONGER together

Special acknowledgement and appreciation to Kev Heath, Aunty Jan Williams nephew, who is a strong 'Butchulla' leader, who lives in New South Wales with his wife and family. Kev is an Ambassador for R U OK? He recently visited Hervey Bay and came to Yarning Circle to share some of his story and words of wisdom. Kev sent resources to us to promote R U OK? day that included bucket hats, t-shirts, bags, and a Stronger Together Yarning Circle mat. On behalf of us we would like to thank you the resources provided created yarns, awareness of this amazing national initiative.



Congratulations

Henrica Duxbury has graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work, from the University of Sunshine Coast. What an achievement, one of passion, dedication, and commitment to complete your degree. We are all so proud of you. An amazing inspiring, kind woman who is a trail blazer on the journey of social justice for all. Being a Social Worker is Heart Work. I appreciate and acknowledge everything you do, my right hand, with our Women's Yarning circle on 'Butchulla' Country. From organising food, arts/crafts to making hearts for the 1000 Hearts Kindness Project using your own shirts to make these beautiful gifts that touch the hearts of many when received.

Nyin Galangoor

Marj

Indigenous News with Marj

Women's Yarning Circle at the Beach 29th August 2024

We had 25 attendees at our circle today. Craft was on the agenda as usual, weaving, making hearts, Lego with Jenni, and Sam set up an array of crafty tasks for the women to try, while Deb Skye presented EFT Tapping with a select group in a quiet space.

The smell of the BBQ was already in the air at the start of the gathering as people arrived and settled in. The food table was filling up, a variety of fruit, cakes, muffins biscuits and lollies.

The conversations from each of the tables blended into one, everyone was engaged, lots of laughter. We broke the chatter to make the Acknowledgement and to have a minute silence for Sister Lena Jane Reilly loved by her community who will be dearly missed by many.

Aunty Marj then announced two birthdays, our Deb – extraordinaire and our newbie Kara. The group were then challenged to come for a swim on behalf of Daffodil Day – Cancer Council.





There were a few that joined Henny for her 10th Dip to brave the warm waters of Hervey Bay. Bless those who donated a gold coin or the paper notes, and all in all we raised \$194.00 which was rounded off to \$200.00. Thanks to all of you for your kindness in donating to my fundraising goal. Love Henny







SERVICES/WORKERS AVAILABLE IN OUR ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LEGAL SERVICES - 1800 012 255

BNTAC – BUTCHULLA NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORP. 4338 7600

BUNDA'S DREAMTIME PLAYGROUP - 1800 171 882

BUTCHULLA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - 4124 9144

CQID – CENTRAL QUEENSLAND INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT – 4313 1195

DATSIP - 4183 9107

GALANGOOR DUWALAMI PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE- 4194 5554

HERVEY BAY PCYC (INDIGENOUS WORKER) - 0436 420 599

HERVEY BAY HOSPITAL INDIGENOUS HEALTH - 4325 6670

IUIH HOME SUPPORT HERVEY BAY – 1300 852 598 KALÁNG RESPITE CARE CENTRE – 4124 7780

KAHWUN WOOGA ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CORPORATION:

FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOP. – 4123 5910 POLICE LIAISON OFFICERS – 4128 5333

MOONABOOLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ATSI CORPORATION – 4114 1908

MARYBOROUGH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION FOR HOUSING & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT – 4122 4382 / 0498 578 110

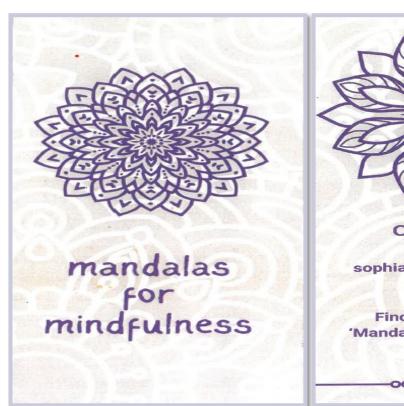
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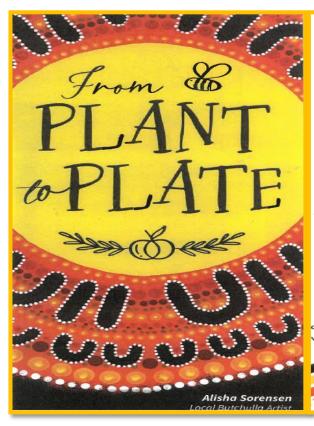












WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?



Pop into any Fraser Coast library branch - see staff for assistance, borrow gardening magazines, books, DVDs and eResources.

Our website is sprouting ideas to help grow your knowledge and your garden.

Scan the QR Code:



r go to:



UPCOMING WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER:



Safe & Savvy:

A six-week course for women on:

Relationship Styles How to spot a snake Embracing Change Boundaries Health Intimacy

Facilitated by Tanya Barich

Course will be held for 6 weeks from 24th October to 28th November at

Wide Bay Women's Health Centre 8 Truro Street Torquay.

Please call our Centre to book on 4125 5788

October is Sexual Violence Awareness Month



WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1 Queensland Seniors Month 1 st – 31st October 2024	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 A.G.M.	Shark Cage Workshop	18	19 Children's Week 19-27	20
21	Women's Circle Menstrual & Perimenopause learning circle. 10.00am ~ 12.30pm		Safe & Savvy	25 Reclaim the Night – March from Seafront Oval to Scarness. Commencing at 5.30 p.m.	26	27
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN			

WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5 MELBOURNE CUP RACE DAY MINORMANIANA Challer	6	7	8	9	10
11 REMEMBRANCE DAY 11.00 A.M.	12	WORLD KINDNESS DAY	DIAB ETES DAY WORLD DIAB ETES	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
STOP VIOLENCE AGAMEN WOMEN NO GIRLS MOVEMBLE SE- RESEASE TO 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST BENDER-BASED VIOLENCE	26	27	28	29	30	

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1
2	3	4	Christmas PARTY Scarness Rotunda	6	7	8
9	HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 10 DECEMBER	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Christmas Closure today, returning 6/01/2025	21	22
23	24	25 Merry Xmas	26	27	28	29
30	31					

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR



5 December 2024 11.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

FINGER FOOD & LUCKY NO. PRIZES

BEING HELD AT THE SCARNESS ROTUNDA ESPLANADE, SCARNESS (OPPOSITE THE BEACH HOUSE HOTEL)

CALL US TO BOOK ON 41255 788



SATURDAY appear outside you feel made compare how to how others steps to help yourself to cake a break mistokes os bury, allow to see your permission bones and ou, knee of you seam Hyou're Mountain Don't Chocse 15 10 exercise and go any unnecessor basies eat well to bed on time bluow woy so Enjoy photos by concelling Feetus on the to beyond one Free up time FRIDAY from a time with hoppy to yourself Be as kind memories Man S things go wrong Everyone makes outside and give THURSDAY your mind and body a natural you are feeling yourself when atrengths or Notice what without any one of your Get active udgement Hind a naw sen of Age mistakes Forgive talents boost D WEDNESDAY relaxing activity friend to tell you and make time what strengths they see in you ou really enjoy do something Make time to Ask a trusted make time to Plan a fun or Avoid soying 1 should and do nothing 104 Happier - Kinder - Together = 8 find things hard. remember it's ok remember that TUESDAY day Make time you are worthy self-criticism yourself and and speak to rourself kindly to slow down not to be ok and be kind When you to yourself Let go of No plans Accept of love C you are enough, ust as you are Aim to be good mough, rather Leave positive rounself to see other people's messages for things you do well, however yourself that expectations than parfact Notice the regularly Lat go of Remind Ê R coning colming Make space to you cappreciate about yourself Take your time SUNDAY not selfish, it's share how you for help when self-sere. It's Find time for Be willing to phrose to use feel and ask just breathe three things Write down CTION FOR HAPPINESS and be still when you CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF T feel low needed D DWE Self-Care September



Your Natural Soul

by Clare Dubois

Whether or not you know that you are beautiful, the flowers gaze at you whenever you walk by.

When your heart feels like stone and you've lost sight of the gifts being given, you are still held by the earth beneath you and kissed by the breath of the trees.

When you've convinced yourself that you're hopeless and that you simply can't fulfill the role that "you were born here to play," the sky is still whispering your name and the stars are waiting for their chance to sing to you.

You are wanted here.

You are part of this creation.

Let your hurts melt away in the waves

Let your cries be carried by the birds.

Earth, air, fire and water are the truth of you and when you drop the veil and open to the greater You, you will find your fullness in the valleys and the groves and "bow again to the sacred altar of your natural soul."

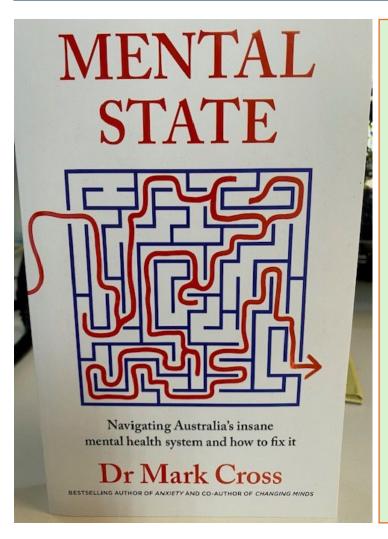


LIBRARY NEWS

Each newsletter we feature a book from our wonderful library, which has an extensive selection of books covering a broad range of issues ~ from ageing well, to good gut health, managing kids, husbands, loss, hormones and finding your inner Zen.

All on loan for our members, so pop in, sign up, and have a browse.

Title: MENTAL STATE
Author: Dr Mark Cross
Publisher: Harper Collins



Doctor Mark Cross MBChB, MRCPsych(UK), FRANZCP is a consultant psychiatrist with clinical experience spanning three decades. He was the lead psychiatrist on two series of the ground-breaking ABC series.

Changing Minds.

His latest book Mental State, navigating Australia's insane mental health system and how to fix is published on 31st July 2024.

He's already the best-selling author of two books, appears regularly in the media and is the founder of The Anxious Shrink on Facebook, which has reached around a million people - it's anxiety advice that won't make you more anxious.

RECIPE PAGE



Canape

This is simple, quick and healthy to make as canapes for parties or just a snack for yourself as a treat.

INGREDIENTS:

2 large cucumbers Cut prawns in half lengthways or use small slices of salmon Philadelphia cheese

Optional item: Small dollop of caviar

Method:

Slice the cucumber, add Philadelphia cheese, prawns or salmon & lastly caviar.

YUM, SIMPLE, HEALTHY & EASY - ENJOY!

Verneice



Managed by Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc



Do you feel your rights are being respected? Are your family members supportive, or do they create stress in your life?

Are any of the following scenarios happening to you? Being told that you can't make any decisions

- for yourself because you have had a diagnosis of dementia.
- Being pressured into entering a nursing home when you're not ready.
- Being frightened to voice your needs/concerns.
- Carers or family members borrowing money and not paying you back.
- Adult children moving in with you and refusing to pay rent.

The Seniors Legal and Support Service offers a FREE service for people over 60 whose rights are being compromised. For More Information, please call 07 4124 6863





A community legal service, managed by the HBNC, which aims to address disadvantage across the Fraser Coast, Gympie, Bundaberg and North Burnett regions through the provision of free, quality legal advice. Service delivery includes free legal advice, referral and education.

> Website: https://wbbcls.com.au/ Phone Number: 4194 2663

DV Connect (Qld) State-wide Domestic Violence Hotline 24 Hours, 7 Days **State-wide Sexual Assault Helpline** 1800 010 120 7.30am to 11.30pm 7 days www.dvconnect.org

Mobile Women's Health Service Pap **Smear Clinic**

The Mobile Women's Health Nurse provides a range of free and confidential preventive health services for women in the Fraser Coast - Wide Bay Area.

- Cervical Screening / Pap smear Health
- information
 - Breast awareness and education
- Any other health matters you wish to discuss

Make an appointment by calling 1300 090 760

Breast Screen Queensland is at the Madsen Medical Centre, Urraween

Make an appointment by calling

13 20 50 or 4150 2800

Women over 40 yrs. are eligible

CHILDREN BY CHOICE **COUNSELLING, EDUCATION & INFORMATION**

All options with an unplanned pregnancy

ABORTION - ADOPTION - PARENTING An unplanned pregnancy may represent a crisis in a woman's life. Children by Choice provide counselling and support to women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and unsure about their options.

Our services are non-judgmental, and we offer referrals for abortion, adoption and parenting.

> Free and Confidential Call 1800 177 725

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

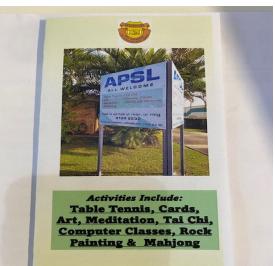
We have a new membership period. It is from 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025 - please check your current membership. Membership fees help to fund our Centre activities, so if you have not yet renewed your membership, please drop in to the Centre and do so as soon as possible. This will allow you continued access to our library and a copy of our wonderful bi-monthly newsletter. Annual membership only \$5.00

ADVERTISING OTHER SERVICES



Ozcare has been supporting Queenslanders for over 25 years with a range of aged care, retirement, hospital, disability care, respite care, nursing, allied health, and dementia advisory and support services.

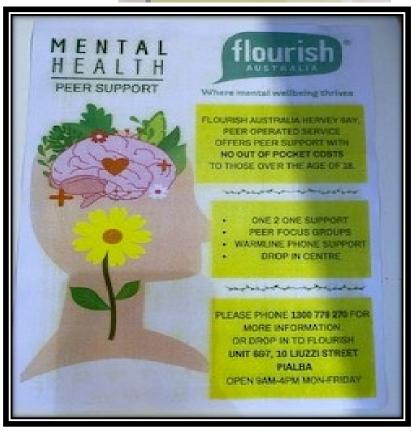
They are currently looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please call them on 1800 692 273.



Hervey Bay APSL - Australian

Pensioners' and Superannuants League is a community-based organisation for the over 40's focusing on social and sporting activities.

Phone 07 4124 8532





Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Inc. woomans circle



The Menstrual Cycle & Perimenopause



A warm invitation for you to join me in this woman's sharing and learning circle. We will explore female anatomy, The Menstrual cycle and break down each phase as well as the hormones that ebb and flow along with the menstrual cycle phases too. We get to have open, honest conversations, and a safe space to ask questions or share curiosities.

We get to learn more about what Perimenopause is and the hormonal shifts involved, deepening our own awareness to potential symptoms but also exploring this powerful phase of a woman's life and the gifts that can be offered at this time too.

who is this workshop held by?



Arina - 0497990717 info@rrbalance.com www.randrbalance.com

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Thanks to the Australian Government Department of social services and social shift I am able to offer a "Period Positive" workshop at a very reduced price. Arina-Rose Te Awe Awe
Owner of R&R Balance - Go with your flow

Hello, Kia ora my name is Arina. I am a proud wahine maori from Aotearoa New Zealand with a deep passion and love for all things woman's business. I am a menstrual educator facilitator and a menstrual cycle coach with a particular focus on the rites of passage for preteen girls moving into their menstruating journey and for that woman's rite of passage of transitioning out.

I hold preteen Period Prepared workshops for girl & their adult to explore and learn about female anatomy, puberty, the menstrual cycle, hormones and of course learn all about menstruation awareness and care, from learning the signs of the onset of menstruation to how to use & dispose of menstrual products safely. I hold these in groups but also in 1:1 capacities too.

As a menstrual cycle coach, I work with woman between 3 – 6 months. We take a deep dive into their unique menstrual experience and co-create sustainable ways to really honouring their bodies communications and callings. I work as a guide for my clients to really come home to their feminine truths and live with deeper self care and love for living in a female body.



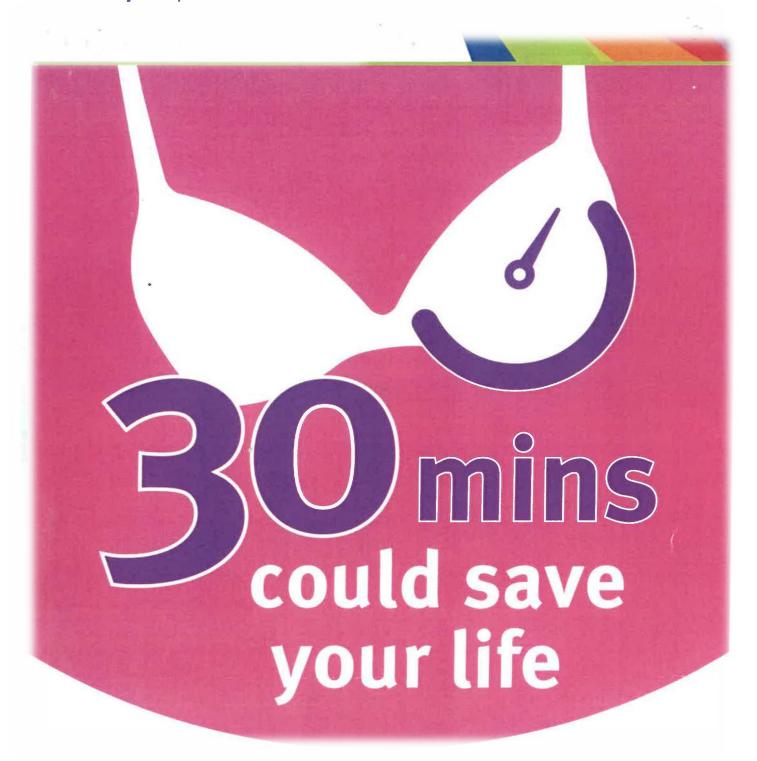
BOOKING INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday 22nd October Time: 10am - 12.30pm

Where: Wide Bay Woman's Health Centre

8 Truro Street Torquay Hervey Bay, Qld 4655 Please get in touch with Wide Bay Womans Health 41255788 email: info@wbwhc.org.au

Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Inc



BreastScreen

Queensland

Book your FREE breastscreen at breastscreen.qld.gov.au or call 13 20 50

FOR THE 21ST CENTURY WOMAN WIDE BAY WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTRE Inc

8 Truro Street PO Box 5003

TORQUAY QLD 4655 Phone: 07 4125 5788 Fax: 07 4125 5911

Email: info@wbwhc.org.au

Website: www.wbwhc.org.au

Copies of flyers and brochures are available for groups advertised in this newsletter.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Alcohol & Other Drugs	1800 177 833
Community Health Hervey Bay/Maryborough	4122 8733
Community Rental Group	4124 1183
DV Connect	1800 811 811
Gambling Helpline	1800 222 050
Wide Bay Sexual Assault	4194 5230
Hospital Hervey Bay	4325 6666
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800
Wide Bay Burnett Comm. Legal Services	4194 2663
Legal Aid	1300 651 188
Lifeline	13 11 14
Narcotics Anonymous	4123 6738
National Debt Hotline	1800 007 007
Neighbourhood Centre HB	4194 3000
Neighbourhood Centre Maryborough	4121 2141
Parentline	1300 301 300
Poisons Information	13 11 26
Police Hervey Bay	4128 5333
Salvation Army Hervey Bay	4125 1848
Senior Citizens Hervey Bay	4128 4838
Seniors Legal and Support Service	4124 6863
Women's Health Qld Wide	1800 017 676
Women's Infolink	1800 177 577
Women's Legal Service	1800 677 278
Yarn	13 92 76

The Wide Bay Women's Health Centre is a free confidential service For Women By Women.

"It's a dynamic and vibrant organisation which facilitates the individual and collective growth and well-being of women." The Centre is a point of contact for women in need of support, information, counselling and/or referral.

Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 9.00am - 5.00pm

Tuesday: 9.30am - 5.00pm Friday: 9.00am - 2.00pm.

The Centre is closed on the last Friday of every month

Counselling

A free and confidential counselling service by appointment is available to all women in the area.

Therapies include but are not limited to Mindfulness, Narrative and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Neuropsychotherapy and Sand Play Therapy.

**PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT PROVIDE
ANY MEDICAL SERVICES**

The Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Inc. is funded through the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. This funding allows us to provide programs and services free of charge or for minimal cost. Your donations are still greatly appreciated and put to good use.

Thank you

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