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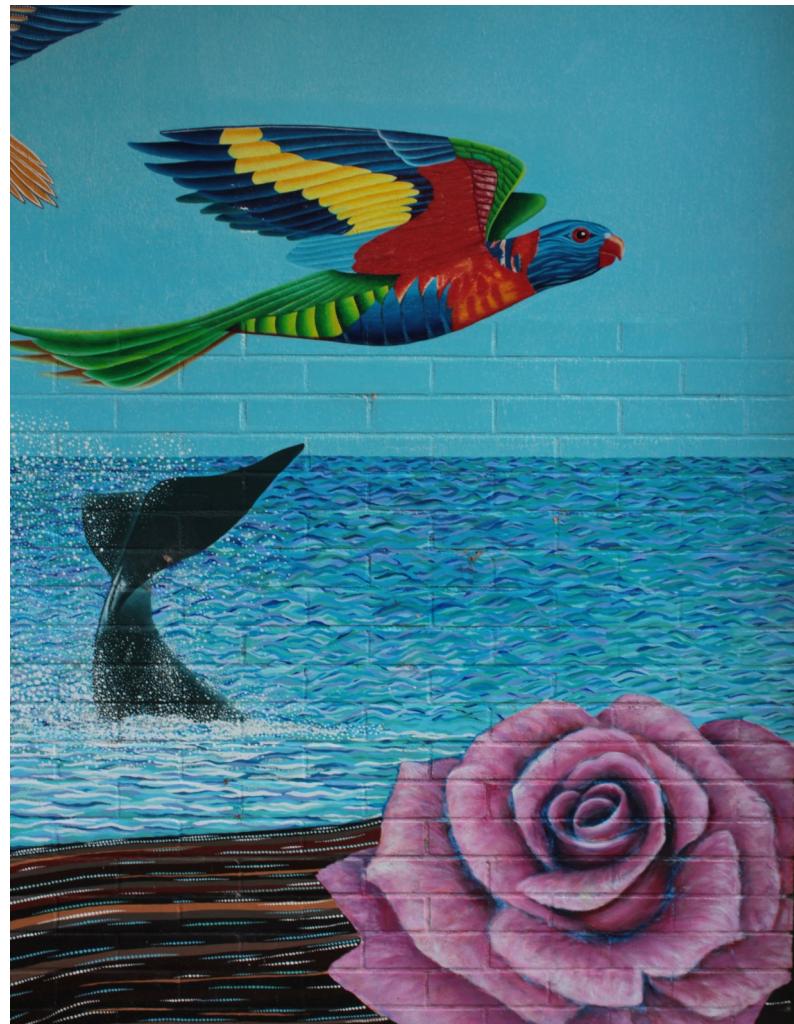
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Kooloora editorial



It's the time of the year when everyone is back in town and we are back to busy again. All of Kooloora's services are running with full steam. We can now reveal that Kooloora has been granted funds to do a substantial upgrade that will completely change the looks of our playgroup playground in the following months. Stay tuned.

On the reform front, we are slowly heading into the Targeted Earlier Intervention reform, one of the most comprehensive program reforms in recent times. The reform is aiming to bring increased support for the communities and especially the families across the Eastern Suburbs District.



KOOLOORA VEGGED OUT

GET YOUR FRUIT & VEG BAG FOR \$10

Vegged Out is a prepaid service, fortnightly on Friday. In order to receive a pre-packed bag, please come to Kooloora and pay \$10 no later than the Tuesday before collection day.

The next Vegged Out day is on 10 March and every fortnight after that, excluding school holidays. The service is open to everyone.

RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



This year 14 local heroes were honoured at Randwick City Council's Australia Day Community Service Awards. The Awards presentation took place on 26 January 2017 and five of Kooloora's present and former volunteers were awarded with a certificate for their achievements in supporting the community. Shane Flint, Denise Wasley, Jenny Kelly, Bronte Doyle and Rohan MacDonald received their awards from the Mayor Noel D'Souza as a recognition for contributions to improving the lives of her local community.

/photo/ Jenny Kelly,
Kooloora Fruit and Veg volunteer

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2017



Come & celebrate this
incredible day with us on
6th March 2017
2:30PM-4:30PM
FREE BBQ—AFTER SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES—GIVE AWAY
BEAUTY BAGS—
FEMALE SOCCER STARS!

NSW Family & Community Services

MyHousing Online Services



Public Housing tenants as well as new applicants can register for an online MyHousing account. You are eligible to register for a MyHousing online account if you are:

Main applicant on the wait list

Main tenant or former tenant

Main Rentstart Bond Loan client

If you have applied for social housing and are on the NSW Housing Register, you can update your contact details and view your housing application details.

If you are a Family and Community Services (FACS) housing tenant, you can update your contact details, view your rent and water accounts, print your transactions and accounts history and make secure payments.

You can register online at

www.housing.nsw.gov.au

Before you start, you will need an email address and a reference number that you will find on any letter FACS housing has sent you – this can be a Client Reference Number (CRN), Application Reference Number (ARN) or Payment Reference Number (PRN).

For further help call the Housing Contact Centre on 1800 422 322 from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday, or 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday (including Public Holidays).



WELCOME TO KOOLOORA

Kooloora opened in 1988, setting out to provide the local area with a much needed communal space for residents in South Ward.

Since that time, Kooloora remains dedicated to its initial values and goals whilst continually aiming to adapt with the ever changing needs of the local community, to help create a safer, healthier and connected neighbourhood. Today we are a bustling hub offering tailored programs, service support to children, families & seniors plus drop-in referral advice and guidance for all.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM 2017 now available

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VACATION CARE 2017

The January Vacation Care program operated from the 3rd of January to the 20th of January 2017.

We welcomed eight new children with a total of 47 children enrolled in this vacation care program.



In our three week program we enjoyed five in-centre days and nine excursion days. Each week we had three excursions and thankfully the sun chose to shine on all days except for one. Our excursions were to Frenchman's Bay, Des Renford Aquatic Centre, the ferry to Cockatoo Island and a tour of the convict site and two new excursions to Attractively and Iceskating, both were a hit with the children. Our in-centre days were; New Years Pyjama Party, Orange Day, "B" Day and Water Bomb Bonanza Day. We also really loved watching 22 chicks hatch for two weeks during which time we had Henny Penny Hatching Day where we enjoyed all things "chicken and egg" with games, cooking and craft.

A big thank you to our Vacation Care Coordinator Nicole Arathoon and her team for their extraordinary efforts to make Kooloora Vacation an inclusive and supportive space for the children.

Kooloora acknowledges Randwick City Council for their continued support of Vacation Care ensuring we provide our families in the community with necessary support and our children are provided with fun and enjoyable activities each school holidays.

From the kids:

My favourite day was ice skating at Ice Zoo because I can ice skate and I am pretty good at it. Kai (9)

My favourite day was New Years Pyjama Party Day because I got to have fun with my friends. Jai (10)

My favourite day was Attractively because I got to play on some really cool games. Isaac (9)

My favourite day was the excursions to Des Renford pool because I love going on the inflatable course. Jaiah (8)

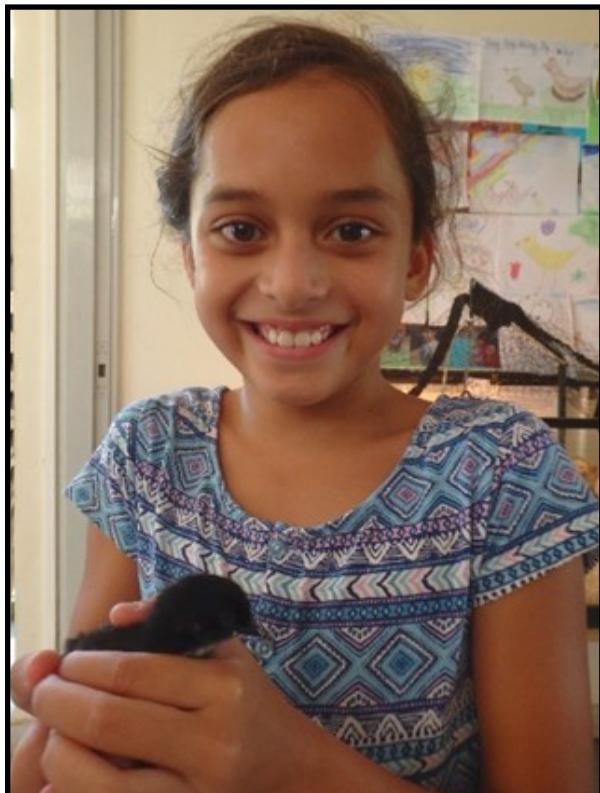
My favourite day was Orange Day because I won the best dressed competition because I was wearing the most orange. Harley (11)

My favourite day was "B Day" because I really liked baking the peanut butter cookies.

Lily (6)

My favourite day was the excursion to Cockatoo Island because the convict site was really interesting Georgia (6)

We all really loved having 24 chicks with us for two weeks watching them hatch. Thanks to Henny Penny Hatching for sharing this wonderful experience with us.



FLASHBACK

Christmas 2016

We held our annual Christmas parties in December 2016. It was a pretty successful day overall with both the community party and Playgroup party running smoothly.

We would like to take this opportunity to really thank everyone who helped make the day happen and also all of those who turned up to celebrate together.

Many laughs were had in good company and delicious food.



FAMILY FUN DAY 2016

Family Fun day is a fantastic free community event, run every year at Duffys Corner during December.

Last year it was an absolute hit, with great activities for the kids including t-shirt painting, cardboard castle building, live music from local artists and Kooloora's free recycled clothing stall.

It was great to see the community band together for fun and connection whilst also being able to talk with staff from services around the area.



PLAYGROUP

A CHANCE TO PLAY, CREATE & CONNECT

MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY
AT KOOLOORA
10-12PM

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE DETAILS OR GIVE SARAH
A CALL: (02) 9661 9160



SENIORS COMPUTER CLASSES AT THE BOWEN LIBRARY

Ranging from one-on-one sessions to small, interactive classes, Bowen Library computer classes will have you surfing the web, using email and getting the most out of your mobile phone in no time.

Gold card member concession available. For information visit the Bowen Library or call direct on:

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LOCALS CORNER!!!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to our Newsletter?

Let us know!

Call 02 9661 9160 or email

koolooracomunity@outlook.com

Volunteering at Kooloora

If you are feeling like giving a helping hand, we have various volunteering roles, suitable for a casual volunteer as well as for the committed hard core all rounder.

Just let us know if you'd like to become a part of Kooloora community.

