

August 2009 E-Newsletter

The stocktake has been done, the accountant is hard at work and that means half the year is over. It also means the weather is fine and the town is full of people escaping the cold and experiencing the best of the tropics.

Carnivale 2009

After an uncertain start we are very pleased with the outcome of Carnivale 2009 and it appears the community is too. We have received a lot of positive feedback but always welcome your suggestions.

Carnivale 2010

The Chamber will be the event manager for 2010 in a format similar to 2009 together with an advisory committee to be selected. In order to grow the Carnivale we will be establishing a permanent office and will have a Carnivale coordinator on staff. Initially the coordinator will open the office on a part-time basis. The dates for Carnivale 2010 will be Friday 21 to Sunday 30 May.

PDCC Committee Change

Our Secretary, Stacey Kibble, has purchased the Mossman Bakery with her partner, Russel Pont, and her focus is understandably on their new business. Stacey has therefore resigned as Secretary. Paula Johnson has volunteered to be Secretary/Treasurer until the AGM in September. We thank Stacey for her considerable contribution and wish her and Russel much success in their new business.

AGM

The date of the 2009 AGM will be Thursday, 8 September 2009. This year we are planning to combine a lunch with the meeting. Further details will be forwarded as soon as available.

Cruise Ships Reminder

Details of the cruise ship arrival into Meridien Marina this month follow (subject to change):

- August 25th – Pacific Sun, 8am-6pm

Goodwill

Each year the Chamber receives letters and emails of complaint from visitors to Port Douglas. A number of these relate to the lack of availability of postage stamps at retail outlets and especially the way a request is handled. It's unfortunate that Australia Post prevents retail outlets from purchasing stamps at a re-sale or wholesale price. However, keeping a basic supply of stamps would show a true appreciation of goodwill, particularly those shops that sell postcards. At the very least staff should be encouraged to handle requests for stamps in a friendly and helpful manner.

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal tax invoices have been emailed to all members. The membership fee can be paid by cheque, eftpos or credit card.

Total Solar Eclipse 2012

It appears Port Douglas will be very, very busy in November 2012 if the level of enquiry we are receiving now is anything to go by. Let us know if you have anything planned.

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