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Coral Kids Playgroup

July 2011

Playgroup on Wednesdays and Fridays!

Due to popular demand and the gradual increase in Wednesday Playgroup numbers, DCRC is now hosting Playgroup on both Wednesdays and Fridays!

The format will be the same, and we would encourage you to come along on Fridays as well as Wednesdays.

Don't forget—you don't have to be a Defence Family to participate in Playgroup - everyone is welcome (so bring your friends too!)

If anyone is interested in acting as a Playgroup Convenor for Fridays, please let the Committee know. We'd love your help!

YES! Bellies & Bubs
and **Playgroup** are running as normal through the school holidays!

All welcome!

New Co-ordinator Appointed

Congratulations to Fiona Osborn who has successfully applied for the position of DCRC Co-ordinator. Fiona will be running the day-to-day administrative functions of DCRC and the various activities and events that we organise and host. Please make yourselves known to her and let her know of any DCRC event or activity suggestions you might have! Fiona's (and DCRC's Office hours) will be Monday,

The DCRC Management Committee **NEEDS YOU!**

Due to recent postings there are currently 2 positions vacant on the DCRC Management Committee.

The Committee is responsible for DCRC and its activities, and employs the Co-ordinator to run the centre and its activities on a daily basis.

The committee is comprised of a President, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 "ordinary members". They meet once a month to plan events, activities and fundraising activities to support the centre and its users. Free on-site child-minding is provided for all Committee Meetings.

The Centre's AGM will be

held in August, and it would be great if some of you could consider joining the committee in order to ensure the continued operation and success of DCRC. Don't forget - you may be entitled to a CHILD CARE REBATE through Centrelink if the time you volunteer to DCRC meets certain criteria—even when it's unpaid work.

At the AGM all positions will be declared vacant, so anyone is welcome (and encouraged) to nominate for any of the positions.

If you would like to attend a meeting to see how we operate, the next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 July from 11am at DCRC.

JULY LADIES LUNCH

Thursday 21 July 2011 from 12pm - Brothers Leagues Club, 95 Anderson St Manunda. We will be eating at the Sunset Family Buffet Restaurant—\$16.90 per person (Children under 4 eat free). Please RSVP to DCRC so we can book a table. Kids Welcome!

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NEXT Girls Night Out

Mark your Calendars now for

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2011!

We will be going to Mondo at the Hilton - on the Trinity Inlet Waterfront. Please RSVP to DCRC in due course...



Craft & Chat Tuesdays

The Tuesday Craft Activity for July is **BEADING** (starting 19 July).

Babysitting *may be* available if minimum numbers are reached. So please Call DCRC on 4053 9305 to RSVP for Craft, and to register your requirement for a babysitter. See our website for details on future Craft activities, and let us know if there is something that you'd like to have on—we might be able to arrange it!

Defence Community

Babysitting Co-op

Thanks to the hard work of Fiona Osborn and DCO Social Work Student Cassie Stainwall, the Babysitting Co-op has been launched! Members will babysit for other members and earn points based on the duration of the babysitting and number of children. Members will then use those points to have another member look after their kids. **If you're interested in joining, please contact DCRC on 4053 9305, or see Fiona.**

DCRC Community Connection

We have been contacted recently by the Cairns branch of the RSPCA who are in desperate need of community help to fulfill an ever-present need for pet supplies. We thought that we would try and help by collecting pet supplies during the month of July for donation to the RSPCA, and possibly YAPS (another local animal shelter). SO, if you can spare a few dollars next time you're shopping, please consider purchasing something to add to the collection box which we will keep here at DCRC during the month (and perhaps beyond!). We will make a formal donation at the end of the month. In particular, the RSPCA are desperate for donations of **cat litter**. But other

Tinned cat food

Tinned dog food

Cat biscuits

Cat litter!

Dog biscuits

Kitten food

Puppy food