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March 2011

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March @ Port Macquarie Regional Gallery

Tuesday 1 March 2011 to Thursday 31 March 2011

These exhibitions are on display in the month of March: Living on the Edge, Afternoons in the Summertime, The Governor and The Garden of Forking Paths. **Venue:** Regional Gallery, Glasshouse, Corner Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 10am-5pm Tuesday to Friday, 10am-4pm weekends. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Glasshouse Customer Service Team on 6581 8888.

Bring a Plate Exhibition

Tuesday 1 March 2011 to Thursday 31 March 2011

A temporary exhibition to celebrate Australian Women's History Month. 'Bring a Plate' explores the role of local women in the business of food, particularly their roles as family cooks and community caterers. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 9:30am-4:30pm. **Price:** \$5 Adult, \$3 Concession, \$2 Child. **Contact:** Leonie Laws on 6583 1108.

Astronomy Nights

Every Tuesday

Have you ever wondered how big the Universe is or how far away the stars are? All these questions and more are answered by world renowned local Australian astronomer, writer and lecturer. Book ahead and receive a FREE 'Astro/Space Pack' valued at \$25! **Venue:** Village Resort, 288 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 7pm-9pm. **Price:** \$6 per person, \$20 family of four. **Contact:** Dave Reneke on 6585 2260.

Hastings Complaints Choir

Thursday 3 March 2011 to Friday 3 August 2012

Got something to say - then sing about it! Seniors and young people are invited to join the Hastings Complaint Choir. Workshops 3, 10 and 17 March. Performances scheduled during Seniors Week and Youth Week 20, 26 March and 9 April. **Venue:** Various. **Time:** 10am and/or 12noon. **Price:** this is a free event. **Contact:** Julie Priest on 6581 8480.

A Night In Court - Judgment Day!

Friday 4 March 2011 to Sunday 20 March 2011

The hilarious sequel to "A Day In Court" written and directed by local playwright Jay Corr. **Venue:** Players Theatre, Corner Gordon and Lord Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** Contact the venue. **Price:** \$22 Adult, \$15 Child, \$20 Concession/Elderly, \$18 Members. **Contact:** Jenny Gould on 02 6582 1012.

27th Wauchope Lasiandra Festival

Saturday 5 March 2011 to Sunday 27 March 2011

This community event is a celebration of the town's floral emblem - the Lasiandra. Events include Country Fair, Purple People Shopping and Market Day and the greyhound Lasiandra Cup. **Venue:** Various Wauchope locations. **Time:** Daytime and evening events. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Chrissy Jones on 6585 1103.

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Bruce Mathiske at Rose's Vineyard

Saturday 5 March 2011

Bruce Mathiske returns to Rose's Vineyard. Bruce amazes with the diversity from what is essentially a piece of wood with 6 strings. His unique use of the guitar to become its own orchestra and encompass a huge range of genres. **Venue:** Rose's Vinyard, 132 Apanie Road, Lake Innes. **Time:** 3pm-10pm. **Price:** \$25-\$45 Adult. **Contact:** Rose Williams on 0434 028 446.

Laurieton Linedance Longest Line

Saturday 5 March 2011

As a fundraiser for Hastings Cancer Trust the Diamonds 'n Denim Linedancers are coordinating a Linedance Longest Line. They're attempting to strengthen the length of Bold Street as part of the Camden Haven Showtime Parade. **Venue:** Bold Street, Laurieton. **Time:** 10:30am-11am. **Price:** \$2 Donation. **Contact:** Di Andrews on 6581 0898.

Optimum Health - with Barbara O'Neil

Saturday 5 March 2011

Mid Coast Care is excited to bring an entire day devoted to health and vitality to our community. Barbara O'Neil from Misty Mountain is renowned for her expertise in the field of health. She has helped countless people achieve optimum health. **Venue:** Honour Auditorium, Ruins Way, Lake Innes. **Time:** 9am. **Price:** \$20 per session. **Contact:** Kate Hutten on 6581 3303.

Barefoot Bowls Sunday Sessions

Sunday 6 March 2011

Barefoot Bowls Sunday Sessions are back. Ladies and Gents; let the bowls roll and the tunes flow! Sessions kick off from 5pm. Bookings are recommended. **Venue:** Port City Bowl, Owen Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 5pm. **Price:** \$5 Adult, \$5 Child. **Contact:** Port City Bowling Club on 6583 1133.

2010 Winner's Recital - Kendall National Violin Competition

Sunday 6 March 2011

Liisa Pallandi, winner of the 2010 competition returns to Kendall for a concert on March 6. The competition, now in its 12th year is one of the most exciting events on the Australian music calendar. **Venue:** Kendall School of Arts, 19 Comboyne Street, Kendall. **Time:** 2pm. **Price:** \$25 Adult, \$15 Student. **Contact:** Ross Butlin on 0421 144 438.

Sidewalk Astronomy

Every Sunday

See the night sky in real time... travel to the planets, the stars and beyond using telescopes from the Observatory. We will be looking at the sun, moon and planets in the afternoon sky every Sunday.

Venue: Town Green, Horton Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 3pm-5pm. **Price:** This is a free event.

Contact: Port Macquarie Astronomical Association Inc. on 0403 683 394.

2011 National Touch League

Wednesday 9 March 2011 to Saturday 12 March 2011

This event will see more than 4,000 players, support personnel, family and friends visiting the area for a three day competition. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Regional Stadium, Tuffins Lane, Port Macquarie.

Time: all weekend **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Mark Spear on 0448 627847.

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Camden Haven Annual Show

Friday 11 March 2011 to Sunday 13 March 2011

The Camden Haven Pastoral, Agricultural, Horticultural and Industry Society Annual show, highlights include the Toyota V6 Hilux Precision Driving Team display, grand parade, show girl announcement, magic show, bands, show bags and so much more. **Venue:** Kendall Showground, Batar Creek Road, Kendall. **Time:** All weekend. **Price:** \$15 Adults, \$5 Pensioner/Child.

Contact: Showground on 6559 4463.

PMHM Senior Concert Band - On Tour

Friday 11 March 2011 to Friday 25 March 2011

The Port Macquarie Hastings Municipal Senior Concert Band is on tour in March. They will play light, toe-tapping memorable tunes. **Venue:** Comboyne (11th), Rollands Plains (13th), Beechwood (20th) and Long Flat (25th). **Time:** 7:30pm in Comboyne and Long Flat, 2pm in Rollands Plains and Beechwood. **Price:** \$5 Adults, \$10 Parents and Children. **Contact:** Keith Bergin on 0402 925 275.

The Worlds Greatest Shave

Friday 11 March 2011

Port Central Shopping Centre 11 March 2011, 1:30 - 3:30pm shave or colour your hair to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. In aid of The World's Greatest Shave. Come along and watch the locks drop with Stacey and Josh from Star FM! **Venue:** Port Central Shopping Centre, 40 Horton Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 1:30pm-3:30pm. **Price:** Donation.

Contact: Cathy Snook on 02 6584 2988.

Disabled Surfing at Flynn's Beach

Sunday 13 March 2011

Disabled Surfing at Flynn's Beach with the Hastings Branch of Disabled Surfers Association of Australia. Anyone with a disability is welcome to come and have a go at surfing with trained volunteers. Surfers Helping Surfers! **Venue:** Flynn's Beach, Tuppenny Road, Port Macquarie.

Time: 10am-2pm. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Mellissa Roughley on 0437 812 541

Jazz Cruise

Sunday 13 March 2011

The Cruise Terminal invites you to experience a Jazz Cruise on board the luxury Port Venture. Featuring Ken McArthur providing the tunes, get on, sit back and relax. Better book before she sets sail without you! **Venue:** Cruise Terminal, River end Clarence Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 2:30pm.

Price: \$15 Adult. **Contact:** Alison on 6583 3058.

Jazz in the Vineyard

Sunday 13 March 2011

Long running monthly 'Jazz in the Vineyard', feature band for March is "All That Jazz". Wine tasting and cellar door sales. Plus hot/cold food will be available. Why not try some boutique beer on tap?

Venue: Bago Vineyard, Milligans Road (off Bago Road), Wauchope. **Time:** 11:00am-3:30pm.

Price: \$5 Adult. **Contact:** Ian Adams on 6585 7099.

Pixie Jenkins Live @ Port City

Sunday 13 March 2011

Don't miss the one and only Pixie Jenkins at Port City Bowling Club! Pixie Jenkins, the fiddlin' firecracker, is an amazing artist and one who has successfully melded Australian Country Music with a variety of other styles! **Venue:** Port City Bowl, Owen Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 6pm-8pm.

Price: This is a free event. **Contact:** Port City Bowling Club on 6583 1133.

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Morning Music: The Mikado

Monday 14 March 2011

This delightful adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan's beloved classic is brimful of musical delights and comedy scenes that will have you in fits of laughter while singing Three Little Maids From School, The Sun Whose Rays, Here's A Howdy Do, Tit Willow and many more. **Venue:** Glasshouse, Corner Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 11am. **Price:** \$22.50

Contact: Glasshouse Customer Service Team on 6581 8888.

NSW Police Rugby League Carnival

Tuesday 15 March 2011 to Friday 18 March 2011

The carnival is an annual event which involves Police Rugby League sides throughout the state playing in a round-robin tournament over the 4 days. roughly 10 teams will be in contention for this years' title. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium, Boundary Street, Port Macquarie.

Time: Day games. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Rod Sheraton on 0414 429 565.

The Gruffalo

Tuesday 15 March 2011

The Gruffalo is a magical musical monster of a show, adapted from one of the world's highest selling children's picture books by London's award-winning Tall Stories Theatre Company. Songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged 3 and up, and their adults! **Venue:** Glasshouse, Corner Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 5:30pm. **Price:** \$19.50 Adult, \$16.50 Child, \$65 Family. **Contact:** Glasshouse Customer Service Team on 6581 8888.

Meet the Candidates

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Join the Friends of Port Macquarie Library at a Meet the Candidates evening. The focus will be on libraries; Council, primary, secondary and tertiary and their funding including resources, staffing and literacy programs. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Library, Corner Gordon & Grant Streets, Port Macquarie.

Time: 6:30pm-8pm. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Judith Hansen on 6582 7932.

Open Day and Coffee Morning for Australian Women's History Month

Wednesday 16 March 2011

Enjoy a cuppa and hear a talk by our volunteer curator, Debbie Sommers on 'Kitchen Entrepreneurs', women in the business of food and the temporary exhibition 'Bring a Plate'. Includes a coffee morning at 10.00am. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 9:30am-4:30pm. **Price:** Donation gold coin. **Contact:** Leonie Laws on 6583 1108.

Annual Country Music Roundup

Friday 18 March 2011 to Sunday 20 March 2011

The Hastings Country Music Association Incorporated host their Annual Country Music Roundup. A talent quest, performance by The Hastings Ramblers plus lucky door prizes and raffles at each event during the weekend. **Venue:** Wauchope RSL, Young Street & Cameron Street, Wauchope.

Time: Various. **Price:** \$5 Adult. **Contact:** Julie Clarke on 6585 6690.

2011 David 'Goose' Gosby Memorial

Saturday 19 March 2011 to Sunday 20 March 2011

Annual Bodyboarding Memorial Event in honour of David 'Goose' Gosby who tragically drowned off Lighthouse Beach on the 19th September 1990. The event is a tribute to David and all those other local bodyboarders who have passed away since. **Venue:** Tacking Point SLSC, Matthew Flinders Drive, Lighthouse Beach. **Time:** 7am. **Price:** Free for spectators.

Contact: Jim Rutherford on 0417 414 297.

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Allegiance 2 Mixed Martial Arts

Saturday 19 March 2011

Underground MMA - Australia's first amateur and professional combined cage fighting MMA series will give fighters the opportunity to gain experience inside the tightest and most intimidating MMA cage structure in Australia. U/18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian. **Venue:** Port Panthers, Bay Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 7:30pm. **Price:** \$55 Adult. **Contact:** Trudie Franklin on 02 6580 2300.

Comboyne Show

Saturday 19 March 2011 to Sunday 20 March 2011

Comboyne Show is fun-filled entertainment for the whole family with Mountain Goat Races, market stalls, Dog Show, Poultry, Art, Craft and more! See top Politicians riding in chariots behind wild billy-goats, enjoy live music, magic and country cooking. **Venue:** Comboyne Showground, Comboyne. **Time:** from 9am. **Price:** \$10 Adult, \$6 Concession, free Child under 16.

Contact: Donna Lance on 6550 4164.

Hastings Valley Merida 12 and 6hr Mountain Bike Race

Sunday 20 March 2011

These two events are major on the calendar with a unique 12 hr mountain bike race starting at 12 midnight and ending 12 midday and a 6 hr event held during the same time starting at 6 am and ending 12 midday. Over \$5000 worth of prizes are also up for grabs. **Venue:** Cairncross Stat Forest, Pembroke Road, Cairncross. **Time:** 12am-12pm. **Price:** Free for spectators.

Contact: Jai Cooper jai.cooper@yahoo.com.au.

NSW SENIORS WEEK (20 - 27 March)

The Dame Vera Lynn Tribute Show

Sunday 20 March 2011

Elizabeth Ryan presents a show with great expertise, dedicated to the music of one of the world's great ladies of song, Vera Lynn. Remember these great songs: 'The White Cliffs Of Dover, Yours, A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square, Land Of Hope And Glory and many more'!

Venue: Port Panthers, Bay Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 2pm. **Price:** \$7 Adult, \$5 Members.

Contact: Trudie Franklin on 02 6580 2300.

NRMA Older Drivers Education Program

Monday 21 March 2011

Do you use a motorised scooter or gopher? Then come along to this free morning tea and presentation promoting the accessibility and safe use of facilities for pedestrians on our roads e.g. pedestrian paths, crossing etc. **Venue:** Rushcutter Room at Port Panthers, Bay Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 9am-10am. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Nick Gainsford on 6581 8656.

Bingo Marathon

Monday 21 March 2011

The Westport Club Senior's Week Bingo Marathon - a whole day of playing bingo with lots of prize to be won. Free tea and coffee to keep you going. Come along and try your luck in any of the three sessions. Special Seniors Card holders offer; play more than one session and pay only \$3 per book.

Venue: Westport Club, Buller Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 9:30am-4pm. **Price:** \$6 Adult

Contact: Jenny Edmunds on 6583 1499.

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Seniors Week Open House at Historical Museum

Monday 21 March 2011 to Saturday 26 March 2011

It's Open House at the Port Macquarie Historical Museum for all Seniors during NSW Seniors Week. Free entry on presentation of Seniors Card. View the museum's 14 rooms and galleries featuring many objects of local, state and national significance. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 9:30am-4:30pm. **Price:** Free on presentation of Seniors Card. **Contact:** Leonie Laws on 6583 1108.

Seniors Week Postcard Exhibition

Monday 21 March 2011

Seniors Week Postcard Exhibition Opening. Free Devonshire morning tea at the launch of exhibition, come along to see what 500 seniors in Port Macquarie had as advice for their 18 year old selves.

Venue: Port Macquarie Library, Gordon Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 10am-11:30am. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Julie Priest on 6581 8480.

Seniors Week Concert

Wednesday 23 March 2011

The Camden Haven Choral Society and Laurieton Public School are putting on a concert to celebrate NSW Seniors Week. The choir has been rehearsing a collection of well known and loved songs and ballads. This will be a highlight for sure! **Venue:** Laurieton Public School Hall, Lake Street, Laurieton. **Time:** 1:30pm-3pm. **Price:** \$2 donation. **Contact:** Alvena Ferguson on 6559 6874.

Wedgwood Made for Australia - Coffee Morning

Wednesday 23 March 2011

Join Wedgwood collectors Zena and Paul Thomas for a special Seniors Week talk. Includes morning tea, bookings essential. **Venue:** Port Macquarie Historical Museum, 22 Clarence Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 10am-12pm. **Price:** Free for seniors. **Contact:** Leonie Laws on 6583 1108.

Gerry and the Pacemakers

Thursday 24 March 2011

Legendary British Invasion rock star Gerry Marsden, with the Pacemakers, perform all the hits in a fun filled show. Don't miss out on this great show at the Glasshouse. **Venue:** Glasshouse, Corner Clarence and Hay Streets, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 5:30pm. **Price:** \$67 Adult, \$62 Concession. **Contact:** Glasshouse Customer Service Team on 6581 8888.

5th Annual Coca-Cola Sporting Fund Bowls Day Challenge

Friday 25 March 2011

Get your bum in the air and throw your thongs on your feet, it's time to get your team together for the 5th Annual Coca-Cola Sporting Fund Bowls Day Challenge. **Venue:** Port City Bowl, Owen Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 1pm-4pm. **Price:** \$100 Team of 4. **Contact:** Port City Bowling Club on 6583 1133.

Hasting Old Holdens Classic Cruise

Saturday 26 March 2011

Car show n shine with old Holdens only on display. Vehicles from 1948 to 1984 many in near perfect condition. Plenty of food on offer plus over \$2,500 worth of trophies and prizes to be won over the weekend and this year is shaping up to be the best yet! **Venue:** Westport Park, Park Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 11:30am-4:30pm. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Rick Wilson on 6581 0471.

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Seniors Week Free Concert @ Port Panthers

Sunday 27 March 2011

Fantastic Seniors Week Variety Concert to top off Seniors Week 2011. Featuring wonderful local talent including Rhythm Revue (formerly Tip Top Tappers), Robbie Butler and Three's Company and lots more. **Venue:** Port Panthers, Bay Street, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 2pm. **Price:** This is a free event. **Contact:** Trudie Franklin on 6580 2300.

Music Hath Charms

Sunday 27 March 2011

The 17th century dramatist knew what he was talking about! The music at the Camden Haven Choral Society's autumn concert should certainly "soothe the savage breast" (if you have one, but it's not compulsory). A delightful program of charming, stimulating and interesting songs can be enjoyed, with delicious afternoon tea to follow. Proceeds of the concert will support a local Camden Haven charitable organisation. **Venue:** School of Arts Hall, Bold Street, Laurieton. **Time:** 2pm (doors open 1pm). **Price:** \$10 (includes refreshments). **Contact:** Joan Anderson on 6559 8018.

Shakespeare in the Vines

Sunday 27 March 2011

Essential Theatre with Cassegrain Wines are thrilled to present Shakespeare's timeless love tale, Romeo and Juliet. Essential Theatre has been entertaining audiences across Australia with the wonderful words of Shakespeare for close to a decade. Within the grounds will transform to the streets of Verona where cupid's arrow flies high and blood spills through family rivalry and war.

Venue: Cassegrain Winery, 764 Fernbank Creek Road, Port Macquarie. **Time:** 3pm-5pm.

Price: \$40 Adults, \$25 Concession, Child over 12 years. **Contact:** Miryam Barker on 6582 8377.

An updated list of regular meetings can be found on the **Clubs, Associations and Societies Meetings Guide** for 2011 on the Greater Port Macquarie Events website under the 'Downloads' tab.

What's On is available to download on www.gpmevents.com.au and featured on the Greater Port Macquarie website: www.portmacquarieinfo.com.au. To submit an event, please go to www.gpmevents.com.au and click on 'Submit an Event' and follow the prompts . All submissions must be received by the 20th of the month to be included in the following month's What's On.

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March Markets

First Saturday – 5 th March
Uniting Church Markets - 8.00am to 11.30am Uniting Church, Corner Oxley Highway and Sherwood Rd, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Ken Elvy 6581 2414
Wauchope Community Markets and Arts Bazaar - 8.00am to 1.00pm Uniting Church, Hastings Street, Wauchope. Enquiries: Robin Starr 6585 1766.
First Sunday – 6 th March
Kendall Showground Markets - 8.00am to 1.00pm Kendall Showground, Batar Creek Road, Kendall. Enquiries: Pam McLeod 6559 4313
Port Macquarie Art Society Market Bazaar - 8.00am to 1.00pm Hamilton House, 198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Maureen Cooke 0409 820 694
Second Saturday – 12 th March
John's River Country Markets - 9.00am to 1.30pm Johns River Community Hall and Recreation Reserve, Johns River Road. Enquiries: Wendy Bawn 6556 5466
Mums and Bubs Market - 8.00am to 12.00pm St Paul's High School, Ocean Drive, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Marilyn 0435 935416
Port Macquarie Hastings Farmers and Artists Markets - 8.30am to 1.00pm <i>*Change of Venue:</i> Westport Park, Corner Buller and Park Streets, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Farmers - Sonia 0414 376 868 or Artists – Necia 0401 526 936
Second Sunday – 13 th March
Port Macquarie Sunday Markets - 8.00am to 1.00pm Westport High School, Findlay Ave, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Pat & Greg Clark (3pm-5pm) 0418 654 401
Port Macquarie Art Society Market Bazaar - 8.00am to 1.00pm Hamilton House, 198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Maureen Cooke 0409 820 694
Third Saturday – 19 th March
St James Cottage Crafts - 9.30am to 2.00pm Opposite the Blue Poles Café and Gallery, Byabarra. Enquiries: 6585 2019
Port Car Boot Markets – 8:30 to 12:30pm Grace Church grounds, 2 Kingfisher Road, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Deborah Hoffman 6582 4549
Third Sunday – 20 th March
Laurieton Riverwalk Market - 8.00am to 1.00pm Corner Tunis and Short streets, Laurieton. Enquiries: Wayne 0428 695 084
Port Macquarie Art Society Market Bazaar - 8.00am to 1.00pm Hamilton House, 198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Maureen Cooke 0409 820 694
Fourth Saturday – 26 th March
Wauchope Hastings Farmers' Market - 8.00am to 12.00pm Wauchope Showground, High Street, Wauchope. Enquiries: Sonia Fingleton 0414 376 868
Fourth Sunday – 27 th March
Port Macquarie Sunday Markets - 8.00am to 1.00pm Westport High School, Findlay Ave, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Pat & Greg Clark (3pm-5pm) 0418 654 401
Port Macquarie Art Society Market Bazaar - 8.00am to 1.00pm Hamilton House, 198 Hastings River Drive, Port Macquarie. Enquiries: Maureen Cooke 0409 820 694