The month of May was dedicated to Domestic and Family Violence Prevention month. This provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the impacts of violence on individuals and families. Access Housing has a strong commitment to every person being able to live in safety, without the fear of abuse or violence. We know this is not the reality for all people when 24 women in the first 20 weeks of this year were killed by partners or ex-partners. We need to come together, men and women, to change this devastating blight on our society and community. If you need to get help please call DV Connect on 1800 811 811 or the Cairns service on 40336100.

I am thrilled to let you know that our project at Murray Street that involved Daniel Wallwork (artist) working with the children to paint themed canvases and the letterbox shelter, received a Highly Commended Award at the Australasian Housing Industry awards in the category of Leading Community Engagement Practice. Well done to all the children who participated and used their creative skills to bring colour and fun to the complex.

It was great to see the efforts staff went to with their baking and cooking creations to bring excitement to the front of the office last week for the Biggest Morning Tea (there are some photos in this newsletter). Special thanks to our wonderful tenant, Dorrise who was here for the entire morning using her special marketing skills to help us raise funds for the Cancer Council. Thanks also to staff for their efforts and to those who came and stocked up on goodies.

From the CEO’s Desk

Donna-Maree
UMI Arts Big Talk One Fire Indigenous Cultural festival is UMI Arts annual charitable signature event and is a free family friendly event that brings together a concert with supporting local Indigenous bands, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performing artists and pop up Indigenous markets. The event aims to showcase and promote the best of North Queensland Indigenous culture to a large and varied audience. Big Talk One Fire cultural festival is held on 29 June 2019 at Fogarty Parklands - 10am to 8pm. The event is supported by Cairns Regional Council and local business sponsors.

Marlin Coast neighbourhood Centre – Seniors’ Program Information

The Tech Savvy Seniors program will give information, tips and tricks for digital devices.

Group commences
10.30 am for a cuppa & chat
Guest speakers commence at 11.40 am
www.mcn.org.au
Phone: 4055 6440

Smoke Alarms Saves Lives

This month one of our units was damaged by fire. It was fortunate that the tenants were able to get out but the property was badly damaged.

Tenants are responsible for changing the batteries in all smoke alarms in their property. You may be breached if you do not replace the batteries or remove the alarm entirely. If you are having issues with a smoke alarm please call the property and maintenance team as soon as possible on 4031 6702.

16th June - 14th
Annual Festival of the Knob
at Yorkeys Knob Community Centre

Crowning of king & queen of the Knob, market stalls, food, rides & raffles.

Come and join the fun

Extension Cords and Trip Hazards

- Extension cords should only be used in situations where fixed wiring is not feasible.
- If it is necessary to use an extension cord, avoid running it across walkways where it poses a potential tripping hazard.
- Always ensure once you have finished using the extension cord to pack it away.

UMI Arts

Espn footytips

Jill, our hard working Team Leader, was the Winner for both round 10 of the NRL & AFL.

Jill received a $20.00 Woolworths Gift Voucher for each league.

Awesome Tipping Jill!
NAIDOC WEEK EVENTS
7 - 14 July 2019

Cairns NAIDOC March
Friday July 5th 9.00am Munro Martin park

Cairns NAIDOC Week Opening
Friday July 5th – Fogarty Pk

Cairns NAIDOC Afternoon Tea
Monday 8th July – Cairns Colonial Club Resort – 2.00pm

For any further information on events please visit Cairns NAIDOC Facebook page - www.facebook.com

What is NDIS?
The NDIS is a new way of providing disability support. The NDIS helps you to;
• Access mainstream services and support
• Access community services and supports
• Maintain your informal support arrangements
• Receive reasonable and necessary funded supports

To learn more about the NDIS visit www.ndis.gov.au

Port Douglas Carer Support Group.
10.00 am - 12.00 noon, Port Douglas Neighbourhood Centre, 6 – 10 Mowbray Street, Port Douglas.

Guest speaker on Advanced Health Directives.
Morning tea will be provided.

More info call 4252 9200

Dates to remember

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All Tenants are invited to attend the
FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND REGIONAL TENANTS ADVISORY GROUP INC.

Meetings are every second month on the first Friday of the month. The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss tenancy issues and hear updates on social housing matters.

Next Meeting: Friday 7th June 2019
Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm
Venue: Building & Asset Services Training Room
Where: 31-33 Grove Street Cairns

ACHC again hosted a Biggest Morning Tea in front of the office on Thursday 23rd May. Again it was a great success, the team raised $1388.20 for the Cancer Council. We couldn’t have done it without the kind generosity, support and donations by all the staff and special volunteer Dorrise.

Thank you
**SUPER SESSION & Community BBQ**

Activating our Community One Step at a Time!

Deadly Fun Games
Interactive Displays
Entertainment
Free BBQ Feed

Wednesday 19th June 2019
4-6pm @ Murray Street Park
FREE Fun Community Event!

More Info: 07 4040 4935 / Cairns.SaferStreets@police.qld.gov.au

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**CUPPA IN THE PARK**

Every Friday 4.00pm to 6 pm
Norman Park, Gordonvale
Contact Rita at the St Michael’s Parish Office on 40561187 for more information