

# Prospect Community Day - celebrating 20 years!

## Join in and help us celebrate all that the Towers community has to offer

EVENTS | Morgan Oss

CENTENARY Park will be a hive of activity this Sunday as it plays host to the 20th annual Charters Towers Community Day.

Stalls will line the park, local organisations will be on show and there will be fun galore for children and families from 8am through to 2pm.

Being the 20th event of its kind, organising body Prospect Community Services is hoping this year's Community Day will be one to remember.

A Prospect spokeswoman said the day was all about bringing the people of Charters Towers together.

"We believe that the Community Day embodies true community spirit," she said.

"A significant proportion of the community is always involved in the day - either through being a stall holder, performing or attending the day.

"The day showcases the beautiful Centenary Park and our magnificent winter climate.

"The community also benefits by increased awareness of the activities, sporting and cultural organisations that are in abundance in our community.

"Community Day has become an iconic event in the Charters Towers community."

The 2017 Charters Towers Community Day is on this Sunday, August 27.

Like all years, there will be a wide variety of stall holders selling their wares.

Activities on offer will include rides, face painting, a jumping castle, craft and much more.

Rides tickets will all be \$2 each and will be available from the ticket box behind the Prospect stall.

For more information, contact Prospect on 4787 4797.

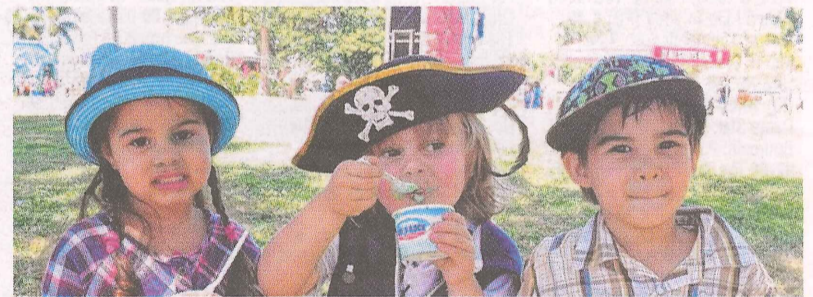


The Community Day was in 2014 named the Charters Towers Regional Council's Community Event of the Year. Pictured with the accolade are staff members Elvene Whitbread, Maggie Corrigan, Kylie Simpson and Katie Dunlop.

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Riley Mathieson, Reegan Foster, Jordan Watson and Billy Jay had fun last year.



Rebecca Galvin, Torino Brodie and Lindsay Galvin at the event in 2014.

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August 27th**

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Craft • Children's Activities  
Community Info • Market Stalls

For more information or to book a stall, contact  
Prospect Community Services at 3 Powell Lane,  
phone 4787 4797 or email [info@prospect.org.au](mailto:info@prospect.org.au)



## What's on offer

THE Charters Towers Community Day brings together groups, associations, clubs, not-for-profit organisations, school, businesses and individuals in celebration of what the local community has to offer.

This year's stalls and events will include:

- Charters Towers Choristers
- Charters Towers Women of the Outback Shed
- This 'n' That
- Mudpuddles
- The Short People
- Charters Towers QCWA branch
- Charters Towers Patchwork and Quilters Group
- Old and Busted Timber
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Shots and Giggles
- Charters Towers Regional Council
- Amnesty International
- Charters Towers Regional Men's Shed
- Dalrymple Country Music Club
- Rural Fire Services Queensland
- Christian Family Church
- Dalrymple Villa
- Charters Towers Athletics Club
- Charters Towers and Dalrymple Family History Association
- Towers Hill Bushcare
- Charters Towers Girl Guides
- Charters Towers Pottery Club
- Zonta Club of Charters Towers
- All Souls St Gabriels School
- Charters Towers PCYC
- Cancer Council
- Life Without Barriers
- Charters Towers Legacy
- Charters Towers Gold City Lions Club
- Jaguar Car Club of North Queensland
- Charters Towers Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
- Pina Colada Jewellery
- Bouncing Beans Coffee
- Queensland Deaf Society
- Rainbow Smash
- Save the Children Australia
- Gold City Country Music Club
- Columba Catholic College
- Charters Towers Kids ELC
- Forrest Jewellers
- NQ Newstart Training North Queensland
- Millchester State School
- Fushia Belle Boutique
- Sage and Soy.



The Community Day has, since its inception in 1998, been all about bringing the people and organisations of Charters Towers together.

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# Two decades of togetherness

### HISTORY! Michael Brumby

THE first Get to Know Your Community Day took place in Lissner Park on Father's Day in 1998.

Tina Ramsay (a TAFE student on placement at CTNC) organised the event.

Groups that participated included the QCWA, Life Education, Youth Achievement Australia, Gold City Lions, Blue Nurses and the Fire Brigade.

Three years later the event was co-opted by the organisers

of the Centenary of Federation celebrations as a "fitting finale" to their Federation Celebrations in the city.

The invasion of bats into Lissner Park forced the Community Day to move to Centenary Park in 2003, with stall numbers having grown to 65.

Six years later stall numbers had more than doubled to 140. Of these 60 were local community organisations.

By this time the day was put back to the Sunday before

Father's Day.

In 2007 a "Blueprint for the Bush: Our Place, Our Future" submission funded the involvement of young people.

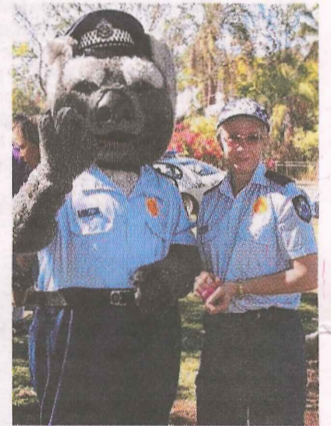
They hosted a range of activities including egg and spoon races, sack races, basketball, football, volleyball, and other novelty events.

"Rock the Park" was organised by Jacqui Maslem (then-Charters Towers City Council youth development officer), local musician Ernie Wheeler, Youth Towers and many other local

young people. Four local bands and a Townsville band entertained a large crowd with heavy metal and rock.

As Tracey Jones lamented in 2009: "In the first few years there was confusion over who was responsible for co-ordinating the day. But now I think people know it is the Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre's event".

"Today it is regarded as a major strategy in promoting the Neighbourhood Centre's organisational identity."



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## SENIORS WEEK ACTIVITIES

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August** 60 and Better have a bus going to Ravenswood for the day \$20pp - Free morning tea & purchase lunch for \$15 - to book phone 4787 4286

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** - The Dalrymple Villa has free breakfast - Everyone welcome - Please phone the Villa to book - starts at 8am

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** Social Club at Arthur Tittley Centre - Open day - All welcome - 10am to 12noon

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August** Men's Shed Billy tea and Damper - All welcome - 10am - Gold coin donation

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August** - Luncheon at ASSG - All welcome - \$5pp - Tickets available from Wheeler House

\* Tickets for the Picnic in the Park & Seniors Luncheon must be collected from Wheeler House during office hours - 8.30am - 12.30pm OR Phone 4787 4286 to R.S.V.P. to all events.

