

# Spicer

## *Matters*



**February 2017**

# From Judi



As some of you know our dog, Rumble, has been extremely ill with kidney failure and we were told to prepare for his death. As I write this Rumble has just been to the vet, and contrary to the vet's previous thoughts he has stabilised. He is now eating a little, and enjoying a drive to the park.

I have been blessed by the understanding and empathy of this congregation. Your kind words and care have meant a lot to Adrian and me.

During this time I have heard lots of stories of the important pets in the lives of many of the Spicer congregation – and the love given and received by these furry, feathered or scaly family members.

Any time we love – be that love for a person or a pet – we are better people because of the act of loving. It opens us to compassion, to thinking of the needs of another. Even though we grieve when a life is over, the love we have received during the lifetime is worth the pain of grief. Treasure the love given and received by our friends and family – human and animal – as it is a reminder of the even greater love given to us by God.



# Spicer Community Lunch



**Planning Day**





# *Carols in the Amphitheatre*



Carols in the Amphitheatre was again successfully held the Sunday before Christmas. A big thank you to everyone involved in organising this great outreach event, particularly Rod, Andrew and the band and brass. We'd like to acknowledge the fantastic contribution from the Jones Commentary – their music was very well received. We estimate we had over 300 people in attendance this year (not including those on stage). Congratulations and well done everyone!





# Gingerbread House building 2016





It's amazing how many ways people can decorate the same Gingerbread house. It was great to see so many creative and intricate designs done by people of all ages.



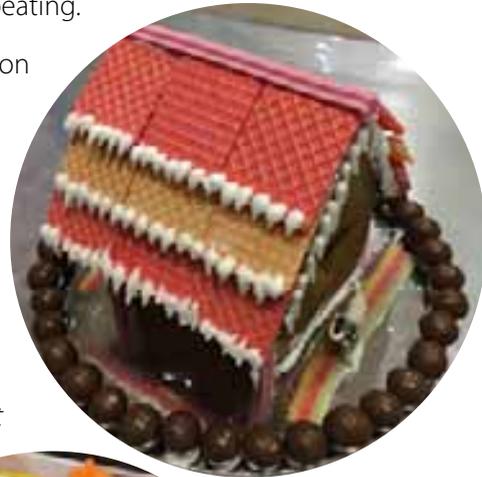
We ran 4 events and although numbers were down on previous years (which means more effort has to be put into promoting the event) it was still successful and enjoyed by all. A special "Ladies only" afternoon (a fundraiser for the Playgroup) was trialled with a guest speaker and afternoon tea and was deemed to be a success and worth repeating.

It would be great to host a Gingerbread exhibition and if anyone is interested in the concept, I would love to hear from them.

Thanks to all the cooks and helpers and those who helped to create a festive atmosphere in the Atrium with the wonderfully decorated fireplaces.

Marg Just

**Editor's Note:** Thanks Marg for the time and effort you put into organising such a fun time for everyone.





## Fourth Avenue BBQ

Friday 17 February

from 6 pm

BYO drinks





Taryn Moore and Michael Quensier were married on Wednesday 4th January at North Burleigh Beach, Queensland. It was a very happy family occasion, beautiful location, perfect weather.

Later we celebrated at Oscars Restaurant.

Michelle Moore



# Mental Health

## What is it?



The first of our mental health seminars will be led by

**Rev Mark Boyce**

**Monday 27 February**

**7.30 pm**

Mark Room

## For your February calendar

<b>Sun 5</b>	Messy Church	<b>4.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 7</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
	Movie Group	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sat 11</b>	Eat Pray Care	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Tues 14</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 15</b>	Church Council	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Spicer Community Lunch	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Fri 17</b>	Meet the Neighbours BBQ	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>Mon 20</b>	RAD	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 21</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 22</b>	Just COS	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Mon 27</b>	Mental Health – What is it?	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 28</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>

### From the editor

Due to time constraints (and sometimes a poor memory) I am finding it increasingly difficult to chase up reports. If you are organising an event, can you please write a report on the event the following day or soon after and email it to me for inclusion in the next edition of *Spicer Matters*. This will stop me hassling you, and should also make report writing easier as the event will still be fresh in your mind.

Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Anne

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