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Welcome to the latest edition of Bellingens' Neighbourhood Centre News! I'd like to introduce myself as the new kid on the block as I take on the role of Manager here at BNC. I've recently relocated to the area from Sydney, and have spent the last four years managing an early intervention service for young families.

I've already fallen in love with the natural beauty of Bellingens (it's pretty hard not to!) and I can't wait to really get to know this wonderful and diverse community.

Please feel free to stop by and say g'day if you're passing!

Louisa Fallon

Please note that the
**Annual General Meeting of the
Bellingen Neighbourhood Centre
Inc. will take place on**

**Wednesday 23th November 2011
at 5.30pm
at Bellingen Citizen's Centre
(next door to the BNC)**

Light refreshments will be served
following the AGM.

In order to ensure a quorum and for catering it would be appreciated if you could RSVP by Monday 21th November 2011

I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me on
(02) 6655 1239.

No Interest Loan Scheme NILS®

Do you need new household appliances, furniture or medical equipment but don't have the money for it?

We might be able to help you with a interest free loan up to 1000 dollars.

To be eligible you must be on a low Income, have lived in the 2453, 2454 or 2455 post-code area for at least 6 month and have the capacity to repay the loan within 12 month.

For more Information contact our NILS® Officer on 02 6655 1239 or visit Bellingen Neighbourhood Centre.

For enquiries outside the Bellingen shire please call NILS® NSW 1800 509 994

The Bellingen Neighbourhood Centre is open Monday to Friday 10 am to 3.30 pm and is located in the Council park beside Centrelink

Services currently available:

- Emergency Relief service
- No Interest Loan Scheme
- Computer access
- Volunteer work
- Photocopier and
- Fax services
- Community development
- Community information and referrals
- Advocacy

Free Breast Screen

Breast Screen NSW is now offering free Breast Screens for all women over the age of 40.

The service is based at the Coffs Harbour Health Campus and provides screening all year round.

A doctor's referral is not necessary.

To make an appointment, please ring 13 20 50



Did you know....**Free help to save power**

Call 1300 662 416 or Anne O'Brian on 0406573546

to book your free home power assessment. Available to NSW residents with a Pensioner Concession, Low Income Health Care or Veterans' Affairs card or energy utility hardship customer.

Through the **Home Power Savings Program**, 220,000 eligible households will save up to 20% a year on their power use.

Every eligible household that joins the program will get a **FREE**:

- **Home power assessment by an energy expert** to identify ways to save power in the home
- **Power Savings Kit** to help kick start savings which includes:
 - stand-by saver power board
 - 4 energy efficient light bulbs
 - low flow showerhead
 - shower timer
 - tap aerator
 - draught-proof strips for around the door
 - door snakes.
- **Personal Power Savings Action Plan**

Who can join the program?

To be eligible for the program you must live in NSW and contribute to the power bills for the property.

At least **one person in your household**

must have one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (Gold) Repatriation Health Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs (White) Repatriation Health Card OR be a recognised energy utility hardship customer

Latest news on Wired 2011

Some of the best young performers in the Bellingen Shire will be showcased at the free Wired youth performance on Sunday 20th November 2011.

Wired is a great afternoon of live entertainment on the riverfront at Urunga, as part of the Bellingen Shire Youth celebrations.

There will a huge line-up of local young musicians, dancers, Martial Arts, singers and MCs including: Cut loose, Off the Grid, Gosh in Ru, Barefoot Fiddlers, Never One Day, Smash Mystery, Gina Bray and our latest to join is Ran MC.

Wired will kick off at 1:00pm at the Morgo Street Reserve Stage (opposite the Ocean View Hotel), Urunga, finishing at 5:00 pm.

Bring a picnic or just enjoy the sausage sizzle and refreshments provided by Reconnect whilst checking out free entertainment. This event is strictly drug & alcohol free.

There will also be a youth service info stall with people there from different groups to answer all your questions and provide resources on a variety of youth issues and will be plenty of giveaways.

Transport will be available from Dorrigo and Bellingen to the event but you need to book so hurry and book your seat. Call BSYS 66550167

