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ITC Christmas Luncheon

On Friday, 28th November the ATSICHS Mackay ITC (Integrated Team Care) Team hosted their second Christmas luncheon for their clients.

This year the event took place at the Andergrove Hall where guests enjoyed a delicious roast meal by Golden Roast followed by homemade desserts made by Patricia Wright and Kerri-Ann Wright.

Indigenous students from Mackay North State High School were also in attendance to assist ATSICHS staff in the kitchen. The students were busy throughout the day fetching tea and coffee for the elders as well as taking food orders and delivering meals to the tables.

Some of the lucky guests went home with prizes that was won through a lucky door draw and an exciting game of Hoy.



Women's Group Christmas Breakup

United Women's Culture Group enjoyed their Christmas breakup lunch at Andergrove Tavern. The Women's Group is increasing with more expected to join in 2025.

This year the group enjoyed day outings, dancing at community culture events and had their first big cent sale which turned out to be a huge success!

The ladies enjoy doing arts and crafts, spending time each Monday morning having many laughs together which is good for their social and emotional wellbeing.

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year for 2025.

United Women's Group



Saying Farewell After 10 Years

This week we say goodbye to our NDIS Support Coordinator, Veronica Bayles and Chronic Disease Team Leader, Selbena Mallie, who will both be leaving ATSICHS at the end of the year.

Check what they had to say about their time with the Health Service:

"After working at ATSICHS for 15 years, it is time to have some "me" time.

Starting as an Assistant in Nursing (AIN), working in clinic doing home visits with the elderly, I would like to thank ATSICHS staff from 2009 for giving me the opportunity to be employed here at the health service. Working with the community, I have built a good rapport with our clients, acknowledging their cultures and language.



Many of the elders I worked with have gone but are not forgotten by me.

As the Chronic Disease Team leader, I enjoyed the Bingobetes games with the ladies. I thank the staff and community for helping raise money with our "Pink" days for Breast Cancer Network and Biggest Morning Tea's.

It is time for me to hang up the lanyard and to start giving some of my many work shirts away that I have collected over the years and relax. I will still be coming to the health service as a patient, so if you see me say "Hi." (P.S. Don't ask me to book any appointments.)

I would like to wish all staff and community a Merry Christmas Happy and Healthy New Year for 2025. All the best for the future."

Selbena Mallie

"I have worked within the ATSICHS Mackay Community for the past 11 years and have seen many changes and really look forward to seeing the new finished building.

The community of Mackay have been very welcoming in all the positions I have held within ATSICHS from Health Worker, Receptionist, Care Coordinator and NDIS Support Coordinator roles.

I have been lucky to work along some very passionate, kind people who have guided me in my career, with special mention to Paula Watts, Tekee Malcolm, Sally Roberts and Teiraen Toarei.



ATSICHS has supported me with further study and I will forever be grateful as it has opened many doors for me.

I would like to wish the whole team of ATSICHS Mackay Ltd and the ATSICHS Board a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2025."

Veronica Bayles

Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication to our community over the past decade. ATSICHS Mackay wishes you all the best in your next chapter.

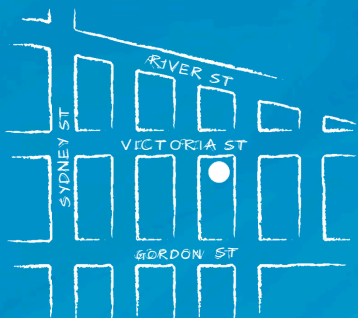
Women's & Men's Group Christmas Lunch

On Monday, 14 October the Women's Group and Bama Men's Group enjoyed their Christmas lunch at the Kickstart Saloon in Sunnyside.



Have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

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