

## Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday 4 March 9.15 am

The next meeting of The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will be held at Ballina Library on Monday 4 March starting at 9.15am. This is the Friends' Annual General Meeting and will also feature a talk by local crime writer C T Mitchell who will discuss his latest book, *Murder Secret*, a novel which centres around five gruesome murders between Cabarita and Pottsville. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend the meeting which is free of charge and which will include light refreshments served afterwards. People are also welcome to become members of the Friends of the Library at the meeting.

### Mobile Library Timetable

Empire Vale	Wednesday 13 and 27 March 9.30am – 10.30am at the School.
Wardell	Wednesday 13 and 27 March 11.15am – 12.15pm at the School.
Wollongbar	Wednesday 13 and 27 March 2.15pm – 4.00pm at the Shopping Centre.
Teven/Tintenbar	Monday 11 and 25 March 11.30am – 12.30pm at the School.

Visit our website at [www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au) where you can sign up for our Newsletter or follow us on Facebook for the latest information about events and programs at your local library.

## What's on @ Ballina, Alstonville & Lennox Head Libraries March 2019

### Free Financial Advice For Seniors Ballina Library - Monday 18 March 2.00 pm

Ballina Library is hosting a series of free seminars which offer financial advice to seniors and retirees. These seminars are an initiative of the Federal Government and are run by qualified staff from the Federal Department of Human Services. They are free of charge and open to all members of the public. The first of these sessions, titled *The Age Pension and your choices*, will be held at Ballina Library on Monday 18 March at 2.00 pm. Other sessions will include *Aged care fees and charges* on 1 April, *Estate planning for older people* on 8 April, *Investing in safety* on 6 May and *Retirement reality and investment choices* on 20 May, all at 2.00 pm. Please call Ballina Library on 6686 2831 to reserve your place.

### Author Talk - C T Mitchell

Ballina Library - Monday 4 March 9.45 am

Cabarita Beach author C T Mitchell has written twenty-five novels and novellas set in an around the Northern Rivers. His fast-paced mysteries, featuring Detective Jack Creed, weave traditional police procedurals with global locations and the action of a good thriller. His latest novel, *Murder Secret*, centres on five murders around Cabarita and Pottsville. You can hear C T Mitchell discuss his work during the Friends of the Library meeting at the Ballina Library on Monday 4 March. The meeting will begin at 9.15 am and the author talk will commence around 9.45 am. The talk is open to all members of the public and bookings are not necessary.

Ballina Library 6686 2831  
Lennox Head Library 6687 6398  
Alstonville Library 6628 5527

## Regular Children's Activities

Our regular children's programs are held each week at Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head libraries and there is no need to book. There are three different programs to choose from, depending on the age of your child:

**Baby Bounce:** This is a 20 to 30 minute session aimed at babies aged from zero to twelve months. Each session involves parents sitting in a circle and holding their babies as they sing a variety of nursery rhymes, clap hands, and follow the session leader through a series of guided movements. There are also fun games involving plastic balls, musical instruments and other props.

**Toddler Time:** This is similar to Baby Bounce but is aimed at children aged from twelve months to two years. Guided by a staff member, parents and children sit in a circle and sing nursery rhymes with an emphasis on activity songs involving specific movements and hand gestures.

**Storytime:** Aimed at children from two to five years of age, Storytime involves a staff member reading two or three stories to the children, as well as leading the group through three or four nursery rhymes or action songs. This is followed by a simple craft activity in which the children, with help from their parent construct a pre-designed craft object using the materials supplied. Stories, songs and craft are typically based on a specific theme which varies from week to week. These sessions run from 45 minutes to an hour.

### Baby Bounce, Toddler Time and Storytime - Session Times

**Ballina Library:** Storytime every Tuesday at 11.00am, Baby Bounce every Monday at 10.30am, Toddler Time every Friday at 10.00am.

**Lennox Head Library:** Storytime every Thursday at 10.30am, Baby Bounce every Wednesday at 10.30am., Toddler Time every Tuesdays at 2.30pm.

**Alstonville Library:** Storytime every Tuesday at 10.30am and Baby Bounce every Thursday at 10.30am.

## Scrabble and Chess Clubs

### Ballina and Alstonville Libraries

#### Ballina Library:

The Ballina Library Scrabble Club meets every Wednesday from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and gives players of all abilities the chance to meet and play in a friendly, non-competitive environment. Ballina Library also hosts a Chess Club which meets in the library every Friday from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Both clubs are open to people of all ages and are free of charge. Bookings are not necessary.

#### Alstonville Library:

Alstonville Library Scrabble Club meets at the Alstonville Library every Tuesday from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. Open to people of all ages. No bookings necessary.

## Books For Sale

### Saturday 2 March 9.00 am to 11.00 am

The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will be holding their monthly mini book sale on Saturday 2 March from 9.00am to 11.00am. Held in the Richmond Room at the back of the Ballina Library (with entry via the library), this month's sale will feature fiction books, music CDs, DVDs and children's books, all priced at 50 cents. There will also be a wide selection of non-fiction books, on topics such as art, history, cooking, health, craft, Australia and biographies, with prices starting at one dollar. This is the first sale for this year, so stocks are overflowing and there will be a wide range of materials available at very low prices.

If you can't make the sale, a wide range of books and magazines are available for sale at Ballina, Lennox Head and Alstonville Libraries, and also at the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, at any time during opening hours. All proceeds go to support Ballina Shire Libraries.