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Christmas Island Community Newsletter

17th Anniversary of Seniors Week Celebrated

It was a fantastic week for the seniors on the 17th Anniversary of Seniors Week celebrated from 20 to 26 July 2015. The Shire of Christmas Island thanks our local community and the many generous organisations and individuals who have continuously supported this important event since its inception in 1999.

The opening of the Seniors Week was marked by a Morning Tea held at the Poon Saan Community Hall followed by the Preliminary Opening of the new Senior Citizens Centre at 9.45am on Monday 20 July 2015.

There were many other events held throughout the week where seniors attended various activities and had a great time together. The Seniors Week ended on Sunday 26 July 2015 with a Grand Dinner with Sponsor and Seniors held at the Season Palace Restaurant. It was a great occasion which saw children cultural dance being performed by Suzane's Dance Troupe; welcoming speeches from the Shire's Manager of Community Services Mr Chew Boon Beng, the Shire President, Cr Gordon Thomson, the Christmas Island Administrator, Mr Barry Haase and the President of the CI Seniors Association Mr Ang Ah Him; the introduction of the Seniors Citizens Centre Advisory Committee Members; presentation of a cheque amounting to \$3,300 to the CI Seniors Association by Ms Suzane Chan from her recent Fashion Show fund raising event in late May; presentation of seniors shopping vouchers from the CI Charities, seniors gifts from Boong Trading and Lucky Ho Restaurant.

Special seniors' gifts were also presented by the Shire of Christmas Island to those who dedicated their times and participated at all the activities where programs were structured for the week. A Seniors Cake cutting ceremony was performed by Ms MarryAnn McNeil, Ms Ang KooH Looi and Mr Arshad Sidek. More than 140 residents, including seniors, sponsors and guests joined the happy event and witnessed the lucky draw prizes for seniors followed by karaoke entertainment.

All in all, the 17th Seniors Week was a resounding success. The program of activities, the level of community contribution and involvement, and the extent of encouragement of our seniors in the events all demonstrated that the Seniors Week continues to be an important feature of our Island calendar.

A series of 2015 Seniors Week photos are included in this edition of *The Islander* as a supplement.



Public Library News

School Holiday Program



From the 8th- 22nd July 2015, the theme of the school holiday craft activity held at the Shire Public Library was all about "Dinosaurs". A dinosaur mobile with a fierce looking pterandon looking down and various roaring paper dinosaurs were made during the first 2 weeks. Wonderful work kids!

On the last day, the children made a very real looking diplodocus and then it was out to the tented area to create a volcano. Well, volcanoes and dinosaurs do go together! They mixed together flour, salt, oil and water to make a dough and then started on their volcano. They then landscaped it by poking various plants, flowers and bushes.



Now the fun starts once their creation was complete. They then filled the volcano with water, dropped some dish washing liquid into it, added the baking soda and some red food colouring.

The final ingredient was to slowly pour in the vinegar and watch the volcano erupt. Squeals of delight followed and the volcano was made to erupt over and over again. It was thoroughly enjoyable to watch the looks of wonder and delight on their faces. Thanks to all the children & parents who attended., and thank you to Hafiz for the music. Great work everyone.

