

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 1.00pm to 4.00pm. 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.

Mobile Library Timetable

Empire Vale	Wednesday 11 and 25 March 9.30am – 10.30am at the School.
Wardell	Wednesday 11 and 25 March 11.15am – 12.15pm at the School.
Wollongbar	Wednesday 11 and 25 March 2.15pm – 4.00pm at the Shopping Centre.
Teven/Tintenbar	Monday 9 and 23 March 11.30am – 12.30pm at the School.

Visit our website at 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 2020

Author Talk - Chris Hammer

Ballina Library - Tuesday 3 March 11.00 am

Australian author Chris Hammer is the author of the crime novel *Scrublands*, which has sold more than 100,000 copies in Australia alone and won several major awards including the UK Crime Writers' Association's Award for best debut crime novel. Before turning to fiction, Chris was a political journalist for more than thirty years with SBS Television, The Bulletin and The Age. He has also published two non-fiction books, *The River* (2010) and *The Coast* (2012). During the talk, which will be hosted by author Zacharey Jane, Chris will discuss his latest book *Silver*, a sequel to *Scrublands*. This is a free event open to all members of the public. Please call Ballina Library on (02) 6686 2831 to reserve your place.

Regional Readers Book Club

All branches

Richmond Tweed Regional Library is introducing a new, online book club open to everyone. Each month, a book will be chosen by the library and made available for borrowing from the library's general collection or through its Quick Reads and Popular Picks section. The title will also be available for multiple readers to download simultaneously as an eBook or eAudiobook from the RTRL website or Library App. Questions on the book will then be posted on the library's Facebook page where participants will be encouraged to join in the conversation by posting their responses and other comments. This month's book is *Silver* by Australian author Chris Hammer.

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

Summer Reading Club Party

Congratulations to all participants

This year's Summer Reading Club party, held recently at Ballina Library, was a great success with over forty children and twenty adults coming to the event. Those lucky enough to attend were treated to free pizza, cake and lots of fun. Congratulations to Audrey from Ballina who won the lucky prize draw for the Apple iPad Mini. Well done to all our Summer Reading Club members for another great year of children's reading.

Free Financial Information Seminar

Topic: Accommodation Options

Ballina Library—Monday 23 March 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Are you retired and thinking of changing your living situation? Are you thinking of downsizing or investing in a granny flat? Are you considering financing your new accommodation through a reverse mortgage? Ballina Library is hosting a series of seminars which offer financial information to seniors and retirees.

These seminars are an initiative of the Federal Government and are run by qualified staff from *Services Australia* (formerly the Federal Department of Human Services). They are free of charge and open to all members of the public. The next session will be held on Monday 23 March at 2.00 pm on the topic *Accommodation options*. Please call Ballina Library on 6686 2831 to reserve your place.

Tech Savvy Seniors Computer Training

Lennox Head Library—Various Times

Lennox Head Library is currently offering free computer lessons on a variety of topics including laptop and tablet computers, smartphones, and introduction to emails. These lessons are funded by Telstra as part of its Tech Savvy program, which aims to give older Australians the skills and confidence they need to use technology and get connected. The library's lessons are presented to small groups of around four to eight people at a time. Please call Lennox Head Library on 6687 6398 for more information or to reserve your place in a class.

Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries Meeting

Ballina Library—Monday 2 March 9.15am

The next meeting of The Friends of Ballina Shire Libraries will be held at Ballina Library on Monday 2 March starting at 9.15am. This is the Friends' Annual General Meeting. Guests and visitors are welcome to attend the gathering 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.

Book Donations

Due to a lack of storage room, Ballina Library and the Friends of Ballina Library are no longer accepting donations of books or other items. The only exception to this are books that are less than two years old that are in pristine condition and suitable for adding to the library's collection.

Book For Sale

There is a wide range of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs available for purchase 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.

Baby Bounce, Toddler Time and Storytime

Regular 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.