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## The Season to be Neighbourly

Christmas is on its ways and that festive cheer that is the Christmas vibe is gaining traction. The sparkle of Christmas trees and shiny decorations tantalise our sensors, and "silly season" events are filling the calendar with pace. As we count down the days all that's left to organize is whether its Pork, Chicken or Prawns that will be the star on the big day!

While Christmas provides a warm fuzzy feeling to even the most hardened among us, it can also be a time of great sadness to many. It is a time that reminds people of those they love and for many that means someone they have lost. It is the time of the year that we shower children with gifts and for those that can't afford to; a monumental "kick in the guts". It's a time of year that can trigger polar opposite emotions of complete euphoria or debilitating depression. It's the time to reflect and be grateful for what we have but also observe what others may not have. We should take the time to chat with neighbours, reach out and volunteer assistance where we can, and most importantly appreciate the small differences we can make to another's day. For those living in a Strata complex it's the best time of year to introduce

yourself to neighbours or have a catchup.

In North Queensland, the festive season also brings intense heat and very erratic weather patterns; there can be a deluge of rain (very much needed at the moment!), an abundance of humidity and even severe weather warnings including cyclones. With this in mind its timely to put a plan in place to ensure that you are fully prepared. Pack an emergency kit, check gutters are not overflowing, remove potential missiles on common property, denut coconut trees, and attend to any slip and trip hazards such as cleaning slippery driveways. It is also the time of year where swimming pools have most usage. Make sure your building has a current pool safety certificate and be vigilant about reporting anything that may compromise its safety. Being social with your neighbours by the pool is a great way to enjoy your community, but make sure no glass is allowed in these areas as broken glass poses a serious hazard.

But most of all ... "He knows when you've been naughty and nice, so be good for goodness sake!"



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