

Happy New Year to you and your family.

We hope you had a great Christmas and a fun New Year. Kookaburra Retreat has already started it's activities with two 'school holiday sessions'. Last week our fabulous coordinator Maxine put out a spread of beads and charms and the adults got to 'play' as she showed us how to make some jewellery. The third holiday session is on 25th Jan with only a few spaces available for crèche bookings - click here [SchoolHolidaySession3](#)

**The committee wishes to invite you to continue your membership in 2018.** We have had a change in committee members and with a fresh start to 2018 we hope you will visit Kookaburra Retreat either regularly or for specific events/training for members only and ones open to the general public - we are a community centre after all! You can get involved as much or as little as you like with the association, we find the-more-the-merrier.

Thursday's and Friday's are continuing to be days where crèche is available to book in your child/ren to be cared for by qualified nannies (please note parent has to be on the premises or at HMAS Albatross gym). At present we are adding a [third day for crèche, Monday's from the 5th February](#) so look out for the booking post the week before.

We are also in the process of confirming a [Playgroup Coordinator](#) for 2018 (Tuesday or Wednesday). So if you like to organise, have young children and are looking for a reason to go out and play with other mums, this may be for you. Please email or call the office with your expression of interest (working with children check is highly desirable).

Please find attached the [2018 membership](#) form with S DFA's account details for your \$30 EFT payment(internet banking) or you can pay cash when handing in the form when you next visit 'Kooka'. For those who aren't aware if you are a defence spouse and a paid member of S DFA you can sponsor(just a signature) a non-defence person to become a member (eg: a friend you know from school or sporting club). We have also attached the crèche enrolment form for 2018 - one former child is required.

Starting in early February when the office opens regularly after school holidays, please look out for regular emails and posts with activities, events and training communicated via the public [Shoalhaven Defence Families](#) page on facebook with information on how to be involved and forms if required - please become a member of this page if you aren't already.

Thanks for your time, hope to see you at Kooka soon.

Kind Regards,  
*[Executive Committee](#)*