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Wow it's hard to believe we are putting the final touches to our Christmas issue. Can you believe it has been five years this month since Essence Magazine first went to print?

We hope you have enjoyed the content of the magazine throughout this year. When the girls and I reflect on the past year - our common thoughts are how fortunate we are working alongside so many motivated and successful business owners, getting to know interesting people and visiting special places in South Canterbury. We are truly grateful to be given the opportunity to showcase all that is great about our region.

In this issue we profile popular celebrity chef Nadia Lim who introduces us to her latest plant based cookbook, Vegful. Page 6.

We get excited about the up-coming Caroline Bay Carnival, page 7. We think celebrating five years of Essence Magazine is an achievement, but this amazing carnival is celebrating 109 years! We have a wee way to go!

Another business celebrating is Cocoon Hair Design. Their recent award recognises the best business, training and creative talent in New Zealand's hair, beauty and barbering industries. Well done girls.

Our Christmas House this year is Rachel Garden and David Carr's beautiful character home and garden which they have owned for 19 years. Page 11.

Don't forget to shop locally this Christmas - we have put together several pages of inspiring gift ideas on pages 14-17.

Invite some friends over to share our favourite cheese recipe on page 18 accompanied by 'the now not so secret' Peach Chutney recipe by Mandy from our North Canterbury office.

Enjoy your summer break - Dorothy, Larnya, Liz and Pat.



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1. Ayla Surtees, Cheryl Just and Rebecca Kerr 2. Ben Dobbs and Lily Williams 3. Jan Mulligan and Hazel Groundwater 4. Lily Williams and Jenny Joblin 5. Maree Davis, Debbie Brown and Karen Clarke 6. Mollie O'Neill and Gracie Hellmrich 7. Sandra Lambert, Megz Mclvor and Keri Bulling-Slocombe 8. Nicki Lysaght and Karen Herderson 9. Ben Dobbs and Isabel Clarke

Christmas Gifts Galore

Maree Hynes Interiors & Gifts had a relaxing evening of shopping on the 21st of November with many ideas for Christmas gifts. They brought the JOY back into shopping at the late-night event.



1. Raewyn Redford and Raewyn Bell 2. Sandra Brown and Toni Brown 3. Colleen Smith, Glenda Newland, Martina O'Toole, Teresa Heap and Evelyn Leggett 4. Ashleigh Greenwood and Leanne McLaughlin 5. Ella Ramage and Sam Munro 6. Bernie Young and Angela McGrath

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Vegful Cooking

Nadia Lim hosted a very enjoyable night at Mountainview High School. VIP guests were invited to have a chat with Nadia and get their book signed. She introduced her new cookbook Vegful and had many stories to tell. What an amazing night it was for all.



1. Rosa Ellen and Nadia Lim 2. Christine Chisnall, Rayn Buckman and Yvonne McEwan 3. Georgia McEwen, Frankie Pullar, Emily Bills and Caitlin Mclvor 4. Maria van den Bosch and Kery Drake 5. Maryclare Wood and Joyce Shankor-Kay 6. Paige Butler-Baird, Jayne Butler and Diane Sutherland 7. Hilary McKnight and Suzanne Talbot 8. Trudie and Abigail Blay 9. William and Francine Schmidt, Kirsty Burnett

Focus on Fashion

On the 20th of November Fashion Focus held a fantastic night out with their annual Fashion Parade raising funds for Save the Children. Most of the ladies came dressed in red to represent the organisation. What a night!



1. Vicki Gamage, Maree Sherwin, Tracey Hodgett, Jo Russell and Suzanne Talbot
2. Linda Hawkey, Fay Edgeler and Lorraine South 3. Anne Benny and Sandra Briscoe 4. Bernadette Simpson and Rosemary O'Connor 5. Ngoure Osford and Rosemary O'Connor 6. Jan Pope, Joan Caswell and Jill Hull 7. Vonnie Schaab, Rose Brown and Janice Mitchell 8. Issie Kyle, Diane Ross and Hilary McKnight

Vegetables centre stage in Nadia's new book

words: Jo Bailey images: Vanessa & Michael Lewis



Now, I think 'should we have eggplant, courgettes or kumara for dinner tonight?' and build a meal around that."

Nadia says her husband Carlos Bagrie, a fourth-generation sheep farmer who grew up in Southland on "meat and three veg" was initially resistant to the idea of vegetarian meals but is now a huge fan. "I think his views were a reflection of the majority of Kiwis. These days he doesn't really distinguish between a meat and a meat-free meal – both are equally delicious and satisfying!"

With two young sons, Bodhi (3) and River (1), cooking at home has become more about "family favourites" rather than the more exotic and sometimes spicy meals she and Carlos used to enjoy. "I don't have time to cook twice, so our meals are definitely not as exotic as they used to be, but that doesn't mean they can't be delicious."

Like many parents of small children, it can be a struggle for Nadia to get her sons to eat vegetables. Before she had children, she thought she would be able get them used to eating vegetables from a young age, but it hasn't quite worked out this way. "People often assume my kids must be great vegetable eaters, and while they're not terrible, they're not amazing either. Like most mums, I have to hide their vegetables and sometimes bribe them with ice cream!"

Today there is a definite wave or movement towards more plant-based eating, with far greater awareness around how delicious it can be, and the benefits of eating more vegetables and less processed foods and meat.

She says her boys love any kind of vegetable fritter, vegetable chips, such as carrot and parsnip roasted with a little olive oil and maple syrup, and Veggie Pops ice blocks, which are a "delicious and refreshing way" to get greens into young children. The Veggie Pops recipe features in Vegful along with Creamy Tomato, Mushroom, Kale and Black Bean Shepherd's Pie, another of the boys' favourites, says Nadia. "I substitute kale for spinach or silver beet when I'm cooking it for them, and they absolutely love it."

Nadia says her own favourite recipes in the book change depending on the season, however current choices include Cypriot Salad, which has lentils and freekeh or bulgur wheat as the base, with lots of vegetables, herbs,



haloumi and cherry tomatoes; and the Pumpkin and Cinnamon Donuts.

Nadia's life is incredibly full and busy. As well as being a young mum, she writes and self-publishes her cookbooks and does most of her own marketing and publicity, including book tours. Her hugely popular magazine, Nadia, continues to go from strength to strength, and she is one of the founders of My Food Bag, now a celebrated national brand.

She even managed to find time to appear on this year's Dancing with the Stars television show. "I thrive on new challenges and it was really cool to do something right outside my comfort zone. I joined for fun and was aiming to get about halfway through, but as time went on, I became more and more motivated and was thrilled to reach the semi-finals. My dance partner, Aaron Gilmore, the rest of the contestants, and the crew were all so lovely, and we keep in contact a lot, which is a fantastic bonus."

Vegetables are the one food source we can't eat too much of, so if you are wanting to incorporate more plant-based cooking into your life or add some delicious new vegetable recipes to your repertoire, Vegful is the perfect addition to your Christmas wish list.

A celebration of "beautiful, colourful, bountiful vegetables" is how popular celebrity chef, Nadia Lim describes her latest (and tenth) cookbook, Vegful, which is a stunning collection of vegetable-based recipes. "It was around four years ago that I first wanted to write a vegetable cookbook. However, the timing didn't feel quite right, as I wasn't sure the majority of Kiwis were ready for it. Today there is a definite wave or movement towards more plant-based eating, with far greater awareness around how delicious it can be, and the benefits of eating more vegetables and less processed foods and meat."

While all of the recipes in Vegful are vegetarian or vegan, Nadia prefers to call it a vegetable cookbook. "The idea is to simply get people, regardless of what way they choose to eat, to eat more vegetables and to explore new varieties, flavours and ways of cooking and serving them. It's easy to get into the habit of buying the same vegetables and cooking them the same ways, but there is such an incredible variety out there to try."

In the beautifully laid-out book, simple tips have been provided for people with special dietary requirements, so they can adjust the recipes to suit their needs.

Nadia says she "still loves a good lamb chop" and is not recommending fellow omnivores should give up meat all together. However, she believes in going for "quality (such as more ethically raised meat) over quantity" when it comes to meat consumption.

For the last few years, about half the main meals she cooks for her family have been vegetable based. "Straight after (winning) Masterchef, my cooking was still mainly centred around a protein, as like most of us, I had been brought up with chicken, meat, or fish being the starting point for dinner. Even as a cook, I had to shift my mindset to put vegetables at the centre, but once I got used to it, I started to become a lot more creative and try new things.

Join us to celebrate Christmas on one of the happiest nights of the year!



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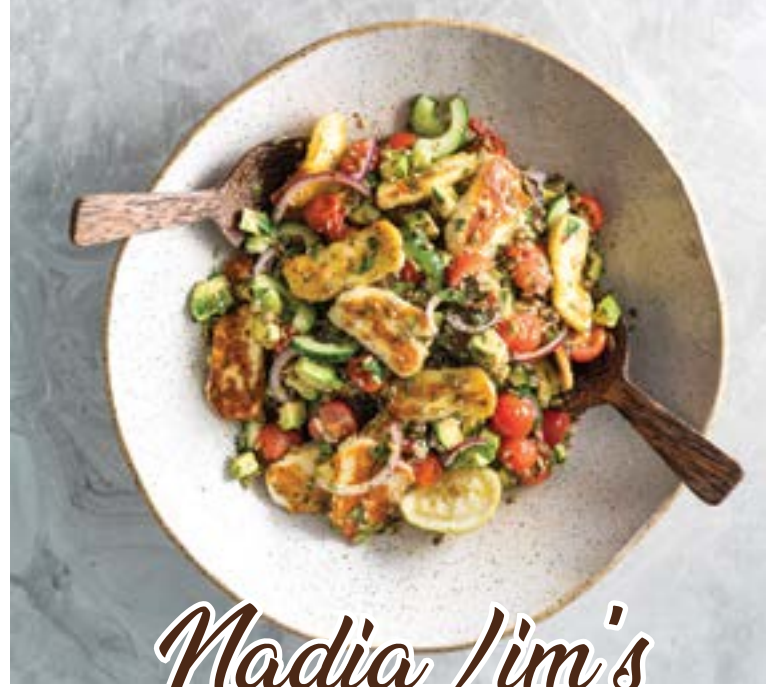
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Madia Lim's Cypriot Lentil & Freekeh Salad with Honey-glazed Haloumi

This salad was scored a unanimous, definitive 10/10 by a group of friends over for lunch. Freekeh — a young, green wheat, most similar to bulgur — is a delicious grain to incorporate in your diet; it has a fantastic subtle smoky, nutty flavour and is a little chewy. The combination of freekeh, lentils, sunflower and pumpkin seeds lends heaps of texture and nuttiness to this summery salad. It's hands down one of my favourite salads and is incredibly filling.

SERVES 4

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 25 minutes

½ cup dried Puy lentils (French green lentils)
½ cup cracked freekeh (or bulghur)
3 tablespoons sunflower seeds
3 tablespoons pumpkin seeds
½ large telegraph cucumber
½ red onion, finely sliced
½ punnet cherry tomatoes, cut in half
½ cup each chopped flat-leaf parsley and mint
2 tablespoons chopped capers
flesh of 1 firm-ripe avocado, diced

DRESSING

zest of ½ lemon
juice of 1 lemon
¼ cup chopped oregano leaves
¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
2 teaspoons liquid honey
¼ teaspoon salt and freshly cracked black pepper

HONEY-GLAZED HALOUMI

400g haloumi, sliced 0.5cm-thick
½ punnet cherry tomatoes
leaves from a few sprigs of thyme or rosemary
zest and juice of ½ lemon
1 tablespoon liquid honey

- Bring a medium pot of water to the boil. Cook lentils for 5–10 minutes then add freekeh and continue cooking for a further 10–15 minutes or until lentils and freekeh are tender. Drain and run under cold water to cool and stop the cooking process.
- Place sunflower and pumpkin seeds in a small fry pan (with no oil) and toast on low to medium heat for a few minutes, stirring frequently to avoid burning. Set aside.
- Place all dressing ingredients in a jar, screw the lid on and shake well to combine.
- Cut cucumber in half lengthways, scrape seeds out with a teaspoon (and discard), then slice. Place in a large bowl. Add cooled lentils and freekeh along with toasted seeds, all remaining salad ingredients and dressing. Toss together and season to taste with a little more salt and pepper, if needed.
- Heat a drizzle of olive oil in a large non-stick fry pan on medium heat. Cook haloumi for 1–2 minutes each side until golden. Transfer to a plate and keep pan on the heat.
- Place cherry tomatoes and thyme/rosemary in the pan and cook, shaking every now and again, for a few minutes, until tomatoes are blistered. Add lemon zest and juice, let it bubble, then add honey and turn off the heat. Transfer blistered tomatoes to plate of haloumi and pour over the juices and herbs from the pan.
- Top salad with haloumi, blistered tomatoes and honey glaze and juices.

DF omit haloumi | VEGAN omit haloumi and use maple syrup instead of honey

109th Caroline Bay Carnival

The Caroline Bay 109th Annual Carnival begins on Boxing Day and runs until 12th January 2020 with many activities for all age groups to enjoy. Great family entertainment is on daily with free concerts at 2pm and 7pm.

Artists performing include such shows as The Soul Agency, Recliner Rockers, NZ AC/DC, Badly Stuffed Animals, Queen & Robbie Williams Tribute Shows, Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton Show with Frisky Business That 80s Show completing the carnival with a final 90 minute concert.

9pm – 11pm concert on New Year's Eve has Dangerbaby performing, games and rides are operating, then at midnight the volunteer pyrotechnic members set off the Pub Charity fireworks display, worthwhile staying to see.

The annual Alpine Energy Talent Quest is on Sat Jan 4th & Sun 5th and is always very popular with a variety of talent on show.

Competitions include sand modelling, big dig, kids fancy dress and more. There is a variety of games, bouncy castles, mini golf, train rides, Merry Go Round, Octopus, Big Wheel and other rides with more for everyone to enjoy.

For holiday entertainment and a fabulous time then the Caroline Bay, 18 day Carnival is the place to be this summer. Check the website for when the artists are performing at carnival. www.carolinebay.org.nz or Caroline Bay on Facebook.



THE 109TH

CAROLINE BAY CARNIVAL TIMARU

Entertainment Programme

<p>Thursday 26th December 2pm Dee May & The Saints 7pm The Soul Agency & Guests</p> <p>Friday 27th December 2pm The Soul Agency & Guests 7pm The Recliner Rockers</p> <p>Saturday 28th December 2pm The Recliner Rockers 7pm NZ AC/DC Show</p> <p>Sunday 29th December 2pm NZ AC/DC Show 7pm Badly Stuffed Animals</p> <p>Monday 30th December 2pm Badly Stuffed Animals 7pm Dateless n Desperate Showband</p> <p>Tuesday 31st December 2pm Dateless n Desperate Showband 7pm Dangerbaby 9pm - 11pm Dangerbaby</p> <p>Wednesday 1st January 2pm Dangerbaby 7pm Queen Tribute Show</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd January 2pm Robbie Williams Tribute Show 7pm Kylie Austin & Noel Burns</p> <p>Friday 3rd January 2pm Kylie Austin & Noel Burns 7pm The Bay City Backing Band</p> <p>Saturday 4th January 2pm Junior Talent Quest Semi Final 7pm Intermediate Talent Quest Semi Final</p> <p>Sunday 5th January 2pm Senior Talent Quest Semi Final 7pm Finals Talent Quest</p> <p>6th January - 10th January 2pm Daily Acts on the Band Rotunda</p> <p>Friday 10th January 7pm Black and Gold 7.45pm Sweet Marie Band</p> <p>Saturday 11th January 2pm Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton Show 7pm Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton Show</p> <p>Sunday 12th January 2pm - 3.30pm Frisky Business The 80's Experience</p>
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BOXING DAY TO JANUARY 12TH 2020

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Cocoon Hair Design were finalists in two sections, Sustainable Salon & Best Salon Design.

Cocoon has been a finalist in the Sustainable Salon award for two years. The practice of waste free colouring techniques, reduction of foil usage and a shampoo refill system that boasts over 200 refills annually are some of the sustainable practices that are an integral part of their day-to-day running.

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A LOVE OF Christmas

Rachel Garden and David Carr have created something very special with their beautiful character home and garden, which they have owned for 19 years. The manicured formal gardens have box hedging, beautiful roses and peonies plus a huge old English beech tree. Rachel said the previous owners had created the paths and the two levels, but that is all that remains of the original garden today.

Rachel just loves Christmas. The traditions, the festive food and decorations, the pleasure of giving and receiving presents, but most of all the joy of being surrounded by family. Rachel lived overseas for fourteen years, travelling to 26 countries, but she always came home for Christmas. Being one of a large family has meant that Christmas is a very special time to catch up with her many nieces and nephews and she has had as many as 37 around two tables for Christmas dinner in her spacious dining room. She has collected many of her Christmas decorations on her travels, several being sourced from specialist Christmas

shops in the United States, which are open all year round.

Rachel has opened her house and garden this year for the Hospice fundraiser, because she lost a very dear friend to cancer in August. Every room has a tasteful display of Christmas decorations, including two gorgeous Christmas trees. The dining table is stunningly set and beautiful stockings adorn the mantlepieces. Elves are hiding everywhere, even in the beech tree in the garden.

Rachel makes a point of visiting gardens whenever she travels and her lovely garden is testament to her passion for gardening. She is aptly named and we are privileged to be able to share this beautiful house and garden. This labour of love is a wonderful way to enjoy gorgeous decorations and to spread Xmas cheer.



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Jewelcraft would like to thank the people of Timaru for the outstanding support in 2019, wishing you all a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

We hope you take time to enjoy family and friends and look forward to seeing you in 2020

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Mandy's Peach Chutney

This is probably the best chutney ever! The longer it is kept the better, as the cayenne pepper mellows and makes the chutney a superb accompaniment.

- 1 kg stoned and peeled, ripe peaches
- 3 1/2 cups malt vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 100g preserved ginger, finely chopped
- 500g dates, finely chopped
- 500g raisins
- 1kg brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons salt

Chop the peaches fairly finely and boil them in vinegar with the garlic until the peaches are soft. Add the remaining ingredients and boil for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Spoon into hot, clean jars and seal.

Makes about 3 litres.



Baked Camembert

- You will need:
- 1 x clove of garlic, peeled
 - 4 fresh thyme sprigs
 - 2 small bay leaves
 - 1 or 2 tablespoons of white wine
 - 1/2 cup peach chutney
 - Sea salt and ground pepper

Preheat your oven to 180° fan bake.

Use a larger wheel of camembert (250 grams) and make sure it is at room temperature

Place the cheese on a sheet of baking paper, slightly larger than the cheese then place on a sheet of tin foil.

Rub the top of the cheese with the garlic then and poke in the thyme sprigs. Place the bay leaves on the top and pour over a couple of tablespoons of white wine. Wrap the baking paper over the cheese and then seal the foil tightly. Place in a baking dish slightly larger than the cheese.

Bake for about 20 minutes, or until the cheese is very soft when lightly pressed. Remove the foil, open the baking paper and spoon over a couple of tablespoons of the chutney, season with salt and pepper and dress it up with a few more thyme sprigs.

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Brenna Shaw Classrooms in the Clouds

Classrooms in the Clouds has been working in the remote regions of Nepal building classrooms and sponsoring teachers since 2007. Reaching some of the most disadvantaged communities of rural Nepal, CITC works in partnership with fellow Nepalese to improve the life chances of families providing educational opportunities for students in their local villages. Education is the key to improving living standards and creating healthier families. Children's life chances improve when their mothers are educated. Classrooms in the Clouds are continuing to work with local communities to restore the day to day routine of school life after the devastating earthquakes in 2015.

In 2016 TGHS started an initiative to fund a teacher in the village of Damku, with the then principal, Sarah Davis, together with funding from the Rotary Club of Timaru. The catalyst was Chris Jensen-Burke, an ex-TGHS head girl, and now a lawyer in Sydney who regularly climbs in Nepal and is now married to a Nepalese Sherpa.

Last year Brenna Shaw, a 19 year old ex-TGHS student had the opportunity to spend three months in rural Nepal seeing first-hand the work CITC provides to many communities. Brenna has always been passionate about everyone having access to a quality education and also about empowerment and equality for women and girls. She was immediately struck by the warm and welcoming Nepalese culture and she soon got used to their quaint ways. The 'company car' was a blue moped, 'a small walk' meant a whole day's hiking and 'light showers' were torrential rain and flooding. The schools where she volunteered were all based in the Solukhumbu district - the home of Mt Everest.



Access to these schools was difficult, involving a 12 hour drive along muddy roads and then at least a further day's walking! Literacy rates in Nepal are extremely low. Only about 50 % of the population can actually read and in rural areas, many children will never attend school, because they are needed to work on the family land or to earn money to support their families. Any children who are able to attend school will often walk up to two hours to school each day and then two hours home again. Some families send their children to boarding school in Kathmandu but this threatens their local communities and traditions. And, as in many developing countries in the world, when girls reach puberty, the majority of them drop out of school due to the lack of resources and understanding surrounding this taboo topic.

CITC's priority is to help support the delivery of quality education, encouraging strong literacy abilities as well as continuing to try to break the gender inequality for most women in rural Nepal. Brenna spent time in five villages helping to set up libraries, and to deliver first aid and menstrual health training to students, teachers and families in the communities. For many of the village people, the libraries were the first time they had ever seen a book, let alone a whole room full of them! Brenna helped paint and decorate the simple classrooms and she also taught the children how to use pois. Beyond the school, village life was beautiful but very primitive. There were no real showers or toilets, no power in many places and certainly no wi-fi. The villagers only eat what they can grow, so much time was spent gardening and night times were spent with families instead of watching television or being on devices! Brenna surprised the boys by playing



volleyball with them and she herself was surprised when walking home in a downpour to find herself infested with leeches. Not a comfortable experience!

Here is an extract from Brenna's diary. "CITC is invaluable to the lives and children supported by them in Nepal. Sponsoring a child's education, building safe earthquake resistant classrooms, setting up a library for a child who has never had books or providing first aid and menstrual health training for people who have never had the opportunity to learn. All of it. Every single part. It's the start to changing the world. I'm so grateful to be here, a part of it"

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Ocean Cruising

Nicki from Helloworld Travel has just returned from her first Ocean Cruise holiday experience, and is absolutely sold on Ocean Cruising as a family holiday. She did a 7 night cruise aboard P & O's Pacific Dawn up the coast of Australia to the Great Barrier Reef and back.

When deciding on what we would do this year as a family holiday, I decided that I should really give Ocean Cruising a go as I always believe experiencing these things is the best way to give advice in this industry. To be honest I was a little sceptical about taking my kids aged 6 and 3 on a cruise as I was worried about amusing them on board.

I can honestly say that all of my concerns went out the window on the first day.

We boarded with ease, and due to having young children we got to go into a different line which saw us checking in quickly. I guess they want to keep everyone happy so try their hardest to avoid keeping tired kids lined up for long periods of time.

When we arrived on the ship itself we were greeted with big smiles and high fives for the kids, we went straight to our cabin to check it out. The cabin was the first thing that I was pleasantly surprised with, it was bigger than I expected and very comfortable. We spent that first day exploring the ship and discovering that there was absolutely no way any of us were going to get bored. Our first full day on the cruise was spent at sea. Each night you received a newsletter which details the next day's activities, seminars, fitness events, shows and films that are available. The biggest challenge was deciding how to fit everything in. Pacific Dawn has 3 age specific kids clubs/hang outs for children and teenagers. We dropped our kids off for a short time on the first "at sea" day, when we came back to see how they were getting on we were told that we had to go away and pick them up later because they were simply having too much fun. The kids clubs are incredible, they are so much more than a minding service, they put on such incredible activities for the kids as they



are aware that the kids are also on holiday and not just there to be looked after. The leaders are all fully qualified and genuinely love children. My son loved his kid's club leader so much that he would ditch me at the family events and hang out with her. My children participated in discos, baking, science experiments, kids bingo, PJ parties, messy play, movie nights to name a few. The good thing is that they close down the kids clubs for a period of time during the day and put on family events which means parents can have fun with their kids too.

The next few days were port stops, we got to see Airlie Beach which is a lovely little (very warm) beach town, we did a shore excursion through P & O for the morning and spent the afternoon exploring on our own. Next was Yorkeys Knob, here we got to do a city tour of Cairns followed by what was probably one of my highlights,

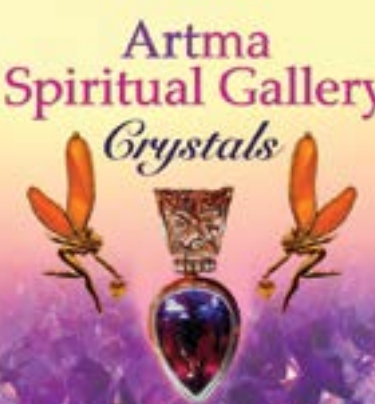
a full day excursion to Green Island. Green Island is a very small eco island in the Great Barrier Reef. The water is clear, the beach is beautiful and included in our tour was a glass bottom boat experience where we were got to see thousands of tropical fish including Nemo, we also saw turtles and some beautiful coral. After our boat experience we had lunch on the island followed by swimming. There is also the opportunity to snorkel, dive or sea walk. We were all exhausted after this day, but we were buzzing as it was absolutely amazing.

The next day we stopped at Port Douglas where we spent the morning on our own exploring, Port Douglas is lovely and is a place we want to return to in the future. Our final 2 days of the cruise were "At Sea" days. During the course of the cruise the kids had been rehearsing for a junior talent show, on our final day both of my kids got up on stage and performed, it was such a wonderful end to an amazing trip.

To sum it all up, cruising is a really fun, family friendly way to travel. Couples, singles, groups of friends do it all the time and rave about it, but news flash, it is absolutely perfect for families too.

Once you have paid for your cruise fare you literally do not need to spend a cent if you don't want to as it includes your room, your entertainment and all meals.....oh the food, I could go on and on, but in short, the food was amazing! So much selection and they even have a kid's only kiosk with kid friendly meals. I almost rolled off the ship.

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