

# Christmas picnic, Cotton Tree Park

## Sunday 22 November

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About 20 people gathered for a great afternoon at Cotton Tree overlooking the Maroochy River, including several new

folk and a representative from Maleny Welcomes Refugees, Rob Kann.

Florence from Noosa Welcomes Refugees (and Buddies) also came and demonstrated her skill in juggling. Not as easy as she made it look – no-one came close!

It was lovely to meet the 'newbies' and catch up with old friends too. Our secretary Andrea did an amazing job with the table and Christmas tree decorations, with games to make it a fun event. We were persuaded to try our hand at writing a limerick about our politicians (some of which may appear in print later), and a more serious brain quiz on facts about refugees. It was surprising how few of us knew the precise facts, despite being so involved in refugee issues.

Our new director Lynda and husband Mark won the quiz – a bottle of Goodwill wine (\$2 to Buddies with every bottle consumed). There were also lucky 'door prizes'. Thanks also to the folk who got there early to save a table, put up the tent and helped to clear up. After such a long time without seeing people, it was a happy social occasion. Looking forward to seeing more people at our first 2021 meeting in February, with new ideas for Buddies. Meanwhile, happy times to all over Christmas and hopefully a less 'interesting' New Year!

