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GUNDIAH STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Gundiah School News

Our **Spellathon** raised over \$800 for this year's school camp to Bundaberg. Congratulations to **Hannah Tracey** who raised the most money and won a week without homework!

2010 Enrolments. Gundiah School will sadly be losing four Grade 7 students at the end of this year and are actively looking for new students for 2010. We currently have 2 teachers, 3 specialist teachers, 2 part time support teachers, 3 teacher-aides and a part-time AO2. We are proud of our more than 100 year heritage and ability to educate our students to a high standard in a multi-age "family" situation with a major emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy. Enrolments for Prep 2010 can be submitted to the school.

Principal- Ms Rita Ellen 4129-3136
www.gundiahss.eq.edu.au

P&C News

Next meeting: Tuesday, 8th September 3.30pm in the school library. Parents & citizens welcome.

Fundraisers: Father's Day Raffle
Last chance to get your tickets at the Gundy Pub. Tickets drawn Friday 4th September. Winner will be notified in time for Father's Day!

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Gundiah School children dodge traffic on the Gutchy Creek Bridge, Netherby Road.

Kids, Bikes, Busy Bridges

Our children have been getting to school at Gundiah by horse, foot, bus or bicycle for over a hundred years.

It is not a new complaint that the one lane bridge over Gutchy Creek is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. However, in the last few years, traffic has considerably increased. There have been estimates of around 50 trucks a day, and that does not include the commute, local and general vehicle traffic.

Gavin Rock who lives right next to the bridge voiced his concern for school children's safety when he witnessed a vehicle heading north fail to see a student crossing the bridge by bicycle. Luckily, the vehicle was able to stop only feet from the student. "The problem is that we have a blind corner and drivers are not looking out for kids, they are looking for cars coming in the opposite direction. Even at 40kmh they come so fast it is hard for the kids to get across the bridge once they have committed," he said.

"I was so scared I couldn't move," said

Stephen Tracey, 9yrs.

"Bicycle safety is stressed at the school, and all cyclists wear helmets," said Ms Ellen, Gundiah State School Principal, "but I am still concerned. The council has been asked to maintain the bikeway on School Road, but we don't have a viable solution for the children crossing the bridge."

Parents have suggested solutions from increased signage, flashing lights before and after school, lollipop ladies, increased police surveillance to pedestrian bridges and widening the bridge to two lanes. All this costs money, and our community is too small to justify the expense on a political level.

It hasn't been for lack of asking either. Joanne Coyne said that there were letters and calls to the appropriate powers when her children were at the school 20 years ago, but nothing has been done about the bridge.

"What it will take, is a death or serious accident for anyone to take notice," said Graham Cash, "and then it will be too late."

Around our town...

A round-up of local events & achievements:



Gootchie Branch incoming Officer Bearers with Guest Speaker. Left to Right: Trina Hain, Lyn Kelman, Chris Burleigh (Guest Speaker), Honni Russell, Jill Callaghan, Wendy Devine, Shirley Main



Graham Cash shoots a dingo on his property without a firearm.

The Gootchie QCWA

The Gootchie branch held their Annual meeting last Friday 14th August and the following will be the Office Bearers for the ensuing year.

President, Honni Russell, Secretary, Lyn Kelman, Treasurer, Trina Hain, Vice Presidents, Wendy Devine, Grace Rae, Jill Callaghan and International Officer Val Brown.

A number of members travelled to Yandaran, August 21st, to attend the Burnett Division Annual meeting, which was well attended by the 23 Branches in this Division.

Four members visited Petrie Gardens and played a game of mini golf with the residents.

Our next meeting has been brought forward to Tuesday, 1st September at 9.30 am due to the QCWA Central Region Meeting, being held in Childers 7, 8, & 9 September, where we have over 100 registrations for attendance.

As mentioned last month, we are holding our Scrabble Day on September 24th, so come along and enjoy the challenge and enjoy a lovely lunch.

Calf Killers Brought to Justice.

August 13th, Gundiah local Graham Cash killed this wild dog/dingo (pictured) as it fed on a freshly killed new born calf, "These dogs are bold as brass coming way out into the open in the middle of the day," said Graham.

With fewer and fewer people with firearms at the ready and stringent restrictions on smaller acreages ability to lay poison baits these dogs are getting out of hand.

Over the last few months Graham has shot eight feral dog/dingo's on his Gundiah property alone. For those residents that may be unaware the Fraser Coast Council offer a \$40 bounty on wild dog/dingo scalps that are shot or trapped in the shire.

School Holidays

Mid Semester Break is from Saturday Sept 19 to Sunday Oct 4, inclusive. Tiaro Library Registration for holiday activities opens September 1st, phone 4129 2453. All activities are \$2.20 per child and subject to space available and age limits. See Calendar for more detail.



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 **QCWA Gootchie** Mthly Meeting 9.30am. All welcome. 4129 3212
- 1 **Register: Tiaro Library Activities.**
- 3 **Tiaro Library** Under6 Story & Craft Time 9.30am Free. 4129 2453
- 3 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall** 5.30pm. See Ad
- 4 **Gundiah Community Place** Social Night 6pm. 4129 2504 [1st Friday]
- 5 **Tiaro Car and Bike Show**, Outcast Bike Club, Shaw Rd East, Hervey Bay, 5484 6473. Fundraiser for School Pool 10am-8.30pm Adult \$10, Family \$30
- 7 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade** Training Night 7pm [1st Monday]
- 8 **P&C Meeting** 3.30pm. 4187 1006
- 10 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall** 5.30pm. See Ad
- 11 **Ministerial Holiday.** [School]
- 12-13 **Maryborough Technology Challenge**, 8am Sat-1pm Sun. Kent St. Free Youth activities. See FCRC
- 17 **Tiaro Library** Under6 Story & Craft Time 9.30am Free. 4129 2453
- 17 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall** 5.30pm. See Ad
- 18 **Gundiah Community Place AGM** Dinner 6pm. Meeting 7pm. 4129 2504
- 19 **School Holidays** [to October 4th]
- 20 **Chad Morgan Show.** 10-3.30pm Garden of Weeden Miva 5484 6463 Free entry. Lunch on sale.
- 22 **Tiaro Library.** Beady Critters Work shop. 8yr+ 2-3pm. \$2.20. 4129 2453
- 23 **Tiaro Library.** Candlemaking Work shops. 5yr+ 1-2pm, 2-3pm. \$2.20.
- 24-25 **Tiaro Landcare Catch & Release Fishing Competition.** Petrie Park, Tiaro. Snr \$10 Jnr \$5, Family Comp \$10extra. FREE learn to fish classes for kids. \$1000 Lucky Draw. BBQ. Free camping. Call Ron 41292773 or Lynn 41296206
- 24 **Gootchie QCWA** Annual Scrabble Competition + Luncheon 4129 3212
- 25 **Tiaro Library** Adult Book Club 10am (4th Friday) 4129 2453
- 28 **Tiaro Library.** Kaleidoscope w/shop 10am 8yr+ \$2.20. 4129 2453
- 1 **Tiaro Library.** 'Twilight' Movie Nite M Rated. 5-7.30pm \$2.20. 4129 2453

Classifieds

VOLUNTEERS WANTED. Bauple Museum is looking for volunteers to staff the museum. If you need to do volunteer work for Centrelink etc., you can do it with us: we need people who can use a computer, guide the public, help with cleaning and maintenance, as well as outside work. Please call Ann Chan, Saturdays or Mondays 4193 9341.

The Bauple Museum is located downtown Bauple and is the result of donations from residents and businesses, hard work by volunteers and a Centenary of Federation grant.

50TH ANNIVERSARY. Trevor and Pauline Keightley enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary August 22 with family and friends on a cruise in the Pacific. Congratulations!

TIARO CAR & BIKE SHOW. Now at Herv.Bay Outcast Bike Club. Fundraising in aid of Tiaro School Pool. Bikes and Hot Rods. Jumping castle and stalls. Contact Rob Fowler for more info. Sat 5 Sept. 10am. 5484 6473
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Gundiah Railway Station (pictured above, circa 18??) in the news 126 yrs ago: September 11, 1883. Brisbane Courier Mail. (BCM) "A bookmaker named Moss, a defaulter from the Gympie races, was waylaid by several backers at the Gundiah railway station today and severely thrashed. He then paid up." September 24, 1883. BCM. "A saloon compartment of the train was taken possession of today at Gundiah station by a stalwart drunken man, who defied all efforts to dislodge him, and kept possession until the train reached Maryborough, where he was arrested after a struggle". Also in October 1883, there was a train derailment at Gundiah - no casualties. There was never a dull moment in Gundiah!

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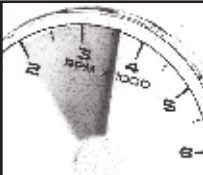
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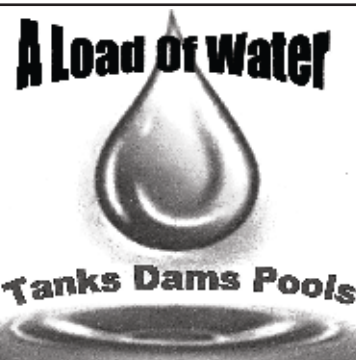
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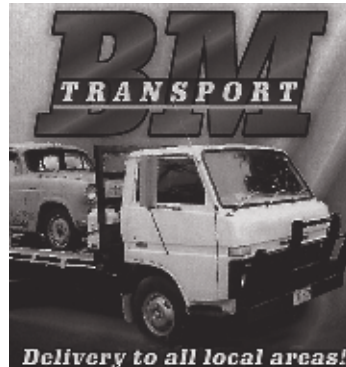


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