

"The nice part of living in a small town, is when you don't know what your doing, someone else always does!!"

### Tiaro Medical Centre lives on

Rumours abound as to the fate of the Tiaro Medical Centre, with reports even being aired on local television. Mr. Jeff Jenkins resigned from FCRC recently but the project is still in progress:

Fraser Coast Regional Council can now confirm the receipt of the fully signed funding agreement on 1 October, 2010, for federal funds of \$319,608 (excl. GST) through the Department of Health & Ageing's National Rural and Remote Health Infrastructure Program. Funds are for the conversion of the Tiaro Shire Council Administration Centre complex in Mayne Street, Tiaro for use as a dedicated medical centre which will include, but not be limited to a doctor's surgery, pathology, provision of a space for a pharmacy, and other allied health services for the town and surrounding district. This funding is to be supplemented by Council's contribution of \$100,000 identified in its 2010/2011 budget.

Accordingly, the FCRC has formed a Project Working Group which includes Cr. Linda Harris, Council Officers and Mr Darryl Stewart, Tiaro Chamber of Commerce, to progress the project in accordance with the aims and objectives included within the original funding application:-"To develop a Medical Centre that will attract a range of basic medical services to a central point for the Tiaro township and surrounding District."

The planning, design and construction of the new facility will be progressed as a matter of urgency.

"I hope the Council are going to liaise with the medical profession to ensure the facilities are appropriate for our needs," Dr. Suzy Baudeouf suggested.

# The Gundiah Cup?

Over 120 years ago, the sounds of excited crowds, thundering hooves of ponies, the jingling of sovereigns, shouts of bookmakers and the curses of jockeys could be heard in our own backyard.

#### Gundiah Races.

The north west corner of Netherby & Emery's Bridge Road, (owned by the Groundwaters since 1947), was the home of the Gundiah racetrack. The first deed on the property dates 1886, the existing house wasn't built until 1935 by a Mr Neilson, but prior to that the land was used as a racetrack, somewhere between the 1880's and 1920's.

We can find a little about the logistics of the races from The Brisbane Courier, 9 September 1892. It listed the Gundiah Handicap at the Coorparoo Weekly Race Meeting: A race for ponies 14 hands and under, over about 5 furlongs (5/8ths of a mile or 1km), with a prize of 15 sovereigns (£15).

#### Bars, Bookies and Betting.

The Gundiah Races were quite the social event, probably similar to country race meetings today but perhaps less sophisticated. They did, however, have bookies, bets and a bar:

"St Patrick's Day Races...At the Gundiah races Barmaid fell, Cutter, the rider, breaking his collar-bone, and receiving other injuries. The weather was fine and cool." March 17. 1891. The Brisbane Courier. The publican, "Mr Ben Bauer was unlucky enough to lose £60 in notes (takings at the Boxing Day races), together with other valuables." Wednesday 10 January 1894. The Brisbane Courier.

A bottle dump discovered near the current house, revealed thousands of bottles ranging from frosted torpedo shapes to black thick glass, fine coloured bottles and other paraphernalia, some of which were still intact and are in the collection of Mr. Ron Groundwater. The wet bar was obviously well patronised.

#### Jockeying for position.

Folklore has it that the starting post was

past the swamp, with the track heading north across the creek flats, around and over the spur and back towards Gundiah. A wirey local, Jack (John Robert) Groundwater (1892-1954), would jockey at these races, and told family of the shenanigans that would go on. He laughed as he described the jockeys belting each other and the horses with their riding whips when the race was out of sight on the spur. It was a fabulous time, the races were a break from your daily toil and an event to be looked forward to by the whole community.

So, I like to imagine the rugged local stock ponies and their riders something akin to a poem by Banjo Patterson, and wonder if there will ever be another Gundiah Cup...



### Down Memory Lane

Above: Jack Groundwater, taken late 1920s at 'Netherby' on Missing's 'Outlaw', who had a reputation for throwing people off. But not Jack. Jack was a wiry 5'6", a larrikan who fought with the 42nd Battalion, and later owned horse teams, carting timber from Bauple mountain. He also operated bullock teams in wallum country and had 640 acres freehold at Tinana Creek. 'Bullock riding', as it was called then, was a passtime into his 50s. The Missing family bred horses, owned Gutchy (Gootchie) Station until around 1902 and moved to the Bauple area, on Tinana Creek.



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#### Saturday 6th November 3pm til late

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•Entertainer Neil Duddy •"MAD" Ron Laycock •Kids Games •Tug•o•war Competition •Nut Shelling Championship •Rides •Stalls •Fully Licensed Bar •Plenty to Eat and Drink plus

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For information on this event call Rachel Ireland on 0417 701 017

### Birds in the Bush Pamper Day

Gootchie QCWA and FCRC invite the ladies of the area to take some time out for a free day of indulgence & pampering Free Massages, Haircuts, Manicures, Reiki Therapy, Aromatherapy, and more!

#### Saturday 13 November, 10am-4pm

Tiaro Memorial Hall Teas & Lunch provided RSVP Lyn 4129 3212

# **WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER**

#### November Events/Special Activities (8 WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS!)

- 1 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade** training 1st Monday. 7pm. @ Fire Station
- 2 **Gootchie QCWA** Branch Mtg 8.30am Gootchie Rd. Gootchie. Ph. 41293212
- 2 Melbourne Cup Day Bauple QCWA Mill St, Bauple. 10am. \$8.50. Everyone welcome! Prizes. Sweeps. Raffles. Mini Tombola + lovely Lunch! 41292551
- 2 **Melbourne Cup Day** Theebine Hotel live ent., aussie BBQ, big screen, raffles, sweeps, betting. Claudia 54846182
- 3 **Miva QCWA** Branch meeting 9.30am QCWA Rooms Miva. Ph. 54846282
- 6 **Gundiah Community Place** Annual Bus Trip See Ad. Pauline 41292504.
- 6 Bauple Nut Bash 3pm. See ad.
- 7 **Theebine Hotel**-Uncle Bob's Jug Band 10 **Tiaro QCWA** Hoy & Tombola 12.30
- Mayne Street. Ph. 41292237 12 **Tiaro QCWA** Branch Mtg 9.30 am Mayne St. Ph. 41292237
- 13 Birds in the Bush Pamper Day Tiaro Memorial Hall 10-4 pm See ad.
- 14 **Theebine Hotel** -Graeme Jensen
- 16 Gundiah SS P&C Mtg 3.30pm.
- 18 **Gootchie QCWA** Cooking Comp & Monster Christmas Tombola 10am. \$8 Gootchie Rd Ph. Lyn 41293212
- 18 **FREE Community Legal Services.** Tiaro Comm. Ctr. Apt only. 41292453
- 20 Scrapbooking Gootchie QCWA 9.30
- 20 Glenwood Country Markets 7am-12 Pepper Rd, Glenwood. Ph 54857191
- 21 Theebine Hotel -Neil Duddy
- 23 FCRC Community Chat at Tiaro Memorial Hall, 6.30 p.m. See Ad.
- 25 **Bauple QCWA** Branch Mtg 6.30pm Mill St. Bauple. New members welc.
- 26 Tiaro Library Book Club 10am
- 26 Gootchie QCWA visit Petrie Gardens
- 26 **Big Night In!** All welcome. Pizza, Pasta & Family Movie on Big Screen! Lighthouse Christian Church, Bauple 6pm. Gold Coin Donation. See flyer.
- 28 Wide Bay Hibiscus Club Mtg 10am 104 Robert Rd, Chatsworth 54845661.
- 28 Theebine Hotel -Glen Fox

## **DATE CLAIMERS**

#### DECEMBER

- 8 **Sausage Sizzle** Gundiah RFB Station Volunteer recruitment. See article pg3.
- 12 KIDS CRICKET DAY Family Cricket BBQ.Gundiah Oval. 4pm. See Ad.
- 24 Lighthouse Christian Church 6:30pm Christmas Eve Festivities. Nibblies & celebration drinks. FREE GIFT for school age children & under. Call 41292787 Ps Brian & Marolyn Briggs

#### Weekly Events & Activities Tuesdays

Tai-Chi Tiaro Community Ctr. 8.30a Child Health Nurse 9-12noon Tiaro Library. 2nd & 4th Tuesday. 41228733 (9th, 23rd Nov)

#### Wednesdays

**Line Dancing** 9-12 noon Gunalda Hall, Ph Pamela 41293126.

Wii Jazz-a-size, Laugh-a-size 9am Gundiah Com. Place. Jean 41293293 Craft Classes 9-3pm Bauple QCWA Mill St. this month: 2nd. & 4th Weds \$2.00. Bring your lunch, have a cuppa. Bible Study & Fellowship 6.30pm Lighthouse Christian Church: Cnr Forestry Rd & Main St Bauple

Thursdays

Under 5 Story&Craft Time. 9.30am (4 & 18 Nov) Tiaro Library 41292453 Bauple Scouts, Joeys & Cubs. 4.30p Bauple Rec Ground. Sandra 41292609 Fitness 5.30pm Tiaro Hall, Join in! Great Support. 4129 3112



#### Fridays

Rossendale Tennis Club, 7pm. Bauple-Woolooga Rd. 4129 2589 Gundiah Community Place Social Nite 1st & 3rd Friday's (Social night 5th & Mtg 19) BBQ 6.30pm \$5. At Purple Place Phone 4129 2504

#### Sundays

Lighthouse Christian Church: Cnr Forestry Rd & Main St Bauple 10:00am Worship & Communion 10:30am Children's Church 41292787 or 0448 870 222 Ps Brian & Marolyn Briggs Assemblies of God Catholic Services:

Sacred Heart, John St, Tiaro. 10am Father Paul Kelly Ph. 4121 3701 maryborough@bne.catholic.net.au St Therese, Balkin St, Gunalda 7.30am Father Patrick Cassidy. 5482 1213 gympie@bne.catholic.net.au

#### Maryb'h Country Uniting Church Tiaro 1st & 3rd Sundays 7.30pm

Bridge Rd/Mungar Rd, Tiaro Bauple 2nd&4th Sundays 7.30pm Main St, Bauple.

Ph. Graham Slaughter 4121 3204

Calendar Notices are free to community groups. gundiahgazette@gmail.com

# **CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE:** Very quiet, tb gelding. 6yo, 16hh. He has done pony club ODE and trail riding. Great to do anything with. \$2000 neg phone Kathy 41 293 234

**WORK WANTED:** Hi, my name is Aaron. I am looking to earn some pocket money, either before or after school. I go to Gundiah Primary School. I am 11 years old and keen for learning. Mum is happy to drive me to and from work. If anybody is interested in having a helping hand please contact mum and dad (Isis & Dale) on 4129 3269.

**REMINDER: Volunteers Wanted.** Bauple Museum needs volunteers. If you can help call 4193 9341. It is open 9.00am-4.30pm everyday.

### Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Seeks Volunteers

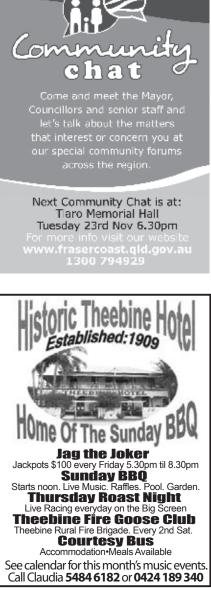
**Our next General Meeting** is to be held Wednesday 8 December 2010 at Gundiah RFB Station, Netherby Rd, starting at 6.30 pm with a **Sausage Sizzle** for all interested members of the public. Following will be a Special General Meeting at 7.00 pm and General Meeting 7.15 pm. **Training** nights are 1st Monday every month.

The Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade's first priority is to protect the people and assets of our community. We are CUR-RENTLY SEEKING ACTIVE VOLUN-TEERS. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you would like to further discuss the possibility of volunteering or if you require more information about the briagade and the services we provide. Phone Jenny- 4129 3128.

For permits contact:- Deputy Fire Warden - Gundiah Area - Phone Brian -4129 3128. Please be aware 'Declared Fire Danger Period' has been rescinded. All fires over 2 metres in any direction require a permit.

# Congratulations Joanne Coyne!

Congratulations to well known local identity, Joanne Coyne. She has recently achieved a permanent principal appointment. We wish her and Rob all the best! Joanne, a local Gootchie-ite, has been teaching at Tiaro, and recently acting principal at Jundah, west of Longreach.



### Wide Bay Hibiscus Club

Our meeting held on the 17th October went well and our November 28th meeting will again be held at 104 Robert Road, Chatsworth, at 10 am. Our propagation was successful and the plants are growing and should be ready to transplant into larger pots at next meeting. If you are interested in learning about Hibiscus plants and flowers come along and talk to the members who will willingly pass their knowledge on to you. Looking forward to see you there. Chris 54845661

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## GUNDIAH COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Hope you are all well! I am writing this from Coolum, my 2 brothers, wives, Pauline and I met up for a wedding at Toowoomba then a week at Coolum before heading home - one to the UK and the other to Tassie. We spent the week talking of community tales growing up in Bungay, Suffolk. Found out it was Brian who used to put firecracker bangers in Mrs. Browns letter box and Robin that used to steal the Vicars apples & gooseberries. I was so perfect, well, I had to be as my job was to protect Mum from the German bombs falling on London. But all that said, family get-togethers are really the same as community get-togethers, where we always seem to get to the subject of life, what we do or did since we last met, what went wrong or our successes. It is all good.. but back to local news

**Speakers:** During the month we had a very enjoyable evening with Paula Beverley telling us about growing up in Hawaiian island of Oahu. We sampled some of the local nibbles, she explained her life growing up, also to the boys delight, Paula performed a Hawaiian dance with some help from Mihana. Our next speaker will Shawn Kelly on

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**Annual Trip:** Saturday, 6th November sees our annual adventure, this year being a leisurely tour of historical sights, sampling regional delights - the cost is only \$5 (club membership fee) plus your meals. It promises to be a great day in the Wide Bay Burnett /Kingaroy area, visiting Kingaroy historical sites, Bjelke Peterson Dam, Lavender Farm, Cheese House, and Wineries. Please contact Pauline, 41292504, for further details. Good food, lovely sites, fabulous company - what a great way to get to know your neighbours.

The croquet court grass seed at last has come to life–we were starting to think the boys planted the seed upside down. The Worker and Forman. Well the problems those two get into are nothing compared with other Members: we have the Bee Man, the Plumber, the Pilot, the Engineer, the Truck Driver, the Horse Whistler, the Handyman, and as with all organisations we have a Boss Of The Day who shall not be named for political reasons as he may have his boots molded into concrete and placed in the dam, so keeping watching for further developments.

Trevor Keightley, President 4129 2504

What you've been up to ...

### Aiming for the top!

Local Archer, Ellie Cash achieved 2nd place in the Cub Girl Compound Bow division. Six year old Ellie has been practicing the discipline of Archery since the age of two.

The 2 day Invitational Archery Competition was hosted by Saxon Archery Club in Bundaberg. The competition, run over the 16th and 17th of October, had around 120 archers in attendance from Gympie, Maryborough, Bundaberg and Rockhampton.

# Linda in Leshan

Councillor Linda Harris and a delegation from FCRC visited Maryborough's sister city in China recently. Linda is pictured here with the Giant Buddha of Leshan aka Dafo. It is the tallest Buddha in the world at 71m high - carved out of a cliff face by an 8th century monk in South Szechuan Province. The Great Buddha overlooks the confluence of the Minjiang, Dadu and Qinqyi Rivers and faces the sacred Mt Emei (which it shares world heritage listing). Carved 713-803AD, Leshan was the principal city visited with a population of 6.59million covering an area of 20,000km<sup>2</sup>. They also visited Shendu 1.5 hrs away, which has the airport for the region. Note: travel expenses were covered by each delegate.

# Garden Party

Over 40 people attended the Gootchie QCWA Garden Party held at "Rossendale" on 16th October. Gwen Kunst won the Linen Raffle, and most everyone got a prize in the Tombola. Mrs Coral Ross explained the finer art of scrapbooking, while Mrs Pearl Fitzsimmons demonstrated beadmaking. The Gootchie Girls welcome all newcomers to the fold. If you are interested in joining in, please call Lyn Kelman 4129 3212.

# Halloweenies thank you

Local Gundiah pint-sized witches, draculas, ghosts, clowns and princesses turned up for a great Halloween Disco at Gundiah Hall. A big thank you to Ally Willis for being our DJ, the Gundiah Community Place for manning the snack bar and helping out, and Kevin for mowing for the kids! (Look for photos in December's issue.)



Above: Melissa Richards, first place, with Ellie Cash from Gundiah, second place in a recent archery competition at Bundaberg.



Above: Councillor Linda Harris in Leshan with the tallest Buddha in the world.



L to R: Coral Ross, Wendy Devine (President), Pearl Fitzsimmons at QCWA Garden Party.

### Tiaro Author launches book at Gatakers Artspace (and you're invited)

Tiaro author, Jeannette Davis will launch her second book Beyond the Far Horizon at Gatakers Artspace on Saturday November 6 at 2pm. (See invitation on this page).

Beyond the Far Horizon explores the concept of reincarnation and aims to entertain audiences, particularly the young. It is the sequel to Far Horizons, Distant Dreams which Ms Davis wrote for teenagers. Her first book was well accepted across a broad age group. It was published in 2001 and went to a second print with Zeus Publications in 2004.

Originally from the UK, Ms Davis migrated to Africa at the age of 12 and later became head of a teaching program that helped young African women enter the workforce. She migrated to Australia in 1975 and became involved in residential care of the intellectually challenged. She currently lives in Tiaro.

The book is available through the web site www.zeuspublications.com.

### Nominate now for Australia Day Awards

Do you know an outstanding Aussie or community group in the Fraser Coast region? If you do, then nominate them



for an Australia Day Award. Australia Day Awards will be given in the following categories in each of the four communities (Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Tiaro and Woocoo):

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- Senior Cultural Award
- Junior Cultural Award
- Community Event

Nominations should be returned to Council as soon as possible. Nomination forms can be obtained from Council's administration centres, the website www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au or by telephoning Council on 1300 794929. Tiaro District Australia Day Committee is being formed with the venue most likely Bauple Recreation Ground for 2011. Contact Cr Linda Harris if you are interested in participating. **All KICS** Local Cricket Arvo Gundiah Oval Sunday 12 December 4pm with a visit from Santa!

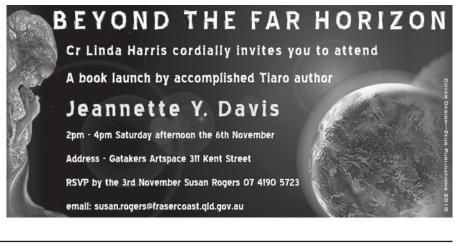
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If you've been good, Santa will come in his ute with presents for school-age children. Bring your family and friends, your hat, deckchair and sunnies, and enjoy a family backyard cricket game. BBQ & Drinks on sale.

(Parents, please RSVP to Pauline so no-one is disappointed. 4129 2504)

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