

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

GUNDIAH & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

MAY 2010

MAY CALENDAR

- 1-2 **Annual Bay to Bay** Trailable Yacht Race.
1-2 **River to River** Bike Ride Burrum Hds.
1-3 **Wide Bay Hot Rods** Truro St, Torquay.
1 **Market Day** Tiaro Community Ctr 8am
1 **Gundy Pub**—LIVE music 7pm.
2 **Theebine Pub**—'Liquor All Over'
3 **Labour Day**—Tiaro Library CLOSED
4 **Tai-Chi** Tiaro Community Ctr 8.30 am
5 **Miva QCWA** Brch Mtg 9.30 54846282
6 **Fitness@Tiaro Hall** 5.30 pm. Thursday
6 **Tiario Library** Under 5 Story & Craft time 9.30 am. 41292453
7 **Gundiah Community Place** Social nite BBQ 6pm talk by Ginni "Gulf to Gulf"
8 **Theebine Pub**—Theebine Rural Fire Brigade Goose Club (2nd Saturdays)
9 **Mothers Day** @ "Garden of Weeden" 9am. Lunch. Music. See ad. 54846463.
9 **Gundy Pub**—Mum's Day Roast+Dessert
9 **Theebine Pub**—Graeme Jensen.
Free glass of champagne for the Mothers!
11 **Tai-Chi** Tiaro Community Ctr 8.30 am
11 **Child Health Nurse** Tiario Library 9am -12 Drop in or ph. 41228733
11 **Gootchie QCWA** Branch Mtg 9.30am
11 **Gundiah State School** P&C 3.30pm
13 **Tiario Library** Story & Craft 9.30 am
13 **Fitness @ Tiario Hall** 5.30pm. Thurs
13 **Tiario State School** P&C 6pm
15 **Gootchie QCWA** Scrap-booking. 9am
15 **Gundy Pub**—LIVE music 7pm.
16 **Theebine Pub** — Karen Thomsen
18 **Tai-Chi** Tiaro Community Ctr 8.30 am
20 **Taylor Street** Free Legal Serv 41292453
20 **Fitness @ Tiario Hall** 5.30 pm. Thurs
20 **Tiario Library** Storytime 9.30 41292453
20 **Maryborough Show** — Thurs-Sat.
21 **People's Day** @ Maryborough Show
21 **Tiario Library** CLOSED
21 **Gundiah Com Place** Social BBQ 6pm.
23 **Theebine Pub** Bandicoots & the Institutes
25 **Tai-Chi** Tiario Community Ctr 8.30 am
25 **Child Health Nurse** Tiario Library 9am-12 Drop in or ph. 41228733
26 **National Simultaneous Story Time** Wed 11am @ Tiario Library.
27 **Miva QCWA** Cancer "BIG MORNING TEA" 10am 54846282
27 **Bauple QCWA Mtg** Mill Street, 6.30 pm
27 **Fitness @ Tiario Hall** 5.30 pm. Thursday
27 **Tiario Library** Storytime 9.30 41292453
28 **Tiario Library** Book Club 10am.
29 **Gundy Pub**—LIVE music 7pm.
30 **Theebine Pub** — free pool and juke box



ANZAC Day – Mr Tony Pope of Tiaro Lions lays a wreath at Tiario Memorial Park.

To be, or not to be? Tiario Medical Centre

At a recent meeting at Tiario Community Centre, a fair gathering of locals met with Mr Jeff Jenkin Executive Manager, Community Services, Ms Cherie McGregor Community Development Officer, and Cr Linda Harris. Topics discussed were land leases, the Tiario Medical Centre and the idea of placing a bronze sculpture of the Mary River Turtle in Tiario Memorial Park.

Upstairs or Downstairs?

Linda Harris reported that the Council's application has always been for a Medical Centre and Pharmacy *upstairs* in the old Administration Building. A previous application which had been lodged last year was not successful. The community was vocal in their support of the Medical Centre and Pharmacy upstairs to allow better ambulance and wheelchair access. The Library was moved to the Community Centre building to achieve the best value for money in a joint venture.

Dr. Baudeouf reported that Mr. Jenkins met with her to look at the feasibility of moving the centre to the upstairs. Mr. Jenkins has since advised that the council has found a sub-clause allowing the area to remain a medical centre without the need for a Development Application (*and has advised that the Medical Centre will*

NOT be moved upstairs.)

Linda Harris commented that the FCRC has submitted an application for a \$300K Federal Grant for assistance with our rural medical centre in Tiario. The application process takes approximately 4 months, and the Council is hoping it will be approved before an election is called federally. The FCRC also has \$98K in funding available from previous Tiario Shire Council Funds that will be allocated to the Medical Centre regardless.

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Down Memory Lane Early History of Gutchy, Gootchie & Gundiah

1860 'Gootchie Station' was first taken up by Messes Graham and Puller.¹

1867 'Gootchie Station' purchased by Mr. Melsham. Mr. Homer was the manager.¹

1862 G. O. Beardmore, Esq., instructed to sell by public auction, the run called or known as 'Gundiah'.

*"One block, containing an area of 25 square miles, and situate in the River Mary district of Wide Bay and Burnett, about 22 miles from Maryborough, under the Bopple mountain, commencing at the junction of an oakly creek with the Mary, about four miles from Tiaro, having a frontage to the river of about 12 1/2 miles up to Mr Taggart's crossing-place, and running 2 miles back. The Lease is under the New South Wales old regulations."*²

1868 The original Prince Alfred Hotel was opened in 'Gootchie Creek' in 1868, by Charles Henry Scarrott. It was a 'Wayside Inn' between Maryborough and Gympie on the coach route and future 'Gootchie Terminus' of the Railway'. Scarrott had 350 acres of property at his retirement in 1878.

1874 Mr. Henry Missing bought 'Gootchie Station' in 1874/5.

The Queenslander: April 6 1874: "Gootchie station has been sold today for four pounds ten shillings per head of cattle, the improvements to be taken at a valuation, and the horses at seven pounds a head all round. The purchaser was Mr Henry Missing."

1880 Land valuations were carried out. Henry Missing, address 'Gutchy', owned P24 Sect 641 comprising of 2360 acres, Sect 735, 1900 acres and Pastoral lease containing 9600 acres, a total of 13,860 acres.¹

1881 The line between Maryborough and Gympie was opened with rail stations at 'Gundiah' & 'Gootchie'.

Local names (sometimes misspelled) were given to places or sidings where the trains would stop. The engines all had to take on water at 'Gootchie'.¹

1883 Prince Alfred Hotel was rebuilt at 'Gundiah', rather than the former 'Gootchie Creek'.¹

1902 Mr. Henry Missing sold 'Gootchie Station' in 1902 after the big floods and moved to Talegalla at Bauple. Some of the Keliher family bought 'Old Gootchie Station'.¹

Missing's original slab homestead was between the dip and the current home on the property at the corner of Bauple Woolooga Rd junction, now covered with canefields. It was first the Missing's home and then the barn on Keliher's farm.³ Note. In general, early maps indicated 'Gutchy' whereas railway oriented info favoured 'Gootchie'.³

¹Compiled by L. Coyne ² Courier Mail 16 Sep, 1862
³Verbal history from Squire Hanson, now deceased, via Norris Blair.

The Gootchie QCWA

Busy April

Anzac Day - Sunday 25th April, I felt very privileged to be able to lay a wreath at the Tiaro Cenotaph on behalf of the Gootchie QCWA. A very moving time, especially as we listened to the Ode, the Last Post and the Reveille were being played. A misty fog was rolling over the buildings and around the ceremony giving myself, and I'm sure many others, a eerie feeling that maybe it was just like that for the soldiers there all those years ago to fight for their country. The roll call made us realize just how many of the local men and boys went off to war leaving families back here in Australia.

International Day - Ireland. 29th April, many women joined us to hear Mrs. Barbara Patterson tell us about her trip to the Emerald Isle, view the posters and colouring in from the kids of Glenwood and Gundiah Schools, and enjoy a traditional Irish lunch, desserts and morning and afternoon 'T'. Many thanks to all those involved.

Petrie Gardens visit in April included 'wine and cheese' - an extra super "Morning T".

What's coming up!

Lots of fun and laughter is the 'norm' at any event at the Gootchie Branch of the QCWA. Come and join us for this month's activities.

Market Day - Find us on May 1st at the Tiaro Community Centre with our table laden with cakes, biscuits, goodies, craft's and all sorts of things - inside the Memorial Hall.

Next meeting will be the usual 2nd Tuesday of the month being May 11th. Come along at 9.30 and find out for yourselves where I get all the Gootchie Girls Gossip from.

Scrapbooking - 15th May, 9am at the Gootchie rooms. It's only \$6.00 for the day, so come along with a few of your favorite photos and you will be amazed at what you can do with them.

Other Bits

Our Secretary, Lyn, is in the USA in Hot Springs, Arkansas attending the Triennial World Conference of ACWW. (Associated Country Women of the World). We hope she will get some time for some R&R while she is there!

So until the next issue, stay safe on the roads, and let's hope it stays fine for a while long enough to get the washing dry! Take care from the QCWA Gootchie Girls.

-Pauline Keightley.



An empty chair.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Jean Thompson last week. She was one of the true "Ladies" of the district, a definite favourite of all the QCWA Branches around, attending as many of our events as she could, always with a happy smile and a word for everyone.

She was Chairman of the Tiaro Patch-worker's, an untiring worker for the group and instigator in making all the beautiful quilts that were donated to people in need in our area.

In between all that she saw to the running of her and Mark's farm out on Thompson Road at Gundiah. She will be sadly missed through-out the whole area and our sympathy goes to all her family at this suddenly, sad time. Rest in Peace Jean.

-From all the Gootchie Girls.



Trooper H. Missing, Gootchie near Tiaro. 1901.

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G'Day to you all within the surrounds of Gundiah! Well what a great month we've had; rain, rain and more rain! I have had the farm since 1991 and I certainly cannot remember such a year with so much feed and moisture!

A Sign!

Last week we went to the Kandanga Creek School to collect a sign and bike rack they had donated to Gundiah School and Community. The sign requires some repairs, which we will carry out over the next couple of weeks and install it on the corner of School Rd.

Croquet Anyone?

Our croquet court has been sprayed, and we will soon top dress and seed. The first stage of the flood lighting has been installed. We are hoping that we can form quite a few teams from the area for some light-hearted fun – if you're interested contact Pauline, our secretary, 4129 2504.

The Little Man & the Foreman:

The little man, whilst at Kandanga reminiscing in the schoolyard, spotted the long wash trough. Telling us he would show us what he did when he went to school - called the Foreman and said we should wash our hands before we leave. With the Foreman at one end of the trough, he used the other end. Both taps were wide open and he suddenly put his hand over the outlet of his tap. Guess what? Yes, the Foreman got drowned! Words were said, as you can imagine, but the Foreman got his own back. The little man left his watch and phone on a fence post in the paddock. On our return and nearly into Gympie the Foreman stopped his ute and asked him if he picked his phone up, of course he hadn't, so off the little man goes back to Kandanga to spend hours searching for his stuff. Yes, you guessed it, the Foreman had them, so life goes on.

Join In!

Finally if you are interested in Darts, Pool, BBQ, listening to a good yarn or just a social get together with locals, the 1st and 3rd Friday night may interest you. We are organizing a bus trip to a Dinner & Silent Movie in June. Membership is only \$5 per year. Call secretary Pauline – 4129 2504 – or any member for further details.

Trevor Keightley

President



Tiaro State School

So, here we are now in Term 2. What a busy term it looks to be. So far the students have competed in the **Cross Country** – where 10 students made it through to the next round against the other smaller schools.

Our school participated in the **ANZAC Ceremony** at the Tiaro Hall. Students (pictured above and right) prepared and laid a wreath in memory of the soldiers who fought for our country.

Our **Breakfast Program** has kicked off for the year. Thanks to the P&C for organising this for the students. It is held 3 mornings a week. The students are offered unlimited toast, hot milo and juice. This allows the students to start the day with a full stomach.

Also this month we have the **NAPLAN testing** on the 11th, 12th and 13th May..

Tiaro State School will also be going on an excursion to the **Fraser Coast Show** on the Thursday the 20th May.

You can contact the school Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8am– 12.00 pm, and Wednesday 8 am – 1 pm.



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