

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

GUNDIAH & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

FEBRUARY 2011

Gundy Pub Sold?

Local watering hole, the Prince Alfred Hotel, is 'almost' sold but at the time of printing of this newsletter, and due to flooding issues, contracts were still unsigned and the new owner can not be disclosed. Marcus Knapp from Ray White Commercial said that the campaign was successful with local, national and international interest.

The Gundy Pub sadly closed its doors late September 2010 and has been in receivership. Its liquor licence—valid since 1868—is temporarily suspended and awaiting settlement. The pub has had a long history and local interest in the sale has been very high.

Gutchy Creek Pedestrian Bridge Petition results

Thank you to all residents who signed our petition for a traffic safe cycle and pedestrian way across the Gutchy Creek at Gundiah. The petition was presented to Council late October, we have been advised that the council will position new signage at the bridge advising motorists that the bridge is a 'shared traffic' bridge. These new signs were ordered immediately and will be positioned at some date in the future.

A further note is that the state transport department has a SafeST program designed to improve transport safety for all children regardless of whether they walk, cycle or travel as passengers in buses or cars. The department has been contacted but no action has been resolved to date. We remain hopeful.

Meanwhile we start a new school year and encourage all motorists using the bridge, especially in the mornings, to look out for pedestrians and our students and parents on bicycles.



Recipients of local Australia Day Awards. From left: Trevor Keightley, Marilyn Connell, Nelson Hands, Bernie Nicolles, Jeanne Scott, Kris West, Alanie Joseph, Don Scott & Jeanette Davis.

Australia Day: We are all winners!

Community spirit and local talent are our best assets.

This impressive lineup of citizens and organisations is a credit to our local community. Many more people not mentioned here, provide the backbone to our community groups by donating time, goods and money for the benefit of all. Thank you to all.

Tiario Citizen of the Year. Marilyn Connell is known locally, nationally and internationally for her passion to save the Mary River Turtle.

Tiario Junior Citizen of the Year. Alanie Joseph is no stranger to hard work, graduating with an OP 1 and joint Dux of Year 12 from St Mary's Catholic College in Maryborough 2010.

Tiario Sportsperson of the Year Trevor Keightley has used sport to unite the various community groups of the region, organising cricket matches and

tournaments to promote community inclusiveness.

Tiario Cultural Award of the Year Local author Jeanette Davis has had two books published, *Far Horizons Distant Dreams* and the sequel, *Beyond the Far Horizons* which was published last year.

Tiario Junior Cultural Award 12-year-old Glenwood State School student Nelson Hands has been recognised nationally, winning 2010 Queensland Middle Primary School Australia Day Visions of Australia 2010 Flag Project.

Community Event of the Year The Glenwood Swap Meet produced by the Glenwood Progress Association and volunteers, attracts a crowd of several thousand people, providing a focal point for the community and is regarded as the number three in the world of swap meets.



Fraser Coast
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Local Laws affect all residents.
Have your say on the proposed local laws for the Fraser Coast

Tuesday 2nd Feb. 6-8pm Glenwood Hall Pepper Road, Glenwood

Tuesday 8th Feb. 6-8pm Tiario Memorial Hall Mayne Street, Tiario

CALENDAR

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

Weekly Events & Activities

Tuesdays.

Tai-Chi at Tiaro Comm. Ctr. 8.30am

Child Health Nurse. 9-12 noon Tiaro Library 2nd&4th Tuesday. 41228733

Wednesdays.

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

Wii Jazz-a-size, Laugh-a-size Gundiah Comm. Place. Ph. Jean 41293293

Bauple QCWA Craft classes 1st 2nd & 4th Weds 9-3pm. \$2. Bring lunch & enjoy a Cuppa. 2nd, 9th, 23rd Feb.

Thursdays.

Under 5 Story&Craft Time 10am Every 2nd. Thursday 41292453 3rd & 17th Feb

Fitness @Tiaro Hall 5.30pm

Friday's

Emergency Service Cadets 4pm SES Shed Maryb'h. Ian 54846745

Rossendale Tennis Club 7pm.

Bauple-Woolooga Road Ph. 41292589

Gundiah Community Place Social Nite 1st & 3rd Friday 6pm. BBQ. Pauline or Trevor 41292504 -4th[Mtg] & 18th Feb.

Sunday services

Lighthouse Christian Church: Cnr Forestry Rd & Main St Bauple. 10:00am Worship & Communion. 10:30am Children's Church. 41292787 Ps Brian.

Catholic Services: Sacred Heart, John St, Tiaro. 10am. Fthr Paul Kelly 4121 3701 St Therese, Balkin St, Gunalda 7.30am Father Patrick Cassidy. 5482 1213

Maryb'h Country Uniting Church

Tiara 1st & 3rd Sundays 7.30pm. Bridge Rd/Mungar Rd, Tiara 4121 3204

Bauple 2nd&4th Sundays 7.30pm

Main St, Bauple. G. Slaughter 4121 3204

February Events/Special Activities

2 **Miva QCWA** Branch Meeting 9.30am CWA Rooms Miva Ph. 54846282

2 **FCRC Local Law Public Consultations** Have your say! Glenwood Hall, Pepper Rd. 6-8pm. See ad pg 1.

2 **Tiara District Police Consultative Committee Meeting** 7pm Tiara Community Hall.

4 **Tiara QCWA Bingo & Tombola** 9.30 Tiara Rooms Mayne St. 41292237

4 **Emergency Service Cadets** 4pm every Friday @SES Shed Maryborough. Ph. Ian 54846745

6 **Theebine Hotel** - David Gray. Plus Bush Darts, Goose club raffles every 1st Sunday - Lots of prizes.

7 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade** training Monday 7pm. At the fire station.

8 **Gootchie QCWA** Branch Meeting 9.30 Branch Rooms Lyn. 41293212

8 **FCRC Local Law Public Consultations** Have your say! Tiara Memorial Hall, Mayne St. 6-8pm. See ad pg 1.

9 **Tiara QCWA** Hoy & Tombola 11am. Mayne Street ph. 41292237

11 **Tiara QCWA** Branch meeting 9am Saturday CWA rooms ph. 41292237

12 **Scrapbooking** Gootchie QCWA 8.30 Branch Rooms Lyn. 41293212

12 **Tiara QCWA** Branch meeting 9am. CWA Rooms Mayne St. 41292551

14 VALENTINE'S DAY

15 **Tiara District Chamber of Commerce** 7pm Tiara State School. Toni 4129 2107

17 **FREE Community Legal Services** Tiara Comm. Ctr. App. only 41292453

19 **Glenwood Country Markets** 7-12noon Pepper Rd. Ph Bernie 54857191

20 **Theebine Hotel** - Karen Thomson

22 **Gundiah School P&C AGM** 6:30pm @Library. Everyone is welcome. Bus Committee Mtg 6pm. 4129 3136

24 **Bauple QCWA** branch meeting 6.30pm. CWA rooms Mill St. 41292100

25 **Gootchie QCWA** visit Petrie Gardens. 10-12 noon.

25 Tiara Library Book Club. 10am.

27 **Hibiscus Society** Mtg 8 Jones Street, Goomeri, Chris Ph 54846551

27 **Theebine Hotel**-Aus Inst Country Music

Tiara Broadband for Seniors Kiosk.

Get connected, training and support for FREE-Tiara Community Centre, Forgan Terrace, Tiara. Air-conditioned, wheelchair access. Open Mon-Fri 9am - 1pm. Please phone: Pat Davies on 41 939 239 or Jeff Taylor on 41 292 650

Gundiah RFB General Meeting Wed. 9th March at 7pm. All interested members of the public welcome.

Theebine Hotel Golf Club:

Theebine Hotel is starting up a golf club and wants you. Call Claudia 5484 6182. Cricket Players and Darts Players are also in demand. Please call for more details about our sporting events!

CLASSIFIEDS

PRIVATE HOME SALE: 7 Main St Gundiah. 1012m² block, 2 bedrm+, front verandah, hardwood floors, mod. kitch, open plan living/dining, fully fenced, steel posts, good head height under. **Advice on raising deposit.** Must See, Make Reasonable Offer. Call Theo 0424 22 3935

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See calendar for this month's music events.
Call Claudia 5484 6182 or 0424 189 340




B-LINE DANCING

Classes commencing in
February @ Gunalda Hall
Ph: Pamela 07 41293126

ACTIVITIES

Dreamworld/Whitewater World trip postponed to Easter Holidays

January trip was postponed due to flooding. Council will confirm the new date at a later stage. Excursion forms available at Council Customer Service Centres in Maryborough or Tiara. The FCRC Youth Services subsidised trip is for teenagers aged 13 to 17. Cost only \$30 for the bus trip and entrance to both parks.

For further enquiries ring Patrice Chapman on 4190 5822.

Floods reach 1955 levels in Gundiah

Gundiah. The 1955 flood was reported rising to the third step of the Hall, and staying for many days. Flood levels reached less than an inch above the 1955 flood level marked on the posts at Gavin Rock's homesite at Gutchy Creek. "It was like living in a houseboat. Cabin fever set in with 3 children in the house," laughed his neighbour Isis Drake. The water stretched across Gutchy Creek flat to the township. Cars and machinery were moved to higher ground at the Berendorfs' car yard' and neighbourly care was exhibited by all.

Some went far beyond the call of duty. One property owner spent his Sunday morning rescuing dogs and submerged vehicles, and then the rest of the day trying to resurrect the poor waterlogged landcruiser. I think that calls for sainthood.

Miva. Water levels came close to 20mtrs at Dickabram Bridge, but she remained one of the few bridges above the Mary's floodwaters.

Netherby. Ingham's Piggery was cut off by two creeks and threatened by the rising river. Staff were flown in and later ferried to work.

Bauple. Macadamia House reported, "Our orchard was impacted by the heavy rain and flooding. We lost fencing, had serious erosion and trees washed out."

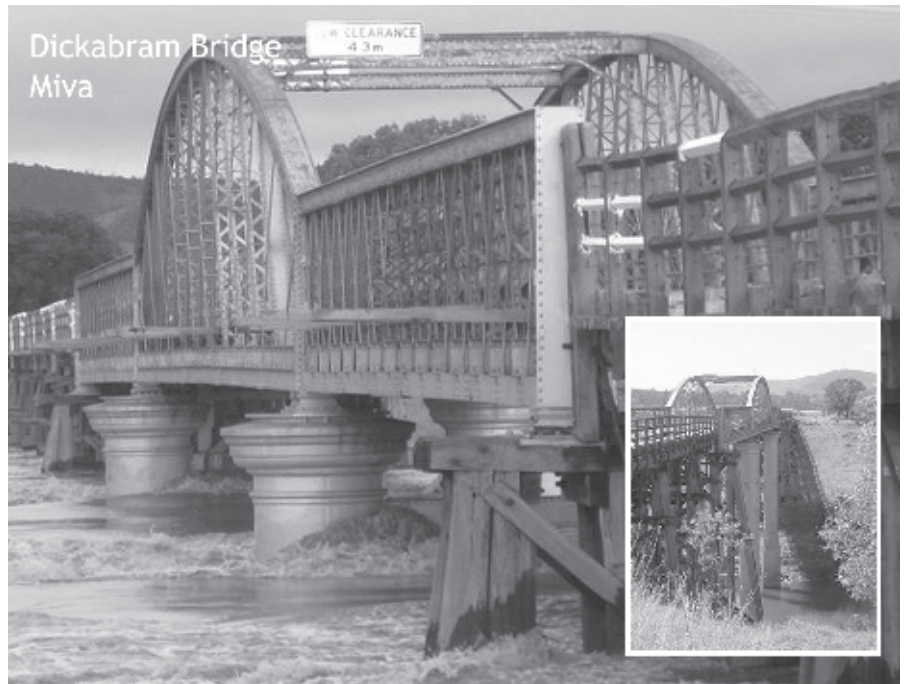
"We would like to thank the community for not 'panic buying'. This enabled all of us to get through the period, even with restricted deliveries and still have sufficient groceries, fuel, milk and bread. To the residents who could not get home on the Friday night, we did have a good party – but there are no photos!!"

Tiaro. It was eerie to have little to no traffic-and no trucks-in Tiaro as the Bruce Highway was cut to the south at Gympie and north at Rockhampton. There were empty shelves and closed stores.

Megan Kernke, from Antigua, who works in Tiaro was caught in the flooding and got as far as Maryborough on Friday night. "I was exhausted from driving through the rain and water on the roads. It came up so quickly. I had to buy clothes for me and the kids. It took me 3 days to get home," she said.

"My husband got to the property, he ended up grazing our cattle beside the road and then at a neighbour's place.

Floods	1893	1955	1974	1989	1992
Gympie	25m	21.45	20.5	19.6	21.4
Tiaro	22.2	20.7	19.5	15.9	18.45
Maryb'h	12.27	11.3	10.95	6.65	9.5



Flood Photo Request

The Fraser Coast Regional Council is collecting photographs of the January 2011 flood for historical purposes.

To contribute to the collection please send with name, location and permissions if needed, to:

**Media and Communications Officer
Jan Rolston, FCRC,**

PO Box 1943, Hervey Bay Qld 4655.

jan.rolston@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Photos should be at least 1 MB jpgs. If people feature in the photographs, please ask their permission first. For more information ring Jan on 4197 4464.

Floods & Wildlife Info

Marilyn Connell is very keen to hear of people's observations of any wildlife – platypus, lungfish, turtles, fish etc., during the flood. If you can let her know a. Location (in a gully, a backwater in the river etc), b. Number/type of animals, and c. What were they doing.

Any stories can be directed to Marilyn: connellmarilyn@gmail.com/0427293221.

Gundiah State School

A brilliant new year!

Gundiah State School started the 2011 school year on Monday, 24th of January with 19 students including four new preps. It was good to see our children's happy, smiling faces.

Our first P&C meeting, the AGM will be conducted at 6:30pm on Tuesday, 22nd of February. Everyone is welcome. This meeting will be preceded by the bus committee meeting scheduled for 6:00pm at the school.

Warren Greinke. Teaching Principal

Ph: 41293136 Email: wgrei2@eq.edu.au

Gootchie Gossip

Our condolences go to all who have been affected by the disastrous floods... but Gootchie Girls QCWA has been busy. We donated Woolworths Gift cards to the residents of Emerald who have been affected by floods, (these will be distributed by CWA ladies in Emerald to families in need). We held a stall at the Australia Day Celebrations at Bauple.

Join us for our first meeting for the year: Tuesday, 8th February, 9.30 am and Scrapbooking on Saturday 12th at 8.30am. We will also be hosting the Burnett Division CWA Executive meeting on 18th February for approx 60 delegates. March 24th, 10am, will be the finals of Knitting, Crocheting, Floral Art, Photography competition plus Tombola and lunch. *Call Lyn. Secretary. 41293212*



Gorja Ebert, 6, of Paterson (*above*) received third place in her age group and the teacher's Encouragement Award at the Fraser Coast Physical Culture Group's Concert at the end of last year.

Shane Kelly, 8, of Gundiah (*below*) receives a special award for outstanding effort from local Shodoshi, Mark Walkerdon. The Kumi-Ryu Marshall Arts School trains weekly in Tiaro.



Ryan Kelly, 6, of Gundiah (*centre front*) took 2nd place in the Lightning Handicap for the Maryborough Junior Chess Club. He is the youngest player in the group. Other awards: Shane Kelly, 8, Encouragement Award, Andrew Chapman, 13, of Tiaro also placed 2nd for 11 years and over.

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FLOODING. In our area we were spared the horrific rain and subsequent forces of swift water, but that said, the slow moving water rising did cause havoc at the club. The pool table was submerged under the water. The fridge and chairs suffered the same fate. The newly installed irrigation system whilst under water should be OK when dried out. And, of course, the newly planted grass seed is somewhere down the Mary. We also think of our new residents Dale and Isis who lost a lot of items from under their house in Gundiah. We heard the tales of the worker who was marooned in his house for 3 days as he could not swim, then the Kellys' who lent their Toyota truck to a lady to get along Emery's Bridge Road—they failed to mention it was not waterproof—a couple of the locals swam under water to attach a chain to tow it out. Then there's James and Kara being picked by helicopter to get to the piggery to work.

A BIT WET. We were closing up after our Kid's Christmas Party when we received a panic call from Jill to say she had stalled in the water at the Woolooga and Netherby cross roads. So off we go to give the lady a hand. As I got to the corner I could see a B-Double belting down from Woolooga and, looking the other way, I see Jill with dress up to her waist, mobile phone in hand, blasting the driver as he was not slowing down. Well, he hit the water and formed a good bow wave that any surfer would have been proud to surf and subsequently a very wet Jill emerged from the wake, did we laugh? NOT TELLING!

Life goes on the Aussie spirit will go from strength to strength as it has through history. All I ask is that we give as generously as we can to those that lost everything including loved ones.

SOCIAL CALENDAR. The committee has put together a program for 2011 which will be presented to members at our first meeting being Friday, 4th February, to which you are most welcome to attend and be part of. The list includes a variety of speakers, dinners out, annual bus trip, Wide Bay Wanders coming to stay and darts competitions. Come along and we are sure you will enjoy the evening starting with a BBQ—so no cooking at home!

Trevor Keightley, President 41292504.

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