

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS ACROSS THE TIARO DISTRICT

MARCH 2012

B&H celebrates 10!

March marks B&H Rural's 10th Year as a family run, independently owned rural business and they are celebrating on Saturday 24th with a free Sausage Sizzle, Giveaways and Lucky Draws. They would like to thank all of their loyal customers for their support, for making B&H Rural such a rewarding place to work and a happy place to shop!

Toni Hume

Theebine Hall is 100!

Saturday 24th March celebrate at the hall, starting with afternoon tea at 2pm - a great opportunity for everyone to get together and chat. There'll be a BBQ around 6pm followed at 7.30pm by an old time dance and entertainment night. Memorabilia or photos wanted. Need more information? Phone 5484 6129.

Kathy Dakin

Class 2 Weeds

Land owners know this season is creating a nightmare with weeds. **Rat's Tail** and **Parramatta Grass** are both declared CLASS 2 which means property owners **must** take action to control. When sighted on local roads and reserves, report to Col Zemek, Council Weeds & Pest Officer on 0427 125 338 for action to be taken. For the record, road grass cutters have been instructed to not cut and go around these weeds and likewise report.

Trevor Keightley

Meet State Candidates

Tiara & District Chamber of Commerce invites you to meet the Candidates for the State seat of Maryborough on **Monday 19th March 2012**, 7pm, Tiara Hall, Mayne Street TIARO. All Candidates in attendance will be given a maximum of 10 minutes to introduce themselves to the voters, followed by a Question Time of 15 minutes. Refreshments supplied with a chance to meet and speak directly with the candidates. A gold coin donation is requested.

Toni Hume



The Wide Bay Wanderers came to Gundiah for a few days stopover earlier in February and three families never imagined the following would be part of their stay.

Brian Devine who lives on the Old Gympie Road and is the Vice President of the Gundiah Community Club was astounded that one of the wanderers was his school mate John Armstrong of 55 years ago, they both lived in Rosebank in Northern NSW where both their families were Dairy farmers and the farms joined one another, but with time the family's moved apart and contact was lost.

Then another quirk happened, Brian met another Wanderer, Graham Tickle who was a distant cousin that he had never met before. "We only live a few hours away from each other and we have a lot of catching up to do now," said Brian and Wendy.

The moral to the story is that one's past can catch up with you and open doors that you thought were closed for ever. The Wide Bay Wanderers are a group of enthusiastic motorhome and campervan owners who gather regularly, usually monthly, to enjoy travel in our region and "Laugh More and Live

Above, John Armstrong, Brian Devine and Graham Tickle at Gundiah Community Place.

Longer". Every other year, the Wide Bay Wanderers visit Gundiah Community Place. This year around 50 motorhomes attended a 4-day stopover, had their annual general meeting and had a great time exploring Gundiah area. On Saturday night the Gundiah Community Group cooked a 3 course meal and local DJ, Ally Willis, entertained them with a Karaoke sing along. Their visit is a major fundraising event for the club.

Thanks Brian for sharing this with us and if any other readers have stories that they would like to share please contact Trevor or Sandi at the Gazette.

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The Zonta Club of Maryborough Inc
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International Women's Day Breakfast

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Thursday, 8th March, 2012

6.15 am for 6.45 am

\$25.00 (Includes hot breakfast)

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WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

March Events

(FOR QCWA EVENTS SEE PG 4)

- 4 **Clean Up Australia Day.** More info:
www.cleanupaustriaday.org.au or
call 1800 282 329.
- 5 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Trng**
Monday 7pm at Station. 4129 3128
- 5 **Bauple Rural Fire Brigade Trng**
Monday 7pm at Station. 4129 2391
- 8 **International Women's Day.** See ads
- 14 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Mtg** 7p
@station. All WELCOME 4129 3128
- 15 **FREE Community Legal Services**
Tiaro Comm Ctr. 4129 2453 for apt.
- 17 **Glenwood Country Markets** 7-12
Pepper Rd. Ph. Jane / John 5485 7468
- 17 **Giant Garage Sale @ FCShow Grnd**
7am Community Pavilion. Hot coffee
& breakfast on sale. Donations grate-
fully accepted. Jill@ FC Show Society
4123 5311.
- 17 **Tiaro Landcare AGM** 7.30pm Tiaro
School Ph. Marilyn 4129 6206
- 18 **Aust. Hibiscus Society Mtg** 10am
Ph. Chris 54846551 @104 Robert Rd,
Chatsworth (3rd Sunday)
- 19 **Meet the Candidates.** Tiaro Hall.
7pm. Ph 4129 2107. See pg1.
- 20 **Bauple Historical Museum Mtg** 7pm
New members welcome. 4129 2258
- 20 **Tiaro District Chamber Commerce**
7pm Tiaro School Ph. Toni 4129 2107
- 24 **STATE ELECTION DAY** 8am-6pm
- 24 **Theebine Hall 100 Year Celebration.**
Starts 2pm. See pg 1. Ph. 5484 6129.
- 24 **Family Picnic 2-5pm Australia Day**
Celebrations [rescheduled] 4-9pm
at Wook-koo Park, 9 Woocoo Dr,
Oakhurst. For further information,
please call Council on 1300 79 49 29.
- 30 **Tiaro Library Book Club** 10am. At
Library. 4129 2453

Weekly Events & Activities

Tiaro Broadband for Seniors Kiosk.
Tiaro Comm Ctr. Open Mon-Fri 9-1pm.
Phone Pat 41939239 or Jeff 4129 2650.

Bauple Community Shed Tue & Sat
9am-3pm Ph John 0417 716 840.

Kumiai-Ryu Karate now meets at Cnr
Adriadne & Woodstock Sts. Marybor-
ough. Jnrs Mon & Tues. 5.15pm. Mark
4129 3112. www.krmas.com

Mondays

Lions Club 2nd & 4th Monday Hidea-
way Hotel 7pm. Tony Pope 4129 6440

Lions Ladies Lunch. First Monday of
even months. Ph. Phyl 4129 2490 (April)

Tuesdays.

Tai-Chi Tiaro Com. Ctr. 8.30am. 4129 2490

Child Health Nurse. 9-12pm Tiaro Lib.
2nd & 4th Tuesday. 4122 8733.

Tiaro Creative Arts Group. 9.30am

Uniting Church, Mungar Rd. 5484 6135

SES Tiaro. 6 Copenhagen St. Tiaro 7pm.
Meetings/Training. Ph Bill 0429 001 094

Wednesdays.

Line Dancing Gunalda Hall resumes 21
March 2012 Ph. Pamela 4129 3126

Thursdays.

Under 5 Story Time 10am Tiaro Library.
Ph. 4129 2453.

Ladies Fitness @Tiaro Hall 5.30pm \$10

Zumba Bauple Hall 5.30pm \$12.

Fridays.

Computer Group for New Users @
Tiaro Com Ctr. Jeff Taylor 4129 2650

Emergency Service Cadets 4pm SES
Shed Maryborough. Ian 5484 6745

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts. Bauple Scouts meet
in Tinana with Moonaboola Sea Scouts.
6pm. Sandra 4129-2609

Rosendale Tennis Club 7pm. Bauple-
Woolooga Road Ph. 4129 2589

Gundiah Community Place Social Nite
1st Friday=Discussion Nite, 3rd Friday
=BBQ 6pm. (2nd, 16th) Ph. Trevor 4129
2504. See column pg3.

Sunday Services.

Lighthouse Christian Church: Cnr For-
estry Rd & Main St Bauple. 10:00am
Worship & Communion. 10:30am
Children's Church. 4129 2787 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

Uniting Church: Tiaro Mungar Rd, 1st
& 3rd Sundays 7.30pm. 4121 3204

Bauple 2nd & 4th Sundays 7.30pm
Main St, Bauple. G. Slaughter 4121 3204
Theebine 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am. Old
Cleveland Rd. Bevan 5484 6183

Anglican. Christ Church, Cnr King St &
McDowall Street, Gunalda. 10.30am. 3rd
Sunday. Ph 5482 2629

DATE SAVERS

Kids Club Holiday Program

Easter Holidays: 3, 4, 11, 12 April for
5-12yo \$2per day. Craft, facepainting,
cooking, games & more. Lighthouse
Christian Church Bauple. 0412 740 385.

Bauple Recreation Grounds.

Sat 5th May: Music Club, 4-11pm;
Fri 15th June: Tombola, Q150 shed 7pm
Fri 27th July: Youth Disco; ages 3-17 yo.
Watch for more info as events get closer.

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Asperger's Support Group. For adults living with an adult who has Asperger's. Mtgs 9-12noon, last Wed of month at Tiaro Com Ctr. All are welcome. Call Pat 41939239.

Positions Vacant: Fostering Case Worker. Permanent, full-time position (76 hours/fortnight) Churches of Christ Care. Maryborough office. Applications close: 9th March 2012 (COB) www.caringcareers.com.au

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At the Pubs

What's on at the Gundy Pub

See attached flyer for menu and gigs. Ring Dan or Renelle 4129 3182.

What's on at Theebine Pub

Now Under New Management. Come & meet the new owners, Graham & Kath.

4 **AICM** - Aust. Inst. of Country Music
11 **Fiddle Me Please**

17 (St Patricks Day) - **Aiming High**

18 **Karen Thompsons**

Raffles 1st Sunday for Bush Darts and 3rd Sunday for Happy Hackers. Sunday music starts 1pm. BBQ Lunch starts 12pm. Meals start from \$10.50! 5484 6182.

What's on at the Hideaway

1st Sunday: 'Me & Mrs Jones'

Sundays: Sunday Roasts-Choice of two roasts and dessert for \$11!

Thursdays: Trivia Night

Fridays: Lions Club Raffles

Meals: Mon-Sat. Lunches 7 days.

Functions: Call us about your function-Nia or Col 4129 2153

What's on at the Royal

1st Saturday: (3 March) Jam Session. 2pm-late. All welcome. Drum kit available, Musos bring guitars & amps.

Drop in to support and say hi to new managers: Phil & Toni 4129 2567

GUNDIAH COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

GUNDIAH COMMUNITY INCORPORATE

Well, good day to all our readers! Our dams are full and the cattle are not talking due to their over indulgence of feed.

Rod Stewart Revival. Must report that we went to Brisbane this last month to see our old rocker mate we all grew up with: Rod Stewart! It was a great show, we all sang every song. In fact it must be easy for the older showman as they only have to start the song and the audience takes over - Oh what a night it was!

Wide Bay Wanderers. If you were wondering about all the campers at the club, we had a 4 day visit from the WB Wanderers. It was so hot we needed to jump in the creek to cool off. On Saturday night we cooked a 3 course meal and provided entertainment with a Karaoke sing along with DJ Ally!

Story of the month. My role as President is to report to you, our valued readers, any misdoings or escapades of our members... even if the truth is not always 100% true. *Unfortunately, this one is on me!* I was instructed by Pauline to let the chooks out at 12 noon as she was in town... being a good remembering husband I did such at around 1pm, or perhaps it was 2! As I entered the chook pen, guess what? A red belly black was eyeballing me. "Oops," said I, "that looks nasty." I called one of our visitors to bring me a spade QUICK before it got away. I got it first blow and chopped it into 3 pieces. Proud of my efforts, I thought I would leave it there for Pauline to see that I had saved her chook eggs. Good so far... she arrived home soon after and went to feed her animals. Then this SCREAM came from the chook pen. We all ran over to see what the problem was, and oh, you won't believe this, but it's true, yes, the snake was in 3 pieces but it was a *rubber snake* that she had just bought in an effort to keep the crows from taking her eggs. (Apparently in the latest gardening book it says that these realistic rubber snakes will deter the crows.) So, after being chastised for such a stupid act, we went back to check the gin and orange, as one of the boys suggested the beer could be off. Well that's the news...

If you would like to be a member of the club just turn up on either the 1st or 3rd Friday of the month for a BBQ at 6pm or call 4129 2504. *Trevor Keightley President.*

Tiara's Sons-Our Salute to the Diggers Captain Arthur Max Benson

Captain Arthur Max Benson QX6090

was born in Gundiah on a property called Goorah Flats on March 3rd 1906. He was a twin, his brother was Emmanuel William Benson. The family was to have strong military links; by the time WW2 was under way there would be 4 of the Benson clan in uniform.

Records show that Max enlisted in the Army in Sydney in 1926 and served with the 1st Battalion until 1929, then he served with the 30th Battalion at Liverpool Sydney until 1931.

Following a 3 year gap, he was then shown as joining the 47th Battalion in Maryborough, where he became OC of the Tiara detachment and OC of the Mortar Platoon.

At the outbreak of WW2, he joined the 2/9th Infantry Battalion at Enoggera and served with that unit in the Middle East desert campaigns and later in New Guinea.

While attacking a Japanese position near Buna in 1942, Max, then a Captain, was struck by a piece of shrapnel in the head and was returned to Australia in January 1943. By March 1944 he had recovered sufficiently to be re-posted into service and was into active service in Port Moresby, he was then again returned to Australia in May to again recover from the wounds suffered in Buna.

On Christmas day in 1944 Max was on leave and took his wife, 2 sons and daughter down to the Mary River to teach the boys how to swim. Unfortunately he disappeared under the water and could not be revived. Later a post mortem revealed he suffered a major stroke probably as a result of the head wound he had been nursing for almost 2 years. Max was 38 and 9 months when he passed away. *Lest we forget.*

Aland Woodward has produced a report of about 150 items on Max's life for



the Maryborough Military Museum; the story follows shows the true character of this soldier. Captain Benson's report to CO, Lt-Col Eric Patterson, "We drove the enemy from outposts and forced them to retire inside the fortified area, my platoon led the main attack and my lads did excellent work with the bayonet as they fought like tigers, the Ities were game and fought and died while firing their guns, but there was no holding back our lads. We had our usual narrow escapes in one instant a grenade was thrown at me and exploded at my feet, except for being blown off my feet I received no injury. Not being selfish, I tossed back a Mills hand grenade for the occupants to share amongst them. Later 2 men out of my Platoon joined me and we captured all from the fort being 4 officers and 60 other ranks." Later the Australians eventually took 600 Italian soldiers including a Colonel Costiana who had under him 2000 Italian and Libyan troops.

Next month we salute George Edgar Krafft. For more information contact Trevor Keightley 41292504

CWA Calendar

GOOTCHIE QCWA

561 Gootchie Rd, Gootchie. 41293212

13 **Meeting** (2nd Tuesday) at 9.30am

17 **Scrapbooking** Saturday 9am.

23 **Easter Tombola** at Bauple Band

Hall 6pm

30 **Petrie Gardens** Visit.

TIARA QCWA

35 Mayne St Tiara. Ph. Gail 41292237

or Judy 41292789

2 **Bingo** (1st Friday) 9.30am

10 **Meeting** (2nd Sat) 9.00am

14 **HOY** (2nd Wed) 11am

15 **Petrie Gardens** Visit (3rd Thurs)

(We also hold a Tombola 2nd Wednesday of April, August & December)

Tiara QCWA cater for bus loads and functions, while the Hall is available for meetings and other functions. We hope to have a kitchen upgrade soon.

TIARA YOUNGER SET.

35 Mayne St Tiara. Ph. Gail 41292237

3 **Branch meeting** (1st Sat) 9am.

17 **Craft Activities** (3rd Sat) 9am-11am

The YOUNGER SET invites all young ladies aged between 5-25 years to their meetings and craft days. They made cards for Christmas, name bracelets, and now starting on cross stitch, then to slice recipes.

MIVA QCWA

QCWA Hall, Miva. Ph. June 54846282

4 **Clean Up Australia Day**

7 **Meeting** (1st Wed) 9.30am.

BAUPLE

Mill St, Bauple. Ph. Thelma 41292100

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TIARO LANDCARE

Mudlarks, Turtles, Weeds

There is a saying "always expect the unexpected". However, we were surprised and delighted when an offer of 100 handmade pottery turtles was received. Audrey Rees from **Mudlarks Pottery Group** was impressed by Tiaro Landcare's Mary River Turtle project and wanted to help, and so eventuated 100 little 'turtles with attitude', now on sale at Bottlebrush Crafts and other outlets. It's a small world, two members of Mudlarks are former residents of Gootchie, Tony & Margaret Harcourt-Smith.

Nesting. For the real Mary River turtles another nesting season has finished. Every year something unexpected happens. This year we had a female lay a clutch of eggs on the 18th January - at least 2 weeks later than we've recorded in the past eleven years. This season was quite successful with 72 clutches protected in the Tiaro - Emerys reach of the river. Fortunately many clutches were laid during October so they hatched before the recent flooding. We had volunteers from up river who checked and protected clutches near Kenilworth and Traveston reach of the river. As a result of one of our volunteers discovering a nesting beach, the Sunshine Coast Council erected an interpretive sign acknowledging Tiaro Landcare and installed bollards to protect the site. Research continues with the University of Qld: Turtles have been tagged and we look forward to finding out where the turtles are living in the river. Thanks to the Mohammed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund we were able to purchase equipment including a rugged mobile computing device to collect data on site - even in the rain.

Support. Thanks to the Profile Dynamix team for creating aluminium turtle trinkets of varying sizes. Ergon Energy Green teams from all over Qld, Tiaro Craft Cottage, local businesses, landholders and community members all make this project so successful.

Weeds. Our members are busy finding and spraying many new outbreaks of **bahia grass**, **Giant Rats tail** along with many other weed species.

Chocolate & AGM. Members are gearing up for our Easter Chocolate turtle fundraiser.

Our Annual General Meeting will be at 7.30pm Wed 21st March at Tiaro Primary School. Look for news from Tiaro Landcare www.maryriverturtle.com.
Marilyn Connell. Tiaro Landcare

FCRC INFORMATION

2012 Fraser Coast Youth Week Art Comp

Youth Week: 13-27 April 2012

If you are planning to enter the Youth Week Art competition, you have until March 30 to do so. All art pieces must reflect the theme "Imagine, Create, Inspire," and you must be aged between 12 and 25. Artworks can be in a variety of mediums such as photography, oils, acrylic, pastels.

Deliver your artwork to FCRC no later than 30 March 2012. (see specifications and entry forms on website)

Winners announced on 20 April at the award presentation. For more info call Colleen Eugarde, FCRC 4197 4518

FCRC PRESS RELEASES

Alliance Airlines to fly from Hervey Bay

15 February 2012. The largest fly in fly out charter operator in Australia, Queensland-based Alliance Airlines, has started services through Hervey Bay. Alliance is flying one of its many Fokker 100 jets from Brisbane to Hervey Bay to pick up workers and then flying to Emerald. "It is a closed charter so the seats are only available to the client and not for sale to the general public," Mr McMillan said.

"Council is optimistic that the arrival of Alliance Airlines services will add weight to our Live Here Work There campaign," Fraser Coast Mayor Mick Kruger said.

Bauple RV stopover

27 February 2012. Work has started on the RV stopover at Bauple. The project, which aims to entice tourists to linger longer is being constructed in the centre of the village, after consultation with the community. Facilities will eventually include a transit stop for bus passengers, interpretive signage on Bauple's history, waste management facilities and shaded picnic areas. Stage one (overnight parking area) is complete. Stage two will include the bus stop and picnic areas. The state government has allocated \$50,000 towards the \$110,000 project.

Good Neighbour Day

Win food and friendship on Good Neighbour Day (Sunday 25 March). To improve neighbourly relations FCRC is encouraging neighbourhoods to get together for a morning tea or a barbecue and offers a draw for 25 BBQ Starter Packs. Deadline March 2. Contact Ele Jenkins 1300 79 49 29.

Marching On!

Flooding. Yet again, our district is split asunder by the Mary River at Tiaro where the bridge is under water for the second time in a month in just a minor flood. Students and employees have to travel via Maryborough, business suffers, traffic is disrupted and regional community structure fails. Another issue not often raised is the far too regular flood closing of Netherby Rd just south of Gundiah which has the same effect. That is also something I and the Chamber will be working on. I note that the FCRC Disaster Planning Co-ordinator is worried about a couple of Maryborough businesses that choose to operate at high tide level on a very flood prone river, but probably does not even know where Gundiah is. Maybe we should invite him to our next meeting to provide a local education for him.

Tiaro Medical Centre. The Tiaro Medical Centre fiasco drags on. I have suggested that Qld Health take it on to get some brownie points that they badly need. It would be a win-win-win situation for our residents, FCRC and Qld Health. The only thing against it would be petty bureaucracy. So far, silence has reigned.

Ergon. I urge everyone to attend the Ergon Energy Sense Workshops when they come to a venue near you. We all know that energy prices have soared in the last few years and are set to continue to fly high, so any means by which we can improve our efficiency of use has to be a good thing. While it is being promoted as a partnership between FCRC and Ergon, I can assure you that the original impetus for these workshops came from our own Tiaro and District Chamber of Commerce and I have been involved in the planning for the last 5 years. FCRC have agreed to acknowledge this as a 3 way partnership at the workshops, to give our Chamber the recognition it should have had, and



Recent flooding at Gutchy Creek, Gundiah (top) and Emery's Bridge, Gundiah (above).

which it fully deserves.

Thank you to Members. I must again offer my gratitude to Toni Hume from B & H Rural for stepping into the breach once more and taking on the job of Acting Secretary, in addition to her other Chamber duties. As you can see, our Chamber is always active in standing up for our community and Toni has been at the sharp end forever. The more members we have, the more ideas we get and the more we can do to help our district grow, and the more we can spread the load. Please think about it. *Darryl Stewart. President.*

Safer Internet Group

7 February 2012 – Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss, said 2012 Safer Internet Day encourages the safer and responsible use of online technologies, especially by children and young people. "The online environment is changing rapidly and more work needs to be done to ensure that young people's exposure to the internet is as safe as possible," Mr Truss said.

"We need to protect and educate them about bullying, privacy and identity theft and ensure that the sites and games they access are appropriate."

Mr Truss said the Federal Coalition has formed an **Online Safety Working Group** to consult with key technology, education and cyber-safety leaders, parents and young people, as well as other interested parties, about ways to improve online safety.

Parents, carers and teachers can email their submissions to the Working Group at W.Truss.MP@aph.gov.au, using the words 'Online Safety Working Group' in the subject line. Submissions close on Friday, 20th April 2012.

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Down Memory Lane: VOLUNTEER AIR OBSERVERS CORPS



When we think of the wars that our local diggers have been involved in we tend to only think of them going to a far flung country, but there are many stories from around our own country that played an important part of the war effort, the following is an example of our district and the role of volunteers.

VOLUNTEER AIR OBSERVERS CORPS (Operated during WW2)

A network of Volunteers was set up around Australia covering an area up to 150 miles inland from Cairns to Port Lincoln in SA and from Albany to Geraldton in WA. The units were principally manned by civilian volunteers with WAAAF Clerks used as recorders in operation rooms in regional headquarter around Australia.

The volunteers were called spotters and any aircraft that crossed their zone would be recorded, they would note the direction, number of engines, height, and attempt to identify the aircraft if possible. They would then ring the telephone exchange and ask for "Air Flash" the operator would then if necessary disconnect any current call to put the call through to the VAOC center. Each spotter had their own code name.

OUR AREA: The members of the Volunteers Air Corps were required to report every plane that passed over the area to "Air Flash" Gympie. They ticked

a pad with code questions regarding the aircraft, then reported the details. There was only one phone line between Maryborough, Tiaro, Inskip Point and Double Island, the last 2 places being weather stations. When a spotter rang in, the person using the line was disconnected and Air Flash was put through to Gympie where the location of the plane was plotted at once. The code for Tiaro was GEORGE APPLE 17 and the code for Bauple was JIG LOVE 8 (I wonder how Bauple got that code name) and was operated by the Mackellar family. The coded message was read of the pad so that the location of the plane could be recorded thus allowing the staff at Gympie to identify the plane as friend or foe.

John Tantanini and Desmond Thomas were members of the Maryborough VAOC and were located in the top of the Royal Hotel. Maryborough played a very important part in the defense of Queensland as it had an airfield and protected Walkers ship yards, railway depots, Sugar Mills, Sawmills, Bruce highway, bridges, port and fuel depots etc. John tells on one occasion, on a Sunday afternoon during a severe thunderstorm over Bauple, Lillian Davis, then 18 and a volunteer, heard but could not see, a plane circling over Bauple and contacted Gympie Air Control by going to Mr. Bert Bakers home—he owned the Post office and he contacted "Air Flash" for Lillian. They were able to contact the pilot who was lost and guide him to the airfield in Maryborough. (I wonder if Lillian was out in the storm on the way for more "SAY O" (SAO) biscuits)

Other spotters in the area were Gavin Watson of Theebine and John Blair of Yandina. To these and other Volunteers that served during the wars to protect our Country WE SALUTE YOU.

*Thanks to John Tantanini for this information.
Trevor Keightley.*



MOUNT BAUPLE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

YOUR MUSEUM DESPERATELY NEEDS YOU

Your local Museum needs your help. After February's meeting it was reluctantly decided to close the Museum on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday due to lack of roster volunteers to be there. Also the opening hours will need to be changed to 10am to 3pm.

If you can give a day or even half a day per week or month, to save the museum, then we will welcome you with open arms.

On top of this we have also lost our secretary Ann Chan after 5 years of loyal work. We thank her and wish her well in the future! If you would like to take on this role to keep the wheels turning then we will likewise welcome you with open arms.

Currently the Museum is manned by only a handful of locals who volunteer at least one day per week, 9am-4pm. This could be a much lighter task if we had a good supply of volunteers. Please consider helping out your museum!

If you cannot help but know of someone that may be interested in any of these positions then contact Peter Box President 4129 2258 or Trevor Keightley Vice President 4129 2504 or any member.

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Calling all Scouts

Bauple Scouts first assignment for the year was raising the flag on Australia Day. (*Kynan Machen pictured right.*) Meeting weekly with Moonaboola Group at Tinana, their Cub Scouts have completed some of their boomerang work, Saxon Cornwell finished off his Level 1 Flight badge, and most of the Pack are working on their Cultural Badge. The Cub & Joey sections go camping at Piabla Den on 3rd & 4th March and the Scouts camp at Aldershot from the 16th to 18th March.

All local children from 6-17 years are invited to join the Bauple Scout Group. Please contact Sandra Tomlinson "Baloo" Group Leader Ph 4129 2609 Mob. 0418 185442.

THANKYOU to all who support Bauple Scout's aluminium can recycling & fundraising efforts. It is much appreciated. Sandra Tomlinson



True or False?

One of the well-known locals happened to call in for coffee and biscuits... And, during discussions on just about any subject you could think of, I asked, "Did you have any of those fireflies in your bedroom last night?" "Yes," he said, "A couple..." and added, "When we were kids with no electric lights, us boys used to catch them and release them in the bedroom so we could see to read!"

Bauple Bits

Residents of Fairhaven Community Maryborough and Petrie Gardens enjoyed a tour and special morning tea at Bauple in February. The group had a memorable reminder photograph on "The Nutmobile", the iconic Queensland agri tourism attraction now located in Bauple; the home of our native Bopple nut, aka Macadamia. Many residents recalled their days having a ride on the attraction, and their disappointment it was not yet operational. Yolande Bromet said that representations have now been made to the state government through the local independent member (Chris Foley) following unsuccessful efforts with our local council to operate the vehicle within the Bauple village. Groups also visited the historical museum and Men's Shed. For a walk down memory lane or to go a little nuts, visit Bauple today! Yolande Bromet



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