GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS ACROSS THE TIARO DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 2012

Munna Creek Mob does it again!



Above: Shelly & Lawne Minson from Tamworth

After months of planning and organising, the Gods were again kind with the weather at this years Munna Creek Country Music Festival.

Caravans and motorhomes started setting up the Sunday before to get the best spots with people coming from as far away as Broome, WA. There was an old time dance night for the early birds on the Wednesday night and this set the mood for the coming 4 days.

The talent was fantastic with plenty of "walk ups" during the day and the main concerts on the Friday and Saturday nights. FCRC Councillor Phil Truscott officially opened the festival on Friday. Once again everything ran like clockwork with the Munna Creek Hall and Recreation Association running the bar and the kitchen with the help of volunteers from around the district. Good home cooked meals were the order of the day, and with several stall holders, all wants were catered to.

World Record. As a bit of a distraction, the Munna Creek Hall and Recreation Association committee decided to

attempt to win the world record for the number of lagerphones played at the same time at the same event. The original record was set at Brooweena during Queensland's 150th birthday with 134. In March of this year, the National Folk Festival in Canberra beat this record with 234. Being the competitive lot that we are here in Queensland, we wanted this record back. We did it with 283!

All in all, it was another successful festival with numbers sure to increase next year. Bronco Jensen

Congratulations! What a great job the Munna Creek crew did with their music festival!!! The lineup was great. It was a credit to all the hardworking members and volunteers and it will be even bigger next year. (I know as I might even sing or play my musical comb...) TK

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Undoing Good. Local members of the Bauple

Local members of the Bauple Rec Shed Association sure know how to make tourists feel welcome in Bauple:

Victorian campers, Deiter & Jenny Gass called the Gundiah Gazette this morning to complain of 'the worst treatment ever' experienced in their camping adventures. On arriving in Bauple and visiting the Museum and Men's Shed they were invited to camp in the car park at the Shed by the president and secretary. After dining at Gundy Pub they returned to a note on their camper. It read: Hi Camper, Can you please move to the new camp area in the centre of town. Regardless of what anyone has told you, there is no camping here. Council has been notified that your van is in a non-camp zone and could possibly be towed away. Please move on. Thanks. Community Rec

"I didn't do anything wrong," said Deiter Gass about receiving the message regarding being towed and said he felt like he was in the middle of hostile territory. "The secretary came round this morning, told us not to move and took the note, saying it was the last straw!" Deiter and Jenny belong to a Caravan and Camping Club and have been travelling all around Australia. Jenny said, "Graham and Bill were very welcoming. We think the area is just lovely, but we were intimidated by the note and felt terrible. It's petty. We thought someone should know about it. These things destroy a town." Sandra Groundwater



OUR CHRISTMAS CATALOG IS OUT!Get your parcels posted & see Daniel & Amy for expert advice!

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WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER

Call Jane

to list your Calendar items here jjbrown@hotmail.com 4129 3113

November Events

(FOR QCWA EVENTS SEE PG 4)

- 3 **Glenwood State School Tombola** Sausage Sizzle starts 11am
- 3 **Bauble Music Night** 5-11.30pm@ Bauble Rec Grd Debbie 0418771696
- 5 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Train'g** Monday 7pm at Station. 4129 3128
- 5 **Bauple Rural Fire Brigade Trng** Monday 7pm at Station. 4129 2391
- 6 MELBÓURNE CUP DAY:
- Melbourne Cup by Theebine P&C Morning Tea 9:30am at Theebine Hall. 5484 6206.
- CWA Gootchie Girls Fun Day \$8 11am Lyn 4129 3213 Trina 4129 3226
- **Great Gundy Gallop** @Gundy Pub 11am Pig Races, Sweeps, Raffles.
- 7 **Simple Living Group** 9-11am @ Bauple Rec Shed Wendy 4129 2212
- 10 **Mary River Raft Race** at Petrie Park Ph Tony Pope 4129 6440
- 10 **Bunderberg Gem Fair** 190 Bourbong St, Bundaberg Civic Centre, Bundb'g
- 11 **Remembrance Day Service Tiaro RSL** 10.45am. Light Refresh. 4129 2423
- 14 **Bauple Rec Ground Mtg** (2nd Wed) 7pm. Debbie 0418 771 696
- 15 **FREE Community Legal Services**Tiaro Comm. Ctr. 41292453 for apt.
 (Taylor St Legal Service holds Free
 Divorce Workshops at Hervey Bay)
- 15 Gundiah P&C 3.30pm at School.
- 16 **Pizza & Movie Night** @ Lighthouse Christian Church Bauple 4129 2787
- 17 **Glenwood Country Markets** 7-12. Pepper Rd Jane /John 54857468
- 17 **Glenwood Lions Club Garage Sale**@Lions Shed Pepper Rd Glenw'd
 start 8am Ph Vashti 4129 2016 or
 Jean 4129 2247
- 18 FCRC"Walk with Me" Anzac Park, Maryborough 7- 9AM All dogs and Owners welcome.
- 18 **Aust. Hibiscus Society** 10am Ph. Chris on 5484 6551 for location.
- 20 **Bauple Historical Museum AGM**. 6pm. General Mtg at 7pm. New members welcome. Ph 4129 2751
- 20 Tiaro District Chamber Commerce

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7pm Tiaro School Ph Toni 41292107

- 21 **Gundiah Hall Committee Mtg.** Wed 7pm. Sandi 4187 1006
- 21 **Tiaro Landcare Mtg** 7.30pm Tiaro School Ph. Marilyn 4129 6206
- 23 **Bauple Band Hall Tombola** 6.30pm @ Band Hall Rd Bauple. 4129 2000
- 24 **Hinterland Markets** (4th Sat) 7am Bauple Band Hall Ph. 4129 2000
- 24 Lions Childrens Christmas Party Tiaro Ph Tony Pope 4129 6440
- 25 **Antigua Hall Market & Boot Sale** 7am-12, Mungar Rd. Antigua Ph 4129 6133 Jeff or Donna.
- 25 **Pleasant Sunday Aft'noon Concert**2-4pm Federation Room, Brolga
 Theatre. The Maryborough Choral Society presents the first of its two yearly concerts presenting musical medleys, jazz pieces, pop classics & sacral music.
- 27 **Book Chat Meeting** @Tiaro Library For details 4129 2453
- 28 **Bauple Band Hall General Mtg** 6pm Ph. 4129 2000.
- 29 **Community Chat** Phil Truscott @ Gundiah Pub 12-2pm. Ph Marlene or Jenni to book 4197 4323
- 30 **Tiaro Library Book Club** 10am at Library. 4129 2453

Weekly Events & Activities

Tiaro Broadband for Seniors Kiosk.
Tiaro Comm Ctr. M-F 9–1pm. 41939239
Radio 107.1: 7days. Ph Jeff 4129 2650.
Vinyasa Yoga Classes Beg/Intermediate Levels. Antigua Hall-Wed 9.30 & Sat 7.30am. Mbh West-Mon 7.00pm, 27
Georgia Way Ph Chelsie 0407733622

Bauple Men's (Community) Shed Tue & Sat 9am-3pm Ph John 0417 716 840.

Mondays

Lions Club 2nd & 4th Monday Hideaway Hotel 7pm. Tony Pope 4129 6440 Zumba Antigua Hall (near Mungar) 4.30pm Kids 4-12yrs, 6pm Adults. Sonia Mozes 0422 207505. (see Thurs also) Tai Chi–Bauple Band Hall 6pm

Tuesdays.

Yoga Bauple BHall 9.30am. 0410 288 595
Tai-ChiTiaro Com. Ctr. 8.30am. 41292490
Child Health Nurse. 9-12pm Tiaro
Library. 2nd & 4th Tuesday. 4122 8733.
Tiaro Creative Arts Group. 9.30am
Uniting Church, Mungar Rd. 5484 6135
Zumba Tiaro Mem Hall 5.30pm \$12.
Social Dance Nights Bauple Band Hall
7-9pm \$3. Meg 0429 783 741.

Wednesdays.

Line Dancing Gunalda Hall. 4129 3126 **Simple Living Group** 9-11am @Bauple Rec Shed Ph Wendy 4129 2212



Craft Classes 1st, 2nd & 4th Wed. 9am-3pm \$2. Mill St, Bauple. 4129 2551

Thursdays.

Under 5 Story Time 10am Tiaro Library. **Zumba** Bauple Band Hall 5.30pm \$12. **Zumba** Antigua Hall 6.30pm withSonia **Bauple Scouts** 4.30pm. Sandra 4129-2609 **Darts** at Bauple Band Hall 7pm

Fridays.

Computer Group for New Users @ Tiaro Com Ctr. Jeff Taylor 4129 2650 Emergency Service Cadets 4pm SES Shed Maryborough. Ian 5484 6745 Rossendale Tennis Club 7pm. Bauple-Woolooga Road Ph. 4129 2589

Gundiah Community Place Social Nite 1st Friday, Discussion Nite 3rd Friday. BBQ 6pm Trevor 4129 2504.

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Friday @ 7pm in the Glenwood Hall. Contact 5485 7412 or 5485 7041

Sunday Services.

Lighthouse Christian Church: Cnr Forestry 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

Australia Day Celebrations for Tiaro District at Glenwood. January 26, 2013.

GROUPS

1-2-3 Parenting Course 3-session program for parents & carers. 30 Jupiter St, Maryborough (Hall next to Family Day Care office) on Tuesday 20th, 27th Nov & 4th Dec. 6.30pm – 9pm. \$15 per family. To register contact Michelle Whalley on 4121 5511.

Spiritual Centre Bauple Meditations will be held fortnightly on Monday nights: 5th & 19th November, 3rd & 17th December. Call 0418 785 305 or 41939290. All welcome. *See pg 6*.

Asperger's Support Group Mtg. (WASPS) 9-12noon, last Wed of month Tiaro Comm. Ctr. Pat Davies 4193-9239 Older Men Unlimited Maryb'h. First Monday of month. 10am. City Hall. Ph: Ross Bannon 4194 0172, 0438 129 153 Adoptive Parent Support Group.

Contact family connect 4194 3050 familyconnect@hbnc.com.au M-F 9-4pm.

Richmond PRA Groups Maryb'h. For adults managing their recovery with Mental Illness. 320 Kent St. 1300 779 270.

NOTICES

ACTORS, SINGERS DANCERS

wanted to re-establish the Tiaro & District Little Theatre Group. Ph Philomena 4129 2490

Bopple Surgery Christmas Break The Bopple Surgery will be closed from Mon 24th Dec and will re-open Mon 7th Jan. Please ensure all scripts are up-

to-date. Ph 4193 9171

Let the Bible help you to find answers to life's questions. Free bible studies and materials. Interested? Call Eva & Walter 4129 3295.

Family Day Care Gootchie. Laura Lawrence. Ph 4129 3236.

Family Day Care Tiaro. Samantha Thompson Ph 4129-2634. Spaces available Mon-Thu. After-School care available. **Gunalda Kindergarten.** Sign up for 2013. Tue/Thur. Gunalda 5484 6200.

At the Pubs

What's on at Theebine Pub

- 3 Live music front verandah 6pm-late
- 9 **Live music** by Ghett 6pm-late
- 10 **Backstage** at Theebine 6pm-late
- 11 **Karen Thomsen** 12.30-4.30pm 23 **Live music** front verandah 6pm-late
- 25 **AICM** 12.30-4.30pm

30 **Live music** by Glenn Fox 6pm-late **Sunday** music starts 12.30pm. BBQ Lunch 12-2pm. Lunch & Dinner 7 days. Call Graham & Kath 5484 6182

What's on at the Gundy Pub

Fridays: RSL 6pm. Free Pool and Jukebox. **Saturdays:** Live music, school raffles or seafood trays. Dan or Renelle 4129 3182.

3 **Cozzy** –6pm-late

6 **Gundy Gallop Melb Cup.** 11am. Pig races, Seafood Raffles, Sweeps, Lunch.

10 **Instrumentally Yours** *w Barry*–6-9pm 17 **Jam Session.** Free camping

24 **Ghett** –6pm-late

What's on at the Royal

Fridays: Happy hour 5.30-6.30pm Jag the Joker \$2150. Raffles for Movember - Mens' Health!

- 6 **Melbourne Cup Buffet**. 11.30am. Sweeps, free glass champagne.
- 1 Dec **Pirate / Treasure Island Party** karaeoke, 7pm til late.

Sundays: Free Pool all day. Happy hour 4.30-5.30pm

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What's on at the Hideaway

Thursdays: Trivia nights
Fridays: Lions Raffle and happy hours
Sundays: Roast \$11 inc dessert.
Functions: Call Nia or Col 4129 2153

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CNR MAIN ST & INMAN ST TIARO

Well folks, when I said, "It's hot weather like this that makes me want to emigrate back to the old country"- some 'friends' offered to donate money toward a one way ticket there. Who needs enemies?

The Bauple Feud continues. The shop has closed and the general consensus is WHO WON WHAT???

The museum, I'm afraid to advise, is one of the losers as the door donations have dramatically fallen as a result of no RV's, no shop and negative feedback in the caravan and RV news letters.

Gundiah Place The club is starting Friday Night team sports-Pool & Air Hockey, Sunday Mornings is Croquet and we will arrange a cricket match over Christmas break. Come join in!

Recycling is not Recycling! Recently I decided to go to the Bauple Tip and asked my sick mate to give me a hand as I am not supposed to lift anything for a while. Easy, I thought, as we have been a good family doing our bit for the recycling world. NOT TRUE! After exchanging nicities with the lady at the gate, she declared, "I will make the decision if your rubbish is recyclable or not." She followed us to the bins and she started abusing me about which items were not recyclable at the top of her voice. I said, "Lady, it's got the recyclable label on them!" and she said (are you ready for this), "NOT FOR MARY-BOROUGH RECYCLE ITS NOT." So in light of that statement, I don't see a lot of sense trying to do the right thing anymore. I have since found out others have been treated the same so will request our Division Councillor to investigate and advise what we are supposed to do. Well, that's the news! Join the club, give us a call! Trevor Keightley, President 41292505



GOOTCHIE COMMUNITY

The Gootchie **CWA Damsel Is A Winner**

Well, she may not have won the top prize in the Country Woman of the Year Fund Raiser (Bikini stakes) but she won the admiration of her helpers and friends.

Yes, that's our lady of Gootchie, Wendy Devine. Wendy was part of the team of CWA members that went to this year's conference that was held in Toowoomba to find out who was the state fundraiser winner.

For the past 21/2 months Wendy and her helpers have been having raffles and events such as her Garden Party including the Best Hat competition won by Ginni Wright (see photo) with an end total raised of \$6230.20 to be used by Fairfax House for various events and projects during the year. The winner was a member from the Sunshine Coast who raised \$9430, considering the difference in area size our locals did excep-

Also other members of the CWA district being winners of their divisions in flower arranging, cooking and needlework etc. were also competing for the State championships.

Congratulations also to Katrina Van-Den-Brenk from Miva CWA who came 3rd in the Country Women of the year Trevor Keightley



Calendar

GOOTCHIE QCWA

561 Gootchie Rd, Gootchie, 41293212

- 5 **Branch meeting** 9.30am
- 6 Melbourne Cup Day 11.30am \$8, Tombola, prizes, pick the winner. Morning T, Lunch & Afternoon T.

30 Petrie Gardens visit.

TIARO QCWA

- 35 Mayne St Tiaro. Ph. Judy 41292789
- 2 **Bingo** (1st Fri) 9.30am (inc lunch)
- 9 **Branch meeting** 9.00am (2nd Sat)
- 14 Hoy (2nd Wed) 11am (inc lunch) 15 **Petrie Gardens** Visit (3rd Thurs)

TIARO YOUNGER SET.

35 Mayne St Tiaro. Ph. Gail 4129 2237 5 Meeting & Craft (1st Mon) 3.30pm 19 Craft Activities (3rd Mon) 3.30pm New members especially welcome. Our QCWA hall is always available for hire.

MIVA QCWA

QCWA Hall, Miva. Ph. June 54846282 7 **Meeting** (1st Wed) 9.30am.

BAUPLE Mill St. Gail 4129 2551 Craft Classes 1st, 2nd & 4th Wednesday. 9am-3pm \$2.00.



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Well it's nice to be able to do a little write-up now and then in the Gundy Gazette. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to communicate to a large group of people through this publication.

Meeting Lots. When I was elected to Council I always thought that it would be busy with plenty of meetings at nights and weekends and in a "normal" day; but perhaps not as many as I seem to be attending. I fully appreciate what Linda went through for so many years.

Out and About. I attended the Gundiah Community Place AGM and had (as always) a really decent feed. Gundiah people are very generous.

Tiaro Medical Centre: We currently have two private allied health services operating out of the Tiaro medical centre part-time. Expressions of interest have been received from a further two allied health services to also set up services. Discussions have commenced with a doctor to provide services to the Tiaro centre, and I must admit I have hit many brick walls. It's not just a matter of even just getting a doctor who is willing to work in Tiaro, it's the Commonwealth Government medical red tape that's also an issue, and a big one at that. We will see how it goes. Negotiations are also underway with Queensland Health to provide Women's Health checks at the centre.

Community Chat. I will be visiting the Gundy Pub for a Community Chat between noon and 2pm on Thursday, November 29. If you would like to have a one-on-on chat with me please call Marlene on 4197 4323 to make an appointment. I ask you to call first so that people can come straight in and not have to hang around. I aim to devote

15 minutes to each appointment.
See you then.

Phil Truscott.

Division 2 Councillor FCRC



Above: Six year old George Cash from Gundiah wiped the floor with his older competition when he won Overall Cub Champion in the Freestyle Unlimited Sights & Release Aid category at Saxons Archers in Bundaberg in August this year. He was competing against cubs aged 3-12 years old. The two day event attracted in excess of 100 archers from all across the Wide Bay Burnett region. If you'd like more information on the sport of Archery call Sioux Archery, currently at Gundiah, on 4129 3214 to find out how to become involved or to find your nearest Archery Club.





BAUPLE SCOUTS

We now have 12 Youth members, and are looking for more to join.

Joey and Cub Scouts have been learning about Caring & Sharing and Endangered Animals.

The Scouts camped at Aldershot in October for the J.O.T.A/J.O.T.I competition camp. Scouts and Guides around the world can contact each other via the Radio network and the Internet. As our Scouts were new they didn't compete, but got the Novice Camper award. Paige, Alex, Aidan and Tahlia also earned their Communications Proficiency badge.

The recent Activity Day for the Joey & Cub Scouts was on Emergencies and First Aid. They made some awesome fake wounds.

We will be having an audit of our camping equipment and tents – another opportunity for the Scouts to camp! Working bees will be on the Jamboree site on weekends and during the week. Youth members will be visiting the Jamboree on the 6th January and doing the on site activities. *Sandra Tomlinson* 0418185442

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BAUPLE COMMUNITY

BAUPLE FEUD CONTINUED...

Norm Williams berates the Council in a recent letter:

To Councillor O'Connell

The result of Bauple's only shop, Macadamia House, shutting down has seen the end of 'community' in Bauple. The daily meeting of residents picking up their papers, mail and necessities such as milk and bread have ceased. This has ended the only chance that many had to keep up with local news, so important in a small town like Bauple.

And why? Because the Council would not listen to the residents and wasted \$160,000 on a useless camping area that is totally inadequate and inappropriate. Many residents believe that their views were deliberately and maliciously ignored. Despite several community meetings and what was an amazing turn out of residents at the last Town Meeting you continued down the path of apathy.

But we give thanks for the bus shelter that you provided. It looks good alongside the original one that is only yards away. Now, when do we get buses? What annoys me is that apparently this shelter was a prototype for the Bay that was rejected - wasn't it good enough? I suppose the cost was allocated to Bauple.

When is the Fraser Coast Regional Council going to realise Hervey Bay is not the centre of the universe and listen to locals in the small towns that make up the Shire. The Council should be ashamed of the way they have handled this saga.

I think it is time that this stupidity was shared with others outside of the area, Australians always like to hear how local governments waste residents money and ignore efforts to improve their region.

It is too late now to save Macadamia House and the jobs of those employed there, but it is early enough to start a campaign that may have an impact at the next council

Regards Norm Williams OAM



Bauple Progress Association to the Rescue.

Your chance for your voice to be heard is to join the Bauple Progress Association. This organisation is the solution for a just representation of the community before the Council, and is welcomed wholeheartedly by the Council.

All are welcome to the next Community Meeting for the Bauple Progress Association to be at the **Lighthouse Church Hall**, on Wednesday November 28th at 7pm.

The Bauple Vision Plan is available for public perusal at the MT Bauple & District Museum's front counter, Bauple Drive (opposite the Doctors Surgery).

Robyn Gray, Publicity officer, BPA

MOUNT BAUPLE & DISTRICT MUSEUM

Needing Help!

Since we last put out a "Please Help" we have found a Treasurer and Secretary and 2 willing fairy's sitting under the wishing well who have bolstered our manpower and cleaning staff, so on behalf of our committee we say a big thanks.

Staff Still Wanted: BUT that said we still need help in manning the doors 7 days a week. Remember we are NOT looking for historians. If you could spare a few hours once a week or even once a month, we will fit in to suit you! Call Mike 41939237 or Trevor 41292504 or call into the museum and introduce yourself to one of the staff!

Wanted: The Museum is looking for a map/Architects file cabinet, you know those thin drawers in a cabinet that Dad or Grandad used to use to keep drawings or maps in so they stayed flat.

If you have one call Mike 41939237 or Lillian 41292215 or tell the staff.

Simple Living

Every Wednesday 9am-11am at the Bauple Q150 Recreation Shed. FREE.

A friendly informal gathering of anyone interested in learning new skills and sharing the skills they have with others happens every Wednesday in Bauple.

The Bauple Simple Living Group invites everyone to come and join others who are striving for a more simple way of life, to stretch their dollar further, meet like minded people, or be more sustainable: Simple living, Recipe sharing, Ways to save money, Country living, Gardening tips and knowledge, etc and much, much more. Got a question or ideas contact Wendy House 0449 037 011, guttering1@bigpond.com or http://livingsimplyinbauple.blogspot.com.au/

Sparkle of Life

The Hinterland Spiritual Centre (The Purple Building) in Bauple opened its doors once again.

On Monday 15th October the Centre's very first meditation night was held with great success. (Meditations will be held fortnightly on Monday nights: 5th & 19th November, 3rd & 17th December.) The new members of the Hinterland Spiritual Centre discussed topics regarding a new community notice board, displaying & promoting the local Arts and Crafts of our talented locals in the area and raising funds for underprivileged and impoverished children.

A community notice board at the front of the Purple Building has been installed, and special thanks goes to Marc Bromet for making the Health & Wellness Centre the new focal point in Bauple. Those interested in displaying their arts & crafts should contact Gary on 4193 9290.

The main focus of the Hinterland Spiritual Centre is to explore spirituality in a simple way and to bring back the Inner Spirit of the Community's surrounding districts. *Jillian Wright 0418 785 305*





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GUNDIAH COMMUNITY

Tidbits about Gundiah Hall



By Mervyn Jessen 1925-

A big crowd attended the night of the opening new Stage which was built on the Western side of the hall, making more floor space for dancing on.

The music on the newly built stage consisted of Piano, Drums, Saxophone and Bones. On the opposite side of the hall, older

people played cards. The 2 players who won the most points would get a small cash prize.

Approximately in the early 1930s the Gundiah Hall was lit up with Gas Lights, the gas was made up with Carbite and water. This was one of my jobs. If too much water dripped onto carbite it would blow all the lights.

At times we would be told a big storm fell at Munna Creek, so, through the dance night any families over Emery River Bridge would mostly go, as a few foot of water would cover the old Emery Bridge. Since then a new high bridge has been built.

I remember Mrs Kunst would play the piano and most times she would choose a notch in the timber floor in a Spot Waltz, to issue a prize to the dancers on or most near the spot. We could hear her practising loudly, way down the street. Most times between 3-6 large tins of water would be boiled for tea & coffee, the ladies would have many trays of sandwiches and cakes, for interval. I think it was 2 and sixpence entry, and kids free. I remember the elevated stage 3 steps high, it was from one side of the wall to the other. The Queen's portrait hung at the back of the hall.

Once every month a Maryborough Brass Band played on the street in front of the Hall before the dance started. A small donation was given to the band by all.



INSET Top Right: Meroyn Jessen, about 17 yrs (1942), behind the Dairy Shed on his farm at Gundiah. ABOVE: Revisiting Gundiah for the day, October 2012, Mero pointing to the Stage addition to the hall, outside.

My first Picture Show I saw was behind the Gundiah Hall, the adults sat on stools and chairs while us children sat on the grass. Many years back, when voting used to close at 8pm, no-one was allowed in the hall, unless to vote.

Many dances were held for charity and farewelling soldiers who went to the 1939-45 war. Church Services were also held in the hall at different periods of the year.

I lost touch with Gundiah when I left my Father's farm about 1944 to work on a Milk Farm at Tinana.

Many thanks for Pauline & Trevor Keightley for sending me Gundiah Gazette so I can keep in touch again. Keep the good work up for the name of Gundiah. Merry Christmas to all. *Mervyn Jessen*

Andrew Graham Blowers

The Gazette offers our condolences to Nancy Blowers and family with the sudden passing of Andy on 20th Oct 2012. Nancy was comforted by many relatives, friends and past school students attending the service at St Patrick's Catholic Church, the Committal Service at Dickabram Cemetery then gathering at the Miva CWA for refreshments. Rest in peace, Andy, we will remember you.

Trevor Keightley

Rossendale Tennis

New players have joined the ranks and junior coaching sessions have restarted at the courts on Friday afternoons. Coach Matt Watkins is kept very busy and does a mighty job with all the children – even remembering all their names! Hopefully this coaching opportunity plants the seed for a love of tennis for a lifetime!

Friday night tennis has also got bigger with up to 18 players attending some nights. The social interaction is friendly and interesting with players coming from right around the district and from all walks of life.

If anyone is interested in joining a group of social daytime players, please contact us. The courts are available for day hire for just \$5.50 per hour (\$3.30 for members). Night court hire with the big lights is \$11 per hour (\$8.80 for members). There are BBQ facilities and some racquets available.

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Tiaro's Sons.

This month's Salute to the Diggers



Edward William Gesch

QX59556 (Q25180) Corporal 47 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION Corporal E.W. (Ted) Gesch, was born on 21st Oct 1911 being elder son of Mr & Mrs C.K. Gesch of "Riverview" Tiaro. His siblings were Cecil and Roy Gesch of Tiaro and Mrs I. Hoult of Antigua. Ted was husband to Mrs Marjorie Gesch of "Avondale", Tiaro.

Corporal Gesch served with A.M.F in the New Guinea area and was killed in action on January 12th 1945 at the age of 33. He died as he lived, "everyone's friend". LEST WE FORGET

Next month's digger will be James Leslie Wilson. Please contact Trevor Keightley 41292504.

Remembrance Day

Sunday 11 November marks the anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War. Each year we, as one, offer a minute silence at 11am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. A Service will be held at Tiaro RSL at 10.45am. Light refreshments after.

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TIARO COMMUNITY

What's happening at Tiaro State School?

Tiaro State School Community Garden Project. The entrance pathway to the classrooms has had a HUGE makeover. (*Pictured right*) A new vibrant garden filled with an assortment of beautiful plants and artwork depicting local wildlife, painted by Peta Jamieson. The staff, students and community members have all been involved and with the P&C contributing \$100 towards the purchase of plants. Please feel free to come and have a look.

Pre Prep Educational Program

At Tiaro we strive to make the transition into Prep as smooth and as easy for the children as possible. So to achieve this we will be holding a Pre Prep Educational Program. This will allow the prep students for 2013 to come in for 3 x 2 hour sessions and experience the classroom atmosphere. **These sessions will be held 9-11am on the 21st and 28th November, and 5th December.** Please phone the school on 4129 2196 for more information.

Family Daycare / Petrie Gardens Visit. Thursday 29th November Tiaro State School will be visited by the Walkerden and Hatchman Family Daycare groups and the residents from the Petrie Gardens Nursing Home. The morning will consist of singing, Christmas performances, activities and a shared morning tea.

Annual Christmas Concert. All the students have started practising for our annual Christmas Concert. It is being held on Tuesday the 4th December at the Tiaro Memorial Hall. Included in the concert will be the Year 7 graduations, awards and presentations along



with a number of different performances by the children from all grades. Everyone is welcome to attend. Entry is FREE. Doors open at 5pm.

Aussie World Excursion. On Thursday the 6th December we are heading down to Aussie World. It should be a fantastic day. This is a great way to celebrate the completion of a huge year at Tiaro State School. Thank you to the P&C for subsidising this trip.

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Water – the giver of life

Nesting Season Spring storms announce the imminent arrival of the nesting season for the Mary River Turtle. Landholders and group members have been busy fox baiting and fencing, with 13 clutches protected. We have learnt that the recruitment of hatchlings would be minimal if landholders and Landcare didn't implement a number of predator control activities. In a recent report'Priceless or Worthless', Dr Simon Stuart, Chair of the International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission said "The future of many species is going to depend on reconciling the needs of people and nature and ensuring economic development and conservation do not undermine each other. All species have a right to exist on the planet." **Dragons & Turtles in Gundiah.**

With the warmer weather, turtles are out basking. One or two Kreffts turtles (Emydura macquari krefftii) and a water dragon are often soaking up the sun on the big log in the waterhole at the Gun-

diah Sports Grounds.

Fishing Comp. Many fishermen and women will have wet their lines at the Catch for fun and Release for the Future fishing competition by the time the Gazette is printed. Great to have community groups from the district (Tiaro & Bauple) working together to help make it a successful and enjoyable event.

Thank you. It is due to the efforts of everyone who cares for their patch of land, that we have a healthy river, creeks and farm dams on which agriculture, society and our wildlife are so dependent. *Marilyn Connell, Tiaro Landcare*



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Pack Horses at Munna

Top: It happened like this—Sam, a medical student from Melbourne, decided that he would take a year off his studies to see the outback from a horse. He bought 3 horses, trained them as pack horses and rotated them each day during the trip, 2 being packs and the 3rd carrying Sam. He started his journey in February, joining the National Trail, hoping to reach Mackay by year end. During his travels he collects donations for the The Royal Flying Doctor Service. At the festival he collected over \$400.

So, on Sunday morning Sam got his pack ready and took off to Mackay. Best of Luck Sam, and nice meeting you. T Keightley

Halloween Dance

Centre: Around 20 local kids were winners at the Halloween Disco in Gundiah. Tiaro RSL donated \$100 for free entry and prizes. They certainly had a fabulous time and way too many lollies. Best costume - a Clone Trooper and baby Zombie came out on top. Thanks also to Ally Willis for being a fabulous DJ.

GCP Bus Trip

Below: The Gundiah Community Place annual bus trip is always a popular event. 40 went and 40 returned so that was an achievement in its own right. Smiling Greg of G&D Ross Coaches and a beautiful morning got us off, stopping at the Cheese Factory at Kenilworth, and on to Mary Cairn Cross Park with a magnificent view of the coast and the Glass House Mountains. We had Devonshire teas at the Lookout, went to Caboolture for lunch at the Sportsman Club and then Caboolture Historical Village. I would plan a whole day there as it was so interesting and well laid out. Ettamogah Pub for afternoon tea and then home. Thanks to Pauline and G&D ROSS for mapping out our day! Join Gundiah Community Club and be part of our fun times. -Trevor Keightley.

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