

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS ACROSS THE TIARO DISTRICT

MARCH 2015

THANK YOU MARCIA!

With an earthquake one day, cyclone the next, intense rainfall followed by the prospect of a flooding—realtime and flash, Mal Churchill of FCRC Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) felt Mother nature really extended herself recently. Tropical cyclone Marcia was upgraded to the highest level of cyclone ratings, a Category 5, on 20/2/2015. At Yeppoon wind speeds reached over 215km/h with gusts much higher.

Disaster Management. On the Fraser Coast, the LDMG moved through the various activation phases as Marcia made her way southwards.

The FCRC DM Facebook page became a point of reference for many and reached over 70,000 people and the videos produced reached over 25,000.

LDMG Agencies put in place a myriad of preparatory actions from media, swift water rescue placement, rail removal from the Lamington Bridge, with some businesses taking action to remove their equipment to safer ground, etc etc.

As Marcia progressed she was downgraded to a tropical low, causing concern she may replicate the notorious T/C Oswald of 2013. However, rainfall in the northern sector of FCRC could be called spasmodic and there... *Cont pg 2*

THE WAY IT WAS

CALL FOR ARTICLES & NEWS.

As our readers know, we at the Gazette enjoy researching our local history and ask – *what did they do on a Saturday night?* My guess is the most important place for lots of our families and friends would have been the Local Hall, with many a romance commencing there.

So, we thought our theme for 2015 should be a History of the Halls in our district. When were they built? Who were the community leaders of the day? Who financed the building?

You can help us put this history together for posterity just by sending us your memories of your local hall and any photos you may have. We hope to produce a report for the Bauple Museum and print a story about each hall in the coming months.

Contact Trevor Keightley 4129 2504 or the Gazette: gundiahgazette@gmail.com.

DON'T MESS WITH THE CRICKET

Correction: Countless numbers of cricket fans contacted the Gazette to correct the cricket score from Australia Day's 7-a-side match at Gundiah Oval. We won't say which official gave us the incorrect scores but we will say that Gundy Pub's team defeated the Royal Hotel team in a knockout round after 7 teams battled in the heat all day. Approx 200 locals, fans and players put an appearance in. Final scores were still unclear at time of printing. *Gazette.*

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Above: Netherby Road was washed out between Gundiah and Gutchy Creek. Similar damage was done on Emorys Bridge Road at Gutchy Creek. Council was responsive and had temporary repairs complete by Sunday 22nd.



Julie Trott took this photo of Paddy Coyne hauling out the bridge worker's donga and portaloos from the Gutchy Creek on Saturday morning. (21/2/15). Bauple Woolooga Rd was cut in two places early after Cyclone Marcia had graced the area with much-wanted rain.

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GUNDIAH COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Edition Number 60

Thankyou Marcia. Well readers, what a month we have just passed through, and we are the lucky ones. I have said before that Bauple Mountain interferes with our rain, but this time the mountain was on our side. What great rains! Our dams are flowing over. That said, our thoughts and prayers go out to those less fortunate that lost their homes and personal treasures that can never be replaced.

Road Condition. The roads around Gundiah that were re-made prior to the deluge of recent rains have fallen sadly short. Who has to take the blame? Is it the contractor? or is it the council engineers not working to tender specifications? If these roads were to 'spec' then I suggest going back to the drawing board, as it will happen again. It wouldn't hurt to consult the locals about the flood history in their neck of the woods so as to avoid these types of road failures. It would be free advice... well, a 6 pack would help!

Baiting Day. There's a workshop at Tiaro Community Centre on Saturday 21 March, 10am-2pm, all welcome. New rules allow you to bait, trap or shoot. Bait and traps are provided. RSVP: 0427 125 338. colin.zemek@frasercoast.qld.gov.au. Baiting to commence 3rd & 4th week in April. Please support.

True Story. Don't laugh, it could be serious. A resident living on the high end of Gundiah had a terrible experience he rearranged his bed. Well, that's his story... He came home after testing the local brew and forgot that he had rearranged the wardrobe on the opposite side of the bed. After a while, he decided a wee was in order and got out of the bed, walked straight into the open wardrobe, smashed his head on the internal rail and knocked himself to the ground. After some time, he staggered to his feet and grabbed the wardrobe door to steady himself. It swung closed and locked him in – oh dear, oh blast! He said he shouted out but to no avail. When he heard the local dogs barking and a gun going off, he decided to wait for his cleaner to arrive in about 6 hours. Don't laugh, she apparently did and words were flying.

Well happy farmers, happy gardeners, happy lawn mowers, happy weeds... until next month be good!

Trevor Keightley 41292504



Above: Emorys Bridge Road washout at Gutchy.

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were very minimal flood effects to the Burrum and Cherwell Rivers.

The Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) was assuredly in full activation mode. Mal Churchill said, "I believe the bulk of the people were ready".

"Marcia's rainfall was more to the west and south of the FCRC, not to the degree of Oswald but ample to inflict horrendous damage to many, many rural roads and environs," he said.

Road damage would one of the key factors from T/C Marcia and rapid damage assessments were undertaken. In some instances photos were forwarded from the community to the LDCC which facilitated better assessment processes.

The volume of river debris was an issue—debris built up on the Granville Bridge and led to a lot of consternation from the river fraternity and mariners. This was eventually dealt with right up until 27/02/15 with other disposal processes to follow.

"Thankfully and with blessing there was no loss of life," said Mr Churchill.

While no flooding is good flooding, this last rain event was certainly enjoyed by many locals.

"We have all the dams full and no major fencing repairs," said Ron Groundwater. Isis Drake, of lower Gundiah, was very pleased the local flooding was minimal. Recent road work by Council and other preparations seemed to have reduced the current that usually runs through her property.

FCRC notes that any offers of donation/s should be referred to any of the local agencies such as Salvation Army, Red Cross, St Vincents De Paul or to GIVIT: <http://www.givit.org.au/disaster/active>

Multiple Contributors

GUTCHY BRIDGE UPDATE

"Council is currently involved in the final stages of the design for the replacement of the existing timber bridge on Gutchy Creek at Gundiah. The bridge is to be two lane with pedestrian capacity and is proposed to be located at the same site as the existing bridge."

Phil Truscott

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Garden Help Wanted

Winter is around the corner and our gardens will need some loving care, so if you would like to be the caretaker of the top garden in the District give me a call 4129 2504. It is a voluntary position, but you will love it. Trevor Keightley 4129 2504

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Tiaro's Sons

This month's salute is to

Stewart Malcolm Harrod

Private 5836 AIF Regiment

Stewart was the second son of Malcolm John Harrod and his first wife, Catherine Newell Chapman McDuff. He was born 29 April 1898 at Eidsvold where his father was involved in gold mining. He was younger brother to Rayleigh (b.1896). Sadly their mother died when Stewart was one year old. Rayleigh and Stewart attended Teebar West Provisional School.

In 1913 the family moved to "Ulirrah" Gunalda. When war was declared Rayleigh volunteered, closely followed by his cousin Lancelot. Stewart had to wait until he was 18 and enlisted 9 days after his birthday - 8 May 1916.

After Initial Training, he embarked on the "Boonah" for the 3 months trip to England arriving January 1917. A year after his enlistment and a bout of Mumps and Measles, he landed in France and finally saw action 12 June 1917. There followed hospital admissions for Pyrexia (fever) and finally rejoins the fight on 26 August 1917. Twenty-six days later he was killed near Polygon Wood.

Pte Philips of Gootchie stated, "I saw him wounded by shrapnel. I bandaged him up, made him as comfortable as I could, but he passed away after 5 hours. He was a neighbour of mine, we lived in Maryborough."

Hearing of his death the family members enlisted as nursing sisters. They later reenlisted for WW2.

Stewart was awarded the Victory Medal, 1914/1915 Star of the British War Medal. He is buried in the Huts Cemetery Dickebusch, Belgium—A brave lad who did his duty. **LEST WE FORGET**

Next Digger: Robert Arthur MacKellar. Contact Trevor Keightley 41292504.

Correction: Ron Groundwater noted that February's Digger 'signed up for Gallipoli', stating "Nobody signed up for any particular duty, the invasion at Gallipoli was top secret."



Above: Stupart & Young c.1900 on corner of Kent and Bazaar Street.

Down Memory Lane STUPART & YOUNG

This is a story submitted by our account lady's mum, Phylis Anderson. Phylis grew up in Maryborough. She wondered how many readers could remember the flagship shop that set the rules for shopping in Maryborough.

Setting the Standard. The shop was originally called YOUNGS and was on the corner of Kent and Bazaar Streets. Mrs. Young was eminently fit for her charge of bonnets and hats, whereas Mr. Young was under the immediate charge of boots and shoes.

It started off with just Mr. & Mrs. Young but as business grew they took on a partner, a Mr. Stupart, hence the name change to STUPART & YOUNG.

Mr. Stupart soon got extensions completed to the building as it was his dream to import direct which enabled them to sell cheaper than any other house in Maryborough.

The Boot department was a new an improved feature of the new building as the stock is large, carefully chosen and every boot new and fresh from the manufacturers.

The Gentleman's Warehouse tailoring and outfitting was the most extensive

in Queensland and at all times equal to anything out of Sydney and Melbourne. The Magnificent Show Room of Millinery and Dressmaking was the art of Mrs. Young.

Wholesale and country orders were carefully executed. Ships sails were made to order. Tarpaulins and Tents, oilskins and blankets were supplied to the plantations on liberal terms.

Phylis worked at STUPARTS as a teller in 1947/1948 and she described the modern registry system (Flying Fox) whereby the money zipped along the ceiling to the tellers who sent the change down with a hand written receipt. (*How many can remember that?*)

Those were the days, thank you Phylis for that part of our history. TK

Brisbane Courier July 1918:

DEATH OF MR. G. STUPART.

A MARYBOROUGH PIONEER.

MARYBOROUGH, July 19, 1918.

The death occurred early this morning of Mr. George Stupart, who had fully, earned the title, of the "grand old man" of Maryborough. The deceased, who was in his 78th year, was a native of Stirling, Scotland, and came to Australia at the age of 22 years, landing in Brisbane in 1861. After a short business experience at Ipswich he moved to Gympie in the first days of the gold rush. *Cont p4*



Collette Dinnigan

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In 1871 he came to Maryborough, and, in partnership with Mr. John Young, had the foundation of the present establishment of Stupart Ltd. Mr. Young retired from the firm after a year or two, and Mr. Stupart conducted the business, for many years. The premises were totally destroyed in the memorable fire of 1876, when a complete block of buildings in the main street was gutted. Mr. Stupart gradually rebuilt his establishment, which again suffered severely in the great [18]93 flood. In 1911 the business was formed into a limited liability company. Mr. Stupart retired from active management only a few years ago due to failing health.

Throughout his long residence of nearly 50 years in Maryborough Mr. Stupart laboured untiringly in every channel of activity for the public good, both of the town and district. His wonderful spirit of optimism exerted a marked influence on his fellow citizens, and it is not too much to say that a great deal of the past progress of the town can fairly be attributed to the momentum which he imparted to it in many ways. His public-spirited energies found their chief outlet through the Chamber of Commerce, of which body he was many times president. One of the best orators that Maryborough has produced, he was a keen follower of politics, but only once did he enter the political lists. That was in 1910, when he unsuccessfully contested the Wide Bay seat against Mr. Andrew Fisher. He was an Alderman of the City Council, and was mayor in 1890. He was a prominent church man, and for many years, was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School. He promoted the exhibition held in the Albert Hall (now the Naval drill shed) in 1891, and as a public benefactor generally took a prominent place. He is survived by his widow, one son, and one daughter, Mr. Lorne Stupart, and Mrs. W. G. Gibson (Bundaberg). His youngest son, George Campbell Stupart, was killed at Gallipoli. nla.gov.au/nla.news-article20253994

Letters

Give tourism in Bauple a fair go!

Dear Editor, I refer to Steve Veenstra's unsubstantiated opinion and comments in the last Gundiah Gazette.

Had Steve checked, he would have seen evidence the Bauple community requested the promotion of a free camping area with facilities to attract Grey Nomads into Bauple.

Debbie Brischke had also advised the community through the School P&C Bauple Bulletin, negotiations at the Rec Grounds conformed to the FCRC (no land) lease approval of 1 Jul 09.

This was in line with the District Museum, foundation Men's Shed Committee, and Graeme Davis (Band Hall President) community petition, for the RV Site to remain at the Rec Grounds where space and unused land was available since 1998.

"Child safety and health" are NOT more important than profits. To build 5 RV Sites without amenities in the school bus transit area was NOT agreed by majority public consultation. This was a council determination.

Community members are invited to read documentary evidence at Macadamia House (Tele 4129 2000) and, NOT rely on hearsay, negative anonymous comments or social media.

Many in our community already have seen this evidence, and judged for themselves.

The silent majority of our community are aware of the truth, jobs and economic benefit that a pre-existing, no-cost ratepayer solution is readily available.

The matter has been forwarded to the State Government for consideration before the last election.

The new member for Maryborough has indicated already a passion for Hinterland tourism to support regional communities. *Marc Bromet 4129 2000*

ASHLY'S HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

Last Gazette we told you about a very nice young lady from Stanthorpe who helped us print while she was here on holidays. She is working toward a degree in Journalism—so here's her story!

Coming from Stanthorpe, a country town on the border of QLD and NSW, I thought I knew what the term 'country town' meant. Upon my discovery of Gundiah/Gootchie area, I found out how very wrong I was.

My grandmother had picked me up for the summer holidays, and knowing what my grandmother was like I knew to expect something different. I didn't know how different. I ended up in a town that consisted of a pub, a fire station and about 9 houses, oh yeah and a tiny school. It was an interesting experience—farm sitting 72 ducks and geese, a dog, 20 cattle and a few wild birds.

It was clear to me at this point, I did not know what a country town actually was. What I found different about the surrounding communities is that *everyone knew everyone*. I found the place peaceful but exhilarating at the same time and it wasn't long before I was shrouded in the bright atmosphere surrounding the area.

I had some many firsts in my summer holidays, it's hard to keep count. I think it's about 8, let's count.... I drove a car, I house-sat, I had a spa, I rode a quad bike, I had sewing put into a shop, I discovered the horrors of the bougainvillea tree, and I talked to so many people in so little time and still remembered their names.

In the end, I would like to thank for the experience, Pauline and Trevor Keightley, who graciously had me in their home and saved me from the blistering heat, and thanks to all the people whom I meet in the Gundiah/Gootchie area. *TKeightley*



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Bundle of Joy

Jaxon Mark Thompson was born early on the 28th August 2014 at 12:44am, weighing in at 8lb 7oz & 53cm long. He is the much-loved baby brother of Indi-anna Rose and the first son of Noel and Samantha Thompson of Tiaro.

Send your baby pictures and details in. We love to print them: gundiahgazette@gmail.com.

Future Farmer Network

The rapid aging of the Australian Farmer is due in part to the idea that it is almost 'child abuse' to expect the young ones to take on the family farm. Better money and conditions are available in the Mining Industries, IT and off-farm employment. In Qld, the average age of sugar farmers is 65+ while non sugar farmers is 53. (In other states - 43years).

Future needs. We need to encourage young people into farming in all areas of production. It is anticipated that the planet will add another 2 billion people in the next 35 years. On current production figures we have to increase

present food production by 60%, as not all people at the present time are being fed adequately.

Further to this, we will not increase the arable land or water or farming inputs - in fact we will lose land and drinking water to support this population increase.

Technology Benefits. The world food supply benefited from The Green Revolution of the 1960s - plant breeders bred "Dwarf" varieties of the major grain plants which put a greater part of the plant growth into producing more grain per plant than growing tall plants with small grain yields. Is genetic manipulation the way of the future - to be able to produce more from a smaller area of crop production?

Another production gain was the hybridising of cattle breeds to obtain an increase in beef through hybrid vigour. By cross breeding different cattle breeds, the resultant first cross being the desired animal due to the size and vigour obtained through the different genetics of the parent. Cross breeding British, Indian, African and the large framed European breeds resulted in the cattle now being every colour but green, but we are selling red meat so the hide colour does not matter.

Future Farmers Network is a group aimed at the under 35 age group. They are holding a Youth in Ag Summit in Canberra in August with 50 nations attending. The aim is to have young people more willing/able to use innovation and technology to increase

production.

I can remember old farmers in the past saying the general public will understand the value of food when they have to pay the farmers what it cost to produce that food.

Share farming can be the solution to new farming ventures, where the younger farmer can use new technology and techniques to create a higher yield and share profits with land owner. See: www.regenag.com

Please note, farming is now an equal opportunity venture.

These, and many changes in the way we think, are needed to advance interest and viability of future farming for young progressive farmers to take up the challenge, for all our benefit.

More information please google "future farmers australia" or "pcyc". *Col Bowman*

Foreign Purchases of Agricultural Land

Recent changes to legislation by federal government:

- The point at which foreign purchases of agricultural land will now need to be approved is \$15 million instead of the current \$252 million;
- A foreign ownership register of agricultural land will be established;
- The Australian Tax Office will start collecting information on all new foreign investment in agricultural land from July; and
- A stocktake of existing agricultural land ownership by foreign interests will also be undertaken by the ATO. *TAbbott*



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CT Scanner for Maryborough Hospital

January 2015. Maryborough Hospital will receive a much-needed CT Scanner. LNP Member for Maryborough Anne Maddern pledged \$900,000 for the CT Scanner, saying the infrastructure was great news for patients and health staff. Mrs Maddern said under the LNP, the number of local people waiting longer than clinically recommended for surgery had been reduced by 100% from 128 in March 2012 to just 8 in September 2014. Dental chairs at Maryborough Hospital have more than doubled - from 6 to 15.

Borrow an e-reader

Fraser Coast Libraries are launching an e-reader service. Councillor George Seymour said there will be 20 Kobo e-readers for loan from Fraser Coast Libraries from the end of February. Each reader comes pre-loaded with up to 10 current bestselling titles from five different genres. Genres will be Crime, Thriller, Australiana, Non Fiction and Romance. "There will be four e-readers in each genre, all loaded with the same content" Cr Seymour said. Chargers will be included and each e-reader will be on loan for a period of three weeks. Basic instructions will also be included. Cr Seymour hoped the new service will encourage locals to try an e-reader out as a prelude to buying their own and enjoying the downloadable books available from the Libraries' website. FCRC

Free mentoring sessions

Would your business benefit from a free mentoring session? The Mentoring for Growth program is a free 90 minute program initiated by the state government to support business, overcome challenges or provide an opportunity for businesses to test an idea with four or five business mentors who can offer strategies to help your business grow. These strictly confidential sessions are for the business owner and/or members of your management team. Topics can include business operations such as marketing, managing staff, business operations, financial management, legal issues, supply chain opportunities or succession planning. For more information on the mentoring program contact Small Business, Manufacturing and Service Industry Portfolio Councillor Chris Loft on 0418 227 142. FCRC

\$10,000 to businesses under Restart programme

Businesses can access up to \$10,000 under the Federal Government's Restart programme, if they hire an eligible 50-plus job seeker and retain that person for two years. This includes payments such as the age or disability support pensions," Mr Truss said. WT

Green Army project works on Gympie riverbank

26 February 2015 Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss announced a second Green Army project to improve sections of the Mary River embankment.

"Work to be undertaken under round 2 will involve rehabilitation of river bank and creek areas. The aim being to improve the quality of water flowing into the Mary River, improve the stability of a section of river bank and provide improved habitat for threatened species. Through projects such as this, young Australians aged 17-24 have the opportunity to gain a Certificate I or II qualification, or nationally endorsed skills.

"The Green Army program allows young people to explore careers in en-

vironmental conservation, while participating in projects to improve our natural environment.

Young Australians interested in joining the Green Army can apply through the appointed Service Providers for each project. Contact details are available at: www.environment.gov.au/green-army.

Fraser Coast Mayoral Emerging Leaders Brunch

Free for employers and their young employees under 25 at Brolga Theatre's Foyer, Friday 17th April, 10am-11:30am. Featuring Guest Speakers: **Alexis Hill**, Director, Organisational Services, FCRC and **Shannon Dillon**, Queensland Young Member of National Youth Week. RSVP: Registration closes Monday 13th April. With seats limited, don't delay. Register at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/emerging-leaders or call Melissa Dower 1300 79 49 29 melissa.dower@frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Mothers Day Fashion Parade at Glenwood

Ladies, bring your mum and enjoy a lovely day out with fashion parade and fun:

When: Saturday, 9 May 2015 at 11am

Where: Glenwood Hall, Pepper Road.

Cost \$2. Includes complimentary glass of wine and fashion parade. There are activities to keep the children occupied, raffles, food and drinks for purchase. Contact Glenwood Hair & Beauty Salon: Lindall 0413 635 248 and Simply Unique Gunaalda: Robyn 0481 066 324

Salvos Rural Appeal

The Salvation Army encourages Australians living in cities or rural communities not affected by drought to make an investment towards the Salvos Rural Appeal to help The Salvation Army continue to support farmers through good times and bad. Donations provide increased levels of practical and social support to rural and remote communities in need. To make a donation- www.salvos.org.au/rural or call 13 72 58. If you need help or someone to talk to, please call Salvo Care Line on 1300 36 36 22.



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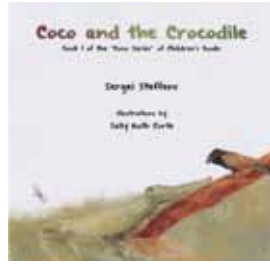
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Local author Sergei Steffens publishes stories for children!

Resident of Tahiti Road, businessman, author, and wildlife enthusiast Sergei Steffens, with the help of his wife Jennifer, has just published the first two of his children's stories. Sergei has written several books for adults based on his life experiences, however these are his first books for children. The stories are based on the adventures of a true to life character "Coco" (a pheasant coucal) and her many friends set in her bushland home. Coco has been a central figure in Sergei's family since she was rescued as a featherless chick from the side of the road. No one had any idea what sort of bird she was, and by trial and error her favourite food was found to be worms. In the twelve years since, Coco has thrived. She sleeps in the bathroom, comes and goes as she pleases, and can be quite forthcoming with her moods, particularly if she takes a dislike to someone.

The pheasant coucal is the only member of the cuckoo family to rear their own young. They are a familiar sight to most of us, as they are reluctant fliers, and are often seen roadside. They make their nests in long grass, and are responsible for the familiar undulating 'woop woop woop' sound most noticeable in Summer, although they have many other calls.

Of all Sergei's animal family, Coco is definitely 'the Queen'. However, there are many other members, including a large number of kangaroos, some of which visit the house daily, and hop inside, joeys in pouches, to receive some



bread. There are also a number of cockatoos in the family, all with distinct and lively personalities.

Sergei is very enthusiastic to share his stories about the adventures of Coco and the many other native wild animals that live in the bush surrounding his home. From his love of wildlife and the natural environment he has woven a magical and enchanting world for readers to share.

The first two books, created with the collaboration of long time friend Sally Corte, 'Coco and the Crocodile', and 'Coco and the Snake', have just arrived from the printer. The third in the series of stories is 'Coco and the Kangaroo', the design of which has just been completed with illustrations by Gundiah resident Cara Lilly, and is expected to be in print very soon.

To learn more about Coco, visit the Facebook page of "Coco Steffens" CL



Above: Tiaro Creative Arts Group exhibited at Gatakers ArtSpace recently.



Above: Janene Sweetnam (right) of Tiaro is in the cast of Zpac's 'Summer of the 17th Doll'.

Don't Miss Z-Pac's Summer of the 17th Doll.

Opening Friday 27th February to Sunday 15 March and brimming with local talent, Summer of the 17th Doll has 9 shows only. Tickets available at the ZPac Theatre, Hervey Bay Saturdays 9am-11am or online at www.zpactheatre.com. Tickets will be available at the door if not sold out. Liane 0418 712636


Planning for Christmas!

Carols in the Country is to be held outdoors at Gundiah Oval on 5 December this year. Your organisation, school or choir is invited to participate, so please mark in your diaries. Our recent event was a big success due to the support of local businesses and organisations. Thanks to the past sponsors:

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Drought Workshop a Success!

The Workshop for Drought and Disaster Affected Businesses and Households on Saturday 7 February at Munna Creek Hall was a great success on many levels. There was television, radio and newspaper coverage, RSVPs for over 100 attendees and support from many organisations and government agencies. This was recognition among the 'powers that be' of the ravages of drought to business and community. It was an excellent event supporting our local landholders and businesses on an informational, social and emotional level.

Thank you to the sponsors of this event; largely **GetReady** funding via **Fraser Coast Regional Council** and it's Disaster Management committee, but also **Agricon, Warren Truss's Office, B&H Rural, Maryborough Bolts, Tiaro Meats, SynForce, Tradelink, Cavalier, Tom Grady's, Red Cross** and for those agencies that provided up to date support and information for the workshop: Red Cross, Uniting Care Community, Rural Fire Brigade Recruitment, PCYC/SES, QCWA, QRAA, Ag-Force, and our local farming and youth employment enthusiast, Col Bowman. Col advocates the **Emergency Services Cadets** training program for youth 12 to 17 years of age. (See more on this next issue.)

"I want to congratulate Owen & Lynda Thompson for all the work put in to the seminar. There was enough there for 2 days, I thought. Very meaty," said Cr Phil Truscott of the Workshop. *Gazette*



Gootchie QCWA Country Woman of the Year entrant's fundraiser prize was a flight for 2 in Paradise Seaplanes at Maroochy River. Winners were Andrew and Cheryl Newbold of Hervey Bay area.



Above, from Left: Thomas & Riley Orphant, Blake, Ruby and Chloe Wright hold GetReady sample bags from the workshop at Munna Creek. (Picture: Rural Life). Below left: 'Don't mind if I do,' dancers took to the floor until the wee hours. Below: Workshop was well attended by Primary Producers, TV crews and more.



CWA Calendar

GOOTCHIE QCWA

561 Gootchie Rd, Gootchie. 41293212

10 **Gootchie Branch Meeting** - 9 30

Craft Classes 12noon.Bring Lunch.

TIARO QCWA

35 Mayne St Tiaro. Ph. Gail 4129 2237

1st Monday Scrapbooking 10am-2pm.

Julie Meads 0428797037 \$5. BYO lunch.

All Tuesdays Craft 9am-3pm. \$5. Bring your lunch. Gail Warwick 41292551

2nd Wednesday Hoy 11am

2nd Saturday Meeting 9am

MIVA QCWA

QCWA Hall, Miva. Ph. June 54846282

1st Wednesday Branch Mtg 9.30am.

25 April ANZAC DAY SERVICE 11am. with a light lunch by Miva CWA.

Gootchie Girls Calendar 2015

Mar 21 Division International Day.

Apr 29 ACWW Day. Women Walk the World.

May 21 K&C Contest day. Cooking, Crochet, Photography, Floral Art, Knitting,

Jun 18 Gootchie International Day.

Jul 23 Combined Annual Meeting of Gootchie & Tiaro Branches at Tiaro.

Aug 14-16 Central Region Mtg -Rockhampton

Sep 24 Our famous 'Great Scrabble Contest'

Oct 26-30 QCWA State Conference - Gympie.

Nov 3 Melbourne Cup Day - Gootchie

Dec 11 Tiaro Units Meeting and Christmas Breakup Lunch at Tiaro



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BPA UPDATE

Cyclone Marcia. There was a sigh of relief when the cyclone threat passed. We hope you and your properties are all safe and dry. Thank you particularly to the BDRGA for being disaster ready, and Cr Light for donating the kits.

Council Representation. In Feb the BPA prioritised a catch up with Div2 Cr Truscott. Due to scheduling, he has been unable to attend our meetings. We discussed opportunities to work closely together with him and council in 2015 to progress the town, in accordance with the strategies councillors unanimously resolved. Priorities and communication strategies the community aspired to have been highlighted. We hope to have Cr Truscott at our next executive meeting where all community groups have a seat at the table.

Community Plan Review – we received a response from the CEO and are having further discussions with Cr Truscott as he has indicated he is awaiting info from a FCR camping stakeholder group. We expect a positive announcement from this group in March as we understand Council is attempting to promote the economy and jobs for our region. The BPA provided a submission to this group via Cr Truscott. Thank you to all residents who provided feedback to Cr Truscott's 3 point letter, particularly those living around the current site.

Meet the State member – At their meeting, museum members suggested the BPA, given their objectives and their role to provide a united Bauple voice, facilitate a meet the new state member event. Stay tuned for dates.

Joint Progress Association Meeting – this group meets regularly and is working together to ensure residents are being represented. Next meeting is in March to progress discussions with government on rates, procedures and community consultation processes. We welcome the new Gundiah progress group to these discussions.

Next meeting – we have been asked by members to try a daytime meeting – Sunday 22 March 2pm Bauple Band Hall. Please don't hesitate to drop us a line or topics for the agenda.

Invitations will be sent out shortly to Bauple Community Group Representative to the next Management Committee meeting. If your group has not received an invitation in the week, please drop us a line baupleprogressassociation@gmail.com

BPA



Get the Flu Shot Before the Flu Gets You!

The flu is a viral infection affecting your nose, throat and sometimes your lungs. Typical symptoms of flu include fever, sore throat and muscle aches. Its symptoms tend to be more severe and last longer than those of a cold.

There is a vaccine available for the flu and it's recommended 'at risk' people, such as the elderly or those with chronic illnesses have an annual flu vaccination. People at high risk of complications from influenza are eligible for a free flu vaccine: •65 years and over •Pregnant women •Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over •Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to <5 years •Anyone 6 months of age and over who has a chronic medical condition such as severe asthma, lung or heart disease, low immunity or diabetes.

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The Queensland Government has advised that supplies will be later than usual this year.

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Your local Bauple Markets

Since the crowd puller 'Mary the Fairy' left Bauple, the town seems to be falling by the wayside, but we have our local market to keep everyone interested. It's held the **4th Saturday of every month on the Band Hall Green from 7am-1pm**. Please come and support this effort. Since it started we have lots of new stalls:- Merv Mr. Music man, the Band Hall Guys cook up a storm for breakfast and inside the Gals put on a great spread -Tea & Coffee and cakes for morning tea. There's everything from ducklings, goslings, chickens, to jewelry, plant's, clothes, veggies, cakes & biscuits, book's, beautiful pen's & pencils and craft stalls, statues, and much much more. Even the 'fish man' comes along with his 'Fishe' Truck.

Come along and be pleasantly surprised. Then pop around the corner to browse through our beautiful Museum - open 10am-3pm. You're bound to find reference to a friend or relation of yours there. C U there.

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March Events

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- 1 **Sunday Riverside**, Brolga Theatre: 3pm-8pm. A lazy Sunday afternoon by the Mary River. Enjoy a program of free live entertainment showcasing local and visiting artists on the Riverstage. Free. Brolga Theatre 41226060, www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/sunday-riverside.
- 2 **Vintage Film Club**, Maryborough Library: 10am. Screening the classic western 'Red River'. 41905788.
- **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Training** (1st Mon), Fire Station: 7pm. 41293128.
- 5 **Under 5 Story Time** (2nd & 4th Thu (excl. school holidays)), Tiaro Library: 10:30am. Deborah McCall 41292453, deborah.mccall@frasercoast.qld.gov.au.
- **Gundiah Hall Mtg.** (2nd Thu), 7pm. All welcome. Sandi 41293215.
- **Lunchtime Local History Talk**, Maryborough Library: 12pm. By historian Tom Ryan and will focus on early pioneers Edgar and Maria Aldridge. FCRC 1300794929, www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au.
- 7 **The Rotary Club of Maryborough Annual Book Sale**, Alice Street: 7am. Grab a few books at great prices and be set for months! 41215001, 1415maryborough-sunrise@rotary9570.org.
- 10 **Gundiah State School P&C AGM**, Gundiah School: 6pm.
- **Bauple Rec Ground Meeting** (2nd Wed): 7pm. Debbie Brischke 0418771696.
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- **Munna Creek Hall Social Night** (2nd Fri), 5 Blowers Road, Munna Creek: 6pm. Table tennis & Games,

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- 15 **TESS Wildlife Park Country Markets** (3rd Sun), 79 Mungar Road Maryborough West: 7am-1pm. Ray Reville 0427872236.
- **Australian Hibiscus Society** (3rd Sun): 10am. Chris 54846551 for location.
- 16 **Radio 107.1 General Meeting** (3rd Mon), Community Centre Tiaro: 5:30pm. All Welcome. Jeff 41939612.
- **Tiaro District Community Centre Meeting**, Community Centre Tiaro: 6pm. New members welcome. Debbie 41939603.
- 17 **Theebine Hall St Paddy's night Meet 'n' Greet**, Theebine Hall: 6pm. Burgers, raffles, entertainment. See you there. Kathy Dakin 54846229.
- **Tiaro District Chamber Commerce** (3rd Tue), Landcare Rooms, Mayne Street, Tiaro (under the medical centre) 7pm. lha15442@bigpond.net.au, 0427006831, 41939256.
- **Bauple Historical Museum** (3rd Tue), 7pm. All welcome. 41292751.
- 18 **Bauple Band Hall AGM**.
- **Tiaro Landcare Meeting** (3rd Wed), Old Medical Centre, Tiaro: 7:30pm. tiarolandcare@gmail.com.
- 19 **FREE Community Legal Services** (3rd Thu), Tiaro Community Centre: 41942663 for apt.
- **Mt Kanigan District RFB Group**

General Meeting, Theebine RFB Stn: 6:30pm BBQ, 7pm Meeting 41293128.

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- **Bauple Kids Hangout' Night** (4th Fri), Bauple Recreation Grounds: 5-9pm. Free entry, food & drinks on sale. Table tennis tables, pool table, darts, air hockey, puzzles, games or just hang-out. Debbie 0418771696.
- 28 **Hinterland Markets** (4th Sat), Bauple Band Hall: 7am. Heather 0428842615.
- **Gatakers by Night** (last Sat), Gatakers Artspace, Kent Street, Maryborough: 5pm-9pm. Watch artists at work - woodcarver, painters, sculptors - and view the latest exhibitions at Gatakers Gallery. Light refreshments available for purchase. Free admission. Gatakers Artspace 41905723.
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- **Anzac Day Service Miva CWA**, Miva CWA Rest Rooms: 11am. Followed by a light lunch provided by the Miva CWA.

Weekly Events & Activities

Broadband for Seniors Tiaro Comm Ctr. Mon to Fri 9-12 Brian 41939239 Michelle 0439741747

Radio 107.1 : 7days. Ph Jeff 41939612.

Bauple Men's (Community) Shed Mon, Tues, Wed & Saturday 9am- 3pm. Ph. Bill 0481 351 583.

Mondays

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

Tai Chi-Bauple Band Hall 6pm

Bauple Spiritual Centre Meditation

Evening 1st & 3rd Mon, Purple Bldg 6:30pm 41939290 or Jillian 0418785305.

Tuesdays.

Yoga Q150 Rec Grounds 8.30am. Great for young & old \$10 Helen 0410 288 595

Bauple Bubs Social Group: 9am-12noon. @Bauple Rec Grounds, next to Scouts building Mandie 0432 481661.

Tai-Chi Tiaro Com. Ctr. 9-10am John Horrex Room Michelle 0439741747

Child Health Nurse. 9-12pm Tiaro

Library. 2nd & 4th Tuesday 4122 8733.

Tiaro Creative Arts Group. 9.30am Uniting Church, Mungar Rd. 5484 6135

Dance Night Bauple Band Hall 7-9pm (Hall Fundraiser). Children & Adults. Anne 41939254 or Meg 0429783741

Wednesdays.

Line Dancing Gunalda Hall. 4129 3126

Aspergers Support Group - last Wed every month 9am-12 John Horrex Room Pat 41939239

Thursdays.

Under 5 Story Time 10.30am 2nd & 4th Thursday Tiaro Library 4129 2453

Bauple Scouts 4.30pm. Sandra 4129-2609

Zumba-Bauple Band Hall 5.30pm ph 0403 797 723 followed by **Darts/Pool** at 7pm ph 0438758771.

Fridays.

Computer Group Social, literacy and computer help. 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 Socials on 1st & 3rd Fridays. BBQ 6pm 4129 2504.

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

Friday Family Fun Night. Bauple Rec Grounds. 1st & 3rd Fridays. Check FB page for menu or BYO. Hall open from 6pm. Snacks on sale. INFO PH Debbie Brischke 0418 771 696

Sundays.

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 Community Christian Church 2nd & 4th Sundays 10am. Old Cleveland Rd. Bevan 54846183

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

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Miva Anzac Day Service to be held at Miva CWA Rest Rooms on 25th April at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a light lunch provided by the Miva CWA.

Fraser Coast Hydroponic Group This month's meeting will be held at the Hervey Bay Community Centre, 22

Charles St., Pialba on Saturday 7th March at 10.00am. Entry is via the front door. People interested in Hydroponic Gardening are invited to join us for a cup of tea at 09.30am. Contact Secretary Ph. 4128 0513

Birthdays: Mihana Purington has a birthday on Thursday 5 March! Happy Birthday Mihana!! Thanks for helping us with the Gazette!

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April 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service Tiaro RSL
ANZAC Day Service 11am Miva CWA
May 16 Vintage Movie Night -GMHA
May 21 Fraser Coast Show - FCSS
June 6 Relish Fraser Coast - FCRC
14-20 2015 Rural Fire Brigade Week -
July Mary Poppins Festival -FCRC
July18 Tiaro Field Day TDCC & Landcare
July 25 Christmas in July Dinner Dance-GMH
Aug 15 Glenwood SwapMeet -GlenwoodPA
Sept 5 Bauple Nut Bash - BDRGA
Sept 24 Gootchie'Great Scrabble Contest Day'
Oct 15 Munna Creek Music Festival (4 days)
Oct 31 Halloween Disco - Gundiah P&C
Nov 3 Melbourne Cup QCWA
Nov 7 Spring Dinner Dance - GMHA
Sat 28 Children's Christmas Party - Lions
Dec 5 Carols in the Country - GMHA

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