

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS ACROSS THE TIARO DISTRICT

DECEMBER 2017



Above left: Fraser Coast Carols Band & Singers perform at Carols in the Country held in Tiaro Hall this year. Right: Musica- 30 women bused in from Brisbane to perform were magical as they backed up and performed with all the acts on Saturday 2 December. See more on page 5.

Carols in the Country - the show goes on at Tiaro!

Weather or not? The 4th annual Carols in the Country had to pull up stakes and settle in the hall at Tiaro to ensure the show would go on.

"Not even the weather could change the AMAZING atmosphere!" said Ashleigh Jensen. Ashleigh organised the Theebine School P&C crew who did a lot of the grunt work, shuttling of equipment and responsible for the clean up and pack up.

Over 25 stalls were booked for Gundiah Oval, but about 12 aligned themselves under the awnings at Tiaro Library with the dubious weather expected. Gundiah State School was in charge of sponsorship and stallholders for the Carols event. They did an awesome job.

Other community groups like Bauple Museum also played a role in sponsorship and the production of the program, with local designer, Annie Minton, donating her time for the program artwork. Over twenty local businesses advertised to sponsor the Carols in the Country for their community.

Despite the rain, over 300 attended the concert that featured artists from local schools and kindergartens, as well as our favourite Fraser Coast Carols Band and Singers; with local artist Graeme Jensen did a rousing job as MC.

Melissa Gill brought her choir from Brisbane - Musica - and was amazing performing also with 8 to the Bar.

Lorin Nicholson was probably the biggest name, previously performing on Channel 9 and Vision Australia's Carols by Candlelight in Melbourne on 4 occasions. Lorin is blind and spends his time as an international motivational speaker, educator and musician. He brought his exceptionally talented family with him from Brisbane, who sang some of the more classical numbers.

"That amount of talent in one family is almost illegal," said Shawn Kelly of the Nicholsons.

"Awesome singing!" said Cr Anne Maddern of the entire event. Fraser Coast Council sponsored the community event and enabled the sound and lighting team, Wide Bay Sound, to be

engaged for the event.

"The performances were of an exceptionally high standard," said Cr David Lewis.

The show was also largely sponsored by the Gundiah Gazette, with Foodworks, The Gundy Pub, Tiaro RSL and MiBakery at Gunalda being major sponsors.

"It takes a village to raise an event like this," said Sandra Kelly who admitted she was worried sick about the weather and whether or not to call the change of venue.

More photos on page 5.

Dickabram Bridge at Miva Open

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) reopened the Dickabram Bridge on Miva Road on 30 November 2017.

Brendan Clancy of TMR said, "I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks for your patience and understanding during the bridge closure this year. We are conscious of the impact this has had on the community and very much appreciate your support."

The project team is currently finalising the 2018 program of bridge works. It is anticipated that the bridge will be closed again from early February 2018, weather permitting. More detail will be available in the flyer distributed via Australia Post in January 2018.

Brendan Clancy TMR

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GUNDIAH COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Edition Number 89

Well readers, this is the last Gundiah Community Chronicle and the last Gundiah Gazette. I know you will be devastated. I didn't quite make it to 90 editions, but 89 is a good innings.

Queensland Archive. Fittingly, the Gundiah Gazette has recently been contacted by the State Library of Queensland to archive all of our issues for posterity. We have also been contacted by the history department for our coverage of Tiaro's Sons. Well done to all the team for their efforts to bring the Gundiah Gazette to you and to put our little district on the map and record a sliver of history and time.

The reason this is the last Chronicle is that we have determined that the Gundiah Gazette needs help to meet the demands of its mini-media-empire, and this is going to take some work and some planning.

Our dear Editor has been working her fingers to the bone for over 8 years and it is time to give her a well earned break.

A bit of history. The Gundiah Gazette was started as a project of the Gundiah State School P&C in 2009. I started writing my bit for the Gundiah Gazette in 2010 when Gundiah Community Place took the Gazette under its wing. I saw what a great opportunity it was to connect the community and also link us to the past. I have gotten myself in lots of trouble over the years with my 'true stories' which were of course totally made up, but it has all been a bit of fun.

Thank you. I would like to take a moment to thank my friend Sandi-whoever-she-is who spent many hours each month putting the Gazette together. You may not believe this but my failed subject in both high school and my Engineering Degree was English. Sandi had the job of correcting of my writings-can not have a better friend than that. Also we would like to take this opportunity in thanking Susan who has collected advertising fees and done the bookwork. Also thankyou Lillian Coyne for information and corrections. Thankyou Sandi, Susan & Bridget, for the printing, thank you Michael for the Calendar! And there's all those delivery people and posties and, of course, the advertisers!

Whether to talk about weather.

You may have noticed I have not

mentioned the weather yet... Not to outdo myself, I have to mention the rain that plagued the 4th annual Carols in the Country. And what an evening that was! I was helping keep everyone in line but really just enjoyed sitting back and watching the kids and many talented performers. It is a credit to the community.

Where's Gavin? Well, I found him this week - he is still on his boat moored at Bribie. It would appear he has been promoted to Harbor Master. For those who have not seen him for a while, you would not recognise him. He's fit and he walks around 10km a day as he has no car or bike. Good on you Gav!

My last Joke of the Month

A married couple was asleep when the phone rang at 2am in the morning. The wife (undoubtedly blond) picked up the phone, listened a moment and said,

"How should I know that's 200 miles from here," and hung up.

The husband said, "Who was that?"

"I don't know," she said, "Some woman wanting to know if the coast is clear."

Gone Fishing. Thank you readers, it's been a pleasure gathering the history of the Wide Bay.. now watch out fish, I am on my way.

Trevor Keightley 0456916111

Did you know?

Atkinson Transport will take people from Bauple and probably Glenwood etc to Brisbane for medical appointments or going on a cruise. They wait and bring people back from the doctor's office.

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Tiaro Diggers recalled Japanese POW days

By Pete Kelly

Up until a few years ago Tiaro RSL Sub-branch had two members who were unwilling guests of the Imperial Japanese Army for almost four years during WW2.

They were Keith Wilson and Norm Armstrong, and both veterans committed their wartime experiences to paper. Keith wrote two books — "I Remember" and "Tiaro to Tarkanun and Back", while Norm penned "The Murgon Mite."

Before they joined the Army, the pair were mates in the Tiaro area.

Keith was a member of the 2/26th Battalion, the only all-Queensland battalion in the Eighth Division which fought in Malaya and Singapore before the so-called "Island Fortress" fell to the invading Japanese.

Keith recalled that in eight weeks of action against the cream of Nippon's Army, his battalion lost 120 killed in action and more than double that number wounded.

Only 500 members of the 800-strong battalion would survive the war and incarceration to return home.

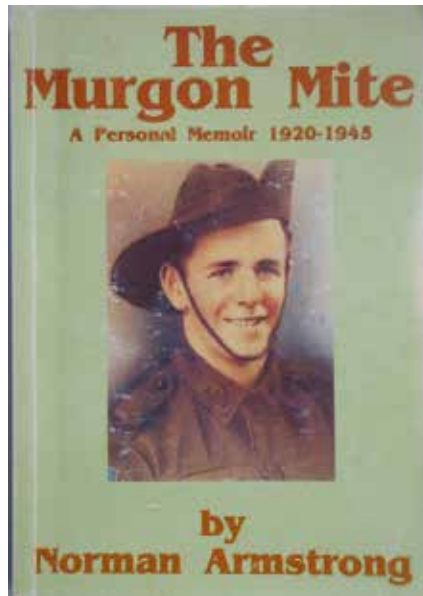
After a fighting withdrawal down the Malay peninsula to Singapore, Keith who was a sergeant, was struck down with malaria.

"I was unconscious in hospital for three days and when I awoke the ward was full of Japs," he recalled.

"The bloke in the bed next to me said: 'Keith, we're prisoners of war.'"

The Japs told us that if any man escaped and was recaptured, he would be executed and whether he was recaptured or not, one other man would be executed, so you knew you condemned one of your mates to death if you did get away yourself," he said.

On one occasion when Keith was in charge of a working party, the Japanese guard called a snap roll call.



Above: Memoirs published by Norm Armstrong and (right) Keith Wilson pictured in 2009.

"I was two men short but I knew where they were," he said.

"They'd slipped around to an old pineapple plantation for something a bit more interesting than boiled rice for lunch.

"I knew they'd be back, but the next thing I knew I had my hands bound behind my back, my head was thrust forward and I was forced to kneel.

"This Jap came up swinging a big two-handed sword and was taking practice swings. I thought this was the end for me.

"The next thing, the two missing blokes turned up," Keith said.

Keith's life was saved but the two offenders were bashed every day and were tortured for stealing pineapples.

Keith was later sent from Changi POW Camp to Thailand to work on the infamous Burma Death Railway.

While in Thailand, he was again struck down with malaria and this time he also had cholera. He became unconscious and was just about given up for dead.

Somehow his name was mistakenly listed among those who had died on the railway and his parents were advised by telegram from the Minister for the Army that he was dead. For almost a



year Keith's parents mourned the loss of their son.

But Keith had survived and was eventually sent back to Changi POW Camp in Singapore. This time beatings by the guards were commonplace.

"We called the Jap in charge 'The Black Bomber'. He was a homicidal maniac and he hated us with vengeance," Keith said.

But somehow, Keith and a great many of his mates defied the odds and survived. Keith Wilson recounted the time that he was reunited with his old Tiaro mate, Norm Armstrong.

Before the war Keith and Norm used to muster cattle between Gympie and Maryborough. They used to ride down to Gympie, often camping together for days, but after he joined the Army, Keith did not see Norm for years.

"After the fall of Singapore we were imprisoned for a while in a camp on the north shore of Singapore," Keith said.

"One day I walked around a corner and bumped into Norm Armstrong. I did not even know that he had joined the Army, so this meeting was like a family reunion.

"We talked for hours," he said.

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(Tiaro Diggers recalled Japanese POW days... from pg3)

Norm was sent to Singapore as a reinforcement for the 2/30th Battalion and saw some ferocious fighting during the closing stages of the battle for Singapore.

When Singapore fell, Norm was incarcerated in Changi Prison. He said that he found he was allergic to rice, the staple prison diet.

"I just couldn't eat it. It would not stay down," he recalled.

To stay alive, Norm Armstrong became one of the best scroungers in Changi.

Almost daily he would slip past the Japanese guards and make his way to the Malay and Chinese villages where he would barter, beg or buy eggs, fresh vegetables and fruit to feed himself and his mates.

So adept did he become, many of the sick Diggers relied on Norm for the essential fresh food that would keep them alive.

His expertise in obtaining vital fresh food was so much in demand that his superiors refused to allow him to go with the working parties that were sent to the Burma Death Railway.

Norm Armstrong had become far too valuable an asset to lose. He had this incredible ability to break out and back into the camp in broad daylight without being detected.

In fact, Norm became the food provider for Keith Wilson when Keith was once again felled by illness after his return from Thailand.

After the war, the pair remained great mates until Father Time caught up with them. No doubt there's a spot in Heaven where these true mates still swap yarns.

Pete Kelly 2010

Age-old deficiency

IT'S about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our state, and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence.

Doug Money, Oak Park



Above: Spotted at Tiaro this month was a 'santa nativity'!

1-24 December, 2017.

Light Up Fraser Coast

FCRC - The Fraser Coast's festive spirit is gathering pace early this year with more people looking at Christmas lights in greater numbers than seen for many years. And, Fraser Coast's winning street for 2017 has been announced - Lakeridge Drive, Dundowran.

Council have also decorated a giant Christmas Tree in front of the Maryborough City Hall and the living Christmas Tree in Scarness Park.

<http://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/light-up-the-fraser-coast> 1300 79 49 29.

A run around Tiaro will also reveal some great light and ornament displays. - Ed.

Friday 15 Dec @Maryborough Mary Christmas CBD Street Party

Maryborough CBD: 5:30-9pm. [facebook.com/events/511224182587062](https://www.facebook.com/events/511224182587062).

Friday 15 Dec @Glenwood Glenwood Carols & Santa Party

5-9pm Glenwood Community Hall, Santa arrives 6pm with gifts for the children. Free Market Sites. Free Jumping Castle. Free Sausage Sizzle. Carols @ 7pm. School Awards. Hamburgers & Drinks for Sale.

Saturday 16 Dec @Hervey Bay Hervey Bay RSL Carols

Seafront Oval. The Esplanade Piabla 5.30-8.30pm Family Fun, Carols Program. A free, family friendly event with traditional Carols and music, Christmas themed segments and a visit from Santa. Fireworks display.

Friday 22 December @ Theebine Theebine Carols

Theebine Christian Community Church, 6 Old Cleveland Road at 7.30pm The Annual Carols at Theebine Christian Community Church are not to be missed. They are followed by a light supper. Everybody is welcome. Please bring a plate. Bevan Day 54846183.

23 December @ Bauple

Bauple Xmas Market

Where: Bauple Band Hall green

When: Saturday 23 Dec. 7am-12noon

Come and have pre-Christmas breakfast and see Santa arrive on his motorbike. Lots of bargains and gift ideas.

Australia Day Awards

Next year's Fraser Coast Australia Day Award winners will also be known as Community Ambassadors.

Fraser Coast Mayor Chris Loft said the program would lift the profile and prestige of award winners.

"The annual awards acknowledge the inspiring efforts and outstanding contributions of people within the Fraser Coast community," Cr Loft said.

Nominations for the 2018 Australia Day Awards closed on 17 December.

For information including category details, visit the Fraser Coast Regional Council website at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/australia-day. FCRC

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CAROLS IN THE COUNTRY

From front page.

"Thank you to all those people who made it happen," she said.

"I am often amazed at how many people are so generous with their time and their talents. This is a wonderful time of year. I hope we can continue to have these events where the communities work together, however, it had better be sunny for the next 10 events at least."

From Top Clockwise: Lorin Nicholson and daughter Harriet perform "Silent Night". The Gundiah Memorial Hall's BBQ stall had great burgers. Gavan Berger enjoys a Taco! Fraser Coast Carols Singers get everyone singing with back up from Musica. Graeme Jenson was a fabulous MC. The kids sit at the front stage to get the best view. Theebine school make sure noone gets past without a lucky door ticket. Photos by Suzie McCowen.



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News from Tiaro

As another wonderful year comes to an end, I hope we can all feel proud of what we have achieved, whether it be by helping someone else, or conquering one of the many dreams we've had.

My biggest dream was made possible in September, when my daughter and family took me to Alice Springs and Lake Eyre, meeting up with families I had worked for years ago, and visiting properties and friends. Although exciting, it was sad to learn that many of the properties, now have no one living on them.

What a busy time it's been in Tiaro. The Tiaro Hall was packed for the combined Tombola, which many people enjoyed, so a big thank you to all the helpers and supporters.

Then the Carol's in the Country were moved to the Tiaro Hall due to the weather, and it was standing room only. We have a great Hall, and it's wonderful to hear everyone happy and enjoying themselves, well done to the guys and gals from Gundiah.

Tiaro District Community Centre Inc., the Radio, and Broadband Room have been kept busy. We now have three helping in the radio, but sponsors are still needed. To promote your business on 107.1, call John 41939612.

With Broadband for Seniors, now finished and Be Connected helping us to help others use computers, I'm proud to say we are being kept busy helping seniors conquer their fear of the computer. Our last meeting for the year will be held in the Community centre on Monday the 18th December, at 7.00pm, with everyone welcome.

The Tiaro CWA have had a wonderful year, with much help and support from the community. The Units all have tenants, and look wonderful, thanks to the Burnett Division of QCWA, which Tiaro is a Branch of. The Hoy events are still going strong, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. The craft ladies are enjoying meeting

every Tuesday, after the sad loss of their wonderful teacher, Gail Warwick.

May you all have a wonderful Xmas with Family and friends, and have a wonderful, healthy, happy and prosperous year in 2018.

The Secretary, Gail Nancarrow

In Bauple This Year:

Apart from the usual weekly things like Bauple Broadband, Zumba and Yoga, we have also had the Band Hall Markets every month, with Merv's magic music and the BBQ shack providing a good feed.

In April we had the Rec Ground's Easter Tombola, the BPA Bauple Easter Egg Bus trip & Hunt, and the children's Bold-d-Dash. These were all fabulous fun for all.

May celebrated the BPA's first Mother's Day Lunch, which was a huge success and was followed by the Lighthouse Christian Church's Volunteers Day Celebration, with donations given out by the Church to community groups. Those donations were greatly appreciated, along with the BBQ that followed.

June held the Bauple Scouts Gymkhana and the Bauple State School's Tombola. The month was rounded out with the Bauple Fashion Parade, a truly wonderful night, enjoyed by all, and organised by the combined community groups.

July was the Band Hall's Market Day & Big Brekkie with Christmas in July and Santa. !!!

August had the Gympie Historical Auto Club visit the Museum and have lunch there with some really great cars on display.

September was of course the Bauple Nut Bash – the best one ever! So many people working like crazy to make the event a huge success. So looking forward to next year.

In October there was an Art Therapy Workshop for Women, which ran for 6 consecutive Mondays.

November we celebrated the opening of the Museum Coffee Bar. What a

wonderful achievement that was. Get yourself up there and have a coffee if you haven't yet. We also had the Bauple Community Christmas BBQ, with the Bauple Kid's Club team doing a great job on the night, together with other volunteers who helped make the evening such a wonderful night.

Coming up – In December there will be the Band Hall's Christmas Market Day with another Big Brekkie on 23rd Dec, just in time for those last minute gifts.

Progress. We also had a Workshop with Peter Kenyon, a meeting with Mr Balfour, and another with Ken Diehm, the new CEO of Fraser Coast Council.

Bauple maybe small, but it is a very busy little place, filled with some wonderful people who put in their time and efforts to make community events such a success. These people are selfless in their contributions throughout the year and should all be very proud of themselves. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2018. *BPA*

Bauple Broadband News

Christmas morning tea. Merry Christmas to all our supporters. We will have a Christmas morning tea on Friday 22 Dec. All are welcome. Opposite Bauple Museum in the purple building, open 9-12. We close December 22nd and reopen Monday 8th January.

We have been awarded a grant to Be Connected, allowing us to continue providing free services to the people of Bauple, surrounds and travellers – lots of internet to be used, thanks to Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Help Topics. In 2018 we will have a specific topic the last Friday every month. Here are the first three months.

January 2018 For people unable to see the computer screen properly, for people with little or no sight. We can help you change that so you aren't left out of this digital age.

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Maryborough Players has been given permission by the Trustees of the P L Travers Will Trust to adapt Chapter 7 from the PL Travers book, 'Mary Poppins Opens the Door'.

This production will be a world premiere and will highlight the wonderful story telling that PL Travers has made famous in her Mary Poppins books.

The chapter of the book is currently being adapted as a stage production, in conjunction with writers at the University of Central Queensland.

Please send your expression of interest or contact to: Loretta Lawrence at maryboroughplayersinc@hotmail.com

Tiaro Chamber offers Bursary for 2018

The Tiaro Chamber is pleased to announce for the third year running that the Chamber is offering a \$1,000 tertiary bursary for students commencing study 2018 at a University. The student is to be a first year student in the course, and currently lives in the area of the Division 1 and Division 2 of the former Tiaro Shire Council area as well as the former Woocoo Shire Council area.

Applications giving your study results, as well as a short description of yourself, should be forwarded to Tiaro & District Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 128 Tiaro by 31st January 2018. Applications should also include your acceptance into a recognised University.

For further information please contact: Daryl Stewart - 41 296190 or mob: 0428771655 or Linda Harris - 41 939256 or mob: 0427 006 831. *TDCC*

Rossendale Tennis Club

LIGHTS. The lights are back on!!! After a very long break Friday night tennis has resumed just in time for summer. You have a choice of day or night tennis to catch up on your weekly dose of exercise or just to have a fun family outing. New players, or any older ones, are most welcome to join us. *Tennis is a great way to socialise, have fun and exercise*

- all at the same time. Every time you play tennis you learn something - it is such a great game to master.

COACHING. Term 1 Junior coaching/ Hot Shots will begin after school starts next year-TBA. Please contact coach Matt Watkins on 0417070129.

LOCATION. For those new to the area, Rossendale Tennis Club has 2 synthetic grass courts and is located at 38 Bauple-Woolooga Road - just off the Bruce Highway and opposite the southern Bauple entrance/exit.

MEMBERSHIP. The club has been operating since 1935 and currently has 23 members. For just \$10 for 12 months junior membership and \$30 for Adults you will get player insurance, discounted court hire and other benefits. This is very cheap compared to other sports.

COURT HIRE. The courts are available for hire for just \$8 an hour for day hire and \$12 an hour for night hire. Members pay \$5 and \$10. We have racquets available for use. To hire courts contact Secretary Mary-Anne Walters on 04 3837 4091 or: mwalter198@gmail.com Other contacts the Maxwells on 41 292391 or Kelmans on 41 293212

INTERNATIONAL. Don't forget to tune into the Brisbane International 1st - 8th Jan next year. This is followed by the Australian Open.

Merry Christmas everyone! (Ask Santa to bring you a tennis racquet to get you started in tennis.) *MA Walters 0438374091*

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The Anne Update

Hello again

Firstly Christmas greetings to you all. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.



Small Communities. During this month, we held the Small Communities Advisory Group meeting. Areas of interest covered included:

New officer. Melissa was able to advise that Council is currently seeking the services of a Community Development Officer whose role will be to work with the various organisations in our small communities. I'm delighted with this initiative as it recognises the value and importance of our small communities and the part they play in the overall Fraser Coast region.

Ownership issues. There was a discussion around the ownership of tables and chairs and other items within halls and facilities - do they belong to Council or to the incorporated association and are they covered by insurance? (To be followed up.)

Grant Alert. FCRC send out alerts about available grants. If you don't receive these alerts, please let me know and we will put you on the list.

Fire Training. Les from the Fire and Emergency Services provided some education around the use of fire extinguishers, fire hoses, etc in our community halls. Most halls are fitted with appropriate fire gear but, if you are like me, I'd have to stand and read the instructions first, by which time the fire would have gutted the building. I would ask that members present pass the information onto the rest of their community. Thank you to Les.

Managing squatters: this is a very complicated issue covering both Council and the local police areas and comes with issues of homelessness, etc. Allison advised that Council compliance officers work closely with social services

groups to manage the problem rather than to shift it from one location to another. Thank you to Allison.

Communications. The final and probably one of the most important aspects of the meeting from Council's point of view is the clear message that there is currently insufficient communication between Council and groups and constituents. Melissa was again able to advise that Council has a detailed program in place for increasing communications and for educating our Council officers to ensure that the community is kept informed.

Thank you. On a personal note, thank you all for a great year. I believe that I am one of the lucky Councillors to be able to work with such diverse but delightful people in our surrounding communities. God bless, keep safe and I will see in the New Year if not before.

Anne Maddern Councillor Division 2

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ordinary Meetings monthly

Fraser Coast Regional Council's Ordinary Meeting cycle will change in 2018 from every three weeks to the fourth Wednesday of every month from 10am. At least one Council meeting a year will be held in an outlying area of the Fraser Coast in 2018. FCRC

Bruce Hwy Warning

The Australian Government has approved funding for a \$56 million Intelligent Transport System (ITS) to deliver a safety warning system along the length of the Bruce Highway - giving drivers immediate updates on the status of the road ahead. LO'Brien

Pre-Australia Day

The Maryborough Neighbourhood Centre, 25 Ellena Street, is hosting a pre-Australia Day celebration on Thursday, 25 January 2018 from 10am - 12noon.

"Have a cuppa @ the centre" features an array of delectable morning tea, music, videos and laughter. Tickets \$5.00 per person. Pre-booking is essential and no tickets will be sold on the day.

To book or for more information 4121 2141 or reception@maryboroughnc.org.

Review of Heritage Register

Incentive schemes to encourage the conservation of Fraser Coast heritage were included in a review of the Fraser Coast Local Heritage Register.

Cr Seymour said, "A stronger focus on heritage planning will be implemented with approval for a Heritage Planning Officer in our Strategic Planning team."

More Trees

An impressive 66,425 trees will be planted in Wide Bay by June 2020 thanks to a \$317,580 boost for new revegetation projects that directly help recover threatened ecological communities or threatened species. LO'Brien

Arts Grants

Fraser Coast Regional Council and the Queensland government will invest \$130,000 in the arts across the Fraser Coast next year through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF). FCTE

\$500m in developments

Council approved projects valued at almost \$500 million in the Hervey Bay region. The projects include residential developments in Urraween, Dundowran and Urangan and a relocatable home park in Urangan.

FC Building Grant Program

FCRC launched \$10,000 Fraser Coast Building Grant Program to help low-income earners enter housing market.

Support small business and shop local this Christmas

Shhh, don't tell Santa - Llew O'Brien MP is backing small Wide Bay businesses this Christmas, and he encourages you to do the same by shopping local.

"Santa's elves do great work in the North Pole, but we want those jobs here in Wide Bay, and that's why we need to support our local businesses," Mr O'Brien said.

Small business is the engine room of the Wide Bay economy. It is particularly important to back them this holiday season because you are supporting the 5.6 million hard-working Australians they employ - make this Christmas merry and shop local! LlewOBrien

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MCRRR – At the Mary River Festival all 6 species of turtles that inhabit our Mary River were photographed together—from left, it's "Mary with a Mary" (Mary Starky meets Travis, the Mary River Turtle), Madeleine Flynn-Kann with a White throated Snapping Turtle, Eva Ford holds a Broad Shell river Turtle, and Jess Dean with a Krefft's Short necked Turtle. Next it's Barb Yule holding an Eastern Snake necked Turtle, and finally it's Shawn Jarvey with a Saw shelled Turtle. Right: Col Bowman in Tiaro with the trees in question.

Find a frog in February

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee (MRCCC) invites you to join their Citizen Science program this February. The program encourages communities to get outside, find frogs and send their information in to the MRCCC.

Hop on over to the webpage: www.mrccc.org.au/find-a-frog-in-february-citizen-science/. You will find great information about our frogs a Frog Finders Guide and Record Sheets.

MRCCC 07 5482 4766

New Fund for Great Sandy Strait Research

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee, Greater Mary Association, and the Fraser Island Defenders Organisation established a \$25,000 Research Fund to study impacts of the Colton Coal mine on the Great Sandy Strait. The Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee will admin-

ister the fund with the assistance of a Research Oversight Committee.

"We are inviting local students to put in bids to fund projects to show untreated discharged mine water is likely to be carried and deposited in the Great Sandy Strait and its impact on the mangroves, marine life and food chain," Dr Sinclair explained.

Dr Sinclair added that they will encourage students to submit bids as early in the new academic year as possible so that the committee can start awarding grants by mid March.

MRCCC 07 5482 4766

Beware Falling Trees

Local forestry & tree authority, Col Bowman has been warning residents of local tree hazards.

Trees of many species both Australian natives and exotic (foreign) variety are dying from a root fungus named *Phellinus Noxious*, also known as Brown Root Rot.

This disease weakens the wood




structure so that heavy branches or the entire top half of the tree falls to the ground. Rotted trunks have been known to break off at root level.

Native fig trees are especially dangerous as this tree does not show signs of being dead or dying, as other affected tree species.

Col is concerned about two large Hoop Pine trees on FCRC land at the rear of FoodWorks in Tiaro. As they are adjacent to a public footpath and also one of the two entry and exit points for the off-street parking area at the rear of the shop, they represent a very real danger – firstly to people using the area and secondly to the built environment (e.g. power lines, buildings, motor vehicles etc) and should be removed immediately before the outcome is catastrophic.

Tiaro has had similar incidents with Hoop Pine. Other trees have also been removed from the street scape due to this incurable fungal disease.

CW Bowman. Dip App Sc Forestry;
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This is a story about me. I am a clock that sits on the table in Bauple Historical Museum and it's about my adventures to NSW and back.

Way back, 3 years ago, when time stood still, I was sitting on the Queensland State Minister's table at the Bauple Museum, looking out the open door to see our visitors start to roll in. One has to look smart and smile you know. The people make nice comments about the museum, so on and so forth.

"Does it work mister?" a child asked the attendant.

You don't know how much that hurts a clock, especially when he has stood majestically above the owner's fireplace and ticked the hours away, nigh controlled his life by my chime of the hour. One cannot help that his internal workings had decided to say goodbye to the world. I was used as a paper weight or a door jam and given to the Bauple Museum.

However, one day, the President

brought his friend, a retired clock repairer, to view the museum.

We all waited for the President to say, "David do you think it can be repaired?" The clock repairer replied, "We can only try."

Well, I'm sure the rest of the clocks sang out while I was being packed that Dave was a jolly good fellow.

So began my journey to Woolloongong.



I was carried out West in their caravan as Dave continued their holiday.

Along the way David repaired me and I was so looking forward to sitting on the cabinet table at the Museum, smiling to all our visitors again, but it was not to be.

I was double packaged to ensure my safety in transit and sent from Woolloongong to Bauple via a friend travelling north.

I did not arrive. Months went by. It was dark and I was basically lost.

Mr President interrogated all six people involved with the return to Bauple but no success was to be had.

Much later, I was eventually found under the bed of one of the transporters - the double packaged box did not have the name or address rewritten on the inner package.

I am home now. It is good to be back at the museum. If you come and visit, I will tell you the story of the clock that went interstate.

Trevor Keightley
The clock at left is what Trevor says, 'looks something like our clock'... see for yourself.

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Facebook Etiquette

Having a browse through our local facebook pages sometimes makes me wonder. Arguments, ridiculing or saying nasty things about someone, an individual and/or group within our community appears to be quite common today. *Why does this happen?* Would people say these things if they were sitting in a room with the individual or group of people? I would hazard a guess, they would not. Thankfully, these people are in the minority.

Administration. Facebook pages are created by individuals, for a group or subject and invite like-minded people to participate. These individuals, having created the page become quarzzy police, called administrators. Many good administrators have saved others from causing mayhem and possible defamation lawsuits.

The Lavan Lawyer Group, state that defamation cases involving social media are on the rise in Australia. The willingness of the courts to award significant damages to successful plaintiffs defamed by online and social media situations is becoming commonplace. They said, "The anonymity, instantaneous and wide-ranging reach of the internet and social media make it a dangerous tool in the hands of persons who see themselves as caped crusaders or whistleblowers, or alternatively want to 'troll' other members in the community for the purpose of gratifying their own wishes or fears or for the sole purpose of gaining attention".

So, how you act on social media should be the same as how you interact with people in everyday life. Whether your post was serious or not, it frankly can make you look very silly.

Here are a few basic rules we should follow when using facebook:

1. Think before you post.

Is this really what you wanted to say? How will the person, business, or group receive this post? Does it meet socially accepted language for that individual or group. Making accusations about someone, a group or business can easily be defamatory and you could regret your actions later.

2. Don't inflame the situation.

Don't be nasty or argumentative, make your case and ask others to accept that its your opinion. Also listen to and accept others have their opinion too. If the discussion gets to complicated, use the phone, personal message them, meet up and discuss the matter over a coffee, or beer.

3. Respect other people, groups or businesses.

Be diplomatic and respect everyone you communicate with on facebook.

4. Socialize when you are sober.

If you have had a few to many, its probably wise to leave facebook till the morning.

5. Keep personal stuff private.

If you have heard bad news about something, don't put it up on facebook. Private Message the person, use the phone go and visit them if possible.

Facebook is an awesome tool to use and so long as we all follow a few simple rules it can be a fulfilling and exciting experience for all. Remember, you are responsible for what you publish on facebook.

Gavan Berger 0419276588



Local photographer

Suzie McCowen has been a photographer for almost 7 years and in that time, she has attended many workshops with world renowned photographers including Rocco Ancora and Barb Uil from Jinky Art. Suzie has completed a Diploma in Professional Photography and has won many photography competitions.

Suzie is located in Gundiah and has experience photographing weddings, newborns, maternity, families, as well as commercial real estate, pet rescue and landscape photography.

If you have a photography job, no matter how big or small, or would like some updated family portraits, please contact Suzie on 0488468712, and/or visit her Facebook page "Country Pix Photography"

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Above: 2018 State Competition—Part of the Photography Contest entries. Right: The Gootchie Girls celebrate Christmas at the Royal Hotel. Always fun.

Miva Goes to Gunabul

Miva has been wrapping up its activities for the year. A light Christmassy lunch and lots of chat followed our last meeting, and members and their husbands shared a Christmas Lunch at Gunabul. In lieu of an exchange of presents members made a donation to Little Haven Palliative Care in Gympie. Whilst members enjoyed having the Dickabram Bridge open for the holiday traffic they reconsidered their plans for 2018 when the bridge will once again be closed. Although the Miva ANZAC Service will be held as usual, a planned Biggest Morning Tea has been cancelled. Catering activities will include one for a Probus Concert at Theebine in May when 200 people are expected, and a luncheon for staff of the Gympie Hospital as part of their 150th celebrations.

A Girls Night Out in aid of cancer research was held in conjunction with the November meeting of the Book Club in the Miva Rooms.

Our meetings will resume on Wednesday 7th February with Heather and Katrina attending the QCWA International Weekend to study Germany in Maroochydore shortly afterwards.

2018 State Competition details are now available so Members can begin now to plan their entries. Members of the public may also enter the following

contests, entering through their local branch: Art, Cookery, Floral Art, International Children's, Knitting & Crochet, and Photography. For further details and schedules look at the QCWA website: <http://www.qcwa.org.au/what-we-do/state-activities/>

Bursaries. QCWA offers a number of Bursaries to assist Secondary and Tertiary students continue their studies. Some of these are specifically for students studying tertiary courses with rural content, music & Dance, Textiles or handcraft, or midwifery; others for financially needy students at secondary or tertiary level. For more information and the Application Forms go to the QCWA website <http://www.qcwa.org.au/what-we-do/student-bursaries> or telephone 07-3026 1220. All bursary applications close on January 31st 2018.

Katrina van den Brenk 0407 637691

Gootchie Girls Gossip

Well we have come to the final Gundiiah Gazette for 2017 and what a year!

Friday 1st December, Lyn and Amber attended the Burnett Div. Executive Meeting held at Gin Gin to find out Gootchie was second in the Pro Rata to Southport in the K&C due to the high number of entries and the placing we received. Well done Gootchie Girls. It was moved that Gootchie would host the first Division Executive meeting for 2018 on Friday 16th February at 10 am.

Saturday 2 December. The Carols in the Country had to be moved into the Memorial hall at Tiaro due to the inclement weather. We duly sold our Plum Pudding and Lyn's famous Sticky Date Pudding and all was good. We had a raffle to draw very kindly donated by the "Hippy Garage" which after much fun and laughter the Chef at the Royal drew out yours truly to be the winner yes, it really was me it's a beautiful white wrought iron bench with 2 cushions as seen in the photograph.

Monday 11th December, we had our last meeting for the year held at the Royal Hotel in Tiaro followed by a lovely lunch, Bon Bon's and a Secret Santa, a few drinks of wine and a lot of laughter. We had fun taking the branch photograph as one member had her mouth wide open on all of them except the one here and only I know who !!!!!

2018 will be another busy year. I will publish the calendar next year, but we have a rest in January, then spring cleaning 5th Feb and our first meeting 12th February 2018.

So with that the Gootchie Girls would like to wish all GG readers a happy and safe Christmas remembering the Reason for the Season. Take care on the roads and stay calm with all the road works. Remember

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Pauline and the Gootchie Girls.



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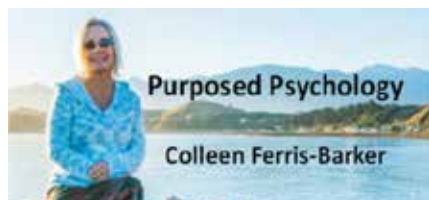
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Local Psychologist

Colleen has been a registered psychologist for some 24 years – working in a variety of fields including the disability sector, corrections, sexual assault, allied health and family support. Her areas of professional interest include depression, trauma, and children. As a sole parent of some 14 years, she has a particular interest in supporting single mums and dads.

Most of all Colleen is passionate about seeing people live fulfilling, purposed lives and is excited to be on board with Lighthousecares. With a firm belief in a holistic approach, she looks forward to being part of this comprehensive team of volunteers which includes counsellors, physiotherapists, and social workers. Colleen is currently available at Bauple every Tuesday and Wednesday during the school term.

In the coming 12 months the services provided will extend beyond one on one care to therapeutic groups for depression and workshops for parents. For further info call LCC on 4129 2787 or for an appointment with Colleen phone 0403 034 825.

LCC

History on the SCOTS

The Social Club of Tiara and Surrounds, is also known by the acronym SCOTS. So, who are we and what have we achieved? Recently, I heard about a comment made about SCOTS on one of the many facebook pages for our area. This comment made me aware that some people did not know much about us and maybe others had the same misunderstanding.

SCOTS is a Social Club whose members chose to do something to improve our community through the running of events and providing assistance to individuals, families and organisations within our community. You may see

evidence of this when we advertise events we hold. At present these are:

Australia Day Festival, Family Fun Day in July and the Father's Day Show and Shine.

Or you may see advertising saying SCOTS has sponsored an organisation, such as our most recent sponsorship to the "Carols in the Country" run by the Gundiah Memorial Hall Association.

What you won't see, or likely hear about, are those individuals and families we assist from time to time. This is kept very quiet as we respect and endeavour to ensure the privacy of those we give a little helping hand to in times of need. To accomplish all this, our social club needs to raise funds so that these funds can be distributed to whom ever or however the members choose. Our biggest supporter's producing most of our income are patrons of the Royal Hotel Tiara. These people (some being members) support our raffles throughout the year. Our other supporters are those that attend our 3 events each year, participating and/or buying food and soft drink from SCOTS. So, SCOTS most gratefully thank all these people because without them our Social Club would just not exist and there would be less money out there to assist those that need it.

This said, I chose to have a browse through the ledgers for SCOTS and extracted all the donations, sponsorships, gifts of assistance, and costs for providing activities etc for our events. As President I'm pleased to say that on average our Social Club returns some \$7000.00 to the community each year. To us, our members, think this is a great and worthwhile achievement. This achievement of course does not happen without volunteers (members and non-members) who are willing each year, each event, each week, to participate in our little adventure to help out where we can. For this, on behalf of the community of Tiara and Surrounds, I thank each and every one of you.

Membership is only \$20/year and membership applications are available at Royal Hotel in Tiara.

Regards Gavan Berger SCOTS 0419276588.

GIG GUIDE

DECEMBER 2017 BY KRIS WEST

Sat 16 **GUNDY PUB'S FAMOUS BULL RIDING & ENTERTAINMENT** from 12 noon Bull Riding at it's best 3pm. Food. Free Camping & more. Uncle Bob's Jug Band. Everyone Welcome. + DARTS COMP (Min \$50 prize) 7pm – WIN A WALLET & CASH The Gundy Pub from 6pm

Sun 17 JAM SESSION-Theebine Hotel 2pm-8pm Please bring your own instruments.

- MEGA RAFFLES – Gundy Pub 11am-late

Fri 22 PICK YOUR POISON - Gunalda Hotel 5pm-6pm Buy drink & get a FREE TICKET for your chance to WIN the JACKPOT

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Sat 23 DARTS COMP (Min \$50 prize) 7pm WIN A WALLET & CASH Gundy Pub from 6pm

Sun 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- GRAEME JENSEN – Christmas Eve Celebrations – Lunchtime @ Theebine Hotel

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Mon 25 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

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Sat 30 KARAOKE – Theebine Hotel 8pm - late

- DARTS COMP (Min \$50 prize) 7pm – WIN A WALLET & CASH Gundy Pub from 6pm

Sun 31 NEW YEARS EVE KT & THE REPLACEMENTS 8pm-late & Dinner Available from 6pm Theebine Hotel

- MEGA Raffles Gundy Pub 11am-late

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WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

December Events

- 15 **Mary Christmas CBD Street Party**, Maryborough CBD: 5:30-9pm. face-book.com/events/511224182587062.
- 17 **FC Wildlife Park Country Markets** (3rd & 5th Sun), Cnr Mungar & Biggenden Rds. Maryborough West: 7am-12pm. Gold coin donation includes sanctuary. Helen 41234171.
- **Australian Hibiscus Society** (3rd Sun): 10am. Chris 0438385915 for location.
- 18 **Tiaro District Community Centre Meeting** (3rd Mon), John Horrex Room, Forgan Terrace, next to Tiaro Library: 7pm. New members welcome. Gail 41292237.
- 19 **Tiaro & Dist Chamber of Commerce** (3rd Tue) 7pm at Landcare Meeting Rooms, Mayne St, Tiaro. (Downstairs from Dr Surgery.) tiarochamber@bigpond.com Lynda 41939256.
- 20 **Tiaro Landcare Meeting** (3rd Wed), Old Medical Centre, Tiaro: 7:30pm. tiarolandcare@gmail.com
- 21 **FREE Community Legal Services** (3rd Thu), Tiaro Community Centre: 41942663 for apt.
- 23 **Bauple Band Hall Markets** (4th Sat), Bauple Band Hall Green. Free to stall holders, new stall holders always welcome. Fantastic bargains, BBQ cooking from 7am, come and get your brekky, yummy Bacon & Egg rolls on Turkish Bread Devonshire tea in the Hall from 8am. Bookings 0490783584.
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 BOXING DAY
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- **New Years at The Brolga**, Brolga Theatre: 6pm. FREE EVENT with live music by Fraser Coast band, Soul City. Fireworks by the river at 9pm and midnight. Licensed Bar. Food Stalls. www.facebook.com/events/1853937421583539.

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WHAT'S ON IN JANUARY

January 2018 Events

- 6 **Maryborough Stories by Night** (1st Sat), Wharf Street, Maryborough. Adult \$15, child \$5. 41905722, www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/portside-by-night-tour.
- **Gatakers by Night** (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.
- 7 **Fraser Coast Bonsai Group** (1st Sun), Cricketers' Hall, Ariadne St., Maryborough: 1pm. 41940121
- 10 **Bauple Rec Ground Meeting** (2nd Wed): 6:30pm. Debbie Brischke 0418771696.
- 11 **Gundiah Hall Committee Mtg.** (2nd Thu), 7pm. Lynda 41293198.
- 12 **Tiaro Country Crafters** (2nd Fri), Uniting Church Tiaro: 9:30am.
- **Colouring Calm for adults** (2nd Fri), Tiaro Library 10am-11am. Equip provided. 41292453, deborah.mccall@frasercoast.qld.gov.au.
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- 26 AUSTRALIA DAY
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- 27 **Bauple Band Hall Markets** (4th Sat), Bauple Band Hall Green. Free to stall holders, new stall holders always welcome. Fantastic bargains,

outside BBQ cooking from 7am, come and get your brekky, yummy Bacon & Egg rolls on Turkish Bread Devonshire tea in the Hall from 8am. Bookings 0490783584.

30 **Tiaro Library 'Book Chat'** (Last Tue), 9:30am. 41292453, deborah.mccall@frasercoast.qld.gov.au.

Weekly Events & Activities

Please check for holiday closings in regards to community meetings and events.

Tiaro Broadband for Seniors Tiaro Community Ctr. Now open Mon, Wed, Friday 9am-1pm; Tues and Thurs. 10am-3pm. Gail 4129 2237

Radio 107.1 : 7days. John Sabo. All enq: Ph 4193 9612 tiaro107radio@gmail.com

Bauple Broadband for Seniors in Purple Bldg opp Museum. M-F 9-12pm. JP(D.Dec) avail Tue+Thu. Free Wi Fi. Computer tutor. Printer. All welcome. Pat & Brian 4193 9239 or 0407513083

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

Bauple Museum. Open 7days 10-3pm Phone 07 4193 9341

Boot Camp Mon & Wed at Tiaro Rec Ground - Inman St. 5.30-6.30pm. \$7. All levels from 12yrs up. Boxing - Body weight training. Jodie 0438 68 05 61

New Yoga Classes - Tuesdays: Bauple Rec Grounds 8.30am / Tiaro Uniting Church 12.30pm. **Thursdays:** Tiaro Uniting Church 5.45pm. Helen 0410 288 595

Hatha Yoga, Gundiah Hall Monday 9am-10:30am **Friday** 9am to 10.30am Curra Country Club commencing 6th Oct. Contact Jenny 4129 3128 1st Class FREE. Give it a Go!

Mondays.

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

Tai Chi-Bauple Band Hall 6pm

Early childhood program at Gunalda State School. 9am. 0-5 year olds and parents/carers welcome. 54846211.

Tuesdays.

Tai-Chi John Horrex Room Community Centre Tiaro 8.30-9.30 Phil 4129 2490

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

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

Glenwood Writers Group Glenwood Hall @ 9am Phone Sandy 0457 505 525

Wednesdays.

Glenwood Crafters 9am Glenwood Hall Text Chris 0419 393 052

Thursdays.

Bauple Scouts 4.30pm. Cathie 0435 901 205

Fridays.

Social, Computer Help, drop in for a cuppa, John Horrex Room Community Ctr Tiaro 9am-12 Ph Gail 41292237

Bauple Bubs Social Group: 9 - 11 am @Bauple Rec Grounds, next to Scouts building. Contact Hailie 0434116668

Indoor Bowls 1pm. Gunalda Hall. All welcome. Elaine Lacey 5484 6214

Rossendale Tennis Club 7pm. Bauple-Woolooga Rd. All welcome. 4129 2589

LCC Youth Nights Friday fntly 7-9pm, ages 10-17, Church Hall 20-22 Main St Bauple, Chris 0407 183 625

Saturdays.

Glenwood Lions Pre-Loved Bookshop 8-11am Glenwood Lions Shed 15 Pepper Rd. Call Bev 0439 857 068, Glenda 5485 7334

Tipples & Tales Bond Store Museum, Wharf St, Mbo. \$25. 41905722.

Sundays.

Lighthouse Christian Church: 10:00am Worship and Communion. 10:45 Live Wires Children's Program. 20-22 Main St Bauple. 4129 2787. Ps Brian.

Catholic Services: Sacred Heart, John St, Tiaro. 10am. Fr George Joseph 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 Day 54846183

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

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 28 Sorensen Rd Gympie 9am. 5482 2014 www.mormon.org

Christian Community Glenwood Hall BBQ Area 2nd & 4th Sun (except Aug), 4-6pm, informal gathering of fellowship and prayer + sausage sizzle. All welcome. 044723017 RSVP for catering.

Gundiah Croquet Gundiah Community Place Oval 3pm. (+BBQ 1st+3rd Sun) Ph Peter Larkin 4129 3257.

NOTICES

For Rent: Bauple area 1x highset 3 bedroom house \$250.00 per week plus \$1000 bond. Available mid August 2017. Also: 1x lowset 2 bedroom cottage \$200 per week plus \$800 bond. Available immediately. All enquiries please phone: 07 41293147.

FOR SALE: Acreage blocks + high set 3bdr weatherboard home. Make offer. Sell individually. Sol 07 329 325 82.

INDUSTRIAL SHED FOR RENT - 120m² industrial shed for rent; 3ph power; NBN available; 40 mts to highway; \$125 p.w. + outgoings. Ph 0429 988 929

FOR SALE - Post hole digger; fits 60-70 h.p. tractor \$800 ph: 0429988929

FOR SALE - 2 x 2000m² vacant corner blocks; sealed roads, town water, good position, ready to build on \$80,000 ph 0427 006 831

Gunalda Hall for Hire 5484 6214

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Answers to life's questions. Free

bible studies and materials. Interested? Call Eva & Walter 4129 3295.

Hall for Hire Tiaro District Community Centre Inc-\$30/half day (9-12pm) \$60/full day (9-5pm). Kitchen / catering. Gail Nancarrow 41292237

Gundiah Fire Warden Brian ph 4129 3128 AFTER 7PM (Please do not contact during business hours Mon-Fri.)

GROUPS

Adult Aspergers Support Group Please Note! All meetings until March 2018 are cancelled due to other commitments. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas - from Robyn 41297647, Pat 0407 513 083 or Dianne: didylele09@gmail.com.

Glenwood Genies. Friendly family history group meets 2nd & 4th Wed/month from 1:30-4pm at Glenwood Hall. Cost: \$2. Erynne: 0402 448 765 or Norma: 0412 341 914

Alcoholics Anonymous Every Wednesday @ 7pm in the Glenwood Community Hall. 0437 031316.

Glenwood Writers. Glenwood Hall Tuesdays @ 9am. Sandy 0457 505 525

Glenwood Crafters. Glenwood Hall. Every Wed. from 9am.

Glenwood Art Group. Glenwood Hall. Every Thursday from 9am. Norma 0412 341 914

SERVICES

Livestock Carrier Service Dean Weller Gundiah (07) 41293249 or 0408729073

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DATE SAVERS 2018

Jan 26 Australia Day Festival - SCOTS
Feb 3 Gundy Pub Bull Ride Round1
Mar 21 Munna Creek Walkup Weekend (4day)
Mar 23 Old Time Dance @ Munna Creek
Apr 1 Gundy Pub Bull Ride Round2
Apr 20 ANZAC Dance - GMHA
Jun 16 Oldtime Dance - GMHA
Jul Family Fun Day - SCOTS
Jul 21 Gundy Pub Bull Ride Round3
Aug 18 Glenwood Swap Meet - GPA
Sep 1 Bauple Nut Bash - BDRGA
Sep 2 Father's Day Show & Shine - SCOTS
Sep 30 Gundy Pub Bull Ride Round4
Oct 18 Munna Creek Music Fest (4day)
Nov24 Children's Christmas Party - Lions
Dec 1 Gundy Pub Bull Ride Finals
Carols in the Country - GMHA

10 TOP THINGS FOR KIDS TO DO THIS SUMMER

From fantastic water fun to awesome events and exciting workshops, there are plenty of activities, courtesy of Fraser Coast Regional Council, to keep kids entertained this school holiday:



1. Festive Heart - Visit a Fairy Magic Grotto, play giant board games, decorate gingerbread figures or help paint a mural and much more at Maryborough City Hall

2. Inflatable Fun - Splash out at aquatic centres in Maryborough and Hervey Bay when they transform into inflatable playgrounds

3. WetSide - The free water park on the foreshore in Pialba is an 'infotainment' cool spot with a special area for under-fives called TotSide and the Flip-Side Board Rider wave machine

4. Fantastic Flix - Watch the Christmas favourite, Polar Express, at Maryborough City Hall.

5. Board Games - Spend a relaxing morning in the air conditioning at the Hervey Bay Library playing some old favourites and some new games.

6. Karaoke Carols - Sing-along with Karaoke Carols at Maryborough City Hall.

7. Cracker Crafts - Make Christmas decorations, cards or checkerboards in fun workshops at libraries across the Fraser Coast.

8. Meet Santa and Mary Christmas - Join family and friends to meet Santa in the Maryborough CBD in a wonderful night of music, food and street entertainment under stars at the Mary Christmas Street Party.

9. Showbiz by the Mary - Bring in the New Year with free live music by Soul City, fireworks and food stalls, or in January enjoy a lazy Sunday afternoon with live music, lawn games and food at the Brolga Theatre.

10. Deadly 60 Downunder - See Steve Backshall, star of the hit TV show Deadly 60, who is coming to the Brolga Theatre with his brand new stage show. For a full list of events and information go to <http://www.ourfrasercoast.com.au/school-holiday-guide> FCRC



Vale Clarrie Millar

Warren Truss, paid tribute to predecessor Member for Wide Bay (1974-1990), Clarrie Millar, who died in Brisbane on Tuesday evening aged 92.

Clarrie had an extraordinary command of the English language and his parliamentary speeches, which he always delivered without notes, are memorable for their wonderful descriptive phraseology. It was said that he never used a single word when a whole paragraph would do.

Many observers regard him as the finest ever Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. He often told the story about the occasion when as Acting Speaker during Question Time, he ordered Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser to sit down for failing to adhere to the Standing Orders.

Warren Truss

A Christmas message from Llew O'Brien

I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone in Wide Bay for a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ whose love brought salvation and the message of peace and goodwill to all. During this busy time of year, that peace and goodwill is more important than ever.

Road safety has been something I care deeply about, and I pray every year that no families have to suffer the anguish of losing a loved one on our roads.

As we celebrate with family and friends, it is important to remember the people in our community who are less fortunate – those who have lost someone dear to them, the jobless, the sick, the homeless and the lonely – and consider what we might be able to do to comfort those in need. Reach out this festive season by saying hello to your neighbour or someone new in the area, checking in on people who may need a friendly chat, volunteering, and being kind in person and on social media.

Everyone deserves to receive love, company and compassion, especially around Christmas. *To find ways to tackle loneliness in your community, visit www.redcross.org.au/act*

LOBrien MP

THE LAST GAZETTE!

Yes, it is true, this is the last edition of the Gundiah Gazette, ever. (We think.) We have enjoyed bringing you news and history about the area and hope that you feel proud that you live in this district as much as we do.

However, we don't intend to leave you news-less, alone or unconnected. We have plans to bring you a more encompassing, sustainable communication piece. But first, a nice break!

Past editions of the Gazette are found at www.gundiahgazette.com.au

Sign up for news and events at <http://eepurl.com/o9s9v> (if you are not already signed up for the Gundiah Gazette). We will continue to promote a simple list of local events and announcements as often as needed.

Contact us the same way 4129 3215-gundiahgazette@gmail.com, we love to hear how you are doing.

Merry Christmas. We would especially like to thank our advertisers, some of whom have been with us 8 years+. Thank you Trevor Keightley, Susan Anderson, all our cub reporters, all our delivery people, our printers and folders. You all have been absolutely amazing.

Sandra Kelly, Editor



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