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BUSINESS BIRTHDAYS



Two Highfields businesses celebrated birthdays at the weekend. Gordon and Janette Alden, left, celebrated 10 years in Highfields Automotive Spare Parts, the business they founded in 2005. Craig Stibbard celebrated 20 years in the hardware business. With him are staff Jeff Ryan, left, and Lincoln Roberts. Craig started at Thrifty Link in 1995 at what is now the Coles complex. He moved to Highfields Village Shopping Centre in 2003 and to the present site in 2010.

10th Birthday Count Down Sale

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Works Projects

Full details of Council's road construction and maintenance projects across the region are available on Council's website at www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/roads. Motorists are requested to exercise care and comply with speed and directional signage. Council regrets any inconvenience caused by these works.

Tenders & quotes

Council regularly invites tenders for a variety of TRC services. Full details can be found in the Tenders & Quotes column of this newspaper when new tenders are called.

July Council meetings

Council's Standing Committees will meet at 9am on Tuesday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 15. The next Ordinary meeting of Council starts at 10am on Tuesday, July 21. All meetings are at City Hall, 541 Ruthven St, Toowoomba and the public is welcome.

Council Budget adopted

Council's 2015/16 Budget has now been adopted. For full details, please go to www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/budget

New Community Grants available

Community groups, not-for-profits and sporting clubs are invited to apply for funding through Toowoomba Regional Council's Community Grants Program. Round 1 of the 2015/16 program opens on July 1 with applications needing to be received by August 1. There are six grant programs administered by Council:

- Community Support
- Events Support
- Sport and Recreation
- Sports Tourism
- Cultural and Arts
- Environmental

For more information on the grant program, eligibility and guidelines visit <http://trcgov.info/community-services/grants-and-funding>. For assistance with your application, contact 131 872. The 2014/15 Community Grants Program funded 117 applications worth \$584,792.05, over two funding rounds.

Call for Festival stallholders, volunteers

Stallholders, performers and volunteers are invited to register places for this year's 10th Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival on Sunday, August 9. Application forms for all categories can be downloaded at www.tlcfestival.com.au. The festival celebrating the Toowoomba region's diverse cultural communities runs from 10am to 4pm at lower Queens Park, Toowoomba. The day features music and dance shows from scores of cultural groups with a wide array of international food stalls, markets, art exhibitions, a Health and Wellness Expo and a multi-faith display. An Indian theme is the 2015 highlight.

Looking for a healthier you?

The Change Project can help you introduce healthy changes into your life by providing programs to help you be active, eat well and live well. Find out more about events in your area at www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/change

Get tips on saving data

Want to know more about data usage on your smartphone, tablet or mobile wifi modem? Telstra is running sessions to show you some tips and hints to limit the use of data on your devices. After the session, you can talk to the experts to get those questions answered and get one-on-one assistance with your device! Toowoomba session: [Toowoomba City Library](http://ToowoombaCityLibrary)
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Regional Access and Disability Advisory Committee (RADAC)

The committee meets at 10.30am-12.30pm in the Groom Room City Hall, Toowoomba on the second Monday of each month (excluding public holidays). Members of the public are invited to attend. Any access issues or enquiries can be directed to Kirsten Casey on 131 872 or Kirsten.Casey@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au

Tackle illegal graffiti – call GraffitiSTOP

GraffitiSTOP is a statewide service funded by the Queensland Department of Local Government to combat illegal graffiti in our community. If you have graffiti you wish to report, please contact the hotline on 1300 Graffiti (1300 472 334) or visit the GraffitiSTOP website. And don't forget that free Graffiti Removal Kits are available for collection from TRC Customer Service Centres around the region.

Don't miss waste collection service

Residents are reminded that waste collection trucks are working in TRC streets as early as 6am (5am in the CBD). Truck routes do change, so your wheelie bin collection could be earlier than you are used to. To make certain you don't miss out on your collection service, please ensure you have your bin out by 6am on your designated collection day. For more information please call 131 872.

Community Conversations

The next Councillor visit at the Crows Nest meeting room to discuss issues/concerns relating to the Crows Nest District is on **Friday, July 17 from 9.30am-11am.**
Cr Geoff McDonald will meet with residents. Please call 131 872 to arrange an appointment.

TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Please include full name, address and daytime phone number. Letters are accepted on the understanding they could be edited for grammar, punctuation, spelling, repetition, verbosity, legal considerations, etc. The Herald policy is to maintain the writer's intent in all correspondence, subject to the conditions above. Letters are treated confidentially. Under no circumstances are they referred to third parties before publication. The editor may accept or reject letters without further reference to the writer. Preference is given to shorter letters, fewer than 200 words, published with the writer's name. Pen names are subject to individual consideration. Herald management neither agrees nor disagrees with views expressed by writers.

School bus solution

All traffic, including buses, are required to exit Toowoomba Christian College and head north along the New England Highway. Those car drivers needing to turn south are able to do so at a purpose-built U turn about 150 metres north of the school.

Unfortunately, buses and trucks of any size, heading back to Toowoomba, cannot perform a U turn there so need to find a way through the built up streets of the southern residential districts of Highfields.

For nearly 18 months now, these heavy vehicles have exited the highway left into Mitchell Road, turned right into Palmer Drive, right into Flamingo Drive, right again into Cawdor Road then gone through the traffic lights at the intersection of Cawdor Road and the New England Highway before eventually being able to travel in a southerly direction.

For most school weeks that accounts for more than 40 buses, coaches and trucks, all travelling along these streets, past an increasing number of homes where children are playing, using roads not really intended for such

heavy frequent vehicles and generally making a noise, creating pollution and removing the peaceful enjoyment we as residents are entitled to expect.

This outcome of the MRD's guidelines is perhaps an aspect which was not given adequate consideration. There is a solution however. I ask Toowoomba Regional Council to consider altering the exit into Dau Road from the highway to the north of the Cawdor Road traffic lights, from one-way in only, to two-way, thereby allowing these heavy vehicles to turn right into Dau Road at the lights and re-enter the highway just north of the lights.

The driver's vision at that point is well over 500 meters as the highway is straight and flat, so a safe entry to the south bound lane can be readily achieved.

This seems a relatively quick and cost effective solution to a problem which will only grow as the College grows and the need for additional bus services expands. - **James Norton, J.P.(Qual) Facilities and WH and S Officer, Toowoomba Christian College.**

Happy Valley development

In reference to recently published articles in the High Country Herald, we would like to apologise for the obvious angst and stress we seem to have caused some residents of Cabarlah and Highfields.

We would like to state that at no time did we intend to upset anyone. We would like to address some of the individual statements in the various articles.

The area in question did not contain significant or 200-year-old trees. The cleared trees were re-growth after heavy logging in the past. This property contains significant areas of remnant vegetation none of which have been or will be touched.

In regards to the fires and subsequent complaints, I can confirm that we had all appropriate approvals and permits in place for burning on all occasions. We had inspections by the fire brigade, staff on site for the whole time, water trucks and heavy equipment standing by.

Although the property is currently a cattle farm, between now and Christmas, after the operational works approval, we will be commencing road works with the intention of developing one of the most prestigious escarpment developments to date within the Highfields-Cabarlah area.

The roads will all be first grade hot mix, with full kerb and channelling. The streets will be lined with an additional 60 established trees and there will be concrete footpaths

through the 2 km of road within the subdivision.

All allotments have been carefully planned by our surveyor who varied the lot sizes to give all owners the opportunity to make the best of their land and the views.

Nearly all of the 57 lots have flat building sites and the majority of blocks have sensational views over the valley, including glimpses of Tabletop Mountain.

Due to the current planning scheme being amended, this development will likely be the last of the one-acre lots available on the range side of Highfields. The style of housing on large blocks is a large part of what gives Highfields-Cabarlah its appeal and we, as developers, are very conscious of the fact that the semi-rural aspects should be preserved wherever possible.

We will spend millions of dollars to ensure this development is the very best it can be and estimate that it will bring in over 30 million dollars into the area and provide in excess of 50 jobs over the next few years.

This will surely provide a significant boost to the local economy. We acknowledge that, unfortunately, some people will never be happy with what we are doing and this is regretful.

However, there will be many, many more people who are able to enjoy the benefits of this area in the future. - **Directors, Highfields Happy Valley Views Pty Ltd.**

Govt's Acland response disappoints MP

I am extremely disappointed with the response I received from the Labor Government in relation to the future of the Acland Mine.

I asked a Question on Notice of the Premier in Parliament in mid-May about whether the Labor Government would secure up to 700 jobs by clarifying the Government's intentions for amended Acland Stage Three project, which was independently assessed by the Co-ordinator-General.

The response I received was disappointing to say the least. It is just two sentences long and makes no reference to jobs.

It just says they are still completing their review.

I would have expected more from the Premier of Queensland and I would have expected more respect for the workers and their families who are waiting in limbo to see if they will still have their jobs.

This government keeps telling us jobs are a priority, but this response flies in the face of that.

I don't think the current Labor Government understands the importance of this project to the local economy. - **Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango.**

Indian mynah pest

Indian mynah birds are also known as flying cane toads. They are equally obnoxious.

I have personally seen them literally force pale headed rosellas with young ones out of their nest to use the nest themselves.

Goodness only knows how many other native birds have similarly been evicted.

Canberra was overrun with these imported pests but concerted trapping has reduced the numbers considerably and some areas are now free of

Indian mynahs.

Surely it would be possible to achieve similar results here if enough people start trapping.

We have purchased a trap made locally at the Highfields Mens Shed and have proved its effectiveness.



But many traps are needed to have an overall benefit.

Hopefully, more people will take action and we can really reduce the numbers of Indian mynahs and give our native birds a better go. By the way, I am not a member of the Men's Shed. - **Cec Pring, Highfields.**

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Highfields couples meet Land Rover royalty

By MILES NOLLER

Land Rover owners from Highfields have joined celebrations to mark 67 years of Land Rover manufacture.

Rob and Ferne Callow, and Daryl and Donna Brooker have early model Land Rovers that they left back in Highfields, but joined other owners for the rally and celebrations at Mulgowie in the Lockyer Valley.

In doing so, they met Land Rover royalty, engineer Arthur Goddard, the man responsible for much of the design work of the first Land Rover in 1948, and the Series One Land Rovers which continued until 1957-58.

He gained his engineering qualifications in Liverpool and joined the Rover organisation in 1945, working on aircraft engine design, and also worked on adapting the Rolls Royce Merlin engine to an eight cylinder meteor engine for use in tanks.

Mr Goddard, now aged 95, lives in Brisbane, and goes to work every day in a business he established in Wynnum that makes off-road suspensions, trailer and caravan hitches and other components.

He left the Land Rover organisation in 1957 and joined the Lucas Girling brake components manufacturer.

In 1970 he moved to Australia where he became managing director of Lucas Girling, but later established his own business in Wynnum in which his family members are involved.

Last Saturday's rally, apart from being a weekend run from Brisbane to Mulgowie for the "slow" Series One Land Rovers, also celebrated 67 years of Land Rover, at a time when production of the Land Rover Defender in England is about to end.

That's what most thought. But Mr Goddard said he had been reliably informed that production might continue. The problem, it seems is that the strong, rigid box chassis of the Land Rover does not crumple in a crash.

Modern designers, apparently, like good crumple rates and the use of air bags, and Mr Goddard thinks the Land Rover design can be modified suitably.

A highlight on Saturday for Mr Goddard was the appearance at the rally of a Royal

Review Land Rover, which was bought to Australia for the Queen's visit in 1954. The one at Mulgowie was restored by Keith Cree of Kilkivan, and was one of six sent to Australia for the royal tour. It is resplendent in its royal claret paintwork and bearing a crown emblem on the front bumper.

Mr Goddard supervised the design and construction of the Royal Review Land Rovers in England in 1953 and recounted how he managed to obtain body measurements of the Queen and Prince Phillip so the heights of the seats and resting rails were correct.

In the end it was simple

enough, with the royal couple trying a couple of seats for comfort, and observant engineers then moved in with their tape measures when the royals left.

In a letter from Buckingham Palace last year to the Land Rover organisation, the Queen asked that her good wishes be conveyed to Arthur Goddard.

The Land Rover was designed for agriculture and the military, and the company's involvement at the 1948 Amsterdam Motor Show made company officials realise their production line had to be improved. There was an order of 1000 by the Belgian army, followed by good orders by

the UK and interest by the Yugoslav and Spanish armies.

Australia bought 800 Land Rovers for the Snowy Mountains project. The Series One vehicles were initially fitted with 1600cc petrol engine, but a diesel was also available. This was increased to 2000cc in later vehicles, and the Series Two Land Rovers began in 1958 with a 2500cc engine. There were Series 2A and Series 3 models and the Defender name is used on the latest models. Ownership of Land Rover began with Rover. There was a change but ownership remained in Britain, until BMW bought the business. Ford then took over, but today, the Indian manufacturer Tata owns Land Rover.



Arthur Goddard, the engineer responsible for much of the design work of the first Land Rover and subsequent Series One models. Mr Goddard, now aged 95, moved to Australia in 1970, and continues to go to work every day, at his family's factory at Wynnum in Brisbane.



President of the Series Landy Owners group, Daniel Dienes, with a shield recognising Arthur Goddard as patron of the group, which caters for Land Rover owners, particularly those with Series One vehicles.



Rob and Ferne Callow of Highfields, in the front seat of one of the Royal Review Land Rovers which were brought to Australia for the Queen's 1954 tour of the country. Standing where the Queen and Prince Phillip would have stood, are Daniel Dienes (left) the president of the Series Landy Owners group, and Arthur Goddard, the engineer responsible for the design of the first Land Rovers. The 95 year old engineer now lives in Brisbane.



Daryl and Donna Brooker of Highfields with a 1950 Series One Land Rover, at the Series Landy Owners group rally at Mulgowie in the Lockyer Valley on Saturday. The Brookers have a similar vehicle back home at Highfields. This Land Rover, owned by Wayne Tupicoff of Brisbane was being used at the display to pump water through the vehicle's rear PTO.

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Value of conference tourism to the region

Toowoomba Regional Council has launched *Toowoomba Conferences*, a conference guide to boost business tourism.

The guide showcases the Toowoomba region as a great meeting destination with information for meeting planners about venues, accommodation, services, destination experiences and food and wine outlets.

Produced by the business tourism bureau, *Toowoomba Conferences* is a 24-page guide to the best the Toowoomba re-

gion can offer groups planning to visit the region. The guide is a handy helper for meeting or conference organisers located in the region or elsewhere.

Using the tagline, "Meet somewhere fresh," the guide encourages event organisers to consider Toowoomba as a meeting destination, rather than the usual beach and urban locations.

Cr Geoff McDonald launched the guide, saying the growth of business tourism continued buoyant.

"Business tourism is going from strength to strength, growing 24 percent over the past two years to September 2014 and with 30 percent of all visitors now here for business," Cr McDonald said.

"Business visitors contribute nearly \$300 million in expenditure in the Southern Queensland Country region.

"As the region's largest centre, Toowoomba receives tremendous benefit from business visitors."

Business tourism comprises individual travellers as well as groups from associations, sporting, corporate or government organisations getting together for meetings, con-

ferences, trade shows, workshops, seminars or training.

"Business travellers provide tremendous economic benefits to small and medium enterprises.

"They contribute the largest share of tourism expenditure of all tourism sectors, staying the longest and providing the region's highest yield," Cr McDonald said.

Each domestic overnight visitor spends \$562.58 on accommodation, catering, travel and professional services.

Toowoomba Conferences facilitates groups meeting in the region. It provides a free service to meeting and event organ-

isers that matches their needs with the facilities and services available.

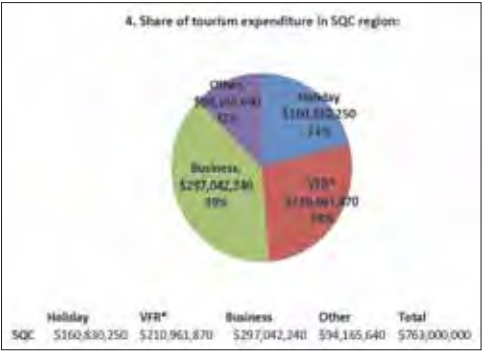
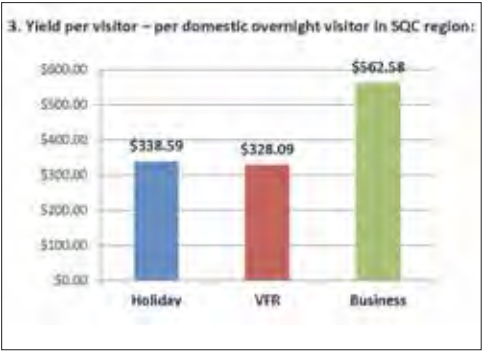
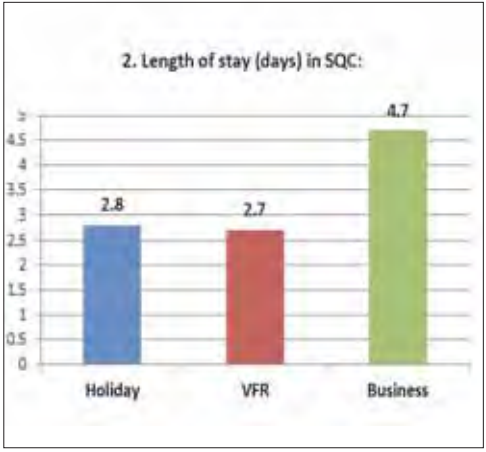
Highfields Cultural Centre co-ordinator Renee Blackburn said: "The new conference guide will help raise the profile of Toowoomba as a quality meeting destination with a great environment and vibrant industry for business visits."

A digital version of the guide is available at <http://www.toowoombaconferences.com.au/toowoomba-conferences-guide-digital-download/>

Hard copies can be ordered via email at conferences@sqct.com.au or by telephoning 4632 1988.



Cr Geoff McDonald and Highfields Cultural Centre co-ordinator Renee Blackburn.



How you can help CareFlight

The community can help CareFlight improve response times.

The RACQ CareFlight Rescue helicopter can respond to critical emergencies in just six minutes.

CareFlight Pilot Simon Newman says there are simple things the community can do to help CareFlight respond even faster in emergency situations.

"Everything we do focuses on reducing response times and maximising patient benefit," Mr Newman said.

"This may sound obvious but it is extremely useful to us if we can obtain an exact address, or reliable latitude and longitude, major features or landmarks that can be seen from the air. It's also really handy to have a contact number for someone at the scene, even better if it's a property owner, as they will have good local knowledge.

"While the crew will always assess the suitability of the landing zone, a description of the weather and any obstacles close by such as

power lines is always very useful to us also," Mr Newman said. Mr Newman and his team want the community to take note of his advice in case CareFlight is ever called out to rescue a friend or relative.

"No one ever wants to be on the receiving end of the CareFlight service," he said.

"But having the community familiar with what we need from them in these emergency situations will make our response times even quicker and we'll be able to get patients to the critical care they desperately need even faster, with your help.

"Anything we can do to make the rescue process more efficient will benefit the 1400 people a year who use CareFlight services," he said.

Bridge of Light Hair Studio theme days



On the last Friday of each month, the team at Bridge of Light Hair Studio, Highfields, dress in theme and donate 30 percent from the day's takings to charity. For June, Maycee Jones, Jen Muggleton, Philisha Jeffcoat and Montana Apps dressed 80s style and will donate to Suicide Prevention and Beyond Blue. In May, when the theme was a Pyjama Day, their donation was to Breast Cancer Support. All clients who also dress in theme on the day receive a 50 percent discount voucher towards their next service.

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Kulpi school prepares for centenary

Kulpi State School will be 100 years old in August and the planned celebrations have been boosted with funding for two barbecues.

The centenary celebrations are planned for Saturday, August 8, and in preparation for the event, the P. and C. is organising a barbecue food stall.

But it had problem. The only barbecue it could find was old, rusty and unhygienic. But the Heritage Bank and PCCN came to the rescue with a sponsorship, along with Craig's Highfields Hardware which supplied two barbecues and delivered them to the school.

In its application to Heritage/PCCN for assistance, the Kulpi P. and C. and school principal Rosita Lever said 600 visitors were expected to attend the celebrations.

"We could borrow barbecues from other groups or privately," Mrs Lever said.

"However, with the strict regulations around hygiene (part of our risk management) and the desire to present all food to the highest standard, we are keen to have new barbecues to cook on."



New barbecues have been presented to the Kulpi State School P. and C. in readiness for the school centenary celebrations on Saturday, August 8. At the presentation are Jeff Ryan, Craig's Highfields Hardware, Ken Gordon, P. and C. treasurer, Abbey Grams, school captain, Leanne Murphy, Heritage Bank, and Rosita Lever, school principal.

All money raised from the barbecue will go to the P. and C. to be spent on the students.

Kulpi is the last remaining school in the region. Neighboring schools including Acland, Rosalie, Peranga, Evergreen, Mt Darry and Berndale have all closed.

Kulpi currently has 11 students but it is an active school and is a Stephanie Alexander school, with vegetable gardens and a student kitchen.

From the 1950s to 1970s, Kulpi School had enrolments of 110 or more, with as many as 50 students in one classroom.

Kulpi works closely with adjoining communities to support one another.

Other groups have been invited to run food stalls at the centenary celebrations.

These include the Brymaroo Campdraft Committee, Quinalow P. and C. Association, the MacLagan Kindy,

and the local Scouts Group. Mrs Lever said the Kulpi P. and C. was reliant on these groups, because it had a small parent body of just nine families.

A book about the Kulpi school and community will be available for purchase at the celebrations.

Megan O'Hara Sullivan is standing for council



Optometrist Megan O'Hara Sullivan, left, has announced her intention to nominate as a candidate for councillor at the 2016 Toowoomba Regional Council Local Government election.

"I'm putting my hand up because I believe I can make a difference," Ms O'Hara Sullivan said.

"As a former councillor, mother of five and a local small business owner, I understand our community and

believe I have a lot to offer.

"The current council hasn't listened, particularly when it comes to development approvals, heritage and parking in the CBD.

"Toowoomba and the Downs is a great place to live, work and raise a family and we're on the cusp of something great but we need a team on council that is both visionary and prepared to listen.

If elected to council Ms O'Hara Sullivan said she

would work to:

- Create work and study opportunities for young people and families.

- Find a solution to parking and traffic congestion in the CBD by working with local businesses.

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POLICE BEAT

A traffic operation was held in the Crows Nest Police Division on Friday.

Crows Nest police were assisted by Goombungee Police and the Toowoomba Road Policing Unit. There were a significant number of traffic infringement notices issued, with the majority for Fatal Five offences - drink driving, driving without a licence, and driving an unregistered/uninsured motor vehicle. Three drivers were intercepted and returned a positive roadside drug test. These offenders will now appear in the Toowoomba Magistrates Court in the coming months.

Because of the apparent disregard of the road rules by a minority of community, police said this type of operation will be held again in the very near future.

That was the first night of the June/July school holidays, so it can be expected that there will be an increase in traffic on the roads over the next few weeks.

Police implored all drivers to drive safely, observe speed limits, drive to the road and weather conditions, and don't get behind the wheel with alcohol or drugs in your system.

USQ archaeologists dig into Queens Park

What lies deep beneath Queens Park will be unearthed in a University of Southern Queensland dig this week.

A team from USQ will begin an archaeological excavation to uncover and document the foundations of the old conservatory site near the Campbell Street entrance.

Project leader USQ Associate Professor Lara Lamb (Anthropology and Archaeology) said the work was being undertaken in the Toowoomba Regional Council's program of upgrades.

"The council is very interested in documenting the park's cultural heritage and the conservatory was an important part of that heritage," Associate Professor Lamb said.

"The conservatory was built in 1891 and was not demolished until 1979, according to several sources.

"It was built during botanical research undertaken from the 1870s onwards, after the park was gazetted as



a public reserve in 1869."

Associate Professor Lamb will lead the excavation assisted by Professor Bryce Barker and a team of USQ students. Assoc. Prof. Lamb said the team would search for evidence of stone or brick foundations and the original flooring.

There may also be traces of the plants once kept in the conservatory.

"It's an exciting endeavour. We are very pleased to be working with Toowoomba Regional Council on this," Associate Professor Lamb said.

The excavation will be conducted from June 29 to July 3 and will be viewable to the public.

Anyone in possession of photographs or stories about the conservatory are invited to contact Associate Professor Lamb via lara.lamb@usq.edu.au.



Prof. BRYCE BAKER and Assoc. Prof. LARA LAMB

Crows Nest police report increase in rural crime

Crows Nest police have identified an increase in rural property crime over the past two months.

Unoccupied houses and sheds have been entered and large amounts of property have been taken.

The recent spate highlights the importance of home and rural business security.

"By locking doors and securing valuables, even if you are only out for a short time, it will help to reduce the incidence of break and enters and theft in the area," police said.

There has been a noticed increase in drug activity in the area.

Police appeal to anyone with any information that may assist in combating this problem, no matter how trivial it may sound, to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Crows Nest Police on 4698 1420.

Recent traffic crashes and evidence based on police traffic enforcement have identified that speeding and traffic related offences in the division are still a problem.

Police are actively targeting speeding and safety offences such as stop signs and seatbelts, not only on the New England Highway, but in the town and on rural connecting roads.

Please slow down, drive within your abilities and drive to the road conditions.

Anyone with information which could assist with these matters should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or crimestoppers.com.au

Bob Hawke talks to business people at Wellcamp

Former Prime Minister Bob Hawke was the guest speaker at a lunch at Wellcamp Airport addressing hundreds of representatives of companies and groups interested in exporting to China.

Mr Hawke, who was

Prime Minister from 1983 to 1992, has maintained commercial links with China, and is about to undertake his 102nd trip to the country.

He advised Australian companies and groups to en-

gage joint venture brokers in China, rather than going in cold, to secure successful partnerships.

Mr Hawke also urged political leaders to improve debate about these issues, rather

than playing politics on every issue. He said food products and agriculture were on track to replace some of the resources exports to China and the Toowoomba region was in a good position to capitalise on this trade.

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• Cobb and Co

Stories from 150 years of Queensland railways at Cobb and Co Museum will celebrate the 150th anniversary of rail in Queensland. Cobb and Co Museum's Curator Conversation presents some of the lesser known stories of life on the track on Wednesday, July 1, at 2pm.

Curator Conversation guest presenter Dr Geraldine Mate said the opening of the first Queensland rail line on July 31, 1865, between Ipswich and Bigge's Camp (later renamed Grandchester), was a significant event in the region's history.

Dr Mate said being able to quickly and easily move people and goods around the State had a profound impact on people's lives and livelihoods.

Dr Mate is the Queensland Museum's Senior Curator of Transport and Energy, based at The Workshops Rail Museum in Ipswich.

She has a particular inter-



Queensland steam train circa 1878

est in the social influences in the adaption and selection of technology.

"It is this human dimension to the development of rail, the subsequent social and economic impact of this technology on communities, that really interests me.

"I will share some of the lesser known stories of Queensland's rail history and

how it changed the lives of everyday people."

Contact Cobb and Co Museum on 4659 4900 or visit www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au.

Cobb and Co Museum is Located in Lindsay Street, Toowoomba, the museum is open daily from 10am to 4pm.

• Tooth fairy



Children at Highfields Early Learning Centre had a visit from the Tooth Fairy who gave the children advice on dental care.

• Garden club

Highfields Garden Club held their annual general meeting at Reflections Lake Cooby on June 17.

Although the weather wasn't great with a bit of drizzly rain, there was a good attendance and it was a very enjoyable day.

Dr Adrian Allen was guest speaker.

His topic, the role of water as a feature in the garden, accompanied by many slides of famous garden water features from round the world, was very interesting and informative.

Our next meeting on July 17 is the bus trip to Jonicia Gardens at Logan reserve.

Participants please be at St Anne's carpark from 7.30am for registration and loading as the bus will leave at 8am.

• Art exhibition

Three artist friends, Vivienne Boland, Maureen Berry and Helen Harris, will hold an exhibition from June 30 to July 26 at the Culliford Gallery, 1 Godsall Street, Toowoomba.

Although these people are happy and carefree, they take their art very seriously.

In fact, they love to try new media and styles to create different and interesting art.

On display are retrospective and recent works.

Exhibition opening hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am to noon, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 2pm.

All are welcome to attend the official opening of Then and Now at 2pm on Sunday, July 5.

Entry is free and refreshments are provided. Artworks are for sale.

• Conveyor for Guides glass recycling



District manager for Goombungee Girl Guides Judy Hartwig presents a cheque to Ron McKay of Macklin Products. Also present are Laura Barnes, Support Group president, and Norrie Albury, Support Group treasurer.

Goombungee Girl Guides have taken delivery of a conveyor belt for their glass recycling area in their Guide Hut grounds.

The conveyor belt allows bottles to be carried to the top of their glass crushing machine, alleviating the need to have someone lift and tip heavy boxes of recycled glass into the machine.

In a generation where families are time poor and fathers have little spare time, this will mean that consistent keeping up with processing donations of glass will now be possible.

The Girl Guide Movement is a youth organisation for girls and young women, mentored by female adult leaders. This new conveyor belt will mean that female members can easily keep the recycling process going.

Goombungee Girl Guides have been recycling glass and aluminium cans since 2004

when the Goombungee Scouts passed on the running of the facility to them.

The purpose built conveyor belt was designed, built and delivered by Ron McKay of Macklin Products, Dalby at a cost of \$4620.

The funds for the conveyor belt were provided through a grant from Heritage Bank following their annual charity golf day held in Toowoomba on November 28, 2014.

Girl Guide leader and Support Group treasurer Norrie Albury said, "We are very excited to be able to continue providing this service to our local community in a sustainable manner."

"Because the conveyor belt will create a much safer recycling environment, our youth members will actually be able to observe the process. Making good choices for the environment is a cause that is important to the Guiding Movement."

• Trivia supports hospital



More than 140 trivia players at Toowoomba Sports Club raised \$3372.80 at the 4GR sponsored Give Me Five for Kids trivia night in aid of Toowoomba Children's Hospital. ABOVE: Tammy Wilson and Melanie Coultas from Toowoomba Hospital Foundation and Ian Evans from Toowoomba Sports Club.

• Knitters brighten patients' days

Toowoomba Hospital volunteer Barb Mathews is in a group that is helping to make a stay in hospital a little easier for young patients.

"When I was approached about making pillow teddies for children going into the Paediatric Unit at Toowoomba Hospital, I knew it would be too much for one person so I brought the idea

to the knitting and crocheting group at East Creek Community Centre," Barb said.

"Everyone in the group has been happy to help with knitting these teddies because we know they bring a smile to the faces of the little ones who have to spend some time in hospital."

Jeff Reeves, Nurse Unit Manager of Toowoomba Hospital's Paediatric Unit, said the pillow teddies provided a great boost to young patients.

"This is a truly thoughtful initiative and we're very thankful to the East Creek Community Centre knitting group," Mr Reeves said.

"It's great to be able to give the kids something that they can enjoy while they're here and then take home with them."

The knitting and crocheting group also made beanies for babies in the special care



nursery and knitted caps for palliative care patients.

"It's a way to let the families and patients know that someone cares and is thinking of them," Barb said.

"We also have a group that makes blankets out of recycled jumpers and other donated materials, and these are donated to the homeless, to refugees, people in refuges or crisis care, children in foster care, and victims of disasters overseas, such as the people affected recently by Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu."

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ACROSS

- Glides on water
- Milking shed
- Hamburger meat
- Punches
- Articles of faith
- In the style of (1,2)
- Game bird
- Lanky
- Argue against
- Amongst
- Fastener
- Rosters
- Pre-Easter period
- Note
- Tormented

DOWN

- Lived
- Cute animal
- TV channel
- Decode
- Frizzy hairstyle
- Weeps over
- Ferocious feline
- Desperado
- Asla's neighbour
- Respectable
- Made shiny
- For the reason that
- Particle
- Tiled lady
- Fling

Sudoku Number 688

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Sudoku Difficulty Level - Medium

SUDOKU RULES

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

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I	M	P	S	E	E	G	G		1	8	3	6	5	9	2	4	7
D	U	S	T	P	A	N	A		6	2	7	1	8	4	3	5	9
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S	E	E	S		C	U	E	S	3	5	9	4	6	1	8	7	2
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Solutions to Crossword and Sudoku No. 687



Mayor Paul Antonio at the 25th anniversary of Crows Nest Meals on Wheels with president Lesley Somerville and long serving members Kay Gossow, Narelle and Des Brown and June Smoothy.



Brian and Libbie Birt and Frank Thichtener.



Betty Thichtener and Jan Blay.



Mayor Paul Antonio with vice president Ross Plant and Craig Allen.

President looks back on 25 years of Meals on Wheels at Crows Nest

I welcome our special guests, Mayor Paul Antonio and Mrs Judy Antonio, Debbie Dennien Regional Support Officer for Queensland Meals on Wheels, clients, the staff from Churches of Christ, Ann and Neil Lomas, and, of course, all our volunteers.

Thanks to a generous community in Crows Nest and District, Meals on Wheels got off to an excellent financial state and flourished. The Lions Club donated the first meetings. The Crows Nest Shire Council provided a free meeting venue as well as guiding our secretary through the incorporation puzzle.

Thirty of those present on November 29, 1989, became financial members. Other organisations held fund raisers. Last, but not least 158 volunteers have donated their time and resources to provide meals to keep residents in their own homes as long as possible.

Our first delivery was by Narelle and Des Brown on April 2, 1990 and we started with six clients. The numbers have naturally fluctuated since then.

On April 10, 2002, Avril Willis and Sue Pechey delivered 23 meals locally by 12.15pm. Another five frozen meals were sent to Cooyar, making our highest total for one day being 28 meals. The first committee comprised Werner Abel as president, Pat Williams as treasurer and June Smoothy as secretary and were ably assisted by our first co-ordinator Clare Stark who ar-

ranged for meals to be provided by the Grand Hotel for the first years, and later by the Churches of Christ Community kitchen who still do their best to cater for clients' individual needs.

Kay Gossow has fulfilled the role of roster clerk for the 25 plus years we have been operating.

At first, she managed the volunteer delivery rosters as well as the clients' meal delivery roster. Our co-ordinators over the years have been Clare Stark for the first 15 years, Sue Paterson, who took over for the next three years, and then Jane Smith

together with June covered this position until Charmaine Wilson took over.

Kate Manning, our current co-ordinator joined the service five years ago. Jane Smith joined as a volunteer in 1992 and replaced Werner Abel as president.

I was vice president when Jane resigned just before our 20th anniversary and took over the role as president and remain so to this day.

Other vice presidents who have served over the 25 years were Laureen Roberts, Jane Smith, Narelle Brown, Beverley Stewart and our current vice president Ross Plant.

Past treasurer Pat Williams' position was taken over by Avril Willis in 2001 and Avril's knowledge of computers as well as financial management has been invaluable in this day of government red tape which has greatly increased over the 25 years.

Claudette Prodger replaced June as secretary in 2010 and together with Ross, Avril and

myself we have the unenviable task of coping with all this red tape and we are very thankful for all the help Queensland MOW's head office and RSO Debbie Dennien's support.

I would also like to thank Ann and Neil for their continued support in the High Country Herald.

I would like to thank the people who helped to make

today such a success - Dawn Eldridge for the beautiful centrepieces and corsages, Shirley Cronk for the anniversary cake, the Old Crow Hotel for the meals, the Boys Brigade for doing such a great job in serving the meals, the men for helping us set up this morning and Claudette Prodger for all the organisation in putting the day together. - **Lesley Somerville.**

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Bush band in concert at Pioneer Village

Bushbands are few and far between in this day and age but were once a dime a dozen in the pioneering era with bush dances being the main source of entertainment for our early settlers in Australia.

The Cactoblastis Bushband, pictured below, is reviving the old tradition of bush music in Australia. Their music takes you back to a time when music celebrated life, an inheritance from Irish, English and Scottish ancestors.

The band was formed by John and Sandy Whybird in Chinchilla in the 1980s.

Their name was inspired by the sign on the Cactoblastis Memorial Hall, which celebrates the successful elimination of prickly pear in the area by the cactoblastis grub, released in 1926 and still known today as the most effective means of the biological control of pests worldwide.

The Whybird family moved to Toowoomba in 2000 and continued to

perform at many local events. John plays guitar and Sandy performs on the mandolin.

Their son, Daniel, provides percussion on lagerphone and tambourine.

They often enlist the skills of bass player, Kenn Zerner and have performed at Australia Day and Queensland Day celebrations, Easter concerts at the Pioneer Village at Highfields and the Highfields Block Party.

Their music includes

traditional Australian folk music, Irish tunes and songs, some country songs and more recently, original songs by John.

On July 18 the band will release their first CD, entitled Cactoblastis Moon at the Highfields Pioneer Village hall. The launch will kick off at 2pm with afternoon tea at 3pm.

Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at the door. For more information please phone the Village office on 4696 6309.



Fitting memorial for a mother who re-used and recycled everyday items

More than 40 people gathered at Carinity Lifestyle-Brownesholme Village, Highfields, on June 17 to honour a past resident and help the environment, with the unveiling of a memorial bench seat and plaque manufactured from thousands of recycled plastic bags and milk bottles.

The bench seat, which was manufactured by Australian company Replas, was purchased by the family of the late Mrs June Hill, who called Brownesholme Village her home for the last 12 years of her life.

Her daughters, Pamela Campbell and Shirley Reushle, and son Peter Hill, felt the recycled plastic bench seat was a very fitting memorial for their mother who loved the open, spacious landscaping of the Brownesholme grounds.

Mrs Hill was born in Roma and spent most of her life on properties in Western Queensland.

She loved that Brownesholme backed onto paddocks with cattle in them and that she could look out over the Bunya Mountains.

"When we decided we would like to donate a bench seat to Brownesholme as a memorial to Mum, we really liked the idea of one made from recycled plastic.

"As a country girl Mum knew the value of re-using and recycling everyday items as a practical measure, but also because it was good for the future of the environment," Shirley said.

"She loved to sit in the sun at the back of her unit and enjoy the gardens and chat to people as they passed by, so

we thought a seat for others to enjoy that same pleasure was a lovely way to honour her memory."

June's children Shirley, Peter and Pamela and their spouses were present for the unveiling of the memorial bench seat and shared the wording of the plaque, pictured, mounted in memory of their mother. "Placed in loving memory of our mother June Hill, a resident of Brownesholme for 12 years from 2002 to 2014, by her children Pamela, Peter and Shirley. Nature's beauty is beyond compare. Sit, enjoy, breathe the fresh country air."

They were joined by Brownesholme manager/chaplain Rev. Phil West, staff members and residents, as well as some of June's friends from the wider community, with everyone gathering for a morning tea following the unveiling.

Phil West said June was a remarkable woman with a wonderful sense of humour. "Until just a few months before she passed away, June was delivering the High Country Herald to mailboxes in Brownesholme.

"When her health started to let her down a bit, she told me she thought that 90 was a pretty good age to finally retire and stop working. She is certainly still missed at Brownesholme."

June, who passed away just weeks shy of her 91st birthday last June, was born in Roma, daughter to Leonard Samuel Jeffrys Ebbs and Winifred Mary Ebbs, who arrived in Aus-



Mrs HILL

tralia from England in March 1921. June's parents settled on a soldier's settlement, which had been taken up by June's Uncle Bernard (Bob) in 1919, called "Blisworth," named after a tea garden in England which Bob had frequented.

June's parents also worked on other properties around the Gennewin district picking cotton, milking cows and her father did some ringbarking. They later purchased the general store in Gunnawin to supplement the property income.

June married Albert (Bert) Hill on October 21, 1942 and together they had three children, Pamela, Peter and Shirley.

After the end of WWII, June and Bert went onto the farm as share-farmers with June's parents, receiving half of the cream cheque and half of the calves.

They later purchased "Blisworth" from June's parents. Bert passed away in 1990 and June remained at "Blisworth" until 2002 when she moved to Brownesholme.



Gloria and Peter Hill, Pam and Murdo Campbell and Shirley and John Reushle.

June's family and friends remember her as a generous, loving, kind and social woman who was cheerful, strong, practical and very family orientated.

In later years, she combined her love of family with a drive to master all things technical, keeping in contact with her family via email on her computer and iPad and text and calls on her mobile phone.

Knitting and crocheting were June's most enjoyed hobbies and many teddies, blankets, socks, beanies and other woollen creations were made for family, friends and charities.

June passed away on May 31, 2014, one month short of her 91st birthday. Her presence, sense of humour and wisdom are greatly missed by her large extended family and her friends at Brownesholme.



Council staff support workmate



Workers gathered at the Goombungee council depot to support colleague Stephen Bogg who has been battling cancer.

More than 70 work mates, friends and colleagues gathered at the Toowoomba Regional Council Goombungee works depot to show their support for Stephen Bogg who has been battling terminal male breast cancer for the past three years. Staff were able to make

a donation, a pink PPE pack, supplied by Toowoomba Regional Council's Safety Unit.



The packs include a pink beanie, McGrath Foundation safety glasses, and glove clip. Cash donations received totalled \$1533 which will be

donated to the McGrath Foundation. Everyone stood for photos, donning their pink beanie to show their support for the cause and their friend and mentor.

Boggy is known for wearing his beanie during the colder months.

The Safety Unit also conducted an information session on various topics including Dial Before You Dig plans, excavation and trench safety, while Claire Condon from Queensland Health spoke about bowel cancer awareness.

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Cowshed chaos when builders ignore farmer

Australia's newest milking shed has just been commissioned at Charlton.

It's a simple dairy and probably the first "old-fashioned" walk-through dairy shed constructed in Australia for 40 years or more.

It would not have been built, however, had the Toowoomba Regional Council not required a strip of land for the widening of O'Mara's Road to four lanes in the new Charlton Wellcamp industrial precinct.

Yet, a seemingly simple project, using designs and technology at least 50, 60 or even 70 years old, has caused so many problems for Barry and Shirley Heinemann whose family has been dairying on the site for three generations.

They are amazed how builders can fail to construct according to design plans and, as a result, when the shed is washed out twice each day, the water flows into the milk room instead of into a grated drain to a waste water pit.

When the cows first entered the shed, they slipped, because the surface of the concrete was not rough finished as specified.

Windows in the building, in both the milking shed and in the milk room, were not located according to the plans, and the concrete floor of a waste solids pit failed to meet specifications, making impossible the cleaning of the pit with tractor and loader, because the tractor could not grip on the slippery concrete.

But worst of all, the first time the cows were put in the bails, they received an electric shock, as did Barry.

He said that whenever anything touched anything metal, it received a shock.

Cows were unwilling to re-enter the shed for up to a week, and the herd bull, who came into the bails for a feed of grain, took half a mouthful, received a charge, backed out of the bail and has not been in the shed since, Barry said.

The electrician was called to fix the problem, which was a failure to earth a particular switch in the circuits.

But for days, the cows had to be pushed into the bails, some were not milked on the night in question, and Barry said their milk counts (mastitis and other factors) went up.

Two weeks later, some cows will not go into the bail where they received the electric shock.

It is the third milking shed on the farm. The first shed served his grandparents after they started dairying on the 320-acre property about 1920. It was a six-bail walk-through shed.

In 1970, a new six-bail walk-through shed was constructed and was used by Barry and Shirley until a couple of weeks ago.

This shed had been built on the O'Mara's Road boundary (to facilitate tanker pick-up) and had to be demolished for the road works.

Toowoomba Council paid for the land they resumed and also was responsible for replacing the dairy shed and associated equipment and buildings.

Barry and Shirley were happy with the council's approach to the project, but the appointed contractors did not follow the plans, Barry said.

"All I wanted was a six-bail walk-through shed. I wanted the dimensions to be the same, as the shed it replaced, with window sizes and locations to be the same,

and the plans specified a slope for the concrete floor."

But, Barry said, the builders, even though they had plans to follow, and even though they had a grated drain at one end of the shed to take the waste and wash-down water, decided to make the concrete floor level.

As a result, when the floor is hosed, the water ends up in the milk room where the refrigerated milk tank is located. Barry said that during construction, he asked questions of the builder, but the builders, it seems, did things their way.

He said that, after complaints to Toowoomba Council, the concrete floor of the milk room is to be raised so waste water does not collect in it.

Council has already taken action on the slippery, smooth concrete in the milking shed by installing rubber matting so the cows do not slip over.

Barry said that three windows in the milking shed (where the cows exit the bails) had to be the same size and location as in the previous shed. But the builder chose to place the windows much lower.

Barry said this was dangerous because the cows would try to exit through the glass. The windows were relocated (in the concrete block wall), but Barry said they are now higher than specified in the plans, and will have to be repositioned yet again.

He said the windows in the milk room also were placed higher than specified in the plans and as they were in the former milking shed, yet the builders seemed unable to comply.

Barry and Shirley have a milking herd of about 70 cows.



Barry Heinemann - Knows how a dairy shed works.

They are cross bred involving Friesian, Jersey and Illawarra genetics. They produce about 20 litres of milk, but what they lack in volume, they make up for in butter fat and protein, which results in a milk price that's four cents per litre higher than the Norco average.

He says the crossbred cows have greater longevity than high producing cows which burn out earlier. Barry and Shirley grow all their own hay and in the bails they feed grain, a proprietary mix, plus soy meal. They became Norco suppliers 18 months ago.

Barry said the big processors refuse to collect milk from small suppliers.

The dairy farm provides a monthly income as it has done for more than 95 years.

Barry has seen milking systems change from walk through bails, to herringbone and rotary systems, to robotic sheds.

But he simply wanted to

maintain the system that has been in place on the farm, a six bail double-up milker, which was supplied by Russell and Sons in Toowoomba who reconditioned a current model Alfa Laval milker.

Russells also supplied the steel bails, feeder boxes and exit gates.

Barry praised what was done by Russell and Sons, the council, and also the contractor who built the yards, loading ramp and crush.

A new hammer mill shed was also constructed, replacing the farm's first dairy shed which had been used to house the hammer mill. This milking shed also had to be demolished for the roadworks.

But remaining at the forefront of his mind are the mistakes in the construction of the dairy shed. Each day for the past 95 years, family members have spent hours each day in the milking shed of the time.

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Barry has done the same and knows how a dairy shed works best.

Yet builders seem to have assumed they knew best. Barry said the builders had two foremen on the project, and the council had three supervising foremen.

He said the council's first foreman on the project, from Brisbane, expressed surprise that cows were milked twice a day.

He had thought they would be milked every couple of days. Barry said the council's third foreman and the building contractor's second foreman were doing a very good job and were doing their utmost to rectify the problems.

However, he believes that had experienced dairy shed builders who are preferred by the Russell and Sons business, been awarded the job, these problems would not have occurred. But some of their equipment was old and, therefore the council would not award them the contract.

•Late last week the council contacted Mr Heinemann, informing him they planned to use a modern epoxy substance to resurface the floors in the milk room, and raise the floor in the milking shed to ensure they drained correctly.

• Mayor Paul Antonio said he was contacted by Mr Heinemann and he spoke to senior staff about the matter.

Cr Antonio said if the new shed is not doing what the previous shed was able to do, if it's not in keeping with the design and functionality of what was required, then there is an issue.

"I'm happy to work with senior staff to resolve this matter," he said.

"There needs to be some way for the builder to rectify the issues." - MILES NOLLER.

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Sale Date: Monday, June 22

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TOOWOOMBA CATTLE & PIG MARKET REPORT

Monday, June 22

LIMOUSIN HEIFERS 484KG REACH 293.2C

CATTLE: Numbers returned to average to 837 cattle at Elders Harristown saleyards today, Monday 22nd June. Very few bullocks yarded; bulls, cows and quality feeders remained firm. Lightweight yearling steers met strong competition. Best bulls from Felton realised 219.2c. Bullocks from Wilkes Family, Pittsworth topped at 262.2c for 578kg. Heavy bullocks 658kg also from Pittsworth topped at 243.2c while another heavy bullock 750kg ex Gowrie Mountain reached 250c. No quality heavy feeder steers yarded. The highlight of the day was a pen of 6 Limousin heifers weighing 484kg from John & Karol Wilkes sold for 293.2c to return \$1419. Best cows from Cambooya topped at 212.2c as did cows from Hursley Rd. Any of the better conditioned cows sold in excess of 200c per kg. Best trade steers A/c Bob Earl, Greenmount reached 276.2c with trade heifers from Pittsworth selling to 278.2c. Feeder Angus steers 368kg ex Southbrook sold to the trade feeders for 280.2c. Lightweight Gelbvieh cross steers from Yalangur realised 290.2c. Gelbvieh cow & calves also from Yalangur topped at \$1320.00.

PIGS: Numbers remained similar at 164 pork and bacon, regain losses from last week even with on processor not operating, sows sold firm. Heavy store pigs in short supply sold to a buoyant market making \$190 per head. Prime Pork 334c, Prime Light Bacon 3.05c, Prime Bacon 3.00c, Sows to 128c, Forward Stores \$190, Weaners \$110, Suckers \$82.

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ABOVE: Old car line-up included two-door Monaros, Chev truck, John Deere tractor, and a 1930 Buick.
LEFT: Hedley Dearling with his 1930 Buick.
RIGHT: Erina and Barry Frieberg. Barry makes model trucks from recycled timber.



ABOVE: Highfields Venturer Scouts Connor Jackson and John and Ton Flanagan.
LEFT: C.J. Jackson and son Alexander.
RIGHT: Lloyd and Anne-Maree Goulter Goulter, Highfields Venturer Scout Leaders.



Muntapa tunnel upgrade makes it easier for tourists

Access to the heritage-listed Cooyar-Muntapa railway tunnel has been improved, making it easier for visitors to experience one of the Toowoomba region's unique tourist attractions.

The concrete tunnel, between Kulpi and Cooyar, is Queensland's longest straight railway tunnel at 287 metres. It is located in a deep cutting on the Oakey to Cooyar branch rail line that was opened in 1913 and closed in 1964.

Cr Sue Englart said the improvements included installation of a metal staircase to provide safer access and reduce environmental degradation such as erosion and trampling of vegetation.

"The walking track leading to the tunnel has been re-aligned to make a circuit trail and an accessible path has been provided to the lookout to cater for people with a disability," Cr Englart said.

"The tunnel, pictured, is home to a colony of bent-winged bats (*Miniopterus Schreibersii*) and this work provides better access while protecting the micro bats and the cultural heritage of the area."

Cr Englart said the Cooyar-Muntapa railway tunnel was the only tunnel in Queensland that crossed the summit of the Great Dividing Range.

"The rail line was built to support small scale agriculture in the area and to provide access to timber reserves at Blackbutt and Nanango," she said.

"The tunnel serves as a lasting reminder of our pioneering days and the role of the railways in developing our region."

"Having a unique tunnel in such a secluded location makes a trip to the site a great experience for visitors."

The picnic area near the tunnel features a large open space with a picnic table, gas barbecue and waterless toilet and shelter.

Due to the isolated nature of the location there is no water supply.

Once on site, new signage will help visitors to find their way to the tunnel.

There is also interpretive signage throughout the park which includes information about the history of the rail line.

The tunnel is located about 40km north of Oakey adjacent to the Narko-Nutgrove Road, which runs off the Oakey-Cooyar Road.



Writer suggests re-think on free trade agreements

Mr Bruce Scott (Herald 23/6/15) seems to be abysmally ignorant of the current state of Australian agriculture. If he was a city member, we could excuse him but he represents the seat of Maranoa which covers almost half of Queensland.

It has a significant percentage of the national cattle herd and also the national feedlot capacity.

Phil Holmes has just finished reporting on the financial situation of the northern beef industry and claims that only 20 percent of the northern beef producers are truly profitable.

I would suggest this finding applies to most other agricultural sectors.

Mr Scott and the LNP should hang their heads in shame that they have so poorly represented their traditional bush supporters that the industry is in such a poor situation.

It could be said that this is policy failure on a massive scale and Australia should be worried.

However, we continue down the path of unfettered free trade with the free trade agreement with China and the Trans Pacific Partnership.

The TPP has been conducted in absolute secrecy. All these agreements seem to be giving overseas interests (mostly Government backed) equal footing or rights to our own citizens.

Very few other countries give away these rights.

We seem to export our best food and import the worst for ourselves. We are now a net importer of processed sea food, for example.

We seem to be continuing down the path of feeding Asia when we should be concentrating on securing our own future. The bush is now highly dependent on backpackers and our youth underutilisation is uncomfortably high.

Have we led our youth into believing that they can have the CEO highly paid jobs without undergoing an apprenticeship.

Entry level jobs may be lowly paid but do provide employment and real life learning that you do have to turn up and work in a team and someone has to do the dirty jobs.

Why also have so many of the jobs in meatworks, once a well regarded and well paid job, now mostly done by 457 workers?

The huge beef exports to China were due largely to the prolonged drought.

Is this sustainable while providing resilient food supplies to a growing Australian population? Dairy product prices have gone off the boil.

Maybe we should be playing brinkmanship and see how important our food is to Asia, or are they just buying on opportunistic prices.

USA cattlemen get much more for their cattle, yet the consumer pays less than us. Why?

Why did our forefathers set up marketing boards and co-ops so many years ago?

I would suggest they did so to capture the downstream profits. We thought we were smart and dismantled these bodies, so the profits now go elsewhere and generally overseas.

Maybe we need to rethink current economic philosophy which has so failed us. The bottom line is that farming is not profitable enough to be sustainable and until it becomes so Australian agriculture will struggle to reinvest adequately even just to provide future food security for ourselves.

In Mr Scott's period of representation public funding for R,D and E in agriculture has fallen significantly and this has resulted in a plateauing of productivity growth. Labor has an excuse. The LNP has not as they claim to represent the best interests of the bush.

Yet we have never been more productive and so poorly profitable. Too many overseas interests are investing in Australia, yet we are not. Why? - Charles Nason, Banoona, Roma.

NAIDOC celebrations at Cooyar State School

Tanduringie, Linville and Benarkin State Schools travelled to Cooyar for NAIDOC celebrations.

Nan Vera Sullivan and the Wakka Wakka Dance Troupe opened the day with a Welcome to Country and several traditional dances.

Students participated in six themed rotations including spear throwing and bush tucker gardening with staff from Barambah Environmental Education Centre, dot painting with Indigenous Police Liaison Officer Joe Sullivan, dance les-

sons with the Wakka Wakka dancers, a yarnning circle with Nan and Auntie and bead making.

Afterwards, students came together for a barbeque lunch before making their return journeys across the region.

RIGHT: Prep students Charlotte Ehrlich and Josie Brown dot painting their boomerangs.

BELOW: Senior students try their hand at spear throwing with Barambah Environmental Education Centre staff.



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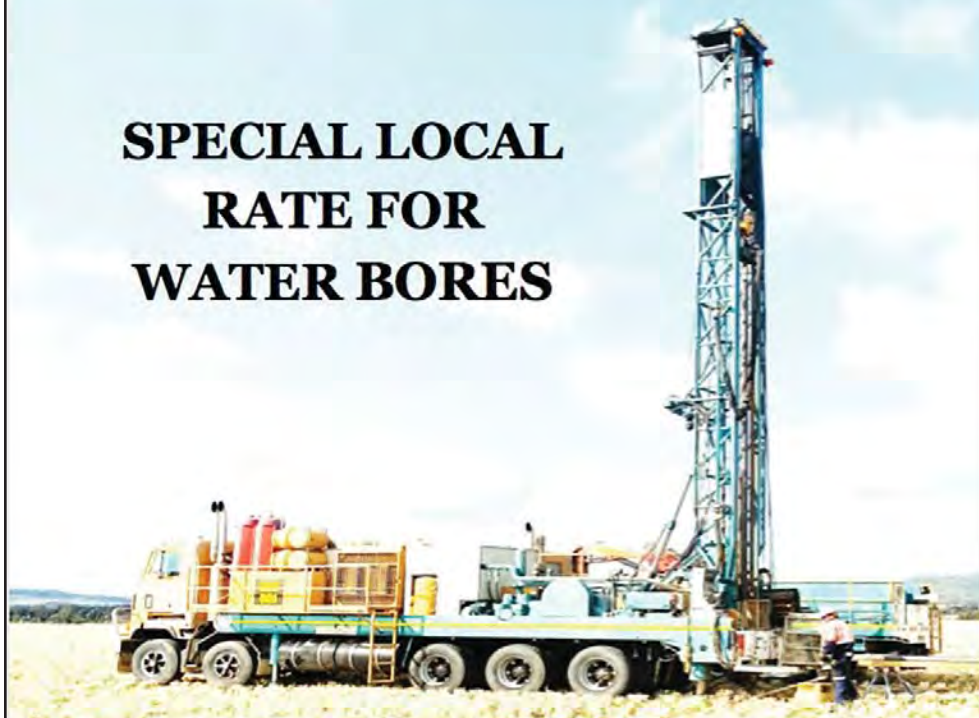
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- Raylene Welke

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School sports day



Ellie Rayner, Lydia Jocumsen, Declan Quilter, Abbie Haywood and Amelie Phillips at the Highfields State School athletics carnival.

TO THE EDITOR

Readers recommend same sex marriage referendum

The GLBT (gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgendered) lobby claims that polls show same sex marriage is inevitable. If that is the case, then the determination of this issue should be decided by the ultimate poll, namely, a referendum of the Australian people. It is too important to leave the fate of the definition of marriage to politicians since it is the most important institution in society. The push to change the meaning of marriage is not inevitable as evidence before the US Supreme Court shows. In the US the States have the legislative power on marriage and in 39 state-wide ballots across 35 States, Americans have voted 61 to 39 per cent against same-sex marriage. That equates to 51.5 million Americans voting to support man-woman marriage against 33 million voting for same-sex marriage. Somewhat larger numbers voting compared to the 3 or 4 million total population of Ireland. Only 17 of 193 United Nations members have changed the definition of marriage. Australia, with many other countries, has laws fully protecting same-sex couples. These couples share all the protection offered by marriage in areas such as superannuation, sharing property and other legal and financial arrangements. Same-sex couples can and do share love and companionship but their relationship bears no resemblance to marriage which is the bedrock of society's most enduring and beneficial institution viz. the family. We believe that if these and many other relevant arguments, especially the right of children to know and be reared by their mother and father (wherever humanly possible), were put to the Australian people in a fair, equally-funded, non-biased way in a referendum, then the inevitability of same-sex marriage may very well not be supported by the majority. - Paul and Julie Cronin.

Salvos appreciate support

As we near the end of the 2015 Red Shield Appeal, I have once again been humbled by the generosity of the Australian people. The funds the community have given will be used in a way that will generate the most help and give hope where it's most needed. Many Australians have seen difficult times this year. The Salvation Army's 2015 Economic and Social Impact Survey, which surveyed more than 2400 people across 262 community service centres, highlighted how evident the need is in our community. It is now estimated 2.5 million Australians live below the poverty line, including 603,000 children. The financial help of the community enables The Salvation Army to be at the forefront, lending a hand as needed. While thanking you for your ongoing support and dedication, we would like to remind you that the end of the financial year is fast approaching and there is still time to give your important tax deductible donation. By making a gift, you are coming alongside people in their time of need, giving hope where it's needed most. Many individuals and families are facing uncertain futures and we expect more people will be in need of assistance. It is through your continual financial support that we are able to help people when they need it, and in turn, help more than one million people each year. To make your tax deductible donation to the Red Shield Appeal please call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58), online at salvos.org.au, or in person at any Westpac Bank branch or by posting a cheque to PO Box 9888 in your capital city. - James Condon, Commissioner, The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

High density living

Will the introduction of high or medium density housing work? If you take a look at the current change of structures around Toowoomba more and more people share less land area. Would you share your backyard with others? While areas like Brisbane and the Gold Coast have good success in high density living would this work in our area? Recently there was a study done in Brisbane which summarised most commuters reported it was cheaper to drive their car than use public transport. With this in mind, how will the greater Toowoomba area cope with a denser population and more vehicles fighting for lanes and car parking? We can only hope the extra revenue from rates will increase these needed resources required for this to work? And, not to forget the need for more doctors and specialist to cater for such growth. - Murray Choat, Highfields Ridge.

BOWLS

DDLBA: Championship triples resulted in a win for Drayton ladies, F. Hunter, J. Slattery, K. Jenkins who played a composite team in the final from North Toowoomba/South Toowoomba, F. Connors, S.McManus, J. Baldock: Equal thirds were West Toowoomba, J. Scotney, V. Chant, T. Cooper, and North Toowoomba, D. Allison, L. Mutch, J. Pauli. The contact for the Masters Challenge Match set down for Sunday, July 26, at Samford will be T. Thomas. If anyone is unavailable please contact Theresa on 4634 1045 or 0432 30 440. Changes to the challenge Match (v) Cunningham on Sunday, July 5 - I. Brumpton, J. McGeorge, D. Parkinson, G. Menzies: S. McManus, L. Blaine, F. Hunter, C. Ward: C. McLatchey, M. Hannant, L. Mutch, J. Thomas: M. Podmore, V. Chant, M. Morris, M. Brosnan: Reserve G. Russell Coach leaves Rome St at 7.00 a.m. cost \$25/players, \$20/supporters: Nominations for the Champion of Club Championships close on July 1. Winners' cards to be forwarded with the nominations: Dates for play to start - Singles July 6 to be played at Toowoomba. Pairs July 15 to be played at West Toowoomba. Fours July 22 to be played at Drayton: Pennant season starts on July 27 and will run until August 21. Congratulations to Maree Gibbs on gaining a silver medal at the Australian Open played last week on the Gold Coast. Well done Maree. - Joyce McGeorge

NORTH TOOWOOMBA LADIES: Competition and social tomorrow at 9.30am. Consistency singles semi-finals M. Wilds v. F. Dornbusch; R. Bradford v.s V. Mahony. Markers J. Pauli, S. Chard. Devonshire tea after competition. Donations to ovarian cancer research. Scones and pikelets supplied - nothing to bring except donations. Committee meeting in the afternoon. Congratulations to S. McManus last 32 in the Australian Open Singles at the Gold Coast (400 approximately in the event) and secured some grading points. DDLBA Championship Triples runner-up (F. Connors) S. McManus, J. Baldock and equal thirds. D. Allison (sub J. Leerentveld), L. Mutch, J. Pauli. (Joy's team defeated Tracey Foster and Imelda Brumpton's team by 10 points to reach the semi-finals. Good luck to our singles champion V. Mahony in the Champion of Championship Singles starting Monday, July 6. Roster this Friday Team 1 - V. Warren, L. Graham, G. Doherty, A. Plowman. - Reynelde Bradford. **Oakey:** June 28 - Winners B. Poole, B. Lorrimer and R. Barker. July 4 - Triples. S. Cosgrove, P. Wolski and W. Patterson v. M. Mahon, N. Crosisca and H. Sander: July 5 - Triples. M. Bradford, I. Hedge and P. Rudken v. A. Hedge, B. Lucht and G. Fenton. July 12 - Missen Burke Shield at Oakey, club selected mixed triples, 12.30pm start. Names on board. July 26 - Visit to Clifton, club selected mixed triples, 21 players required, names on board. - Sam Lorrimer.

Oakey Ladies: June 23 - G. Lucht, E. Voll, D. Ciesiolka d. H. Harvey, J. Sloss, B. Currey, E. Jones, J. York, V. Allen, B. Lorrimer d. E. Jones, C. Birrell, B. Poole, S. Hudson. **June 30** - We welcome teams from DDLBA, DDPPLSBC, Cambooya, Crows Nest, City, Drayton, Gatton, North Toowoomba, Pittsworth, South Toowoomba, Toowoomba, West Toowoomba, Mrs Dulcie Bellert to join with us for our President and Members Day and hope you all have an enjoyable day. **July 28** - Ladies AGM. Nomination forms available for all positions. Pennant season July 27 to August 21. - Elsie Voll.

INDOOR SPORTS

Oakey: Mixed indoor beach volleyball - Sand Blast-ers 55 d. Spiked Punch 34. Blood and Sand 58 d. Yellow Guardians 45. Burgers had a bye. Men's indoor cricket - Ducks Nuts with a big 184 runs with Dave making 37 runs d. Spartanz 31 runs with Noel making 13 to try and help his team. The Out Swingers had a win 108 runs against the Warriors 99 runs. A great game all down to the last over.

HOCKEY

TOOWOOMBA: A1 men: Norths Rangeville 4 (Mitch Pyle 2, Ryan Wagner 2) d. Red Lions 3 (Jared Klease, Brad Hobday, Corey Guse). Easts 10 (Tim Woodford 4, Steve Bayliss, Daniel Mantell 2, Chris Mantell, Phil Dumpleton) d. Past High 2 (Jay Mogg, Cody Rush). Hancocks 5 d. Newtown 3 (Tim Rachoro, James Kruger, Josh McPaul). **A1 women:** Wests 2 (Emma Johnson, Gabby Nicholls) d. Newton 0. Swifts/Thistles 3 (Adriana Silcock 2, Morgan Gallagher) d. Red Lions 1 (Heidi Phillips). Norths 2 (Amber Mutch 2) d. Hancocks 1.

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GOLF

BORNEO BARRACKS: June 20 - Single stroke, Wayne Balderson's trophy. Winner W. Aitken 66, runner-up G. Barge 68. Rundown T. Aitken 68, C. Hollis 70, J. Thompson 71, B. Watkins 71, C. Mahaffey 71. Pins 1st G. Douglas 5th W. Balderson 10th C. Raich 17th B. Fagg. **June 21** - Single stableford. Winner B. Mason 44, runner-up C. Stuart 40. Rundown J. Gardener 40, D. Lamb 38, T. Aitken 38, J. Thompson 38. Pins 1st A. Haddock, 14th G. Barge, 17th J. Lord. The threes stableford, has been postponed to a date later in the year, and will be replaced by a single stroke. Juniors are reminded that Sunday Junior Coaching will be held at noon on Sundays during the winter months. - Gary Small.

BORNEO BARRACKS LADIES: June 23 - 27 holes foursomes championship for club trophies. Winners Carole Duncan and Lotte Pedersen, second Judy Edwards and Hazel Black. Net winners: Beryl Thompson and Jesella McConnell. **June 30** - Single stroke, first round International Bowl, club trophy. - Lotte Pedersen.

CROWS NEST: June 28 - Ron Freeman stableford. Winner T. Weis 44, runner-up P. Burns 41. Rundown C. Watts 39, K. Cox 38, J. Edser 38, R. Burgess 37, N. Case 36 Pins 1/10, 2-11, 5/14 T. Weis, 3/12, 7/16, 9/18 P. Burns, 4/13, 8/17 C. Watts, 6/15 N. Case. **July 5** - Golf World sroke, monthly medal. - John Somerville. **GOOMBUNGEE:** June 28 - Single stableford for Peter and Jan Mullins' trophies. Men's winner S. Elfverson. Rundown B. Tindall, D. Cass, G. Schull, M. Peters. Ladies' winner B. Harth. Rundown A. Norris. Men's pins 3/12 J. Harth, 4/13 J. Harth, 8/17 G. Schull. Approach 5/13 D. Cass. Ladies' pins 4/13 D. Skuse, 8/17 J. Mullins, Approach 3/12 A. Norris. **July 2** - Men's single stableford for club trophy. Ladies: single stableford, J. Webster timepiece, fourth round Thursday stableford. **July 5** - Single stroke, monthly medal, patron's day. - Dan Darlington.

INDOOR CRICKET

CROWS NEST: Semifinal time has rolled around again. Two games being played this week with very similar results sets up what should be a hard fought grand final on Friday night. Monday saw scnd placed Fielders repeat last week's defeat of X-Men 119 to 60. It was the Will Curtis show, with 32 runs and five wickets to his name, Fielders were never in trouble. Bazingas also backed up last week's effort with a 46-run win over Black Holes 118 to 72. Zac and Mac Chimes topped the batting and the bowling of Anthony Clark completely shut Holes out of the game. This leaves the two form teams to face off on Friday night for the title. Individual awards for the season went to Ben Kahler, most runs, Craig Wilmen, most wickets and Will Curtis, allrounder for the season. - John Schwartz.

TABLE TENNIS

CROWS NEST: June 15 - Handicap singles tournament was won by G. Knight starting on 3 and losing only one point. Runner-up was S. Murphy (1) losing five points. Although marred by several being away sick, a wonderful night of table tennis was played for the championships. Play was of a very high standard, especially the final in the A grade singles. Shane Murphy played exceptionally well and had Malcolm Macdonald, last year's champion, looking for answers. Bethany Macdonald played well to take Samantha Black, last year's champion, to five games. Final results: A grade - S. Murphy d. M. Macdonald 21-17, 21-16, 21-14. B grade - Kearin Macdonald d. G. Littleton 21-12, 16-21, 21-13, 22-20. Ladies - S. Black d. B. Macdonald 21-17, 21-14, 18-21, 16-21, 21-12. A doubles - M. Macdonald and G. Knight d. R. Kelk and Dale Macdonald 21-8, 21-14, 21-18. B doubles - G. Littleton and K. Macdonald d. Don and Bethany Macdonald 21-11, 21-19, 21-17. Mixed doubles - S. Black and G. Littleton d. B. Macdonald and K. Macdonald 18-21, 19-21, 21-16, 21-18, 21-13. - Joy Bretz.

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Crows Nest QCWA celebrates 90 years

Fifty people attended the 90th anniversary of the Crows Nest branch of the QCWA.

The celebrations were attended by Toowoomba Regional Mayor Paul Antonio and councillors, the Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington, and six past QCWA Younger settlers.

Also attending were many past members, members of branch and division, two State executives, South Division vice president, Maree Keys, Mrs Norma Lovelace, State archivist and Country Life photographer Sara Coulston from Toowoomba.

The anniversary cake was cut by past presidents, Daphne Taylor and Pat Jones.

The toast was presented by Cr Antonio.

The history of the past 90 years was compiled and read by president Val Coates.



QCWA Crows Nest branch members 2015: Back - Lyn Rieck, Margaret Berry, Kay Gossow, Claudette Prodger, Dell Christensen and Helen Stevens. Front - Donna Donovan, Val Coates, president, Donalda Rogers and Shirley Cronk.

Norma Lovelace spoke on the Association of Country Women of the World and how Crows Nest branch is involved with this.

The anniversary com-

mittee, Lyn and friends, also compiled the minutes of the first meeting on April 17, 1925 and were distributed to all present.

Current president Val Coates thanked all con-

cerned with cake, flowers and organising of the day. It was huge success and a day to remember.

Mrs Coates said: "We will always welcome new members and any past

members to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of every month at our hall, Thallon Street, Crows Nest at 9.30am for a cuppa and meeting at 10am."

Minutes Crows Nest QCWA April 17, 1925

Minutes of meeting of the Queensland Country Womens Association, Crows Nest Branch held on April 17, 1925 at 3pm.

Present: Mesdames J. H. Butters (chair), Dick, Swain, V. Williams (Ruth), O.C. Williams (Freda), Rogash, Denton, Tomlinson, Livingstone, T. Butters, McGill, Neale.

Apologies: Mrs Edser.

In opening the meeting, the Chair explained the object of meeting and association.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Day of meeting. It was decided to hold meeting on the second Wednesday in every month at 3pm.

Letter to secretary of sub-committee, moved Mrs Neale, seconded Mrs McGill, that a letter be written to School of Arts committee thanking them for use of reading room and permission for further use of same.

Members: The following members were enrolled. Mesdames Butters, Dick, Swain, V. Williams, O.C. Williams, Rogash, Denton, Tomlinson, N. Butters, Livingstone,

McGill, McLean, Littleton, Neale and the Misses Guilfoyle (the two latter as associated members.)

Elections of officers: President. Moved Mrs Tomlinson, seconded Mrs Williams - Mrs Butters be elected. (Carried)

Vice president. Moved Mrs Swain, seconded Mrs Butters - Mesdames McGill and Tomlinson be elected as vice presidents. (Carried)

Secretary: Moved Mrs McGill seconded Mrs Tomlinson, Mrs Neale be elected. (Carried)

Treasurer: Moved Mrs N. Butters seconded Mrs Williams - Mrs Swain be elected. (Carried)

Badges and book: It was decided by the meeting to get two day badges and a one day rule book for sales.

Delegates: It was also decided that the following ladies attend the annual meeting to be held in Toowoomba on April 21 and 22: Mesdames Butters, Swain, McGill and Neale.

Mrs O.C. Williams paid 9 pence for the ruled book. As there was no further business the meeting then closed with a vote of thanks for the chairwoman.

QCWA State executive heads to drought stricken west

Queensland Country Women's Association State executive is now on its way by bus to the drought stricken west offering financial assistance and support to women and their families under stress.

QCWA State president Robyn McFarlane, pictured, said the organisation was always there in times of crisis, rallying on the ground, helping out.

"With the drought worsening in Central Queensland and communities under great stress, we have decided to actively distribute application forms to our Public Rural Crisis Fund, a fund built from donations and the fundraising of our members."

"Through the fund, we provide assistance in the form of store credit, payment of bills directly and grocery store gift vouchers.

"We ensure, for example, that food is on the table, telephone bills are paid, and vehicles are registered. We ensure that not only is the recipient assisted but that the money stays in the local community, supporting local businesses. Last year, we helped 330 families; this year 398 to date."

Mrs McFarlane said the QCWA operated one of the few charities where all monies raised is donated back into regional, rural and remote communities.

The bus will travel to Toowoomba, Miles, Chinchilla, Roma, Injune, Springsure, Emerald, Alpha, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall, Augathella, Charleville, Morven and Mitchell.

"We will meet with many individuals and groups, and holding a number of small meet-and-greets. We expect about 40 members to travel with us on the bus, bringing much needed business to these stressed communities. We hope those who need our support will make themselves known to us.

"They can be assured their plight will remain confidential," Mrs McFarlane said.



Police volunteers visit Kingsthorpe

Volunteers in Policing Lyn, Susan and Donna attended the Kingsthorpe Capers morning at the Kingsthorpe State School on Friday for children aged up to six years. It was a sunny day, and a busy morning with children enjoying activities provided and several services including Queensland Fire, Queensland Ambulance, and Queensland Police.

Sergeant Greg of Goombungee police parked his police car next to the volunteers in

Policing area. The children engaged in the activities such as Pin the Tail on Connie, the Police horse, finger printing and colouring in.

Bookmarks and stickers proved popular. A display with crime prevention information such as home and vehicle security was also provided which was of interest to the grown-ups.

Prep Teacher Penny said she would like this to become an annual event with all accounts indicating the morning being a great success.



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A Little Fishy

It's one of those things - either you love or loathe anchovies. Many a disagreement has erupted over the inclusion (or exclusion) of anchovies on a pizza. I love anchovies, and I can't put it any more bluntly - I LOOOOVE them! For me, pizza is an excuse to eat anchovies. Caesar salad is an excuse to eat anchovies. And, anchovies are an excuse to eat anchovies. When I bite into a fishy, salty anchovy fillet, it's as close as I can get to gastronomic heaven. There are some important things that you need to know about anchovies. First of all, they're not born in tins of oil. Anchovies are a small silver fish mainly found around the Mediterranean and Southern European coastlines. After being caught in fine mesh nets, they're filleted, cured in salt and preserved in oil. Sometimes they're rolled up, and sometimes canned flat. However, they can be purchased without oil (just coated in salt). Anchovies can also be purchased as a fresh fish. Usually the more expensive anchovies from Morocco are bigger, plumper and tastier. The cheap tinned ones can sometimes be a little average. If you're offended by the saltiness of anchovies, then try draining the oil and soaking the fillets in cold water for half an hour. This will make them a little more subtle. You never know, you just might like them... or not!

