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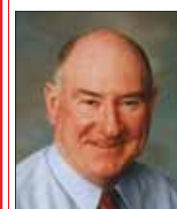


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REGIONAL ARTS SUFFER

State funding criteria now mean there is little hope of assisting the arts

and cultural projects of regional communities, Toowoomba Regional Council

has been told. Regional Arts Development Fund liaison officer Diane Baker reported that the Toowoomba RADF committee was experiencing limited applications for RADF funding.

The committee's view was that, as the current application guidelines were specifically designed to fund art and cultural pursuits that employ professional art and cultural workers, there was negligible scope to assist the arts and cultural projects

of regional communities.

The council's total 2008-2009 RADF money is \$209,312. This includes unused grant money returned to the fund during this year to date.

The report continued: "The committee considers that its lack of ability to assist grass roots community and individual art and cultural needs will eventuate in a drought in artistic and cultural capacity building in our region."

"Consequently, our communities will, in the

future, encounter and exist in an environment of artistic and cultural isolation."

The committee proposed an additional grant fund to enable wider support for artistic and cultural pursuits within the regional communities.

Any funding model should include the following elements: * Maintain the current quantum of council's contribution to the budget allocation for arts and cultural grants.

* Create a new funding initiative (possibly called the Community Arts and Culture Support Fund) that would be funded in its first year from the money usually allocated for RADF, but which is not required in 2009-2010 as no additional RADF funding will be received from Arts Queensland which requires matching funding from the council.

* Develop appropriate principles and guidelines for access to funding from the new initiative.

* Be administered by the RADF committee.

The council adopted the committee's recommendation to consider funding a Community Arts and Culture Support Program with an initial budget of \$30,000 to complement RADF funding and to support community arts and cultural pursuits which are not eligible for funding under the RADF rules but are deemed to be valuable projects for the benefits of the region.

"GETTING THROUGH TO TEENS" EVENING

Thursday June 4 - 7 pm for 7.30 start
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Ravensbourne becomes power pole centre of the future

The State Government and Ergon Energy will plant their own forests and grow one million hardwood trees that will become the power poles of the future.

Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy Stephen Robertson has launched the innovative project, planting seedlings in a forest at Ravensbourne which will be harvested as power poles in 15 to 20 years.

Mr Robertson said the project would grow one million hardwood trees to secure a supply of power poles for the regional electricity provider well into the future. The government has purchased 1000 hectares of degraded forest land near Ravensbourne National Park, where 100,000 trees will be planted.

"Ergon aims to acquire 10,000 hectares throughout Queensland for power pole

forests over the next five years.

"The government's Toward Q2 strategy aims to reduce the amount our carbon footprint by one-third by 2020.

"This program will help Ergon Energy respond to climate change as every mature tree in its forests will sequester up to two tonnes of carbon dioxide."

Ergon Energy has more than one million power poles, supporting more than 150,000 kilometres of electricity cable in its network spread across 97 per cent of regional Queensland.

Every year, it requires 12,000 new poles to replace aging poles and for network expansion. By 2030, it will need double that amount of poles. "This project is also good for jobs and will create positions in forest management and related disciplines.

"Ergon is working with indigenous young people at a nursery near Murgon. The nursery is run by the Silver Lining Foundation, which offers young Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders a second chance by providing them with job skills."

Logging of State forests, where Ergon now sources 40 per cent of its requirements, is being phased out.

LETTERS

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Deplorable state of Highfields Road

We have formalised our complaint to Toowoomba Regional Council about the deplorable condition of the Highfields Road between the New England Highway and the Town Centre-Highfields Village Shopping Centre.

For some time the community of Highfields has been frustrated with this section of road which has become known as the goat track by locals.

This section of the road has no fewer than 10 differentials of width of asphalt road seal between kerb to kerb or no kerb to no kerb over a 1.2km distance.

In addition, the number of pot holes is ridiculous with Toowoomba Regional Council "salt and pepper" road maintenance gang filling over 50, after the recent rain.

These pot holes have been there for some time and causing damage to vehicle tyres and rims and causing a safety concern for motorists and pedestrians.



Highfields Road - More than 50 potholes repaired after rain.

This is the main entrance road to the Highfields Village Shopping Centre and is of a very poor standard and urgently needs to be upgraded.

Visitors to the area are appalled and the traders at our shopping centre (Highfields Village Shopping Centre) have signed a petition to the council highlighting their frustration with the state of the road.

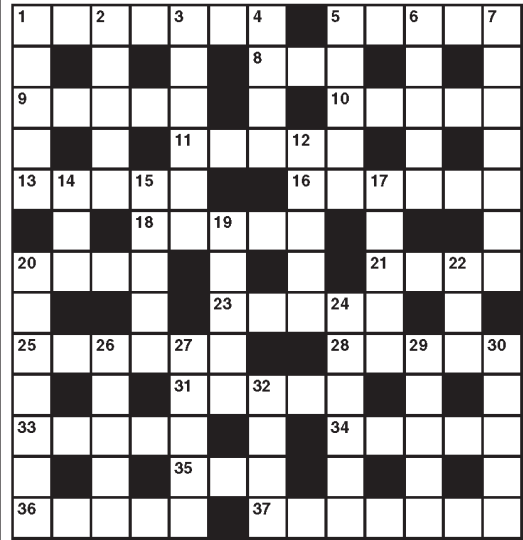
The poor condition of the road has been further defined by the quality of the four-lane, recently upgraded New England Highway.

Our traders (tenants) have asked that we promote a public petition in our shopping centre as they advise that many customers have commented on the poor condition of the Highfields Road.

We will be posting a forum topic on our web site, www.highfieldsvillage.com.au, to promote public comment together with making a submission to the Highfields Better Business Group.

We believe that it is time for the council to upgrade this important road in Highfields. - **Mac Stirling, Managing Director Lauder Pty Ltd.**

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Gardener addresses seniors

On Monday the 25th for our usual recreation day we had some thing different, a shared luncheon. Twenty-two members attended and it proved to be a success. We had a variety of soups and then tarts and cakes for dessert. Members have asked for the recipes to be included in the next month's news letter.

Justin Russell will be the guest speaker at the next monthly meeting, which will be held in the Cultural Centre on July 13. His topic will be gardening at Highfields. - **Evelyn Collin.**



CHRISTIAN COMMENT

Arrival of the Holy Spirit

By Rev. LESLEY HOLT - Crow's Nest Uniting Church

We have just celebrated the birthday of the church, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples.

It must have been an awe-inspiring event, with a sound like the rush of violent wind filling the house where the disciples were sitting and divided tongues of fire appearing among them. A tongue rested upon each of the disciples, giving them the ability to speak in other languages as the spirit gave them ability.

Such was the commotion, that people from many parts of the then known world were visiting in Jerusalem, came to see what was going on.

Then Peter, with great boldness, spoke of Jesus. The same Peter, who we remember had denied knowing Jesus in the courtyard of the high priest Caiphas, while Jesus was on trial, speaks with such eloquence after receiving the Holy Spirit that 3000 people welcomed his message and were baptised that day.

What a difference the Holy Spirit made in Peter's life. We might well think, but that was back then. What about now. Well, the Holy Spirit has still the same power to change lives now as then.

One of the many stories

of the Holy Spirit coming in power comes 20 years ago from one of the islands off the Queensland coast, where the congregation experienced the roar of winds and flames and people were filled with joy and the way people lived changed as they invited Jesus into their lives and received the Holy Spirit.

It was heart warming to hear how broken relationships were healed, and people were enabled to leave bad habits behind at the foot of the cross, and start over again in Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As you celebrate the birthday of the church, may your heart be warmed by the Holy Spirit, strengthening you to speak boldly of the good news you know in Christ.

Loud shirt day

Crow's Nest State School students raised \$238 for the Hear and Say Centre and \$240 for the school student council, at a loud shirt day and sausage sizzle on May 15.

PUBLISHING ARRANGEMENTS

Please note: Due to the Queen's Birthday public holiday on Monday, June 8, the Crow's Nest Advertiser and Highfields Herald will be published on Wednesday, June 10.

KIDS CLUB

This week's birthdays

Heritage	May 30	Jessica Asher
CROW'S NEST & HIGHFIELDS Community Branches	June 4	Samual Kennedy
	June 5	Annabelle Perrignon
	June 8	Teena Contojohn
		Holly Thorpe

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Crow's Nest Show Society meetings

Meetings of the Crow's Nest Show Society are held on the second Friday of each month at "The Cottage" at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is on June 12 and all members and other interested people are welcome to attend.

Winter Wonderland Ball

The Winter Wonderland Ball, organised by the combined Anglican and Catholic parishes of Crow's Nest, will be held in the Crow's Nest Community and RSL Centre on Saturday, June 13. Music for dancing will be provided by the Silvertones.

Country music concert

Local entertainers Gerard and Trudy Hintz, Jim Strohsfeldt, Malcolm Miller and Jim Williams will perform at a country music concert at Pinelands Hall on Saturday, June 13 from 6.30pm.

Admission is \$10. Supper will be available for \$3

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and a licensed bar will operate.

Chainsaw racing titles at Farmfest

Anduramba Chainsaw Club are hosting the 2009 Australian chainsaw racing titles at Farmfest at Kingsthorpe Park, 20km west of Toowoomba from tomorrow until Thursday.

Veterans' Affairs Network visit

An officer from Veterans' Affairs Network, Toowoomba will conduct interviews at the Crow's Nest Community and RSL Centre in William Street on Wednesday, June 24 from 12.30 to 1.30pm.

Anyone wishing to access information can make an appointment by phoning 4638 1555.

Social dancing

Dancing at the Crow's Nest Community and RSL Centre each Wednesday night from 7 to 9pm caters socially for experienced dancers as well as those who wish to learn.

Supper is served afterwards and all are welcome. Contact 4698 1119.

A to Z of Cabaret

Tickets to the Queensland Arts Council A to Z of Cabaret at the Crow's Nest Community and RSL Centre on Tuesday, June 16 at 7.30pm are on sale at the Advertiser office. Seating is unreserved.

Tickets: Adults \$25; Arts Council members \$15; Pensioners \$20. Bookings of 10 or more - \$20 each and include one free ticket.

"Getting through to teens" lecture

Parents of teenagers are invited to a community lecture "Getting Through To Teens" to be presented by family counsellor Graham Jones this Thursday evening June 4 at the Highfields Cultural Centre.

The event is sponsored by the group of churches in the Highfields area and is also supported by Toowoomba Regional Council.

Senior Citizens meet

This month's Highfields Seniors meeting will be held at the Highfields Cultural Centre on June 13 with Mr Justin Russell as guest speaker. His topic

will be "Gardening at Highfields."

Business group meets

Crows Nest

The business group sub-committee of the Crow's Nest and District Tourist and Progress Association meet this afternoon at 5.30pm at the Crow's Nest Service Centre training room.

Anybody with an interest in business in Crow's Nest is most welcome to attend.

On July 7, the group has organised for a speaker from the Business Enterprise Centre Ipswich Region.

Tony Axford will explain the free assistance available to business owners through the Business Enterprise Centre.

This Week's Events

June 2 - June 9

- 2: • Energise 50+ fitness sessions - Highfields
- Crow's Nest Business Group meeting
- Crow's Nest darts
- Highfields Venturers
- Martial Arts - Crow's Nest Sports Centre
- Crow's Nest Girls Brigade
- 2-4: • Australian Chainsaw Racing Titles - Farmfest
- 3: • Haden State School P & C Assn meeting
- Crow's Nest Boys Brigade
- State of Origin - Game 1
- Crow's Nest Lions Club meeting
- 4: • Under 8s Day - Highfields State School
- Bingo - Grand Old Crow Hotel
- Highfields Probus meeting
- "Getting through to Teens" lecture - Highfields Cultural Centre
- 5: • Goombungee-Haden Show Society meeting
- Crow's Nest Mens Network meeting
- 6: • Crow's Nest Garden Club bus trip to Maleny
- 7: • Crow's Nest Lions Village Markets
- 8: • Queen's Birthday public holiday
- 9: • Energise 50+ fitness sessions - Highfields
- Crow's Nest darts
- Highfields Venturers
- Martial Arts - Crow's Nest Sports Centre
- Crow's Nest Girls Brigade

Indigenous history comes alive at USQ children's festival

Local Indigenous history will be the focus of the University of Southern Queensland's 2009 Breez Finance Children's Festival.

Cultural experiences have been incorporated into the festival to educate and entertain young audiences.

The season will include a new play, *Spirits in Bare Feet*, creative arts workshops, and an exhibition of works by local Indigenous artists.

Written by local award-winning playwright David Burton and with original music and live didgeridoo by Michael Brown, *Spirits in Bare Feet* is based on the Aboriginal stone arrangement site of Gummingurru.

The story follows the adventures of Olivia, a plucky 10-year-old and her journey of discovery through the Darling Downs bush land.

USQ Artsworx manager Dr Rebecca Scollen said a cast of 40 first-year creative arts students were in rehearsals with guest director Mary-Ann Vale.

"The student actors are embracing their characters which range from the kangaroo, cassowary, goanna and echidna to human and spiritual forms. *Spirits in Bare Feet* is an especially significant work. This is the first time the social history of the Gummingurru site will be presented in a theatrical format.

"We have worked closely with the local Indigenous community, including the custodians of the site and



the USQ Centre for Australian Indigenous Knowledge, to ensure the play and its live production in the USQ Arts Theatre is culturally appropriate.

"Through this collaboration, we hope to raise awareness of and engagement with the Indigenous history of our region and help the custodians of Gummingurru to preserve this highly significant site.

"The festival is a Queensland 150 birthday celebration, offering an important way to recognise the social and cultural history of Indigenous Queenslanders and the associated relationships and stories."

Indigenous artists Donna Moodie and Ben J. Moodie have designed creative arts workshops which explore key themes addressed in the play.

During the workshops, offered both in-school and on campus at USQ, children will be encouraged to use creative expression to explore their self identity.

Place Markers, an exhibition by local Indigenous artists will also be showing in the USQ Arts Gallery June 7.

Curated by Beverley Bloxham, the exhibition will explore the notion of country from the perspective of contemporary regional artists.

Spirits in Bare Feet runs until June 7 in the USQ Arts Theatre and tickets may be purchased through the USQ Artsworx box office - 4631 1111.

\$2.6m for school auditorium

Highfields State School has received a total of \$2,609,000 for a multi-purpose auditorium from the Federal Government (Building the Education Revolution) \$1.5 million, Education Queensland (Smart School Subsidy Scheme) \$515,000, Sport and Recreation Queensland (Major Facilities Program) \$584,000, and Toowoomba

Regional Council \$10,000. Spokesperson for Highfields State School P and C Bronwyn Cairns said the funding was above what the association originally anticipated.

"We are currently updating the design to include additional features.

"While we don't have a confirmed timeline as yet, we expect construction to

start during Semester 2." The school has also secured funding of \$1.5 million under the Building the Education Revolution initiative for a new library, which is expected to be constructed in conjunction with the auditorium.

Both facilities will be available for community use outside school hours.

Planning scheme team



The team charged with bringing together the new Toowoomba Regional Council planning scheme is, standing (from left), Medina Hasan, Wilson Tam, Katie Goltz, Michelle Milton and seated, Kate O'Connor, Scott McDonald, Dyan Currie and Heath Martin.

Servo close to opening

The service station at the corner of Curnow Street and Toowoomba Road, Crow's Nest, is scheduled to re-open during the week of June 9.

The service station, which has been unoccupied for some time, has been purchased by the Walker family. Rhyll Walker said this week will be a busy time as preparation work goes on. "We're having the software installed and getting the shop set up," she said. "All the supplies will be arriving and the bowsers will be hooked up."

Mrs Walker said the service station, trading under the name Crow's Nest Fuel Supplies, would be staffed by Sparra and Rhyll Walker and two casuals.

Flag theft

A rental flag has been reported stolen from the front of local agent real estate at Highfields.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Highfields Police Beat - 4615 5309

Water project urges visitors to flush wisely

Deputy Mayor and Water Services portfolio leader Cr Paul Antonio, right, has launched the water-saving project, Visitors Flush Wisely at the Toowoomba Visitor In-

formation Centre. This project, and water re-use projects at council Ruthven Street administration building and at the City Hall, received funds through the Australian Govern-

ment Water Fund Community Water Grant. The Visitor Information Centre project cost \$21,388, including a community water grant of \$17,033. Cr Antonio said the funding

helped council install rainwater tanks at the James Street Visitor Information Centre to flush toilets and water a water-wise garden. The tanks save 193,376 litres of water at the centre.



Region invited to free Qld Day celebrations

Toowoomba Regional Council is inviting residents to join unique celebrations to mark Queensland Day at Picnic Point on Saturday, June 6. Corporate services portfolio leader Cr John McVeigh said Queensland Day 2009 was a special opportunity for residents to mark an historic occasion.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to commemorate Queensland's 150th

year of Statehood following separation from the colony of New South Wales," he said.

"Free entertainment, food and activities promise a day of family fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents are welcome to drop in for an hour or so anytime during the festivities."

Cr McVeigh said the day was one way for Toowoomba people to acknowl-

edge the State Government's Q150 flagpole gift to the city.

Entertainment will be provided by Harristown State High Ensemble, Scout Review, Dance Central, Cool Nights Big Band, Women in Harmony, Q150 Youth Group and Aussie band Cactoblastis. A flag-raising ceremony, featuring the inaugural unfurling of the Queensland flag, will be held at 10.50 a.m. Limited

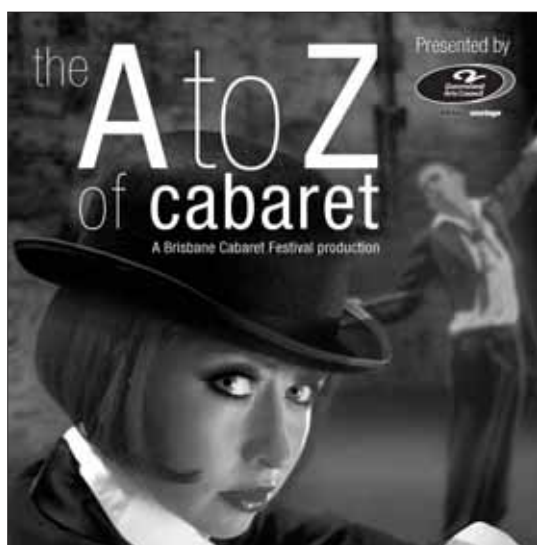
supplies of sausages, hot soup and spuds will be served from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Official activities include the naming of the Heritage Queenslander of the Year and The Chronicle Young Queenslander of the Year. Limited edition Q150 number plates will be auctioned. The program includes free children's rides and refreshments. Patrons can enter a competition to win a Condamine bell.

Flag will fly for Qld Day

The Queensland flag will be unfurled from Toowoomba's Q150 flagpole at Picnic Point during the city's Queensland Day celebrations on Saturday, June 6.

Toowoomba Regional Council engineering services portfolio leader Cr Carol Taylor said flagpole cables and ropes damaged by vandals on May 13 or 14 would be repaired in time to fly the flag to mark 150 years of Statehood.

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Lutheran Ladies Guild bus trip



The group who enjoyed a successful coach trip with Kerry Rieck, Range Charter Coaches, to Bell, Jimbour House and Dalby Pioneer Village, organised by the Crow's Nest Lutheran Ladies Guild.

Cyclists plan to ride across the Downs

More than 1500 cyclists are expected to take part in Cycle Queensland 2009 in September this year.

Organised by Bicycle Queensland, the 560km cycling holiday will ride a loop around the Darling Downs starting and finishing in Toowoomba.

Cycle Queensland Event Director, John Franklin, said Cycle Queensland was not a race and holiday makers were encouraged

to ride at their own pace. "The ride is designed to let people pedal away from the everyday and we encourage riders to take it at their leisure and enjoy the scenery," John said.

Leaving Toowoomba on September 5, the cyclists will travel via Goombungee, Kaimkillenbun, Dalby, Oakey, Pittsworth, Warwick and Clifton before returning to Toowoomba on Sunday, September 13.

Exhibition opening



Attending the opening of artist Anna McMahon's exhibition *Walking at the Same Pace* by Liam Mathers at the Crow's Nest Regional Gallery, were Anna McMahon, Kathryn Huey, Brett Williams, Ben Watson and Nick Ehrlich.

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Council says brown water still safe

Toowoomba Regional Council has reassured Highfields residents that disinfection of their water supply has not been compromised despite recent discolouration.

Water services portfolio leader Cr Paul Antonio said the discolouration had occurred due to a number of coincidences.

"A pressure reducing valve at the Highfields treatment plant failed on Tuesday, causing higher pressure and flows in the Highfields mains network which stirred up the network, caused a water main to burst at Smythe Drive and dislodged iron and manganese deposits from the walls in the water mains."

Cr Antonio said the discolouration was caused by the disturbance of these deposits that form over time on the internal walls of the pipes.

"Due to low dam water levels and water restrictions over the past five or more years, the council has been unable to flush or scour mains to remove deposits," Cr Antonio said.

The council has received isolated discoloured water complaints over recent weeks and those complaints are likely to have been caused by pressure fluctuations.

The council will monitor the situation and may have to carry out a limited mains flushing program in selected areas of Highfields.

Haden luncheon

Haden Lutheran Women's Guild will be holding their annual luncheon on Tuesday, June 16, at 10.30 a.m. in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church hall.

Guest speaker will be Hedley Lockyer of the Leukaemia Foundation. There will be a trading table. Admission is \$10.

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District water rate notices

A delay in the issuing of first half-year water rate notices to district ratepayers will mean they receive two water rate notices in quick succession. The delay was due to complex changes in computer billing systems following amalgamation.

Water meters were read at appropriate times and ratepayers will be properly charged for their water consumption.

First half year water rates were due May 12 and second half year water rates are due June 23.

Council regrets any inconvenience caused to ratepayers for this one-off occurrence. Please contact your local service centre for further information.



Library Hours

If you are researching a project or need to borrow a good book, the Crows Nest and Highfields libraries will meet your needs.

The **Crows Nest Library** is open 9am to 5pm Mondays and Fridays. On Tuesdays, it is open 9am to 1pm and again from 2pm to 5pm. Opening hours are 2pm to 5pm on Wednesdays and 1pm to 5pm on Thursdays. For your convenience, it is also open 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The **Highfields Library** is open 9am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 2pm on Saturdays. It is also open 10am to 2pm on Sundays.

50+ residents workshops

Council wants to hear the concerns of local residents aged over 50.

Eight workshops will be held across the region over coming months to assess issues facing older residents.

A workshop will be held at Crows Nest Community and RSL Centre on June 29 from 10am to 3pm.

For more information please contact council's Community Development Officer Darryl Bates on 4688 6758 or email darryl.bates@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au.

Crows Nest gallery seeks volunteers

Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery is looking for volunteers to help supervise the gallery which is open Tuesday to Sunday.

Please contact Jo Petrou on 4698 1687 or email jo.petrou@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au for details.

Cooby Dam wall closed

The Cooby Dam wall is closed due to high blue green algae levels in untreated dam water at taps and toilets in this area.

Loveday Cove is open to all public boating and fishing access and the picnic area remains open as tap water is from bores.

Phone 4688 6564 for more information.

Get active, join Energise

Residents in Highfields, Crows Nest and surrounding areas are welcome to join free sessions in the Energise community activity program.

A 50+ fitness session involving strength and flexibility exercises and walking is held at Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre, O'Brien Road from 8am to 9am every Tuesday.

Energise runs all year but visit www.energise.org.au to view the full program.

After hours emergency

Contact Council's free after hours emergency number on **1800 626 198** for matters such as burst water mains, blocked sewers or dog attacks.

Roadworks

Haden/Crows Nest Road: widening works near Haden may result in minor delays.

Ravensbourne area: maintenance grading may result in minor delays.

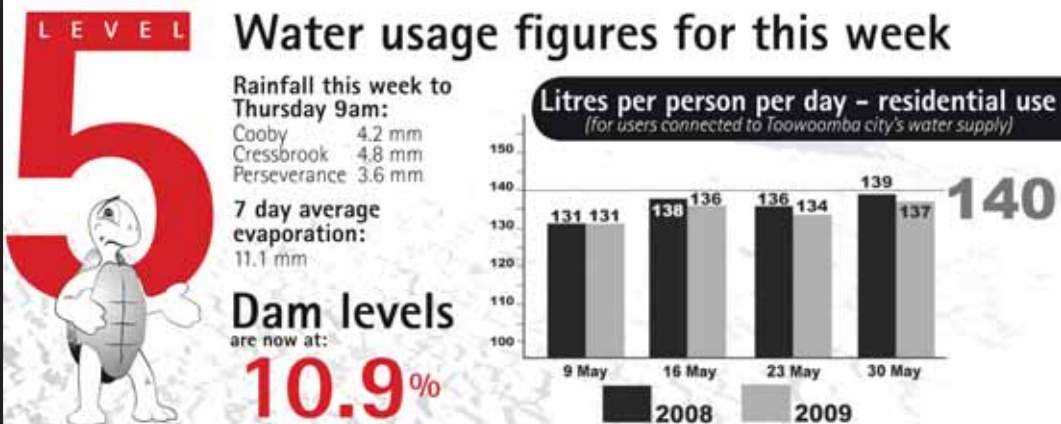
Highfields area: maintenance grading works.

Googa Creek bridge: motorists are required to travel via a temporary side track during culvert construction works.

Highfields, Ninderry Drive to New England Highway: footpath construction works in progress.

Council regrets any inconvenience caused by these works.

Council will also carry out routine road maintenance in various areas. These works usually do not result in delays or altered traffic conditions but motorists are asked to exercise care around job sites.





Borneo Barracks petition sends a message to Canberra

The campaign to keep the Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah has gathered more momentum, after Federal Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane received a petition for presentation to the Federal Parliament calling for the base to remain on the Darling Downs.

Mr Macfarlane accepted the petition from Toowoomba Regional Councillor Bill Cahill and Highfields businessman Ash Heckles.

"The future of the Borneo Barracks is an important issue for the people of Toowoomba, Highfields, Cabarlah and the Darling Downs and I am determined to ensure the Rudd Government understands its significance both to our region and the Australian Defence Force," Mr Macfarlane said.

"It is clear from the response to this petition that local community members are adamant that the base should stay in our region.

"Losing the base would come at a substantial cost to the local economy as it is one of our most significant local employers, supporting hundreds of jobs both directly and indirectly. It also makes a critical contribution to the Australian Defence Force," Mr Macfarlane said.

The petition was organised by the Highfields Better Business Group in response to concerns raised at a meeting of local business operators, then further discussed at a community forum facilitated by Mr Macfarlane.



Ian discusses the significance of the Borneo Barracks with Cr Bill Cahill from Toowoomba Regional Council and Ash Heckles, Chairman of the Highfields Better Business Group.

Toowoomba Regional Councillor Bill Cahill said, "This petition sends a strong message and gives the community a voice in addition to the formal process. The Toowoomba Regional Council is right behind the campaign to keep the Barracks and we see clearly the benefits to the region not only in terms of jobs, but also in terms of local infrastructure."

The chairman of the Highfields Better Business Group, Ash Heckles, said the number of signatures collected was impressive, given the petition had been in circulation for only a few weeks.

"We've had a great

response since the very first day the petition was open for signature," Mr Heckles said.

"It's not just the business community that has come out in force to support the petition, there's also been overwhelming interest from local residents in Highfields and further into Toowoomba."

Unfortunately the Rudd Government's Defence White Paper has created more questions than answers about the Barracks," Mr Macfarlane said.

"I know this will be disappointing to the residents and business operators in our community who have rallied to show their support for retaining the Barracks.

"However, on the Government's own criteria for Defence facilities laid out in the White Paper a strong case can be made in favour of retaining the Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah.

"The White Paper states that key principles for deciding the future needs for Defence facilities include ensuring those facilities are dispersed for security reasons, ensuring facilities are in family-friendly and well-resourced locations and ensuring both an urban and regional presence.

The petition will also leave the Minister in no doubt about how important the Borneo Barracks is for our region."

TOOWOOMBA BYPASS A GLARING OMISSION IN RUDD'S NATION WRECKING BUDGET

Toowoomba and Darling Downs residents are paying the price for the Rudd Government's reckless spending after the Government failed to include the Toowoomba Bypass in a national infrastructure program in this year's Budget, Federal Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane said.

"This will be a bitter blow for the people of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs who, for the second year in a row, have been denied answers about why the Rudd Government reneged on the previous Government's allocation of \$700 million to begin construction work," Mr Macfarlane said.

"Toowoomba residents deserve answers as to why, despite this Government's nation-building rhetoric, they will be forced to continue sharing their streets with 4000 heavy vehicles each day."

Turn to page 2 for the full story about the presentation to Parliament of the petition calling for the construction of the Toowoomba Bypass.



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Labor's bungling leaves local job-seekers in limbo

Toowoomba and Darling Downs job-seekers have been duded by the Rudd Government's clumsy handling of changes to the Job Network, Federal Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane said.

"The Rudd Government has completely mismanaged this process and destroyed jobs and businesses in our region," Mr Macfarlane said.

"All three current contract holders – Centacare, Mission Australia and Job Find have been replaced by new tenderers, leaving local employees facing an uncertain future.

"Not only is the Rudd Government

directly contributing to an increase in unemployment, its chaotic handling of the tender announcement has created unnecessary angst for local employees.

"The successful tenders were supposed to be revealed in a single announcement, but an error meant some local providers were left in limbo about the outcome of their applications well after the new tenderers had been made public.

"Many of these agencies have been

long-term providers of employment services whose staff went the extra yard over and above the requirements of their contracts to give local unemployed people the very best chance of getting a job.

"On a number of occasions local job network agencies won national awards for their outstanding performances.

"Yet due to the Rudd Government's poor handling of the process job agencies weren't

provided with detailed information about the changes when the decision was announced.

"The Rudd Government must ensure that local job-seekers don't bear the brunt of its bungled process.

"It is imperative that job agencies operating in our region have the benefit of local knowledge.

"With all three local providers being replaced with new agencies from July, the Rudd Government must now provide a guarantee that local job-seekers won't be left in a holding pattern until the new service providers are fully established."

The Rudd Government has completely mismanaged this process and destroyed jobs and businesses in our region



Ian receives the petition from Toowoomba Regional Council Mayor Cr Peter Taylor, before presenting it to Parliament in Canberra.

26,602 MORE REASONS FOR RUDD TO FUND THE BYPASS

The voices of the people of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs were heard in Parliament when Federal Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane officially presented a petition calling for the construction of the Toowoomba Bypass.

"This is the formal part of the process and will send a powerful message to the Rudd Government that the Bypass must be built," Mr Macfarlane said.

The final count from the Petitions Committee

in Canberra shows 26,602 people signed the petition.

"This is one of the largest petitions I have seen presented to the Parliament and the strong support from the people of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs shows how important the Bypass is for our region."

Toowoomba Regional Mayor, Councillor Peter Taylor is also in Canberra to meet Federal Members and senior Government policy advisers on a range of matters as well as being present in

the public gallery on behalf of all residents and those who signed the petition.

"The level of support has been overwhelming and is a great result for the petition campaign," Cr Taylor said.

"To collect so many signatures in just a four-week campaign illustrates that the entire community is serious about ensuring the Toowoomba Bypass is built."

"It's time for the Rudd Government to fund the Toowoomba Bypass."

RECOVERY FOR AUSTRALIA



Malcolm Turnbull has outlined the Coalition's alternative to Labor's record debt and deficit Budget. Our plan is built on four key principles to help Australia **recover** and **grow**:

1. Protecting and creating jobs for all Australians.
2. Keeping debt as low as possible.
3. Targeting spending at jobs and economic infrastructure.
4. Supporting private enterprise and small business – the drivers of economic growth.

As part of our plan for recovery and growth, the Coalition has proposed practical, affordable measures to support small business in its crucial role as the engine room of our economy:

- **Tax loss carryback for business.** If businesses make operating losses this year or next year, they should be able to carry them 'back' against previous years' profits and recover up to \$100,000 of taxes paid over the past three years. This tax refund would bolster cash flows.
- **Fairer rules to deal with troubled businesses.** A change to our laws to emphasise the reconstruction of troubled businesses could save thousands of jobs that would otherwise have been lost.
- **Cutting red tape.** The Coalition would reduce this burden to the lowest in the OECD, and join state and local governments to deliver a one-stop online portal for filings.
- **Helping employers provide training.** Government funding for training should be directed to the first two years of an apprenticeship to ensure employers are best able to meet wage costs and cash flow challenges.



In these challenging times, the Coalition is committed to responsible spending and ensuring future generations are not burdened by mountains of debt.

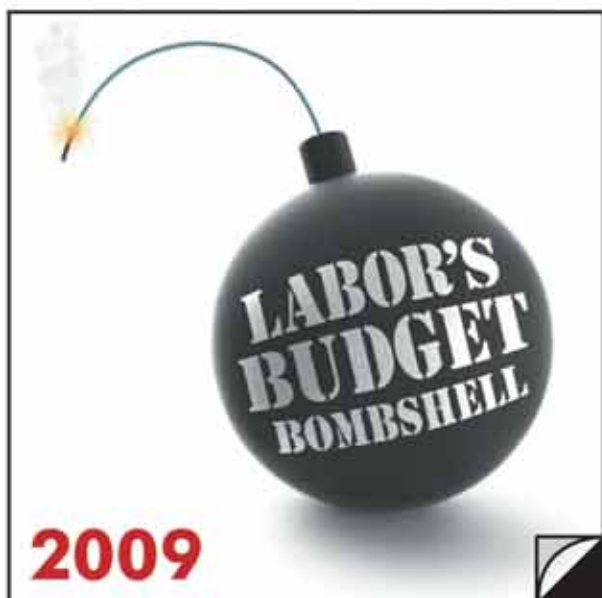
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We will establish a Parliamentary Budget Office to provide the Parliament with independent fiscal analysis and measure the impact of government decisions on the economy, jobs, interest rates and debt levels.

Australians are now paying the price for Labor's reckless spending.

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LABOR'S BUDGET BOMBSHELL AT A GLANCE

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ANZAC DAY 2009

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I encourage you to read the address presented by Alice Milson, a Fairholme College Senior, who spoke at the mid-morning ANZAC Day service in Toowoomba this year.

It captures the special significance that ANZAC Day holds for all generations of Australians. As a member of the crowd that day I know the audience was moved by Alice's eloquence and insight as a representative of the next generation. Alice has agreed to have her speech printed to allow even more people to reflect on the message.

Good morning servicemen... returned servicemen, ladies and gentlemen. Each year we gather here to sing hymns, to offer prayers thanking God and to pay tribute to the Anzacs, the heroes of this nation who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

But as we look around on this day, 94 years after the original landing on those legendary shores at Gallipoli, there is something different, something missing, someone absent. The Anzacs are all gone. We are the first generation to no longer have an Anzac still with us.

So today we gather here to not only commemorate, but also to resurrect the memory of the Anzacs. But without their guidance how do we continue on? Should Anzac Day be a national day of mourning, a commemoration or a celebration?

Anzac Day was officially named in 1916 and observed by ceremonies and services all over Australia and overseas.

In true Aussie style there was even a sports day held in the honour of the fallen diggers at the Australian and New Zealand Egyptian Camp. Back home, wounded servicemen attended marches in Sydney in convoys of cars attended by their nurses.

The remaining years of the war saw patriotic rallies and recruiting

campaigns on April the 25th in most Australian cities.

However, it was during the 1920's and 30's that Anzac Day started to establish itself as a national day of commemoration, and by 1927 all states and territories observed some sort of public holiday, although it was of course more than a simple holiday.

Also in 1927 was the first official Dawn Service, held in Sydney. It was restricted to veterans only and was a simple 'stand to' ritual, very different from the public services of today.

We also have a long history of Anzac Day celebration in Toowoomba. Credit for the origin of the Dawn Service is divided between one Reverend Arthur Ernest White of Albany and a Captain George Harrington of Toowoomba.

Legend has it that Captain Harrington and a few mates held a memorial beginning at 4am in 1919 beside the graves of their fallen comrades. In 1920 and 1921 the service concluded at Picnic Point with a bugle sounding the now familiar and traditional 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. And thus began our tradition of acknowledging our Anzac heroes.

One such is Sister Elizabeth Kenny's brother William Harold Kenny. Kenny grew up at Nobby and joined the army in 1914, sailing in the first convoy to leave Australia. He was also in the first landing on the shores of Gallipoli and was a member of the demolition party, who were the last to leave the same shores.

That one man could endure so much for so long seems impossible to many of us, yet thousands of them have. Brigadier-General Robertson, also of Toowoomba, was another such man. It is said he was one of the first Queenslanders to set foot on the beaches of Gallipoli and the fields of France.

For his remarkable service he was

awarded the Distinguished Service Order. Both these men, and countless others, served under the same flag that flies at half mast today.

Yet for many of us, especially the younger generation who cannot even begin to comprehend what these men went through; it is easy to overlook the personal stories of the war and superficially honour them without truly understanding.

Therefore today is all about the personal stories, this is what we commemorate, the losses, the sacrifices, but most of all the gains. The gaining of a national reputation for mateship, for triumph over adversity, for integrity, the gaining of friendships forged in the fires, the gaining of unity. Anzac is perhaps the most important national occasion, and no other day can boast of the ability to gather every type of Australian in one place, with one thought in mind.

Whether you are young or old, whether you have served in battle or not, we come together to commemorate the loss of life that resulted in the most significant gain of all. The gaining of a nation that has paid for the right to hold its head high and walk in freedom.

I am part of the first generation to not have an Anzac digger still with us, while they were the first generation to fight for Australia as its own entity and separate from England. So I stand here this morning knowing that we have a great responsibility to shoulder.

It is we who must ensure that they are never forgotten, and it we who must carry the meaning of this day forward into the future.

So yes, Anzac Day is a mourning, for those who we have lost, a commemoration, for the sacrifices paid on our behalf, but also a celebration, for what we have gained from our Australian and Kiwi mates – the Anzacs.



Four recipients received the Australian Defence Medal in a ceremony prior to ANZAC Day. Ian joined with Group Captain Ken Given to congratulate recipients Des Hussey, Rod Prouse, Peter Thompson and Peter Ellery.



Ian also presented the Australian Defence Medal to Michael Gormley. Mr Gormley's wife Lorraine and son Brendan also attended the special presentation.

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Tickets will be available at the door - \$10 head. \$3 for supper.

INDOOR CRICKET

Rare Breeds still top table

CROW'S NEST: May 25 - Sent into bat Sticky Beaks cruised to 134. Bunya and Speedy (30) and Kel (25) showed the way. Steve Philp and Hugh Brassey got the Fielders off to a great start (46) and a third pair stand of (47) by Dan Field and Sean Kennedy saw the Fielders finish up on 142.

May 27 - Any team that stays on the top of the table for the entire season has talent. Rare Breeds showed this talent on Wednesday night. Batting first against the inform New Boys, the Breeds worked very hard to get 111. Many would of thought this target was gettable but Rare Breeds never let New Boys in with a chance. The final score was 111 - 65.

X-men going up against the Esky Raiders. Batting first, Raiders struggled early then really fell away. A hat truck to Steve Hine and a double hat trick to Justin Brown stood out.

Chasing just 38 to win, X-men had to work for a result, eventually finishing up on 82 to win by 45 runs. - **John Schwartz.**

TABLE TENNIS

Fixture results

Results of fixtures played at the Crow's Nest Table Tennis Club on May 25. A grade: Whichello (3) M. Macdonald 2, R. Kelk 0 d. Pinelands (2) R. Burgess 1, H. Woodley 1. Ravensbourne (4) D. Shum 2, Don Macdonald 1 d. Hampton (1) J. Kahler 1, L. Taylor 0. Bergen (5) Dale Macdonald 2, S. Macdonald 2 d. Pechey (0) R. Macdonald 0, G. Knight 0. B grade: Crow's (5) B. Macdonald 2, E. Kahler 2 d. Hawks (0) K. Macdonald 0, C. Polzin 0. - **Joy Bretz.**

Utes on show



Ute display at the Crow's Nest Show.

RUGBY

Redbacks hit the ground running

Highfields Redbacks Rugby Union have hit the ground running with the two senior teams competing well. Matches have been played against Dalby, Condamine Toowoomba City and Goondiwindi. The B grade team is top of the table while last year's premiers the C grade are sitting fourth.

Coaches Marty Ryan and Kevin Hubbard were full of praise for the high quality game and well disciplined effort the boys put in. It has been an excellent start to the season and encouraging signs for the future.

The junior season has got off to a

fast start with the boys and girls enjoying festivals and now moving into the formal fixture stages. With the emphasis on skill and personal development combined with fun and fitness, numbers have been growing and there is an excellent vibe about the club.

As with all clubs, the volunteers are the backbone and the Redbacks have their tireless band of dedicated parents and friends that help out.

With the season just getting underway, things are looking up for this Highfields club. - **Mat Crause.**

SPEEDWAY

Macdonald heads to Qld title

A week before the Queensland title, Shane Macdonald raced at Brisbane International Speedway, for a final shakedown before the trek to Cairns. Starting out of pole position for the first heat, Macdonald used all of his newly acquired horsepower to power into the lead into turn one. He was pressured from Darren Lester early on, but was able to maintain a three to four car length lead over Lester until an error by Macdonald. While pushing his VS Commodore to the limit, he scraped the wall up the front straight making the car run high in turn one allowing Lester into the lead. Macdonald was able to reel in Lester but had to settle for second place.

In heat two Macdonald started out of position six, and at the drop of the green flag, moved into fourth place around turn one and two. This heat would turn out to be one to remember as Mark Ferguson, Darren Lester, Jason Campbell and Macdonald displayed an exciting eight lap sprint race, with all cars running high, low and in between ducking, diving and swapping positions. After many gallant efforts Macdonald crossed the line in fourth, while it was Lester that came out on top, with Ferguson second and Campbell third.

The feature saw Darren Lester on pole, with Greg Worling in position two, followed by Mark Ferguson, Gavin Fletcher, Jason Campbell and Macdonald. On the start Lester broke

the gear lever off in his hand which saw him have a rather slow start to the race and Worling capitalised and took the lead.

Fletcher moved in second with Lester third and Macdonald fourth. Worling opened up a lead and Macdonald battled with the track working out the quickest way around the circuit. The pace was fast as Macdonald diced with Jason Campbell early on, before he started to surge forward. Fletcher spun his car in turn three, sending the black Falcon to the rear leaving Macdonald in fourth behind Campbell. On the restart Macdonald found a way past Campbell for third then made a move on Lester who ran wide in turn two.

Macdonald put chase to Worling who already had a sizeable lead with only a few laps remaining. Greg Worling claimed another win ahead of Macdonald second and Lester third. Macdonald will start his preparation for the Queensland title in Cairns over the long weekend along with fellow competitor Rodney Pammenter.

With the friendly gesture from Toowoomba local Peter Gray, the car will be towed in a specialised transporter, allowing Macdonald to take the two-hour flight instead. It will be a new venture for Macdonald, not having raced there before. However, he is looking forward to challenging the locals on their own turf. - **Contributed.**

LIVESTOCK

Angus weaners sell to 206.2c

O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS: May 25 - Combined yarding 653. Angus weaners sell to 206.2c. Numbers remained similar to last week's yarding. A few bullocks and good runs of cows made up percentage of the yarding. Prices remained firm with the only price change depending on quality. Restockers pushed values along after recent rain. Competition on vealer steers lifted by 20c kg with sales of Angus steers to 206.2c. Vealer heifers improved by 8c kg. Lighter conditioned cows sold to stronger rates with local restockers pushing the export buyers along.

Shane Pincott sold Angus steers for \$798. Merv and Trevor Pincott sold Angus steers for \$903. Friesian cows ex-Meringandan sold for \$630. Hereford cross cows ex-Trevanna sold for \$753. W. R. Bellingham sold Santa cows for \$893. J. W. and K. C. Ormsby sold Angus steers 255kg for 206.2c for \$526. Blonde d'Aquitaine heifers from Linthorpe sold for 179.2c, 285kg, for \$645, also selling steers for 179.2c, 371kg, for \$665.

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GOLF

K and D Christensen day

CROW'S NEST: May 24 - Golf World Day. Ladies winner L. Case 33. Runner-up B. Cox 30. Mens winner D. Littleton 44. Runner-up T. Weis c/b L. Cherry 39. Rundown L. Cherry 39, K. Cox 38, D. Woodley 35, R. Gardner 34, B. Burgess 34, J. Somerville 34, D. Jenkins 33, J. Davie 34, J. Edser 32. Pin shots Ladies 3/12, 7/16, 8/17

B. Cox. Men's 3/12 D. Littleton, 7/16 B. Burgess, 8/17 D. Woodley. The club would like to sincerely thank the crew from Golf World for the day.

Calendar: May 31 - Dennis Nissen Motors winner and runner-up. Coming event: May 7 - K. and D. Christensen winner and runner-up. - **Leo Kruger.**

Final round grade championships

GOOMBUNGEE: May 21 - Ladies 18 hole single stroke for C. McLeod trophy, final round grade championships. Winner D. Skuse 71 net, V. Hartland 72, Sh. Elfverson 73. Pin shot 8/17 J. Mullins, second shot 4/13 D. Skuse.

Men's competition single stableford, club trophy. Winner G. Skuse 37. Pin shot 8-17 E. Radley.

May 23 - Competition eclectic stableford, club trophy. Winner Z. Rosenthal 24. Runner-up K. Egan 24. Pin 8-17 W. Nemeth.

May 24 - Competition single stroke second round club championships, E. Radley trophies. Winner men D. Cass

65 net. Winner ladies C. McLeod 73. Best gross men L. Short 70, ladies S. Dalziel 91 on count back. Rundown L. Short, J. Hopkins, G. Skuse, B. Short, S. Kajewski, K. Egan. Pin shots men 3-12 J. Dwyer, 4-13 I. Maclean, 8-17 M. McLeod, Approach 9-18 D. Hughes. Ladies 4-13 A. Cass. Approach 3-12 L. Alexander.

Calendar: Thursday, May 28 - Single stableford, club trophy. Saturday, May 30 - Single stableford medley, club trophy.

May 31 - Single stroke, round 3 club championships, I. MacLean trophies. - **Murray McLeod.**

Peter Medicott memorial

BORNEO BARRACKS: May 23 - 4bbb stableford. Winners R. Woodcock P. Myles 48. Runners-up M. Saal, J. Collins 47, third S. Chaney, L. Jocusmen 46. Pin shots 1st B. Marney, 9th J. Bolitho, 13th J. Bolitho, 14th B. Marney, 17th L. Jocusmen.

May 24 - Diggers Cup and Peter Medicott memorial, single stroke, Diggers Cup.

Winner C. Butler 73. Peter

Medlicott memorial winner M. Sorenson 64. Runner-up C. Jones 66. Rundown T. Aitken 67, K. Mitchell 67, K. Clarke 67, A. Brennen 68, G. Douglas 69, P. Myles 69, B. Bargenquast 70, A. orenson 70.

Pin shots 1st G. Barnsley, 9th G. Glossop, 13th G. Glossop, 17th A. Brennen.

Junior golf: Winner J. Bartesko 35. Runner-up L. Hamilton 38, third M. Campbell 42. - **Gary Small.**

Connie Harrison trophies

BORNEO BARRACKS LADIES: May 26 - Single stableford for club trophy. Winner Judy Barlow 32, second Sandy. May 31 - Rundown Muriel Mohr 30 on count back from Sue Tucker 30. Pin shots 1/1 (all in)

Hazel Black, 2/9 (pro pin) Lyn Thomas, 3/6 (0-27) Muriel Mohr, 2/13 (28-45) Joan Webb.

Calendar: June 2 - Single stableford for trophies donated by Connie Harrison. - **Lotte Pedersen.**

BOWLS

Crow's Nest IGA day

CROW'S NEST: May 24 - Crow's Nest IGA day. Winners were P. Knowles, A. Cox, Dennis Russell and Kevin Stark, runners-up H. Steabler, G. Russell, R. Haldane and D. Sandercock. Membership draw was not collected. The pool will increase to \$50.

May 27 - Men's mufti. Winners were E. Motley and B. Bowe, runners-up T. Bowe, K. Herbertson and T. Egan. May 28 - Battlers had to be cancelled because of work being done to the green. Coming events: June 7 - Charity day. June 14 - Crow's Nest Soft Drinks day.

LADIES: Congratulations to D. Handford, our champion lady bowler for 2009. Congratulations also to the runner-up, M. De Vere. Pairs played resulted in L. Mutch and B. Mead defeating L. Sandercock and B. Vandersee. Club drawn trophies

were won by A. Cox, P. Kelly and B. Vandersee with runners-up J. Bretz, L. Sandercock and B. Vandersee. The parcel was won by S. Collins. Any competition available this Thursday will be played. Parcel P. Kelly. - **Del Burgess.**

CROW'S NEST
May 25, 2009

CATTLE: A rain reduced yarding of 586 cattle sold to improved rates for most classes. Bulls 133.2c/kg. Bullocks 175c/kg. Heavy steers 193.2c/kg. Heavy feeders 165.2c/kg. Heavy heifers 185.2c/kg. Cows 133.2c/kg. Trade heifers 186.2c/kg. Trade steers 198.2c/kg. Restocker steers 195.2c/kg. Vealers 150-165c/kg.

PIGS: 215 pigs sold with backfatter sows selling to very strong competition. Quality store pigs sold to excellent rates while prime pork eased slightly in line with southern markets due to swine flu scare. Prime pork: \$2.81-2.94 kg, Prime light bacon: \$2.65-2.77 kg, prime bacon: nil, boars: 50c kg, sows to: \$1.30-1.46 kg, Forward stores: \$128-134, Weaners: \$95-120, Suckers: \$70-94. Contact: Errol Luck 0427 561 678.

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End of the road past Franke Scrub - Fiona Stone photo



Sascha Neale, from Highfields Plaza Circle Café serves morning tea to Tanya Moran, Gowrie Junction, Krista Atkinson, Meringandan, and Nicole Allen, Meringandan West. The morning tea was in aid of the Queensland Cancer Council.

PLEASE NOTE
The Herald is published every Tuesday, except when the Monday is a public holiday. We then publish on Wednesday.

BIRDS

Real top-knot pigeon lives high in the forest

In my last article I wrote about the crested pigeon, incorrectly called the top-knot pigeon.

The real top knot pigeon lives high in the warm for-

est and so is difficult to photograph.

It is a beautiful slate grey bird about 40 to 45 cm in length.

It has a reddish crest, a red bib and reddish pink feet and legs and the back is slightly darker grey.

The tail is long and has a black band across it.

As these birds are only often seen at a distance the black band helps with identification.

They feed only on fruits, figs and palms being favourite trees.

They live in flocks and observers have noted that they have a delightful display where they sit on a branch and face opposite

directions and twine their necks.

Dr Harry Frith notes in his book, *Pigeons and Doves*, that these birds were first sighted in Australia when Captain Cook was forced to spend time

on the Endeavour River.

They are endemic to Australia and found along the east coast. - Donald Rogers.



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Name nominations for Kings Creek, Gowrie Creek, Oakey Creek, Dogwood Creek, Wilkie Creek and Back Creek bridges will close on Friday, 5 June 2009.

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- Make sure you change your smoke alarm batteries regularly.
- Switch electric blankets off before going to bed.
- Make sure your fire place has proper protection from flying embers and ash.
- Only use clothes lines or dryers to dry wet clothes and check the clothes dryer filter before every load.
- Keep a clear space of 1 metre around heaters.