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Mural helps close the gap

Indigenous artist Howard Butler and Byellee artist Patrica Coleman have transformed Gladstone's East Shores 1B with a mural unveiled for National Close the Gap Day.

The massive artwork on the ground floor features 12 colourful hand-crafted panels that are sure to wow park visitors.

Indigenous Affairs Advisor Lee-ann Dudley said the mural celebrated the culture of First Nations People.

"This new artwork at the East Shores parkland is a fantastic way to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and showcase their talent outside an art gallery," she said.

"It's important we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

The artwork, commissioned by Gladstone Ports Corporation and designed to raise awareness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the community, features some of the region's favourite local animals including dolphins and turtles.

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Gooreng Gooreng artist Howard Butler and Byellee artist Patrica Coleman with their mural unveiled on Close the Gap Day.

Our rental relief

By Liam Emerton

Gladstone's incredibly tight rental market has plenty of locals worried but there are solutions to the issue.

With increases in rents and a market nearing that of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis - there is a lot to be concerned about.

There needs to be a solution found in Gladstone, and Real Estate Institute of Queensland's Gladstone Chair Alicia Williams believes that help is on its way.

"Even though prices have had quite a big jump it's still relatively one of the cheapest places to rent," Ms Williams said.

"There's a lot going on, but if we look at

what the solution is I believe it's in progress at the moment - it's just a bit of a lag.

"If you speak to some of the local builders they're all really busy.

"I know one builder in particular who has 20 homes on his books at the moment, they're booked out for 12 months solid.

"There's a real shortage in that sector because a lot of these tradies didn't have work so they went into other sectors.

"We won't see a positive outcome in results until it all catches up and that's probably around 12 months away.

"It's a bit crazy at the moment but expect it to settle down."

Development in Gladstone is one solution to the issue and Ms Williams said there are other alternatives that can help the market.

"Obviously providing more stock will help," she said.

"And investors are coming back to the region now too.

"If you look at other areas where they can invest their money, like banks or government bonds, the return on property is just much safer.

"As well, workers' camps, as much as we don't really like them, do have a place in the market now where they can deal with those short-term influxes of people.

"So if you did have a shutdown it's not go-

ing to put additional pressure on our residential market."

That's something that Gladstone Regional Mayor Matt Burnett said is a true possibility but requires action from different parties.

"A tight rental market is good for some and bad for others," said Cr Burnett.

"It's great for sellers and landlords but can create problems for people who rent or for people who are looking for a rental property.

"Gladstone has plenty of options for housing development.

"But it comes down to market conditions and if the property developers are willing to develop them."

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Tradie wins the lottery

A Gladstone electrician had an electrifying start to his week, scoring a \$2.5 million Gold Lotto win on the weekend.

The Central Queensland held one of the eight division one winning entries in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4139, drawn Saturday, 20 March.

On Tuesday, the ecstatic tradie was still coming to terms with the news.

"I just got goosebumps all over again when you confirmed that prize," he said.

"Multi-millionaire sounds weird! I still can't believe it.

"I got an email yesterday and initially I thought it was scam.

"After that, for the rest of the day, I became completely useless.

"I turned into a three-year-old. I was wandering around aimlessly, muttering half sentences, bumping into things.

"I got sick of wandering around in circles, and so went to the car and drove around town in circles.

"I will play sporadically and usually play Oz Lotto and Powerball. I don't think I'm a lucky person. I used to think if I didn't have bad luck, I wouldn't have any luck at all. Looks like that's about to change."

The new Queensland multi-millionaire said



A Gladstone tradie has won lotto.

he had been on the hunt for a new home, but those plans may now be upgraded.

"Everything I've done up until now can be thrown out the window. I've got a few more options now with this prize," he said.

"With the rest, I'll go see a financial advisor and make sure it works for me in the future.

The man, who wishes to remain anonymous, purchased his life-changing entry online at thelott.com.

The winning numbers in Saturday Gold Lotto draw 4139 on 20 March were 22, 32, 13, 8, 19 and 9 while the supplementary numbers were 15 and 25.



Jack Henry plays the role of Ron Pearlman in Luke Graham's Chasing Gold.

Open air short film night

By Duncan Evans

Gladstone's East Shores precinct will host a special night of short films in late April in the open air, giving film lovers the rare chance to consume film outside of the darkened confines of cinemas.

Originally part of the Capricorn Film Festival, the 12 short films on show include academy-award nominated pieces and three local works written, directed and acted by Central Queenslanders.

The three films are: Anxious, directed by Elizabeth Tansley, Container, directed by Clifton Schulke, and Chasing Gold, directed by festival director Luke Graham.

The original festival was cancelled due to the pandemic and the screening will be the first time Ms Tansley, Mr Schulke and Mr Graham premiere their work before local audiences.

In a conversation with CQ Today, Mr Graham detailed his vision behind Chasing Gold.

"I've always been a big fan of English humour, Australian-English humour, like The Office," he said.

"I haven't really seen anything about seniors before, things that are highlighting seniors. And I'm sure it's an interesting part of life. I know a lot of people that are seniors. We don't think of seniors as being proactive, or all these other parts that we are. We don't see them I guess like us. We kind of see them more handicapped, in a way. But seniors are obviously just as capable as everyone.

"I wanted to highlight that in a funny, uncomfortably funny, weirdly funny way.

"I utilise the Gladstone region. We've got a very beautiful, unique region here and we kind of play off the humour of that as well."

Mr Graham hopes the night will put a spotlight on local talent.

"With short filmmakers, especially locals, you get forgotten. What was important was to get those short films screened to the community and to support local filmmakers," he said.

Ms Tansley spoke to CQ Today about her film Anxious.

"We were interviewing a friend of mine who suffers from severe anxiety, and we were interviewing her as part of a documentary that my husband was making on mental health, and she was so nervous and unsure that she agreed to be interviewed only if I asked the questions. And while I sat there, doing the interview, this short film just appeared in my head. The script pretty much wrote itself while I was sitting there talking to her," she said.

"She described having a good voice and a bad voice in her head and she said it was like having two different radio stations playing at the same time in her head and competing."

Ms Tansley wrote the script in 20 minutes and made the film over a weekend.

The screening takes place on April 24, a Saturday night, from 5.50pm to 8.30pm.

The event will also feature food stalls to cater to hungry cine-philes.

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The editor's desk

Where do I begin to best describe myself to the CQ Today audience?

If you've been familiar with my work during my three-year tenure at The Morning Bulletin, you've caught a glimpse of my abilities while I aim to satisfy readers with content of the highest quality.

As I start a new era in my professional life, I am feeling optimistic about the road ahead where I'll be able to enhance my skills and bring more surprises for our community.

After having studied a journalism major at CQUniversity in Rockhampton between 2014 and 2017, I began my employment as a reporter and feature writer for The Morning Bulletin.

But it was NewsCorp's shock announcement of the digitalisation of their regional publications mid last year which left about half of my former newsroom team (including myself) without a job.

As anyone who has experienced unemployment would be fully aware, the nine months which followed without work proved both physically and mentally gruelling for me.

Having been raised in a family which prides itself on a great work ethic, I somehow felt inadequate even though I was given the greatest support.

While my redundancy was not decided based on my performance, it still diminished my confidence to some degree.

I soon spiralled into a negative mindset filled with depressed emotions and a lot of second guessing.

Instead of diving deeper into the cycle I was travelling along, I instead decided to seek help while talking to loved ones and friends.

While my mental health was not in its finest hour during this period, I kept looking for the next chapter of my professional career.

As I played the waiting game through an ever-changing pandemic, my creativity blossomed.

I took solace in my songwriting and planned my debut album (which I still aim to complete), choosing from my vast range of lyrics which had surpassed 100 titles during that time.

Finally, a light shone when I was given a role with CQ Today last week - an offer I couldn't refuse.

After spending my first few days with the team, I could have chosen to write my first editorial on one of my works from this week's edition.

Instead, I wanted to share these messages to uplift others who've been in my position with a greater sense of self-empowerment.

Anyone out there who is suffering with their mental health, the best advice I can give you is to talk to someone because you are special; and you are worth the best our world has to offer.

As I step into my new role with optimism and gratitude, I look forward to forming a strong relationship with you - our beloved readers who make our region what it is.

- Sean Fox



Park revamp

Upgrades to Cassy Lives Skate Park will commence from this week following two periods of community engagement on design options.

Design Option 2 was preferred by the community and was adapted throughout the detailed design process to ensure the finished product blended with the natural environment, the existing half pipe and soil conditions on site.

Works will commence from this week and are expected to be completed by June 30 2021.

Mugul artists announced

By Duncan Evans

Fifteen artists have been announced for the innovative Wrapt in Mugul project set to transform the Miriam Vale portion of Central Queensland.

Funded by Arts Queensland, Wrapt in Mugul will see five artworks positioned along a stretch of the Bruce Highway between Miriam Vale and Bororen and 10 artworks positioned at the base of Mt Colosseum.

The public will have access to the artworks from July 1 and the pieces will remain in place for three months. The transitory nature of the project gives it the title of an 'ephemeral' arts exhibition.

The pieces will be works of installation art and the innovative exhibition offers local artists the rare opportunity to showcase their unique visions to the world.

Expressions of interest were accepted from late last year until the middle of January. The expressions were then judged by a curatorial panel and on Monday, the artists were announced.

They are: Dylan Sarra, Jennifer Hollstein, Christine Holden, Belynda Waugh, Calum White, Margaret Worthington, Katrina Elliott, Jenny Fournier, twins Elara and Arthur Kelly, Kristel Kelly, Bryony Harlock, Lesley Kane, Casey Harlock and Madwings, which is a collaboration between Maddison Gibbs and Jason Wings.

From these 15 artists, the work of Sarra, Hollstein, Fournier, Madwings and Kristel Kelly will appear by the Bruce Highway and the remaining artists will see their work enmeshed into Mt Colosseum.

Three of the 15 artists are drawn from outside of Central Queensland and the rest are from the Gladstone region. Four children were also selected to display works of art.

Mugul refers to the Indigenous name for Mt Colosseum, a site of significance for the Traditional Owners of the land, the Gooreng Gooreng.

Lee McIvor, the founder of Wrapt in Mugul, spent years in consultation with the Gooreng Gooreng on how the site might be activated to showcase Indigenous history. She was also inspired to push the project to broadcast the artistic reach and depth of the region.

"I came up with this idea several years ago, thinking that the Gladstone region needed to have a different perspective for tourists coming through. Not just concentrating on the industrial side of things here in Gladstone. But also showing that there's a high level of creatives in this region. We want to showcase the work of our artists," Ms McIvor said in an interview with CQ Today late last year.

In a telephone call with CQ Today following Monday's announcement, Ms McIvor said the artworks would be new creations.

"No physical dimension as yet," she said with a laugh.

"They haven't been created yet, so they're completely new. They will be created specifically for this exhibition, except for one, which is in the process. The artist has been working on it for a while, and she's adapting and reworking it for this exhibition.

"Most of them are using recycled materials



An installation site at the base of Mugul.



A work of art will be installed at this location on the Bruce Highway, 7.8km south of Bororen and 5km north of Miriam Vale.



Bruce Highway Site 4.

and materials from the environment here in Miriam Vale," she added.

Artist Kristel Kelly celebrated her selection with a glass of champagne and some drinks with fellow artists at Dicey's, an Irish pub in Gladstone. She found inspiration for her submission from a childhood memory.

"When I was a child, my mum had a horse-

riding business, and we had this sign that would direct people down to where our horse riding property was. On the sign was this big huge arrow, and the arrow was made up of these green metallic discs that were held off the board by a nail, and they would move in the breeze and pick up the sunlight, but at night they would also pick up headlights, and I always thought it was a wonderful way

of catching attention without having to run power to a sign. So when she (Ms McIvor) said, 'I want artworks along this highway', my first thought was, 'oh man, if I could find those discs or make them, then I could create an artwork that would work during the day and night and I don't have to try and run power or have solar panels or anything like that.' So I developed the idea from there."

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Landry shocked by 'selective' reports

By Liam Emerton

Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry has been subjected to harsh criticism after she was questioned about the staff member who performed a lewd sex act inside a federal Liberal MP's office.

Ms Landry's comments came under fire after Channel 10 journalist Tegan George posted a cropped interview to Twitter on Tuesday morning and an article on a separate news site quoted Ms Landry.

The main quote that sparked controversy read: "The young fellow concerned was a really good worker and he loved the place. I feel bad for him about this, but it's unacceptable behaviour."

The 11 second video posted to the social media network clipped the full interview, leaving out the opening of Ms Landry's response.

In a responding statement Ms Landry said that the quote was taken out of context and manipulated her stance on the issue.

The statement read: "The reporting over my comments this morning was very selective, and it does not accurately represent what I said in its entirety.

"As I said, I was horrified by what I saw in the news reporting last night over this incident. I think there is a real behaviour problem in parliament, and we must address it.

"My comments reflected my concern for the staffer's mental health, and I do not believe in joining the national pile-on in regards to a staff member who has been rightfully dismissed for his actions.

"There needs to be a strict code for all MPs, Senators and staff to adhere to. I have the highest standards for myself, my staff and the way

we conduct ourselves in parliament.

"As I said, this is federal parliament and people should behave themselves.

Ms Landry pointed to her full quote, as reported by The Guardian:

"I was horrified when I saw that last night. I think there is a real behaviour problem in this place and that we have to address it.

"I am certainly strict about what goes on in my office. I don't think people should be here after house unless they are working and there needs to be a strict code on that.

"In saying that, the young fellow concerned was a good worker and he loved the place. I feel bad for him about this, but it's unacceptable behaviour by anyone and it should not happen in workplaces like this.

"This is the Federal Parliament of Australia and people should behave themselves."



Teaching award for Blackwater high school principal

By Matthew Pearce

Blackwater State High School principal Rebecca Godfrey is one of 12 inspiring teachers from across the country to be recognised at the 2021 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards.

Ms Godfrey said the award, for her work with industry over the past 23 years, was a huge honour.

"I'm sure all the other winners were very deserving as teachers generally are," she said.

"I was first posted to Blackwater back in 1997 and have worked at Blackwater and Moranbah State High Schools ever since. "Over that time I've done a lot of work with the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy, working alongside industry to design and deliver a number of programs, the most important of which is QSMART (Queensland Minerals and Energy Science, Maths and Related Technologies)."

She said the genesis of the program came in 2010.

"We had a lot of kids doing physics that wanted to go into trades, but they really struggled with the subject," she said.

"If they wanted to be an electrician they needed to know the electrical side but they weren't so keen on Einstein's Theory of Special Relativity.

"I thought, wouldn't it be great if there was a subject that took a bit of the electrical side from Physics, the properties of materials from Chemistry and things like budgeting and tax from Maths and put it into one subject that's delivered in context.

"The Queensland Minerals and Energy



Blackwater State High School principal Rebecca Godfrey has been recognised at the 2021 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards.

Academy was on board with that and after engaging with industry across Central Queensland, it's been picked up at Moranbah, Blackwater and a trade college in Townsville, Tec-NQ, who have all 300 of their students completing the subject every year."

Ms Godfrey said the best part of the subject was its adaptability.

"The great thing is that it's all in context, those fundamental concepts don't change but the context can and so it can be tailored to, say, an electrical context, plumbing or coal mining context," she said.

"Kids see that direct link from what they learn in the classroom to how these concepts relate to the workplace.

"The program is also really adaptable to the changes in technology.

"It's still a work in progress but definitely one the kids find rewarding. A lot of those kids do go on to apprenticeships when they finish school."

Ms Godfrey said working in a regional area had its challenges and its rewards.

"Kids here don't have access to the broad range of careers that kids in the city might do," she said.

"But saying that we are greatly supported by our industries here."

This week, she took 11 STEM students to Brisbane for the World Science Festival, thanks to the support of BMA.

"There are definitely opportunities that we get, particularly through the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy, that you don't usually get elsewhere."

She said the biggest challenge to rural schools was attracting staff.

"People seem to want to stay around the city and it's a shame because there are so many opportunities that you get with rural teaching," she said.

"You get to teach senior classes a lot quicker, have access to professional development and take on leadership roles a lot sooner.

"It would be nice if there were more incentives to get people to teach in rural areas."

Ms Godfrey said the award wouldn't have been possible without support from industry and the other teachers who'd had their input into QMART along the way.

The award comes with a \$45,000 Teaching Fellowship, which will go back into school professional development and projects.

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Law changes for casuals

By **Duncan Evans**

The federal government's proposed reforms to industrial relations have been largely rejected by the Senate after key crossbenchers signalled their intent to vote down most of the bill.

However, the section of the bill relating to casual labour has been passed and will now return to the House of Representatives for final approval.

The passage of the casual provisions into law is likely to have a considerable effect on Central Queensland's workforce moving forward, a substantial portion of whom are employed in the mining sector.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has revealed that 25.28 per cent of Queensland's mining sector workforce are casuals, or employees without paid leave entitlements, as of the 2020 November quarter.

Chad Stokes, a casual miner, spoke with reporters last month at the offices of the CFMEU in Rockhampton about the stresses associated with being a casual.

"It puts a lot of pressure on your family. It's mentally draining at times. Six months ago, we got told on a Monday that we might not have a job by the Thursday. And there was 85 people put off overnight. So it puts a lot of stress on the family," he said.

The bill enshrines a new definition of a casual worker and regulates how workers can transition from casual employment into permanent employment.

With the new law, an employer must make an offer of permanent employment to a casual if the employee has worked for the employer for 12 months and during that period, has worked a regular pattern of hours during at least the last six months of that period.

Assuming Mr Stokes meets these criteria, his employer will be required to offer Mr Stokes a permanent role.

National employer association the Australian Industry Group has offered qualified support for the new definition and conversion mechanism embedded in the bill.

The unions and the Labor Party, however, have come out strongly against the casual section of the bill.

"The legislation that the government is putting forward still leaves it up to employers to decide whether someone is a casual or not. No matter how often they work, how regularly they work," Queensland Senator and Shadow Minister for Queensland Resources Murray Watt said at the CFMEU meeting alongside Mr Stokes last month.

At a worker's rally outside the offices of Fed-

eral LNP member for Capricornia Michelle Landry earlier this month, Queensland Council of Unions General Secretary Michael Clifford spoke with CQ Today about union objections to the new law.

"You get to the 12 month point and yes, you have to look back six months, and if you're working a regular pattern of hours then you must convert," he acknowledged.

"That's where we say that, if you look at the bill again it talks about, unless you've got a reasonable reason not to. And the reasonable reason might be that you're not sure if you're going to be employing that person in 12 months' time, or you might be changing their hours. We've had experience of this in general protections cases. Any law that requires you to get inside the mind of the employer to try and work out whether that decision is genuine or not, is rubbish."

Investigation into man's stabbing death

By **Matthew Pearce**

Rockhampton police are investigating a man's death following an alleged stabbing at Norman Gardens on Monday, March 22.

Capricornia District Detective Inspector Darrin Shadlow said police were called to a home at Cypress Avenue about midday, where they located a 51-year-old man with a stab wound.

"A female person called 000 requesting assistance for a male person who had what appeared to be a single stab wound to the chest," he said.

"Police commenced CPR before the man was transported by ambulance to Rockhampton Hospital, where he was pronounced deceased."

Det Insp Shadlow said a 48-year-old woman at the residence, believed to be the man's wife, was assisting police with their inquiries.

He said the woman was with her family and was not physically injured.

"Police are speaking to people in the neighbourhood and other family members and will continue to speak to further people in relation to the incident," he said.

A crime scene has been declared at the residence in Norman Gardens where photographic and forensic experts arrived on Tuesday to conduct investigations.

Det Insp Shadlow said the couple's children were not believed to be at the residence at the time and the address hadn't been known to police previously.

While the sudden death is being treated as suspicious, no changes have yet been laid and there isn't believed to be any danger to the community. Any person who has information about the incident is asked to contact Crime Stoppers or Rockhampton police.



Detective Inspector Darrin Shadlow.

Central Queensland is good to go for southern tourists

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher says CQ is good to go.

The state government's Good to Go tourism marketing campaign has been reworked ahead of a roll out in Sydney and Melbourne in an 'aggressive bid' to lure more southerners to sunny Queensland this winter.

New television advertising featuring Central Queensland natives Busby Marou and showcasing the very best of our state's attractions are the centrepiece of the \$2 million promotional ad blitz.

Mr Butcher said it was encouraging that tourism operators had already reported strong bookings from Melbourne and Sydney.

"Our new Good to Go campaign tells those in NSW and Victoria who are still longing for a holiday - we want all of you up here," he said.

"The Central Queensland Region is a beautiful part of Queensland and we want more Aussies to experience it.

"Central Queensland is Good to Go.

"Queensland's Covid-19 safety record is highlighted too in the advertising pitched at 8.3 million people in New South Wales and



Central Queensland natives Busby Marou are the centerpiece of the Good to Go marketing blitz.

Victoria. There are no apologies for stressing that fact down south. It's another big lure.

"The new six-week long ad blitz on TV, radio, social media and out-of-home advertis-

ing will generate more income needed for our hard-pressed tourism operators, to offset the coming loss of JobKeeper support.

"The end of this scheme is a deadly serious

issue for our tourism industry and even at this late hour the federal government must offer up more targeted support for people.

"With our international borders remaining closed, so many hard-working people, through no fault of their own, are going to feel the effects when JobKeeper ends.

"Our government's committed to supporting our tourism industry as it rebuilds from the devastating impacts of Covid-19 and our aggressive pitch in our traditional southern visitor markets is further proof of that."

The campaign has been shot in locations right across Queensland from Cairns and Port Douglas, to the Whitsundays, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Tourism Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said the Good to Go campaign had already proved successful, driving \$4.6 billion to the Queensland economy and 30 million room nights since its launch in June last year.

"As the weather starts to get cooler, a lot of our southern friends will be looking for a warm tropical getaway and Queensland is the place to be," he said.

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GPs roll out Covid-19 jab

By Matthew Pearce

Central Queensland's Covid-19 vaccine rollout is ramping up, with GPs joining the vaccination effort.

Speaking out following Gladstone's Hospital's first Covid-19 vaccination last week, Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher encouraged people to listen to the experts when it came to the jab.

"The vaccine is safe, effective, and I'd encourage anyone who is eligible to take it," he said.

"Dr Dilip Kumar, one of our top doctors, would know best. That's why he was first in line to get Gladstone's first Covid vaccination.

"We've worked too hard for too long to risk it all now with misinformation and dishonesty.

"It's because of our region's strong health response that many accommodations have been full in peak periods, there's been more jobs for locals with less FIFO, and we've avoided any Covid related shutdowns.

"I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world during this pandemic than in Gladstone. If you have any symptoms, please go and get tested. If you're eligible for the vaccine, please sign up to take it."

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry welcomed the news that 1000 general practices across Australia would join the Covid-19 vaccination program from this week.

"We all know the invaluable work our local GPs do for our community, now we will see them play a vital role the Covid-19 vaccine rollout," she said. "Phase 1B of the rollout will see GPs across Australia delivering Covid-19 vaccines for our elderly and immunocompromised, increasing in number to more than 4000 by the end of April."

Ms Landry said vaccines were the game changer in our fight against Covid.

"I urge everyone in Australia to come forward and get vaccinated when they are able to. It will protect themselves, their family, and their community," she said.

Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Greg Hunt said the rollout would only continue to grow in the coming weeks.

"We are committed to making sure that every Australian that wants a vaccine will be able to be vaccinated," he said.

"As the rollout moves into Phase two, additional general practices and selected community pharmacists will also participate in the program.

"No-one will miss out, whether they live in a city or country town or a very remote area.

"There will be six million Australians in Phase 1B, and not all will be able to be vaccinated immediately.

"We recognise that every Australian will have the opportunity to be vaccinated over the coming months and we thank every Australian for their patience."

The GP Clinics in Central Queensland who are participating in the vaccine rollout include:

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Gladstone's Dr Dilip Kumar was first in line to get a Covid vaccination.

A relatively quiet week for Coast Guard Yeppoon

Coast Guard update with Leigh Deutscher

Low winds and clear skies on Monday, March 15 saw a large number of vessels take to the water to make the most of the favourable conditions. Over 35 vessels logged on with Coast Guard Yeppoon (QF11).

Thankfully for the number of vessels on the water, QF11 had relatively few jobs.

At 10.25am a marine assist member approached staff at the centre informing them that their jet ski was experiencing difficulties in Statue Bay, north of Rosslyn Bay Harbour.

A crew was dispatched in QF11's Marine Assist Rescue, skippered by Jim Goodsell, to assist. Departing the harbour at 11am both vessels returned safely at 11.30am.

Later in the afternoon at about 1pm, Coast Guard received a radio transmission on VHF channel 21 from a vessel a little further from home - Johnson Patch. The six-metre half cabin cruiser was experiencing engine difficulties and only able to travel at slow speeds. QF11's rescue vessel Yeppoon Rescue 1 (YR1) was deployed from RBH. YR1 met the target

vessel halfway between RBH and Johnson Patch. A tow line was secured to the target vessel and, after 4.5 hours on the water, both vessels returned to RBH at 6.30pm.

Celebrating his 70th birthday with another rescue, YR1 was skippered by veteran skipper, Barry Semple. Barry has been an operational member with coast guard for almost 40 years and held the position of both Flotilla Commander and Squadron Commodore. Thank-you Barry for yet another job and wishing you a very happy birthday!

Higher winds and less attractive conditions saw fewer boaters take to the water later in the week and on the weekend.

A quiet weekend allowed Delta Crew to undertake training activities and drills for skippers and general-purpose hands in rougher conditions.

Coast Guard Yeppoon would like to remind all skippers that it is a legal requirement that vessels display navigation lights (port and starboard) and an all-white light both between sunrise and sunset and at times of limited visibility.



Skipper Barry Semple returns from Johnson Patch.

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Livingstone Shire Council has clarified its position on Great Keppel Island.

A clarified GKI position

By Matthew Pearce

Livingstone Shire councillor Adam Belot says the council's latest resolution on Great Keppel Island provides the state government with a 'very clear message'.

In a meeting on March 2, council voted in support of the redevelopment of Great Keppel Island, however stated that the \$30 million of taxpayer funding should be distributed across the island and not just delivered to Altum Property Group.

On March 13, the council voted to clarify its position, stating that:

1. Once investment in previously-nominated community infrastructure has been secured, public funds should be prioritised toward transport infrastructure projects that will result in safer, more equitable and more efficient access for residents, visitors and guests and also for freight and machinery needing to access the island.

2. All investment should be targeted to maximise the economic benefit of the entire Livingstone Shire and Central Queensland region.

Cr Belot, who submitted the notice of motion, said the council's view was now clear.

"The motion has improved on the previous position by virtue of saying very clearly that the balance of the money must be spent to achieve the economic uplift of Keppel," he said.

"Most importantly, that money must be spent, as soon as is practicably possible, on infrastructure that is going to improve safe and efficient access to the island."

Cr Belot said the previous motion was a good step by council but this took things further.

"The unanimous decision last Tuesday will ensure that all the money is accounted for, we don't want that money sitting in the southeast corner, waiting potentially for people to provide clarity of where that should be spent," he said.

"This shows the state government that this community, as represented by the council, agrees that safe and efficient infrastructure on Great Keppel Island is what is needed."

On March 2, Cr Belot was one of three councillors unable to take part in the motion.

"Previously I wasn't able to participate because of council concerns relating to conflict of interest because I had signed a petition in support of the GKI development," he said.

"As this new motion is for the overall benefit of the broader Central Queensland economy and not just the Great Keppel Island Progress Association it was deemed all councillors had the right to participate in the debate and there was no issue with conflicts of interest."

Cr Belot said the unanimous motion showed the council was a united team, with Mayor Andy Ireland strongly supporting the need to provide greater clarity.

"This goes above and beyond what we'd previously agreed so the overall outcome is fantastic for the potential of Great Keppel Island."

Cr Belot's comments are his own and not reflective of Livingstone Shire Council.

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Unruly teens at Stockland

By Rebecca Hall

Police were called to Stockland Rockhampton's food court on Sunday after an incident involving unruly teens.

Around 2.30pm, a group of youths entered the food court, where two of the members had been attempting to start a fight.

The security team working that afternoon intercepted the teenagers, aged about 13 to 15, and asked the them to stop and leave the premises.

After ignoring the security guards' request for several minutes, they left the food court but were seen and heard by other shoppers as they continued their disruptive behaviour upon leaving.

Rockhampton police were called and later arrived to conduct further investigations but were unable to locate the youths. Queensland Police's media liaison officer said no further complaints were received from the incident. There were about seven youths in total.

Twin feats

By Matthew Pearce

Registered naturopath practitioner Peter Lewis celebrated two milestones recently, notching up 40 years in western herbal medicine and 25 years as a Justice of the Peace.

The owner of Rockhampton Health Options, Mr Lewis said he took his additional duties as a JP seriously.

"I make myself available from the shop in Main Street. With everything that was going on in Covid last year, I was probably one of the very few JPs that still provided a service throughout that time for people that needed it in CQ," he said.

A Justice of the Peace is usually someone of good stature in the community who is authorised to witness and sign statutory declarations and affidavits and to certify copies of original documents.

Mr Lewis said a local councillor asked him to become a JP during his time as a group leader for Loganlea Scout group.

But it wasn't a simple matter of signing up and starting right away.

"If you got anything lower than 90 per cent in the JP exam you'd have to resit it. I also had to be recommended by the state member as well."

Mr Lewis said he saw the role as his duty to Her Majesty while assisting community with legal documents.

"I can't give advice on documents but within the scope of my role I can handle certified copies, wills, affidavits, statutory declarations and legal documents including Enduring Power of Attorney," he said.

"When providing assistance to someone that needs something witnessed by a JP, I make every effort to do the best job I can for that person."

His other passion goes back even further -

he's been involved in western herbal medicine for 40 years and naturopathy for 38 years

"Back in the old days our training was very comprehensive and hands on. It was a very steep learning curve," he said.

"We did a lot of scrub bashing, going out into bushland and looking for a particular herb, to see the difference in the same herb growing in one area compared to another area.

"Another very important part of what we do is toxicology.

"You have to have sound knowledge in regard to which plant groups to steer clear of. Some, if you do use them, can only be used with great caution on skin instead of by ingestion."

Mr Lewis also studied iridology and is one of the few registered iridologists in Australia.

There weren't any clinical trials back then, he said, just wisdom that had been passed down over the generations.

"It was very much an accumulation of knowledge that had been gained over the centuries and applying those same techniques," he said.

"My mentor Simon Schott was fabulous, I was given a lot of advanced training in regards to various tricks that you won't find in textbooks and that information is really precious."

Mr Lewis described his mentor as a 'true elder'.

"About 43 years ago I nearly died in an industrial accident and I was given just a few months to live," he said.

"I was very grateful to the medical profession for what they provided me at the time, but I wanted to stay alive so I looked at another approach and sought treatment from Simon, who later invited me to join the profession."

Mr Lewis said he trained for up to 50 hours a week and 50 weeks a year to gain his qualifications.



Peter Lewis with his certificate marking 25 years as a Justice of the Peace.

"It was demanding but you had to have that passion for the job. I still have that passion today."

Along with his wife Lynette, Peter has owned and operated Rockhampton Health Options on Main Street for more than 16 years.

"I was working as a lecturer in southeast Queensland but was asked to move up here to make a contribution to the community," he said.

"Part of that contribution was a book that I produced for the public. I was also recognised by parliamentary appointment with the Rockhampton Health Community Council, which was a four-year term."

Mr Lewis said he used diagnostic methods that were very 'concise, well travelled and traditional'.

"A major part of traditional naturopathy is to never have a person walk out with more than two medicines. You don't want to cause an impact on the family budget," he said.

"I believe that a low dosage and well formulated herbal blend means you can cut down on undue expense.

"In my 40 years I have been a healthcare provider I have seen 30,000 clients and my passion for certified organic food is why Rockhampton Health Options became Central Queensland's first and to this day only Australian Certified Organic approved retailer."

Event highlights importance of water

What does water mean to you?

According to the World Health Organisation, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated by faeces, and by 2025 half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas.

In the Fitzroy Basin, we have almost 20,000km of waterways and waterway health reporting over nine years that shows a remarkably resilient river system averaging a B grade for ecosystem health from 2011-2019, with A-grade drinking water across the Rockhampton and Central Highlands Council areas included in the reporting.

In celebration of World Water Day in March, Fitzroy Partnership for River Health held an event to sample and test a local waterway and shine a spotlight on how important healthy water is to our local communities, our livelihoods, our health and our recreation.

Held at Kershaw Gardens on Saturday, March 20, visitors and families took part in

a range of fun activities - checking out what local water bugs were lurking in their local waterway, taking a selfie with Mindi the Barramundi, playing the Maisy the Mayfly game and explaining how important water is to them in their home and family life, livelihood, culture and local environment.

Fitzroy Partnership for River Health executive officer Dr Leigh Stitz said 2020 had put a halt to many community events, but the Fitzroy Partnership team were excited to finally be able to engage with the community for their first 2021 World Water Day event.

"Since 2012 we have produced nine annual report cards on the health of the Fitzroy Basin's waterways, and World Water Day was a perfect time to highlight the condition of our local waterways and talk to people about why it's so important to have independent assessment and monitoring of the eleven catchments and the estuarine zone in the Fitzroy Basin," she said.

"These waterway health report cards only exist because a committed collective of gov-

ernment, industry, research organisations and the community are working together to provide a more complete picture of river health.

"Our partners contribute data and funding, which enables us to work with our Independent Science Panel to produce an open and transparent, annual assessment on waterway health."

Overall, the Fitzroy Basin received a B-grade in the most recent report card, indicating that waterways were in a good condition. Grades for the 11 catchments within the Fitzroy Basin and the estuary are available at <https://riverhealth.org.au/report-cards/>

The Partnership is looking forward to releasing its tenth report card in August 2021.

"We encourage community members to follow our journey on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FitzroyPartnership4RiverHealth> and take an interest in the condition of our local waterways and the environment," Dr Stitz said.



Mindi the Barramundi meets Alex and Sam Price for World Water Day at Kershaw Gardens.

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Large mural to close gap

Two Indigenous artists have unveiled a large mural at Gladstone's East Shores 1B for National Close the Gap Day.

Gooreng Gooreng artist Howard Butler and Byellee artist Patrica Coleman have transformed the lower level of the office building by installing 12 colourful hand-crafted panels, expected to wow park visitors.

The artwork, commissioned by Gladstone Ports Corporation and designed to raise awareness for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the community, features some of the region's favourite local animals including dolphins and turtles.

Indigenous Affairs Advisor Lee-ann Dudley said the mural celebrated the culture of First Nations People.

"This new artwork at the East Shores parkland is a fantastic way to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and showcase their talent outside an art gallery," she said.

"It's important we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"It is equally important to seek to close the gap with respect to life expectancy, child mortality and educational and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"I know the art will be admired by locals and visitors for years to come and hopefully start a conversation about the Close the Gap campaign."

GPC executive general manager of People and Community, Rowen Winsor said East Shores was the perfect location for the mural.



Gooreng Gooreng artist Howard Butler and Byellee artist Patrica Coleman with their mural unveiled on Close the Gap Day.

"GPC has a long history of supporting the traditional owners of the First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda peoples and this artwork is another way of acknowledging First Nations People, celebrating and showcasing their rich history," she said.

"The mural is the perfect addition to our parklands and it will be an important art piece that I am sure our community will relish.

"At GPC, we're committed to making a difference and creating brighter prospects for our community."

The mural was unveiled on March 18 to coincide with National Close the Gap Day.

For the last decade, thousands of Australians have shown their support for Close the Gap by marking National Close the Gap Day each March.

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Sunshine Coast mission for entrepreneurs in CQ

By Duncan Evans

Agfrontier, a regional agtech incubator, is offering Central Queensland entrepreneurs working in the Agtech space a once-in-a-lifetime chance to travel to the Sunshine Coast on a subsidised 'mission' to pursue opportunities in the start-up world.

An initiative of the Central Highlands Development Corporation and supported by the Local Buying Foundation, the mission follows the success of the Agfrontier mission to Brisbane late last year.

That mission saw eight innovators drawn from the Central Highlands, Isaac and Woorabinda local government areas spend three days in Brisbane meeting with fellow entrepreneurs and investors, including famed start-up guru Leanne Kemp.

The innovators also toured start-up companies, co-working spaces, corporate innovation labs and government agencies, all focused around Agtech and food-tech innovation.

Mitch Brown, co-owner of the Rubyvale Gem Gallery, a popular tourist destination some 60km west of Emerald, praised the mission and explained its value in an interview with CQ Today.

"It was a really great opportunity to get down there and sort of share ideas and different business pitches and things like that with like-minded people in the agricultural and tech start-up space," he said.

"The big thing was to connect with other like-minded people."

The mission to the Sunshine Coast follows a similar template and offers innovators the chance to network with like-minded innovators and learn how to move from zero to one, or transform an idea in the mind into a tangible and commercially prosperous reality.

Specifically, the two-and-a-half day mission will see innovators visit a local tech



Philip Richardson, founder of Clermont's Red Dirt Drone Services, was selected for Agfrontier's Brisbane mission late last year.

hub, meet with investment mentors and learn how to perfect their 'pitch', enjoy a masterclass with innovation experts and collaborate with other agtech start-ups.

"The mission will give Ag and food tech entrepreneurs the opportunity to really propel their start-up to the next level," said Cassie Turner, CHDC Agtech Community Officer.

"Missions like these create communities for start-ups from the Central Highlands, Isaac and Woorabinda region to be part of, to network and share experiences," she added.

Ten places have been set aside and applications are due by April 13.

Trainees broaden horizons

By Matthew Pearce

Jymeekah Blackman is one of four students broadening their career horizons in Gladstone thanks to a unique skills program.

Last week, the four completed Gladstone Ports Corporation's intense 18-month Cross Industry Operations program, equipping them with skills in major operational areas including marine piloting.

The traineeship is designed to support the region's future Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander leaders as they move from education and training to employment.

Jymeekah Blackman, along with Tamera Fewquandie, Shaquille Stow and Kyeema Beezley, are the third group to graduate since GPC started the program in 2016.

Jymeekah said she was offered a six-month extension on her traineeship. "Our graduation night was bittersweet, because I had become very close with the other trainees," she said.

"I've made some really good friends in the past 18 months and I've learnt so much including skills I didn't know I was good at.

"The traineeship has given me a boost of confidence and everyone has been really welcoming. GPC really makes you feel like you're a part of a family.

"With my six-month extension my goal is now to empower and inspire other young Indigenous people to take similar opportunities."

GPC Indigenous Affairs advisor Lee-ann Dudley watched the trainees grow as they rotated through the five different areas of work.



Four graduates have completed Gladstone Ports Corporation's 18-month Cross Industry Operations program.

"The program is one-of-a-kind to equip trainees with a hands-on experience across GPC's broad range of operations," she said.

"Students are exposed to skills in administration, building services, marine operations, horticulture and warehouse supply."

Executive general manager, people and community, Rowen Winsor said the traineeship gave the students a taste of different work opportunities.

"We're so proud of what these future leaders have achieved and how far they've come in a variety of work which has given them invaluable experience. They can now venture into the workforce with world class training under their belts," she said.

"How many local organisations offer marine piloting as part of their traineeships? It's such a fantastic, unique experience and they have learnt from experts at GPC with support from an indigenous mentor and liaison officer."

She said GPC was committed to providing strong employment outcomes for trainees.

"We're with them every step of the way. Even after they graduate and leave us, we continue to provide them with career advice.

"GPC has a long history of supporting the traditional owners of the First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng and Taribelang Bunda Peoples whose land we all share, live, work and play on."

Tickets sell quick for Capricorn's most colourful run

Tickets are selling fast for the 2021 RACQ Capricorn Rescue Colour Me Capricorn at Kershaw Gardens on Sunday, March 28.

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Advance Rockhampton Executive Manager Greg Bowden said the trial had the potential to unlock some really positive benefits for the community and the region.

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"E-scooters are already a fixture in major regional and metropolitan cities in Australia and across the world and we are confident the success we've seen in those areas can be replicated here.

"Data sharing with e-scooter providers will also offer an opportunity for council to utilise the data in planning future needs for footpaths, bike lanes and walking paths across the city.

"We have had significant interest from operators so now we will call for the EOIs and we look forward to getting a trial up and scooting later this year."



Councillor Rhodes Watson.

New leader

By Duncan Evans

Rhodes Watson is Livingstone Shire's newest councillor after being elevated to his new position following the resignation of former Councillor Tanya Lynch.

Mr Watson was the runner-up candidate in the 2020 local government election and council resolved in a special meeting on March 8 to approach Mr Watson to fill the vacant seat rather than pursue a by-election.

Mayor Andy Ireland said he was pleased to welcome Councillor Watson as the newest elected representative for Livingstone Shire Council.

"Councillor Watson comes to the role with a vast knowledge of the shire having grown up here and he certainly understands the community's needs and aspirations. We're looking forward to his contribution to the council table," Mayor Ireland said in a statement.

Cr Watson will assume responsibility for the Vibrant Community (Tourism, Arts and Culture) portfolio, formerly held by Cr Lynch.

CQ Today spoke with Cr Watson over the telephone on Monday to gain a clearer picture of his background experience and vision for the region.

Cr Watson was raised in Livingstone shire, growing up in Kinka Beach north of Emu Park, and attended primary and secondary school in Yeppoon.

He has spent a sizable portion of his life engaged in the newspaper business. His family started the Capricorn Coast Mirror in 1983 and Cr Watson began working for the paper when he was 13. For some 15 years, he was the chief photographer for the Morning Bulletin and he presently operates papers called Snippets reporting on the region at a hyper-local level, covering individual suburbs in Rockhampton.

He has extensive work experience in addition to his familiarity with media. He has a patent on a roof-rack system and ran a bulk-buy

solar group from 2009 to 2013.

More recently, he established a food bank in 2019 called Food Relief Capricorn Coast Inc. The bank has two outlets, one in Yeppoon and one in Emu Park, and supplies food to struggling residents on Fridays.

Asked why he wanted to become a councillor, Cr Rhodes replied:

"I'm one of these people who has ideas, I like to fix things. Anyone who knows me well knows I'm always looking for alternative ways to fix things."

When asked what needed to be 'fixed' in Livingstone shire, Cr Watson raised the issue of the shire's network of dirt roads and how council could most effectively seal the roads.

Aside from this, however, Cr Watson said he didn't want to broadcast his ideas for the region.

"I have other projects but I'm not ready to bring them back out again at the moment. I'm keeping them to myself. Just because, they're my ideas and I want to make sure I bring them up."

When asked how he would have voted in the contentious March 2 council vote concerning infrastructure development on Great Keppel Island, Cr Watson replied that he would have had to excuse himself from that particular vote because of a conflict of interest.

His family owns property on Great Keppel Island and Cr Watson is currently seeking legal advice to determine whether he can vote on issues related to Great Keppel Island moving forward without conflict-of-interest entanglements.

"We're actually getting some advice on how to move forward with that, so that I can be part of it. We need to get a ruling on it, that's all. I've only been in council a week, so those things haven't had a chance to be done yet. I have every intention to be a part of that decision-making because it's an important part of our shire," he said.



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Giving our youth a leg up

By Matthew Pearce

Health, education and employment gaps are high among disadvantaged youth and local organisations have banded together to offer a leg up.

An initiative of CQ Youth Connect/CQ Hospital and Health Service, Rockhampton Boxing Club and about 30 stakeholders, the Youth Opportunity Days feature activities relating to health and wellbeing, education, employment and youth services.

The first 2021 opportunity day will be held at Calliungul Youth Centre, Mount Morgan on Friday, March 26, followed by a second event on April 30 at the YMCA Hall, North Rockhampton and a third event on May 20 at Gracemere.

CQ Youth Connect leader Friederike McCartney said the first two Youth Opportunity Days in 2019 were a great success, however they had to cancel their plans for 2020 due to Covid.

"The 2019 Youth Opportunity Days is another pathway to engage with disadvantaged or vulnerable youth, to educate, raising their awareness and providing opportunities and pathways to access health, education, career and employment, for example into the health system," Ms McCartney said.

"We had such brilliant response rate and feedback from Youth and Stakeholders in 2019, we're eager to offer our local developed concept again thanks to our Community Policing Board grant and our partners.

A total of 148 young people from ages 14 to 20 attended the Rockhampton event in 2019 with many more expected on April 30, and organisers are expecting about 80 young people to attend the Mount Morgan Youth Opportunity Day.

"Every young person (with their support person) on arrival receives a passport with questions, the youth take this with them to visit each activity station, which will be manned by service partners, where they answer questions relating to education, careers, health, law



The 2019 Youth Opportunity Days were a great success.

and support services," Ms McCartney said.

"Questions completed each youth receives stamps in their passport, to be presented with a certificate.

"Each station features an interactive activity that represents that particular service and engages young people to learn in a fun way.

"Many young people don't get the opportunities or just don't know the support that is out there, so the idea is to connect young people, protect young people, inspire, empower young people in their passion and dream, reaching their fullest potential."

Participants will also enjoy a free lunch while learning how to cook a healthy meal on a budget.

For further information, contact Friederike McCartney on 0417 061 004 or email Friederike.McCartney@health.qld.gov.au or Russell Thomas at info@rockybsp.com.au



Capricorn Coast choir to soar again with RADF grant

By Duncan Evans

The latest round in grants from the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) will see \$3983 directed to the Capricorn Coast Gospel Choir.

The choir group is a relatively new addition to the coastal region, beginning roughly four years ago. Its popularity and resonance saw it grow rapidly to encompass a membership of some 40 singers before the pandemic pushed the choir into a state of hibernation.

The RADF is a partnership between state and local governments to support quality arts and cultural experiences across Queensland and in a telephone call with CQ Today, Keppel Coast Arts secretary Dana Crees explained that the grant was designed to pull the choir out of its present lull and re-energise its capabilities.

"It needs a reboot after Covid where they weren't allowed to sing together," she said.

Original choirmaster Jakki King has stepped back from the group to attend to other commitments and it is hoped the grant will help train and upskill other members of the group to take on leadership roles.

"The RADF grant is about trying to build some skill and capacity in some of the choir members, in the hope that we'll be able to keep the choir going with one or many people who can step in as the choirmaster, and put it on a more sustainable footing," Ms Crees said.

"Nothing has happened since Covid so the grant is the first opportunity to start reigniting, to build some skill. The choir will probably have to sing behind face-shields, especially when they're inside rehearsing. So we still have some Covid restrictions and safety to navigate."

Though Gospel music springs from African American Christianity, the Capricorn Coast Gospel Choir is not a religious enterprise and one does not need to be a Christian to participate.

What's more, one doesn't necessarily need



The Capricorn Coast Gospel Choir.

to have any talent in singing to join in. According to local singer Chris Cole, the group welcomes everyone, regardless of the tenor or charm of one's voice.

"Sometimes we have about 40 people come along and sing. Now quite a few people aren't the world's best singers, but we don't say they can't be part of it. That's the nice thing. They can be part of it, because when you have 40 people singing, it sounds fabu-

lous," he told CQ Today.

Before the onset of the pandemic, the choir performed in public, and Mr Cole, a gentleman in his 70s, said the group held a special place in his heart and soul.

"It's a wonderful thing to do and to join in with people and sing. We sing a lot of African American songs, which have movement and everything else in them. You get a tremendous sense of well-being. It's mentally very

good for you, I'm not a religious person, but your soul. When you're singing, and afterwards, you just feel so good."

Moving forward, it is expected that the choir will perform at the Village Festival in August and workshops in preparation for the performance will begin in June. It is hoped that by Christmas 2021, the choir will be fully re-established and performing on a regular basis.



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The show-stopping finale of Mamma Mia! brings out the ABBA finery.



Amanda Hock and Grant Wolf Whitfield are standouts as Donna and Sam.



Aleah Dillon, Amanda Hock and Lisa Kibblewhite in Mamma Mia!

Thank-you for the musical

REVIEW

By Matthew Pearce

It's great to be back in a theatre again and even better to be back in a theatre to see Rockhampton Regional Council's production of Mamma Mia!

Thanks to Covid-19 restrictions, the popular musical was cancelled in March last year after just four shows at the Pilbeam but now the cast are back with a bang.

Set to the music of ABBA, Mamma Mia! tells the story of 20-year-old bride-to-be Sophie Sheridan, who invites the three men who could be her father to her wedding on the Greek island of Kalokairi.

The 'dads' are American architect Sam, British banker Harry, and Bill, an Australian writer and adventurer. And Sophie's mother Donna isn't too happy to see them, especially Sam, who broke her heart.

The musical features Amanda Hock as Donna, Maddison McDonald as Sophie, Aleah Dillon as Tanya, Lisa Kibblewhite as Rosie, Grant Wolf Whitfield as Sam, Jason Plumb as Bill, Peter Bothams as Harry and Jacob Goves as Sky.

The show is directed by Joy Philippi, with musical director Jeanette Douglas, choreographer Lita Hegvold and vocal director Jacinta Delalande. It features all local cast, orchestra, creative and production teams.

I never had a chance to see Mamma Mia! on stage last year and I'm glad to have finally have gotten the chance.

The plot will be familiar to anyone who's seen the 2008 movie, but the stage version gives us more detail, digging deeper into the characters as well as featuring sequences that were changed or simply left out of the film.

Maddison McDonald is a standout performer as Sophie, boasting an incredible singing voice and a long list of theatrical accomplishments.

The homegrown Central Queensland star's love for musical theatre took over when she performed in Rockhampton Regional Council's Jesus Christ Superstar. She attended the Queensland Conservatorium of Music from 2015 to 2017.

Among her many roles, Maddison was cast as Scaramouche in RRC's production of We Will Rock You, having the opportunity to be directed and choreographed by Wayne Scott Kermond and Katie Kermond. She also performed in Understudy Production's 2018 premiere of Bare at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

Further standouts are Amanda Hock as Donna and Grant Wolf Whitfield as Sam, filling the roles played by Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan in the film version of the musical.

Amanda and Grant are great as the former star-crossed lovers who've been separated for 20 years and have great chemistry together, particularly when singing the surprisingly heart-wrenching ABBA hits SOS and The Winner Takes It All.

Fortunately Grant is a much better singer than Brosnan, whose unintentionally hilarious performance showed he should have stuck to action movie roles like James Bond.

There's plenty of comedy on hand from the supporting cast including Aleah Dillon as Tanya and Lisa Kibblewhite as Rosie, Donna's friends and former bandmates.



Mamma Mia! is back at the Pilbeam Theatre after a year.

But of course, the real star of the show is the music. You'll be humming ABBA songs for days, with most of the band's most famous songs coming to life on stage, including Dancing Queen, Knowing Me Knowing You, Take a Chance on Me, Money Money Money, Waterloo and, of course, Mamma Mia.

Keep an eye out for Lay All Your Love on Me where Sophie and Sky declare their love for each other, only to have Sky 'abducted' for his bachelor party by his boisterous friends.

I'm looking forward to seeing what our talented local performers will tackle next. Any chance of adapting the 2018 movie sequel Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again?

No? Well, that's probably for the best, the sequel doesn't really compare to the original.

Thank-you for the music.

Remaining show times are: Thursday, March 25, 7.30pm; Friday, March 26, 7.30pm; Saturday, March 27, 7.30pm and Sunday, March 28, 1.30pm.



Sophie and her 'three dads': (from left) Grant Wolf Whitfield, Peter Bothams, Maddison, McDonald and Jason Plumb.

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Famed comic in CQ

By Sean Fox

Famed and internationally-recognised comedian and writer, Ben Elton will tread the boards of Rockhampton's Pilbeam Theatre for the first time next month.

On Sunday April 11, Ben Elton Live will deliver a two-hour spectacle filled with plenty of humour following the Covid-19 outbreak.

While the deadly pandemic would naturally inform some of his material, Elton said it would not take control of his routine.

"I'm learning about our world ... I'm a non-reflective person (enjoying) the process of living, I am myself on stage," he said.

"I look within when I'm performing."

After spending three months preparing for his return to the stage, the acclaimed entertainer could not forget to include Australian dates to his latest trek after not having performed live down under in 15 years.

Elton looked forward to entering uncharted territory in Central Queensland after having been "bored" of hearing about Covid-19.

"It was truly heartbreaking to see the absence of theatre, music and live entertainment," he said.

While there were several themes he could visit for his upcoming performances, he didn't provide any spoiler alerts for what he had planned for his Central Queensland fans.

"All I can do is express myself," he said.

His upcoming special appearance comes after the legendary comic decided to take a step back from the spotlight to spend more time with his wife and children.

Upon his return to the stage in 2019, his tour across the United Kingdom saw the artist sell-out 75 shows garnering rave reviews.

Elton had first burst onto the comedy scene about 30 years ago, and had since been actively working as an actor, entrepreneur, playwright and author.

He has released 16 novels, six of which have reached number one best-selling status.

You can catch Ben Elton Live from 7.30pm



Comedy legend, Ben Elton will be performing in Rockhampton next month.

on Sunday, April 11 at the Pilbeam Theatre in Rockhampton.

Front Row VIP tickets cost \$175.50, VIP Hot

Seat tickets are \$155.10 and adults are \$71.30.

For complete ticketing and event information, visit www.seeitlive.com.au

Tutors to bring touch of class

By Sean Fox

Abstract paintings, viking knitting, sculptures and lino prints are just some of the artworks destined to be displayed during a creative exhibition to be held in Gladstone.

Creative Gladstone Region Inc. will present their Carnival of Art in May where an array of expert tutors are set to showcase their renowned works.

Vanessa Ashcroft, Gladstone Gem Club, Rosemary Anderson, Roslyn Head, Hayley Ridden, David Marsden, Geoff Head, Glenys Mann, Jen - A Little Bit of Lovely, Jen Hollstein and Pam Crabbe will each bring their own touch of class across nine full days of workshops during the anticipated event.

Kick-starting with entertainment on Saturday, May 15, it'll continue to amaze visitors with twilight markets and plenty of educational classes for children.

Evening entertainment will commence from 5pm on Wednesday, May 19 followed by Bubbles and Brushes on Thursday, May 20 at 6pm, Fibre Arts talk at 6pm on Friday, May 21, twilight markets on Saturday, May 22 and an exhibition of works from 3.30pm on Sunday, May 23.

All of the activities will be held at Creative Gladstone ARTMatters Gallery located at 3 Pitt St in the port city.

If you would like more information on the event, visit www.creativegladstone.org.au

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Youngest 'strawbassador' sparks action in Livingstone

Livingstone Shire Council will begin public consultation for consideration of a 'No Plastic Straw' policy, following a moving deputation last week by eight-year-old Charlie Erlewein.

The young Straw No More 'strawbassador', Charlie, presented her community vision at council chambers on Tuesday, March 16, with the support of her mother Kirstin, to highlight the negative impacts single use plastics have on our marine life and the environment.

After introducing herself and her cause to the councillors, Charlie said she was the youngest 'strawbassador' in Australia.

"I have been a part of Straw No More since

I was six; I am now nearly nine years old. I did this because of my pet turtle, Franklin," Charlie said.

"Turtles are in danger with straws and single use plastics. Straws can get stuck in their nose or their stomachs."

"I would like to know how Council is going to address the issue," Charlie added.

The Queensland government will ban single-use plastics and straws from September, 2021.

Water, Waste Management and Environment councillor Andrea Friend, who put forward the Notice of Motion to Council, said she

was backing the proposed ban of single-use plastics and a proposed Straw No More policy, and is encouraging other councillors to follow suit.

"Plastic straws simply break into ever-small particles, releasing the chemicals into the soil, air, and water," Cr Friend said.

"These are harmful to animals, plants, people and the environment. It may take decades, if not centuries, for straws to degrade."

Cr Friend said Central Queensland is home to six of the world's seven marine turtle species.

"All six of these species are threatened with

extinction, being listed as either vulnerable or endangered, under Australian and Queensland legislation," she said.

"The Flatback turtle, Green turtle, and Loggerhead Turtle nest on Central Queensland beaches.

"This year's turtle season had seen 282 marine turtle tracks across Capricorn Coasts. That's approximately one turtle track per kilometre of our coastline.

"It is imperative that council sets the standard for a plastic, straw-free, environment."

More information about the initiative can be found by visiting: www.strawnomore.org



Mayor Andy Ireland (left), Straw No More 'Strawbassador' Charlie Erlewein and mum Kirstin with Councillors Cr Andrea Friend, Cr Pat Eastwood, Cr Nigel Hutton, Cr Rhodes Watson, Cr Glenda Mather and Cr Adam Belot at Council's Ordinary Meeting on March 16.



Ava Kaydo's Maddy Chalk, Ben Thistlethwaite and Jeremy Titmarsh look forward to the release of their debut EP, Colourless Green Dreams.



Ben Thistlethwaite directs the music video for their latest single, Colourless Green Dreams.

Ava Kaydo into the groove

By Sean Fox

Ava Kaydo is fast becoming one of the hottest names in the indie music scene.

The Yeppoon trio excited fans with the release of their new single, Colourless Green Dreams on March 12.

As they recently landed airplay on the national radio program Triple J Unearthed, the trio followed up its release with a music video to further promote their single.

Recorded and mastered with Paradox Productions in Brisbane, the songwriting process for the new track came naturally to them.

Maddy Chalk (vocals and synthesisers), Ben Thistlethwaite (bass) and Jeremy Titmarsh (guitar and backing vocals) have poured their energy into their debut EP, Colourless Green Dreams slated for release on June 18.

This week, Ava Kaydo's Jeremy Titmarsh spoke exclusively to CQ Today about the band's new material.

"It felt like we were heading in the right direction and to have Triple J hosts reviewing our songs was pretty cool," he said.

"When Covid-19 hit, we didn't have a chance to gig anywhere which gave us an opportunity to really focus on the songwriting."

After working on the new track, its theme



Maddy Chalk, Ben Thistlethwaite and Jeremy Titmarsh from Ava Kaydo.

took on a life of its own.

"What started as a groovy, reggae beat ended up turning into this psychedelic reggae-



After forming in Central Queensland in 2017, the trio control their sound and image.

fusion hybrid," he said.

"This also went hand-in-hand with the spaghetti western inspired guitar riff at the end,

which provided the core inspiration for the Quentin Tarantino-esque visuals in the music video.

"We like to let our listeners interpret the lyrics in their own way."

Not only are the trio in control of their sound, but also their visuals, with their latest clip having been directed by their own Ben Thistlethwaite.

"We sat a camera on a little machine that spins on the spot and had to film ourselves playing the song twice the speed so we could have the video in slow motion," Jeremy said.

Their vision for the upcoming EP release "wasn't fully realised" until after it was completed.

"After a few years of writing these songs, it seems a recurrent theme has been laced throughout all of our lyrics," he said.

"The feeling of unsureness that swells up and swallows you when you step into the real world ... the blurry period when you're trying to sort everything out."

After forming in 2017, Ava Kaydo has since gained 528 monthly listeners on Spotify.

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Current Affairs

Matt Canavan



It needs to be our choice

Last year I had to get some teeth out. The dentist sat me down and took me through the risks of getting the local anaesthetic, including that I could die. I had the choice and I went ahead.

Sometime this year I will probably get the coronavirus vaccine. Like all medical treatments there will be some risk but, again, it should be my choice.

There is enormous social pressure for everyone to get the coronavirus vaccine. That is understandable given the costs of lockdowns and restrictions over the past year. But in the rush to put Covid behind us, we should protect the principle that each individual should have a choice over their own health.

We are lucky that the vaccines being used appear safe but they are not without risk. Last week, more than 20 countries paused the rollout of the AstraZeneca vaccine over concerns that some deaths had been connected to clotting incidents, some of which proved fatal.

I think we should have paused too while the European Medicines Agency (EMA) conducted

a review of the cases. We missed an opportunity to build confidence with those that remain sceptical about getting the vaccine. If we had taken the step to pause, we could say to sceptics that we will always be willing to halt the rollout if there is even a hint of safety concerns.

The EMA ruled last week that the AstraZeneca vaccine is safe overall, but it also warned that there was a "possible link to rare blood clots". The EMA had detected 12 cases of Cerebral Venous Severe Thrombosis (CVST), or in English blood clotting in the brain. You would have expected 1.35 cases of such a condition in normal circumstances.

Because this is such a rare occurrence it is too difficult to establish whether the vaccine caused these conditions. But there is enough concern that European authorities will update the product information to include detail on these risks, and Australian authorities will do the same.

Germany, France and Italy have restarted vaccinations but, at the time of writing, Norway, Sweden and Denmark are continuing to

pause vaccinations while they wait for more evidence. Professor Holme, a hematology expert and chief physician of the Oslo University Hospital said that, "nothing but the vaccine can explain why these individuals had this immune response".

In light of these findings, it becomes more important that we remember that just because the vaccine is safe and effective for the population overall, some individuals may still face higher risks. Some people have genetic conditions that make them susceptible to clotting. They, and others with high risk conditions, should not face undue social pressure to get a particular vaccine. People with such risks should feel free to consult their doctor and make decisions about their own health.

We should also make available to such people a choice of other vaccines that may be safer for them.

Our response to the pandemic has over-ridden many of our freedoms. Restrictions on business and travel were justified to protect the vulnerable and we have done that well in



There is enormous social pressure for everyone to get the coronavirus vaccine, Senator Matt Canavan says.

Australia. We should not now reverse that approach and sacrifice the vulnerable in the rush to get herd immunity. All Australians should feel safe to make their own decisions about their health.

Current Affairs

Robert Swarten



Jobs are being lost everywhere as technology takes over

Recently, I was handed a screenshot that I took to be a photo of a Maserati or similar rev car but it turned out to be prime mover for multi trailers like we see every day on our roads.

I have zero interest in cars as the analysis proved, but I reckon most people would not identify its purpose let alone brand.

The bloke showing me was the national manager of a well-known vehicle brand which produces everything from buses to micro cars. It seems these trucks are already being trialled around the world. Some 400 of them are ferrying around goods in parts of the globe. But here is the rub - the vehicles are electric and driverless.

The company plans to have these vehicles on the road in large numbers within a decade.

The estimated global job loss is 10 million transport workers. Think busses, trucks, cabs, delivery vehicles of all shape, purpose and size. In effect, by the time the kids starting prep this year get to the age of freedom via a driver's license they too will be in all likelihood extinct.

Now I hear the naysayers claiming this will never happen. Can't be done in Australia because of distance, isolation, etc. It reminds me of the story of a shearer mate of mine who was working in the Bouli area in 1966.

In the pub one day he asked the woman publican how she "would cope with decimal currency". Her answer was, "I'm not worried, it'll take years to get out here!"

Well the years march on and technology gallops. Every day it seems we have another app, another way to do things quicker, easier (for those born since 1985) and at a time that suits us.

I recall my parents being one of the few people in the neighbourhood to own a cheque-book. The rest had to stand in line grasping handfuls of quids at the council counter to pay their rates.

Now most pay them with a card, many online in the middle of the night. It's got to the stage where even my 90-year-old mate shouts with a credit card. According to publicans, more and more people are paying that way.

So back to the prime mover. On the plus side it will help with emission reduction, be safer on the roads and will be more efficient



The humble truckie could be a thing of the past as driverless technology advances.

because the trucks will run 24/7 with no driver burnout.

But what happens to the driver industry? It will go the way of the other manual workers ever since the industrial revolution, into oblivion. Sure, new jobs emerge. Just think, the aircraft business a century ago did not even manage industry status. But in reality that industry is downsizing its employee numbers as

technology takes over.

Coincidentally, the Australian newspaper published the 250 richest people in Australia last weekend.

That too is misleading as there were a lot of rich listers who hid from that bit of publicity. But I see Gerry Harvey, who is not bending over backwards to repay the taxpayer-funded

JobKeeper (he was paid \$22 million) could scratch out a cheque for a billion dollars without flinching.

Now I am not dirty on people who have made money. Good on them. I strongly support the adage that the boss has to have a quid in his kick to pay the worker. Conversely Harvey Norman, despite its ingenious credit system, still needs workers with enough in their bank accounts to buy the things it sells.

So with all these transport jobs gone what are the new jobs for these people? With aged care in such a shambolic underfunded state there are going to be jobs there, as an example, but again technology will hone down the number of workers required.

Reality is that not every person displaced by technology will find another job opportunity. There is going to be an ongoing and ever expanding job queue with more applicants than jobs.

But at the same time we are seeing that the pool of volunteers is drying up. For various reasons the volunteer system is collapsing.

Just look at recent ads for SES volunteers for some evidence of that.

So the next demand will be for paid workers to fill the gap. That means the taxpayer will be hit up once again.

But as I pointed out last week that burden falls on the back of the PAYE taxpayer.

So it's time we looked at some system to get those billionaires to share a bit of their wealth with those who help them get it. The consumer, the taxpayer the small business operator, etc. There is no case for someone to own billions of dollars, take it to their grave and have their entitled relatives blue about it.

The trick is to find a way. We all saw how some of those in the top 250 reacted when told to pay a mineral tax and used their huge wealth to destroy a Labor government.

With the bills mounting up for Morrison, he will have to get out the magic wand to solve it.

Finally, good on Federal MP Michelle Landry for showing courage and marching with the women who want change in how they are regarded. She should be the minister for women given the incumbent decided it was not worth her while to stand by her sisters.

Q&A

with Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry

What is the best advice you've ever received?
My parents told me to treat everyone I meet with respect. I have always done that and I certainly do in the role I am working in now.

What is something you do in your spare time?
I love cooking on my Weber BBQ, gardening (started growing orchids during Covid) and walking on the beach (it is good for the soul).

What is something most people don't know about you?
I am a really bad at sewing, I played the piano when I was young and cannot read a note of music now. I used to love playing tennis and water-skiing when I was younger.

What do you do for work and what do you enjoy about it?
I am a federal politician and I love it. Every day is different and you get to meet amazing people. It feels really good when you have a win on a difficult problem for a constituent. I love it when we get a big win on major infrastructure in my electorate.

What is your favourite spot in the Central Queensland region?
My electorate has many amazing places, but I do love the first glimpse of the ocean when I drive down the hill into Yeppoon. It means I am nearly home!

What would be your last meal if you could choose?
I would start off with a seafood dish, followed by a piece of CQ Steak then finish off with some delicious tropical fruits!

What is something you think CQ needs?
I would love to see the Rocky Sports Stadium finally come to fruition. This project is important for Central Queensland and for the Rocky



Federal LNP member for Capricornia Michelle Landry at the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal.

sports Club. As I said when I announced the \$23 million dollars in funding for this project, "every great city needs a great stadium. Rockhampton is already a great city now we need a great stadium".

What guests (dead or alive) would you invite to a dinner party?
John Howard, Helen Reddy, Neil Armstrong, The Queen, Sam Hueghan (Jamie Fraser from Outlander),

THREE ... tasty types of chocolate for Easter

- 1 Go dark**
For those who are more refined and like something a little less sweet, dark chocolate is always a good option. Whether you like 50 per cent or 90 per cent, you can't go past Lindt, Haigh's or Ferrero Rocher's dark chocolate Easter eggs.
- 2 Something a bit different**
Milk chocolate is great but there are always those that like a little extra, whether it be something crunchy, something a bit gooey or something filled with a surprise. Caramello and Crunchie are usually fan favourites.
- 3 Plain eggs**
If it's something a little more classic that you prefer, then don't look past milk chocolate Easter eggs. These tasty beauties never fail at pleasing everyone.



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OPINION

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Salesman or achiever?

When there is good news to announce, such as the remarkable economic bounce-back from the Covid-19 recession, Scott Morrison is eager to bask in the media spotlight and face the cameras.

When trouble is brewing, such as the sports rorts affair, the new Sydney Airport land value rip-off, the Christian Porter alleged rape scandal, the chance to talk to the mass Canberra women's protest, Morrison is nowhere to be seen - unless public pressure forces him out of hiding.

This fellow is simply a salesman, and being prime minister gives him ample opportunity to sell himself and his achievements. "Nothing to see here" or "Canberra Bubble" is his mantra when asked searching questions.

I wonder how many solid achievements he will clock up during his time in office, compared to how many Australians he will have "thrown under the bus" since he was given the opportunity to make Australia a better place for all of us?

A. Bambrick
North Rockhampton

Hands off my ABC

With reference to Alan Bambrick's letter, I can't find definite information about the government's cutting funds to the ABC but I have heard rumours about it.

I am very fond of Songs of Praise and Back Roads and am prepared to protest on the Parliament House steps to protect these programs.

Lynda Pearce
Kin Kora

Difficult time for survivors

I know that the last few weeks has been particularly difficult for many survivors of sexual violence.

Brittany Higgins, Grace Tame and many survivors around the country have courageously told their stories which in turn, triggers many survivors to recount their own experiences.

Unwanted sexual contact can be a very traumatic experience.

It is also a common occurrence, with many people of all genders, cultures, ages and abilities being sexually assaulted or abused by a stranger, a family member, a partner or someone they know.

Whilst it's amazing that survivors are stirring a national discussion which absolutely needs to be had, I know that this discussion is a trigger for many; a reminder of the original danger they themselves have faced. Many survivors are struggling at the moment as these triggers cause them to recount their own original trauma experience all over again.

Living life in a traumatised state is both exhausting and debilitating. Many people turn to taking alcohol and other drugs to try to cope. These attempts often result in adding other challenges, and don't resolve the real problem.

Every person's experience of sexual trauma is different. It can affect how you think, feel, behave, relate to others and see the world. Survivors often feel alone, alienated, empty, detached, irritable, depressed and anxious. But recovery is possible.

Healing from trauma can take time. The brain needs to learn that trauma experiences from the past are no longer a threat. The body needs to learn new, healthier ways of coping when it feels stressed.

If you're experiencing symptoms of trauma, please know that it is completely normal. I know that speaking to someone you trust and who cares about you is helpful.

As researcher Brene Brown said, "If we can share our story with someone who responds with empathy and understanding, shame can't survive."

If you are reading this and need someone to talk to, please not only consider calling the National Sexual Assault hotline on 1800 RESPECT, but also consider reaching out to me.



Letter writer A. Bambrick isn't impressed by Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

I'm not a trained psychologist, but I promise I will listen and believe you. If I can take even a tiny bit of the weight off your shoulders by allowing you to share your story and by listening, then please reach out.

Brittany Lauga MP
Assistant Minister for Education
Member for Keppel

Olympics' financial burden

Recently in this paper I vented my spleen regarding Queensland's push for the Olympics and the financial burden that the people of this state will have to suffer long after the games are over.

The following is the reason for my spleen venting! On SBS's World News on Sunday night a Japanese Olympic official stated that because of the pandemic, visitors to the Japanese Olympic games will be drastically cut back, endangering Japan's effort to recoup some of the \$4 billion it has cost Japan to stage the games.

If Queensland gets the nod to stage the Olympics they are pushing for, we also run the risk of some serious world problem that will stop Queensland from recouping its unnecessary financial outlay.

The Olympics have long gone past their use by date for countries to stage the games!

NWH Timms
Bungundarra

Manly fans hurting

The Manly Sea Eagles 2021 season to date, and approximately 130 points have been scored against same, we Manly fans are hurting to the extreme with the on field performances from our team, and serious questions have to be asked.

There has always been two ways to lose a game, but at this moment in time the Sea Eagles are not able to perform those actions that involve a game of Rugby League.

This Rugby League team once had opposing teams, not wanting to play at Brookie, but now, after losing 10 of our last 11 home games, has all opposing teams looking forward to the easy two points available, when playing there.

The Sea Eagles have won most of Rugby League trophies, but unless there is some drastic changes of attitude to our playing personal, the title that no team wants to be burden with, seems closer than ever.

Dessie now has the contract that he wanted, but the only thing that Manly fans want is for our players that are selected to represent this great club, is to give your best and success will once again have the Sea Eagles soaring over Brookvale Oval.

Jack Lewis,
Berserker

Road Rules are keys to safety

Police fear Queensland could be headed for one of its worst road tolls in more than a decade, with drivers put on notice for making "absolutely stupid decisions" behind the wheel.

Fifty people have died in traffic crashes so far this year — 18 more than the same time in 2020.

Acting Chief Superintendent Ray Rohweder said 19 of the fatalities were motorcyclists.

"300 lives lost is quite possible this year unless we really start turning things around ... and it's been well over a decade since we've had 300 people killed on Queensland roads," he said (by Lily Nothling 8/03/2021 ABC).

The amount of dangerous driving that I have witnessed and caught on dash cam within the last two weeks certainly indicates that a prediction of over 300 lives lost on our roads in Queensland this year is very imminent.

How many people on our roads today have actually purchased or looked at a road rules book before obtaining their driver's license and if they have, how many people bother to follow the road rules?

Road rules are in place to make our roads safer to commute on each day and if everyone followed the rules we would see fewer crashes and would see fewer fatalities on our roads.

People need to understand the give way rules; when doing a u-turn you must give way to all traffic; give way to the right at uncontrolled cross roads or where traffic lights have failed; give way to vehicles on a roundabout;

give way to through traffic where your road ends at a T intersection and obey road markings, signs and traffic lights.

Indicators are not optional extras fitted to the vehicle; they are there to warn other motorists of what you intend to do so that traffic can flow along smoothly and not leave anyone guessing causing hesitation.

Do not ignore road closed signs that are in place to prevent people from driving through flooded crossings; you cannot see through murky flood waters and a road or bridge could be washed away.

Do people understand the risks of going into sharp corners at speed, especially on lose gravel surfaces or wet roads? Slow down and always drive to the conditions of the prevailing weather and road conditions if you want to survive the drive.

The Easter holidays are nearly upon us. Do yourself and your family a favour by understanding and following the road rules to make our roads safer for everyone.

We can all make a difference towards reducing road fatalities including the police blitzing motorists on all traffic rules, as when fines start to hurt people's bank balances then they may very well see the need to study up on the road rules.

Stay safe this Easter, check that your tyres are in good condition and buy a road rules book.

Leyland Barnett
Berserker

ON THIS DAY

March 25 is recognised as Waffle Day.

31: 1st Easter, according to calendar-maker Dionysius Exiguus

1436: Florentine cathedral Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, with the largest dome in the world at the time by Filippo Brunelleschi, is consecrated by Pope Eugene IV (begun 1296).

1807: British Parliament abolishes slave trade throughout the British Empire; penalty of £120 per slave introduced for ship captains.

1895: Italian troops invade Abyssinia (Ethiopia).

1939: Billboard Magazine introduces hillbilly (country) music chart.

1960: First guided missile launched from nuclear powered sub (Halibut).

Text to Editor

BBD, DEPOT HILL. Mayor Williams, state government have 200 million surplus for infrastructure in Queensland, forget the other councillors that think the southside levee is a waste of time. Get in for our share and get it started ASAP.

KWE. Can the owner of the 1am barker in French Avenue stop the barking?

BBD. Mayor Williams, Miss Landry, don't you have a little bit of fear from the floods down south that we could be next? All should have been prevented 29 years ago to get it fixed. Maybe that's reflection of the elected people's ability to do their job.

IC, LAMMERMOOR. Matt Canavan must have problems with numeracy when he puts on his shoes. "Solar (power) only works 20 per cent of the time." He must spend 80 per cent of each day in darkness, please spare us!

RM, ROCKY. If Michelle Landry represents us as our federal member for Capricornia, why doesn't she stand up for us with the humiliating fuel prices? Sick to death of the price rises we cop all the time. Time you woke up as we are all hurting. But I believe politicians don't care. So, so wrong but nothing is ever done. Someone has to stop this rort, enough is enough.



Joke of the week

1. Conversation between two co-workers:

"What are your plans for the day?"

"Me and a friend of mine are going to buy some glasses."

"And after that?"

"After that, we'll see."

2. A man went to a psychiatrist for his phobia.

"Doc," he said, "I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under. You gotta help me, I'm going crazy!"

The psych said, "Come and see me and we will conduct a half a dozen sessions to cure you from this phobia. My charge is \$100 per session and I am sure this will cure you."

"I'll think about it," said the man.

Six months later the doctor met the man on the street.

"Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist.



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Stop cyber threats

By Phil Henry, president,
Capricornia Chamber of Commerce

One of the Capricornia Chamber of Commerce's three objectives is to 'educate and inform'.

We do this by organising relevant speakers on specific themes or topics at our monthly members meetings, which are on the second Tuesday of each month.

Importantly, the Chamber does not dispense business advice itself, but refers enquiries such as legal, financial and other technical, to local service providers.

A major issue that has arisen in recent times is cybersecurity.

Online attacks, including stealing data and proprietary information, evolve and change very quickly.

Businesses must stay abreast of new threats.

For this reason, the Chamber addresses this issue regularly so the April members meeting will be on cybersecurity, with speakers looking at various aspects including banking as well as information technology. This next meeting will be at the Quality Hotel Regent on Tuesday, April 13.

It is a breakfast meeting starting at 7am and you can register on the Chamber's website.

Even before dealing with the specific topic of cybersecurity, businesses need familiarity and comfort with operating in the digital



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world. NBN Co has developed a new NBN Digital Capability Self-Assessment Tool.

The free tool takes five minutes to get an assessment.

NBN Co says "at the end of the questionnaire the individual will quickly be able to visualise where they fit on a rating scale guide". Try it at <https://www.nbnco.com.au/blog/the-nbn-project/the-tool-to-test-your-digital-capability>.

The next informal coffee meeting is on March 31, at 7.30am at Dingles cafe. These

get-togethers are becoming quite popular so while your coffee is free, please RSVP, again on the website - capricornchamber.com.au/ events.

Finally, all good things must come to an end and so the year's free membership, which the Chamber introduced when Covid-19 struck, ends at the end of this month.

Members can expect renewal invoices - it's only \$100 per annum - at that time. We hope you see value in your membership and will stay on!

Guild's sofa cover is all stitched up

By Rockhampton Embroiderers' Guild update

Rockhampton Embroiderers' Guild took up the challenge to adopt a sofa at Walter Reid and to create a cover suitable for the building.

Members contributed pieces of work which were then made into a sofa cover.

Come to Floor 1 to inspect this spectacular sofa.

Other groups are working on the project too.

The guild meet in Room 1.1 at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre on Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons to share ideas, embroider and take part in free workshops.

They are also planning an Exhibition titled 'Exhibition of Beautiful Things' in July in conjunction with Riverfest.

For any enquiries, contact Anne on 4936 2840, Marilyn on 4828 6582 or Ros on 4928 8753.



Rockhampton Embroiderers' Guild made a cover for this sofa at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre.

An exciting few months ahead for 60 & Better Program

By 60 & Better Update

An exciting few months are ahead for the Rockhampton 60 & Better Program as we celebrate our 27th anniversary on May 5.

You are invited to morning tea and lunch at

the Allenstown Hotel commencing at 10.30am. Cost is \$20.

Come along for lunch at the Heritage Hotel on May 27 at 12pm and the monthly coffee and conversation is held on the first Wednesday of

the month at the Red Lion Hotel, with doors open from 10.15am.

Finally, a two-night getaway to Maryborough is on offer for September 7-9, with a cost of \$372 per person twin share.

We are now taking bookings for all events.

A newsletter highlighting what's on offer for the next few months is available at our office at 1/248 Quay St, or telephone 4914 0065 for further information. Membership is free.

Senior Citizens Easter celebrations

The North Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club will host their annual Easter celebrations with a Easter bonnet/hat parade on Friday, March 26 at the Frenchville Sports Club, from 9.30am until 1.30pm.

The club will provide a morning tea and a two course luncheon with entertainment.

Cost is \$15 per person and bookings are essential by Friday, March 19. Contact Joyce on 4928 3688 or Annette on 0499 265 992. Raffles, lucky door prizes and prize for best bonnet/hat.

Senior Citizens luncheon

The North Rockhampton Senior Citizens Club will host a Seniors Luncheon on Friday, April 23, at the Frenchville Sports Club, featuring Anzac Day celebrations, a morning tea and a two-course luncheon with entertainment, raffles and lucky door prizes.

Cost is \$15 per person and bookings are required by Friday, April 16. Contact Joyce on 4928 3688 or Annette 0499 265 992.

Capricorn Coast Historical Society

Want to do some family research or know more about your local community? Have some historical photos, maps or documents to share? Or just need a new calendar full of historic photographs? Capricorn Coast Historical Society has you covered.

The Bunker, located behind the Town Hall in Normanby Street, is open to the public from 9.30am to 12.30pm Tuesdays and Saturdays. Friendly volunteers are on hand to help with your family research enquiries. They're also available to scan and return your historical photos, documents and maps to include in their highly significant collection.

Membership costs \$10 for a single and \$15 for a couple, and brings a discount on purchases of books and on historical bus trips.

Over 60s card session

60 & Better is starting a card session at the Gracemere Bowls Club in Gracemere starting on Thursday, 15 April.

Contact the office on 4914 0065 should you be interested.

Markets and fun at Archer Park

Archer Park Rail Museum will hold its Car Park Markets and Family Day on Sunday, 18 April from 8am-1pm.

Entry into the Car Park Markets is free.

There will be Rotary burgers, twisted tatas, Cafe 2U, sausage sizzle, Rocky Brass Band, Rockhampton Pipe Band, Sabaya Belly Dancers, Rural Fire Brigade, vintage cars, military museum, market stalls and lots more.

There will be discount entry into the museum. There will be tram rides available and morning tea in the refreshment room of scones with jam and cream.

Archer Park will also have school holiday activities on Wednesday, April 7 and 14 from 10am-1pm.



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CMC Rocks at Beef event

It's time to fasten your belt buckles and throw on your hat - CMC Rocks, the biggest international country and roots festival in the Southern Hemisphere is coming to Rocky for Beef 2021, for one night only, and you do not want to miss it!

And if you thought it couldn't get any better, the show is free with your Beef Australia gate entry ticket.

'Round Up by CMC Rocks' on Thursday, May 6, will be a boot scootin' bonanza for country music fans across the region, and is yet another highly prized offering on this year's Beef Australia program.

Beef Australia CEO Ian Mill is thrilled to see so many and varied entertainment options on this year's week long program.

"It (Beef Australia) is a celebration of everything that is fantastic about the beef industry, and the people of rural and regional Australia," Ian explained.

"Our team have put together a stellar line-up of events to satisfy all likes, interests and budgets. From celebrity chef dinners, to food trucks serving up Australian beef on ground all week, seminars, property tours, cattle com-

petitions, through to entertainment offerings that include everything from opera, even a rugby match and a country music concert, we are gearing up for the very best Beef Australia ever."

As the triennial draws closer, now with just 37 days until the gates swing open, ticket sales have exceeded all expectations, demonstrating that there is some real excitement about the event, and the action packed program on offer.

Beef Australia is working around the clock to secure alternative accommodation options for guests travelling to the event.

With accommodations houses and motels nearing capacity, guests are urged to consider Tent City or General Camping.

The camping options are a quick five minute ride by shuttle bus to the showgrounds, which will constantly run from 7am to 11pm daily.

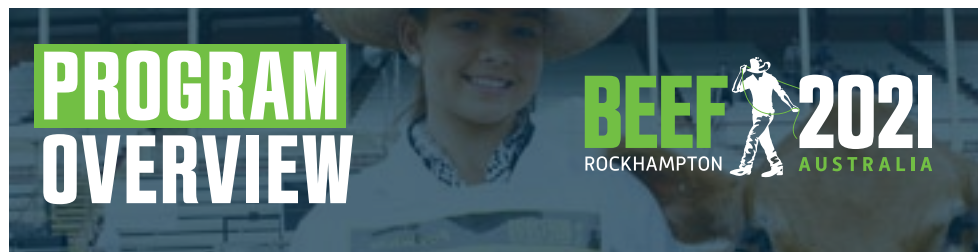
Patrons will have access to all the facilities and amenities within the site, there will be a security presence around the sites, and a breakfast/communal area will be available that includes a barbecue, microwave, etc.

Sites available include semi/gooseneck and truck sites, with limited powered sites for an additional fee, or general camping where you can pitch your tent or swag.

Jump on the website to book a bed in Tent City or a general camping site, and don't forget

to buy your general admission gate tickets now in preparation for CMC Rocks. Weekly passes are also available for unlimited access to all the action all week.

For full details and tickets visit beefaustralia.com.au



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	Sunday 2 May	Monday 3 May	Tuesday 4 May	Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May	Saturday 8 May
Nutrien Livestock Commercial Cattle Competition Judging [CQLX]	●						
'Off the Lead' Stud Cattle Exhibitors Meet & Greet & Suncorp Bank Battle of the Breeds	●						
Westpac Property Tours	●	●	●	●	●		
*Commonwealth Bank Nose to Tail Dinner	SOLD OUT						
City Tours		●	●	●	●		
Dining and Bars		●	●	●	●	●	
Trade Fair		●	●	●	●	●	
Junior Cattle Competitions		●				●	
*Celebrity Chef Lunch & Dinners		●	●	●	●	●	
Ergon Energy Entertainment Stage		●	●	●	●	●	
CQUniversity Beef Australia Symposium		●					
Beef Australia Seminars		●	●	●	●	●	
Cooking Demonstrations		●	●	●	●		
*Robobank Beef Industry Awards Dinner presented by Queensland Country Life		●					
Nutrien Livestock Commercial Cattle Sale [CQLX]		●					
*Nutrien Livestock Commercial Cattle Awards Dinner		●					
*'The Main Event' Lunch with Jeff Horn and Fred Brophy	SOLD OUT		●				
Nutrien Livestock Stud Cattle Competition			●	●	●		
Major Entertainment Event			●		●		
*ANZ National Beef Carcase Competition Awards Dinner			●				
LAWD Great Debate				●			
Pitch in the Paddock presented by evokeAG				●			
*Graeme Acton Beef Connections Lunch supported by Westpac				●			
*Rural Press Club Breakfast	SOLD OUT				●		
Auctions Plus Next Generation Forum					●		
Nutrien Livestock Stud Cattle Parade of Champions					●		
Nutrien Livestock Stud Cattle Interbreed Championship					●		
*Westpac High Tea					●		
Cattlyst presented by JBS					●		
Beef Business Soiree presented by Warners Fine Jewellery					●		
*Empire Apartment Hotel & Knight Frank Agribusiness Classic Wallabies Sportsmans Lunch	SOLD OUT						
*NAB Ladies Lunch	SOLD OUT					●	
Hats n Heels						●	
Classic Wallabies 'Inner Sanctum' Corporate Pavilion						●	
Classic Wallabies V Beef Barbarians Rugby Match						●	
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Every Saturday

Yeppoon Community Markets, 6am to 10am, Park Street Yeppoon

The Yeppoon Community Market is held each Saturday morning at the Yeppoon Showgrounds from 6am to 10am. Arrive early for your choice of the freshest local fruit and vegetables the Capricorn Coast has to offer.

Mindfulness meditation, Women's Health Centre, Rockhampton

Mindfulness and compassion meditation is held every Saturday from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Women's Health Centre at 225 Bolsover St, Rockhampton.

Run by Sama, a Buddhist nun in the Theravada tradition, the sessions focus on the Buddha's 'four foundations of mindfulness': mindfulness of body, feelings, thoughts and mental states.

BYO cushion, chairs provided. Attendance is free but donations to the Women's Health Centre are very welcome. Contact: bmsmetta@gmail.com 0478 630 888, text preferred.

Every Sunday

Rocky Racecourse Markets, Callaghan Park,



Don't miss the final performances of Mamma Mia! at the Pilbeam Theatre.

Rockhampton, 6am to noon

Rocky Racecourse Markets are held every Sunday and have a variety of stall, local fresh fruit and veggies, and good range of organic fruit

and exotic fruits, locally made cakes and biscuits, chutneys and preserves, jewellery, bric-a-brac, ladies and children's fashions, collectible coins and notes, plants, and timber craft. A recent addition to the markets is organic pork, beef and dairy products, and for a relaxing change try reflexology. Disney character appearances throughout the year will keep the kids entertained.

Tram Rides at Archer Park Rail Museum, Denison Street, Rockhampton

The Archer Park Rail Museum in Denison Street, Rockhampton is open Sundays 9am-1pm. Bring the family along to look through the carriages and steam and diesel engines, change the train signals, see the Morse code table and lots more. You can also enjoy a morning tea in the refreshment room and take a ride on the Purrey Steam Train. Starts at 10am.

March 19 to 28

Mamma Mia at the Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton

Here we go again! The Covid-19 pandemic forced the closure of the record breaking run of Mamma Mia in March 2020, disappointing cast and audiences. Now, by popular demand, the production is being remounted featuring your favourite company members from the 2020 season!

Sunday, March 28

Causeway Lake Markets, Causeway Lake

The Causeway Lake Markets are held on the fourth Sunday of every month from 10am to 12pm at Causeway Lake, at the northern end of the causeway. The stalls have a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables and other home-made products.

Wednesday, March 31

Pete Smith and Bruce Lavender

Pete Smith and Bruce Lavender will be singing at the CDCMA Hall, at the corner of Robinson Street and Diggers Lane, North Rockhampton, on Wednesday, 31 March, starting at 1 pm. Bookings: Ailsa 4927 7282.

Sunday, April 4

Fig Tree Creek Markets, Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon

Fig Tree Creek Markets are organised by Kepel Coast Arts and held on the first Sunday each month, adjacent to the Capricorn Coast Tourist Information Centre at Ross Creek Roundabout, Yeppoon.

Fig Tree Creek Markets stallholders display, demonstrate and sell unique, handmade, locally designed, home baked and home grown products. Celebrate the local creativity and enjoy live entertainment each month.

Proceeds from the stallholders fees collect-

ed also help KCA in other arts related activities within the community.

April 7 to April 14

Archer Park Rail Museum school holiday activities

School holiday activities will be held at Archer Park Rail Museum from Wednesday, April 7 to Wednesday, April 14, 10am to 1pm.

Bring the kids down to enjoy a Purrey Steam Tram ride and wander through the museum. The older children can collect APRM questionnaires and the adults can supervise them as they go through the museum finding the answers. There are 50 cent colour-in-packs for the younger children and there will be food on sale.

Saturday April 10

Queen 50th Anniversary - Bohemian Rhapsody

Following a hugely successful 2019 sell-out tour, Queen - Bohemian Rhapsody are returning with a brand new show in 2021 combining Queens greatest hits and a few of the most popular songs on their albums.

Australian Freddie Mercury impersonator Thomas Crane and his hot band Bohemian Rhapsody bring back to life the visual excitement, sound and stage energy as witnessed at a Queen concert.

8pm at the Pilbeam Theatre Rockhampton.

April 10-11

Bluey's Big Play, Gladstone Entertainment Centre

See Bluey, Bingo, Mum and Dad as you've never seen them before. Join The Heelers in their first live theatre show created just for you with puppetry, live actors and iconic Australian sets. It's a little bit different and a little bit beautiful.

Sunday, April 11

Ben Elton Live

Ben Elton announced back in 2019 that he would tour Australia in 2020 with a brand-new stand-up show, Ben Elton Live. But we all know what happened next.

With the country just now opening back up Ben will hit the stage from March 2021 and has added new dates and eight new stops across Australia. He last performed stand up in Australia in 2006 but returned to the stage with a totally sold out 75 date UK tour in 2019, drawing rave reviews.

7.30pm at the Pilbeam Theatre, Rockhampton

Various dates

Carl Barron: Skating Rink for Flies, Gladstone Entertainment Centre, April 15, Pilbeam Theatre April 13, 14, 17

Voted number one comedian two years running, come along and see Carl's brand new show - Skating Rink for Flies. A night where he ponders things we all think about but never mention. Things like plastic bags, peanut butter and the possible emotions of an ant.

There is no point to this show other than to make you laugh as much as possible. Funny stories from a bloke with a funny head. What more could you ask for.

Sunday, April 18

Archer Park Rail Museum Car Park Markets and Family Day

Archer Park Rail Museum will hold its Car Park Markets and Family Day on Sunday, 18 April from 8am-1pm.

Entry into the Car Park Markets is free.

There will be Rotary burgers, twisted tatas, Cafe 2U, sausage sizzle, Rocky Brass Band, Rockhampton Pipe Band, Sabaya Belly Dancers, Rural Fire Brigade, vintage cars, military museum, market stalls and lots more.

There will be discount entry into the museum. There will be tram rides available and morning tea in the refreshment room of scones with jam and cream.

Archer Park will also have school holiday activities on Wednesday, April 7 and 14 from 10am-1pm.

A big region needs a fast response



Horrific highway crash



Just after 7am on a recent Sunday morning, RACQ CapRescue was tasked to the scene of a serious multi-vehicle accident involving a ute and a B-Double truck on the Capricorn Highway 10km west of Duaringa.

Upon arrival to the horrific scene, the onboard Rescue300 crew along with the Critical Care Paramedic and Doctor discovered the B-Double had veered off the right-hand side of the road and into the trees. The utility had sustained significant damage, with the driver still entrapped in the vehicle.

With the assistance of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Ambulance Service, Queensland Police Service and the on-board crew, the driver

was removed from the vehicle safely and assessed for injuries.

Medical personnel deemed the patient to be extremely lucky, suffering only minor scratches and a suspected lower limb fracture. As a precautionary measure, he was treated for suspected spinal and head injuries at the scene also. Once stabilised, the patient was transported to Rockhampton Base Hospital for further scans and treatment.

The driver of the truck appeared to in a stable condition and was provided medical care by Queensland Ambulance Service Paramedics.

Fly Back Fact

On February 5th 2000, the Yeppoon Hospital helipad officially opened after months of lobbying by a support group led by Livingstone Shire Councillor, Desley Rial OAM. The helipad was built just metres from the Yeppoon Hospital, near Appleton Park, after multiple requests from the local Queensland Ambulance Service Officers.

The helipad greatly reduced the time between the patient receiving treatment from paramedics in Yeppoon to full hospital treatment in Rockhampton.

In 2010 the Hospital relocated to Hoskyn Drive, where RACQ CapRescue still has the ability to land and transport patients.



The current Rescue300 helicopter frequently lands at the new Yeppoon Hospital.

I've stepped up

Sue Neaton shares her experience as a StepUp volunteer with RACQ CapRescue.

What are some of the roles that you carry out as a volunteer with RACQ CapRescue?

I assist with registrations at Colour Me Capricorn (CMC) in Rockhampton & Gladstone, I sell merchandise, I organise the logistics of holding events, I MC and I educate. I throw colour powder at CMC, but most of all, I have FUN.

What do you enjoy most about your volunteer position at RACQ CapRescue?

The people, staff and volunteers alike. The knowledge that while I'm not a pilot or a medic, I can still make a difference to alleviate the pain and suffering of those that need urgent help.

What do you think RACQ CapRescue means to the community and why is the volunteer program so important?

RACQ CapRescue offers hope that an ill or injured person will get to the care they need as quickly and safely as humanly possible. They offer a sense of peace to someone who is lost as they hear the noise of the chopper overhead. They give family members a sense of confidence knowing their loved ones are in professional caring hands as they're lifted into the sky on their way to medical help.



I don't have a million dollars to give, I don't have one hundred thousand dollars to give, but I do have a few hours every month to give for free to raise money and awareness of this wonderful organisation.

Whilst every dollar counts, so does every hour that can be given for free to help this organisation do what it does best. Save Lives

If you would like more information on becoming a StepUp volunteer, please get in touch with Caitlin today on 4922 9093 or email stepup@chrs.org.au.

The StepUp CapRescue Volunteers program is supported by Thiess.



Colour Me Capricorn

March 28 - Rockhampton

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Missing calves mystery

ROADS IN THE SKY

SIR GRAHAM MCCAMLEY



This week CQ Today continues looking at cattleman Sir Graham McCamley's recollections from his book, *Roads in the Sky*. Our 12th excerpt explains why he made the switch to Brahmans.

Graham was the inaugural president of the Rockhampton Cattle Club from 1966 to 1971.

Shirley and Graham started a club out of the corner room of a galvanised shed at the Rockhampton Showgrounds used as a pavilion close to the cattle stalls and trade cattle yards.

They began it so cattle people had somewhere close by to meet and the current Cattle Club building is in much the same position within the showgrounds as the original room.

Brahmans were gaining ground each year at Tartrus and coming up trumps in trials but this stage, Graham and Shirley were still running Brafordts.

"When I first started with the Brahmans, I was thinking I'd have Brafordts (a cross between a Hereford bull and a Brahman cow). I thought you might only need a half-breed Brahman-Hereford cross to control the cattle tick.

"The zebus had so many problems. There were a lot of things we had to breed out of the zebu crosses."

So Graham was still not totally convinced of the worth of the Brahmans. For some time he resisted accepting what the trials were telling him.

And then there was the mystery of the survival rates of the Hereford calves, compared



Solving the mystery of his Hereford calves' high mortality rate was one of the factors that led Graham McCamley to switch his focus to Brahmans.

with the Brahmans. That one took time to solve.

"We were doing simultaneous testing on Herefords and were getting very good pregnancy rates from Herefords - 90-91 per cent was common. With Brahmans and Brahman cross cattle, the pregnancy rates were back to 87 per cent.

"Once we started numbering every beast and knowing exactly what calves we had from those preg tests, we couldn't understand why the Hereford branding had ended up with only 66 per cent of the calves, even though they had a 91 per cent pregnancy rate."

The government took the problem seriously and had its own veterinarians working

on the case.

"I thought, there's got to be an answer for it. I went down to the bottom end River Paddock, which was one of our better paddocks, where the crossbreds and Herefords were run together."

River Paddock had a reputation for crocodiles, but in this case the crocs were not to blame.

"There were a lot of cattle camped there. I'd left a nice shady area on the banks of the river, a couple of clumps of trees, so there was plenty of shade and water.

"I sat there day after day on my horse, watching and thinking. I knew the answer had to be here somewhere..."

"And you wouldn't believe what it was! Nobody could believe it!

"I'd see a cow calve in the camp and I noticed that every half-breed and three-quarters bred cow left that camp and went away to calve," he said.

"And they'd calve, and they wouldn't come back without that calf following. So I went back and watched the camp carefully. It was the feral pigs! They were grabbing the Hereford calves before the cows could get up!

"The pigs didn't get the Brahman calves though, because the Brahman cows went away to calve and stayed with the calves - they wouldn't leave them. They'd come back to the herd with that little calf following and wouldn't come back until then.

"We realised then that we had to destroy every pig in those breeder paddocks until we could get enough Brahman cattle.

"That was just about what turned me away from Herefords completely then.

"There was the bogging, the ticks, the blight and cancer eyes - and then this problem with the pigs getting the calves.

"The 91 per cent pregnancy rates with only 66 per cent branding in the Herefords, compared with 87 per cent pregnancy rates with 84 per cent branding in the Brahman cattle was very compelling."

Sir Graham's book *Roads in the Sky*, is available for a generous donation to The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation from his office at 87 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton or Georges Menswear in William Street, Rockhampton.

The Lady McCamley Memorial Foundation is an ATO registered charity whose focus is on suicide prevention. Receipts are issued for all donations received.

The foundation is run by a diverse board of dedicated volunteers united in a desire to support rural Queensland families.

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Friday 2 April & Saturday 3 April

5pm to 9pm

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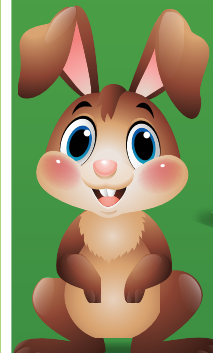
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Saturday 3 April 2021 - 5pm to 9pm

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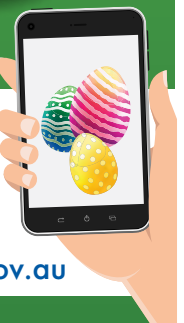
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Easter Word Scramble

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2. prngis

3. etbask

4. yunnb

5. ntuh

6. pertasE

7. Sdayun

Name: _____



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Easter word search

- Basket
- Dye
- Hunt
- Bunny
- Easter
- Prize
- Chicks
- Egg
- Spring
- Decorate
- Hide
- Sunday

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Get hooked on team work



DEAR GLADSTONE

LYNDAL HANSEN

Why doesn't business and community work together more?

I've recently been conducting some business leveraging workshops, where we help businesses determine how they can leverage off major events.

The event I'm working with at the moment is Boyne Tannum HookUp. Business leveraging isn't about marketing the event, it's about using the event to grab the attention of a new audience for YOUR business.

One such event is the Boyne Tannum HookUp, which has very recognisable branding and a very strong Facebook following, not to mention its longevity of 26 years.

This event is a much-loved event by locals and can bring over 3000 visitors to our region for an average stay of four nights.

This is great, but what does it mean for businesses other than those directly providing services/products?

Well, it doesn't mean much really, unless you (the business owner) make it mean something. Boyne Tannum HookUp Management Committee have developed additional materials for businesses or community organisations to use if they want to leverage off the event.

There have been many examples of businesses leveraging from the HookUp event, like cafes offering products for people going off fishing, the physio making sure you have an appointment before the fishing comp starts, the kitchen shop with a sale of the perfect frying pan to cook your fish etc etc. The ideas and



The Boyne Tannum HookUp can bring more than 3000 visitors to the Gladstone region.

opportunities are endless.

And not to mention the attention your business or community organisation could get from the HookUp 'Pinking it Up campaign'. One of the thrift shops pushed all their pink clothing and articles to the front of their shop so people could join in 'Pinking it up', therefore selling more clothing. The bakers made cakes

with pink fish on them and sold heaps and the garage had pink biscuits and sandwiches for the whole month.

Many of these strategies did not have additional costs, just a little time and energy. It is just about thinking how you can attract a new/different audience to your business. And remember these customers could potentially

become regular new customers for your business!

Why not try leveraging from an event and if you have fun with it, people will have fun with it too. I know businesses have struggled over the last year or more, but I think we need to move forward and remember why we got into business in the first place!

Family is a real feeling

Family is a crucial foundation that we build our whole lives upon. Family is a support network that can branch from our beloved blood relatives to our dearest friends.

I also wholeheartedly believe that family is a feeling.

On the bad days, it is the open arms waiting to bundle us up into a warm hug. On the good days, it is the spring in our step. It is the glue that holds us together when we feel like we might fall apart.

It is our greatest, most genuine support system that makes us feel like we can do anything.

If family is the greatest luxury, I feel like I am one very privileged individual. As long as we have the people who matter most to us by our side, ready to pick us up when we fall, guide us on our adventures through life, help us to navigate our setbacks and celebrate our successes, then we are living a life of great luxury.

Everyone deserves to experience the feeling of a loving family.

Sure, family comes with its fair share of moments but at the end of the day it holds us steady, gives us something to fight for when things seem impossible and teaches us some of life's most valuable lessons. I understand how cliché this all must sound but family really is the greatest gift we could ever receive and it is something we should never take for granted.

"Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights,



THIS WEEK WITH JORDIE

and our comfort when we occasionally falter"

- Brad Henry

Family is the unspoken understanding that we all have our own paths we are trying to pave and the process entails a lot of learning and evolving as an individual. It is our family who see us at our worst, our lowest, our messiest but they love us regardless and become that guiding force that gets us back into a good space to achieve our goals and live our purpose.

Every family has their fair share of differences but when varying forms of adversity arise and everyone can put issues aside to band together, this is what it is all about.

"When all the dust is settled and all the crowds are gone, the things that matter are faith, family, and friends" - Barbara Bush.

Tell the people you consider family how much you love and appreciate them. Our days in this life are limited so the best thing we can do is fill them with limitless love and togetherness.



Jordie Lynch says everyone deserves to experience the feeling of a loving family.



The Jacana is also known as Lotus Bird, Jesus bird, Christ bird and Lily Trotter

Bird that walks on water

While planning which photos might be part of a new calendar that I was putting together for the following year, the photo of the Lotus Bird illustrated here was one of those that I was considering.

I have always called it a 'Lotus Bird' because, when I first saw one, many years ago, that was what it was called by the property owner who was taking me on a survey of the birds on his lagoon.

The surface of the water was covered with vegetation such as lotus plants and lily pads. It seemed a sensible title to me as the bird was moving happily across the top of them.

I remember thinking at the time, that the bird must have been walking on the water so why didn't it sink and go under. I made a mental note that I must find out the answer.

The texts told me that the reason that this bird is actually walking on the water plants and why it does not sink, relates to its extremely long frontal toes and a back toe which is much longer again.

By spreading its toes widely, it distrib-



BIRDS IN OUR WORLD

KEITH IRELAND

utes its weight over a larger area so that it becomes much lighter over the top and can be held up by the lily pads. Sometimes these pads may sink a little under the water giving the impression that the bird is actually standing on the water.

The sight of a bird appearing to be walking on the surface would certainly attract the attention of an onlooker so it is no wonder that other names would seem appropriate. The story from the Bible about Jesus walking on the water, was sure to come to mind. Consequently, other names that the Jacana has received are 'Jesus bird, Christ bird and Lily Trotter'. This bird's official name is Jacana.

The Guide

TOP PICKS OF THE WEEK



SATURDAY

CALL THE MIDWIFE

ABC TV, 8.30pm

The ladies of Poplar are old hands when it comes to the high and lows of life in the birthing suite. Ardent fans of this classy '60s period drama rightly expect a double-dose of the good stuff in the show's season finale. In tonight's season nine send-off, there is a lot to digest. The show's prognosis doesn't look sunny when Sister Julienne (Jenny Agutter) receives a letter from the council informing her that they will cut funding to Nonnatus House.

SATURDAY

THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM

NINE, 8.30pm

Thinking person's action hero Matt Damon (right) returns as Jason Bourne, the renegade spy with a serious grudge against his former CIA employers. Director Paul Greengrass returns for the third in the series and mounts a heart-pounding thrill ride that will leave you gasping for breath as the amnesiac assassin travels from the rooftops of Tangiers to the streets of Manhattan in his ongoing quest for exoneration. Aply filled with a cast of the old (Joan Allen, Julia Stiles) and the new (Paddy Considine, David Strathairn, Albert Finney), this Oscar-winning, adrenalin-pumped adventure is possibly the finest of the smash-hit trilogy.



SATURDAY

THE BIG SHORT

SBS, 8.30pm

Bold, ambitious, bursting with talent and wit, Adam McKay's (*Anchorman*) epic, fast and intelligent revue of the 2008 Wall Street meltdown will leave you exhilarated by its panache and fuming at the greediness and arrogance of banks. Starring Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling (above), Brad Pitt and Marisa Tomei, McKay makes the complications of the credit crunch easy to understand as we follow several parallel stories, beginning with hedge fund manager Michael (Bale) recognising that the US housing market is in a bubble, and betting on its demise. What follows is a mind-boggling and energetic trip that beggars belief.



TUESDAY

ANH'S BRUSH WITH FAME

ABC TV, 8pm

It's no surprise that the affable and talented Anh Do (below) returns tonight with a sixth season of his in-depth chat show and art show hybrid. Poised with his paintbrush and an inquisitive disposition, Do has a knack for revealing a fresh side to his well-known guests, where childhood, family, work and health are all open for discussion. The reveal of the guest's painted portrait at the episode's conclusion is an entertaining flourish, particularly if you are trying to gauge the guest's true reaction. Tonight, his subject is a pro with plants and no stranger to being half-naked on stage: landscaper and former exotic dancer Jamie Durie shares his story.

Anh Do hosts *Anh's Brush With Fame*

Friday, March 26

ABC TV (2)

6.00 News Breakfast. **9.00** ABC News Mornings. **10.00** Q+A. (R) **11.05** Aussie Inventions That Changed The World. (PG, R) **12.00** ABC News At Noon. **1.00** Back Roads. (R) **1.30** Outback Ringer. (PG, R) **2.00** Poldark. (Ms, R) **3.00** ABC News Afternoons. **4.10** Antiques Roadshow. (R) **5.10** Grand Designs. (PG, R)

6.00 The Drum. Analysis of the day's news. **7.00** ABC News. Takes a look at today's top stories. **7.30** Gardening Australia. Costa Georgiadis visits a nursery. **8.30** Vera. (Mav, R) Part 1 of 4. DCI Vera Stanhope investigates a suspicious death on a remote and inaccessible island. **10.00** Keeping Faith. (Return, Mlv) Faith is drawn into a new mystery. **11.05** ABC Late News. Detailed coverage of the day's events. **11.20** The Vaccine. (R) **11.35** The Weekly With Charlie Pickering. (R) **12.05** Fisk. (PG, R) **12.35** Rage. (MA15+adhlsv)

ABC TV PLUS (22) **6am** Children's Programs. **6.10pm** Brave Bunnies. **6.20** Bluey. **6.30** Kiri And Lou. **6.35** The Adventures Of Paddington. **6.45** Andy's Aquatic Adventures. **7.00** Dino Dana. **7.15** Odd Squad. **7.30** Spicks And Specks. **8.00** Doctor Who. **9.05** Michael Gow's Away. **10.55** Anh's Brush With Fame. **11.25** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. **12.15am** Catalyst. **1.10** Parks And Recreation. **1.35** Man Like Mobeen. **1.55** Reno 911! **2.15** Gary And His Demons. **2.35** Josh. (Final) **3.05** News Update. **3.10** Close. **5.00** Bing. **5.05** Little Princess. **5.20** Sarah & Duck. **5.25** Hoot Hoot Go! **5.35** Late Programs.

NITV (34) **6am** Morning Programs. **7.35** Molly Of Denali. **8.00** Little J And Big Cuz. **8.10** Aussie Bush Tales. **8.20** Waabiny Time. **8.45** Wapos Bay. **9.05** Kagagi. **9.30** Bushwhacked! **10.00** Going Places. **11.00** Who Killed Malcolm Smith? **Noon** **MOVIE:** Friday Night Lights. (2004, M) **2.00** Intune O8. **3.00** Wapos Bay. **3.25** Bushwhacked! **3.55** Little J And Big Cuz. **4.00** Musomag. **4.30** Move It Mob Style. **5.00** Fraggles Rock. **6.00** Pete & Pio's Kai Safari. **6.30** Cooking Hawaiian Style. **7.00** NITV News. Nula. **7.30** **MOVIE:** Watership Down. (1978, PG) **9.05** First Nations Bedtime Stories. **9.15** Mabo: Life Of An Island Man. **10.45** Late Programs.

SBS (3)

6.00 WorldWatch. **9.30** Greek News. **10.30** German News. **11.00** Spanish News. **11.30** Turkish News. **12.00** Arabic News F24. **12.30** ABC America: World News Tonight. **1.00** PBS NewsHour. **2.00** Destination Flavour China Bitesize. (R) **2.10** The Clinton Affair. (Mals, R) **3.00** NITV News: Nula. **3.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **4.05** Mythical Beasts Unearthed. (PGav, R) **5.05** Jeopardy! (PG) **5.30** Letters And Numbers. (R)

6.00 Mastermind Australia. (PG) **6.30** SBS World News. **7.35** Gangs Of Pompeii. (Mav, R) **8.30** The Royals In Wartime: The Monarchy And The Military. (M) Part 2 of 2. **9.25** The Blitz: Britain On Fire. (PGa, R) Part 1 of 3. **10.15** Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PG) **10.45** SBS World News Late. **11.15** Elvis Presley: The Searcher. (PGa, R) **1.05** Project Blue Book. (Mal, R) **4.25** Great British Railway Journeys. (PG, R) **5.00** France 24 Feature. **5.15** NHK World English News. **5.30** Deutsche Welle English News.

VICELAND (31) **6am** WorldWatch. **Noon** Inside Heston's World. **2.00** 60 Days In. **2.50** The Curse Of Oak Island. **3.40** WorldWatch. **5.05** The Joy Of Painting. **5.35** Shortland Street. **6.05** If You Are The One. **7.05** Jeopardy! **7.35** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. **8.30** Sex Trafficking In America. **9.30** How Sex Changed The World. **10.20** Sex In The World's Cities. **11.20** Yokayi Footy. **11.55** News. **12.20am** 24 Hours In Police Custody. **1.15** Burlesque Boys. **1.45** Cycling. UCI World Tour. Volta a Catalunya. Stage 5. **3.15** Thai News. **3.30** Bangla News. **4.00** Punjabi News. **4.30** Sri Lankan Sinhalese News. **5.00** Late Programs.

SBS MOVIES (32) **6am** Wildwitch. Continued. (2018, PG, Danish) **7.25** Cheerful Weather For The Wedding. (2012, PG) **9.15** Mr. Holmes. (2015, PG) **11.10** Journey To The West: The Demons Strike Back. (2017, PG, Mandarin) **11.00pm** Our Little Sister. (2015, PG, Japanese) **3.30** The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus. (2009, PG) **5.45** Florence Foster Jenkins. (2016, PG) **7.50** The Fog. (1980, M) **9.30** Master And Commander. (2003, M) **Midnight** Happy End. (2017, M) **2.00** Look At Me. (2018, M, Arabic) **3.50** The House By The Sea. (2018, M, French) **5.50** The Imaginarium Of Doctor Parnassus. (2009, PG)

SEVEN (7)

6.00 Sunrise. **9.00** The Morning Show. (PG) **11.30** Seven Morning News. **12.00** **MOVIE:** Indiscretion. (2016, Mlsv, R) Mira Sorvino. **2.00** House Of Wellness. (PG) **3.00** The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh. **4.00** Seven News At 4. **5.30** The Chase Australia. Contestants race to answer quiz questions.

6.00 Seven Local News. **6.30** Seven News. **7.00** Better Homes And Gardens. Graham Ross gets a tour of Green Camel. **8.30** **MOVIE:** Geostorm. (2017, Mav, R) A system of satellites designed to protect Earth from natural disasters starts to malfunction. Gerard Butler, Abbie Cornish, Jim Sturgess. **10.45** **MOVIE:** Eraser. (1996, MA15+v, R) A federal marshal becomes suspicious of his co-workers. Arnold Schwarzenegger. **1.05** Anh Does Scandinavia. (PGn, R) **2.00** Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** My Greek Odyssey. (PG, R) **5.00** NBC Today.

7TWO (72) **6am** Home Shopping. **6.30** Travel Oz. **8.00** Home Shopping. **8.30** Million Dollar Minute. **9.30** NBC Today. **Noon** House Of Wellness. **1.00** World's Most Amazing Videos. **3.00** Million Dollar Minute. **3.30** Weekender. **4.00** Better Homes And Gardens. **5.30** Escape To The Country. **6.30** Bargain Hunt. **7.30** Highway Cops. **8.30** Escape To The Country. **9.30** Selling Houses Australia. **10.30** Property Ladder UK. **1am** The Fine Art Auction. **4.00** My Road To Adventure. **4.30** Escape To The Country. **5.30** Home Shopping.

7MATE (73) **6am** The Next Level. **6.30** Fishy Business. **7.30** Creek To Coast. **8.00** American Pickers. **9.00** Pawn Stars. **9.30** Storage Wars. **10.00** America's Game: The Super Bowl Champions. **11.00** A Football Life. **Noon** Doomsday Preppers. **1.00** Ax Men. **2.00** So You Think You'd Survive? **3.00** American Restoration. **3.30** The Food Dude. (Premiere) **4.00** Timbersports. **4.30** American Restoration. **5.30** Storage Wars. **6.00** Friday Night Countdown. **6.30** Football. AFL. Round 2. Geelong v Brisbane Lions. **9.30** AFL Post-Game Show. **10.00** Armchair Experts. **10.30** **MOVIE:** Cobra. (1986, MA15+) **12.15am** Late Programs.

NINE (5)

6.00 Today. **9.00** Today Extra. (PG) **11.30** Morning News. **12.00** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. (PG) **1.00** Amazing Grace. (Ma, R) **2.00** Desperate Housewives. (Mads, R) **3.00** Tipping Point. (PG) **4.00** Afternoon News. **4.30** Millionaire Hot Seat. (R) **5.30** Nine News Local. The latest news, sport and weather.

6.00 Nine News. **7.00** Rugby League. NRL. Round 3. South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters. **8.55** Golden Point. A wrap-up of the South Sydney Rabbitohs versus Sydney Roosters match, with news and analysis. **9.40** **MOVIE:** Collateral. (2004, MA15+lv, R) A taxi driver is taken hostage by a contract killer and forced to drive the assassin as he makes his rounds. Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx. **12.00** New Amsterdam. (Ma, R) **12.50** Surfing Australia TV. (PGal, R) **1.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **4.00** Global Shop. **4.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) **5.30** A Current Affair.

9GEM (52) **6am** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **7.00** Creflo Dollar Ministries. **7.30** TV Shop: Home Shopping. **10.30** The Ellen DeGeneres Show. **11.30** My Favorite Martian. **Noon** Miracle Hospital. **1.00** Days Of Our Lives. **1.55** The Young And The Restless. **2.50** Antiques Roadshow. **3.20** **MOVIE:** Carry On Cowboy. (1966, PG) **5.20** Heartbeat. **6.30** Rugby League. NRL. Round 3. South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters. **7.00** Antiques Roadshow. **7.30** David Attenborough's Spinjitzu. **4.00** Pokémon. **4.30** Pokémon Journeys. **4.50** Power Rangers Beast Morphers. **5.10** Bakugan: Armored Alliance. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Classic.

9GO! (53) **6am** Children's Programs. **10.30** Pokémon Journeys. **11.00** Dance Moms. **Noon** Parenthood. **1.00** Bridezillas. **2.00** Snog, Marry, Avoid? **3.00** Malcolm In The Middle. **4.00** Dance Moms. **5.00** The Nanny. **5.30** Clarence. **5.45** **MOVIE:** Marmaduke. (2010, PG) **7.30** **MOVIE:** Kung Fu Panda 2. (2011, PG) **9.20** **MOVIE:** Yes Man. (2008, M) **11.25** **MOVIE:** Date Movie. (2006, M) **1am** Bridezillas. **2.00** Snog, Marry, Avoid? **3.00** Beyblade Burst Turbo. **3.30** Ninjago: Masters Of Spinjitzu. **4.00** Pokémon. **4.30** Pokémon Journeys. **4.50** Power Rangers Beast Morphers. **5.10** Bakugan: Armored Alliance. **5.30** Yu-Gi-Oh! Classic.

WIN (8)

6.00 Headline News. **7.30** Entertainment Tonight. (PG, R) **8.00** Studio 10. (PG) **12.00** Dr Phil. (PGal) **1.00** The Living Room. (PG, R) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight. **2.30** Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. (R) **3.00** Judge Judy. (PG) **3.30** Farm To Fork. (PG, R) **4.00** Good Chef Bad Chef. **4.30** The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) **5.00** 10 News First.

6.00 WIN News. **6.30** The Project. A look at the day's news. **7.30** The Living Room. (Return) Lifestyle program. **8.30** The Graham Norton Show. (Mav, R) Celebrity guests include Chris Hemsworth, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Richard E. Grant and Joe Lycett. **9.10** To Be Advised. **10.10** Just For Laughs. (Mls, R) Hosted by Tommy Little. **10.40** The Project. (R) A look at the day's news. **11.40** WIN's All Australian News. **12.40** The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. (PG) **1.30** Home Shopping. (R)

BOLD (81) **6am** Home Shopping. **8.00** JAG. **9.00** Diagnosis Murder. **10.00** Star Trek: Voyager. **11.00** MacGyver. **Noon** Nash Bridges. **1.00** WIN's All Australian News. **2.00** L.A.'s Finest. **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** JAG. **7.00** Bondi Rescue. **7.30** NCIS. **8.30** Law & Order: SVU. **10.30** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. **12.30am** Home Shopping. **2.00** Nash Bridges. **3.00** JAG. **4.00** Diagnosis Murder. **5.00** MacGyver.

PEACH (82) **6am** Cheers. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **9.00** Frasier. **10.00** Becker. **11.00** Cheers. **Noon** WIN's All Australian News. **1.00** Judging Amy. **2.00** Medium. **3.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. **4.00** Becker. **5.00** Frasier. **6.00** Friends. **6.30** Neighbours. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Conners. **10.30** Charmed. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. **Midnight** Home Shopping. **1.30** Judging Amy. **4.30** Home Shopping.

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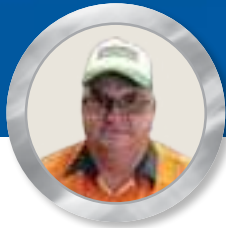
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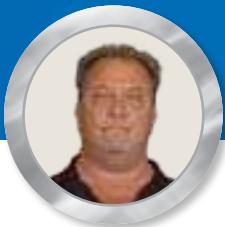
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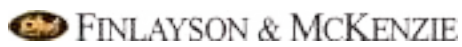
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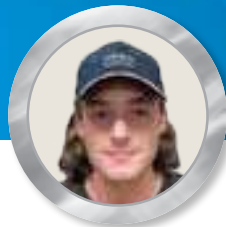
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Travelling back in time

By Rockhampton Photography Club

A few weeks ago, in anticipation of travelling once again, members of the Rockhampton Photography Club shared some of their favourite travel photos.

They submitted so many wonderful photos that there wasn't space in the article to showcase them all. So this week's article shares more of the members' travel photos from pre-Covid times.

Do you want to improve your photography? Here is a tip from Ken Spence in an article he recently wrote for the Better Photography magazine: Join a local camera club and enter your photos into the club's monthly competitions. It is the best way to get supportive and honest feedback on your photos, which is vital if you are trying to improve. Members judging the photos will say what they like about each photo, and what they feel the photographer could have done to make it even better. Over time, the photos entered by a member improve, and they start to consistently be awarded a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a monthly competition. It takes time and persistence, but it will happen.

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Smart colour coordination

Last Saturday, I went to the premiere of the documentary film *Firestarter: The Story of Bangarra*, at the BCC Cinemas in Rockhampton.

It was a busy event and nearly all the seats were occupied.

I saw so many stylish ladies and I wish I could feature them all.

But for this column I wanted to capture the colour coordination that drew my attention from the very first sight.

I meet with Sharon Vea Vea, who looks stunning in her outfit. She wears a maxi dress in the mustard colour, which is a darker shade of yellow and one of the unique colours of autumn.

Sharon, who works at present for Ergon Energy, said she doesn't usually wear bright colours, but she had switched into them that day. And I'm glad she did because the colour just pops and looks absolutely fabulous on her.

She adds a button front blouse in white, but wears it like a vest, which gives her more of a casual look to her maxi dress, a good decision for watching a movie with friends.

To coordinate her white blouse, Sharon chooses a pair of flat white shoes, making her casual look more interesting and surely much more comfortable.

We can't go wrong with the colour white, it fits with everything else.

It also turns out that mustard and white complement each other very well.

I can feel power and energy through these two colours on Sharon.

We can also see a similar theme in her special necklace.

It is made of beautiful tiny seashells from Vanuatu, where her ancestors are from.

Sharon has visited Vanuatu a few times with her son, so this accessory always brings her back to a precious story.

Her beautiful earrings are also special because they were made for her at a local shop called Beauty at Lavender Lane.

It is very lovely thing that she likes to support local businesses.

Sharon also shares with me that she loves dressing and watching what old folk wear, now and in the past.

She gets inspiration from what they wore and how they accessorised their look. I couldn't agree more.

At the end of the day, looking stylish is not only about what we wear, but also about how we coordinate it, especially through colours. Altogether, Sharon nailed it!



Note the beautiful necklace from Vanuatu



Sharon Vea Vea in mustard and white.

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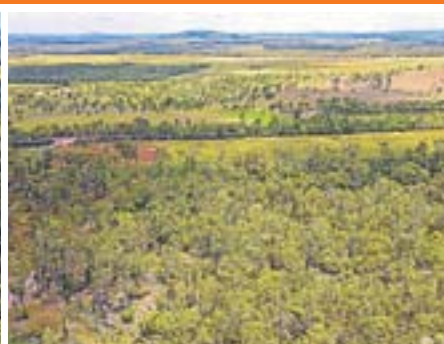
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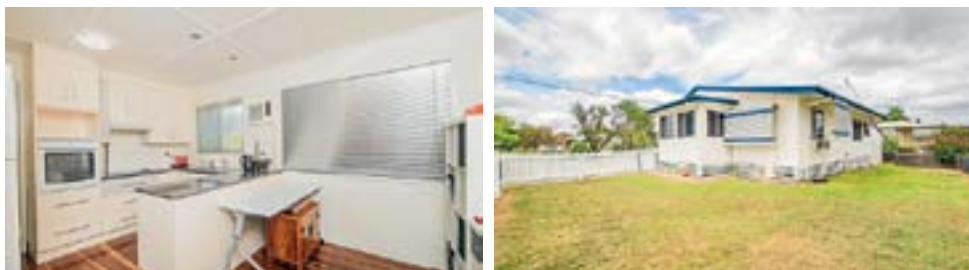
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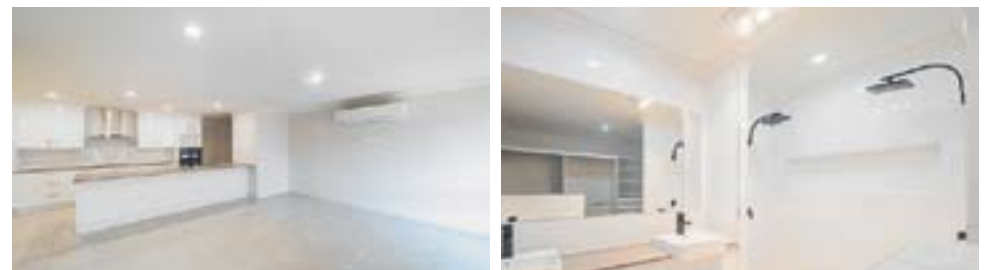
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The kitchen is bright and modern that will be sure to impress the cook in the family with more than ample storage and bench space. This overlooks a huge, tiled family area with sliding doors out to the paved courtyard. On top of this there is also a formal living and dining area with built in cabinetry.

The master suite is expansive with an equally impressive ensuite featuring a spa, double shower and double vanity.

The kids are well and truly catered for with their own living space having three bedrooms and bathroom all in the one area. Away from this is a fifth bedroom with its own bathroom right by, perfect for a teenager or guest room.

Lastly inside, in this day and age, it is also important to be able to work from home and this home has you covered there also with two office spaces, one with built in cabinetry, right off the front door, they would also be suitable for extra bedrooms for the larger family.

It doesn't stop there, outside is equally impressive with a large pool and spa with covered entertaining area off the courtyard, there is even a diving board. There is an attached double garage to the house plus a five bay powered shed at the back of the property. ●



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Training with a difference: Pages 48-49



SMW's Cameron Tragardh

Well-known Rockhampton personality Cameron Tragardh is getting his boots on the ground these days as SMW Group's operations manager. In a recent interview, Cam shared how his sporting experience has boosted him into a whole new career direction.

Cam, your career has taken a few twists and turns to get to where you are today - tell us a bit about how you moved from CEO of Rockhampton Basketball to the mining industry?

It was an interesting journey! Rockhampton Basketball formed a partnership with Bravus Mining and Resources in the midst of a difficult social period. Adani (as it was then) were building their local presence in Rockhampton - it was pretty clear how important they were for the region in terms of jobs and opportunities. So, I made personal contact about a potential partnership that turned out to be an important part of bringing Adani into the Central Queensland community. This partnership led to a position with Adani's regional content team, and there I was in the mining industry.

What was the drawcard to work with SMW Group?

During my time with Bravus, working with Lucas Dow and watching all the moving parts of the \$2 billion project come together, I met Jack Trenaman, CEO of SMW Group. He became a mentor, as I saw how SMW Group had continually expanded through the ups and downs of the last 15 years. When the opportunity came up to be part of growing the business and growing the region, I was happy to put my hand up. There are a lot of parallels in the company's vision and direction with where I'm at, career-wise, so I'm ready to prove myself and help drive SMW Group forward.

What have you experienced since starting at SMW Group that you've enjoyed?

I love the fast-paced nature of my role as Group Operations Manager Field Services. There's never a dull moment in keeping up outstanding service to our clients, while also building our

customer base. I look after two divisions - the Field Service scheduling team and the Business Support team. We make sure our people are site-ready and job-ready for ongoing contracts, and we maintain a labour pool ready to action any ad-hoc calls for field service, industrial cleaning, boilermakers and other trade requirements. On the sales side, SMW Group constantly pushes the envelope with new products and innovative services, so our team works hard to get that message out to the industry.

What's one thing that people think about working in the mining industry that isn't true?

I would guess it's the money! Mining is like plenty of other industries, it has peaks and troughs and we all move with the coal price, to some extent. It's not always a highly paid, super-glamorous life. But it is an industry that our economy relies on, even though it gets a bad rap sometimes.

You have a long history with the Rockhampton region - why do you think it's a great place to do business?

Over my 15 years here I've appreciated the genuine people in Rockhampton. They follow through on what they say. It's a pretty tight-knit community and in business it's an 'everyone eats' mentality. With SMW Group for example, even though we're publicly listed, we're not out to acquire every small business around us - we'd rather plug them into what we're doing and where we're headed, working with them to expand capability.

It's 5pm Friday and you're knocking off for the week - what have you got planned for the weekend?

We've got new identical twin boys, so I'm headed home in a hurry to give my wife a break. After a full-on week she needs time to exhale and put her feet up, and I'm going to have some bonding time with my boys.

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SMW Group's operations manager Cameron Tragardh.



LNP candidate for Mirani Tracie Newitt, candidate for Rockhampton Tony Hopkins, SMW Group CEO Jack Trenaman, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry at SMW Group's Parkhurst site last year.

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The mechanical arm at work at Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds.



The mechanical bagging system now in place at Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds.

Changes at Blue Ribbon

By **Liam Emerton**

Some unique changes are happening at Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds and it's benefiting everyone involved with the company.

Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds, located in Park Avenue, was founded in 2010 by Andrew and Liz Childes and its purpose is not to be the biggest producer of stockfeed, but to concentrate on customer support and helping Queensland clients develop their industry.

And in 2021 the team at Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds have introduced an automated bagging system for the production of their 20kg bags.

With the help of a brand new robotic arm, the business has reduced the physical labour of the team and introduced its workers to the maintenance and care of the automated system.

With the system now in full swing, produc-

tion has risen which is important for customers relying on the family business for feed.

In previous years, without the automated bagging system in place, Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds reached its capacity of production.

However, with the fully automated apparatus in place the team has doubled its capability compared to recent years.

Blue Ribbon Stockfeeds proprietor Andrew Childes said it's been an incredibly successful time with the system in place.

"For the business, it increases production which is great," he said.

"For the last couple of years, we have been unable to produce what was demanded from us, solely because our production was down.

"But now with the bagging system, we're doubling our bag out capability which has been great.

"And the workers have been happy with it

because we can educate them on the automated gear.

"They've been really supportive of it all which has been good."

Mr Childes said it can be tough having to turn down new clients especially during such a tough time for those in Central Queensland.

"In 2019 and 2018 we couldn't take on any more new customers because we just couldn't manufacture it all," he said.

"When you hear the heartache in the beef industry with cattle being affected by the drought you want to try and help them as much as you can.

"That's why we thought if we increase production, double our bagging it would help everyone out.

"Within the next couple of months, we're actually doubling our manufacturing capabilities as well.

"We're putting in a new pallet tower come June or July, which will double manufacturing and we will be able to bag out even more.

"Hopefully there are not too many dry years but we will be able to keep on top of it all and help as many people out as we can, and that was the plan."

Despite the current pandemic, the business continued a straight path of success and Mr Childes said 2021 was the right time to expand.

"It flowed pretty smoothly (last year), there weren't any issues," he said.

"We've had this planned for the start of last year and because it's such a big process it's taken us quite a while to set it all up and coordinate it all.

"Some parts had to come from overseas then putting it all together and of course Covid slowed everything down a bit."



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Lyn Munster from Max Employment with DTE Training and Safety Skills director Kerryanne Tawhai.



From left, Karina Washington, Kylie Thompson, Karim Ahmad and Kerryanne Tawhai.

Trainee heavy equipment

By Matthew Pearce

Six trainee heavy equipment operators were put through their paces last week at a first-of-a-kind earthworks training camp.

DTE Training and Safety Skills' director Kerryanne Tawhai said the idea behind the bootcamp was simple.

"What we've recognised in industry is two things," she said.

"One, is that recognised training organisations provide training but don't provide adequate training for plant operators due to the nominal hours required.

"Secondly, there is a shortage of machine operators Australia-wide and certainly here in Gladstone.

"The quarries here struggle to find qualified operators as there's nowhere to get people up and running in an operational context."

Ms Tawhai said the bootcamp was an idea she'd wanted to implement for many years.

"Stage one was getting green operators out in the field for five days in a non-production role at the Benaraby Motorsports Complex," she said.

"Then we'll be placing them in quarries for two weeks to get them secured and operational in front of those people that would hire them.

"There was a similar program in the past but without the work at the quarries, which gives trainees real life experience."

Trainee Ryan Ward, who already has a loader ticket, said the bootcamp was very different from his past experience.

"In the past we didn't really learn everything we needed to do going into a job. We were just put on the loader, 'here you go, pick up some dirt', that's it," he said.

"This is completely different, I'm learning new skills, I'm learning how to do things I've never been able to do before."



From left, Karina Washington, Kylie Thompson, Ian Jeacocke, Ryan Ward, Karin Ahmad and Kerryanne Tawhai.

After 32 hours training in loader operating, Mr Ward said he was ready to hit the ground running, learning skills like digging, stock-

piling, cutting tracks, road maintenance and truck loading.

Six trainees started the course and four

completed the five days. "It went really well, they were good operators and are ready for the next phase," Ms Tawhai said.





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Trainee operator Karim Ahmad on the loader.



Director Kerryanne Tawhai is excited for the possibilities of DTE Training and Safety Skills' bootcamp.

operators put to the test

"There are many benefits to the on-site training. The trainees get to see what a real job looks like, to hone their skills in a real workplace after working in a non-production role for the first week," she said.

"They also learn how the quarries operate and this also allows employers to see how they operate, with the potential of getting that job."

While this is just a pilot program, DTE hopes to run the program every month.

"The idea of the bootcamp was to see how things went and see what we had to modify but in general terms everything went really well in the first week," Ms Tawhai said.

"We were able to whip the participants into shape and get them doing a job within five days and that's what we hoped would be the achievable outcome."

Central Queensland Motorsports Benaraby Inc president Mark Boyd said the trainee operators had completed maintenance work on a dam at the Benaraby Motorsports Complex.

"The dam has had a fair bit of silt build up in it," he said.

"Over the years the sediments have washed into the dam and obviously that affects the storage capacity.

"The trainees have done a section of it and it's been very beneficial in the sense that when we do get some rain, and get the runoff to the dam, it will improve its storage capacity."

Mr Boyd said the finished job was 'first class'.

"Obviously they had good trainers backing them. It's just really good that we can get a collaborative effect with businesses in town that support local sporting groups," he said.

"We're the home to the Central Queensland Driver Education Facility which is all about educating drivers and this is just a little bit of a spin on that, as we've got drivers that are learning to become operators.



DTE Training and Safety Skills' director Kerryanne Tawhai supervises Karim Ahmad on a loader.

"It also helps our motorsports precinct to become more sustainable and self-sufficient as far as water goes. We don't have any

plumbed water to our facility.

"It's a welcome effort from everybody and it works well. It's adding to the capacity of the

facility to provide a different aspect of training and help make the roads safer for Central Queensland."

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Board taps into Water Day

The international day to celebrate freshwater, World Water Day, was recognised this week.

Held annually on March 22, the purpose of World Water Day is to focus attention on the importance of water security and to advocate for the sustainable management of all freshwater resources.

Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) chief executive officer Darren Barlow said this year's World Water Day theme was 'Valuing Water' which aims to build a more comprehensive understanding of how and why people value water.

"For GAWB, World Water Day is also an opportunity to reflect on what we do: provide an essential service that promotes the economic development and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland," he said.

"Over the last two years, GAWB has sought to better understand how our customers, community and people value water and their views on water security planning in the Gladstone region.

"For us, every day is World Water Day and we need to continuously work in partnership with our customers and our community to create a shared vision for the region's water future.

"With capacity at Awoonga Dam now well below 60 per cent, I strongly encourage our entire community to reflect on not only why they value water but how they can contribute to the conservation of our region's most essential resource."



Capacity at Lake Awoonga has fallen below 60 per cent.



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All you need to know about World Water Day

When is World Water Day?

World Water Day is March 22.

The first one was in 1993.

What is World Water Day?

World Water Day is an annual United Nations Observance focusing on the importance of freshwater.

What is the aim of World Water Day?

World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water.

It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. Learn more: <https://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Water Saving Tips

With dam capacity now at 54 per cent, saving water is everyone's responsibility.

Luckily, adopting positive water saving behaviours is easy.

Try following these five easy tips at home:

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- Install a water saving shower
- Save your greywater for the garden

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QRIDA clients, Matt and Kristie Lisle.

Loan assists CQ graziers

Central Queensland graziers Matt and Kristie Lisle have spent many hours toiling away on their property to create a sustainable future for their beef trading business.

With a Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA) Sustainability Loan, Matt and Kristie have been able to undertake a range of property development works including upgrading water infrastructure and improving their pastures by removing lantana and rubber vine on their property, Moonkan Park, 40kms west of Rockhampton.

“When we first purchased Moonkan Park in 2019 we saw there was a lot of development opportunities and that’s where the QRIDA Sustainability Loan really helped us,” Matt said.

Competing with invasive weeds, pastures were running at 30 per cent capacity which encouraged them to clear some of the timber

and weeds from the paddocks to allow more grass to grow.

“Lantana and rubber vine were taking over everything, so we removed it with mechanical means. We used a bobcat with a cutter bar on it and bulldozers,” Matt said.

Laying poly pipe, adding extra watering points and a solar pump and installing watering tanks on Moonkan Park was part of the Lisle’s water infrastructure plans they implemented with the sustainability loan.

“We’ve laid over 26km of pipe and there are over 30 troughs and we have 750 thousand litres of water storage. All of our water infrastructure and land development has been done through QRIDA’s sustainability loan,” Kristie said.

Reliable water security has given the Lisle’s peace of mind about the future of their enterprise, giving them full use of their property.

“It’s an awesome feeling knowing we’ve got water all the time, everywhere we want it. We can utilise 100 per cent of the place and you’ve got that in the back of your mind that you’re safe with water and that’s the biggest commodity,” Matt said.

Kristie said the application process was a learning curve but a beneficial process to learn more about their business.

“To this day we still use the cashflow and livestock schedules and they have really helped us keep track of where our business sits and where our livestock position is at. We can forecast for the next couple of years and where we want to be,” she said.

Local, reliable service from someone that knows the industry well was a key element in helping the Lisle’s through the application process.

“To have a local regional area manager in

Rockhampton was beneficial. We went in and met John (Metelli) in his office in Rockhampton and he helped us through the application. To have that sit down and one on one made a difference,” Kristie said.

“John helped us with how to apply and what we needed to apply. The application is a bit daunting but to this day we still use the cashflow and livestock schedule.”

Kristie encouraged other primary producers to “give it a go” and get in touch with their local regional area manager to see how QRIDA could build their beef business.

“We really appreciate QRIDA for giving us the opportunity. We wouldn’t be where we are without the funding from QRIDA.”

To find out how a sustainability loan could help develop your farm business, Freecall 1800 623 946 or visit qrda.qld.gov.au

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Gladstone Port milestone

Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC) has clocked a milestone for the Barney Point Terminal which has exported a 50,000 tonne shipment of limestone for the first time since the facility was transformed into a multi-commodity bulk export terminal.

Over 11 days, local trucking companies loaded the locally mined limestone from Graymont Australia's mine in Calliope onto the vessel.

The domestic export of limestone is part of a trial shipment.

GPC began diversifying the list of cargoes handled at the Barney Point terminal in 2016.

Approximately 4.5 million tonnes of coal was exported annually until 20 May 2016, when the terminal exported its final coal vessel and then stopped coal operations.

Acting CEO Craig Walker said the first shipment of limestone was a breakthrough for GPC and a win for local businesses.

"We've been able to give the terminal a new lease on life by transforming it into a multi-commodity bulk facility after it has spent almost 50 years exporting coal," Mr Walker said.

"Local companies were engaged to truck 50,000 tonnes of the quality product to our Barney Point Terminal.

"It goes to show this kind of shipment is a boost to local companies and jobs.

"While it's only in a trial phase now, we're excited about the future of Barney Point and we believe with its speciality focus, we can successfully meet the needs of all our customers including Graymont Australia."



Gladstone Port has exported a 50,000 tonne shipment of limestone.



An advertisement for RCM Diesel & Hydraulic Services. The background is a white diamond-plate metal texture. On the left is a red semi-truck, and on the right is a yellow bulldozer. In the center, the logo "RCM" is displayed in large, bold, black letters, with a gear icon integrated into the letter 'C'. Below the logo, the text "DIESEL & HYDRAULIC SERVICES" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. At the bottom, the contact information "Phone: 0447 177 313 | sales@rcmech.com.au" is provided in a bold, black font.

Gardening

Neil Fisher



A colourful petunia bed at Mount Morgan.



A petunia garden at Moura.



Petunia Petticoat.

Brighten up your garden

One of my favourite flowering plants is the petunia.

During the warm months of the year, this flower always looks to be one of the prettiest of all annual plants. The petunia has come a long way from when it was just known as the sun weed.

With many years of skills, plant breeders have developed thousands of sizes and shapes in the flowering annual petunias. Colour, fragrance and double or single nature are all part of the new hybrids available to gardeners these days. Optimum weather conditions at the moment mean that this could be the best time to brighten up your garden with the kaleidoscope of colours available.

When planting petunias, always try to prepare your flower bed so that it is sunny and well lit, with a well-drained, sandy loam that has a reasonable quantity of vegetable matter mixed in with it. Use a complete garden fertiliser, one that has a small quantity of nitrogen and is rich in phosphorous, mixed in with your garden soil, then I would use a soluble liquid fertiliser every two to three weeks to maintain flowering. I would suggest to not fertilise any more regularly than this, as all you could get is leafy plants and no flowers.

Remember, after planting to water well, use moderate waterings regularly. If possible, try to mulch around your plants, as this will always reduce your usage of water.

VARIETIES TO LOOK FOR

There are a number of new petunias available for local gardeners, so this weekend take a trip to your local nursery and look for the following hardy varieties:

- Petunia avalanche is a spreading petunia that is perfect for large pots and garden beds. It grows to around 80cm wide and bears masses of single flowers, in colours of white, red, salmon, lavender, lilac, pink, rose pink.
- Petunia Bobby Dazzler is an old favourite with many gardeners and was the Flower of the Year 1970. This petunia has a long flowering season with masses of medium sized flowers in a wide range of bright colours.
- Petunia colour parade would be one the oldest hybrids and also one of the most popular petunias sold in the country. This petunia has large flowers are available in a mixture of bright colours including straight and bi-colour star patterns.
- Petunia cameo would be one of the best petunias for pots and hanging baskets, as well as a bushy plant for the garden. It produces



Petunia Bobby Dazzler.

exceptionally large, fully double flowers, resembling a geranium flower that is available in a mixture of colours.

- Petunia lullaby was the first miniature petunia sold around the world and was also the Flower of the year in 1995. This plant produces tiny flowers in either a single colour or as a blend of blue, pink, red, salmon and ivory on compact growing plants.
- Petunia petticoat is a popular annual with excellent garden performance that was Flower of the Year 1982. The petticoat petu-

nias have eye-catching bold colours of red or purple throats with a white edge or skirt. In a pot or in the garden, this petunia would make a unique and eye-catching display.

PLANT NOW FOR WINTER COLOUR

As well as petunias, there are a number of other very colourful annuals that you can plant for winter colour.

Alyssum, Ageratum, Candytuft, Cineraria, Cornflower, Delphinium, Dianthus, Godetia, Gypsophila, Lobelia, Nemesis, Nasturtium, Pansy, Petunia, Phlox, Poppy, Primula, Statice, Stock, Sweet Pea, Verbena and Viola.

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Much to look forward to

AgForce general president Georgie Somerset

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That spirit of endeavour was on show in abundance last week when more than 80 AgForce elected representatives and staff spent four days in Toowoomba planning the direction of our new strategic plan.

Through a series of sessions our cane, cattle, grain, and sheep and wool boards, our committees, and our Young Producers' Council challenged the effectiveness and efficiency of everything we do.

External speakers too asked us the tough questions, all in the spirit of sharpening our focus and making sure we maintain relevance in the services we provide for members and industry.

Ultimately, we want to be better and bolder.

We want to continue to build on the quality and frequency of the opportunities we create for AgForce members and for all rural producers and communities throughout the state.

There is much we can already be proud of, but we need to ensure we keep moving



AgForce is only as good as the people who contribute to it.

forward with a strong, cohesive foundation at our centre and the formation of our next strategic plan can help us achieve even more.

The great thing is there's still time for you to be a part of it.

Each week we host a strategic planning ses-

sion you can join, and you can get in touch with us - by phone, by email, and on our website - and tell us what you'd like to see us do, the direction you'd like us to go in, the battles you'd like us to take on - we're looking to embed your voice in everything we do.

After all, like agriculture, AgForce is only as good - as strong and resilient - as the individuals who contribute to it.

And that's why I'm filled with such optimism this week: if last week was anything to go by, we've got an awful lot to look forward to.

Decreased yarding at CQLX Gracemere after rain

After some much needed welcome rain in the catchment area, CQLX Gracemere combined agents had a decreased yarding of 2750 head on Wednesday, March 17, comprising of 1272 steers, 1021 heifers, 366 cows and 105 bulls.

Condition and quality were more consistent than last week with some larger lines penned.

The usual processors and feeder buyers were present and operating along with a strong panel of restockers. As expected, prices improved, with the exception of quality related variations in some classes.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY

Aroa Downs, Clermont sold a run of HGP treated steers to average 401c to weigh 447kg to return \$1793

Ryan Goudie Baralaba, Sold No9 Santa Cross Steers for 412c/kg weighing 387kg to return \$1600p/h

MF Rural, Kabra sold Speckle Park Cross Steers for 586c weighing 195kg to return \$1143

MacGibbon Holdings, Nebo sold 90 No.0 Grey Brahman Steers for 446c weighing an averaging of 284kg to return \$1268

Bullrush Pastoral P/L Nebo Sold Brangus cows for 280c/kg weighing 585kg to return \$1,640p/h

G Perry, Nine Mile sold Droughtmaster weaner heifers to 464c weighing 260kg to return \$1207

Lake Lindsay Pastoral Co, Dingo sold a run of 225 heifers topping at 362c/kg for 386kg to return \$1399/h

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The monsoon's last puff

By weather forecaster Mike Griffin

It was World Meteorological Day on Wednesday.

On March 23, 1950, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) was established in Geneva Switzerland.

The WMO originated from the International Meteorological Organization (IMO), which started from the Vienna International Meteorological Congress in 1873. Each year there is a theme.

This year it's 'The Ocean, our Climate and Weather'. This coincides with the launch of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

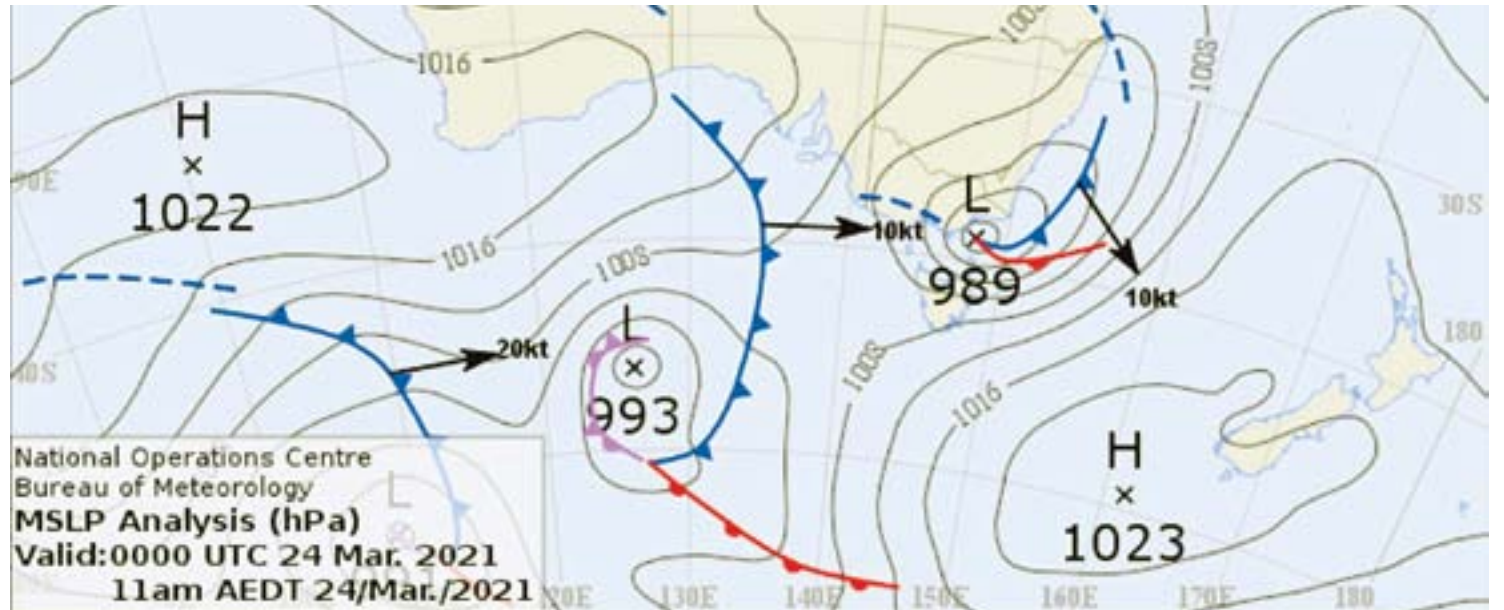
When we focus on weather we think of the atmosphere. The ocean covers 70 per cent of the planet. It carries 90 per cent of world trade, sustains 40 per cent of the world's population and is within 100km of the coast.

The change in sea surface temperatures is having a major impact on the climate. So more research is needed to develop a better understanding of the changing sea levels, currents and associated weather patterns for the maritime sector.

This will help make a safer ocean with better forecasts of Tropical Cyclones (revolving storms), large seas and hazardous winds, thereby helping sustain the marine ecosystem with economic benefits in tourism, fisheries, transportation and mineral resource recovery.

The Australian Bureau of Meteorology started officially on January 1, 1908, after William Dawes built the an observatory in Sydney Cove. Prior to this Clement Wragge set up weather stations, along the coast, from Brisbane to Thursday Island, in the 1880s and 1890s.

He started producing charts and predictions not only for Queensland but also for the rest of Australia. He started the naming of tropical cyclones after the Greek alphabet, Polynesian mythology and politicians.



And he trained the famous Indigo Jones from 1888-1893. In 1902, he tried to stop the drought by using Steiger vortex cannons. Two are still on display today in Charleville. He resigned from the Queensland government in 1903 and the practice of naming cyclones would cease for 60 years.

Clement would have loved today with our access to long term charts that can forecast out five-seven days, plus our modern cars and air conditioning. Still, the sticky humid conditions continue with minimums around the 24C the last five days. In fact, 25C on Wednesday plus nine straight days of light showers with a total of 97.2mm for the month. This is the first time in three months we have had sustained green grass, not to mention the extreme rain and major flooding in NSW (Nambucca Heads 991mm) and south east Queensland (Mt Tamborine 592mm).

Byfield received 960mm of rain from March 17-24. A line of storms from the west hit the Callide after 1am Wednesday, then split into two bands and followed the Dawson Highway hitting Gladstone after 5am, with a second one after 8am. Tannum Sands reported three storms with over 50mm. Some CQ totals (mm) for the 48hrs till 9am Wednesday: Samuel Hill 128, Linkes Causeway 90, Biloela 75, Upper Rainbow 73, Callide Dam 68, Banana 54, Springsure 41, Marlborough Ck.37, Tanderra 30, Kroombit Tops 27, The Gap 25, Raglan 24, Clermont 21, Frenchville 20, Yeppoon 18, Yaamba/Hedlow 16, Tieri 14, Kenbula 10, The Range 9, Emerald radar 8.

FORECAST

The trough on the weather map is showing its passage to the east. Isolated light one to two millimetre showers, about four on Wednesday,

passed through Capricornia.

There were thundery showers again near Byfield and about the ranges west and south of Calliope. There's still the chance of a light shower (thundery) Thursday in the afternoon about the Berserker, Gogango and maybe Mt Morgan. Maximums in the 33C mark next four days, with our first sub 20C minimum on Friday since February 13.

Light winds and the boaties will grab this Friday and Saturday with glee! Moderate SE winds Sunday may affect young players. The SETW are back again Monday. South East Winds gusting over 25 knots and seas of two metres with squally coastal showers are expected for the rest of the week. Boaties beware! This will cause sub 30C maximums for Capricornia with the odd brief morning shower skipping over the Berserkers. The monsoon in the north is having its last puff!

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Deaths

ATU, Aylah Karen

Of Richardson Road North Rockhampton
Taken into gods care on 17th March 2021
Aged 12 years.
Please see later edition of CQ paper.



DAVIS, Valma Joy (Joy)

of Yeppoon, formerly of Mount Morgan passed away peacefully at the Capricorn Coast Hospital Yeppoon on Sunday 21st March 2021.
Aged 61 Years.

Dearly Loved Daughter of Laban (dec'd) and Val. Much Loved Sister and Sister-in-Law of Geoff & Ann, Arthur & Liz, Beth & Allan (dec'd) and Ron Cake.

Adored Aunt to 2 Nephews, 5 Nieces and 16 Great Nephews and Nieces.

Relative and Friend of the Davis and Roberts Families.

Relatives, Family and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Life for Joy to be held at Korte's Resort Conference Centre, 984 Yaamba Road, Parkhurst on Saturday 27th March 2021 commencing at 12 noon.
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Deaths

DOOLAN, Wayne Terrence Cam

14.05.1986 - 18.03.2021

Ghungalu and Butchella descendant. Loved Son of Jaqueline Dale (nee Kemp) and Edward Doolan (both dec'd). Loving Father of Dorothy and Casey. Loving Brother, Uncle and Great Uncle to Kemp, Murray, Doolan, Freeman, Walker, Bone and their extended families. Friend to many.

Relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Service to celebrate the life of Wayne to be held in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7 Tabor Road, Lammermoor this Friday 26th March 2021 commencing at 2:30pm.

Following the service the committal will be held at Yeppoon Cemetery.



SHILLAM, Jeffrey Norman

Of Rockhampton QLD, passed away peacefully 18th March 2021, Aged 57 years.

Loving Husband of Dianna. Adored Father and Father-in-law to Nicole and Jarrod, Brandon and Regina. Cherished Grandfather to Samson and Lilians. Beloved Son to Norman and Una (both dec'd)

A Memorial Service and Wake will be held at the Yeppoon Golf Club, Tuesday 30th March 2021, commencing at 10am. Golf facilities will also be available.



Funeral Services

BATH, Valmae



Late of Mount Morgan, passed away on 19th March 2021.

Aged 74 years.

Beloved Partner of Alwyn.

Dearly loved Mother and Mother-in-law of Ally and Eric, Adrian, Damien and Karlee, Chris and Kathy.

Loving and treasured Grandmother of Samantha and Rob, Amie and Rodney, Jacob, Ethan, Mila and Huxley.

Adored Great-Grandmother of Ella, Mia, Noah, Grayson, Xavier, Indiana and Tanner.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Val's funeral to be held at the Rockhampton Crematorium Chapel, Friday, 26th March 2021, commencing at 10:00am.



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MOORE, Patricia Shirley 'Nissen'

formerly of Goovigen and Yeppoon late of Rockhampton passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 17th March 2021

Aged 90 years.

Beloved Wife of Fred (dec).

Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of Kirsten Moore and Mark Dingle.

Loved and adored G'Ma of Ella, Katie, Jackson.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Celebration of Patricia's life to be held in Campbell Street Uniting Church, South Rockhampton Today, Thursday, 25th March 2021 commencing at 10AM.



Funeral Services

PURVIS, Pamela Hilda (Pam) (nee Thomson)

Of Belmont Road, Parkhurst Passed away peacefully on Friday 19th March 2021

Aged 82 years

Dearly loved Wife to Ken. Adored Mother of Kay, Joy, Judy and Beth.

Ninny to 9 Grandchildren.

A private family service will be held for Pam.



In Memoriam

BRISBIN Daphney Joyce

In loving memory of my Dear Wife, Mother, Relative, Nan, Great Nan, GG. Missed so much and always in our hearts. Loved and remembered every day, Kelvin, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

In Memoriam

O'MEARA James John

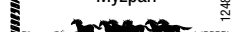
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11 years have passed Jim, what would we give to hold your hand, your happy face to see, to hear your voice and see your smile that meant so much to all of us.

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Rivalry takes the stage

By Liam Emerton

The Central Queensland Premier League will see one of the longest rivalries continued this weekend when Frenchville Roos take on Bluebirds United in Round 2.

The two squads' storied history will once again be at the forefront of the top soccer competition, which will be the third time the sides have faced off already in 2021.

The first contest came in a different format when Bluebirds United one-upped the Roos in the Frenchville six-a-side competition.

Frenchville then secured its revenge in an FA Cup match a few weeks later when the Roos knocked United out of the competition.

The third match will play out this weekend at Webber Park - the same place as that aforementioned FA Cup contest.

The two sides are coming off different results after Round 1, Frenchville were just too good for a competitive Nerimbera Magpies with the Roos winning 2-1, while the new-look Bluebirds failed to defeat Central FC losing a close encounter 4-3.

Those two sides will have to reshape for a match which has defined the most recent history of the CQ Premier League.

Two teams which didn't play last weekend will have the chance to open their Premier League account with a replay of the opening round competition.

The returning Clinton FC will battle the Capricorn Coast Eagles at Apex Park this weekend.

The Eagles had their Round 1 contest postponed with Apex Park deemed too wet for play while Clinton will be full of confidence after their most recent match - an FFA Cup tie against Berserker - ended in a 10-0 defeat.

Capricorn Coast looked impressive in pre-season but will need to translate that into the Premier League.

That match will double - as it was going to



The Frenchville Roos will line up once again against rivals Bluebirds United this weekend. 232272

Picture: LIAM EMERTON

last weekend - as an FFA Cup tie with the winner progressing to face Frenchville in the coming weeks.

The new Women's CQ Premier League competition also got off to a flying start on the weekend with 23 goals across three games in Round 1.

The largest scoring contest came at Pilbeam Park when Nerimbera Magpies thrashed

the Frenchville Roos 10-0.

Led by Rachel Christensen's incredible double hat-trick and Mookie House's trifecta of goals, the Magpies made a serious threat to the rest of the competition.

Those Magpies will take on Bluebirds United Blue this week in what will be an interesting clash.

Bluebirds United Blue took on Gracemere

Redbacks for both club's first hitout of the season with that match ending in a 2-2 draw - a solid result for the teams.

United's other squad, Bluebirds White played in the third and final match of the weekend, losing 6-3 to Central FC.

Bluebirds White will host Frenchville this week in hopes of bouncing back from their opening round loss while Central FC will travel to Clinton for an epic encounter.

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Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club riders, front: Emily and Isaac, middle: Zayne and Keegan, and back: Thomas, Riley, Seth and Brett.



Part of the Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club track ready for a boost.

Dirt Bike Club boosted

The skills and safety of motorcycle riders will be enhanced thanks to a \$35,000 State Government grant to the Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club.

Club president Paul Warr told the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga the grant will make "a significant difference... by improving the club's race-track and facilities while ensuring an increase in safety, membership growth and participation."

"The purchase of additional machinery will

also increase our capacity to continue to attract and host high profile events that attract competitors and visitors to spend time on the Capricorn Coast."

He said the Keppel Coast Dirt Bike Club worked to support generous local businesses when purchasing equipment, "so it will be great to reinvest locally".

Ms Lauga said the dirt bike club is one of five organisations in the Keppel electorate to be awarded grants.

"The Yeppoon State School students will

benefit greatly with a massive tuckshop renovation thanks to a \$35,000 grant awarded to the school's P&C," she said.

"I have met with the hard-working members of that P&C, as well as school principal Kylie Bloomfield, and I'm so happy that they will now get an upgraded tuckshop."

"I'm sure the tuckshop staff and the students will be pleased."

Ms Lauga said other grants went to the Capricorn Coast Community Events Association (\$23,980 for shipping containers for

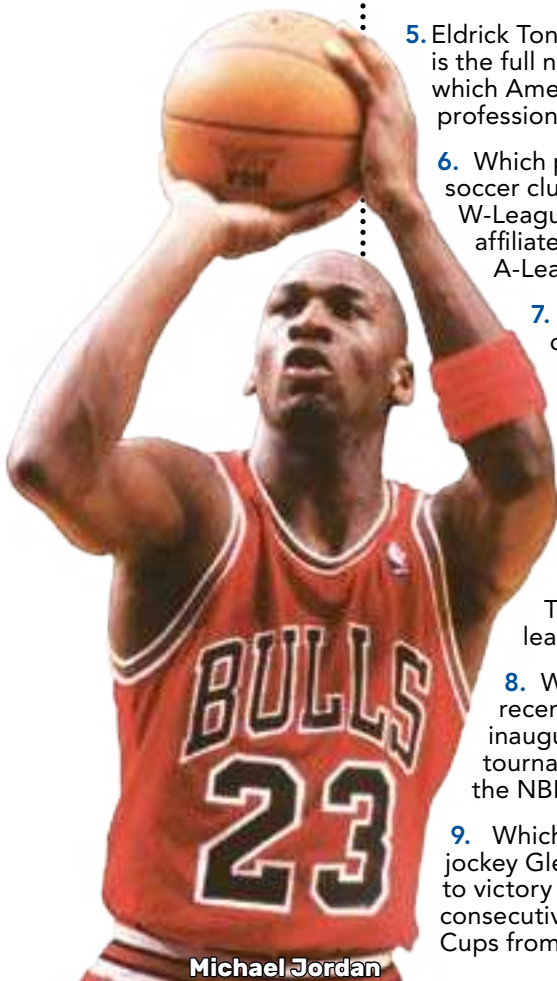
storage), the Yeppoon Rugby League Football Club (\$35,000 to upgrade facilities), and the Yeppoon State High School P&C Association (\$35,000 for a shade structure).

"It is wonderful to see these groups receiving funds that will allow them to improve the services they provide to the local community," Ms Lauga said.

"These groups are the backbone of the community and the Palaszczuk Government is committed to supporting them as much as possible."

SPORTS QUIZ

- Which recently retired NRL star played a record 430 games for his club?
- New Sydney Flames coach Shane Heal briefly coached which now defunct WNBL team?
- Former competitive swimmer Nicole Livingstone is the CEO of which sporting league?
- Australian netball player Kim Ravaillon will play for which Super Netball team during the 2021 season?
- Eldrick Tont Woods is the full name of which American professional golfer?
- Which professional soccer club is the only W-League team not affiliated with a men's A-League team?
- With competing teams including Barbados Tridents, St Lucia Zouks and Jamaica Tallawahs, CPL is the acronym for which domestic Twenty20 cricket league?
- Which NBL team recently won the inaugural in-season tournament known as the NBL Cup?
- Which horse did jockey Glen Boss ride to victory in three consecutive Melbourne Cups from 2003 to 2005?
- In November last year, which AFL team unveiled a new logo for the 2021 season and beyond?
- Which MLB team was associated with the 'Curse of the Bambino'?
- AFL player Jeremy Cameron was GWS's leading goalkicker for how many consecutive seasons?
- In which year did Peter Brock and Jim Richards famously win the Bathurst 1000 by six laps?
- How many NRL premierships has Trent Robinson won as coach?
- What was the scoreline in Australia's recent Twenty20 series loss to New Zealand?
- Which horse won the Golden Slipper in 2020?
- Which driver won the 1982 F1 championship despite winning only one race?
- From which position on the ladder did the Western Bulldogs win the 2016 AFL premiership?
- Ice-skating duo Torvill and Dean won the gold medal in which Winter Olympics?
- Which English batsman was the victim of Shane Warne's 'ball of the century' in 1993?



Michael Jordan



Torvill and Dean

- What NBA team was Michael Jordan playing for when he retired in 2003?
- On what continent was the sport of archery thought to have originated?
- Which horse won the 2021 All-star Mile race?
- Which Afghanistan spinner bowled 98 overs in his team's recent Test match against Zimbabwe?
- How many athletes have won medals in both the Winter and Summer Olympic Games?
- Which AFL team will midfielder Adam Treloar play for in 2021?
- Who will coach the St George Illawarra Dragons in the 2021 NRL season?
- Which Major League Baseball team did LeBron James recently buy a stake in?
- What is the name for a race in which competitors complete a swim and then immediately follow it with a run over various distances?
- Which team came runner-up in the recent NBL Cup tournament played in Melbourne?

Out in the deep with Dags

By Darryl Branthwaite

What a difference a week makes as we now see the region get a half-decent soaking from Emerald all the way to the coast.

Dams are now rising; creeks are getting flushed out, and the crabs are heading for places which aren't filled with fresh rain water.

The wet season is just about done and dusted, and this rain has come in the nick of time.

Last weekend the admin of Facebook page Fishing Central Queensland, John Boon, nailed the fish of a lifetime and even though he was on his 'pat Malone' he still managed to take an excellent selfie with this amazing 1340mm long barra.

For the details of the tackle used, it's best to like the page and check it out as the fish was released after about a five minute recovery.

The whole region has now fired up with some amazing kingies (threadfin) being landed in the Fitzroy and Port Alma systems with some way over the metre long.

Looking inland the Fairbain Dam at Emerald is slowly rising, as is Lake Awoonga as it'd been sitting around the 54 per cent until yesterday and now at 55 per cent at the time of writing.

Callide is still rather low but with the big storm through yesterday morning and the previous 24 hours we might see inflows start climbing there.

The saratoga have also been on the chew out that way, as Scott Jenkins and Nathan Reading have been showing us.

The rivers and creeks in the tidal zones across the region are also producing, such as the Benaraby Bridge over the Boyne River, with some small vibes, poppers and reedy's attracting some good jack.

Off-shore the fishing has been just as sensational with some monster reds, trout and snapper being chilled down in the esky.

We don't often talk about the snapper in this region as we get spoiled with red fish, but these excellent table fish are quite prolific across the region and you really don't have to go too far



John Boon with his 1340mm chrome saltwater Barra caught this week.

Picture: SUPPLIED

to get them.

This weekend is looking dynamite as we head into the new moon lunar phase - big

tides, low seas, and light to moderate south easterlies and the lead up to Easter, which by the way, might not be as nice as this weekend.

So, get amongst them!

**Hooroo,
Dags**

Fishing with Hooked Fishing Charters

Hooked Fishing Charters' top weekend

The team at Hooked Fishing Charters found a break in the wild weekend weather to get out on the river.

John and Michael Egan had a successful day out with Hooked Fishing Charters, pulling in some nice barramundi and king salmon.

The two beautiful catches were a highlight of the day for both John and Michael, who enjoyed their time on board with the crew...



Michael Egan with a ripper catch this week.



John, not to be outdone by Michael, picked up this monster on the weekend.

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The Colts Rugby Club rose to the top of the table this week after its second consecutive win. 232278

Picture: LIAM EMERTON

The Colts gun to the top

By Liam Emerton

The Rugby Capricornia season took another twist on the weekend with two matches being played in wet conditions.

Round 2 saw Colts Rugby Club host the Gladstone Goats and Biloela Rugby battle the Dawson Valley Drovers in Bilo.

The Colts and Gladstone had a back-and-forth contest at Tom Nutley Park with the Colts coming away with a strong 24-17 to remain undefeated in the competition.

Biloela kicked off its campaign against the 2019 champions and secured an incredible 15-12 victory.

Frenchville and Cap Coast were scheduled to face off at Ryan Park on Saturday, however the wet weather postponed that contest.

Those results and the single postponement led to the Colts galloping to the top of the table becoming the only team to score two wins in the opening two rounds.

Biloela sit just behind the Rockhampton-based Colts after drawing the bye last week

and topping the Drovers this week.

That leads to this weekend where the 2020 reserve grade champions and current table-toppers Colts will take on 2020 first grade winners Rockhampton Brothers Club at Victoria Park this weekend.

That will be an intriguing contest after the Rocky Brothers began their season on the wrong foot, losing 34-10 to Frenchville in Round 1.

Brothers were able to rest and recover this week after drawing the Round 2 bye fixture, which could revitalise the side.

Gladstone have had the worst start of any team in the competition and will need to find a way to win against a red-hot Bilo side.

What will benefit the Goats will be that the squad will host its first home game of the year after being on the road for Round 1 and 2.

The Cockatoos will want to build on their impressive home victory over the Drovers but last season the squad was notorious for being weaker in the away fixtures.

And in the final match of the weekend the

Drovers will want to bounce back when they travel to the Cooee Bay Sports Complex to take on the Cap Coast Crocs.

The Crocs lost their Round 1 fixture to the Colts before having their Round 2 match postponed.

Both sides will welcome a win, especially Cap Coast, which will host its first home game of the season.

In the women's competition Biloela continued its impressive form, winning two of the three games against Brothers Rugby Club women's 7s.

That backs up the Cockatiels' three wins last week to give the squad a definitive lead over the competition after Round 2.

The Gladstone Grufettes, Colts and Frenchville all split wins from each other in Round 2, with each picking up a single win from two games played.

RIGHT: The Cap Coast Crocs will be back in action this week after having last week's match postponed.



Junior cricketers region-wide return to the big dance

By Liam Emerton

Grand final day is something that all of our young cricketers across the region look forward to every year.

Last year's junior cricket competitions were cut short, leading to no celebrations of pure euphoria after winning the big game in front family and friends.

But that was last season, and this season's pinnacle of junior cricket is upon us.

Our top local cricketers from across the Central Queensland district will look to make memories that will last a lifetime on Saturday.

Three major games will be played in Rockhampton with the under-11s, under-13s and

under-16s competitions coming to a close.

Rockhampton Brothers White will face off against their own brethren when they have an in-house grand final clash against Rockhampton Brothers Blue in the under-11s grand final.

The under-13s final will also feature two Rocky Brothers sides going head-to-head as Rockhampton Brothers Blue takes on Rockhampton Brothers Green.

And finally, in the Under-16s competition, the Cap Coast Parkana Gold will battle against the Gracemere Bulls in a top-tier clash.

The grand finals come after the highly successful awards night for Rockhampton

Cricket on Wednesday.

The awards night celebrated Rockhampton's best junior and senior cricketers after a terrific, and thankfully uninterrupted, year.

The list of junior award recipients is as follows:

Junior Awards

Under 16

- Minor Premiers – Pool A: Cap Coast Parkana Gold.

- Minor Premiers – Pool B: Brothers Blue.

- Champion Player: Jack Penfold.

- Most Runs: Luke Sanderson.

- Most Wickets: Lawson Denniss.

Under 13

- Minor Premiers: Rockhampton Brothers Green.

- Champion Player: Justin Blunt.

- Most runs: Jack Watson.

- Most Wickets: Danny Griffiths.

All Ages

- Club Champions: Rockhampton Grammar.

- Batting Aggregate: Jack Watson with 673 runs.

- Bowling Aggregate: Sam Gassman with 30 wickets.

- Best junior playing seniors: Henry Dingle.

- Representative MVP: Josh Welsh.

- Junior Cricketer of the season: Jack Penfold.

On the track with Tony

By Rockhampton Jockey Club CEO Tony Fenlon

G'day, this is Tony.

GEE time flies. It is only a few short weeks away from the club's Capricornia Yearling Sales Carnival.

The format of two consecutive race days at Callaghan Park, plus the annual yearling sales on the third day, makes for hectic and exciting times and that of course doesn't include the associated social activities.

So, in today's column I will provide a full and detailed agenda of what is happening and where.

Firstly, the two race days are Friday, 9 April and Saturday, 10 April with the Capricornia Yearling Sales being conducted on Sunday, 11 April.

However, on Thursday evening, 8 April commencing at 6pm, the Rum City Foods Calcutta on the 2YO Classic will be held.

This is a great social function for the racing fraternity and hosted by our very own Russell Leonard, who is widely regarded as one of the best in the land in hosting a Calcutta.

As I keep saying, racing does not get much better than the back-to-back race days of the Capricornia Yearling Sales Carnival.

Over the two race days, some \$473,000 in prize money will be distributed – a massive amount.

The highlight of the Friday race meeting will be the \$25,000 Hygain Country Cup (1600 metres).

This concept, whereby eligible horses must have raced at least three times at Non-TAB race meetings from 1 August 2020 to 7 April, 2021 is unique.

Listen to this for a lure to get the in-form horses for the race.

The first prizemoney will be doubled from \$14,000 to \$28,000 should the winner have won a race at a Non-TAB race meeting since 1 March this year.

That's some incentive.

The concept is designed to give the owners of the country neddies a chance to obtain excellent prize money while enticing them and their trainers to visit Rockhampton and, naturally, hopefully stay on for the CYS on the Sunday.

It has worked in past years and hopefully again this year.

Saturday, 11 April sees the running of the DVL Finance \$143,000 CYS 2YO Classic (1200 metres) and the \$85,000 CYS 3 & 4YO Championship (1300 metres).

Only horses sold from Rockhampton's Capricornia Yearling Sale are eligible for these two races.

Saturday will be a huge day at Callaghan Park so get in early and arrange your bookings for the luncheon options available.

Following the races on Saturday, commencing at 6pm there will be a welcome BBQ at the sales venue (Robert Schwarten Pavilion) for vendors, their staff and potential buyers.

A select yearling parade will follow at 7pm with comments from Magic Millions Bloodstock Consultants.



The following morning Sunday, 11 April, the Hygain/Mitavite 2021 Capricornia Yearling Sale will commence at 11am sharp at the Schwarten Pavilion at the Showgrounds. As usual, a bar and food facility will be operating throughout the event.

I would advise that those attending as buyers register to avoid disappointment.

As well this year the CYS will also have an online bidding service operating.

There you have it and, of course, early bird inspections will take place at the Showgrounds from Friday and Saturday.

Please remember to take all care when in the vicinity of yearlings during any time when being inspected and paraded at the Showgrounds.

So, contact the RJC for more details and of course catalogues for what is the best line-up of yearlings ever offered for sale in Rockhampton are available from the RJC offices. There's Plenty for you to think about but please get in early with inquiries and bookings.

REALLY, if you aren't involved in racehorse ownership, I would strongly urge you to give it consideration.

The QTIS (Queensland Thoroughbred Incentive Scheme) bonus prize money, which is on offer for almost every 2YO and 3YO race in Rockhampton, is fantastic.

For example, if a QTIS filly wins a 2YO QTIS or 3YO QTIS race at Callaghan Park, the first prize is \$23,150.

Simply, as an example and to put this into perspective, the winner of most midweek Sydney metropolitan restricted races receives \$22,000.

The prizemoney for QTIS-eligible horses in Rockhampton and throughout Queensland is simply brilliant.

If you are fortunate enough to win a QTIS 2YO race in Brisbane of a Saturday the first prize is \$79,450.

Rockhampton fillies' winners in Brisbane in recent years, which have won the big bonus bucks for their owners, include Paradis Imperial and the Queen herself – Sweet Dolly.

So, it can be done.

The money on offer for QTIS colts and geldings is also unreal as they snare \$67,200 for winning in Brisbane and \$18,900 in Rocky.

Ownership has never been cheaper through involvement through syndicates, where some members own as little as 2.5 per cent.

However, whatever the share of ownership they can say those 'Magic Words' – this is my horse.

So, talk to a trainer of your choice and consider the option of joining a syndicate in owning a Capricornia Yearling Sale yearling.

The odds are great as, from a catalogue of 100 yearlings, the following year in April a field of 16 or less CYS yearlings only are eligible for the rich classic races associated with the sale.

I HAVE to comment once again on how ter-

rific it was for Rocky racing when Sweet Dolly and Ahooshu filled the quinella in the \$500,000 QTIS 2YO Jewel (1200m) on the Gold Coast last Saturday week.

Both horses are now enjoying short breaks in preparation for winter racing, and congratulations again to winning trainer Kevin Hansen and Graeme Green the runner-up.

Fabulous, also, for winning hoop Justin Stanley and Nathan Day for their great rides in running first and second,

Justin and Nathan are part of the furniture at the Rockhampton TAB races and it just goes to show they can hold their own against the best anywhere.

By all reports, the trainers, jockeys and horses from the Jewel all pulled up well and are looking forward to winter.

So too, of course, is Graeme Green who reports that Rockhampton racing's greatest on course prizemoney winner Master Jamie is coming along well for his quest for the Group 1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400 metres).

I reckon the locals would go bananas and lift the Callaghan Park roof from cheering should Master Jamie win the Group 1 which, don't kid yourself, is not beyond him with a featherweight.

Like I said, there's much to look forward in the coming week and months.

Cheers,

Tony



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Wishing our Masters well

ROCKHAMPTON CYCLING CLUB

After wishing our under-19 riders well as they left for their National Championships in Brisbane, this week we wish our Masters Riders the best for their National Championships which run from Wednesday, 31 March until Sunday, 3 April at the Anna Meares Velodrome in Brisbane.

Men's Masters 4 rider Ray Smith is hoping to cap off an outstanding 2020/2021 Track season with some great results at the National championships. After bringing home a bronze at the State Track Championships and then winning the Rockhampton Cup on Wheels feature race earlier this season the Nationals will be the culmination of a season of hard work and intense training. Ray enjoys the challenges of track racing with son Elliott (U19) and daughter Victoria (U15) joining him in training and encouraging him on.

Men's Masters 7 rider Arch Davis is hoping to add to the five medals he brought home from the State Track Championships. Arch is a quite achiever and lets his efforts on the track do his talking. A 100 per cent effort is what Arch always gives and we wish him all the best in his National events.

Men's Masters 9 rider Ronnie Hickson is looking to add more gold to his haul of seven gold medals from seven races at the State Championships. Ronnie who just loves hoping a on bike says he will keep pushing himself while he is still enjoying what he is doing. Training and racing bikes has been part of Ronnie's life since he can remember, meeting the love of his life at the track in his late teens. As they were both keen riders it came to be that the track has forever been part of his life. Bringing up a family who ride and seeing grandchildren now riding. When all the Hickson clan are at the track they can form their own Italian Pursuit team of seven riders. It won't be too long before AusCycling will have to create another category of Mens Masters 10 so Ronnie has a division to compete in. Masters races usually combine a couple of classes together with final placings based on individual classes. This means Ronnie will be racing both his own class and much younger riders at the National Championships. But this doesn't faze him, riding in Rockhampton in A and B grade with riders as young as 14-years-old, he says it's all part of racing to know your strengths and your opponents' weaknesses.

The last night of the race season featured team's events rather than racing, which made for a great way to end the season - riding together with the other cyclists which you would normally be competing against. All riders and spectators enjoyed the change in schedule and cheering on every rider to do their best. Riders in teams worked together to support each other and bring the team home in its best time.

Always a highlight is the Italian Pursuit, which includes all riders from D Grade to A Grade. Two teams are created in an attempt to make each lap as close as possible.

The 16 riders were divided into two teams

of eight. Trying to balance the speed of the combination of riders such that the final rider and both teams finished a close to each other as possible. The two teams of eight started on opposite sides of velodrome and covered eight laps of the 333-metre track. The first rider from each team started in the sprinters lane with all other riders lined up, in order, on the fence ready to push off and form a train behind the first rider. After completing one lap the leading rider will swing off leaving the next rider to come through for their turn at the front of the train. Repeating this each lap until only one rider remains to cross the start/finish line for the final time. The Italian Pursuit is a great way to bring all riders together on the track at the one time with every rider contributing to their team's final result.

Results from the Friday Teams events on 19 March (16 riders)

Event 1 - Warmup

- C & D Grade - 25 laps
- A & B Grade - 25 laps

Event 2 - Team Sprint

- C & D Grade (five laps) - Matthew Benson, Lachlan Hickson, Paris Stjernqvist, Renay Buchanan, Victoria Smith (time 2:35.85).
- B Grade (five laps) - Emylia Stjernqvist, Jared Brandon, Kaih Rothery, Lachlan McBryde, Peter Buchanan (time 2:23.28).
- A Grade Division 2 (three laps) - Ronnie Hickson, Joe Adair, Sebastian Buchanan (time 1:19.42).
- A Grade Div 1 (three laps) - Elliott Smith, Craig Hickson, Ray Smith (time 1:17.67).

Event 3 - Flying 200 / Team Pursuit

- D Grade (Flying 200m) - Matthew Benson (time 18.25 seconds).
- C Grade (eight laps) - Lachlan Hickson, Paris Stjernqvist, Renay Buchanan, Victoria Smith (time 4:44.52).
- B Grade (eight laps) - Ronnie Hickson, Emylia Stjernqvist, Jared Brandon, Kaih Rothery, Lachlan McBryde, Peter Buchanan (time 3:50.75).
- A Grade (eight laps) - Joe Adair, Sebastian Buchanan, Elliott Smith, Craig Hickson, Ray Smith (time 3:53.84).

Race 5 - Italian Pursuit

- Team 1 - Paris Stjernqvist, Lachlan Hickson, Victoria Smith, Ronnie Hickson, Jared Brandon, Joe Adair, Sebastian Buchanan, Craig Hickson.
- Team 2 - Matthew Benson, Renay Buchanan, Emylia Stjernqvist, Kaih Rothery, Lachlan McBryde, Peter Buchanan, Ray Smith, Elliott Smith.
- Winning Team - Team 1.

All riders and spectators enjoyed running the different format of teams events and cheering on groups and individual riders. Thanks especially to Renay Buchanan (coach), Ray Smith (handicapper/team selector), Jenny Brandon (score recorder), Riley Hickson (lap controller) and Amy Hickson and Kyle Brannigan (rider holders).



Rockhampton Cycling Club's Masters riders Ray Smith and Ronnie Hickson. Absent: Arch Davis.

Our local players impress at the Bundaberg champs

By Allan Clarke

Rockhampton's table tennis players who attended the Bundaberg Open Championships last weekend achieved some excellent results.

Nick Green, who has been promising to deliver some impressive tournament performances for some time, really stepped up to the plate to return with plenty of success. The 17-year-old, who has represented the city at the state junior titles the last few years, is really starting to show that he could be a force to be reckoned with in age and graded events.

In the under-19 boys' singles at Bundaberg, Green played brilliantly to oust Townsville's number one player in this age group as well as the best two from Bundaberg on his way to the final where he met Rocky's best junior and regular practice partner in Matthew Steffen. While Steffen prevailed three sets to one, Green did well and the effort will benefit him greatly looking towards the state junior carnival in Townsville at Easter.

Green won the singles events in both the

second and third sections and combined with Steffen to win the doubles in the highest graded event and with another club-mate James O'Sullivan to be victorious in the doubles in the third section. These days each player has a tournament rating which is computer generated based on performances. Apart from open and age events at tournaments other competitions are based on sections taken from the ratings system.

Rockhampton's leading junior girl, Emily Steffen, also returned some very good results. She was victorious in both under-17 and under-15 girls' singles. Both events were round-robins and she won both on count-back, which means that none of the participants went through the draws undefeated, however the best players from both Townsville and Bundaberg participated in these competitions. She also won the singles in the third sections downing Bundy's seasoned campaigned Lorraine Fourro in the final.

In the top end events Matthew Pettett did well to reach the final of the men's open singles and he took a set off the state's num-

ber one male player in Bruno Levis who hails from Brisbane since moving from Chile several years ago. This was the only set Levis lost at the tournament. Kelsey Le Maistre, who only moved from the Wynnum area to Rockhampton one week ago and has already played one round of top-grade fixtures, reached the final of the women's open singles and went down by four games to two to Mackay's champion and national representative Rebekah Stanley. It will be interesting to see what transpires when this pair meet at the Rocky open titles late in May.

Regular partners Pettett and Le Maistre won the mixed open doubles, Pettett and Bundy's Brett Fourro came runner-up in the men's doubles, and Le Maistre combined with Stanley to win the women's doubles.

RIGHT: Rockhampton Table Tennis Association's Nick Green enjoyed some strong performances at the Bundaberg Open over the weekend.



Return to Browne Park

By Liam Emerton

For the first time since 31 August 2019, the Rockhampton League Club CQ Capras First Grade squad is coming home.

The team will play its first Intrust Super Cup match at the iconic Browne Park in 574 days when it hosts the intimidating Northern Pride on Saturday night.

The Capras were off to the perfect start last week, leading the Tweed Seagulls 18-6 after 28 minutes and maintaining that lead at half-time.

However, just 16 minutes after half-time the Seagulls wrestled their way into the lead before a try with five minutes left in the match ended any hope of a Capras comeback.

In the Pride's opening match the squad were able to overcome a keen Sunshine Coast Falcons squad with a 28-12 victory, pushing them into third place.

It will take a big effort from our Capras to beat the ever-strong Northern Pride, which are a feeder club for the North Queensland Cowboys.

However Pride isn't perfect, showing in the team's 13 errors and a high penalty count of seven last weekend.

Hooker Joel Holdsworth, who played off the bench in the clash against the Seagulls, said the squad was excited to get back to the traditional home of the Central Queensland outfit.

"We're just so keen to get in front of the home crowd," he said.

"Hopefully we can come out with a win.

"We need to fix up those little things that we did wrong in the second half last week and put in an 80-minute performance to come away with a win in front of the home crowd."

Holdsworth said the players have had their confidence boosted after last week's great start but said the focus is on composure in the second stanza.

"It's given us heaps of confidence," he said.

"We've got a really good side here this year.

"And we really want to win.

"We're not just satisfied with what we did in



The Rockhampton Leagues Club Capras are ready to return to their home ground this weekend. 232327

Picture: LIAM EMERTON

the first 40 minutes, we need to put it together for the full 80.

"Hopefully we can do that and put it together like that all year."

Holdsworth pinpointed the errors made in the second half and why they needed to be improved for the match against the Pride.

"It was just the little things, the penalties, the dropped balls," he said.

"It was a little bit wet on Saturday so just being more clinical with the footy.

"And I think if we can just complete our sets we can win."

The home games for the Capras will begin

at 2pm with the Hasting Deering Colts side hosting a trial match against the North Chargers.

Then at 4pm our under-19 women's side will battle against the SC Falcons before our Mal Meninga Cup squad takes on the Falcons at 5:30pm.

Just how the final round of pennants played out...

By Gurney Clamp

On Sunday the Calliope Pennant A team won the 2020-2021 Curtis zone Pennant final against the favourites Biloela by defeating them three-and-a-half to one-and-a-half points at the Calliope Golf Club.

The finals were scheduled to be played at the Gladstone Golf Club but on arrival the teams were confronted with a very wet golf course with motorised golf buggies not allowed on the golf course.

Those factors led to the team captains making a quick decision to transfer the finals to the nearby and inland Calliope Golf Course.

Calliope's A team winners were Matt Crossley who won 3-2 over Adam Mollis, Scott Gibbs 6-4 over Adam Drochmann, Cory Heslin 3-2 over Chase Wright, with Bluey Thomson squaring his match with Steve Dietrich.

For Biloela Troy Lonsdale won his match 2-1 against Brett Bearly.

Calliope also won the B division pennants final finishing on four-and-a-half points to Biloela's two-and-a-half points.

The Calliope winners in that match were: Hayden Armstrong 3-2 over Damien Roll, Shaun Toswill 5-4 over Mark Warnick, Steve Mc Eachran 3-2 over George Whu, Brian Mapleson 5-4 over Byron Hassell with Mark Seawright squaring his match with Jason Winnett.

Biloela winners were Josh Sharp with a 4-3 over Gordon Kerr, and Chuck Miles 2-1 over Jim Smith.

Boyne Island's Division A Pennant team managed to clinch third place in the 2020-2021 pennants when the team defeated Gladstone 4-1.

Boyne's Russell Hartley defeated Tom Appleton 6-4, Dunc Adams scored a 1-up win over Matt Kennedy, Blaise Adams 2-1 over



Division B Pennant winners: Gordon Kerr, Mark Seawright, Brian Mapleson, Steve McEachran, Jim Smith, Shaun Toswill and Hayden Armstrong.

Terry Arstall, Dave Wates 2-1 over Greg Dunseath, with Chris Pettigrew the only winner for Gladstone with a 3-2 victory over Jamie Croft.

Boyne Island then took out the third placing in Division B with a 6-1 win over Glad-

stone, with Scott Baartz with a 4-3 win over Farren Leake, Kenny Speers 4-2 over Nick Simeon, Brian James 2-1 over John Neatai, Robert Hulk one-upped Stephen Lewis, Richard Gibson took a one-point win over Steve McCollough, and Nick Goodman-Jones one-

upped Brendan Backmann with Gladstone's Mick Silvester scoring a one-point win over Calvin Norris.

The next Pennant will be when the Curtis zone comes against the Keppel zone in the inter-zone match in the Curtis Zone.



Calliope Pennants' first team: Brett Baartz, Cory Heslin, Blue Thomson and Scott Gibbs. Absent: Matt Crossley.

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A sudden change of course leads to upset victory

An impromptu change in the Curtis Zone Pennants Golf grand final has made for a spectacular final round.

The final, which was played out between favourites Biloela and underdog Calliope,

was scheduled for Gladstone Golf Course but the two teams decided a quick drive inland to Calliope's Golf Course would make for a more suitable final.

That led to Calliope, benefitted from their

knowledge of the home course, causing an upset of Bilo to win the Division 1 title.

Calliope were able to win by two-and-a-half points to capture the trophy with Bilo finishing in second place.

Boyne Island's top side also managed to finish the season on a high by defeating Gladstone in the third-place playoff.

For the full results and wrap see page 63.

BITS takes centre stage

By Liam Emerton

The Gladstone Cricket competition will host its senior grand finals this weekend with two massive contests being played on Sunday.

The Reserve Grade and B Grade grand finals will take place this weekend with four teams eyeing their chance at local glory.

The Reserve Grade grand final will be an intriguing contest as it will feature two Boyne Island Tannum Sands (BITS) teams.

BITS Colts and BITS Saints cricket teams finished first and second respectively in the senior competition with The Glen's two squads finishing in third and fourth.

The match will be the 22nd time each side has played this season which is simply an incredible effort.

The last time the two BITS teams battled it was the Colts who got the edge, winning on Pink Stumps Day - where the club raised over \$40,000.

That match however was heavily affected by rain and hopefully this weekend the in-house derby will have the sun shining.

The key players for those teams this weekend will be young quick Lachlan Allan, who plays for the Colts, and Saints' Reece Richardson.

Allan picked up three wickets and three maidens when the teams met back in February

while Reece Richardson scored a strong total of 49 in that same contest.

In the B Grade grand final Yaralla White will battle Calliope and District this weekend after the sides finished fourth and fifth in the senior competition.

With the main season being split in half during finals, these two grand finalists made their way into the B Grade grand final.

An interesting twist in this grand final contest is that the two sides have only played each other once this season.

That match came all the way back in October 2020, which was the opening round of the seniors competition.

The two sides second match was abandoned due to the weather earlier this year meaning both sides have barely had a good look at each other.

In that October clash Calliope and District did get the win however that should only give the squad a slight advantage heading into the big dance.

Yaralla White did produce more consistent performances throughout the season, finishing above their grand final opponents in the regular season.

The all-BITS grand final will take place at midday on Sunday at BITS oval, while the other final will be hosted at Yaralla at the same time.



Lachlan Allan will be a serious threat to the BITS Saints this weekend. 228799

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