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The Toowoomba Regional Citizen of the Year, Ted Long, right, is well known in the Highfields-Meringandan area. Ted is from Goombungee.

At 84 he continues a lifetime of volunteer work that began when he was 14. Ted is a volunteer for Lifeline, president of the Shed Project, chair of Harlaxton Neighbourhood Centre, publicity officer on the management committee of East Creek Neighbourhood Centre, management committee member of TRUST Support Group for truckies, consultant for Positive Action Toowoomba, member of Toowoomba Older People's Action Program, mem-

ber of TOMnet, member of the Middle Ridge Friendship Circle and member of the Older People's Interest Group.

In 2007 he won The Courier-Mail Pride of Australia Medal True Blue Award for making Australia a better place to live.

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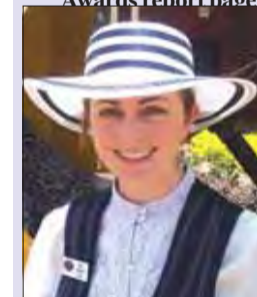


Del was active in the then Methodist Church, conducting the church choir and acting as a relief organist. She has always been available to play the piano, sing or recite and has entertained at RSL annual dinners for a number of years. She has served long terms as treasurer and president in the Women's Fellowship and has also served on the Cabarah Committee which raised money for Geham and Highfields schools. Her most notable service was given to Red Cross over a great number of years including 16 as president.

## Highfields awards

Highfields Citizen of the Year Jody Ashford has worked as a volunteer at Highfields Pioneer Village for the past 15 years.

Awards report page



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### This week's birthdays

January 28 Amy Heilig

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## WORSHIP TIMES

**ANGLICAN:** St George's Anglican Church, 15 Thallon St, Crow's Nest 4698 1403. *Crow's Nest:* Each Sunday 8.30am. 4th Sunday 5pm Alive@5. *Geham:* 4th Sunday 11am. *Goombungee:* First and third Sunday 5pm. Fifth Sunday 5pm (Evening prayer). *Haden:* Second Sunday 11am. *Cooyar:* As advised. Highfields: Anglican Church of St Anne, Highfields Road. Holy Communion 8.30am every Sunday. Sunday School 8.30am for young people. 1st Wednesday Holy Communion 10am, fellowship and refreshments.

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD:** New Hope Church, 9 Emu Creek Rd, Crow's Nest 4698 1837. A contemporary family church. Sunday 9.30am family service with children's ministry. New Hope People, Pastor Pat and Maryanne Casey 4639 1777 or 0417 718 589. 9.30am every Sunday. Toowoomba Christian College, Highfields.

Goombungee Christian Church: Mocatta Road, Goombungee. Pastor Alan and Neita Pope. 4691 5075. 10am every Sunday.

**BAPTIST:** Baptist Church Kuhl's Rd, Highfields. Sunday School 8.30am. Morning Service 9.30am. all welcome. Kid's Club: Friday 5 - 6.30pm. Various Home Groups. Ladies Group meets 3rd. Sat. of month at 2.30pm. Contact Col on 46967007.

**CATHOLIC:** Crow's Nest Catholic Parish, 20 Creek St, Crow's Nest: 4698 1156. Servicing Crow's Nest, Haden, Goombungee. *Worship times:* Every Saturday: Vigil Mass: Crow's Nest 6pm. All Sunday masses at Crow's Nest 8am.

All country masses 10am. First and third Sunday Haden. Second and fourth Sunday Goombungee. Fifth Sunday: Haden - January and August. Goombungee - May and October.

Mary of the Southern Cross Parish Highfields Mass - Each Sunday 8am. James Byrne Centre. - Fr Brian Noonan. 4696 7094.

**CHURCH UNLIMITED - OAKLEY:** Pastor David Trigg: Sundays 9.30am. Phone 4691 1698.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST:** Highfields Church, Shannon Park Rd. Pastor John Moore 4698 7122. Inspirational worship Sundays 9am and 5pm, includes Kids Church 9am service. Playgroup Tuesdays 9-11am. Youth grads 7-12 boys and girls Fridays 7-9pm.

**FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES:** Pastors Ralph and Angela Bleakley 4696 8613. Inspirational Music and Worship Service: Sundays 10am. Highfields Primary School, N.E. Hwy. Entry via Borghardt Rd.

**LUTHERAN:** Crow's Nest Lutheran Parish, 21-23 Toowoomba Rd, Crow's Nest. Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov 10.30am. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 8.30am. Times for Haden and Cooyar contact Pastor Wayne 4698 1309.

Christ Church Evangelical Lutheran Church, Highfields. Pastor Michael Braunberger 4632 1043. First, third and fifth Sunday 8am. Second and fourth Sunday 10am. Sunday School 9am on second and fourth Sunday. Friendship 9.30am second Tuesday of month.

**MERINGANDAN HOUSE CHURCH:** Non-denominational Christian church. 52 Meringandan-Goombungee Rd. (Look for sign on the top of the hill) Sundays 9.30am for tea and coffee followed by service at 10am. Contact: Pastor Rob Cochrane 0409 264 097.

**PRESBYTERIAN:** Geham Presbyterian Church, New England Hwy, Geham: Rev. Andrew Clarke 4632 8027 or 4632 4879. Second Sunday 9.30am.

Meringandan Presbyterian Church, Lilyvale Sporting Club Complex: Pastor Rob Farr 4635 4560 - 0401 886 261. Bruce Finlayson 4696 7225. First & third Sundays each month 9am.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST:** Meringandan Uniting Church 4696 6295. Saturday: Sabbath school 9.30am. Church service 11am. Family worship and Bible study.

**UNITING:** Crow's Nest Parish, 19 Emu Creek Road, Crow's Nest: Rev. Lesley Holt 4698 1143. *Crow's Nest* Every Sunday 9.30am. *Ravensbourne* First and third Sunday 11am. *Gowrie Flat* Second and fourth Sunday 9am. *Thornville* First Sunday 8am. Third Sunday 2pm.

Meringandan-Highfields Uniting Church: 4615 4127. Each Sunday 9am at Meringandan. Meringandan-Highfields Circle of Friends meet second Wednesday each month at 9.30am. Sunday School every Sunday 9.30 a.m.

**WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL:** Albert Street, Goombungee. 4696 5294. Worship times: Sunday 10.30am. Sunday School and Youth Group Discipleship 9.00am. Pastor Rev. P. Kerans. 0427 862 557.

Please note: It is the responsibility of churches to keep information current.

## LETTERS

Letters to the editor are always welcome. Please include full name, address and phone number for verification. All letters published will bear the writer's name. However, information of a contentious nature may be published in another form after consultation with the editor. Letters are accepted on the understanding they could be edited. All letters are treated confidentially. Under no circumstances are they referred to third parties before publication. The management of this publication neither agrees nor disagrees with sentiments expressed by correspondents. Postal address: P.O. Box 180, Crow's Nest, Q. 4355 or P.O. Box 242, Highfields, Q. 4352.

## PM should forget republic and focus the other three Rs

Instead of planning for a Republic of Australia, Prime Minister Rudd should be focusing on three far more important Rs - Regional, Rural and Remote Australia.

The current visit to Australia by future Head of State Prince William has allowed Kevin Rudd to deflect from the real issues concerning the nation, particularly regional Australians.

Prime Minister Rudd and the Labor Party should be focused on issues that really do affect Australians, such as the half-baked NBN, the failed one computer for every student plan, drought assistance, the ailing public health system and the Murray Darling Basin crisis.

But yet again the republic issue has



Mr SCOTT  
Massive debt

reared its head, giving the Prime Minister a chance to deflect attention away from the Rudd Government's insipid performance over the past two years.

Becoming a Republic will not magically improve the running of the nation, particularly when we have a Labor Government that is all talk and no action on major issues like health, education and telecommunications.

Whether we remain a constitutional monarchy, which is my preference, or whether we become a republic, the next generation of Australians will still be faced with a massive debt to pay off thanks to Kevin Rudd's reckless spending in his first term as Prime Minister.

- Bruce Scott, Member for Maranoa.

## Aussie working dogs

While Australian dog breeds continue to contribute significantly to this country both at home and on the land, breeds of all origins are celebrated each day in Australia.

Dogs NSW will celebrate Australia Day by paying homage to world renowned Australian breeds, encouraging owners of all dog breeds to get their pets in on the fun. At present, there are a total of seven breeds recognised as purely Australian: Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Terrier, Australia Silky Terrier, Border Collie, Tenterfield Terrier, Australian Kelpie, and Stumpy Tail Cattle Dog.

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### Highfields Junior Rugby League

Highfields Eagles Junior Rugby League club sign-on day for under 6 to under 18 is being held at the Highfields Aquatic Centre this Sunday, January 31 from 10am to 2pm. Registered players receive free admission to the pool and a free sausage sizzle is provided.

Tickets are available for the season launch dinner on Friday, February 19 at the Highfields Cultural Centre. Tickets are \$30. Enquiries 0447 178 629.

### Highfields Better Business breakfast

The first breakfast meeting for the Highfields Better Business Group will be held at the Highfields Cultural Centre on Tuesday morning, February 2 starting at 6.30 for 6.45am. RSVP to 0417 783 932.

### Crow's Nest community markets

The monthly Crow's Nest Lions community markets are on Sunday, February 7 in Centenary Park from 7.30a. For details phone 0429 678 120.

### Community "Meet and Greet"

The Community Meet and Greet in Centenary Park, Crow's Nest is on Sunday, February 7 from 11am.

There is no cost to either attend or set up a stall and everyone is invited to come along. For more details or to register, phone 4698 1119.

### Cooyar Show Ball

The Cooyar Show Ball will be held on Saturday, February 6 with music provided by the popular Silvertones Band.

### Highfields soccer

Highfields Football Club sign-on day for boys and girls under 6 to 15 will be held at the Kuhls Road Sports Complex on Sunday, February 7 from 9am to 3pm.

A muster and social game to kick off the season will be held on Tuesday, February 19 at 6pm.

### Bingo

Bingo in support of Crow's Nest State School, Crow's Nest Swimming Club and Crow's Nest Scout Group is held every second Thursday at 9.30am at the Grand Hotel Crow's Nest.

Free morning tea is provided - next held January 28. Crow's Nest Bowls Club conducts Bingo every second Friday starting at 7pm - next Bingo night, February 5.

### Social dancing

Experienced dancers and learners are all welcome at dance classes held each Wednesday night at the Crow's Nest Community Centre from 7 to 9pm. Adult \$5 and children \$2 includes supper. Contact 4698 1119 for more information.

### Crow's Nest Regional Art Gallery

The "Staff Works" exhibition on show at the Crow's Nest Regional Art gallery features the work of gallery staff and is on display until the January 31.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 to 4 and Sunday from 11.30 to 4.

### Goombungee Indoor Bowls

All ages are welcome to indoor bowls at Goombungee on Friday mornings from 9 - 11.30am. Cost is \$2 for 2 games, a cuppa and a chat. Contact 4696 7151.

### Crow's Nest Lions

Crow's Nest Lions invite new members to join the club. Meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of the month at the Sundowner Coffee Lounge.

For more information, contact the president Meg Hatfield 4698 2665.

## Toilet training required

As a regular visitor to Centenary Park and around Crow's Nest town, I am asked by other visitors, some in buses, some in cars, some on bikes, where the toilets are?

Having had to use the toilets in Centenary Park on several occasions, I have found the male toilets in a bad mess, splattered and fouled up all over the walls and floor by someone. I don't know this person's name but I hope he reads this and takes my advice, "See your doctor, now!" Nobody should have to clean up that sort of artwork day after day. These toilets are cleaned regularly but it should not be an all day job. If you know the person who is trying to change the colour of the toilets please tell him they are supposed to be white and clean. Thank you. - Crow's Nest Watch Dawg. (Name supplied)

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### Crow's Nest Local Arts and Craft Shop

The local arts and crafts shop in William Street, Crow's Nest has a wide range of locally made items that would make ideal gifts. The shop is open daily from 9.30 to 4. Local craft makers are invited to display their products for sale. Enquiries 4698 1862.

### This Week's Events

#### January 27 - February 2

- 27: • Crow's Nest Boys Brigade
- Healthy Living Support Group meeting
- Dancing - Crow's Nest Community Centre
- Toowoomba Regional Council meeting
- Meeting at Goombungee Road turnoff with Main Roads Department
- 28: • Crow's Nest fitness classes
- Crow's Nest Jokeys
- Boxcercise - Crow's Nest Indoor Sports Centre
- 29: • Crow's Nest Mens Network meeting
- 30: • Crow's Nest pistol shoot
- 31: • Hungry Dingo Cafe open
- 1: • Crow's Nest SES
- 2: • Crow's Nest Girls Brigade
- Crow's Nest Aqua Fitness classes
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- Crow's Nest Friendship Group meeting
- Highfields Better Business breakfast

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JODY ASHFORD

**Highfields Australia Day Citizen of the Year Jody Ashford** has worked for 15 years as a volunteer at Highfields Pioneer Village as well as the Whiteoaks and Camp Toowoomba and USQ, volunteering thousands of hours in office work, applying for grants, artwork, sign writing, tour guide to visitors or helping organise events such as Australia Day celebrations and the Highfields Easter Vintage Festival. Jody is the curator at the Village View Gallery and her success in applying for grants for many projects has enabled and continues to help the Highfields Pioneer Village grow.



REBECCA GILLAM

**Young Citizen Award: Rebecca Gillam.** Having lived in Highfields all her 19 years, Rebecca has taken an active role as a player, referee and coach of Highfields netball. She accepted a nomination as a Carnival of Flowers YAP entrant – promoting the town she loves from both a business and community point of view. Rebecca raised more than \$5000 for the Young People at Risk and PJ Foundation charities and was recognised as second runner-up in this prestigious event.

Rebecca is seen as a wonderful role model with traditional values and morals.



PIONEER VILLAGE

**Community Group/Event Award: Highfields Pioneer Village.** The Highfields Pioneer Village provides a strong community base where locals and visitors alike can enjoy an environment reflecting what it was like to be a pioneer in the early days of the region. On Australia Day, the village has a number of demonstrations including milking, shearing and blacksmithing as well as its impressive static displays.

The village also holds a number of fundraisers throughout the year supporting various hospital foundations and the Cancer Council.



ADRIAN ZORZI

**The Cultural Award was presented to Adrian Zorzi.**

Adrian has been acknowledged for his ongoing work in the Highfields region after setting up and running the local Blue Light Disco. Children enjoy a great event in a fun-filled and safe environment, and the community also benefits as Adrian donates the profits back to local charities and clubs. The disco celebrated its 10th anniversary last year with a record attendance of 839 children at the December disco. Adrian was awarded a 25 year clasp for service in the Queensland Police Service.



KAREN FRANKE

**Sports Award: Karen Franke.**

Karen's skills and sporting abilities, her good cheer and enthusiasm is immediately evident to all.

Her love of softball is infectious and her patience and desire to help others really comes through in her coaching.

Karen is regarded as a "humble, quiet achiever" and her actions, more so than her words, speak volumes for her character.

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## Cool prince



Private Trent Brown, 19, son of Lisa Brown of Crow's Nest, met Prince William on his recent visit to Holsworthy Army Barracks, Sydney. Trent told his mother Prince William was really cool. Trent has been in the army for 12 months and loves army life.

## Caution: Be wary of itinerant insulators

Crow's Nest residents are being cautioned about a two-man team calling at houses and telling the occupants they have come to do quotes for ceiling insulation.

Senior Constable Matt Simpson of Crow's Nest police said any genuine operators should be able to display Building Services Authority cards with identification.

"I would be very wary," Snr Const Simpson said.

"I've had reports of three separate incidents over the last three weeks."

Ray White Rural Real Estate principal Geoff Trost said several of his firm's rental tenants had been visited.

He gave a description of two young men, one with longish blond hair and the other with shorter dark hair and a goatee beard, travelling in a maroon-coloured Nissan Pulsar.

"We've had a few tenants in our rental houses had them come to their front door and telling them they are there to do a quote for the installation," Mr Trost said.

"Once the tenant says they don't own the house and they haven't heard from Ray White, the visitors say

they'll check it out with Ray White and come back later on. "They come back the following day and say they've checked it with Ray White and it's fine for them to come through and the people are letting them through the door."

"A couple of tenants have just said no."

"At one house at Emu Creek, a lady said she only rented the house and any way it was already insulated. One of them said, 'You won't mind us having a look' and he walked straight

past her and looked into the lounge room.

"At the end of the day they are lying to people by saying they have made arrangements with the real estate agent to come through."

"I don't know if they are still around. I haven't heard of anything happening in the last couple of days. It was mostly last week."

"I understand there is another team around and I believe they are fair dinkum. They have logos on their shirts," Mr Trost said.

## Local connection with Bolivia bus crash

Gordon and Val Coates, Crow's Nest, have received word that their grand daughter, Michelle McKay, has survived a bus crash in Bolivia - all because she agreed to change places with another passenger who later died in the accident.

Michelle, a nursing student at the Gold Coast, accepted an invitation from fellow students to tour South America. They were travelling to the Bolivian capital, La Paz, on January 6 when the accident occurred.

Mr Coates said Michelle was sitting in the sun when the man beside her offered to change places. He was one of at least 22 passengers who died when the bus plunged 75 metres down a mountainside after a collision with a car. Mr Coates said the Australian Embassy provided counselling and arranged transport back to Australia.

It was the second bus crash in Bolivia in two weeks. Seventeen people were killed when a bus went into a ravine on December 22.

Australia Day reports next week

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# Main Roads will discuss highway embankments

Mr Tony Platz, Regional Director, Darling Downs Region Assets and Operations, Department of Transport and Main Roads, has accepted an invitation to discuss the embankments on the New England Highway south of Crow's

Nest. Mr Platz was contacted by Ann Lomas, secretary of the Crow's Nest and District Tourist and Progress Association, questioning the safety of leaving the embankment without guard rails. Mr Platz has agreed to

talk with all interested persons at the Pechey-Maqlagan Road bus stop on Wednesday, January 27, at 2 p.m. He will be accompanied by Mr Mick Cuskelly, project manager. The unprotected embankments have prompted

letters to the editor and many comments from the community. Apart from the lack of guard rails, comments of the new roadwork have been positive and appreciative. MP Dorothy Pratt has advised she will also attend.

# Girls Brigade Queens award



Ellen Reushle, top, and Narina Schmalig, top right, from 1st Crow's Nest Girls Brigade received their Queen's Award from the Governor of Queensland, Ms Penelope Wensley, at Government House.

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## Late night accident

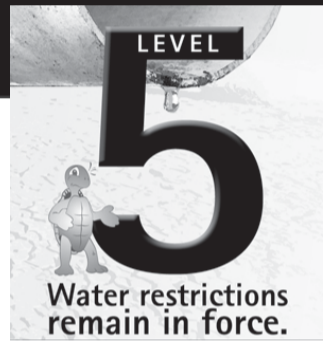
A man was taken to Toowoomba Hospital after a car rollover 10km north of Crow's Nest at 11.30 p.m. last Monday. Police said the man, 36, suffered minor head injuries and was very shaken. The ambulance and Crow's Nest police attended. Police said the car was registered to an address at Windaera.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**  
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# Possible easing of water restrictions



Council will discuss a resolution to ease water restrictions for properties connected Toowoomba's bulk water supply at its meeting on Wednesday, January 27. The recommends the introduction of the new restrictions on Friday, January 29.

Level 5 restrictions will be replaced by Extreme Level which means residents can use buckets to water gardens on an odd and even street number basis.

Residents of odd numbered properties can use buckets or watering cans to water their gardens from 4pm-7pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Residents of even or unnumbered properties can water between the same times on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

There is no watering ban on Mondays.

Elderly residents or residents with a medical condition which prevents them from lifting buckets can apply for an exemption which allows them to use a hose fitted with a trigger nozzle to water their gardens from 4pm-7pm on their designated watering days. For exemption applications, please telephone 4688 6253 or visit [www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/water](http://www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/water). If council adopts the resolution, please remember that Level 5 restrictions (no outside watering) remain in force until Friday, January 29.

### Tip Hours

Several rubbish tips are located in the Crows Nest and Highfields areas for the benefit of all residents.

From April to September, tips at Crows Nest and Geham are open 7.30pm to 5pm seven days per week.

Tips at Kleinton and Haden are also open between these hours but Kleinton is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Haden is closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

From October to March, operating hours are 7am to 5.30pm daily, except for Kleinton and Haden.

Domestic rubbish can be taken to all tips but commercial waste must be taken to Geham.

### 2010 Norman Miller Violin Award

The Norman Miller Violin Award is open to violin students AMEB Grade 3 or above or students 10 years or older who are residents of, or study violin with teachers at schools within, the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

Entries close Friday February 12. Application details from Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery (phone 4688 6652), your nearest TRC service centre or [art@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au](mailto:art@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au)

### Sign on for Energise

Shape up in 2010 with free fitness classes organised through the Energise program.

Join a 50+ fitness session at Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre, O'Brien Road on Tuesdays (except January 26) from 8am-9am. The class covers fitness, strength and flexibility exercises.

Boxercise is held at Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre at the Showgrounds every Thursday from 5.30pm-6.30pm.

Check the full regional program at [www.energise.org.au](http://www.energise.org.au)

### RADF funding

Professional and emerging artists and cultural workers can apply for 2009/2010 Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF) for projects and cultural development opportunities.

Applications for the next round close February 15.

Full details of funding guidelines and eligibility criteria are available from [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au), Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery (ph 4688 6652) or your nearest TRC service centre.

### After hours emergency

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

### Roadworks

Bluff Rd: gravel re-sheeting works may result in minor delays.

Trevean Gardens (stage 3): subdivisional works will result in heavy vehicles operating in this area.

New England Highway (Cawdor Rd to Ninderry Dr): bikeway construction works

Polzin Rd (Cara St to Highfields Rd): footpath construction works.

*Council regrets any inconvenience caused by these works. Council will also undertake routine road maintenance in various areas.*

*Maintenance work usually does not result in delays or altered traffic conditions, motorists are asked to exercise care around job sites.*

**LEVEL 5** Water usage figures for this week

**Rainfall this week to Friday 9am:**  
 Cooby 0.8 mm  
 Cressbrook 0.0 mm  
 Perseverance 0.0 mm

**7 day average evaporation:**  
 147.2 mm

**Dam levels are now at:**  
**7.8%**

**Litres per person per day - residential use**  
 (for users connected to Toowoomba city's water supply)

16 Jan	129	110
23 Jan	137	116
		140

2010 (grey bar), 2009 (black bar)

# Lifeline starts new phone counselling course

2010 heralds a new beginning for Lifeline's 13 11 14 telephone counselling service as the 42 Lifeline centres around Australia will be delivering the same national core training package, the Certificate IV in Telephone Counselling).

This means potential volunteer telephone counsellors will gain nationally

recognised vocational qualifications under the Australian Quality Training Framework as well as being provided with an excellent opportunity to make a significant contribution to the community.

Peter Proctor, training co-ordinator telephone counselling Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland, said consistent, high quality service, accessible

at any time of the day and night is the ultimate aim of the telephone counselling service.

"We seek to achieve these aims by engaging with callers in an empathic, collaborative, empowering process and with the introduction of the national training package Lifeline Australia is establishing best practice training for all telephone counsellors.

"Telephone counselling students will also be able to access the nationwide Lifeline Learning website which contains e-learning activities, recommended readings, resources, as well as a national discussion forum," he said.

The next course will start on Saturday, February 20.

Topics will include self awareness, loss and grief, relationship issues, domestic violence and sexual assault, child protection, addiction, mental health and ASIST (applied suicide intervention skills training).

Once students have successfully completed the core training they will be invited to undergo a student placement and upon successful completion of the student placement they will receive Statements of Attainment for 4 competencies from the Cert. IV in Telephone Counselling.

Successful students will then be invited to become a probationary telephone counsellor for a period of 12 months, whereby a commitment is made to a regular four-hour fortnightly shift as well as ongoing training, supervision and professional development.

The closing date for application forms and the final date for receipt of payment is Friday, February 12. Numbers will be limited so please respond as early as possible.

Payment plans can also be organised.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the office on 4632 9299 or email [admin@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au](mailto:admin@lifelinedarlingdowns.org.au).

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**ACROSS**

- Spanish monetary units
- Gun the motor
- Submarine
- Roof covering
- School course
- Imprisonment
- Notice
- Bikini e.g.
- Equipment
- Fastener
- Savings (4,3)
- Boy's name
- Boy's name
- Facial feature
- Burning crime
- Behold
- Weathercock
- Debt letters
- Pamper
- Surveying
- Beaker
- Keg
- Rancour
- Male animal
- Bellow
- Be victorious

**DOWN**

- Assist in theft

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# Pollies discuss impact of drought with farmers

Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane, and the Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Food Security, Fisheries and Forestry, John Cobb, have met with Darling Downs landholders to discuss the impact of drought on their farms and the local community.

Mr Macfarlane said farmers made clear that they fear the full extent of the conditions is not being realised by the Rudd Government in Canberra.

"While some parts of the Darling Downs have been lucky enough to receive much needed rain this month, what we've seen and heard shows that the benefits haven't been evenly spread.

"Of course, a couple of good falls can't undo overnight the damage years of drought have inflicted."

From June last year, the entire Groom electorate had its eligibility for drought assistance overturned when Exceptional Circumstances assistance expired. But since then conditions have taken a turn for the worse.

Shadow Minister for Agriculture John Cobb said the Rudd Government is letting down regional communities by repeatedly refusing to make drought assistance a priority.

"Kevin Rudd's priorities are clear. He has spent more nights overseas than he has in regional Australia," Mr Cobb said.



Mr MACFARLANE  
No strangers to hardship

"This Government's flip-flop attitude to drought policy is creating even more uncertainty for rural communities. While the Rudd Government focuses of reviews, it's been all talk and no action.

"As the Rudd Government dithers, it is farmers who pay the price," Mr Cobb said.

As well as inspecting drought affected properties near Mt Tyson, Mr Macfarlane and Mr Cobb attended a public meeting to discuss the broader impacts of the drought.

"Farmers in our region are no strangers to the hardship of drought, and are certainly under no illusions about the challenges of life on the land, but their situations are being made that much more difficult by a government that has refused to take regional and rural Australia seriously," Mr Macfarlane said.

"It's time for the Prime Minister and Agriculture Minister Tony Burke to get out in regional communities and see the reality for themselves," Mr Macfarlane said.

"The Rudd Government shouldn't be given a free pass to keep up its neglect of regional Australia.

"The Coalition is determined to maintain the pressure on Mr Rudd to swap his passport for a road map and start listening to rural and regional Australians," Mr Cobb said.

# Changes to child car restraint laws

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine has reminded parents of the new child restraint laws to come into effect on March.

"New laws will soon be in place to ensure all children up to seven years of age are safely secured in the appropriate, Australian Safety Standard Approved child restraint for their height and weight".

"A properly fitted child restraint or booster seat will reduce the chances of being injured in a crash and will significantly improve a child's chances of survival by up to 50 per cent.

Motorists will face fines of up to \$300 and three demerit points if they are caught travelling with an unrestrained or incorrectly restrained child in their vehicle.

"By following the new laws and guidelines, parents and families can rest assured their precious cargo will be secure," Mr Shine said.

# Back to school road safety

With the new school year, Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine has warned motorists to slow down in school zones and be mindful of children in and around school areas.

"The start of the school term means school zones will be back in action with 40km/hr speed limits in place around most school areas," Mr Shine said.

"It's essential that drivers look out for signage, make sure they are travelling at the right speed and watch out for children crossing the road.

"Children can easily run out on the roads or find themselves in dangerous road situations due to their inexperience.

"There are no excuses for putting young lives at risk, so motorists cannot simply say they didn't know the speed limit or didn't see the signs," Mr Shine said.

"Being cautious and slowing down in school zones won't make much difference to the trip time, but

it could save a child's life. "Drivers should pay particular attention and watch out for children not only riding bikes, but crossing roads, getting off buses, or out of cars.

"Young children do not have the skills to judge speed and distance, are easily distracted, and are not always paying attention to what is going on around them.

"It is vital parents take action to protect their children by teaching road safety techniques at a young age."

Mr Shine offered the following tips for parents and carers.

- Teach your child to look for vehicles coming in and out of driveways.

- Discourage them from playing with toys or balls when walking to school.

- Teach your child to cross at traffic lights when the green walk sign is showing, at pedestrian crossings when vehicles have stopped, and at supervised school crossings



Mr SHINE  
Parental responsibility

when the supervisor has signalled it is safe to do so.

- Ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school. This is usually the way with the least traffic and the fewest roads to cross.

- Teach your child to always walk on footpaths

- Accompany children when walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety (usually around 10 years or older).

# Tips for a healthy back-to-school

Cancer Council Queensland is encouraging parents to make a healthy start to the 2010 school year.

Health promotion officer at Cancer Council Queensland Rachael Bagnall said the start of the new school year is a great time to start afresh with healthy resolutions.

Tips for a healthy 'back to school' include:

- Aim to walk or ride with your children to and from school, where possible.

- Apply 30+, water resistant, broad spectrum sunscreen each morning.

Ensure your child has a SunSmart hat, they protects their head, face, ears and neck from the sun.

Carrot and celery sticks, snow peas, cherry tomatoes, cheese cubes, frozen yoghurt and hard boiled eggs make healthy snacks for kids.

Cutting fruit and vegetables into different shapes might be a way to entice fussy eaters.

# Seniors resume

The Crow's Nest Seniors have resumed activities after the Christmas break and welcomed five new members.

Euchre winners last week were D. Taylor and K. Williams. Runners-up G. Reek and H. Hartwig.

The trip to Nanango as previously mentioned for March 2 has been changed to a date yet to be decided. February 3 is an open meeting at 9.30 a.m. and March 10 is music at 10.30 a.m. - Pat Williams.

# Woollen items donated

The knitters who received wool through the Crow's Nest Advertiser advise that they have sent about 60 rugs, scarves, jumpers, toys, beanies for babies and these have been distributed to cancer groups, Mater and Royal Brisbane Hospitals, Spiritus Organisation, an Aboriginal community and Brisbane storm victims.

Our thanks go to the Advertiser for making their office available for the collection of the wool. - Contributed.

# Interest-free loans expanded

Member for Nanango Dorothy Pratt has been informed that the No Interest Loan Scheme ((NILS)

has been expanded throughout Queensland. It is a community-based loan program offering people on low incomes the opportunity to access credit for essential household items without any fees or charges.

"The program is supported by the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments and the National Australia Bank and administered by the Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service. It is based on the concept of circular community finance which means that as borrowers make repayments, that

money is then available to lend to other people in the community," Mrs Pratt said. Mrs. Pratt said that people who earn less than \$30,000 per annum and hold a Health Care or Pension Card can borrow up to \$1800 interest free. Repayments are based on what household items borrowers can afford with repayment periods usually around 12-18 months.

"These loans are generally for the purchase of essential household items like fridges, washing machines, beds and clothes dryers but may also be provided to meet other essential needs such as health aids or education costs.

It is not for emergency relief, bond or rent money, living expenses or debt repayment," Mrs Pratt said.



Ms PRATT

Contact: Karen Denham from Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service can be contacted on 0458 973 022 or k.denham@goodshp vic.org.au

# Separating parents should update details with CSA

Separated parents who experience a change to their financial situation or care of their children should contact the Child Support Agency as soon as possible.

CSA Toowoomba team leader Judy Zimmerle said this was important to ensure the child support assessment accurately reflected their situation.

"Encourage anyone whose income, care, employment, or contact details change to call the CSA to advise of the change and discuss relevant options," Ms Zimmerle said.

"It's important that parents let the CSA know as soon as possible, as changes to child support may not be able to be backdated. A delay can put both parents in financial distress.

"About 1.1 million children are registered to benefit from child support payments, so it's vitally important that when either parent's income changes a quick call to the CSA is made to ensure assessments keep pace with the changes in people's lives.

"It may be appropriate for parents to

lodge an income estimate for the current year, apply for a Change of Assessment in special circumstances, or make a payment arrangement for outstanding child support," she said.

"The CSA recognises the current economic climate will have put pressure on many parents and accurate assessments will benefit the children and the parents involved," Ms Zimmerle said.

Parents can call 131 272 to speak to a customer service officer.

CSA staff can also refer separated families to sources of help in their local community that can assist with issues relating to separation.

*My family is separating - what now?* is a new online tool developed by the Department of Human Services with other stakeholders to help separated or separating parents navigate the complex maze of the family system. Visit [familyseparation.humanservices.gov.au](http://familyseparation.humanservices.gov.au).

The CSA also offers a range of free booklets to help separated families, available at [www.csa.gov.au](http://www.csa.gov.au) or phone 1800 040 972.

# Community Organisations

- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Highfields Lutheran Hall Wednesday 8pm. 4630 8221.
- ARTS COUNCIL: Crow's Nest 7pm 2nd Monday. Community Centre. 4697 9225.
- BIRDS AUSTRALIA: 4698 1727.
- BLUE CARE: Crow's Nest 4698 2980.
- BOWLS CLUB: Crow's Nest Men: Wednesday, Ladies: Thursday, Mixed: Sunday. 4698 1450. Highfields
- BOYS BRIGADE: Wednesday 6pm. Crow's Nest Lutheran Church Hall. 4698 1787.
- BUFFALO LODGE: Crow's Nest 4698 1674.
- BUSINESS GROUPS: Crow's Nest Business Alliance: 1st Tuesday 5.30pm. Community Centre. 4698 1430. • Highfields Better Business: Breakfast meeting 1st Tuesday 6.30am. Cultural Centre. 0417 783 932.
- CABARLAH SPORTS AND FESTIVAL ASSN: 4696 6233.
- CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Crow's Nest 10am 2nd Wednesday. St Matthew's Parish Centre. 4698 4926.
- CARER SUPPORT GROUP: Crow's Nest 4698 1718, 4698 2076.
- CITIZEN AND POLICE COMMITTEE: Crow's Nest 3rd Monday bi-monthly 7.30pm Anglican Church Hall. 4698 1795.
- COALBANK CITIZENS ASSN: 4692 6154.
- COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE: Crow's Nest 4698 1866.
- CRAFT AND SEWING CLUB: • Intune Craft Group: Crow's Nest CWA Hall Friday 9am. 4698 1640. • THE CRAFT NEST SEWING CLUB: Catholic Parish Centre, Crow's Nest Tuesday 9am. 4698 1493.
- CROW'S NEST TOURIST AND PROGRESS ASSN Inc: 4th Tuesday 7.30pm Community Centre. 4698 1119.
- CROWS NEST MENS NETWORK: Friday morning Crow's Nest Bowls Club. 4697 9225. 4698 1454.
- DANCE CLASSES: Beginners and experienced. Wednesday 7pm Crows Nest Community Centre. 4698 1119.
- DARTS CLUB: Crow's Nest Grand Hotel. Tuesdays 7.30pm. 4698 1415. Cabarlah Thursday-Friday from 7pm. 4696 6202.
- DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP: Crow's Nest 4698 8133, 4698 1866.
- FISHING CLUB: Crow's Nest 2nd Thursday 8pm - Grand Hotel. 4698 1389. Cabarlah 4696 6223.
- GARDEN CLUB: Crow's Nest: 2nd Saturday CWA Hall. 4698 1454. Highfields:
- GIRLS BRIGADE: Crow's Nest Tuesday 3.30pm - Uniting Church Hall. 4697 9216.
- GIRL GUIDES: Highfields 4696 7271.
- GOLF CLUB: Crow's Nest 4698 1408. Borneo Barracks 4696 6396. Goombungee
- HADEN COMMUNITY CLUB: 3rd Friday 10am Haden Hall. 4698 8222.
- HEALTHY LIVING SUPPORT GROUP: Crow's Nest CWA Hall Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm.
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Crow's Nest 4698 1776.
- INDOOR BOWLS: Crow's Nest Community Centre Friday 1pm 4698 1220. Wesley Uniting Church Hall Thursday 7.30pm. 4698 4132. Highfields Indoor Sports Centre Monday 1.30pm. 4630 8642. Goombungee Friday 9-11.30am. 4696 7151.
- LANDCARE: Crows Nest Creek Catchment 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm. 4698 4161, 4698 1951. Emu Creek Catchment 2nd Monday 7.30pm. 4698 4748, 46984134. Gomaren-Doctors Creek Catchment Bi-monthly 7.30pm Goombungee CWA Hall. 4630 8997.
- LEARNING NETWORK Crow's Nest 4698 2237.
- LIONS CLUB: Crows Nest 1st and 3rd Thursday 6.30pm Sundowner Cafe 4698 2665, 4698 1538. Highfields 2nd and 4th Tuesday 6.30pm Highfields Tavern. 4696 8231.
- LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: Crow's Nest 4th Monday bi-monthly. Ambulance Centre 7.30pm. 4698 1291. Highfields:
- MARKETS: Cabarlah Country Markets: Last Sunday of the month from 7.30am. 4696 6310. Crow's Nest Lions Community Markets: 1st Sunday from 7.30am. 0429 678 120.
- MASONIC LODGE: Crow's Nest 3rd Friday 7.30pm. 4698 1135.
- MEALS ON WHEELS: Crow's Nest 4698 1499.
- MUSEUM: Crow's Nest Carbethon Folk Museum open Thursday-Sunday and Public Holidays. Goombungee: Open last Saturday each month. Highfields Pioneer Village Open daily 10am-4pm. 4696 6309.
- NETBALL: Highfields 4698 7119.
- Orienteering: 4698 1538.
- PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSNS: Crow's Nest 4698 3111. Geham 4696 6217. Haden 4698 8164. Highfields 4699 6222. Mary MacKillop 4698 7777. Meringandan 4696 9666. Toowoomba Christian College 4630 8444.
- PISTOL CLUB: Crow's Nest 4697 8243.
- PONY CLUB: Cabarlah 4696 7436. Crow's Nest 4698 1322, 4696 6013.
- QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMENS ASSN: Crow's Nest 9.30am 1st Monday.
- RAVENSBORNE SPORTING ASSN: 4697 8132.
- RED CROSS: Crow's Nest Branch 2nd Friday bi-monthly 1.30pm CWA Hall. 4698 1339.
- RIFLE CLUB: Crow's Nest-Goombungee 4634 1172.
- RSL SUB-BRANCH: Crow's Nest 2nd Thursday bi-monthly 7pm. 4698 1230. Highfields
- RURAL FIRE BRIGADE: Anduramba 4698 4967. Binga 41633 0218. Cabarlah 4696 6214. Cooyar 4692 6101. Crow's Nest 4698 1791, 4698 1810. Gomaren 4697 9593. Haden 4698 8159, 4698 8130. Hampton 4697 9230. Pechey-Groomsville 4698 1396, 46987 9591. Pierces Creek-Lower Emu Creek 4698 4732. Pinelands 4698 4199. Ravensbourne-Perseverance 4697 8120, 4697 9196.
- SCOUTS: Crow's Nest 4698 1731, 0428 728 973. Highfields 4696 7248.
- SENIOR CITIZENS: Crow's Nest Wednesday 9.30am Anglican Hall. 4698 4163. Highfields 2nd Monday 10am Highfields Cultural Centre. 4630 8642.
- SHOW SOCIETY: Crow's Nest Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Friday Showgrounds Cottage. 2010 Show: May 7-8. Show Ball: April 24. 4698 2545. Goombungee
- SQUASH CLUB: Crow's Nest
- STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE: Crows Nest Mondays 7pm (winter) 7.30pm (summer). Industrial Estate building. 4698 1212, 4698 1627. Goombungee
- ST VINCENT DE PAUL: 4698 1156, 4659 5863.
- TABLE TENNIS: Crow's Nest Monday 7.30pm Uniting Church Hall. 4697 9525.
- TENNIS: Crow's Nest 4697 9502.
- WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: Tuesday Crow's Nest Bowls Club 12noon. 4698 2058, 4698 1592.
- WILDLIFE CARERS DARLING DOWNS: 1300 555 555 ask for 85151.

\*Please note: This segment is still under construction. Some items may be incomplete. Contributions are welcome.

## REMINDER

All organisations, businesses, sporting bodies and individuals.  
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## The computer swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma.  
 Yes, honestly its true.  
 She pressed control and enter  
 And disappeared from view.  
 It devoured her completely,  
 The thought just makes me squirm.  
 She must have caught a virus  
 Or been eaten by a worm.  
 I've searched through the recycle bin  
 And files of every kind.  
 I've even used the Internet,  
 But nothing did I find.  
 In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
 My searches to refine.  
 The reply from him was negative,  
 Not a thing was found online  
 So, if inside your Inbox,  
 My Grandma you should see,  
 Please copy, scan and paste her  
 And send her back to me.

A tribute to all the grandmas who have been fearless and learned to use the computer.....  
 They are the greatest. - Contributed.

### Sudoku Number 424

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Sudoku Difficulty Level - Medium

### SUDOKU RULES

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

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## IN MY GARDEN

# Surprises after the blessed rain

By DONALDA ROGERS

At long last I can clear the grass and weeds from the bank at the back of the house.

The clumps of little white daisies with their lobed leaves are easily seen among the grass as is the beautiful yellow Hibbertia.

However, hiding below the grass are lots of other treasures, Lomandra, Laxmania, Lobelia, Hybanthus and Glycine Pea.

The Lomandra has very fine 1mm wide leaves about 10cm long. The tiny white flower spike has eight miniature blossoms on 2cm of stem, almost looks like an orchid. Laxmania is the Wire-grass Lily - no need to describe the leaves.

The cluster of seven or eight flowers are at the end of the stem. They are also white and measure only 1cm across.

Clambering across the soil is another white flower, the Lobelia. It has pretty scalloped leaves and the flowers have three conspicuous petals and two smaller one.

My next treasure is the Hybanthus or Spade Flower. It gets its name because only one petal (like a spade) is visible. The other four are very very tiny.



White daisies - easily seen  
 Photo by Donald Rogers

These flowers are usually purple but sometimes you get orange as mine is.

Two Pale-headed Rosellas fly overhead as I discover the beautiful little Glycine Pea. The miniature half centimetre purple heads are attached to a very fine stem and it climbs up other plants. The leaves have three leaflets making it easy to identify. Noisy miner busily feeds in his Grevillea tree beside me. Rainbow Lorikeets streak across the sky, Jacky Kookaburra watches me from the rooftop and high above us the Rainbow Bee-eaters gather for their long journey to New Guinea.

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## In2Cricket program starts

Railways Bulldogs Cricket Club is coordinating the In2Cricket program for children in Highfields, Meringandan, Goombungee and Crow's Nest region.

The program caters for children in the 5 to 10 year old age group and focuses on promoting the basic skills of cricket in a fun activity oriented manner.

Registration costs \$50 which includes an In2Cricket backpack full of cricket stuff

and attendance at six training sessions.

A sign-on will be held at Kuhl's Road sports ground on Monday, February 8, at 4 p.m. or children can be registered via the MyCricket website ([mycricket.com.au](http://mycricket.com.au))

Training sessions details are Monday afternoons 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Starting date Monday, February 15 at Kuhl's Rd sports ground (near the netball courts)

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# Revamped birthing centre enhances services to mothers

The \$1 million redevelopment of Toowoomba Hospital's new birthing centre is in full swing with the appointment of the successful tenderer.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health Paul Lucas said the birthing centre building contract had been awarded to Q-Build - Darling Downs following the closing of tenders in late December.

Two new birthing suites will be constructed in the Toowoomba Hospital adjacent to the maternity ward, in an area occupied by the old decommissioned obstetric theatre.

"This \$1 million redevelopment will provide a new birthing experience for expectant mothers in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs," Mr Lucas said.

"The new birthing centre will give low risk pregnant women significantly enhanced birthing choices, including the opportunity to give birth in a familylike environment with midwife support and access to specialised care if required.

"This is a key election commitment for the Bligh

Government, with construction of the centre on track to be completed by mid 2010," he said.

Mr Lucas said the State Government was working with the Toowoomba Maternity Coalition in the development of the new centre.

"The Maternity Coalition do a tremendous job in working to enhance birthing choices for women and I'm pleased they have continued to provide input into the development and design of this centre," Mr Lucas said.

"This includes being involved on the birthing centre working group and steering committee, with both playing an integral role in the development of the new birthing centre.

"This consultation will help to further ensure the design of the centre meets the needs of expectant mothers and the specialised midwifery nurses who will care for them," he said.

Mr Lucas said Toowoomba Hospital had seen an increasing number of births in the past 10 years, with recent statistics showing a six per cent increase in births in the past three years.



Artist's impression of the birthing centre at Toowoomba Hospital.

"Current birth numbers are showing a similar further increase in the year ahead, and the development of this new birthing centre will help to further meet this growing demand," Mr Lucas said.

Mr Lucas said Toowoomba Hospital already had a strong midwifery model of care in place within its maternity unit, with the midwives from this service to also work from the new birthing centre.

"These highly trained midwives will ensure that local women have the birthing experience they choose, all the while knowing that the support, care and advice they need is right there.

"The hospital is also working with the University of Southern Queensland and Central Queensland University providing training for the next generation of midwives, with 12

midwifery students to staff their part-time time clinical placements at the hospital from August 2010 towards their masters in midwifery," he said.

The government has also committed \$2 million for a transit lounge to be used by patients awaiting discharge or transfer as well as a proposed expansion to develop a new child and youth mental health unit as part of the \$121.55 million committed for inpatient capital works under the Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-2017.

forecasting enrolments of about 3,000 for our state special schools."

Mr Shine said the State Government had been investing heavily in Prep to give Queensland children the best start to their education.

"The State Government is committed to delivering a world-class education system for all Queenslanders," he said.

## School enrolments continue to grow

Queensland school enrolments are predicted to increase again this year as the State's population continues to grow.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said departmental forecasts showed yet another year of strong enrolment growth in Queensland with 729,000 students expected to enrol in State, Catholic and independent schools in 2010.

"Queensland's popu-

lation is increasing each year and that growth is reflected in the student enrolment figures forecast for 2010," he said.

"We are expecting about 487,000 students to enrol in Queensland's state schools next year, including primary, secondary and special schools."

"In the Darling Downs school region, which includes the electorate of Toowoomba North, there are 40,700 students projected to enrol in school.

"A further 242,000 students are expected to enrol in Queensland's Catholic and independent schools."

Mr Shine said Year 1 enrolments were expected to reach 57,000 in 2010, including greater than 40,000 Year 1 students at state schools and around 17,000 at non-state schools.

"2010 is the third full intake of Prep students and enrolments are expected to be similar to Year 1 at about

57,000 students, including 40,000 in state schools and almost 17,000 in non-state schools," he said.

"There are expected to be 3,300 prep students enrolling in the Darling Downs region this year alone."

"Year 8 enrolments are expected to reach 59,000 with more than 36,000 in state schools and almost 23,000 in non-state schools."

"The department is also

## Boys Brigade farewells sergeant

1st Crow's Nest Boys Brigade fare-welled Sergeant Oliver Crosato (seated) at the end of 2009. Oliver joined the brigade at the age of 9 when it began in 2001. He is moving to Brisbane to attend university. Boys Brigade meets at the Lutheran Hall from 6-8 p.m. Boys aged from 5 to 18 are welcome. Inquiries phone Andrew Reinke, 46981787.



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**Heritage lends more than \$3m in Green Loans**

Making the planet a greener place, the Heritage Green Loan has attracted more than \$3 million in loans since its launch in September.

This environmentally friendly product was created as part of the Green Loans Program, a new Australian Government initiative tackling climate change.

Since its launch, it has helped members enhance the energy efficiency of their homes through smart, environmentally friendly renovations.

Heritage CEO Mr John Minz said that members of Australia's largest building society have been making the most out of the Heritage Green Loan that covers the upfront costs of sustainable renovations such as installation of solar panels, water tanks, insulation and electrical wiring for energy efficient light bulbs.

"As a result of the unique government platform, the loan administration fee and all interest costs for up to four years are Government subsidised, so members can truly get the most out

of this product," he said.

Neil and Jenny Woodward from Caloundra have used the Heritage Green Loan to offset the initial costs of installing a small scale photovoltaic system on their property, converting solar power into electricity as an alternative power source.

"With energy prices going up, we found that this is a viable way of saving on our electricity bill, and as part of the Government's Green Loans Program we received a rebate that further cut down on costs," Neil said.

"We are also planning to install a solar hot water system and solar blinds to make our home more energy efficient. As a retired couple, the Heritage Green Loan helped us get over the financial hump of buying and installing these products, covering the cost rather than creating an out of pocket expense for us."

Murray Coote, a Heritage member from Stafford, used the Heritage Green Loan to offset the costs of installing solar hot water,

insulation, electrical wiring for energy friendly lighting and ceiling fans.

"The appeal of the Heritage Green Loan is that it is an interest free loan," he said.

"There was no initial expense to install these products, so I will easily see a return on my investment within the four year term of the loan.

"My household was previously paying \$70 per month for hot water. I am now paying \$62 per month to Heritage for the purchase of the solar hot water and not to a utility company.

"Such is the case that staff at my work as well as my siblings have now applied for a Heritage Green Loan."

Heritage CEO Mr John Minz said that members who invest in upgrading their homes with environmentally friendly renovations will see a return on their investment as the savings from using energy efficient and environmentally friendly products start to kick in.

"Installing external shading, ceiling insulation, replacing old light fittings - these are all ways to cut back on energy, saving precious resources and electricity bills at the same time," he said.

Households with a combined annual income below \$250,000, and who meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for a Heritage Green Loan of up to \$10,000.

The Government's Green Loans Program comes with a free Home Sustainability Assessment recommending the best water and energy saving changes members can make to their properties - the first step to qualifying for an interest free green loan of up to \$10,000.

Mr Minz said, "As the largest building society to offer a green loan to members, we are both pleased and surprised at how quickly this product has been taken up by Australian households."

The Heritage Green Loan is available now for a limited time only. Visit [www.heritagegreenloans.com.au](http://www.heritagegreenloans.com.au), call 13 14 22 or call into your local Heritage branch.

**Salvos urge all Australians to make a will**

The Salvation Army has released Roy Morgan research which shows just 6.2 per cent of Australians aged 25+ have included a charity in their will and 36.1 per cent of Australians aged 25+ (equivalent to more than 5 million people) currently do not have a will.

The Salvation Army says leaving a gift of hope is a very powerful way to change many other people's lives. They highlight that all Australians should have a will so that families are better protected. The campaign is being supported by cricket legend Justin Langer who strongly supports the Salvos.

The Salvation Army says research just released clearly shows too many Australians do not have a will and many people are delaying getting around to making one.

The campaign asks Australians to consider putting the Salvos in

their will - if at all possible - so they can help more Australians in crisis.

The Salvation Army helps more than one million people in need every 12 months.

The research (commissioned by The Salvation Army's Wills and Bequests Division) shows: 36.1 per cent of Australians aged 25+ currently do not have a will, including 17.8 per cent of people aged 50+ (equivalent to 1.2 million Australians aged over 50). 40 per cent of Australians aged 25+ (equivalent to 5.7 million people) have experienced or know someone who has experienced family conflict as a result of a family member not leaving a will.

10.9 per cent aged 25+ (equivalent to 1.5 million people) said they were just too busy to make a will and would get to it some time. 4.9 per cent aged 25+ (equivalent to over 700,000 people) said they

were lazy or couldn't be bothered making a will.

Salvation Army communications director Major Brad Halse said the campaign was asking people to consider leaving a gift of hope to help others.

"It's about raising awareness of how important it is to have a will and how a will can make a world of difference to others. What we are saying with this campaign, first and foremost, is put your family first. Look after your family. That's vital. Protect your family and make sure you have a legal will. Then we simply ask people to consider whether they could leave a gift of hope to assist the Army with its vital work. People are very generous to the Salvos."

The Salvation Army has set up a free national hotline for anyone who either wishes to leave a gift to them in their will or wants to get a

booklet on how to prepare or update a will. Anyone wanting a free booklet should call 1800 337 082. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence. You can also visit [www.salvationarmy.org.au/wills](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/wills).

Cricket legend Justin Langer is supporting the campaign and is urging all Australians to have a Will. The father of 4 says it's vital people have a Will to protect their loved ones.

"It's remarkable how many people don't leave a will. If you don't leave one, people you love and care for may end up in a very stressful position. Sometimes people's hard earned assets may not end up with the people they wanted to leave those assets to because a will has not been made. Obviously, nobody ever wants to see that happen. "We certainly want to highlight the importance of making a will. Families should ultimately be better protected."

**Garden club ideas committee**

At the annual meeting of the Crow's Nest Garden Club on January 9 an ideas committee was appointed so more time can be devoted to gardens and gardening at club meetings.

Retiring president Margaret de Vere, did not seek re-election.

The new president is Marg Barnes, secretary is Zoe Barrett and the treasurer Ann Brashaw. Other committee members are Jan Ritchie, Jocelyn and Laurie

McCabe, Marg Thomsen, Daphne Schmidt and Dorothy Kanowski.

Members discussed the direction the club will take in 2010 and caught up with fellow enthusiasts over afternoon tea. The club invites everyone who enjoys gardens to visit the club stand at the Meet and Greet in Centenary Park on Sunday, February 7. Meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of the month at 1.30 p.m. at the CWA rooms. - **Marg Barnes.**

**CWA meeting day change**

Welcome back after a short break. Please note the branch monthly meeting is changed to the first Tuesday of the month, February 2, instead of first Monday to accommodate the majority of members, 10 a.m. with a cuppa at 9.30 a.m.

Meet and Greet Day in the park on February 7, from 11 a.m. in conjunction with the markets.

Come along and learn what our association is all about. We are always welcoming new members and encourage you to join our happy branch. See you there.

Our QCWA Piece Makers craft group will be meeting on every third Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. BYO lunch, resuming on Tuesday, February 16.

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Highfields FC (Soccer) club member Nick Berry, 16, has been awarded Football Toowoomba Junior Referee of the Year 2009.

Nick has been playing for Highfields FC for the past 11 years and has been refereeing for the past four years. While he is passionate about playing football for his club, he is also keenly interested in perfecting his refereeing skills.

During his four years of refereeing, centres and line assistants and in particular in 2009 he has been officiating at club junior games under 11 to under 15, senior competition, ladies and mens premier, reserves and colts Toowoomba Raiders ladies and mens premier, reserve and youth junior premier league girls and boys under 12 to under 15.

In 2009 he was in the officiating team at West Wanderers for the open ladies State championships, working with some of the top Australian female referees.

The criteria to be considered for this award include selection at State championship level and the referee must be under 18 at the start of the season.

The club congratulates Nick on his achievements, recognising the many benefits to players experiencing football from both sides eg. personal development, gaining a full knowledge of the rules of the game, increased fitness and fostering a respect for all players and referees.



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Highfields FC is proud to support all of their player/referees and would encourage players to consider the experience.

To become a referee, you must be at least 13 this year. Football Toowoomba will be conducting beginners (Level 5) courses on February 6-7 and March 6-7. Contact the secretary, Football Toowoomba Ph. 4634 0711.

**TABLE TENNIS**

## Table tennis starts Feb. 1

**CROW'S NEST:** Table tennis will begin on Monday, February 1, at 7.30 in the Crow's Nest Community and RSL centre. Anyone who would like to learn to play table tennis or wants to have some practice are invited to come along. These nights will continue to March 8. The Annual meeting of the association will be held in the hall on Tuesday night, February 23, at 7.30 p.m. anyone interested are asked to come along. - Don Macdonald.

**NETBALL**

## Faster version

The Crow's Nest Indoor Sports Centre is offering mixed In The Net Netball, a faster game than usual as the ball is always in rebound. Sign-up or have-a-go day will be held on Thursday, February 4, at 6.30 p.m. All ages are welcome. Games will be held every Thursday. For more information call the Crow's Nest Indoor Sports Centre 4698 1101.

**LIVESTOCK**

## Numbers on the up

**O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS:** January 18 - Combined yarding 524. With the second sale for year under way, more numbers came in for competition. Judging by the condition of the cattle presented for the sale, there is still a large area under dry conditions, and not just locally.

As we thought, the veal job never met the strength of last week, losing ground while cows and heavy steers sold to slightly better rates as did suitable cattle for trade works and local butchers. Lesser quality and poorer condition are still harder to sell.

A full panel of export and feedlot buyers were in attendance with good support from locals keen to purchase. Stacey Peterson, Cabarlah, sold two Hereford steers for 170c/kg, 417kg, \$709. Friesian cross grain assisted steers sold for 164.6c for \$633. Angus heifers 425kg sold for 155.2c. Charolais vealer heifers from Pittsworth sold for 178.2c for \$365. Blonde d'Aquitaine cows and calves sold for \$695. Murray Grey feeder steers from Camboya sold for 181.2c for \$634. Brangus cows from Clifton 481kg sold for 134.2c.

Brahman cross cows from Kingsthorpe sold for 138.2c, 675kg, \$932. Limousin cross steers sold for 166.2c, \$781 and 169.2c, \$558. Droughtmaster heifers grain assisted sold for 160.2c for \$635. - Paul O'Sullivan 0400 910 088.

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**SPEEDWAY**

# Macdonald team competes in Maryborough

The Macdonald Racing team travelled to Maryborough for the second round of the Fraser Coast Modified Production Series on January 1-2 for a two-night show with 50 cars competing.

Both Shane Q1 and Nathan competed in heat one, Nathan position 2, Shane in 6th. Nathan tried but was unable to make a pass on Heat 1. Winner Greg Raymont, second Nathan Macdonald, third Ashley Barron.

In heat 3 both brothers were again placed together, Shane finishing third, and Nathan fifth.

With the first night's racing out of the way, Shane had collected enough points to be sitting in fourth while Nathan was back in 18th with an added bonus of setting the second fastest lap time of the night with a 16.208 sec behind Tod Doyle.

Heat 4. Johnno Collins 1st, Nathan Macdonald 2nd, Ashley Barron 3rd. The last chance for points was in the final heat of the night. Coming from position 3, Nathan passed Ashley Barron mid field, but again Collins' drive was faultless, taking out the win with Nathan second, Barron third.

Shane was made to earn his points

in the final heat, starting at the rear passing most of the field to run second behind Daryl Etherden 1st, and Glen Pagel. Both Shane and Nathan qualified straight into the A Main, Nathan starting the 35 lap final out of position 8, with Shane behind in 10th. The pace was frantic, and after a restart both brothers in the wrong place at the wrong time, had nowhere to go when Glen Pagel and Etherden came together on the back straight.

Shane came to a screeching halt hitting Etherden head on, while Nathan threw the car sideways just catching Pagel with the rear of the car which saw Macdonald lose the boot, bumper and rear guards. Fortunately for the team, both cars were able to continue with no mechanical damage.

After a hard battle to get back, Shane crossed the finish line in 12th while Nathan was in 9th.

NT Qld Johnno Collins won a convincing race ahead of Dennis Smallcrose in second and Ashley Barron in third.

Nathan Macdonald topped the time charts on the second night, setting the fastest laptime of the weekend with 16.073sec ahead of Tod Doyle and local Rodney Pammenter.

**BOWLS**

## Crow's Nest Shield

**CROW'S NEST:** January 15 - Winners A. Greenwood's team. Runners-up D. Sandercock's team. January 16 - Consistency singles R. Brashaw d. I. Burgess. Club fours A. Mutch, L. Guy, R. Haldane and P. Knowles d. T. Collins, R. Ritchie, P. Coman and E. Motley.

January 17 - Crow's Nest Shield sponsored by Peter Edser. Winners C. Robins, D. Burgess, B. Knowles and B. Glesson. Runners-up K. Stark, J. Bretz, R. Fisher and R. Mohr.

January 20 - Winners T. Egan's team. Runners-up K. Lovell's team.

Calendar: January 22 - Bingo. January 24 - Twilight bowls sponsored by Crow's Nest Bakery, 4 p.m. start. - Dave Sandercock.

## New office bearers

**LADIES:** January 21 - Trophies donated by President Joyce were won by D. Handford and B. Mead. Runners-up were M. Fisher J. Bretz and D. Burgess. Parcels were won by D. Handford and P. Mathieson. Annual meeting at 1 p.m. Patroness B. Mead, president J. Kanowski senior vice P. Mathieson, junior vice P. Kelly, secretary M. Fisher, treasurer J. Bretz, games director D. Burgess, committee L. Mutch and M. De Vere, selectors P. Harvey and B. Mead. - Del Burgess.

**CRICKET**

## Steger-McIntyre fixtures resume

**CENTRAL DOWNS:** Steger McIntyre fixtures resumed after the Christmas break with wins to Oakey, Nobby and Bowenville.

In a one-sided match at Southbrook, Oakey made 8 for 414 thanks to Keith Charles' score of 279 - a learning experience for the young lads from Southbrook. Tim Balzer and David Connelly took two wickets each. In reply Southbrook were all out in the 50th over for 184 with R. Madsen topscoring (90). M. Gosden was best bowler for Oakey with 5 for 30.

Nobby made 176 against Emu Creek with B. Nass making 59 and B. Seeney 25 for Nobby. Best bowlers for Emu Creek were A. Case who took 5 for 29

and T. Miles 3 for 21. In reply, Emu Creek were all out for 156 with Steve Gleeson (68) and Ashley Case (20) topscoring.

Bowling for Nobby were D. Pauli 4 for 15 and R. Pauli 3 for 18.

At Millmerran, Bowenville were sent in and were struggling at 6 for 65 just after first drinks but managed 8 for 164, thanks to W. Boulton who made 49, and D. Reuter 37 not out.

Best bowlers for Millmerran were B. French 4 wickets and C. Harber 2. J. Burgess and D. Smith took 1 each. In reply Millmerran were bowled out for 156 and J. Burgess topscored with 66.

Best bowlers for Bowenville were S. Glenn with 5 wickets, D. MacDonald 3, and K. Cockburn and Lobo each took 1.

Next week is the last Bell Family Shield match before the finals. Millmerran play Oakey, Bowenville play Nobby, and Golden Oldies play Southbrook. - Lindsay Evans.

**CROW'S NEST**  
JANUARY 18, 2009

**CATTLE:** An increased yarding of 508 head sold to improved rates for bullocks of 10-15c/kg. Bulls to 150c/kg. Bullocks 165-179.2c/kg with heavy bullocks selling to \$1279. Heavy trade steers 485kg sold to 180c/kg or \$873. Heavy feeder steers sold to 179.2c/kg, 451kg for \$808.64. Heavy trade heifers 171.6c/kg, 484kg or \$830.83. Export heifers sold to 160c/kg or \$834.67. Heavy cows sold to 138.6c/kg. Medium cows 110-125c/kg. Local trade steers 180.2c/kg, 382kg or \$689.27. Trade heifers 174.2c/kg, 435kg or \$767. Restocker steers sold to 190.2c/kg. Isolated sales of quality steers to 223.2c/kg, 215kg or \$479.88. Vealer calves to slaughter 170-199.2c/kg. Cows and calves \$720.

**PIGS:** 270 pigs yarded and sold with prime pork and bacon selling to very dear prices. Backfatter sows again sold in vendors' favour. All stores sold to strong rates with weaners slightly easier. Prime pork \$3-\$3.50, prime light bacon \$3-\$3.38, prime bacon \$3-\$3.44, boars 45c/kg, sows to \$1.31, forwards stores \$147-\$168, weaners: \$74-\$93, suckers: \$53-\$62. - Errol Luck 0427 561 678.

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## A. Case day

**CROW'S NEST:** January 17 - Ashley Case Canadian. Winners T. Weis and C. Watts 66. Runners-up L. Case and J. Edser 67s. Pin shots 1-10 L. Case, 2-11 C. Watts, 3-12 C. Watts, 4-13 C. Watts, 5-14 R. Gardner, 6-15 C. Watts, 7-16 T. Weis, 8-17 L. Case, 9-18 T. Weis. January 20 - Sporters winner C. Sorenson 34. Runner-up K. Christensen 29. Pin shots 7-16 J. Somerville, 8-17 R. Gardner. Putting L. Kruger 19. - Leo Kruger.

**PONY CLUB**

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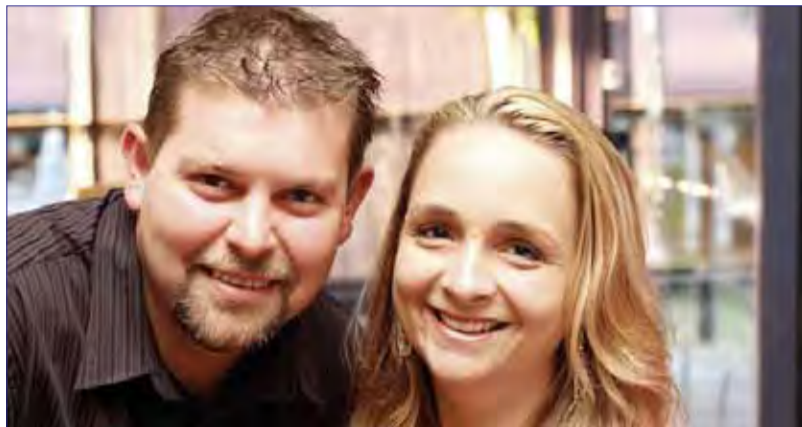
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