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Tribute to Diggers in show spectacular

ICON AUSTRALIAN SINGER

Singer John Williamson will feature in the Great Australian Muster arena spectacular each night of the Toowoomba Royal Show, April 15-17 at 7 p.m.

The project will give many people an opportunity to perform, or to be involved in other ways, with one of Australia's iconic singers.

2010 will be the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Toowoomba Royal Show.

Mark Eady, creative director Ozworks Entertainment, has created

arena spectaculars for the show as the feature evening entertainment including, Ned Kelly, Waltzing Matilda Story, Salute to the Outback, Phar Lap, The Man from Snowy River and a tribute to the Diggers.

"More than 2000 local performers and individuals have participated in these productions and I'd like to invite you all to be register your interest in being involved in this year's John Williamson Great Australian Muster arena spectacular.

The production will

celebrate of 150 years of culture, events, people and places of the Darling Downs. Acknowledging the people of the region from the traditional owners through to the unsung heroes who have lived amongst us for over a century.

Also iconic action sequences that are representative of the regions such as mustering cattle and sheep, rodeos and utes.

Personnel wanted include: Feature singer to duet with John Williamson, 150 voice student

choir, accomplished musicians to make up John's live band, Indigenous performers, poets and actors, models, dancers, musical director, artists, circus acts, harness vehicles, horse riders, sheep and shearers, working dogs, costumes manager, sewers and designers, back stage crew and assistants, set builders and prop finders.

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Inspiring Australian on the cover of the phone directory

The cover of this year's local phone directory which is distributed to Toowoomba, Warwick, Stanthorpe, Goondiwindi, Inglewood, St George, and Dirranbandi, features Jessica Watkins from Highfields.

At 15 months of age, Jessica was diagnosed with auto-immune hepatitis and by six, required a liver transplant. After waiting two years and surviving on a feeding tube 22 hours a day, a donor was found in 2008.

The change in Jessica after the liver transplant was remarkable and instantaneous, giving her a new found determination to get the most out of life. She took up swimming and with Premier Anna Bligh helped launch the World Transplant Games in which she plans to compete next year.

Jessica is passionately

creating awareness about organ donation. She has been the ambassador for the Bank of Queensland Banking on our Kids annual fundraiser for the past three years and has helped raise \$170,000 for the Children's Hospital Foundations in Australia.

Jessica, 10, is an inspiring young girl who has overcome significant adversity to help others like her.

Jane Blackley, White Pages group manager, said the courageous Australians theme was particularly relevant with many parts of Australia having experienced testing times over the past couple of years.

"Australians are known for their compassion and willingness to put their hand up to help when it's needed most. Whether helping to build better community relationships, showing strong leadership, inspiring others, or acting in a major crisis to protect the lives of others, we really wanted to demonstrate the diversity of what it means to be courageous.



JESSICA WATKINS
 Cover girl

"From the nominations received, we were amazed at the many people who have shown tremendous courage, either by risking their own life to save another, overcoming major challenges to inspire others or helping to ensure the wellbeing of the community. "We felt Jessica was a great example of what it means to be a courageous Australian and we are delighted to feature her on the cover of the Toowoomba directory."

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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. **Second Sunday Alive @ 5 at 5.00 pm.** **Geham:** 4th Sunday 11am. **Goombungee 5th Sunday 5 pm** **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 - OAKEY: 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

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Stockman's Hall of Fame reunion calls for all old drovers

The 2010 Drover Reunion will be held at the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre Longreach on the Labour Day weekend in May. I am 70 years old and I was droving out west around Kynuna, Longreach, Winton, and Julia Creek at the age of 16. In 1956, 57 the equipment we were using was the same they used back in the early years, 1800s when they were droving big and small herds across Australia. This was only 50 years ago. I can tell you it was not like today.

Power outages not normal: Ergon

Highfields residents and businesses can be assured the three unplanned power supply interruptions last week were an aberration. Ergon Energy has made a major investment in upgrading the power supply in Highfields in recent years and this had delivered a more robust and reliable network. Then on Wednesday, a pole supporting high-voltage powerlines was damaged, resulting in customers being without power for about three hours. And on Friday, a car struck a pole at the intersection of Cawdor and Kratzke roads, bringing down powerlines and causing a pole stay to weld to the 11kV lines. This led to a five-hour power supply interruption.

We have upgraded our infrastructure in Highfields to meet the rapidly increasing demand for power from the growing population and influx of businesses. Ergon Energy understands our customers are concerned and frustrated by this string of outages - and so are we.

We have built a new substation and are in the process of building another new substation at Cawdor. This investment, coupled with our regular maintenance programs, has significantly reduced the frequency of power supply interruptions. While it is impossible to give guarantees about future power supply interruptions given the influence of the weather and other external events, Highfields customers can be assured the network in their area is in a sound condition and has ample capacity.

However, all electricity networks are subject to interruptions due to external factors, as well as occasional outages from equipment malfunctions. Unfortunately, we had three unrelated events in quick succession last week that affected our 2000 customers supplied from the Highfields substation. Ergon Energy is confident of delivering a safe and reliable power supply to Highfields and a spate of outages such as experienced last week will be extremely rare. - **Dave Heberlein Ergon Energy, Manager Regional Services.**

On Monday, a tree fell on to the high-voltage powerlines as a result of extremely strong winds, causing an outage to customers for just over an hour.

Today: All the long paddocks are clear. You have a mobile phone to call for help or just to talk to your girl a million miles away, a caravan to sleep in, a microwave to cook with, a lazyboy chair to rest in, electric fence to hold your stock for the night, no night watch, an ambulance or doctor within a hour to see to your injury, even a washing machine and a generator to supply your television and lights, even that computer, a cold beer each night, then to top all that off you have a modem toilet.

Our day: Daylight to Daylight just three or four hours of rest. One kero light for the cook. Open fire with nowhere to sit or rest one's weary bones, meals on the run, just one horse for the day and one for riding at night, all timber and scrub was standing no way of seeing through it, little or no fence. Our bed was just a tarp with our smelly clothing for a pillow. No water to drink only to be used for that cuppa if you had time to make it, our toilet anywhere in the bush, no dung beetle to keep the fly population down, we got carried away by the flies. A bath "No way" A wash once a week maybe. I could go on and on.

We are looking for help to get this to be the best Drover Reunion and a chance to tell our stories. - **Ken Hall, author. 1 Hayworth Street, Hervey Bay, Q. 4655. Phone 4124 7512**

Cockatoo in question

I was surprised to see the claim that the Red Tailed Black Cockatoo is the largest of the black cockatoos. (Birds 16/2/10) The locally common Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo is in the bird books as the largest. The Yellow Tailed can be seen most days in the Geham to Hampton area.

They are often seen only a couple of metres off the ground, ripping the local black wattle apart after the wicketty grubs inside. In more than 20 years in this area I have only seen one pair of definite Red Tailed Black Cockatoos, breaking forest she-oak nuts for seeds. - **Dougal Johnston, Hampton.**

Govt seeks views on Grade 7

The State Government is seeking public submissions on whether grade 7 should become the first year of high school. A *Flying Start for Queensland Children* discusses the challenges that face Queensland schools, outlines a range of new initiatives, and introduces key proposals for change.

It is proposed Year 7 will be moved into secondary school in 2014 in keeping with most of Australia and other top performing nations around the world. In 2014 students will be older when they get to Year 7 as a result of the introduction of Prep and the subsequent increase to other school entry age.

Without these changes, students will be completing eight years in primary school so, considering the upcoming introduction of a national curriculum, the government feels it's time to discuss making this change. People interested in contributing to this discussion can have a copy of *A Flying Start for Queensland Children* posted to their homes by telephoning 1800 452 056 or emailing aflyingstart@det.qld.gov.au - **Dorothy Pratt, Member for Nanango.**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Historical Society AGM
The Crow's Nest Historical Society will conduct their annual general meeting this Thursday, February 25 at 9.30am.

Goombungee-Haden Show Ball
The Goombungee-Haden Show Ball will be held in the Goombungee Hall this Saturday, February 27. Music will be provided by the Diamonds. Goombungee-Haden Show is on Saturday, March 27.

Greg Doolan live at Downlands
Presented by Mary MacKillop P & F, the former comedic front man of Wicketty Wak Greg Doolan will perform live at Downlands College at 8pm this Saturday, February 27.

Chad Morgan concert
The Chad Morgan and Gordon Larkin concert at the Coalbank Hall is on Sunday, March 7 at 1pm.

Mystery bus tour
Crow's Nest Miss Showgirl entrant Sammy Gluer is planning a mystery bus tour on Saturday, March 6. A Trivia Night is also planned in the Crow's Nest Community and RSL Centre on Saturday, March 20 and a cent sale on Saturday, April 10.

Anglican Parish fair
The Crow's Nest Anglican Parish fair will be held on Saturday, March 13. The theme will be "wildlife".

Rosalie Art Galley
Paintings, photography, jewellery, sculpture will be on display at the Odds and Sods Exhibition at Goombungee's Rosalie Art Gallery from March 17 to April 25.

Pineland Hall autumn ball
An autumn ball is being held at the Pinelands Hall on Saturday, March 13. For more details phone 4698 1473.

Thornville Hall pig on a spit
The annual pig on a spit and dance will be held at the Thornville Hall on Saturday, March 20. Contact 4692 6100 to book.

A Stroll Down Broadway
A performance by Toowoomba Municipal Brass Band, exciting new choir The Accidentals, special guest soloist Dominic Walsh and others at USQ Arts Theatre on Saturday, March 27 at 7.30pm and Sunday, March 28 at 2pm will support Toowoomba Hospice.

"A Stroll Down Broadway" will feature music from Mamma Mia, Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Rogers and Hammerstein, Showboat, Westside Story, Gershwin and Bernstein. Admission: adults \$20, concession \$15.
To book phone the Empire Theatre 1300 655 299.

Crow's Nest Show Ball
The Crow's Nest Show Ball will be held in the Community and RSL Centre on Saturday, April 24. Music for the night will be by the Silvertones.
The 2010 Crow's Nest Show is on Friday and Saturday, May 7-8.

Bingo
The next Bingo session at the Grand Hotel Crow's Nest is on at 9.30am this Thursday, February 25. Free morning tea is provided.
Crow's Nest Bowls Club Bingo will be held on Friday, March 5 at 7pm.

Highfields Touch
Highfields Touch Club. Training for senior men and women is on Wednesday nights at 6pm at the Kuhls Road Oval in Highfields.
Any inquiries please call Michael Ryan on 0428 717 346.

This Week's Events
February 23 - March 2

- 23: Crow's Nest Friendship Group meeting
- Crow's Nest fitness classes
- Crow's Nest Girls Brigade
- Energise 50+ fitness sessions - Highfields
- Crow's Nest darts
- Highfields Venturers
- Crow's Nest Aqua Fitness
- Small Business Solutions Toowoomba
- Crow's Nest Business Alliance meeting
- Crow's Nest Tourist & Progress meeting
- 24: Crow's Nest Boys Brigade
- Healthy Living Support Group meeting
- Dancing - Crow's Nest
- Crow's Nest Meals On Wheels meeting
- Highfields RSL Homecare
- 25: Crow's Nest ladies bowls
- Crow's Nest fitness classes
- Crow's Nest Joeys
- Boxercise - Crow's Nest Indoor Sports
- Crow's Nest Historical Society meeting
- Bingo Grand Hotel, Crow's Nest
- 26: Goombungee Indoor Bowls
- Crow's Nest Mens Network meeting
- 27: Crow's Nest pistol shoot
- Goombungee-Haden Show Ball
- USQ Arts Theatre - A Stroll Down Broadway
- Greg Doolan Downlands College
- Rosalie Museum open
- 28: USQ Arts Theatre - A Stroll Down Broadway
- Cabarlah Markets
- 1: Crow's Nest SES
- Crow's Nest Diabetes Support Group
- Crow's Nest CWA meeting
- 2: Crow's Nest Friendship Group meeting
- Crow's Nest fitness classes
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COOYAR SHOW



Arlie Douglas, ABC Radio, opened the show



Mayor of Toowoomba Region Peter Taylor and one of the horse judges Peter Gould.



LEFT: Mrs Lyn Munt, second from right, presents the Errol Munt Memorial Trophy for champion led steer to Bob and Elaine Dull, Gowrie Mountain. ABOVE: Cheerio the Clown and Leanne Shiff.

Kylie Welke joins Flying Doctor Spirit of Queensland awards

The Royal Flying Doctor Service has announced Kylie Welke, Goombungee, as a first year entrant in the 2010 RFDS Spirit of Queensland awards. Kylie, below, said the RFDS provides a vital service, touching thousands of Queenslanders each year.

"I'm proud that I can make a difference through my involvement," she said. Kylie will organise fundraising events, knowing money raised goes towards aircraft replacement and to update medical equipment.

Kathy Pataczek, RFDS Spirit of Queensland Awards manager said the awards are offer individuals the opportunity to explore new horizons while striving for excellence and showing true spirit towards social issues. The awards bring rural, remote and urban Queenslanders together and provide mutual benefits for all involved.

"We are excited about Kylie joining us in 2010. We wish her every success over the coming months as she takes on the challenge.

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SHOW RESULTS

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES:
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Carrots: J. Mead 1. Silverbeet: J. Mead 1. Squash Hubbard: J. Mead 1. White/yellow bush: J. Mead 1. Button J. Mead 1. Mar-

row: J. Sloss 1. Zucchini: T. & C. Stark 1. Cucumber Apple J. Mead 1. Long green or white cucumber: T. & C. Stark 1. Cucumber AOV: B. Otto 1. Continental cucumber: T. & C. Stark 1. Onions: J. Mead 1. Sweet potato: T. & C. Stark 1. To Page 7

OPINION

Anzac long weekend insults memory of Gallipoli

I am very strongly opposed to giving a holiday when Anzac Day falls on Saturday or Sunday.

I believe, rigidly, that Anzac Day should be commemorated on the day on which it actually falls - no ifs or buts.

To alter the date defeats the real purpose of celebrating Anzac Day. Every Australian knows that militarily the original April 25 landing was a very costly fiasco. I have read that about 8000 young Australians, all volunteers, were killed at the various landing sites.

What is really commemorated is the fact that comradeship, courage and resolution prevailed during the campaign. These human traits are recognised in all cultures and so Anzac Day becomes a powerful binding force in a multicultural society (which we are).

People from all religions, cultures and beliefs can, and do, combine to make Australia a unified nation. To celebrate Anzac Day or any day other than the true Anzac Day, cheapens the whole idea.

It provides the concept that another day off is quite OK. Actually, it is a very costly practice to grant a holiday on another day.

I believe it is also an insult to the memory of those who died on Gallipoli. - Peter Pechey, Crow's Nest.

Areas of interest to bauxite miners

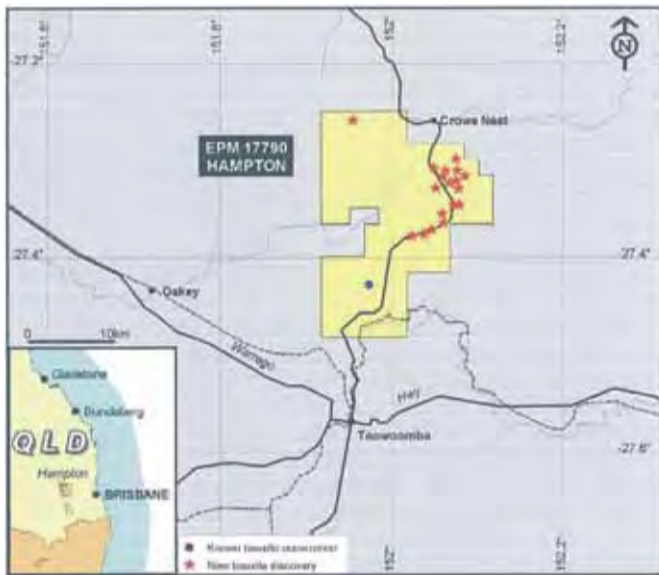


Figure 3 - Hampton tenement

EPM 17831 (Hillgrove) and EPM 17830 (Haden)

Introduction

The Hillgrove EPM, of 267 sq km and the Haden EPM, of 264 sq km cover prospective bauxite development over basalts subjected to extensive weathering and laterisation during the Tertiary (a period spanning a time frame from 2-65 million years ago). Sampling from sites on public roads has shown that bauxite is present and that there are areas for priority follow-up where low total silica and high to moderate total alumina assays are located. Two field trips have been completed that indicate the area to be of medium priority for ground follow-up work and subsequent drill testing as the question of tonnage potential currently remains open due to younger Tertiary basalt overlying the bauxite.

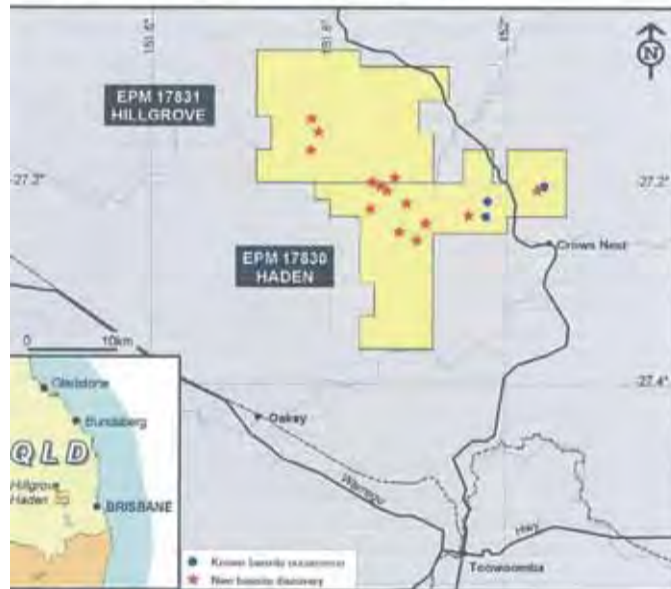


Figure 2 - Haden and Hillgrove tenements

Heritage profit up by 50.6%

Australia's largest building society, Heritage, has announced a before-tax profit of \$22.89 million, for the period ended December 31, 2009, a 50.6 per cent increase over the same period in 2008/09. The society reported growth in total consolidated assets of 5 per cent from \$7.11 billion as at June 30, 2009 to \$7.47 billion at December 31, 2009. Heritage chairman Brian Carter and CEO John Minz described the society's performance as very pleasing given the prevailing economic conditions.

Jazz singer launches Hampton festival

The 2010 Hampton Food and Arts Festival kicks off with a bang this year, with organisers announcing an evening of sensory indulgence to launch the event on Saturday, May 15. Festivities begin at 5pm with the opening of the Art Exhibition.

Now in its eighth year, the exhibition will attract a wide variety of work by artists living within 50km of Hampton. The opening is a free event hosted in Chapman Park, Hampton, where more than 120 works are expected to be on display and for sale. Following the exhibition opening is an exciting new feature to the Festival. From 7.30pm one of Australia's leading jazz divas, Grace Knight, will take to the stage to perform songs from her critically acclaimed career.

Festival entertainment co-ordinator Michelle Fielding said many people would be familiar with Grace from her days with 80s band the Eurogliders but her reputation really took off following the ABC mini series *Come in Spinner*. "Grace is excited about headlining the festival and

we're thrilled to be able to bring such a renowned performer to our community," she said. With such a wonderful evening in store, organisers are encouraging people to arrive for the exhibition opening and make a night of it. A licensed bar and selection of fine food will cater to both events. Tickets for *An Evening*

with *Grace Knight*, at \$40 each, go on sale on March 2. Seats are limited and must be pre-purchased, phone 4697 9066. Bus Queensland Toowoomba will operate a free bus from Toowoomba and Highfields and Range Charter Coaches will offer a free service from Crow's Nest. Seats must be pre-booked when purchasing tickets.

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 February 29 - Amelia Donnelly-King
 March 1 - Blake Parton

If your name is here you are entitled to a Heritage Community Branch gift pack on presentation of this coupon at either the Advertiser office or the Herald agent, Highfields Automotive Spare Parts, 1 Highfields Rd, Highfields.
 To register your birthday, send an envelope with name, address, phone number and birth date to Highfields Herald or Crow's Nest Advertiser.

Up to \$30,000 available for regional artists



Children enjoy clay sculpture at the 2009 Bowen art festival

Regional Queensland artists could receive between \$5000 and \$30,000 for their projects as the Australian Government continues to invest in the future of the arts.

Round 1 for the 2010 Regional Arts Fund (RAF) is now open, with applications closing on Monday, March 15, for projects starting after July 1, 2010.

Communities, artists and organisations have experienced positive outcomes from successful RAF grants, with projects delivering meaningful and lasting out-

comes that strengthen cultural identity, develop artists and build community cohesion.

Last year, the fund injected over \$380,000 into regional Queensland communities, contributing a total project value of over \$1,184,567 to the State's regional arts economy.

The range of projects that received funding in 2009 illustrates the diversity of projects eligible for funding.

They included cartoon workshops, a writers festival in Cairns, children's art festival in Bowen, cabaret

music festival in Springsure, documentation of Indigenous cultural heritage in the Lockhart River, photovoice of African refugees in Toowoomba and visual art exhibitions at a fossil festival in Richmond.

The Regional Arts Fund, an Australian Government initiative to support the arts in regional, remote and isolated Australia, is managed in Queensland by Queensland Arts Council, on behalf of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

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Free mulch

After the recent rain, mulch your garden to help it retain moisture. Free mulch is available from the Kleinton refuse facility on Saturday, March 6 and from the Crows Nest transfer station on Saturday, March 13.

Council will load the free mulch which is available to residents of the Toowoomba Regional Council area. Free mulch is not available to commercial operators.

The Crows Nest transfer station, Geham refuse facility, Ravensbourne transfer station, Kleinton refuse facility and Haden transfer station will be closed on Good Friday (April 2) and ANZAC Day (April 25).



Free heritage advisory service

Council offers a free Heritage Advisory Service to commercial, residential and rural property owners, developers, design consultants or trades people undertaking redevelopment or refurbishment works.

The heritage advisor can offer advice on colour schemes, extensions, verandahs, garages, carports, awnings and fencing and recommend how to maintain the character and style of the property.

The advisor can also suggest how to integrate a new development into older, established areas.

Advice is available at all stages of the project, from the feasibility stage through to design and construction stages.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call 4688 6650 during office hours.

Photo display at gallery

Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery is hosting *Equus: in celebration of the Horse*, a Queensland Arts Council Touring Exhibition until February 28.

The photographic display captures the beauty and companionship of horses in world culture.

Exhibition proposals

Regional artists are invited to submit proposals for exhibitions in the Cam Robertson Gallery from August 2010 to July 2011.

For conditions and application forms contact Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery on 4688 6652. Applications close Friday, April 16.

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.

Extreme Level water restrictions

Extreme Level water restrictions are now in force. Extreme Level water restrictions replace Level 5 restrictions and apply to properties connected to Toowoomba's bulk water supply.

Under Extreme Level restrictions, residents can use buckets or watering cans to water their 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 bucket water between the same times on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

There is no watering 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-4.20 pm twice per week - odd numbers Tuesdays and Saturdays and even or unnumbered properties on Wednesdays and Sundays.

For exemption applications, please telephone 4688 6253, see your local service centre or visit www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/water

School based vaccination program

Council will commence its pBased Vaccination Program in all high schools within the region in March.

All year 8 students are eligible for free vaccinations against Hepatitis B and Chickenpox and year 8 girls for Gardasil. Year 10 students are eligible for Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Whooping Cough).

Schools have sent out relevant consent forms to parents for parental consent and signing. If parents have not received a consent form, they should contact the school's administration or Council's Immunisation clinic on 4688 6835.

Roadworks

Bluff Rd: gravel re-sheeting works, possible minor delays.

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

Waterhole Gully Rd: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Hampton area: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Merritt's Ck area: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Ravensbourne area: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Coalbank area: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Grapetree Rd: maintenance grading works, possible minor delays.

Cawdor/Kuhls Rd intersection: upgrade works may result in delays of up to 10 minutes.

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.

MP: Logical to retain Cabarlah base

Member for Groom Ian Macfarlane has rejected suggestions from the Australian Defence Association executive director Neil James that it would be in the national interest to close the Borneo Barracks.

"Borneo Barracks makes an important and valuable contribution to national defence from its current location," Mr Macfarlane said.

"This is not simply an issue of parochialism. There is a clear argument that main-

taining a Defence presence in regions is in Australia's interest.

"The Federal Government's Defence White Paper, the blueprint for future planning and development of the Australian Defence Force, stated that key principles for deciding the future needs for Defence facilities include ensuring those facilities are dispersed for security reasons, ensuring facilities are in family friendly and well resourced locations and ensuring both an urban and regional presence.

"On this basis, there is a strong and logical case for retaining the Borneo Barracks at Cabarlah.

"The Defence Department's 2007 socio-economic report on the barracks estimated that the total economic benefit of the base to the local community was \$92.6 million.

"Bases such as Borneo Barracks play an important role in integrating the Defence Force with the local community and attracting and retaining skilled employees. Borneo Barracks should stay at Cabarlah, not just in the interest of the local community, but to the ongoing benefit of the Australian Defence Force.

"The Coalition recognises the important role the base plays from its current location. Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Stuart Robert has indicated he will visit the region to see firsthand the value of the base.

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ACROSS
 2. Pour wine
 8. Cripple
 9. Reutilise
 10. Ex PM, John ...
 11. Closed
 13. Money machine
 15. Optimistic
 18. Shawls
 21. Pixie
 23. Civil wrong
 24. Cupboard
 26. Enlightened
 27. Prophet
 28. Visorless caps

DOWN
 1. Tennis stroke
 2. Disinter (3,2)
 3. Overacts
 4. Camelot's king
 5. Prefix "new"
 6. Canned fish
 7. Judge
 12. Wolf's cry
 14. Echelon
 16. Swordsman
 17. Most recent
 19. Skin openings
 20. Yarn
 21. Test of knowledge
 22. Fat
 25. Mineral

Sudoku No. 428 and solutions to previous puzzles - page 5

EXTREME LEVEL WATER RESTRICTIONS

Dam levels 8.1%

Rainfall this week to Friday 9am:
 Cooby 120.2 mm
 Cressbrook 84.6 mm
 Perseverance 54.8 mm

7 day average evaporation: 37.4 mm

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

Date	2009	2010
30 Jan	134	124
6 Feb	131	120
13 Feb	138	126
20 Feb	133	112
Target	140	

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Highfields Scouts open day

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Today's Scouts learn valuable practical and life skills and participate in an extraordinary range of adventures, including outdoor challenges, performing arts, leadership development, community service, environmental projects, and large scale Australian and international events. Highfields Scouts will conduct an open day this Sunday, February 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Williams Park, Cecil Crescent, Highfields.

New Commonwealth branch focuses on customers



Highfields branch - Open plan service

The Commonwealth Bank will open in Highfields on Monday, March 1.

The new branch in Highfields Village Shopping Centre is among 40 similar branches opening nationally in 2010, and joins more than 100 branches opened over the past two years.

Features of the new branch include a friendly concierge service in which branch staff greet customers at the door before guiding them to a new open plan telling area.

Staff sit in the open and

are able to converse with customers without any of the conventional barriers that once existed between staff and customers.

This is made possible through Teller Cash Recyclers that store cash in a time-delayed safe, eliminating the need for traditional security barriers. Services include private sales offices, self service change counting machines, internet banking and ATMs.

Ross McEwan, Group Executive, Commonwealth Bank Retail Banking Services, said the Highfields

branch is part of a national roll out to provide Commonwealth Bank customers with a new branch experience with more options and choice.

"We have been assembling teams of expert staff who are able to deliver simple, streamlined and specialised service to meet the diversity of financial needs our customers require on a day-to-day basis,

"We feel confident our customers will enjoy this enhanced customer focused style of service," he said.

Meet and greet



Jenny Czapracki and Lyn Weller Carers Support Group.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

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Sudoku Number 428

		1	9					8
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6				2	5			
		3	7	8				1
6		7						
9					1	7		

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.

THROWAWAY	8	3	4	1	5	2	7	6	9
R U O D E	5	1	9	6	3	7	8	2	4
I N N K I T T E N	2	6	7	8	4	9	5	3	1
M O N A T H D	7	8	6	3	2	4	9	1	5
N E R D B E G S	1	9	2	7	6	5	4	8	3
B O R T P O O R	3	4	5	9	1	8	2	7	6
L U P B R I O	9	5	3	2	8	6	1	4	7
U N P L U G I M P	6	7	8	4	9	1	3	5	2
E I C Y S U	4	2	1	5	7	3	6	9	8
S L E E P L E S S									

Solutions to Crossword and Sudoku No. 427

CROW'S NEST SHOW

Popular entertainer booked for show

The Crow's Nest Show is only 11 weeks away (May 7-8) and planning is well under way. We have booked the very popular Mick Lindsay with his refreshing brand of country rock for Saturday night. Mick is equally at home with rock and pop. Visit his website www.micklindsay.com for more info and more photos.

We are again having our Friday night thank you sponsors dinner with the winners of the carcass competition being announced. The dinner is sponsored by AGL Energy. Cost will be \$15 if not invited as sponsors. The show ball will be held on April 24 and this year we have three showgirls and two junior showgirls. If any girls would like to get involved with the show ball please get in touch with Caroline Bridges on 4698 1694. The girls have several events they are holding for you to join in.

Calendar: March 6 - Downs mystery bus trip. March 20 - Trivia night at Crow's Nest community centre. March 27 - Big Bowls Bash Highfields Bowls Club. April 10 - Cent sale, Crow's Nest Anglican hall. April 11 - Touch footy match, Crow's Nest. April 18 - Car rally. Dates to be advised Highfields gym session plus raffles, garden parties, street stalls. Contact: Carolyn or Jessica Bridges.

PIONEER ARMS



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Dinner Thurs - Sat 6-8pm

Take-away menu Sun night

Grants available for vegetation management

Landholders in the Ravensbourne and Crow's Nest districts have responded positively to an offer to assist in the management of significant native vegetation on their properties.

SEQ Catchments Upper Brisbane Community Partnerships manager Bruce Lord said the project provides support in on-property advice, and assistance to develop property management plans and complete on-ground works to conserve and manage significant vegetation.

The initiative is one of six initial projects across Southern Queensland funded through the five-year, \$1.6 million GreenWorks program, in which Powerlink plans to develop and operate essential electricity transmission infrastructure.

The Emu Creek, Ravensbourne and Crow's Nest project is being managed by SEQ Catchments, in partnership with Toowoomba Regional Council, Emu Creek and Ravensbourne Landcare Groups and the Crow's Nest Creek Catchment Group.

"Although there are significant areas of native vegetation in the catchment, the

impacts of invasive exotic weeds, pest animals, inappropriate fire management and overgrazing along with ecosystem fragmentation continue to threaten the condition and habitat value of remaining remnants and regrowth areas," Mr Lord said.

The two-year project provides incentives for weed control, fencing and alternative watering points, fire management, revegetation and native forest management. Mr Lord said any other landholders interested in being involved in the project were invited to complete an expression of interest form and attend an information session planned for March.

Applications for expressions of interest from landholders in the Ravensbourne and Crow's Nest districts close on Friday, February 26. Forms are available from SEQ Catchments and are the first step to getting involved. It does not mean you are obligated to proceed, nor does it guarantee funding assistance, as other eligibility criteria apply. Visit www.seqcatchments.com.au, 5422 0516 or 0427 013 284 blord@seqcatchments.com.au.

Highway review



The team reviewing the New England Highway upgrade between Hampton and Geham conducted meetings with interested persons. ABOVE: Maree Taylor, David Carberry, Conics, Jim Cavaye, Peter Davidson Main Roads and Heather Thompson.

Show changes arts schedule

Another class has been added to the fine arts adults section for this year's Crow's Nest Show. Local artists and sculptors Virginia and Barry Hanlon are sponsoring a class for pottery and potters should aim to have their entries finished by the end of April. Other additions have been a class for computer generated work from an original work by the entrant (either a painting or photograph) and last year a class solely for watercolour was included. Show schedules and entry forms will be available soon.

Crow's Nest Seniors

Last week's euchre winners at the Crow's Nest Senior Citizens were A. Mutch and I. Hine. Runners up M. Aldous and P. Williams. Final reminder for names and money for Nanango bus trip. Closing date February 28. Bus departs from Anglican hall at 8.15 a.m. Bowls at 12.30 p.m. on February 24. - Pat Williams

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WIN Home Pool Safety Prizes

PoolWerx - the healthy pool people - and Royal Life Saving have teamed up to urge all Australians to check backyard swimming pools this summer.

PoolWerx supports the vital Keep Watch program which aims to reduce toddler drownings. Latest figures show 32 young children aged 0-4 died in preventable drowning tragedies. Royal Life Saving say we have to do more.

In the run up to summer you can win some fantastic prizes which include Royal Life Saving first aid kits, a Royal Life Saving party pack which include everything from supervision hats, sunscreen, a whistle, fun games for families to play in the pool.

One lucky winner will win an incredible prize. A special swimming cap signed by Olympic swimming legend and Keep Watch ambassador Sam Riley - who stunned the world with her amazing medal wins.

PoolWerx CEO John O'Brien says they are working with Royal Life Saving to ensure Aussie backyard pools are safe, healthy swimming environments because there are no second chances with children near pools. He says they have a commitment to targeting zero preventable backyard drowning deaths.

As part of the campaign, Sam Riley is urging everyone to check the safety of their pool by just visiting www.homepoolsafely.com.au and down-



PoolWerx
The Healthy Pool People

loading a free pool safety checklist. The message is 'make this weekend your home pool safety weekend'. The campaign will highlight that people sometimes think their pool is safe when the pool fencing may be weak because of wear and tear or storm damage and the campaign will highlight leaving a pool gate propped open is never ok.

If you'd like to win a fantastic prize, just email your details to hherald@bigpond.net.au or cnadvent@bigpond.net.au or post your details on the back of an envelope to PoolWerx Competition, c/- PO Box 180, Crow's Nest Q4355. Entries close on Friday, February 26, 2010.

CROW'S NEST MEET and GREET

The first Crow's Nest meet and greet in Centenary Park on February 7 was a resounding success.



Butcher Peter Kerr, Meats and More, right, and Rose and Allan Legge.



Howard Littleton, Littleton's Leather, left and Roy Schmidt.



Les Guy, Crow's Nest Bowls Club, and visitors Paul and Sue O'Brien



Val Coates and Margaret Mohr Crow's Nest CWA.



Showgirl entrant Sammy Gluer and Riley Parton and Tasso Kritikou, Crow's Nest Carpentry.



Daphne Schmidt, Jocelyn McCabe, Jan Ritchie, Ann Brayshaw and Marg Barnes Crow's Nest Garden Club.



Robin and Barbara Darracott Crow's Nest Red Cross.



Jean Smith and Daphne Taylor Crow's Nest Seniors.



Jane Smith, Lesley Somerville and Dawn Eldridge, Meals on Wheels.



Ivy Guy, Joan Wingett and Phil Skennerton Crow's Nest Quilters.



William Gossow and Bev and Matt Kruger Crow's Nest Fishing Club.



Diana Tulloch, right, and Hannah Magometovs, kinesiologist.



Ann Lomas, Crow's Nest Advertiser, and Judy Hayhoe, Arts Council.

Show ball



Dancers at the Cooyar show ball included Rosalie and Ted Cole and Noel Smith and Diana Smith.

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COOYAR SHOW RESULTS

Fruit and vegetables cont: Queensland blue pumpkin: K. Barham 1. Butternut pumpkin: V. Dowling 1. Jap pumpkin: J. Mead 1. AOV pumpkin: K. Barham 1. Parsley: J. Sloss 1. Beans, runner or dwarf: J. Mead 1. Beans, purple king: J. Sloss 1. Peas: T. & C. Stark 1. Choko: T. & C. Stark 1. Capsicum: T. & C. Stark 1. Round red tomato: J. Mead 1. Yellow tomato: J. Mead 1. Cherry tomato: J. Mead 1. Collection of vegetables: J. Mead 1. Sugarmelon: J. Mead 1. Rockmelon: T. & C. Stark 1. Preserving melon: J. Sloss 1. Heaviest melon: K. Barham 1. Oranges: J. Mead 1. Figs: J. Mead 1. 2 same fruit: T. & C. Stark 1.

Grapes: J. Mead 1. Mango: K. Adams 1. Collection of fruit: T. & C. Stark 1. Ch. exhibit: K. Adams. Most points: J. Mead.

FARM PRODUCE: Bale lucerne hay fresh: P. Gould 1. Bale lucerne hay shedded: P. Gould 1. Sheaf lucerne green: R. Duncombe 1.

Sheaf rhodes grass green: R. Postle 1. Sheaf green panic: R. Postle 1. Sheaf lab lab: S. Thompson 1. Sheaf kikuyu: S. Thompson 1. Sheaf green fodder sorghum: R. Duncombe 1. Sheaf grass AOV: S. Thompson 1. Hen eggs, white: J. Mead 1. Hen eggs, brown: E. Kucks 1. Hen eggs, off white: B. Barron 1. Ch. exhibit: E. Kucks. Ch. sheaf: R. Duncombe. Most points (Dudley Munt memorial trophy): S. Thompson.

COOKERY: Plain scones: L. Lindemeier 1. Pumpkin scones: L. Lindemeier 1. Tea cake: L. Ryan 1. Coffee cake: K. Campbell 1. Butter sponge sandwich: J. Johnston 1. Chocolate sponge sandwich: J. Johnston 1. Plate of slice: K. Campbell 1. Chocolate bar cake: L. Ryan 1. Orange bar cake: L. Ryan 1. Gingerbread bar: L. Ryan 1. Cherry cake: L. Ryan 1. Lamingtons: T. Volker 1. Carrot cake: L. Ryan 1. Patty cakes: B. Christensen 1. Apple muffins: L. Lindemeier 1. Decorated iced cake: J. Johnston 1. Novelty cake: T. Volker 1. Banana cake: T. Volker 1. Sultana cake: L. Ryan 1. Pumpkin fruit cake: L. Ryan 1. Fruit cake: T. Volker 1. Marble bar cake: L. Ryan 1. Kentish cake: J. Johnston 1. Jam drops: B. Christensen 1. Anzac biscuits: L. Ryan 1. Bread: S. Dando 1. Pikelets: T. Volker 1. Date loaf: L. Ryan 1. Boiled fruit cake: L. Ryan 1. Plum pudding: L. Ryan 1. Ch. exhibit: L. Ryan. Moulded chocolates: T. Volker 1. Peanut toffee: J. Sloss 1. Russian caramels: S. Leneham 1. Marshmallows: T. Volker 1. Chocolate fudge: L. Ryan 1. Butterscotch: J. Sloss 1. Most points: L. Ryan. Apricot jam: T. Munt 1. Pineapple jam: L. Lindemeier 1. Marmalade: J. Sloss 1. Fig jam: J. Mead 1. Pie melon jam: J. Sloss 1. Tomato jam: J. Johnston 1. Rosella jam: J. Johnston 1. Plum jam: J. Sloss 1. Grape jam: L. Lindemeier 1. Strawberry jam: J. Sloss 1. Assortment of jam: J. Sloss 2. Grape jelly: J. Sloss 1. Rosella jelly: J. Sloss 1. Lemon butter: J. Sloss 1. Passionfruit butter: J. Johnston 1. Tomato sauce: R. Otto 1. Mayonnaise: R. Otto 1. Tomato relish: L. Lindemeier 1. AOV relish: J. Sloss 1. Tomato chutney: T. Volker 1. Mango chutney: L. Lindemeier 1. Mustard pickles: L. Lindemeier 1. Vinegar pickles: J. Sloss 1. Pickled onions: J. Sloss 1. Collection of pickles: J. Sloss 1. Collection of chutney: J. Sloss 1. Johnston 1. Tomato sauce: R. Otto 1. Mayonnaise: R. Otto 1. Tomato relish: L. Lindemeier 1. Johnston. Cont. page 8

Mary MacKillop school leaders

Fiona Stone photos



Mary MacKillop Catholic School leaders: Lachlan Cunningham, Alex Harris, Tegan Crichton, Anna Lynch, Lachlan Atkinson, Nichola Porter, Dominica Beetson and Patrick Ruane.



School representatives Joseph Patterson and Rachel Ryan.



Arts leaders Emily Hutchens and Georjia Elliott.

Birthday boys



The Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church Highfields celebrated the birthdays of two senior parishioners, Arthur Cherry, 90, and John Knobel, 80, on Sunday, February 8. It was a most enjoyable morning tea with both men enjoying themselves immensely as did Pastor Michael Braunberger and the members of the congregation who attended. There was good food, good friendship all under the watchful eye of our Lord.

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Highway review cost questioned in Parliament

Following is the Hansard record (11/2/10) of a question without notice by Member for Nanango Dorothy Pratt to Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace.

Mrs Pratt: My question is to the Minister for Main Roads. With regard to the Hampton-Geham section of the New England Highway which is currently being reviewed, what is the estimated cost of the review being undertaken by Conics?

Will that cost be taken from the project funds themselves, resulting in a lesser upgrade of the road or a shorter upgrade?

Mr Wallace: I can assure the honourable member that

those costs will not come from the overall project. They will be absorbed internally by my department. We do this planning right across the State. It is our job to do it and do it properly.

As the member knows, I have consulted with both her and the Member for Toowoomba North (Mr Kerry Shine) about this project. I have had various approaches from people supporting the initial decision of my department, which was to widen the road, and approaches from people who were not in favour of those particular actions.

That is why I took the step to have an independent body look at my department's original decision. I

think that was the right thing to do. As the honourable member advised the House, Conics has been appointed to have a look at that decision by my department, and a probity order has overseen its selection to ensure that its selection above other bidders was aboveboard. The review will consider and assess safety records, the needs of motorists, ecological and environmental impacts, cultural and heritage significance, technical aspects of design and other design options.

The review is currently under way and will take approximately eight weeks to complete. I am confident that the process will lead to the best outcome for the en-

vironment and the safety of road users.

That is our No. 1 priority. However, I make no apologies for the fact that we engaged an independent third party to review the decision of Main Roads to make sure we got the decision right.

There are some beautiful trees on that section of road. It would be a great pity if we had to destroy any of those trees, but safety must come first.

When we have that decision I will certainly inform both her and the member for



DOROTHY PRATT

Toowoomba North, who has been a wonderful advocate for those works.

Next disco March 26

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New bowls club features in national magazine



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CRICKET

Narrow win for Lockyer in Mitchell shield

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Central Downs won the toss and elected to bat in front of a large crowd and were all out in 42 overs for 173, thanks to T. Mouritz (44 n.o.), R. Lobo (32), B. Thomson (27).

Fall of wickets was 13, 34, 45, 54, 58, 70, 110, 168, 173.

Bowling for Lockyer: S. Wheeler (3 for 30 off 7), A. Sippel (2 for 36 off 6), T. Emmerson (2 for 41 off 9),

with two run outs taking their toll on Central Downs. In reply Lockyer made 4 for 178 in 32 overs. C. Jackson (80 n.o.) and S. Neuendorf (50 n.o.) topscored. Fall of wickets was 15, 17, 32, 84.

Bowling for Central Downs were A. Lamb (2 for 34 off 10), B. Thomson (1 for 19 off 7), C. Morgan (1 for 46 off 6).

Calendar: Sunday, February 21 - Central Downs semi finals. Oakey hosted Emu Creek, and Millmerran hosted Bowenville. - **Lindsay Evans.**

Accurate bowling and determined fielding

UNDER 11s: February 13 - Railways Bulldogs v Northern Brothers Diggers

Railway Bulldogs (Lincoln Rolfe 18, Josh Lush 16, Thomas Kleeman 14, Caleb Aitken 8, Angus Pendlebury 3/5, Jack Lee 2/10, Lincoln Rolfe 1/5, Matthew Schafer 1/6, Bailey Grant 1/9, Matt Hart 1/10, Thomas Kleeman 1/15 and Brendan Shelton 1/16).

Accurate and spirited bowling supported by determined fielding from the Bulldogs had Diggers on the back foot early during their batting

innings at Miranda Drive Oval.

The Bulldogs put in their best performance so far with the ball, collecting 11 wickets during an outstanding effort. Catching, throwing and backing-up of the throws was first class by the whole team. Angus Pendlebury was a standout with the ball taking two wickets in a maiden over and finished with the excellent figures of three wickets for five runs. Jack Lee contributed with two wickets including a wicket maiden as well. Lincoln Rolfe, Matthew

Schafer, Bailey Grant, Matt Hart, Thomas Kleeman and Brendan Shelton all collected a wicket each.

The batting partnership between Lincoln Rolfe and Josh Lush kept the score board ticking over and Thomas Kleeman and Caleb Aitken contributed well to ensure a thrilling finish. The skills displayed by both teams were wonderful to watch and kept the crowd entertained.

Angus Pendlebury was named Man of the Match for his bowling. - **Darryl Lee.**

INDOOR CRICKET

Runs hard to come by

CROW'S NEST: February 15 - Runs were a bit hard to come by in the game between Fielders and Sticky Beaks. Sent in to bat, Fielders struggled to finish on 97. A new face for Sticky Beaks, Robbo, took four wickets and Sandy took three for the girls. Fielders needed to take a lot of wickets to win the game. Ian Schiltz taking five and Trent Murphy and Dan Field four each kept Stickys to a total of just 22.

BOWLS

Crow's Nest Bakery day

CROW'S NEST: February 12 - Round robin night bowls 12 week tournament. Nightly winners were Nuthin Mutch team. Runners-up Bruce Bell's team. Overall winning team for the 12 weeks was Dave Sandercock, Linda Sandercock and Peter Austin. Runners-up were the Nuthin Mutch team Alan Mutch, Linda Mutch and Kel Dickson, 3rd John Svensson, Jenni Svensson and Lynn Vandersee. February 13 - Men's open triples T. Collins team d. A. Mutch team. K. Lovell team d. D. Sandercock team. February 14 - Crow's Nest Bakery sponsored day. Winners were D. Sandercock's team. Runners-up B. Vandersee team. - **Dave Sandercock.**

LADIES: February 18 - Three games of championship singles resulted in D. Handford d. M De Vere, D. Burgess d. M. Fisher and L. Mutch d. B. Mead. The parcel was won by A Cox. Winners of club drawn trophies were J. Bretz, J. Kanowski, B. Mead, V. Gillies, D. Handford and P. Harvey. This Thursday championship singles will again be played. Parcel V. Gillies. - **Del Burgess.**

LIVESTOCK MARKET

Good line-up of bullocks

O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS: Harristown saleyards. February 15 - Combined yarding 816, our share 487.

The larger yarding contained consignments of bullocks and good heavy cows from western districts. Most of the young cattle sold to feedlot operators and restockers. Values for vealers eased. However, yearlings suitable to feed sold to stronger rates. Prime bullocks experienced very little change in value and heavy cows were also in demand.

A good line-up of bullocks made from 170.2c to 184.2c to average 179c kg. Medium weight cows averaged 127c. The good supply of heavy cows sold to 146.2c to average 142c kg. Heavy bulls from Taroom sold to 147.6c kg. Angus cows from Texas sold for \$864. A. J. Powell sold bulls for \$1248. Angus trade heifers sold to \$677. Vealer Charolais heifers, 237kg, sold for 181.6c for \$431, the steers selling for 194.2c, \$529. A draft of 38 Charolais cross steers from Blackbutt sold for 187.6c for \$514. Angus cross cows from Brymaroo a/c C. and K. Knauth sold for 145c, 611 kg for \$887. Angus yearling heifers 432kg sold for 173.6c for \$750. Murray Grey vealer heifers sold for 176.6c. Droughtmaster feeder steers from Nobby sold for 183.2c, 296kg, \$542. Braford steers from Oakey sold for 182.8c for a top of \$1028. - **Paul O'Sullivan**

GOLF

Ray White trophy day

CROW'S NEST: February 10 - Ladies winner B. Weier. Pin shot J. Meagher. Ladies play on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Phone Lyn 4698 1602. Everyone is welcome new and old.

February 10 - Sporters winner D. Littleton 33. Runner-up M. Strong 28. Pin shots 7/16 and 8/17 D. Littleton. Putting L. Kruger 19. February 14 - Crow's Nest Advertiser single stableford winner J. Meagher 40. Runner-up R. Burgess 37. Rundown D. Woodley 36, M. Strong 36, T. Cox 36, D. Jenkins 36. Pin shot 3/12 D. Jenkins, 8/17 not won. Calendar - February 21 - G. Davie winner and runner-up single stroke. Coming event: February 28 - Ray White Rural single stableford. - **Leo Kruger.**

Downs selection



TYANNA COX

Tyanna Cox represented Centenary Heights at Middle Ridge Golf Club and was selected in the Darling Downs under 19 team to compete at North Lakes Golf Club in the Gold Coast May 30-June 2.

Tyanna has been competing since she was 13. This is the first time she has tried out for the Darling Downs team. She joined the Crow's Nest Golf Club in 2008.

Touch training

Highfields Touch Club training for senior men and women is on Wednesdays at 6 pm at the Kuhls Road Oval in Highfields.

Contact: Please call Michael Ryan on 0428 717 346.

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BORNEO BARRACKS GOLF: February 10 - Brian Messer Plumbing Challenge. 4bb stroke. Winners A. Gilbert, T. Young 61. Runners-up B. Parkinson, P. Coleman 63, 3rd B. Phillips, K. Mitchell 63, 4th C. Butler, P. Cartwright 64, 5th R. Boreland, G. Gunther 65, 6th J. Bishop, G. Small 65. **This report in full next week.**

WRESTLING: The Queensland titles for freestyle wrestling were held at Suncorp Stadium on the weekend. James McKay from the Crow's Nest club competed and won first place in the lightweight division. - **Stewart Hintz.**

Elders

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CATTLE: A total of 740 cattle sold to fully firm rates of last week. Bulls sold to 140.2c/kg or \$1286. Bullocks sold from 170-190c/kg with the top pen reaching \$1025. Heavy feeder steers over 400kg sold from 175-188.6c/kg or \$821.22. Feeder steers 300-400kg sold from 170-191.2c/kg or \$712.80. Heavy heifers sold to 178.2c/kg or \$741.52. Heavy cows sold from 135-146.6c/kg or \$1072.65. Medium cows sold from 120-134.2c/kg. Lightweights 100-119.2c/kg. Trade steer calves 390kg sold to 180.2c/kg or \$702.78. Most classes sold from 170-185.2c/kg with the top pen selling to 197.2c/kg. Heifer calves to trade sold from 170-182.2c/kg. Restocker heifers sold from 175-185.2c/kg. Lightweight restocker steers 190-212.2c/kg with Charolais steers selling for 214.2c/kg, 225 kg or \$481.95. Vealer calves to slaughter sold from 165-190.2c/kg depending on finish and quality on offer.

PIGS: February 15 - 270 pigs sold to a firm market for all pork and bacon pigs, backfatter sows again sold to very buoyant prices while all heavy stores dropped in price, weaners and suckers firm. Prime pork: \$2.88-3.00, prime light bacon: \$2.85-2.90, prime bacon: \$2.50-2.70, boars: 40-50c/kg, sows: \$1.20-\$1.26, forward stores: \$90-110, weaners: \$74-85, suckers: \$56.

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MINING ON OUR DOORSTEP

By MILES NOLLER

(Reprinted from the Crow's Nest Advertiser, February 16, 2010)

Mining exploration is about to expand from the Surat Basin to the range country north and south of Toowoomba.

And it could result in south-east Queensland becoming the world's largest alumina producing precinct.

Much of the red soil ridge country in the Haden, Hampton and Crow's Nest areas, and south of Toowoomba to Cunningham's Gap, is now being assessed for bauxite, the raw material for aluminium production.

Australian Bauxite Limited is planning to drill-test five exploration licence areas, to confirm early assessments that high quality bauxite exists in the region, and that it is relatively easy to mine.

Managing director Ian Levy said a high priority area would be the Hampton tenement because of its good location, large tonnage

potential and high quality.

Mr Levy said initial assays showed the ore contained a low percentage of silica (the number one contaminate of bauxite) and available alumina content within the economic range.

A company report said the Pechey-Geham plateau would be drill tested. This area was almost entirely covered by the Pechey State Forest (which the State Government wants to sell).

Drilling is planned for April.

The report said this area of 10sq km to 16sq km, could contain 40 million to 60 million cubic metres of raw unprocessed bauxite with up to 45% available alumina.

The nearby tenements of Hillgrove and Haden would also be test-drilled which would determine the potential of the region for bauxite production.



Australian Bauxite Limited managers have inspected exploration tenements in the Crow's Nest, Toowoomba and Warwick areas. Near Pechey are, from left, Tamara Coyte, project geologist, Ian Levy, managing director, and Jacob Rebek, chief geologist and executive director.

Mr Levy said should mining proceed, an alumina plant could be built in the vicinity subject to the expansion of power generation in the Surat Basin.

But another option would be to transport the bauxite to existing alumina plants at Gladstone for blending with

bauxite from Weipa. A company report said while the Toowoomba to Brisbane rail link was fully utilized, an option would be to truck it to Gattin, and then by rail to the port of Brisbane.

But a more likely option would be to rail the bauxite to Gladstone using the pro-

posed new rail link between Wandoan and the Theodore/Banana region.

Mr Levy and other Australian Bauxite Limited representatives visited their exploration areas near Toowoomba last week, and also inspected a lease it has over the Binjour Plateau in the

Central Burnett between Gayndah and Mundubbera.

The company also regards Binjour as a high priority area because it shows similar attributes to Hampton, and a railway line linking the area to Gladstone could be refurbished for the transport of bauxite.

Mr Levy said there was a very real prospect that the region could equal or exceed the alumina production of the Darling Ranges precinct south of Perth in Western Australia which was the world's largest alumina producing region.

He said the world was short of aluminium and many had never thought that the demand from China would "come on as hard and fast" as it had.

Australian Bauxite Limited was admitted to the official list of the Australian Stock Exchange in December 2009. The company

was formed specifically to acquire the bauxite interests of Hudson Resources Limited, and initiate staged development programs in each of three bauxite provinces (southern Queensland and Inverell and Goulburn in NSW). It has 5000sq km of exploration tenements in Queensland and New South Wales.

The tenement areas near Toowoomba are Hillgrove (a 267sq km area adjacent to the Oakey to Cooyar road near the top of the range); Haden (a 264sq km area to the north and west of Crows Nest and including Pine-lands); Hampton (a 336sq km area from Crow's Nest to Highfields); Red Hill and Red Hill South (each of 300sq km, in an area south of Toowoomba extending from West Haldon to Maryvale and the Cunningham Highway north east of Warwick).

School building progress



The construction of new buildings at Highfields State School is progressing according to schedule with completion due in around eight weeks. The multipurpose building has its roof erected, and an extra classroom adjoining this is currently under construction. The footings have also been laid for the new library. Covered walkways allowing students to move between classes and buildings in all weather will be built before the official opening. ABOVE: The footings for the new library have been laid and the roof has been erected on the multipurpose building. - Fiona Stone photo

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