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# RIDE TO CANBERRA

Personnel from Borneo Barracks are on a cycle ride to Canberra to raise funds and public awareness of cancer.

Ten cyclists from the barracks, supported by the Highfields Rollers, left the Cultural Centre on Sunday to ride to Toowoomba where they took part in the launch at St Andrew's Hospital of the Round for Life ride.

The 1200 km journey will take 10 days with one rest day. They expect to arrive in Canberra on the eve of September 10.

Eight support crew will accompany the riders.

Riders have been training up to 250 km a week, including 90 km at weekends and 25 km on week days, depending on time available.

A family fun day at the launch in the car park at St Andrew's included the Army Band, barbecue lunch, drinks, ice cream, and jumping castle.

The Round for Life website says: "Our mate Ken had just completed treatment for cancer and the talk turned to how he (and us for that matter) were going to improve our fitness, and how we could contribute in the battle against cancer.

"We decided to start raising funds for cancer research and assist those who are a lot smarter than us, to try to ascertain "Why!"

"Our mate Ken said this was the first question he asked when he was diagnosed, and unfortunately no-one really knew the answer.

"So, in support of our good mate Kenny, as well as our own and other families who have been afflicted by this disease, we decided to gather together a group of like minded lunatics and cycle from Toowoomba to Canberra."

## Keeping it in the family



The Andrews family from Meringandan are all members of the Toowoomba Caledonian Pipe Band. They were among six pipe bands performing at the Australian Heritage Festival at the Jondaryan Woolshed. ABOVE: Bryce, Lance, Robert, Wendy, Cameron and Lachlan Andrews.

• Cyclists from Borneo Barracks taking part in the Round for Life ride to Canberra: Ange Maher, Paul Dunn, Craig Shirlaw, Ken Leggett, Travis Crichton, Clint Walker, Tam Mooney, Sam Venaglia, Zach Baur, Andy (Max) Gillies and Janet Krommenhoek.

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### Lodge event support proposals

Applications are being sought for the Events Support Grant Program which closes on October 3, 2010.

This council initiative aims to support groups planning major regional and community events.

Further information about the program and application forms can be obtained from the Economic Development, Tourism & Events Branch on 4688 6966.

#### Inviting all sculptors

Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery is inviting sculptors to enter the 2010 Acquisitive Sculpture Prize.

A total prize pool of \$5,750 is on offer including special prizes for a Toowoomba regional artist and most promising young sculptor.

Entries close October 1 and artworks will be on display from October 30 to November 28.

For more information and entry forms, please contact the Gallery on 4698 1687 or email [CrowsNestArt@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au](mailto:CrowsNestArt@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au)

#### Rate notices

Council's rate notices have now been issued with payment due on September 21. Please check the back of your rate notice for the full range of payment options.

#### Indian patterns inspire Crows Nest exhibition

Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery is hosting an exhibition of wall and sculpture work titled "Inhabited Space" by Toowoomba artist Sandra Jarrett.

Inspired by the patterns of Indian architectural screens and textiles, Jarrett's silicon works will be on display until September 5.

For more information, please call the Gallery on 4698 1687.

#### Crows Nest gallery seeks volunteers

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

Please contact Jo Petrou on 4698 1687 or email [jo.petrou@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au](mailto:jo.petrou@toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au) for details.

#### Business survey

Business owners throughout the region are invited to participate in an online survey seeking details about their business capabilities and workforce issues.

Anyone wanting to complete the survey should go online to [www.aecmarketresearch.com.au/trc](http://www.aecmarketresearch.com.au/trc). \$500 worth of electrical goods to be won for one lucky participant.

#### Reminder to Geham tip users

Motorists dropping loads of waste at the Geham dump - please cover your loads to prevent rubbish pollution along the New England Highway.

#### 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

Nukku Rd: gravel re-sheeting works delayed due to wet weather.

Groomsville/Plainby area: maintenance grading works.

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New England Highway at Geham: Main Roads upgrade. Expect minor delays.

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Council asks residents who travel on gravel roads that have deteriorated due to recent wet weather around the region, to be patient.

Council road gangs will be repairing roads on a priority basis according to usage and road condition as resources become available.

*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.*

## 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.

### Scott appreciates voter support

Member for Maranoa Bruce Scott has thanked voters for re-electing him as their representative in the Federal Parliament.

Mr Scott said that he was humbled by the strong show of support, and said he would continue to fight for the people of Maranoa.

"I will continue to be a passionate advocate for the people of Maranoa and bring to the attention of the Federal Parliament the unique issues and concerns of Western Queenslanders," Mr Scott said.

With the fate of the election still unknown, Mr Scott said he hoped the Liberal-National Coalition could form a government with the independent MPs.

"I hope that, with the support of the Independents, the Coalition is able to govern, so that we can get started on fulfilling

important election commitments like the upgrades for the Warrego and Landsborough Highways, making Youth Allowance eligibility fairer for inner regional students, re-introducing locally run hospital boards, and perhaps most importantly, paying off Labor's massive debt," he said.

Mr Scott also said that with 20 seats now held by the new LNP (and one still to be decided), the merger of Queensland's Liberal and National Parties had proven a hit with voters.

"This was the LNP's debut at a federal election, and we have well and truly shown that we are here to stay as a credible political party, representing all Queenslanders, whether they live on the coast or in the country, he said.

### Seniors praise music class

On Monday, August 16, the Highfields Seniors celebrated Seniors Week with a concert and lunch for 100 people.

As part of the concert were 45 students of the Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School music class.

Their performance on stage was beautiful, talented and much appreciated by the audience.

Their behaviour off stage for the three hours was a credit to their school. The audience had no idea they were sharing the auditorium with so many children.

The Highfields Seniors would like to sincerely thank the children for their wonderful performance and behaviour. You are a credit to your school, your teachers and parents. - **Carole A. Lyons, Highfields.**

### Thanks for attending cent sale

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all businesses and people of the district who so kindly supported our cent sale for Crow's Nest Blue Care at Cabarlah Hall on August 21.

We raised \$1700.10. A great crowd attended from far and wide.

Our thanks go to all for items donated and the donated lucky door prize and not forgetting the young people who were such a great help on the day.

We thank you one and all. - **Cabarlah Sports and Festival Committee.**

### Govt coal gas reform package

Basic requirements for a successful coal seam gas industry are finally being put into place in the Surat basin.

The so-called resource reform package released by the Government addressed basic issues that should have been in place two years ago.

Once again the government is behind the game, playing catch up on issues that have been obvious to

industry stakeholders and local communities for a long time.

Departmental people doing basic monitoring and auditing of contentious issues like underground water should have been in place before coal seam gas production started and baseline data should have been an obvious must have if any impacts of gas extraction are to be successfully

managed. By the same measure it would seem obvious that a high level of consultation and communication with existing landholders about the gas industry's activities and their on-ground operations should have always been a prerequisite for gas industry operators.

These initiatives, along with a dedicated complaint management service would have gone a long way to avoiding the community concern that has grown around the CSG industry because the government has been so slow to fulfil its responsibilities.

The development of the CSG industry in the closely settled and intensively farmed areas of the Surat Basin was always going to present a range of different administrative issues to what are encountered in more remote areas and the government should have anticipated that.

The initiatives in the reform package, along with the new land access laws and the strategic cropping land protection framework, will be welcomed as long over-due by all the stakeholders who have to deal with the reality of the developing CSG industry. - **Jeff Seeney, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy.**

### Lions Club of Crow's Nest Local History Project

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### Power alert

Ergon Energy is warning customers to check claims by a company selling a device which, when plugged into a power point, could save 40 per cent on power bills. Manager Regional Services Dave Heberlein said the callers falsely imply they have the endorsement of the State Government and Ergon Energy and sometimes claim to have access to the customers' account details.

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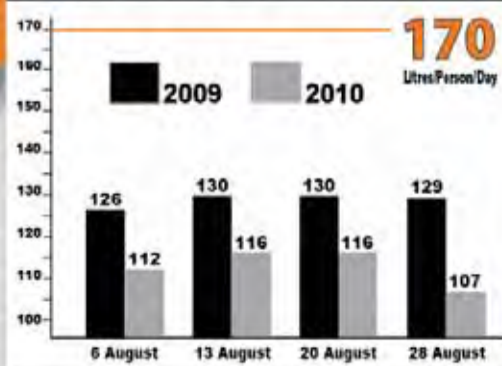
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# Measles scare prompts shots reminder

Queensland Health is urging Queensland residents to ensure they have been vaccinated for measles, after cases were confirmed in Tweed Heads, Gympie and Moranbah.

Queensland Health Communicable Diseases Branch Senior Director Dr Christine Selvey said the measles virus had been confirmed in a Tweed Heads resident who visited a Coolangatta fast food outlet on August 21.

"A tourist travelling between Surfers Paradise and Gympie and visiting shops, restaurants and caravan parks along the way from August 12 to 19 has also been diagnosed with the highly infectious disease," Dr Selvey said.

"A local mine worker at Moranbah has been confirmed to have the measles virus.

"These people were all highly infectious while out and about in various communities."

"Public health officers are trying to identify people who may have been exposed so they can be given appropriate advice."

"But it is not possible to identify everyone who may have had passing contact with one of the cases."

Measles is one of the most infectious of all communicable diseases, and can be acquired in public places such as shopping centres or on public transport if infectious people are present.

Dr Selvey said Queensland Health recommends anyone born during or since 1966, who has not had two documented doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine or had proven measles, to visit their

local GP for a free extra vaccination.

"We encourage all Queenslanders to check if they need to be vaccinated against measles," Dr Selvey said.

"Queensland Health will continue to actively investigate all cases and take steps to prevent further transmission."

"In addition, we are alerting hospitals and GPs to watch for patients with measles symptoms in the coming weeks."

Measles is extremely infectious and is spread by tiny droplets through coughing and sneezing. The virus can last for several hours in the environment.

Measles can be very distressing for those affected, and complications can include pneumonia and encephalitis (inflammation of

the brain). It can be a severe illness even in otherwise healthy adolescents and young adults.

The initial symptoms are: fever, lethargy, runny nose, moist cough, sore red eyes, followed a few days later by a blotchy red rash while still feverish.

The rash starts on the face then becomes widespread.

Dr Selvey said symptoms usually started around 10 days after infection.

"Now is the time for people to be aware of any signs of infection," Dr Selvey said.

"Anyone that develops measles-like symptoms in the next few weeks should contact their GP for advice, particularly if they have recently been in Coolangatta, Moranbah and in areas between Surfers Paradise and Gympie."

"It's very important to call the medical practice first to say you could have measles, so that staff can take precautions to avoid spreading the disease to others."

Contact your local GP or call Queensland Health's phone line 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84).

## India visit inspires exhibition

The Indian inspired exhibition by artist Sandra Jarret, *Inhabited Space*, will be on display at Crow's Nest Regional Art Gallery until September 5.

The lace-like sculptures in this exhibition were created in response to a recent trip to Rajasthan in India and are inspired by the patterns of jaalis, Indian architectural screens, and Indian textiles. For information about Crow's Nest Gallery's exhibitions call 4698 1687.

## Scouts and Guides present family concert

The Darling Downs Scout Revue, the Gang Show is the only show of its kind in Queensland outside Brisbane. Last year's revue was recognised by the Queensland Government as an official Q150 event.

Producer Geoff Jarvis said the annual show was two hours of variety suitable for the whole family, featuring song, dance, drama and comedy. Scouts and Girl Guides will perform at the Highfields Cultural Centre on Friday, September 10 and Saturday, September 11. Tickets are now on sale by phoning 4636 1727.

## Lambs in the learning process

Numeracy and literacy was taken outside the classroom last week at Concordia Lutheran College, Martin Luther Primary Campus, when twin lambs joined the school community for the week.

Martin Luther Primary Campus teacher Mrs Rachael Burrows said "Prep to Year 6 students were involved in caring for the two week-old lambs and the children embraced the experience with excitement."

"The Year 2 children had to write a letter to The Head of Junior College, Mrs Lois Sanders, convincing her to let them have the lambs. The letter they drafted listed reasons for and against having the lambs along with arguments to solve any problems that may arise" she said.

Mrs Burrows said numeracy was also incorporated into the lambs visit with their diet and other needs of the lambs being calculated by the students.



"The visit from the lambs has been incorporated into the curriculum in many ways."

In maths the children solved various problems appropriate for their year level.

These problems varied from working out the amount of formula and water for each lamb based on their weight to how many bottles would be needed each day" she said.

Mrs Burrows said taking

numeracy and literacy outside of the classroom made learning fun and the children will certainly remember the week the lambs came to Martin Luther Primary Campus.

"It was sad to see them go home."

"However, the children realised that after a busy week the lambs needed to have some quiet time to grow and become healthy strong lawnmowers for my yard" she said.

## Students take part in simultaneous song

More than 500,000 students from around Australia will sing *Come Play Your Part* this Thursday at 11.30 a.m.

The song was written by Australian high school students in the Music: Count Us In initiative which began in 2007.

With support from the Australian Government, Music: Count Us In aims to raise awareness of the value of music education in schools.

This year, Cooyar State School, taking part for the first time, will join Linville and Harlin State Schools at the Blackbutt Hall to present a concert which will begin with the song *Come Play Your Part* and finish with last year's song, *The Music is Everything*. The public is invited to this free concert.

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## Scammers target veterans

Veterans have been targeted by scam artists claiming to represent the Australian Government.

Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Ian Campbell said the Department of Veterans' Affairs had been made aware of several approaches to members of the veteran community asking for personal information in exchange for new government services such as free electricity or pension benefits. In some cases these people posed as officers from DVA.

"These offers are false and my department is investigating these incidents," he said.

"Veterans in Queensland and Victoria have been most recently targeted however veterans across the country should be aware of the potential scams.

"I urge the veteran community to exercise caution

when asked to release personal details. Be cautious about when and to whom you release your personal information. If you receive a phone call or letter asking for personal information such as your DVA client number or banking details, do not answer straight away. Contact your nearest DVA office on 133 254 (for metropolitan callers) or 1800 555 254 (for non-metropolitan callers) to confirm the source is legitimate.

"It is disappointing that our veterans are being targeted by these cowardly scammers and I encourage members of the veteran community to contact DVA if they have any concerns," Mr Campbell said.

The Government's Scamwatch website [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au) contains useful information on how to protect your privacy.

## Glennie opens hospitality learning centre

Students and staff at The Glennie School have celebrated the official opening of a new hospitality training centre.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said the new centre was a major asset for the school community.

"The hospitality centre offers an excellent training facility for hospitality students.

"It has a commercial training kitchen containing a barista style coffee machine, and an industrial oven.

"The neighbouring classroom can double as a function room for school events.

"Hospitality students are putting it to good use.

"They helped cater the Glennie Foundation cocktail party on Saturday night and have prepared morning tea to celebrate this opening."

Mr Shine said the State Government contributed \$250,000 in capital assistance funding to the project.

"I congratulate the school for its contribution of \$850,000," he said.

Mr Shine represented the Minister for Education and Training Geoff Wilson at the opening.

Mr Wilson said the Queensland Government was pleased to help support



Right Reverend Robert Nolan, Anglican Bishop West Region, Mrs Wendy Ashley-Cooper, Head of School, Glennie School, and Mr Kerry Shine Member for Toowoomba North.

the school's ongoing development. "Over the past five years, the school has received more than \$5.6 million in recurrent funding and \$1.9 million in capital assistance from the State Government," Mr Wilson said. "In 2010-11 the State

Government is supporting non-state schools with more than \$467 million in recurrent funding and more than \$101 million in capital funding, including a commitment of \$50 million for non-state schools that cater for disengaged youth."

## Rwanda experiences

The Darling Downs Zone of the Lutheran Women Queensland is holding a fellowship day at the Crow's Nest Lutheran Church, Toowoomba Road, on Wednesday, September 15, at 1.15 p.m.

Hannah Magometovs will be the guest speaker. Hannah has spent time in Rwanda assisting in the building of a school, caring for mothers and babies by supplying food and medicines and providing a family with a goat, an ongoing food producer.

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## Winter goes out with good rain

Drought affected areas of the Darling Downs received moderate to heavy rainfall over the 24 hours to 9 a.m. last

Tuesday, August 24, making August the wettest month in years for several places.

Dalby received 42mm, the highest daily fall on record for August. Dalby's total rainfall for this month is now

102mm, making it the wettest August in 17 years of records.

There was 39mm in the gauge at Oakey, bringing the monthly total to 84mm and making it the wettest August in 39 years of records. Oakey's long term average August rainfall is 26mm.

Toowoomba recorded 37mm, increasing the current total rainfall for the

month to 81mm. This is the wettest August for Toowoomba since 1998.

Dick Whitaker, senior meteorologist at The Weather Channel said the rainfall pattern over the past two months is what we would expect given the well established La Nina in the Pacific Ocean.

"La Nina refers to a cooling of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern Pacific Ocean. This, in turn, tends to promote above average rainfall for eastern Australia during the second half of the year," he said.

## On the air



Former ABC Radio breakfast presenter Chris Jensen was on the microphone at this year's Australian Heritage Festival at the Jondaryan Woolshed.

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The rate of abuse has more than doubled over the past 10 years. The number of children being removed from their parents has also

doubled over the past decade.

At June 30, 2009, there were 34,069 young people in out-of-home care. The Australian Government and State and Territory governments announced in 2009 a national, long term approach for protecting Australia's children.

ACT for Kids works to ensure these reforms produce better protection for children. ACT for Kids is calling on the Australian Government to make the baby bonus contingent upon new parents completing a basic parenting course.

It's all too easy to turn your back on child abuse and

neglect, and ACT for Kids in conjunction with Channel Seven are urging all Queenslanders to help face up to the problem during National Child Protection Week.

Together they launch the inaugural Channel Seven / ACT for Kids Appeal, September 3 to 10, to raise

awareness and significant funds for the vital services provided free to abused children and their families throughout Queensland.

ACT for Kids executive chairman Denis Looney said that with 55,000 confirmed cases of child abuse in Australia in 2008-09, they have good reason to set the ambi-

tious target of raising \$500,000 in eight days.

"We've been providing free professional therapy to treat and prevent child abuse across Queensland for over 20 years. The need for our professional services continues to increase and we want to reach out to all of the children and families affected by child abuse and neglect, but we need help to fund that support," Denis said.

7 news presenter and ACT for Kids ambassador, Kay McGrath and Channel Seven have a long standing involvement with ACT for Kids. "We're asked to support so many worthy

causes, here and overseas, but how can we ignore the plight of helpless children in our own communities? Your donation will go directly to helping local children recover from the trauma of abuse," Kay said.

ACT for Kids therapy centres located in Weipa, Cairns, Townsville, Gold Coast and Brisbane operate outreach and remote services. Please support the Channel Seven / ACT for Kids Appeal, your donation will help ACT for Kids continue to provide free professional therapy to treat and prevent child abuse. Visit [www.actforkids.com.au](http://www.actforkids.com.au) or call 1300 228 000.

# Rotary organises trek in aid of hospice

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East has organised a trek to Northern New South Wales in September in aid of the Toowoomba Hospice.

Club trek director Les Webb said "We have been running tag alongs for the past 15 years, traditionally we run Outback Getaway bi-annually, which is a fully catered tag along that is accompanied with a four-piece band and support vehicles, and has auctions of donated goods raising up to \$100,000 for charities.

This year the club is running Happy Trekkers for the first time.

Happy Trekkers is a BYO tag along with country singers, bush poets and vehicle support. They will have a large mobile barbecue and a wood chuck wagon providing fuel for the communal campfire donated by Wippells Autos which will be the focal point at

night. For those who want to be part of this seven night trekking adventure call Mr Webb on 4630 9818.

The trek will start at Toowoomba, go West of Ten-Tenfield in the Torrington State Recreation Area and then wind its way east through Washpool National Park, the Yabra National Park, the Richmond Range, the Toonambar National Park, and the Border ranges taking in some of the best scenery including that on private properties, returning to Toowoomba via Main Range National Park following the head waters of the Murray/Darling waterway in Queensland.

Toowoomba Hospice Chairman Graham Barron said the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East had again shown their support that will help clients have a more comfortable stay in the hospice.



Trek director Les Webb, Hospice chairman Graham Barron and John Dunkley of Wippells Auto.

"We are very fortunate to have strong community support, and Rotary Club of Toowoomba East is no

exception," he said.

The hospice is a not-for-profit, community facility, caring for people with a ter-

minal illness and their families, at no cost.

All monies raised are tax deductible.

# State chips in for Warrego Hwy planning study

The State Government has shown its commitment to improving the federally funded Warrego Highway, announcing an initial \$800,000 of State funds to begin planning work this year for a proposed multi-million dollar upgrade.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said the State commitment meant work could begin to get projects closer to shovel ready, to capitalise on potential federal funding announcements.

"The State funding is for planning work for the section of the Warrego Highway most affected by the Surat Basin development, from Heildon west to Roma.

"This section is included in an overall Warrego Highway upgrade submission, from Heildon to Morven, which outlines urgent projects needed over the next four years.

"The submission makes a strong bid for federal funding needed within the next 12 years and was developed following a summit in May, that was attended and supported by southern Queensland mayors," Mr Shine said.

"The overall submission for Heildon to Morven outlines to both sides of federal parliament the priority works that need funding on the highway from Heildon to Morven in southern and

south-west Queensland.

"The submission, which was also developed in consultation with peak industry stakeholders such as the RACQ and Queensland Trucking Association, details a 12-year plan to address the current and medium-term needs on this essential transport link.

"We've asked for funding over the first four years to fix the most urgent problems on the rapidly deteriorating road from Heildon to Morven to provide greater safety and reliability for industry and the community."

He said the priority works included:

- 55km of widened road on all narrow sections (less than 8m) including the notorious Macalister to Chinchilla section
- 50km of strengthening works on rough and out-of-

shape pavements

- Replacement of sub-standard structures which are currently load limited

- Maintenance works to keep the road in a safe and serviceable condition

- Intersection upgrades at high-crash locations

- Four-lane duplication works west of Toowoomba to ease congestion

- Additional overtaking lanes between Oakey and Dalby. Mr Shine thanked the Lockyer Valley, Maranoa, Murweh, Toowoomba and Western Downs mayors, as well as the RACQ and QTA, for their support of the submission.

"I have encouraged the mayors to continue their lobbying efforts so that the Warrego Highway funding needs are on the political radar in Canberra," he said.

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**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 Church, Pastor Peter Findlay 4639 1777.** Sunday 9.30am. Toowoomba Christian College, N.E. Highway, Highfields. **Goombungee Christian Church:** Mocatta Road, Goombungee. Pastor Alan and Neita Pope. 4691 5075. 10am every Sunday.

**BAPTIST:** Baptist Church Kuhl's Rd, Highfields. Morning Service 9.30am. Sunday School 9.45am. Kids Club Friday 5-6.45pm. 717 Youth 7.17pm. Alternate Fridays 717 Focus. Gome Groups. Ladies Group SALT 3rd Saturday each month 1.30pm. Pastor Noel Wilcox 4630 8974.

**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, 17 Emu Creek Road, Crow's Nest: Rev. Dave Graham 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.

**Highfields Community Church:** Rev. Marius Kruger 4615 4820. Sunday 8.30am Highfields Cultural Centre. Kids program. www.highfieldsfaith.com

**Meringandan-Highfields Uniting Church:** 4615 4127. Each Sunday 9am at Meringandan. Meringandan-Highfields Circle of Friends meet second Wednesday each month at 9.30am. Kids Club Thursdays 3.45-5pm. Grades 4-7.

**WESLEYAN METHODIST CHAPEL:** Albert St, 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.**

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## Physical Activity for Older Adults workshops

Retirees and baby boomers looking to develop an exercise regime to suit their lifestyle can take advantage of the State Government's free Physical Activity for Older Adults workshop to be held on Monday, September 6.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine said the half-day workshop would teach participants the benefits of physical activity.

"The workshop will focus on specifically-designed exercises to help reduce the effects of ageing," Mr Shine said.

"It's important to understand how the body changes as we get older and to modify exercise and fitness programs so we can continue to exercise in a safe way," he said.

"Most importantly, the forum will focus on programs and exercises that everyone can enjoy."

Sport Minister Phil Reeves said the government was committed to encouraging more Queenslanders to lead active and healthy lifestyles by getting involved in sport and recreation.

"We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate in sporting activities regardless of age or ability," Mr Reeves said.

"This workshop is a great example of the Queensland Government's Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland aim to help Queenslanders become Australia's healthiest people by reducing obesity levels by one third by 2020.

"This is why we continue to provide support for programs, projects and facilities which help people of all ages to take part in sport and active recreation."

The Physical Activity for Older Adults workshop will take place on Monday, 6 September, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 40 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba. Light refreshments served. Booking essential.

Contact: Department of Communities, Sport and Recreation Services on 4615 3600 or southWestSportRec@communities.qld.gov.au

## Highfields junior touch sign-on

The Highfields Hurricanes will look to retain their status as the largest junior touch club in Toowoomba when junior fixtures start in October.

The club's sign-on day will take place from 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, at the Kuhls Road Oval.

All boys and girls are welcome to join up, with the club entering teams from under 8s to under 16s in the Friday night competition.

Last year, Highfields signed up 170 junior players and entered 17 teams. That made the club by far the largest in the Toowoomba junior competition.

In addition, Highfields entered senior teams in the Toowoomba winter competition for the first time this year, with five teams and more than 70 senior players turning out.

President Michael Ryan said strong support was great news for the region. "We provide a fantastic pathway for touch players from across the region, from age 6 to 60," he said.



Highfields Hurricanes touch players Brittney Brown and Abby Ryan are getting ready for the coming season of junior touch fixtures, with the club sign-on taking place on Thursday, September 9.

"The club caters for the entire region, so we encourage juniors from Crow's Nest, Meringandan, Gowrie Junction, Goombungee and the whole district, as well as Highfields, to come along and join in."

Games are played at the Kearneys Spring complex on Toowoomba on Friday nights over summer. Training is at the Kuhls Road Oval on Thursday nights.

Contact: Michael Ryan on 0428 717 346.

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Swan Island - home to numerous pelicans

Townsville has no water worries, which was obvious as we took a sunset boat ride on the Ross River Dam, which was built in 1976.

It is 15km long and 5km wide. It filled within 24 hours of being completed and holds 232 megalitres.

A short bus ride brought us to where the boat was moored and one lucky person saw Allied Rock wallabies on the dam wall.

A single Kapok tree showed its lovely yellow flowers. Numerous Darters sat on rocks and around the shore (the most I have seen in one place) and an Osprey sat on a dead tree.

As we proceeded towards Stoney Creek, we were informed that the land around had been taken up by the Kelso family in 1878. Three generations farmed cattle, Shorthorn, Hereford and Brahman, before the land was taken over by the army.

As we neared Stoney Creek, a Black Necked Stork wandered along the edge seeking food. Jacanas (which the locals call Jesus

birds) stepped daintily along the lily pads. A couple of Eastern Grey kangaroos sat up and looked at us as a Black-faced Cuckoo Shrike flew over and a couple of Egrets sought food in the shallows.

Moving further on we paused to take photos of Swan Island and admire a cob and pen with three cygnets.

Lots of Pelicans flapped and swam around and a Bustard poked its head above the low foliage. Further on photos were taken of a Cormorant rookery.

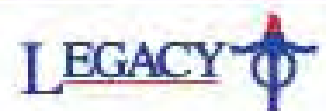
Here and there we noted white balls floating and were told they were buoys above eel traps. They are Long Framed eels and are exported live to Japan. These particular eels are the young of parents who have spawned at Vanwater. It seems the parents die but the young float back in a bubble of air into the dam.

Before returning, our guide pointed out a Tamarind tree which was where a staging post for Cobb and Co used to be. All in all, a most enjoyable two hours.

## Huge snow brings drop in temperatures

The drop in temperatures in the past week can be attributed to snow down south. Mt Buller is celebrating incredible snowfalls for August, with a massive 124cm of fresh, fluffy white snow falling for the month alone. The resort has received 34cm of snow, the best August snowfall recorded since 1985. Skiers and boarders are out on the slopes carving up untracked powder turns and reveling in the ideal sub-zero temperatures. Andy Laidlaw, who has spent 30 years ski patrolling at Mt Buller, said conditions equalled some of the best he has ever skied on the mountain.

"The snow is just amazing, and with the temperature sitting on minus five that means sensational powder conditions. I've been on Mt Buller for 30 years and this is the best quality and driest powder snow I have seen here."



# New laws on mining of farmland

BY KERRY SHINE  
Member for Toowoomba North

Last week in Parliament I spoke in the debate on the Geothermal Energy Bill. Many constituents, particularly those involved currently or previously in the agriculture or pastoral industries, have legitimate concerns about what is happening on the Darling Downs.

The bill not only deals with regulation of geothermal energy, but, importantly, also covered matters of grave concern to many, such as the farming versus mining controversy and access to land.

The new bill means that landholders have greater protection and security in their dealings with resource companies. The new laws are a result of the State Government listening to rural communities affected by resource development.

The new laws apply to the activities of companies involved in minerals, petroleum and gas, geothermal and greenhouse gas storage exploration and development. This includes minimising any impacts from exploration and development activities on land, which would affect livelihood and lifestyle of residents.



FELTON VALLEY  
Scene of landholder concern

The new law means that research companies are bound to a strict code of conduct, in relation to their activities and must enter negotiations for appropriate compensation with affected landowners should their rights be infringed.

The land access code provides best practice guidelines for communication and negotiation between landholders and resource companies; I hope to see these two key sectors co-exist well into the future with the help of the new legislation.

# Troy Cassar-Daley will perform at Carnival of Flowers

Golden guitar winner, ARIA winner, Deadlys award-winner and all round top bloke, Troy Cassar-Daley will take the stage during the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers on Friday, September 17, to wow the crowds with songs from his new album I Love This Place as well as classics from his renowned career.

"I always love the opportunity to get to regional centres and Toowoomba is the gateway to the west, so it's always great to get back to the country," Troy said.

"The band and I are looking forward to rocking out with the people of Toowoomba with new and old songs that generally celebrate being proud and being strong."

"It's been a great journey in music and songwriting for me and it's fantastic to be able to share my music."

Appearing at the Ergon Energy Flower, Food and Wine Festival, the live entertainment series is proudly sponsored by Heritage Building Society.

Cr Joe Ramia said there was a jam-packed program booked for the Heritage Building Society Live Concert Series.

"It is fantastic to have an Australian artist with such a great following here to celebrate the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers with the whole community," Cr Ramia said.

"The celebrated Golden Guitar winner will kick off three nights of fantastic entertainment, so make sure you get the early bird special pre-sale tickets through

Empire Theatres Box Office before September 13 on telephone 1300 655 299.

"Last year, people were turned away at the gate, so get your ticket early to save disappointment."

The full line-up of acts for the Heritage Building Society Live Concert Series as well as ticket information can be found on the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers official website [www.tcof.com.au](http://www.tcof.com.au) or contact the carnival office on 4688 6912.

# Global warming disruption is real

The keynote speaker for the Birds Australia conference in Townsville was Professor Stephen Williams of James Cook University.

He gave us a very eye-opening talk on the effects of global warming on wildlife, to quote, "The past seven years have been the hottest ever, causing disruption to biological interactions and breeding."

Half of all species could be extinct in his lifetime. The wet tropics has the greatest biodiversity of Australia. If there is an increase of 4°, half of all creatures will be extinct.

He explained to us, how, with a large number of students he had surveyed a mountain, taking transects every 200 metres and had 300,000 records. From this it was found 84 per cent of birds are restricted to cool uplands. Catbirds like between 600 - 1000 metres. The highest diversity is between 600 and 800 metres. Heatwaves have increased over the past 50 years and in one heatwave where the temperature remained above 28° for 27 days one species of possum died out. So we do have to be conscious of what we are doing. Perhaps we should all take up riding bikes, though I think I'd be a bit wobbly. - **Donalda Rogers.**

## Fertiliser prevents run-off

Australian fertiliser maker Grow Green Technologies has developed a groundbreaking commercially viable fertiliser system that Queensland farmers can use without causing run-off that pollutes and damages the Great Barrier Reef.

The high-tech fertiliser system, developed by Grow Green at its Kalbar production facility, avoids leaching by locking a unique combination of pro-biotic microbes and nutrients into a mineral structure that releases them only when

plants are able to absorb them. Grow Green CEO Greg Hughes said the fertiliser was a viable alternative for cattle and sugarcane farming, which have both been targeted under the State Government's Reef Water Quality Protection Plan as the main sources of pollution in reef catchments.

"This is an exciting discovery and we're proud that as an Australian company we offer an innovative solution to a problem that is threatening one of our greatest natural treasures," he said.

## Free food handling course

People preparing and serving food at school, sporting or community functions can learn safe food handling at a free Toowoomba course on Thursday, September 9.

Toowoomba Regional Council's early spring course is ideally suited to groups catering at Carnival of Flowers events.

The free information session runs from 9am to 1pm in the training room, second floor, 543 Ruthven Street.

The course covers proper food preparation and storage, safe food handling, personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitising, temperature control and pest management.

Subjects will suit food industry professionals, caterers or casual helpers. Light snacks will be served. Bookings can be made with the Environmental Health Services on 4688 6824. Another course will be held in Toowoomba on October 14 followed by a course at Clifton on November 11.

## School holiday program

The Crow's Nest Indoor Sports Centre is running a school holiday program from September 21 to 30. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. over four days.

Program: Tuesday, September 21: Crazy Kids Circuit, handball, board games, volleyball/nuckem, wide screen movie.

Thursday, September 23: Touch football, blind man's bluff, mixed team sports. Tuesday, September 28: Ball games, breakdance, hip hop competition, Trivia.

Thursday, September 30: Movie making, volleyball, treasure hunt, baseball/kickball. Bookings are essential. Primary school age. \$15 per child. Contact 4698 1101.

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### Quilters Angel birthday

The Quilters Angel in the Chocolate Cottage Complex on the Village Green, Highfields invites you to help celebrate their 6th birthday on Wednesday, September 1 from 9am to 5pm.

### Friends of Peacehaven Park AGM

The annual general meeting and election of officers of Friends of Peacehaven Park will be held at Highfields Baptist Church at 7pm on Wednesday, September 1.

### Country Blend at Nanango Country Muster

Crow's Nest artists Ged and Trudy Hintz will perform with their group "Country Blend" on Sunday, September 5 at MacLagen Hall from 1.30 to 5.30pm and on Friday, September 10 at the Nanango Country Muster. The Muster runs from September 9 to 12 at Nanango Showgrounds.

### Uniting Parish Spring Fair

The theme for this year's Crow's Nest Uniting Parish Spring Fair on Saturday, September 11 is "Around the World".

### Community Arts and Crafts AGM

Members and volunteers are invited to the annual general meeting of Crow's Nest Community Arts and Crafts to be held on Tuesday, September 14 at 7.30pm. Contact 4698 1862.

### Bingo

Grand Hotel Crow's Nest: 9.30am Thursday, September 9.  
Crow's Nest Bowls Club: 7pm Friday, September 3.

### Lions Club meetings

Crow's Nest meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 6.30 for 7pm at Sundowner Coffee Lounge. Contact 4698 2665 or 4698 1538.

Highfields-North Eastern Downs meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Highfields Tavern at 6.30 for 7pm. Contact 4698 7130.

### Village Markets

Crow's Nest Lions Village Markets are held on the first Sunday of each month in Centenary Park from 7.30am. New stallholders are welcome. Contact 0429 678 120.

### Goombungee Guides

Goombungee Guides meet at the Guide Hut in Mocatta Street on Wednesday afternoons from 5 to 7pm. Contact 4696 7171.

### Highfields Ladies Bowls

Ladies social bowls are played at the Highfields Bowls Club on Monday mornings from 9.15am. 4615 5891 or 0407 637 814.

### 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.

### Highfields Probus Club Inc

Highfields Probus Club Inc meets on the first Thursday each month at St Anne's Hall in Highfields Road. Contact 4696 6466.

### Garden Club meetings

Crow's Nest Garden Club meets on the second Saturday each month at 1.30pm at the CWA Hall. Contact 4698 2103.

Highfields Garden Club meets on the third Wednesday each month at 10.30am. Contact 4696 8628.

### Crow's Nest Business Alliance

The Crow's Nest Business Alliance meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5.30pm at the Crow's Nest Community Centre.

### Well Womens Clinic

Mobile women's health nurse Kathryn Anning will be at the Community Health Room, 8 Grace Street, Crow's Nest on Thursday, September 9 and Monday and Tuesday, September 20-21 between 9am and 3pm. For information or to book for this freeservice phone 4616 6809.

### Recycle your old spectacles

Crow's Nest Lions collect old unwanted spectacles to recycle for charity. Any spectacles that are no longer of use to you can be dropped off to Crow's Nest Realty.

Notices are from events advertised in the Herald and the Advertiser. Advertisements cost from as little as \$6.50.

- Wednesday 1**
- Boys Brigade CN
  - Healthy Living Support Group CN
  - Dancing CN
  - Toowoomba Ag Show
  - Quilters Angel Birthday
  - Haden School P&C
- Thursday 2**
- Ladies bowls CN
  - Fitness classes CN
  - Joey Scouts CN
  - Boxcercise CN
  - Toowoomba Ag Show
  - Lions Club CN
  - Probus meeting HF
  - Legacy meeting CN
- Friday 3**
- Mens Network CN
  - Goombungee Indoor Bowls
  - Goombungee-Haden Show meeting
- Saturday 4**
- Pistol Club CN
  - Auction Ray White CN
  - History Group meeting CN
- Sunday 5**
- Bowls CN
  - Village Markets CN
  - Remote Control Car meeting HF
- Monday 6**
- SES meeting CN
  - Diabetes Support Group meeting CN
- Tuesday 7**
- Friendship Group CN
  - Fitness classes CN
  - Girls Brigade CN
  - 50+ fitness HF
  - Darts CN
  - Venturers HF
  - Business Alliance meeting CN
  - QCWA meeting CN

## Downlands student wins national comp

Downlands College Year 11 student, Selina Puruntatameri, from Tiwi Island, is the winner of a national art competition with Commonwealth Respite and Care Link Centre.

The theme of the competition was *What family means to me*. Selina's drawing appealed to the judges for its creative lines and her quotes.

To Selina, family means love, role models, teachers, carers, my life, my everything.

Selina was presented with a certificate and a new Ipod Nano at the Toowoomba Languages and Cultures Festival.

The winning artwork will feature on a new brochure for Commonwealth Respite and Care Link Centre. Selina was presented with her prize during the Languages and Cultures Festival at Queens Park.

Downlands students Lucinta Puruntatameri and Peterina Puruntatameri were awarded runners-up and each won a \$50 WOW Sight and Sound voucher.



Commonwealth Respite and Care Link Centre representatives Mrs Bernice Wareham and Brooke Russ presented the award to Downlands College student and winner Selina Puruntatameri.

## Carnival of Flowers needs volunteers



Floral parade - One of the many attractions needing assistance

Organisers of the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers are looking for volunteers with good local knowledge to help out with the festivities.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine has encouraged volunteers to register through the new Tourism Volunteering portal.

Mr Shine said Queensland offered extensive opportunities for people to volunteer in a range of capacities at events and tourism organisations.

"The Tourism Volunteering portal provides a central point for new and experienced volunteers to find out what opportunities are coming up in their region. It also allows organisations seeking volunteers to register and promote their tourism volunteering opportunities on the site.

"The portal is hosted by Volunteering Queensland, the State's peak body for volunteering, and is a deliverable of the Tourism Action Plan to 2012."

Mr Shine said the Carnival of Flowers

was the longest running floral festival of its kind in Australia.

"The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers is a celebration of all things Spring and features a number of food and wine events, street parades, flower displays and interactive workshops," Mr Shine said.

"Carnival organisers are seeking volunteers to help out in various capacities during the 10 days of the event," he said.

"People with a good knowledge of Toowoomba may be interested in volunteering to act as local tour guides to assist visiting coach companies and tourists find their way around the festival, and provide information on local attractions.

"The carnival's highlight, the Grand Central Floral Parade, also requires volunteers to help distribute programs, hand out chalk to children and assist groups find their way through closed off streets.

"The event will run from 17 to 26 September 17 - 26. Visit [www.tourismvolunteering.com.au](http://www.tourismvolunteering.com.au)

### Crossword Number 454

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#### ACROSS

- 2. Mention expressly
- 7. Exhibition
- 8. Floral garland
- 10. Gymnasts
- 11. Pay attention
- 13. Bodyguards
- 17. Asphyxiate
- 19. Piercing tools
- 22. Make known
- 24. Edgar Allan ...
- 25. Cotton fluff
- 26. Sideboard

#### DOWN

- 1. Yes
- 2. Fight
- 3. Coat part
- 4. Preference
- 5. Panache
- 6. Nevertheless
- 9. Egyptian deity
- 12. Ambition
- 14. Yells
- 15. Prophet
- 16. Sesame
- 17. Interchange
- 18. Asset holder
- 20. Low dam
- 21. Locality
- 23. Sign of assent

### Sudoku Number 454

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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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#### Solutions to Crossword and Sudoku No. 453

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## 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: 4698 7417.
- **BOYS BRIGADE:** Wednesday 6pm Crow's Nest Lutheran 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 1st Tuesday 6.30am Cultural Centre 0417 783 932.
- **CABARLAH SPORTS & 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 Hall 4698 1795.
- **COALBANK CITIZENS ASSN:** 4692 6154.
- **COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE:** Crow's Nest 4698 1866.
- **CRAFT AND SEWING GROUPS:** Crow's Nest: Intune Craft Group: CWA Hall Friday 9am 4698 1640. THE CRAFT NEST

- **SEWING CLUB:** Catholic Parish Centre Tuesday 9am. 4698 1493. QCWA Piece Makers: 3rd Tuesday 9am CWA Hall 4698 1581.
- **Highfields:** LOOKING GOOD Cultural Centre 1st & 3rd Monday 9:30am 4696 9835 or 4697 9026. THE DARLING GOWNS Cultural Centre 4th Thursday 9am 4639 4137. EMBROIDERERS GUILD OF QLD TOOWOOMBA BRANCH: Cultural Centre Thursday 9.30-2. 4696 8557, 4696 8959.
- **CROW'S NEST TOURIST & PROGRESS ASSN INC:** 4th Tuesday 7.30pm Community Centre 4698 2103.
- **CROWS NEST MENS NETWORK:** Friday Crow's Nest Bowls Club. 4697 9225. 4698 1454.
- **DANCE CLASSES:** Old time and new vogue 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 1.30pm CWA Hall 4698 2103. Highfields: 3rd Wednesday 10.30am 4696 8628.
- **GIRLS BRIGADE:** Crow's Nest Tuesday 3.30pm Uniting Church Hall 4697 9216.
- **GIRL GUIDES:** Highfields 0437 235 500.
- **GOLF CLUB:** Crow's Nest 4698 1408.

- **Borneo Barracks** 4696 6396.
- **Goombungee** 4696 5245.
- **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.
- **INDOOR SPORTS CENTRES:** Crow's Nest 4698 1101. Highfields 4615 5511.
- **LANDCARE:** Crows Nest Creek Catchment 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm 4698 4161, 4698 1951. Emu Creek Catchment 2nd Monday 7.30pm 4698 4748, 4698 4134. Gomaren-Doctors Creek Catchment Bi-monthly 7.30pm Goombungee CWA Hall 4630 8997.
- **LEARNING NETWORK:** Crow's Nest 4698 2237.
- **LIONS:** 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 7.30pm 4698 1291. Highfields: 3rd Thursday 7pm 0418 749 859.
- **MARKETS:** Cabarlah Markets: Last Sunday (Dec. 2nd Sunday) 7.30am 4696 8152.
- **Crow's Nest Lions Community Markets:**

- 1st Sunday 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 Carbelton Folk Museum open Thursday-Sunday and public holidays. Goombungee: Open last Saturday each month. Highfields Pioneer Village Open daily 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 4698 2867.
- **PONY CLUB:** Cabarlah 4696 7436. Crow's Nest 4698 1322, 4696 6013.
- **QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMENS ASSN:** Crow's Nest 9.30am 1st Tuesday 4698 1581. Goombungee 9.30am 1st Monday 4698 8228.
- **RAVENSBORNE SPORTING ASSN:** 4697 8132.
- **RED CROSS:** Crow's Nest Branch 2nd Friday bi-monthly 1.30pm CWA Hall 4698 1339.
- **RIFLE CLUB:** 4634 1172.
- **RSL SUB-BRANCH:** Crow's Nest 2nd Thursday bi-monthly 7pm 4698 1230. Highfields 4696 9835.
- **RURAL FIRE SERVICE:** 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. Pierces Creek-Lower Emu Creek 4698 4732. Pinelands 4698 4199. Ravensbourne-Perseverance 4697 8120, 4697 9196.
- **Scouts:** Crow's Nest Joeys, Cubs, Scouts Thursday. Venturers Tuesday 0428 728 973. Highfields 4696 7248.
- **SENIOR CITIZENS:** Crow's Nest Wednesday 9.30am Anglican Hall 4698 4163. Highfields 2nd Monday 10am Cultural Centre 4630 8642.
- **SHOW SOCIETY:** Crow's Nest Meetings: 7.30pm 2nd Friday. 2010 Show: May 6-7. Show Ball: April. 4698 2545. Goombungee 4696 6228. Cooyar 4692 6164.
- **SQUASH CLUB:** Crow's Nest 4697 9502.
- **STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE:** Crows Nest Mondays 7pm Industrial Estate building 4698 1212, 4698 1627. Goombungee
- **ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** 4698 1156, 4698 5863.
- **TABLE TENNIS:** Crow's Nest Monday 7.30pm Community Centre 4697 9525.
- **TENNIS:** Crow's Nest 4698 1056.
- **TOUCH FOOTBALL:** Highfields 0428 717 346.
- **WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE:** Tuesday Crow's Nest Bowls Club 12noon 4698 2058, 4698 1592.
- **WHERE OLD FRIENDS MEET:** Uniting Church Hall, Meringandan dan 10am 2nd Wed 4630 8790.

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## BOWLS

### Brian Ritchie fish day

**CROW'S NEST:** August 15 - Fisherman's day sponsored by Brian Ritchie. Winners A. Mutch, M. Coman and T. Bowe. Runners-up T. Gillies, L. Mutch, E. Motley and K. Williams.

August 21 - Men's club pairs - R. Weis and R. Bell d. C. Robins and G. Brady, B. Bowe and P. Coman d. T. Collins and R. Ritchie.

August 25 - Winners P. Coman, T. Egan and R. Haldane. Runners-up B. Bowe, R. Brashaw and E. Motley.

Calendar: Third Division pennant teams for Saturday, August 28 B. Bowe, A. Mutch, R. Ritchie and B. Traynor, T. Collins, D. Sandercock, P. Knowles and L. Guy, T. Gillies, C. Robins, R. Haldane and G. Baker.

Calendar: Sunday, August 29 sponsored by GJ's Shortcut Hair. Coming events: September 3 - Fortnightly bingo 7 p.m. Sunday, September 5 - Fathers' Day. Sunday, September 12 - Peranga away. All names to be on board by Wednesday, September 8. Bus leaves at 11am. - **Gary Baker.**

**LADIES:** No bowls played on Thursday due to weather conditions. Please note as from Thursday, September 2, we will be starting bowls at 12.30 p.m. Names to be in by noon. Consistency singles to be played this week. Parcel won by D. Handford. - **Del Burgess.**

## INDOOR CRICKET

### Fielders shut Raiders out

**CROW'S NEST:** August 23 - Monday night's fixture was between Esky Raiders and Fielders. Fielders made a great start of 66 by Tim and Will to see them set a target of 170.

Raiders also made a solid start, with Mark scoring 30 of 44 in his best knock of the season. Fielders came good with the ball then shut out Esky Raiders 170 to 105.

August 25 - First up were X-men and Rare Breeds. An under strength X-men batted first and struggled to make 55 runs. Best of the Breeds bowlers were Ben with four wickets, and Tony with three. It took rare breeds five overs to pass their target, ending up with 111. Joel Davie and Tony Weis set up to win with an opening stand of 42. Once again Rare Breeds looking like the team to beat.

Game two - Bears sent Stickys in to bat and quickly took control of the game. A disappointing total of 25 was all they could manage. Bears' best bowlers were Robo with four wickets and both Barney and Jake who each took three. Bears made short work of the run chase overtaking the Sticky's total in the third over. They went on to win 103 to 25. - **John Schwartz.**

## SQUASH

### Fixture results

**CROW'S NEST:** August 19 - G. Campbell 3 d. M. Woodhead (sub) 2. C. Taylor 3 d. S. Stevens 1. Kiwifruits 18 d. Nectarines 12. K. Martyr 3 d. B. Pearce (sub) 0. W. Curtis 3 d. M. Burgess 0. N. Case 3 d. K. Contessa 0. C. Blinco 3 d. A. Ibell 0. B. Walker 3 d. M. Fitch 0.

Passionfruits 18 d. Apples 13. P. Rose 3 d. B. Pearce 0. M. Pearce 3 d. G. Campbell (sub) 0. I. Beutel 3 d. P. Blinco 0. L. Blinco 3 d. C. Taylor. L. Blinco (sub) d. T. Good 1. Mangoes d. Strawberries. M. Woodhead 3 d. M. Robinson 0. A. Case 3 d. D. Sanderson 2. B. Martyr 3 d. S. Stevens 0. T. Sanderson 3 d. B. Schloss 0. The club is open Monday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Contact: Club 4698 1616 or Ian Beutel 0407 589 568 or William Gossow 0419 745 304. - **Dan Sanderson.**

## TABLE TENNIS

### Magpies win B grade cup

**CROW'S NEST:** The second round of fixtures has been completed with Perseverance (3) S. Murphy 1, G. Fisher 1 d. Crow's Nest R. Shelton 1, B. Kahler 1 B grade Magpies (E. Kahler 2, Kurt Macdonald 1 d. Parrots (2) C. Kelk 1, S. Rose 0.

Magpies have now won the B grade fixture cup. A handicap singles tournament was conducted in two groups. S. Macdonald, 7, won the first group, R. Kelk, scr, won the second group. These two players were rehandicapped. S. Macdonald won 21-19. - **Joy Bretz.**

## Blue Light

The next Blue Light Disco will be held on Friday, September 17, the Highfields Fitness and Recreation Centre in O'Briens Road.

Please note the new venue and new split times.

Primary school children from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Highschool children and teenagers from 8.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Proceeds from this disco will be donated to the Highfields Junior Football (Soccer) Club and the Highfields Junior Touch Football Club.

If any parents can assist with supervision on the night please contact Adrian Zorzi, 4631 6333.

## GOLF

### J. and L. Somerville day

**CROW'S NEST:** August 18 - Sporters. Winner K. Christensen 27. Runner-up C. Sorenson 26. Pin shots 7/16 P. Cave, R. Gardner. Putting K. Christensen 22. August 22 - Club trophy. Winner G. Campbell 45. Runner-up J. Bolitho 45. Rundown D. Sanderson 38, D. Woodley 36, D. Jenkins 36, N. Case 36, W. Dukes 36, S. Cameron 34, J. Somerville 34. Pin shots 3/12 D. Woodley, 8/17 S. Cameron.

Calendar: August 29 - TCB shield third and final round at Crow's Nest. Coming events: September 5 - J. and L. Somerville, winner and runner-up single stableford.

September 11 - Open carnival 4bbb medley stableford. September 12 - Open carnival ladies Div 1 and 2, mens A, B and C grades single stroke, pin shots and long drives.

Holden Scramble September 4 has been cancelled. - **Leo Kruger.**

### Holden Scramble

**BORNEO BARRACKS:** August 25 - Single stableford, Geoff Gunther trophy. Winner M. Burgess 43. Runner-up P. Hundt 41. Rundown B. Watkins 41, T. Trollope 40, R. Zeller 39, L. Coak 38, G. Malcolmsen 37. Pin shots 1st M. Burgess, 9th J. Thompson, 13th P. Hundt, 14th K. Mitchell, 17th R. Bourke.

August 21 - 4bbb stableford. Presidents v captains day. Winners. R. Weldon, B. Marney 48. Runners-up J. Lee, C. Reich 47. Rundown P. Hudson, C. Reich 46, C. Callaghan, J. Collins 44, W. Balderson, J.

Buckley 44. Pin shots 1st K. Brown, 9th A. Gilbert, 13th W. Balderson, 14th I. Aitchison, 17th T. Bullen.

August 22 - 36 hole foursomes championship. Winners B. Volp, J. Messer 80/78-158. Runners-up M. Burgess, B. Burgess 80/83-163. Net winners J. Coorey, M. Kearnes 134.

Junior golf winner Andrew Gardiner 32. Runner-up Tim Goddard 36. Pin shot A. Gardiner.

Coming event: Saturday, September 4 - Holden Scramble. To book a time phone the Pro-Shop on 4696 6396. - **Gary Small**

### Course undergoing renovations

**BORNEO BARRACKS LADIES:** August 24 - Single stableford event for club trophies. Winner Pat Walker 40. Runner-up Connie Harrison 36 on count back. Rundown Monika Walton 36, Dawn Lord 35, Lyn Thomas 31 on count back. Pin shots 1st (all in) Lotte Pedersen, 2nd on 17 (31 to 45) Pat Walker, pro pin

Monika Walton. The 4 ball best ball stableford, qualifying round 4 ball matchplay for trophies donated by Burstows will now be played on September 21.

There will be no competition play Tuesday, August 31, while the course is undergoing renovations. - **Dawn Lord.**

**GOOMBUNGEE:** August 22 - Bottlemart Day. Members and visitors played a 4bbb stroke for trophies donated by Meringandan Hotel, Royal Hotel Toowoomba, Grand Hotel Crow's Nest, XXXX, Carlton and Matthew Frost Perno Ricardo.

Members winners were L. McIntyre and T. Klingberg 53 net from N. and G. Abel 55 net. Rundown M. and S. Peters, C. Hall and A. Reis, S. Kajewski and D. McLeod. The Naga trophy was won by D. Maclean and H. Tills. Mens pin 3/12 S. Kajewski, 4/13 D. Cass, 8/17 L. McIntyre. Approach 1/10 D. Harper, 5/14 D. McLeod. Ladies pins 4/12 A. Cass, 8/17 L. Alexander. Approach 1/10 S. Dalziel and 3/12 A. Cass. Visitors winners were B. Phillips and M. Braun 79 gross from K. Anderson and C. Taylor 88. Rundown D. Dunn and D. Burn, J. Maunder and M. Miller and

D. Smith and M. Frost. Visitors pins 4/13 J. Maunder, 8/17 B. Phillips. Approach 1/10 D. Dunn.

August 26 - Men's single stableford for a club chook. Winner was D. Darlington 42 from A. Reis 38 and G. Skuse 38. Pin 8/17 D. Darlington. Approach 6/15 G. Kidd. Ladies single stableford for club trophy. Winner was Sh. Elfverson 29. Pin 4/13 D. Skuse and 8/17 V. Hartland. Ladies Thursday championships winner was D. Skuse, defeating K. Egan in the final on the 19th hole.

Coming events: September 2 - Thursday ladies single stroke, monthly medal and putts. Thursday men Canadian foursomes for club chook. September 4 - Members golf resumes with a single stableford for club trophies.

September 5 - Members single stableford for club trophies. - **Captain Pedro.**

## Workshops on autism

Parents and family carers of children six and under who have Autism living in regional or remote communities can now access free telephone workshops offering information and support based on the latest research.

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The workshop program has been developed by a collaboration of Australian universities and organisations with expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders and is nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.

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## Rain reduces numbers

**O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS:** August 23 - Combined yarding 220. Reduced numbers came forward for competition with good steady rain starting to fall across the Darling Downs. Only a few good cows were yarded, selling to 155.2c. No prime bullocks were yarded with the bulk of the yarding being made up of feeders, yearling trade, and store cattle.

A large panel of meatworks and store buyers were in attendance. A fair percentage of vealer steers sold to restockers and feedlot operators. Medium weight cows met stronger demand selling to 131c. Overall, the market was generally fully firm. Dairy cross bullocks sold for \$886. Angus heifers from Yarraman sold for 185.2c, 235kg, \$435 also selling Angus steers for 256kg for \$513.

Waygu cross feeder steers 342kg sold for 174.2c. Angus bulls from Haden sold for \$1009. Droughtmaster feeder heifers 359kg sold for \$592. Angus weaner steers from Valeview sold for \$613. Angus cows 551kg sold for 147.2 for \$812. Limousin heifers a/c R. and C. Yarnold sold for 171.2c, 465kg, \$796. - **Paul O'Sullivan.**

**CROW'S NEST August 23, 2010**

**CATTLE:** A total of 515 cattle sold to firm to dearer rates for export classes while young cattle eased in prices mainly due to quality on offer. Bulls 120-155.2c/kg. Bullocks 160-195.2c/kg. Heavy cows 135-155.2c/kg. Medium cows 120-134.2c/kg. Heavy heifers 150-179.2c/kg. Trade steers and heifers 170-202.2c/kg. Vealer calves 170-195.2c/kg. Restocker steers 185-217.2c/kg. Cows and calves \$770.

Highlights of the day included bullocks Acc Kuhl Farming selling to 195.2c/kg or \$1110.69. Dowling Farming sold bullocks for 180.2c/kg or \$1140. Dale MacDonald sold Brahman cross feeder steers for 177.2c/kg or \$880.

A single steer Acc Dale Macdonald sold for 212.2c/kg. The Saloman family sold Brangus feeder steers for 183.2c/kg or \$807.23.

Matthew Abraham sold Angus cross steers for 190c/kg or \$615.13. DK and CV Polzin sold Santa heifers for 179.2c/kg of \$1084.16. The Strudwick family sold Murray Grey heifers for 175c/kg or \$754.69. Trinity Farming topped the heavy cows sales with a Friesian cow selling for 154.2c/kg or \$1279.86.

KAJ Farming sold Hereford cross cows for 149.2c/kg or \$877.79. Playfields Farming sold Santa cows for 145c/kg or \$895.38. Sharon Harms sold Droughtmaster cows for 149.2c/kg and 130c/kg. In the trade section Wahroonga Farming sold Charolais cross steer calves for 199.2c/kg with Limousin cross calves selling to 201.2c/kg. DL and LA Janetzki sold Hereford cross heifers for 172.2c/kg or \$699.13.

RJ Earl sold trade Limousin Angus cross steers for 202.2c/kg. Alan Welke sold Hereford heifers for 196.2c/kg or \$528. Rob Ciesiolka sold Santa cross vealers for 188.2c/kg or \$531.67.

Graham Stark sold vealers heifers for 195.2c/kg or \$422.93. The Sheehan family sold Murray Grey cross steers for 217.2c/kg or \$727.62.

The Lovell family sold Angus cross steers for 194.2c/kg or \$592.31. Lightweight restocker calves Acc Laurie Moore sold for 209.2c/kg or \$390. B Cavanagh sold Angus cross steers for 216.2c/kg or \$472.69.

**PIGS:** 240 pigs yarded and sold. Prime pork was slightly easier as were prime bacon with backfatter sows dearer. Quality store and weaner pigs sold a shade cheaper than last week. Prime pork \$2.10-2.40, prime light bacon \$2.00-2.28, prime bacon \$1.85-2.02, boars 20c, sows 90c, forward stores \$102-130, weaners \$54-73, suckers \$40. **Errol Luck 0427 561 678**

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# Knowing exactly what "interest-free" means

As this year's footy finals draw near, passionate fans may be thinking of upgrading to a plasma TV or surround sound system to catch all the action on field.

Many large stores offer interest free deals to purchase these types of electronic goods but consumers should be careful as these deals can have high fees and costs that can leave them more out of pocket than expected.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission is helping consumers understand interest free deals. Interest free deals enable consumers to have the TV or fridge and pay for them later either by regular monthly instalments or at the end of an interest free period.

Ms Delia Rickard, ASIC's senior executive leader, consumers, advisers and retail investors said short-term benefits may sound good, but you also need to consider the long-term costs of these kinds of offers, particularly ongoing fees and potentially high interest rates.

"Before heading to the shops, read our tips about the hidden traps of interest free deals. This way your finances will stay in front, even if your team doesn't," Ms Rickard said.

Here are ASIC's top three tips for consumers when shopping with interest free: **Interest free doesn't mean fee free.** While a store may advertise 'no deposit, no interest, nothing to pay', in most cases you will still be charged fees. These could include an establishment fee, a monthly service fee and a late payment fee. Before you sign anything ask about all the fees and charges so you can work out exactly how much you will have to pay back.

**The interest rate charged could be very high.** Up to 30 per cent, compared with standard interest rates on credit cards which average between 12-20%. So always aim to repay the debt early.

**The minimum monthly payment is often not enough.** If you're paying by instalment, the minimum monthly payments suggested by the retailer who signs you up for the deal are often not enough to pay off the full purchase price before the interest-free period runs out.

**Watch out for the end of the interest free period.** Credit providers are not obligated to tell you when the interest-free period is due to run out, so you need to keep on top of this yourself. If you fail to repay the

## Oyez, oyez



Town Crier Ralph Cockle starts the grand parade at the Australian Heritage Festival at Jondaryan Woolshed.

## Looking back on first year in AFL

Highfields Lions AFL Seniors have completed their first year of competition in the Darling Downs AFL.

The Lions finished seventh overall and had a great season. Captain Zac Chimes said: "We competed really well in all our games. We had only eight players who had played AFL before this year. The others had come across from basketball and union."

"They all stuck at it and enjoyed it and we are coming together to form a strong team."

"We have now got a core group of 15-18 players who have played game in and game out. The new players improved immeasurably as the season continued."

"We finished 7th in the region out of nine teams, which was pretty good for a first season. We are now planning the pre-season and looking ahead to next year, where we will be giving it a red hot go to make the finals."

"I'd like to congratulate all the players in the Highfields Lions, especially those that have just completed their first season of AFL," he said.

"Bert Cherry and Mark Davies did a fantastic job coaching and teaching all the boys this season."

"It must have been such a difficult job having a dozen players who had never kicked an AFL ball before let alone playing."

## Business breakfast guest speaker

Deputy Mayor Paul Antonio will be guest speaker at the September meeting of Highfields Better Business.

Better Business meets at the Cultural Centre on the first Tuesday and is open to all local businesses.

RSVP by Thursday, September 2 to secretary@betterbusiness.org.au



## U3A lunch



AT a U3A lunch at La Fresco are Norm and Barbara Hughes, Toowoomba.

## Carnival float

The Crow's Nest and District Tourist and Progress Association is organising a float in this year's Carnival of Flowers floral parade on Saturday, September 18.

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