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# \$6.5m EXPANSION AT TCC

By Herald journalist KEN BALL

Toowoomba Christian College, Highfields, is spending \$6.5 million over the next two years on major building expansion and facilities.

These include a Indoor Sports Centre and a Trade

Training Centre (both funded by the Building Education Revolution), a new driveway (with assistance from the Federal Government's Capital Assistance Program), three new ovals (partially funded by the State

Government's Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program) and six new classrooms to keep up with the school's popularity and the rapid growth of Highfields.

Principal Richard Brown, pictured, said during an interview with the Highfields Herald that the School Board had responded to the increased demand for places at the school by approving the development of additional classrooms to handle the expansion of our Primary School.

"Applications for starting Prep over the next three years have exceeded our expectations, and hence we have decided to make room for this growth.

"A new two-classroom block will come on line next year and a four classroom block will be built in 2012."

Mr Brown expects a handover of keys for the new \$2 million indoor sports complex before Christmas ready for next year.

Business manager and project manager Mark Freeman said he was delighted that the project will be finished on time and on budget.

"We have been impressed with the professionalism of McNab Constructions and are thrilled with the commitment to excellence of their staff," he said.

The 1600 sq m building will allow for expansion of sporting programs with indoor basketball, soccer and netball in a facility which has been designed to international standards and which will also be available for community use.

"This Building the Education Revolution Program (Primary Schools for the 21st Century) will be a boon to the school community and we are looking forward to the benefits it will bring for our students and also the local community," Mr Freeman said.

At a cost of \$400,000 three new multi-sport fields



are also under construction to cater for more outdoor sports including touch football, rugby league, rugby union, AFL, soccer, cricket and athletics. These grounds are due to be finished in March.

A grandstand has also been added to the school's present sporting ground.

In a separate development, the school has benefited from the Federal Government's Digital Edu-

cation Revolution with the addition of fibre technology, wireless network and significant increase in the numbers of computers available to staff and students. The school will receive additional funding from the government so that the ratio of students to computers in years 9-12 will be 1:1.

Of the 2010 Year 12 graduates, in the past two years, 20 per cent have completed certificate

courses, 45 per cent received competencies in one certificate or more, 25 per cent have successfully completed at least one university subject and 25 per cent have either started or completed a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship.

Mr Brown believes the school's success is built on the traditions and teachings of the Christian faith and education relevant to today's society and culture.

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## Local history display at Cobb & Co

Two Toowoomba Local History Library collections will be displayed at Cobb & Co Museum from December 4 to January 9. Photos and catalogues from family retail business Pigott's will be shown. Items from the Marie Rowley Collection will detail the World War II exploits of the Toowoomba servicewoman. The Museum is at 27 Lindsay St. Entry is free for regional residents.

### IN BRIEF

#### Carols at Peacehaven Park

Share the festive spirit at Carols at Peacehaven Park, Kuhls Road, Highfields on Sunday, December 12. Gates open at 5pm with entertainment and community singing from 6pm followed by fireworks at 8pm. International performer John Townsend and district musician Leisa Johnston will lead the singing. Burgers and drinks will be on sale. The Highfields Cultural Centre will be the wet weather venue.

#### Community Information Directory

The Toowoomba Regional Community Information Directory (CID) is a free online listing facility for everything from hobbies to health, education to environment. To register your organisation, go to council's website [www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au](http://www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au) and follow the link on the right-hand side.

#### Final council meetings for 2010

The final Committee of Council meeting for the year will be held at 9am on Wednesday, December 8, at City Hall. The final Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 9am on Tuesday, December 14. For more information please phone 4688 6356.

#### Call the graffiti hotline

Help clean up illegal graffiti by calling the Graffiti Busters hotline on 4659 0042. Private residents and business owners across the region can report graffiti to the hotline and the call will be referred to the authority responsible for the affected property. Messages and contact details can be left on the answering service after hours.

#### Compulsory pet registration

Dogs and cats must be registered with council by the time they are three months old. New owners of animals older than three months have two weeks to register their pet. Discounted registration is offered for animals that are desexed, upon presentation of proof of desexing. Other discounted registration is offered for puppies and kittens, cats or dogs owned by pensioners, obedience-trained dogs and qualified guide dogs. For more information phone 4637 7111.

#### Do the right thing when recycling

Eliminate waste contamination by placing the correct materials in your recycling compartment or yellow recycling bin. Paper, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans, glass bottles and plastic marked with the recycling symbol can be recycled. Items for the general waste bin include plastic bags, crockery, nappies, kitty litter, kitchen scraps, clothing, pyrex and ovenware.

#### Annual Report adopted

The 2009/10 TRC Annual Report (with financial statements) was adopted by council on November 16. To view a copy, visit [www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/annualreport](http://www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au/annualreport)

#### After hours emergencies

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

## WORKS PROJECTS

**Bunya Mountains Highway (Maclagan)** – Shoulder grading.

**Charlotte/Curnow sts (Crows Nest)** – Linemarking when weather permits; minor disruption to parking.

**Oakey - Cooyar Rd (10km north of Oakey)** – Widening and rehabilitation works, delays up to 10 minutes.

**Highfields Rd** – Rehabilitation and asphalt overlay works; delays up to 10 minutes.

**Merrol St, Kuhls Rd, Borghardt Rd (Highfields)** – Resurfacing and night works.

**Meringandan-Shirley Rd and School Rd (Meringandan)** – Intersection reconstruction works; delays of up to 10 minutes.

**School Rd (Meringandan)** – Reconstruction and car park construction; road closed to through traffic.

**Road maintenance activities** – Maintenance grading and gravelling on various roads throughout the district. Care should be taken when travelling through any roadworks.

*Council regrets any inconvenience caused by these works.*

## MEDIUM LEVEL WATER RESTRICTIONS

**34.7%**  
Dam levels

Weekly rainfall (to Friday 9am)

Cooby 11.0 mm  
Cressbrook 21.0 mm  
Perseverance 26.0 mm

Average weekly evaporation 26.8 mm

Residential Water Use (for users connected to Toowoomba city's water supply)



## 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.

## Coal gas industry oversight

The urgent formation of an independent authority to oversee the coal seam gas industry has been demanded by the State Opposition as part of an overhaul of State laws to protect water resources and land in the Surat and Bowen basins.

The LNP strongly opposed the Bligh government's amendments to the Water and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2010 in Parliament last week appointing the Water Commission to oversee underground water issues in the gasfields.

Protection of underground water is critical and needs to be totally independent from the government.

We pushed the Minister to see reason for a Gasfields Land and Water Authority that would comprise leaders from local landholder

groups and councils to ensure that communities across the gasfields could have absolute confidence in the administration of new laws being introduced to regulate the CSG industry.

Unfortunately, Minister Robertson ignored the call, but the LNP will continue to push the Bligh government to see reason.

Local community leaders know the area better than anyone else.

They know the issues and they should be involved in overseeing the rapid expansion of this industry.

Independent scrutiny is the only way we can have any confidence in the regulations and we are not going to get that from a water commission based in Brisbane.

Minister Robertson had no argument on five key

points demanded by the LNP and all but agreed to see amendments (to the Water and Other Legislation Bill 2010) brought in when Parliament resumed next year.

LNP members strongly argued and moved 14 amendments to the WOLA Bill and the Bligh government had no arguments against key points covering:

- \* Better access to information for landholders;

- \* Baseline yield assessments for water bores including sustainable yield; and

- \* Strengthening the position of landholders in regards to gas companies reporting impacts on water bores and meeting their 'make-good' obligations. - **Jeff Seoney, Shadow Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy.**

## Missed opportunity

With the current upgrading of Highfields Road, it makes me wonder if an opportunity has been missed by not including designated cycling lanes in the process.

Highfields as a community is home to a large number of cyclists already plus a even more who travel around and through our area throughout the week.

Added to this is the commute between the Highfields Village Area and the local primary school.

Indeed the New England Highway could have catered for a cyclist lane during its reconstruction.

Highfields should take the lead in being cycle friendly and promoting a healthier lifestyle by encouraging people to get out through the week or on the week-ends on a bike.

I know there are those who say cyclists do not pay registration and therefore have no say on main

roads spend, however most cyclist are indeed motorists and do pay registrations some times even multiple registrations.

One wonders if there were a cyclist highway, as there now is in Copenhagen, between Highfields and Toowoomba how many daily commuters would perhaps change from motor vehicles to a cycle.

Certainly would help the environment. - **Heath Mengel, Highfields.**

## Preparing for bushfire season

The end of the year draws closer and as the cycle of pre-Christmas activities whirls ever faster it is easy to forget that the weather is heating up and summer is well on its way.

For the two million Australians who live in rural or urban fringe areas, summer means bushfires and the prepare to survive message is being loudly promoted yet again.

While cutting the grass and clearing up around our properties is vital bushfire preparation, author Danielle Clode stresses that mental preparation is just as important, but often overlooked.

The author of *A Future in Flames*, Dr Clode was also a researcher for Victoria's Country Fire Authority around the time of the Black Saturday fires, studying how people prepare psychologically for bushfires.

"When we are faced with a life threatening disaster like a bushfire, our minds tend to freeze up and we can't think straight," she said.

"Unless we have a well prepared and well practised plan, we won't know what to do in a bushfire," Dr Clode said.

"This is why we have fire drills and evacuation training in city buildings.

"People who live in bush areas need to practice their plans too, to make sure they work, and so that they know what to do automatically when there is a fire."

*A Future in Flames* explores Australia's history of bushfires and what we have learnt,

or not learnt, from past fires. Dr Clode uses her scientific training as an ecologist and psychologist to understand how we react to fires, and what we need to do to keep ourselves safe.

Her book is a personal journey too, as she describes her own experience preparing for fires on a bush block in the foothills of the Kinglake Ranges. She was fortunate that the Black Saturday fires narrowly missed her property, but the experiences of nearby friends and neighbours on that day have forced her to rethink her own bushfire strategies. She knows how hard it is sometimes to prepare for fires.

"Property preparation is a constant task, but in some ways the personal preparation is even harder. I'd rather not think about bushfires. They aren't nice at all. I don't want to practise turning on the pump and sprinklers, backing up my computers, making sure our packs are ready and plans are in place to leave early, or to stay and defend."

But imagining the worst, and planning for it, may very well be the thing that saves your life, when your worst nightmares come true. Danielle Clode lives on a bush block in the fire-prone foothills of the Kinglake Ranges. She is a researcher at the University of Melbourne who has held a number of prestigious fellowships, and is an award-winning author of Australian natural history. (MUP RRP \$34.99 Publication date February 1, 2011.

## Bad behaviour and damage mars disco

Almost 1000 children, 978 to be precise, attended the Highfields Blue Light Disco at the Sport and Recreation Centre on Friday night.

However, Snr Const. Adrian Zorzi said there were a few incidents of fights between children and damage was caused to two windows and security screens in the men's shower area.

An Ipod mobile phone was reported lost or stolen. These incidents have been reported and will be investigated by police.

Snr Const Zorzi said this sort of

behaviour would not be tolerated and persons found to be behaving improperly, fighting, stealing and damaging property will be excluded from further discos.

Snr Const Zorzi thanked all the parent and police helpers, 28 in all, who assisted with the supervision of the children.

Details of the donation of proceeds to Mary MacKillop School and the Highfields Scouts will be announced after discussion with Zac Chimes at the sports centre to see what payment for damages is required.

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# Belief in potential of Highfields

After the official opening of his new 1000 sq m hardware store on Saturday, owner Craig Stibbard was able to sit back and reflect on the "old days."

"It's just over 15 years since we opened our first store here in Highfields.

"I was the sole staff member and it was a very modest beginning.

"But all the way I have believed in Highfields and its potential growth so I stuck with it knowing that it would work."

And work it did indeed. Craig's Highfields Home Hardware store now has a staff of 16 and he estimates his latest investment in the new super store at over \$1.25m.

"It has been a huge investment and a lot of hard work but today I know more than ever that my initial hunch was right and Highfields has boomed."

Finding a spanner in his previous store was hard work and the shop was bursting beyond capacity and only Craig and his obliging staff knew where all the stock was located.

The new store is a joy to shop in with wide aisles and clear signage overhead to direct buyers to the spanners, or any of the other stock he used to carry or the 600 new lines.



A bird's-eye view of the new store.



Brendon Murphy sets up the new power tools range.

The store was officially opened by Kerry Shine MP for Toowoomba and a festive atmosphere prevailed all day with barbecues, giveaways, fire brigade demonstrations and a visit by Gold Coast Titans Nathan Friend and Ashley Harrison.

## Tavern break-in

Alarms reported a break-in at the Highfields Tavern, pictured, shortly after midnight last Monday.

Toowoomba police were aware that a Brisbane-based gang is targeting venues with poker machines and responded accordingly.

At 12.28 a.m. a Dog Squad officer who was first on the scene reported that external burglar alarms had been tampered with and he could hear sounds from inside the tavern.

Soon after he reported that he had an alleged offender in custody inside the tavern and another had decamped.

The officer informed po-



lice communications that the person had, it will be alleged, been in possession of a large screwdriver and had thrown a bottle at him. The Dog Squad officer reported that the offender in custody had been tasered and bitten.

Other units joined the search for a person who fled the scene in a nearby paddock and a vehicle was located which is thought to have been involved. Police are continuing to search for other persons.

**TWBA CAROLS CANCELLED:** The Mayoral Carols by Candlelight due to be held last Sunday in Queen's Park, Toowoomba, were cancelled due to wet weather. The decision to cancel was made

after discussion between Mayor Peter Taylor, co-ordinator Russ Wilson from 4GR, sponsor Heritage Building Society and event organiser Isaac Moody. Cr Taylor said the ground in Queen's Park was very wet.

## Christmas - bad for asthma

The National Asthma Council Australia is warning Australians with asthma to approach Christmas with caution as the season's many hidden asthma triggers could be enough to start you wheezing.

According to the council, Christmas this year could be particularly problematic with the hay fever season lingering due to recent rains and a prolonged grass growing season and widespread thunderstorm activity, which can stir up pollen in the air, increasing its potency.

Even the humble Christmas tree, real or fake, can harbour hidden asthma triggers.

Kristine Whorlow, National Asthma Council Australia chief executive officer said most people were unaware that cypress and pine trees produced high amounts of pollen which could trigger hay fever symptoms and asthma, especially when the trees were displayed indoors.

"Artificial trees may seem like a safe alternative, but these trees are often used year after year and they can accumulate dust and even mould in storage and both of these are common asthma triggers."

To minimise the Christmas wheeze, the National Asthma Council Australia recommends vacuuming artificial trees and decorations as you get them out of the box, unpacking them outside if possible and wiping down artificial trees before putting them up inside.

Other potential triggers that are likely to be encountered during the festive season include dusty decorations, highly scented candles and extremes of emotions including stress and laughter.

"If you have asthma it's important to be aware of your asthma triggers and avoid them if possible. You should also continue to follow the personal written asthma action plan that you have developed with your doctor," Kristine Whorlow advised.

**PRAWNS FOR CHRISTMAS**

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• **EVENT ORGANISERS** •  
Will be based next to the eagle in the centre of the carpark.

• **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE** •  
Please walk directly across to the vacant land beside the new hardware store and await further instruction.

• **QUESTIONS ON THE NIGHT** •  
Organisers and participants will be wearing Block Party lanyards. Please feel free to approach any of these people if you need assistance. They will be able to direct you to the most appropriate person.

*Most of all - stay safe and enjoy yourselves!*

# Leaders come from all walks of life

Text from Lucy Hanson's audio piece for Heywire

Parliament, politics and polls.

That's a stereotypical view of leadership. But honestly, what is leadership?

In rural and remote Queensland, there are leaders everywhere you turn.

They may not have a large entourage, big ears or a pointy nose and definitely not a regular spot on the ABC 7.30 Report.

But these are the people who continue to push our nation forward and sow the seeds that will nurture future generations. They are the leaders of the land.

Through school captaincy and volunteering, I have had a taste of leadership.

However, more recently, I have taken a step back and peered into the heart and soul of my home town of Crow's Nest in Queensland and found true leaders.

On the second Friday of every month, I watch as the

leaders of our local show work together to showcase the best of what our region has to offer.

Even the local paper has a reminder that leaders can come from all walks of life.

Our local butcher provides top quality meat but, as a former drama teacher, is really involved in the Crow's Nest Arts Council.

This year he's a co-director and they're getting ready to perform two comedies.

The busy CWA ladies sew blankets and clothes for the disadvantaged, and lead others to do the same.

I patiently wait in the local doctor's surgery, and observe the great lengths to which rural doctors and nurses take to ensure positive health and well being for all.

On our town's special day, Crow's Nest day, I relish the motivational and guiding sound of the local

commentator and MC. He's a man who owns a native flower business, among other interests, but is always there to encourage young people to get involved and to be proud of their rural background.

And as I write a letter to the editor about the Cathedral Drive road upgrade, I acknowledge the leaders in the community who fight for safe roads.

It is these extraordinarily ordinary people in rural communities who demonstrate leadership and the endless possibilities that can be achieved.

Yes, I may be slightly biased, but many of the great ideas that have shaped our

nation have originated from the bar of the local pub, the playgrounds of the rural schools and the splintered, wooden rails of the local saleyards.

But, who is there to pass on these ideas, to transform a conversation into policy?

I think it's the kids from the sticks, who are usually seen and not heard.

Thanks to their genuine and honest upbringing and large involvement in their local community. I believe the youth of rural Queensland can one day represent the leaders of the land.

• Lucy was named one of 33 regional winners in the ABC Radio youth initiative Heywire. She will travel to Canberra in February for the Heywire Youth Issues Forum at the Australian Institute of Sport.



LUCY HANSON  
Leaders of the land

# St Ursula's graduates



Nicole Smith, daughter of Wendy Kanowski, and Jessica Smoothy have graduated from St Ursula's College. They both attended Crow's Nest State School until starting at St Ursulas in 2006.

# Bursary winner



Emily Ripps receives the Crow's Nest-Cooyar Masonic bursary from Mr Frank Thichterner from the Crow's Nest-Cooyar Masonic Lodge at the school awards night.

# Abbie Lane's first birthday

Abbie Lane co-owner Sally Haywood couldn't believe her eyes when she arrived early to open the complex on Saturday, November 27.

People were already arriving to celebrate the centre's first anniversary.

She said the response continued all day as hundreds of people thronged through Abbie Lane to join in the celebrations.

The whole complex was decorated with balloons and a carnival atmosphere prevailed over the 3000 sq m attraction.

A huge birthday cake was cut at 11 a.m. and shared by all customers during the day.

Sally and her co-owners



Tommy Ruddy, 4, Highfields, faces up to artist Sharyn Matthews. - Ken Ball photo.

Steve Haywood, with Trevor and Janet Rochford

were happy to join in the celebrations also as the day marked a year since they had crossed a number of hurdles

that delayed the eventual opening last year.

All seven businesses in the complex reported a boom day as the celebrations continued.



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# Consider volunteering

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A viable option is to consider voluntary work. Apart from benefiting others by offering your skills and time, you'll gain valuable work experience and give your resume a boost.

Volunteer work is stimulating and rewarding and a great entry into an organisation. Apart from allowing you to develop your ability, it shows prospective employers you're determined to succeed, even if you have to start at the bottom.

Volunteers don't always work for purely philanthropic reasons, so don't feel guilty about undertaking voluntary work to improve your chances of paid employment.

Volunteer work will provide you with: \* The chance to think laterally about your skills. \* The opportunity to network. \* The opportunity to use and develop your communication and interpersonal skills. \* Motivation, enthusiasm and confidence. \* Actual work experience in a work environment, and \* The opportunity to explore career options before making a commitment.

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# Heritage grant prompts interest on robotics

Mary MacKillop students are using LEGO robotics, thanks to Heritage Community Branch, Highfields, PCCN, Mary MacKillop P and F and the Year 7 Project Club.

Robotics include building a Lego based robot with sensors, that is able to be computer programmed to complete tasks. The students completed challenges with the ability to move through levels of increasing complexity. Each challenge includes using sound and sensors and controlling other robots through Bluetooth technology.

Student comments: "We are learning technology at the same time. It gives us an insight into how modern technology works through

something that is really fun." - Sean McLennan.

"I like them because you can build your own robot and program them to move." - Dean Bruhn.

"I liked robotics because they were fun to program and everyone got to have a go." - Anna Lynch.

"We are grateful to the PCCN and Heritage Building Society for the wonderful learning opportunities we have had from the use of robotics." - Year 7 captain Rachael Ryan.

The robotics kits will continue to be used by Year 7 students at Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary. Kits will also be used as a support tool to assist with hands on learning. - **Contributed.**



Joseph Patterson Patrick Ruane and Westley Simmons



Rachel Ryan, Tegan Crighton and Georjia Elliot

## Putting Crow's Nest on the map



International orienteers Julia Davidsson, Goran Davidsson, Annika Davidsson, Kjell Nilsson, Louise-Marie Nilsson study their maps after completing the courses at Myers Lookout.

## Govt extends ClimateSmart savings for two years

The State Government bill-busting ClimateSmart Home Service has been extended for another two years.

Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine has encouraged residents to take advantage of the service so they too could start slashing their power bills and make big cuts to their carbon emissions.

Mrs Shine said 2108 residents in Toowoomba North already had the service completed and are making big cuts to their power and water bills.

"Collectively, they are already saving \$737,800 a year on power bills, and 5270 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions, enjoying the benefits having the ClimateSmart Home Service and are making substantial savings every day.

"Every dollar counts and the Home Service is one way households can reduce their bills and their emissions."

Mr Shine said funding for the program was due to be exhausted by December this year.

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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:** Mocalta 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. Friday. 717 Focus. Home 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.

\* From January 1 the Vigil Mass will be celebrated only on the first and third Saturdays each month at 6 pm. Morning Masses - Crow's Nest 8 am. Haden 10 am on the first and third Sundays, Goombungee 10 am on the second and fourth Sundays. Fifth Sunday Masses Haden January and July, Goombungee May and October.

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**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 10.00am. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec 8.00am. 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 9.30am.

**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.

**Govrie 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](http://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.

\*Meringandan-Highfields Uniting Church Christmas Day Saturday, December 25, service 8 a.m.

**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.

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## Rotary youth driver awareness program



Students watch a stopping distance demonstration at Oakey show grounds.



Combined Rotary Clubs presented the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program to students of Mount Lofty State High School, at Oakey Showgrounds on Wednesday, November 24.

It was the third time that the program had been presented on the Darling Downs in 2010, having been

presented previously in 2009. Thus far the program has been presented to nearly 400 students, from four local high schools.

In July 2000, the Hills district of Sydney suffered a devastating loss when four teenage boys lost their lives in a horrendous car crash. The accident occurred at

what is considered to be a mild bend in the road when the car, driven by a 17-year-old who had held his provisional licence for just three weeks, veered onto the wrong side of the road and collided with a four-wheel drive.

The car holding the teenagers, which police estimate to have been travelling at 110 kilometres per hour in a 60 kilometre per hour zone, was virtually torn in two.

Shocked by the senseless loss of such young lives, the Hills Rotary clubs set out to help avoid a repetition of this appalling accident in a practical way by establishing and sponsoring a youth driver awareness program.

A public meeting was held in August 2000 where local Rotary clubs, the Salvation Army, the RTA, local police, councils, schools, businesses, Road Safety offices and community groups were well represented.

Also attending the meeting was Rotarian, Bruce Angus who had successfully run a small country focused driver awareness program in the Wingecarribee area called "U-Turn the Wheel."

A committee was formed to develop and adopt a suitable program for roll-out in Sydney.

The curriculum and session plans were carefully constructed in close collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, the Department of Transport, the Police Depart-

ment, the Department of Health and the Department of Fair Trading.

The six session program was introduced in the beginning of 2001 at the Honda Australia Roadcraft training site in St Ives, Sydney. More than 1200 Year 11 students from six schools in the Hills area attended the program in its inaugural year.

Now over 150,000 students have participated in the RYDA program, held in venues across Australia.

At the beginning of 2009 local Rotary clubs formed the Rotary Darling Downs RYDA committee, and preparations began to offer the program to all high schools on the Darling Downs, and Gatton. Local resolve was strengthened by the dreadful accident at Highfields.

In that year, with the support of a grant from NRMA, the program was run at the Oakey soccer grounds, using soccer club facilities and a couple of large tents.

Council and police support allowed the closure of Hamlyn Road for the braking distance demonstrations. RYDA was presented to students from three high schools.

In 2010 RYDA moved to Oakey showgrounds. Four high schools attended, and the program ran for three days. In 2011 two more high schools will attend, and the program will also be presented at Dalby. - **To be continued.**

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# Peacehaven carols expected to draw big crowd

This year's Carols at Peacehaven Park in Highfields on Sunday, December 12, is set to break all records with organisers predicting a crowd of 2000 people attending.

This is 300 more than the 1700 that joined the event last year.

One of the new drawcards this year will be two guest performers, appearing for the first time at the annual event. Gospel singer John Townsend, who has performed throughout Australia, Philippines, Solomon Islands and USA, will be guest star during the evening.

He has recorded four CDs, some in Nashville, Tennessee, and now resides on the Darling Downs.

Apart from performing gospel songs, John says he is an ordinary guy who loves to sing the songs of the 1960s.

Joining him in the evening's entertainment line-up will be Leisa Johnston, the former lead singer of a local band, who now teaches Kindermusik, a music and movement program for children birth to 7 years old, in Highfields.



Carols: Traditional Christmas story.

Host for the spectacular evening will be Daniel Sercombe from WIN TV.

Carols at Peacehaven has grown as a joint effort of the Highfields District Community Carols Committee, Friends of Peacehaven Park and the Toowoomba Regional Council.

Committee spokesperson Mandee Anderson said gates for the evening at Peacehaven Park will open at 5 p.m. to cater for the crowd, with food, drinks and entertainment and community carol singing starting at 6 p.m.

"We are focusing on traditional Christmas story and the birth of Christ this year. Glow candles and light

sticks will be for sale which will create a festive atmosphere.

"This year we are handing out wrapped lollies to the children as they come through the gates with their family.

Gold coin donations would be appreciated and our volunteers will collect on entry to carols only this year. "We urge everyone to bring a blanket or a chair to sit on as the entertainment and singing will continue right up until the fireworks spectacular at 8 p.m."

Sponsors are Heritage Building Society, Cranbrook Press, Highfields Mechanical, Downs Auto Electrix and Bus Queensland.

# Child safety at home

The Office of Fair Trading has launched a four-minute DVD called Climb, tumble, fall: Steps to furniture safety.

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The film is available to download or a free copy can be ordered from the Fair Trading website [www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au).

Other campaigns include blind cord and bunk bed safety.

The blind cords campaign focuses on the risks associated with blind cords and curtain cords and how they can strangle a young child.

The bunk bed safety campaign focuses on parents and care givers who are about to make a decision about moving children from cots to beds.

Children under four are the highest risk injury group associated with bunk beds. - Kerry Shine MP.

# Highfields Road is coming together



The \$1.180m upgrade to Highfields Road came a step closer to completion last week when road marking crews began work. The works began in September and were scheduled to be completed by Christmas but are now ahead of that timeline. Motorists and residents have hailed the improved road which was suffering from increased traffic and the increasing density of population. Toowoomba Regional Council and Boral Bitumen have thanked residents for their patience during the project which often goes 24 hours a day to complete the bitumen work. - Ken Ball.

**TICK ALERT:** The Australian Veterinary Association has advised that with higher than average rainfall, this is proving to be one of the worst tick seasons on record.

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# Youth theatre workshops

The inaugural year for the Empire Theatre Projects Company's term-based Youth Theatre workshops continues these holidays with workshops in January.

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### Campdraft draws 280 riders

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The event was well supported by locals and travelling competitors.  
There had been the perfect amount of rain the night before to ensure the grounds were in tiptop condition.  
280 started in the first round of the novice competition. Local riders Lachlan Barnes and CNPC rider Jade Edmonstone made it into the 39 horse final.  
Unfortunately both failed to post a good score and fell just short of a top 10 final placing.  
Final placings were: Felicity Forsyth (Trilby) 166 1, Karl Burton (Country Girl) 161 2, Mal Barret (Spirit) 160 3, Peter Hill (Miss Kestrel) 158 4, Kate Smith (Workalot Stomp) 157 5, Gordon Bayles (Lethal Ruby), Jyè Banks (Maddy), equal 6, Cec Sullivan (X Ray) 105 8, Wayne Darr (Expected Black Betty) 104 9, Jason Bischof (Acres Reno) 103 10.  
The day raised \$8000.

The club thanks all volunteers who toiled away in the yards, the scorers, timekeepers, announcers, canteen staff, tractor drivers and those who attended the working bees beforehand. We also acknowledge the PCCN and Heritage Building Society Crow's Nest branch for their sponsorship as well as Leichts CIA and Meats and More.  
Thanks go to Peter Bradley for judging for the entire day and for his work leading up to the event. Thanks also to the Crow's Nest Show Society for allowing us to use their grounds and facilities. The feedback was extremely positive and the club is currently investigating options to run another event in 2011.  
The first Pony Club rally and sign-up day is February 6 at 9 a.m. The annual gymkhana, now a two-day event will be held in August with a pony club campdraft on the Saturday and gymkhana on the Sunday. We will also hold monthly rally days with a mix of our usual instructors, visiting instructors and equine industry representatives.

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Peter's first two matches went the distance and he won them convincingly by dominating his opponents with huge body slam takedowns and good wrestling skills.  
Peter entered the finals confidently, but came up short losing his next match via guillotine choke.  
"Peter is very strong in this weight division, and he fights aggressively. With a bit more experience, and a few more fights under his belt, he is going to be very hard to beat," trainer James McKay said.

## CRICKET

### Sunday matches

**CENTRAL DOWNS:** November 28 - This week's round of fixtures in the Central Downs cricket saw wins to Bowenville, Oakey and Nobby.

**Southbrook v Bowenville:** Bowenville batted first and were 8/218 at the end of their 50 overs. R. Lobo 43, C. Morgan 43, S. Glenn 27 and B. Thompson 23 were the best with the bat for Bowenville. Bowling well for Southbrook were T. Cullen 4/49/8, J. Connolly 2/29/10 and N. Balzer 2/19/3.

In reply, Southbrook were all out in the 49th over, just falling short of victory with 211 runs. T. Cullen 65, L. McGinn 42 and C. Smyth 24 batted well. For Bowenville, S. Glenn 3/34/8, D. Donaldson 2/33/10 and B. Thompson 2/15/7 bowled their team to victory.

**Oakey v Emu Creek:** Emu Creek won the toss and sent Oakey in to bat. The home side posted a score of 9/268 after their 50 overs, with R. Smith 106 n.o., K. Charles 47 and J. Brown 30 making valuable runs. Bowling well for Emu Creek were R. Maddern 4/36/10 and K. Perry 2/30/10.

In reply, N. Case 61, S. Gleeson 55 and K. Perry 36 were the main scorers. Oakey bowled well to have Emu Creek all out in the 47th over for 199 runs. K. Charles 3/20/10, D. Austin 2/3/2 and P. Dickson 1/1/1 were the pick of the Oakey bowlers.

**Millmerran v Nobby:** Millmerran batted first and were 9/308 at the completion of their 50 overs. B. French 77, M. Hollis 67 and C. Harber 43 batted well. For Nobby, R. Pauli 1/32/10 and P. Comerford 5/43/10 were the best of the bowlers. S. Graham 141 and C. Gillam 130 laid the foundations for Nobby in their run chase. In the 48th over Nobby posted the winning score at 5/311. J. McCullough was Millmerran's best bowler with 2/24/6.

Calendar: December 5 - Second round of representative matches with the Davis and Mitchell Shield teams for Central Downs playing Warwick. The Davis Shield game will be held in Oakey and the Mitchell Shield match will be at the Southbrook sports ground. - **Contributed.**

## SPEEDWAY

### World Series Sprints

The World Series Sprints cars were recently in action with around 30 cars competing. Drivers from the USA and most Australian States were there. It was a cool night with a large crowd and the racing was fast and hotly contested.

The final will be held in Perth after 19 more races are held all over Australia. The A Main was won by Robbie Farr with local driver Cameron Gessner 2 and Matthew Reed, North Queensland 3.

For the first time in a while, production cars lined up for a Holden versus Ford contest which resulted in a very close contest with Holden gaining the most points on the night.

Heat one: Ford's Luke Hollyman and Lee Volk 1 and 2 and Holden's Shane Macdonald 3. Heat 2: Holden's Nathan Macdonald 1, Ford's Lee Volk 2 and Luke Hollyman 3. Heat 3: Ford's Dennis Bullpit 1, Shane Macdonald 2, Dennis Bullpit 3. Heat 4a: Holden's Nathan Mac-

donald and Robert Trapp 1 and 2, Dennis Bullpit 3. Heat 4b: Robert Trapp 1, Nathan Macdonald 2, Shane Macdonald 3.

The A Main was a 20 lap feature with Nathan Macdonald trying really hard to get past Dennis Bullpit but had to accept second place after a number of unsuccessful attempted passes. Dennis Bullpit 1, Nathan Macdonald 2, Shane Macdonald 3.

Formula 500s also raced with local first time driver Daniel Welke getting into the action.

With a bit more work on the car he should be up with the main drivers in the future. Charlie Brown won the A Main, with brothers Nathan and Mick Pronger 2 and 3. - **Contributed.**

## LIVESTOCK

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**O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS:** November 29 - Combined yarding 645.  
Increased this week saw a very mixed yarding. There was a good supply of bullocks, cows and feeder cattle. We saw bullocks improve by up to 4c kg while cows sold to a firm market. Prime butcher trade once again was well sought after with additional trade buyers present. As always, a regular panel of meatworks and store buyers were in attendance with additional support from southern buyers, re-stockers and feedlot operators.

Wood Mechanical sold quality Hereford weaner heifers for 205.2c for \$521. Calbrook P/S sold Charolais steers for \$930. Dianne Turner sold Murray Grey heifers for 202.2c. D. and N. Sander sold Brahman cross cows for 163.2c. G. S. B. Jerrard and Co, Robinson Creek, Taroom, sold a draft of Droughtmaster cross steers grain assisted for 194c, 594kg, \$1153 also selling Droughtmaster cows for 59.6c for \$893.

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## GOLF

### Noel Cox trophies

**CROW'S NEST:** November 28 - XXXX Breweries single stroke. Winner D. Jenkins 65 net, second D. Woodley 68 net, third R. Burgess 68 net. Rundown L. Kruger 69, J. Somerville 69, B. Cox 70, J. Svensson 70. Pin shots 3/12 R. Gardner, 8/17

### Break-up day

**BORNEO BARRACKS LADIES:** November 30 - Single stableford competition for trophies donated by Charm Powell. Winner Chris Tannock 38, second Jan Little 37 on a count back from Fay Wood. Pin shots 1st (all in) Chris Tannock, 4th on 3rd (31-

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Rundown J. Langton and D. Ley and R. and J. Klingberg.

Ladies winners gross and net S. Dalziel and L. Alexander 88 gross and 69½ net from G. Abel and A. Cass 95, net A. Norris and J. Wieck 72½.

Mens team pin 4/13/22 A. Reis and P. McDonald, 8/17/26 I. Maclean and G. Skuse.

## BOWLS

### Advertiser shield - all welcome

**CROW'S NEST:** November 26 - Friday Night Bowls. Winners Gary Baker, Robert Campbell and Alan Greenwood. Runners-up Ron Richie, Selwyn Stark and Brian Gleeson.

The new format (two games of eight ends each) is proving popular with most players and has provided a fresh approach to the Friday twilight calendar.

November 28 - Burstows day. Winners Paddy Knowles, Von Gillies, Vi Horsby and Bill Edger. Runners up Chris Robins, George Brady, Alan Greenwood and Kev Little.

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Fortnightly bingo Friday, December 10. Eyes down at 7 p.m.

Coming events: Sunday, December 12 - Advertiser shield, last social competition for 2010. More details soon. Why not give it a go and end the 2010 season with a win.

The president again sincerely thanks the small but dedicated crew who regularly volunteer to roll and mow the green, and mow the surrounds and grounds. Your help is as always much appreciated. - **Gary Baker.**

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2010**

**CATTLE:** An increased yarding of 808 cattle sold to dearer rates for all classes due to increased buyer competition. Bulls sold from 140-167.2c/kg. Bullocks sold from 184-193.2c/kg. Highlights included bullocks ex Millmerran selling for 189.2c/kg or \$1187.91. Stenzil Farming sold bullocks for 190.2c/kg or \$1144.77. Bullocks ex Highland Plains sold for 193.2c/kg or \$1195.43. Piffsworth bullocks sold for \$1241.05. Heavy steers also sold to strong rates with a line of Brahman steers selling to 179.2c/kg or \$830. Shorthorn steers ex Goondiwindi sold to 183.2c/kg or \$1036. Peter Briskey sold Hereford steers for 187.2c/kg or \$823.68. The Tyson family sold steers for 184.2c/kg or \$930.21. Heavy heifers ex Goondiwindi sold to 184.2c/kg or \$841.56. Charolais cross heifers ex Geham sold for 182.2c/kg or \$692.36. Andrew Jackson sold Hereford heifers for 187.2c/kg or \$698.88. Export heifers ex Taroom sold for \$852.39. Heavy cows sold from 150-165.2c/kg. Medium cows 130-149.2c/kg. Red Angus cows ex Jondaryan sold for 157.2c/kg or \$1021.80. Charolais cross cows ex Millmerran sold for 165.2c/kg or \$1057.88. Friesian dairy culls ex Westbrook sold for 145.2c/kg or \$1123.49. GM and PD Gordon from Clifton sold Murray Grey cross cows for 152.2c/kg or \$1027.35. A line of charolais cross cows ex Roma sold to \$1044.40. Trade steer calves AC DL and LA Janetzki sold for 207.2c/kg or \$759.73. Trade steers ex Geham sold for 200c/kg or \$702. Trade heifers ex Goondiwindi sold to 199.2c/kg or \$670.94. Heifer calves ex Kulpi sold for 197.2c/kg. Steer calves ex Oakey sold for 208.2c/kg or \$978.54 to the butcher trade. Vealer calves sold from 190-233.2c/kg. Calves ex Clifton sold for 229.2c/kg 187.5kg \$429.75. Selwyn and Diane Welke sold vealers for 225.2c/kg or \$495.44. Their steer calves sold for \$599.07. Bull calves acc Tamarang Past. Co. sold for 242.2c/kg. Restocker steers sold from 190-221.2c/kg. Len Barnes sold Santa Steers for 218.2c/kg or \$709.15. Charolais steers acc Allan Johnstone sold for 221.2c/kg or \$571.43. Hereford steers ex Jondaryan sold for 215c/kg or \$682.53. Hereford steers ex Emu Creek sold for \$725.70.

**PIGS:** 221 pigs yarded and sold with prime pork dearer, prime bacon firm, all plain types easier, backfatter sow similar to last Monday while all quality stores dearer with lesser quality cheaper. Prime pork 265-310c/kg, prime light bacon 238-259c/kg, prime bacon 200-262c/kg, boars 40c/kg, sows to 108-124c/kg, forward stores \$138-162 ph, weaners \$79-98ph and suckers \$50ph. **Error Luck 0427 561 678**

Bookings for next Toowoomba sale  
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## Caring for individual needs

Highfields Early Learning Centre offers families a safe, secure and loving environment where children can relax, play and learn. The educators at Highfields Early Learning Centre are dedicated and motivated to look after your family's individual needs. The centre is open from 6.30 am-6.30 pm Monday to Friday. We cater for children from birth to five years, educated and cared for in their own age groups which all supply high quality educational programs in line with the Early Years Learning Framework.

Highfields Early Learning Centre has a large, sun-safe playground which is fun for children of all ages. The welcoming atmosphere at the centre gives you peace of mind, knowing that your child is safe.



Highfields Early Learning Centre

Nutritious meals are prepared on-site, and these are included in the daily fee. Nappies, sunscreen and other consumables are also included.

As the new year approaches, places are filling

quickly, so if you would like to join the Highfields Early Learning Centre family, call the centre now on 4615 5688 to speak to our friendly staff about securing a position at this high quality early learning centre in Highfields.

## Cake decorating master class

Noted Australian cake decorator John Quai Hoi, from Melbourne, was the trainer for a two-day workshop in Highfields coordinated by Merivale Cakes and Crafts.

Twelve experienced decorators from Brisbane and Toowoomba attended.

John, who has been decorating since 1985, opened his school and shop, My Cake Delights, in Preston, Melbourne in 2009.

He has won many national and State cake decorating awards in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales for his celebration and floral designs in the open and masters categories.

In 2004 John won the champion exhibit at the Whittlesea Show, the largest show in Victoria after the Royal Melbourne Show.

He was also awarded the



ABOVE: Back: Mary Reid, John Quai Hoi. Front: Antonella Veddovi, Lesley Hill, Sarah Jane Wicks, and Karen Voss Willcocks. - ATPS photo.

E. J. Swart prize for most outstanding exhibit in the art and craft pavilion, the first time a decorated cake had won this category.

John has held training

and demonstration sessions in many national and international events including all Australian states, New Zealand, San Francisco and at the highly demanding UK

Telford competitions.

Delegates to the workshop created large vintage techniques and designs representative of the emerging trends for modern brides.

## Toowoomba Christian College formal



• Steffica Buntak arrives on a horse and carriage. • Jessica Hewett thanks her driver. • Ready for the formal dinner were Ryan Lodder and Zoe Willadsen. - Ken Ball photos.

## Improving the lives of those with a disability

Guest speaker at Highfields Better Business breakfast on December 7 is Dave Boden, executive officer of Breakaway Toowoomba, a non-profit organisation which provides flexible quality services to people with a disability, their carers and families. He has been involved in the lives of people with disability for more than 20 years and over this period has occupied a variety

of management and direct service roles. His background is in social work and he has a passion for developing strategies that will improve the lives of people with disability. The title of his presentation will be The

Tipping Point: Promoting positive roles for people with a disability. Council representative is Cr Mike Williams, Financial and Sporting Services portfolio. Member spots include Robyn Fellowes, Maximize

Health Fitness and Massage. The breakfast is held at the Highfields Cultural Centre 6.15 for 6.45. a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. All Highfields business people are welcome to attend.

## Block party ready to roll



Highfields Lions president Rob Prentice, Mark Jocumsen, MC for the Block Party and Lions member John Marsh.

The Highfields Christmas Block Party this Friday night will be quite different and much bigger, according to event manager Rob Prentice.

The Highfields Lions Club is keen to prove its ability in Highfields and a total effort has been injected into the event to ensure that all who take part in this

community Christmas party will have a very enjoyable and festive experience.

"Most of the organisation has been completed ahead of schedule, clearing the way for a great party," Mr Prentice said.

There is plenty of food available and a bar. Highlights will include: Santa's

arrival at 6.30pm., taking the challenge and climb the wall, treating the kids on the jumping castle, riding a pony, having a Lions face painted on the children, a great fire works display at 8:30pm and a stunning automobile display.

The event will be held for the third consecutive year from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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# CAROLS AT PEACEHAVEN

**Sunday 12 December**  
**at Peacehaven Park**  
(Kilks Road, Highfields)

5.00pm Gates open  
Bring a blanket or a chair to sit on!  
Lollies for children  
6.00pm Entertainment and community carol singing  
8.00pm Fireworks spectacular

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