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COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Highfields Herald readers have opened their hearts and wallets to support families disadvantaged by the January 10 flash floods in the Locker Valley. In a massive display by a community that cares, donations and fundraising efforts range from

teddy bears to a black tie dinner - and the donations have come from children to large corporations. Here's a survey of what happened last week:

HELP FOR LITTLE ONES

The Highfields Early Learning Centre went all out to help re-establish their sister centre Kaleidoscope Kids, in Goodna. The centre was devastated by the floods so the Highfields ELC went on a mission.

They started with Officeworks, in Toowoomba, who donated over \$2000 in office supplies.

Then The Good Guys followed with extra support while parents and friends of the ELC came with carloads of books and toys.

By week's end the ELC's Nicole Cooper and Tarnya Cairney, below, had filled a storeroom with goods bound for Goodna when that centre re-opens in March. "But we

still have room for more toys, puzzles and books," Nicole said.

BLACK TIE DINNER AND AUCTION

Trudi Pallot, Highfields, decided that the best way to raise funds for the Murphys Creek flood disaster appeal was to go upmarket and stage a black tie dinner and auction.

The event has been organised for the Highfields Bowls Club on Friday, March 4, from 6 p.m. The \$100 tickets include a three-course meal and entertainment by local band Back'n'Business. The evening's compere is Janine Ashmore. Bookings can be made at the Highfields Bowls Club. Phone 4698 7733

FREE CDs FOR RELAXATION

Irish born singer and sound healer Lia Scallon, now living in Australia, has offered copies of her relaxation CDs to people affected by the floods, or for people caring for those affected or community centres. On graduating from Trinity College in Dublin, Lia

became an actress and, in time, shared the stage and screen with the likes of Liam Neeson, Cate Blanchett, Glenn Close and Frances McDormand.

"It must have been a traumatic time to see your neighbourhood and community so devastated by the floods," she said. "Please ask anyone helping others or facing a challenging year to come for themselves to contact me for a free CD to help to create a soothing and relaxing energy for those in need." Lia can be reached at: lia@soundsofsirius.com

COUNTRY MUSIC DAY

The Murphys Creek Neighbourhood Centre Association and Ted and Vi Hanlon and friends will conduct a country music day at Postman's Ridge Hall on Sunday, February 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission, \$6 a head, includes a sausage sizzle and all day coffee or tea.

BUSINESS DONATES

Highfields Better Business has donated \$500 to the Toowoomba Disaster Appeal. - Ken Ball

Long way home



Visiting motorcyclist Bill Hicks, seated, with Steve Coe, Highfields, and Ray Doel, Gympie. Bill is riding back to his home near Perth W.A. - Herald photo.

Retired diesel mechanic Bill Hicks called into Highfields on his way back home to Western Australia on his 750 Honda Shadow motorcycle.

Bill, 74, flew to Brisbane early last week and picked up the bike he bought on eBay at Coolool and was joined by Ray Doel from Gympie who accompanied him to Highfields.

From Highfields he was joined by Steve and Pam Coe of Highfields on Thursday on his journey to Warwick.

All four are members of the Australian Shadow Riders Club. Bill, who lives at Two Rocks, 75 km north of Perth, likes to ride

no more than 300 kilometres a day, finding a place to stay early so that he can have a look around.

He had intended to visit Chinchilla to see a steam powered sawmill - because he's into steam. But flood damaged roads put a stop to that. Bill is a keen follower of Peter Thoeming's Australian Motorcycle Atlas which outlines 200 best motorcycle rides.

He noticed that the route from Gympie actually contained some of the trips mentioned in the atlas. Bill expects to take about four weeks on the road - but could take five - following the coast on the way home.

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Range back to normal

Delays on the Toowoomba Range have been a harrowing issue since the major flooding and destruction of the region on Monday, January 10.

However, with most lanes now fully open, these delays will soon be a thing of the past. Most of the lanes are now fully open to all traffic and the standard speed limits are reinstated. Previously travel time up or down the range was delayed by up to an hour with lanes closed.

Thanks to the efforts of the road crews, numbers of which have been working seven days a week to reopen the range, this key road link for the region and State is operating real to normal. Drivers' patience has been much

appreciated during this difficult time. Both the westbound up lanes have been re-opened with the reduced speed limit also lifted.

The only section of the Toowoomba Range which still needs substantial work for approximately three more months is a 500 metre stretch on the down section at the top which was severely damaged and requires more complex works.

A free SMS service has been set up for information about the status of the Toowoomba Range to be sent to subscribed mobile phones for free.

If you are interested in this service please go to www.toowoombarangesms.com.au - **Kerry Shine MP.**

Helping hand would be appreciated

Paul and Robin could do with some helpers at Murphys Creek please. Does anyone have a tractor and slasher? We need to slash around the perimeter of a paddock to enable an electric fence to be built.

Are you able to help construct a wire fence to keep the goats and pig in their paddock, after the slashing? Would someone be available with a bucket and mop?

We need to clean a few rooms in the damaged house to store some stuff from the coffee shed.

The wages are pretty crook, but the hours are flexible! Please email or phone me if you are available to help with any of the above jobs. Many thanks. - **Stan Edwards, Phone 4613 6601 or 0407 979 252 any time, email Stan@halfcommission.com.au**

Country music day for flood relief

Firstly, congratulations on an informative and interesting newspaper, and thank you for including Murphy's Creek. For too long we've been the forgotten corner of the Lockyer Valley.

The Murphy's Creek Neighbourhood Centre Association, in conjunction with Ted and Vi Hanlon and friends, will hold a day of country music (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at Postman's Ridge Hall on Sunday, February 20, in aid of victims of the January 10 storm event. Admittance

of \$6 a head includes sausage sizzle and all day tea or coffee and a chance to win a lucky door prize. Water and cold drinks will be on sale and a multi-draw raffle will operate. All funds raised will go into the Laidley Shire Community Care Association donations account, referenced specifically for Murphy's Creek.

Donations can be made to Murphy's Creek through the Lockyer Valley Community Flood Relief by direct deposit or over the counter at any

Heritage branch. Laidley Shire Community Care Assoc Donation a/c BSB 638-070, account 10404317 Heritage Building Society. To donate you must put "Murphy's Creek" in the reference section.

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- **Trudy Graham, secretary/treasurer, Murphy's Creek Neighbourhood Centre Association.**

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Substantial prizes are on offer for the Miss Showgirl winner, runner-up, and Miss Charity, including a holiday at Coolum Caprice for four people to be won by the 2001 Miss Charity.

Girls aged 13 to 17 years are also invited to enter the Junior Miss Showgirl competition.

Contact Bente Moller 4697 9169 or Carol Bridges 0407 591 380 or the show office which is open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, phone 4698 1308.

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Immunise to protect your child

During the first two weeks of the new school year, all Year 8 and Year 10 secondary school students within the TRC area will be given an immunisation consent form by their school's administration.

The form is to be completed by their parent/guardian and returned to the school as soon as possible (whether they are to be vaccinated or not).

Year 8 male and female students will be vaccinated for Hepatitis B and Chickenpox, and only Year 8 females to be vaccinated for Human Papillomavirus. Year 10 students will be vaccinated for Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Whooping Cough).



IN BRIEF

Green Army recruits wanted

As part of the *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* Green Army program, council, in conjunction with the State Government, will be selecting 21 applicants to participate in a 16 to 21-week work placement program from February this year. Applicants should bring a copy of their current resume to an information session from 9am on Friday, February 18 at the Laurel Bank Hall, Hill Street, Toowoomba. Interviews will be held immediately following the information session. Prospective participants must also register their interest by logging on to Queensland's Green Army website: www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au Please note, no referrals from recruitment agencies will be accepted. To find out more about this position, salary and employee benefits, please visit the TRC website - www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au

Arts funding available

Council advises that applications for the Community Cultural and Arts Support Fund (CCASF) and the Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF) grant will close on 15 February. Further information about both programs are available from the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery and all district service centres during their respective opening hours.

Aboriginal culture inspires exhibition

Paintings inspired by Aboriginal rainforest culture in North Queensland are the subject of Crow's Nest Regional Art Gallery's exhibition on display from February 1 to March 6. Artist Dena Leo is a traditional owner of the Girramay people and her works are inspired by the little-known Aboriginal rainforest culture of the Cardwell region. Crow's Nest Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 11.30am to 4pm. Contact exhibitions officer Jo Petrov on 4698 1687 for details.

Ravensbourne detour for residents

Council has put a detour in place for residents between Esk and Hampton isolated by recent floods. Heavy rainfall closed Esk Hampton Road, east of Shearer Road in Ravensbourne and further east at Redbank Creek near Esk. Mt Jockey Rd and Perseverance Dam Road cannot be used as access between Ravensbourne and Crows Nest due to a landslip. A detour is now in place via Post Office Road and Blanck Road for motorists previously using the Esk Hampton Road, east of Shearer Road. This detour includes a section of unsealed road. Residents living between the two closures on Esk Hampton Road can access the New England Highway at Hampton and Toowoomba or Crows Nest via this detour.

Dams remain closed to public

Toowoomba's three storage dams remain off limits following an inspection by engineering experts due to safety concerns. Road access to Cooby, Cressbrook and Perseverance dams is restricted to authorised personnel only, until further notice.

Meetings of council

The next Committee of Council will be held at 9am on February 8 and 9. The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at 9am Tuesday, February 15 at the Millmerran Service Centre. For more information phone 4688 6356.

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

Council's Construction and Maintenance branches are working at full capacity to continue maintenance throughout the region. Council thanks you for your patience as this work continues.

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Council starts vaccination program

The Toowoomba Regional Council school based vaccination program will resume next month.

Cr Bill Cahill encouraged teachers, parents and students to get behind the program as it not only provided an important boost to young immune systems, it also offered educational awareness of potential health threats.

"The immunisation process is quick and easy and the health benefits are obvious.

"While the younger members of our community are still growing it's vital we protect them from vaccine preventable diseases, so I'd encourage everyone to make themselves available for this free immunisation program," Cr Cahill said.

"In the first two weeks of the new school year, all Year 8 and Year 10 secondary students will be given an immunisation consent form by the schools' administration.

"This consent form is to be completed by their parent/guardian and returned to the school, whether they elect to be vaccinated or not."

Cr Cahill said Year 8 male and female students would be vaccinated for hepatitis B and chickenpox, and only Year 8 females would be vaccinated for human papillomavirus.

Year 10 students would be vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

Deputy refutes Oakey flood claims

Deputy Mayor Cr Paul Antonio said there had been some confusion in the community about the role of Cooby Dam and the impact the spilling over the dam wall had had on downstream flooding.

Cr Antonio said Cooby Dam lessened the flood peak that was experienced in Oakey. Cooby Dam held back the flows from at least one-third of the catchment, thus lessening the peak flood in Oakey.

"Also we know it takes approximately 18 hours for water from Cooby Dam to reach Oakey. The peak flow over the Cooby spillway was at 7.45 am on Tuesday, January 11. The influence of this peak flow would have arrived in Oakey at around 2 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, but I understand the actual peak of flooding in Oakey occurred around midday on Tuesday, January 11.

Cr Antonio said this tended to indicate that the extreme rainfall that occurred on January 9 to 11 over the whole catchment was the cause of the flooding in Oakey.

Water Services director Kevin Flanagan said the catchment upstream of

Oakey covers about 530 square kilometres, a third of which, 171 square kilometres, flows into Cooby Dam.

"The flow into Cooby Dam from the rainfall events before and after January 10 was captured behind the dam wall, the bulk of which passed over the spillway over the next four days.

"In fact, Cooby Dam is still spilling today. If the dam had not been there the resultant peak in Oakey would have been higher," Mr Flanagan said.

Mr Flanagan refuted a claim in local media about a tunnel at Cooby Dam, "the door of which has been blocked for years with debris."

"There is no blockage with debris. The tunnel referred to is an access tunnel which contains a 600mm cast iron pipe which delivers water from the intake tower to the pump station. A branch in the pipe is used to scour the pipeline, discharging on the downstream side.

"The scour line is not used for, nor is it capable of, regulating discharge from the dam," Mr Flanagan said.

Road damage caused serious delays



Motorists have welcomed the news that the Toowoomba Range road has returned to normal following repairs to flood damaged sections. Travellers on the upsection were delayed up to 90 minutes as the thoroughfare was reduced to one lane.

Nominations for ambassador committee

Toowoomba Regional Council is accepting nominations for the working group that co-ordinates the Carnival of Flowers Young Ambassador Program.

Cr Joe Ramia said it was a great opportunity for individuals to support the program and continue the work of showcasing the region and the young adults who live here.

"The YAP focuses on the personal and professional development of young people, raising funds for local charities and initiatives in the Carnival of Flowers program."

More than \$40,000 was raised last year for the Kath Dickson Family Centre and the Toowoomba Hospice. Full details are available on www.tcof.com.au.

• ABC Radio last week reported that all members of the Young Ambassador Committee have resigned.

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Photo exhibition starts regional tour

A touring photographic exhibition in Oakey showcases the region through the eyes of amateur photographers. Most images were taken during workshops titled the Regional Photography Project late last year.

Toowoomba based professional photographer John Elliott conducted a series of workshops at Millmerran, Goombungee, Cambooya, Cabarlah, Oakey and Toowoomba in October and November.

The Regional Photography Project was supported by the Regional Arts Development Fund.

The exhibition at the Oakey Cultural Centre Gallery runs until February 18. The exhibition moves to Goombungee's Rosalie Art Gallery from March 8 to April 3 followed by Crow's

Nest Art Gallery (April 5 to May 2), Pittsworth Art Gallery (May 4 to May 29), Clifton Library gallery space (May 31 to June 26) and Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery (June 30 to July 24).

Mr Elliott is a freelance photographer, writer, broadcaster and filmmaker. He is well known for his extensive work with Australian country musician Slim Dusty, for whom he produced 20 album covers. His work has appeared in magazines and countless exhibitions, including *Thousand Mile Stare*.

This exhibition featuring portraits of rural Australians attracted record crowds to Canberra's National Portrait Gallery. His portrait of Slim Dusty and Dame Edna Everage is in the National Portrait Gallery collection.

New spa, sauna and beauty complex

When award-winning master builder Phil Gillam and his wife Leanne decided on a change of direction in their lives, they made a radical change.

After building homes in Highfields and Toowoomba for 30 years and winning a series of Master Builders of Australia Awards, Phil decided at 47 years old to retire from the industry and enter a new venture with Leanne.

The result is Pure Indulgence Day Spa which opened at 127 Reis Road, Highfields, in December.

The luxurious complex has vast private outdoor areas hidden behind a hedge of pine trees for relaxation with commanding views.

Leanne and her senior staff member Cindylee Searchfield, both have a Diploma in Beauty and Phil has a Certificate of Massage. Leanne will further her studies in USA in May, specialising in Oncology massage.

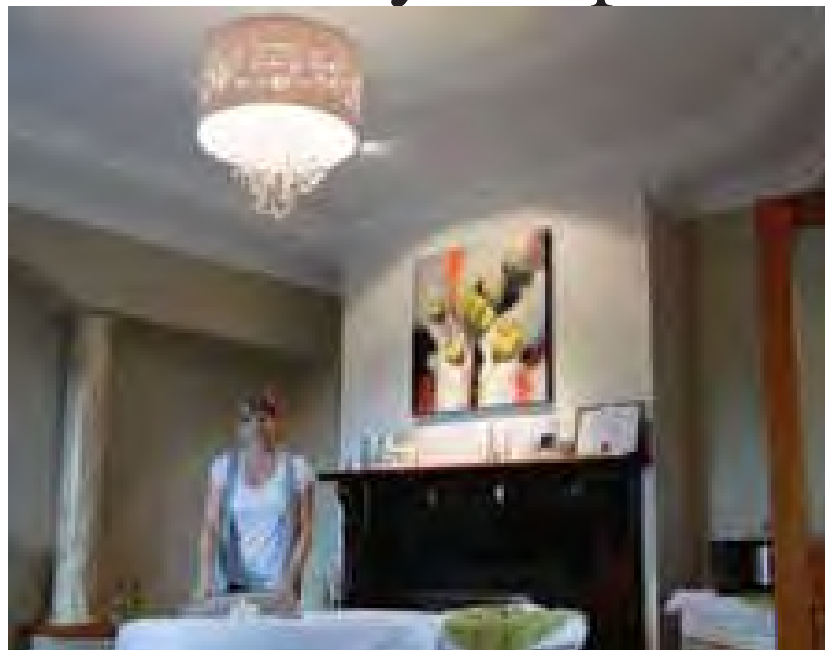
The new complex is tastefully decorated with state-of-the-art spa, sauna and other day spa equipment.

The three treatment rooms are very spacious and include a massage room for couples.

There is also a dedicated facials room, a wet room for body wraps, scrubs and all face and body waxing, a change room with lockers.

Before or after treatments, clients gravitate to the relaxation room to sip herbal tea or champagne.

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Leanne Gillam prepares the massage room at Pure Indulgence.

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FOCUS ON BUSINESS - Afresh Plumbing

Environmental passion drives plumber

A passion for environmental science and forest restoration has driven Highfields plumber Peter Witheyman to open a new business specialising in backflow plumbing problems. The business, Afresh Plumbing, began trading a few weeks ago and has already proven to him that there was a great need locally for this niche business. His background has been with work in

national parks for five years and investigating compliance with natural resources. Peter has also worked as a local government plumbing inspector. He advocates regular checking of backflow issues both residentially and for business to protect drinking water. He says tests should be done every 12 months, especially with underground water tanks. He can be reached on 0438 390 510.



Peter Witheyman on a backflow testing job in Highfields.

Highfields garden club change of venue

Members of Highfields Garden Club please note. There is a change in venue for the first meeting on Wednesday, February 16, to that listed in the newsletter.

break and for new members to join the garden club. Please bring a chair, hat and coffee mug. The cuppa is at 10 a.m. and a brief meeting at 10.30

a.m. will be followed by a talk from Ken Perry. The club is open to new members who are most welcome but they must join at a meeting so that

all necessary details can be obtained. There are reduced membership fees for the last months of our financial year. - Contributed.

The meeting and trip to the begonia nursery at Ravensbourne had to be cancelled. The roads are only open to local traffic and they are in bad condition due to the floods and rain. At late notice Audrey and Trevor Blinco have offered their home and garden at 62 Kratze Road, Highfields, for a friendship morning tea on Wednesday, February 16 and there is a covered outdoor area.

Ken Perry from the hippastrum nursery will be guest speaker. This is a time for past members to meet again and exchange ideas after the Christmas and New Year

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Regional youth award comes to Highfields

Sarah-Jane Macdonald, Highfields, right, has received the Young Citizen of the Year Award for the Toowoomba region.

Sarah-Jane has worked with her family business in Highfields for many years and was recently awarded the Apex Club of South Toowoomba president's trophy, the most prestigious award at club level (and has only been presented to three recipients in the past 15 years).

Sarah-Jane has participated in a number of charity events including the Relay for Life and Operation Christmas Child and was also a 2010 Carnival of Flowers Young Ambassador entrant.

Her commitment to her school studies has translated into a promising career and she has obtained a full time position at a local law firm while studying law at university.

Sarah-Jane gives with a



happy and willing spirit. Other regional winners were Citizen of the Year George Lipman, Sports award Glen Brown, Cultural award William Haupt, 16. Community group/event award Hampton High Country Food and Arts Festival. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Citizen of the Year Lois Kelly.

Australia Day breakfast

What does it mean to be an Australian?

A group of friends, some born overseas, celebrated Australia Day with a breakfast in Michael Park at Highfields. It is the 10th year that this group have celebrated Australia Day.

The Australian flag was raised, the barbecue sausages sizzled and a member of the group reflected on his life story and what it meant to him being an Australian. What was very evident was the national pride we all felt being Australian, that feeling of belonging and acceptance irrespective of our heritage. Our comradeship was strengthened with a energetic game of cricket and the ashes presented to the winning team. The morning's celebrations, while Billy Tea and damper were being enjoyed,

finished with an Australian limerick and poetry competition.

We were inspired by a personal interpretation of Clancy of the Overflow, heartened as we listened to a reading of Dorothea Mackellar's *My Country*, touched by an account of what it was like arriving in Australia from Germany, 30 years ago and amused by spontaneous limericks throughout the readings.

The winning poem, *Beating Around the Bush*, reflected a deep respect for our unique bush and the enjoyment of our beautiful country. - Contributed.

BOWLS

HIGHFIELDS: February 1 - President Mike Robinson welcomed Peter Coman and 14 bowlers from Crow's Nest. Games were run on both pairs and triples format. Winners were E. Motley and S. Cook. Runners up N. Newman, R. Bell and R. Mutch. Men's social mufti bowls are held on Tuesday afternoons, with nominations by 1 for a 1.30 p.m. start. Mixed bowls is played on Saturday afternoons, with nominations by noon for a 12.30pm start. If you cannot make it to the club 30 minutes before start time, phone your nominations to the club on 4698 7733. - Sid Cook.

GJ's Short Cut Hair go to any lengths



Letitia Rasmussen, Gaylene Sondergeld and Emma Fesuk.

Gaylene Sondergeld says her hair salon is such a happy place to work that she has owned it twice. With 26 years' hairdressing experience she originally owned the salon for six years before going to Toowoomba to work.

But the attraction of GJs Short Cut Hair and living in Crow's Nest was too much for her, so she bought the salon back again seven years ago and really settled into Crow's Nest life.

"You could describe the salon as loud but it's all fun and laughter," she said as she welcomed a new senior hairdresser into the business. Emma Fesuk has also made the move from a Toowoomba salon to Crow's Nest to join Gaylene. Joining the two seniors at GJs Short Cut Hair is apprentice Letitia Rasmussen who "is nearly a third year now," Gaylene said. And, yes, they cut hair to any length, despite the business name.

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Mabel turns 97



Miss Mabel Jobson celebrated her 97th birthday with residents and staff at Kooltoopa, Crow's Nest, on January 27. Mabel, a life time citizen of Plainby, moved to Kooltoopa in 2000. Her dad was a blacksmith who also built the shops currently occupied by Wayne's World. Mabel was a trained nurse and also worked for many years at Williams' electrical shop. - Photo contributed.

Downlands involved in Boy for Oz musical



Downlands College students and teachers will support the Empire Theatre's centenary year production, *The Boy From Oz*, in April this year.

College graduate of 2008 Tom Bagley will play in the orchestra, along with current teacher and Head of Arts, Miranda Myers and teacher aide in music Chris Lebsanft.

Current students Grace Elliott, Trent Owers, Annabelle McVeigh, above, and Meg Riordan, along with recent graduate Myles Waddell will be in the chorus and backstage singers.

The *Boy from Oz*, the hit musical about the Australian entertainer Peter Allen, from his humble beginnings to his meteoric rise to fame as an international star, includes many of his best loved hits, such as *Tenterfield Saddler*, *I Honestly Love You*, *I Still Call Australia Home*, *Don't Cry Out Loud* and *I Go To Rio*.

Rebuilding Murphys Creek

Responding to Sharon Wilson of Murphys Creek (Letters 25/1/11) and many more who would like to rebuild Murphys Creek.

To rebuild we have to be one voice and have direction. You cannot go out in many different directions individually. It just causes confusion and miscommunication. The Army has been working tirelessly to repair our hall.

Murphys Creek Progress Association is holding their annual meeting on Wednesday, February 9, at 7.30 p.m.

Membership is \$5 single and \$10 family which goes toward the insurance for the hall, Railway Station and the Murphys Creek Grounds. Become a member and be part of the one voice and have a say in the direction you want your community to go.

Our motto is Promote Progressive Projects. We urge everyone to come along and we will have a community to be proud of. For more information contact Julie on 4630 5360 or Christine on 4630 5231.

We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to all who have been affected since January 10. - Julie Reck, secretary Murphys Creek Progress Association.

SPORTS RESULTS

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WORSHIP TIMES

ANGLICAN: St George's Anglican Church, 15 Thallon St, Crow's Nest 4698 1403. **Crow's Nest:** Each Sunday 8.30am. **Geham:** 4th Sunday 11am. **Goombungee 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday 5pm.** **Haden:** Second Sunday 11am. **Cooyar:** As advised.

Highfields: Anglican Church of St Anne, Highfields Road. Holy Communion 8.30am every Sunday. Sunday School 8.30am for young people. 1st Wednesday Holy Communion 10am, fellow-ship 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. 7.17 Youth 7.17pm. Friday. 7.17 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. Vigil Mass: **Crow's Nest** first and third Saturday 6pm. Morning Mass: **Crow's Nest** 8am each Sunday. **Haden** 10am on first and third Sunday. **Goombungee** 10am on second and fourth Sunday. Fifth Sunday Mass: **Haden** in January and July. **Goombungee** in May and October.

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

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

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

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

LUTHERAN: Crow's Nest Lutheran Parish, 21-23 Toowoomba Rd, Crow's Nest. Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov 10.00am. 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. **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 Mary MacKillop School. 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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- Scat!
- Shelf
- Birds of prey

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- What person?
- Vandalise
- Outgoings
- Discount voucher
- Feels sick
- Parrot
- Musical instrument
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- Toils
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Tribute to the life of Leanne Fay (Lisa) Sondergeld

Leanne Fay Sondergeld known affectionately as Lisa was a very special and remarkable lady, a wonderful daughter, sister, sister in law, aunt and great aunt.

Lisa was born in Crow's Nest on March 21, 1965, third daughter to Doug and Shirley Sondergeld. She was raised on a farm at Pinelands with her three sisters Janelle, Glensy and Gaylene.

Lisa always wanted to be Dad's little helper, always by his side helping wherever she could, whether it was chopping wood or feeding the calves.

During the hay season Lisa would drive the old Bedford truck while Dad stacked the hay bales. Some of Lisa's fondest memories are of family Christmases and Sunday lunches spent with grandparents, aunties, uncles and cousins.

Lisa attended primary and secondary school at Crow's Nest State School where she finished her education in year 10. Because of her strong commitment and determination to achieve, she excelled at her studies. She achieved straight 7s in her final year 10 junior certificate, which was the highest score. She spent many hours studying. Only last week she shared her memories of her first day of school sitting under a tree having lunch with her buddy Mark.

Lisa continued her commitment and dedication through to the positions she held. Her career started with her first job at Shine and Dean Solicitors where she worked as Kerry Shine's (now MP) secretary/receptionist. From there she gained an administration role at Bulk Grains Queensland. During this time she formed very close and long lasting friendships.

Lisa always had a great passion for travel. She yearned to learn and experience new ways. Her travels included New Zealand, USA, Hawaii, Italy,

Bali, and Australia. Lisa packed up her little Gemini and headed off on adventure with her best friend Debbie to Perth. Lisa again took up an administration role during her 12-month stay in Perth.

On returning home Lisa gained employment at the Crow's Nest Shire Council. She purchased her first home in South Street, Crow's Nest. She took great pride in maintaining her home. She enjoyed entertaining with family and friends over great food, a few drinks and of course music. We shared many great times and these memories will always remain close to our hearts.

Lisa was very proud of her community and actively sought involvement; this was shown through the various positions which she held such as secretary of the Tourist and Progress Association. Great events were organised such as Crow's Nest Day, the launching of the third edition of The Local Book and memorable theatre restaurant nights.

Her love for community extended to supporting local events such as district dances and balls. She enjoyed playing squash, jazz dancing, and tennis. Many fun days were held at Bill and Valda's court. Lisa was always looking to achieve more. This led her to move to Toowoomba and take up the challenging position of the South West Queensland Cancer Fund Regional Development Officer. She worked tirelessly raising money for the foundation, travelling hundreds of kilometres as her area extended out as far as Charleville and down to the NSW border. She organised Daffodil Days, Challenge for Cancer Campaign, Qld Charity Nurse of the Year, door knock appeals, Australia's Biggest Morning Teas and Shave for a Cure. All of these events worked towards eliminating cancer and diminish suffering from cancer through research, education, treatment and

patient care. She moved to Mooloolaba headland which she referred to as "God's Country."

This was her little piece of paradise that she loved and she made it her own sanctuary. She took great pride in her unit and music could always be heard coming from it along with the great aroma of her cooking coming out of her kitchen.

She absolutely loved the coastal lifestyle. She had a great affinity with the beach, which she walked daily. She enjoyed the restaurants, and local entertainment with her loyal friends and family. She treasured her close relationship with mum and dad and enjoyed dropping in for a cuppa and a good chat.

During her time at the coast she worked for Lifeline, in the real estate industry and more recently as a sales consultant. She was actively involved in the Business Women's Networking meetings. On Friday, October 8, 2010 everyone's world was turned upside down when Lisa received the devastating news that she had been diagnosed with oesophagus cancer.

She remained positive and focussed with a strong will to beat this disease but sadly on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 Lisa passed away.

Lisa, we will always love you and you will forever remain in our hearts. Till we meet again tut tar. As Lisa would say Dream it, Believe It, Achieve it. - **Contributed**

Flood appeal donation

Due to circumstances beyond our control the bowls fun day planned for Highfields Bowls Club on Sunday, February 13, to raise funds for flood affected families has had to be postponed indefinitely.

In lieu of the fundraising day the ladies and men's bowls committees have decided to make a cash donation of \$400 to a local charity involved with either the Murphy's Creek or Grantham flood appeals. - **Sid Cook, secretary.**

Music award

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Taking time away from work for a new baby is a common part of working life. Paid Parental Leave will help parents spend time with a new baby, and help employers retain skilled staff.

What is Paid Parental Leave?
Eligible working parents may get 18 weeks Government-funded pay at the National Minimum Wage, currently \$570 a week before tax, to help them care for a new baby. Parents who adopt may also be eligible.

Am I eligible?
Full-time, part-time, casual, seasonal, contract and self-employed workers may be eligible. You must have worked at least 330 hours (just over one day a week) for 10 of the 13 months before your new baby arrives. You can have

up to an 8 week unpaid break between two working days and still be eligible. You can earn up to \$150,000 a year (individual salary) and still be eligible.

Is it for both parents?
Yes, usually the mother must apply for Paid Parental Leave. If you are eligible, you can transfer some or all of the pay to your partner (they need to be eligible too). The scheme gives families more options to balance work and family.

When can I take it?
You can claim up to three months in advance, and your pay can start at any time you choose from when your child is born or adopted. It will be paid in one continuous period from the start date and must all be taken within the first year after the birth or adoption. You are encouraged to apply early.

What about employer-provided entitlements?

Eligible parents can receive Parental Leave pay at the same time, before or after other employer-provided paid leave or entitlements. The existing minimum entitlement to 12 months unpaid parental leave for long-term employees is unchanged.

What does it mean for employers?

From 1 July 2011, employers must provide Government-funded Parental Leave pay through their usual pay cycle to eligible employees who have been with their business for at least 12 months. Other eligible parents will be paid through the Family Assistance Office.

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Andrew Kassing in the purple at his new premises.

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With partner Andrew Kassing they have watched their 18 months-old business grow this year and move into a new Highfields premises as well as retaining their original customer service base at Craig's Hardware.

Now their ever growing list of clients can hire equipment from Craig's or the new premises in the Highfields Industrial Estate. Purple Equipment Hire caters for gardeners,

DIYs and professional builders and tradesmen.

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The next stage of their development will be a party hire subsidiary which comes on line mid-year to cater for events such as weddings and functions.

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Come to Me all you who are weary

By Pastor ROB COCHRANE
Meringandan House Church

In these troublesome and trying times, still the voice of the One who made heaven and earth cries out to us with a heart of compassion, "Come unto Me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28-30.

This call to us comes from Jesus the Good Shepherd who calls His sheep by name. He doesn't lasso us. He doesn't drive us. He calls each by name.

He says, "Come unto Me." He doesn't make distinction between the sheep. He says "All of you."

Just because we are young or we are old or middle aged,

Indigenous, non-Indigenous, Australian, new Australian, those who have sinned a little bit, those who have sinned a lot, tall, short, fat or skinny, He makes no distinction. He says, "All of you."

This One, God manifested in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16), knows all about us, and as the Good Shepherd watches over His sheep. He knows where they have been. He knows what they have come through. He knows the conditions that surround their life.

With a heart of compassion He calls those who are weary and heavy laden to Himself because He wants to give them rest. This rest can only

come from God Himself.

This isn't necessarily a physical rest. In verse 29 of John 11, He says, "You will find rest for your souls." The inner man where God's peace and comfort comes. For all those who are weary and heavy laden, the way to receive this rest is by coming to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who is the One who can give comfort and peace and rest for your souls.

We come to Him by prayer (simply talking to Him in a quiet place) casting our cares upon Him and asking Him to help us in our time of need, inviting Him in to our life as Saviour and Lord. In His grace and love.

Circle of Friends meet

Circle of Friends will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at the Meringandan Uniting Church. Morning at 10 a.m. is followed by our guest speaker, Snr Constable Paul Swan. We try to have a guest speaker every month. Admission is by a gold coin donation.

We name ourselves Circle of Friends as our friendship is like a circle - there is no end to the number of friends we have in our circle.

A warm welcome to everyone. We meet once a month on the second Wednesday of each month. - **Evelyn Collin 4630 8790.**

Summer garden tips

Patrol for pests and disease. Recent downpours and floods have saturated the ground causing all sorts of problems, especially plant disease. Lettuces can turn to mush, zucchinis can be covered in powdery mildew (and failing to set fruit), blight can start to take over tomatoes and strawberries can simply rot on the ground. Still, it is better to have moist soil than dry soil.

Any dead plants should be cleaned out and diseased foliage and fruit removed. important for successful organic gardening and should be done on a regular basis.

Whenever you see a sick and spotty leaf, get rid of it. It's a simple way to reduce the spread of disease. Powdery mildew can be treated.

The following natural treatment has been used in a Highfields garden and was a success. Wagner Bettiol, a scientist in Brazil, found that using milk will control powdery mildew. Normal milk contains a natural foliar fertiliser, boosting the plant's immune system. Bettiol found that a mixture of 10 per cent milk and 90 per cent water will significantly reduce the severity of powdery mildew when sprayed weekly. - **Highfields Garden Club.**

Crafty party



Leanne Harding from All That Craft! with Rose Scheiwe celebrating her 5th birthday at Jacaranda Manor and Margo the Princess who painted children's faces and created balloon animals. All That Craft! offers craft workshops and entertainment at parties. Contact Leanne 0428 768 353.

FISHING

First trip of year to Coolmunda

CABARLAH CLUB: Competition against Crow's Nest Club has had to be

postponed for the time being. A lot of their members work on the council and are busy repairing roads. We will try and organise a trip for later in the year.

Due to a very hectic January, the committee has been unable to hold a meeting as yet and we have not organised trips for this year. We are going to have our first trip on February 19-20 at Coolmunda Dam. At the end of the competition on Sunday, we will have a committee meeting to decide the rest of the trips.

I am currently doing up a 2011 membership list.

If you wish to remain a member and receive our newsletters, would you please make sure you have returned your membership form and paid your fees.

We hope the fishing is better than last year. There is certainly plenty of water in the dams. We have been catching a lot of red claw so I thought I would include a recipe.

CREAMY GARLIC YABBIES

1 kg fresh cooked and peeled yabby tails, 2 large cloves garlic crushed, 1 cup chicken stock, 1½ tabs white

wine, ½ cup cream, 100 g butter, 1 tabs flour, ½ teas dry mustard, 1 tabs parsley flakes.

Heat butter and garlic in a frypan. Add flour and stir until combined. Remove from heat.

Gradually add chicken stock, cream, parsley and wine and stir until combined. Return pan to heat and stir until the sauce thickens and boils. Add mustard and season with cracked pepper and sea salt. Bring the sauce to the boil and add yabbies. Cook until yabbies are hot. Do not overcook. - **Hazel Lowery.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS - MEETINGS - ENTERTAINMENT

Morning melodies

Crow's Nest Seniors will host Morning Melodies at the Crow's Nest Anglican Hall tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9. Morning tea starts at 9.30am. Phone 4698 1533.

Meringandan Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends meet tomorrow at Meringandan Uniting Church. Morning tea is at 10am. Guest speaker will be Snr Const. Paul Swan. All are welcome. Contact 4630 8790.

Scouts "Come and Try" night

Crow's Nest Scout Group will conduct a "Come and Try" night this Thursday, February 10. Contact 0428 728 973 for more details.

Crow's Nest bowls

This Sunday, February 13, Crow's Nest Bowls play will be for trophies donated by Crow's Nest Bakery.

The Ray White shield will be held on Sunday, February 20 and the town and country trophy day is on Sunday, February 27.

Borneo Barracks golf

Borneo Barracks Golf Club will play a 36 hole open stroke event on Saturday and Sunday, February 12 and 13 sponsored by Town Lighting and Electrical.

Ladies beginner golf clinics start on Thursday, February 17. Phone 4696 6396 or 0429 130 358 for more details.

Highfields rugby union muster

The Highfields Redbacks Rugby Union muster will be held at the Kuhls Road Sports Ground this Saturday, February 12.

Arts Council annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of Crow's Nest Arts Council will be held at 7pm next Monday, February 14 at the Community Centre.

Table Tennis Club annual general meeting

Crow's Nest Table Tennis Club will hold their annual general meeting at the Community Centre on Thursday, February 17 at 7.30pm.

Highfields market and car boot sale

St Anne's Anglican Church will hold a market and car boot sale in Highfields Road on Saturday, February 19 starting at 8am to noon.

Rosalie Historical Society annual general meeting

The Rosalie Historical Society annual general meeting will be held at the Goombungee Museum on Saturday, February 19 at 1.30pm.

Tennis fixtures and social play

Crow's Nest Tennis Club fixtures will be played once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6.30pm. Social tennis is played on Thursday nights from 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Junior tennis coaching is held on Monday and Thursday afternoons and junior fixtures are played on Friday nights. Contact 4698 1056.

Creative writing group

Crow's Nest Arts Council Creative Writing Group meets on the first and third Saturday at the Community Centre at 1pm. Phone 4698 1339.

Thornville pig on the spit

The annual Thornville pig on the spit will be held at the Thornville Hall on Saturday, March 19. Phone 4692 6100 for details.

Stanthorpe bus trip

Crow's Nest Local Ambulance Committee will host a bus trip to Stanthorpe on Saturday, March 19. Phone 4698 1533.

Garden Club meetings

Crow's Nest Garden Club Second Saturday 1.30pm CWA Hall. Contact 4698 2103. Highfields Garden Club third Wednesday 10.30am. Contact 4696 8628.

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Crow's Nest Business Alliance

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Goombungee Guides

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that foundation with more teams and
more players in the senior competition.

Anyone aged 12 and over from the
Highfields, Crow's Nest, Meringandan,
Gowrie Junction, Hampton, Blue
Mountain Heights or North To-
owoomba areas who would like a game
of touch, please come along to the
muster."

Contact: Michael Ryan on 0428 717
346 or visit the club website at
www.highfields-touch.org.au

SQUASH

Handicap competition

Crow's Nest: January 31 - Welcome
back all players. Results from handicap
competition. A. Ibell 21 d. P. Blinco
20. D. Sanderson 21 d. L. Barnes 11.
M. Robinson 21 d. A. Cataldo 20. A
Case 21 d. G. Mibus 17. M. Woodhead
21 d. L. Blinco 19. M. Pearce 21 d. C.
Blinco 16. K. Contessa 21 d. B.
Bowman 18. P. Rose 21 d. B. Schloss

10. N. Case 21 d. W. Gossow 11. W.
Curtis 21 d. T. Sanderson 15.

The club is open on Monday and
Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Contact club
on 4698 1616 or Ian Beutel 0407 589
568 or William Gossow on 0419 745
304.

A reminder - fixtures start on February
10. - **Danny Sanderson.**

GOLF

Single stableford

BORNEO BARRACKS: January
29 - Single stroke. Winner B. Lord 61.
Runner-up L. Jocusmen 66. Rundown
I. Stafford 68, K. Brown 68, C. Reich
69, J. Thompson 69. Pin shots 1st B.
Aitken, 9th B. Watkins, 13th B. Messer,
14th G. Rodgers.

January 30 - Single stableford.
Winner S. Lynn 43. Runner-up
P. Callaghan 42.

Rundown.. J. Borey 42, G. Douglas
41, G. Rodgers 41, D. Coates 41,
D. Downs 41, W. Aitken 40, R. Bullen
40. Pin shots 1st R. Bullen, 9th D.
Lamb, 13th T. Campbell, 14th M.
Goddard, 17th A. Gilbert.

February 2 - Single stableford.

Winner S. Dobson 42. Runner-up T.
Trollope 42. Rundown J. Marsh 38,
K. Bailey 37, J. Lee 36, L. Coak 36. Pin
shots 1st G. Gunther, 13th J. Marsh,
14th J. Bishop, 17th R. Weekes.

GOLF TIP: Poor pitching most
likely comes from a bad tempo.

A common mistake is to swing too
far back and then ease off, fearing the
ball will fly too far.

The key to good pitching is a smooth
tempo. If you make a three-quarter
swing, the follow through should be
the same. That way you won't make a
rushed shot. - **Gary Small Golf
Professional.**

Patron's trophies

**BORNEO BARRACKS LAD-
IES:** February 1 - Single stableford
for club trophies. Winner Jenny
Meagher 37, second Fay Wood 36,
third Pat Walker 33 on a count back.
Rundown Lotte Pedersen 33, Jan little
32, Jessella McConnell 30, Darryl
Bishop 30.

Pin shots 1st (all in) Monika
Walton, 2nd on 13 (30-45) Pearl
Rognoni. Pro pin 2nd on 14 Jenny
Meagher.

Tuesday, February 8 - Single
stableford for trophies donated by
patron Joe Oxenham. - **Dawn Lord.**

BOWLS

Club competitions

Crow's Nest: January 28 - Twilight
bowls.

Winners Tony Collins, Joel Davie
and Sam Taylor; runners-up out of the
hat Howard Cornwell, Kel Dickson and
Grant Mibus.

January 28 - Six club competition
games were finalised. A number of
games are still undecided and time is
quickly running out to play these by
the closing date.

Those who are yet to play their
opening rounds are reminded not to
leave it too late to start.

Results were open singles Trevor
Gillies d. Ray Weis, open pairs Chris
Robins and Kerry Lovell d. Les Guy
and Gary Baker, C grade singles Roy
Bell d. Terry Bowe, Roger Brashaw d.
Paddy Knowles, veterans singles Barry
Knowles d. Ernie Motley; Brian Bowe
d. Ron Ritchie.

January:30 - Life members' day.
Winners Allan Mutch, Kevin Stark and
Ernie Motley; runners-up Tony
Collins, Dennis Russell, Aileen Cox and
Kev Little.

February 1 - Fifteen Crow's Nest

Millmerran take home D. Kanowski Shield

LADIES: February 3 - Thursday
was a very hot day for the D. Kanowski
Shield. Runners-up last year,
Millmerran, took home the trophy this
year. Runners-up were a team from
Cambooya. Afternoon winners were

from Toowoomba. Raffle winners were
from Oakey and Highfields players.
Thursday 10/2/2011 will be social
bowls. Entry forms for competition are
available at the clubhouse. - **Del
Burgess.**

Heritage tops customer satisfaction survey

Heritage Building Society has outshone all other
financial institutions in Australia to record the
country's highest customer satisfaction rating, in
survey results just released by Roy Morgan Research.

Heritage scored a 90.9 per cent customer satisfaction
rating in the survey, which for the first time has
included a section on the performance of individual
credit unions and building societies.

Heritage's satisfaction rating was the highest
recorded of any institution, topping all other banks,
credit unions and building societies across Australia.

The 90.9 per cent rating was also significantly ahead
of the average of all banks, which sat at just 75.8 per
cent. The results are outlined in Roy Morgan
Research's Customer Satisfaction "Consumer Banking
in Australia" monthly report for December 2010.

CEO John Minz said the survey outcome clearly
demonstrated that Heritage was delivering on its
People first promise to its members.

"Topping the country for customer satisfaction is
a well-deserved reward for the efforts we put into
delivering fantastic service and products for our
members," Mr Minz said.

"Heritage exists to serve its members. When we
talk about putting People first, that's exactly what
we do, whether by offering better interest rates, a
wide range of products, longer opening hours or fairer
fees.

Headquartered in Queensland, Heritage is
Australia's largest building society with more than
\$7.5 billion in total consolidated assets.

LIVESTOCK

Export lines fully firm

O'SULLIVAN AUCTIONS: January 31. Combined
yarding 728. A very mixed yarding came forward for
competition to a regular panel of buyers. Values for
export lines remained fully firm, while values for
younger cattle improved. Cattle were drawn from
local areas as well as Billa Billa, Taroom, and Moonie.

The market for feeder steers and heifers remained
close to last week's improved rates. There was
stronger competition from processors, butchers and
local restockers. R. and V. Battaglia sold Brahman
cows for \$1072. John and Kay Ormsby sold Murray
Grey cross bullocks for \$1261. A draft of Santa
cross bullocks from Billa Billa sold for \$1289 also
selling speyed heifers for 190c for \$939.

Blonde cross steers from Yarraman sold for
230.2c. Hereford heifers from Binara, Goondiwindi,
sold for 174.2c. 605kg, for \$1053, also selling Santa
cross cows 653kg for \$1106. Charolais heifers 270kg
sold for 240.6c for \$649. Brahman cows from Yuleba
sold for 160.6c for \$835. Hereford bulls from Billa
Billa sold for 150c, 1025kg, for \$1537. Brahman cross
weaner steers from Oakey sold for 206.2c, 305kg,
for \$628. Angus steers from Oakey sold for 216.2c,
407kg, for \$881. Blonde cross wealer heifers from
Meringandan sold for 240.2c, 195kg, for \$468. Angus
cross steers from Oakey sold for 225.2c, 340kg, for
\$766. Santa cross heifers from Coalbank sold for
202.2c, 268kg, for \$543. - **Paul O'Sullivan.**



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CATTLE: Numbers dropped to 780 cattle at
Elders Toowoomba this week. The market re-
mained firm for export descriptions while young
and trade cattle improved in value. A very light
number of bulls topped at 155c/kg. Best bul-
locks from Millmerran reached 193.2c/kg while
heavy feeder steers realised 203.2c/kg. Heavy
trade steers from Pittsworth topped at 219.2c/kg
while heavy trade heifers reached 201.2c/kg
for 525kg to return \$1056.30. Best cows from
Greenmount realised 178.2c/kg while pen lots
from Chinchilla topped at 168.2c/kg. Best Frie-
sian cows from Southbrook made 146.2c/kg.
Feed lotters were very active in the lighter
cattle with best steers making 217.2c/kg and
heifers to 212.2c/kg. Lightweight cattle met
spirited competition with heifers reaching
245.2c/kg and steers 239.2c/kg. A pen of 5 light
Limousin steers suitable for future led steers
realised 256.2c/kg. Lightweight store steers
from Westbrook made 237.2c/kg. Best cows
and calves make \$880.

PIGS: 287 pigs yarded with the market for all
pigs except prime pork and backfatter sows
selling to cheaper prices. All store pigs sold to
easier rates. Prime pork 220-238c/kg, prime light
bacon 193-212c/kg, prime bacon 178-204c/kg,
sows to 114-120c/kg, forward stores \$81-
128ph, weaners \$45-65ph, suckers \$30ph.
Errol Luck 0427 561 678

Bookings for next Toowoomba sale

Contact Darren Hartwig
Elders Crow's Nest - Phone 0428 736 470

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from this area.
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Railway damage



Bird's eye view of damage on the line between Harlaxton and Spring Bluff.

Off to the Wiggles



Harry, 3, and Piper Ford, 1, grandchildren of Murdo and Pamela Campbell of Highfields on their way to see the Wiggles at Suncorp Stadium on Australia Day.

Australia Day winners



Highfields Australian Day award winners with Kerry Shine MP. Back - Mr Shine, Amanda Newton, damper competition, Matthew Goulter, young citizen of the year, Haydn Weir, sports award. Second row Cr Bill Cahill, Robert Prentice, citizen of the year, Linda Prentice, Pat Ashford, Rae Blinco. Front right Queensland Senator Claire Moore. - Jenny Gerserkowski photo.

Business breakfast



Deputy Mayor Paul Antonio and Sarah-Jane Macdonald at the February Highfields Better Business breakfast. Cr Antonio updated the meeting on recent flooding in the region. Sarah-Jane was the Young Citizen of the Year in the Toowoomba region.

Break out



Heavy rain in January has caused springs to break out at Gowrie Junction, left Burkes Road, right Gowrie-Tilgonda. - ATPS photos.

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