

April 2008

# Mountain News

Community news from Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious  
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A new bushfire warning system developed and implemented by Bushfire Risk Reducers in conjunction with Pine Rivers Shire Council, the emergency services and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service is part of a new Community Bushfire Risk Management System (CBRMS) that will make it a lot easier for emergency services to plan how to deal with a bushfire and to communicate with local residents threatened by the fire.

The new CBRMS at Mt Nebo, one of the highest bushfire risk areas in Queensland, is an Australian first in that it brings together three elements to help emergency services and residents - 1) a unique Property Planning and Mapping System developed by BRR, which assesses and manages risk at an individual property level and gives emergency services much needed field intelligence at the property level; 2) a Community Bushfire Plan - giving local residents a clear idea of what they will need to listen out for and what actions they must take; and 3) the Emergency Warning System itself. The warning system has 5 components:

A three phase warning siren

A direct callout mechanism to mobile phones and landlines

A roadside LED signage system showing bushfire incident status and other emergency information

A 1800MTNEBO information line

A network of trained and equipped street coordinators

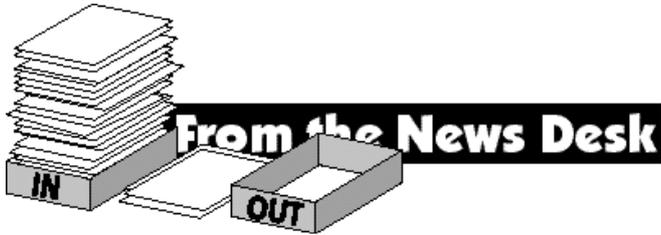
Alistair Hill, Managing Director of Bush Risk Reducers says: "As a Rural Fire Service volunteer in my own time I understand how information of this quality is vital in forming a view on which properties and residents we have a better than even chance of assisting. Few or none of the services responding to an incident are aware of important variations at individual properties, with the exception of those properties which brigade members know first hand. The Property Planning and Mapping System gives us as firefighters the intel we need to do the job more safely and effectively in attempting to save lives and property."

The Emergency Warning System won a 2007 Safer Communities Award and the Property Planning and Mapping System developed by BRR is currently being implemented in two other Shires, with keen interest from high risk communities in NSW as well. Although developed with bushfires in mind the CBRMS/EWS has applications in many other natural emergency situations.

## The Development of the CBRMS/EWS

Pine Rivers Shire Council supplied and arranged funding for the CBRMS/EWS project through the Department of Transport and Regional Services and State Government Natural Disaster Mitigation Program and the project has been keenly supported by all emergency agencies - Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Queensland Police Service, State Emergency Services, Local Counter Disaster Groups, Pine Rivers Shire Council and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.





## MTN goes green...

Hello to all of our new subscribers. This is the final edition of the Mt News that will be printed and distributed to your letter boxes.

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## Weed 'em out and whip 'em in - Part 5 in a series

### What is a weed?

Many people talk about, study, or work in “environmental management”. But of course the environment doesn't need managing: it is the effect of increasing numbers of people on the environment that needs managing. Plants have different life strategies. Some (like annuals) grow rapidly, reproduce as quickly as possible, then die. Others (like trees) spend decades building a large woody trunk, and reaching the light, so that they can “relax” for the rest of their long lives and invest all their energy in seeds for reproduction. The former strategy makes great “pioneers” that are able to take advantage of new opportunities quickly. But which plant species ends up thriving in any situation is a result of competition — for light and nutrient resources. The plants themselves might say “It's a jungle out there”!

Plants have been transported all over the world by humans, and a plant in a new environment is described as “introduced” or “alien”. Many of these are beneficial to humans — examples are most of our crops. But others turn into huge problems, and we call them “weeds”. Native plants can become “weeds” at home too, especially if people change the landscape to their benefit, perhaps by clearing forest to make agricultural land, or by opening up light gaps in a forest. Weeds are “plants that are growing where humans don't want them”. They are usually defined as having, or being capable of having, a serious adverse effect on agricultural production, human health and enjoyment, or natural ecosystems. But every “weed” is somebody's native species. A lot of scientific effort has gone into trying to define and understand what traits make a plant a good “invader”. Five important questions are often asked: (1) Which species or genera invade? (2) How fast do they do this? (3) What makes ecosystems invulnerable? (4) What is the impact and (5) How can we control and eradicate harmful invaders?

Internationally, there is a HUGE amount of money and effort going into answering question 5. In the USA, the plant called kudzu covers entire fields and climbs over barns and buildings, rendering the whole landscape in soft, formless green! In Tahiti the tree *Miconia calvenscens* has entirely replaced the native forests, and now only a few old tree fern trunks can be seen in the gloom of the new, dense forest understoreys. The stories are endless, but provide fascinating evidence of the resilience and resourcefulness that results from plants' different life strategies as they encounter different climates and habitats. But human activity remains the greatest problem. In New Zealand, the Royal Forest and Bird Society has awarded certificates to garden centres that provide plants and information which result in local species being planted, and that encourage “eco-sourcing”. It is sometimes surprising to consider what “local” means: the North Queensland umbrella tree (*Schefflera actinophylla*) is invasive in Southeast Queensland. In the end, appreciation of the very local is usually a wise strategy. Local species are adapted to local conditions, and support local wildlife.

MEPA is working very hard to reduce the effects of weeds that are easily finding a toehold on the big light gaps that are our roads and clearings. Weed seeds are transported on car tyres and machinery, but there is much that can be done (with little effort but reasonable thought) to minimise these new invasions, and to reduce the cost (in herbicide use, time weeding and money) that these weeds impose.

The D'Aguilar Range is a beautiful natural region, and is a very important reservoir of a particular type of biodiversity: subtropical rainforests and wet and dry eucalypt forests—as well as many other different types of vegetation. Happily, this community is already making very active efforts to weed out the weeds. Please see what you can achieve in your backyard and nearby street frontage.

For further information, call MEPA: 3289-0093.

On internet, look at “The World's 100 Worst Invasive species” on [www.issg.org/database](http://www.issg.org/database) and type in “weed ecology” to Google for some interesting stories.

Next month: back to MEPA's (Mt Glorious/Mt Nebo Environment Protection Association) monthly profile of a problem weed — with details about a native plant that could replace it in the same habitat. Apologies for missing March's issue – weed creepers clambered over my house and I couldn't get outside to tie the article to the leg of my pigeon.

Sarah Lowe

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## Councillor's Column

Dear Residents of Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious,

It is with great humility that I write to thank you for your support in the recent Council elections. Elections at any level of government are always hard fought and convincing results such as that which I have received, are rarely seen.

Throughout the previous Pine Rivers Division 1 booths, the vote was over 81% in my favour and this was consistent with the result at the Mt Nebo School booth. I thank you for this support and assure you that the significant size of the new division 11 and the 30,000 people that I now serve will not detract from my commitment to ensure that the interests of all my residents will be equally represented.

The enormity of the challenges ahead in helping to guide into existence Australia's third largest local authority, are now foremost in my mind and I look forward to continuing to put my energy into giving of the best I can in representing the residents of Division 11.

Thank you again

Regards

Bob Millar  
Councillor Division 11  
Moreton Bay Regional Council

## Hoon Line

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**Bob Millar**  
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## Qld Art Gallery

Andy Warhol, the exhibition that everyone has heard everything about, has been so popular that the Pittsburg Art Gallery partners of this endeavour have agreed to extend it by two weeks. It will now end on Sunday April 13th. To give you an idea of the amazing popularity of the show, during one day last week 1700 school students experienced Warhol's art. Since the opening last December more than 16 6000 people have seen the exhibition.

The 'Sunday at the gallery' free children's activities are continuing this year with the next event scheduled for 30 March at the QAG building. This will be a collaborative soft sculpture with Claire Robertson. The theme for the April 13th activity will be the exploration of colour and contrast with Gordon Hookey.

Kenneth McQueen/s exhibition 'Making It Modern" will be the focus of the next Auslan Tour, on 30 March at 3pm, leaving from the Melbourne St Information desk in the QAG building. This exhibition closes in fine form on Sunday 4th May at 2pm with an afternoon recital of Kenneth McQueen's favourite composers, including Brahms and Beethoven.

The Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art has just opened in the GOMA building, and can be found on the upper floor. Once again it proves to be a surprising insight into the quality and depth of the artists of the future. This year there is good variety of work, from the traditional painting style through to installations.

Last but by no means least, on the 28th February premier Anna Bligh announced in Parliament that the Qld Art Gallery will host an exhibition on Picasso's private collection from June 9th to September 14th. Who knows, it may even be bigger than Warhol! Watch this space for more details closer to the event.

Keep painting printing and potting

Janette

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# The Wilson Report

## Grants Information Seminar

I will be hosting a Grants Information Seminar for Community Groups on Wednesday 23 April 2008 at the Arana Leagues Club, starting at 6.30 pm. Over the years, many worthwhile groups in our electorate have benefited from State Government grants such as those available under the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. There are also a number of other funds, some of which may not be as well known, that community groups can access. The purpose of this seminar is to provide you with relevant information and tips on how to improve your chances of being successful. Representatives from all clubs and school P & Cs are welcome. Please phone my office on 3851 1570 to book a place.

## Solar Bonus Scheme

The State Government recently announced a new scheme to pay households for the solar electricity they generate and contribute to the electricity grid. The Solar Bonus Scheme will pay households and business 44 cents for every kilowatt-hour generated from solar power systems at work and at home and feed into the grid. We want Queenslanders to cash in on our reputation as the Sunshine State and by providing this financial incentive we hope to encourage greater use of solar energy systems and boost our renewable energy market.

It is estimated the Solar Credit Scheme or feed-in-tariff could save consumers more than 25% on their annual electricity bill depending on the energy efficiency of their home. For more information visit [www.dme.qld.gov.au](http://www.dme.qld.gov.au), phone 3237 1508 during business hours or contact my office. I have also been watching with interest, the progress of the Samford Solar Neighbourhoods project recently and am delighted that so many of you have gotten on board this sustainable energy initiative. I commend residents who have embraced solar energy.

## Pram Safety

I know the Mountain area is a family-friendly district that places value on safety and wellbeing. The Department of Fair Trading has issued a reminder to parents to pay close attention to safety features when buying prams and strollers, after recent safety concerns about a particular brand of stroller. Fair Trading advises parents shopping for a pram to:

- check the pram has safety features such as a five-point restraint harness
- check how well the braking system and locking features work
- familiarise yourself with how to apply the brake - this is very important, especially with three-wheeled strollers that can roll away quickly if the brake is not applied
- ensure the pram or stroller has no gaps that could trap a baby's head, limbs or fingers, and
- only buy a pram or stroller that complies with the voluntary Australian Standard AS/NZ 2088.

For more information about pram safety visit [www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au)

## Weekend Mobile Offices

My next regular mobile offices will be at the Ferny Grove Markets on Sunday 30 March from 6.30 am - 9.30 am (weather permitting) and at the Fernland Shops, Woodhill Drive, Ferny Hills and the Arlington Shops, Arlington Drive, Arana Hills on Saturday 5 April from 8.00 am - 11.00 am. It's a highlight of the week for me and a great opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends.

In closing, I welcome people contacting me with their views, as well as seeking information or help with any State Government matter. Telephone me on 3851 1570, fax me on 3851 1261, email me on [ferny.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:ferny.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au), or check out my website, [www.geoffwilsonmp.com](http://www.geoffwilsonmp.com). My Electorate Office is at 3/6 Nepean Avenue, Arana Hills - next to the Caltex Service Station (office hours 9:00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 5:00 pm week days).

# ROAD RAVES

## More crashes

Police, ambulance, tow trucks and Careflight helicopter descended on Nebo in waves last month. There's been a spate of crashes, mainly from immature young male drivers treating others with contempt. On the notorious 'S' bends above the Goat Track, a car went over the edge at 4am one morning - the young occupants were lucky to have been uninjured. We understand they fled with their friends (other hoon?). It took a few attempts by tow-trucks over the next couple of days, and the blocking off of Nebo road for some hours, before the car could be retrieved.

A few hours after this crash, a trial bike rider came off in the forest at the back of Forestry Road. Presumably the rider was illegally in the forest. A broken leg was the only injury.

## What can be done?

While crashes are an inevitable part of modern life, is there more that can be done? The hoon that went over on the S bends could easily have killed or injured someone. These incidents happen regularly. Queensland has had anti-hoon legislation since 2002, which impounds hoon cars. There's some interesting research on hoon and police responses on the web. (eg [dobinhoons.com](http://dobinhoons.com); center for accident research and road safety -[www.carrsq.qut.edu.au](http://www.carrsq.qut.edu.au)).

We advertise the 'Hoon line' and have the 'incident reporting forms' on the gloriousnebo website. Extending the 50K zone out beyond the Goat Track and Darcy Kelly Road would be a useful initiative. We're looking to Council to support appropriate entrance and exit installations in Nebo village. Please support these positive moves. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

The Mountain Traffic Group meets regularly to discuss safety on our roads. Next meeting is 9.30am, 3rd May 2008 at Boombana Cafe. Call Rob Lachowicz (3289 8250) or Ann Bateson (3289 3939) for info.

*Working with our local community*

**Geoff WILSON MP**



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## D'Aguilar Range National Park

Patrols target motorbikes near Cabbage Tree

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rangers recently issued 12 infringement notices to drivers found operating vehicles inside restricted areas of the D'Aguilar Range. Patrols adjacent to the Cabbage Tree Creek section of the park were undertaken following reports of unauthorised vehicle use. Illegal use of motorbikes and four-wheel drive vehicles on fire breaks and management roads causes significant impacts to our sensitive ecosystem, park visitors, and neighbours by:

- \* causing substantial erosion and degradation of breaks and roads, subsequently hindering the EPA's response to wildfires and requiring expensive repairs to infrastructure;
- \* introducing and spreading weeds along the trail network;
- \* polluting watercourses with sediment and nutrients that diminish water quality and threaten the health of dependant plants and wildlife;
- \* creating negative experiences for park visitors;
- \* endangering the safety of walkers, mountain bike riders and horse riders; and
- \* creating noise pollution and unrest for local residents.

If you see any illegal activity in the park please report it either by phoning the Police at Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or the EPA at the Brisbane Forest Park office on 1300 723 684.

Visitor counters provide critical park data

In the next few months rangers will be installing visitor counters at key visitor sites along the D'Aguilar Range as part of the EPA's visitor monitoring strategy in parks across Queensland. Visitor counters are used to capture data about a variety of visitor activities including mountain bike, horse and trail bike riding. Data will be collected predominantly from recreation sites where visitor numbers are of concern. This includes environmentally sensitive sites and areas under increasing tourism pressure. The EPA's management of protected areas aims to strike a balance between conservation of unique natural and cultural values while still providing recreational opportunities for the public. Detailed visitor monitoring helps manage these areas and assists with keeping visitation at sustainable levels without compromising environmental, social and cultural values. The data also helps ensure current recreation facilities are meeting trends in visitor demands and assist in guiding the rangers to provide a variety of recreation opportunities across the D'Aguilar Range.

Go Bush activities for autumn

The autumn Go Bush program has some very exciting activities this season. Adult activities at Maijala day-use area include the Rifle bird reconnaissance - bird walk with locally renowned ornithologist Ian Venables on May 10 and the Rainforest plant identification walk (easy) with botany enthusiast Bob Blinko on May 17.

For more information on these and the rest of our autumn Go Bush activities pick up a copy of the Bush Telegraph at the Brisbane Forest Park Information Centre or visit [www.epa.qld.gov.au](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au). Make a booking or join our Bush Telegraph email list by phoning 1300 723 684.

**Michael Siebuhr, Senior Ranger, EPA.**

For more information about any of the topics in this column, please contact the Queensland Parks and Wildlife, Brisbane Forest Park office on 1300 723 684.

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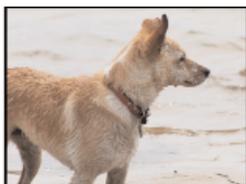


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## The "ONE WAY" Anne McManus

with help from: Rod Nicklin  
Lester Manwaring  
Lou Hammermeister

The return of soldiers in 1919, after the first World War, saw the beginnings of the village of Mt Nebo, from the 1921 soldier settlement subdivision "The Highlands".

It was hoped for the new settlement to become a thriving farming community, marketing its produce to Brisbane, via the Samford Valley, through the villages of Highvale and Samford. What was lacking was an access road to the valley.

From the humble beginnings of a bullocky's track descending at Dwyers Lookout, was constructed a narrow road to Highvale. It was built over the years 1919 and 1920, using hand tools, dynamite, and the labour of the returned soldier settlers themselves, either in a voluntary capacity or in the employment of the Public Roads Department.

Settlers tried their various fortunes with market gardening, bananas and dairying. By 1924, the settlement was beginning to grow in population and develop into a community.

Local produce was carted to Highvale from both The Highlands and Mt Glorious. The road link between the communities having been forged between 1922 and 1926. Mick Dwyer was one of the first Mt Nebo locals to set up a regular cartage business to Highvale. His family were some of the original settlers, after whom Dwyer's Lookout (now the home of Jack and Doreen Biggs) was named.

Timber was hauled by bullock teams (Charlie Patrick having one of the early teams), spring cart or horse drawn wagon from Mt Glorious via the road to Highvale and on to mills in Brisbane by road or rail, from Samford. Apparently, timber was snigged and dragged by bullock or horse and loaded at a ramp located at the corner of Darcy Kelly Road and the Mt Nebo Mt Glorious Road.

The first timber trucks went down in 1928, with the first solid tyred timber truck to travel down to Highvale owned by local George Reynolds.

Between 1936-1970 millions of super feet of hardwood and hoop pine, 90% of all timber logged from both Mt Glorious and Mt Nebo, was hauled down the road. Of interest is, that two large wooden poles, around 110 feet long, both went down "The One Way" to become the superstructure of one of the bridges over the Tweed River, in northern New South Wales.

The road became a vital lifeline for the mountain settlements, enabling not only the cartage of produce to market, and the bringing back of provisions for both settlements, but also easy access to social occasions in the valley for the otherwise isolated communities.

As the community's population increased, and so the narrow road's usage, a "one way" principal came into operation on weekends with set hours for travel either up or down. The road from then on was to be known as "The One Way". Improvements to "The One Way", in the early

50's, saw one of the first pre-stressed concrete bridges in Queensland installed a few kilometres from the top.

The 1974 floods of south east Queensland saw "The One Way" closed by land slips, after 53 years of service. Temporary closure, of 9 months in 1929, was for the blasting of a rock face, down the bottom where the road had slid.

A submission, by local residents to the Pine Rivers Shire Council and Main Roads Department to re-open the road was rejected, after Main Roads decided to upgrade an alternate Highvale access, the PEI Road (Public Estate Improvement, a branch of the Public Roads Department).

When land slips subsequently made the PEI road impassible in 1977, local residents Rod Nicklin, Lester Manwaring and Bruce Goodsir re-opened the road using Rod Nicklin's Earthmoving Contractor's D6 dozer.

Since then, the Pine Rivers Shire Council has been persuaded to maintain "The One Way" as an all weather gravel road, limiting vehicle tonnage to 5 tonnes gross and cautioning "persons using this road do so at their own risk!

I would like to acknowledge Helen Horton's book as a reference. "BRISBANE'S BACK DOOR" The story of the D'Aguiar Range, Horton, Helen. Boolarong Publications (1988) Bowen Hills, Brisbane.

From Mt. Nebo one-way traffic operates on Sundays and public holidays: Up 10am to 1.30pm; down 2pm to 5pm. Note: These same one-way traffic times must be observed between Mt. Nebo and Highvale on the Samford route. (from a 1953 road guide)



thanks to Anne McManus

- 1st. Wednesday of the month - Mt Nebo Residents' Association meeting at the Hall. 7:30pm
- 2nd. Monday of the month - Mt Nebo P&C Assoc meeting at 7pm ASC Bldg. (No meetings in School Holidays)
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MEDIA RELEASE

March 5, 2008

## NEW COUNCIL SITE TO OPEN MARCH 17

Moreton Bay Regional Council will launch its first new community facility just two days after the local government elections.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council website – [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au) – will go live March 17 with an array of local government information related to the new Council area.

The site will cover Council services and facilities, business and tourism information, events, the environment, planning and development matters, and general information about the new Council.

It will be a vibrant public portal that unites the communities of Caboolture, Pine Rivers and Redcliffe and will also contain a search facility to help residents identify the district where they should conduct their Council business.

For the latest news visit [www.moretonbaylrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbaylrc.qld.gov.au)

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## MORETON LIVING TO HIT THE STREETS

Residents across the new Moreton Bay region will receive the first edition of Moreton Living during the coming weeks.

The community newsletter about Moreton Bay Regional Council replaces publications produced by Caboolture, Pine Rivers and Redcliffe Councils.

Moreton Living will be produced regularly to keep community members informed of Council events and projects. The first edition focuses on what the amalgamated Council means for residents.

The second edition of Moreton Living will include information about the new Mayor and Councillors of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

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March 14, 2008

## MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS HOURS

Moreton Bay Regional Council is set to open its doors for business on Monday, March 17.

Residents are encouraged to 'think district' when conducting Council business to ensure access to the services they have come to value and expect.

The three call centres (Caboolture, Pine Rivers and Redcliffe) will operate Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm.

Caboolture District Office	Tel: 5420 0100
Redcliffe District Office	Tel: 3283 0233
Pine Rivers District Office	Tel: 3480 6666
General number	Tel: 3205 0555

Over-the-counter service will be provided at each district office during the following times.

District Offices	
Caboolture District Office	8.30am to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri
Redcliffe District Office	8.30am to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri
Pine Rivers District Office	8am to 5pm, Mon to Fri
Pine Rivers District Branches	
Albany Creek	9am to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri
Arana Hills	9am to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri
Kallangur	9am to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri
Samford	1pm to 4.30pm, Mon to Fri

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## Dive into Moreton Bay's Talent Pool

From sculptors to print-makers - Moreton Bay is home to an eclectic mix of artists who have been brought together for Council's first ever region-wide art exhibition, Talent Pool.

Talent Pool will showcase works by artists from Caboolture, Pine Rivers and Redcliffe districts.

The nine exhibiting artists have each contributed a series of imaginative artworks from existing collections, capturing the depth of artistic talent in the new Moreton Bay community.

Artists involved in the exhibition have used a broad range of mediums and techniques including water-colour paints, print-making and ceramics in creating their works.

The exhibiting artists include Caboolture painter Amanda Russian; Pine Rivers ceramicist, sculptor and jeweller Ann O'Connor; Redcliffe painter and teacher Cemak; Caboolture print maker and painter Ellie Neilson; Pine Rivers painter and sculptor Scott Whitaker; Redcliffe painter and teacher John Carr; Caboolture painter and academic Les Morgan; Pine Rivers sculptor and painter Sharon Jewell and Redcliffe sculptor and painter John A Robinson.

Talent Pool opens on Wednesday April 2 at Matthew Flinders Gallery, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, Bribie Island.

The exhibition will be officially launched at the gallery on Saturday April 5 from 6pm. Guest speaker, Queensland Art Gallery program officer Angela Goddard will discuss the importance of art in regional centres and the legacy left by the late painter Ian Fairweather. Fairweather, who lived much of his life on Bribie Island, has works on display in all Australian state galleries and international galleries including the Tate Gallery in London.

Matthew Flinders Gallery is open between Tuesdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm. Talent Pool closes on Sunday May 11.

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## Moreton Bay Regional councillors take office

The new Moreton Bay Regional councillors and mayor will be sworn in at a ceremony at North Lakes Community Centre from 10.30am on Thursday, April 3.

Moreton Bay Regional Council's Acting Chief Executive Officer Ray Burton said the declaration of office would take place at the statutory meeting, which would be open to the general public.

"We'll be witnessing history when elected representatives take their declaration of office to become part of what is the third largest local government authority in Australia," he said.

Moreton Bay Regional Council amalgamates Redcliffe City, Pine Rivers Shire and Caboolture Shire councils, covers an area of 2,011 square kilometres and services a population of more than 340,000.

Up to 300 people are expected to attend the April 3 ceremony. State Government Members of Parliament, whose electorates fall within the new council region, will be among official guests.

The ceremony will include a handover of the three flags of the former councils by three school students, one each from the Redcliffe, Caboolture and Pine Rivers districts.

The newly appointed mayor and councillors will then convene a statutory meeting to elect a deputy mayor and decide on a schedule of future council meetings.

The establishment of standing and advisory committees, their memberships and functions, will also be considered at the meeting.

### DIARY NOTE:

What: Moreton Bay Regional Council statutory meeting

Where: North Lakes Community Centre, Corner of Lakefield Drive and Endeavour Boulevard, North Lakes

When: 10.30am, April 3, 2008.

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