

July 2008

Mountain News

Community news from Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious
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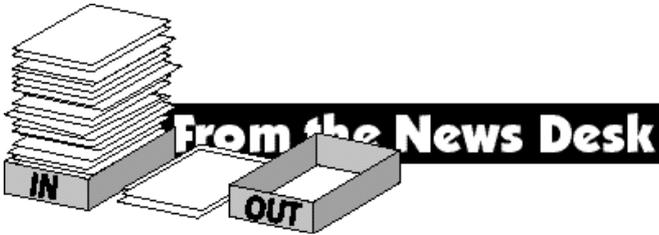


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(Contact Maggie - 3289 8175 or Dominic - 3289 0093)



The Mountain News Committee will be meeting at the Boombana Cafe at 10am on Saturday 26th July. The purpose of the meeting is to finalise the contributions set out in the June Mountain News to the Mt Nebo Residents' Association (help with insurance costs) MEPA (help with nasty weeds) Bush Fire Brigade (keep us safe from fires). Also this is a great opportunity for you join the committee and be a part of the Mountain News. It would be great to boost the committee so come along and join us.



As always we're looking for contributions to make the news more interesting - you may like to write an article on a subject dear to you, a joke, anecdote, photo etc. Remember it's your community news and it's what you submit that gets in the News - there are no official journalists (they would be welcome on the committee if they're out there!)

Here's a Sudoku Puzzle to get you going!

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D'Aguilar Range National Park News

Spotted-tailed quolls in the D'Aguilar Range?

A series of unconfirmed spotted-tailed quoll sightings in the D'Aguilar Range recently has prompted researchers from the University of Queensland and rangers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate the presence of this 'vulnerable' carnivorous marsupial in the D'Aguilar Range. While this species is common in some parts of Australia, in the D'Aguilar Range there has not been a confirmed sighting in over 50 years. Unconfirmed sightings have been made at McAfee's Lookout, Dawson's Creek and Camp Mountain, where researchers plan to set up monitoring stations. A scat, appearing to belong to a quoll, was found near Centre Road, and is now being analysed to confirm its identity.

Major threats to the spotted-tailed quoll include land clearing, competition with feral animals, wildfire and the presence of cane toads. Cane toads first appeared in this area in the 1960s, shortly after the last confirmed sighting, suggesting they played a large part in the disappearance of the quoll population. If you think you have seen one of these elusive mammals in the D'Aguilar Range, please contact EPA rangers on 3289 2644.

Similar in appearance to a large possum and covered in white spots, the spotted-tailed quoll *Dasyurus maculatus maculatus* is the largest carnivorous marsupial on mainland Australia.



Planned burns in the D'Aguilar Range

Since May, EPA rangers have conducted a number of planned burns in the D'Aguilar Range. Carefully managed planned burns can help to protect life and property near park boundaries, reduce forest fuel loads which minimises the risk of wildfire and also allow fire to play an essential role in maintaining and protecting healthy forest ecosystems.

This season, three planned burns with a conservation focus will take place on the western side of Mt Glorious. Fire plays an important role in maintaining the health of the grassy/shrubby understorey in open eucalypt forests. Some of these once open forests have, through the absence of appropriate fire, developed a 'thickened' understorey of which the weed Lantana is very prolific. Forests with a thick Lantana understorey also seem to be susceptible to forest dieback, a sign of an unhealthy and unbalanced system where mature canopy trees deteriorate and eventually die. The appropriate use of fire helps to maintain healthy, open eucalypt forests and woodlands and can reduce conditions such as dieback.

Another planned burn with a conservation focus is scheduled for this season to maintain open eucalypt forests and protect the neighbouring damp rainforest gullies near Jolly's lookout.

A planned burn will be conducted between Fernlands Break and Township Break to help protect Mount Nebo residential properties. Planned burns were conducted in several areas on the lower end of Mount Nebo Road in May to reduce forest fuel loads and maintain ecological diversity.

Feral pig control in Mount Nebo

EPA rangers have been working with local residents to trap and remove feral pigs sighted on properties within Mount Nebo. Feral pigs are known to pass through the Mount Nebo and Mount Glorious areas, favouring landscapes that provide wet, boggy areas and a ready supply of food. Some of the many environmental impacts associated with the presence of feral pigs include erosion due to wallowing, competition for food with native animals, spreading weeds, damaging frog habitat and posing a threat to ground-nesting birds.

To help the EPA control feral pig populations in the D'Aguilar Range, mountain residents should:

- ensure that potential food supplies such as compost piles and fallen fruit are secured and,
- report feral pig sightings to EPA rangers at the Samford office on 3289 2644.

Winter Go Bush activities booking out fast

Join university lecturer John Hall and an EPA ranger on Saturday 9 August, for a walk along the Lepidozamia trail at Mount Glorious. Your guides will lead you through wet eucalypt forest to learn about the ancient cycad trees that grow here. The Winter Go Bush program is filling up fast, so call 1300 723 684 to make a booking or find out more about this season's weekend and school holiday activities.

Michael Siebuhr, Senior Ranger, EPA.

For more information about any of the topics in this column, please contact the EPA Brisbane Forest Park office on ph. 1300 723 684.

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Why weed 'em out?

Part 8 of MEPA's (Mt Glorious/Mt Nebo Environment Protection Association) monthly weed column.

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. But there are certain well-recognised threats to the area, and one is invasion by weeds.

Why are weeds a problem? Why spend all this time thinking about them, and then endure all that hand- and back-ache (and a bit of heart-ache when they're also beautiful) getting rid of them? This is one version of an answer — in the hope that people who don't so far spend lots of time thinking about vegetation will begin to excitedly stare at fruits and little scratchy weeds.

The word "weed" describes a plant or species that humans think is in the "wrong" place. (Usually humans have put it there!) The place might be "wrong" because the weed causes problems for people (ruining crops, or choking waterways, or baring soil that gets washed away in heavy rains) or because it interferes with natural processes that we rely on.

The D'Aguilar Range is a special place, with an interesting geographical context, that is worth looking after. First, Australia is scientifically recognised as one of the world's 12 "megadiverse" countries. The Australian Academy of Science's website "Nova" explains:

"These [megadiverse] countries carry so much of the planet's biological richness that they have a special responsibility . . . Many aspects of our biodiversity are not well appreciated by the public. For example, Australia is incredibly rich in ants, reptiles, lichens and fungi. It has been observed that one small, wooded hill in Canberra contains more ant species than exist in the whole of Great Britain."

(<http://www.science.org.au/nova/010/010box03.htm>)

In addition, the SE Queensland region is considered to be the second-most biodiverse area in Australia: it lies at the boundary of tropical areas just to the north, and temperate areas just to the south. Many habitats are available for plants and animals due to the juxtaposition of coast and inland, river and wetland (Moreton Bay is a wetland and dugong habitat of international importance), offshore sand islands...and mountains.

This valuable place abuts a region of extremely rapid human population growth: as more people move here, more houses are built, more land is concreted — which means that rainwater is not caught in vegetation and creeks, but flushes off quickly through stormwater drains — more cars are on the road, and more waste is produced. . . Pressure on natural systems is growing at the same time as the capacity of the system to cope is being drastically stretched.

Weeds are both results of our actions, and promoters of further problems. Weeds are "weedy" (i.e. quick to rush in and take over) because they are pioneer plants that have evolved an opportunist life strategy: colonise, reproduce quickly, die. (Trees can't suddenly make use of landslips or forest clearings in the same way: they do things differently, spending years investing in a huge trunk, but then living and reproducing for many more years in the canopy sunlight.)

Weeds exploit open, sunny areas; they don't wait around as seedlings in shady forest interiors waiting for a tree to fall over to give them light. So a new road through a forest, for example, is a prime location for weeds to establish. Because we have cars with tyre treads holding weed seeds, we help these plants move in. By creating a new open "edge" in the forest, we are effectively dividing up a chunk of previously intact forest; thus habitat for animals becomes fragmented.

Why should we care?

At the start, perhaps one new "edge" doesn't make much difference. But gradually as fragments grow smaller, some vital processes are affected. An oft-quoted analogy is that of rivets in a plane wing: one rivet falling out might not be a problem, but as a few more fall out, and a few more, the situation gets worse. One day, there is catastrophic failure of the wing.

The great fascination of ecology is the complex web of connections between species and processes. These are the ecological rivets, the redundancies that provide solutions to challenges such as drought. We humans usually discover the fascinating complexity of nature after we've experienced an unintended consequence of our actions. This is part of learning, but sometimes the outcome is more painful than the original problem.

So perhaps a new plant/weed introduction provides tasty, abundant fruit that attracts a new bird to the area, and then after fruiting season, the bird starts eating a local insect, and we realise that the insect had been pollinating all our fruit crops, but has now stopped doing that. . . The examples are endless. A new fire regime might be the result of a weed infestation — and it might not be to human benefit.

There are many "ecosystem services" that humans receive (for free) from living ecosystems: the plants we eat and minerals we gain from their growth in specific local soils; the benefits of rain, its storage underground and the cycling of water and carbon; the role of vegetation in cleaning air and purifying water; and incessant energy of microbes and insects in disposing of waste, cycling nutrients and minerals and keeping the soils fertile. All of these promote human health.

Many people talk about the "balance" of nature. But natural systems are always changing—although they do tend to function within certain limits. The main point seems to be that a diverse system can stay "resilient" — able to adjust to change.

Diversity exists at different scales. To keep a system resilient, it seems that there need to be redundancies in the system (i.e. good local native diversity), so that if, say, one pollinator insect population crashes, another can take over. Diversity merely for its own sake is of no particular benefit. An interesting question is: what is happening with our "new diversity"? Zoos are highly diverse places, but there are no interrelations between the animals there. Surveys by biologists have shown that modern cities are some of the most biologically diverse places in the world. This is because a

Kenyan plant might sit next to a Chilean one in a garden and be surrounded by English and Himalayan plants. What is an Australian insect to do? They obviously make use of new species, but how much do we know about what happens to the wider system in these cases...?

In terms of landscape diversity, the D'Aguilar Range forests grow throughout gorges, on rocky outcrops and in soils that range from poor and stony to rich and fertile volcanics. Rare and threatened flora and fauna depend on this area for a place to live. Many of them are endemic to SE Queensland — found only here. Others are endemic just to the D'Aguilar Range. For some species this is the northern-most range of their habitat, and for others it is the southern-most. Some internationally important species migrate here.

The map below (taken from page 9 of the red plant book: Trees and Shrubs in Rainforests of NSW and Southern Qld by Williams, Harden and McDonald, 1984) shows the extreme fragmentation of the region's remnant rainforest patches.

What we can do:

Plant local plant species — ideally locally sourced ones which are hardy to the particular climate of the mountain. If we can't assure the living spaces of endemic D'Aguilar Range species, then they will be lost forever. People get such a lot of pleasure from plants, so it is hard to forego exotics, but if you can, enjoy plants where they are native. Work out what role they're playing in their system. Steer away from overseas plants, or even Australian plants from other ecosystems... what grows naturally up here is already wondrous enough for a lifetime's interest.

Look at the documents online: <http://www.gloriousnebo.org.au/biosphere/plans.pdf> for the proposed Biosphere Reserve and see whether you are happy to support it. It is a community effort to be proactive about protecting the values of the Range.

Find out as much as possible about the weeds in the area and how to keep them in check — and not introduce new ones.

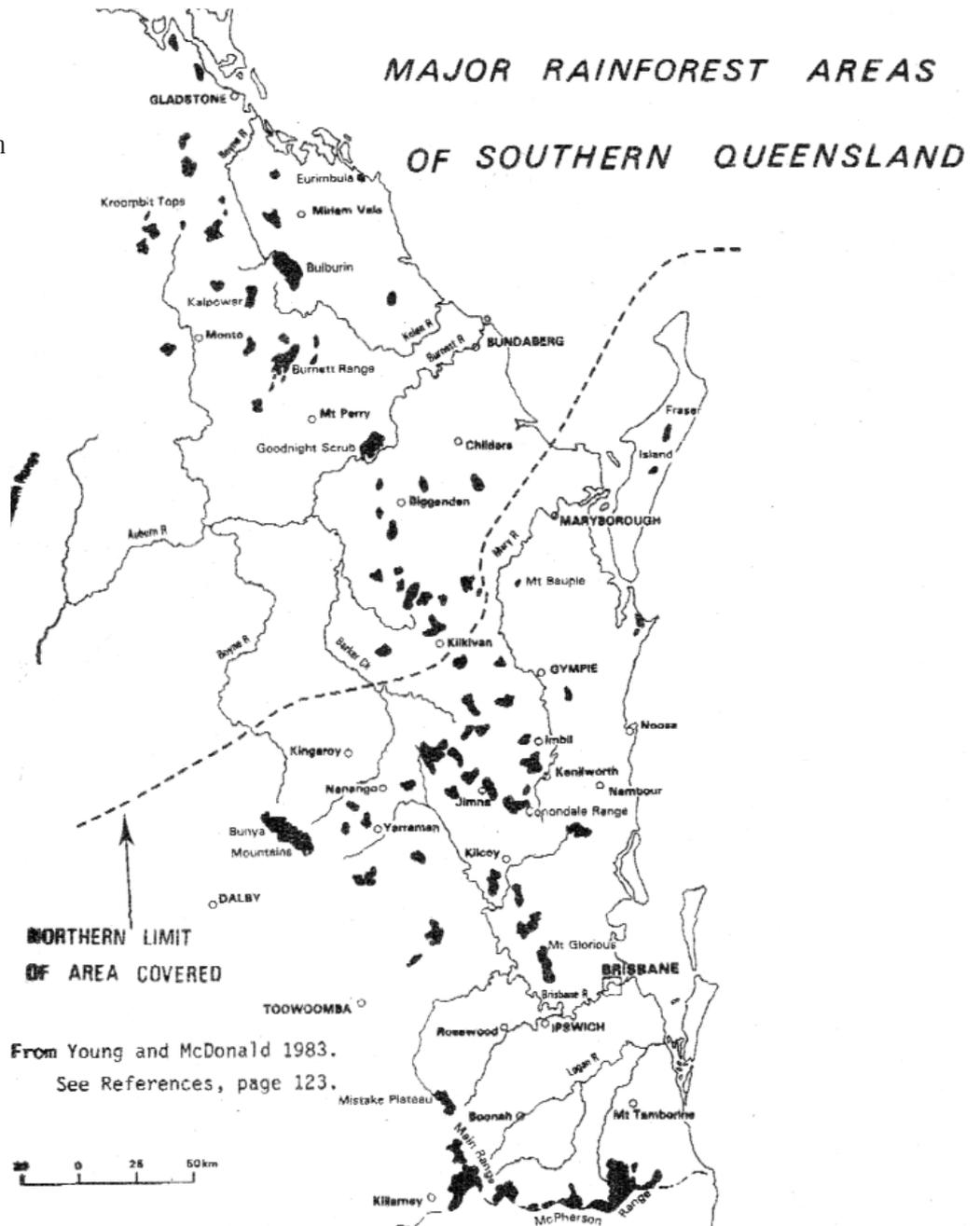
This is a place where people can breathe fragrant fresh air and see cycads from the dinosaur era. It's not everywhere that birds who are subtle-purple and green (wompoo pigeon) and black and cheeky-yellow (black cockatoo) mutter "wallock-a-woo" or shriek like pterodactyls might have... It's a really cool mountain!

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For information and help with weeds, call MEPA: 3289-0093

P.S. To the woman in Mt Nebo to whom I promised a native plant (after you answered my question a while ago) – sorry!

I was moving house and lost your address. Please send it again.



The Wilson Report

Safety Upgrade Completed on Samford-Mount Glorious Road

Safety and visibility upgrades have recently been completed along Samford-Mt Glorious Road, between Samford and Mt Nebo. This is excellent for motorists and pedestrians. I would like to thank the local community who consulted with the Department of Main Roads through my office regarding these works.

2008 State Budget - securing your future

The Bligh Government's first budget is about building tomorrow's Queensland today and I'm proud to belong to a government that plans for the future – for your future. It's delivered considerable funds for the people of the Ferny Grove electorate and I am delighted that a sizeable amount will be spent here in the Hills District. \$40 000 has been allocated for bikeways in various locations around the Pine Rivers district, \$7000 has been committed for bus shelters at various schools in the area, and over \$500 000 has been set aside for a number of schools in the Ferny Grove electorate. In this 2008 State Budget, we're putting our money on the table, rolling up our sleeves and getting on with the job of securing Queensland's future. You can download and read my speech to Parliament on the 2008-09 State Budget and read about other local State Budget on my website at www.geoffwilsonmp.com

2008 State Budget – tackling climate change

The Bligh Government's 2008-09 State Budget will help Queensland lead the way to a cleaner, greener energy future. As Mines and Energy Minister, I fought long and hard for every treasury dollar to help tackle climate change. The \$144.4 million Mines and Energy Budget will help deliver a better deal for Queenslanders. The Bligh Government is securing Queensland's future with energy conservation, renewable energy and clean coal technology. There are a number of energy saving initiatives in the Budget that were specifically designed for you – to help you save energy and money at home and at work. Just as you've shown how you can use water wisely in the face of the worst drought in recorded history, there are simple steps that can be taken to use energy wisely too. Not only will you be helping the environment, you will be saving money on electricity bills. There are hardship schemes and pensioner rebates in place to help households in financial crisis. And that's because the Bligh Government doesn't turn its back on the battlers.

Out & About in the Electorate

I recently co-hosted a Post-Budget Business Breakfast with the Hills & Districts Chamber of Commerce. The morning included guest speaker Minister John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment & Industrial Relations, who discussed key features of the 2008/09 State Budget. This was a great opportunity for businesses, both large and small, to discuss the benefits of this year's budget for our community.

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, or check out my website, <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).

Safety upgrade completed on Samford-Mount Glorious Road

Motorists are seeing the benefits from safety and visibility upgrades completed along Samford-Mount Glorious Road between Samford and Mount Nebo last week. Member for Ferny Grove Geoff Wilson said the new guardrail and linemarking, minor earthworks and removal of vegetation had improved visibility and safety for motorists.

"This is good news for the local community, especially motorists and pedestrians who use the road on a daily basis," Mr Wilson said. "Samford-Mount Glorious Road carries more than 4300 vehicles a day, so it was important to improve the driving conditions for this busy road."

The project, worth \$1 million, was funded through the Queensland Government's \$54 million Safer Roads Sooner package announced earlier this year. The Safer Roads Sooner Program uses funding from red light and speed camera fines for road projects that improve safety. Mr Wilson said more than \$15 million would be spent on safety projects in the Greater Brisbane area. "This includes projects to upgrade and install safety barriers, improve road delineation, apply anti-skid treatments and install guardrail and advisory signs," he said.

Work on the Samford-Mount Glorious Road between Samford and Mount Nebo began in November 2007, following community engagement. "Main Roads engaged with the local community, including the Mount Glorious Community Association and the former Pine Rivers Shire Council, for feedback on the proposed works," Mr Wilson said. "By working with the community and local council, we have greatly improved the safety of this busy road with simple solutions."

Regards

Margaret Cameron

Electorate Officer, for
Hon Geoff Wilson MP

Working with our local community

Geoff WILSON MP



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From the Fossa archives

1971 Brochure (courtesy Naomi Porter) put out by the then Australian Post Office introducing the new automatic telephone service for Mount Nebo. Note the short telephone numbers with the list of residents on the right. Most have now gone from the mountain and others have Passed on. Very few on the list remain at Mt. Nebo.

L.F.

HOW TO CALL FROM TELEPHONES AT MOUNT NEBO

1. Check the number in the Telephone Directory.
2. Check this card for dialling instructions.
3. Lift the receiver and wait for dial tone before dialling.
4. Do not pause unnecessarily before or during dialling. "Busy" tone may be heard if dialling is not completed within 45 seconds.
5. After dialling the wanted number there could be a period of silence of a few seconds before "Ringing" tone, "Busy" tone or "Number Unobtainable" tone is heard.
6. If the called number does not answer within 1½-2 minutes, "Busy" tone may be heard.

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Mount Crosby	8801	Sampsonvale	899
All Other Local Call Exchanges			011

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International and Ships at Sea 016
Trunk Enquiries 012

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Directory Assistance { Exchanges listed in the Brisbane Directory 013
All Other Places 0175
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Weather 1196
Boating Weather 1182

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School News

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

During the last week of May our school celebrated Education Week. This week also coincided with Chaplaincy Week and the Hays Inlet Festival. At the beginning of the week the younger students celebrated being 'under 8' with activities and a picnic on the oval. Throughout the rest of the week the Prep - Year 3 class were fortunate to have many parents teaching the class and sharing their knowledge on various topics.

On Thursday we held a morning tea to say thanks to our School Chaplain Mrs Cookson for the wonderful work she does for everyone. On Friday Mother Nature was Principal for the Day. Mother Nature aka Kim Pantano from Kumbartcho Sanctuary was kept very busy teaching lessons on healthy waterways (Hays Inlet inspired) and caring for our native animals.

Hays Inlet is the receiving water for the Pine River, Saltwater and Freshwater Creeks and is an internationally recognised Ramsar wetland. RAMSAR is an international convention to protect wader bird sites. The convention identifies and protects the network of wetlands throughout the world that support the waders' migratory path.

The loss of a feeding area or damage by pollution can break a wader bird flocks' migration chain by creating an impossibly long fight between their rest and refuelling stops.

Mrs Dunne, Mrs Callaghan and our LOTE (Chinese) teacher Ms Zhang also opened the doors to their classrooms during the Friday celebrations.

Congratulations to all involved. At Mount Nebo State School we have much to celebrate; wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive parents, the wonderful partnerships between the staff, students and parents, a very supportive P&C Association as well as our glorious (no pun intended) work environment.

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR PREP IN 2009

Enrolments are now open for children entering Prep in 2009. If your child turns five by 30 June next year then they can enrol in Prep.

Prep is the first year of school. It develops children's independence and gives them the very best start to school by better preparing them for the transition into Year 1. Children attending Prep at Mount Nebo State School will do lots of fun things to help them learn. They will play, draw, paint, build with blocks and story tell. Prep is five days a week and not compulsory. Later in the year we will hold a Prep information evening, so please keep an eye out for details.

Cheers

Kerry Lofgren

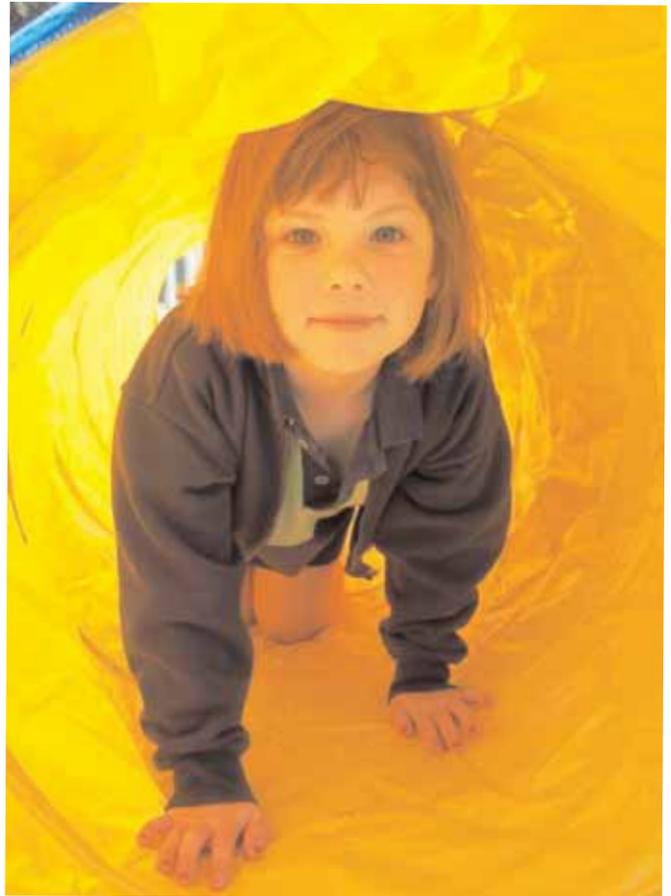
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PERFORMERS CAFÉ FINALE CONCERT

On the first Friday in June the final Performers Café took place in the Old Catholic Church Hall and presented the work of some very talented young local songwriters and musicians. With the event focussing on the creativity of young emerging artists and drawing a full house it was a fitting way to bring the venue to a close. The atmosphere was so alive and inspiring that at the conclusion of the evening the musicians reclaimed the stage and jammed for another hour.

We would like to bid a final farewell to the Café by staging a Finale Concert in the Farmers Hall from 7pm on Saturday July 26. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the Performers Café's achievements and pay tribute to the performers and supporters who have contributed significantly to creating and maintaining it over the last nine years.

Performers will include John Salmond, Janie Shrapnel, His Mistress's Voice, The Mountain Ears, Peace and Choir, Chris Willems, Kiri Waiata, the Samford Songwriters and much more. Supper will be available and there will be dancing to finish.

Tickets for the Finale Concert will be on sale at Heart & Soul Gift Shop in Main St Samford from the 1st July. Adults \$15 Conc \$12 Children \$7. There will be 170 tickets for sale only so get in quick, they will sell fast.

Farmer's Hall - July 26, 7pm

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Samford Songwriters Group



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Qld Art Gallery

Following along from the previous Warhol exhibition, 'Picasso and His Collection' is another exclusive show to Brisbane. We are very fortunate that we do not need to fly to Paris to see this exhibition as this is the first time that the collection has left Europe's shores.

The exhibition is Picasso's own private collection of paintings and includes works of art collected by Picasso which were painted by his colleagues who are now famous artists in their own right. It is all about what inspired and influenced Picasso enough to create his own paintings. The works of art are on loan from the Musee National Picasso in Paris as well as from the artists' own family. A selection of Oceanic and African masks for which Picasso developed a great interest are also included in the exhibition. Personally, I was surprised at the size and quality of the Cezanne paintings which Picasso had collected. I had read that Cezanne was considered as the "painter's painter" but here was the proof! There are also some very beautiful Renoirs on display. Included in the collection is Rousseau's 'Portrait of a Woman' which Picasso found in a second hand shop and in honour of Rousseau held a banquet where the painting was placed on show.

For those of us who perhaps need a quick overview of the artist - Pablo Picasso was born in 1881 and was actually named Pablo Ruiz but later adopted his mother's maiden name. His father was an art teacher and Pablo's own artistic ability was in evidence at an early age. Although born in Malaga Spain, he later moved to Barcelona where he was accepted in to the Barcelona School of Fine Art at the young age of 14. As a young well trained artist Picasso moved to Paris where he became friends with other artists who also became famous, such as Matisse, Miro and Braque. Unlike many artists however, he remained during the German occupation. His art varied enormously during his life as he continued to develop and be influenced by the land and people around him. His development of cubism is a prime example of this. Later in his life he moved to southern France, around the Cannes area. He was involved with a number of women who were often his models as well as his lovers. He married only two of them. He had four children. He died of a heart attack in 1973 at the age of 91. In his lifetime Picasso produced more than 22,000 paintings.

The GoMA Cinematheque is presenting a program of films about Picasso as well as the artists whose work Picasso collected.

The Children's Art Centre has been re-modeled from the Warhol Silver Factory into "Yo Picasso Kids" where children can make masks and paper sculptures. Perfect timing for the up and coming school holidays, and as this section of the gallery is free, there is no end to the number of times that you can visit for creative entertainment.

A Contemporary Media Lounge is now included in the Children's Art Centre, where young adults can listen to contemporary music from France and Spain as well as watch live-streamed TV from Europe.

'Up Late' programs have also recommenced for the duration of the exhibition. This is a chance to enjoy live entertainment as well as the exhibition, and all for the price of a standard entry ticket. "Up Late" runs from 5 until 9.30 on Friday evenings. There is a limited capacity however and pre-booking through QTIX is advisable.

Finally there is a great range of Picasso related books on sale at the exhibition shop. This includes children's books for various ages. Children are never too young to be included in the world of books or the pleasures of art!

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Janette



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Date: June 17, 2008

Council marks NAIDOC week in Caboolture

A flag raising, traditional dance and a fire lighting ceremony at Caboolture's Town Square on Friday, July 4, will help Moreton Bay Regional Council mark the beginning of NAIDOC week.

The nationally celebrated National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week this year has the theme of "Advance Australia Fair?" .

At 10am on July 4, representatives from the Aboriginal and the Torres Strait Islander communities will join Deputy Mayor Greg Chippendale and Councillors in a flag raising ceremony.

A traditional fire lighting ceremony will be performed and visitors will be invited to walk through the smoke of the fire in a cleansing ritual.

The Gubbi-Gubbi dancers will perform traditional dances.

Displays will be set up around the perimeter of the 33 King Street forecourt so interested visitors may peruse them.

A morning tea for participants will be held after the official ceremony.

Councillor Chippendale said NAIDOC Week was an opportunity for all residents to learn more about the culture of the local indigenous community.

"While the spotlight will be on during NAIDOC Week, council will continue over the next 12 months to build on existing partnerships with our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," he said.

"We're keen to establish partnerships with local indigenous organisations and the community and we remain highly supportive of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities which regularly convene meetings in the region."

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Date: June 24, 2008

Council gives 55 community groups a helping hand

Fifty-five community organisations are set to benefit from \$280,000 in grants from Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said the grants, delivered under the Caboolture District Festivals and Events Assistance Scheme and the Pine Rivers District Community Assistance Scheme, honoured the commitments of previous councils while supporting and enriching the community.

"These grants help build community organisations and enhance the liveability of our region across a wide spectrum of activities" he said.

"We're now working towards developing an integrated MBRC Community Grants program which will be more efficient as a service and provide improved support to the regional community of Moreton Bay"

With an average grant value of just over \$5,000 the grants cover a diverse range of organisations aiming at community and youth development, organisations and facilities development, environmental development, arts and culture development and community events.

Some of the Caboolture District groups set to benefit from Festivals and Events funding include The Burpengary Community Progress Association which will receive \$2,500 towards its Community Fun Day, The Woodford Folk Festival which will receive \$10,000 towards establishing a new 'Arts Factory', The Caboolture Show Society which will receive \$3,000 towards a World Cup Showjumping event and Deception Bay Community Youth Programs which will receive \$3,000 for the Harmony in the Bay community celebration day.

Under the Pine Rivers Community Assistance Scheme, Eaton Hills Community Kindergarten Association will receive \$10,000 towards the installation of a shed to store playground equipment, the Samford District Historical Museum will receive \$10,000 towards construction of shade structure, and \$5,000 will go to the 126 Army Cadet Unit to help fund an educational leadership camp.

The mayor said by developing its community grants program, council would be able to lend further support to local organisations helping to create a richly varied community life for the region's residents.

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Date: June 11, 2008

Time running out to re-register dogs

Moreton Bay region residents in Caboolture and Redcliffe districts only have until the end of this month to re-register their dogs to avoid incurring a \$20 late fee.

Moreton Bay Regional Council has introduced a new register of fees and charges for dog registration.

While dog owners in Pine Rivers district will continue to renew registrations on an anniversary basis, residents in other areas of the region have a due date of June 30.

There are about 50,000 dogs registered across the Moreton Bay region.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said dog registration was part and parcel of being a responsible owner.

"It also helps council reunite you with your dog if it strays," he said.

Under council's register of fees and charges it costs \$74 a year to re-register male and female dogs and \$24 to re-register desexed dogs.

A concession rate of \$60 for male and female dogs and \$20 for desexed dogs is available and a late fee of \$20 will be applicable if fees are not paid by the due date.

A lifetime tag is issued when dogs are registered, and that tag can be used to help identify an animal should it stray.

A full schedule of charges and details of concession availability will be accessible on council's website at www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Local laws in Moreton Bay region require dogs to be registered once they reach three months old.

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Project breaks down barriers for multicultural community

Residents from multicultural backgrounds finding it difficult to fit in to the community may soon benefit from a new project aiming to break down barriers.

The project, known as Standing Out, Looking In, involves gathering information about multicultural community issues and working on ways to overcome problems.

The project involves Moreton Bay Regional Council, the State Government's Department of Employment and Industrial Relations and community employment and training group CADET.

Throughout July, 12 women will talk to and survey other women from culturally diverse backgrounds to build up a profile of the types of issues they are experiencing and that may isolate them from the broader community.

MBRC's Lifestyle and Amenity committee chairperson, Division Seven Councillor David Dwyer said council was proud to be a part of a project that would enhance its communities by identifying problems and bringing together government agencies and the community to develop solutions.

"We know there are many skilled migrants and migrants on spousal visas in our community. We want to know what the needs and aspirations of those residents are and what we can do to help them achieve their goals," he said.

"This scheme focuses on women, because women's issues are family issues and community issues.

"It will aim to harness the services of already existing community groups and government departments to provide real support at a grass-roots level."

The 12 women selected as surveyors are from culturally diverse backgrounds and will be visiting the regions libraries, and some major shopping centres. They hope to survey around 250 women during July, but will also talk to women who want to discuss issues without being part of the survey.

The project is funded through the State Government's Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative.

For further information please contact project supervisor Tracey Singh by phoning 5431 6516.

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