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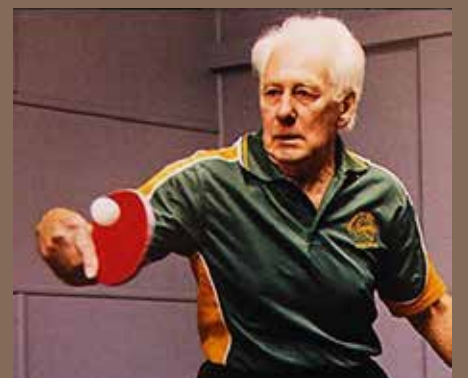


School captains from Quinalow State School Ben Watts and Mia Schilf meet Mayor Paul Antonio and Deputy Mayor Carol Taylor at the mayoral reception for primary school captains and leaders in Toowoomba. - Miles Noller photo

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Ukulele performance



At the Crows Nest Motorcyle and Music Day, the ukulele players from U3A performed at the Grand Hotel. Some very experienced and others playing for just six months gave a marvellous performance of old and new favourites and we all got to sing along because they are the songs we all know. A very polished performance with the players dressed in Hawaiian style. - *Contributed.*

CWA cent sale

Crows Nest QCWA is going from strength to strength with a new, enthusiastic committee working hard to find grants for building and grounds work.

Our first morning tea held in February was the best attended yet.

The next morning tea will be held on Tuesday, March 20.

The March guest speaker will be Anne Fraser from Custom

Weighted Blankets. Come along and enjoy fun and friendship at the QCWA rooms with morning tea for just \$5.

On Saturday, March 24, we are holding a cent sale in St George's Anglican Church Hall, starting at 1.30pm.

Doors will be open at 12.30pm.

Phone 0428 978 200. - **Lyn Rieck.**

Murphys Creek markets

The monthly Murphys Creek Markets will be held this Saturday at Murphys Creek Grounds.

There will also be a special market day on Easter Saturday, March 31 with a prize for the best Easter bonnet and decorated stall, an Easter raffle, stalls and car boot sales.

The Easter bunny will also be providing children with treats and fun activities.

Families can relax in the spacious area and visitors will be given the chance to look through the historic Jessie's cottage, the friendly corner store and the local tavern.

Both events run from 7am to 12.30pm. contact Lyn 0429 403 535.

Updates from the Toowoomba Region

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Council Meetings

The next meetings of Council's Standing Committees will be held on 14 March commencing at 9am. The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 20 March commencing at 10am. All meetings are at City Hall, 541 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba.

Councillor Visit

The Councillors are visiting your area this Friday! For locations and times of the visits please contact your local Community Liaison Officer by calling **131 872**.

Nature Play

To celebrate Parks Week we're hosting free Nature Play activities with a Commonwealth Games theme. Join in pine cone shot put, hay bale hurdles, bamboo javelin and much more. Queens Park, 17 March, 9 - 11.30am. For more information visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/events Bookings are required so get in early and register today!

THRIVE

Outdoor adventure awaits with our new and revived THRIVE program. We have heaps of fun activities ranging from mountain biking, trail walks and yoga to get you out and about enjoying all our region has to offer. For more information on times and locations call **131 872** or visit www.tr.qld.gov.au/change

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Having a say on Highfields town centre

How the centre of Highfields develops is uncertain, and last week Toowoomba Regional Council conducted three public consultation sessions for Highfields residents to offer opinions on the design of the proposed town centre.

Council presents options for Highfields Central
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Mervyn and Shirley Jensen who have land on the corner of Highfields Road and Kratzke Road which is likely to be zoned retail and commercial. They attended one of the council's consultation sessions to consider options for Highfields Central.



At the first of three Toowoomba Regional Council consultation sessions last week to consider options for the development of the Highfields Central area are Simone Newell, Janet Hewitt, and Murray Choat.

GOOMBUNGEE

CONCRETING

After 25 years of operation Goombungee Concreting has closed

We laid the final shed slab at Crows Nest on February 26

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Toowoomba bakery opens second store

Popular Toowoomba eatery Duo Bakery and Café opened its doors in Highfields last week and has already proven to be a hit with new and old faces.

The Toowoomba store has been a fast food hotspot on the corner of Bridge and Mary streets for more than a decade and will aim to leave the same impression in the Highfields community.

Owner Alex Thompson said Toowoomba customers have been asking when they were going to open another store for quite some time.

"We probably weren't producing enough as we could have in the other store so we thought why not take the next step and branch out," she said.

"I actually grew up here in Highfields and have lived here for 22 years so when we saw this place for sale it seemed to be the perfect fit, and we are very excited to be back out here."



Deb and Alex Thompson, Bec Lowry, and Nicolle Gee.

The shop on the New England Highway was formerly home to Markee Bakery and Café and Ms Thompson said she will be doing her best to find a medium between old and new customers.

"It was mostly sit down here originally so we will be doing that to keep existing clientele happy," she said.

"That's a new branch out for

us because we normally only do fast food so sit-down and eat-in is something different."

The store has recently been given a makeover and new cabinets, tables, chairs and settings will be introduced within the coming weeks. Duo Bakery and Café will introduce their fresh food range within the next couple of weeks. - Jack Waters

Cavaye heads development committee



PROFESSOR CAVAYE

Professor Jim Cavaye has been appointed as Chair of the Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West Committee, a key advisory body to government in driving investment and job creation.

Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh congratulated Professor Cavaye on the new role, and said his appointment would help drive regional growth and job creation in the community.

"Professor Cavaye's broad leadership skills and subject matter expertise makes him a perfect candidate to lead the RDA and attract investment and jobs to the Darling Downs," Dr McVeigh said.

"From Program Director in Regional Community Development at the University of Southern Queensland to his work in the Queensland public service, Professor Cavaye's entire career has been focussed on developing rural, regional and remote communities.

Dr McVeigh said RDA committees are highly valued facilitators of initiatives that grow local economies, promote opportunities, attract investment and build capacity and confidence, and are key contributors to regional economic development.

"I speak from first-hand experience in saying that this kind of dedication and passion is essential in achieving strong outcomes within a dispersed community, and I look forward to working with Professor Cavaye in delivering for the community," Dr McVeigh said.

"I would like to thank retiring Chair Cr Vic Pennisi for leading the RDA Darling Downs and South West, and for his great contribution since the committee was established in 2010.

"I would also like to thank the 500-plus volunteer board members that serve on our 52 RDA committees across Australia for their ongoing support."

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Federal funds available for local projects

Are there potential projects in the Toowoomba region that would benefit from \$10 million assistance from the Federal Government?

The Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, John McVeigh, believes there are, and he is asking for Local and State Government, primary industry, tourism, transport, and not for profit organisations to consider applying for funding from the new Regional Growth Fund.

Mr McVeigh announced the nationwide funding in Toowoomba on Friday.

He said the \$272 million was available for projects of \$20 million or more.

He said the Federal Government will invest a minimum of \$10 million for each successful infrastructure project, on a 50/50 basis with the

applicant. Dr McVeigh said the Regional Growth Fund would focus on capitalising on the natural economic advantages of individual communities.

"I encourage regional communities to 'think big' when it comes to projects.

"Successful projects will provide greater support for existing industries such as agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, allowing them to innovate and flourish."

He said every community has unique strengths that the Regional Growth Fund will build on.

• Interested parties need to get cracking because initial applications are due by April 27, 2018. Details are available from www.grants.gov.au



Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government Dr John McVeigh who announced the Regional Growth Fund in Toowoomba with Shane Charles, Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise and Mayor Cr Paul Antonio.

HEAL YOURSELF EXPO

Choices readily at hand for healing

This weekend's Heal Yourself Expo is designed to educate, inform and empower people to the ways means and choices available to them to heal themselves.

The Heal Yourself Expo has been running on the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Gympie since 2011 and is now venturing into Toowoomba in 2018.

The "Heal Yourself" concept has always been a difficult one to get past a lot of people, corporate identities especially.

To paraphrase one wholesaler "why would I want to get involved in anything where you are getting people to heal themselves and no longer need our product?"

But that is exactly what this expo is about - educating people to make the right choices for themselves, not the person next to them, sisters, aunts, uncles, parents, friends included.

This Expo is all about assisting people and educating people so they can heal naturally.

That is not to say that there aren't products out there that people can take to assist and maintain good health but it is about educating people to make the choices that suit them and is in integrity.

The expo is on at Centenary Heights High School, 60 Ramsay Street, Toowoomba, on March 17 and 18. Admission for adults is \$5, under 13 is free.

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Business closes in tough market

After 26 years of service Goombungee Concreting has closed its doors for good.

The business has served the Highfields, Crows Nest and Goombungee region since 1992 but has been struggling to keep up with the rapidly growing construction industry in the area.

Owner Jamie McGinn said the loss of major partnerships was a major reason why the business could not continue.

"We did work with M & S Sheds in Goombungee and they stopped doing sheds pretty much overnight so there was a decline for the last six years since they closed. They used to keep us really busy" he said.

"We worked with them for 15 years and they really gave me my start, so it was tough."

Over the years Mr McGinn has worked with his brothers Nathan and Lynden and has had the support of his wife Carly for over 20 years.

Goombungee Concreting laid more than 3000

slabs during their 25 years of service and completed their biggest job of two acres in Wondai.

Although Mr McGinn has treasured the last 26 years working with his family, he has been looking for a different career path and will now be servicing the same area with Fastway Couriers.

Mr McGinn said it was the sense of something completely different that made him want to take on the new role.

"I'll buy a little run and will still be servicing Highfields, Goombungee and Crows Nest," he said.

"I just wanted a complete change out of the building industry because I had been in it for too long."

"I don't know anything about it. It's something totally different and that's what I want."

"I'm going to miss all of our customers and I'm sure they are going to miss us too." - **Jack Waters.**



After 26 years, Jamie McGinn is closing his Goombungee Concreting business.

Taking a closer look through the lens



Year two students from Crows Nest State School were treated to a day in the Laboratory late last month. The students were accompanied by Year 9s who helped them use the microscopes and other lab equipment. They were given a closer look at mosquitos, earth worms, and other insects.

Haden school leaders



Haden State School leaders with Principal Ms Elaine Brennan. Gracie Harris and Magnolia Farrell. Sports house leaders Bianca Wilkins, Braydan Higgins, Gabi Proud and Nevaeh Berry and sports shed monitor Daniel Wilkins.



NEW HOPE GROUP

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Festival offers backyard view to bush life

Local residents in the country town of Miles are calling their city cousins to get "back to the bush" this September, with a rare opportunity to experience country life. Local residents will literally welcome visitors for a backyard experience of life in the bush, opening their homes and yards for a unique peek at their personal collections.

The Back to the Bush Festival will be an eclectic mix of vintage and country lifestyle, with a four-day program from September 6 to 9, to welcome visitors on tours to the seasonal wildflower fields, 4WD driving, tag-along creek side fishing and local farm tours.

The Festival's Collections Tour is a one of a kind experience and serves to reveal that the town's famed tourist spot, the Miles Historical Village, truly fits its home in a population that treasures vintage collections.

Festival president and local resident Rachel Kerwick said, "Joining the fun across the rest of the town, our Miles Historical Village will be a special back drop to some old time bush activities during the festival, like quart-pot boiling, the Condamine Bell Toss, a few laughs with the Kookaburra Call and heritage craftsmanship displays."

"We'll also have our guest Antique and Collectables expert onsite, sharing insights and giving appraisals of people's own treasures.



Murilla - Main street of Miles

Any visitor can bring along an interesting item and they could learn more of about its history or its value - so we encourage visitors to dig out their interesting items and bring them along to the Festival for a bit of a roadshow style encounter," Rachel said.

The festival's roots stem back to the 1950s with the original Miles Wildflower Festival.

The modern day Miles Back to the Bush Festival still invites travellers for a stunning wander through the wildflowers, as self-drive or tag-a-long tours during the festival guide travellers to the most impressive spots to see the landscape blanketed in delicate spring wildflowers during the festival.

In 2018 the biennial festival takes on a fresh new look and a new name, as it invites the community to take a more hands on involvement, making the event reflect even more the interests and bush lifestyle of the local residents.

The festival is a unique offering among tourism events, with a focus on locals guiding visitors on experiential activities, all in a celebration of life in the bush.

Home to 1200 people, Miles is located in Queensland's Western Downs, just 2½ hours west of Toowoomba and on the cross roads of the Warrego Way and the Leichhardt Highway.

Miles offers a wide range of motel, hotel, caravan park and self contained accommodation. Visit www.backtothebushfestival.com.au

Motorcycle welcome in Crows Nest

Graham Moore, member of Crows Nest Motorcycle Friendly, with Cr Anne Glasheen who welcomed visitors to the Motorcycles and Music event at Crows Nest.



Foot tapping concert

The Calcite performance at the Crows Nest Community and RSL Centre was a huge success with the group, along with Steve Sparrow, singing many well known songs and a few which they wrote themselves all keeping our feet tapping.

Calcite played the first half of the concert with Tom and Thomas playing guitars and singing and Linda and Joni on vocal harmonies.

Thomas, who has been blind since birth, also played the tin whistle.

Afternoon tea was provided by the Crows Nest Arts Council members while Steve Sparrow set up ready for the second half. Steve has also been blind since birth and his ability on the guitar along with his fabulous singing kept the crowd thoroughly entertained. He had written some of the songs himself and a parody of the Chinese food/cats had everyone laughing.

The entertainers donated their fees to the local ambulance. - **Linda Forrest-Winchester.**

Light up in fog

Highfields Police issued numerous motorists with fines last Tuesday morning for driving in hazardous, foggy conditions without vehicle lights operating, as is required by law.

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Child care centre hatches new life

Children at the Highfields Early Learning Centre have been treated to a two-week chicken hatching program, allowing them to extend on their in-house learning.

The program has been running in conjunction with Henny Penny Hatching, which allows children to see the way chickens are hatched and teaches them how to properly care for them.

Manager Maria Martak-Krumins said one of the children had already shown interest in the subject before the program was introduced.

"One of the children's family actually bought some chickens at their home and it happened to co-incide with the Henny Penny Hatching Program," she said.

"This then scaffolds this child's learning because she got to see where the chickens came from and how they grow up and, of course, all the other children were interested as well."

Mrs Martak-Krumins said the learning benefits the children gain from programs such as this are substantial as they still follow the early learning framework to ensure the children learn while having fun.

"Having this hatchery, the children are able to express their ideas, initiate conversation, express their feelings, initiate sharing and approach learning with confidence," she said.

"I'm sure the little girl with the chickens at home, when she goes home, will ask questions about them and so recognise that the big chickens they have are the same as the ones we have here.

"That's what it's all about, transferring the knowledge of what they learn here and what they learn at home and joining them together."

- Jack Waters reporting

• Tegan Swanson and Indiana West



Bell Street Mall history Welcome new citizens

Bell Street is one of the oldest streets in Toowoomba but why it was so-named is a mystery. It was home to Trevethan's body works, Burstow's furniture/coffin factory, Toowoomba's first power house, the Choral Hall, Lord's restaurant, and many other businesses.

Jeff Weis and Jack McCafferty each had unfulfilled grand designs for the street but it became a one-way street in 1978 and was converted to a mall in September 1986.

The next talk at the Toowoomba Historical Society will survey the history of the street/mall.

The speaker is Don Talbot, Society member and well known author of the *Strange Tales and Ghostly Tales* books on Toowoomba and *Toowoomba Teddies and the Bell Street Ghosts*.

This meeting will be held at the Society's Rooms, 49 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba, on Monday, March 19, at 7.30pm.



Crows Nest couple Dessy and Shawn Birch attended a citizenship ceremony in Toowoomba when Dessy became an Australian. Shawn, a workplace trainer, visited Singapore some years ago, and met Dessy who was from Indonesia. Dessy works in Highfields.



Gleici Cardosa Pereira, right, became an Australian citizen at a ceremony in Toowoomba City Hall Annex last week. With her are Cassio Silva and their baby Isabella, Gleici's parents Altair Pereira and Jaci Cardosa, and her friend Raquel Santana. Gleici and Cassio live in Oakey.

World Environment Day

Toowoomba and region United Nations World Environment Day will be held at Lake Annand Park on the corner of Mackenzie and Long Streets, Toowoomba, on Sunday, June 3 from 10am to 4pm.

This will be a community family event on United Na-

tions issues of the environment, multiculturalism, multifaith, peace, Indigenous matters, anti-racism and social justice.

This year's theme is "Beat plastic pollution." Appropriate entertainment and stalls will feature throughout the day. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

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HIGHFIELDS

Council presents options for Highfields town centre

How the centre of Highfields develops is uncertain, and last week Toowoomba Regional Council conducted three public consultation sessions for Highfields residents to offer opinions on the design of the proposed town centre.

Since the council bought 19ha of land last year, the development of a well designed town centre has become a reality.

The land is bounded by Highfields, O'Brien and Clarke Roads, and is adjacent to the Highfields Village Shopping Centre, the Highfields Cultural Centre and sports and aquatic centre, and near Highfields State Secondary College and Mary MacKillop Catholic College.

The council presented three options (in sketch plan form, and which are pictured here) for public consideration.

The options presented to Highfields people sought to incorporate values and principles that were debated in council consultations late last year.

In April and May, the council will return to Highfields with firmer plans for the town centre, incorporating some of the comments from last week's meetings, and the council hopes to present a preferred option in July.

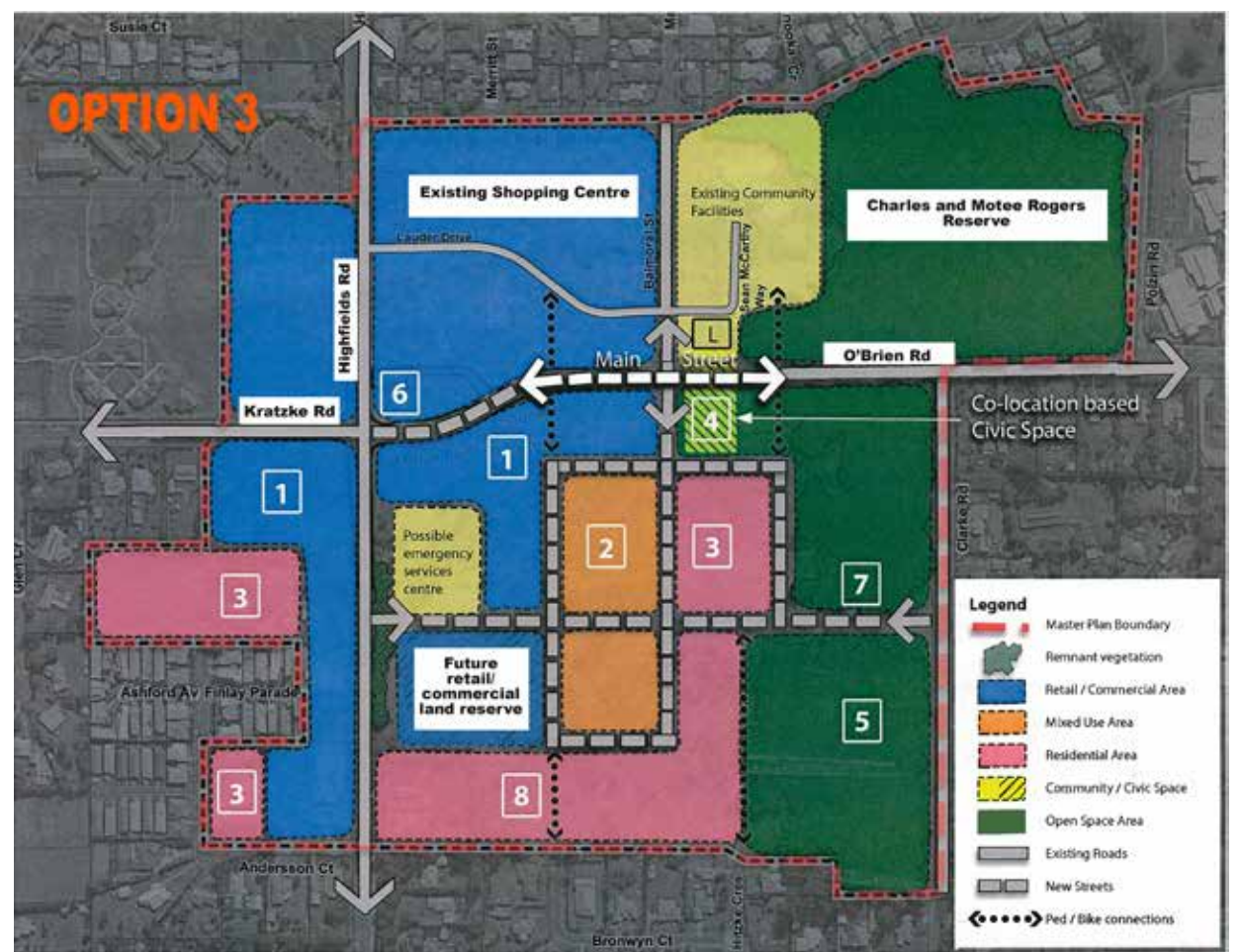
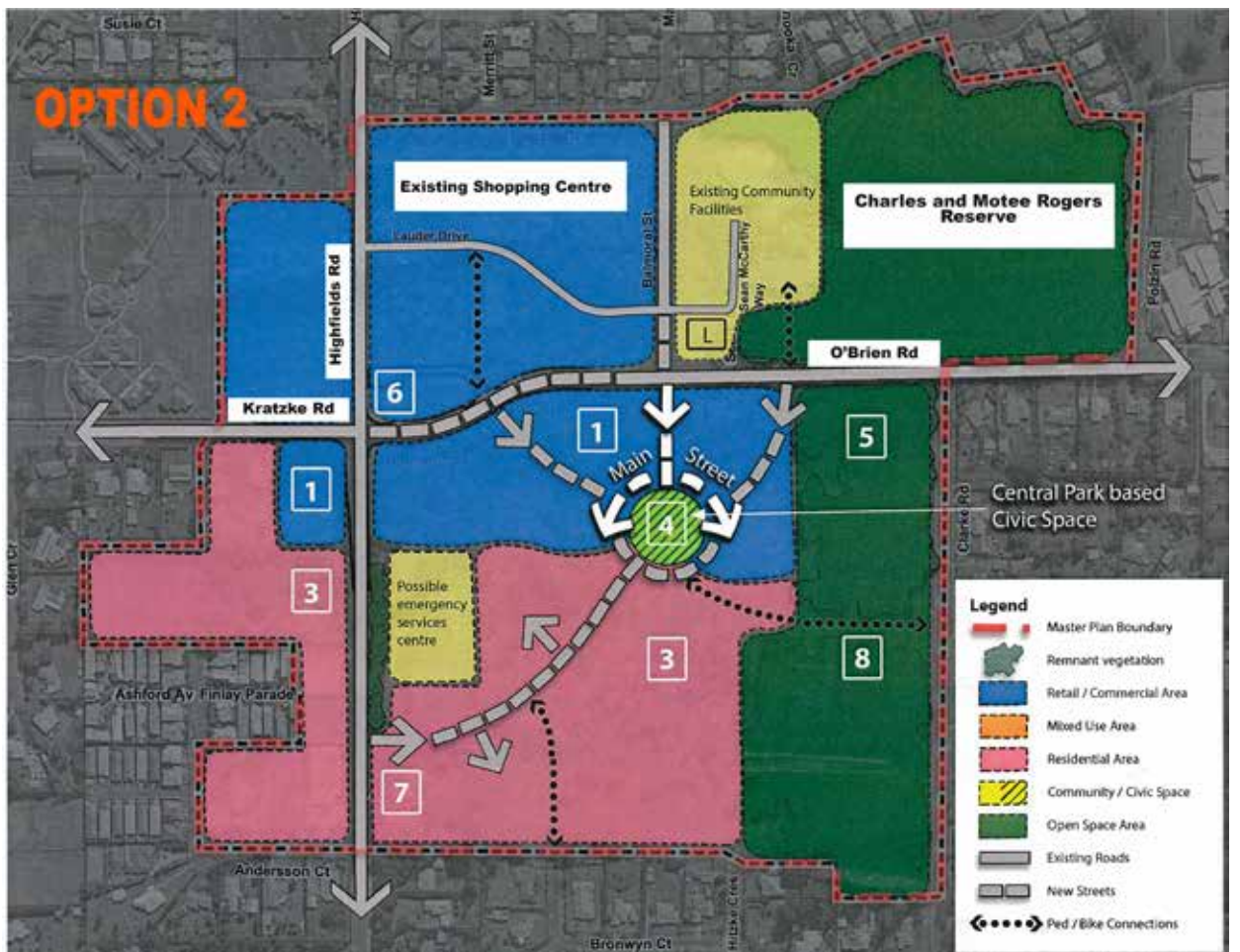
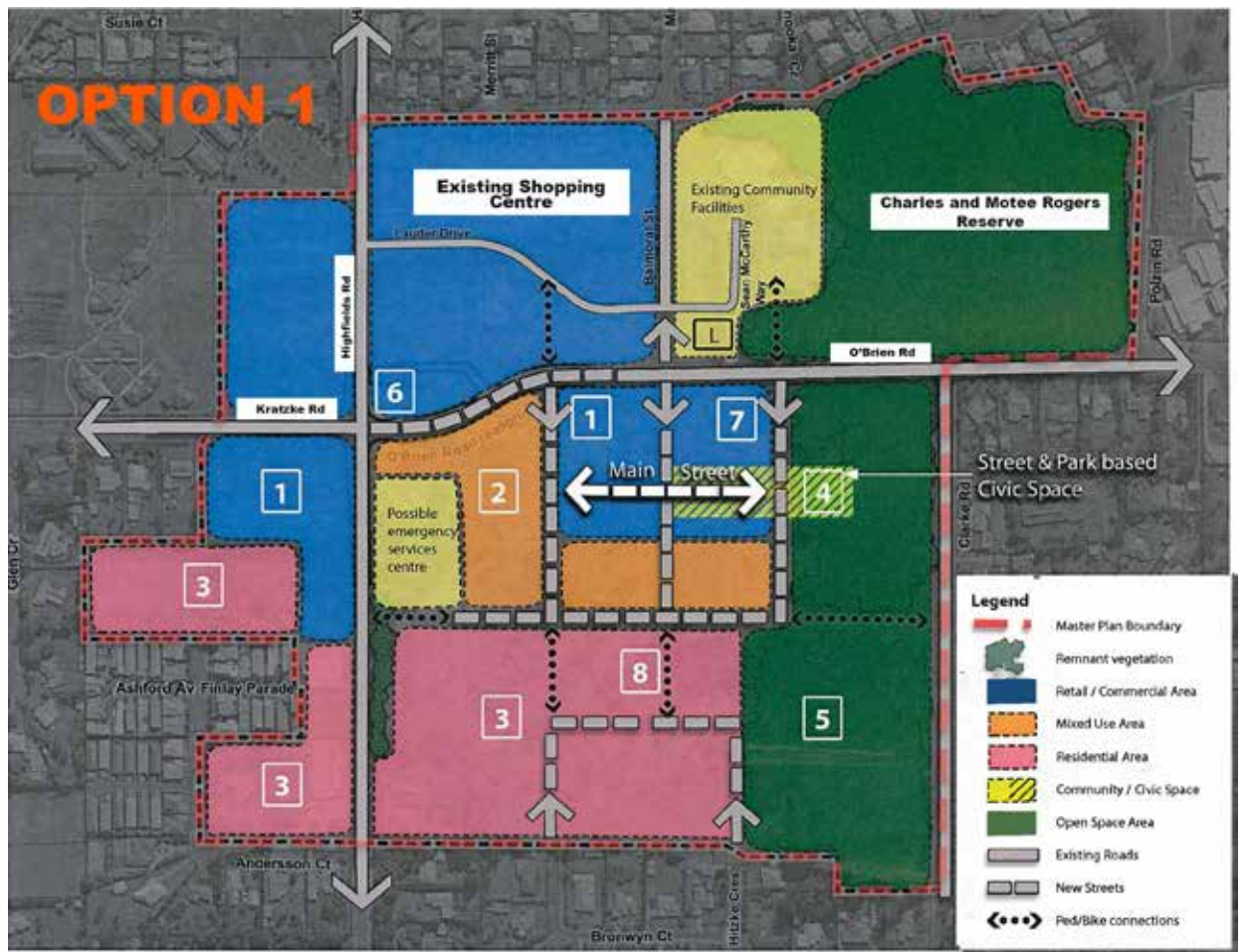
If you have opinions on any or all of these options, aspects you like and aspects you do not like, please present your views to High Country Herald. Your critique might help to fashion a modern town centre for Highfields.

There might be glaring errors in your opinion, or you might strongly like what you see.

The council's engagement with the Highfields community late last year identified values Highfields residents wanted to be incorporated into a new town centre.

These included a strong sense of community and belonging, being separate and independent from Toowoomba, a physical space that is open, spacious, quiet and private, a focus on tall trees and the sustainability of this environment, accessibility to services and facilities, a safe and secure place, and the recognition of the need for a stronger commercial focus to attract investment and jobs.

Also identified were principles on which a town centre should be designed, including a mix of uses and activities catering for the needs of people at all stages of life. - Miles Noller.



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Harrow Homestead openings coming to an end

When Harrow Homestead and Gardens at Cambooya, is open later this month, it will be the second last chance for the public to visit this historic venue situated just 30 minutes south-west of Toowoomba on the Cambooya-Felton Road.

The homestead owner Sandy McNally said, "We have enjoyed many, many years of meeting wonderful people and sharing the amazing house and surroundings and serving Marianne's famous scones, but the decision has been made that the public opening in September 2018 will be the last."

"Harrow Homestead is a family home and working property and open days have been held twice a year in March and September.

A percentage of the gate takings from these days has been donated to LifeFlight and the remainder helped a little towards the upkeep of the gardens."

Harrow Homestead was constructed in the 1890s mainly of hoop pine and red cedar with large rooms and an arched hallway of polished pine and cedar panelling. The gardens cover approximately 10 acres with many mature trees, a lake with water lilies, garden beds and a waterfall pond. The homestead and gardens will be open on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 between 10am and 4pm. Admission is \$10 and Devonshire teas will be available.

Visit the website www.harrowgardens.com, email harrowgardens@hotmail.com or phone 0438 753 008.



Fitting site for fallen police memorial

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and Commissioner Ian Stewart have announced the new memorial in honour of Queensland Police Service's 145 fallen officers will be located in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens. Joined by Police Minister Mark Ryan, Queensland Police Union president Ian Leavers and

Inspector Keiryn Dermody from the Queensland Police Commissioned Officers' Union of Employees, the Premier said it was

fitting that the new monument be located in a peaceful place easily accessible to family and friends of fallen officers.

High Country band gets underway

The first rehearsal for the High Country Community Band was held on February 26. This group has been in the planning since the middle of 2017 and to have it finally come to fruition is very gratifying for us.

We had 15 people turn up, some who have not played for 30 years. This is what it is all about. Providing the opportunity for young and old, the experienced and inexperienced musician to have a place to play music together.

The rehearsal was led by Phil Ryan starting with the very easy, adding difficulty until he found our level. Everyone was engaged and challenged and no one was bored.

We had a lovely, warm time together with the youngest being nine years old and eldest being in their seventies.

Thanks to the Crows Nest Arts Council for supporting this venture in community music making. If you would like to join this group contact Viv McCollum at Vivienne@bigpond.net.au or Caroline Ryan at ryanette@bigpond.net.au

Photo exhibition

The Toowoomba Photographic Society is exhibiting at the Toowoomba Community Hub, Ruthven Street, Toowoomba between March 19 and 23 with an exhibition of a collection of photos by our talented members.

"There is a lot to see and enjoy in our collection," President Margaret Keble said

"As a club with a 112-year history in Toowoomba, we work towards the general advancement of photography and its applications across the region."

The community is welcome to attend the exhibition to speak with members about their interest in photography, including getting advice on cameras and photographic techniques.

"Our members are keen to discuss their passion and we welcome new members, whether seasoned photographers or amateurs, Ms Keble said. - Tryg Helander, secretary, tpssec@hotmail.com, 0411 259 980.

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Crossword Number 820

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Sudoku Number 820

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- ACROSS**
- Angle
 - Stands up
 - Unpunctual
 - Time units
 - Public square
 - Tap lightly
 - Plane
 - Keep in touch
 - Fanciful
 - Moral lapse
 - Cat cry
 - African nation
 - Military body
 - Dead bird
 - Method
- DOWN**
- Had lunch
 - Guileful
 - Fastener
 - Crocodile e.g.
 - Hindu teachers
 - Part of a flower
 - Prayer closer
 - In vogue (1,2,4)
 - Citrus drinks
 - In fashion
 - Thailand
 - Cotton wool chunks
 - Nonsense
 - Edible tuber

SUDOKU RULES
Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

Solutions to Crossword and Sudoku No. 819

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SATURDAY: Warriors v Titans • Panthers v Rabbitohs

SUNDAY: Storm v Tigers • Sea Eagles v Eels • Raiders v Knights

RESULTS - ROUND 1

Dragons 34 d Broncos 12
Knights 19 d Sea Eagles 18
Cowboys 20 d Sharks 14
Tigers 10 d Roosters 8
Warriors 32 d Rabbitohs 20
Storm 36 d Bulldogs 18
Panthers 24 d Eels 14
Titans 30 d Raiders 28

LADDER

- Dragons
- Storm
- Warriors
- Panthers
- Cowboys
- Tigers
- Titans
- Knights
- Sea Eagles
- Raiders
- Roosters
- Sharks
- Eels
- Rabbitohs
- Bulldogs
- Broncos

Michael Zuyderwyk
Highfields Discount Drugs

Sharks
Roosters
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Raiders

Last week's score: 2
Progressive score: 2

Jess Jones
Jess Jones REAL ESTATE

Sharks
Roosters
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Raiders

Last week's score: 3
Progressive score: 3

Matthew Bartkowski
Highfields Garden Centre HGC

Dragons
Bulldogs
Cowboys
Titans
Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Raiders

Last week's score: 5
Progressive score: 5

Mick Fry
HIGHFIELDS TAVERN

Dragons
Roosters
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Eels
Raiders

Last week's score: 3
Progressive score: 3

Barry Robinson
Crows Nest NEWS

Sharks
Bulldogs
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Raiders

Last week's score: 4
Progressive score: 4

Tim Wicks
Black Toyota

Sharks
Roosters
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Eels
Raiders

Last week's score: 3
Progressive score: 3

Amy Randall
THE GRAND OLD CROW

Dragons
Roosters
Cowboys
Titans

Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Knights

Last week's score: 4
Progressive score: 4

Gary Small
Professional Golf Centre

Dragons
Roosters
Cowboys
Warriors
Panthers
Storm
Sea Eagles
Raiders

Last week's score: 4
Progressive score: 4

Geoff Murphy
MERINGANDAN HOTEL

Dragons
Bulldogs
Cowboys
Titans
Rabbitohs
Tigers
Eels
Knights

Last week's score: 3
Progressive score: 3

Gilly
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Sharks
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Cowboys
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Raiders

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Progressive score: 4

Chris Brameld
Highfields Police

Dragons
Roosters
Broncos
Titans
Rabbitohs
Storm
Eels
Raiders

Last week's score: 3
Progressive score: 3

Phantom Freddy
NON-COMPETITIVE

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Storm
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HIGH COUNTRY FARMING



Sandalwood feedlot trims numbers as costs increase



Harvestore silos, heart of the feeding system at Sandalwood, produce high moisture grain which is 20 per cent more digestible than normal grain.

Being an efficient feedlot operator has forced Kev Roberts of Sandalwood Feedlot to have more empty feed yards than at any time in the past 15 years.

His feedlot, northwest of Irvingdale and southwest of Moola, currently is feeding just 7000 head, when it has a licensed capacity of 15,290 head.

For Kev Roberts, feedlotting is the simplest business in the world to run.

There are three major factors - the price of cattle entering the feedlot, the price of cattle leaving the feedlot, and the price of feed while the cattle are in the yard.

But he acknowledges that if any of these are out of whack, the results can be disastrous.

In the past year or so the price of cattle to buy for feeding has been high, and the cost of feed has also been high, evidenced by the \$300 a tonne currently to buy sorghum.

His experience in lot feeding has taught him that there are times when having some yards empty is better than losing money.

He said that in the past eight months, some feedlots were \$200 a head in the red, and he did not want to practise losing money.

But he said that those which were in a vertically integrated business including a processing plant, might have opportunity to balance profits and costs across the chain.

Mr Roberts entered the feedlot industry in 1986 and, with his help, the industry continued to expand.

However, he pays tribute to four local men who were already developing lot feeding on the Darling Downs and nearby areas.

They were Dougal Cameron, Arouni feedlot north of Dalby, Robin Hart, Kerwee feedlot at Jondaryan, Don Bridgeford, who had a feedlot at Warra, and Ewan Morgan, Lillydale feedlot at Condamine.

Mr Roberts said these four men established the industry, and an industry association which became the Australian Lot Feeders Association

For 10 years from 1994

to 2004 Kev Roberts, as a representative of ALFA, was chairman of National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme, and from 2004 to 2017, also as a representative of ALFA, he was chairman of the Livestock Production Assurance Program, which established a framework for the red meat industry involving cattle, sheep and goat production.

LPAP introduced the Property Identification Code and the organisation has since been incorporated into Meat and Livestock Australia.

He said the introduction of the National Livestock Identification Scheme, where each animal has an identification ear tag, was the best thing that happened in the feedlot industry in 30 years.

The NLIS tag provides 100 per cent traceability of every animal that enters the feedlot and it aids the almost instant electronic control, welfare and management of each animal.

Kev Roberts moved from being a senior agricultural instructor at Dalby Agricultural College, to manager of a start-up feedlot with about

120 head in a barb wired pen.

But he had earlier researched the feeding of cattle.

The blue Harvestore silos which were subsequently installed from 1988, have become a landmark at Sandalwood, providing a constant supply of reconstituted high moisture grain.

He maintains his adherence to this system even though most larger feedlots use a steam flaking process for their grain.

But at Sandalwood, the seven Harvestore silos, two 650-tonne and four 550 tonnes, continually produce grain that has 20 per cent improved digestibility than normal grain. This is achieved using much less energy and operational costs.

Sandalwood uses sorghum or barley depending on the season.

Water is added to the grain in a reconstitution process, the mixture taken to about 29 degrees, and tumbled into the silos at 60 tonnes an hour.

When full each silo is sealed so it is airtight. The moisture creates a microscopic

germination in the grain, activating an enzyme which breaks down the starch, improving the digestibility of the grain.

But the germination is

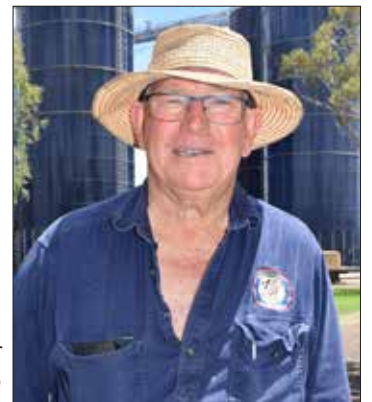
stopped by the airtight, anaerobic environment, and the grain maintains its quality indefinitely.

He said that the improved digestibility

The Quinalow Irvingdale and Moola Feedlot Precinct



Part 1 of a series (continued on P.13)



Managing director of Sandalwood, Kevin Roberts.



Entrance to the feedlot.

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HIGH COUNTRY FARMING



Business model ensures success year after year

Continued from page 12. Sandalwood uses up to 90,000 tonnes of grain annually. It has 2000ha of its own farmland which technically can produce up to 10,000 tonnes of grain, but besides growing sorghum and

barley, also grows wheat and chickpeas and mung beans as cash crops.

About one-third of the cattle on feed are Sandalwood's own.

Two-thirds are custom fed for others, for many markets

with feeding programs from 60 to 70 days for the domestic trade, to 100 days for various export markets, to 400 days for Wagyu.

Kev Roberts said Sandalwood feeds many breeds of cattle and there

was no best breed. All have a place.

Sandalwood has studied research into shade coverings in feedlots, particularly following the heatwave related deaths in feedlots in the early 1992, and although trials have indicated a production benefit of just 0.2 per cent with shade, Sandalwood has two types of shade, one black hail netting, and also the use of corrugated iron in alternating strips.

The netting is preferred because the pens dry out

evenly, contributing to better animal welfare conditions, and the iron shade results in higher costs to maintain the pens below.

Mr Roberts is critical of so called "animal welfare" critics, and would prefer to call them "animal antagonists."

"It seems to them that we do nasty things to cattle to make a profit. But in reality, if cattle are not well cared for, they do not perform, and we want cattle to be happy."

When a busload of people

visited the feedlot recently from an intensive animal conference in Dalby, there were no odours, and Kev Roberts said the construction of a feed yard was important for efficiency and animal welfare.

He said the slope in the pens had to be between 2.9 and to 3.1 per cent with a 0.5 per cent slope in the cross direction. All rain run-off is collected in settling ponds.

The Sandalwood Feedlot has developed a business model that ensures its success

year after year, with tight financial controls a key.

Kev's wife Jan has been the financial controller and now shares this task with their daughter Dr Meg Salter who is also a veterinary surgeon.

Meg's husband Warren is joint managing director with Kevin.

A second daughter Jilly looks after work health and safety and HR and her husband Kelvin is an accountant and all contribute to the Roberts family's partnership in the Sandalwood business.



Corrugated iron shade at Sandalwood.



Young Wagyu at Sandalwood.



Various breeds of cattle in the feedyard.

Brymaroo prepares for Easter Saturday rodeo

The Brymaroo Rodeo and Campdraft are going renewable with a new solar panel system made possible by a grant from coal company New Hope Group's Community Investment Fund.

The system is on track to be installed in time for the annual Easter Saturday Brymaroo Rodeo which regularly attracts up to 2000 spectators who arrive with numerous horse floats and caravans in tow.

Committee member Cathy Wood said the solar panel system will go towards powering the rodeo facilities, located about 12km from New Acland Mine, and help to provide additional electricity for the influx of competitors during events.

"As our rodeo and campdraft have grown in popularity, our committee has been working hard to continually improve our grounds and facilities," Cathy said.

"During a competition weekend our grounds are

full of trucks, caravans and campervans so we have to supply quite a lot of power to accommodate everyone's electrical needs."

"The solar panels will support us in meeting demand during competitions and hopefully offset our electricity bills as we sell excess power back to the grid outside of competition times."

"We are a small committee but we have grown to host some of Queensland's best rodeos and campdrafts. Having our own solar panels will help us to

offset one of our larger overheads, allowing us to invest more into the local community infrastructure."

The Brymaroo Rodeo and Campdraft committee will not be the only group to benefit from the solar system, with numerous other organisations making use of the rodeo grounds.

"Other organisations like the local Men's Shed use our facilities," Cathy said.

"The Brymaroo Pony Club has been based at our grounds since their beginning almost 30 years ago and have

themselves hosted up to three events a year on the grounds."

"We've had a lot of community support over the years from people like New Hope Group so we try and give back where we can."

"Over the last year we have used our rodeo and campdraft events to fundraise a record \$90,000 for local causes and groups, something we are pretty proud of."

The rodeo will kick

off on Friday, March 30, and close with the All Round Rodeo Main Performance on Saturday, March 31, at 4pm.

Entries are processed through the National Rodeo Association.

Spectators are encouraged to visit Facebook for information at facebook.com/BrymarooRodeoCampdraft

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CATTLE: A total yarding of 831 head at Elders Harristown Saleyards today Monday 5th March 2018, Elders share 599 head. Market dealer for all descriptions. Best bulls 273.2c/kg ex Mt Tyson with no heavy bulls yarded. Best bullocks a/c John and Karol Wilkes 292.2c/kg weighing 645kgs to return \$1884. Three pens of heavy feeder steers a/c David and Rose Aqualini topped @ 295.2c/kg returning \$1585, also selling heavy steers a/c L & L Curtis, Ravensbourne sold to 287.2c/kg in pen lots returning \$1352. Best cows a/c Simon McCarthy ex Nobby sold to 242.2c/kg to return \$1628. A line of 114 cows a/c CR & JM Henry, Wandoan sold to 240.2c/kg. Boner cows increased in price to 185-200c/kg. Quality grain fed cattle in short supply with the best a/c Commens sold to 305.2c/kg. Trade weight feeders a/c Wayne & Judy Schefe, Thornville sold to 337.2c/kg to return \$930. Steers a/c Peter and Janice Cowie sold to \$1154.13. Vealers to slaughter sold from 280-295.2c/kg. Restocker calves a/c Lindsay & Sue Short, Geham sold to 370.2c/kg to return \$865. Lightweight Angus X steers a/c Gary Matties sold for 384.2c/kg weighing 192kgs to return \$739.

TOOWOOMBA PIG SALE: 146 pigs yarded at Elders Harristown Saleyards Monday 5th March 2018, pork and bacon again sold to a cheaper trend, sows sold on par to last week, store pigs in large numbers sold a little dearer. Pork \$165, light bacon \$158, bacon \$140, boars \$80, sows to \$195, stores \$120, weaners \$88 and suckers \$45.

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Sale Date:
Monday, March 5th, 2018


Total Combined Yarding of 820 head
Market Quotes: Numbers were back a little as some handy falls of rain have begun. Most of the yarding consisted of local cattle with just a couple from further away. The export market picked up in price with Cow's & Bullocks meeting stronger demand this was also seen in the Feeder section. Restockers starting to dip into pockets with weaner steers selling to 384.2c/kg. Only a handful of Cows & Calves were on offer with Droughtmaster C & C selling to \$ 1440/unit. Cows dealer 10-15c Bullocks 5 - 10c/kg.

reporting on Dalby Cattle Sale

Sale Date:
Wednesday, March 7th, 2018

Market Quotes: There was a small drop in numbers with some good handy local falls of rain. Limited western numbers were also missing this week. Quality grown steers were dearer by 10-14c/kg while the Cows in some places were dearer by up to 17c/kg. Feeder operators were keen to purchase chasing good lines of Steers. We are starting to see weaner cattle increase in price with sales getting close to 380c/kg mark. A good line up of buyers were in attendance with an extra export buyer operating

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Zeller & Co would like to thank the 20 vendors who sold their cattle and all the buyers who bought them. Thank you.

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March 10th Sale

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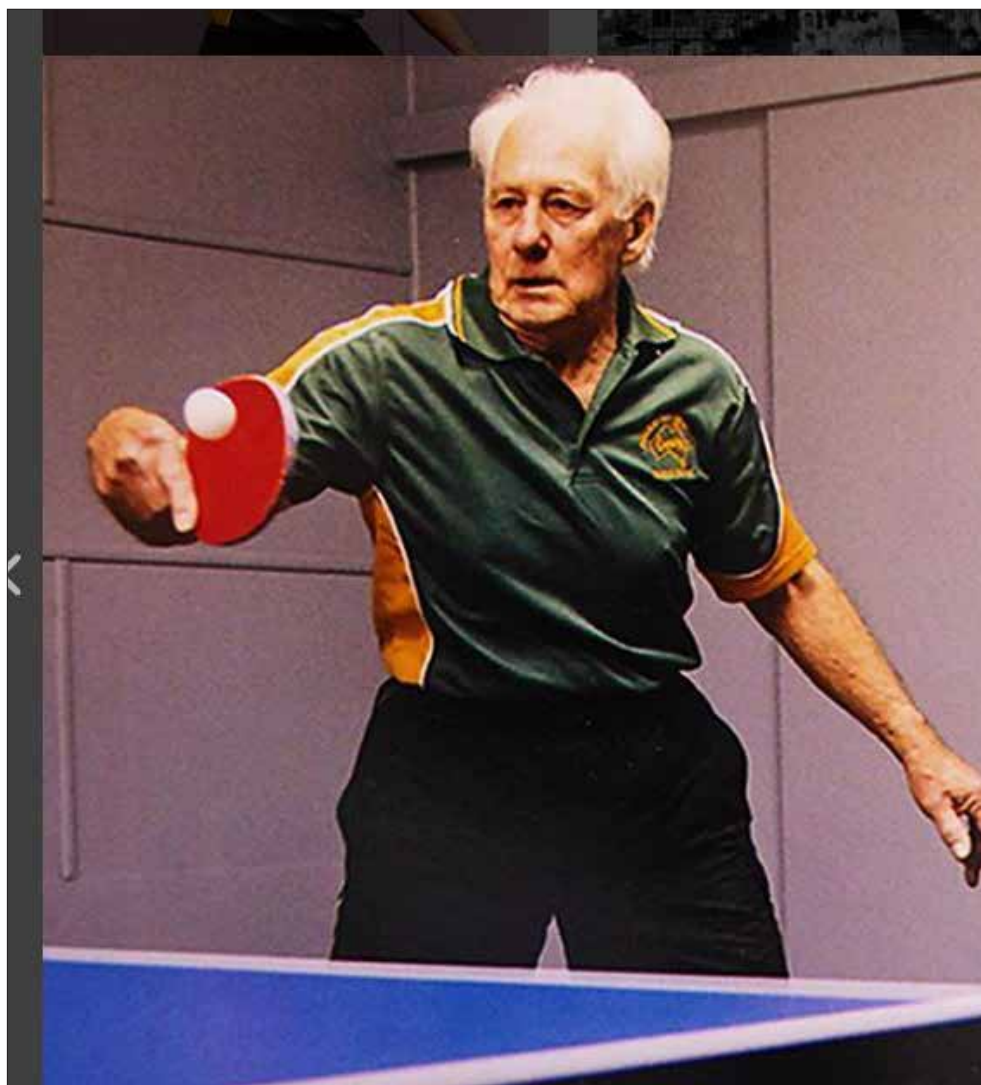
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TABLE TENNIS

World ranking



Ron Hill, 79, Toowoomba, took up table tennis when he was 14, joining his brother and brother-in-law who were already playing, making it the family sport. In 2016 he competed in the World Veteran Table Tennis championships in Spain. "It is an honour to represent your country in sport. I think it is the ultimate ambition of any sports person and to have attained a world ranking of number 32 out of 251 competitors in my age group was most satisfying," Ron said.

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE



Despite a wet afternoon, good numbers turned out for the Highfields Eagles junior rugby league super Saturday pre-season training day for under 6 to under 10 players on Saturday. Club coach co-ordinator Steve Haywood put together four stations consisting of skills and drills, tackle technique, kicking and passing. Always popular the tackling donuts was the winner overall. The players loved it in the rain and there was also a sausage sizzle after the session for the players to enjoy. - Sally Haywood. ABOVE: At Highfields Eagles sign-on - Lachlan Fanning, under 15, Jed Hill, under 16, and Riley Taylor, under 15 with Sally Haywood, publicity officer.

High performance training sessions

The Highfields Junior Rugby League club will be hosting their third and final high-performance training session this Thursday, March 15.

The training sessions have been running for four years and target ball handling skills, core

strength, tackle technique and fitness.

There are also information nights which target mental illness, social media bullying and respecting referees to help the players mentally.

Contact Sally on 0400 022 623.

CRICKET

Nobby wins Central Downs final

CENTRAL DOWNS: Nobby had a resounding win in Central Downs cricket final to win the Steger/McIntyre shield against Pittsworth.

Pittsworth won the toss and sent Nobby in to bat in ideal conditions at Hodgson Vale. Nobby rattled along at 6 runs an over despite losing wickets regularly and were all out in 34th over for 211.

Brendan McCarthy was the stand out making 96 which included ten sixes and six fours. Tim Dowe made 32, Cameron Moodie 20 and Nick Budden 14, while there were 19 wides.

F.O.W. 1/40 (N. Budden 14), 2/44 (C. Moodie 20), 3/46 (D. Pauli 0), 4/80 (Wal Eather 8), 5/103 (T. Dowe 32), 6/114 (S. O'Leary 0), 7/131 (T. Mitchell 5), 8/165 (S. Martin 11), 9/175 (W. Moodie 3), 10/211 (B. McCarthy 96).

Bowling for Pittsworth - Darren McDonnell 3/50 (8), Craig Ward 2/28 (5) James Cain 2/34 (8), P.J. Brown 1/15 (2), Jordan O'Shea 1/22 (2), Mark Holt 1/25 (4).

Pittsworth began with a positive attitude and at 14 overs the scores were about even at 5/82. However from there the wheels fell off for Pittsworth to be all out for 107 in the 26th over.

Phillip Brown top scored with 28 while Mark Holt and James Cain each made 13.

F.O.W. 1/11 (T. Berrigan 0), 2/33 (M. Holt 13), 3/51 (P.J. Brown 28), 4/72 (J. Cain 13), 5/72 (J. O'Shea 9), 6/83 (D. McDonnell 6), 7/83 (J. Ott 0), 8/96 (C. Ward 7), 9/96 (J. Ellison 9), 10/107 (J. Frost 3).

Bowling for Nobby - Mat Budden 3/13 (6), Sheldon Martin 3/49 (7), Brendan McCarthy 1/3 (3), Stewart O'Leary 1/3 (1), Tim Dowe 1/15 (3), Tyson Mitchell 1/16 (5).

Player of the final as judged by the umpires (Jason Lee and Brian Steer) to be Brendan McCarthy with 96 runs.

Congratulations to Nobby and also well done to Pittsworth who have not played in a grand final for 25 years.

• On the light side, mid-way through Nobby's innings a ball was dispatched to the creek for 6 but came to rest beside a large brown snake. No one was game to retrieve it so a new ball was found to continue the game. No harm to man or beast. - **Lindsay Evans.**

INDOOR

Oakey: Indoor cricket - Stitched Up 113 d. Panty Droppers 64. Big Buddy had a bye.

Mixed beach volleyball - Sets on the Beach 51 d. Semi Pros 41. We Showed 52 d. DoD 32. Ball Grabbers 65 d. Fill Ins 37. Just Cause 37 d. Beached Whales 35.

Crows Nest: Indoor cricket - Bazingas just kept on rolling on Monday night, right over the Fire Bugs 140 to 46.

Back from an extended break, Zac Chimes showed he still knows what to do with both bat and ball. E-Bowls played the game of their lives, giving top of the table Fielders a real scare on Wednesday night. Fielders' Linden Bignell and Errol Deeth made the most of batting first, setting up the 115 run total. E-Bowls came out with all guns blazing, 26 by Tim Brennan and all that stopped them was a three-wicket final over from Ben Woodley. The end result went Fielders' way 115 to 106. - **John Schwartz, co-ordinator Crows Nest Indoor Sports Centre.**

Oakey: March 5 - Indoor cricket: Stitched Up 113 d. Panty Droppers 64. Big Buddy had a bye. Mixed beach volleyball: Sets on the Beach 51 d. Semi Pros 41. We Showed 52 d. DoD 32.

Ball Grabbers 65 d. Fill Ins 37. Just Cause 37 d. Beached Whales 35.

March 7 - Mixed indoor netball: Biddeston Blatches 24 d. Psycho Killers 21. Smashers 57 d. Drop Bears 14. Big Buddy had a bye.

New players and teams are welcome to join. Please phone 4691 1691 for all information and enquiries. - **Nick James.**

HOCKEY

TOOWOOMBA: A1 men: Dream Team 4 (Wilson Love 3, Ben Edwards) d. Woodcutters 2 (Josh McPaul, Brent Gaske). Raptors 3 (Simon Young 2, Josh Bidgood) d. Total Chill 2 (Bradley Hobday, Lachlan Brownhalls). A1 women: Rangeville 4 (Gillian Morris 2, Maddie Staff, Caitlin Russ) d. Norths 0. Past High 3 (Kacie Trost, Erin McCurley, Adriana Silcock) d. Newtown 1 (Amanda Ross).

Nobby team who won the grand final: Back - Tyson Mitchell, Nick Budden, Tim Dowe, Ben Lorroway, Brendan McCarthy, Sheldon Martin and Stuart O'Leary. Front - Damien Pauli, Warren Moodie, Mat Budden, Wally Eather and Cameron Moodie, captain.

GOLF

CABARLAH: February 28 - Single stableford winner W. Owen 36, runner-up G. Malcolmson 35. Rundown B. May 35. J. Dowling 35. Pins 1st R. Sweeney, 5th J. Thompson, 10th J. Lee, 14th J. Thompson.

March 3 - Single stroke winner P. Callaghan 66, runner-up W. Aitken 68. Rundown B. Aitken 69, J. Davies 70, C. Hill 70, G. Barnsley 70, J. Loury 71, C. Reich 71. Pin-shots 1. A. Pienaar, 5. B. Thrupp, 10. J. Davies, 14. B. Aitken, 17. L. Bishop.

March 4 - Single stableford winner J. Thornton 41, runner-up B. Aitken 40. Rundown M. Routledge 39, J. Smith 38, P. Callaghan 37, R. Backhouse 36. Pins 1st B. Northwood, 5th P. Callaghan, 10th M. Routledge, 14th C. Mahaffey, 17th G. Coonan.

Congratulations to our junior pennant side who finished third during this year's pennant matches after being the 2017 champions.

CABARLAH LADIES: Due to continuing wet weather, the Cabarlah lady golfers' event for March 6 had to be cancelled.

March 13 - Single stableford. - **Pam Campbell.**

Oakey: March 11 - Members 18 hole stroke in conjunction with the March monthly medal and the first round of the championships.

Winner of the Division 1 and the monthly mug Andrew King 66 net. Winner of Division 2 John Grawich 67 net on count back, runner up Wayne Lucht 67. Rundown Dennis Bennett 68, Ian McDonald 68, Noel Richards 70. Pin 3 Wyatt Fisk-Walsh, 8 Andrew King, 12 donated by Andrew King won by Andrew King, 5/14 donated by The Barn won by John O'Keefe. Approaches Division 1 9/18 Andrew King, Division 2 6/15 Wayne Lucht. Ladies winner Joan Fisk.

March 18 - 18 hole stroke and second round of the championships. Draw for hit off 7.30am A. King, D. Fisk and D. O'Brien. 7.36 M. Krahenbring, M. Carter and J. O'Keefe. 7.46 D. Bennett, B. Dearling and M. Rietveld. 7.54 W. Fisk-Walsh, W. Lucht and N. Richards. 8.02 T. Muir, P. Fisk and I. McDonald. 8.10 J. Grawich, D. Norton and G. Wright. 8.18 K. Timperley, B. Abel and R. Dearling.

March 25 - Third and final round of the championships and all members will play for trophies donated by Oakey Electrical. - **Marlene Dean.**

GOOMBUNGEE: March 8 - Men's single stableford, club trophy. Winner Murray McLeod 38 on count back from David Cass. Approach 2/11 Murray McLeod, 3/12 Matty Burgess. Ladies single stableford winner Barb Weier 28. Approach 3/12 Ann Cass.

March 11 - Single stableford, Matty Burgess trophy. Overall winner John Harth 40. Winner men Col Jenkins 38. Winner ladies Ann Norris on count back 35. Rundown Dave Humphrey, Dave Lowe, Chris Tannock, Gary Linane, Phil Killeen, Wayne Muras, Stephen Booth, Steve Elfverson, Murray McLeod.

Pins men 3/12 David Cass, 4/13 Dan Darlington, 8/17 John Harth. Approaches men 2/11 Wayne Muras, 5/14 Dan Darlington. Pin ladies 4/13 Ann Cass, approach 2/11 Ann Cass, 3/12 Chris Tannock.

Matchplay results A grade Dan Darlington d. Matty Burgess. B grade Greg Schull d. David Cass. C grade Wayne Muras d. Cory Wolski.

Members draw Fay Blanck not present, \$20 next week.

March 15 - Men's two person ambrose, club trophy. Ladies single stroke Jan Mullins Trophy.

March 16 - Chook run from 3pm.

March 17 - Kumbia visit 10.30 shotgun start at Kumbia.

March 18 - Single stroke, monthly medal, Cass Family trophy. - **Murray McLeod.**

CROWS NEST: March 3-4 and 10-11: Club championships and monthly medal. Winners A grade gross T. Weis 295, net B. Wingett 288. 18 nett K. Cox 68.

B grade gross D. Cox 338. Net G. Campbell 277. 18 nett J. Edser 66.

C grade gross R. Freeman 389. Net G. Dukes 296. 18 nett J. Svensson 74.

Monthly medal winner A. May 66.

March 3 - Pins 3/12 B. Wingett, 8/17 R. Gardner + eagles nest. **March 4** - 3/12 T. Weis. **March 10** - 3/12 R. Kennedy, 8/17 A. May. **March 11** - 3/12 T. Weis, 8/17 R. Burgess.

March 18: M. Strong and G. Littleton stroke event. - **John Somerville.**



BOWLS

CROWS NEST: March 7 - Afternoon bowls was cancelled because of the drizzle. Better luck next week fellas. **March 3** - Open pairs Tony Collins and Don Collins d. Trevor Gillies and Daryl Fraser (sub for Alan Richardson) Roy Bell and Roger Brashaw d. Dennis Russell and Bill Perry.

Weather-wise, it was a similar story for last Tuesday's Community Night Bowls on March 6. Although it wasn't raining heavily, it was simply too damp to play in comfort. The good news is that our night bowls program has one more night left, Tuesday, March 13. So remember - the burgers are tasty, the competition is friendly and the winners are always drawn out of the hat. Absolutely no experience necessary. **March 4** - Annual Hine Family Day was taken out by B. Ruwoldt, F. Henderson and B. Dare, runners-up R. Haldane, B. Hine and J. Hall. Many thanks to the Hine family group of supporters for your continued patronage of this most welcome event.

March 18 - Visit by Downs Diggers. March 25 - Club sponsored bowls.

April 1 - Crows Nest Bakery afternoon. The next management committee meeting of the club is scheduled for Sunday, April 8, at 9.30am in the club house. New bowls players and visitors are always welcome at the Crows Nest Bowls Club. Contact Gary on bakescrowsnest@live.com.au or on 4698 2197. GottaLoveBowls! - **Gary Baker.**

Oakey: March 10 - Triples S. Cosgrove, P. Wolski and W. Patterson d. N. Byers, R. Krause and A. Jackson. A singles I. Groves d. P. Rudken.

March 17 - Champion pairs M. Hall/M. Bradford v. G. Sprott/P. Wolski, P. Maker/P. Rudken v. V. Rush/J. Flavell. Consolation singles R. Henry v. N. Byers. (B. Lucht). B singles P. Viney v. P. Federoff. (K. Ciesiolka).

March 15 - Night bowls, names in by 6.30pm play at 7pm. **arch 18** - Club selected mixed or otherwise triples sponsored by Bryan Burke in memory of Aaron Harvey. 12.30pm start. Names on board please. Visitors most welcome. - **Sam Lorrimer.**

Oakey Ladies: Today we extend a very warm welcome to 12 visiting teams who are participating in our Fund Raiser.

We hope you have an enjoyable day and it is great to see so many taking advantage of this great game of bowls. - **Elsie Voll.**

NORTH TOOWOOMBA LADIES: No bowls played last week due to the wet weather.

Competition and social at 9am tomorrow, Wednesday, championship pairs. The winners of these two games to play in the afternoon. P. Graham/B. Williams v. G. Doherty/L. Sommer and L. Mott/J. Pauli v. F. Dornbusch/M. Hinz.

The next three games to play in the morning secured a bye in Round 1 and the winners do not play in the afternoon L. Blaine/T. Thomas v. S. Morrow/D. Allison, J. Baldock/V. Mahony v. G. Siebenhausen/S. Chard and J. Allen-Best/S. McManus v. J. Leerentveld/D. Clark. The winners to play in the next round.

No championship pairs to be played on Wednesday, March 21 as the DDLBA championship singles are being played at Norths.

Continuation of championship pairs to be played at a later date. Players interested in playing pennants this year please write your name on the white board. Only 8 players needed for division 1 this year. Congratulations to T. Thomas, L. Blaine, S. McManus and J. Allen-Best chosen to play in the challenge match v. Cunningham district on Sunday, March 25 at North Toowoomba.

Championship triples nominations now open. Games to start in April.

Roster this Friday - Team 2 H. Gscheidle, L. Graham, G. Doherty, S. Morrow. - **Reynelde Bradford.**

TOOWOOMBA CITY LADIES: Championship singles J. May d. R. Reynolds. S. Martin d. J. Brighton. B grade singles J. Gooderham d. G. Reedy.

March 16 - Cards called 8.15 play 8.30. Championship singles M. Frappell v. N. Apelt. Marker R. Reynolds. H. Moore v. K. Beanham. Marker S. Martin. B grade singles L. Marshall v. J. Gooderham. Marker J. May. C. Lippi v. C. Mason. Marker T. Jones. Team for Oakey today - M. Frappell, S. Martin, J. Brighton, G. Reedy.

Please keep in mind our Fiesta will be coming up Friday, March 23.

Next quarterly meeting Friday, April 20 then lunch at Chong and Co. - **Helen Moore.**

DDLBA: The annual general meeting of the DDLBA Ladies Bowling Club was conducted last week. Office bearers for 2018 are I.P.P. B. Higgins, President B. Gordon, SVP D. Allison, JVP J. Leerentveld, Patroness E. Voll, secretary M. Morris, treasurer K. Jenkins, media officer J. McGeorge, assistant secretary J. McGeorge, assistant treasurer G. Russell, Match chairperson T. Thomas, match committee G. Russell, M. Podmore, M. Anderson, selection chairperson J. Baldock, selection committee T. Foster, S. McManus, T. Thomas, I. Brumpton, umpire panel committee I. Brumpton, K. Jenkins, coaching panel position not filled, delegate to B.Q. M. Morris, observer D. Allison.

Players who have nominated for the DDLBA championship singles to be played at North Toowoomba starting Tuesday, March 20, and played until finalised. T. Thomas, V. Mahony, J. Allen-Best, S. McManus, L. Mott, S. Morrow, S. Chard, D. Clark, D. Allison, M. Hannant, D. Petersen, M. Anderson, C. McGill, S. Reck, C. McGuire, M. Morris, A. Hallen, A. Page, D. Diment, K. Livingstone, I. Brumpton, T. Foster, L. Callaghan, H. Brownie, T. Ingram, J. Thomas and J. McGeorge. Markers P. Handley, K. Pratt, B. Holmes-Willis, B. Williams, J. Baldock, J. Leerentveld, M. Podmore, K. Pott, R. Farr, D. Cunningham, K. Ryan, G. Russell. Umpire B. Gordon. Roll call 8.30am. All players who have nominated please be in attendance for the draw at 8.30 a.m. Basket lunch, sandwiches available.

The teams for the challenge match (v) Cunningham will be the same as in last weeks notes. Further information on this day will be reported as it comes to hand. - **Joyce McGeorge.**

TOOWOOMBA BOWLS CLUB: February 28 - Club mens mriples mompentition winners I. Frame, R. Peirce and J. Webb.

Semi final for ladies pairs competition called for Frida, March 23. 9.30am start. Draw J. Griessen and G. Mitchell v. B. Gordon and C. Plater. Play, sub or forfeit.

Team for Oakey fundraiser B. Gordon, R. Farr, L. Webb and V. Smith.

March 3 - Super 7s teams played Souths at South Toowoomba. Teams - fours R. Wirth, J. Yates, A. Baker and P. Radcliffe. Pairs - R. Stewart and L. Rassmussen. Singles J. Weir. Reserve C. Plater. Manager P. Radcliffe. This team had a win. Congratulations on the good work.

March 4 - Patron Keith Tuckwell and life member Sel Nauman Day. A great day was had by all with a roll up of 26 teams (78 players). Winners D. Hamblyn, G. McCarthy and J. Slattery, second V. Mahoney, T. Mahoney and S. Jensen, third R. Wirth, P. Radcliffe and A. Baker, fourth S. Merrill team.

First round winners J. Weir, R. Stewart and P. Shoaht, second round winners V. Brun, L. Neville and S. McLellan, third round winners M. Smith, J. Phillips and L. Webb.

March 6 - Open jackpot pairs Competition mixed or otherwise. No play due to wet weather.

Championship draw - Pairs quarter final J. Cowell and D. O'Neill to play R. Wirth and P. Radcliffe, J. Yates and C. Forbes to play J. Buhulon and M. Cherry.

Singles draw - Third round J. McHugh to play M. Brady, B. Meadowcroft to play C. Forbes. All games (singles and pairs) to be played before March 18. Play, sub or forfeit.

March 13 - Open jackpot pairs competition mixed or otherwise. Start new time 1pm. Office S. Tickner and T. Woods. Jackpot \$76. Place names on sheet or phone 4632 3174.

March 14 - Club triples competition start 9am. Place names on sheet or phone 4632 3174. Office P. Cooke and R. Peirce.

March 16 - Ladies social bowls. Pairs or triples depending on numbers. Men most welcome. Names in by 8.15am. Morning tea 8.45am. Play 9.30am.

March 23 - Team for City Fiesta - R. Eddie, D. Cunningham, M. McKenna and S. Kerr. Club social bowls 8.45am morning tea, play 9.30am. Mixed day. Place names on sheet at club before 8.15am.

March 24 - R.D.O. at our Club. 10am for 10.30am start. Practice and coaching every Monday and Thursday 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Toowoomba Traveling Bowlers weekend at Hervey Bay May 4-7. Bus now full. Cost \$385 person. Balance \$285 by April 20. Please pay at bar. - **Mike Kelly.**

Reintroduction of vegetation management legislation frustrates farmers

Queensland Farmers' Federation and industry members are frustrated and disappointed with the reintroduction of vegetation management legislation into Queensland Parliament.

The proposed Vegetation Management and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 has been referred to the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee for consultation.

QFF President Stuart Armitage said the legislation was poor and unbalanced, and it should not have been introduced without first going through an inclusive, evidence-based consultation process involving all key stakeholders.

"QFF has always advocated for a sensible vegetation management framework that properly addresses environmental, social and economic sustainability and provides much needed certainty. This is in everyone's interest, regardless of your position on the issue.

"With an electoral mandate, the government had the opportunity to put solutions-focused policy above politics and conduct a proper process. Unfortunately, it has acted irresponsibly and not done this.

"That responsibility now falls on the SDNRAID Committee, and we will see if Queensland's house of review has any relevance or not.

"The proposed removal of high

value agriculture and irrigated high value agriculture shows a lack of understanding and objectivity, and is a serious mistake.

"Already the most regulated part of the legislation, these provisions enable small areas of clearing to help deal with climate change, enable best management farm practices, and realise better environmental outcomes.

"On top of that, it is strategic and responsible clearing for high value crops* which provides a huge economic boost to regional economies and much needed long-term direct and indirect jobs.

"If the committee is fair dinkum, it will listen to the genuine concerns of the farming community and accommodate

constructive, evidence-based advice to recommend

the stable, workable vegetation management framework that farmers, regional communities and the environment deserve.

"If the Committee doesn't deliver the policy accountability it is supposed to on this vexed issue, then we might as well scrap the Parliamentary Committee process altogether and save taxpayers some money." QFF and members look forward to providing constructive, evidence-based advice to the committee and the government.

* Only 5600 hectares were approved to be cleared for irrigated high value agriculture between December 2, 2013 and February 2, 2018.

Visit to a country garden

The Highfields Garden Club's first meeting for the year was held in the rambling country garden of Elizabeth and John Macqueen.

Although the weather was a little inclement we had a great roll up.

All very much enjoyed hearing from Helen, the Macqueen's daughter, about the garden and especially the magnificent Celtis tree (probably the largest in the Highfields area) under which we sat.

Then their son, Peter

spoke about butterflies in the garden and the host plants needed to support them.

Being hardy gardeners, most didn't mind getting a little damp while listening to his interesting speech.

Fortunately, the weather then cleared and we were able to thoroughly explore this beautiful garden.

The March meeting will be held in the garden of Diana Douglas, 25 Wellcamp/ Westbrook Road, Wellcamp. - Robyn Herbert.

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