

MACHANATIONS

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Farewell Edna Reed

Edna May Florence Boundy was born in Cairns on Friday 22nd June, 1917 and was one of 12 children.

When Edna was 19 she met and married James Henry Reed.

The Reed family with children Elsa, Frank and Kathleen moved to 66 Marshall Street in 1950.

Edna wasn't a sportswoman, but after the children were finished with school and were all working, she joined the Stratford Bowls Club and became a champion bowler.

She played for many years and made a lot of new friends and had many trophies for her effort.

However, after Jim retired, she decided to give up Bowls to spend more time with him. Together they spent their time fishing and crabbing until he had his first stroke.

Edna nursed him for 9 years until a second stroke ultimately led to his death. Arthritis prevented Edna's return to Lawn Bowls, though she never complained about her ailments, even right up to the end.

Edna was an independent lady, catching the bus into town and doing her shopping, and then catching the bus home.

She was lucky to have nice people in her life, even the bus driver was lovely and quite often carried the shopping into her house for her.

Edna's next door neighbour, Marie, was always looking out for her, taking her shopping at Smithfield or just popping over to check on her.

There were so many kind people in Edna's life and the family would like to acknowledge them all, including Dr Bilbe, and the Staff of Northern Beaches Meals on Wheels, and Home Assist.

Edna was a very dedicated wife and mother, and her children said that they were so lucky to have such a warm, loving and caring mum.

"Our mum could only be described in one word - Wonderful!

She was there for us during the good times and the not so good."

Edna passed away quietly and peacefully on Wednesday 29th April, 2009 at the Mary Potter Nursing Home. May she now be reunited with her beloved Husband James and together may they rest in peace.

Eulogy supplied by the Reed family

Dungarra Redden Island

I am pleased that a letter from Mathew Dyer, the new Cairns ports Chief Operations Officer assures me that *Dungarra-Redden Island* will be managed with guidelines similar to those of the previous owners and that funding for green projects will continue and community concerns will be taken into account. Dungarra occupies about one square kilometer of land.

Not big for a wildlife refuge but the island is supported by features in the surrounding environment. Without small patches of wilderness that exist on some of the urban blocks the stepping stones or resting spots between "wildlife reserves" might seem too vast for some of the species.

When the gaps get too big, the journey can be too daunting.

Both plants and animals rely on these spots.

If seeds dropped by birds land in barren areas between refuges (you can only hold on for so long) they may never get the opportunity to refresh their stocks in other areas. Dave Slatyer, in the short time he has been in his Prior Street house, has created a forest that gets monstered by wildlife.

Looking at it from a different perspective he could easily be accused of poaching wildlife from Dungarra !

Good onya Dave!

I congratulate and thank the people who create these little refuges.

Rob Williams 0432 287 032

Machans Community Association AGM

Alastair Harris was elected President of the Machans Beach Community Association for the next year. Alastair comes with a strong administrative background. Long Time resident, Barry Fitzsimmons was elected Vice President. Both results were unopposed. The way has been left open for the appointment of another Vice President as per suggestion by John Adams so that the workload can be shared. The Association was unable to find a Secretary and one of the first tasks will be to press gang someone for the task.

Another long term resident, Bob Birkbeck was re-elected Treasurer, a role he has filled for a number of years.

DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 11 th June	(AI 4037 0427)
Neighbourhood Watch	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 11 th June	(AI 4037 0427)
Friends of Redden Island – FoRI.....	Contact Rob 0432 287 032	
SES	7.00pm at HQ, Keith Edwick Park, Every Wednesday	(Duty Officer 4055 9277)
MAGS.....	Coordinator wanted	
Machans Organic Community Garden.....	4.00 – 6.00, Saturdays & Wednesdays, west side of School	
Sports Club - Drinks & Live Music.....	6.00 – 10.00pm at the Sports Club, every Friday	
Sports Club - Music Sessions & BBQ	3.00 - 10.00pm – First Saturday of the month	(Dan 4055 0069)
Magnets Morning Tea	10am in the Community Hall, 1 st Saturday of the month	(Fred 4055 9129)
School P & C	At the school, for date and time see School newsletter	(Dave 4055 0365)

For Hall Bookings contact Deryck – 4055 9397 – deryckt@hotmail.com

G'day from Steve Wettenhall MP

Volunteers

It was great to attend the annual OMBIES awards recognizing the work of volunteers Kazia Stewart, Cathy Archer and Dave Sterling - especially after I had launched "National Volunteer Week" in Cairns earlier that month. Volunteers give their precious time – making a real difference to the lives of so many Queenslanders.

The Bligh Government has made a commitment to assist in boosting the numbers of current volunteers by 50% before 2020. For more information, visit www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au

Machans Beach State School

The school will receive \$75,000 to complete a classroom upgrade, internal and external re-furbishment of Block B,

and A (including 3 internal learning areas) in Round Two of the Rudd Government's "National School Pride Program".

The program is part of the Australian Governments' \$14.7 billion Building the Education Revolution program. By working together with the federal government, we can continue to meet the needs of Queensland students now and into the future.

Pool Safety review

You have until June 5 to have your say on the most comprehensive review of Queensland pool safety laws in nearly 20 years – which recommends a single set of fencing regulations (to scrap 11 different and confusing laws), mandatory inspections before a property is leased or sold, and tougher laws for portable pools.

To view the report, visit www.dip.qld.gov.au. A dedicated pool safety contact number is also available at 1800 682 021.

Be a part of the "MUST VISIT" Q150 Shed events between June 12-14 at Fogarty Park on the Cairns Esplanade - where we can all celebrate 150 years of Queensland's independence from New South Wales! A huge weekend of free and ticketed entertainment! See www.q150.qld.gov.au for full details on the shed, and the Q150 Train visiting Cairns on June 25-26.

Steve Wettenhall

Member for Barron River and Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism (ph: 4038 2800)

MACHANS BEACH SES



Road Crash Rescue Competition - State Finals.

Members assisted in the setting up and clearing of scenarios (pit crew) in the Qld Fire and Rescue Service RCR State Finals competition.

Many 'new' cars were destroyed in the competition and our members learnt a lot from watching the events and even got to use the 'jaws of life' rescue equipment. Members were thanked for their valuable assistance to enable the competition to run smoothly.

Regional Challenge - SES.

Events in this challenge all related to Storm damage.

They included a damaged roof involving setting up a height safety system to put a tarp on the roof, repairs to doors and windows, perform CPR, manage injuries and heart attack response, temporary repairs to roofing, assembling a chainsaw, constructing an improvised cradle to support a log while cuts and a bore hole are made, filling sandbags (using the new scoop system) and erecting a 2m x 1m wall to contain "sewerage overflow".

Members in this challenge all enjoyed the experience and it was a good validation of our training. The Team did very well.

Port Douglas Carnivale.

Members assisted at the Pt Douglas Carnivale Street Parade and also at the 6am Beach Party the following day.

Members took stretchers and slept at the Mossman SES shed and I believe it was the coldest May night for a long time.

A member of Machans Beach is also part of the Tracking Team and they were holding additional training on this weekend and were also using the shed as a staging point prior to a tracking activity.

Members socialised till late at night with the Trackers and were up early (brrr 4.30am) for breakfast and start duty.

Get involved - be part of SES.

Be challenged, gain practical skills, First Aid training and self confidence, make new friends, have fun and help the community at the same time!

Ring the Duty Officer on 4055 9277 for information about becoming an SES volunteer.

SES – We do it for free.

Budget investments at the time of global downturn

I'm sure many of you have seen TV or newspaper coverage about the budget which was delivered by the Treasurer in May - it clearly shows how savage the global recession has been on the Australian economy with \$210 billion wiped off government revenue.

These are the biggest revenue downgrades confronted by a government since 1931.

There is pain in the budget and a number of tough decisions have been made, but locally we do have a number of significant investments being made that are supporting jobs and providing quality infrastructure for the future.

One such project is the GP Super Clinic.

I was very pleased to have the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon, visit Cairns in May to sign a \$5m agreement for a new GP Super Clinic.

The clinic will have a hub-and-spoke structure.

The hub will be in Edmonton and already we have confirmed that an allied health spoke will be in Smithfield, which is great news for Northern Beaches residents.

There is also good news for the Tropical North when it comes attracting doctors to the region. Under changes announced in the budget, a doctor re-locating to Cairns and the surrounding suburbs from a capital city, will be eligible for a \$30,000 re-location incentive for the

first time and around \$18,000 per year after working in Cairns for five years.

Also, it is great to see Machans Beach State School awarded their share of the government's stimulus package.

The school has been approved for \$75,000 worth of projects which includes a classroom upgrade, and the internal and external refurbishment of Block A (encompassing three internal learning areas) and B.

I look forward to getting out there in the near future to see the improvements!

JIM T U R N O U R M P
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Hello everyone at Machans

Sorry I missed the Machanations last month and also the meeting. It was a very busy month, hoping things will settle down now that the budget workshops are completed.

The AGM was held and congratulations to the new executive, looking forward to working with you during the next twelve months and beyond!!! A special thank you to Russell and his committee for all their efforts you have put into the positions over the past few years and for Russell, always being available when I needed to notify the community of urgent matters.

Bert's house is nearing demolition. The lifeline which was thrown at the eleventh hour has not been able to be tied up so the tenderers have been contacted to proceed with the demolition of the cottage. I am hoping that this newsletter is out before the deed gets underway. Once the site is

Editors Note- Margaret did indeed submit her piece as usual for last months issue, but It never made it to our layout bloke. We apologize to Margaret for this error.

PO News

Well I'm still here typing these notes for the post office news.

Yes we had a buyer, no we don't have a buyer, can't get finance, cold feet who knows, but the bottom line is we are still here and getting busier than ever. (don't even think about the GEC). It certainly is not happening here at Machans. Must be that big gate on the access road that is keeping it at bay?

I have in stock lots and lots of wrapping paper for all occasions at a very low price. The office bits side of the shop will be growing as time goes on to cater for all the home office people, copy paper pens etc etc.

As well as printer cartridges for the most popular printers and other cartridges can be ordered as required.

Don't forget that we sell the new 5kg express bag, just great for sending bulky items fast.

Bye for now Russell and Wendy

TAKE-AWAY CLOSES

The takeaway in Marshall St has closed its doors. It seems the shop has had infrastructure removed, so it may not re-open for a while. It is certainly a different corner now from a few years ago when we had a restaurant, a hairdresser and a takeaway. Are these shops to become relics like the old bakery and the recently demolished takeaway? Time will tell as the needs of the community dictate. Thanks to Jo Pitcher and family for their service and we wish them well in future endeavours.

CAFNEC questions Council's Cowley Actions

The Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC) is concerned at recent actions undertaken by the Cassowary Coast Regional Council to encourage beach access at Cowley Beach south of Innisfail.

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council (CCRC) has failed to move on from the past in making questionable decisions about environmental issues of importance. CAFNEC is concerned at reports that the CCRC has now constructed a ladder to allow for more permanent beach access to vehicles including 4WDs at Cowley Beach. Studies show that, next to habitat destruction for development, vehicle traffic is the most harmful of all human activities on sandy beaches (Griffith University, 2007) and that turtle hatchlings show lower survival rates on beaches open to 4WDs.

CAFNEC Campaign Director, Steve Ryan, said vehicles dramatically change the physical properties of beaches leading to deep rutting, with fragile dune vegetation easily destroyed by vehicles.

He said native species are highly exposed to vehicle impacts through nest destruction and the killing of shorebird chicks. "These actions by the CCRC clearly pre-empt the Queensland Government's stated intention to revisit and improve coastal management in the light of climate change," Mr Ryan said. "In CAFNEC's view, the ladder will clearly encourage excessive vehicle traffic on the beach at Cowley, and, sadly, further compromises the resilience of local species and fragile remnant dune vegetation".

cleaned up I will facilitate consultation with the officers to get the best outcome for the site.

I have not been informed of what is happening at the Redden Creek bridge. I did ask for a pipe to be put under the road instead of the "dip" so that may be what is happening.

If you have an issue you need dealt with by Council contact Council Call centre 4044 3044 – 24/7 --- if you ring my mobile I could take some time to get to your call if it is urgent best ring the centre and get your request logged. If you need to talk to me please feel free to ring my mobile, 0419 706 372.

See you at the meeting. Take care, *Margaret*

Hall Activities

Kung Fu

Wednesdays 6pm to 7pm
Richard 4057 7237

Tai Chi

Monday 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Wednesday 7pm to 8pm
Richard 4057 7237
Thursdays 10 am to 11.15am
Kathryn 4055 0929

Playgroup

Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Rossi 0432 154 716

Kick Boxing

Monday 6.30 – 7.30pm
Thursday 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Machans Young Guns
Ben 4055 9534

Cairns War Games

Saturdays 9am to 4pm
Owen 0400 970 997
(except magnettes Saturday)

Magnettes

10am 1st Saturday of month
Pat/Fred 4055 9129

Moves and Rhythm (Latin)

Tuesday 6 to 7pm
Rose - 0419 708 767

Can Can

Fridays 11am to 12.30pm
Jilly 0412 036 771

Belly Dancing

Thursday 5pm to 6.15pm
Bobbin 0427 719 565

Singing

Sunday 5pm to 6pm
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