

MACHANATIONS

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Why I Write

Writing allows me to share knowledge and experiences that I think others might appreciate. I also value the chance to express my opinion on issues that I feel passionate about. I find writing challenging and can only write on topics that inspire me, but when I have finished a piece, I am pleased with my work and enjoy reading it as a finished product. I am not a natural writer and I spend a lot more time editing a piece than I do getting the rough draft done.

If I've got something I want to say at a meeting or in response to an article in a newspaper and don't take advantage of the available opportunities, whether it be verbally or in print, I always regret my inaction. I often regret that when I stand up at a meeting to say something I don't feel I express myself very well, but I totally shame myself when I don't even make the effort out of fear.

You don't have to be an eloquent writer to get your message across. People enjoy a well written piece and that's a bonus, but a letter to the editor of a newspaper by a writer genuinely concerned about something, is a valuable contribution to resolving issues and doesn't need to be a work of art. Don't stew on it, write it down and get it out there. And if you've got some fun to share write it up in Machanations, I love a good read. *Rob*

Editors Note: I would like to thank Rob for his contributions, his stories are always a great read.

If you have something to write about, something to share with the community, please send your contribution to Machanations, we will always make room for local stories.

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Deadline for next issue is 25th November.

**Sports Club
Christmas Party
Saturday
4th December**

Machans Beach State Emergency Service SES Week Open & Information Afternoon



Saturday 13th November

You are invited and welcome to our Open & Information Afternoon on Saturday 13th from 3pm to 6pm. Check out the equipment we have at our disposal to combat or assist in any disaster or emergency. There will be helpful pamphlets, magnets, Cyclone tracking maps, videos, interactive games for kids and members demonstrating various skills and even a sausage sizzle and drinks. At approx 3.30pm there will be a Chainsaw demonstration, 4.00pm will see a qualified Team set up a Height Safety system and at 5.00pm there will be a demonstration of a Ladder Slide - a method of lowering a casualty from a height (or raising from a depth). There will be GPS demonstrations throughout the afternoon. The great value BBQ - \$1 sausage and \$1 drinks will be operating from 4pm. SES trains in many skills; if you are interested in obtaining any skills or qualifications, talk to a member and find out how you may obtain it or any career path in the SES.

Check out our new equipment on display:

SES Week Get Together The Far North Region will celebrate with a big SES get-together at Tinaroo Dam. There will be games, races, competitions involving boats and chainsaws, award presentations and BBQ for members and families.

Activations Our Boat assisted in the Marlin Coast Challenge – Outrigger canoe race from Ellis Beach to Pt Douglas. There were 98 paddlers and 37 craft to support. Our Boat made the task easy.

New Emergency Response Floodboat Check out our new Boat – it's a Polycraft moderate V hull design fitted with a 90HP Outboard motor. While its capacity remains at six persons, it is much roomier and comfortable and fitted out with many options, some of which include, both UHF and VHF radios, comprehensive depth sounder/GPS/many other functions, large under floor fuel tank and a folding canopy for member comfort and safety.

Support your local community 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! For general enquiries, ring 4055 9277.

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DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 11 th November	(John 4055 0653)
Neighbourhood Watch	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 11 th November	(John 4055 0653)
Friends of Dungarra / Redden Island.....	Contact Rob 0432 287 032	
SES	7.30pm at HQ, Keith Edwick Park, Every Wednesday (Duty Officer 4055 9277)	
Machans Community Garden.....	9.00 – 12.00, 1 st & 3 rd Sundays of the month	
Sports Club - Drinks & Live Music.....	6.00 – 10.00pm, 2 nd Friday of the month	
Sports Club - Music Sessions & BBQ	3.00 - 10.00pm – 1 st Saturday of the month	(Dan 4055 0069)
School P & C	At the school, for date and time see School newsletter	(Dave 4055 0365)

Charles's Chair

An Unassuming, Welcome Seat Arrives

A new seat has arrived, near the Gundy Anton Bridge. The seat is idyllically placed, overlooking the beach and shaded by the trees in the afternoon.

The brass dedication plaque reads, "In memory of Charles Williams, a dedicated volunteer at Machans Beach Neighbourhood Watch".

Harry Collins organised the funding and location of the seat using the remaining funds from the former Machans Beach Neighbourhood Watch Association. With the support of Division 8 Councillor, Cr Margaret Cochrane, Cairns Regional Council assisted with the balance of funding and installation costs.

Charles Williams and his wife, Maria, lived in Machans Beach for many years, originally Cinderella St, a while on

O'Shea Esplanade and then back to Cinderella St.

Charles was an active member of the Neighbourhood Watch Program from the beginning and the Coordinator for many years. He was unswerving in his commitment for the program in our Community.

Charles was the recipient of many local, regional and state wide awards due to his dedication for the cause. The culmination being in 2000 with the presentation of a Qld Gold Medal for State Neighbourhood Watch Member of the year. He was flown to Brisbane to receive the award for his untiring long years of service to the Machans Beach Community through the Neighbourhood Watch Association.



Carlene, TJ, James, Laura, Harry & Margaret

Age may weary the best of us, but it took a lot to weary Charles particularly where Neighbourhood Watch was concerned. Charles passed away in 2006 and Maria the following year 2007.

Vale, Charles Williams, and a heartfelt thank you from all who idle by who now have a comfortable seat to rest and absorb the environment upon. Thank you. *Pippy*

Sports Club News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sports Club AGM will be held on Friday the 19th November at 6PM followed by BBQ, Drinks and entertainment as per usual. All members new and old are invited to attend. Nominations for committee members will be accepted on the night. Please come along and support the club to keep it going.

CHRISTMAS PARTY Santa is on his way and will be touching down (sky diving weather permitting) on Saturday the 4th of December for the annual Sports Club Christmas Party. There will be **FREE RIDES** for the kids from 3PM, included will be Ice Creams, Slushys and some goodies from Santa. For the adults there will be a BBQ, Bar and live music to follow. We will also be having a **Christmas Car Boot Market**. For

interested stall holders, please contact Sheree on 0408 019 273 to reserve your spot.

For the newbies - Machans Beach Sports Club is located at School Street Park behind the Primary School via Christensen Street.

The club is non-profit organization run by volunteers to raise funds for youth endeavours of Machans Beach. Recent funding has included the School Camp, Kick Boxing at the hall, Touch Football and Junior Basketball.

So come along and meet your fellow locals for a fun day out while raising funds for the community. For further information, please feel free call me on 0427 666 661 *Dan*

Councillor Margaret Cochrane *Division 8 Councillor and Deputy Mayor*

How time flies, here we are looking at November and the stream of Christmas Parties, just where has this year gone? It has been a busy time for all as everyone seems to be saying the same thing. I missed last month editions so my congratulations to Mark and his team for the Machans Market day and debate. Well done to everyone involved.

Well done to everyone involved in the Dengue Clean-up this is a fantastic initiative within your community.

Barr Creek has caused some interesting debate and remains closed. I am cognisant of the fish kill which occurred some years ago and would hope that we can avert this happening again as there was considerable community anger about that when that occurred. Monitoring of the creek will remain in place.

Capping of the "old dump" is on the agenda. This project has been a long time coming and is now finally designed, funded and almost ready to go. I have been speaking with the officers and work will commence approximately next year in April, after the Wet Season, if that is ever going to the case, and programmed to be completed by June.

If you have a matter to be dealt with by council you can contact council via the website www.cairns@qld.gov.au and go to "Contact us" or phone 4044 3044, 24/7 and get your request logged. If you need to contact me 4044 3080 is my office number and my mobile 0419 706 372, always leave a message as I have numerous meetings and workshops and not always at the end of the phone. *See you at the Community Association meeting. Margaret*

PO News

This month I would like to ask you to be on the lookout for a 1m high gum tree stolen from out the front of the post office. Why would anyone want to steal a small tree that was planted to help Machans look nice and green. The poor thing was ripped out of the ground by the roots, so I hope that whoever stole the tree, knows that karma is a very strong force that will come down on you eventually. So... if someone has given you a small gumtree as a present recently could you please bring it back to the post office.

I am right on track for Christmas with the shop filling up with all sorts of presents and adorable goodies. I have a new range of sarongs just come in also. As of 1 November you can post Christmas cards for the reduced price if the card envelope is marked "card only", this applies for Australian and international mail.

What Plane Was That? Ever wondered what plane that was that just flew over head?

Webtrak provides a replay of air traffic. <http://www331.webtrak-lochard.com/webtrak/cns3>

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Harassment on Redden Island On two occasions last month groups of kids (not locals) were seen on Redden Island chasing Bully. Residents can ring Cameron Buswell at RSPCA if they see this kind of activity in the future. Cameron has been Bully's case officer over the years and can be contacted on 1300 852 188.

Rock Wall Cr Cochrane is hoping to get top dressing and salt-resistant grass put in along the wall prior to the "wet". There has been debate in Council on the rock wall structure which has opened up the possibility of reclaiming about 10m of shoreline and placing another engineered wall there. This is in the talking stage only with the Chief Engineer. The \$1.6M funds for foreshore work have mostly been for sand replenishment to date, including the rock wall at Clifton Beach. Sand pumping will shortly restart at Holloways.

Barr Creek Council were to open this up to the sea mid-last month as fish were beginning to die. The channel was to be dug roughly in the middle so the sand area is evenly distributed between Machans and Holloways.

If you would like a copy of the minutes emailed to you, please contact Carol Hall (Secretary).

Email address is: carol.hall@bigpond.com

Next meeting is Thursday 11th November at 7:30pm

School News

A SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON ORIGINAL WORKS OF ART! A huge thank you to the community for supporting the Machans Beach State School Halloween Themed fete in October. A special thank you to the P&C fete committee who worked tirelessly during the past 6 months to organise everything. And another huge thank you to all the sponsors, families, staff and community members who donated prizes, gifts and goods towards the many stalls and activities that were held on the day. The feedback has been very positive and the suggestions we have received will enhance any future fetes we may have. Any positive and/or constructive feedback which you may like to add are also welcomed.

For the fete we received three beautiful pieces of art work which we had hoped to auction on the day. These were donated by Ben Freeman, Steve Trezise and B.Ewan. Unfortunately there was some confusion as to the process for this and the art works did not reach the reserved prices. We are therefore offering everyone the opportunity to make a silent bid on one, or all, of these pieces. If you did not get a chance to view these pieces or would like to see them again, please drop into the school office where they are currently on display. Bids will be accepted until Monday, November the 22nd. Please have your bid enclosed in a sealed envelope with your name and contact details clearly indicated. The P&C will notify the successful "bidders" by the end of that week. Good luck!

ENROLMENTS FOR 2011 With 118 students currently enrolled we would like to get 128 students in the school by day 8. This will provide enormous benefits to our school with additional resources both human and physical. Enrolment application packages for 2011 are available from the school office. Anyone who is thinking about enrolling their child/children at Machans Beach State School is advised to contact the office as soon as possible on 40559410 so that we can include them in our count for next year. *Children born between 1st July 2005 and 30th June 2006 are eligible to enrol now for Prep here at Machans Beach State School.* Birth certificates and immunisation records must be supplied upon enrolment. Thank you all for your continued support of the school *Jane Termaat*

Hall Activities November 2010

Kung Fu Junior

Wednesdays 5pm to 6pm
Richard 0409 104 753

Kung Fu Adult

Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm
Richard 0409 104 753

Tai Chi

Wednesday 6 - 7pm
Richard 0409 104 753
Thursday 10 - 11.15 am
Kathryn 4055 0929

Kick Boxing

Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm
Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30pm
Thomas 0438 555 928

Cairns War Games

Saturdays 9am - 4pm
Connor 0429 820 971

Mixed Martial Arts

Mondays 6pm - 6.30pm
Thursdays 6pm - 6.30pm
Jamie 0450 102 894

Ball Room Dancing

Fridays 7pm - 9pm
Chris 0415 956 923

Yoga

Tuesdays 5.15 to 6.30pm
Martha 4055 9538

Cancan dancing

Fridays 11am - 1pm
Bobbie 0427 719 565

Community Association

2nd Thursday in every
month 7.30pm
Carol 0428 326 813

Australia has Talent..... and so does Machans Beach

Cleaning the Community Hall last week, a little later than usual, I was dazzled by the Can Can girls in full dress rehearsal. Sinuous and full of vitality they are today, Friday 22.10.10, strutting their stuff in anticipation of a berth in next year's "You've Got Talent Quest". BON CHANCE to you all..... a marvellously inspirational dance routine from thoroughly enthusiastic girls. *Pippy*

Wildlife Care

Spring is here with many birds in the area breeding. If you find a baby (nestling) that has fallen out of the nest and you can't get it back in for the parents to feed it, please put it in a dark box with an old rag or shredded paper to form a nest and ring Cathie Archer on 40550889 or 0405189165 and I will attend to its upbringing and release when old enough. *Cathie*



GREEN PAGES

The 2010 Green Pages, the Machans Beach Phone Directory of Local Businesses will now be published with the December issue of Machanations. To be included or to have your listing changed, please contact James by the 15th November machanations@machansbeach.net 4037 0102

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Hall Bookings

Deryck : 4055 9397

The Great Dengue Clean Up 2010

Planning for the dengue clean up at Machans started at the beginning of this year. Initially it was due in March but it deferred to the weekend just gone in preparation for the 2010/2011 wet season. We hope that everyone is happy with how it turned out. Queensland Health paid for 14 skips and these were placed around the Beach. Some skips were filled as soon as they were delivered on the Friday afternoon and so an additional four skips were ordered. Most residents did the right thing but there were some large items like filing cabinets and even a motor bike that should have been taken to Yorkeys by their owners. There was also a scattering of domestic rubbish which could have been just as easily been put into household rubbish bins.

The total volume collected in the 18 skips was about 100 cubic metres as well as about 160 tyres, some of which came from outside of the Beach. But that is ok, at least those tyre people made the effort and did not dump them on the roadside like some local grott who dumped domestic rubbish on the bypass road at the end of September. Thank you to Council staff for cleaning up that rubbish.

A special thanks to Tammy and Sharron from Queensland Health's Cairns Public Health Unit and local residents Phil, Scott & Deryck who all contributed to the weekend. Also Rob & Geraldine from *Not Just Coffee & TakeAway*, who organised the BBQ in the park on Sunday; Councillor Margaret Cochrane who provided sausages; Martin Anton who provided bottled water; and Moondogs Gypsy Blues Band for the fab live music.

If you have any thoughts on this cleanup, or suggestions for future possible clean ups, please respond to the Queensland Health questionnaire in Machanations.

Steve Wettenhall MP State Member for Barron River

New Neighbourhood Centre Residents in northern suburbs of Cairns will soon benefit from a new purpose-built community hub. Construction of the \$2.5 million Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre at the corner of Cheviot St and Reed Rd, Trinity Park has begun, and is expected to be completed by the first of half of next year by local firm, Max Bryant Construction. The centre will have offices, meeting rooms and amenities to host community, cultural and seniors' groups. It will also provide space for a range of services and activities including counselling, an emergency relief service, health classes, parent and children's groups and cultural activities.

School news To celebrate *Book Week* and the importance of reading last month, I donated a book to Machans - "Crockee's Country" by local author and illustrator Dr Sasi Victoire (A crocodile story which highlights the need for protecting waterways). I hope the lucky winner of my bottle of wine at the School fete raffle is also happy with their prize!

Policelink Local residents needing to report non-urgent or immediately occurring policing matters can access a new and dedicated service, **Policelink on 131 444**. Still call 000 if the matter is urgent.
Steve

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