

MACHANATIONS

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Go, You Good Thing!

Three rousing cheers for Dan & Sheree and their running of the Sports Club, not to forget Christine who has been there from day one. Well done!

Over the years the Club has assisted organisations within the community, especially the School. Machans sporting teams have also benefitted from the Club's sponsorship, without which, they probably may not exist. A lot of people don't know that the Club has sponsored a team in the Cairns Touch Football Association. This is our 9th year, every Tues night the boys battle it out, cold wet nights and steaming hot summer ones. Often we've had up to 14 teenage boys and over the 9 years, there's probably been a hundred.

I think that team sports can be great for character growth. In the beginning we were an undisciplined rabble, but very quickly there was an important change, the bickering and criticism within the team gave way to supporting each other and because of this, we won our first Grand Final.

Thrashed by an older more experienced team two weeks prior, the boys beat the same team, playing above themselves with the spirit and energy that proved unbeatable. It made my hair stand up! A great lesson, never undersell yourself and with focus, energy and spirit, anything is possible.

This was a great night and it wouldn't have happened without the Sports Club, they funded the whole lot and of course that includes the community behind the club. Good things go round! *Geoff*

VERA THE TREE

Vera Scarth Johnson was a devoted conservationist who dedicated her time to recording the plants of the Cooktown region. She collected specimens and painted them, insisting that photography can never capture their true beauty.

I got to know Vera when we worked with the local conservation group on a campaign to save her beloved Endeavour River Mangroves which were under threat from an enormous marina proposal.

I asked Vera if she could remember at what stage she became aware of the beauty of nature and what triggered her involvement in the conservation movement. She sat up straight, shoulders back, looked me straight in the eye and said "Yes it all happened at once. I was a young child in England, we lived

PICTURES IN THE PARK

Saturday 11th December
7.00pm

The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai

Will feature in Keith Edwick Park, Marshall St on the 11th December. The movie starts at 7pm. It won't rain. BYO chair, refreshments, family and friends. Come and enjoy a summer evening in our lovely park watching a fun movie.

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in a polluted industrial zone, my Aunt grabbed me by the arm and dragged me down the road, through the quarry and pointed to something about two metres tall up a stony ridge. I didn't know what it was but it was the most amazing thing I had ever seen. Auntie said it was a tree and that I should find more of them."

Vera came to Australia and spent her time devoted to saving the magic. I'm really pleased to say the mangroves on the Endeavour River which I love to refer to as the Vera Scarth Johnson Mangroves which were zoned marine industrial are now part of an Estuarine Conservation Zone.

Just as Vera never forgot that tree, I will never forget her or her story. *Rob*

DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 9 th December	(John 4055 0653)
Neighbourhood Watch.....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 9 th December	(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)

Machans Beach Community Association

Next meeting: Thursday 9th December at 7:30pm

No business was conducted at the November meeting due to having insufficient members in attendance to form a quorum. This was a great pity as both Cr Margaret Cochrane and MP, Steve Wettenhall, were present. Those members who were able to be there enjoyed a very informative and informal discussion on a wide range of local topics.

The Barron River delta, Barr's Creek, the rock wall, and the foreshore continue to be "hot topics" and will be the thrust of the Association's agenda into 2011 (and beyond if we have the support). You are invited, indeed encouraged, to attend the meeting in December. There will be no new business on the agenda, but we will have 3 guest speakers:

- Mr Brad McCulloch from Qld Health Public Health Unit will be passing on feedback, outcomes and statistics around the dengue clean-up held in Machans at the end of October.
- Ms Sylvia Conway, Project Officer with the Barron Delta Community Engagement Plan, will expand on this organisation. The plan aims to involve 6 local community & Land Care groups in the restoration of the Barron Delta. This is obviously of major importance to our community.
- Cr Margaret Cochrane will be bringing a special Guest Speaker along to this meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th December at 7:30pm followed by a few "end-of-year" drinks. Margaret Cochrane is supplying the "fizz". We would be very happy to see you there.

THE BARRON DELTA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

This plan aims to involve 6 local community & Land Care groups in the restoration of the Barron Delta. The organisation will provide further support to all active groups and develop capacity in groups less engaged. With the help of community, traditional owners, schools and professionals, this project will deliver 35 hectares of restoration in degraded habitat. This will build resilience against current and future threats by enhancing habitat condition, building landscape connectivity and engaging a wide sector of the community in conservation actions, as well as raising awareness within the urban population about the importance of healthy coastal environments.

Ms Sylvia Conway looks forward to meeting with you at the Community Association December meeting and discussing your ideas.

Councillor Margaret Cochrane

December, and Christmas is around the corner. I guess everyone is wondering where the year has gone, sign of the times when we are all so busy with pressures of our busy lifestyles.

You may or may not be aware that Cairns Regional Council is undergoing consultation for the Community Plan for the region, this plan is shaping the vision of the community for the next 20 years. A Council Corporate Planner will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the plan with the Machans Community, I hope you will make yourselves available if you can to come a hear about the plan and give us your views.

I understand officers have opened Barr Creek to the sea to allow fresh sea water into the waterway as oxygen levels were

dropping, along with the evident death of some fish to the officers when they were undertaking the testing regime. The opening has been shaped so that water goes into the waterway with limited amounts, if any, returning to the sea. This seems to be a satisfactory method at the moment and Council officers will maintain their monitoring of the situation.

May I take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you, the residents of Machans Beach, a wonderful Christmas and a restful New Year break, we all need to recharge our batteries to face another difficult year for the city and community, cherish your time with your families.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas, *Margaret*

Machans Beach State Emergency Service

Thank you Thank you to *Not Just Coffee & Take Away* who supported our Open day. We are a non-profit organisation where there are no fees for joining, or skill courses and qualifications, or even assistance given, and it is appreciated having local community minded businesses in our community, who offer to support us.

Training update All members who have the Height Safety qualification were required to update to the new methods and equipment. This 'bridging course' was held at our HQ for both MB members and Holloways Beach members.

Training Training is now conducted at our HQ from the later time of 7.30pm. This time is considered to be more reasonable to allow members sufficient time after work for travel, meals etc, to be on time for training. After training, socialising and drinks are available for those who wish to relax.

Holiday Season Thank you to the members (and their families who support them) for their involvement during the year. Last training for the year will be on December 14th. Training begins again on January 12th, 2011, and we look forward to meeting new members in the New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish members, families and the community a very Merry Christmas and a safe, Happy New Year. Cheers.

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.

132 500 – Flood Storm Emergency



PO News 'Tis the season to be jolly, ho ho ho. I hope that by the time you read this you will have Christmas organised completely. Well almost, umm, some of it?? Doesn't matter just do it and have fun. I have a whole shop full of bargains to end the year, and the season, to put a smile on your face. Which includes the soft toys and baby educational toys. Please drop in and have a look at what is on sale. I have a range of mobiles, some locked, some unlocked and \$2 SIM cards if you have a phone but no sim card, as well as all of the recharge vouchers as well. *Russell*

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Sports Club News

The Sports club will be closed after the Christmas Party on Saturday the 4th December until Saturday the 5th February 2011 for the school holidays.

AGM was held on Friday the 19th November and thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to those who put up their hand in becoming new members of the committee. It is good to see new faces getting on board to keep the club going and I look forward to a new

perspective that these new members will bring to the club. Congrats to you all.

New elected committee as follows

PRESIDENT Dan Vowles

VICE PRESIDENT Christine Conroy

TREASURER Sheree Vowles

SECRETARY Andrea Bradley

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Dave Sterling

Rosita Norman

Russel Singe

Colin Woods

Melanie Spencer

Des Brown

Eric Phillips

Genevieve Sinclair

By the time you read this, no doubt the Christmas Party has come and gone and I'm sure it was a huge success as always.

So on behalf of the committee, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward seeing you at the club in 2011.

Best Wishes Dan

MACHANS BEACH STATE SCHOOL

We have all safely reached the end of another successful year. Looking back, we have had an enormously busy year with many curricula activities and school improvements taking place. The staff have worked very hard to ensure that the students have received the best possible learning experiences with the planning of interesting units of work, by building on prior knowledge, developing student's interests, introducing new concepts and providing a safe and challenging learning environment for each of them to participate in. We still have places available in our classes and will be happy to accept new enrolments in the new year.

Our school office will close on Friday, 10th of December and re-open on Wednesday 19th of January 2011. Thursday 22 and Friday 23 are pupil free days where staff will be participating in Professional Development activities. School resumes on Monday 24th with a reminder that Wednesday 26th is the Australia Day Holiday.

A very big "thank you" to all of the parents, grandparents and friends who have volunteered a most "precious" commodity - their time - to support our students and our school this year. Support has been offered in the tuckshop, classrooms, at special events, in gardens, on excursion and camps and also with many P

& C activities. Your efforts have been very much appreciated and have certainly made a positive difference to our school. Great schools are made up of great people who are prepared to give that little extra and many of you do just that. Thanks heaps!

PLEASE KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the **School Watch number 13 17 88**. If you do see something suspicious, please call the School Watch number and let the local police deal with the matter. Keep the number handy - **13 17 88** - and let's work together to help create a safer school community. Your support and vigilance is appreciated.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Best wishes for the coming festive season.

Jane Termaat Principal

Steve Wettenhall MP *State Member for Barron River*

Community Association Meeting I enjoyed catching up with locals at the community association meeting last month, and remember you can always call my office on 4038 2800 to make an appointment to see me.

School leavers Best wishes to all our local school leavers. Visit www.getoutthere.qld.gov.au for handy tips on finding the right job, applying for university, renting a home, buying a car and keeping control of your money.

SES and Cyclone Ready Machans residents are fortunate to have a dedicated crew of SES volunteers at the ready in case of emergencies. On behalf of the community I would like to thank the Machans SES Unit for all their hard work during the year and for the months ahead. Please help reduce the demand by preparing thoroughly for the cyclone season (SES on 132 500).

New Health facility The new \$15 million Cairns North Community Health Facility on Sheridan Street which is home to the Sexual Health Service, Oral Health Service as well as the Australian Red Cross Blood Service's Donor Centre has opened.

Cancer Services Patients travelling for life-saving cancer treatment in Cairns will have a place to stay thanks to a \$2.5 million State Government grant to Cancer Council Queensland. The funding will allow an accommodation and support lodge for regional cancer patients by refurbishing the Coolabah Motel on Mulgrave Road.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy holiday season and I look forward to catching up again in 2011.

Steve

Hall Activities December 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

Bobbin 0427 719 565

Community Association

2nd Thursday in every month 7.30pm

Carol 0428 326 813

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Deryck : 4055 9397

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