

MACHANATIONS

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MACHANS BEACH DENGUE CLEAN-UP



MOSQUITOES

The Machans Beach Community Association and Queensland Health are having a Rubbish collection to help prepare resident's yards for the up and coming wet season.

Skips will be provided in 14 locations around Machans Beach

on : Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st October 2010

WHAT CAN GO IN THE SKIP ?

- Unwanted containers YES
- Black plastics YES
- Pipes YES
- Old toys YES
- Green waste (e.g palm fronds) YES
- Tyres (place on ground) YES
- Batteries (place on ground) YES

WHAT CAN NOT GO IN THE SKIP ?

- Food scraps NO
- Paints, oils, chemicals NO
- Large items e.g couches NO

WHERE WILL THE SKIPS BE ?

1. Christensen Street – 3 skips
2. Cnr of Falls/Waite Street
3. Saw Street – 2 skips
4. Phillips Street
5. Marshall Street – 3 skips
6. Cinderella Street
7. O'Shea Esplanade
8. Machans Street – 2 skips

If you are able to help aged or disabled neighbours load their rubbish into skips for dengue clean up, please call Phil on 0414 559 895.

For more information on preventing dengue fever : www.health.qld.gov.au/dengue

Machanations Acknowledges and Thanks Qld Health's, Cairns Public Health Unit for their assistance with funding the Dengue Clean Up and Awareness Program and supporting the printing costs of Machanations.



To support the Dengue Clean Up weekend

Community BBQ

Sunday 31st October

11.00 - 3.00

Keith Edwick Park, Marshall St.

Free Sausage and Ice Cream for children
Bottled Water, Fruit, Coffee & Tea
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MACHANS BEACH STATE SCHOOL FETE 23rd October

DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 14 th October	(John 4055 0653)
Neighbourhood Watch.....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 14 th October	(John 4055 0653)
Friends of Dungarra / Redden Island.....	Contact Rob 0432 287 032	
SES	7.00pm 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)

Burger Monster

It was the last day of my holidays and I wanted to see a croc. I went to my favourite croc spot, crept down to a bend in the river and hid in the grass beside a big gum. I knew there was usually a croc there and figured it would eventually have to come up to breathe so I was prepared to hide for an hour.

I usually think of crocs as river bullies, pig eaters, roaring snapping things to be feared and respected. After a while it all seemed pretty hopeless of course but I was keen to see a monster.

I heard a strange crackling noise on the bank just in front of me and when I leant forward to look down the steep bank my eyes popped and my mouth fell open when I saw a big, fat, black, knobbly croc with his head stuck up on the bank chomping on a take-away styrofoam hamburger box.

At that moment the croc saw me and must have felt very disappointed at being busted snacking on hamburger scraps. It slid backwards into the water and submerged without leaving the slightest telltale ripple, not forgetting to take its burger box with it. The burger box floated to the surface in pieces a few metres out after it had been thoroughly investigated. The croc then possibly to save face surfaced and did a full floater to show me how tough and scary it really is.

Yeah, scary burger monster.

Rob

MACHANS BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – SEPTEMBER MEETING

Guest Speaker Steve Buchanan from Bendigo Bank informed the meeting of the Community Program the Bank is funding and how that could lead to an income for the Association from commissions paid for new business and old.

Maintenance Council are to be commended for the excellent response to the problem of sand filling in the rocks at the Barron mouth. It was also reported that Council will open Barr's Creek to the sea if oxygen levels drop due to an algae bloom, which would result in a large scale fish kill.

Rubbish on the old road There is once again scattered rubbish of half a dozen bags, including a child's car seat, dumped on the bypass road. Two of our members offered to take a trailer and clean it up.

Minutes It was suggested the minutes could be emailed to people unable to attend and who are interested in the proceedings of the Association meetings. If you would like a copy emailed to you please send your address to the Secretary (carol.hall@bigpond.com).

Wallaby deaths on road There were a larger number of animals killed on the access road over a 2-day period last month. It was suggested this might be due to the colder couple of nights and being drawn to the warmth from the bitumen. Please be alert for the sake of our wildlife.

Next meeting is Thursday 14th October at 7:30pm

Bendigo Bank - Cairns Community Enterprise CCE

At the last meeting of the Community Association, Steve Buchanan, from the Bendigo Bank, gave a presentation about their Cairns Community Enterprise (CCE) program, which distributes commission-type funds back to community associations for both new and existing banking business. If you already bank with Bendigo Bank you can ask them to flag your account to show you are a supporter of the Machans Beach Community Association, or do so when conducting any new business with them.

Basically renew your CTP insurance, set up a bank deposit or loan, or refinance through your local Bendigo Bank branch and the trailing income of 0.2 % PA is paid back to the Association for the entire duration.

Circles Cafe

Will now be open from 10.00am till 2.00pm & 4.00pm till 8.00pm, 6 days a week, closed Monday

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Footpaths at Machans Beach

Last year Cairns Regional Council laid about 300 metres of concrete footpath from the Servo to the corner of Machan and Christensen Streets, adding to the existing 300 metres from the Esplanade to the Servo.

Some sections cannot be used now because vegetation is growing out from private property and blocking the footpath.

It is a reasonable expectation that members of the public should be able to walk unimpeded on footpaths on public land, so if your vegetation is blocking the footpath please be a good neighbour and trim it back.

Deryck

Post Office News

This is the time of the year when I get a lot of complaints about wet mail. Normally it is because the letter box is too small, is overgrown with shrubbery or cars are parked blocking access. We try very hard to deliver your mail in a dry condition but, sometimes it is wet when putting it into your mail box for the above reasons. So, what should be done? I will leave that up to your imagination to sort out this problem. And the dog problem....suffice to say the Machans postie has been attacked twice in September, enough is enough, lock them up or lose them.

The delightful sound of the yuletide season is fast approaching, so don't leave it too late to pick, pack and post. And, if you think it is too early to be thinking of the yuletide season, hold that thought and it will be upon you before you know it.

Russell

Alley Catz – New shop in Machans

Second hand clothing items starting from \$2. We also have new clothing and fancy dress costumes and accessories. We have women, men's and children's clothing new and used. You can find us at 55 Marshall St, next door to Not Just Coffee & Take Away. We are open Wednesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm and 12 -3pm Sunday. Come in and say G'day to Deb or Gen.

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MACHANS MARKET

The sun shone on a picture perfect day for this year's Machans Market. Locals and visitors were treated to a diverse range of stalls and displays including vintage cars from the FNQ Restorers Club.

Although the crowd was down a bit on last year, there was plenty of activity with the Kid's Tent a huge hit once again. Josephine Mackay and Evan Herridge did a great job keeping the youngsters entertained.

Local chef Liam Williams and his crew served up some BBQ delights with a difference, receiving many compliments from their customers.

The park came alive with the Woyaya acapella choir led by Jane Younghusband and it was great to see so many locals get involved in their workshop and ensuing performance. Anybody interested in hearing more of Woyaya, or indeed joining the choir, contact Jane at singwoyaya@bigpond.com

Nearly all the art at our auction sold, albeit a bit too cheap as some works were really good. We have some serious talent in

our midst and there will be greater emphasis on the art auction next year. The debate was fun and lively and thanks to all the participants. While the debate and the auction were new aspects of our market this year and had a few rough edges to them, general consensus was that they worked and can only get better.

Thanks to our sponsors, Big Cat Cruises and the Tanks Art Centre for supplying us with prizes this year.

Special thanks to local bloke Martin Anton for his continued support over the years with large donations of his *Cool Springs bottled water, from Water Farms Australia.*

While all the usual suspects helped to get the show on the road, it was particularly pleasing to see younger Machanites including the aforementioned Josephine, Evan and Liam, who planned and prepared days in advance for the areas they managed and were on deck all day to make it happen. Daniel Meaden, Thomas Herridge and Jake Bryant were the muscle for the day putting up marquees, picking up and setting up tables and chairs and always being available when needed.

Mark

MACHANS BEACH STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Training Some members completed the Flood Boat Course held at Atherton SES HQ and Tinaroo Dam over two weekends. This prepared members for floodboat operations; navigation, conduct search & recovery, resupply, towing, emergency drills (including person overboard, fire, abandon ship, capsize drills, recover and restore a floodboat) and of course maintenance and safety. They were also required to do a Swim Test (50m in uniform, PFD and shoes) and practise survival techniques in the water. Members were also required to participate in training late at night to prepare for night operations. They also learned about outboard motors and problem solving and even changing a propeller (on the water without losing anything!). The time members have put in to gain prior qualifications required, is a credit to their commitment and I applaud them – well done.

Activations Members were involved in a Land Search for a 79 year old missing woman in the Bones Knob area on the Tablelands on both a Sat and Sunday. Thanks to those members who assisted.

Incident Management System. We now have an Incident Control System or 'Battle Board' to organise and manage any incident, large or small. One will be kept at HQ and another in the vehicle at all times. Many members have now completed the "Introduction to Incident Management" Course with some having already completed the 'Emergency Operations Centre' Course.

SES Week This annual event will be held from 6th to 14th November. We are having an Open & Information Afternoon on Saturday 13th from 3pm to 6pm. There will be free quality Cyclone tracking maps available for you to use, information pamphlets, new equipment on display, interactive 3D CD-Rom games for kids and members demonstrating various skills and even a sausage sizzle and drinks available. There will be demonstrations on the use of Chainsaw, Height safety system set-up, Rescue from height technique and GPS use. You are welcome to come and talk to a member, whether you want information on Cyclones, floods etc or want to gain some practical skills (there are plenty on offer), I am sure we will be able to help you. The next Newsletter will have more information on how you may be able to help yourself (and/or your community), by being informed and prepared by gaining skills.

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**

Hall Activities October 2010

Kung Fu

Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm

Richard 0409 104 753

Tai Chi

Wednesday 6pm to 7pm

Richard 0409 104 753

Thursdays 10am to 11.15am

Kathryn 4055 0929

Kick Boxing

Mondays 6.30 - 7.30pm

Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30pm

Thomas 0438 555 928

Cairns War Games

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Connor 0429 820 971

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Thursdays 5.30 - 6.30pm

Jamie 0450 102 894

Ball Room Dancing

Fridays 7 - 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

Hall Bookings

Deryck : 4055 9397



GREEN PAGES

The 2010 Green Pages, the Machans Beach Phone Directory of Local Businesses will be published with the November issue of Machanations. To be included or to have your listing changed, please contact James by the 25th October machanations@machansbeach.net 4037 0102

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Mad About Dogs is now fully booked for the week before and after Christmas.

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