

MACHANATIONS

September 2011

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Declan's Place

On Sunday 28 August about 50 friends, family and residents of Machans attended the dedication of "Declan's Place" in the Keith Edwick park.

A small plaque has been fixed to the bench near the BBQ to mark the spot. Declan's family hope that it will be a place to remember Declan and for quiet reflection.

Declan's mother, Ruth, and father, Peter, expressed their thanks for the support that they had received over the long weeks of the search for Declan from many people including from fellow residents in the Machans Community.

Declan's mother Ruth made a moving plea for young people who are distressed to seek help and support so that they can move forward onto productive and happy lives.

Lifeline 24-hour crisis line
131 114

Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

Beyond Blue
www.beyondblue.org.au

MACHANATIONS ADVERTISERS ATTENTION

Valued Advertisers - there are still payments outstanding for last financial years' ads.

If you can't make it to the Post Office to pay cash and would prefer to pay electronically, please call me to arrange that on 0409 125 004. Thanks. Midge

Moon Over Machans

Saturday 8th October

This year's Moon over Machans will be held on **Saturday the 8th of October in Keith Edwick Park, Marshall St.** By popular demand, we will be returning to our usual formula of market, song, dance and licensed bar. The market will kick off at 1pm and the music will start at 5pm and go through to 9pm. Food will be available all day and the bar will run 5pm to 9pm. There will be a special emphasis on kids this year with kids craft workshops available, as well as our usual "Kid's Tent." We have a good variety of market stalls coming to Machans with some great entertainment to see us into the night. There will also be a local arts exhibition and auction at Ebony and Ivory. For more info see "Art Exhibition" article in this issue. There will be a Moon over Machans flyer in the next issue of Machanations with all info on the day's events. We still need more stall holders and locals, and especially kids are encouraged to participate, AND YES, we need volunteers. Please email machanarts@hotmail.com or call 0438 760861

ART EXHIBITION UPDATE

Machans Beach artists: please include your small works of art in the Moon Over Machans Exhibition at Ebony and Ivory cafe on 8 October 2011. The format of eight x ten inch (203 x 254mm) means we can stud the main cafe wall with lots of art. Professional and amateur artists alike are invited to participate in a spirit of local cheer and children's art is welcome too.

Please bring works for display to the cafe on the morning of Moon over Machans, Saturday 8th October 2011.

A reminder of the guidelines:

Genre - photography, painting, assemblage, collage, fibre, relief or other
Framing - framed or unframed. If framed please ensure the framed size remains as close as possible to the 8x10" format

Price: a ceiling of \$50.00 per work. All proceeds to the artists.

For further information, please contact Ingrid Hoffmann: 0448 930 573 or Midge Bell: 0409 125 004.

Great Northern Clean Up – Dungarra / Redden Island

Friday, 9 September 2011 – When: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Activities: Rubbish collection, mulching, weeding, bush tucker walk.
Come along and support Cairns Airport's Great Northern Cleanup Day at Redden Island! Volunteer for 2-3 hours for the Great Northern Clean Up and show you care about Cairns and our environment!
For other venues over the clean up weekend go to Clean Up Australia's website: greatnortherncleanup.org.au to find an existing cleanup group or register your own site.

DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association.....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 8th September	(John 4055 0653)
Neighbourhood Watch.....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 8th September	(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 School Permaculture Garden.....	Contact the School to be involved.	4055 9410
Sports Club - Drinks & Live Music.....	6.00 – 10.00pm, 2nd Friday of the month	
Sports Club - Music Sessions & BBQ	3.00 - 10.00pm – 1st Saturday of the month	(Dan 4055 0069)

LOCAL MECHANIC WINS AWARD

Motor mechanic, Eugene Dorante, has been named by Tropical North Queensland TAFE as the Far North's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student of the year. Eugene, who is employed at Ganes Mechanical in Christensen St, is off to Brisbane this week for the Queensland State awards. Eugene started his apprenticeship in the Torres Straits and has spent the last three years in Machans Beach with Ian Ganes, where he has successfully completed his apprenticeship. (Sourced The Cairns Post)

Cairns Pan Stars

Thank you to all our neighbours in Christensen Street for putting up with the sound of our rehearsals for Cairns Festival. We realise that hearing the same tunes played over and over again can become rather tedious and annoying to some, but it has been very gratifying to have the support of our very closest neighbours who have taken an interest in the development of the band. Thank you especially to Rio and Ses who made such a generous donation and to Genevieve and Samuel for their lovely letter of support. The Cairns Pan Stars played at JCU for a week of workshops, on a float for the Festival Parade, at Fogarty Park in a concert and at Carnival on Collins. For those who don't know about the Cairns Pan Stars, we're a community steel band, including several Machans residents and operating in the great Caribbean tradition. In a week of preparation for the festivities, our shed and back garden in Christensen Street became what is called a "pan yard", with rehearsal space, a costume depart and a crèche for the children. Everyone gets fed and everyone has a good time. Only in Machans could such a thing occur without being closed down by the authorities. Thanks again, neighbours.

www.cairnspanstars.weebly.com

Violet



Bendigo Banks Community Enterprise Initiative

The Machans Beach Community Association was recently presented with a cheque for \$206.98 from Bendigo Bank, as part of their Cairns Community Enterprise initiative. This program is designed to boost funding to local not-for-profit organisations. It works like this. Bendigo Bank clients, both existing and new, can nominate an organisation they'd like to support. The Bank then pays, via the Cairns Community Enterprise, a trailing income based on the balances of the customer's account (deposits and loans) directly to the nominated group every 3-4 months. So those residents of Machans Beach who are clients of Bendigo Bank and have nominated the MBCA, a big THANK YOU. And it gets better, because it is on-going, not a one-off. So if you happen to bank with Bendigo Bank, or intend to, and you haven't nominated your community association as your preferred organisation, please do so as it means money (the bank's, not yours) goes straight back into your community.

John Adams

MACHANS BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At the August meeting of the Community Association, the proposed expansion to the Cairns airport was again discussed. Feedback was given by representatives from the delegation to the Minister for Infrastructure, Paul Lucas. Motions were carried to write to Member for Barron River, Steve Wettenhall, seeking his position on the issue, and to the Cairns Regional council to seek approval for residents to post comments and submissions

on their "Your Say" web forum. Dog patrols have been stepped up in Machans in response to concerns raised at the last meeting. The Council will conduct a letter box drop about dog owners' responsibilities. Jane Termaat wrote to the association about the community garden. Serious concerns remain and an upcoming Workplace Health & Safety audit will help determine the future of the garden.

The much-awaited wildlife road reflectors will be installed on the access road by the end of August. A new contract has been signed to cap the old dump and work will commence shortly. All are welcome to attend the next meeting at the Community Hall in September. Next meeting is Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm.

Letitia Choppy Acting Secretary

Sports Club NEWS

Entertainment for Sporties see's **BARRON DELTA TRIO** on Saturday 3rd September - **SNOWY** on Friday the 16th September and don't miss **MOONDOG'S GYPSY BLUES BAND** final weekend gig before heading on tour on Saturday the 1st October. Members draw has now jack potted to \$125 and you must be there to win. Membership is only \$5 and all are welcome. See you at the club. Machans Beach Sports club is located at School Street Park behind the school via Christensen Street.

Dan

FOLLOW THE FIVE STEPS TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

1. Register your dog
2. Walk your dog on a lead
3. Keep your dog in a sufficient enclosure
4. Pick up your dogs faeces
5. Desex your dog

HALL ACTIVITIES September 2011

TUESDAY	Yoga at Machans	5.15 - 6.30pm	Martha 40559 538
WEDNESDAY	Tai Chun Academy	5.00 - 8.00pm	Darcy 0412 027 216
THURSDAY	Tai Chi	10.00 - 11.30am	Kathryn 4093 0466
FRIDAY	Sassy Catz Dancing	12.30 - 2.30pm	Jillian 0412 036 771
	Ballroom Dancing	7.00 - 9.00pm	Chris 0447 74 4 723
SATURDAY	Cairns War Games	9.00am - 5.00pm	Connor 0429 820 971

Community Association Meeting

2nd Thursday of the month
7.30pm - Carol 0428 326 813

Hall Bookings
Bob: 4037 0240

Wallaby Rescue – Machans Style

Watching Telly one evening around 9pm, I was interrupted by someone calling my name from the front gate. “Cathie, there’s a wallaby here for you!” “Does it have an appointment?” I asked. (Just kidding!) I went down to find 2 cars pulled up with Chris and Maier with a woven basket in her arms covered in a towel.

There had been a young agile wallaby hunching in the middle of the road near the white lines on the approach road down near the highway. Three cars had pulled up to see what could be done, and the wallaby showed no signs of injury or moving so was collected and brought straight around to me. I made sure its head was covered to keep it calm and minimize stress which is what kills wallabies through cardiac myopathy and placed the basket in one of my aviaries which is lined with shade cloth to minimize injury. When the rain started a little later, I went down to make sure the basket was under cover, and heard a thumping around inside so quickly backpedalled. In the morning I found one very fit and healthy wallaby about 9 month’s old eager to get out, throwing itself at the sides of the aviary. After some discussion with an old friend, it was decided to release the wallaby in a safe area locally which is what was done. As it escaped the cage I had transported it to the property in, it stopped about 6 metres away and turned around, stood up tall and looked at me as if to say “thanks very much” It then quietly hopped off into the bush. There are other agile wallabies about so I’m sure it will find some mates. This is a rare happy ending story for the wallabies around Machans.

PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING THE APPROACH ROAD FROM DUSK TO DAWN WHEN THEY ARE ACTIVE.

My phone numbers are 0405189165 or 40550889 for any retrievals of joeys or injured wildlife. Wild is wonderful! Thanks to the people who care!

PS: There have been 2 wallabies hit and killed within the last week on the Machans Road which is very sad. The last one’s body was removed in a matter of hours today so presumably it has gone for dog food

Cathie



MACHANS BEACH STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE



Not just training. Congratulations to the Maroons – six State of Origin series wins in a row. Many members watched the games unfold with snacks and food supplied by the Social Club. Upcoming is a night out at a restaurant sponsored by our Social Club.

What you should consider doing for your community. It is somewhat alarming at the expectations of our volunteers (only a small band of volunteers) when you consider that the community may be isolated to deal with the emergency until the roads open or other areas (help) are busy dealing with their own situation so cannot rely on others for assistance. Machans Beach being one of the older ‘suburbs’ of Cairns has many older and original buildings. Machans Beach is probably the most “at risk” community in the Cairns region, yet SES MB only has a participation rate of less than one half of a percent

from our community; more members now attend from ‘outside’ our community. Please give some thought to volunteering your time to assist your community as a trained SES member during emergencies. Training involves a weekly commitment of two (2) hours on a Wednesday night (7.30 to 9.30pm), and limited weekend sessions (we try to ensure that volunteers have their weekends free, but there is some training that we cannot carry out at MB). You are provided with all necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and the opportunity to learn specialist skills such as Storm damage operation, chainsaw operation, floodboat operation, air observer duties, vertical rescue, Land Search, tracking and much more. We appreciate and understand that people give what time they can.

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

GREETINGS FROM MARGARET COCHRANE

September and this year is flying by so quickly. The weather has been just wonderful and makes us realise just how lucky we are and why we live in this special piece of paradise. Not sure if the fish are biting, but that would be such a plus for those at the beach!

The capping of the dumpsite is well underway now and I have been told that it smells like a dump again!!! I find that interesting in that after all these years the decomposition process has still not subsided beyond the “smelly” stage yet. The process to cap the site has been a long time coming, the community can now look forward to putting that area to good use for sporting activities or whatever is the desired outcome for the community into the future, and yes the mounds are to be replaced. There has been many ideas floated in the past, those ideas, and I would expect many others, will come to light once Council is in a position to begin community consultation on what the future use for this site will be --- watch this space.

Festival Cairns is well underway with an enormous number of events to attend and see, many of them free -- I do hope you had the time to enjoy what was on offer.

I have arranged for the engineers to come to the Community Association meeting this month to discuss the report on the Rock Wall and what action is proposed in the short, medium and long term. This is a long awaited report and I encourage those interested in the future of the rock wall attend the meeting.

Just a reminder that if you have something which needs to be addressed please contact the Call Centre 24/7 on 4044 3044 and get your problem into the system, if you need to call me please do so, my office number is 4044 3080, and my mobile 0419 706 372, please leave a message as I am not always at the end of the phone these days! See you at the Community Association meeting, enjoy the weather and take care,

Margaret

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