

# MACHANATIONS

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## DECLAN CROUCH



### Missing Machans Teenager

After finishing school on Wednesday, March 9, Declan caught the bus home to Machans Beach and disappeared.

Police are appealing to anyone with information regarding an incident involving a cat on Machans Beach Road about the same time as Declan's disappearance. A woman believed to be aged in her 30's, may have been involved in an argument with a female driver after a traffic incident involving a cat. Police would like to speak to anyone who may know who these people are.

Anybody who has any information, is a friend of Declan's or knows Declan, and hasn't yet spoken to police is strongly encouraged to come forward and contact the police.

Whilst you may not think information is of importance, it may well be a vital clue we are looking for.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact police on 40307000 or anonymously at Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Police involved in Declan Crouch's Missing Persons Case may attend the community meeting 7.30pm April 14 to provide a case update and address Machans Beach residents. *Cary Coolican District Crime Prevention Co coordinator*

*Please notify Police if you have any information or are able to assist in locating the local lad. Our thoughts and support to Ruth, Peter and family for Declan's safe return.*

*Thanks to Machans Beach SES who have conducted numerous searches of the local area. The SES had to call in members from all over Cairns to assist. If you would like to be involved in future searches and helping your community please contact the Machans Beach SES.*

### Cairns Airport - Land Use Plan Community Meeting

**7.30pm Thursday 14th April  
 Community Hall - Tucker Street**

**5 questions for concerned residents**

1. Are you aware that the owners of Cairns Airport (CAPL) are planning to expand the airport, which would involve the **clearance of approx 85 hectares of existing mangroves**?
2. Are you aware how the proposed expansion "reserves land to accommodate the future expansion of the airport ... for a **second runway**"?
3. Are you aware that CAPL are also planning a **large commercial/retail precinct** of more than 10,000m<sup>2</sup> on the current site of the general aviation area?
4. Do you know how these plans will **affect the lifestyle, amenity and environment** of Machans Beach, Holloways Beach, Yorkeys Knob, Aeroglen and Stratford?
5. Do you know what affect this will have on **property values** in these suburbs?

Representatives of Cairns Airports Pty Ltd have been invited to provide more information to concerned residents. Steve Wettenhall, Member for Barron River and Cr Margaret Cochrane have accepted invitations to attend.

The Community Association has received a response to our submission lodged on behalf of the community to the Cairns Airport Draft Land Use Plan. Cairns Airport Pty Ltd (CAPL) has undertaken to provide a detailed response to the comments contained in our submission by Friday 29 April 2011.

We have re-issued an invitation for CAPL to attend the community meeting at the Community Hall on 14 April to discuss issues related to the proposed airport expansion. Come along and hear what they have to say. *John Adams*

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND HAVE YOUR CONCERNS HEARD**

For more info, contact John 4055 0653 or Carol 4055 0356

#### DATE CLAIMERS

Community Association .....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	(John 4055 0653)
Neighbourhood Watch .....	7.30pm in the Community Hall, Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	(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, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month	
Sports Club - Music Sessions & BBQ .....	3.00 - 10.00.pm – 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 State Emergency Service

**Local Search** Members participated in five separate land searches in scrub and mangroves in Machans Beach – with assistance from Yorkeys Knob, Trinity Beach, Buchans Point, Cairns, Edmonton and a boat search - 2 Flood boats (Machans Beach and Trinity Beach) were deployed. The missing local 13 year old boy – *Declan Crouch* - still has not been located. Please notify Police if you have any information or are able to assist in locating the local lad. Our thoughts and best wishes to Peter, Ruth and family for Declan's safe return.



members had searched mangroves and swamp in the morning of the same day). The Prince shook hands and spoke with many members.

**Cyclone Yasi - Support** Another 7 members travelled to Tully to assist in the recovery operations. Tasks included roof repairs, gable repairs, window repairs, retention tarps, assisting elderly with clean ups and confirming jobs completed. One person

also stayed overnight to continue assistance the following day, others returned to continue work in our area. Some members also travelled to Cardwell to bring some good cheer to those who have suffered so much. There was food, drinks, concert and giveaways – all free. Even Santa Claus, albeit much thinner and in more tropical dress, made an appearance. The Convoy also stopped at Silkwood and El Arish on the way down.

## 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 *Deputy Mayor and Division 8 Councillor*

Hello to all at Machans Beach, a time when the beach has had enormous focus with the disappearance of Declan. We all hope and pray that he will return home safely to the arms of his family and friends.

Dengue is raising its presence in the area again, please be dengue vigilant and empty those containers around the house which could host breeding mossies.

The meeting this month is so important for Machans Beach into the future. Whilst this plan is a 20 year plan it is important to show community strength to back up the submission forwarded by the Community Association.

From all reports there will be big numbers at this meeting as residents from other communities have spoken to me about the meeting.

If you have a need to contact council on any matter, the call centre 4044 3044 is available 24/7, my office number 4044 3080 or mobile 0419 706 372, always ring council first as I am tied up with meetings and workshops most days and cannot always get to your matter if it requires immediate attention. See you at the Community Association meeting.

*Margaret*

## HOUSE WANTED FOR RENT NEXT NOVEMBER

We are a retired couple managing a Cymbidium nursery near Malanda. We would like 2 – 3 bedrooms, not especially fussy. Waterfront would be a dream. Unfurnished with a good shed or garage. No carpets.

We're looking for a home in a community/village setting as we're not really suburban people and we feel Machans would provide this. We'd like to settle in an area where we will buy a home a while down the track, so if the landlord/s were thinking of selling in the future then we might be interested if the price was in our range.

Our 7 year old Chihuahua is very clean, only barks when someone comes to the house, he doesn't have separation anxiety when we go out and he is very obedient and he is castrated, registered and micro chipped. He is our priority with housing and we need a securely fenced yard for him. We want to downsize the garden. Hopefully we can find somewhere no more than \$275 each week? We can provide excellent references. Vivien and Tom Dockerty

vivien.dockerty@westnet.com.au 0427702807

## Neighbourhood Beautification Regeneration

As a community member, you are invited to make suggestions, re: areas in Machans Beach you feel could benefit from regeneration of the natural environment.

In liaison with the Barron River Catchment Management team we can focus on recovering areas that have, over the years been damaged.

Please give me your suggestions so that the steering committee can plan for our Community's future environment.

Cathie Archer 4055 0889 0405 189 165

[cjarcher@bigpond.com](mailto:cjarcher@bigpond.com)

**A BIG THANK YOU** to the following people who assisted me home from the airport on March 7th during the flooding. Mike who met the plane and drove me to the highway round-about, Trevor and Gary for the dingy ride, Gus and husband Harry who made sure I was home intact. Thanks guys!

*Barb Collins.*

## Post Office News

This is just a reminder that Machans Post Office has full banking facilities, which can cater to all of your needs. The only limits on banking are your daily limit for withdrawals. You can pay any account at the post office that has a barcode on it, which is usually on the bottom or reverse side of the account. It is not the barcode beside the address at the top of the account. Did you know that I have run a fax (receive and send) service for the general public and in all the time I have run this service, it is only recently that some has abused the service by not paying for a received

fax. They will have to live with the guilt I guess, so good luck to them if they think they got away without paying.

Yes, there are ownership changes happening at the PO but more about that later.

I have a dwindling supply of soft toys and Playgro baby toys and these are going out at really good prices, once these have gone, I will not be able to sell them at the same low prices again.

I hope the Easter bunny finds you and your family have your fill of Easter eggs and hot cross buns. Russell

## Community

Several VIP items shall be raised at the next Machans Beach Community Association Meeting.

I would just like to add one more aspect for the Community, re: Declan's disappearance. Please don't be afraid to speak with the Police over any issue at all. Some of us have an inclination that to do so would not help anyone. Some of us don't really trust the Police or have had previous run - ins with them. In fact some of us are scared to speak out. All the Police want to do is eliminate various "leads" as to Declan's disappearance. Please come forward cat lady and the female driver, just let them know what you saw. This would also eliminate you girls as suspects. That is all.

Secondly, we have a marvellous little Community, should any of you like to send in a contribution to Machanations, please don't hesitate. The email address for the Editor of Machanations is [machanations@machansbeach.net](mailto:machanations@machansbeach.net)

## Who Owns Stumpy?

A little Manx Stumpy-tailed Tom Cat in a brown striped coat is hanging out on David Street and is a skilled home-invader if there's food to be got.

He has a strange relationship with a Beautiful Persian Lady but hasn't worked out her problem.

He needs to be taken home and he Needs His Little Operation.

Contact Una 4055 0582

or Cathie 0405 189 165 4055 0889

They will know where he's likely to be found.

Una

## STEAMBOAT OF SIAM

Welcome to new residents, Nana and Chai. Watch out for the opening night sign on the fence at 7 Machans St where they are opening the "Steamboat of Siam" restaurant/cafe in a few weeks.

Opening night will be a buffet with background music. BYOG.

Nana is famous for her authentic Thai food at Rusty's Market and Nana and Chai have won awards in the past for her excellent cooking skills.

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Wednesday 6 - 7pm  
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Thursday 10 - 11.15 am  
Kathryn 4055 0929

#### Cairns War Games

Saturdays 9am - 4pm  
Connor 0429 820 971

#### Ball Room Dancing

Fridays 7pm - 9pm  
Chris 0415 956 923

#### Can Can Dancing

Fridays 11am - 1pm  
Bobin 0427719565

#### Yoga

Tuesdays 5.15 to 6.30pm  
Martha 4055 9538

#### Community Airport

Meeting  
Thursday 14th 7.30pm  
Carol 0428 326 813

#### Hall Bookings

Bob: 4037 0240

## PLAYGROUP

Are you a parent or grandparent interested in getting a playgroup started at Machans Beach?

Please call Julia 0428144932 [pudhill@hotmail.com](mailto:pudhill@hotmail.com)

or Lucy 0409894358 [lucyjhart@gmail.com](mailto:lucyjhart@gmail.com)

## Real Food Network in Machans

The Real Food Network is supplying Cairns homes with standard boxes of fresh local fruit and vegies - organic wherever possible. The Real Food Network operates out of Redlynch State School. Boxes cost \$40 per week. They are said to be good value, direct from the growers. They require a minimum of 10 boxes to drop off at a node - e.g. Machans Beach.

If you would like to be one of the 10 subscribers give Geoff a call on 0414 062 091 or email [GeoffHolland007@gmail.com](mailto:GeoffHolland007@gmail.com)



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