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Horses for Courses

A love of horses has taken the creativity of Laura Douglas from her property Mount Lonsdale at Mungallala to the Victorian Spring Racing Carnival in Melbourne. Laura's canvases are displayed in fourteen showcases over four levels throughout the Myer store in Melbourne. Along with having been commissioned to show her paintings it is also an opportunity for her to paint horses at Flemington race track. Laura has had a love of horses from an early age and hopes to instill the same love into her children Luca and Finn.

Laura has always been creative and was a graphic designer and used to do some oxying and welding. While pregnant with her daughter, she really wanted to be creative, yet could not oxy because of the fumes, so decided to try painting. She was pleasantly surprised that she really could draw and since then her creativity has gone from strength to strength and one exhibition to another.

Her speciality is capturing horses on canvas. She finds them powerful and her connection with them combined with her practice of eastern philosophy comes through in her artwork. She said "I guess for me it's really important for me to be in a happy state to give people a good feeling". "There's a lot of not very nice stuff happening in the world and I guess I feel I'm so happy when I paint. And I feel if you can bring that goodness out in someone else when they look at one of your works, when they are surrounded by them, I feel a responsibility to do that". "I don't really want to paint if that's not going to happen".

Myer has a long history with Fashions on the Field and Spring Racing in Melbourne. Manequins in beautiful race ready fashion ensembles are showcased with Laura's paintings in coordinated colour combinations to reflect the perfect marriage of horses and fashion.



Laura painting a horse on her property at Mungallala



Laura with Laura Ashley and Jeck painting at Myer

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Mayor's Message - MPHS Levy

One of the most contentious issues that has arisen from the 2012/13 Budget is without a doubt the announcement of a separate levy to pay for the construction of a ten bed Multi-Purpose Health Service facility in Mitchell.

This one-off levy of \$186 for the year (\$93 for each round of rates notices) will be included in every rates notice issued for the 2012/13 financial year.

I have in the past said and continue to support my initial observations that local government does not have the capacity to manage aged care services. The Maranoa Retirement Village (MRV) is only managed by our Council as it was a service inherited from the former Booringa Shire during amalgamations.

The MRV housed residents from across the entire region, with 32.1 percent of residents over the last two years coming from areas other than Mitchell and its' surrounds.

Council investigated many avenues in an attempt to secure a service provider to fund and take over management of the Maranoa Retirement Village to keep it operating; however a lack of financial viability due to a significant operating loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars per year resulted in our lack of success in finding a provider and ultimately our reasoning in closing the facility.

In the face of this decision and after an overwhelming response from the entire Maranoa community at the prospect of MRV's closure, Council in consultation with the Maranoa Retirement Village Auxiliary, initiated a survey seeking community opinion.

The survey was put to the community following negotiation with the Maranoa Retirement Village Auxiliary on the specific wording, with several changes having been negotiated successfully by the Auxiliary.

Survey results showed residents clearly supported the proposal for Council to fully fund the project through either a rating scheme or through the delaying of some projects.

Of the survey sample, 74 per cent indicated their support for this approach. It is with this support that Council resolved to assist the MPHS project.

All funds from the levy will go directly to the project and equate to 50 per cent of the total project cost of \$2.7 million. The remaining \$1.35 million will be funded by Council, along with the Maranoa Retirement Village Auxiliary and Santos as part of the handover.

This decision has meant that the commencement of other much needed capital works projects will not be deferred and Council will no longer need to accommodate the loss of substantial funds each year through the provision of aged care in Council's general rates.

In closing, I note that a report will be considered by Council on the matter of the existing bed licenses. On a personal note, I strongly encourage and support the retaining of the MRV bed licenses within our region to accommodate the needs of our aged community.

Cr Robert Loughnan

Mayor of Maranoa Regional Council

Bowden Guest Speaker At Rockhampton

David Bowden from Roma was invited to be a guest speaker at the 40th Anniversary of the Rockhampton Boomerang Toastmaster Club recently. David has had 40 years continuous membership with Toastmasters International as a member of Rockhampton, Quayman, Boomerang, Roma and District and Leaders by Design Clubs. He has been President of three of these Clubs and attained the position of District 69 Governor in 2005-06. As well as speaking David spoke in the International, Humorous and Evaluation Contests at the Area 4 Conference as a member of the Advanced Club, Leaders by Design. He was placed Second in the Evaluation Contest and First in the International Speech Contests for Area 4 in Rockhampton and will compete at the Central Division Conference in Gympie in March 2013.

As he was the only Foundation Member present, David was asked to assist cut the cake for the 40th Anniversary Dinner.

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Men's Group for Surat

A Surat Men's Group has been recently formed to help the community of Surat and surrounding districts. The Group is sponsored by Australian Red Cross, Maranoa Regional Council, Surat RSL Sub-Branch, Lions Club of Surat, Home and Community Care and Roma Men's Group.

Young and mature man are urged to become involved to help each other and those in need. Various activities will be undertaken with plenty of help and support available. The group meets every second Thursday at the Presbyterian Hall, 35 William Street, Surat.

The Surat Mens Group will be supporting Anglicare to run a Chronic Disease Program on Fridays at the Hall. For information concerning the commencement date call Anita or Carla on 4622 1471.

The Chronic Conditions Self Management program is offered to people with long term conditions such as Cardiovascular disease, Heart disease, Stroke, Hypertension, Diabetes, Renal disease, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal disease, Chronic lung disease and neurological disorders. The course is free and transport (if required)is also free.

Should you require information on the Surat Men's Group contact Kevan Standen on 4626 5191 or 0427 265 191




Mike Nielsen and Kevan Standen are proud to launch the Surat Men's Group.

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Looking for something unique and different for Christmas, then look no further than Coomber Bros Jewellers and their beautiful customised cattle brand pendants. Made out of silver or gold depending on your preference they make a stunning present for anyone. For that little extra something add a diamond or two or a coloured stone. And recently after many requests earrings and hat pins have been added to the range. These pendants and earrings are so well made and are a solid piece that will stand the test of time and become an heirloom piece for your family to be handed down from generation to generation.


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The Shed Online Opens

The Men's Shed movement in Australia is booming, with the number of sheds more than doubling in the last two years as thousands of men seek to connect with each other.

Its growing popularity is highlighted by the success of the country's biggest shed, the **Shed Online** (www.theshedonline.org.au), which over 6500 men have joined since *beyondblue* launched it in December 2010.

In 2010, there were 400 Men's Sheds in Australia, but that number has grown to 860 today as more and more men see how effective they are at reducing isolation, which is a risk factor for depression. While the size of each shed ranges from three to 100 members, limited funding means few sheds can currently afford to create websites.

beyondblue Chairman Jeff Kennett AC said the popularity of Men's Sheds across the country showed Australian men had embraced the concept.

This is set to change with the **launch of a new feature on the Shed Online website that allows Men's Sheds registered with the Australian Men's Shed Association**

to create their own webpage for free. The new pages, which will appear on the **Shed Online website**, allow Men's Sheds across Australia to promote themselves with contact details, videos, activities and other information.

The pages will also draw more people to the reliable health information that is available at the Shed Online for men who may be isolated.

"The Men's Shed movement across Australia has been an enormous success. I have no doubt that by giving men the opportunity to bond with each other it has saved lives and improved many more. The success of the Shed Online shows men want to take the experience onto the internet and that will be made a lot easier with these new features," he said.

The Men's Shed movement, which offers men a safe place to socialise and discuss their well-being, started gathering momentum in 2005 after several sheds were established in the 1990s. The sheds allow men to pursue activities such as furniture restoration or mechanical repairs and sprung up amid concerns Australian men had limited opportunities to meet and share what's on their mind.

David Helmers, Executive Officer of AMSA, praised the link between the grassroots sheds and the Shed Online.

The Shed Online is a joint project of *beyondblue* and AMSA, and is funded by the Movember Foundation. Men's Shed webpages can be created at <http://www.theshedonline.org.au/mens-sheds>



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Beef Youth Descend on Roma

The annual Young Beef Producers Forum will be held on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 November in Roma, QLD and will attract over 150 of the next generation's bright minds. The Young Beef Producers Forum is organised and hosted by the Future Farmers Network and is the ultimate educational, networking event for young people involved in the beef industry.

The program for the forum has been created around the theme "Building Beef for the Future" and will assist delegates in gaining practical skills to assist them in their own operations.

"The Future Farmers Network is proud to be able to provide the ongoing support for the rising generation involved in the beef industry. The Young Beef Producers Forum is the perfect opportunity to provide an unbiased and open environment where the delegates can tackle issues impacting on both their profitability and productivity" stated Georgie Aley, Chair of the Future Farmers Network.

The 2012 Forum will be officially opened by Senator Barnaby Joyce who sees the Forum as a perfect opportunity to build the future of the agricultural sector.

"Given the demands on agriculture going forward, events such as the Young Beef Producers Forum are crucial in ensuring we have an engaged and educated next generation who can drive ongoing industry productivity and maintain Australia's product integrity", Senator Barnaby Joyce commented.

The two-day forum will also include presentations by Meat & Livestock (MLA), Professor Ron Leng, Zanda McDonald of McDonald Holdings and several young farmer case studies, giving

them an insight into to other young beef producers success stories, the challenges they faced along the way and how they overcome these obstacles on the road to being successful. Speakers will be covering many elements delegates face as part of their role in the beef industry from information on global markets to cattle nutrition and bull selection.

Registrations for the 2012 Young Beef Producers Forum are currently open. To register visit www.ybpf.com.au or contact the Future Farmers Network on 0418 440 079.

The 2012 Young Beef producers Forum is proudly supported by Corporate Partner Landmark, Stanbroke Pastoral Company, Meat & Livestock Australia, Australian Agricultural Company, Spann's Trucks, Roma Pumps N Solar, Rabobank, Gallagher and Allflex.



Wanted! – Old Batteries

Do you have any unwanted car, truck or tractor batteries lying around? If so the St George Isolated & Parents Association Branch want them for their Battery Drive that runs through until 19th November. Please support this fundraiser by donating your old Lead Acid Batteries (ULABS). Most will carry the recycling logo is Pb or lead battery under the recycle logo. No broken or brunt batteries can be accepted. Drop off points are at Landmark St George, "Appletree" on Chelmer Rd, "Cashmere West" on the St George Mitchell Road and "Overflow" on St George Mitchell Road.

For further information contact Michelle on 4625 7538 or Vicki on 4625 3888.

Young Beef Producers' Forum

The Future Farmers Network is proud to host the The Young Beef Producers' Forum (YBPF), the ultimate educational, networking event for the future leaders of the beef industry. The YBPF is a two day conference held in Roma, QLD on the 15 & 16 of November. Now in it's eighth year, the YBPF is of the highest quality, equipping young beef producers to make a difference in all aspects of their lives. Don't miss out on being part of this event! Registrations close 9th of November 2012.

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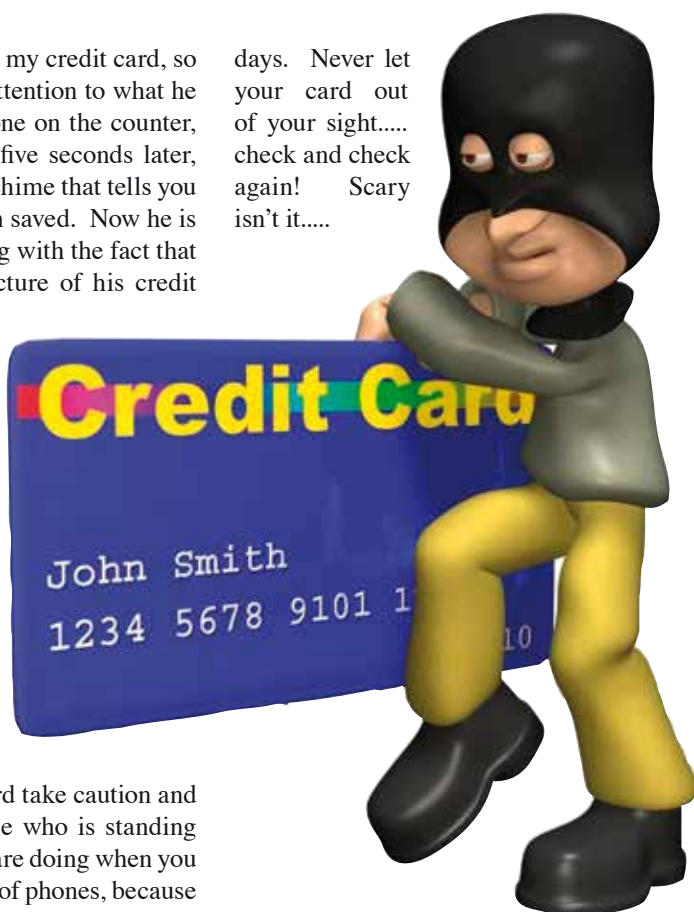
Be Aware Please!

Here is yet another story from Visa International. Spams are cropping up every minute of the day and in today's 'plastic' society it is just so easy to pay by credit cards and eftpos. But please read the story to follow and beware – think before you hand over your plastic.

A customer of Visa International went into a pizza restaurant to pick up an order that he had ordered by phone. He paid by using his Visa Debit Card which, of course, was linked directly to his cheque account. The young man behind the counter took the card, swiped it, then laid it on the counter as he waited for the approval, which is pretty standard procedure. While he waited, he picked up his cell phone and started dialing. The customer noticed the phone because it is the same model as his, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Then he heard a click that sounded like his phone sounds when taking a picture. The pizza attendant then gave back the card but kept the phone in his hand as if he was still pressing buttons. Meanwhile, the customer is thinking: I wonder what he is taking a picture of, oblivious to what was really going on. It then dawned on him:

the only thing there was my credit card, so now he's paying close attention to what he is doing. He set his phone on the counter, leaving it open. About five seconds later, the customer heard the chime that tells you that the picture has been saved. Now he is standing there struggling with the fact that this boy just took a picture of his credit card. Yes, he played it off well, because had we not had the same kind of phone, the customer would never have known what happened. Needless to say, he immediately cancelled that card as he was walking out of the restaurant. The lesson here is – be aware of your surroundings at all times. Whenever you are using your credit card take caution and don't be careless. Notice who is standing near you and what they are doing when you use your card. Be aware of phones, because many now have a camera phone these

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Award for Maranoa Mechanical St George

At the recent Repco Authorised Service National Convention, held at the stunning Sails In The Desert Ayers Rock Resort, Maranoa Mechanical from St George in Queensland took out the prestigious Repco Authorised Service Outstanding Customer Service Award for 2012.

This fiercely contested award recognises outstanding customer service within the proudly independent Repco Authorised Service (RAS) network.

Mr Jeff Hill who nominated the team at Maranoa Mechanical for this award shares his reasons with us. "Brad, Emily and the team at Maranoa Mechanical have gone through some big changes in the last few years, but throughout it all Maranoa Mechanical' strength has always been their relationship with their customers. During my visits I have witnessed the delivery of superior customer service at all times of the day to every customer whether it was face to face or over the phone. To back this up, Maranoa Mechanical spend a lot of time working with their local community, supporting many events and groups."

Brad Goldthorpe, one of the owners of Maranoa Mechanical says. "We were initially so shocked to win, looking at the calibre of the other finalists; we didn't think we stood a chance. Now we have had some time to reflect on our win, we can look at our achievements with pride. The changes and investments that we have made to improve our business and train our team in this area have really paid off. Not only with this award, but personally as well, our business is stronger and we know our customers are more satisfied. We will continue to work with our team to improve our customer service levels."

Emily Martin, co-owner adds. "What makes this award so special is the fact that a panel of our peers have voted for us, as well as our customers. As a standalone independent mechanical workshop, to win this level of award is amazing. We have to thank Jeff Hill and the RAS management team for the support that they give us, it is simply outstanding. We would also not have been able to achieve this without our team. This award belongs in no small part to them and their dedication to providing our customers with the very best standards of customer service."



Brad and Emily are proud of their award

Mr Peter Webb, National Manager of Repco Authorised Service said. "It was a hard decision to pick a winner, as it is every year. The quality of business people that the Repco Authorised Service program has in its network is outstanding, and the feedback we receive from customers nationwide is highly gratifying and makes this job a pleasure to do. Every week we receive stories about RAS members going above and beyond for their customers. The team at Maranoa Mechanical have embraced the essence of what it is to be a RAS member, constant innovation, a willingness to adapt and learn new business techniques and the vision to invest in their business's future based on outstanding customer service. They are a credit not only to the RAS network, but also to independent automotive businesses in Australia. Brad, Emily and their team are any indication the future of the industry looks bright indeed."

Surat Santa Run & Markets

It's time to start planning for Christmas. The Surat Lions Club has planned the Surat Santa Run and Christmas Market for Sunday 16th December from 8am at the Lions Park. A BBQ breakfast will be available. So you had better book your stall or activity as early as possible by contacting Wendy Newman on 4626 5687 or email mt.may1@bigpond.com Morning teas will be available at the "On the Move" Exhibition in the Surat on the Balonne Art Gallery. As major highlight of the day will be Santa travelling around town in the fire truck distributing sweets to the children. What a wonderful lead up to Christmas and a great opportunity to pick up those last minute gifts.

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People put in when...

- **They can see the business is well led** – People respect good leadership, clear decision making and planning is taking place and they know about it.
- **The business is secure** – They know they have a solid income base and can see the products and services they provide are of value to the consumers. They also sense the future is rosy because of good planning, use of innovation and the profits not being squandered somehow.
- **They are respected** – People who sense they are respected often go the extra mile, "You respect me – I respect you". This happens from the leaders in the organisation and is infectious across all in the team.
- **Communication is clear, open and honest** – Keep people in the dark for too long they may not see the light at the end of the tunnel. Therefore keep them in the light, let them know what's happening.
- **They know the business cares by...** – They provide quality resources, tools, technology, good work environment, good systems, policies and procedures. This of course includes OHS as a given, not a 'have to have' add on.
- **Their work environment is stimulating** – Comfortable,

well maintained, safe, secure and interesting enough to keep them engaged in what they do.

- **The cultural values and beliefs provide a solid foundation** – At the core of the business, the culture is driven by the values and beliefs, if your team know these have suitable guidelines to live by they will fit to and often exceed expectations, especially if these values and beliefs are spelled out and details provided of scenarios of the values and beliefs in action to serve as positive examples.

- **Sense they are part of the solution** – Customers have wants and needs and if these can be met and the team feel as though they were a positive contributor to the solutions then the results can be the team feels they have a sense of purpose.

Now set to work and focus on each point as a matter of urgency so your people can be all they can be and set stunning examples for new team members. Your customers will love the people who go the extra mile and return with more cash more readily in the future. That can only spell one thing, more business success.

Steve Gray - Steve is an avid writer and a business Coach - Trainer - Speaker.





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Growing push to improve mental health in schools

beyondblue has welcomed today's announcement that the Federal government will send mental health specialists into secondary schools in the aftermath of a student suicide.

beyondblue CEO Kate Carnell AO said the \$20 million policy will save many lives as the teams identify warning signs and prevent copycat suicides.

Ms Carnell said the push to prevent student suicides and improve young people's mental health has been strengthened with the recent release of a new online e-learning module designed by *beyondblue* to help school teachers improve students' resilience.

"The module, which is aimed at improving teachers' understanding of the link between students' thoughts and behaviour, forms part of *beyondblue*'s hugely successful SenseAbility program," she said.

"The SenseAbility program is a series of teaching modules designed to enhance the ability of students aged 12-18 to deal with challenging emotional and psychological situations through classroom activities such as role-playing and group discussion.

"Young people who possess good social and emotional skills are better able to cope with the stresses of daily life and tend to have better relationships and perform better academically."

The take up rate for SenseAbility has underlined the demand for classroom based mental health programs, with 57 per cent of Australian secondary schools ordering a kit since the program started in December 2010.

Ms Carnell said schools' feedback indicates the program has improved students' ability to cope with the day-to-day challenges they face.

"The SenseAbility team at *beyondblue* has been delivering workshops to teachers nationally for two years to support the program's implementation but has been unable keep up with demand," she said.

"This e-learning program has been developed in response to this demand.

"It means teachers can now learn it in at a time and location that suits them without waiting to attend a workshop.

"The new module will help teachers introduce SenseAbility to students in a simpler and more confident fashion by identifying key concepts and guidelines within the program."

Ms Carnell said it was launched last month and has already been accessed by more than 70 professionals.

"Positive feedback has already been received about the online program," she said.

"Comments include 'it is easy to understand and apply'; 'very clear with excellent examples'; and 'gives excellent overview to work with and expand upon.'"

The SenseAbility kit includes an introduction booklet, teacher modules, student journals, CDs of curriculum materials and resources and a DVD. It is now available for the 2013 school year.

To find out more about SenseAbility visit www.beyondblue.org.au/senseability. To view clips from the introductory DVD visit the SenseAbility YouTube channel www.youtube.com/SenseAbilityOfficial



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Get In The Game supports sport and recreation at the grassroots level. Get in the Game comprises three funding programs:

- **Get Started:** assists children and young people who can least afford and who would benefit from joining a sports or recreation club. Eligible children and young people are provided with a voucher of up to \$150 to help pay for club membership and participation fees. The vouchers can be redeemed at a sport or recreation club registered with the program. Available from January 15th, 2013.
- **Get Going:** Supports local sport and recreation organisations with funding of up to \$10 000 for projects that create opportunities for more young Queenslanders to become members. Closes December 1st, 2012.
- **Get Playing:** Provides up to \$100 000 in funding to assist local sport and recreation organisations with facility development so more young Queenslanders are encouraged to become involved in the sport or recreation activity of their choice. Closes December 1st, 2012.

For further information on Get in the Game, contact Howard Hobbs Electorate Office 1800 814 479, or visit <http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/index.html>

Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund provides funding for community groups to purchase equipment and upgrade facilities. Queensland based non-profit organisations are eligible to apply

for one-off grants of up to \$150 000. Applications close 30th November, 2012. For further information phone (07) 3247 4284, Howard Hobbs Electorate Office 1800 814 479, or visit <http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/CBFU/index.shtml>

Gambling Community Benefit Fund one-off grants to purchase community equipment/ facilities to help organisations provide community services or activities that benefit local organisations. Funding of up to \$35 000 is available and applications close 30th November 2012. For further information phone (07) 3247 4284, Howard Hobbs Electorate Office 1800 814 479, or visit <http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants/CBFU/index.shtml>

TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarship supports exemplary Queensland students who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their school and community and academic excellence through their achievements in Year 12. State and non-state secondary schools can nominate one year 12 student for this award. A maximum of \$10 000 in funding over five years is available and applications close 30th November, 2012. For further information phone: (07) 3237 0698, email tjryan@deta.qld.gov.au, contact Howard Hobbs Electorate Office 1800 814 479 or visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/staff/development/scholarships/tjryan/>

The Dreaming Award supports a young artist aged 18-26 years of age to create a major body of work through mentoring and partnerships, either nationally or internationally. The successful candidate would be mentored in their chosen discipline (music, dance, theatre, literature, visual art, new media, cultural maintenance) by another established professional artist or by an arts institution nominated by the artist. Funding of \$20 000 is available and applications close 19th November, 2012. For further information, phone 02 9215 9065, Toll free 1800 226 912, Email atsia@australiacouncil.gov.au, contact Howard Hobbs Electorate Office 1800 814 479 or visit http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grants/2012/dreaming_award

Coopers Brewery Foundation supports projects that assist causes and initiatives in the following areas:

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Zonta Club Encouragement Bursary. Offered by the Zonta Club of Roma, \$1000 for women from the Maranoa Regional Council area, who are studying locally or externally. Contact: Zonta Club of Roma PO Box 1003 ROMA QLD 4455 for application forms.



Councils Cast Doubt Over NBN Satellite Option

Two outback Queensland councils say constructing a satellite ground station for the National Broadband Network (NBN) at Roma in the state's south, will not solve communications issues in remote areas.

NBN Co will build two satellite dishes near the town to help deliver services to remote communities.

However, the Barcoo and Diamantina shires say remote communities that provide health, education and government services need fibre optic services rather than satellite.

Former Barcoo mayor Bruce Scott is working with the shires in an effort to source millions of dollars to change the current plans.

"The satellite solution is a great solution for domestic broadband but it will not support communities that have to have access to real-time, high-bandwidth telecommunications services," he said.

"Satellites will not provide video links for hospital clinics, for access to school curriculums - it won't provide what is needed for these towns to function."

Two dishes will be housed inside a single-storey building near the town by 2015.

NBN Co spokesman Matt Dawson says the location has been carefully chosen.

"Roma was chosen really because it's ideally located geographically," he said.

"We need a geographical spread of where we put the ground stations across the country and also the weather conditions.

"The prevailing conditions there at Roma are good for this sort of radio frequency and also it's good access to power and other sorts of infrastructure that we need."

He says satellite services are designed to provide high-speed broadband for those people who want be getting NBN through the fibre or through fixed wireless because they live in regional or rural Australia.

"So many people in various regions across Queensland need access to the satellite service to be able to get high-speed broadband," he said.

"The satellite part is really for those end users who fall outside of the fibre and the fixed wireless footprints, so those that are obviously in some of the more regional and rural and remote areas of the country."

"It's primarily designed so that we can provide end users that can't get high-speed broadband through any other means

absolutely able to get it with the satellite solution."

Mr Dawson says Roma will benefit from ongoing job opportunities.

"We're really trying to close ... this digital divide as it's called, between the types of services and speeds and everything else that people in the city and more metro areas enjoy," he said.

"Try and close that gap so people in bush can enjoy them as well."



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HOW ABOUT A GOOD READ!

Murdoch's Pirates by Neil Chenoweth

What happens when one of the biggest media groups in the world sets up its own private security force? What happens when part of this operation goes rogue?

News of the World is not the first Murdoch company to be accused

of skulduggery. Murdoch's Pirates is about the dark deeds of a secret division of News Corp, based in Jerusalem, operating in a combustible world of ambitious ex Scotland Yard men and former French and Israeli secret service

agents, who have one thing in common - they have all left their previous employment under controversial circumstances.

NDS produces smart cards for use by pay TV operators; this is a fiercely competitive field and one of the ways you get business is to demonstrate that the smart cards produced by your rivals can be easily pirated. Unless you are very careful, sometimes those pirated versions make their way out into the real world, where they can really damage your competitors' businesses.

Murdoch's Pirates reads like a thriller, set in the arcane world of hackers and pirates. There are mysterious deaths, break-ins and wild chases. Some of the individuals involved may well be amongst the brightest minds on the planet, but sometimes their rivalry can get out of hand and their impulsive behaviour can defy logic.

Chenoweth recounts this clandestine war with his customary lucidity, drollery and brio.



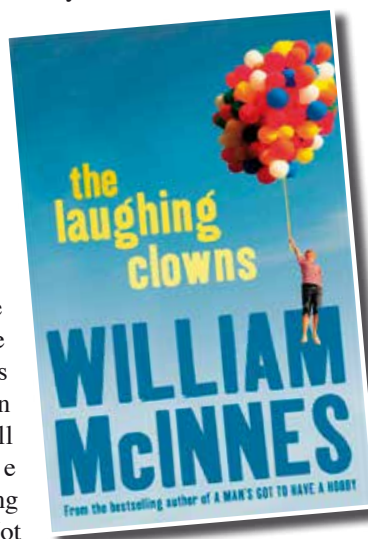
The Laughing Clowns by William McInnes

Peter Kennedy is a very large man who is remarkably happy with his life. Yet something is not quite right, and it started with a dream that smelt of luncheon meat.

Peter is successful at what he does, even though he is not sure what that is anymore. When Titan Development contracts him to go to Queensland to assess a prime piece of real estate the Pickersgill Peninsula Showgrounds he jumps at the chance. It will give him time out from having to be with the family he loves. And it will take him back to the home where he grew up; to his parents, who are members of the Show society, his twin sister Pearl, a bingo caller and foster mother, and his brother Gary, the TV weatherman. Over these few days, he will come to realise that sometimes when you go back to where you came from you find out how much you actually have, and how much you could

lose.

All he has to do is make his mind up, and listen to the advice that is given by, of all people the King of Hot Dogs. But



will he?

Who Could It Be At This Hour? by Lemony Snicket

Author Lemony Snicket is a broken man, wracked with misery and despair as a result of writing A Series Of Unfortunate

Events. He spends his days wandering the countryside weeping and moaning, and his evenings eating hastily-prepared meals. But what was he like when he was thirteen years old?



Winter Of The World by Ken Follett

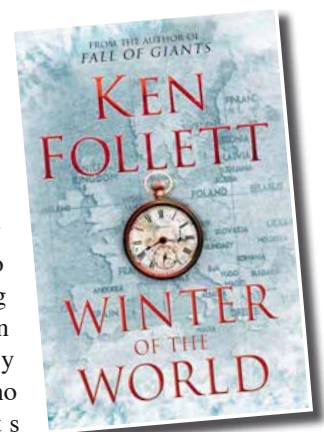
Berlin in 1933 is in upheaval. Eleven-year-old Carla von Ulrich struggles to understand the tensions disrupting her family as Hitler strengthens his grip on Germany. Into this turmoil steps her mother's formidable friend and former British MP, Ethel Leckwith, and her student son, Lloyd, who soon learns for himself the brutal reality of Nazism. He also encounters a group of Germans resolved to oppose Hitler - but are they willing to go so far as to betray their country? Such people are closely watched by Volodya, a Russian with a bright future in Red Army Intelligence.

The international clash of military power and personal beliefs that ensues will sweep over them all as it rages from Cable Street in London's East End to Pearl Harbor

in Hawaii, from Spain to Stalingrad, from Dresden to Hiroshima. At Cambridge Lloyd is irresistibly drawn to a dazzling American socialite Daisy Peshkov, who represents everything his

left-wing family despise. But Daisy is more interested in aristocratic Boy Fitzherbert - amateur pilot, party lover and leading light of the British Union of Fascists.

Back in Berlin, Carla worships golden boy Werner from afar. But nothing will work out the way they expect as their lives and the hopes of the world are smashed by the greatest and cruellest war in the history of the human race.



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CEO Sets New Course

Since stepping into the top job on 23 August as Maranoa Regional Council's new CEO, Ms Julie Reitano is already making a mark, with the new Organisational Structure being adopted by Council at its last meeting.

Ms Reitano said that whilst the first few weeks have been a whirlwind, it was evident from day one that urgent changes were required to address some structural and resourcing issues.

With the unanimous support of the Council, Ms Reitano rolled out the changes on 10 October following weeks of work with Council's elected members and teams to address the most pressing concerns.

"Councillors gave me clear direction when I commenced with Council that customer service and financial sustainability were our top two priorities" Ms Reitano said.

"Getting the structure right is the first important step."

Whilst the Council meeting on 10 October was an important

milestone, Ms Reitano was quick to confirm that there is still much work to be done.

"As local government is such a diverse organisation delivering hundreds of different services to the community, this is not going to be a quick or easy process."

Enhancing communication about Council's projects and programs is also high on the CEO's agenda as is a back to basics approach to management.

"I continue to see enormous potential for Council and the region but we need to make sure that we get the fundamentals right. Improving how we engage and communicate with our towns and communities will help to achieve that."

Ms Reitano said that work has already commenced on developing a new Community Engagement Framework with the Councillors – with the first initiatives set to be announced in November.

Pregnancy & Whelping

It is important before you breed your animal to ensure your bitch is vaccinated so she passes her protection on to her puppies. Also treat her for fleas, as most products shouldn't be used during pregnancy. Worming should also be done prior to mating, then again 10 days prior to whelping. The length of pregnancy varies from 52-73 days. On average, it is 63 days from the date of being mated to birth. During the last few weeks of pregnancy switch her to a puppy food, fed twice daily. The first sign indicating that whelping is not far away is a change in behavior. They are often restless, go off their food, start nesting behavior and panting, lick their vulva and their temperature drops. It is recommended to provide a suitable whelping area which is of suitable size and material, easily cleaned, has adequate ventilation, is warm and draught free and is a quiet area with minimal distractions. Generally speaking, once whelping has begun, a pup can be born every 15 minutes up to as much as an hour apart. If no progress is being made, take her for a supervised break outside to go to the toilet and relax for a few minutes before returning to the whelping



area. If the bitch is distressed or has prolonged straining without any progress she may require veterinary attention.

GARDEN TIPS

November in the Garden

It's getting closer to Christmas and now it the time to work towards having a great garden for the festive season.

- Keep lawn maintenance simple by doing things in the right order. First, whipper-snip the edges; next, blow cuttings onto the lawn; and finally, mow with a catcher to pick everything up. Easy!
- For a cheap and quick-fix colour-up this coming summer, buy a few packets of cosmos and raise seeds in plastic trays before planting out. These happy, daisy-like blooms are long-flowering, come in many colours and are among the best value-for-money plants about.
- Don't look a gift-horse in the mouth, if plants in your garden have self-seeded. Pot them up and pamper them, then give them as presents come Christmas.
- Now's the time to fertilise fruit trees and summer-flowering shrubs.
- Brighten decks and verandahs with a few stylish hanging baskets. Use a good-quality potting mix and basket liner, and water, deadhead old blooms and liquid fertilise regularly. Good choices include petunias, lobelias, verbenas and pelargoniums - one or two varieties give a better effect.
- Treat persistent pests like azalea lace bug or lilly pilli psyllid, by giving plants a pill. New Confidor Tablets from Yates are pushed into the soil at the base of the plant. They release insecticide to the roots, which circulates through the sap system,



curing the plant without the need for spray. The tablets also contain soluble nutrients, so plants receive a growth boost, too.

- One of the best and hardiest pot plants around, Peruvian lilies (Alstroemerias) need minimal maintenance apart from an occasional clip-back. They are not too fussed if they miss the odd watering, and will bloom profusely with showy flowers from spring to autumn.





Starology by Kisha



ARIES: Throw caution to the wind-the world is your oyster & your luck is in. Take a lotto ticket (with a Leo) & bank your winnings. 3/11/13.



TAURUS: Follow your hunches & do not listen to other folk's advice. Your good fortune lies under favorable stars. 1/2/7.



GEMINI: Have fun! A project that has caused you concern begins to show a solution & success will follow. 1/7/11.



CANCER: Your romantic life is plodding along & may restrict you-that is if you follow your head & not your heart. 4/6/9.



LEO: Check your money/health & friendships before you move on. Focus on your self confidence. Someone has hurt you. 2/4/22.



VIRGO: You are heading for a brighter, happier cycle & you deserve it. Friends will support you & money can be made. 3/4/15.



LIBRA: You are very good at juggling your finances. Practice these skills now to achieve your investments in real estate. 2/9/10.



SCORPIO: A cycle of learning & increasing your knowledge so use it now. Investigate studies & adding to your assets. 1/7/8.



SAGITTARIUS: You are far too vulnerable to negative people. Concentrate on your own affairs & keep company with happy companions. 8/9/12.



CAPRICORN: Legal affairs must be dealt with immediately. Consult a solicitor & follow advice. Avoid the fire signs. 2/3/4.



AQUARIUS: You could lose your hard earned money & your business reputation as you have a secret enemy. Find the culprit. 1/3/13.



PISCES: Speak your mind & clear the air. You are in a cycle of uncertainty. Remain alert & deal with sudden problems immediately. 6/7/17.

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Skin & Hair Care

Coming out of winter, our skin and hair tends to be dry, dull and dehydrated. Professional skin and hair care is a fabulous way to kick start our way to healthy smooth hair and skin.

Hair treatments: The end of winter our hair seems to be a little dry, frizzy and fly-away. Beautiful hair starts at the scalp, and using a good natural hot oil hair treatment combined with a relaxing yet stimulating scalp massage, will help your hair to become silky, smooth and luscious.

Facials: The face, neck and décolletage

area can be especially vulnerable to the elements, and is where dehydrated skin is first noticed. Although facials will differ depending upon where you have it done, but the basic process should always include the following;

Cleanse - A good deep cleanse removes makeup, pollutants and dirt from the skin.
Tone - Helps to tighten the pores and absorb any excess oil.

Exfoliate - A creamy base with tiny grains is worked into the skin to remove dead cells and any remaining residue to enable it to absorb moisturising treatments

Mask - There are many different sorts of masks available, but all are designed to nourish, repair and hydrate the skin. They will help to draw out impurities and stimulate blood circulation to leave the skin soft and smooth

Moisturise - The most important step, and something we should always continue at home. Moisturising is essential for the hydration and protection of all skin types. In November, Mind Body Soul is offering a special refreshment package, including a relaxation massage, facial and hair treatment, normally valued at \$150, for **only \$125**. Book your appointment with Kylie by calling 07 4622 6600 or visit 28 Queen Street, Roma.

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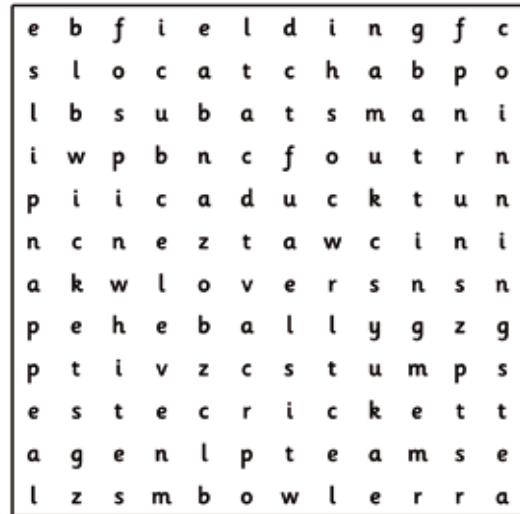
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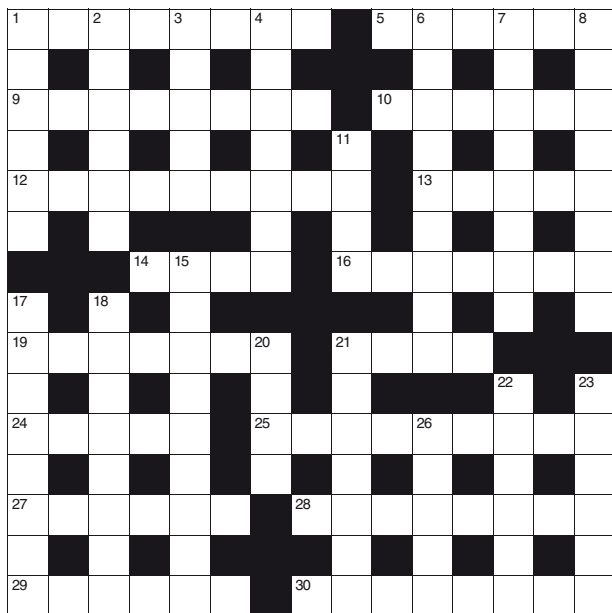
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24. COPY OUTLINE OF
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V8 Supercars joined by Nissan Altima

NISSAN have pulled the covers off the much-anticipated new Altima V8 Supercar it will race in the V8 Supercars Championship next year. The new car was unveiled in Melbourne with Kelly Racing owner/drivers Todd and Rick Kelly joined by Nissan Australia CEO William F Pepper Jnr.

The car has been built to the new 'Car of the Future' regulations for V8 Supercar racing, which includes bigger 18-inch wheels, transaxle gearbox and independent rear suspension.

The team is the sixth – behind Triple Eight Race Engineering, Ford Performance Racing, Holden Racing Team, Stone Brothers Racing and Fujitsu Racing/GRM – to complete one of the 2013-specification cars.

Former Bathurst champion Todd Kelly said "This is the proudest day in the relatively short history of our team, as well as one of the most significant days in recent times for the sport of V8 Supercars," he said.

"Our team has done a tremendous job to design and build an all-new V8 Supercar, including a new engine, in roughly nine months. His brother, two-time Bathurst 1000 winner and 2006 V8 Supercar champion Rick, is looking forward to becoming a fully-fledged factory driver for the first time in his career.

"2013 will be the first time in my career that I will be a factory driver and it's a responsibility that I am not taking lightly," he said.



The Kelly team will now work with V8 Supercars as the category's technical team works to homologate the Nissan Altima for competition, with a particular emphasis on the car's aerodynamics package.

Once that process is complete, the team will begin circuit testing with the car and complete construction of further cars.

The new Nissan Altima will make its racing debut next year at the Clipsal 500 in Adelaide against Holden, Ford and the SBR/Erebus-run AMG Mercedes-Benz E-Class entries.

Caries Free Teeth is the Key to a Healthy Smile

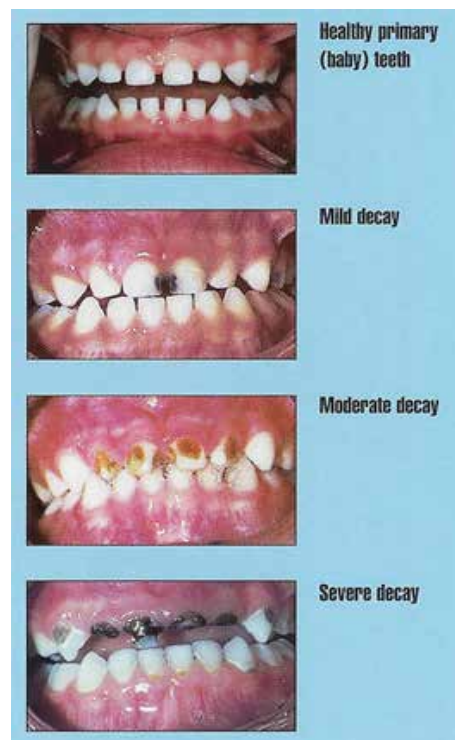
What is dental caries?

Dental caries, also known as tooth decay, is caused by the acids produced by the bacteria adhering on your teeth and the rest of your mouth. This acid removes minerals like calcium and phosphate from the tooth structure and weakens it. In time cavities are formed due to the prolonged loss of these minerals from the enamel and dentin. If detected early enough, this process can be stopped and minerals can be replaced by the use of fluoride. If not, the cavity may progress to the extent where a filling will be required to repair the damage.

What can I do to prevent dental Caries?

It should be part of your daily routine to floss, brush and use a non-alcohol fluoride mouth rinse twice a day – after breakfast and before bedtime. Cavities often develop between teeth where you cannot see them. That is why you have to use dental floss to remove any debris between

your teeth. Do not be shy to ask your dentist or hygienist how to do it correctly. Use a soft toothbrush with a small head and fluoride toothpaste to brush in a small circular motion along the gum line of your teeth, and then brush in a scrubbing motion on the chewing surface of your teeth. To check if you are brushing properly, chew a disclosing tablet containing a dye that stains plaque and shows you where you should spend a little bit more time brushing. To finish your brushing routine, use a mouth rinse containing fluoride. Do not eat anything for half an hour after you rinsed. To further prevent caries, reduce your daily sugar intake so that less acid is produced by bacteria. Drink a glass of water or chew sugar free gum after meals to neutralize the acid level in your mouth. Visit your dentist every six months for a checkup as they will be able to detect formation of cavities.



The Shonkiest Products of 2012

The consumer advocate Choice Has announced the winners of its annual Shonky Awards for 2012 with a range of well-known brands named and shamed.

White goods are always well represented at the Shonkies and this year was no exception with Samsung's SW70SP machine emerging as the worst among 170 that were put to the test.

On auto-sense mode it used 224 litres of

water to wash 3.5kg of clothes, earning a score of 0 for water efficiency.

The top scoring machines used around a quarter of the amount of water with the winner, LG's WD14060D6, only requiring 37 litres to do the same job.

Liquipel's nanotechnology coating to make phone's "water safe" also received the dubious honour after tests based on the firm's own promotional video found their

claims didn't hold water.

Exit Mould and Coles Ultra Mould Remover made the list after mycologists found the mould-busting products don't penetrate porous surfaces, where mould is most likely to form.

Toblerone was shamed because its 400g bar contains 15 pieces of chocolate but the packaging claims it has 16 serves.

Ticket duopoly Ticketek and Ticketmaster shared a Shonky for their credit card surcharges and hefty handling and delivery fees.

Cabcharge, which lets subscribers pay for taxis without cash, was also targeted for charging a 10 percent credit card surcharge.

Homeopathic medicine maker Nature's Way made the list for its 'Kids Smart' range.

Choice claims the products are harmful because they would do nothing to help a sick child.

Jetset Travel World and its brands Travelworld, Harvey World Travel and Best Flights were given a Shonky for requiring customers to waive their chargeback rights in its booking terms and conditions.

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Bikers

Do you get a laugh out of those 40 to 60 year old guys who grow their beard long and straggly, cultivate a pot belly and all own old Harley Davidsons?

Of course you do have to be bit careful, mainly because these guys tend to always have at least 50 of their mates with them and they wear old greasy denim vests with "The Deadheads" or " Mothers Angels" or such like, embroidered on them. I also have it on good authority that they are the owners of most of the tattoo places in the country and that it is not a good idea to chuck off at them for wearing earrings. Dangerous - these are the "Bikies"

That having been said there is another group of motor bike riders, called "Bikers", the majority who can be anything from your solicitor to the lady who baby sits your grandchildren . Yep! , you heard me. The "Bikers", by far outnumber the "Bikies" and are a much more interesting and individual bunch. Seriously, they ride all sorts of machines and wear whatever they like. Most wear full face helmets, something you will not see on our begrimed riders of old Harleys. Of course a lot of biker's bikes don't actually see a lot of kilometers every year but, they do get polished a lot and turn out for the Xmas toy run.

About 12 years ago when I moved to the Sunny Coast, [*all right no more jokes about the Sunny bit*] I decided that it would be a great time to buy a motorbike because the weather is, usually warmer, and it is an economical form of transport to and from work. My wife did give me that funny look that wives often give their husbands from time to time and suggested that maybe it was a bit late in life at 50 to become a biker?

Like any good husband I immediately took that into consideration and went out and bought a bike. No woman is going to tell me that I'm too old? Are they dear? If that's alright?

Of course she was only too happy to agree to join me on bike excursions with friends and their wives NOT! Won't have a bar of it. Four bikes later and only a couple of spills. nothing seriously broken, only bruised pride especially when I came off on my bike test! Mortifying! The greater embarrassment was when i got off the bike without putting the stand down. Just to illuminate the subject for the uninitiated, when you do this the bike then tends to fall on top of you. Two very nice, young ladies standing nearby and seeing this dramatic fall from grace rushed over with grave concern. Mortifying in the extreme!

Now back to the joys of being a biker.

As a pilot in a former life, I enjoyed the freedom of flying, especially gliding, and missed it, until I could no longer justify the frightening expense of keeping a light aircraft. Enter the motor bike. Without leaving the ground,

the wind in your face, schussing into the corners, the camaraderie of fellow riders and the joy of the ESCAPE.

There is one amazing aspect of bike riding that I enjoy, quite unexpectedly. You don't realize that in a car you are separated quite a bit from the outside atmosphere. In summer that's often a good thing. However on a bike you get to enjoy all the amazing smells out there. Of course riding down the Carnarvon Development road in central Queensland last year I did realize that I had not really enjoyed the smell of road kill quite so intimately.

While I think that the Ulysses biker club is a great organization, I don't like the idea of going out with 10, 20, or 50, other bikers. That would make me feel like just one of the mob like being "a Bikie". I prefer a small interesting group. One group of guys I ride with has, a 250cc, a 650cc [mine] a 1200cc, a 1300cc and then a great big Triumph Rocket with a bigger motor than most small cars at 2400cc. The riders are just as individual.

Despite the increases in the cost of fuel, bike riding is still a reasonably priced form of recreation.

So if dear reader you are feeling a little locked into life, tired of following the appointed path, BUST OUT! Buy a motorbike. You will be amazed at how many of your friends and acquaintances own one. Just hit the road. It doesn't matter what you ride, as long as it is safe. Mug lairs who want to go like the clappers all over the road need not apply.

Our rules are simple, we decide how long we will ride, choose a route, head off, but must have good food and a decent coffee at least twice in the journey.

Bikers do after all have standards. Wouldn't be dead for quids!

by Errol R J Morrison



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CRICKET NEWS

Round 2 Results

Leprechauns had to forfeit against Wallumbilla so no game held in Roma

Surat v Souths

Souths won the toss and elected to bat. They were bowled out for 150. Batters were A. Davis 36 N o T wain 33.

Surat bowlers M. Perske 4-39 (7), R. Schwennesen 3-21 (6).

In reply Surat were bowled out for 102. Batters were P. Gear 20, M. Perske 14.

Souths bowlers were V. Clarke 4-20 (6), T. Wain 2-2 (6), P. Voll 2-11 (6)

Injune v Colts

Colts all out in 28 over for 83.

Top score 4 Colts Tom Moloney 20. Clancy Sheehan & Kane Glenhill both 11.

Best bowlers 4 Injune Andy Cameron 4 overs 1 maiden 3 for 12, Chris Cant 5 overs 2 maidens 0 for 6.

Injune's run chase started slowly eventually passings Colt's score in the 16 over.

Top score Ryan Allen 22, Kelvin Vidler 11. best bowler 4 Colts Tom Money 4 1 2 for 10. K Glenhill 4 0 2 for 26 plus 3 catches. Rhys Irwin 4 0 3 for 24.

Regions to get cattle tick officers

Rural lobby group AgForce says farmers from Roma, Longreach and Gatton will benefit by the appointment of cattle tick officer in each region.

Fifteen positions have been created as part of a \$6 million commitment to boost biosecurity in regional Queensland.

AgForce cattle president Grant Maudsley says the new appointments are a much needed boost to the sector.

"Look, if you're in an area where you have an outbreak and you need a hand to get your head around the clean-up processes and procedures and everything that's got to go with the way that these sort of outbreaks change your business, any help you can get in that form is certainly very welcome," he said.

Mr Maudsley says the organisation is happy the Queensland Government has fulfilled its post-election promise.

"Governments in recent years have looked to reduce some of their investment in this area and we've got many reports at the national and state level saying government needs to invest more," he said.

"I guess every little bit helps, biosecurity is about the producer on the ground, it's about the government, it's about everyone taking a little bit of responsibility."



Donkeys On Guard Against Wild Dog Attacks



There is renewed interest among western Queensland graziers in using donkeys to help with wild dog control.

Wild dog numbers have risen to record levels in some parts of the west, despite big efforts in coordinated control.

Woolgrower Andrew Martin, from Tambo, south-east of Longreach, says donkeys are highly intelligent animals.

He says while they are a problem in some remote Northern Territory areas, donkeys would work well as guardian animals for sheep and cattle by killing wild dogs.

"I know people down here with one donkey in with 1,000 sheep and that donkey is working a proper treat," he said.

"Sooner or later someone will see the bigger picture and will make a quid out of them."

"I see broken-in donkeys selling for about \$400 ... further south around Sydney they are selling for \$1,000 a shot."

He says donkeys have got a "dog phobia".

"I think it is an instinctual thing and it's all over the world," he said.

"They keep brown bears [away], they keep coyotes away, they keep all sorts of things [away]."

"I've seen them put them in with bulls and they can teach bulls to lead and stop bulls from fighting and all sorts of things.

"The donkey is an extraordinarily intelligent animal."

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SALEYARD REPORTS

Roma Store Sale October 23, 2012

Roma medium weight steers return 217c/kg

A total of 5826 head of cattle were penned at Roma's Store Sale on Tuesday.

Feeder steers in the 400-550kg range topping at 187c/kg and averaging 172c/kg, while steers in the 350-400kg range reached 191c/kg and averaged 169c/kg and steers in the 280-350kg range reached 217c/kg and averaged 175c/kg. Weaner steers in the 220-280kg range reached 220c/kg and averaged 198c/kg, while weaners under 220kg topped at 208c/kg and averaged 177c/kg.

The Nichol family, Sutton Veney, Roma, sold Angus steers to 219c and averaged 214c for 256kg to return \$549.

Cornford Grazing Co, Authoringa, Charleville, sold Charolais steers to 218c for 255kg to make \$556.

The Pether family, Autevil Station, Barcaldine, sold Simmental-cross steers to 214c for 265kg to return \$568. They also sold Simmental-cross heifers to 201c and averaged 196c for 233kg to make \$458.

Sam Dart, Springbok, Injune, sold Charbray steers to 212c for 249kg to return \$529.

The Thorne family, Homeleigh, Mitchell, sold Hereford-cross steers to 211c for 293kg to make \$619.

Palmtree Grazing Co, Taroom, sold Charolais-cross steers to 210c and averaged 203c for 318kg to return \$646. They also sold Santa heifers to 182c and averaged 174c for 291kg to make \$506.

Jimmy Ford, Eden Hope, Roma, sold Angus-cross steers to 200c and averaged 199c for 277kg to return \$552.

Brett Conroy, Penrose, Roma, sold Hereford-cross steers to 191c and averaged 188c for 366kg to make \$688.

The Jamieson family, Grafton Terrace, Roma, sold Santa-cross steers to 186c for 404kg to return \$752.

The Leahy family, Felicia Park, Wallumbilla, sold Angus-cross steers to 184c for 536kg to make \$987.

Tullamore Park Pastoral, Canberra, Roma, sold Brahman-cross steers to 184c for 455kg to make \$839.

Owen Burey, Back Creek, Amby, sold Santa steers to 181c for 382kg to return \$692.

Heifers in the 350-450kg range reached 169c/kg and averaged 157c/kg.

Heifers in the 280-350kg range topped at 182c/kg and averaged 154c/kg.

Heifers in the 220-280kg range topped at 197c/kg and averaged 172c/kg, while heifers under 220kg topped at 201c/kg and averaged 166c/kg.

Glen Valley Pastoral Co, Jundah, sold Santa-cross heifers to 182c for 289kg to make \$527.

Consolidated Pastoral Co, Isis Downs, Isisford, sold Angus-cross heifers to 174c for 296kg to return \$515.

Cows over 500kg hit 148c/kg and averaged 137c/kg, while cows 400-500kg topped at 148c/kg and averaged 112c/kg. Cows in the 300-400kg range made 137c/kg and averaged 79c/kg.

Recruit Invest, Edwinstone, Jericho, sold Santa-cross cow to 148c for 590kg to return \$874.

Lunar Pastoral Company, Weeallah, St George, sold Santa-cross cows to 146c for 589kg to make \$861.

Cows and calves sold to \$880/unit and averaged \$733.

Bulls up to 400kg reached 187c/kg and average 125c/kg.

Roma Prime Sale Thursday October 25, 2012

Roma young bullocks top 189c/kg

A total of 1463 head of cattle were penned at Roma's Prime Sale on Thursday.

Steers over 550kg topped at 189c/kg and averaged 175c/kg, while steers in the 400-550kg sold to 189c/kg and averaged 174c/kg.

The Leahy family, Felicia Park, Wallumbilla, sold Angus-cross steers to 189c for 580kg to return \$1097.

The Oldfield family, G & C Pastoral Co, Pandie Pandie Station, Birdsville, sold Shorthorn steers to 184c for 645kg to make \$1189. Rewan Cattle Co, Rolleston, sold Droughtmaster steers to 181c for 619kg to make \$1118.

Oakleigh Grazing Co, Oakleigh, Morven, sold Brangus steers to 179c for 624kg to return \$1119.

The Sutton family, Tallawalla, Roma, sold Brahman-cross steers to 177c for 645kg to return \$1142.

The Loughnan family, Bowan, Amby, sold Charolais-cross steers to 177c for 623kg to make \$1105.

The Thorne family, Homeleigh, Mitchell, sold Santa-cross steers to 177c for 616kg to return \$1093.

The Bishoff family, Woodlawn, Injune, sold Droughtmaster steers to 177c for 591kg to make \$1049.

The York family, Hyde Park, Wallumbilla, sold Simmental-cross steers to 174c for 801kg to return \$1396.

Heifers over 450kg hit 170c/kg and averaged 161c/kg, while heifers in the 350-450kg category returned 168c/kg and averaged 145c/kg.

Keith Proud, Glen Isle, Wallumbilla, sold Simmental heifers to 170c for 585kg to return \$992.

Rob Cornish, Riverview, Mitchell, sold Charolais heifers to 168c for 508kg to make \$855.

Cows over 500kg peaked at 154c/kg and averaged 146c/kg, while cows in the 400-500kg class topped at 147c/kg and averaged 133c/kg. Cows 300-400kg sold to 137c/kg and averaged 104c/kg.

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