

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

GUNDIAH COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2009

THINGS TO DO NOVEMBER

- 2 **Tiaro Lions Ladies luncheon.** Hide-away Hotel. Tiaro. 12noon 54846318
- 2 **Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade** Training night 7pm. (1st. Monday)
- 3 **QCWA Gootchie** Mthly Mtg 9am Melbourne Cup @ Bauple. See pg 2.
- 3 **Gundiah Pub**-Melbourne Cup 11am Sweeps, Toad Race Calcutta, Raffles. \$12.50: Chicken, Leg Ham, Salads.
- 5 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall.** 5.30 pm (Thurs)
- 6 **Gundiah Community Place.** Social Nite Friday 6pm. 41292504
- 7 **Bauple Nut Bash.** Sat. 3pm-late. Bauple Recreation Grounds. Forestry Road. Great family entertainment, kids games, fence painting competition, tug-o-war, nut cracking competition, stalls, food, fire-works display. 2 V8 Simulators. Debbie Brischke 4129 2272
- 10 **P&C Meeting** 3.30pm. Gundiah School Library. 4187 3136
- 11 **Remembrance Day Service.** Mem. Gardens, Mayne St Tiaro 10.45am.
- 12 **Tiaro Library** Under5 Story & Craft Time Thur 9.30am 4129 2453
- 12 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall.** 5.30 pm (Thurs)
- 19 **Free Community Legal Services.** Tiaro Library. Call 4129 2453 for apt.
- 19 **QCWA Gootchie** Cooking Comp & Christmas Tombola 10am @ Gootchie Rooms. 4129 3212
- 19 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall.** 5.30 pm (Thurs)
- 20 **Gundiah Community Place.** Social Night 6.00 + Meeting 7pm. Annual Membership \$5 41292504
- 21 **QCWA Gootchie** Scrap-booking Day 9am. 4129 3212
- 26 **Tiaro Library** Under5 Story & Craft Time Thur 9.30am 4129 2453
- 26 **Fitness @ Tiaro Hall.** 5.30 pm (Thurs)
- 27 **Tiaro Library Adult Book Club.** 10am (4th. Friday) 4129 2453

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER:

- 2 **Tiaro Police Consultive Committee.** QCWA Gootchie 7pm. Community discussion on police /safety issues. FCRC Patrice Bates 1300 794929
- 19 **Cobb&Co Coach** stops at Gundiah Pub enroute to Maryborough. Q150

Prince Alfred Hotel—Gundiah

Prince Alfred, Queen Victoria's second son was enthusiastically received as the first English prince to visit Australia in 1868.

Fittingly, the original Prince Alfred Hotel was opened in 'Gootchie Creek' in 1868, by Charles Henry Scarrott. It was a 'Wayside Inn' halfway between Maryborough and Gympie on the coach route and 'future Gootchie Terminus of the Railway'. Scarrott had 350 acres of property at his retirement in 1878. The liquor licence transferred in 1878 to Robert Whannel, and 1879 to Robert Woodward, and then to Mary Scarrott on Charles' death, in 1882.

The new Prince Alfred Hotel was built at 'Gootchie' in 1883 adjacent to the new Gundiah Railway Station (opened 1882). In an article about the new Dalkeith Sawmill, Jan 17, 1883, it states it was being "erected on the site which Scarrott's Hotel was rendered famous during the last 16 years, abutting on the railway line and close to Gundiah (Gootchie) Creek...Quite the village of cottages will be erected... and arrangements are being made for the early establishment of a store, butcher and baker and the inevitable hotel on sites adjacent to the Mill." (The brick furnace remains of the Sawmill and the Scarrott gravesite are on the Tiddy property south of the pub, 232 Nethery Road. See 'Down Memory Lane'.)

The Prince Alfred Hotel saw the licence change hands on average every 3years until Benedict Bauer, around 1891.

Wide Bay News, 8 Jan 1894: "On Saturday morning early, the well known Halfway House Hotel, at the Gundiah station, was burned to the ground. It was a large building, with detached kitchen and outbuildings, none of which were saved. The origin of the fire is a mystery and likely to remain so."

The new, new Prince Alfred Hotel was in construction 1895, and license granted to Benedict Bauer, owner. He died 1904, transferring licence and estate to 2nd wife, Bertha. It seems she may have owned it until 1932 when the owner is listed as Henry Bell.

From local history, the pub was just the present east wing with verandah facing the Gundiah Hall (c.1922), and small bar in the front (northern) room, until extensions about 1956 to the present style facing the road. *If you have further information regarding Pub, please contact sandi@g-h2o.com.*

Historic Cobb&Co Tour

19 Dec 2009. Q150-Horse drawn Cobb &Co Coach will take 1875 coach route from Kilkivan, via Gundiah Pub to Maryborough. FCSS 4123 5311.



The second Prince Alfred Hotel (Halfway House), burned down in 1894. The present pub boasts the area's longest continuous liquor license since 1867.

Around our town...

A round-up of local events & achievements:



The Gootchie QCWA

The locals enjoying the Annual Spring Fair at Gootchie QCWA Hall.

QCWA Spring Fair

The weather turned out just right on Saturday 17th October, for our Spring Fair. Sitting out under umbrellas on the grass in front of our CWA Rooms, enjoying plenty of dainty sandwiches, cakes and slices – was just lovely!

Melbourne Cup

Tuesday 3 November. Please note our November meeting is a week early so we can go to the 'Melbourne Cup Day' with our sister branch at Bauple. This is always a fun time, come dressed up for lovely lunch, raffle and a flutter on the horses.

Monthly Meeting - 9am. Gootchie QCWA Hall. All welcome.

Melbourne Cup - 11am. Bauple QCWA Hall. Mill Street. Cost \$8. All welcome.

Cooking Competition

Thursday 19 November Cooking Competition and Monster Christmas Tombola. Judging and event starts @

9.30am, followed by a lunch [cold meats, salads, sweets, tea, coffee and cold drinks] and Xmas Tombola, with Cooking Competition winners announced somewhere in between. The cost for the lunch will be \$8.00. The Cooking Competition is open for all to enter. Call Lyn 41293212 for more information. RSVP 10 Nov.

Scrapbooking

Saturday 21 November. Scrapbooking is fun so come along and join us at 9 am at our rooms on Gootchie Road. Bring your photos. Materials supplied. Cost \$6.

Petrie Gardens

Friday 27 November. We will be off to Petrie Gardens for 'Morning Tea' with the residents. Who knows what we will get up to!

*Til next time,
from Pauline of the Gootchie Girls*

Gundiah State School P&C News Update

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10th November 3.30pm - school library. We are starting to wrap up for the year, so start thinking about joining in next year.

New Christmas Raffle: Our 'Scratchie Tree' will be first prize - try your luck. Tickets will be on sale at the Gundy Pub prior to drawing - Dec 4.

School Concert: Gundiah Hall, 7pm Friday 4 December. This year's Christmas Concert is sure to be a delight for parents and doting grandparents alike. Please bring a plate. All welcome.

New School Principal. We are saying a sad farewell to Ms Ellen. New Principal, Mr Warren Greinke starts Jan 2010.

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Being Bushfire Prepared

When bushfire threatens your home, the big question you will face is: "should I stay and defend my property or go early?"

Points to consider before you make your decision:

- You need to prepare to "stay and defend" your property or "go early" before the bushfire season.
- Homes where adequate preparation has been made can survive the initial passage of bushfire.
- Homes have a greater chance of survival where people remain to extinguish small fires.
- People who are well prepared can shelter in their homes and have an excellent chance of surviving.
- Experience has shown that most homes are destroyed as a result of sparks and embers.
- Burning embers can travel many kilometres from the fire front.
- Your house does not have to butt directly up against bush land to be at risk.
- Most people who die in bushfires leave it too late to leave.
- Make sure that your decision is flexible enough to deal with changed circumstances – e.g. school holidays, visitors, work commitments, etc.

Whichever you decide, remember, preparing your property before the bushfire season begins is essential.

Fire Bans

Total Fire Bans were in effect as of this printing, but for latest information please see:

1800 020 440,
or ABC Emergency Channel
FM 100.1

or see www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Fire_bans_restrictions.html

Bushfire Rule of 30:
Temperature > 30° C
Humidity < 30%
Winds > 30knots =
HIGH BUSHFIRE RISK!

Upcoming Events:

Sausage Sizzle, 6.30pm
Wednesday 9 December
Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade Shed
FREE. All locals interested in our rural fire brigade are invited!
Please RSVP to Jenny 4129-3128.
General Meeting following: 7pm



Down Memory Lane

Charles Henry Scarrott, original owner of the Prince Alfred Hotel, b. 1829 d. Sep 15, 1882 aged 53, at Prince Alfred Hotel, Scarrott siding, "from a long and painful illness." His grave site is on the Tiddy property, once a part of the land owned by the Scarrott family. March 1878 saw the property listed for sale or let, and included "...about 350 acres of Freehold Land, the greater portion of which is securely fenced. The hotel is situated in close proximity to the future Gootchie Terminus of the Railway and is doing a fine business. With it, there are also substantially built Stables and Outbuildings; a Garden stocked with choice fruit trees, grape vines etc; a cultivated paddock of about 10 acres; and all the conveniences (Stockyard, Milking yard, Bails etc) for carrying on a LARGE DAIRY." Photo by Ian Smith.

GUNDIAH COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

GUNDIAH COMMUNITY INCORPORATE

Gundiah Community Place is a social and sporting group for the Netherby, Gootchie, Gundiah, Paterson areas.

Well, I must say, being the President of a community organisation has its moments and sometimes you wish you were Ned Kelly and could draw the six shooter to get some form of order, but on the same note you have moments of side-splitting laughter at some of the members actions:

Handrail Smoothing

The guys were quite proud of their work on the new handrails on the eastern side of the building – but a member, who shall remain nameless, walked in and all *she* could say was, "It's a bit rough, you could get splinters in your backside if you leaned against it!" Dejected, we quickly found a piece of sandpaper and said, "Get to work lady!" She declined the offer. :o(

Dam Diving

When removing dead trees adjacent to the hall, one member, who shall also remain nameless, elected himself to be foreman. He duly nominated one of the two other members to dive into the lagoon to put a sling around the fallen tree. It went something like this:
Worker: There's a Taipan snake in the water and I'm not going in.
Foreman: It's good practice as the house you are building (notice still no name) could float off in the next flood, and you would *have* to dive into the water to anchor it – so get into that lagoon or I will throw you in."
Worker: I hope the damn Gundiah space-ship returns and takes you off to Mackay with no GPS to get you home.
The tree is still in the lagoon so I guess we will hear more at the next meeting night.

Annual Christmas Trip

If you would like to join in our fun – we meet the 1st. and 3rd. Friday of the month (Starting with a BBQ at 6 pm). Membership is only \$5 per year. Our annual Christmas Trip, this year is to "Flying High" Bird Sanctuary, The Bundy Rum Distillery, Bargara Beach and Mammino's Ice-cream works at Childers on the way home.
Trevor Keightley, President. 4129 2504



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