The Gundiah Hall has been around longer than almost anybody in this district. It has some stories to tell. Officially opened 22 October, 1922, the ‘Gundiah Public Hall Company Ltd’ was built and owned by local community members. Shares were purchased for £1 each and a board of directors was elected. The Hall has been the hub of Gundiah’s social life, hosting dances, balls, weddings, church services, concerts, sporting clubs, meetings, classes, and fundraisers for the Hall and School. In 1966 it was decided to change the name to the “Gundiah Public Welfare Committee”, Trustees were appointed in 1979 and it was incorporated in 1988. It remains “The Gundiah Public Welfare Committee Inc.” and operates with an executive committee who oversee the general upkeep and financial responsibilities of the Hall.

Committee Members wanted: “If you’re interested, please give us a call”, said Lynda Thompson. “We only have Owen and myself on the committee at the moment.” Meetings would be held every two months and support is needed for the maintenance and promotion of the Hall.

Hall for Hire: Yes, the hall is available for hire anytime, at the following rates, plus a refundable $50 cleaning bond.

- Daytime meetings: $10
- All-day functions: $40
- Night functions: $50
- Kitchen use: +$10

“Everything is negotiable,” said Lynda. “We want everyone to be able to use the hall.”

Facilities: There are chairs and tables to seat 100, kitchen facilities, no disabled access. (You can also hire out the chairs and trestle tables if there are no booking conflicts.)

Contact: Lynda & Owen Thompson on 4129 3198.

Historical Significance: The present committee holds records from 1921 and a large collection of the committee minutes. This is a part record of the events and social history of our little town!
Christmas Success!

108 attended the recent annual ‘Christmas in July’ Fundraising Dinner organised by members of Gundiah Community Place. “We were pleased with the turnout and glad everyone enjoyed themselves,” said Pauline Keightley. Funds will go to maintenance and improvements at GCP and for the annual outing for families.

Other news: a grant was received from FCRC for bollards around the grounds, Ergon donated a light pole for the crochet court and the Annual General meeting is coming up in September.

Local Support for Veterans’ Families

Thanks to the following organisations, the PVA [Partners of Veterans Association of Australia] was able to open a local office in Maryborough this past month: Department of Veterans’ Affairs, Federal Member, Mr Warren Truss, Mr Chris Foley, and the Childers, Hervey Bay, Maryborough & Tiaro RSL branches.

[We almost had a picture of] Locals Geoff and Jean Davies thanked Warren Truss at the official opening of the new office located at the ‘Armed Forces & Family Drop In Centre’ 188 John Street. PVA’s Fraser Coast Support Group meets monthly alternating between Maryborough and Hervey Bay and works towards the benefit of current servicemen, veterans and their families.

Please call Alison Bowman 4122 4468, Jean Davies 4129 3293 for more information.

Ham Radio Day

100+ Wide Bay Ham Radio Groupies gathered at Gootchie QCWA Hall on Saturday 25th July. See the full report in September’s Gundiah Gazette.

Gundy Kids on Target!

Gundiah locals, 2 year-old George Cash and 5 year-old Ellie Cash recently competed in an Archery competition at the Wide Bay Archers Club near the Susan River. Both kids won their respective divisions of Cub Boys Longbow and Cub Girls Longbow. Wide Bay Archers Vice President is pictured presenting them with their awards. Around 110 archers attended the competition traveling from as far as Rockhampton & Gympie for the two day event.

Anyone wanting to become involved with Archery or Bowhunting should contact Graham or Suzanne Cash for more information on 4121 3214.

Pictured top right: George Cash, 2 years receiving first place trophy in Cub Boys Longbow.

Right: Ellie Cash, 5 years receiving first place trophy for Cub Girls Longbow.
Local Veteran honored

The Australian Defence Medal was presented on July 9 to local Veteran, Geoff Davies, by Mr Warren Truss. It symbolises the contribution and sacrifice of our nations’ service men and women. Geoff served in the Australian Army Artillery in Vietnam 103 Battery.

The Gootchie QCWA

Our Branch monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th August at 9.30am. We invite all prospective members to come along and enjoy the company of like minded people. The Branch Annual meeting will be held at 10 am in the Tiaro CWA Rooms as we are having a combined Annual meeting with Bauple and Tiaro branches.

Scrapbooking is on Saturday, August 15th at 9 am, all welcome to come and try your hand at a new craft.

Annual Scrabble Competition and Luncheon which this year will be held on Thursday 24th September, this is always a fun day for everyone, players and non players.

For further information contact Lyn on 4129 3212

Gundiah Rural Fire Brigade

FIRE SAFETY

Before the Fire Season:
1. Reduce fuel around your home. [Fuel is dried out material that will burn - branches sticks, twigs leaves, bark, grass, furniture etc.]
2. Make your own plan for bush fire survival. The decision to stay and defend your home or evacuate depends on whether adequate preparations have been made.

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Call for your comments

I had no idea when we started this P&C newsletter I would meet so many amazing people in our little community. Of particular mention, but only one in many, is quiet achiever Jean Davies. She serves on at least three local committees, and is the patient wife of the unquenchable Geoff.

If you know someone who is doing good things in the community: sports, service, talents, hobbies, events etc, we want to know too.

Thank you for all the positive feedback and ideas for the Gazette. And of course, thanks to our advertisers and distributors.

Send letters to: sandi@g-h2o.com or Gundiah School P&C - 23 School Rd.

Down Memory Lane

I wonder what they are doing now?

Gundiah Juvenile Debs, Gundiah Hall, 26 October, 1963: One of two Debutante Balls in Joan Thompson’s memory of Gundiah Hall. The second being in the early 1980s.

Left to Right: Barbara Thompson, Margie-Anne Rhodes, Judith Ramsey, Stella Thompson, Jill Kunst, Karen Rabnott, Gaylene Thompson, Elizabeth Keliher, Roslyn Hales, Ann Paterson, Rae Thompson, Julie-Ann Selvitz, Susan Sibley, Sandra Wilson.
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