

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023



Above: The sack race was a jumping frenzy at a Gundiah Street Party, 2020. It was our first street party as we came out of COVID (so we thought) to connect after lock down. We ventured out after our flooding in 2022 with the help of Bunnings and Brolga Live. Join us again this year for a great excuse to get out and say hi to your neighbours, have a free sausage or two, find out more about your local community groups and enjoy the live music.

Gundiah Street Party

Saturday 23 September 1-4PM. Gundiah's annual Street Party & Free Sizzle will be supported by Brolga Live performers, and local organisations. It's all about getting to know your neighbours, being prepared for emergencies and checking if U R OK. If your business or group is interested in having a stall, raffle, running an activity or making announcements, contact Sandra Kelly 0400442118.

Achievement Award

Each term, a deserving Gundiah State School student is recognised for their achievements, receiving a certificate, plaque on the perpetual trophy with a \$30 voucher to spend. The award is provided by the Gundiah Memorial Hall Association.

Jacob Lawrence was the recipient for Term 2 - for continuously striving for academic and self-improvement, and being a committed leader. *Well done, Jacob!*



Crimestoppers

2023 has not been a good year for community crime with a repeat offender in the area. Gundiah State School, Gundiah Community Place, Gundiah Hall and Munna Creek Hall have all had break-ins this year... Items stolen from the Purple Palace (aka Gundiah Community Place) included a fridge, new microwave, kitchen items and more. The perpetrator has a lock pick that they don't really know how to use. Costs to GMHA was over \$400 to just fix the locks. Please keep a look out for any suspicious activity in remote public areas, take photos of vehicles and report them to the management and police.

Get Ready

The seasonal outlook is suggesting hotter and dryer the average next few months as we move into an El Nino climate phase. Bushfire will be the prevailing scenario this year, so everyone should sit down and have a chat with your family and create a bushfire survival plan. [QFS bushfire management info here.](#) Also bookmark: disaster.frasercoast.qld.gov.au

Calendar

- 14 Sep RU OK? Day
- 19 Sep **Tiaro Chamber** General Mtg TiaroCCtr 7pm
- 21 Sep **Scrabble Challenge.** Gootchie CWA 10am
[Sunshine.](#) Free Concert Brolga Theatre 7.30p
- 23 Sep **Gundiah Annual Street Party** 1-4pm
- 24 Sep **Mansong** at M'borough Services Club 2pm
- 6 Oct **Seniors Morning Tea** - Tiaro Hall 9.30am
- 12 Nov **GMHA AGM** Purple Palace 1.30pm
- 25 Nov **Carols In The Country** 3-9pm
- 2 Dec **Gundy Pub** Marshall Bros live from 7pm

Born to Fly

John Charles Edward Kelman 1937-2023. Local landowner, stalwart CWA supporter, was born 1st August 1937 to Colin and Peggy Kelman. John's mother, Peggy, was a famous aviatrix in the 1930's, a very early licenced female pilot who could count Nancy-Bird Walton and Jean Batten as friends. So, aviation was in his blood, and John flew aeroplanes most of his life. His mechanical cleverness and his passion for Spitfires drove him to build a two-third replica Spitfire, a project that took 13 years. John flew all over Australia, with many trips to and from their property at Carmor Plains east of Darwin. John was a revered member of the Mooney (aircraft) family, his friendship, wisdom, skills, wit and passion renowned. Moreover, he will be remembered as natures' gentleman. His loss will leave a deep void. John has had his last flight - All of us are created to die, But John was born to fly. - *excerpt by Russell Kelly.*



SELF-BUILT REPLICA: Gootchie farmer John Kelman with his completed Spitfire replica plane at Maryborough Airport. He started building it in 2003. Courier Mail 7 Jan 2017.

Gundiah Hall Update.

Two things have to happen before the association can finish the hall project. 1. Ergon has agreed to move the power pole on the property line at the hall as it blocks access to the planned ramp. We really appreciate the support from local Ergon managers who have helped make this happen at NO COST to the organisation. This has been such good news. Ergon estimates the pole will be moved by December. 2. Framing Inspection has to be completed. There is a hold up with plans and engineering. Cr Denis Chapman is managing this part and supplying updated plans, again, at no cost to the organisation. We hope this to be done by the end of the month. **\$121,000 Funding.** We have mentioned before the grant awarded to us by the DTIS' Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program. This money has not yet hit our bank account. This will allow for more post-flood recovery work on both the Purple Palace and Memorial Hall, including sporting and lawn maintenance equipment. **Thank you: Robert Kaarsberg** from Roberts Carpet & Vinyl laid the floor covering in the kitchen and servery area in July. Robert is a local professional carpet layer and can be contacted on 0428 805 560.

Love Thy Neighbour

Volunteers care. A shout out to all our local people who participate in community groups and do good things here and beyond. We are all different and have such diversified interests and personalities but that doesn't stop us belonging together at Gundiah. The fact that you participate means you care. Thank you! Interested in joining in? Explore some of the local groups at the upcoming Street Party.



RU OK? Some of us are very happy minding our own business, but others can be very lonely, and it can be hard to reach out for help in these times. Please be a good neighbour and ask the question [R.U OK?](#)

What's On...

Mansong Tickets just \$15 (normally \$20) for residents from Owanilla to Glenwood. The Show is Sunday 24 Sept 2pm at the Maryborough Services Club.



Annual Scrabble Challenge at Gootchie QCWA Rooms, Gootchie Rd on Thursday 21 September at 10am. \$2 to play. Just \$10 for lunch with morning and afternoon teas. Lyn. 0408 063 118

Seniors Morning Tea at Tiaro Memorial Hall Friday 6 October, 9.30am to celebrate Seniors Month. [RSVP Gootchie/Tiaro CWA](#)

Croquet Games ARE FUN and are held every Sunday at 3pm in summer and 2pm in the cooler months. You do NOT need to know how to play to join in. Friendly coaching available. Call Larry O'Shea for the latest info and times: 0477 798 411.

What's on at the Gundy Pub? Every first Saturday of the month there is a live band at The Prince Alfred Hotel, 7.00pm. **Jag the Joker** every Sunday at 1pm. Call Dan, Aud & Jake at the Gundy Pub 07 4129 3182. Closed Mondays. [Facebook.](#)

Tiaro Chamber of Commerce. General Meeting Tuesday 19 Sep General Mtg Tiaro Community Ctr 7-9pm New members welcome. Toni 4129 2107

Glenwood Garden Gatherers is a group of plant-loving folk with members ranging from Maryborough to Gympie. GGG meets once a month (on the 2nd Saturday) in a member's garden. We share plants, knowledge, problems, friendship and a cuppa. New members very welcome. Contact Lynelle, Mary, or Collin at enquiriesGGG@gmail.com.

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