

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

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Above: Santa and his helper chat with Samantha Thompson as they get ready to share treats with the children during the Carols in the Country event at Tiara Rec Grounds.

Above: Students from Tiara and Gundiah State Schools sing 'Rudolph', 'Jingle bells' and 'Here comes Santa Claus' accompanied by Derek F. Smith. Photos by Glen Morris.

Carols a huge success

26 Nov. Over 1200 people attended [Carols in the Country](#) thanks to good weather and the added draw of performers like Nathan Kneen (former member of the 10 Tenors) on the program. The event, sponsored by FCRC, Tiara Lions, Ergon and Maryborough Sun, included markets, games and jumping castles, food vans, carol singing, a visit from Santa, fireworks and a whole lot of local country-style community fun.

The event, hosted by Gundiah Memorial Hall Assoc., was organised by **Samantha Thompson** who worked many hours with pretty much every political entity, community group and business in the area gaining support, creating fundraising opportunities or sponsorship. Thank you Sam! We look forward to the 2023 Carols! - SK



Moana Jr on stage!

30 Nov. Gundiah & Gunalda State Schools took to the stage for two absolutely breath-taking performances of Moana Jr. Thank you so very much to each and every one of the cast and

crew of our Moana musical, and everyone who supported behind the scenes. We have never been prouder of our students. They took themselves out of their comfort zones and absolutely smashed it. We were also very lucky to meet lots of new friends from our partner school. Lifetime memories. - Darren Cameron

Gundiah Hall Project

Status: "We are awaiting the roof to go on and Ergon to move a power pole. We then can move forward on the front ramp and back walls," said **Cr Denis Chapman** who is helping manage the project with locals - Sandra Kelly, Owen & Lynda Thompson, Lyn & John Kelman, David Higgins and Larry O'Shea, with **Cr Phil Truscott**.

FYI - Cr Chapman actually lives in Div. 8 at Hervey Bay and travels here to help out. He is from a 4-generation local farming family and takes a great interest in FCRC's community projects. A boiler maker and qualified building designer by trade, Denis' work on Bauple Museum, HB Youth Centre, Maryborough boat restoration project etc. demonstrate his commitment to the area.

"Denis has been invaluable, donating a large amount of his time and skills to this project," said Sandra Kelly.

"Thank you, also, to the committee and other trojans who have done so much so far. We have

had families and friends turn up to sand and paint weatherboards, putting in over **100 man hours** on this part of the project, BUT we still have a stack of jobs to go."

Working Bee. "Please consider donating time to this community project this weekend (22 Jan) to help us finish sanding and painting boards."

If you can't physically help, consider a cash donation for any item, like heritage doors, windows, fret work, lighting, or signage. Or, consider organising a fundraising event for the community and hall! - *Gundiah Memorial Hall Assoc.*

Thank you to Bunnings!

Bunnings Maryborough have come to the party yet again, this time with a **new hot water system** donation for Gundiah Hall's building project! Tarsha Froude, Bunnings' Activities Organiser, has been very supportive with fundraising opportunities and donations. We thank the staff & managers at Bunnings Maryborough very much. - *Gundiah Memorial Hall Assoc. (GMHA)*

Gootchie Gossip

Gootchie QCWA: Karen and Jean visited **Petrie Gardens Retirement** home in December and delivered our Christmas gifts to the residents, which were all handmade. Our next visit won't be until February 24th next year, goodness I cannot believe that 2022 has passed by so quickly! Lola, Ros and Lyn attended the Burnett Div Tiaro Units lunch at the **Hideaway** with the other Committee members, and the members of Gootchie Branch held their final meeting for the year at the **Royal Hotel** in Tiaro and husbands joined us for lunch. On Friday 16 December, Gootchie was the host branch to the last Burnett Division **Executive meeting** for 2022; we had 38 members attend.

Members Christine, Karen, Jean and Lyn will help at the **'Take a Break in Tiaro'** free BBQ, on Friday **January 20th 2023**. It has been held for the past 3 years and is held to coincide with the last week of school holidays, last time we served 230 customers, all who were traveling either north or south commented that they enjoyed the break. Gootchie QCWA's first meeting for 2023 will be at 9.30 am on **Tuesday 14th February** and after our meetings we will be doing craft, so if you are interested please come along and join in.

The Gootchie Girls would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe New Year and we will catch up in 2023! - *Lyn & the Gootchie Girls 0408 063 118*



Above: Graduating Year 6 **Gundiah State School Seniors** cut their cake at the Awards Night held 7 December 2022. These students also enjoyed a day out at Aussie World for an end of year celebration.

Air Hockey Table for sale

Gundiah Community Place needs to give away its Air Hockey Table to highest bidder.



ACTION Air Hockey Table Turbo 7.5FT.

Electronic score board. New price \$590. Make an offer! Working and in great condition. Has protective board made so you can use as tabletop. Great for your games room or for your community group. Must pick up from Gundiah. Make an offer - email gundiahhall@gmail.com. Questions? Ask Sandi 0400442118.

Suspicious Activity

Gundiah Community Place (*aka Purple Palace*) has had appliances removed from the garage and kitchen areas. This is the second report of break-in for this building in recent months. We would appreciate everyone keeping an eye on this building for the benefit of the community and letting Larry know of any suspicious activity. If anybody did see people in the vicinity of the Gundiah Oval & buildings from 23 Dec to 1 Jan, please report to Larry O'Shea, 0477 798 411.

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