

GUNDIAH GAZETTE

COMMUNITY NEWS APRIL 2023



Above: Friends do what friends do! Zero Hero supporters from left - Peter Larkin, Mick Jordan, Suzie McCowen, Melissa Stonebridge and Louise Dunlop. Suzie McCowen organised the event.



Above: The pub was full and overflowing on Sunday 2 April, with all ages of supporters shaving their locks, dyeing or waxing body hair for Suzie McCowen's fundraiser for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.



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Beauty! Bruce Backflips!

The Assistant Minister for Regional Roads, Bruce Saunders, now says the Bruce Highway between Gympie and Maryborough must be four laned. Speaking in Gympie on Friday, 24 March, about the Bruce Highway from Gympie to Maryborough, Mr Saunders told local media, 'it's time that we get the four lanes through right now.' So far this year there have been ten serious crashes and three fatalities on the Bruce Highway between Gympie and Maryborough. Mr Llew O'Brien said there are 11,000 vehicle movements between Gympie and Maryborough along the national highway **every day**, and in every jurisdiction with similar traffic volumes the national highway is already four lanes – except for Queensland. - LO'Brien

Please share your road issues with Mr Saunders at Maryborough@parliament.Old.gov.au

ANZAC Day Ceremonies

5.45am ANZAC Dawn Service at Tiaro Memorial Park
11.00am ANZAC Memorial Service at Miva CWA Hall

Zero Heros

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) fundraiser campaign, organised by Suzie McCowen, culminated at the Gundiah Pub and Caravan Park on Sunday 2nd April. It was a terrific turn out and many locals, and non-locals either coloured their hair bright pink or shaved their heads, beards and even eye brows. One Gundiah local, Trent Larkin, stepped it up a notch and allowed people to rip wax strips off his body for \$10/strip!

Many local businesses and community members donated prizes for raffles, which resulted in 20 raffle prizes being up for grabs!

On behalf of NBCF, Suzie can't thank everyone enough for their donations, willingness to colour or lose hair and for the love and support. Together, we've raised **\$8700**, including online donations, to help fund vital research for the NBCF to reach their goal of zero deaths to breast cancer.

Being Prepared

Community Resilience Network. You may not know, but there is a group of 6 Gundiah-ites who attend Council's quarterly Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) meetings and are briefed on supporting and communicating with local residents and Council in case of emergencies and natural disasters.

Sign up to the **Council's Disaster Dashboard**, the best source for all natural disaster and emergency info. (<https://disaster.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/>) You can

also get specific local info by being on the local **Flood Report** email list. (<http://eepurl.com/gYcASH>)

If you don't have an email, share your mobile number and they can text local alerts to you.

AED/Defibrillator is located at Gundiah's Pub, call Dan 4129-3182. The AED is an easy, recorded process that anyone can use. For emergencies, please call 000 *before* you call the Pub.

Contacts: Jenny Pepper 0400 676 287 or Sandra Kelly 0400442118.

New Gutchy Creek Bridge



18 Apr 2023. James, the surveyor, started marking the bypass road for the new Gutchy Creek Bridge on Emerys Bridge Road at Gundiah.

The \$2.1M ~20m span, single lane, concrete bridge is due to be finished in July. There is a 30 tonne limit for the old bridge in the meantime. The site supervisor will directly contact adjoining properties to provide updates relating to the proposed works. To discuss any aspect of this work, please feel free to contact Toni Souvilis FCRC 4123 7225. [You can also download the bridge factsheet here.](#)

At Gundiah School

School is back for Term 2! As part of the HASS unit last term, the Yr 5/6 students learned about Australia's Federation and the significant figures behind the movement. The younger students were focusing on Captain Cooks' arrival and exploration of Australia and about the convicts.

On Thursday the 30th of March the students came dressed in character for the day. We had some wonderful characters including Sir Henry Parkes, Edmund Barton and some convicts. - *Janeen Greaves*

Land Valuations Rise

In Queensland, under the Local Government Act, councils calculate rates as a percentage of land values, as assessed by the state's Valuer-General. Homeowners across Gympie and Noosa regions have seen their land valuations jump by more than 50 per cent. Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart, sees the position the state has taken on land valuations as excessive. Any property owner can object to the State Government determined land valuation by calling 1300 664 217 or visit

www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/title/valuation/objections/lodge-objections

The Purple Palace Awakens

Gundiah Community Place is now all the brighter for a pressure wash, fresh coat of paint inside, new kitchen and appliances, rewiring, revamped bathroom facilities, new air conditioners, and a fresh new **FCRC Lease** signed. Gundiah Memorial Hall Assoc. now leases the council owned building and oval area, which includes the Gundiah State School having use of the oval area during school hours.

An upcoming OPEN HOUSE and **Croquet display** will be advertised shortly, so come and see what's up.



Above: Members and friends test out the new mallets at Gundiah Community Place. From left: Ian Smith, Lynda & Owen Thompson, Jan Reeves, David Higgins John Alexander, Lance Simmers, and Larry O'Shea.

New Croquet Mallets. A huge thank you to FCRC for their patience with GMHA and for recently purchased croquet mallets and balls by way of a sporting grant. More equipment is planned for purchase.

FYI - **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.

Gootchie QCWA Gossip

March 2023 - The lovely ladies at Gootchie QCWA are always doing lovely things in the community, and visiting other far flung CWAs across the region. If you are new to the area, are ready for a bit of adventure and culture, consider joining up with the ladies for their monthly meetings and fun fundraisers. You will be warmly welcomed.

Last month they attended the State International Conference in Hervey Bay, learning about Trinidad and Tobago, culminating with a calypso dinner on Saturday night; visited the elderly at Petrie Gardens; traveled to Oakwood CWA for High Tea; attended Howard QCWA's International Day; and held their own International Luncheon, monster Tombola and finals of the craft competitions on Friday 31st.

And that's not all! Six members manned the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in Gympie on Sunday April 2nd!

Recipe Book. Gootchie branch celebrates 90 years in December by reprinting their recipe collection of tried and true favourites. It is available to purchase for \$5 from a member or by contacting Lyn Kelman.

- *Lyn & the Gootchie Girls 0408 063118*