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what's on

FROM 10 OCTOBER

THURSDAY (EACH WEEK)

THURSDAY ARVIE BARBIE - 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Come down to the PCYC for a free sausage sizzle and pizza with PlayStation games, pool tables, Big Screen TV, board games, arts and craft, ping pong table and music. All ages welcome.

12 OCTOBER

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL FASHION PARADE – Join QUOTA International at the Gladstone Events Centre to celebrate 100 years of serving our communities. Proceeds in aid of local disadvantaged women and children. Great fashions, delicious afternoon tea, lucky door prize and lots of raffles. Entertainment by Kissing the Flint.

13 OCTOBER

GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING FESTIVAL LAUNCH DAY. The family fun day will be held at Memorial Park, activities to suit all ages, including a 5m rock climbing wall, sumo suit wrestling, giant inflatable slide, mechanical bull, combat archery, zorb ball collision course and Kindy Sports. The PCYC markets will be on and entry is FREE.

19 OCTOBER

GLADSTONE MEN'S SHED OPEN DAY AND GARAGE SALE – Join the Men's Shed to celebrate 2 years at their great venue. Tours of the woodworking and metal work workshops, demonstrations, morning tea and a sausage sizzle. Garage sale all morning selling surplus tools and furniture, fittings and garden plants. Raffles with great prizes.

19 OCTOBER

GLADSTONE PORT CURTIS ROTARY CLUB presents the 2019 Oktoberfest. Food and beverages available on the day. Tickets include a free beer on entry, free stein for the first 200 entrants through the door and live music all day!

20 OCTOBER

CQ DETECTORISTS CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY - Try Metal Detecting as a hobby with help from the CQ Detectorists Club Members. Bring your own detector or borrow one of ours with instruction provided. Historical relic displays, gem and gold fossicking information, Burgers, sausages and cold drinks available.

26 OCTOBER

LAKE AWOONGA ADVENTURE RACE AND PICNIC IN THE PARK – Registration is now open! Don't miss your chance to ride, kayak and run through the beautiful surrounds of Lake Awoonga and then join in the afternoon festivities of prize draws and entertainment in the park.

31 OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN KIDS PARTY @ HARVEY ROAD TAVERN - Bring the kids to Harvey Road Tavern (HRT) for a safe night out. FREE popcorn, jumping castle, kids' entertainment & scary lolly bag for every kids' meal purchased. Prizes for best dressed.

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The Foundation is calling for expressions of interest from organisations and groups in accordance with the funding criteria available on the Gladstone Foundation's website at <http://gladstonefoundation.org.au>.

Expressions of interest for this round of funding should be submitted by 5pm on Friday, 1 November 2019.

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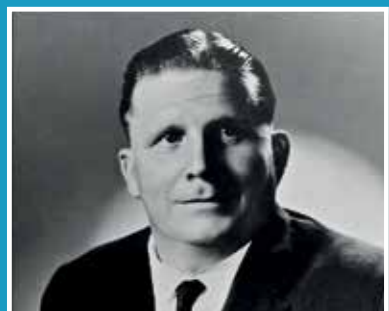
Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards 2019

Awards namesake

Martin Hanson (1923-1976) was a popular and highly respected local businessman, Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Port Curtis 1963-1976, and patron to the Gladstone Artists Club. As a tribute to his patronage and in conjunction with the family, the Gladstone Artists Club held the first *Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards & Exhibition* in 1976.

The Gallery & Museum became the custodian of the Awards in 1993, making it an integral and much anticipated part of the annual exhibition calendar.

From 1976, until her passing in 1998, Mary Hanson, Martin Hanson's wife, officially opened the exhibition and presented the prizes in memory of her late husband. Their daughter, Elizabeth Zussino, continues the family's commitment today through the sponsorship of *The Local Murri Artist Award*.



Martin Hanson, MLA

The community can expect another dynamic display of artworks in traditional and contemporary styles, including painting, drawing, collage, photography, moving image, sculpture and fibre work at the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, during *The 44th Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards*.

With the submissions open from Thursday to Saturday, 10 - 12 October, the Gallery & Museum will see artists flocking in with their newest creations over these three days. As in previous years, there are four sections of entry, *Easel Paintings, Works on Paper, Three Dimensional & Fibre Works* and *Digital Works*, presenting an exciting opportunity for artists working in a variety of media.

Following the intake of entries, the Gallery & Museum will close its doors from 5pm, Saturday, 12 October, to

allow for the transformation to take place, reopening 10am, Saturday, 19 October.

The 2019 Judge, Simon Elliott, will present two engaging sessions throughout the opening day prior to the Official Opening & Awards Presentation that evening.

Following the Awards Presentation, all are invited to vote for their favourite works during the *2019 QAL People's Choice Awards*. The exhibition continues until 5pm, Thursday 5 December.

Hosted by the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, the *Art Awards* are proudly supported by all-local individuals, businesses and industry. Co-funding the \$40,000 prize pool, each sponsor makes an invaluable contribution to the artists' development and the arts overall.



Ainslie McMahon, recipient of *The 43rd Rio Tinto Martin Hanson Memorial Art Award*, and Mark Gilmore, General Manager, Rio Tinto Yarrow, with Ainslie's winning work, *Drought in the Lucky Country*, 2018. Photograph: E. Korotkaia

▶ Mark your calendar

Calling for submissions:

10am - 5pm, Thursday 10, Friday 11
& Saturday 12 October 2019

Exhibition opens:

10am, Saturday, 19 October 2019

Judge's Floor Talk,

followed by Artists Lunch:

11am, Saturday, 19 October 2019

Judge's Illustrated Lecture:

2pm, Saturday, 19 October 2019

Official Opening and

Awards Presentation:

6pm, Saturday, 19 October 2019

QAL People's Choice

voting available:

After exhibition launch on Saturday,
19 October, until Thursday,
28 November 2019

Art Awards, Artist Talks:

10.30am, Saturday,
16 November 2019

The QAL People's Choice Awards

Morning Tea:

11am, Wednesday, 4 December 2019

Exhibition closes:

5pm, Thursday, 5 December 2019



Allen Craigie, recipient of *The Local Murri Artist Award*, sponsored by Elizabeth & Leo Zussino, with his winning work, *Community*, 2018. Photograph: E. Korotkaia



Kristel Kelly, recipient of *The Installers Choice Award*, with Award sponsor, Lauren Tkacik, and Kristel's winning work, *The Wall in 'my' room*, 2018. Photograph: E. Korotkaia



Erin Dunne with her winning work *Sprinkler Poems, Section 2: Works on Paper*, *The Creative Gladstone Region Inc. Award*, 2018. Photograph: E. Korotkaia



The QAL People's Choice Awards 2018 winner in Section 1, Easel Paintings, Andrea Chapman with her work *The Old Workhorse*, 2018. Photograph: E. Korotkaia

Meet the judge

Each year a highly regarded Judge is invited to deliberate over the *Art Awards* entries. Not only do they face the challenge selecting the winning works, but also engage the community through a series of presentations – the Judge's Floor Talk, the Judge's Illustrated Lecture and *Awards Presentation*. This year, the Gallery & Museum is excited to announce that Simon Elliott will be taking up the role as the *2019 Art Awards Judge*.

Currently the Deputy Director, Curatorial and Exhibitions at the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA), Simon has over 28 years' experience working in art museums throughout Australia.

Simon has held roles in local, State and Commonwealth museums, including 17 years at national institutions based in Canberra.

In addition to his current role with QAGOMA, Simon is the Deputy Chair of the national museum industry peak body Australian Museums and Galleries Association.



Simon Elliott

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The story began in 1919 when Colin D Patrick came across the store that would stay in his family for the next 100 years. Colin opened the store after finishing his apprenticeship with Hardy Brothers in Brisbane and quickly cemented himself as a fine watch maker and jeweller in the region. The sons Noel and Douglas returned to the business after the second World War in the 1950's and continued until current owners Ross and wife Rhyl took over the family business in the 1980's. Fast forward to 2019 and Patrick's Jewellers hits the 100-year milestone, the same name, same family and the same location for 100 years, now that's a reason to celebrate!

Over the years the business has had to diversify to keep up with trends saying goodbye to the good old fashioned

glomesh wallets, silver plate tea sets and believe it or not soda streams but diamonds and timeless classics like the Adina watch have stayed as top sellers.

When we asked what keeps the family business alive through the tough times Rhyl simply replied, "We don't compete. We sell quality pieces, totally different stock to our competitors and we're independent".

Our biggest achievement was when we were given members of the year from our buying group Nation Wide Jewellers for Australia and New Zealand, we were honoured to be given such an award.

"We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the years, and we look forward to welcoming shoppers to our 100-year celebration sale for the month of October."



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Pomegranate seeds
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METHOD;

In a small saucepan, heat the water and sugar over high heat.

Stir until the sugar dissolves and the mixture comes to a boil. Set aside and let it cool.

Place two lime wedges, five mint leaves and half of the simple syrup mixture in each glass. Muddle the ingredients together to infuse the flavours. Add in the ice and pomegranate seeds. Then, pour 60 ml of pomegranate juice in each glass, followed by about 120ml of soda water. Stir well.

Garnish the tops of the drinks with extra mint and pomegranate seeds.

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19 OCTOBER - 5 DECEMBER 2019**

**QAL PEOPLE'S CHOICE VOTING:
19 OCTOBER - 28 NOVEMBER 2019**

HELP TO PROTECT *Your Patch*

WITH THE GREAT BARRIER REEF ON OUR DOORSTEP, GLADSTONE IS KNOWN FOR ITS LARGE BOATING POPULATION AND PLETHORA OF OFFSHORE ACTIVITIES; SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE SOME SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP PROTECT THE WORLD HERITAGE AREA YOU'RE EXPLORING.

Whether you're out on the boat with family, visiting islands in the Bunker Group, or just chatting to friends who are keen fishers; you can play a key part in protecting your special patch of the Reef.

So what can you do? It's important to know the marine parks zoning rules and understand where you're going and what's allowed before you head out, says Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority compliance manager Ben Kettle.

"Know how to use your GPS plotter, get a free zoning map, and download the free Eye on the Reef zoning app from the App Store or Google Play," Ben says.



"With the Reef under increasing pressure, there's no excuse for not knowing and following the rules. In the Gladstone area, there are particular poaching hotspots in no-take green zones near Curtis Island, Polmaise, Llewellyn, Hoskyn and Fairfax Reefs, and near Lady Musgrave and Lady Elliot Island.

"Fishers may think taking one or two fish from a green zone is OK, but repeated poaching in the same spot can have a significant impact."

The Marine Park Authority is also urging marine parks visitors to 'Protect your Patch' by reporting suspected no-take green zone poaching or other illegal activity via anonymous 24-hour hotline 1800 380 048 or www.gbrmpa.gov.au. All reports are investigated.

Here are some other ways you can help to protect the Reef...

Anchor on sand or use a free public mooring
Avoid taking herbivorous fish like parrotfish, which remove seaweed and provide space for new corals to grow
Share information with your friends and family by downloading our 'champions pack': <http://bit.ly/2OfuTkP>. Tag @gbrmarinepark and use the hashtag #ZoningRules

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**How to report
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It's simple...

HELP PROTECT THE REEF

Report poaching and other suspected illegal activity

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REPORTING TIPS



WHO?

Vessel identity
Name and registration number of offending vessel



WHAT?

Brief description of activity
If possible and practical, photos can be supplied



WHEN?

Time and date of incident



WHERE?

Provide the nearest landmark, reef or coordinates



WHY?

Poaching from no-take green zones impacts us all
It threatens the health and resilience of the Reef. Reports can be made anonymously

International Rural Women's Day

INTERNATIONAL RURAL WOMEN'S DAY IS HELD ON OCTOBER 15 AND RECOGNISES THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF RURAL WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD. GLADSTONE NEWS CHATTED WITH TWO WOMEN IN THE GLADSTONE REGION WHO EMBRACE THEIR RURAL LIFESTYLE.

Becc Farrell – Alkoomi

Becc and her family run "Alkoomi" a small cattle farm and Farm Stay 65kms north of Gladstone. Since owning the farm Becc and her husband have had to diversify to build a business that will hopefully sustain their family in the future and reduce the need to for the kid's Dad to source work off the farm. "When running a cattle farm, you are dependent on the seasons and prices, tourism, on the other hand, is something

that is not dependent on these elements," Becc said. "Tourists still travel and visit even if the land is dry, people will always travel, no matter what the season," Becc said the family enjoys giving travellers the chance to experience farm life and see first-hand what it's like to live on a farm. "It is very rewarding seeing the smiles on kids' faces jumping out of the vans running over to a tyre swing or riding a horse for the first time."

Becc grew up on properties in Western Queensland and embraced the lifestyle of living and working on the land and said that while it's not without its challenges, it is rewarding. "You have to be a Jill of all trades and be prepared to get dirty," she said. "I'm sure a lot of farming woman can relate when I say "something always happens when the hubby is away" like fixing a busted pipe that a camper has put a tent peg through or getting the cattle back through the fence after a dingo has spooked them into the neighbours paddock and keeping on top of general farm maintenance. Some days can be a juggle,

but I would not change any of this as this is what living on the land is all about! The fresh air, wide-open space to move, being woken by the animals and birdlife in the early morning, seeing your children grow up to be capable young adults, picking up a tool from the shed and fixing a problem that arises."

While access to the 'outside world' is more accessible these days, Becc explained that things are not that much different from when her Mother was on the land. "I feel we still face the same changing times, drought/floods, juggling life as a parent/wife/teacher/gardener/farmhand/offsider not just to your own family but your extended family working with you on the property."



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Lyn – Myella Farm

GLADSTONE NEWS SAT DOWN WITH LYN, OWNER AND MANAGER OF MYELLA FARM AND POP QUIZZED HER ABOUT GROWING UP IN ON THE LAND, RUNNING A CATTLE FARM AND THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING A RURAL WOMAN AND IT'S MAKING US WANT TO VISIT!

What does a day on the farm look like for you? I am more of a manager so now days I do a lot more Pink jobs than I use to (pink jobs are the inside jobs that us country girls don't like - cooking, cleaning, paper work then hopefully outside to do some blue jobs... like milking cows, checking waters, fixing fences, checking paddocks and cattle. I love riding a horse, motorbike or tractor and it is often linked with the work. By being a country girl born and breed I have a lot of skills, so I do what is needed.

What do you farm? Our farm is a 1140-hectare beef cattle farm, the land grows cattle to be sold near Rockhampton and has a great history which I find very interesting.

Tell us about the different challenges your mother faced on the land compared to the challenges that you face daily? My mother was a good cattle and horse woman, but I don't think her skills were acknowledged however in my mid 30's I got the feeling that I was accepted and respected for my work. My mother just got on with things and was very resourceful and I followed in her footsteps. My challenge is the office work is bigger than ever before!

Tell me about your roles in the business. I am owner and manager of a beef cattle farm and a tourism enterprise. I do a bit of everything from animal welfare and mustering cattle, from cooking and cleaning and all aspects of office work to marketing, hosting and communicating with guests, agents and other businesses.

What advice would you give young women looking at going into the field of agriculture? Now more than ever the agricultural industry needs women. We are great communicators and our ability



to focus on more than one task is what the agricultural sector needs. Our great work ethics and organizational skills are an asset, we have what it takes to make a successful career in agriculture.

What is the best thing about being a rural woman? It beats living in town – there is more to do and the work makes sense, you can make a difference and be in touch with the animals, the nature and the land.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

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HEADSPACE DAY 2019 IS A NATIONAL DAY OF SUPPORT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ALL YOUNG AUSTRALIANS.

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DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE? SEE BEYOND THE STIGMA AND MAKE MENTAL HEALTH MORE VISIBLE.



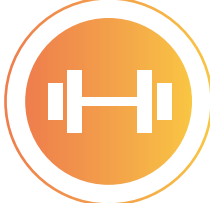
World Mental Health Day – 10 October – is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. An initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health to raise public awareness of mental health issues worldwide.

1 in 5 Australians are affected by mental illness, yet many don't seek help because of stigma. We can all do something to help shed a more positive light on mental health.



Stigma around mental illness due to misunderstanding or prejudice remains an issue in Australia, delaying or preventing people from wanting or feeling able to seek help, and impacting adversely on their lives.

Misconceptions and misrepresentations about those experiencing mental illness are damaging to people's lives. They may include references to people affected



as being 'scary', 'comical', 'incompetent', 'weak' or 'hopeless' and can appear anywhere, from in the media and the arts to conversations we have at work, school or home.



Mental Health Australia leads the World Mental Health Day campaign in Australia. The organisation has a focus on ensuring the whole community recognises the part we all play in creating a mentally healthy society.



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Gladstone Regional Council Mayor, Matt Burnett said the bolt would be a great, active way to see and explore

the beautiful Mount Biondello. "I can't wait to see the Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens and Mount Biondello filled with eager racers and spectators," Councillor Burnett said. "With competitive, corporate, and family categories, there is a bolt for everyone. "This is the first time Council has facilitated a race up Mount Biondello, and I have no doubt it will become a signature event on the Gladstone Region events' calendar."

The competitive bolt will take participants on a 7km trail, while the family and corporate bolt will be a

3.5km trail.

For more information on the Biondello Bolt, including race length, race timings and cost, visit <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/biondello-bolt/> Tickets can be purchased in-person at the GECC box office, by contacting the GECC box office on 4972 2822 or online at <https://gladstoneentertainment.com/biondello-bolt/>

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local business profile

KARA D'ARCY



What is your business? Harbour City Tiles & Carpets

How long have you been in business for? I started coming in as the little girl that sat under the desk in 1989, Saturday morning work when I was about 14, delivery girl when I was 19 and manager/sales from when I was 21.

What products and or services does your business supply?

Harbour City Tiles & Carpets provides Floor, Wall and decorative tiles. Tile adhesives, waterproofing, tools & trims. Also, we offer supply and installation of Carpets, Vinyls, Vinyl plank, laminate, floating floors & bamboo. We also offer a very vast knowledge bank when it comes to flooring products.

What is the best thing about being in business in the Gladstone Region?

I believe it's the repeat customers. I love seeing our clients return. I am assuming that it would be rare in other regions that this would happen – they become part of our “family”.

What would you say to someone considering launching their own business? It's important to love what you do. There will be good days and bad days, focus on trying your best to provide great customer service, keep your head up and listen to advice

What is the highlight of your time as a business owner?

Whenever people leave our store happy, I believe it's a highlight. Being recognised for having a large showroom that features a huge range of products that are available for our clients rarely seen outside of a metropolitan region is another highlight that we are very proud of. Also, having staff that stand by you. WE are over the moon that our staff are dedicated to helping provide amazing service to our clients and are all long standing members of our team.

Tell us one thing people don't know about you or your business?

Growing up I was adamant that I would never have anything to do with the tile industry. My Dad's passion for his business and supplying Gladstone with unique tiles at reasonable prices was passed onto me and I strive every day to keep his legacy alive.



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FEDERAL MINISTER FOR FLYNN, KEN O'DOWD AND MINISTER MARK COULTON MINISTER FOR REGIONAL SERVICES, DECENTRALISATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND ASSISTANT TRADE & INVESTMENT MINISTER HOSTED A HEALTH FORUM IN GLADSTONE LAST WEEK.



Gladstone's health services were the center of local stakeholder discussions on Thursday after hard working Federal Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd, took action to ensure relevant voices band together to chart a way forward.

"I have called in the big guns to help address the challenges faced by the local health sector, adding the forum would feature Regional Services Minister, Mark Coulton and local and national stakeholders", Ken O'Dowd said.

I'm very pleased to have my friend and colleague, Minister Coulton, join us to see first-hand Gladstone's challenges and I certainly appreciate the interest from a range of national stakeholders who see Gladstone's situation as an important one to address". Challenges facing local services are long-standing and diverse.

I've called this forum with the

intention of cutting through to the core issues by having a diverse assortment of local representatives – and state and national bodies – in the same room.

Federal Minister for Regional Services, Mark Coulton, said the forum offered an opportunity for a range of stakeholders to make clear both the challenges and opportunities before the local community.

Gladstone is set to feature prominently in a National rural health workforce conference later this month, the forum provides an exciting opportunity to provide information about the process.

Afterwards we headed to the council chambers where we met with the Mayor and Councilors to get their view on the health situation and discussed plans for the region's future.

Ken O'Dowd MP

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Welcome to our newest trainees!

FIVE ENTHUSIASTIC TRAINEES HAVE JOINED THE GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATIONS (GPC) CROSS INDUSTRY OPERATIONS (CIO) TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM, BECOMING THE THIRD GROUP TO COMMENCE SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION IN 2016.

The trainees will complete placements with various GPC departments, gaining valuable skills in Administration, Warehouse Operations, Building Services, Parks and Recreation and Marine Operations.

GPC Acting CEO Craig Walker said the five new starters have an invaluable opportunity to learn under the guidance of our skilled supervisors and mentors, each keen to see them succeed.

"We are absolutely committed to

providing strong employment outcomes for our CIO trainees and look forward to helping guide them to create long term career pathways," Mr Walker said.

"The program is designed to support the region's future Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander leaders in their journey from education and training to employment.

"Our traineeship is unique, it exposes the trainees to a vast range of roles and skills across GPC, while giving them an opportunity to tap into the knowledge of our employees with more than 40 years' experience."

The new starters have hit the ground running, starting with a six week on-boarding and induction program, balancing corporate requirements with cultural learnings, while ensuring a strong focus on safety in the workplace.

GPC Indigenous Affairs Advisor Lee-ann Dudley said the traineeship is about empowering emerging Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander leaders, their families and community.

"Our trainees are encouraged to develop and grow their skills to make a positive change in their life and in the community they live in," Ms Dudley said.

"I'm excited to see our third group commence with us, this is a continued commitment as part of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

"We are looking to launch our third RAP in the coming month, and I'm pleased that Janet, Shaquille, Jymeekah, Kyeema and Tamera will be heavily involved in the unveiling."

The trainees will commence in their respective work areas on Monday 28 October.



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GPC is proud to welcome our new cohort of Cross Industry Operations Trainees

TOOLOOA'S LUNCH ON THE LAWN 2019

A huge success!

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE SUCCESS OF THE INAUGURAL 'LUNCH ON LAWN' FUNDRAISER AND CELEBRATION EVENT, THE TOOLOOA STATE HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO #GETLOLED IN 2019. THIS YEAR, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE SMITH FAMILY IN RECOGNITION OF THE BRILLIANT WORK THEY DO WITH SUPPORTING THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE.

This year the school was bathed in blue (in honour of The Smith Family) and staff, students and invited guests poured onto the oval to celebrate a very successful term, enjoy some spring sunshine, eat pizza, support the school Interact group and be entertained by a Maths V English dance-off.

The event is an enormous undertaking and the work is shouldered by committed Skills for Work teacher, Lindy Taylor. Along with her students, who use the event to achieve authentic work skill competencies, Miss Taylor organised the promotion of Lunch on the Lawn as well as the running of the actual afternoon. This is such an invaluable opportunity for kids to experience what it is like to project manage something from conception to fruition.

Throughout the year, the school community has diligently raised funds for The Smith Family and staff accepted particular challenges from the students aligned to the amounts raised. When the English and Maths teachers agreed to participate in a dance-off if \$4000 could be raised, they never expected

the students to actually achieve this... but they did and the staff honoured the bet! While hugely entertaining for the spectators, it's safe to say that teachers should stick to teaching and leave dancing to those with a few more skills!

Lunch on the Lawn is a wonderful example of school and community spirit and is such a highlight of Toolooa's calendar. Working to serve others while bringing the school together in a spirit of collegiality and fun is the perfect way to end the term. In 60 minutes the Toolooa State High School was able to raise \$1000 for The Smith Family in addition to the \$4000 already raised.



INDIGENOUS STUDENTS MAKE HISTORY

With remarkable robots

WHEN KIERAN CONNOLLY AND HIS FRIENDS FROM TOOLOOA STATE HIGH TOOK UP ROBOTICS, THEY NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD PUT THEM IN THE HISTORY BOOKS... BUT IT HAS.

Earlier this month, Kieran danced alongside the Toolooa Indigenous Robotics Group's (TIGeR) robots, as they performed a Traditional Torres Strait Islander dance at the Central Queensland Junior Robotics Competition.



It was the first time a team of Indigenous students had programmed robots to showcase their culture and perform alongside them. The presentation was so impressive the TIGeRs took out the competition's grand final.



It was an outstanding achievement, considering this was their first competition and they were taking on over 300 students from more than 30 schools.

It was also the culmination of 12 months of hard work, all starting with Indigenous Support Unit worker, Brad Egglestone and his involvement in professional development sessions in robotics led by the Queensland Minerals and Energy Academy (QMEA) and Shell's QGC business.



Brad, part of Toolooa State High's highly successful Indigenous support unit, took his inspiration back to school and encouraged the TIGeRs to take up robotics. QMEA also continued to work closely with the group, connecting them with leading robotics educator Dr Damien Kee.

"It's really good to do these competitions, because beforehand you get to work with your friends in building them and then you get to show what you can do," he said.

Kieran plans to study aerospace engineering and knows the skills he's learned through robotics will help him achieve his dream.



local history

Friend's Store, Customs boathouse and town baths.

by Betty Laver



Pictured is one of the Town Baths Enclosure when George & Grace Phillips leased it. The Customs Boathouse & Friends Store were also in this building.

George and Grace Phillips came to the Gladstone area c1890 and decided to try their luck at gold digging. They soon found this was very hard work, with little return, so they moved into Gladstone where Grace bought a business.

She began conducting a bathing enclosure and George went into his love for boats and built up a great business, hiring pleasure craft.

Their son, Dick (who married Elizabeth Gunzler from Blackgate, Calliope) was also keen on boats and he assisted his father in this venture. George and Grace had the pleasure of owning the first motor driven watercraft used in Gladstone. They conducted these businesses for fourteen years and then sold (baths and vessels) to Bill Hodge.

Photo taken c1900

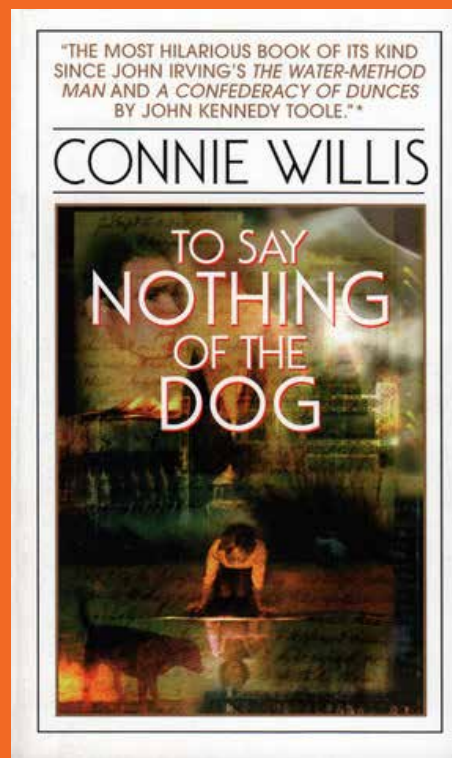
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book review

To Say Nothing of the Dog by Connie Willis



Set some time in the not-too-distant future To Say Nothing of the Dog is the second in the Oxford Time Travel series by Connie Willis and is a wonderfully fun book. Join Ned and Verity as they search for the Stump and meet an interesting and varied cast of characters along the way. Princess Arjumand, a cat,

and Cyril the Bulldog are two of my favorite characters. Princess Arjumand is the catalyst that almost destroys the space-time continuum!

By Fran Moroney –
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To Say Nothing of the Dog can be borrowed as an eBook via BorrowBox as part of Gladstone Regional Libraries' collection. Other books by this author can also be borrowed in eBook or print format.

Ned Henry has gone back to the 1940s and is searching every jumble sale and all over Coventry for a Victorian atrocity called the Bishop's Bird Stump. The Stump is part of a project by the eccentric Lady Schrapnell to restore Coventry Cathedral, which was destroyed in a WWII air raid.

Verity Kindle was also searching for the Bishop's Bird Stump, but back in Victorian England. When she inadvertently brings back something from the past all sorts of complications ensue, that could change history!

THE YOUNG, BLACK AND PROUD SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded to local youth

ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER, TWO LOCAL YOUNG INDIGENOUS QUEENSLANDERS WERE AWARDED THE YOUNG, BLACK, AND PROUD SCHOLARSHIPS (YBPS) TO SUPPORT THE PURSUIT OF THEIR DREAMS.

The scholarships are managed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service (ATSICHS) Brisbane and sponsored by the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) and support the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people who require financial support for schooling, university, the arts or sporting activities.



23-year-old Jaye from Burua was awarded a scholarship in the Education and Training category. Working

fulltime in community organisations, including HeadSpace, Jaye is working to improve the lives of Indigenous young people living with mental health. Jaye's dream is to continue supporting her local community, helping people in their life's journey. Jaye is using her scholarship funds to help cover the cost of her Diploma in Community Services. "My career aspirations are to continue to support the community by breaking down the stigma of mental health, encourage and support our young people to seek help throughout their life journey.... I want to have the opportunity to excel in my career and be a supportive role model to our Indigenous young people and community," Jaye explained.

Agnes Water's Tyron, a 13-year-old Butchulla/Badtjala boy, has also been awarded a scholarship in the Sports category. Tyron



enjoys being involved with the Deadly Boxing Academy. He has a keen interest in health and fitness and tries to be a positive role model for his little brother. Tyron dreams of one day walking out at the Commonwealth Games or Olympic Games carrying the Aboriginal flag, showing the world how proud he is to be an Aboriginal man, and to 'show that the statistics and stereotypes do not define us and our people.' Tyron has won the National Open Golden Gloves (57kg) and the U19 State Titles. He will continue his fighting at a national representative level this year Fighting in NZ for NZ National Titles and for Australian National Titles. "I live in a very humble home in a rural community; my dad is a carer for my mum and disabled sister, making it impossible for my parents to work. With seven kids and medical expenses, money doesn't come easy. I appreciate everything my parents and family have sacrificed for me to be able to pursue my boxing dreams," Tyron added.

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