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ballerino

MACKAY-BORN DANCER RIAN THOMPSON IS HEADING BACK TO RURAL **QUEENSLAND TO SUPPORT QUEENSLAND BALLET'S IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AS** PART OF ITS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TOUR.

Thompson started dancing at age four and trained at Theatre Arts Mackay before moving to Brisbane to further his career as a ballerino.

During his decade with the company he's performed in roles such as Peter Pan in Trey McIntyre's Peter Pan, Benvolio in Sir Kenneth MacMillan's Romeo & Juliet, Bottom in Liam Scarlett's A Midsummer Night's Dream and Koschei in Firebird.

He said it is always good to return to the regions, especially to share the magic of ballet.

"Ballet transformed me, it was something that spoke to me from an early age, and I knew I was prepared to work hard to make a career out of it," he said.

"To be able to share that magic with young children in rural Queensland is a privilege, and I hope something

a great opportunity for school students to experience the joys of dance, be it physical movement, the social aspect, or the outlet of creative expression," Thompson added. Queensland Ballet's Education Teaching Artists will be in Gladstone on August 28-29.

The Education Teaching Artists packed their bags and hit the open road for August and September, taking education and community workshops to 15 locations far and wide across Queensland.

The tour had been suspended due to Queensland Government travel restrictions and was finally approved after a robust plan was developed in alignment with Queensland Government guidelines and the AusDance Dance and Physical Performing Arts COVID Safe Plan.

Queensland Ballet Education Manager, Martha Godber said "All workshops will adhere to COVID safe guidelines and Queensland Ballet's strict WHS processes to ensure the safety of our Teaching Artists and participants is



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prioritised at all times."

"Education Teaching Artists and participants will have to follow guidelines, including keeping 1.5 metres apart at all times. Certain choreography has also been adapted, including partnering activities, pas de deux, sharing of props or costumes and collaborative group work," she concluded.

Also happening on tour are the community workshops, led by Queensland Ballet's Education Teaching Artists, which aim to inspire regional communities and provide the opportunity to experience the physical, social and emotional benefits of dance. They cater for all ages and abilities with something on offer for everyone. Community classes, presented by Ergon Energy and Energex, range from QB Petit Pointers aimed to enthral the littlest lovers of dance, to a tailored Ballet for Adults class for mature active adults. Children from six to 17-years-old will also delight in tailored ballet workshops.

Those who register for the workshops are required to adhere to social distancing regulations.

To find out what is on offer and to register your spot, head to https://www.queenslandballet.com.au/community/ regional-and-international-programs/2020-regionalschool-and-community-workshops





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UBER HAIR celebrates 15 years

LAST MONTH UBER HAIR CELEBRATED 15 YEARS OF BEING IN BUSINESS IN GLADSTONE.

Hayley Pinel opened the business back in 2005 with a team of herself and one apprentice. Over the years Hayley has grown her team, currently employing six Gladstone locals and will soon welcome her seventh member.

To celebrate the occasion Hayley said, "We went pretty big this year with color which is not typical for hair salons, because of how the year has been for a lot of people we recognized that it was time to have a bit more festivity and a bit more fun."

"So the salon was completely decked out with rainbow balloons... Hundreds and hundreds of balloons. We also had really fun giveaways and a gifting station, as we wanted it to be special for our clients."

"We've had clients who have supported us the entire time, we've had clients coming here for 15 years and we just wanted to say a little bit of a thank you."

"Everything was lollies and candy themed even the foil we used in everyone's hair was rainbow colored for the whole month."

Hayley attributes her businesses success to the care she provides to her customers.

"What we do is caring for people, our industry is quite mass produced, so it's all about what you can do for that person."



Gladstone Garden & Landscaping Supplies lend a helping hand

GLADSTONE LOCALS MARCENA AND DANNY CASHMAN, OWNERS OF GLADSTONE GARDEN & LANDSCAPING SUPPLIES, RECENTLY COMPLETED A FREE LANDSCAPING JOB FOR A CUSTOMER WHO UNWITTILY FELL VICTIM TO A \$3000 SCAM.

The customer, who wishes to remain anonymous, contacted a landscaping company to re-turf their yard. The company demanded an upfront payment of \$3000

only to disappear off the face of the earth once receiving the payment, disconnecting all phone numbers associated with the company.

"My husband quickly got on the phone to Mick from Turfworks they both agreed to surprise the customer completing the turfing." Marcena said.



"The landscaping we were doing at the time wasn't turfing but my husband and Mick decided to add some as a surprise for the customer and we went halves in the supply and installation of the turf."

Marcena said the customer was overwhelmed by the generosity, bursting into tears when they revealed the new turf.

Gladstone Garden & Landscaping and Turfworks had to clear the area, truck in soil, truck in the turf and finally lay it on the ground. It took a total of three men and two days to complete the job.

"We have a great working relationship with Mick from Turfworks, they are a really great crew, so we just rang him, and he was on board!"

Marcena said her husband Danny was the driving force behind the project and wanted to lend a hand as he really felt for the customer.

"It's a lot of money! The customer wasn't in a high paying job, they have been saving like mad to get the other landscaping work done, so Danny thought if we could do something small to put a smile on their face that would be nice."

New Toyotas Arrive In Gladstone

THE LOCAL TEAM AT BILL ROBERTSON TOYOTA ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME SEVERAL NEW VEHICLES INTO THEIR GLADSTONE DEALERSHIP AFTER A COVID-19 INDUCED HIATUS LAUNCHING ON SEPTEMBER 5TH.

Bill Robertson Toyota Dealer Principal, James Robertson said he was pleased to welcome the new HiLux range and the all-new Yaris, and that coming soon there will be the facelifted Fortuner, C-HR, LandCruiser 70 Series and Rav4. "COVID-19 slowed the release of new vehicles however things are now returning to normal," Mr Robertson said.

"Gladstone residents may have noticed our car yard has been light on stock, but we're glad to say our yard is filling up with these new vehicle launches." Toyota has reinforced its "continuous improvement" mantra by introducing new features in their vehicles that advance the appeal of their best-selling range whilst enhancing comfort and convenience.

Consumers will notice changes to the HiLux range that significantly advance the performance, handling and emotional appeal of Australia's best-selling vehicle, whilst the all-new Yaris sets a new benchmark for compact cars with its stylish design, dynamic performance and clever application of new technologies.

Bill Robertson Toyota celebrated the launch of the new HiLux, the all-new Yaris along with showcasing their Hybrid range with a special test drive day on Saturday September 5th at their dealership on Hanson Road, Gladstone.

The test drive day was open to the public from 8.30am-12.30pm. There was a free morning tea for those attending the event and a few giveaways. The team also offered free anti-theft number plate fittings.



Tanya K scores Australia Post MERCHANDISE LINE



LOCAL GLADSTONE ARTIST TANYA KALANTRY HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY AUSTRALIA FOR HER OWN MERCHANDISE LINE.

"I was approached July last year through a product development company, who were contracted by Australia Post to find an unknown Australia artist and they found me!" Tanya said.

The merchandise line features a wide range of amazing giftware with Tanya's signature native Australian floral prints. The line includes aprons, tea towels, coffee mugs, water bottles, scented drawer sachets, reusable shopping bags, printed heat packs, hand crème and bath salts.

The product development company Ultimatum found Tanya by searching hashtags relating to Australian artists on Instagram.

"They wanted an Australian artist that did 'Australiana' and I think because my art is so bright and colorful it captured their attention."

The whole process took over a year to complete with Ultimatum contacting Tanya early July last year, from there they had to pitch Tanya's art to Australia Post.

"During September they got back to me and said Australia Post loves your stuff and they want to go through with it all. From there it was just a matter of ordering in all the products from overseas and getting them distributed throughout Australia."

When asked how it felt to have her name and art nationwide Tanya said,

"Oh gosh! I thought it was such a great opportunity, Australia Post is in every town around the country. It's such great exposure."



tips for a stress-free move

MOVING HOUSE IS AN EXCITING TIME, HOWEVER IT CAN ALSO CAUSE A HUGE AMOUNT OF STRESS.

If you're not properly organised it can end up costing a fortune, taking weeks and causing fights within the family.

To avoid these outcomes, organisation is key so we've created a checklist that will ensure a smooth transition.

Start early

Leaving things until the last minute is probably the worst thing you could do when moving house. Moving typically takes at least a few days, so depending on where and when you're moving, you may need to take time off of work, book removalists or cleaners in advance, etc. Starting the process early will also allow you to pack in organised manner, which will make the unpacking process far easier.

Take it one room at a time

Don't try to do everything at once. Figure out what you don't need every day and start there. Maybe it's the spare room or guest bathroom. Move through your space, packing one room at a time and before you know it, you'll be finished. Packing this way also ensures your things won't get mixed in with each other, making the unpacking process far easier.

Essentials box

There are some things, your everyday essentials, that you won't be able to pack until the day of the move. Set aside a designated box for these items, to avoid them getting lost amongst the rest. You may like to create two of these boxes, one for personal items like chargers, clothing, phones and toiletries and one for kitchen essentials like food items and essential cooking tools.

Cull

Packing all your stuff up is a great opportunity to get rid of any unnecessary items you've been hoarding unnecessarily. If you've been living in your house for a significant amount of time, chances are you've accumulated a decent amount of clutter that needs to go. Sort through your clothing, junk drawers, cabinets and storage boxes and cull anything you haven't used in the past year.

Hired help

Whether you're moving across the street or across the country, hired help can always come in handy. Although it isn't always necessary, if you're low on time or manpower, spending a bit of money on hired help can save you a lot of stress in the long run. Possible services include removalists, vehicle hire and cleaners.





Disability Action Week

DISABILITY ACTION WEEK
IS HELD ANNUALLY IN
SEPTEMBER AND RAISES
AWARENESS OF HOW
QUEENSLANDERS CAN
PLAY THEIR OWN ROLE IN
CREATING AN ALL ABILITIES
QUEENSLAND.

Disability Action Week will be celebrated from 13 to 19 September 2020.

The week acknowledges the important and varied contributions people living with a disability make to our state.

The week also aims to empower people with disability, raise awareness of disability issues, and improve access and inclusion throughout the wider community.

With 1 in 5 Queenslanders having a disability, and disability touching the lives of most Queenslanders in some way, the week is an important celebration.

There are many ways our community can take steps to ensure that our businesses, services, communities and neighbourhoods are accessible and responsive to Queenslanders with disability.

Here are some tips to help you make your service and/or business more inclusive:

- Have a lower section of the reception desk to make it easy for people using wheelchairs to talk with staff when entering your office.
- Check the access to your building –
 is there a clear path to the entry, is
 the door and hall way wide enough
 for a wheelchair, is there enough
 circulation space in waiting rooms for
 a person using a mobility aid to easily
 turn around.
- Think about the music being played when customers are on hold, or while they are waiting in reception areas.

Loud music can overstimulate some people, and create an unpleasant environment for older people or families with young children.

- Ensure information about your service is available in multiple formats (for instance, in accessible formats on line and in Easy English versions in print) as well as multiple languages.
- Very bright or flickering lights can cause discomfort and distraction to many people.
- Ensure staff are aware of how to respectfully ask if a person may need some extra assistance.





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OF YOUNG VETERANS
HAS RECEIVED A MASSIVE
\$5,000 BOOST THROUGH
THE SANTOS GLNG
SHUTDOWN SAFETY
INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Santos GLNG recently completed the safe and successful shutdown of one of its LNG trains at the Curtis Island facility without injury or incident.

The Safety Incentive Program was aimed at focusing the Shutdown team on protecting the environment, working safely, and avoiding incidents and lost time injuries. The program provided for a donation to be made to a local charity of the team's choice, subject to

achievement of these important goals on completion of the shutdown.

Santos GLNG Plant Manager, Rohan Richardson, said that Young Veterans Gladstone was the winning charity. "The safety of our people, the environment and the community are always our priority and we are proud that local veterans and their families will also benefit from our success on this occasion."

Gladstone Young Veterans facilitator Jon Felton thanked Santos GLNG for the surprise donation that will be used to support veterans and their families.

"This donation will help the Gladstone branch with regular support meetings, family days and barbecues, travel assistance for appointments and the purchase of equipment for various activities that support our members.

"With over 200 members locally, Young Veterans is committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for Australia's veterans through initiatives and events that support their mental health and physical wellbeing," Jon said.

Santos GLNG is proud to support such a worthy cause and would like to thank the local Gladstone community for their cooperation during the shutdown period.

The coronavirus pandemic was a major concern during the planned maintenance activity, with strict COVID-19 controls in place to keep people healthy.

As always, Gladstone locals were prioritised for the additional, short-term roles required to complete the shutdown.

The 26-day shutdown event occurred during July and August as part of Santos GLNG's ongoing facility maintenance program which ensures the safe, efficient and reliable operation of the Plant.

13 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2020

Celebrating Disability Action Week

GLADSTONE COMMUNITY LINKING AGENCY

DISABILITY ACTION WEEK ACKNOWLEDGES THE IMPORTANT AND VARIED CONTRIBUTIONS PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY MAKE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

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She is an experienced family lawyer who enjoys assisting clients to resolve their family law issues, both parenting and property. Rosemary is also a qualified and experienced Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner able to perform family mediations.

Sandra Rabnott, an experienced paralegal who has also been working in Gladstone for over 30 years has now joined Farnsworth Legal as a conveyancing officer.

Farnsworth Legal has recently opened an office in Calliope from which they look forward to assisting clients throughout the Gladstone region. The office is located at 5/15 Drynan Drive.

Farnsworth Legal offers Legal services including Wills and Estate Administration, Residential and Commercial Conveyancing, Family Law, Leases and Business sales and purchases.





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THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER RUOK?

by Rachel Hardy

R U OK?DAY IS THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020. IT IS OUR NATIONAL DAY OF **ACTION WHEN WE REMIND AUSTRALIANS** THAT EVERY DAY IS THE DAY TO ASK, "ARE YOU OK?" IF SOMEONE IN YOUR **WORLD IS STRUGGLING WITH LIFE'S UPS** AND DOWNS.

If you feel like something's not quite the same with someone you know - there's something going on in their life or you notice a change in what they're saying or doing - trust that gut instinct and take the time to ask them "Are you OK?" If someone says they're not OK, make time to listen, encourage action and check in. That conversation could change, or even save, their life.

The message for R U OK?Day 2020 is: 'THERE'S MORE TO SAY AFTER R U OK?'

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and circumstances have made it even more important for us all to stay connected and, for those who are able, be willing to support those around us. In the lead-up to the day 'R U OK?' Will help Australians know what to say when someone says they're not OK and guide them through how they can continue a conversation that could change a life.

You don't have to be an expert to keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK. By knowing what to say you can help someone feel supported and access appropriate help long before they're in crisis, which can make a really positive difference to their life.

Learn what to say after R U OK? and download the FREE resources from https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask for tips and ideas to help you share the message in your community.

NEW SERVICE

to support vulnerable children in Gladstone

VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN GLADSTONE WHO HAVE SUFFERED SEXUAL ABUSE OR DISPLAY HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS CAN NOW RECEIVE LIFE-CHANGING SUPPORT AND TRAUMA THERAPY, AS LEADING CHILD PROTECTION **ORGANISATION ACT FOR KIDS OPENS** THEIR DOORS ON GLENLYON STREET.

The centre has been officially opened by Minister for Regional Development and Manufacturing and Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher.

Act for Kids Chief Executive Officer Dr Katrina Lines said the trauma of sexual abuse in childhood can have severe, life-long consequences.

"Trauma from sexual abuse can impact a child's brain development, how they feel and think about themselves, how successful they are at school, even their physical development and skills," Dr Lines said.

"In the long term, untreated child abuse and neglect can lead to drug and alcohol abuse, mental illness, difficulty developing and maintaining good relationships, unemployment and all sorts of social disadvantages."

"At Act for Kids, we help children and young people understand that what happened wasn't their fault, and work with them on ways that they can reclaim their physical and emotional space and confidence."

Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher welcomed Act for Kids to Gladstone.

"It's a great honour to formally open the new Act for Kids centre here in Gladstone to help build better futures for at-risk children and their families," Mr Butcher said. "Act for Kids is an incredibly important early invention service to support traumatised children and their families and keep them out of the child protection system."

The evidence-based program is funded by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women, and is tailored to meet the individual needs of children, young people and their families.



BETTER PROTECTIONS KICK IN FOR RESOURCES WORKERS

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PROTECT THE STATE'S MINE
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The mandatory health checks already in place for coal mine workers will extend to the state's 15,000 metalliferous mine and quarry workers from today.

This follows a nationwide review by Safework Australia. Mines Minister



Dr Anthony Lynham committed three years ago to adopt Safe Work Australia's recommendations on workplace exposure standards.

As well, every metalliferous mine and quarry worker will have a chest X-ray that is read by at least two qualified radiologists as well as a lung function test.

This will happen when they start in the industry, at least once every five years during their career in the industry.

And after they leave the industry, they can continue to have free respiratory health checks for life, if they want to.

The measures provide mineral mine and quarry workers with the same health checks as their 37,000 coal mining counterparts who already have free mandatory respiratory health screening.

The changes complement a suite of sweeping mine safety and health reforms under the Palaszczuk Government, the most substantial suite of reforms in 20 years. They include:

- Introducing the offence of industrial manslaughter
- better detection and prevention of black lung, and other mine dust lung diseases, and an improved safety net for affected workers.
- \$35 million to deliver reforms to improve worker safety and health a
- increased maximum penalties for offences to \$4 million and powers for the regulator to issue fines without going to court.
- statewide safety reset sessions for mine and quarry workers to refocus on health and safety
- powers to suspend or cancel statutory certificates of competency
- extra mines inspectors.







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Active August

IS A WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY

LOCALS IN THE PORT CITY HAVE A SPRING IN THEIR STEP AFTER TICKING OFF GLADSTONE PORTS CORPORATION'S (GPC) BIGGEST ACTIVE AUGUST FITNESS CHALLENGE.

Participants ran, walked, rode, skipped and skated their way through August to promote active and healthy lifestyles during these unprecedented times.

As part of Active August, GPC donated \$26,000 to our local schools to encourage healthier lifestyles and help schools invest in more sporting equipment.

Schools went the distance with GPC's walk-around-the-world challenge, counting their steps to see where in the world they could travel to.

Miriam Vale State School students

made it through to the centre of Australia - walking as far as Uluru and learning about landmarks along the way.

The 2020 community beneficiary, the Boyne Island Environmental Education Centre received \$20,000 in funding for their centre. GPC is supporting the Boyne Island centre's 'Drift into the Future' program by assisting with the purchase of new kayaks and canoe equipment.

People, Community and Sustainability General Manager, Rowen Winsor said GPC is proud to help create bright prospects and promote healthy living for our region's future leaders.

"The whole idea of Active August was to give locals and students something to look forward to and encourage them to continue their active and healthy lifestyles in a time when this can be forgone," Ms Winsor said.

"Seeing our local schools accomplish their weekly steps was one of the most exciting parts of the initiative, students have really embraced Active August and it's incredible to see that running clubs have new membership," she said.

"While we couldn't host the Botanic to Bridge fun run event this year due to COVID-19, I am so proud to see the community get behind Active August and bring it to life."







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KEN O'DOWD 10 YEARS OF SERVICING FLYNN



10 YEARS AGO, I NEVER PREDICTED I WOULD ENTER POLITICS.

I was born in Gladstone Hospital in 1950 and grew up on my parents' Mount Larcom farm. At a young age, I started growing small crops of beans, peas, peanuts and grain along with my brother and sisters to help support my parent's dairy income on 3 x 80-acre blocks.

My parents worked hard to provide for their children, and as kids my brother, Bob, and sisters, Lorraine, Bernice and Maureen, and I worked on the farm before and after school. I went to Bracewell State School (now closed in 2000) until year 10, before attending Rockhampton Grammar School, where I became school captain.

My first job after leaving school was at QAL Gladstone as a payroll clerk. In 1970 I decided to go to Papua New Guinea and work on the construction of the Bougainville Copper Mine. I didn't return to Australia until 1978 where I began working in the fuel industry. I eventually went into business and started to distribute fuel to areas all around Central Queensland.

I then bought and renovated an old pub and on-sold the pub in 2004. From 1998 until entering politics I operated Busteed Building Supplies in Gladstone.

In 2010 I was elected to be the Federal Member for Flynn and to represent you in Canberra.

Flynn is a very diverse electorate with 3 coal fire power stations, 129 schools, 47 RSL Sub-branches, 24 agricultural shows, 29 men's sheds, cropping and agriculture, resources such as coal, gas, oil, gold and gemstones just to name a few.

There are so many highlights of the past 10 years in politics, I can't

mention them all. However, there is a few that stand out.

Philip St once had a big roundabout at the intersection with the Dawson Highway. There is a great set of lights there now, which was one project I got up very quickly. We have gone on to do the Philip Street bypass road, which will finish that job off. I knew there was certain things I did want to achieve; better roads were one of them.

I have received funding for the driver education centre out at Benaraby, dressing rooms and lighting for football grounds along with men's sheds across Flynn.

I've got a lot of money for the facilities at the Gladstone PCYC and there's still funding for the planning of the next stage.

I have been on delegations to places such as Kazakhstan, Spain, Kuwait and Qatar, Vietnam, Indonesia, East Timor and others. I have also been on committee's including Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (joint standing), Trade and Investment Growth (Joint Select) and Publications Appropriations and Administration (House of Representatives Standing)

There is more work to be done and there are many more projects that I would like to see get underway by the time the next election comes around. I would like to see a container terminal at the Port of Gladstone, and the Gladstone Port Access Road interconnect with Bruce, Dawson and Capricorn Highways.



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THE CORONATION OF

KING EDWARD VII



by Betty Laver

THIS PHOTO IS OF THE GLADSTONE CITIZENS CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII AT BARNEY POINT BEACH IN 1902.

Albert Edward, the eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, was born at Buckingham Palace on 9th November 1841.

He succeeded to the throne in 1901 and his coronation, with his wife of Edward VII and his wife Alexandra as king and queen of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions took place at Westminster Abbey, London, on 9 August 1902.

The King was well known as a lover of good food and wine, clothes, racing, gambling, and ladies. In 1871 he fell seriously ill with typhoid but eventually recovered.



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