

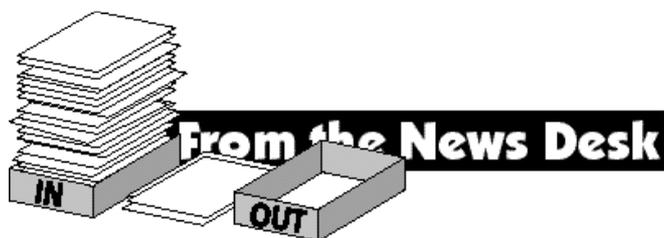
April 2007

Mountain News

Community news from Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious
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St Patrick's day



Well another Mountain News Fundraiser has gone off with a bang. All those who came had a great time and the LIVE music was FAB! There are lots of people to thank as these functions don't happen without the help of volunteers. So apologies if this sounds like an Academy Award speech but these people deserve acknowledgement.

A great big thank you to the performers, all local, with the exception of the Racketeers who are based downtown, and all gave their time freely. Please give a big hand to: Chrissii Uhana, Salty Handrail, Horny Poet and Matt, Late for Dinner, Greenhouse and The Racketeers.

Thanks to Hon Geoff Wilson MLA, Hon Peter Dutton MP and Cr Bob Millar for their donations of wonderful raffle prizes, which raised \$237.00. Boyds Pianos for the loan of the keyboard, Samford Meats and Village Greens who did great deals on the ingredients for the Stews. All those (too numerous to name individually) who helped with the bar, food serving, door and raffle ticket selling, cleaning etc., Carol Bailey for the brilliant Banner, the fairy who cleaned up the outside of the Hall early on Sunday Morning, Mt Nebo School for the loan of the fabulous gazebo over the Bar, Rob for setting up the sound stage and David for the loan of his PA. Special thanks to Steve Reinthal for sound mixing and his production each month of the Mountain News. Thanks also to Judith who worked all day to make the hall pretty and all evening doing a variety of jobs. Last but not least, the biggest thanks to Ann Cazzulino without whom this event would not have taken place. She has worked tirelessly with me and given up days off work to bring this event to you to keep the Mountain News happening.

We raised \$1226.45 and there's still a lot of grog leftover to sell at cost. See the add later in the News if you would like to buy.

The Mountain News needs approximately \$2000 to print for 12 months. We print 400 copies each month at a cost of \$174.00 for an 8 page issue which, thanks to the generosity of UniCopying at the University of Queensland, is dirt cheap. So if you were unable to support the fundraiser perhaps you could make a donation. You can leave a cheque or cash at the Mt Nebo Post Office or Direct Debit to the Mountain News Bank Account BSB:06 4174 account number: 10044691.

Finally, I'm calling it a day as far as organising the MTN fundraiser and declare that position vacant. I'm happy to keep doing the day to day stuff for MTN and am trying to learn how to compile it as a back up for Steve. It would be great though, if some others would put their hand up to form a committee to run the News. Contact me if you would like to join us.

Di

Letters

'ARTLESS DECISION

This year's 15th Pine Rivers Annual Art Awards boasts a total prize pool of \$27000, but in a decision that would encourage any emerging artist to cut off their earlobe, the division of this money is nonsensical. The lucky winner of the (stomach churningly titled) Art Collections Acquisition Provision prize will walk away with \$17000 (just under half of what the Archibald Prize winner received this year), while \$5000 will be awarded to the winner of the open 3D section. The remaining \$5000 will be split between the winners of 5 other categories. That's right, there are no second (or third) prizes, and yet there is clearly no shortage of prize money. The motives of the competition organisers must be called into question. How can one major winner walking away with enough money to buy a new small car be justified? Additionally, the number of entry categories has been reduced this year and all of the (non-photographic) 2D works (eg. paintings, works on paper, pastels, etc) will compete in one section – enough to try any judge's objectivity. In what seems to be an increasingly elitist exhibition, anyone thinking of purchasing an artwork should also be prepared to dig deep. Each piece attracts an entry fee of \$15, while a commission fee of 25% is also payable if the artwork is sold. Add the cost of framing to this figure and you have a hefty starting price, just to cover costs. So much for community access to affordable Art. The Pine Rivers Annual Art Awards are not the Archibald Prize and the organisers should seize the opportunity to encourage, nurture and equitably reward both emerging and established artists across a broad range of media.

B. Bartolozzi

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SNAKE TALE

Thank you to the female person who slowed down on the Mt Glorious rd and indicated to me there was something to avoid. Closer inspection revealed a python, stretched out across the warm tarmac as they do (Sunday afternoon Feb 24th). I slowed down and drove past the snake. I stopped and got out of my car as there was a lot of traffic on the road that day, and the next vehicle to come down the mountain was an older style Toyota white ute. I indicated to them there was something on the road and horror of horrors the male driver deliberately drove onto the other side of the road (as the snake was moving slowly across) and took great care to drive the wheels right over the snake! Fortunately the snake slithered off albeit injured after the brainless ordeal - hopefully just bruised. What a wonderful world (Not!)

Athene

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Bob Snowdon: 3289 0150

Mount Nebo Residents Association Presidents Report

Local residents that have been down to the hall recently would have noticed painting in progress. The monies from the grant that we received have been spent as we were only able to receive funding for some of the job; we are in the process of applying for more funding to finish the external painting. If we don't receive this funding the remainder may have to be carried out by volunteer labour as the paint has already been purchased.

On Saturday April 14th, we will be having a working bee and will need some local help to re-erect the downstairs awnings.

Subjects of discussion at our previous meetings have been about the use, booking and conditions of use of the hall. At our next meeting we will be reviewing the hire fees and booking requirements. It is important that if you intend to use the hall that you book as early as possible with Terry Bradford as he organises the bookings. If you do not there is a possibility that the hall will not be free at the time you wish to use it. This includes regular hall users.

A few people have approached me about the untidy state the hall has been left in. I will remind users that they are responsible for the cleaning of the hall areas they use and this includes sweeping floors, taking out rubbish, washing dishes and putting them away, cleaning toilets and putting away any other equipment that has been used. The sweeping of floors has been neglected by most users, brooms are provided at the hall, please use them. Any equipment stored at the hall should be put away so as not to obstruct other users. The downstairs storeroom is a particular mess, if this isn't kept clean the locks will be changed and no equipment will be stored there.

Hopefully this year and as part of the funding mentioned earlier it is hoped that the inside of the hall will also get a coat of paint. Last year a noticeboard was donated for use at the hall and it would be appreciated that ALL notices are ONLY thumbtacked onto the noticeboard cork, not the frame and not with safety pins from the first aid kit, staples or blue tack, PLEASE. The notice board is provided to ensure there is no need to attach anything to the walls and a picture rail has been provided for hanging pictures or decorations.

Thank you to Di and Steve for their hard work at the Mountain News and the recent fundraiser. Especially, thank you for ensuring that the hall was left clean and tidy. A good night was had by all and thank you mountain folk for your support.

See you at the next meeting, Wednesday April 4th at 7:30pm at the hall.

Neville Bradford
President Mt Nebo Residents Association

How about a Songwriters group on the mountain?

Anyone interested in getting together with other songwriters with a view to mutual support and creative collaboration please contact:

Kiri on 3289 8076

Mt Nebo Rural Fire Brigade

Mt Nebo's bush fire brigade volunteers recently encountered a new creature, a 40m spider with an enormous voice! This creature was on the mountain as part of the recent Emergency Warning System (EWS) trial.

On a serious note, the EWS is currently being setup at Mt Nebo and will provide support to local residents in the event of a bush fire. I will stress from the onset that this is not a tool for the fire service to put out fires, but a system to better prepare local residents.

There are many elements within the EWS including the siren, a message system delivered by phone, online information and information provided at street level by local residents. This whole program will be explained to residents in detail at future community meetings.

It is important that local residents understand where we live and that it may be impacted by fire at some stage. A vital element of this system is the use of Street Wardens. These street wardens will live in your street and provide information and support to locals in the event of bush fire.

WE WANT YOU - if you are level-headed in emergencies (could be important), community minded, a clear communicator, friendly and approachable. You do not have to be a current member of the Bush Fire Brigade and we are looking for 15 people from all areas of Mt Nebo.

If you would like to help with this contact Terry Bradford on 3289 8181, you will be provided with some training and equipment. The street warden positions will be vital support to the community and an essential part of this new system.



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School News

MOUNT NEBO STATE SCHOOL SIZZLES

It was a hive of activity at our recent working bee. Our parents, students and past students worked together to weed and mow the camp grounds, designed a new, safer bike path, constructed our new table tennis table and painted a chess/ checkers board. All our achievements on that weekend proved teamwork really works!

Students and staff enthusiastically participated in CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA School's Day. There was an initial dilemma at how we could participate as litter is not seen at our school. (Our students look after their own rubbish and care for our beautiful environment). So we decided to weed, pick up sticks and remove old scrap wood etc. Thank-you to our Pine Rivers Shire Council for providing us with gloves, bags, badges and the rubbish trucks. A SUPER EFFORT BY ALL!

The Gap State High School students enjoyed a weekend camp on our grounds as part of their Art and Nature Innovative Program designed by our own very talented, Venus Ganis. It was glorious weather and a successful adventure.

Our wonderful P&C is working hard to ensure funds for our new Multi-media/Arts facility which is planned to be completed this year. The first fund raiser is the Easter chocolate drive; please support us so we can achieve this important goal.

We are very proud of our students who were brave enough to 'shave or colour for a cure'. This was a Year 7 leaders' initiative in active citizenship, our determined students raised over \$900 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank-you to all who were able to sponsor.

The Year 7 Student Council is a productive and effective team and has already planned their next project. They are asking local families and businesses to sponsor pavers for an outdoor reading area. Family names and businesses will be printed into the pavers for prosperity. We invite our community to support this project. If you are able to help please contact the school. The cost of a paver is only \$25:00.

Students have been enjoying poetry, particularly ballads so next issue you can look forward to reading some of their accomplished efforts.

Happy Easter to all and thank-you all for keeping a protective watch over our school.

Sue Biffin A/Principal

Mt Nebo Shave...

What a groups of heros!

Mt Nebo State School has a lot to be proud of this year with the kids giving more then just time and money to the Great Shave!

Three of the senior boys lost their locks while the girls added colour to their stylish do's.

Together the kids raised around \$900 and all learnt a bit more about the joys and laughter associated with giving.

The boys included Charlie Mumford, Torin Falcongreen, Kaden Prior, girls included Rhylee Chapman, Elkie McKenzie, Josie Bobberman, Breeanah Bobberman and Verity Lilley.

As a journalist, I see a lot of courageous efforts, this one was a definite highlight!

Thanks kids, you did an amazing job!

Jessica Bradford



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The Miracle Toddler Diet

People are always on the lookout for a new diet. The trouble with most diets is that you don't get enough to eat (the starvation diet), you don't get enough variation (the liquid diet) or you go broke (the all-meat diet). Consequently, people tend to cheat of their diets, or quit after 3 days.

Well, now there's the new Toddler Miracle Diet.

Over the years you may have noticed that most two year olds are trim. Now the formula to their success is available to all in this new diet.

Day One

- * Breakfast: One scrambled egg, one piece of toast with grape jam. Eat 2 bites of egg, using your fingers; dump the rest on the floor. Take 1 bite of toast, then smear the jam over your face and clothes.
- * Lunch: Four crayons (any color), a handful of potato chips, and a glass of milk (3 sips only, then spill the rest).
- * Dinner: A dry stick, 3 coins, 4 sips of flat Coke.
- * Bedtime snack: Throw a piece of toast on the kitchen floor.

Day Two

- * Breakfast: Pick up stale toast from kitchen floor and eat it. Drink half bottle of vanilla extract or one vial of vegetable dye.
- * Lunch: Half tube of "Pulsating Pink" lipstick and a handful of Purina Dog Chow (any flavour). One ice cube, if desired.
- * Afternoon snack: Lick an all-day lolly until sticky, take outside, drop in dirt. Retrieve and continue slurping until it is clean again. Then bring inside and drop on rug.
- * Dinner: A rock or an uncooked bean, which should be thrust up your left nostril. Pour Orange juice over mashed potatoes; eat with spoon.

Day Three

- * Breakfast: Two pancakes with plenty of syrup, eat one with fingers, rub in hair. Glass of milk; drink half, stuff other pancake in glass. After breakfast, pick up yesterdays lolly from rug, lick off fuzz, put it on the cushion of best chair.
- * Lunch: Three matches, butter and vegemite sandwich. Spit several bites onto the floor. Pour glass of milk on table and slurp up.
- * Dinner: Dish of ice cream, handful of potato chips, some apple juice. Try to laugh some juice through your nose, if possible.

Final Day

- * Breakfast: A quarter tube of toothpaste (any flavour), bit of soap, an olive. Pour a glass of milk over bowl of wheatbix, add half a cup of sugar. Once cereal is soggy, drink milk and feed cereal to dog.
- * Lunch: Eat bread crumbs off kitchen floor and dining room carpet. Find that lolly and finish eating it.
- * Dinner: A glass of spaghetti and chocolate milk. Leave meatball on plate. Stick of mascara for dessert.

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We give thanks for the beauty and privilege
of the Mountains and its good folk.

We send you all our love and hopes for a
future full of fantastic fortune and peace for all.

Ingrid and Rob

Bob Millar

**Councillor - Division 1
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Update on Jake (see February issue).....

EUREKA! After many phone calls to all carers I could find with resident kangaroos, searching for a similar-sized Big Red, I managed to find a buddy for JJ. His name is Bevan. Jake and I celebrated at our last social occasion together at an Australia Day weekend luncheon.

Bevan is also a Big Red roo, and approx. a kilogram heavier than Jake, who weighed 4.5kg when I took him to his new home on 3rd February. Big Bevan lives at Belmont in Kangaroo Heaven, with his very experienced and devoted foster roo-mother, Gillian, and her husband Warren. He has heaps (acreage) of room to gallivant around in, and he and Jake get along like a house on fire. As some of you know, I'm very reluctant to hand on my babies, but after meeting Gillian and seeing her at work, all fears for JJ's wellbeing have been allayed unreservedly, and I am over the moon that Jake will have the privilege of being part of her "family". Gillian has agreed to my retaining maternal visitation rights, so I'll be tracking Jake's progress through to his release and will still be able to give you promised updates and pics.

More good news in finding Bevan.... The boys will grow up and be released together on a large property closer to Brisbane than our original proposed release site out west. The property is managed by Steve Irwin's foundation, and any macropod releases to it will be strictly limited, controlled and monitored. There are 2 female Reds (also raised by Gillian) already in residence at the site, along with a few Eastern Greys. The BR girls were released in Sept/Oct last year. Jake and Bevan will be the first Big Red males to be released at this site.

For me, I'm missing him terribly. I'm always sad when the time comes for parting from my babies; but I'm getting better at it after 15 years. I cried of course, and was a bit miffed, because Jake didn't even check out the availability of tissues for our parting.... Straight into noshing the best grass with Bevan and not so much as a glance over his shoulder!

But... for Jake, I'm so happy he'll get to experience a big of Roo Heaven at Gillian's place with Bevan, before he goes out to the big wide world and ends up shot by cull, run over by a Mac truck, lost to the drought, or whatever becomes of him in his future roo life. My hope, of course, is that he'll die of old age, having fathered too many children!!!!

I look forward to visiting the boys, and sharing progress reports/pics with you.

Regards, **Julia Chew (ONARR) 32898246**



Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service news

At my request, Environment Minister Lindy Nelson-Carr inspected the Brisbane Forest Park (BFP) headquarters complex recently and joined Board members, the park managers and rangers on a tour of the park. This was a great opportunity for the new Minister to fully appreciate the scale of the D'Aguilar range and its significance to the south-east Queensland community for recreation and conservation.

The Minister was briefed on a number of significant issues, including the South East Queensland Forest Agreement process; plans to prepare a new management plan for the park; and the extensive works being undertaken to improve services and visitor experiences at key recreation sites across the range.

The Minister was most impressed with the complex, in particular the wildlife centre and the high standard of animal displays. Wesley the wombat's new enclosure was a highlight, and the Minister remarked on the value of centres like this close to the city where they are able to be easily enjoyed by people.

The impact of future urban growth around the park was brought to the Minister's attention as an important issue facing us all. Two members of the BFP Planning and Advisory board gave an overview of BFP. Dominic Hyde as community representative gave a passionate description of the range from a local perspective, and long-term volunteer and environmental educator Cam Mackenzie was able to demonstrate the significance of the park and its evolution over the last 30 years.

I am confident that the park is now at the forefront of the Minister's mind and that she is now able to fully appreciate the complex issues associated with managing such a large protected area on Brisbane's doorstep. Over coming months, the Board will be meeting to establish a "vision" for the range and I look forward to sharing this vision with you all and taking on board your visions for this special place.

Best regards,

Terry Hampson (Chair – Brisbane Forest Park Planning and Advisory Board)

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Do you want to get involved in weed control and restoration on the mountain?

QPWS would like to invite members of the community to join in working with MEPA, National Parks Association Queensland (NPAQ) and the Pine Rivers Bushcare Volunteers (PRBV) to restore natural areas along the D'Aguilar Range.

If you want to assist these groups, please register your interest by phoning QPWS volunteer coordinator Matt Wiseman on **3512 2312**. Local ranger Mark O'Brien will work with Matt to deliver a QPWS volunteer induction on 21st April for all those interested.

Discover Go Bush with QPWS

Join QPWS rangers this autumn and discover Go Bush on exciting activities held across south-east Queensland. These include bird walks, children's and family activities, identification workshops and spotlights. View the program online at www.epa.qld.gov.au.

If you are interested in any other topics relevant to the D'Aguilar Range or the role that QPWS plays in the management of protected areas, we would be happy to include them in future columns. Please e-mail your suggestions to lara.connell@epa.qld.gov.au.

For more information about any of the topics in this column, please contact the QPWS Brisbane Forest Park office on **1300 723 684**

Michael Siebuhr, Senior Ranger, QPWS



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JUST A YARN...

Isn't it funny the way the year flashes past us all like a hurricane on a mission, I mean we are talking about Shave for a Cure, Easter eggs are all over the shopping centre counters and St Patrick's Day had us all seeing green!

As a child, I still remember my parents saying "oh, the year is going too fast!" and me responding with "No Way! We still have 3 terms of school left", 3 o'clock seemed to take forever...

So what can we look forward to this month, what are the moments we need to capture, the bits of the hurricane we need to grab onto!

Well, for Rob and Ingrid, March 3rd was spectacularly rescued, what an amazing day for you both! Congratulations and well done on a most memorable and enchanting mountain afternoon...

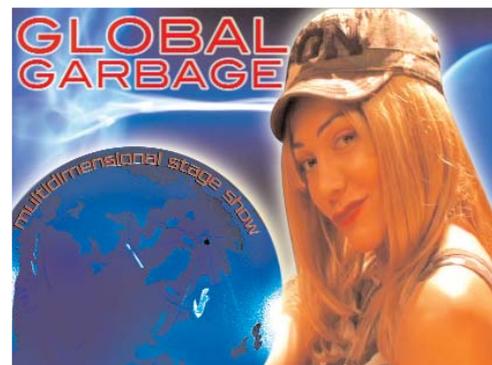
On March 16th, the kids at Mt Nebo State School bravely cropped their locks or added a little colour to their do's, all in the name of the world's greatest shave, I'm sure the parents agree that the kids were the greatest.

March 17th marked a HUGE event on the mountain calendar, the annual Mountain News Bash, with a St Patrick's Day theme to boot. This was an event NO mountain goer could miss... Green was the colour of the evening with food, music and some amazing bands and entertainers! Take a look at the pics...

Well I suppose the year has really just begun, by the time the next Just a Yarn comes around I predict we will all be smiling those happy chocolate smiles...

Happy Easter Everyone!

Jess Bradford xo

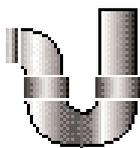


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The basic thrust of the show is humorous and challenges those who ALREADY care about the natural world to go EVEN FURTHER! What about the THOUGHT GARBAGE? The EMOTIONAL garbage? Challenging people to admit to the connections between the UNSEEN realm of THOUGHT and the outer world that we impact upon.

METRO ARTS in Bris on 11th /12th May.

- 1st. Wednesday of the month** - Mt Nebo Residents' Association meeting at the Hall. 7:30pm
- 2nd. Wednesday of the month** - Mt Nebo P&C Assoc meeting at 7pm ASC Bldg. (No meetings in School Holidays)
- Every Wednesday** - Playgroup every Wednesday, 10am noon at Mt Nebo Hall, \$2 per family, babies, toddlers, preschoolers welcome, please bring a plate to share.
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