

February 2009

Mountain News

Community news from Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious
<http://gloriousnebo.org.au/MTN/>

No trees were harmed by the sending of this newsletter
however a lot of electrons were slightly inconvenienced.

From the Fossa archives

This was the Mt. Nebo Post Office and Store in the late 1940s early 1950s.

The sign was located on the roadside opposite the School.

Postmaster was Arthur Ray, and wife Margaret.

The present 'Key-Holder' of this property is Chris Brouard and Family.

Note the early model Holden in front of house.

The sign is now housed in big shed at Roselou Cottage.



Do Your
Block!

FREE BUSHCARE SERVICE

Would you like some assistance managing bushland on your block, advice on weeds, or advice on planting local native plants in your garden?

MEPA has a free service offering advice and information (supported by PRSC)
(Contact Maggie - 3289 8175 or Dominic - 3289 0093)

FIRST AID TRAINING

available 7th February 2009

Senior First Aid

New

Refresher

CPR

for further details

Contact Daphne

3289 8319

BUSH FIRE **WARNING SIREN** **TESTING**

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Health Fund Rebates - ATMS Member

New resident

Leonard Aubrey Rush
was born on 22nd September 2008
at the Mater Mothers' Hospital.
He weighed in at 8lb 3oz.
He is a 2nd son for John and Kate Rush
and a baby brother to Baden Rush.



The Mountainfolk Bulletin Board...

because you *know* you want to

Join us...it's all free and provides instant communication with locals.

If you want to chat about anything or just lurk - reading what everyone else is saying.....then what are you waiting for? *Join up!*

email us at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mountainfolk>

(Say hello and tell us who you are in your email)

REMEMBER IN CASE OF FIRE:

Telephone **000**

then **Terry Bradford: 3289 8181** or

Bob Snowdon: 3289 0150

D'Aguilar Range National Park News

Park rangers work up a storm

Uprooted trees, flooded streets, roofs blown off by 180km/hr winds and no power for days. Sound familiar?

The storm which hit Brisbane's western suburbs on November 16th 2008 caused upwards of a million dollars of damage to south-east Queensland's parks alone. National park and forest areas in the D'Aguilar Range, including Ironbark Gully, Lomandra, Bellbird Grove, Camp Mountain and Bunyaville Forest Reserve, all suffered extensive storm damage. Trees crushed fences in the Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre wallaby enclosure and collapsed a set of stairs at the Brisbane Forest Park Information Centre.

EPA crews from around Queensland rallied to help local community and emergency services with the massive cleanup, clearing trees from homes, roads and driveways.

Crews have spent several weeks clearing firebreaks, cleaning picnic areas and clearing paths. Rangers will continue work to restore all walking tracks to their original state. Any remaining debris will be burnt in next seasons planned burns.

The curse of the white moth vine

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows. ~Doug Larson

The white moth vine *Araujia hortorum* is an invasive weed commonly found in rainforests and wet eucalypt forests. This woody creeper wraps around other plants for support, smothering them with its thick tangled growth. The choko-shaped fruits of this vine are particularly problematic, splitting open when dry to release an abundance of seeds that are spread by the wind.

EPA rangers are treating this weed at Red and White Cedar and along Northbrook Creek using herbicide application and manual removal. Residents are urged to remove any white moth vine in their own gardens and dispose of material at an appropriate council landfill site to prevent further spread into protected areas. Wearing gloves is advisable when handling this plant as its milky latex (sap) may cause an allergic reaction in some people.

Last chance to Go Bush this summer

Time is running out to come along on a Go Bush adventure this summer. To make a booking contact the EPA hotline on 1300 130 372 and follow the prompts to Go Bush.

Maiala sunset stroll

Witness the flurry of wildlife activity in the rainforest as day becomes night on a ranger-guided stroll along a section of the Westside track at Maiala in D'Aguilar National Park. The Western Window outlook provides the perfect location to view the sun setting over the western horizon of the park. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday evening 7 February

Where: Maiala day-use area — Mount Glorious

Cost: This activity is free of charge. Bookings required.

Family piccabeen discovery walk

Experience a journey through a shadowy grove of tall piccabeen palms and sub-tropical rainforest on this 1km walk.

Join a ranger and take a closer look at the rainforest's special features and the plants and animals that live here. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday 14 February

Where: The Gantry - Mount Mee Forest Reserve

Cost: This activity is free of charge. Bookings required.

The autumn Go Bush program will be released in March. If you would like to be added to our Go Bush email list, simply email brisbaneforestpark@epa.qld.gov.au or call the EPA hotline on 1300 130 372. Park update

* The water tank at Boombana has been fitted with a new liner to address issues with the concrete tank leaking.

* The toilets at Boombana have been re-opened.

* The Thylogale track has been re-opened following temporary closure for storm damage repairs.

Michael Siebuhr,

Operations Manager, EPA.

For more information about any of the topics in this column, please contact the EPA Customer service Centre on 1300 130 372.

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3 sheets of A4 paper = 1 litre of water



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Playgroup News



A warm welcome to 2009 from Mt Nebo Playgroup.

We're continuing to meet each Wednesday at the hall from 10am-12pm, and will continue to meet there every Wednesday (rain, shine, hail, snow) until our children go to school instead.

What is playgroup? Pre-school kids and babies of any age (and older kids during holidays) arrive with their parents to play on the play-ground equipment, with the range of toys from the toy cupboard, or in the sandpit. The parents enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a cake or a biscuit and a chat. It's a safe, local place to be out of the house, a way for parents to meet other parents, and somewhere for kids to play with one another. Great for kids, mums and dads.

Everyone who comes to Mt Nebo Playgroup brings a plate of food, and so we tend to have better food than other playgroups. Home made or shop bought is fine; it's not always easy to cook with one hand tied to a toddler. Each family pays just \$3/session, which pays for hall rental, coffee, tea, milk and toys. Don't be disheartened if you've moved off the mountains — we welcome Nebo and Glorious expats and ring-ins from Brisbane.

Even if your kids have long since grown out of playgroup, please buy a copy or two of the Mountain Kids 2009 Calendar, currently on sale at the Post Office and Boombana Cafe. All the photos are of playgroup kids and every dollar raised goes to support the playgroup.

Since our last organiser, Kim Anstey, recently departed Mt Nebo for New Zealand, we've had a change: the new organiser is Iain Anderson, Hazel's dad.

Please let Iain or Marita Pattemore, the Treasurer, know if you have any suggestions for activities, questions or want to send large cash donations (3289 8001).

See you all at playgroup!

Letter

RE: Dogs behaving badly. What can be done?

We have been residents on the blocks for almost 10 yrs now and have noticed an explosion in numbers of unmanaged dogs living on the Mountain. Domestic dogs that is. Quite a number of these dogs are left off leash/unfenced to roam the streets and enter our yard, which is home to a range of wildlife and our daylight free-ranging chickens.

Our concerns here are:- that the scent of the dogs scares wildlife away from the area- the dogs may feast on wildlife anywhere or even on our chickens- the dogs leave their mess to be trodden in...

But it's not just the roaming dogs that have become a problem. During the day and evenings, the whine, barking or yapping of dogs (maybe they are lonely/bored) is incessant.

I love dogs and since moving here is the first time in my life that I have not had a dog as a companion pet. This choice was deliberate as I respect the local wildlife and quiet that mountain-life offered. Clearly some of the locals don't share that respect.

Don't turn Nebo into yet another 'suburb' devoid of wildlife because of unruly dogs. Remember the lyric: 'you don't know what you've got til it's gone'. If your hound is barking/whining/roaming, don't complain about the noise from cars/bikes racing up and down the mountain roads - your dogs are probably doing much more harm and having a bigger impact than the vehicles.

To preserve the quiet of the Mountain and protect our wildlife, please keep your dog fenced in or on at least on a yard leash. And ask your street neighbours if they have noticed bad behaviour, noise-wise, from your hound. The dog probably yaps/whines more when you're not home, so you'll need to ask a few people for an honest opinion. If you have a noisy dog then seek advice from a vet on behaviour management or maybe get a special collar to retrain the barking.

On the Mountain and on the blocks, there are well-behaved owners whose well-behaved dogs are never let out off-leash and rarely whine/yap/bark, but unfortunately it only takes a few bad dogs to ruin these beautiful environs.

Please think about it.

Trudy

Working with our local community

Geoff WILSON MP



State Member for Ferny Grove

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Wilson Report

Back to School

Welcome to the start of a new school year to students and parents in our community. Moving from prep to Year 1 is a milestone and an exciting step forward on the path to learning. Year 8s no doubt head to high school full of anticipation. And a special welcome to our prep students who have embarked at the very beginning of what I hope will be a lifetime of learning. Around 2,200 students began their Prep year in Brisbane's North this year. You are our future. 'Don't be afraid to take a big step when one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small steps' – David Lloyd George.

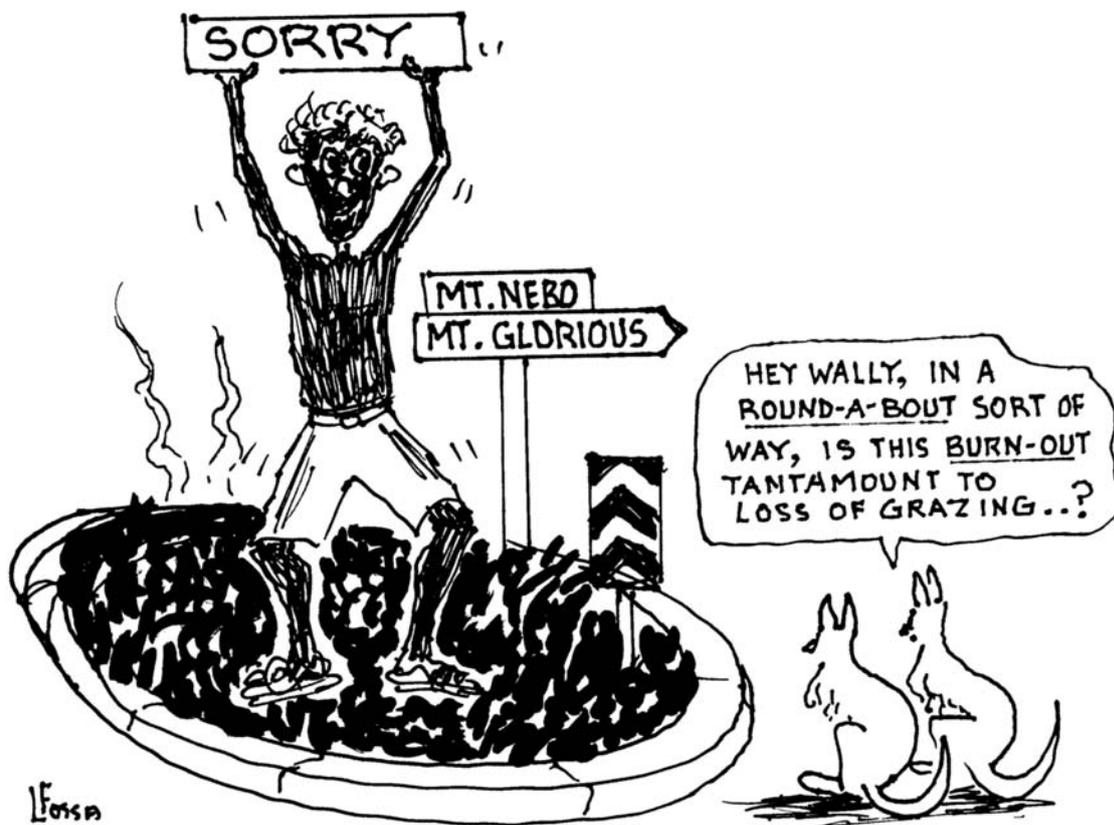
Safety on Samford Road

Late last year I wrote about action I am taking to improve the safety of Samford Road. I'm aware of several motor vehicle accidents that have occurred along the stretch of road between Ferny Grove and Camp Mountain recently and have brought these incidents to the attention of the Minister for Main Roads. I will continue to work with the Department of Main Roads and the Ferny Grove Police in order to improve safety on Samford Road.

Out & About

On Saturday 31 January I held two mobile offices in Bunya. With Bunya Downs becoming part of the Ferny Grove Electorate as a result of the recent redistribution, this was a great opportunity to meet some of my new constituents. The Samford Museum once again put on a great Australia Day event this year. I spent a large part of the day enjoying the many activities that had been organised and catching up with Samford residents after the Christmas break. Earlier in the morning I had the privilege of performing the role of Presiding Officer for a Citizenship Ceremony hosted by the Rotary Club of Mitchelton. The Rotary Club of Samford also held a Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day. May I extend a warm welcome to our new citizens.

In closing, I welcome people contacting me with their views and seeking information or help with any State Government matter. Telephone me on 3851 1570, fax me on 3851 1261, email me on fernygrove@parliament.qld.gov.au, or check out my website, <http://geoffwilsonmp.com>. My Electorate Office is at Shop 14, Ferny Grove Shopping Village, Cr McGinn Rd & Archdale Rd, Ferny Grove. (Office hours 9:00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 5:00 pm week days).



Classifieds

YOGA IS STILL ON at the Mt. Nebo Hall Monday's at 7- 8.30 pm and Friday's at 10am -11.30.

All ages welcome. For more info phone Jeanne on 32890235

FOR SALE - STRAINER POSTS, recycled house stumps, good solid timber, \$20.00 each. Can deliver. phone 3289 0020

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PAINTING CLASSES - Beginner's watercolour classes by artist Janette Bailey. Easy, fun, creative. For more information please call Janette on 3289 8251

WILDLIFE CARE AND RESCUE
CALL PENELOPE ON 3289 0085

Hoon Line

If you see hoons or other dangerous road users call the police (The Gap 3511 0077, or Ferny Grove 3851 4499).

If it's possible and safe, get a description of the vehicle and number plates.

If they have resources available at the time, police should respond.

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31 Diary Dates

1st. Wednesday of the month - Mt Nebo Residents' Association meeting at the Hall. 7:30pm

2nd. Monday 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.

2nd Saturday of the month - Working Bee at the Community Hall 10 am - 12 midday. Please come along and help maintain the hall & gardens - jobs for everyone to help with.



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Submission details

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Please submit all articles by the 20th of the month to the Mt News Box located at the Post Office at Mt Nebo or e-mail, by the 23rd of the month to mountain_news@yahoo.com.au Please supply your e-mail article with MTN in the Subject . Put articles in the body of the e-mail, as attachments can be messy. Pictures should be in JPEG or TIFF format, with a minimum resolution of 300dpi, copy in TEXT. Please don't send us MSWord ".doc" attachments or even worse, fancy schmancy things done in MSPublisher. How did that software ever get allowed out?? And now, there's .docx!! WTF is that? We really mean this bit. We hate Microsoft Word because it should be hated, we want to hate it, and we can, oh look, now you've got us started agin on Microsoft! PLEASE just don't do it, but you are probably going to totally ignore that request anyway aren't you? Why not? Everyone else does. You aren't actually even reading this are you? We're just muttering to ourselves...The articles in the Mt News reflect the views of the contributing authors and not necessarily those of the Mt News Committee (except the bit about hating MS Word). If you are actually reading this, you're actually the third person to ever do so, or else your the 1st or 2nd reading it again!! but hey, what's up? Either you need to get a library card or you really do care. Thank you. Crochet is good too but like a song you need a good hook, especially for doing sharp hospital corners on laminations

We use advertising as a service to the community and as a way to cover costs.

We have two levels of advertising—classified and display. Classifieds are by donation. Display advertising is still charged at the following ridiculously low rates:

1/8 page:	\$15.00 per issue	\$135 per year
1/6 page	\$20.00 per issue	\$180 per year
1/4 page	\$30.00 per issue	\$270 per year
1/2 page	\$60.00 per issue	\$540 per year

Classified ads by donation.

Help at hand to reduce dog barking

Help is at hand for residents who want to learn how to tackle the problem of barking dogs.

Moreton Bay Regional Council has organised a series of free information nights called Managing Barking in Our Community.

The first night will be held on Wednesday, February 11, at Caboolture Memorial Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Attendees are asked to leave their dogs at home.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said the free information evenings would provide information to help people understand why dogs bark and how to reduce barking triggers.

“Barking dogs aren’t just a problem for owners, they’re an issue that affects the whole community,” he said.

“Council’s trained officers will provide assistance and advice, showing residents some strategies to manage the problems that pet owners may face.”

Cr Sutherland said the program was just one aspect of council’s commitment to encouraging responsible pet ownership.

Further barking information nights will be held at other locations in the region later in the year. For more information please call council on 3205 0555 or email petsmart@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Jenny Napier
Media, Marketing and Communications Unit
Tel: 5433 2332

Council covers 25,000 hectares to combat mozzies

Moreton Bay Regional Council is keeping mosquito numbers down this summer with its control program covering nearly 25,000 hectares so far this summer.

Council officers have carried out regular treatments of known mosquito breeding sites in recent months, with the latest aerial spraying of salt marshes conducted following king tides.

“This year’s program is making a real difference. Our residents’ requests about the insects are down by more than two thirds on this time last year,” Council’s Sustainability Committee chair Rae Frawley (Div 6) said.

“However, residents can also do their bit to help us even further with keeping mosquito numbers down.

“It’s important that residents keep their gardens free of stagnant water, checking pot plants, old tyres and containers which can collect rain water and even small amounts of water will provide new places for mosquitoes to breed.

“With frequent summer rain, it is vital that residents are vigilant against allowing water to pond in their back yards.”

Council uses an environmentally friendly biological insecticide and coordinates its treatments with weather patterns and tides to ensure the best control of mosquitoes.

So far this summer council has timed six treatments to coincide with the right tidal conditions and three following heavy rainfall. Council also carries out ground treatments in known breeding sites from freshwater habitats to drains and other waterways.

The salt marshes where mosquitoes breed will generally flood when large tides come in and as the tide goes out, water is left to pond creating ideal breeding conditions. Aerial and ground based treatments are timed to prevent larvae from emerging as adult mosquitoes.

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Bushland preservation is second nature to volunteers

Get back to nature this year and become a volunteer for one of Moreton Bay Regional Council's community Bushcare groups.

Council is encouraging residents with an interest in the environment to join a local Bushcare team and help preserve the area's natural assets.

As part of a Bushcare team, volunteers help with tree planting, mulching, weed control and plant identification as well as regenerating bushland, wetlands and waterways.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said dedicated volunteers were working throughout the region to improve and conserve local bushland.

"Each Bushcare team has volunteers who are passionate about their community and want to create a healthy and sustainable local environment," Cr Sutherland said.

"Joining a Bushcare group is a great way to make a real difference to your community and socialise with like-minded people."

For more information about your local Bushcare team contact council's Bushcare officers on 3205 0555.

High school students offered free immunisations

The region's high school students are being offered free vaccines against chicken pox, hepatitis B, cervical cancer, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough.

Moreton Bay Regional Council on behalf of Queensland Health has agreed to deliver the immunisation program to local high schools over the next three years.

Mayor Allan Sutherland said the immunisations would help boost the health of young people and reduce the spread of common diseases.

All Year Eight students will be entitled to receive the vaccine for Hepatitis B and Varicella, which is for the prevention of chicken pox. Year Eight girls will also receive the Gardasil vaccine for human papillomavirus, commonly known as the cervical cancer vaccine.

All Year Ten students can receive the Boostrix vaccine for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough).

Council employs a number of nurse immunisers and administration staff to carry out the program, as well as engaging the services of the not for profit organisation OzCare.

In addition to this, Council is continuing to operate clinics at various locations, offering a number of free vaccines to babies and infants. A full list of venues and dates is available on Council's website www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au . No appointment is necessary and parents are reminded to bring along their child's record book.

Schools will provide immunisation dates and consent forms to students.

For more information on council's immunisation program, contact 3205 0555.

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Development program gives artists food for thought

Artists who want a chance to boost their career and make new creative industry contacts can take part in Moreton Bay Regional Council's professional development program, Food for Thought.

Food for Thought offers artists and creative industry workers the opportunity to attend workshops, floor talks and dinners at various cultural venues across Moreton Bay region throughout the year.

The 2009 program features a number of exciting and informative workshops covering topics such as guidelines for exhibiting art, facilitation skills training and securing government grants.

There will also be a host of dinner talks offering valuable advice for artists wanting to develop successful businesses and floor talks providing practical information about various aspects of creative industries.

For more information about the 2009 Food For Thought program, contact Moreton Bay Regional Council on 3283 0427 or email culture@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

Council becomes Catsmart

Cat owners will soon be able to have their pets desexed and microchipped for \$10 under a new Moreton Bay Regional Council initiative.

Council's new Catsmart program begins later this month (February), with a range of cat awareness programs taught in schools as well as desexing and microchipping offers.

The first "cat only" microchipping day will be at Caboolture Senior Citizens Centre Hasking Street on Friday, 20 February from midday to 6pm. More days will be held throughout the year. For details please phone council on 5433 2828.

Meanwhile, council will work closely with RSPCA to run "Snip and Chip" weeks that will offer desexing and microchipping at various locations throughout the region.

Using the RSPCA's mobile desexing unit, council will offer the program at Deception Bay from March 30 to April 3, Wamuran from May 18 to 22, Kallangur from September 7 to 11 and Bribie Island from November 30 to December 4.

Pet owners will have to book to use the service and can do so by phoning council on 5433 2828 or 0438 204 359.

Participating veterinarians are offering different special discounts within their clinics during Snip and Chip weeks and for more information about those involved please see council's website.

The Snip and Chip program is part of council's commitment to a State Government-funded pilot program aimed at reducing the number of unwanted animals being euthanased in local shelters.

Council is receiving \$86,000 from the State Government under the two-year program and it will also be examining ways to increase the adoption rate of suitable animals from council animal shelters and monitor the numbers of animals being reclaimed, rehoused or euthanased.

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RADF GRANTS: Round closing Monday 9 March 2009

Now is a great time to apply for an arts, cultural and heritage development grant. The current Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) round is now open with applications closing on Monday 9 March 2009.

RADF is a joint Queensland Government and Moreton Bay Regional Council partnership to support local artists and culture.

Funding is available for one-off, short term projects that support professional arts, culture and heritage opportunities.

Previous successful applicants include:

Composer Musician Dale Jones who received \$5,000 to research and develop a music theatre song cycle piece about notable pioneer Tom Petrie.

Visual Artist Colley Whisson who received \$4,100 to present a three day workshop including two demonstrations of local subjects, slideshow presentation, question and answer time and a solo exhibition.

Moreton Bay Kallangur Library who received \$15,000 towards the costs of increasing young people's use of MBRC Library services culminating in the Mash it Up Short film festival.

Prospective applicants are advised to discuss their project with an RADF Liaison Officer prior to submission. Call John Watson on 07 3283 0486 or email john.watson@moretonbay.qld.gov.au to obtain funding guidelines and application forms or to arrange an information session.