

March 2007

Mountain News

Community news from Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious
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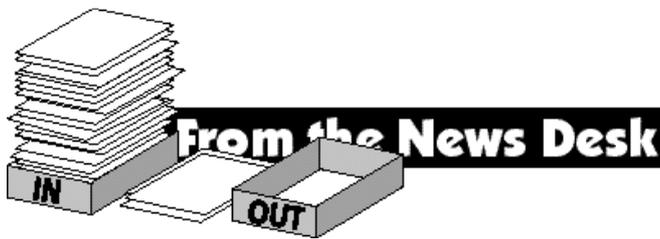
6.30pm to 12pm

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Inside: Rally update.



This is the 1st edition of the Mountain News to be compiled using our brand, spanning new, super fast iMac computer. Many thanks once again to Greg and Katrina from the Mt Nebo Winery for purchasing the computer which should keep MTN going for many years.

Calling all volunteers for the Mountain News, St Patrick's Day Dance (as advertised) on 17th March. We need helpers for the following tasks:- Set up and take down the Bar.

Decorate the Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Serve on the bar (1hr shifts if there's enough people)

Serve Food

Sell Raffle tickets

Clean up on Sunday Morning

Please call Di on 3289 8309 or email dielark1@bigpond.com if you can help.

It will be a great night. I consulted Steve Jolley's wonderful Cosmic Calendar and all the stars are in alignment for a fantastic and successful evening so come along, support your community newspaper and have a BALL!

Di

During the Christmas holiday break there was a surprise visitor to the school oval. Fortunately, it proved to be a false alarm as the ambulance was able to take the (not badly) injured motor cyclist (who came a gutser at the Rose Farm/Tobooburra bend) to hospital.



REMEMBER IN CASE OF FIRE:

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Bob Snowdon: 3289 0150

Queensland Library News

Two Buildings One Gallery

Mountain folk will see more than ever before of the State's art collection now that the Qld Art Gallery has re-opened it's doors. The gallery's current format showcases a new very large building to be used as a gallery for modern art as well as a refurbished and extended original building which will house the more traditional art. Beyond the new building is a wonderfully rejuvenated Kurilpa Park with picnic tables and benches overlooking the Brisbane River. The combined alterations and additions which also include an extended State Library, have created a fantastic extension to the South Bank area. Although it took some months of closure to effect the changes, Brisbane now has a creative drawcard for tourists and locals alike.

Architects Lindsay and Kerry Clare of Architectus designed the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) while the new glass encased entry to the original building was designed by Robin Gibson who was also the designer of the original art gallery. The five-level Gallery of Modern Art provides a range of facilities, including the Children's Art Centre, Cinematheque, and 5825 square metres of gallery space. Approximately 2000 tonnes of steel, 10 588 cubic metres of concrete and 9,134 square metres of glass was used to create this building which is 30 percent larger than the original building. Over the two year period of the project, almost 12000 employment opportunities were created, with as many as 900 people working on the site on one particular day. The Gallery of Modern Art is linked to the original building by a 152m walkway which leads to the sweeping glass entrance of the original building. This new entrance, combined with a re-arranged hanging of art in the older building has given this area a new lease on life. The original gallery now incorporates a Queensland Heritage Gallery, an Historical Asian Gallery as well as an area dedicated to the Brisbane Island artist Ian Fairweather. As the Gallery of Modern Art is now the largest contemporary art museum in Australia it is appropriate that the opening exhibition for the Qld Art Gallery is the Asia Pacific Triennial Five.

APT5 features the work of 37 artists and two multi-artist projects from Asia, Australia and the Pacific. Although this opening exhibition showcases contemporary art, the size of the exhibition has created the necessity for it to be hung in both buildings, however this still leave space in the original building for the permanent traditional collection. Children have been an important part of the APT since 1999 and this has continued in 2007 with a series of commissioned artist projects for children resulting in continual children's activities until the end of the exhibition in May. The Cinematheque will present programs that explore the relationship between art and film utilising it's two cinemas and a media gallery.

When you have taken in as much art as you can manage in one day, you are welcome to join the rest of us who are trying to decide which of the four cafes have the best coffee! See you there.

Janette Bailey

Mount Nebo Residents Association Presidents Report

Road Raves

The Residents Association held its Annual General Meeting on the 7th of February. All positions were declared vacant and the elected persons for 2007 are as follows:

President: Neville Bradford
Vice-President: Rob Lachowicz
Treasurer: Terry Bradford
Secretary: Judith Wickerson
Committee Members: Di Clark, Jessica Bradford and David Watson

This year we are planning to give the hall a major "sproouse up". Those people who have visited the hall in recent weeks will have noticed that the external painting has already begun and I ask all hall users to be patient and keep clear of the work area.

As the funds we have for painting the hall are limited we will require some volunteer labour at our working bees (the second Saturday of every month) to finish this work. Once we have completed this, we are planning a number of other jobs including completing the stairs, enclosing the underside of the hall with slats, the internal painting of the hall (upstairs).

The playgroup has also approached the residents association in regards to the construction of a sand pit and placement of more permanent soft fall around the play area.

I would just like to remind all hall users to leave the hall in a clean state when they are finished, this includes rubbish to be removed, washing up done and put away and floors swept.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting, Wednesday March 7th at 7:30pm at the hall, and the working bee on March 10th at 10am.

Neville Bradford
President Mt Nebo Residents Association

Mt Glorious Roadside Revegetation Working Bee
Saturday, March 17th
10 – 12am
@
Bryce's Rd gate, Mt Glorious
(opposite Camp Constable)
Tea, coffee and biscuits to finish.

50K SPEED ZONE THROUGH VILLAGES

Pine Rivers Shire Council are changing Mt Nebo and Mt Glorious villages to 50K zones following a community campaign. Many of us will have to slow down and drive more patiently. While this can be initially frustrating, driving slower is much safer and you'll only lose at most around 10 seconds through the new zone!

Please be aware that Police will enforce the new limits though usually a warning is given soon after changes.

REPORTING HOONS

Hooning seems to be on the increase again. Remember it's very useful to contact police when you hear or see them. Police appreciate the information and will respond if they have cars available. The more often we report the more likely these immature rev heads in their dangerous machines will get the message.

Call The Gap Police on 3511 0077 or Ferny Grove on 3851 4499

THE CAR RALLY

A large Mt Glorious Community Association meeting on February 1 voted 70-2 against the proposed Silverstone Events Australia car rally In July this year. Silverstone co-sponsored the meeting but pulled out two days before. The Traffic Consultation Group opposes the rally mainly because it may promote further dangerous driving on the roads. If you want to voice your opposition please send letters to local and state politicians.

Mountain Traffic Consultation Group, Next meeting at Jones Café, Saturday 10am on 31 March 2007. Contacts Robert Lachowicz 3289 8250 or Ann Bateson 3289 3939

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School News

Mt Nebo State School is a great school!

Congratulations to our Year 7 Student Council who were elected into their executive positions last week. Councillor Bob Millar presented the Year 7 badges to our very responsible, enthusiastic Year 7 students. Students pledged to be quality role models and always demonstrate our school values of care, consideration, courtesy and co-operation. Already students have used their own initiative to show they care for others. They have made a strong commitment to support a very worthwhile charity - The Leukaemia Foundation. We shall have a few bald or colourful students as they shave or colour their heads to raise money. Donation can be made at the school.

Our Prep Program had a very successful beginning and is continuing to provide full time quality education in our Early Years Education Centre. Our Prep program provides the foundation for a child's success at school by developing:

- * a positive approach to learning
- * independence and confidence
- * thinking and problem-solving skills
- * language skills
- * early literacy and numeracy
- * physical abilities, including gross and fine motor skills.

Our lower school students enjoyed a bus trip investigating various aspects of their local community last week. They are working on developing a community mural.

The upper school was visited by the Queensland Mining Council Education Officer, Mrs Tania Spice who gave a most informative talk on the use of minerals and their role in the astounding changes in technology over the past 100 years. The Year 5-7 class is also enjoying a mock game and drama activities in their learning about life on the goldfields.

Our talented students amazing artwork is on tour at present. We have had rave reviews from District Office and also Education House where our students' works are making a difference to people's work environment. Also Relationships Australia requested loan of quite a few pieces for their program. Plans are underway for a school and community gala art show later in the year.

Warmest regards, **Sue Biffin, A/Principal**





Councillor's Column

NEW BUSHCARE GROUP COMMENCES

The Valley's natural environment continues to benefit from the interest by local residents in forming yet another local Bushcare Group. This latest group, which will be known as the Upper South Pine River group, will have its first working bee on Sunday 1 April between 8am and 10am and will meet at Rotary Undambi Park on Mt O'Reilly Rd. As this is the first meeting for this group, I am arranging a few special activities including some giveaways, a talk and "river walk" by well known author and Council environmental officer, John Bowden and a sausage sizzle in the park organized by the Samford Rotary Club whose name the park bears and who have undertaken much of the development work in this popular park. If you would like to know more about bushcare and how you can put something back into our environment come along on the 1st April or give me a call.

SILVERSTONE ABANDONS MOUNTAIN RALLY STAGES

Just as the News was going to print, I received advice that the organizers of the SunCoast Classic Car Rally have decided not to run special stages of the proposed event on either of the two mountain locations (ie Northbrook Parkway and PEI Rd). This news will no doubt be greeted warmly by the many residents who have made representations to me, attended the recent meeting at Mount Glorious or others across the Mountain who felt that this event would have an undue impact on their lives and particularly the possibility of adding to the unwelcome traffic issues already being experienced. Should the event receive State Government approval to proceed through other parts of Pine Rivers and other Shires along the Sunshine Coast and hinterland, then it can be expected that vehicles will still proceed across the Mountain to reach subsequent stages of the event. This will give those who have an interest in classic vehicles the opportunity to view them as they pass without the other impositions the competitive stages would have brought.

PATHWORKS

Late last year I was approached by the school principal, Sue Biffin, to see whether Council may be able to assist in improving the access between the front of the school and View Crescent to improve pedestrian safety. Whilst works around schools are predominantly the responsibility of others, I was able to arrange for the additional pathworks to be undertaken by Council staff and on a recent visit to the school to present school leader badges, it was obvious what an improvement this work has made.

PROPERTY VALUATIONS

Council has been advised that the Department of Natural Resources and Water, on 26th February, released details of new unimproved property valuations to owners in Pine Rivers and a number of other local authorities. After several years in which Mountain property unimproved valuations have risen very little and in fact, reduced against the Shire averages, the latest valuations have reflected increases as much as 18%. Property owners will be in the process of receiving revaluation notices and contact details of the Department should they wish to make further enquiries.

PATHWAYS BUSINESS FORUM

The next in the 2007 series of Council's Pathways business breakfast forums will be held at Wantima Country Club on 9 March. The guest speaker will be Koen Rooijmans, Managing Director of the Brisbane Airport Corporation who will speak on the broad topic of "Managing Growth at Brisbane Airport ". Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 3480 9910.

Bob Millar

Councillor - Division 1
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VIC'S TIPS

This month has been quieter at the Transfer Station. Now that the fury and passion of Christmas is finally over, things are nearly back to 'normal'. With the recent welcome showers we are able to resume burning off the green stuff and continue our contribution to global warming. I am taking measures with PRSC to see if the mulcher can return to reduce the burning off part and increase the mulching over parched soil part. But in the past, due to the lack of interest in sorting the green waste upon arrival at The Tip by residents, the mulcher was deleted. But I shall try again.

The infamous used furniture dumper is still at large. I have received more sightings and regos from concerned residents, which are welcome. This reprobate has taken to distributing his various dumps around the Transfer Station leaving some at the Tip face but more on the green waste and firewood area or just in the bush. This is only matched by the other felon who does the local markets and throws the rest of the unsold items back at The Tip. We nearly caught them last week as a trail of crockery and books could be followed up the road because the vehicle was driven off at such high speed that the load was strewn onto the grass verge.

Within a short time the Simsmetal bin will be placed back in its original position. The new concrete pad has set and it will now be easier for the driver to resite the bin and for me to clean up around it. Regarding the contents, please do not load above the top level of the bin as it cannot be legally driven away for fear of pulling powerlines down!

Some unthinking builder dumped a load in the middle of the green waste containing asbestos from a ceiling replacement. This cost the community extra to have it removed. I hope the resident who had this work done on the mountain will give the tradesman a stiff rebuke right where he keeps his gold card.

I have had a request from the Northey Street City Farm mob for clean ice cream or yoghurt containers (2 litre & 4 litre). If you can oblige I will erect a sign above one of the wheelie bins in the plastic recycling area. They will be most pleased.

And finally, to leave you all on a positive and uplifting note, the showers have brought many of our plants into bloom, especially the heavily scented ginger plants which are scattered about but are not natives. As a 'probationary' with the infamous 'weed police/SS' I urge you to remove the flowerheads once you have sniffed them to death to ensure the ensuing seeds do not spread throughout the bush. This would strike a pleasant compromise between local gardeners and those hard working passionate members of our local environmental group.

Keep sortin' yer piles,

Vic xxx

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The Wilson Report

Suncoast Classic Rally

Most mountain residents would be aware of a proposal by Silverstone Events to include sections of Mt Glorious Road in a planned Suncoast Classic Rally in July 2007. The issue was drawn to my attention by a number of residents who contacted my office late last year after they had received a leaflet from Silverstone Events announcing the rally.

Residents were concerned about a planned rally being held on Mt Glorious Road. Acting on those concerns, I made representations to the Department of Main Roads and the Queensland Police Service, asking that residents' concerns be taken on board when considering whether to approve the proposal by Silverstone Events. Thank you for your feedback. I will keep you informed of the outcome.

Mount Glorious Road Speed Limits

In response to residents' concerns about road safety, I asked the Department of Main Roads to review the speed limits on Mount Glorious Road. Following the review, Main Roads has determined that the section of Mount Glorious Road from the intersection of Mount Nebo Road to the beginning of the village should have a speed limit of 70km/h.

Also, the speed limit within Mt Glorious Village itself will be lowered to 50km/h. Main Roads will install edge lines along the road as well as raised, reflective pavement markers to remind motorists to slow down and to be mindful of pedestrians – locals and visitors alike – who want to safely go about their business or leisure in the popular village.

These road safety changes will boost safety for residents and visitors to Mt Glorious.

For further information, contact:

Geoff Wilson MP, Member for Ferny Grove

3851 1570

Calling all Artists to apply for RADF grants

Pine Rivers Shire artists and art workers who want to turn their creative ideas into a reality are urged to apply for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants by Friday 30 March.

Pine RIVERS SHIRE provide funding twice yearly to support the development of the arts in Pine Rivers and enhance employment opportunities for those involved.

The RADF programme helps artists get their projects up and running whether it be working on a public art project, staging an exhibition, researching local history or developing their artistic knowledge by attending a workshop or conference.

Both established and emerging artists are encouraged to apply under the categories of individual professional development, projects and workshops.

For more information or to obtain an application form contact

Pine Rivers Shire Council on 3480 6666 or

Jo Anne Haywood, Media & Communications Officer,

Pine Rivers Shire Council,

Phone 3480 6668

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service news

An introduction to Mr Terry Hampson, Chair of the Brisbane Forest Park Advisory Board

In late 2005 the Environment Minister appointed a new Brisbane Forest Park (BFP) Advisory Planning Board to help guide the Park's future direction. The Board has representatives from local councils, community and Queensland Government departments.

Mr Terry Hampson is the independent community chair of the Board. Terry has always had a strong interest in environmental matters. The long list of organisations he has been involved with include FIDO (Fraser Island Defenders Organisation), Rally for Peace (which he has helped to organise for over 30 years), Rainforest Conservation Society, Wilderness Society, Moreton Island Protection Committee and the Australian Conservation Foundation. He was also the chairperson for Clean-up Australia Day in Queensland for over 10 years.

Last year Terry was presented with an Order of Australia for his efforts to preserve the natural habitat of Fraser Island and for his services to the local government, politics and the community.

Now retired, Terry divides his time between the BFP Advisory Planning Board and the Mountains to Mangroves Committee. Mountains to Mangroves focuses on protecting and celebrating Brisbane's north side bushland, a corridor which links the D'Aguilar Range and Moreton Bay. QPWS looks forward to working with Terry and the rest of the Advisory Board in reviewing and planning for management of conservation and recreation in Brisbane Forest Park and the D'Aguilar Range.

Visit by the Environment Minister

The Chair of the BFP Advisory Planning Board, Mr Terry Hampson will be accompanying Queensland's Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Lindy Nelson-Carr on a visit to the D'Aguilar Range in late February. The Minister will meet with managers to discuss the future direction of the park.

D'Aguilar Range upgrades

Starting this month, work will begin to repair the existing fence line that runs along Mt Nebo road, between BFP headquarters and Black Soil Road (opposite the winery). The fence will be upgraded in an attempt to stop illegal motor-bikes and vehicles accessing fire trails and causing considerable damage to the native vegetation and watercourses.

QPWS, together with landholders, will erect an eight to ten kilometre fence along the estate boundary at Splyyard Creek to prevent stock accessing sensitive areas such as microphyll rainforest in the park. During this time, some machinery and contractors will be visible along sections of Mt Nebo road and Splyyard Creek. All workers involved in the project are aware of the sensitivity of the park and will take care to minimise the disturbance.

Upgrade of fire breaks and new fire units

In order to minimise the risk of wildfires and protect the community, fire breaks within the park are regularly maintained. Double Break, off Forestry Road, at Mount Nebo will receive an upgrade over the next few months, allowing easy access for rangers, rural fire units and emergency personnel.

Over the past three years, QPWS have been developing a new and improved fire unit that attaches to the Parks vehicle. All 4WD vehicles on the Range now have these new fire units, able to carry 400 litres of water. QPWS have donated some of the ex-operational fire units to Rural Fire Groups throughout the South-east District.

2007 burn program

The annual conservation burn program for the D'Aguilar Range has begun and will continue until August. QPWS conduct these conservation burns to maintain the diversity of native animals and plants, to release valuable nutrients into the soil and encourage native seed germination. Residents directly affected by these conservation burns will be notified by QPWS. Two proposed burns to be conducted this year in the Mount Nebo area include the section west of Manorina and a strip of bush behind the houses on Fernlands Road.

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. You can 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

MEPA General Business Meeting

Friday, March 30th

7- 9 pm

@

Mt Nebo Hall, Mt Nebo

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Geoff WILSON MP



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- 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.
- 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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