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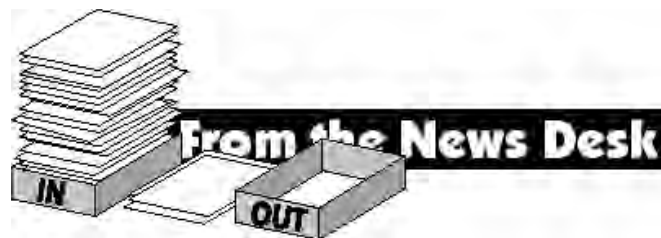
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Letters

Dear Mountain News Committee members,

I have some concerns with what Pine Rivers council is planning for the Goat Track. Having travelled up it yesterday through the dangerous maze of guide posts I am disturbed that this state of affairs will remain 'until the end of the wet season' ie an indeterminate time. My suspicion is that the council might wish to keep it like this, or even close it altogether if local people say nothing.

It is no secret that the road is expensive to maintain, very costly to upgrade to proper standard, and with council amalgamation it would be tempting to dump it as a liability. The road is a very valuable resource for everyone. For people who work on the north side travelling down the PEI road will add time and extra expense. Samford would no longer be our closest shopping centre.

Getting off the mountain via the Goat Track to avoid the dangerous mix of motorbikes, fast cars and bicycles on the weekend would no longer be a safer option. We would swap the gentle gradient of the Goat Track for the much steeper PEI road. Tradesmen, water carriers, etc would all have to travel longer routes. To lose the Goat Track as a two-way thoroughfare would therefore have a serious impact on the community. I have written to Pine River Roads Department and to Councillor Bob Millar in the hope of allaying my concerns. I wonder if anyone else on the mountain shares these thoughts...

As an addendum to my email on Saturday Councillor Millar rang this morning to allay my concerns. It all seems to come down to subsidence and instability of the edges ie safety concerns, particularly if we get more rain. Bob said that the posts are temporary, despite how they appear, and that council intentions are to maintain the road as it exists, as a two way thoroughfare, but that there were no plans to bitumen it. End of March is the expected finish of the wet season. He agreed that it was an important link for Mountain people and personally felt that a higher level of maintenance would be good. I thanked him for his very prompt reply.

Regards,
Chris Wolsey

ONE MR. SHEEN HAS BEEN REPLACED
BY ANOTHER...



Early Resident of Mt Nebo Bows Out.

Olive Woodley (nee Maile) passed away on the 9th February, 2008. She was born in Brisbane on 3rd February, 1921 and moved to Mt Nebo when her father, Alfred Maile secured two blocks of land as a soldier settler after the First World War. The property was comprised of small crops and a dairy farm. Olive went to school in Highvale and also the local Mt Nebo School. The family also ran a small tea room featured in Helen Horton's "Brisbane's Back Door". This article was researched from a book, "Holiday Voyage to Australia", written in 1939, by an American, Lawrence Spencer, who together with photographer, Dr Roberts were visiting the tea room when Olive rode up to collect lunch for her brother Bill and father who were fencing. She was described in the book as "a beautiful unspoiled girl, living in the midst of such beautiful unspoiled nature".



The local police gave her a driver's license on the achievement of driving down the mountain to the police station. She would recall stories of driving home with a lantern hanging out the window to determine the whereabouts of the edge of the road in very thick fog, or of close encounters with snakes and fighting bushfires that nearly wiped out the community. She was also involved in the rescue of World War II airmen who were returning to the Amberley airbase and crashed on the mountain. The Maile family and other locals were able to feed the airmen and administer first aid until the air force ambulance arrived.

Olive met her husband, George (deceased) at one of the local dances and they married in the Margate Methodist Church in 1944.

George and Olive moved to a house in Highgate Hill. They had four children, Margaret, George, Jill and Pam. Later the family moved to Alexandra Hills. Jill (and ChrisWolsey) moved back to the mountain in 1978 and Olive enjoyed returning to the mountain for many happy family gatherings.

Vale Olive.

Jill Wolsey



Sustaining Koalas in Pine Rivers

Always wanted to know more about Koalas in our area? Curious about these creatures who are Queensland's faunal emblem? Seen a koala yourself recently on the road? (I have!) Then come along to an illustrated and informative talk at the Mount Nebo Hall on Wednesday 12th March, starting at 7.00 pm. MEPA's guest speaker will be Vanda Grawboski, the Secretary and Education Officer for the Koala Action Pine Rivers Group.

A volunteer not-for-profit organisation, the Strathpine based collective is committed to ensuring the survival of koalas in Pine Rivers. Koalas were declared "regionally vulnerable" in March 2004 when it was revealed that over 30% of the population died in the last ten years from motor vehicle strikes, attacks by domestic animals or from stress related diseases. Continued destruction and fragmentation of koala habitat has jeopardised their survival. Vanda's education and awareness presentation will demonstrate what we can do as individuals and groups to ensure the population remains sustainable in our own region.

All welcome, including children.

Tea/coffee/ biscuits available after the talk.

First MEPA Meeting for 2008

Wednesday, March 12th - 6:30pm

Mt Nebo Hall, Mt Nebo

All welcome.

Come and hear what's happening this year followed by an illustrated presentation and talk by

Vanda Grabowski

on

"Sustaining Koalas in Pine Rivers"

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 12th - Mt Nebo Hall, Mt Nebo

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Telephone **000**

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Bob Snowdon: 3289 0150



Councillor's Column

RAINS DAMAGE GOAT TRACK ACCESS TO MT NEBO

The most extensive summer rains for many years have taken their toll on our iconic Goat Track route to Mt Nebo. The wet weather has caused instability in the fill along the road edges on the top half of the Goat Track as well significant deterioration of the track's surface and a number of landslips from the high side of the road. Due to concerns for the safety of Council's maintenance staff and motorists the road was closed for several days in mid February and continuing concerns over the instability have necessitated a temporary reduction in the available width for traffic. Significant sections of the track have been reduced to 4 metres in width and it has therefore been necessary to reduce the track to one way operation until the end of the current wet season and a full assessment of its condition can be carried out. Consideration has been given to the most prudent temporary arrangement to at least keep partial access to the track open to traffic and this will allow one way travel to Mount Nebo, with traffic from Mount Nebo having to use Mount Glorious Road (ie the PEI Rd). Officers gave consideration to tidal flow but in the current rainy conditions believed that one way was more appropriate. I will be working closely with the Council engineers and roads crews to have re-opening of the track to two way traffic take place as soon as it is safe and practical to do so. Council contact on this matter is the maintenance engineer who can be contacted on 3480 6392.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 15 MARCH

Local Government elections will be held throughout Queensland on Saturday 15th March with the Council amalgamations contributing to significant changes from past elections. Foremost amongst these changes, apart from significantly larger electoral divisions for councillors to represent will be the voting locations on polling day. Absentee voting is not available so voters must vote at a polling booth in their particular division or if they meet the criteria, apply for a postal vote. We have been advised by the Moreton Bay Regional Returning Officer that two booths will operate at Samford (ie the Farmers Hall and the Samford Community Centre) as well as the regular booth at the Mount Nebo School. Details are available on my website www.bobmillar.id.au or the electoral commission website www.ecq.gov.au. If you will be away on 15th March and require a postal vote, give me a call on 0409 890 203 or email me at info@bobmillar.id.au.

COUNCIL CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Under its Community Assistance Scheme, Council invites applications from organisations within the Pine Rivers Shire Council boundaries for financial assistance for projects, events or activities to be held between 1 July and 31 December 2008 inclusive. Grants are available for such purposes as Community and Youth Development, Community Organisation Support, Community Events, Arts and Culture and Community Facilities Development. Interest free loans of larger amounts are available to qualifying organizations. For full details of guidelines and applications forms visit Councils website www.pinerivers.qld.gov.au or call 3480 6666. For further information and to assist your organisation in writing an application, a workshop will be held on Saturday 8 March 2008 at Bunya Sports, James Drysdale Recreation Reserve, Jinker Track (Cnr. Bunya Road), Bunya from 8.30 am to 2.00 pm. Light refreshments provided. To RSVP phone 3480 6557 by Tuesday, 4 March 2008

Mount Glorious

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING 2008

A recent arrival on the mountain is the new president of the Mt Glorious Community Association. Paul Deadman was elected president at the annual general meeting of the association held at Bob MacLennan's home during the community's annual pizza day on Australia Day. Paul and his wife Allison have settled in Lindsay Road. Darryl Honor stepped down after several years as president.

Other office bearers are: Vice-president Ann O'Connor; secretary Gerry O'Connor; treasurer Ruth Lowe; committee John Hillcoat, Graham Johnson, Peter Lowe, Milinda Krogh, Bob MacLennan, Darryl Honor and Deirdre Macfie.

In his annual report, Daryl Honor reported on the committee's successful opposition last year to plans to route the SunCoast Classic Car Rally through Mt Glorious. Community representative on the Brisbane Forest Park Advisory Board, Dominic Hyde, reported that the new D'Aguilar National Park had been declared, but not yet gazetted.

He said the controversy over horse trails, which had held up the declaration for five years, had been settled late last year. The trails, except for Joyner's Ridge Road, had been excised from the park and given the status of conservation park, which would allow horses to continue to use them.

Division One representative on the Pine Rivers Shire Council, Cr Bob Millar, told the meeting 70 percent of Pine Rivers residents had voted against the State Government's plan to amalgamate the shire with Caboolture and Redcliffe to form the Moreton Bay Regional Council. Although the amalgamation would go ahead anyway, the negative vote would give the council more force in seeking government help to pay the tens of millions of dollars cost to bring about the amalgamation. He said the new Moreton Bay Regional Council would be the third largest local authority in Australia, with a population of 334,000 and an area one and a half times the size of Brisbane.

Bob Millar

Councillor - Division 1

Pine Rivers Shire Council



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ROAD RAVES

Mountain Traffic Group

There's been a few accidents recently. A car overturned between Boombana and Jolleys. One of a group of hoon cars crashed on Cosmos corner. Another car went into the guard rail at the S bend above the Goat Track.

With the Goat Track partially closed, beware of fools. Some locals recently saw two vehicles driven by young men going down the track even though it was closed to down traffic. One of the locals was able to give them both a serve.

The 'Hoon Line' number is advertised in each Mtn News. We've had reports on a couple of occasions that police have been dismissive of calls. We've also had reports that police have been very cooperative when called, and have sent a car out to try to catch these immature dangerous speedsters on their way down the Mountain. If you don't get a respectful response from police then complain to a senior officer, or let the Mountain Traffic group know and we'll pass on the complaint. The Police Service is sensitive to their public image.

Please report incidents to the traffic group. An incident reporting form is on our community website, gloriousnebo.org.au. We collate and send these to police and councils.

Congratulations again to the Mountain News team for all their continuing great work.

All welcome to Mountain Traffic Consultation Group meetings. Next meeting is Saturday 29 March 9.30am at Jones Store, Mt Nebo. Contacts: Ann Bateson (3289 3939) Rob Lachowicz (3289 8250).

Hoon Line

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

Working with our local community

Geoff WILSON MP



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The Wilson Report

Mt Glorious Village

On Tuesday 5 February 2008, I held a second meeting in my office with members of the Mt Glorious Community Association and officers from the Department of Main Roads, in relation to work being done in the area. I am happy to inform you that, as a result of lobbying from the Community Association, Main Roads has made significant modifications to its original plans and has taken on board the views of the local community in relation to the clearing of significant trees. I am delighted to have been able to assist the Community Association in achieving this goal and anticipate that our good working relationship with Main Roads will continue as they conduct the necessary works.

The rain!

The recent rain in South-East Queensland has certainly been welcome after the extended drought we've been experiencing. However, I urge motorists to drive even more carefully on the Mountain in wet conditions. Queensland Transport has warned that if it is necessary to drive during a storm or heavy rain, extra precautions should be followed to help keep you and your passengers safe. For instance, please try to double your following distance from the vehicle in front, switch on your headlights, and turn on the car's air conditioning or demister to keep the inside of your windscreen clear of fog. In addition to these, I would recommend that if you have teenagers with a provisional drivers license who are not familiar with slippery conditions, talk to them about these extra precautions and make sure they are realistic about their own driving experience.

Rally for the Valley

I am delighted to accept the invitation to open the Rally for the Valley Great Adventure Walk on Sunday 2 March 2008 at Baden Powell Park, Cash Avenue, Samford. This is a great community event with lots of activities, live entertainment and fun for the whole family, as well as being a great opportunity to support the Samford Valley Steiner Secondary School Development, the Pine Rivers State Emergency Service, the Samford Rural Fire Brigade and your own charity. For more information, contact Leanne on 0417 719 463 or visit www.rallyforthevalley.com.

Queensland Youth Parliament

Nominations for the 2008 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament have now opened. This non-political program gives one young person per electorate (aged 15 to 25 years) an opportunity to represent their community and debate ideas and youth issues. More information and nomination forms can be found at www.ymcaqyp.org or from my office. This is a great program and I would encourage any young people with an interest in discussing ideas to give it consideration.

Out & About

I will be holding mobile offices at Main Street, Samford and Patricks Road, Ferny Hills on Saturday 1 March and am looking forward to catching up with members of our community again. Come along – I'd love to hear from you.

In closing, I welcome people contacting me with their views, as well as seeking information or help with any State Government matter. Telephone me on 3851 1570, fax me on 3851 1261, email me on fern.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au, or check out my website, www.geoffwilsonmp.com. My Electorate Office is at 3/6 Nepean Avenue, Arana Hills - next to the Caltex Service Station (office hours 9:00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 5:00 pm week days).

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Queensland celebrates 100 years of national parks

Over the weekend of 28–30 March 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in association with the Tamborine Mountain community and the National Parks Association of Queensland, will host a weekend of fun family events in Tamborine National Park to celebrate the centenary of parks in Queensland.

The Witches Falls section of Tamborine National Park was declared in 1908, making it Queensland's first national park. Over the years here, additional reserves have been declared resulting in the protection of 1500 hectares of land on the Tamborine plateau and surrounding foothills. Today, Queensland has 282 national parks, from desert to rainforest to reef, which protect around four percent of the state's area.

Celebratory activities at Tamborine National Park will include stage shows, interactive games and wildlife shows. Come along and help celebrate our past, cherish the present and protect our future! Look out for more information about this event in next month's EPA News update or visit www.epa.qld.gov.au.

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D'Aguilar Range National Park news

Problem dogs caught

During January Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rangers successfully removed two wild dogs from the Mount Nebo area. Showing little fear, the dogs were following park visitors and mountain residents. Breeding between dingoes and feral dogs, resulting in the 'wild dog', is one of the biggest threats to remaining dingo populations. Dingoes are also critical to the ecosystem. Fewer dingoes can lead to higher numbers of feral cats and foxes which threaten native wildlife. So it is important for rangers to remove problem wild dogs from the community to maintain this healthy balance. I would like to take this opportunity to remind residents to secure their domestic dogs and not to feed or interact with wild dogs in any way. These actions will help combat the continuing wild dog problem along the range and will benefit the community and our unique mountain wildlife.

Help fight the spread of white moth vine

Climbing seven metres high and producing seeds that can scatter for kilometres, the white moth vine (*Arujia sericifera*) is a significant threat to the biodiversity of the D'Aguilar Range. The plant can be identified by small white or pink flowers that grow into fruit (pictured) resembling a choko or pear. While infestations of moth vine are still small and scattered along the D'Aguilar Range, mountain residents can help reduce its spread to avoid large and difficult-to-manage outbreaks. Juvenile moth vine has shallow roots and can be easily removed by hand, especially while soil is moist. Gloves must be worn when removing moth vine as skin contact with the plant's milky sap can result in an allergic reaction. A moth vine "must-read" is the pest series fact sheet produced by the Department of Natural Resources & Water, available at: <http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/factsheets/pdf/pest/pp98.pdf>.

If you would like to get involved and help clean up some moth vine and other invasive weeds please phone Matthew Wiseman at QPWS, on 3289 2644.

Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre

Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre has been operating at the Brisbane Forest Park complex at The Gap since 1990. Presenting wildlife within naturalistic exhibits, the Walkabout Creek centre delights all who have discovered it! Come along and view a range of wildlife found within the D'Aguilar Range and broader south-east Queensland area — including a platypus, wombat, quolls, reptiles, frogs, freshwater fish, nocturnal marsupials and rainforest birds. Visit soon to see the adorable additions of two juvenile bandicoots, and a wompoo fruit dove.

Walkabout Creek Wildlife Centre is open daily from 9am-4.30pm. Admission is \$5.30 for adults, \$3.70 for concessions, \$2.60 for children and \$13.20 for families (two adults and two children).

Go Bush activities for autumn

Don't miss out on the unique and exciting opportunity to enjoy Bush poetry under a starry sky at Bellbird Grove on 11 April. Local poet Kevin Dean will share Australian bush poetry by the campfire after a ranger-led reptile presentation. To make a booking phone 1300 723 684 or for other activities download the Bush Telegraph online at www.epa.qld.gov.au.

See you in the park! -

Michael Siebuhr, Senior Ranger, EPA.

- 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.
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