STEP BACK IN TIME

At the Highfields Pioneer Village Easter Festival Toowoomba Fire Brigade Historical Society member James Naumann shows off this 1934 Dennis. The vehicle was in service until 1960.

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**A few things to think about**

- The disturbing rise in youth unemployment and youth with time on their hands can result in a change in junior doctors’ care of rural patients. In a study of prevocational post graduate junior doctors, it was found that junior doctors find rural placements which highlights the fact that rural practice result in a change in junior doctors’ care of rural patients in metropolitan hospitals and can help to foster a desire to practice rural medicine.

- Economic rationalism (i.e., the market theory, does not deliver a balanced economy. The reality is that overseas countries value agriculture far too much to ever let their farms be back to the old ways of free trade. Australia does not value food security yet.

- What are the major political parties up to?

  - Free market philosophy, while fine in theory, does not deliver a balanced economy. Governments need to manage and manipulate economies to serve the best interests of their citizens.

  - Free trade agreement does not help agriculture very much. Help is needed now, not in 30 years time.

  - The reality is that overseas countries value agriculture far too much to ever let their farms be back to the old ways of free trade. Australia does not value food security yet.

  - How are we going to deal with the coming tsunami of farm foreclosures?

I can see how any farmer can be more efficient using the present structures.

Charles Nason, Roma.

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**How do we get the rural workforce we need?**

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Highfields Community Club open for business

The Highfields Community Sports Club is telling people that it is open for business. But the response to the club is such that it is already attracting good crowds to its facilities in Highfields Road.

Manager Steve Lean said during some recent nights, there has not been a seat left as people enjoy the bar and dining facilities, plus the keno and pokies, outdoor dining, and even social bowls.

The sports club started as a bowls club some years ago, but over the past two years was taken over by the Highfields Junior Rugby League Club.

Mr Lean said nine sport- ing clubs from the region were now associated with the Community Sports Club, and as such were eligi- ble for membership to the club, dependent on their patronage and involve- ment.

Darling Downs Zoo on holiday agenda

The Choat family from Gowrie Junction spent the whole day at the Darling Downs Zoo with ongoing tours of all the main animals which included feeding some of them.

Murray Choat said this would have to be one of the Toowoomba Region’s best tourist attractions by far.

Pictured Alena and Tara Choat enjoying their school holidays out at the Darling Downs Zoo Pilton visiting the big cats, blond lions, pen and big snakes of Africa. - Murray Choat.

Our Westminster system of government isn’t coping too well with all the corruption we see in the political scene.

The electoral system is suspect, what with losing ballots, and people voting in the names of others. 1D should have to be presented to prevent fraudulent voting.

We pay for investigation after investigation, at great expense, but nothing seems to change for the better. People are losing faith in a system that once was accepted as being honest and trustworthy.

In other countries, where voting is voluntary, voters are staying away from the polls because they too have lost faith in the system and notice that nothing changes for the better, no matter who is elected.

The same would happen here if it wasn’t for compulsory voting. So we have multitudes who aren’t informed, but go and vote for fear of fines.

Compulsory voting must be abolished and then only the informed and truly interested would be voting. But that would not suit the Liberal Labor Party as they benefit from the present system. - Jay Naun, Glen Aplin, Q.
The rodeo at Brymaroo on Easter Saturday was absolutely brilliant, according to Mr Wood, who said there was a crowd record.

It was first national competition rodeos at Brymaroo since 1986 and the 200 or so competitors liked what they experienced.

“It’s the biggest crowd yet and the gate takings are up on any other year,” Mr Wood, the president of the organising committee said.

Mr Wood said the cowboys were impressed at how everything flowed in from the back yards leading up to the shutes for the bulls and broncs and the time box to the sprints.

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The rodeo run from 4pm to 9:30pm, and during the peak evening period of finals competition, there was standing room only for many in the overflow crowds.

Mr Wood said it was a happy, good crowd, which was appreciative of the big screen which provided re-plays and time information.

He said because the camera was poked the lens into the sheds and the action behind the scene, people were provided with a view of what was normally not seen by the audience. After the rodeo, people filled the shed for the music, dancing and partying, and 100 or so people camped on site, waking on Sunday for a breakfast provided nearby.

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Members of the Highfields Senior Citizens Club enjoying Easter activities after the April meeting, from left: Margaret Dascombe, Coral Welke, Flora Wallace, Barry Wilkins, Warwick Wallace and Graham Schmidt. In background Barry Munro, Hector Sander and Jan Wilkins. The club meets at 10am every Monday alternatively at the Highfields Cultural Centre and the Highfields Indoor Sports Centre. Members play cards, games and bowls. A bus trip to Stanthorpe was organised to see the Law Dogs being trained for police and security work. This was followed by lunch at Happy Valley Retreat and Brewery before the group returned home in high spirits. The guest speaker at the May meeting will be from the Toowoomba Fire Brigade. New members are most welcome. Contact Ray 4698 7177. - Ray Welke photo.

Seniors in action

ANZAC window

Vietnam is the theme for Annette Byers’ decorated ANZAC window at Oakey Florist. With help from the Milne Bay Military Museum in Toowoomba, and local veterans, she has arranged newspaper clippings, photos, books, maps, scrapbooks, posters and souvenirs. - Herald photo.

Student work wins commendation

Love, the internet and the Darling Downs were the focus of University of Southern Queensland student Louise Noble’s short story which recently won Highly Commended at a national writing competition. Love at Dismal Downs was recognised in the Fellowship of Australian Writers Angelo B. Natoli Short Story Award for stories up to 3000 words by an Australian author. Louise Noble, pictured, has been studying Creative Writing at USQ and originally wrote Love at Dismal Downs as an assignment last year. “The original piece was 1000 words and my lecturer Rebecca Hazelden encouraged me to develop it into a 2500 word story for my final assignment,” she said.

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To foster greater understanding of the Brazilian culture, Rodrigo Azevedo Da Silva Borges, Amanda Santos and Nathalia Barbosa and Deputy Principal, Mr Greg Sellars, facilitated an evening to bring South American students, Australian students and staff together.

The evening provided an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Brazilian-born students, and to highlight the similarities with their Australian peers.

Oakey State High School is very different to that of its beginnings in the 1960s as Oakey district becomes home to people from around the world.

The school has a number of students who were born overseas in its enrolment. Sixteen Brazilian students, 11 Cook Islanders, six Filipino students, and others from Fiji, Japan, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa and Thailand feature among those for whom English is a second language.

The steering committee of the recently formed Community Engagement Group is keen to establish contact with interested groups and individuals in the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

The group’s formation was prompted by a groundswell of discontent with council planning decisions and a growing sense among residents that their questions and expressions of dissent are unheard.

In short, that there is a lack of engagement in the council with the ratepayers they were elected to represent.

The role of the Community Engagement Group has been determined as one of encouraging regional residents to discover their own issues with the council so that like-minded individuals can form their own action groups to pursue common goals.

Believing that a co-operative relationship among all such groups gives greater strength to their voices, CEG’s steering committee looks to the formation of a regional network of mutual support and interaction. The Community Engagement Group can be contacted by email at communityengagementgroup@gmail.com or by writing to P.O. Box 3636, Village Fair, Toowoomba 4350.

Nathalia and Janaina Barbosa and Amanda Santos.

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The Highfields Toastmasters club has been growing steadily for the past nine months. However, we are needing a few more members to be officially named a Toastmasters club, which will be able to continue running in the community for years to come.

This is an official invite to join. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 23. Meetings start at 6 pm with coffee and biscuits provided before the meeting which will run from 6.30 to 7.30pm at the Baptist Church hall Kuhls Road, Highfields. Parking is behind the hall. The club is sponsored by the Heritage Highfields Community Branch and is an asset for the community. It would be great to see this club become official and be able to remain operating in the area.

Should you have any questions you can contact me directly on 0478 150 785.

Meetings have a positive environment and we would greatly appreciate you coming along. Bring a friend if you like. It is a great confidence booster to know how to speak in public. Looking forward to speaking with you further. - Thomas Bell.

Highfields Toastmasters include Ruth Armstrong, Tony Murphy, Thomas Bell, Julie Stokes, Greg Tucker, Judy Hobson, Deb Warren and Chris White.
Surrounding the vibrant yellow Catholic Church in Bell is a fascinating and inspiring Biblical garden which uses art and beautiful plantings to depict the Stations of the Cross. Begun in 2009 as a project to commemorate the centenary of the Bell church in 2012, the garden features many plants mentioned in the Bible, including almond, olive and bay trees, a date palm, Cedar of Lebanon, pomegranates, grapevines and lavender.

A mosaic of Australia’s first saint, Mary Mackillop (Saint Mary of the Cross), is flanked by Callistemon Mary Mackillop and the shell-pink and lightly fragrant blooms of the Mary Mackillop rose. Hardy plants, such as succulents, geraniums, native trees and shrubs, oleanders, bougainvillea, day lilies and agapanthus, add colour, depth and texture to this inspiring garden.

Thoughtfully placed sculptures constructed from corrugated iron, rusty metal and barbed wire, along with sandstone boulders and winding paths, are used to represent the Stations of the Cross and the Passion of Jesus. Light refreshments will be available. Proceeds will go towards the maintenance of the church and gardens.

25 Cassidy Street, Bell. Open May 10-11 from 10am to 4.30pm. Admission $7, Children under 18 free.

Show presidents Tom Gillies, Cooyar, Athol Gossow, Crows Nest, and Errol Luck, Goombungee-Haden.

John Koehler, President of the Darling Downs Sub Chamber of Agricultural Societies and wife Maureen.

Samantha Brooks 2013 Crows Nest Miss Showgirl.

Barry and Alison Trapp were recognised by the show society for manning the door at the show ball for many years.

Floriculture chief steward Elaine Kahler and husband Lindsay.

Junior Princess Tessa Gossow and runner-up Elly Close.

Show secretary Jodie Ryan and husband Matt.

Show treasurer Tom Archer and wife Judy Archer.

Merv McLean, Crows Nest Show Society patron, and Mrs Lorraine McLean.
FOR A GOOD CAUSE: ABOVE - Cathy Rookas and Monique Vennables from Bou's for Men remove the locks of Jackson Waters and Tom Wright. RIGHT - Kylie Keating shaves for a cure.

Shaving for a common cause

The Pink Opals - Denise Sands, Fiona Jackson, Sunshine Coast, Kacie Brignell, Brisbane, Rose Jones, Highfields, and Natasha Murphy, Tooowoomba - will walk in The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers, a two-day 60km walk through the streets of Brisbane on October 25 and 26 to raise funds for research and treatment for women’s cancers.

All proceeds go to the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute and Royal Brisbane Women’s Hospital. The team needs to raise a minimum of $10,000 before the walk.

The team is working on a number of fundraising events including pie drive, raffles and direct donations. We are seeking extra support in raising this research money through our fundraisers and/or donations directly to the team. Contact Rose Jones 0407 155 704 if you would like to help with fundraising.

Visit www.endcancer.org.au. To make a donation to Pink Opals, click on Donate/Search for a Team/Pink Opals and donate to any one of the participant’s names. - Rose Jones.

Four speakers at T and P annual meeting

Four speakers will address members the Crows Nest and District Tourist and Progress Association annual meeting on Tuesday, April 29, at 7.30pm in the Crows Nest Community and RSL Centre.

Mr Phil Gregory, general manager of Wellcamp Airport, has held several positions with Wagners and associated businesses on the Darling Downs. He is working with Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Office of Transport and Security, Air Services and airline companies. He will speak on the new airport and the future for tourism in Crows Nest.

Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington will speak on working with the Queensland Government to strengthen the tourist industry.

Mary-Clare Power, Southern Queensland Country Tourism CEO’s topic is programs and promotions - where Crows Nest fits in.

Cr Anne Glasheen, Tooowoomba Regional Council, will speak on tourism in the Tooowoomba region - working in partnership.

She will speak from the perspective of the customer service portfolio.

The evening will conclude with a supper, including local produce and featuring local ingredients.

There will be a time for informal discussion and the opportunity for individual questions. - Marg Barnes, secretary, CNDTPA.

Christian Comment

Pride can send people insane

By PETER SONDERGELD

Have you ever watched a proud person and wondered why they do the things they do? Often they make some of the dumbest decisions which seem so out of touch with reality that you wonder what drug they are on.

Success (or perceived success) can be so intoxicating and the pride it can generate so powerful - that it can lead to the folly and irrationality of insanity.

In fact, success and failure can both lead to pride and both are equally debilitating in the long term. Most of us would know people who are totally enamoured with their success and others who seem to glorify, and find their identity in their failures.

Someone once said that success and failure are both imposters. They can both lead to your undoing and this is particularly true if the end result of either is pride. In that case, they can actually destroy rationality. Pride, self-confidence and glory are never a good fit for fallen humans. You can see the evidence of this in Hollywood. Celebrities are glorified out of all proportion and, time after time, we publicly see it destroying them.

The news is full of stories of the rich and famous blowing out and self-destructing. We need only to look at Miley Cyrus and Justin Bieber to see examples of this. Five years ago, both of these teen stars seemed well-adjusted, humble kids who were grateful and happy to be able to use their talents to work in an industry they loved.

Now, for both of them, the line between fantasy and reality is becoming blurred. They’re both losing control of their affairs, carrying out acts of extreme folly and irrationality. Enter pride… exit sanity. Humans simply cannot bear the weight of glory and we weren’t ever meant to.

We are designed to glorify one thing and one thing only and that is our Creator. The Bible constantly shows the consequence of humans who attempt to usurp God’s rightful place and glorify themselves.
Native pasture field day at Perseverance

BY MILES NOLLER

President of the Ravensbourne and District Landcare Group, Don Groves, Bruce Lord, Community Partnerships manager with SEQ Catchments, and Ian Eustace, President of the Ravensbourne and District Landcare Group.

Cattle producers have been told that the beef industry has a strong reliance on native pastures and that good management can ensure these grasses and legumes are sustainable and profitable.

SEQ Catchments leader Bruce Lord told beef producers at Perseverance that much of Queensland does not have a choice about whether to graze native pastures.

“They have to rely on native grasses, so they have to manage these pastures to get the best from them and ensure they are sustainable,” he said.

Mr Lord said even in areas of smaller properties, and where there were improved pastures and in the kikuyu areas such as Ravensbourne, the same principles of managing pastures applied.

He was conducting a Future Beef Stocktake program for 20 beef producers at Perseverance Hall organised by the Ravensbourne and District Landcare Group.

Bruce Lord is Community Partnerships manager with SEQ Catchments and is accredited to deliver the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry program which assists graziers to take stock of their grazing resources, and balance the supply of grass and the demand of their cattle.

Mr Lord also has practical experience with native pasture grazing on family properties in the upper Brisbane Valley.

He introduced the participants to forage budgeting, which was a calculation of short term pasture availability to meet immediate demand for cattle. Forage budgets could be done at various times throughout the season, but were critical in dry times, and in autumn when pastures start shutting down.

“You need to assess the quality of feed to carry you through the winter, how much pasture you will have for grazing,” he said.

“From April to October, our native pastures do not grow much forage,” he said.

Forage demand depends on the weight and class of animal and the quality of feed. In pasture usage the adult equivalent is a 490kg steer which required about 10kg of pasture per day. That’s 1.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent of the animal’s body weight.

A 250kg weaner requires about 0.6 of this adult equivalent, while a lactating cow requires 1.35 adult equivalents.

Kangaroos and deer which can consume significant amounts of native pasture. Mr Lord said the starting point was to know how much feed was available because graziers could “do a lot of money” carrying cattle through the season.

The ideal native pastures are described as 3-P pastures (perennial, palatable, and productive), and there is a group of grasses which meet these specifications.

They include kangaroo grass, spear grass, forest blue (Burnett Blue). These were highly desirable grasses, they were palatable, and at certain times of the season were highly nutritious.

But there were also intermediate grasses, and undesirable grasses, and should paddocks be dominated by undesirable grasses, much productivity is lost. An intermediate grass is Queensland Blue which once covered much of the Darling Downs, particularly on the basalt soils along the ranges.

Pastures which have a diversity of species can provide a mainstay to the grazing system but there were times when a pasture could require the addition of a legume, if there were no native or introduced legumes.

Bruce Lord explained the importance of land condition in ensuring healthy pastures.

He said land condition was a measure of how well the grazing eco system was functioning, and was the capacity of grazing land to respond to rainfall to produce useful forage.

Grazing management was critical because constant grazing weakened the root system of plants and just one third of the plant was available for grazing.

The roots made up one third, and the crown area the other third, and without a good root system, the plant took too long to grow leaves to regenerate growth.

A robust plant above the ground is a reflection of a robust root system.

And it’s not about the height of pasture but about the weight of the pasture.

Mr Lord said that during a forage budget, a 50cm square of pasture (one quarter of a square metre) was cut at random locations, assessed for pasture varieties, and weighed, with calculations for moisture content, so that the available forage to meet demand was made.

He said a five-year study showed that no particular grazing system (cell grazing, rotational grazing etc) was better for pasture utilisation, but rather the best pastures were the result of the best management.

However, the cell grazing people had a better knowledge of pasture management, pasture rest and regeneration, he said.

TOOWOOMBA CATTLE & PIG MARKET REPORT

Monday, April 14

HEAVY COWS SELL TO 174.2kg CATTLE. Numbers increased to 620 cattle of Edders Rural Salesyards last Monday 14th April. Prices for most categories improved with export values showing the strongest gains. Beef bulls were sought after on every sale with good buyer support. Heavy steer sold to 205.5c/kg while lighter heifers sold to 196.7c/kg. Steer sold to $3,200.00 while lighter heifers sold to $1,976.00. Full pack of bayers in attendance with good support from feeders operators & Krookarong Angus feeder steer steers 450kg from Oakley sold for $195.00 for 50, 920kg Santa steers from Wollondibba sold for $187.00 for 100, $106.00 also selling Santa steers 275kg for $175.00, Droogmattum feeder steer steers 450kg sold for $195.00. Shortmore Cross steers $77.00 sold for 175.00 to 182.00 American Cows steer green assessed sold for 200 for $570.00 for 910, German steers 350kg from Elgin sold for $187.00 for 50, Cherubaby Cows steers 135kg from Frank城镇 sold for 124.00 for 450, Hereford cows 850kg from Pittsworth sold for 175.00. Cows weighing 500kg and 100 for $515.00. Beef cattle from Friendby, weighing 851kg reached 106.00c/kg sold for $351.00. A cow weighing 450kg on Warwick averaged 155.00c/kg. Trade Angus steers from Koorma topped at 162.2kg. Feeder steer suitable for the trade sold from Preston reached 103.00c/kg. Market steers from Oakey sold for 101.50c/kg. Weighting at Warwick were the best young cattle.

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Best Easter festival for years

Highfields Pioneer Village Easter Vintage Festival

The Easter Vintage Festival at Highfields has never been held under more pleasant conditions than at the weekend, with the mild weather and sunny skies attracting what’s believed to have been a record attendance.

Highfields Pioneer Village manager Ray Ashford said almost 5000 people were present for the 17th annual festival on Saturday alone, with car parking overflowing from nine hectares of parks, extending along Wirriglen Road and other neighbouring streets.

Mr Ashford said the top attendance of 10,000 people set last year was expected to be exceeded. He said the festival was the best at Easter they had had for years.

“Often it has been cold and windy or pouring rain.”

For many, the vintage festival provoked nostalgia for things past, recalling ways of doing daily tasks that have been surpassed.

For others, particularly younger people, the festival was an education, recalling the skills and methods of production when people had pride in the quality of the tools and equipment they used.

This was highlighted in the grand parade when the equipment required for food and fibre production 50 and 100 years ago continues to function.

Mr Ashford said some of what the crowds saw could be seen nowhere else in Australia, referring particularly to a hay loading equipment display which included horse driven and power driven hay loaders from 1850 to 1950.

Three ‘new’ loaders were added to the display this year. Also new at an Easter festival was the Lisle Thomas barber shop which included memorabilia from Mr Thomas’ barber days in Toowoomba, a building with historical ambulance vehicles, a new Toowoomba Fire Brigade Historical Society building containing seven old appliances, and a Protestant Alliance Friendly Society display which includes membership aprons and other organisational items from 1863 to the present.

The pies were selling like hot cakes at the Easter Vintage Festival at Highfields on the weekend, despite the sign on the oven on this Fordson ute, which said the pies were 90 years old. Christine Pincott of Maidenwell sold dozens. It was one of two pie carts still in service at the venue.

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Rodeo action

Queen’s prize shoot at Bendigo

Golf

BOUNDO BARRACKS: April 2 – B. Clark, M. Wilds, R. Bradford who won the singles event.


BOUNDO BARRACKS LADIES: April 22 - L. Mutch/M. Wilds.


CALFY: April 14 - S. Calabrese.


RIFLE SHOOTING


WAGNERS RISDON CUP

ROUND 2 - A grade: Bruce 39, Davis 41, V. Gatto 36, St George 36, Range 25, USQ 20, D grade: Davis 31, Gatto 37, Dalby 36, Condamine 5, Rangers 4, USQ 13, C grade: Dalby 37, Chinchilla 29, Rangers 26.

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**TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Coordinated Regional 1080 Program – Wild Dog Control

Toowoomba Regional Council advises that the regional wild dog baiting campaign has been scheduled to take place between April 29 and May 6, 2014.

All landholders who formally registered their details during the 2012 programs should have now received specific program details in terms of the eligible landholders. Registration forms for access to this service has not received notification will need to contact Council’s Conservation and Pest Management section prior commencement of the program.

Landholders participating in the program are required to supply their current details, details of any new landholders. Rules and regulations on the 1080 service can be found at www.daff.qld.gov.au.

All new participants wishing to use the service must meet the rules and regulations. Registration forms for any new participants (i.e. those who did not receive time and location of baiting stations) will be available from the Council’s Conservation centre or by phoning 131 872. Registration forms must outline the property owner’s details, property boundaries and telephone contact details to ensure eligibility for the service.

Further information or a hard copy of state guidelines can be obtained by phoning Council’s Conservation and Pest Management branch. Gerry Wilson or Grant Beutel on 131 872.

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Hampton Real Estate, established just four years ago by Karen Allen, has increased its team to three as it receives requests to sell property in the Highfields, Meringandan and Toowoomba districts.

Karen’s husband Craig joined the sales team 18 months ago. She said business had increased throughout Highfields, Meringandan, and even into Toowoomba.

They had successfully sold all listings from these areas. Hampton Real Estate had intended to concentrate its activities in the Crows Nest to Cabarlah and Ravensbourne areas, and this it will continue to do.

But Highfields based Mark Chimes will expand sales into these new areas.

Mr Chimes lives in Highfields, but is Toowoomba born and raised, and has 30 years in business including in IT and sales.

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Hampton Real Estate team member Mark Chimes with principal Karen Allen and partner Craig Allen.

Craig Allen said Mr Chimes would add to the success of the business in Hampton.

Highfields real estate had experienced steady growth, not too fast and not too slow, he said. It concentrates on property sales, and is not involved in rentals.

However, Highfields was regarded as Queensland’s fastest growing urban area, and word of mouth referrals promoted the move into Highfields.

Mr Chimes said he wanted to be involved in honest, ethical, and transparent service to customers. He said he understood the value of the home as an asset for most people and the emotional sensitivities involved in buying and selling a home.