

'Round the Ridges

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for Ridgewood,
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ANZAC Commemorations

As the twenty-fifth of April nears I would like to draw your attention to the commemoration of ANZAC day. Firstly though, a very short history lesson on Australia's sovereignty, independence and involvement.

Until 1900, Australia was a member of The British Empire. In 1901, under the leadership of The Governor General "The Earl of Hopetoun," a constitution was passed and six states were recognised as The Federation of Australia with the first Prime Minister, Edmund Barton, being appointed.

In 1914, Britain was at war with Germany and the newly formed Federation of Australia was asked by The Mother Country to send troops to Europe to assist Britain's war efforts. The Australian government under the Prime Minister, Joseph Cook, and Opposition Leader, Andrew Fisher, agreed to the conscription of Australian men to be known as The Australian Infantry Forces (A.I.F.) and so 20,000 men were enlisted and in October 1915 these men were shipped to Egypt for further training. It was here

they encountered the New Zealand contingency and in Egypt troops from both countries were first known as the A.N.Z.A.C.'s (Australia and New Zealand Army Corps).

These troops along with others from France, Britain, and India were deployed to the Dardanelles Straits in order to hold open the gateway to the Black Sea so that supplies could continue to be delivered to the Western front.

The Dardanelles was heavily mined and the Allies lost several ships trying to penetrate via these waters. It was decided by the then Lord of The Admiralty, Winston Churchill (nicknamed "The Butcher of Gallipoli") to use land forces and so The ANZACS along with the allied British, French and Indian troops were deployed. Further miscalculations followed when the allied soldiers were landed about one mile further north on the Gallipoli peninsula than intended, instead of the wide flat beaches of GabaTepe, they had to penetrate the steep cliffs of ANZAC Cove. Enormous losses were incurred, about 250,000 allied

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WHAT'S ON 'ROUND THE RIDGES

Calendar

APRIL

- 4 Belli Hall Crop Swap - 10am
- 10 Belli Hall Wine Time - 6pm
- 19 Easter Activities at the Hub
- 19 Belli Hall Old Time Dance - 6.30pm
- 25 ANZAC Day - 5pm Ridgewood Hall
- 25 Ridgewood Hall BBQ - 6pm
- 26 Mrs Browns Diner Markets - 3pm
- 26 Hub Music + Pizza Night - 4pm
- 27 Fire Brigade Training 9-11am

MAY

- 1-31 GourMay Mary Valley Food Festival
- 9 Belli Hall Crop Swap - 10am
- 10 Belli Hall Wine Time - 6pm
- 17 Belli Hall Old Time Dance - 6.30pm
- 24 Mrs Browns Diner Markets - 3pm
- 25 Fire Brigade Training 9-11am
- 30 Ridgewood Hall BBQ - 6pm
- 31 Hub Music + Pizza Night - 4pm

welcome

to the new members of our community. Please don't be shy, come along to our community BBQ and other events. We want to meet you!

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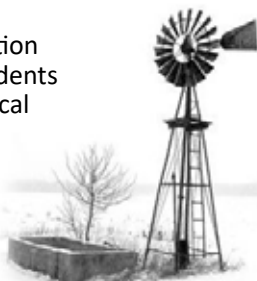
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Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

Welcome to Emma and Lyn who have put up their hand to join the RTR editorial team.

The saying of 'many hands make light work' is true, so consider how you can help your local community.

Maybe it could take the form of writing an article for the RTR?

We would love to hear from you and can even send you some prompting questions if you want to contribute but have writer's block.

Please email your submissions to rtr.editor@gmail.com

We hope that you enjoy reading this issue.

Annie

The Hub

Easter Celebration

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**Sat April
19 from
3pm**

**Hub @ the
ridge**

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picnic rug if you wish <**

President's Report



2025 is officially a quarter over! Wow! At our last Committee meeting we discussed BBQ themes and holding the raffles only on those evenings, excepting the Photo Fair Awards Night. Below are listed are the events scheduled on the BBQ evenings (the last Friday of every month)

April BBQ - Italian theme

May - Mother's day Celebration

June - Photo Fair

July - Pig on a Spit

August - Ridgewood Hall's 90th Birthday Celebration. The Committee are discussing how best to celebrate this special occasion and will keep you informed.

September - no theme

October- Bush Dance

November- no theme

December - Christmas family Celebration

The Committee are still on the lookout for some help with the publication of the Round the Ridges magazine (RTR) and if you think that you might be able to help in some way, we would love to hear from you.

In saying this we would also like to hear from you if you have a story or any article related to the Ridgewood and Carters Ridge district!

The committee also discussed holding an evening dedicated to the kids in our district where parents can bring along

their kids for an evening of fun, games, indoor bowls, table tennis etc. We will keep you informed of dates and times via the Carters Ridge and Ridgewood Facebook page.

Our Social Media director; Emma McLeod suggested at the last committee meeting that we set up an Instagram Page which will allow us to post images of events etc that we have going on in our community and at the Hall. Keep your eyes out for this page coming soon.

At our last committee meeting it was agreed that we purchase a Paywave unit for the Hall as not everyone carries cash. We bought the model called Square and used it at the last BBQ to great effect.

Well, that is it from me this time around! Short and sweet! Happy Easter to all!

Cheers,

Chris Kirkpatrick

President
Ridgewood Community
Hall Committee



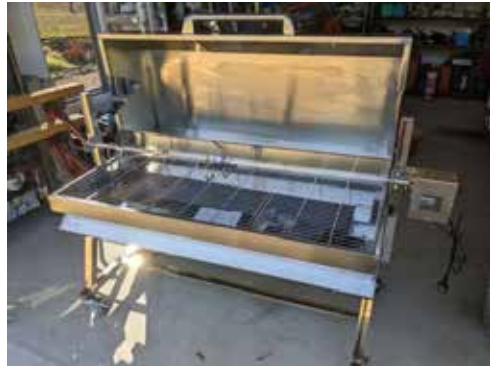
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2025 Ridgewood Committee Meeting Dates

'Round the Ridges and Ridgewood Hall are run by a team of very passionate volunteers. Each month we meet together to discuss content for the next RTR magazine, community initiatives, events and other ways to support our locals. We are fortunate to have our beautiful heritage Ridgewood Hall to get together and come up with new events for the community.

Meeting Dates:

3rd April
1st May
5th June
3rd July
7th August
4th September
2nd October
6th November
4th December



On 2nd February 1935 a public meeting was held at Lowe's corner and it was resolved to build a Hall in the District on land made available by the generosity of Mr Peter Mackellar.

Around the Halls

Ridgewood Hall

Tuesday	COR 5.30pm
Wednesday	COR 6.30pm
Thursday	Yoga 9.30am - 11am COR 5.30pm
Friday	COR 6.30am Community BBQ 6pm (last Friday of month)

Belli Park Hall

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Monday	Yoga 6pm
Tuesday	Pilates 6:30pm
Thursday	Wine Time 5:30pm (2nd Thurs month)
Friday	Crop Swap 10:15am (first Fri of month)

North Arm Hall

Wednesdays	Physie Ladies class 9.30am and 6.45pm Physie and Dance Juniors and teens 4-6.45pm AcroDance 4:45pm
Thursdays	Physie and Dance Juniors and Teens 3.45pm-7.30pm AcroDance Teens 5:45pm
Fridays	Physie and Dance class Ages 2-72+
Saturdays	Yoga 6:45am Physie Ladies class 2:15pm Physie and Dance Juniors and teens 9-2:15pm AcroDance Juniors 10am and 12:15pm

Gheerulla Hall

Tuesdays	Qi Gong 5:45-6:30pm
Wednesdays	Line Dancing 9-10:30am Gold coin donation
Thursdays	Exercise Class 9-10am Sponsored by Sunshine Coast Council \$5
Saturdays	Yoga 8-9:30am \$5

Eumundi Hall

Monday	9am Art Group 5.30-6.30pm Capoeira Dance
Wednesday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off 5.30-6.30pm Capoeira Dance 6.45-8.00pm Children's Aikido
Thursday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off
Friday	9am-2.30pm Life Lessons Homeschool Drop-off 3.30-6.30pm Eumundi Ladies Group
Saturday	8.30-9.30am Adult Aikido

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You can also contact the Ridgewood Rural Fire Brigade on **0429 827 275** for fire safety advice.

Stay safe everyone - Ask questions if you don't know.

Russell Webber
First Officer
Ridgewood RFB



ONLINE SECURITY - Best Practices for Everyday Users

Online Security in today's digital world, protecting personal data is crucial. Cyber threats such as hacking, phishing, and identity theft are on the rise, making it essential to adopt strong security habits.

Here are some best practices to keep your online information safe.

1. Use Strong, Unique Passwords

A strong password is the first line of defence against cyber threats. Use complex passwords with a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols. Avoid using the same password for multiple accounts. A password manager can help create and store secure passwords.

2. Enable Two-Factor Authentication

Two-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second verification step, such as a code sent to your phone. This makes it significantly harder for hackers to gain access to your accounts.

3. Be Cautious of Phishing Scams

Phishing attacks trick users into revealing personal information through fake emails or websites. Be wary of unsolicited emails, avoid clicking on suspicious links, and verify the authenticity of messages before providing sensitive data.

4. Keep Software and Devices Updated

Outdated software can have vulnerabilities that hackers exploit. Enable automatic updates for your operating system, browsers, and apps to stay protected with the latest security patches.

5. Use Secure Wi-Fi Networks

Public Wi-Fi networks are often unsecured, making it easy for hackers to intercept data. Avoid accessing sensitive accounts on public networks or use a Virtual Private Network (VPN).



6. Monitor Account Activity

Regularly review your bank statements, social media accounts, and other online services for any unauthorised activity. Report any suspicious transactions immediately.

7. Be Mindful of Sharing Personal Information

Cybercriminals use social media to gather personal data. Limit what you share online and adjust privacy settings to protect your information.

8. Backup Important Data

Regularly back up important files to an external drive or cloud service. This ensures you don't lose critical information in the event of a cyberattack or hardware failure.

By following these security best practices, you can reduce the risk of cyber threats and safeguard your digital presence. Stay informed and proactive to protect yourself online.

-- Nathan Goss



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ANZAC Commemorations - *continued from front cover*

soldiers and a similar number of Turkish troops in only eight months. Gallipoli has to be recorded as one of the greatest military disasters of British Military history.

However, it was during the Gallipoli campaign and the battles on The Western Front that the Australian soldiers gained the reputation of being the most tenacious, strategic and well trained troops in the world.

Many of these men were from “the bush,” some of them not long out of school, young men looking for adventure. Their reputation for COURAGE, TEAMWORK, INITIATIVE and MATESHIP is still part of the Australian soldier psyche today. I’ve got to say that I’m proud to be Australian and I will certainly be marching with my mates on the twenty-fifth.

There is part of the Australian armed forces that does not receive due recognition and that is the military

nursing service. During the Boer war and W.W.1 most of the nurses were volunteers, most paying their own way. Even during W.W.2 many were still volunteers and their services were certainly undervalued, unless of course you received attention from them. However, it wasn’t until the beginning of W.W.2 that their value was recognised and in 1948 they received official status as Royal Australian Army Nursing Service (R.A.A.N.S) and further in 1951 became officially part of the Australian Military, receiving corps status as Royal Australian Army Nursing Corps (R.A.A.N.C.)

So this year on the 25th April shake hands with a Service man or woman and say “Thanks Mate.”

John Diprose

Cooroy Pomona R.S.L. Sub Branch



Neighbourhood Watch Queensland

As a community, it's important that we look out for each other. There have been a number of incidents in the area the past six months and locals are being encouraged to take better precautions when leaving homes, businesses, and keeping their cattle safe.

Always keep an eye out for any unusual activity, unregistered cars or odd characters. If you see any strange behaviour, report it to the police immediately. Facebook community groups are a great way to let other community members know.

When leaving your home, a great idea is to keep a light on and if you're away, ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your home.

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THE WONDERS OF WEST COOROY CONSERVATION PARK

While I was Noosa Mayor, I began pushing for West Cooroy State Forest to be converted into national park. This became more urgent when koala detection dogs working around the edges of the forest revealed how plentiful these iconic animals were. Like Yurol and Ringtail Forests, West Cooroy is destined to be an essential stronghold for healthy koalas in Southeast Queensland.

In 2023, the Queensland Government promised to transfer West Cooroy State Forest into national park by the end of the year. They had planned to harvest some small coops of Gympie messmate before changing its status. But when endangered plant species were discovered in and around the trees, the proposed logging was scrapped. Instead of becoming national park as promised, the land quietly slipped into conservation park status, which is still a protective covenant. A conservation win is a conservation win after all.

The 1150-hectare forest is the last big chunk of government-held land within the Noosa Shire to garner environmental protection. This is a milestone achievement, in some ways a culmination of six decades of effort that began when Dr Arthur Harrold established the Noosa Parks Association in 1962 and set about protecting the Noosa headland from planned development.

West Cooroy Conservation Park contains critically endangered lowland rainforest as well as open eucalypt forest. It is also home to many animal species that I have not been able to find anywhere else in Noosa Shire. Pademelons would sit at the top of that list. West Cooroy may be the last refuge in Noosa Shire for these charming little macropods. It is also the only place in the shire where I have been

able to clap eyes on paradise riflebirds. Male riflebirds were once hunted for their iridescent plumage, used to adorn ladies' hats.

This is also one of the few places in the shire where one can regularly see pale yellow robins, the smaller cousin of the more common eastern yellow robin. Vulnerable marbled frogmouths have also been spotted in the forest as well as sooty owls.



Red-legged Pademelon

West Cooroy is one of only two places in the shire where I have come across a land mullet. If that moniker invokes a fish out of water, then you're on the money. Land mullets are our largest skinks, and they do look somewhat like their briny namesakes. The endangered giant barred frog inhabits the creeks of the forest, while endangered greater gliders soar between trees at night.

I am sure that more thorough scientific scrutiny will uncover all manner of wonders over coming years. Noosa Shire will never again see a conservation win on the scale of West Cooroy Conservation Park.

-- Tony Wellington

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Floriography - The Language of Flowers

For many centuries, floriography has been used to communicate secret messages and express feelings.

With Mothers' Day on the second Sunday in May (11th May this year), some people might be thinking about giving their own mum, or another mother in their life, a bunch of flowers. Be sure to check that you are sending the right floral message!

Most people know that red roses convey love, but what do some other flowers mean?

The **sunflower** (scientific name of *Helianthus annuus*) is such a cheery flower to look at and provides useful by-products like sunflower seeds and sunflower oil. There are some sunflowers growing in the community garden out the front of Mary Valley Smallgoods in Jubilee Road, Carters Ridge. Each sunflower bloom, called a 'head', is actually a collection of thousands of tiny flowers. Many people will be familiar with the sunflower's phototropism – the ability to move, responding to the direction of light.

Sunflowers convey the message of loyalty and abundance, sometimes given as a good luck gift between friends. The pattern of seeds within a sunflower head is a great example of Fibonacci's sequence: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...

Each number in the Fibonacci's sequence is the sum of the previous two numbers. As the number of sunflower seeds follow Fibonacci's sequence, this results in the formation of two spirals, in opposite directions, in the flower head. The yellow 'petals' on the outside of the sunflower head are called 'ray florets', while the centres (that eventually turn into the

seeds) are called 'disc florets'. If you love sunflowers, you may like to consider attending Kalbar's Sunflower Festival which is being held 2-4th May, 2025. Check it out here: kalbarsunflowers.com.au

Red **poppies**, with black centres, are a symbol of commemoration in Australia, typically associated with Anzac Day (25th April) and Remembrance Day (11th November). Canadian medic, Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, used the blooming red poppies on the soldiers' graves in Flanders Fields, as inspiration for his poem, 'In Flanders Fields'.

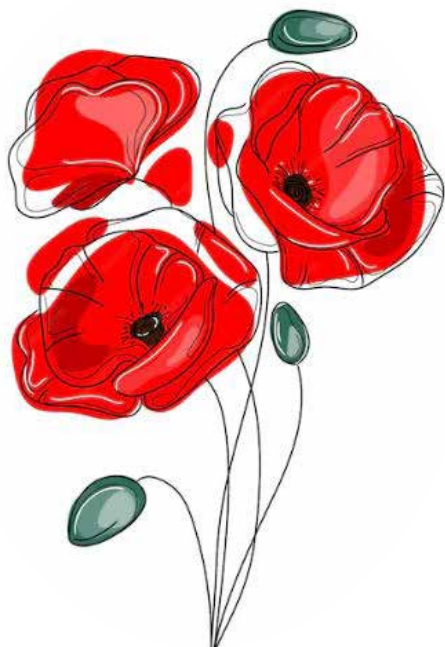
As a reaction to McCrae's poem, Moina Michael, promoted the sale of poppies as a fundraising endeavour for veterans. This resulted in the poppy becoming a global symbol of remembrance.

The poppy family of plants includes a diverse range of species, including those with different petal colours, and some that produce edible poppy seeds and pain-relieving opioid compounds that form the basis of morphine and codeine.

Poppies have featured in ancient mythology, found in Egyptian tombs dating back thousands of years. The Egyptians believed that the poppy could resurrect the deceased person. In Greek mythology, poppies have been linked to Demeter, the goddess of agriculture and harvest, as well as Morpheus, the god of sleep and dreams. The drug, morphine, was named after Morpheus.

Over the years, Poppy has gained popularity as a girl's name and has even featured in the Harry Potter franchise, as the character, Poppy Pomfrey.

-- Annie Bailey



In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place. While in the Sky
The larks still bravely singing, fly
Unheard, amid the guns below.
We are the dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawns, saw sunsets glow;
Loved and were loved – but now we lie

In Flanders Fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch, Be yours to bear it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep tho' poppies blow

In Flanders Fields.

Flower Word Search

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Chocolate Toxicity in Dogs

Access to chocolate at Easter time is high especially with Easter Egg hunts. Chocolate is toxic for dogs, small amounts can cause gastric upset, large amounts can be fatal. Theobromine is the toxic ingredient, the darker the chocolate, the higher the amount of theobromine. Humans can metabolise this toxin (to an extent), dogs cannot. If your dog has ingested any chocolate, call your vet or your local 24 hour Vet to find out if they have ingested a toxic amount rather than waiting to see if they will get sick. When you call you will need to know the type of chocolate eaten, quantity and the weight of your dog. If your dog has eaten any amount of dark chocolate it is best to rush your dog to the vet as an emergency and call on the way. Your vet will induce vomiting and if this is done soon after ingestion this is all they will need.

If you don't catch your dog in the act of eating chocolate, the symptoms of chocolate toxicity when a toxic amount has been ingested occurs 4-24hrs after ingestion.

Early signs are mild and include: Gastrointestinal upset, vomiting, diarrhoea, excessive urination, increased thirst. Signs can progress to include: Hyperactivity, increased heart rate, elevated temperature, belly pain.

The more severe signs include: Depression, heart arrhythmias and heart failure, tremors, seizures, coma and death.

Seek treatment early, it is better to err on the side of caution, especially with young and senior dogs, or dogs with pre-existing conditions especially heart issues.

Other potential household toxins around Easter time.

Hot cross buns - Contain raisins - Grapes and therefore raisins cause kidney failure in dogs.

Easter toys and decorations - Toy eggs, fluffy chickens, bunny ears are fun to chew on but can block airways or obstruct intestines if eaten.

Easter Lily - mildly toxic to dogs, but extremely toxic to cats. All parts of lilies are toxic to cats and only a small amount needs to be ingested to cause kidney failure. Even grooming pollen from their fur can be fatal.

Roast dinner - many traditional Easter foods are not good for your pet's health, fatty meats to salty side dishes, it is best to avoid sharing your roast dinner with your pet.

Have fun and stay safe this Easter.

Call or text Dr Terri on 0430410283 if you would like to book a home visit for your dog or cat.





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Local History with Helga Hill

Pioneer Families of Cooroy & District



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"Pioneer Families of Cooroy and District" is a book produced by Members of the Cooroy-Noosa Genealogy & Historical Research Group it was published in 2002.

Members interviewed old residents and recorded their family stories of early days in our district.

From the interview with Ken Poulsen:-

The Poulsen family came to the district in 1905, when P C Poulsen, a well-known Brisbane photographer, selected 'Beechwood', which is situated on the west side of Poulsen Road. It was part of the original Kenilworth Station.

Ken Poulsen was farming 'Beechwood' when we came to live here in 1970. He had two dairies, beef cattle, and grew corn on the fertile flats beside the Mary River. He also was involved in early tropical pasture seed production. The Poulson family were from Denmark. They named the property 'Beechwood' after the native beech trees of Denmark.

Many of the farms along the Mary River were settled by people from Denmark. The area was affectionally called 'Little Denmark.'

Echoes of the Past

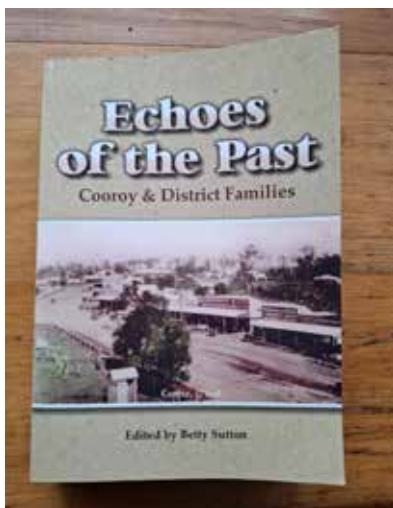
"Echoes of the Past" was the second book produced by Cooroy-Noosa Genealogical & Historical Research group and published in 2011, with more stories from early settlers of the district.

An excerpt from pg 185 explains how Happy Jack Creek received its name:

"As Tab related, the creek was named after a local Aborigine who lived with his wife on a high knob of land between the creek and a swamp. He couldn't speak any English, and when anyone spoke to him, he just laughed. That's why they called him Happy Jack; hence the name of the creek where he lived - Happy Jack Creek."

Both these books can be borrowed from Ridgewood Hall, though the first book is now on a USB.

Or they can be purchased from the Cooroy-Noosa Genealogy & Historical Research Group:
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A big thank you to Don Johnson who came to the rescue of two delivery trucks bogged on a Ridgewood Farm on Saturday 8 February 2025.

The first truck became bogged and following a call for assistance, another truck attempting to pull out the first truck also became bogged.

Don, a Ridgewood local legend, promptly turned up in his trusty Tractor hauling

both trucks out of the bog terrain caused by overnight heavy rain downfalls.

The truckies were very happy that Don got them back on the road with minimal disruptions to deliveries to the local community. The USA might have Don Trump but here at Ridgewood we have Don Johnson.

Is Don is good!

-- Greg Parkes



DID YOU KNOW?

It is a local Council requirement that you remove your bins from the roadside after they have been emptied by the garbage trucks. This is not just for safety reasons, it is also gives us a tidy enviroment. Many people in the district seem unaware of this requirement.





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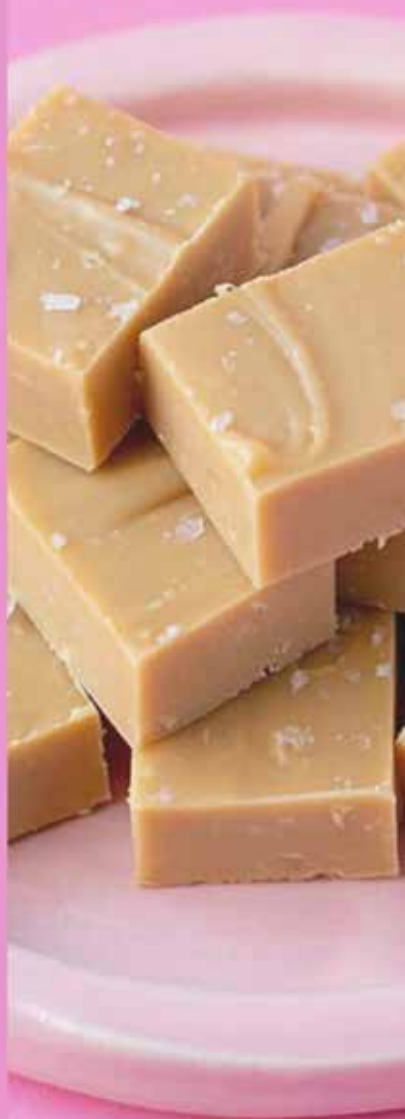
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COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

The community garden out the front of Mary Valley Smallgoods and The Hub at Jubilee Road, Carters Ridge, is now in full swing after the recent rain associated with Cyclone Alfred and the weather starting to cool. The flowering plants like the vinca and petunias are pretty, but it is the collection of regal sunflowers that is the showstopper. Standing over 1.5m tall, their beautiful yellow heads are attracting lots of native bees and, I am sure that the parrots will find them soon, too. Get in quick to have a look as they probably only have a few weeks before being pulled out to make way for new plants.



As far as edible plants go, there's plenty of different types of chillies to go around, as well as cherry tomatoes and different types of herbs (rosemary, basil, parsley, oregano, thyme). I spotted a capsicum or two there also. But if you are looking for something a little bit different, why not try the juicy leaves of the Ceylon (Malabar) spinach or the cute little green striped Thai eggplant?



As this is a community garden, you are encouraged to pick and take what you can use. There is no need to ask anyone for permission, but please use common sense and show community spirit by pulling out a few weeds while you are there. I know that there is a growing number of generous garden pixies who do just that, so why not do the same? Many hands make light work to keep that pesky nutgrass under control.

The photos show the transformation from an earlier photo of the garden (December 2024) to how it currently looks. Wow! Please also enjoy the photographs of what is currently growing in the garden.

-- Annie Bailey



December 2024



March 2025



Many thanks to all those who continue to contribute towards our community garden!

Fence Post Turtle

While stitching a cut on the hand of a 75 year old farmer, whose hand was caught in the squeeze gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man.

Eventually the topic got around to politicians and their role as our leaders.

The old farmer said, "Well, as I see it, most politicians are 'Post Turtles'."

Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a 'post turtle' was.

The old farmer said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a post turtle."

The old farmer saw the puzzled look on the doctor's face so he continued to explain. "You know he didn't get up there



by himself, he doesn't belong up there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, he's elevated beyond his ability to function, and you just wonder what kind of fool put him up there to begin with."

Best explanation of a politician I've ever heard.

On Order

The manager of the garden center overhears one of his nurserymen talking to a customer. "No, we haven't had any of that in ages," says the nurseryman. "And I don't know when we'll be getting any more."

The customer leaves and the manager walks over to give him a telling off. "Never tell a customer we can't get them something," he says. "Whatever they want we can always get it on order and deliver it. D'you understand?"

The nurseryman nods. "So, what did he want?" asks the manager.

"Rain," replies the nurseryman.



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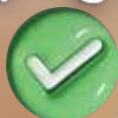
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