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# COBBA—NEWS

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## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS.

About 120 residents attended the complimentary sausage sizzle provided by Dean & Tyler. the boys who have been installing our Solar hot water systems, every resident who purchased a unit was in a raffle provided by Envirosaver for \$500 worth of shopping vouchers from Tweed City. The lucky winner was **RON PESCU**D House 6, Congratulations Ron.

**BRUCE WALL** was presented with a cheque for Camp Quality for \$760. Envirosave will continue to donate from each installment in the village. Roger Munsic and his friends entertained us on the night. The night was a great success, we thank all who attended.

A crowd of 114 attended the 'FUN FOR OVER 50's' presentation. It was very interesting discussion about train & fly travel in Queensland. At present we cannot use our pension concession in Queensland for travel. This company told us that they give us the rebate on their holidays. If you want more information you can contact them at 07 38083696.

After the presentation the wine and nibbles came out a good time was had by all !!

'The **LIZA & LACHLAN**' concert on April 26th. Booking are going well for both shows . The starting times are 2.00pm and 7.00pm. There will be raffles at both shows, you are welcome to bring drinks and nibbles if you wish. The bar will **NOT** be open.

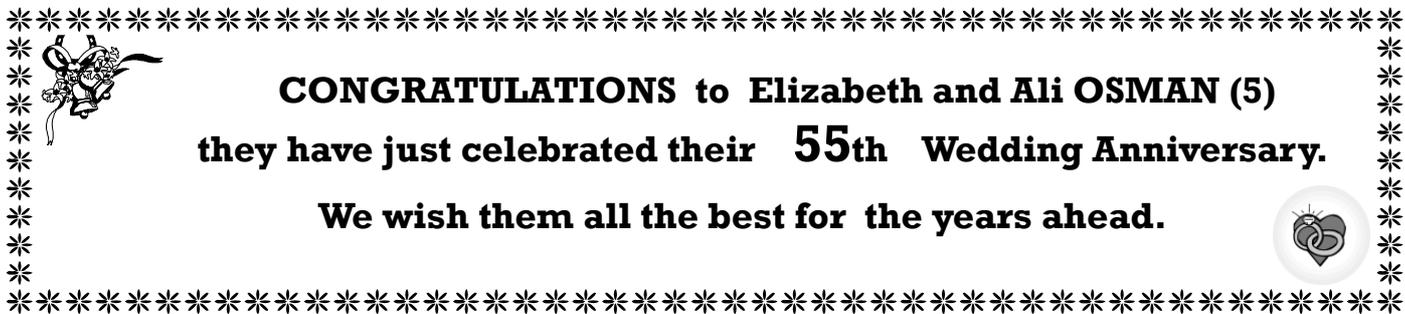
**HAPPY HOURS.** We're finding that a lot of people are coming into the kitchen area when we are trying to get meals ready, as much as we love your company, may we ask you **NOT** to come into the working area while there is so much going on. We're concerned someone may get hurt and we certainly don't want that to happen. Your offers of help are very much appreciated a we also welcome your help after the meals have been served. Thanks for your co-operation.

**LAKERSIDE TAVERN** nights.. Cheese and Biscuits are supplied but if you want to bring other nibbles , you are very welcome to do so. These nights are proving quite a success.

**BARBEQUES.** They are there for all residents to enjoy. Please feel free to have a family barbie or get a few friends to-gether. Everything is there for your use. The outside fridge is also available for you use while you are there.

Thank you for all your support. Pres. **Trish McKinley**





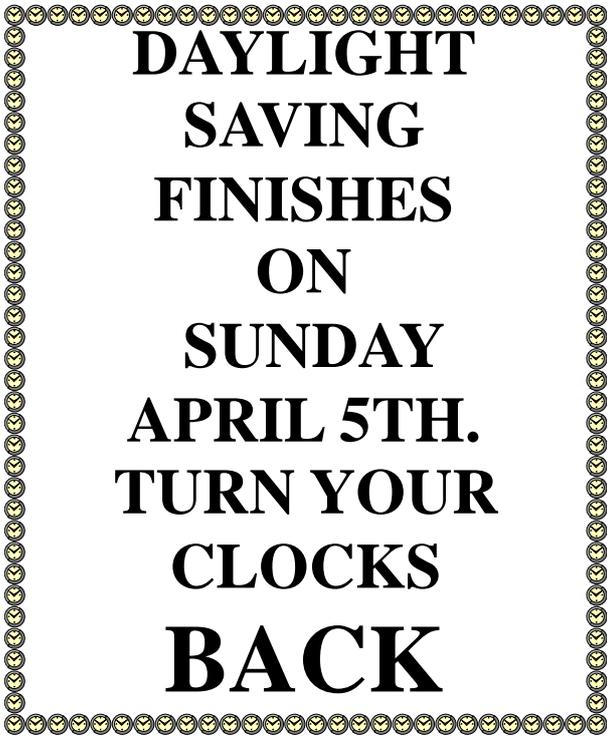
**CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth and Ali OSMAN (5)**  
**they have just celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.**  
**We wish them all the best for the years ahead.**



April 6th, will see our **Jimmy turns 96**. You have to be pretty quick to keep up with **Jim McManus** (House 51). Ever since Jim moved into the village with wife Margaret in 1998, he has been the life of any party that he attends. Jim is passionate about music and a massive fan of 'Bing Crosby'. You will see Jim and Margaret walking along the beach most days or walking around the village.  
**Every good wish Jim for a great 96th birthday.**

**TRUE STORY**

This morning on the freeway,  
 I looked over to my left and saw a woman  
 In a brand new Holden Calais  
 doing 110 kms per hr  
 With her face up next to her rear view  
 mirror putting on eye liner.  
 I looked away for a couple of seconds!  
 And when I looked back she was  
 halfway over in my lane,  
 still working on that makeup.  
 But she scared me so much;  
 I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the  
 meat pie out of my hand.  
 In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the  
 car using my knees against the  
 teering wheel, it knocked my mobile phone away  
 from my ear which fell into the coffee  
 between my legs, splashed and  
 burnt Big Jim and the twins  
 ruined the darn phone, soaked my trousers,  
 and disconnected an important call.  
**WOMAN DRIVERS!!!!**



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 FINISHES  
 ON  
 SUNDAY  
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## What's on in the Village

**April already.** Time flies so quickly these days, probably because we are all so busy. That doesn't mean however that we shouldn't make some time for fun and relaxation and what better way than getting out and supporting all the wonderful folk that organise and run the great clubs we have at Cobaki. Call a friend and make this the week to try something new.

**LIBRARY**:- Another month gone. It will soon be Christmas (only joking) A couple of reminders—Please leave the magazines, as you find them, in tidy stacks. Books, Videos etc. place on trolley for Jim or I to put away. Library is open every day of the year. *Ian*

**SINGLE GIRLS**:- All's well in Cobaki singles land.. We had a lovely trip to Mt. Tamborine for a Ballroom Dancing Exhibition. This was just one of the activities put on by the organisers of Seniors Week. Coming up is a luncheon at the Kingscliff TAFE and the Seniors Expo at the Seventh Day Adventist complex in Murwillumbah. Any single ladies out there that like the sound of what we do you are welcome at the Rec. **Hall every Wed, 10am** *Maureen*

**CROQUET**:- The weather is finally starting to cool down a little so if you feel like a gentle walk, the opportunity to make new friends, give the grey matter a workout & have some fun with a Mallet join us **Saturdays @ 8.30am** on the lawn at the top of the lake *Hannah*

**LINE DANCING**:- Attendance has been good this month. Nancy, now recovered from her operation, is back to teaching some new dances. We are pleased to welcome a new member to our group and sadly we have to say goodbye to Ann (Trevor Hardy's sister) who is relocating back to Spain to be nearer to her children. We are going to miss you Ann. We make our classes lots of fun and you will enjoy good company and good, toe tapping music. It's a great way to get some aerobic exercise. We welcome newcomers. **Thurs.9.30-11am** *Elizabeth*

**AQUA AEROBICS**:- Thank you to all who answered the call to return dumb-bells. It's no joke we are truly wearing them out. The attendances have been good, the water is great, the company is exceptional and we have fun. Only 2 more weeks of daylight saving, perhaps a few more folk may care to join us. Depending on the weather we hope to be in the pool for at least another two months (or more). See you **7am Monday to Friday..** *Tess*

**TRIVIA**:- March Trivia was a fun night run by the pro's. As for April?? Well you had better come along and find out. We guarantee a good laugh at groans from the teams like "it's on the tip of my tongue" or "oops I'm having a senior moment" We have lovely prizes such as Wine & Freddo Frogs or, more wine & more Freddo Frogs. We don't keep you out late, why not come along & see what we are about. Winners for March were (1st) 4 from 3 (2nd) Sapphire and (3rd) Pasta. **Next session Weds. April 1st @ 6.30pm.** *Roy, Val & Myrna & Sisters.*

**CRAFT**:- We were very pleased to welcome Val to our happy group of crafty ladies. We all bring our own work and share ideas and expertise. One of our ladies is knitting squares to send down to Victoria to be made into blankets for fire victims if anyone has any 8ply wool, any colour that they would like to donate she would be very grateful. We start at **1pm every Thursday**, have a cuppa and a bun at 2pm and make our way home about 3pm after enjoying a very fruitful and sociable afternoon. We would love to welcome you to the group. *Min & Clarice*

Did you hear about the Professor who said "I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize" !!!

**EXERCISE:-** The exercise group is plugging along happily, with our group getting a lot of satisfaction from the program we are using. There really is no change from my last report, other than to say we are happy to welcome any new people who wish to lead a healthier life style, our program is a gentle work out that you can do at your own pace, lasting about 30 minutes. So will we see you there? I hope so. **Mon –Wed-Fri. 7.15am** in the hall. *Mary Colgate*

**COMPUTER CLUB:-** Last week a village resident came along and spoke to us about his tribulations in trying to get a broadband (highspeed) internet connection. He tried quite a few suppliers without any luck, then he heard that the telephone exchange at Tweed Heads has no more broadband 'ports' available - for anyone! So he is now getting, in a week or so, a satellite connection, with installation costs paid by the Federal Government. At the moment it seems that all new broadband connections will have to be done this way. So, if you already have broadband, think more than once before canceling to change to another supplier. If anyone hears more about this I would be happy to be informed. The Club meets every **Friday** at the **D.KL.Centre at 10.am**. We're always happy to see new faces or help with problems. *Mac*

**CANASTA:- Wed. 1.pm.** Loads of good company and friendship enjoyed every Wednesday at our favourite card game. Welcome to anyone wanting to learn, this very interesting game. Cards are cut SHAPRE at 1.00pm. in the Rec Rooms. Why not join us? *Marian*

**BOWLS:-** Things have been a little quiet on the Bowls front this last few weeks. Some of our regulars have been battling germs (there are quite a few of them around). The ladies had a big win last week. The guys reckon that every one of them must have found a four leaf clover as they had all the luck, ha ha. Come along **Mon mornings at 9.30am** & join the fun. *Alf*

**SNOOKER CLUB:-** Gentlemen of the Rookies, where were you?? We had our monthly BBQ on Wed. 11th March and of our 40 members less than half turned up. Our next BBQ is a Family Night in the Lakeside Tavern starting at 4.30pm. Cost is \$6 per head which includes your meat plus Salads and Nibbles. BYO drinks. All Cobakites are welcome to join our Club and we are open every afternoon, seven days a week in the DK Centre. Happy potting. *Bruce Kettle*

**A Good Idea:-** Place a couple of rubber bands around your hammer handle so that when you are up a ladder or in a tight spot you can slip a couple of nails or screws under the band. Saves trying to hold a handful or scrabbling in your pocket for them.

**The true story of the humble Bra:** Despite what you see when you walk into the underwear dept. there are only 4 types of Bra's.

**Catholic type**—Supports the masses.. **Salvation Army type**—Lifts the fallen.

**Presbyterian type**—Keeps them staunch & upright

**Baptist type**—Makes mountains out of molehills.



**Tips for the ladies:-** It is important that a man helps you around the house .

It is important that a man can make you laugh.

It is important to find a man you can count on & who doesn't lie to you

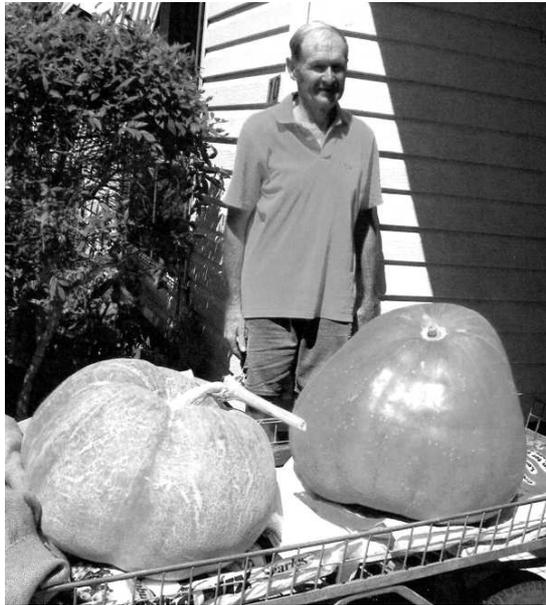
It is important that a man spoils you and tells you how much he loves you

It is most important that these four men never meet.

# Story of the big Pumpkins



The little plant that started it all.



Ross with the two survivors.



The end result

The story of the big pumpkins. Actually there were three over in the gardens. Ross bought the seeds in Melbourne, called **'Atlantic Giants'** 6 seeds for \$15. Said to grow to 318 kilos.

The seeds were planted on 26th November 2008 into compost, with blood and bone and rock dust mixed in. **No 3 pumpkin**, which was the largest of them all, came to an unhappy end, the pumpkin was attacked by fungus and went rotten. It did grow to be the largest of them all, 76 inches around it's girth. **No 1 and No 2 pumpkins** survived as shown above.

Ross being very involved in Prostrate Awareness for men, decided they could help that cause. After watching and nurturing his babies from November to March, they were used to help swell their funds. Ross, had arranged for them to go into a 'Guessing the weight' competition conducted on March 26th. Ross was very grateful for the donations of prizes received form the following businesses.

- Woolworths;** donated \$100 shopping voucher as First Prize.
  - Tina Buccilli From **'Totally Natural'** donated a \$50-00 basket of health goods.
  - Health Point Chemists** donated \$30-00 basket of products from their shop.
- With the monies from this all going to **PROSTATE AWARENESS.**

**Like Breast cancer it is very important that men have prostate check ups.**

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## TIP FROM ROSS..

Ross has given us a little tip that will help all gardens here in the village. **Cane mulch** is very good, now the way to do it so that your next door neighbour doesn't receive it in a high wind. First sprinkle a thin layer of blood & bone now add your mulch, water all that in and you will find that you will have flowers /shrubs thanking you with the shake of their happy little heads.

We were saddened by the passing of

**Daisy Higginbotham (207)**

on 15th March 2009

Daisy has been battling ill health for some time.

Jack would like to thank all who sent condolences in many ways.

On behalf of all who knew Daisy, during her years in the village we offer our sincere sorrow at her passing.



**SORRY CANCELATION.** We are sorry to have to advise everyone the trip to **Forster in Nov**, has had to be cancelled, due to lack of numbers. To make any of these trip viable the bus must be filled. Bill Anderson would like to thank all who had their names down for this trip.

**SHIRLEY'S Bus Trip.** Our next trip will be to 'Jupiters Casino' Thurs April 2nd, bus leaves at **9.15am (NSW)**. If you want to go to the show the cost is \$6.50 or \$10 which gives you entry, raffle ticket and show. Lunch is at your expense... Spinners.. The Bite.. or Food Fantasy ( Buffet). If you wish to shop at the Oasis, you can pick-up the monorail at the Casino. To go to Pacific Fair you can catch the bus outside the Casino. **Shirley**

**Thank You..** I am now home after a month in hospital , special thanks to our neighbours Nola & Lorraine for feeding Ron also Beatrice, Val, Janette Jim and Helen. Thanks for weeding my garden for me Ronda. I know now why we live in this village. **Thora Jarvis (138)**

**HELP.. HELP..** By mistake when returning video's to the library I picked up one of my own that I need. If by chance you have borrowed it from the library, would you please contact me. I am happy to just have a copy of it. It is **DANCE TAPE..** by **NEVILLE BOYD**. I have already searched in the library to no avail. Noella Matthias. 55997782 House 36.

**BINGO BINGO.** This is one of the games started very early in the villages beginning. It has many who are still enjoying it every Monday at 1.30pm. To make it good for everyone and the prizes good, we need more players. The prizes all depend on the numbers there each week. If you are just sitting at home go along, see what happens enjoy a cuppa with the players. The numbers are **NOT** called quick. Jean & Irene do all they can to make your afternoon enjoyable, fun and a place to meet new friends, followed by the free cuppa. We do urge you to support this happy group of players, they will welcome you with a smile.

## **STOP PRESS..**

It has just come to our attention that the new by-pass road now in progress, from Piggabeen Road, has blown out of the budget allowance delaying it's opening. It has now been decided to over come this major problem, the road will now become a TOLL Road. When it's open you will need to carry small change with you to avoid being turned back. **BAFJ.**



**COBAKI LITTLE THEATRE.** If you don't like heaps of laughs, great singing & music you wouldn't like our next show. This show is packed with all the entertainment that will keep you taking about it for a long time. You won't believe your eyes, with some of the sights that you will see. We have gone overboard this time!!! We visit many countries, bringing a new sight into their culture. There are some very sad times that you will split your sides at the antics.

Songs you love all through the performances. As the time gets closer, booking slips will go into your letter boxes, keep an eye out for them, Don't miss this show it's a beauty.

**Keep these dates free.. MAY.. Sat 23rd.... Sun 24th.... Mon 25th.**

**Kath Ashby**



A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter. "What are you doing?" *she asked.* "Hunting Flies" *He responded.* "Oh . Have you killed any?" *She asked.* "Yep, 3 males. 2 females." *he replied. Intrigued, she asked.* "How can you tell them apart?" *He responded,* "3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone."

### Good Service Directory

You can phone Myrna or drop a note into her box if you have someone you feel should be mentioned in this section. It's nice to share information on good service and value for money

First of all—Apologies for an error in the March Cobba News. (Either the gremlins got in or I was having a Senior Moment) The man to contact at **Tweed Heads TV & Antennae Service** is Matthew & his mobile No. is 0418 758558

**Towers Pharmacy** in Surfers Paradise can save you many dollars on anything you usually buy in a pharmacy. One particular item I buy is \$27 at Terry White's, and even dearer elsewhere but from Tower was \$18. The discounts vary according to what you are buying but I generally can save about 20% including the postage of \$5.90. They deliver within one to two days and you can get quotes & advice over the phone. They have a website [www.towers.net.au](http://www.towers.net.au) for those of you that prefer online but as they are on the coast it's a local call on 55398438. **Derek**

**J E Mechanical:**—The Mobile Mechanic—Some of you may know Jon Ellings as he has done some work for Cobakites. I was broken down in my drive-way. He came within 2 hours as promised. Fixed my car at a very good price. He does everything—brakes, suspension, tune-ups, servicing, roadworthy's etc. What a luxury not to have to get to a mechanic and either wait around for ages or have to go back hours later. Highly recommended. **Myrna**

**COMPUTERS.** 'LAPTOPS2GO' 40 Wharf St. Tweed Heads. 55366918. My computer decided to spit the dummy while I was near the completion of the Cobba News. I gave them a ring, and told them of my dilemma they were able to help me out, the problem being my 'memory stick' had blown. We have been dealing with them for a while now and have found them to be very obliging at all times. Their prices are very fair. If you have a problem with your computer give them a try. (down from Shell Service Station). **Kath Ashby**

**Household Tip:-** The best way to test the freshness of eggs is to place them in a bowl of water. Fresh eggs sink to the bottom. Stale eggs will usually float, with the pointy end up

**MESSAGES FROM MANAGEMENT**

**MAIL..** We are still having trouble with residents placing mail that has been mistakenly placed in their box. All mail is important to us all. If you find one in your box **DON'T** put it on top of the mail boxes to blow away. Take it into Anne or place it in the **'COMPANY BOX'** at the bottom end of the mail boxes, the box is clearly marked. Anne will then get it to the owner. We ask everyone to read the name on the front of your mail, avoiding opening mail intended for someone else, saving embarrassment to all.

**MAILMAN..** We have been advised that Ray, our mailman, has some health problems and will not be delivering the mail for about three months. We wish him a very speedy recovery. Arrangements have been made during his absence for the mail to be delivered as usual.

**SPEEDING..** This problems is an on going one in the village. To all drivers, we have many in the village who are not able to jump out of the way of fast drivers. PLEASE keep a eye on your speedo. **15kph** isn't hard to do while you are in the village, the rules of driving are the same in the village as they are out on the road. Consider others is a good rule of thumb.

**PARKING..** Do not park over driveways. Always make sure that your neighbour can get in and out of their drive way. Remind your visitors and tradesmen to abide by this rule as well.

**GARDENS..** If you are not physically able to do your gardening. All you have to do is see or phone Anne in the office 5599 8480, she will make arrangements for it to be done for you.

**NEXT of KIN..** Have you returned your next of kin forms. This information is very important, enabling us contacting next of Kin, when the time arises.

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If you would like to put something in the Cobba News. All you need to do is drop a note into Box 140 any time before the 20th of any month. The Cobba News is always due out at the beginning of the month. We do appreciate your input, with a helpful hint a story of something that had happened to you, a special celebration. We are very happy to help you in any way. There is only one stipulation, that is ALL letters must be signed.



**Happy Easter to you all and may the  
Easter Bunny call on you.**



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\* We have many of our residents not enjoying good health we do wish you a \*  
\* a speedy recovery \*  
\* Congratulations to all celebrating Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries \*  
\* Kath and Myrna \*  
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