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CAMP QUALITY 'MAJOR RAFFLE'.

THIS RAFFLE MUST BE WON BY A RESIDENT.

This is a beauty.

Five nights at the '**RAINTREES ON MOFFORT RESORT**'
at Caloundra, for four people.

A second raffle for general public has for it's' first prize
AIR CONDITIONER.

Fujitsu 2.6kw/1hp bedroom size split system.
installed in your home.

Tickets are on sale most weekday mornings
between 8.30am to 10.00am. outside the Office.

Tickets will ALSO be on sale at the Fund Raiser Fete.
SUNDAY AUGUST 16TH. 9.00AM.

Cakes are still required for the cake stall, bring them along on
the morning of the fete.

Mary Colgate will welcome all donations. ph 5599 7506

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT.

Hello from your social club committee. What a cold winter we are having !! Our gas heaters were hard at it early at our last happy hour and the outside area was nice and warm by the time everyone arrived. A good night was enjoyed by around 110 residents having a drink with friends, a hot meal and lots of fun and laughs. Thanks for braving the cold and supporting your social club. The help we get after happy hour is wonderful !! So many residents help with the tidying up which means the committee can sit down and relax with a much earned cool drink a lot earlier.

Our next **Happy Hour Friday August 7th. meal orders to be in by Wed 7.00pm Prior**

Congratulations to **Fred Torrie** (our trustie plate collector) on winning the \$100 members draw !

The trip to Brisbane to see Disney on Ice was full of fun, with everyone enjoying the trip. As for the show that was really excellent well worth the trip up there. Our bus drivers were very attentive making sure we were well feed with stop overs on the way up and back. Thanks to Coolangatta Coachers for making our trip so enjoyable.

Half Yearly AGM. around 100 residents attended this meeting. There have been a few changes.

Denise Wall has resigned from Vice President. A word of appreciation for her tireless work on the committee, along with **Doug Bigg** who resigned from Treasurer, for all the work he did also.

New Vice President is **Norma Wood** with **Leanne Noake** taking on the job as Treasurer.

The Organ has been sold for \$200. Bruce Wall announced that due to rising costs some of the drinks at the bar had to be increased. Increases are on the following. **Jamieson Whishey-\$2.30.**

Bottle wine \$8.00.& \$12.00 ..Heavy & mid strength Beer \$2.20 Light Beer \$1.80.

At the end of the very informative meeting everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle and drinks.

PORTAFINO Fashions afternoon. This was another successful afternoon. with a good attendance watch out models **Mary Colgate.. Beryl Pentecost.. Chris Pooley.. Denise wall.. Norma Wood.**

Show the garments off to the eager buyers. June Thomas won the \$50 prize. And the Social Club made \$200.00. from the afternoon sales.

Our Gala Dinner at the Golf Club on Monday 27th, another fun filled night. We had 70 residents dining, drinking and dancing the night away. I am sure everyone had a great night out. !! More news about this in our next Cobba news.

Our Friday nights at the **Lakeside Tavern** are still being enjoyed by all. If you haven't joined one of these nights, it's time to have a drink with some nibbles, maybe bring your dinner with you, cook it on the B.B.Q or just sit with friends as you enjoy the company and a drink. It's a great way to meet new people. It's a very lay back night for our residents. Bar is open on these nights.

The next night at the Lakeside Tavern will be **August 14th from 4.00 pm.** See you there.

To all who have not been too well , we wish you a speedy recovery

Keep Smiling!! Kind Regards, Trish



True story!!!! Alfred's wife sat down on the couch next to him as he was flipping through the channels(as husbands do). She asked. "What's on the telly?" His reply.. "DUST"!

CAMP QUALITY



Dear Residents,

With Camp Quality fund raiser fast approaching, it is all coming to-gether for another good financial result for our kids battling cancer.

We have almost \$5,000. already banked and the container is bursting at the seams with hundreds of bargains for the 16th August. We will be having some furniture and outdoor settings for sale outside the hall.

Trading from 8.30 am, with indoor from 9.00 am.

There will be fun and entertainment throughout the day including the P.C.Y.C band performing.

Raffles.. The holiday raffle is selling well and some lucky residents will be off on a great holiday.

We have also been given a Fujitsu split system air conditioner by 'The Good Guys' and Protectair will install it for the winner. Value \$1,500.

This raffle is also being sold to the general public.



I'm looking forward to the day and the rest that comes later.

I look forward to seeing you there.

We want to keep this little guy



smiling.

Bruce Wall

What's on in the Village

Well, except for the odd cold morning or two that we can expect in the next couple of weeks it seems like Winter has gone. I like the cold weather so I'm probably the only Cobakite who is going to miss snuggly nights and crispy days. However now the weather is warming up the Activity Co-ordinators expect to be run of their feet with everyone coming out of hibernation and looking for something to get excited about. So, see you all out and about.

LIBRARY :- Thank you to all who donate materials. You really are the life-blood of our very extensive library of Books, CD's, DVD's, Magazines and Jig-Saw Puzzles. Please return DVD's as soon as you have viewed them. We also had an empty case returned so check your video player in case it was left in accidentally. Note that we do **NOT** take hard cover Readers Digests nor Encyclopedias. After browsing, please put back chairs if used and make sure all returns are placed on the trolley. We are lucky to have such a great resource. Enjoy! *Ian*

GOLF CROQUET:- Apologies to all our members for the two week break. I had one of those nasty virus' & Graham is playing a week of tournaments in Nambour. Don't let the cool weather stop you turning up. Just add an extra layer or two. Remember in mid-summer it's often too hot to play so make the most of the weather we are having now. **9am Saturday's** *Hannah*



TRIVIA:- Last month Roy & Val got thrown in at the last minute to run Trivia as Myrna got the dreaded lurgy. They did their usual great job and the results were :- Lucky Door Prize—Sherry. **1st-4 from 3** won Wine. **2nd-The Vics** won Chocolate. **3rd-Pasta won** Scratchies, and **Sapphire** were a very close 4th. To continue providing our superb prizes and to help cover other costs such as photo-copying, paper etc. we have had to increase our entry fee to \$3 per person. Next Trivia night is **Aug.5th @ 6.30pm**. See you there. *Myrna & her Sisters.*



SNOOKER:- A good turn-up at the Sunday BBQ. Thank you to the **Stollery's & Denise** for their culinary input. Raffles and food enjoyed by all. A family BBQ will be held on **Sunday 12th September**. All welcome to join us in the Snooker Room everyday. *Bruce Kettle*

LINE DANCING:- All our regulars are still enjoying good music, light exercise and good company. We have room for more so why not come along, see what we get up to and maybe give it a go. All of us were beginners once and we still sometimes forget a routine which we know well. We think it's an A.G.E. thing but it certainly gives us plenty to laugh about. We would love to see you at the Rec.Hall. We meet **9.30am to 11am each Thursday**. *Elizabeth*

SINGLE GIRLS:- Our July lunch was at the Coolangatta Bowls Club's Chinese Restaurant. We all left there very satisfied. Some of us joined the Social Club to see "Disney on Ice" a most enjoyable day and if you didn't see Tweed Theatre Company's production of "South Pacific" at Twin Towns you certainly missed a memorable show. We extend an invitation to any single ladies to join us on outings, dining out and games days. **We meet Weds.10am** *Maureen*

CRAFT:- We are a very friendly group, each doing our own craft but delighted to share our knowledge with everyone else. There is sure to be someone here who will willingly help if you have a query. Welcome back June after a long hospital stay and a sad goodbye to Jessie Young one of the early Cobakites & a long time member of our group who has had to move due to ill health. If the kind lady who donated the knitting wool would care to drop in one Thursday we would love to be able to thank her in person. **Meetings 1pm Thursdays .** *Minnie*

BINGO:- Our numbers are steadily increasing which is very pleasing and makes for better prizes, if anyone would like to spend a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon with a bunch of friendly Village folk you will be made very welcome. \$5 gives you ten games of Bingo and a cuppa afterwards to chat about your wins or near misses. **Mon. 1.30pm** *Jean & Lillian*

COMPUTER CLUB: Anyone thinking of buying a new computer? If you are, whether it's a Notebook, LapTop or whatever, between now and Oct.22nd be aware that if you buy one with Microsoft Vista installed as the operating system you will be entitled to a **FREE** upgrade to the new Windows 7 system when it becomes available on Oct.22nd. Make sure the retailer is aware of this and notes it as part of your deal. For more breaking news, problem solving and general computer discussions join our laugh a minute group. The DK Centre, **10am every Friday.** *Mac*



EXERCISE:- Because of the changes made to our use of the Rec. Hall by Management we have had to completely re-arrange our class times. As from this month I have offered to take over from Mary Colgate thereby keeping everyone informed of the altered days & times. Unfortunately the changes mean we have lost some regulars, including Mary, who have other commitments & can no longer come along. At 7.15am every Tuesday and Thursday mornings, the rest of us are still 'Walking away the Pounds'. To anyone who is interested in joining our happy group drop in one morning and see how easy it is. No strenuous exercising. Just walking to music. Simple, fun and good for you.

Tuesdays 7.15am to 8am Thursdays 7.15am to 7.45am. *Denise Morton*

CANASTA:- What with the cold weather and the prevalence of colds and flu we wouldn't have been surprised if numbers were down for our weekly get-together. Well you can't keep Canasta enthusiasts down so our tables have been full every week. We welcome Audrey who is a recent arrival in the Village and keen as mustard to join the group. Plenty of good company, lots of cards, afternoon tea. **Cards cut sharp @ 1pm Wednesday's in the Rec.Hall.** *Marian*



Don't miss "**Cinemax Kingscliff**" A brand new cinema in the Azura building at 60 Marine Pde.Kingscliff. Seats only about 50 patrons. You can enjoy a snack or a meal while watching the movie from your very comfortable seat or you can relax in the Bistro dining area. Usually there are five recent movies each week. Seven sessions daily. Adults \$12.50. Seniors \$8.50. You can find details in Thursday's Tweed Border Mail & Tweed Daily News or the Gold Coast Bulletin, Saturdays to Thursday. The website is www.cinemaxcinema.com.au. Great for a special outing.



Sadly we bring the news of the passing of

IAN FAIRLEY

of house 161, on July 1st 2009.



Ian has been in ill health since moving into the village 6 years ago.

He enjoyed the time he spent at the Computer Club, always bringing a smile with him.

Jeanette would like to thank the ladies who arranged the wake and thank them for the wonderful spread and work they put into the day.

Also a very special thanks to Mac Jones for all the support and help he gave her.

Also thanks to the folks for their cards, phone calls and visits.

It's with sadness we report the passing of

GEORGE CLAM

House 11, on the 3rd July 2009.



George came into the Village with his son Laurie (our first bus driver) 15 years ago.

When Laurie was our bus driver, you would always see his Dad George sitting in the front seat enjoying every minute of it.

Laurie would like to express his sincere thanks to Barry Cook, who had been Laurie's rock, in his time of need.



We are sorry to have to report the passing of

DOREEN FELMINGHAM

House 271 on July 21st 2009

Doreen and Roy came into the village 13 years ago.

Joined later by daughter Jeannie house 322.

Roy and Jeannie would like to thank friends and neighbours for their kind condolences.

At this sad time.



Gardening with Ross

Now is the best time of the year to plant flower or Vegetable plants

You can grow almost any thing at this time of the year. All the vegetables will have success. There is only tiny window left for Potatoes, as we will be having hot weather before there are ready to dig if you plant them too late. But if you

have a place that is in the sun most of the day, you can with a piece of glass, cover this area and turn it into a seed raising bed. Try growing your favourite plants this way, is fun and a whole lot cheaper. Seed beds do not want rich soil, only put fertilizer on after the seedlings have there first two leaves.

Happy Gardening Ross.

NOTICE to all AVON customers. I have a nice new box situated above the mail boxes approximately half way along. The box is for Avon— orders, money, and Avon books. Due to size of the new box it is a lot more suitable for **ALL AVON DEALINGS**. This box now frees up our mail box for receiving only our personal mail. I do ask all ladies to **ONLY** to use the box marked **AVON** now provided at the top of the mail boxes, **not my private mail box. Pam O'Brien 291**



LADIES GOLF. Any ladies interested in playing a nine hole round of golf at **Foxy's** course, just down Piggabeen Road, maybe once a week just for a fun time. If you can hit a ball and would like to join me? Please give me a call Jenny (10) 5599 7576. Clubs can be hired. Call me and have a chat about enjoying a stressless fun round of golf.



A group of primary school infants, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to Cheltenham races to see and learn about thoroughbred horses.

When it was time to take the children to the toilet, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's toilet when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal.

Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their underpants, and began hoisting the boys up, one by one, holding their willies to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring, the teacher said, 'You must be in year four.'

'No, madam,' he replied. 'I'm riding Silver Arrow in race 4, but thanks anyway'

HELP WANTED. Coolangatta/Tweed legacy needs help during the week **30th Aug to 5th Sept** to sell badges. we mainly concentrate on shopping centres, Commonwealth and Gold Coast Airport all sites are under cover and people can volunteers for what ever time they are able to spare. Should you need further details contact **02 66744852** or **Hugh Neilage house 34 55997710.**

TRANSPORT. Tweed- Byron- Ballina Community Transport is arranging shopping trips to Queensland shopping centres on the last Friday of each month, a different Centre each month. There will be two and half hours shopping time with a cost of \$10 to Australia Fair, Southport and \$8 to Robina - but will depend on destination.

More information & bookings Please contact Joyce 5524 9791.

Beryl Wright (96)

A teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. She came to the part of the story where first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his house. She read 'and so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: 'Pardon me Sir, but may I have some of that straw to build a house?' the teacher paused then asked the class: 'And what do you think the man said?' One boy raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly .. 'I think the man would have said- 'Well I'll be damned!! A talking pig!' The teacher had to leave the room.



This is a sad story about two chairs that lived by the river. One was named Heather and the other Jack, both chairs wore their names with pride. There was even a welcome sign near them saying, take a rest with us, but please don't move us. It was not long before it became obvious by the number of people taking advantage of the seating, three more chairs were needed, this was added thanks to Bruno. It was a pleasure to walk along our walking track and see residents enjoying the view and wildlife or reading their paper while resting on the chairs.

This sounds a like a very happy tale of five happy chairs, BUT all five chairs have now vanished three first then the remaining two a couple of weeks later. The sad part of this story the chairs needed a good scrub and clean, not worth stealing. Maybe someone thought it would be fun to throw them in the river.... or maybe they were borrowed, if this is the case it's time to return them to their home on the river bank. The chairs will be replaced and we hope whoever removed the five chairs, will leave the next lot alone.

Jack Walpole.

THANK YOU. A big thank you to Trish McKinley and her helpers for organising a really fabulous day at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre, for us to see 'Disney On Ice' also a very special thanks to the Center's staff for their assistance with the 'Wobblers'. It all helped to make our outing a very pleasurable one. The bus, the entertainment excellent. *Jean & Laurie Southway (89)*

A Husband and Wife are out driving, but after a heated argument they weren't speaking to each other. Neither wanted to be the one to break the silence. However, finally the husband gave in and as they were passing a farmyard full of pigs, mules and goats said sarcastically "relatives of yours?" "Yep" said his wife "**In-Laws.**"



Congratulations to Maureen and Bob North (62) who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary celebrated on 21st July. They have been enjoying village life for the 8 years they have been here. All the very best for more years to come.

Hospital regulations requires a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, the young nurse being a student insisted that the elderly gentleman have a wheel chair to take him down to the ground floor. She had noticed on entering the ward that the gentleman was fully dressed, sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet. He insisted that he didn't need any wheelchair. After a chat about the hospital rules, he reluctantly let her wheel him to the elevator. On the way down they chatted and she asked him if his wife was coming to meet him.

"I don't know", he said "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown"!!



Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up!!



PIGGABEEN DEVIATION - AKA - A MODERN FAIRY TALE



Following is a delightful note I received from Don Lockett at H55 (with a few minor edits). He said "I was reminded by the July Up-Date in the Cobba News of my call to Council in February. At that time I was told that lack of money was the **ONLY** reason for the delay and that funds would be available in the new financial year (**which is now**).

None of us Cobakites need to be reminded of the many and varied excuse / reasons and dare I say, lies that have been proffered over many years for the delays and lack of action in completing the road, such as, Endangered Koala Habitat, Aborigine Sacred Site, Endangered, unseen Frog, Artefacts just uncovered by earth moving equipment, Aboriginal Middens, to name but a few. The reality is more likely to be that the deviation isn't for our benefit but to enable the huge Cobaki Lakes Development (just down the road from our Village) to become viable.



Anyway, Don decided to follow up on his February call and was answered by no less than the Grand Pooh-Bah of By-Pass Roads so he is assuming that his advice would be beyond question without any further in-put from the Tooth Fairy, the Easter Bunny or indeed Mickey Mouse!!!

The momentous news from the Great One is that indeed funds are now available and all that remains for the go-ahead is for Telstra to re-locate an underground cable, which is to be done in the next month or so. (Looks like Telstra also ran out of money otherwise why would they have not re-located the cable anytime in the last 12 months or earlier.) Anyway, according to the Grand Pooh-Bah the By-Pass will now be completed **PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS** With a small hint of cynicism Don asked to which Christmas he was referring but there was no reply from 'His Grand Pooh-Bahness'.



The Piggabeen Deviation (latest cost quoted at \$3 million) was first on the drawing board circa 1984. It may be a record for the time taken to complete such a short section of road with inclusions such as a Fauna Fence the full length of the road and a number of underpasses to allow wildlife access to the adjoining 12 hectares of compensatory re-vegetation. (Watch out for those pesky Koalas).



I would like to thank John Etheridge, Norm Clark and of course Don Lockett for keeping me informed of the latest fairy tales we were all getting.

Do we now have the final story. I really hope so. There is certainly plenty of activity but cynic that I am, seeing or rather, driving will be believing *Myrna*

SEEING IS BELIEVING !!

A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out. 'What have you got there, dear?' With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear.'

MANAGEMENT MESSAGES.

We are still very concerned about the **SPEED** some residents, visitors and trades people are continuing to do. The Speed **LIMIT** in the village at **ALL TIMES is 15kmh for everyone.**

Walking between houses. These areas are private areas, **NOT** walking paths. Arrangements can be made with the house owner to use the area, that is a private matter between you and the house owner only.

Crossing the road. We have had some near misses of people crossing over to visit a neighbour etc and not taking the necessary precautions by looking before venturing to cross. **Please look first.**

SCOOTERS. These are a great help to many residents in the village. We ask that when they are on the roads, please do not travel too close to the side of the road, as it's impossible for people backing out to see you. Due to the height of a scooter and the height of the cars, the scooters are not easy to see if they are parked behind vehicles at any time. We want to avoid any accidents to any resident.

SPARE KEYS. We have had an incident in the village, when a house had to be broken into to attend to a situation, when the owners were away on holidays. It is best if you have a spare key hidden somewhere or give it to a neighbour in cases of emergency. Bruno or Anne from the office **DO NOT** have spare keys to your houses. As the office and Bruno are not always available. You do need to make some arrangement for your own benefit, making sure that you have a key available.

CAR PARKING. There are times when cars need to be parked at the parking bays all day for bus trips or the like, we ask that you park your cars around the corner at the side of the DKCentre, leaving the front parking available for general parking throughout the day.

We do thank all who are using this practice when attending their weekly activities during the week.

Good Service Directory

We all have trouble keeping up with new technology. You know the sort of thing. For instance, just as you manage to master your Mobile it dies & the new one is completely different from the old one. Well Telstra has set up a new "Know How" section on the You-Tube website.

The site gives step-by-step guides on a variety of topics such as, how to set up a new ring tone on your Mobile or how to send a picture with your text message. Easy to follow video demos. take you through mastering all sorts of hand-held devices, cameras, mobiles, Ipods etc. etc. You can pause & rewind if you miss a step. There are sixteen "Know How" videos already available on-line and Telstra are adding more as the site evolves. www.youtube.com/telstra

Another very good web site is www.healthimaging.org. If you want to know if what is making you feel dreadful is ordinary flu, a cold or the dreaded Swine Flu this site tells you what to look for and allows you to moan & groan secure in the knowledge you are complaining about the correct bug.

To all folks who are not feeling well we do wish you a ready recovery.

If you have something you would like added to the Cobba News.

We would love to hear from you. must be signed.

Ruth Ashby 140

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