

COBBA NEWS

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS.

A warm hello to all. Here we are again with our Social Club News! Can you believe that we are half way through the year already! All is going well with the social club.

Our great band of helpers "The Flockers" are making our work load so much easier and we really appreciate their help. The hall really comes alive on happy hour Friday mornings as we have lots of laughs.

HAPPY HOURS If you are worried about being cold in the hall, you're wrong The hall is lovely and warm as are the meals. It's a night to chat with friends, meet new friends and fed as well, with the bar doing a good trade.

TAVERN NIGHTS Neil puts the music on and away we go! Great stuff, Chris is serving us some delicious snacks and on other nights, there is hot soup and toast. We do appreciate the work Chris puts in to making sure we enjoy our night.

The Committee has been working on a Fire Evacuation Plan. Hopefully this will never be needed but it's better to be prepared in case.

More on this subject at the next Happy Hour. At last all the items that have broken down in the hall have been repaired. Thanks to management for their financial support.

Please **do not** place any notices on the Social Club notice board unless you have permission from the Social Club. The glass notice board is there for general use for notices..

Jean and Jim are taking time out from the social club and have a great holiday coming up with eight weeks away. Jim & Jean have had a bad time this year with bad health but are now feeling better and looking forward to their trip. We wish them well and may they enjoy every minute of their holiday.

Bye for now, regards Trish



Just A Reminder to those who stole Electrical Goods in Last Year's Riots.....

Your One Year Manufacturer's Warranty Runs Out Soon.-----

Maureen & Ivan's Wedding Day



In our June edition we brought you the happy news of Maureen and Ivan's wedding date on the 13th June 2015. Unfortunately, our weather decided to take a bad turn bringing the cold and the rain facing them for their most important day. BUT, that didn't deter them from having a very happy lovely wedding day attended by family and friends. Both the wedding, which was conducted by The Salvation Army and the reception were held in the hall. Everything went really well, nothing was going to spoil their magic day.

The first photo is the ceremony taking place and the second one at the reception.

We wish the very happy couple all the very best for their life together as

Mr & MRS PAIMER house 224

GARDENING WITH ROSS

Potting soil mix.



For Gardeners that want to grow plants in a Pot, be it large or small, you should make sure the soil drains well. I notice some have been using the top soil from the top soil heap over by the vegetable gardens. This is fine as its cheaper, but it is very poor draining soil so you need to add something that will help the drainage. Coarse sand will do that best. You can also put a lot of stones under the soil and cover the stones with some sacking material so the water exit is not impeded. If the soil is too wet, it will become sour and the plant will not grow properly. If you buy a good potting mix and add some soil from your garden that will work best. Now is the shortest day light time of the year and the best time to plant parsley and other herbs. Happy Gardening **Ross**



Mick walks into Paddy's barn and catches him dancing naked in front of a tractor. Mick says, "Oi Paddy, what ya doing?" Paddy says, "Well me and Mary haven't been getting on in the bedroom lately & the therapist recommended I do something sexy to a tractor."

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS



NORA & HARRY PRIOR moved from Banora into house **245**. They were waiting for furniture to arrive when we visited. When I asked Harry about his interests he said 'nothing much' but Nora has plans to fix that! Nora does pottery and loves a game of Bingo. Getting settled in takes first place at present.



ELLEN & KEVIN GREEN came up from Kunaburg and are now about to settle into house **284**. They are also waiting on furniture. We can all remember doing that! Ellen has a sight problem but that has not stopped her from living life to the fullest. She enjoys walking, talking books and enjoying life for Kevin, there is a list of things waiting for him to do in his shed. He will be kept busy there.



LEE & KEVIN left Kempsey to move into house **331**. They had just finished having their new carpet laid when we visited them and also another one waiting on furniture. Lee is a very keen golfer and looking forward to getting into that again. She gets great enjoyment out of the grandchildren and the computer. Kevin has a lot of interest in AFL football and was an umpire for AFL in Queensland for many years.

We also would like to welcome into the village, although we were unable to catch up with them in person.



CAROLYN & NORMAN FLETCHER, house 227.



JULIE & FRED MYERS house 256, Fred's parents have lived in the village for many years.



MOYA BARRET house 55.

We are very sorry that we just kept missing one another, but we hope that you have settled in and finding village life to your liking. A big welcome to you all.

It is always a pleasure to welcome our new residents into the village, and we do thank them for giving us some of their busy time to have a chat. We have been told many times how happy they are with their move, and have found the village folks and new neighbours very friendly. We look forward to having you all join in some of our activities.

AUSTRALIAN MEN



A man and his wife were sitting in the living room and he said to her, "Just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." His wife left her chair, unplugged the TV and threw out all his beer!



LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES

HALL BOOKINGS—CHRIS POOLEY 55998198

CANASTA JOY ROACH 55997359	LIBRARY IAN POOLEY 55998198
INDOOR BOWLS JIM MORTON 55998956	BINGO JEAN BRUNT 55998321
THEATRE TRISH McKINLEY 55999571	CRAFT PAM COLE 55999366
COMPUTER STEWART McLEOD 55999029	SINGLE LADIES CAROLYN BELL 55999428
TRIVIA MYRNA HUGHES 55997061	KEEPING FIT CHRISTINE HALL 55999003
GARDENING ROSS DAVIS 55997576	LAWN BOWLS JIM MORTON 55998956
CROQUET GRAHAM MAHONEY 55998802	SNOOKER TREVOR HARDY 55997417
SOCIAL GOLF MAGGIE SYNON 5599758	AEROBICS JEANETTE JORDON 0414851217



WATER AEROBICS First I would like to apologise to all for not putting a piece in the last Cobba News but I was very sick at the time and I just forgot. Well as you must all realise now we have suspended Water Aerobics for the winter months as the water is just too cold. We are all hoping that maybe we will be able to start again in September.

Jeanette



CANASTA REPORT Once again there is not much to report; we are carrying on regardless with several of our players away on holidays. We who are left behind are enjoying the lovely cool winter days at our own “holiday resort”. We are fortunate to have such a comfortable venue to use for our card group and another bonus of getting together is catching up on the latest news (not gossip) and perhaps getting some advice or suggestions for any little queries we may have. So, we hope to welcome some of the newcomers to the village who are looking for some good company, a few laughs and of course an afternoon of Canasta. We meet each **Wed 1.00 to 4-30**

Joy



KEEPING FIT CLASS The winter solstice is behind us at last, and we can now look forward to days becoming longer instead of shorter - it will take a while to notice the difference, but definitely going in the right direction. The colder weather has brought out our aches and pains, but we just modify our routines accordingly, and work through our problems. Surprisingly enough, in a short time we are back to our usual selves, “**never give up**” is our motto! Then we can spend the rest of the day sitting in the sun reading a good book, feeling virtuous.

We meet every **MONDAY : WEDNESDAY : FRIDAY 7.00am to 7.45am**

Christine



COMPUTER CLUB Have you a question about your computer program that you just can't figure out? There is a very good chance that one of our members has the answer or knows where to go to find out. That's what we do. This last month there were discussions about Landline rentals, how to get rid of Message Bank, downloading movies and Telstra Technical fees. We don't answer phone queries. You need to come along to the Library at **10am on Friday mornings**.

It's a very friendly group. See you there

Stewart

**Life is too short for negative drama and petty things .
So laugh insanely, love truly and forgive quickly!**



ROOKIES SNOOKER CLUB The June BBQ held Wednesday 10th was another success with 22 attendees. The raffle was won by Rod Caton, Ralph won the 6 pack of beer. With the recent passing of popular member Bill Martin, who had been living in the village for 8 years with wife Margaret, some background info for you. Bill and family arrived in Geelong Victoria in 1969 from Glasgow. After settling down to a steady job, Bill joined the local sports club was soon on the committee running the bar and organizing dart tournaments. He was one of the better dart players at the club also excelling at cribbage and golf before moving to Albury to run one of the hotels there a couple of years later, he left to relocate here in 2007. He will be sadly missed.

Next function will be Family Day in the social hall Sunday 13th July, look forward to seeing you all there, sheet on the board this week.

Its the third and final frame of the Cobaki Village Snooker final. A man makes his way to the centre stand. He sits down and notices that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone is sitting there. He responds "no, the seat's empty" the first man exclaims "What ? Who in their right mind would have a seat like this at the Cobaki Village Snooker Finals and not use it ?" The neighbour responds "Well the seat is mine, but my wife passed away and this will be the first Snooker finals we haven't attended together. The first man responds "I'm sorry to hear that. wasn't there anyone else 'a friend or relative that could have taken the seat? The neighbour responds " No! they are all at the funeral".

Garry

GOLF CROQUET Golf croquet is played on the lawns overlooking the lake just down from the library from **8-30am every Saturday morning**. Other games are played on Wednesday and Saturday and if interested in these other times please ring John Etheridge on 55999218. New players are most welcome and our friendly team will show you the ropes. Its a very easy game to learn and its great exercise and brain food. All the equipment is provided and it costs nothing to play. Our group has been challenged to a "friendly and we are going there on Saturday 11th July. A return invitation to our courts has been made. We will all gather at the clubhouse after our next Saturday game for a cuppa and to celebrate "everyones" birthday that has come and gone this year so far. Happy hoop running until next month.



Graham

BINGO REPORT As we say every month in the Cobba News we would like more players to boost the numbers. Please come along every **Monday** and join in the fun. We have eyes down at **1-30pm**. Penny won the food voucher and Pauline a bottle of wine, which is our monthly lucky



door prize.

Mick &

Jean

FROM ONE UNSTABLE PERSION TO ANOTHER...

I HOPE EVERYONE IN YOUR HEAD IS HAPPY



LIBRARY Thanks to Faye and Jim for looking after things while we were away on holidays. To all the people who have donated to the library a big **THANK YOU**. Don't forget if you have any CDs or good books we will gladly take them off your hands, we can never have too many.

Ian



COBAKI COBBA's SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS CLUB: Another great day of bowls at Pottsville Bowls Club on Sunday, 21st June. Fine and sunny weather, making for some good bowling by our members, who were well matched by the opposition teams. Plenty of winners, both on and off the greens! The markets were also very good for a few of our non-bowling members. All this followed by a very tasty lunch in the club restaurant. A Pottsville visit is always welcomed by our club members! Next, we visit Cabarita Bowls Club on Sunday, **19th July** with bowls commencing at 9.00am followed by lunch at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Green fees to be paid on the day, are \$7.00. A reminder about the trip to Alstonville Bowls Club on **Sunday 23rd August**, which we will be travelling to by coach

PLEASE NOTE: As agreed at the last meeting, due to other commitments, our next general meeting will be held in the Rec Hall **Sunday 9th August at 10.30am**. This meeting will be followed by a members social sausage sizzle. (BYO) For more information on any of the above, please keep checking the notice board. The 3 day/2 night trip to Gympie, Hervey Bay & Tewantin between October 23rd October 25th is well under way with many people taking advantage of the club Travel Fund. Deposits are required ASAP in order to reserve accommodation at the Gympie Motor Inn. Contact Denise on 55998956 or call at house 171/5th Avenue for any enquiries re the trip

Until next time, bye for now.

Jim



LADIES GROUP What an interesting day we had visiting the Robotic Dairy which is near Beaudesert. The dairy is fully computerised, no human assistance is needed for the cows to be milked. They line up, then move to the stall, computer 'reads' their number, udders are brushed and cleaned, suction cups on and the milking commences. Whilst they are being milked they have food to eat! After the milking is finished the cow exits the stall and if they have an itchy back there is a brush built just the right height for their backs to be scratched as they walk under it! (I wish I had an automatic back-scratcher!) Some of us bought milk to bring home as well as some cheese made from the milk that is produced. Afterwards the majority of us went to the RSL Club for lunch before returning home.

July will see us having a cruise on the broadwater from Surfers Paradise, buffet lunch included. Some of us have also been to Ilnam Winery at Carool for a lovely morning tea and also purchased some really nice wine (very moorish!)

We meet Wednesdays 10AM in the Hall – come along and join us for a chat and morning tea (of course).

Caroline



INDOOR BOWLS Firstly, Thanks again to all our helpers on Monday mornings, both before, and after the games. We really appreciate you all. Welcome to the new people who have joined us over the last few weeks. Indoor bowls is a great place to meet up with new and old friends whilst enjoying your bowling and morning tea. Come along and join us on Monday mornings from **9.30am - 11.30am in the Rec Hall**

Jim



CRAFT Hello all our crafty friends in Cobaki. Well another month has just flown by, or do we just nod off more often now we are leading the good life style in our great village. Irene Acheson celebrated her birthday on the 8th June, Irene is our only birthday for June. It was good again to catch up with Irene and Mary Sutton, both have been unable to come for a few weeks, so it was great to see them again. We are trying to organise our July luncheon. Our last venue has since closed down. We do hope to find a restaurant up to the same standard, we can but try. If you are new to our village and would like to join us, we meet in the Rec Hall every Thursday at 1-00pm, so don't be shy, come and have a chat and a cuppa, we would love to welcome you to our group. Best wishes to any who are not feeling 100%

We meet every **Thursday at 1-00pm at The Hall.**

Pam



A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce, and asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?" She replied, "About four acres and a nice little home in the middle of the property with a stream running by."



"No," he said, "I mean what is the foundation of this case?"

"It is made of concrete, brick and mortar," she responded. "I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?"

"I have an aunt and uncle living here in town, and so do my husband's parents."

The judge said, "Do you have a real grudge?" "No," she replied, "We have a two-car carport and have never really needed one." "Please," he tried again, "is there any infidelity in your marriage?" "Yes, both my son and daughter have stereo sets. We don't necessarily like the music, but the answer to your questions is yes." "Ma'am, does your husband ever beat you up?" "Yes," she responded, "about twice a week he gets up earlier than I do."

Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Lady, why do you want a divorce?" "Oh, I don't want a divorce," she replied. "I've never wanted a divorce. My husband does. He said he can't communicate with me."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SID ECCLESTON



Sid celebrated his 80th birthday on the 23rd June. Sid and Evelyn from house 163, are not in the village at present. They went to Ade-



laide where they met up with family and friends, then on the 24th they boarded the 'Ghan Gold Service'. It is Evelyn's gift to Sid for this special birthday. She says "What else can you buy a man of 80?" They will be back very soon. They moved into the village 12 months ago and love living here, they said they should have done it years ago. You will be able to hear their news on Sid's present.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGO

MARGO SCOTT house 152, also had a special birthday Margo turned **96** on the 13th June, making Margo our oldest resident in the village. Although her eyesight is not what it was it doesn't seem to slowed Margo down in things others wouldn't try. Margo has been writing stories in long hand, recently. She is making the most of every day. She also has a great sense of humour which shows through in her writings even with arthritis.



CONGRATULATIONS

RUTH & GEORGE LEWIS



On 16th August it will have been 21 years since they moved into the village into their new home **278** in 1994. There were SOLD signs on lots that people had put a deposit on, ready to build their new homes. Display homes near the front of the village had been built for viewing. There weren't all that many in the village at that time and you knew everyone. Where the stage is now was a small shop. Happy Hours were held then mostly so people could meet the new residents as they arrived. We did have a meal, you ordered it from the shop and the only thing on the menu was pies. At a later stage fish & chips were added. From the very beginning it was a very friendly village, there was and still is a wave and 'Hello' from everyone. There were many functions, with fun times being the agenda. The name Happy Hour was going to be changed a few years back but not being able to come up with anything better it still remains Happy Hour. Now Tavern Nights have been added.

When Ruth and George arrived, the centre of the village was bare ground with the hares and rabbits running all over it, along with the plovers making their nests on the bare ground and the workmen would work around them until the babies were hatched. There has always been a hard working Social Club right from the beginning, that has continued now on a much larger scale. With the village growing like it has, it's a lot harder now to get to know everyone. There are only two houses with the original owners, who have been in the village 22 years, and 8 houses with the original owners still there, who have been in the village 21 years. From then on there was a steady flow until the village was filled in 2000. There were some more lots opened up later around 2009, now all filled.

With the help of Ruth and George we have bought you up to date on some on the past life of the village. Unfortunately George's health is not good at present, and over the years he has fought with his health. Thank you, to you both for taking us back in time.



Stumps in and ready for the house



Stumps, steel floor frame ready plus the concrete



Crane with part one on site

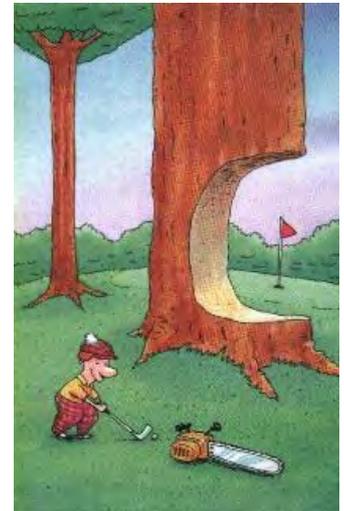


Second half about to be lowered into place

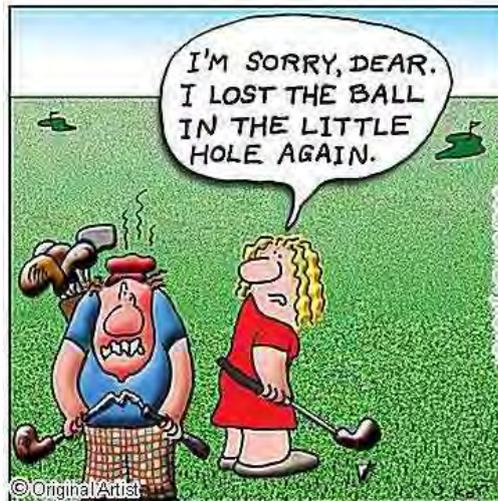
SOCIAL GOLF You can't believe the bad luck this group of golfers have had. They were to play on Wednesday 17th June, this was cancelled due to rain and the following Wednesday was scheduled to play, now we had some nice weather until Wednesday 23rd. They play every 3rd Wednesday of the month, **16th July** is the next scheduled day. We hope these little bits of humour will make you feel a little better about missing your golf day.



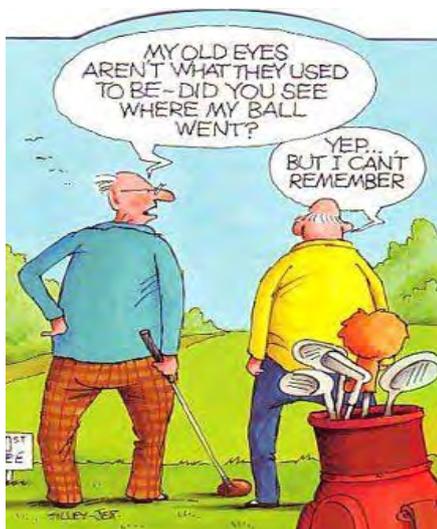
I WAS ONE UNDER TODAY!
ONE UNDER A TREE,
ONE UNDER A BUSH,
& ONE UNDER THE WATER.



"Did you win?"



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THEY CALL IT GOLF BECAUSE ALL THE OTHER FOUR LETTER WORDS WERE TAKEN.
-RAY FLOYD





Sadly we bring you the news of the passing of

JOHN PAGE house 181



He passed away in hospital on 20th June 2015.

He had been having a battle with his health, he came into the village with his wife Sandy.

John was a jolly man who loved his golf and a good laugh with the friends he and wife

Sandy had made since moving into the village 2 years ago.

Sandy would like to thank all for their help and kindness in her hour of need.

Her village friends have been wonderful and helped with her grief.



It's with sadness we bring you the passing of

ALEX LAMBERTON house 124



He passed away at his daughters home peacefully on 22nd June.

Alex had been in the village 12 years. He was always there with a smile and wave.

He was a very proud Scotsman, organising some dancing in the hall with his wife Betty

who passed away some years ago. He loved a good chat and a laugh.

To those of us who knew him well, it is very sad to hear of his passing.

Our condolences to the family.



One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded and missed the other car by inches!



The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us my taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck'. He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so 'Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.' Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.



MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

The New Site Agreements if any resident has **not** signed the new site Agreement. Please go to the office to sign the new agreement **as soon as possible.**

You need to then take it over to Centre Link, which only takes a few minutes. This is very important, saving you any hassles later on.



Australian History. A Pom, fresh off a plane at Sydney airport, is trying to negotiate Australian customs. Finally, when it's his turn to get his passport tamped, the customs officer starts rattling off the usual questions.

C.O. *How long do you intend to stay?* **Pom** 1 week. **C.O.** *What is the nature of your trip?* **Pom** Business. **C.O.** *Do you have any criminal convictions?*

Pom I didn't think we still needed to!



Highly recommended:- Allan at Radiant Windows. He will quote for exactly what you wish to be done. You might want windows inside and out, insect screens, tracks, mirrors, shower screens or any combination of the above. Friendly, quick, reliable and no mess.

You can contact **Allan on 0435 385 296**

We do apologise for last months 'Cobba News' there were many areas that had words spread out and made some trouble in reading sections. The end of the joke was missing the bottom line should have read

"Did you also notice that they walked everywhere they went".

Thank you to everyone who sent us items for the paper if you have something you would like in put in the paper drop a note in box 140 or give us a call.

Mike said to Carlie the bartender. "Pour me a stiff one... just had another fight with the little woman," "Oh yeah" said Charlie " And how did it end?" "When it was over." Mike replied, "She came at me on her hands and knees." " really," said Charlie, "now that's a switch! What did she say?"

She said "Come out from under the bed you chicken!"



There are still a few seats left for the show on Saturday evening and Sunday Matinee. Give Trish a ring if you need tickets.

* To all our sick folks we do hope that you are on the road to recovery. *
* Congratulations to those celebrating something special. *
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