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Social Club News

Attendances at happy hours have been up and down like a yo-yo, due to people being sick and away. We hope that all who have not been well are picking up and will be back with us very soon.

MOTHERS DAY— Sunday 10th May. Family and friends are very welcome to join in the luncheon. We will be enjoying pork and lamb roast dinner, followed by apple crumble with custard and cream. There will be free gifts and complimentary drinks for all mothers as well as some free raffles prizes. Normal raffles will be on sale. Don't miss this day, it's going to be a great time for all. Bookings need to be in quickly, if you require a table for 6 or more let me know.

LOVE TO DANCE CONCERT, with Sherrie from 'Love to Dance studio' bringing her dancing children of all ages with her, to entertain us again. **SUNDAY 31st MAY 2.00pm.** Booking forms will be in your letter box very soon Cost \$5, all profits going to Camp Quality.

GALA NIGHT DINNER. We will be having a 'Christmas in July' theme on **Monday July 27th.** Please organise a table of friends or we will add you to a table and you will meet new friends. The night will be full of fun laughter and freebies. Booking forms out soon

HAPPY HOURS. Due to rising costs of everything in the food lines, we have been forced to put the cost of meals up to cover the rises. All meals— Members \$6.00.. Visitors \$7.00 Sweets \$2.00. Family and friends are always welcome to join in these nights.

LAKESIDE TAVERN. Don't forget our bar nights are open every alternative Fridays from **4.pm to 8pm,** come along and enjoy a drink with cheese and biscuits. Get to-gether with friends and bring along something for dinner or cook a BBQ.

SATURDAY MORNING RAFFLES. These are important to our club they help with the costs of the free tea/ coffee etc. Tickets are 50¢ each, just leave them in a jar outside your door for early pick up on Saturday mornings. Results on our notice board. Prizes in your boxes.

Thank You.. Trish (Pres)





CAMP QUALITY COLLECTION.



August is a busy month for **CAMP QUALITY**. Starting off with a concert **1st & 2nd August** Followed by our annual fete on **Sunday August 16th**. For any new comers to our village, this is a great day with lots of fun, plenty of goods to buy, auctions and food, food, food.

To make all this possible, **Bruce Wall** will be collecting any good you would like to donate to Camp Quality for sale at the fete on **Saturday mornings**. You can give Bruce a ring and leave a message if no one home. **5599 9170** . All donations are very welcome to help this great cause.

Welcome to new residents.

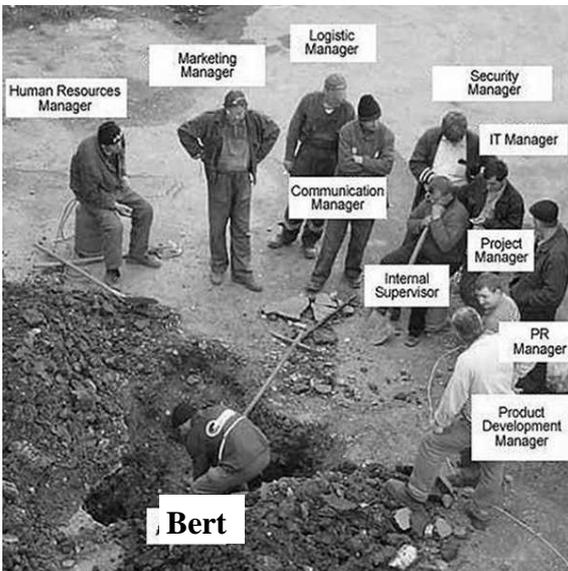


BETTY & BRIAN LEONARD (264) are from Alstonville. They have already enjoyed their time at happy hours and meet some new friends. Brian is a happy golfer while Betty has interest in exercise and checking out some other activities as they get settled in. Their neighbours have already introduced themselves.

We give you a very big welcome into the village.

Gardening with Ross

Grow your own seedlings. “Growers Pride”, There is about 2 grams of seed per packet; x Bunning’s cost \$1-10 a packet, some cost as much as \$3-50. You can buy “Amgrow” seed raising mix at Bunning’s. This is weed free and makes life so much easier waiting for the seed to come through. Last year I brought a packet of petunias seed and planted them into the seed raising mix. Because the seed is so fine I mixed the seed with sand to help spread the seed evenly over the seed raising tray. The result was brilliant with lots of plants. Place your seed raising tray in a nice warm place. Cover the tray (small polystyrene box) with glad rap plastic to create a sealed atmosphere, this way the seed will not dry out and U should get good results. **NOW** is the time to grow all your winter plants. It is only a bit over 7 weeks to the shortest day of the year. **Ross**



As you are aware we have been waiting for a very long time to get the new by-pass opened on Piggabeen Road.

We thought that this picture shows the reason for the big delay. It should help everyone understand that these things take time to organise, plan, get the correct permission, look out for the frogs and snails. Then making sure that the workers are on the top of their game.

We are sure with Bert on the job, we will very soon be driving on the new road.

We have more information later in the paper regarding the opening of the By-pass.

**This photo was given to us by a concerned resident
Name supplied.**

Shirley's bus trip.. A very pleasant trip to the Casino was had by all. Our next trip is to the **'BRONCO'S' MAY 13th Cost \$19.** This includes cost of the bus trip and a superb buffet lunch. We depart at **8.30am** and leaving there at **3.00pm.** There are still a few seats available, you will see an extra list for you on the Social Club Board, add your name if you would like to go. For those who do not know you may bring a friend or relies along at the same cost. Looking forward to seeing you all again for another happy trip.
Shirley

A new state of the art supermarket opened near my house. It has an automatic water mister to keep the produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of distant thunder and the smell of fresh rain. When you pass the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and you experience the scent of fresh mown hay. In the meat department there is the aroma of charcoal grilled steaks with onions. When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying. The bread department features the tantalizing smell of fresh baked bread & cookies. I don't buy toilet paper there any more!!!!!!

SEAGULLS BUS UPDATE.. Would you believe! The Seagulls bus has been coming to our village now for a year, I would like to say **'thank you'** to all the people that used this service during that time. Without you, no doubt the service would have been taken from us. We could still do with having more people 'hopping' on the bus though. For the new residents in our village, the bus is for everyone wanting to have time out without driving. Be picked up and returned back home again. The time table for this service can be found in the glass notice board near the village bus stop. This bus collects and returns passengers to and from the village DK centre/ Office **ONLY.** It does **NOT TAKE YOU HOME TO YOUR DOOR.** **Denise M .**

Why were hurricanes usually named after women? Because when they arrive, they're beautiful & wild, but when they go, they take your house and car

CALLING ALL COBAKI QUILTERS/ PATCHWORKERS

Would you like to get together in the hall once a fortnight to talk quilts and fabrics — get help with pinning a quilt— perhaps work a small fund raising project for Camp Quality? If you are interested, our next meeting is **Friday 8th May.** 9.30 am to 12.30pm. We would love to see you join us and join this enjoyable hobby. Give me a call Christine Hall (174) **5599 9003.**

THANK YOU. A big thank you to Kath & Myrna for the photo and write up in the April Cobba News. What a production!! To all the 'Happy Hour folk' our hard working 'Social Club Committee' **REALLY GREAT.** You all made my birthday a wonderful time for me. To **Margie** who took me to the Tweed Bowls 'BLUE ROOM' .. **MAGIC.** Lastly to all my friends for the birthday breakfast and afternoon nibbles etc. All the wonderful birthday cards I received with best wishes, you have all made my 96th birthday so special. **Jim McManus**
(51)

The woman applying for a job in a Florida lemon groves seemed way too qualified for the job. 'Look Miss,' said the foreman, 'have you any actual experience in picking lemons?' "Well, as a

What's on in the Village

The weather is finally starting to cool down a little as we move into Autumn and what better place to be than our beautiful Northern Rivers. It is much more pleasant to be out and about now and the best time to try a new activity. Our Leaders are all waiting to make you welcome.

LIBRARY :- Thank you to Jane Bakker and family for their much appreciated donation of books, Video's and DVD's. To all of you who do donate, don't forget things like the Readers Digest and even Encyclopedias (remember them?). The Salvos no longer accept these but there are Cobakites who would love to have a browse. Thank you also to all of you for keeping the Library tidy. It's a great help to us. For all the "virgin" Library Patrons, we are open all day, every day of the year including Public Holidays and there is no charge! *Ian*

SINGLE GIRLS:- Can someone tell me, where has April gone? Our monthly luncheon was at Club Banora where 12 of our ladies enjoyed the fine fare on offer. Our Games Day was very well attended and you could hear lots of laughter coming from one particular table. In early May we have an extended tour, 3 days 2 nights staying firstly at Armidale and then on to Coffs Harbour. This is our first for quite some time and is keenly anticipated. We would also like to welcome Helen to our meetings. We are sure she will enjoy it just as much as the rest of us do. We welcome new members to our happy group. at the Rec.Hall every **Weds. 10am** *Maureen*

CROQUET:- Our Saturday games have been affected by the rain we have had. Good for the Croquet lawn but not when we are trying to play, however it has not dampened our enthusiasm for our great game. Now that the weather is starting to cool, Saturday morning on the lawn at the end of the lake is a wonderful place to be. During the next few months we will be starting the games at 9am and we would love to see some new players joining us. *Hannah*

AQUA AEROBICS:- Yes!, despite the inclement weather and fourteen inches of rain, we are still enjoying the pool each morning. We, the Aqua Aerobics group would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruno for taking such good care of the Pool, making good use of the heater and the cover. We certainly appreciate his efforts. All being well we hope to be around for a few more weeks yet. Watch this space or better still, join us at **7am Mon-Fri**. *Tess.*

TRIVIA:- Another great evening of Trivia has been and gone. An old friend, Trevor Hardy came back and is still on cloud nine as he and his team "**WON**". There will be no stopping him now. We have such a lot of fun and laughs and don't forget the fabulous prizes!!. The winners on April Fools day were **1st The Vics.. 2nd Pasta.. 3rd Sapphires** the lucky door prize was won by Denise. Come along and join a team, or you and 3 of your best friends can make up a team of your own Next Trivia night **Wed May 6th at 6.30pm** *Roy, Val & Myrna & Sisters.*

BOWLS:- Attendance is just about back to normal with a full house on Monday and what a rowdy morning it was. We feel it is our duty to report that the ladies could not overcome the **powerful** men's team (who were all left handers, ha ha). One of our members Stan Oliver sadly passed away after a long illness our condolences to Minnie and the family.

New players welcome. See you **Mondays 9.30am,** *Alf*

COMPUTER CLUB:- A member had an unfortunate happening a few days ago— several keys were accidentally pressed at the same time. the result? The screen turned upside down! No, not the whole monitor, just the picture on the screen. luckily another resident had the answer— press Control **AND** alt **AND** Up arrow, all at once. Now he doesn't have to stand on his head any longer. A good tip to remember. In sadder news one of our residents has the 'Conficker worm' in his computer. This is a bad one! It has shut down the machine completely. PLEASE keep all Microsoft updates right up to date, especially check that updates MS08-067 is installed. Make sure you have the BEST antivirus program and the best antimalware plus the best firewall. (I am not sure that Windows firewall is good enough). Our happy band meets on **Frid in the DK Centre at 10am.** to discuss these and many more topics. Join us and have a giggle! *Mac*

ROOKIES SNOOKER:-Our Family night Bar-B-Cue was a huge success. Our wives thought it was great to be waited on. Especially Denise Wall, she thought it was heaven to be waited on. We had three invited guests Bill & Betty Lafferty & Trish McKinley. One thing about the Snooker club we really know how to treat our guests We put them to work?? Betty made the Coleslaw. Trish help with the salads. Bill was on Kp duty We do appreciate their help 'A Big Thank You.' A Great night was had by all. Keep Potting.. See you in the Snooker Room.
Bruce K

EXERCISE:- It is going to be getting harder to get up in the morning, as the winter closes in, and the cold mornings approach. But keep up the good work girls you are the ones who are going to benefit from your dedication. Your body has kept you going all through the years up to this point, you owe it to your body to keep it fit, it will only work well if it is given your support. We welcome any new members to our group who are interested in a gentle workout program, it is just the thing to start the day, as I can testify to, after two weeks away with very little exercise, my workout this morning left me feeling so good and ready to face the day, something I had been missing, why not give it a go, what do you say, will we see you there ?
Mary C

LINE DANCING:- Numbers are still a little down a little at present. Hopefully with cooler weather we will see more Cobakites come along and join us for a little exercise and lot of fun. If you are a beginner or a bit rusty, extra tuition can be given by arrangement either before or after the class. We would also love to see some of our "used to dance" members back again. We have lot's of laughs & a great range of music. See you there Thurs. from 9 to 11.30am *Elizabeth*

CRAFT:- Hi Ladies, Craft days seem to come around quickly these days. That's good, because we all look forward to being in great company with lots of smiles and happy talk while we work on our projects. We also have "Happy Birthday" days with plenty of goodies to tuck into. On these days we forget about the calories and just enjoy ourselves. It's more fun to do your craft work among friends. Maybe you would like to learn something new. If so, this is the place to be. It's two hours of feel-good activity, so come on down. 1pm every Thursday. *Min & Clarice*

BINGO:- .Attendances are improving a little which means more fun and better prizes. Anyone wanting a little break for a couple of hours on a Monday afternoon need go no further than the Rec.Hall. We have a nice cuppa and a bit of a chat afterwards. We would also like to send our best wishes to Phyllis for a speedy recovery after her op. **Mondays 1.30pm** *Jean & Irene*

THANK YOU'S

I would like to say a big thank you to **Bruce Wall** and all who made the evening with Liza & Lachlan possible. It was truly awesome. The hall, the lighting, the sound, the afternoon tea was 100% !! To think we only paid \$5. the performance was just the best. **Trica McHugh**

I would to thank the Social Club for the excellent show they provided on Sunday 26th April. Lachlan Baker and Liza Beamish were an absolute delight, excellent harmony and absolute pleasure to listen to. If you missed the show they are returning to another performance at the Camp Quality concert in August, don't miss that one. **Colin Wood 314**

We have received many reports on the concert, everyone was delighted with it from start to finish.

A big "Thank You" to my wonderful neighbour, Trevor Hardy. Once again he has come to my rescue. The Chain came off of my bicycle at the Office. It was too hard for me to even undo the nuts. Along came Trevor, took the bicycle home, fixed the chain and gave the whole machine a thorough overhaul. It's just like new. Don't even think of moving Trevor. **Pat Neimeyer**

Thanks to Kath & Myrna for all the work they do for the "Cobba News". **Min & Clarice**

THANK TO — SARA & RON STURROCK (67) for all their help along with our wonderful neighbours and friends for all the help we received during Duncan's Knee surgery. He is doing really well now. The help that is offered by so many very caring folks in this village is remarkable. Why would anyone want to live anywhere else. **Nessie & Duncan Fleming (29)**

UP-DATE ON PIGGABEEN DEVIATION

We are all wondering when work will resume on the by-pass and when it might be completed. There are lots of rumors floating around so I contacted the Council and spoke to one of the Engineers involved, Nigel Dobson. The latest problems began 18 months ago when workmen discovered some Aboriginal Arte-facts (he didn't say exactly what they were) which was reported to the local Tribe. Evidently after quite some time they gave permission to start work again. However, the whole thing had then to go to the Parks & Wildlife people as they are the Government Department who have to give the final approval. It seems, just like the RTA, the Parks & Wildlife have too much power and no-one can hurry them along. They have been in receipt of the paperwork now for some months and it now seems that it will be at least June before their is permission to finish "Part 1" whichever part that is. Mr. Dobson was as helpful as he was able to be and agreed that the delays have been interminable and that hopefully this will be the last delay before completion so that we can actually drive on the road. **Myrna**

PS: I did suggest to Mr.Dobson that they could have just accidentally run a bull-dozer over the find but he told me he didn't fancy 3 years in jail if he got caught.

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Paddy was dumbfounded to read his death notice in the paper. He phoned his friend Finny. "Did you see the paper, they say I'm dead. "Yes I saw it" he replies.



A 2007 study found that the average Australian walks about 900 miles a year. Another study found that Australians drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year. That means, on average, Australians get about 41 miles per gallon.'

Ruddy good value that!



**MARGARET BRETT (317)** celebrated

her **80th** birthday with

family traveling up here to make this a very special day. **COLIN BRETT (317)** celebrated his

**84th** birthday just after Margaret's. A time of great celebrating in the Brett household.

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Wednesday 13th May is going to be a special day for **EDITH DOYLE (80)** that will be her

**86th** Birthday. We wish you all the very best Edith for this extra special birthday.

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Another lady celebrating a memorable day is **DORIS BAIRD (105)** Doris celebrates her

**83rd** birthday on Friday 15th May. We are sure that your day will be filled with greeting from your many friends and family, we would add our congratulation to you on this occasion.

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To anyone who is celebrating a birthday we wish you all the best and hope you day is a very happy one. Birthdays are not all for children they are special all through our lives.

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## COBAKI LITTLE THEATRE.

Booking forms will be out very soon. for our new show. Great SONGS - COMEDY all night.



**\*\*\* INTERNATIONALS VARIETY EXTRAVAGANSA \*\*\***

**MAY . Sat 24-Sun 25-Mon 26th**



We have acts from all over the world to entertain you.

Singing to take your breath away.

Bring your boxes of tissues to wipe the tears as you laugh with the antics of the comedy we will be bringing you, beautiful songs that will leave you spell bound. Costumes created by our cast to leave your mouth drop. Booking Slips are out, please return them quickly. They contain all the information you need to attend this great show. All queries re-booking to Trish McK. **5599 9571**

**Our profits** from our shows go back into upgrading our equipment, which is used for many functions in the village, not just the shows we put on. Which then benefits all residents.

We look forward to greeting you at the door as you arrive. **Kath Ashby.**

## Household Tip:-

This worked for me — I have tried everything to keep a cut Avocado from going brown. My latest effort shows some promise. In a small bowl, mash the Avocado and smooth top down. Using good olive oil, either pour a small amount over the top or spray with oil. Press a circle of baking paper over the top and then cover with cling wrap. 3 days is my best so far. *Myrna*

## Good Service Directory

**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. Phone. **0404208235**

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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE NEWSAGENT.** They would like to clarify the reason for the latest accounts. During the year there are **four months** that have **five weeks** in them. That is the reason for the difference for the difference in your accounts



## **THE SOCIAL CLUB'S**

organizing a trip to the Brisbane Convention

centre on **Thurs 9th July** to see "**Disney on ice**" we are going to the **11am show** so will be leaving here at **8 am**. The **cost is \$23.50** for the show **and \$15.00** return on the bus. The bus only holds 46 people so don't miss out! This will be an excellent show and a great day out! We will be stopping at a BP food outlet for a bite to eat on the way home. If you wish to join us please add name to the list on the notice board.



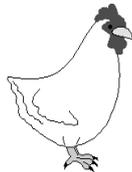
**Here is a chicken recipe** that also includes the use of popcorn as a stuffing -- imagine that.

When I found this recipe, I thought it was perfect for people like me, who just are not sure how to tell when poultry is thoroughly cooked, but not dried out. Give this a try.

### **INGREDIENCE**

### **METHOD**

4 - 5 lb. Chicken  
1 cup melted butter  
1 cup stuffing  
1 cup uncooked popcorn  
Salt/pepper to taste



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Brush chicken well with melted butter salt, and pepper.

Fill cavity with stuffing mixed with popcorn.

Place in baking pan with the neck end toward



.Listen for the popping sounds. When the chicken's rear end blows the oven door open and the chicken flies across the room and lands on the table, it's done and ready to eat.



We are sorry to announce the sudden death of  
**NORMA KELLY** House 9  
 on 7th April 2009.



Norma had been in the village nine years, and was a lady  
 with a happy smile for all she met.  
 The family thank all the friends and neighbours for their help, cards and  
 condolences in her passing.



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of  
**STAN OLIVER** House 284  
 on 24th April 2009 after a long illness.



Stan was one of the early arrivals to the village coming here 15 years ago.  
 Minnie and her family would like to thank the many neighbours and friends  
 who have been there with help at this very sad time.  
 To all who have shown such great care, thought, cards and visits please  
 accept their sincere appreciation.  
 For the wonderful wake held in the hall, the spread you arranged  
 was unbelievable. thank you so much.

If you want to add anything into the Cobba news anytime, all that is needed your note in box 140 it must be signed. We need to receive all items by the 20th of any month. The paper comes out in the first week of the next month. Any queries give either of us a ring ph. numbers page 1.

.Mr. Smith walked anxiously to the house and knocked on the front door. When a nice, older lady answered, he said to her in very sad tone, I'm sorry, ma'am, but I have some bad news for you. I'm afraid I have run over your cat. I would like to replace it. The little lady looked him up and down and said, I'm game, but how good are you at catching mice?

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 To all the folks who are celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary, may we wish you  
 Every happy day.  
 To all who are not feeling well, we wish you a speedy recovery  
 Remember this is your paper, please let us know if you are happy with it.  
 If not why?  
 Kath Ashby 140 & Myrna Hughes 150  
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## **MESSAGES FROM MANAGEMENT.**

We are still having trouble with the speed of traffic in the village. **The Speed limit is 15 kph.** We ask you to watch your speed while travelling in the village. We have many residents who cannot jump out of the way of vehicles travelling **far too fast**. The rules in here regarding **speed**, and **parking** and **care**, apply to all visitors and tradesmen.

Bike riders are also ask to take care while riding around the village, we don't want to have anyone hurt because of not taking due care while on bikes or driving cars.

We ask all folks when getting off the bus, **please wait** until the bus has moved off before trying to cross the road to their houses. We don't want any unnecessary accidents.

We ask all residents attending any of the weekly activities in the hall to please **do not park** in the restricted areas while you are attending. There is parking at the side of the DK Centre.

The restricted area are there to help residents with problems to collect their mail etc and are **not** for long term parking, during the day.

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### **SEAGULL'S FREE BUS**

#### **LEAVING Cobaki at the following times approximately**

**MONDAY 10.00a m 2.30 pm 6.00 pm**

**TUESDAY/SUNDAY INCLUSIVE**

**10.00 am 1.00 pm 6.00 pm**

#### **RETURNING from from SEAGULL'S Club approximately**

**MONDAY 2.30 pm 6.00 pm 9.00 pm**

**TUESDAY/SUNDAY INCLUSIVE**

**1.00 pm 6.00 pm. 9.00 pm.**

Buses will run according to demands and if necessary will return to pick up passengers left after first collection.

Returning back to Cobaki on Friday and Saturday nights after the late shows can be organised with the driver.

### **COBAKI PICK UP POINT**

**OUTSIDE D.K.CENTRE — UNDER COVER.**