

COBBA NEWS

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS



Our New Zealand cruise has come and gone. what a wonderful time we all had. The sea was very kind and stayed lovely and calm, no sea sickness for anyone! Now it's back to work for us all. Thanks to all my sailing companions who helped make every day a delight.

We are eagerly awaiting the return of our treasurer and dear friend **Dianne Pepper** who has been in hospital for 3 weeks with a broken leg. Thanks to all those who have been so much help with the bar during Dianne's absence. Thank you also to Jan Riley for her help with the counting of money, she has been a great support to me.

WELCOME. I would like to welcome **Chris Mainon** who is helping us in the kitchen. Chris is a former cook and loves helping us out. He is going to make us a mild curry and rice dish for one of our Tavern nights. Sounds really good!

We have **Arthur Mears** working behind the bar and doing a great job.

Thanks to all our volunteers who help us with setting up for Happy Hour and much, much more. Jan is working on a roster system for you and will be keeping in touch.

MOTHERS DAY. This falls on May 11th and that is fast approaching. We will be having a yummy roast dinner with all the trimmings, followed by dessert. There will be plenty of raffle prizes to be won. Booking forms will be out soon.

SUNDAY TAVERN AFTERNOONS. Starting at 4pm to 7pm. This is held after a Friday Tavern night. The next Sunday Tavern night will be on May 11th 4pm. We will be having "Wedges" on sale. Yummy with Sour Cream/Sweet Chilli sauce.. That's about all the news for now. We look forward to seeing you at the above functions.

Kind regards, President, Trish McKinley.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS.



BETTY & NORM LAWLER have just moved into house **89**. They didn't have very far to travel to join us here, they just slid down the hill from Bilambil Heights. They joined in with the Indoor Bowls, they already have friends living in the village. We do wish them all the best as they join in village living.

CONGRATULATIONS

SYLVIA & CHARLES TURVEY.

HOUSE 100.



They celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary, on the 3rd April 2014. **60 years** that is quite a mile stone. Their wedding, which was held in Rottingdian England in 1954, it wasn't without some unforgettable incidents. The bride and her father arrived all ready to step out of the car, when they were told 'go around again the groom hasn't arrived yet'. But on the second try all was ready, complete with groom. They should have played April Showers as the bride walked down the aisle as that is what April 3rd turned on for them, showers. Despite that, they had lovely day along with their guests.

Their wedding was on a Thursday, as April 3rd was this year! Sylvia's father liked to make his own wine and gave all the guest a glass of it to celebrate the big occasion, they all told him how good the wine was, but little did they know, that it was only Ginger Beer!

On Thursday 3rd April 2014 they celebrated with their daughter at Tugun and had a very enjoyable Chinese lunch. They celebrated again on the 6th April with the family who now live in Brisbane. They chose the Burleigh Heads Surf Club, and had a wonderful meal there. The storm arrived, reminding them of the April showers that fell on their actual wedding day. When the storm was over, they all walked along the beach Charles wasn't able to do that but went along the top edge, being pushed in his wheel chair. They finished the day with coffee for the 20 who joined them on their very special anniversary.

The photo above is the happy couple on their wedding day and the one at the bottom is one that we took recently. It was lovely listening to them tell us about their special day and the happiness it held.



Sylvia and Charles came into the village just on 11 years ago. They were always regulars on the pokie bus trips we did in the earlier days, but Charles has problems with his legs and they had to give that away. Thank you for sharing all the news about your wedding and now your Diamond anniversary.



It is with deep sadness that we bring you the passing of

HANNAH SHARPE house 83

on the 30th March 2014.



Hannah, and her late husband Jim, moved into our village in May 1998 and, apart from a brief return visit to New Zealand in 2004 where her husband suddenly died, she spent 16 years at Cobaki . She was born in Scotland but spent over 40 years as a Kiwi prior to coming here. She immediately fell in love with our village because it was brand new and “out in the country.”

This move gave her the chance to establish many new friendships.

She and Jim were involved in nearly all of the village activities and at various stages ran the bingo, the trivia, conducted Scottish dancing classes, ran the odd Saturday night dance social and joined the Village theatre group. She was also one of the original members of the Cobaki Home Owners Liaison Committee.

At the time of her death she was still the co-ordinator of our Golf Croquet group.

Hannah was a very smart highly talented person, who taught herself to paint using both acrylics and oils, learned all the aspects of pottery making and was an excellent pianist.

She also found time in her very busy life, to be a ranger at the Currumbin bird life sanctuary.

Her death was terribly unexpected and she will be sadly missed.

Her darling, and best mate, Graham, would like to sincerely thank all those who attended her funeral service on the 11th April.

Also huge thanks must go President Trish, Mary and those other kind social club lady helpers for arranging such a grand wake for her.

Hannah R.I.P., you are now in Gods safe hands.



With sadness in our hearts we bring you the passing of

KEN SMITH house 109.

Who passed away on 30th April 2014.



Ken was a very likable man who loved gardening with a passion.

Everything had to be just right down to the last stone in place.

He always had a smile and a wave when ever you saw him, and loved a joke.

He loved having time to enjoy the friends he met in the pool.

Don would like to thank Anne Fawcett for all the help she gave,
it was much appreciated.

To all the friends and neighbours who attended Ken’s funeral
and the wake after a very big thank you.

Ken won’t be forgotten.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused.
Their best friends lived barely a wave away.
I can see them now,
Dad in trousers, work shirt and a hat;
and Mom in a house dress,
lawn mower in one hand, and dish-towel in the other.
It was the time for fixing things:
a curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door,
the oven door, the hem in a dress.
Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy.
All that re-fixing, re-heating leftovers, renewing;
I wanted just once to be wasteful? Waste meant affluence.
Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.
But when my mother died, and I was standing in that clear morning light
in the warmth of the hospital room,
I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.
Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away....never to return
So..... While we have it, it's best we love it... And care for it...
And fix it when it's broken... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true: For marriage... And old cars...
And children who misbehave at times...
Dogs and cats with bad hips...
And aging parents... And grandparents.
We keep them because they are worth it,
because we are worth it.
Some things we keep,
like a best friend that moved away
or a classmate we grew up with..
There are just some things that make life important,
Like people we know who are special...
And so, we keep them close.



LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES

HALL BOOKINGS—CHRIS POOLEY 55998198

<u>CANASTA</u> JOY ROACH 55997359	<u>LIBRARY</u> IAN POOLEY	55998198
<u>INDOOR BOWLS</u> JIM MORTON 55998956	<u>BINGO</u> JEAN BRUNT	55998321
<u>THEATRE</u> TRISH McKINLEY 55999571	<u>CRAFT</u> MARY COLGATE	55997506
<u>COMPUTER</u> MAC JONES 55997401	<u>SINGLE LADIES</u> JEAN CARTER	55999273
<u>TRIVIA</u> MYRNA HUGHES 55997061	<u>POKIE BUS TRIPS</u> PAM CURRY	55997097
<u>GARDENING</u> ROSS DAVIS 55997576	<u>KEEPING FIT</u> CHRISTINE HALL	55999003
<u>CROQUET</u> GRAHAM MOHONEY 55998802	<u>LAWN BOWLS</u> JIM MORTON	55998956
<u>SNOOKER</u> ROD CATON 55999272	<u>SOCIAL GOLF</u> MAGGIE SYNON	55997586



TRIVIA: Another fun night, welcome back one of the original players, Anthony. More players would be really great. Either make up your own team of up to 4 people or come along and we will find you Cobakites you haven't yet met, who may even become your 'next best friends'. Results from last session were 1st-Anzacs, 2nd-Hot Shots, 3rd-Emus (we missed you Kath). Peter won the Lucky Door Prize. We will also be missing Dianne from the Emus who has a nasty broken leg which will take a number of weeks to heal (I knew Golf was a dangerous sport!!!!) Get better soon Dianne. Our next get-together is on **Wednesday 7th May**, usual place @ **6.30pm**. My sisters and I look forward to seeing you there.

Myrna



COBAKI COBBA's SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS CLUB: Sorry to have to say that we didn't bring home the Legacy Trophy this year. We came second! Not much in it, but our teams gave it a good shot. Maybe next year! What a great day we had visiting Mullumbimby Bowls Club on the 13th April. Weather, even though very overcast, stayed fine for us. Good bowling, good food, great company! Also good port! Sure, there were a few 'ring in touchas', for yet another free tot of port. Plenty of happy bowlers on the greens. Certainly a great place to visit for hospitality and friendships. Thanks to everyone that went along, including our new people on board. A visit to Mullumbimby Chocolate Shop was also on call. Our next outing will be on **Sunday, May 18th**, visiting Cudgen Bowls. Not far to drive for this one! **Leaving village at 8.15am**. Morning tea - bowls - followed by fish, chips & salad lunch. COST: \$14.00 (M/Tea - Bowls - Lunch) M/Tea & Lunch only \$9.00. Please check notice board for list! Another trip to **Nimbin by coach on Sunday, June 22nd**. A great day to look forward to. Any enquiries about the club please contact me, Jim, on 55998956 or call at 171 for a chat. Monthly meetings in the Hall on the 1st Sunday of each month unless notified of any change. Until next time.

Jim

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know 'why' I look this way...I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.



Pokie Bus Trip. Once again we had a good trip to Byron Bay. We came home a lot lighter than when we arrived at Byron Bay. Our next trip will be in late May please check the board for details.

Pam Curry



ROOKIES SNOOKER CLUB. Welcome to our final two new members for this year Bob Foster and Jim Cairns. The books are now closed until next year. Our regulars are still maintaining their skill level, though Jim Lock and John VanDer Byl have been seen to play some brilliant snooker lately, with Carl Wagner not far behind. The Family B.B.Q was again a great success unfortunately a few guys, who also play bowls could not attend. A choice of roast chicken, steak, rissoles and sausages, with a lovely salad hot potatoes onions bread etc, followed by the best sweets you could wish for. Thank you Judy and the girls, also special mention to Trevor Hardy who did most of the hard work, alongside our chef's for the day Alan Schwab and Graham Hardwick. Club raffle winner of the Scotch was Peter Gordon, runner up Trevor Hardy and took home a 6 pack of beer. The next monthly B.B.Q will be held at the Ivory Tavern on the **14th May 2014** for members and their partners, time to be confirmed, but pencil in 1pm as a guide.

Garry

History of Snooker today, the table.

As you now know snooker is a cue sport that is typically played on a table covered with a green cloth or baize, with pockets situated in each of the four corners and a further two, commonly referred to as the middle or side pockets. The (baize) cloth on a snooker table has a directional nap running from the baulk end of the table towards the end with the (black ball) spot. This affects how the ball rolls.

A regular (full size) table measures 11ft 8 ½ in x 5ft 10in(3569x1778mm), commonly referred to as a 12x6ft table. It is played using a cue and 22 snooker balls: one white cue ball, 15 red balls worth one point each, and six coloured balls: yellow(2points), green(3points), brown(4points), blue(5points) pink(6points) and black(7points).

A Player (or team) wins a frame (individual game) of snooker by scoring more points than his opponent (s) using the cue ball to pot the red and coloured balls. A player receives additional points if his opponent commits a foul. If the scores are equal when all the balls have been potted the black is placed back on its spot as a tie breaker. A player wins the match when a predetermined number of frames (games) have been won. *More next Month.*



SOCIAL GOLF NEWS. A lovely Sunny day for our April Golf Day, we had 12 players 1 lady, 11 men. Good work Carol, representing the Ladies. Our winner was Garry Parker, well done Garry. We went on to have 24 for our B.B.Q. and as usual our fines Master was in fine form! In June, July, August. We will have our club championship for our end of the year trophy, Geoff and Garry will keep you all up on this. We all missed our member Di Pepper and wish her a speedy recovery and hope she will be able to join us again soon. It was so good to hear so many of our members went to visit her. Our next game is at Chinderah on **21st May** back to our **10am hit off**. hope to see you all there.

Maggie & Geoff



GOLF CROQUET Our dearly beloved co-ordinator, Hannah Sharpe passed away on the 30th March from natural causes. She and her husband Jim, along with others, started up croquet in our village in 1998. She loved playing her croquet and loved meeting everyone associated with this wonderful form of exercise. Since 2006 she was the groups coordinator and the fast approaching senior years did not slow up this little live wire. Hannah, you will be terribly missed. R.I.P. Organised games on our well kept greens commence every Saturday from 8.30am and new members will be made most welcome. It's just a short walk from your home and all the equipment and coaching is provided free of charge. It's a great excuse for a friendly walk and talk.

Graham



INDOOR BOWLS: Whow!!! Monday mornings are getting louder & louder in the Rec Hall. Not surprising! Our numbers have almost reached 40. We have had to get the 'old' carpet out of mothballs and put it to use along with the 'old' bowls. A long time since 2 mats have gone down. Everyone is having a great time! Plenty of laughs and rivalry. Must be the Freddo Frog "Touchas' that are making them all bowl better. Bigger morning teas, were plenty to go around. We commence bowling at **9.30am** in the Rec Hall and finish approx **11.30am** See you there on Monday mornings.

Happy Bowling.

Jim



CANASTA REPORT. Now that the holiday period is behind us, I am hopeful that our numbers will get back to normal. We have carried on regardless, with quite a few players away and have still enjoyed our day, but are all looking forward to welcoming our absentees back. Maybe next month I will have more to talk about but for now, that's all folks!

Joy



KEEPING FIT CLASS Class numbers have improved since Daylight Saving finished and we can start our class looking out at the sun shining over the lake. We seem to love our holidays, and our members are frequently coming and going, but we always seem to have someone who can work the video. We have quite a number of different work-out videos, and have recently been enjoying some of our lesser used ones - certainly gives our under used muscles and joints a bit of a wake up.

Come and join us– Monday: Wednesday: Friday 7-00am to 7-45am *Christine*



LIBRARY. Would you **PLEASE** return the jigsaw puzzles and magazines to where you got them from, as some residents are just leaving them anywhere, this makes it hard for us having to sort them all.

Thank you to the people who donate DVD's and books, we are building a great collection.

Ian



Bloke at a horse race whispers to Paddy next to him,
 “Do you want the winner of the next race?”
 Paddy replies "No tanks, oi've only got a small garden."



CRAFT Hi everyone, not a lot to report in this issue of Cobba News. Unfortunately our group has diminished in size. We hope this is only a temporary measure, as some of our regulars have had some problems to cope with. We would like you all to know we are thinking of you, and hoping you will be back with us real soon. We especially think of Pam Cole, who had to rush down to Sydney as her sister became ill, Sad to say Pam's sister passed away on good Friday, our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Pam and her family, on their sad loss. We have had a few of our ladies having to cope with medical problems, and we are thinking of you all, and wishing a speedy recovery to all of you. Are you new to the village? If so you are more than welcome to come along and join our group, you do not need to have any special skills, most of our ladies bring their knitting or crochet, and just enjoy a social afternoon, we have afternoon tea around 2pm. Looking forward to meeting you *Mary Colgate*



BINGO Bingo is like the Folies Bergere, never closes. We played on Easter Monday and had quite a good attendance of eighteen players, who all received an Easter egg. A good chat over a nice cuppa afterwards to put the world right. We are always looking for new players, so come along and join in the fun.

We have “eyes down” every Monday at 1-30 pm

Jean & Mick



COMPUTER CLUB I have a machine which converts vinyl records (LP and 45s) to CDs. It plays the record and lets you transfer it to your computer from where you can burn a CD of the music. Complete with software and manual. Free to a good home as they say.

If anyone has some old records they'd like to immortalise see me.

Microsoft seems to be in a hole of their own making with Updates to win 8.1, but latest scutbutt says the next Update will actually be windows 8.2, and due some time around October. Come and talk to us on Fridays at D.K.Centre 10am. You're all welcome. *Mac*



SINGLE LADIES Our latest trip was to the Kingston Butter Factory (not a butter factory but used as a community centre) – lots of lovely craft on display, and for sale, and a museum. Then it was off to the Chung Tian Buddhist Temple in Rochedale which was most interesting - so much so in fact that after lunch we

went back to see more of it! The gardens were lovely as well. In May we are off to North Stradbroke Island for the day - \$50 cost includes the ferry across, a picnic lunch as well as sightseeing. If anyone is interested please put your name on the list on the noticeboard – we do welcome all comers! A Christmas in July is being planned for – guess when? – July! Other trips are being planned for later in the year – watch this space for details.

Jean

AIR CONDITIONER CHECKS. **Martin Goldsmith** will be in the village to check your Air Conditioners on **June 25th and 26th**. If you would like to have him check yours give him a ring and make a time with him. Martin has been coming into the village for many years and we have found him to be very reasonable. He gives your conditioner a through going over and lets you know if there is something that may need attention. It is important to have this done every year. Then there is n problems when you need it.

Phone numbers **Martin 0408 423 140** **Debbie 0407 243 089**

Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car.



She Writes ...Dear Grand-Daughter, The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a “Honk if you love Jesus” bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting. So I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper. Boy, am I glad I did, what a uplifting experience that followed, I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the lord and how good he is that I didn't notice the light had change. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed, I found that lot of people love Jesus! While I was sitting there, the guy behind me started honking like crazy ,and then he leaned out of his window and screamed ,for the love of God! 'go! 'go! 'go! Jesus Christ Go! What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people, I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love! There must have been a man from Florida back there, because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach. I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant. He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back. My grandson burst out laughing. Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!! A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended but this is when I noticed the light had changed so grinning I waved at all my Brothers and Sisters and drove on through the intersection. I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after the love that we shared. So I slowed the car down , leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the lord for such wonderful folks!

Will write again soon, Love Grandma.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA FOR CANCER This year we are holding the morning tea on **WED. 7th MAY** in the hall. All are invited so put that date in your diaries and come along to help with raising money to fight this dreadful disease. To assist Denise and myself, we would be very grateful to receive donations of small items, *PRIOR TO THE MORNING*, for sale at the morning tea – please let **Denise (171)** or **Jean (17)** know if you are able to help.

All money go towards cancer research

JEAN



DID YOU KNOW. There is, A Uniting Care Agency Community Services With in care packages, (including Dementia Care) DVA community Nursing service Private Home nursing. Veterans Home Nursing. They are at 40 Wharf street Tweed Heads Phone **5599 3337**. It is worth giving them a ring if you are looking for something like this

IT COULD BE YOU.

Several days ago as I left a meeting, I desperately gave myself a personal search, for my car keys.

They were not in, my pocket. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realised I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the car park.

My husband has scolded me many times for leaving them in the ignition

My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car could be stolen

As I scanned the car park I came to a terrifying conclusion! His theory was right. The car park was empty.

I immediately called the police. And gave them my location, confessed that I had left the keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all.

“Hello My Love”. I stammered; I always call him “My Love” in times like these.

“I left my keys in the car , and it has been stolen.”

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had disconnected, but then I heard his voice.

He barked, “I dropped you Off!”

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me.”

He retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your ruddy car.”

This is what they call, “The Golden Years!”



Are you having problems with your computer, I was until I gave **BRETT** a call, he soon sorted me out. Brett comes to your home, so you don't have to unplug your set and lug it down to the shop, then wait a week or so before you get it back. You will get Brett on 0400245281.

Harry



Did you know we have a very good chiropodist who comes to the village, and once more he **BULK BILLS**. So if you want him to come and look after your feet, all you have to do is give Adrian a call on 0432281033 just as a lot of people have already done in the village, including myself.

Harry

CAN YOU HELP. Any Cobakite recommend a Knee Specialist they have used particularly this end of the coast. I would appreciate any information.

Myrna Hughes 55997061 or House 150.

FOR SALE: Outdoor Table, oval in shape, will seat 6, gold coloured. Plus 4 outdoor chairs with cushions \$40. Inspect at House 150 in 4th Ave or ring Myrna on **55997061**.

SOME HELPFUL HINTS.

Holding a banana peel over a bruised for 10 to 30 minutes will remove the colour.

When approaching a door look for the hinges. If you see them **PULL**, if not **PUSH**. This will help you avoid some embarrassing moments. (*I could have done with this hint many times*)
Kath.

Falling air pressure causes pain in birds ears, so if birds are flying low to the ground it's almost always means a thunderstorm is coming.

Listening to music changes your brain perception of time & reduces the amount of time you think your waiting!

Do not use chemicals to kill ants. Instead, get a spray bottle, fill it with water & salt 25% Shake well spray ants ——Boom dead!!

Putting a small amount of '7 up' in a vase of flowers will preserve them for much longer

Can't afford 'Microsoft Word' get 'open Office' it's the same thing except it's free and has more features.

Paddy finds a sandwich with two wires stickin out of it. He phones the police and says " I've just found a sandwich dat looks like a bomb. "The operator asks, "is it tickin?"

Paddy says "No, oi tink it's beef"

MANAGEMENT MESSAGE.

SPEEDING. This message is just not getting through to some people. Surely nobody in the village would like to be the cause of any accident, there are so many close shaves continually. It's **15KPH** for everyone, remind all your visitors and especially tell any **tradesman** your using.

The roads have now been marked as well!

PARKING. Please make sure that you don't park over anyone's drive way, this does include your own, because it's usually in line with your neighbours. Advise your visitors as well.

WALKING BETWEEN HOUSES. The stoned area between houses is **NOT** a public through fare. The only way you can walk there is if you have the permission of the house owners.

UPDATE ON DIANNE. She is home and feeling a lot more comfortable, it will be another few weeks before she will be putting her foot to the ground, but things are looking a lot brighter. Last month we told you about the saga of her getting stuck in mud while playing golf, you would never guess but what was she doing this time YES, playing golf it was the first hit of the day, the ball went down a ditch, meaning she was allowed to drop the ball out which she did, then gracefully scrambled out of the ditch and hit the ball, great shot. But when her friends looked to see where she was 'NO DI' she had gone down the ditch, when they saw a hand come up they went to see what the problem was and there she was with a broken leg. Believe it or not she will be going back to play when the leg is completely healed!

If you have something you would like to put in the paper we are only to happy to do it for you. Just pop a note in box 140 or give us a ring, phone number at top of page one.

All phone numbers of activity leaders are at the top of page 5. All items must be in by the 20th of the month and must be signed.

We have a few sick people in hospital and home. We do hope that they are on the road to recovery, and it won't be long before they are feeling well again. Harry has been very busy getting the paper done and visiting Val who is in hospital not feeling very well at all, we do hope she is back home soon and feeling a lot better.

The Cobba News is written by residents for residents.
April has been a busy month, with school holidays, Easter then Anzac Day.

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