



# COBBA NEWS



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## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

Hello to all from your social Club Committee. Everything is going along quite well, as we are come into the busy time of the year, with lots happening.

**Happy Hours.** Even with this colder weather we are still keeping pretty well up with our numbers. Our helpers have been a blessing, with members of the committee being laid up with health problems.

**Tavern Nights.** These are being quite well supported, but there is always room for more enjoy a lay back type of night where you can sit and have a drink and a chat.

**Fathers Day.** We will celebrate with a Sunday Tavern afternoon. Bar opens at 4pm. Steak sandwich with chips will be available at \$4. Booking slips have gone out.

**Village Christmas Party,** will be held on Sunday 30th November. It's time to start getting your party group ready, time is flying by very quickly.

We do hope to see our committee members who have been on the sick list are starting to recover. We wish Bruce Kettle all the best with his hip replacement coming up very soon. To all our residents who are not feeling the best our thoughts are with you.

We hope to see you at the Masked Ball on the 14th November (more on page 2). Another function not to miss is the concert with Liza & Locklan. Show & Dinner. Sunday 26th October more on page 9

Let's hope the days & nights get warmer, as we have had a very cold winter. Kind regards. *Trish. McKinley*



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## ***HAPPY FATHERS' DAY.***



# MASKED BALL



IN THE HALL



**\*\*SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER\*\***

**7PM START**

**COST—\$12**

**HOT & COLD FINGER FOOD, BUFFET SUPPER.**

**LIVE BAND**



**BAR OPEN**

**Les & his Friends.**



**JOIN IN THE NIGHT**

**GET YOURSELF A MASK.**

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY**

**SEATS ASSURED AT TIME OF BOOKING.**

**Please get your booking in early.**

**(You can pick up masks at any cheap shop.)**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS.



**HEATHER & GARY STROUD**, have moved into house **42**. They are from Melbourne, bringing the cold weather with them! They like the outdoor living, with surfing, walking and bike riding some of the activities they enjoy. Heather likes to take time to explore the many projects available on her computer.



**ELSIE & ALAN BARKER**, their new home is **119** They left Kingscliff to join us. They have put their stamp on their new home, causing them a lot of hard work but the finished product was well worth it. Their hobbies include using the computer, cruising and, in general, enjoying life.



**MAUREEN LEECH**, is now settled into house **162**. She didn't have far to come, moving from South Tweed. Maureen is another one who enjoys her computer, along with reading cards & palms. Keeping an eye on her daughter is something close to her heart.



**MARY & ROGER LEARMONT**, **223** is the home they have moved into. They have already been to functions since their move. Mary loves swimming while Roger finds golf is his hobby. They also enjoy fishing. Some of these things will have to wait their turn as they finish all the alterations they intend to do to their new home.



**MERLON GURR**, drove up from the Central Coast, where her daughter lives, to her new home **109**. She's waiting on new furniture to arrive, giving her time to do some painting and unpacking. The outdoors is where she likes to be, along with knitting and sewing.

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## GARDENING WITH ROSS



We can all have a few beans growing in our back yards.

You will need a garden of about one meter in length, with at least 12 inches of depth in the soil, OR you can have an old rubbish bin that holds at least 60 litres of soil, good potting mix. What variety of bean will I grow, I can hear you ask.

Well I find the Blue lake climbing beans are the best producers in our climate.

These beans will climb up three stakes tied together at the top to make a Tee-pee. The Tee-pee will sit in a rubbish bin and make it easy to harvest your beans. Don't forget to give the soil a little Blood and Bone.

Happy gardening.

## HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY JACKIE CURNOW, house 312



Jackie has just celebrated her 80th birthday, on 8th August.

She was lucky enough to have the Happy Hour choir sing to her!

We would like to wish you all the very best for this special birthday. Jackie is a lovely lady who always has a happy smile on her face, whenever you meet her.



## LEADERS OF ACTIVITIES

### HALL BOOKINGS—CHRIS POOLEY 55998198

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| <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 CLUB</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> TREVOR HARDY 55997417    | <u>SOCIAL GOLF</u> MAGGIE SYNON   | 55997586 |



**KEEPING FIT CLASS:** September is here and it's officially spring, so we should all be full of energy and looking forward to warmer days ahead - these cold mornings have certainly tested our resolve to keep up our fitness levels! Our class members all agree that, as well as keeping us generally fitter, the emphasis on *balance and co-ordination*, all through the exercises, is an added bonus. Some of us (including myself) have balance problems, and we are able to minimize the negative effects these issues have on our day to day activities - AND EVEN BETTER - the classes are free! **MONDAY : WEDNESDAY : FRIDAY 7.00am to 7.45am**  
*Christine*



**COMPUTERS 'n Stuff** Hi Kids, How's things? Do you want to go to Middle Earth? Well, there's an interactive website at [www.middle-earth.com](http://www.middle-earth.com) (Note the - between the words) that's likely your cup o' tea. Try it and have fun. Heard about the latest (and uselessst) app for your smartphone, etc? Yes, it tells you when you need a drink! WOW! Wot about those heart rate monitors you wear on your wrist? Great? Or just making money for the vendors? I just use a finger or two and count the beats. If I count for twenty seconds I only have to multiply by 3 and there I have it. (I just ignore the blanks, there's too many to count). How many other useless or extraneous apps are out there, I wonder? If you have a favourite, send it in and you could WIN! No, you can't know what the prize(?) is! Like lots of things these days, buyer beware, or use your common sense!  
Come and join us on **Fridays** at the **D.K. Centre at 10 o'clock** you can agree or disagree, or even write the next blurb for Cobba News!  

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*Mac*



**TRIVIA:-** Thanks to the overwhelming support of our loyal regulars we have decided to continue our monthly Trivia evenings. After consultation with you all we have made a few changes, one of which is a notice which will appear on the Social Club board, giving you a few days reminder of the date of the next game. Thank you all for your kind words and support, we will see you on **Wednesday 3rd Sept.** Our meetings are always the **1st Wednesday of the month.**

*Myrna & her sisters*



**COBAKI COBBA's SOCIAL LAWN BOWLS CLUB:** Can't report on our August trip to Ballina in this edition so will catch up on that next month. We will be travelling to Ocean Shores Country Club for our September bowls day on Sunday, 28th for bowls & lunch. It was suggested by some of our members that we revisit Ocean Shores as we haven't been there for a while. The club are looking forward to us going. Check notice board for details.

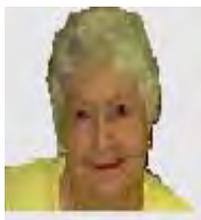
For the members and guests that are travelling away on the three day **trip in October**, you will be receiving more up to date and finalised details in your mail boxes shortly. Please let Denise know if you have any queries, or if you haven't received a copy.

After the trip away, our last trip for the year will be to the **Gold Coast Bowls Club** on **Sunday, November 9th** with the **Xmas party to follow on Sunday, December 7th**, just to keep everyone up to date with everything that's happening for the rest of the year. Also a reminder that the date for the monthly meeting for September has been changed to **Sunday, 14th Sept**, due to Fathers' Day the previous week.

Cheers *Jim*



**BINGO :-** Jean and I are getting very concerned about the numbers going down. The trend at present means we cannot exist much longer unless we get an upturn in players. For new residents, we charge \$5 a book. **Prizes are \$3 a line and \$5 for a house.** About monthly, we have a lucky door prize of shopping voucher and a bottle of wine. We have a chat afterwards and put the world right over a cuppa. So please come along and try your luck, you would be made most welcome. **We start at 1.30pm every Monday.** *Jean & Mick*



**CANASTA REPORT:-** Again, there is very little to report. We just go from week to week, hoping that circumstances that are stopping some of our regulars from attending, will change for the better, and we will see a return to normal.

Let's hope all our friends not feeling well, and those lucky ones who have been on holidays or doing other exciting things, will soon be back with us.

**We meet in the hall on a Wednesday –1.00 to 4.30 p.m.**

*Joy*



**ROOKIES SNOOKER CLUB:-** Results of July BBQ raffle Bottle of scotch went to Jim Lock, 6-pack beer to –Carl Wagner.

Next BBQ, usual time, at the snooker room **10<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

Regards *Garry*



**SOCIAL GOLF:-** We had a great day for our last day of Club championships 13 players 11 men, 2 ladies. It was good to welcome back Di Pepper after her little mishap!! We welcomed a new member, John Mills, we hope you enjoy our happy group John. Our Club Championship has been decided and all will be revealed at our dinner in January. Some forward information our presentation night is at **IVORY TAVEN on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, 2015**, we will keep you up to date on that. As a group of us are going to stay and play at Ocean Shores on our usual monthly day we will be playing on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday** for this month only mark down **24<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER**. We had a really good roll up for our BBQ, 24, which is our best so far, we welcomed 2 visitors, who enjoyed the night and took part in our Fines Master's fun. Thank you to them. Our winner for the day was John Mills. All in all we had another great day.

See you soon *Maggie & Geoff*



**WATER AEROBICS:-** Firstly the aerobic ladies would like to thank Tess Faliszewski for all the help and time she put into the leadership of our group for just on 8 years. you have been an inspiration to us all. Thank you Tess.

**Monday October 6th**, we hope, will be our official start. Keep an eye out for a few giving it a try **mid to late September**, weather permitting. The cover is being put on overnight, as from now. Get those cossies out of the cupboard to be ready. Start time as usual **7-00am Monday-Friday**, all welcome, if you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth 5599 8625 (stand in scribe).

*Elizabeth*



**LIBRARY:-** When returning Jigsaw puzzles would you please make sure they are secure in a plastic bag before putting them in the box, as we don't want to find pieces on the floor. Thanks to Barbara Grisdale for her donation of books. Don't forget we are always looking for more DVDs.

Thank you to all the people who have donated. We are open while it is light.

*Ian*



**CRAFT** Hi everybody, we hope you are all well, and rejecting any nasty little bugs that might be around. Not a lot to report about activities in the craft group this month. We hope Minnie is feeling a lot better after her spell in hospital, and we are all looking forward to having her back with us. If you would like to come along to our group, we meet every **Thursday at 1pm**. We are really friendly and will make you most welcome.

*Mary*

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*Wouldn't it be good if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle free !*



**SINGLE LADIES** We have a trip planned for the **25th September** to the **RAAF Museum**, Amberley and still have some spare seats so if anyone would like to join us on that trip they are most welcome. You could even try how it feels to sit in the cockpit of an F111 jet! **Cost of the trip is \$23**, lunch will be your own expense. If interested please put your name on the list on the notice board. During the last month we have had our share of folk being on the sick list, with most on the mend! I took some time out to go to a wedding in the lower Blue Mountains – lovely bride, lovely venue, etc. and it was so nice to catch up with family. When I arrived back it was colder here than in Sydney! And a lot rainier!

Any ladies on your own do come and join us – we have lots of chats with a cuppa every **Wednesday at 10AM**. See you next month,

*Jean*



**INDOOR BOWLS:** Another month gone already! There's not much more I can say about our friendly club on a Monday morning other than it is a great place to start off the week. Plenty of fun and laughter, lots of chatting and catching up during the mornings bowls, with a break in the middle for morning tea. Quite a lot of rivalry between the two different coloured teams. Lots of Ooh's & Arhh's and plenty of advice given from the sidelines. Come along and join in the fun in the Rec Hall on Mondays from 9.30am - 11.30am. Good to see & hear that some of our players are on the Mend after their health set backs. Hope to see you back soon.

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*Jim*



**GOLF CROQUET NEWS:-** Organised games of golf croquet are held on the courts overlooking the lake, just down from the DK Centre every Saturday morning from 8.30am. Remember its just a short walk from your home and new players will be made most welcome. It costs nothing to play, and all the equipment and coaching is provided.. Other organised games are now being offered every Wednesday and Sunday afternoons and if you are interested just ring either **John Etheridge (55999218)** or **Joan Cooke (55999268)** and they will be pleased to show you how to play the game. Croquet is a very passive game and ideal for ex lawn bowlers and golfers carrying injuries but still looking to keep up outdoor exercise, and what better place than the clean fresh air that our village provides. In fact the game is for all ages and it is excellent for both the mind and the body. It's also a terrific excuse for a walk and a talk whilst at the same time making new friends.

Many thanks must go to the Cobaki management for supplying the new boundary piping for the reasonably new top court and particular thanks to Bruno and Michael for installing it. It is going to ensure that players will now not have to chase wayward balls down Pig-gabeen Road, or into our beautiful lake.

*Graham*



This 80 year old woman was arrested for shoplifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, “What did you steal?” She replied “ A can of peaches”. The judge asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches, and she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied, “6”. The judge said, “Then I will give you 6 days in jail”. Before the judge could conclude the trial, the woman’s husband spoke up and asked the judge could he say something. The judge says, “What is it”?

The husband said, “She also stole a can of peas”.

**MARKET DAY TRIP:** Well! What a day! Everyone arriving early to get away on time and then had to wait patiently for the bus to actually get here. After numerous phone calls he was tracked down - definitely not at the right place. We eventually got to set off an hour later all eager for our first market. More trouble!! The market wasn't where it was supposed to be. Don't ask! Don't know! Plan **A** went wrong. Next - Plan **B**. Go straight to Bogga Road Markets which we knew would be there. The markets weren't very big but we all browsed around and picked up some bargains. Plenty of fresh fruit and vegies were bought for the next weeks meals. It was a lovely sunny day, so, after shopping around some of us sat relaxing with a coffee listening to the music to entertain us while others chatted in the shade. A gaol tour was on the agenda for a small number, so off they went to learn all about the inmates. I believe that there is a photo somewhere to prove that Trish & Mary were locked up when inside. Didn't get to know what they did to deserve being behind bars. Can't have been too bad as they were let out before it was time for the coach to whisk us off for lunch at Yeronga Services Club. All enjoyed a tasty, reasonably priced lunch, with plenty of choices. Some of us were ready for a 'coldie' too! After spending a couple of hours at the club, we left for home stopping off at the Strawberry Farm for ice creams. Wish we'd have had a camera to take a photo of everyone licking on their ice cream cones as well as licking their lips. Big kids!! Pleased to hear that, at the end of the day everyone had enjoyed themselves even with the dramas. These things happen - not too often we hope! Thanks to you all for understanding. ***DENISE & JEAN***



Behind bars Trish & Mary!!

We did lock them in  
but they were able to pick  
the lock and escape!  
If you have never been and  
had a look at this gaol and  
heard all the stories,  
You would find it very  
interesting.  
The guides are excellent at  
bringing all the  
past history to you.

# DINNER & SHOW.

**Sunday 26th October. Dinner at 6pm, Show at 7pm**

**Cost \$20, for both Dinner & Show**

**STARRING, the great team of**



**LIZA & LOCKLAN**

**Together with Cobaki Little Theatre**

**A Theatre Restaurant Experience**

**Tables of 8, book, as soon as you receive your booking form.**



A young couple moves into a new neighbourhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean", she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap". Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments. About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this". The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows." And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look!



It's with sadness we bring you the news of

**RON BRIERLEY**

passing away on 31st July 2014.

He was in Amaroo Nursing Home. Ron had been in the village for 21 years.

His health had not been very good for some time.

But he would always give you a smile.

He will be missed by his many friends in the village



Sadly we pass on the demise of

**JOHN HYDE,**

who passed away recently.

Along with his wife Doreen they had moved into care.

They first came into the village in 1998 and had moved from the village,  
and then returned to the village before going into care.



We sadly report the passing of

**COLIN BRETT.**

He passed away on 10th August 2014.

Colin had been in house 317 with his wife Margaret for 21 years.

Colin's health had been deteriorating over many years.

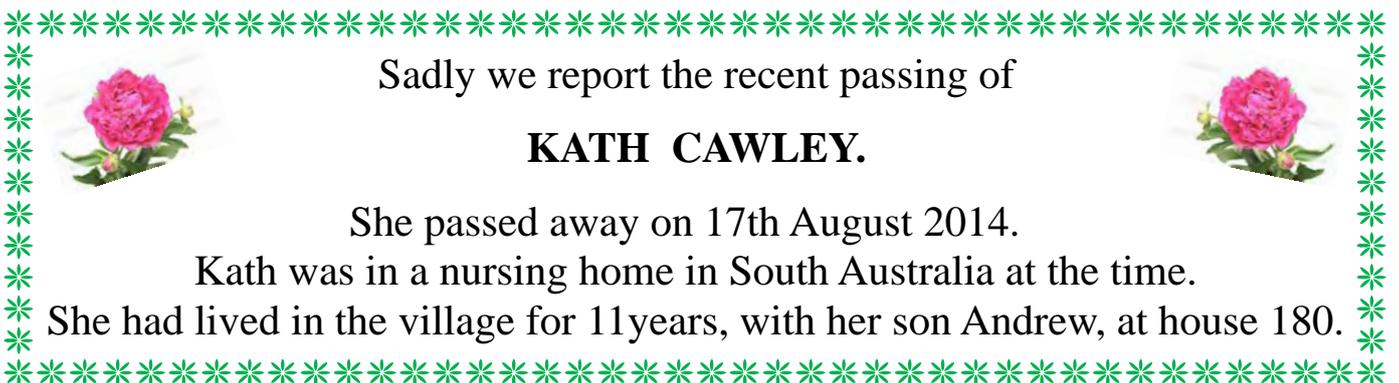
They were on the first video of the village, catching fish in our lake.

In his younger days he was a very active man,

boxing being just one activity.

They attended many of the functions, supporting the Social Club.

Our condolences to Margaret & family.



Sadly we report the recent passing of

**KATH CAWLEY.**

She passed away on 17th August 2014.

Kath was in a nursing home in South Australia at the time.

She had lived in the village for 11 years, with her son Andrew, at house 180.



# ACTIVITY LEADERS DINNER

The Social Club invited all the activity leaders to a dinner in the hall, to thank them for their contribution to the village. There were only a couple of leaders who were not able to attend. The evening consisted of a beautiful roast dinner followed by a choice of sweets. Each leader was thanked by our president Trish McKinley, and given an envelope with money in it to help with their group.

One thing that did come out of the gathering was that their numbers are down. This is very disappointing for all leaders. We do urge residents who haven't tried any of the activities that are available to just go along and see what they do. If you live on your own, these are great places to go to meet up with new people. Give any of the leaders a ring and ask them how their group is run. They are all only too happy to chat with you.

Canasta leader Joy told us that they are happy to give people private lessons on how to play canaster. All phone numbers of the leaders are at the top of page 4.

Without activities happening in our village, it would be a very dull place. Most of us who arrive don't know anyone, and joining in something is the best way to get to know other people. There is nothing like having some friends around you.

Our Social Club do a marvelous job with all the functions they arrange, but you need to get among other activities, even if it's only to have a cuppa and a chat.

Some of our leaders have been involved for many years and have enjoyed the new folks they have met in that time. There has been a lot of effort put in by many of the residents who came into the village in its early stages, making our village a very friendly and helpful place to retire, but we are now looking for more to carry on the good work.

Thank you to the Social Club for the very enjoyable evening.



**A photo of the leaders and their spouses who enjoyed the evening.**



**THIS IS  
NOT THE  
PLACE  
TO PARK  
YOUR  
CAR.**



A big sincere **THANK YOU**, to my friends and neighbours for your help (shopping, watering of my plants, visiting in hospital, collecting mail, calling in on me. **THANK YOU** so much. I really appreciated it all, and thank you also for your support. This really is a very friendly, caring village to live in.

*Maria Goulding 277*

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If you have any old washing machines, fridges, TVs, microwaves, large household items, they can be taken to the tip at Murwillumbah at \$30 each.

**Give Chris, a ring on 0439874279. house 19.**

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**I can no longer open a bathroom door** without using a paper towel, Nor let the waitress put lemon slices in my ice water without worrying about the bacteria on the lemon peel. **I can't sit down on a hotel bedspread** because I can only imagine what has happened on it since it was last washed.

**I have trouble shaking hands** with someone who has been driving because the number one pastime while driving alone is picking one's nose.



Spring is sprung the grass is rizz.  
wonder where the birdies is.  
The bird is on the wing, I heard  
That sounds absurd,  
The wing is on the bird!



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