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for Dickson locals

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Celebrating Major Lyn Cook's nearly five decades of service

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COMMUNITY HERO HELPING YOUNG MOTHERS

Meet Queensland's Australian of the Year Community Hero nominee and A Brave Life founder Melissa Redsell. Q&A on Page 10.

Dickson Seniors' Expo confirmed for 2023

PLANNING for the 2023 Dickson Seniors' Expo, hosted by local federal MP Peter Dutton and the Dickson Seniors' Council, is well underway.

The highly anticipated community event, now in its 23rd year, has grown and improved year on year.

The expo is not just about information and resources, it is also about having fun and celebrating our seniors.

Last year's expo was an enormous success with over 1,000 visitors and 80 stalls including healthcare providers, retirement and assisted living facilities, community

organisations, health and wellness and federal, state and local Government services all offering information and resources to help seniors live healthy, independent and fulfilling lives.

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Right: Legacy volunteers Reg Frankel and Ron Murray



Peter DUTTON MP

Federal Member for **Dickson**

Working hard. Getting results.

A message from Peter

IT'S a great honour to serve you again as your local federal MP in the electorate of Dickson.

My team and I are connecting locals to services and providing federal government assistance.

Last year, we held another successful seniors' expo which gave older residents the opportunity to connect with businesses and services to receive assistance.

On Australia Day we honoured and celebrated recipients of the Dickson Community Awards - which recognises the unsung heroes in our community.

Finally, I am keeping local community groups and small businesses up to date on federal

government grant and funding opportunities available through my regular eNewsletter.

In our busy lives it can sometimes be difficult to stay in touch with each other, or to stay on top of what's going on in our community.

So, in addition to my regular community events and communications, I have published this local newspaper to provide you with information on upcoming events, infrastructure upgrades, local success stories and community information.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you and your family, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Peter Dutton
Federal Member for Dickson



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Stage-2 UniSC Moreton Bay set to complete late-2023



STAGE Two construction of the UniSC Moreton Bay campus is well underway and is set to be completed at the end of this year – adding three new buildings opposite the campus's impressive foundation building, with a further 12,500 square metres for teaching, research, sporting activity and socialising.

Enrolments at Moreton Bay campus were 4,090 for 2020, with this year's enrolments expected to surpass that with a 5% growth already in new enrolments, with 1,200 new students so far this year.

COMMUNITY MARQUEE HIRE

If your community organisation is looking to host an event or attend an event and are in need of a marquee, then the following marquees are available to hire free of charge.

We have one (1) 6 metre by 3 metre marquee and two (2) 3 metre by 3 metre marquees for hire.

To hire for your community event, contact Mr Dutton's office on 3205 9977 or peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au.

Could you be the next

LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPION

If you're a dedicated junior sportsperson you may be eligible for a grant to help you pursue your sporting dreams. For further information visit sportaus.gov.au/lsc



SPORTAUS



Youngs Crossing Road upgrades to begin soon

CONSTRUCTION work for the new section of Youngs Crossing Road - spanning the North Pine River and Sideling Creek - is expected to get under way later this year.

The project will cover a 1km stretch of works - comprising a new elevated bridge and roadway - and is one of the biggest road infrastructure projects to be delivered by Moreton Bay Regional Council.

The final design is now complete. Requests for Tenders will be called within the next one to two months, with a successful construction contractor expected to be appointed in September this year, and the site mobilised around October/November.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2025.

The upgraded Youngs Crossing will provide 1% Annual Exceedance Probability flood immunity during heavy rain events and subsequent water releases from North Pine Dam and Sideling Creek.

It will help prevent the road from closing and impacting the local network. The improved flood immunity will significantly improve the road's reliability and accessibility for the thousands of users that rely on this regional road link every day.

Once completed, the upgrade will also increase traffic capacity, improve road safety, and reduce traffic delays on Youngs Crossing Road.



AFTER A LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

MAJOR LYN RETIRES

AFTER more than 46 years of faithful service to the Salvation Army and helping communities all over Qld and NSW, including seven years as the Pine Rivers Corp Officer, Major Lyn Cook, retired from the full-time ministry on January 8.

Major Lyn's dedication to serving others began at a very young age, having grown up in the Salvation Army and through its church activities, she was called by God to the fulltime Ministry before going on to spend two years at The Salvation Army Training College for Officers.

After graduating, church ministry roles took her all over the country, in particular throughout regional Qld, where, in addition to her work with the church, she was actively involved in the Local Government Disaster Response and Recovery at Dalby, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Pine Rivers; and as QFES Chaplain at Hervey Bay and within the Moreton Bay Regional Council areas, serving both QFES personnel and community members affected by fires.

Over her seven years as Corp Officer in the Pine Rivers District, Major Lyn formed many close relationships with members of the community, offering support, guidance, and pastoral care leading church services, officiating at life events, working

with local schools and aged care facilities, participating in ANZAC commemoration services and organising community events such as the Pine Rivers Red Shield Appeal.

Some of her proudest achievements include learning sign language and becoming part of the Deaf Ministry Team in Sydney where she interpreted church services (Major Lyn also started a Deaf Ministry in Cairns when stationed there) establishing an instrumental Music Tuition programme for young people, achieving a Bachelor of Theology in 2013, then a Master of Theology in 2022 and being accepted as QFES Volunteer Chaplain.

Major Lyn's commitment to service and community has not gone unnoticed and at this year's Dickson Community Awards held on Australia Day in Samford, she received the "Local Legend Award."

The retirement of Major Lyn marks the end of an era for the Salvation Army, but also the beginning of a new chapter in her life.

She will continue her involvement with the Church by volunteering and she remains committed to supporting Aux-Lieutenant's Liam and Alli Holland as they begin their new roles as the Pine Rivers Corp Officers.



Dickson Seniors' Expo confirmed for 22 August

THIS year's Expo will again be held at the South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale - there will be plenty of parking including disabled parking and refreshments available to purchase.

Entry is free with attendees treated to live entertainment, guest speakers and free showbags.

There are also giveaways, raffle prizes and a chance to win a \$500 Grocery Gift Card.

Organisations and businesses interested in holding a stall at the 2023 Dickson Seniors' Expo can contact Peter Dutton's electorate office in Strathpine on 3205 9977 for booking information.

2023 Dickson Seniors' Expo

When: Tuesday, 22 August

Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm

Where: South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale (enter via Cribb Road).



Locals raising money for Type-1 Diabetes research



EVERY October, generous locals take part in step challenges to support Type-1 Diabetes (T1D) charity, JDRF and T1D Diabetes research.

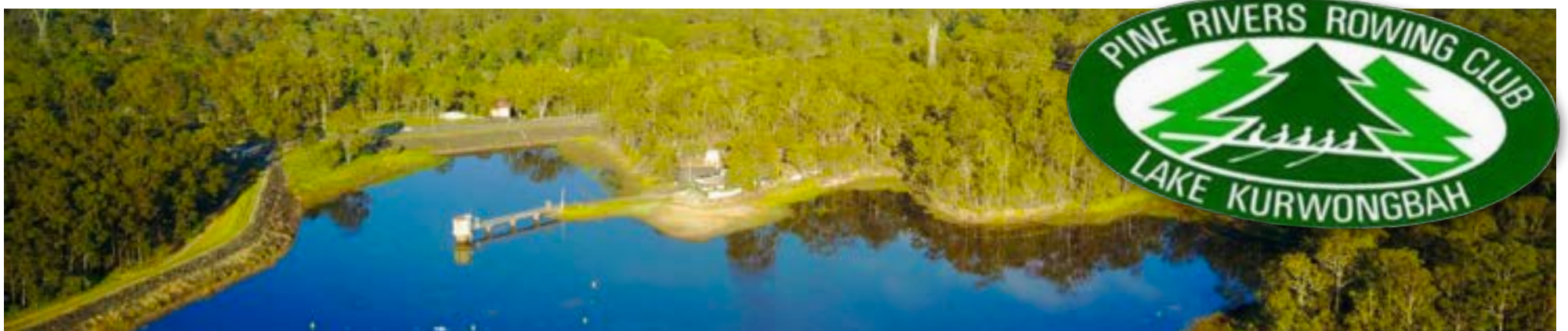
The JDRF One Walk challenge allows participants to sign up online, set a fundraising goal, spread the word for support from family and friends and complete

a challenge of 125KMs over the month of October.

JDRF is the leading supporter of Type-1 Diabetes research globally and in Australia and each year, One Walks across Australia bring communities together to raise important funding for life-changing T1D research.

Local residents raised over \$1,000 in a day late last year walking around Mungarra Reserve in Petrie - with many locals participating in fundraising events year-round.

If you want to join the movement and walk for a world without T1D, go to: www.walk.jdrf.org.au



Local rowing legend receives Australia Day Honour

CONGRATULATIONS to Dayboro local Raymond Smith who was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to rowing in the Australia Day 2023 Honours List.

Raymond has been a life member, crew selector and head coach of the Pine Rivers Rowing Club in Petrie since 1981 where he has coached hundreds of juniors in rowing and sculling, including Ella Smith and Jaeve Proberts who won four Australian Championships in 2021/22.

A former member of the management committee for Rowing Queensland and selector as well as coach at multiple levels, Raymond these days guides the development of around 30 junior rowers, with most coming through the Genesis Christian College's rowing programme. After its beginnings in 1958, where the Paper Mill in Petrie donated a building, which remains the main rowing shed today, the Pine Rivers Rowing Club has emerged as a strong and fiercely competitive club.

The club has seen some lean years, with many members remembering the struggle when the water disappeared in the 90's and they had to row from a farmer's property at Dohles Rocks and then at North Pine Dam.

However, under the leadership of President Peter Zelow, the last few years have been quite successful with the rowing club winning a number of Queensland and Australian Junior and Master Championships.

In 2022, the club was awarded a Round 7 Stronger Communities Programme grant of \$6,400 through Peter Dutton's office to purchase rowing ergometers.

The ergs' were bought for the Junior development squad that comprises of local kids new to the sport of rowing and who are committed to getting out on the water at least three times a week from 5am.

Learn more about Pine Rivers Rowing Club - www.pineriversrowing.org.au

My team and I are here to help

DO you need assistance with local or federal government issues?

Local federal MP Peter Dutton holds regular mobile offices around the community making it easier for locals to share their concerns and get help on local issues or federal government matters.

A regular part of his connection with his community, Mr Dutton values hearing from locals who wouldn't ordinarily contact him or his office by email or phone.

Keep an eye out for the Peter Dutton caravan parked around your community for an opportunity to catch up.

Alternatively, you can make contact with Mr Dutton's electorate office to make your voice heard - or receive federal government assistance.



Linkfield Road overpass at Bald Hills upgrades progressing

PLANS to upgrade the Linkfield Road overpass at Bald Hills are progressing following the opening of Expressions of Interest between 15 November to 13 December 2022.

Following on from that stage, it's expected applicants whom have made expressions of interest will be shortlisted for the second stage of the tendering process, with an announcement being made in March 2023.

Updates on this upgrade project can be found at: www.tmr.qld.gov.au



2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAR 12** MORETON KIDS FESTIVAL
Info: www.moretonkidsfestival.com.au
- MAY 27** HILLS CARNIVALE
Info: www.hillsfestival.com.au/hills-carnivale
- MAY 28** DAYBORO DAY FESTIVAL AND ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES FAIR
Info: Facebook page
- JULY 8 - 9** DAYBORO SHOW
Info: www.dayboroshowsociety.com
- JULY 15 - 16** SAMFORD SHOW
Info: www.samfordshowsociety.com.au
- AUG 4 - 6** PINE RIVERS SHOW
Info: www.pineriversshow.org.au
- AUG 18 - 20** MORETON BAY FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL
Info: www.tastesofmoretonbay.com.au
- AUG 22** DICKSON SENIORS' EXPO
Info: www.peterdutton.com.au
- SEPT 10** BRAY PARK STATE SCHOOL FETE
Info: www.brayparkss.eq.edu.au
- SEPT 16 - 17** REDCLIFFE KITE FESTIVAL
Info: www.redcliffekitefest.com.au
- DEC 9** MURRUMBA DOWNS CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Info: www.whatsonmoretonbay.com
- DEC 17** PINE RIVERS CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Info: www.whatsonmoretonbay.com



Inspirational locals recognised with community awards

OVER two hundred local residents and new citizens gathered at the Samford Community Centre to celebrate and congratulate the community's newest Dickson Community Award recipients.

The annual awards event, held each year on Australia Day recognises the unsung heroes in our local community.

Nominated by residents through local federal MP Peter Dutton's office, local residents, small businesses and volunteer organisations were recognised for their outstanding service.

Mr Dutton said the award recipients were ordinary people juggling everyday life while doing extraordinary things locally and nationally.

"They live and serve others with compassion, determination, honour, kindness and bravery. They are an inspiration to us all."

Residents honoured with awards included long-time community volunteers, a mental health advocate, a hero who saved lives and war veterans - all with outstanding service for their communities.

Dickson Citizen of the Year Kevin Humphreys was an inspirational stand-out for his mental health advocacy and dedication to his country and community. Diagnosed with PTSD after 20 years served in the ADF as a Black Hawk and Chinook helicopter pilot - Mr Humphreys now shares his story of hitting rock bottom and his recovery to fellow veterans, military and civilian aviation professionals. He is helping ordinary Australians understand that mental illness is normal, manageable and recoverable for most people.

Also amongst the award winners was Dickson Sportsperson of the Year Shai Mayberry - an active

and aspiring young sportsman from Mount Samson with a passion for getting involved in most sports including cricket, soccer, AFL and rugby.

Mr Mayberry's achievement was acknowledged nationally by Down Syndrome NSW and Special Olympics Australia and has gathered significant praise on social media.

In previous years, award recipients have included; chaplains, school volunteers, scouts and girl guides, Lions clubs, rural fire brigade services, and individuals with exceptional sporting achievements or outstanding service to the community.

Residents will have the opportunity to nominate an individual, small business or organisation within the Dickson electorate for the 2024 Dickson Community Award in the last quarter of 2023.



Top: Dickson Community Award recipients. Above: Shai Mayberry and proud parents

All recipients listed on next page

Our newest citizens welcomed at Australia Day ceremony

MORE than 20 proud local residents made the decision to become Australian citizens at a ceremony on Australia Day at Samford Community Centre.

New citizens pledged loyalty to Australia

and its people, by sharing our democratic beliefs, respecting our rights and liberties and upholding and obeying the laws of Australia.

They were joined by citizens who wished to reaffirm their pledge to

Australia and its people.

Local federal MP Peter Dutton said it was a great privilege to preside over the citizenship ceremony.

"For old and new citizens alike, every Australia Day is a reminder that the

things we have in common are far greater than our differences.

"Residents left the ceremony as new members of the best country in the world."

New citizens pictured.



2023 DICKSON COMMUNITY AWARDS RECIPIENTS HONoured



Citizen of the Year
Kevin Humpheys



Sportsperson of the Year
Shai Mayberry



Hero Award
Danielle Dipple



Community Service Award
Hayley Grant



Youth Achievement Award
Aidan Arcaro & Toby James-Lee



Community Service Award
Rachelle Swan



Community Service Award
Don & Sharon Amos



Community Service Award
Theresa Goodenough



Volunteer Award
Susan Woodrow



Volunteer Award
Leslie Ambor



Small Business of the Year
Amain Gymnastics



Local Legend Award
Major Lyn Cook



Young Sportsman of the Year
Elena Stephenson



Ian 'Watto' Watson Great Mate Award
Mark Armstrong



Inspirational Youth Award
Joseph Arro



Read about the winners here!

Mortgage holders feeling the pinch

LOCAL families are struggling after nine straight interest rate rises, leaving Australians paying more than \$18,000 extra a year on their mortgage.

Middle-income families – like most families in the Dickson community – have been hit the hardest and are having to make tough decisions about their budgets just to make ends meet.

As interest rates rise, so do other cost of living pressures, with inflation at its highest level in 30 years and the Reserve Bank warning that inflation will be higher, for longer.

The Albanese Government promised to cut power bills by \$275 each year for families, but around the country, time and time again, families are saying that their power bills just continue to go up.

Local federal MP Peter Dutton has been speaking and listening to residents across the community and nationally who have shared their frustration with the costs of everything going up.



"Australians deserve a government that has their backs.

"The Albanese Government has failed Australian families right at a time when they needed an economic plan to address cost of living pressures.

"Labor doesn't have a plan for the economy, nor a plan to address sharply rising costs of living.

"As the Leader of the Opposition I'm taking what I'm learning from our community to Canberra to fight for Australians to get the electricity price relief they were promised by the Prime Minister before the election."



Albany Creek residents celebrate anniversary milestone

CONGRATULATIONS to Alan and Jeanette Davidson of Albany Creek on the truly remarkable achievement of being married for 50 years.

It is a momentous milestone and their commitment to each other, their life together and the family they've created is an inspiration to all and deserves to be celebrated.

Where were you married?

St Andrews Church Palmerston North, New Zealand

What is the secret to a long and successful marriage?

His Majesty will write to the couple every five years after that on request.

The Prime Minister also sends messages to Australians turning 90 years of age or more. A 100th birthday brings letters from the King and the Governor-General.

The King will write again every five years, while the Governor General will every year thereafter on request.

We always worked through issues together, never went to bed angry, and always talked, listened, laughed and cried, compromised and were always aware of each other's feelings.

What are some of the most memorable moments you've shared together over the years?

Our son's birth, our first house, moving to Australia, and many trips to the Gold Coast for holidays and weekends.

What advice would you give to newlyweds starting their journey together?

You can also request a congratulatory message be sent from Peter Dutton.

Congratulatory messages can go to the recipient's address or to a care-of address if it is to be a surprise. Arrangements for a message can be made up to two months before the big day. If this year's celebration has passed, you can still request a belated message up to a month afterwards.

Be as one, always show how much you are in love, plan, dream and act on your dreams. Don't leave things till later as life isn't always what you expect, seize the moments and make wonderful memories together.

How have you supported each other through difficult times?

Being there for each other, talking and listening and working through the issues, always finding strength in each other.

Life can deal some pretty hard knocks but together we worked through them.

Did you know you can receive a message from the King or Governor-General?

IF you know of a couple like Alan and Jeanette who have a milestone wedding anniversary coming up, get in touch.

The Prime Minister and Governor-General send messages to couples celebrating their 50th and subsequent wedding anniversaries. The King sends his regards to those married for 60 years.

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You will need to provide supporting documentation such as birth certificates and marriage certificates. If these are not available, you can provide a statutory declaration.

To request a congratulatory message:
Contact Mr Dutton's office on 3205 9977 or peter.dutton.mp@aph.gov.au or go to www.peterdutton.com.au.



Stationery Aid!

presents

THE LONG LUNCH
Thursday 23rd March
Inchcolm Hotel
12pm - 3pm

Join us at The Long Lunch as we share our achievements to date and highlight our 2023 goals for Stationery Aid. The event will also be trickled with impact videos of Stationery Aid's positive change on people, the planet and education.

Tickets are \$120pp (+ booking fee) and includes a mimosa on arrival, 2 course lunch and a lucky door prize entry.

Raffle tickets are also available; 1 Ticket for \$10, 3 Tickets for \$20 and 10 Tickets for \$50. These can be purchased with your Long Lunch ticket or at the event.

Get tickets at: <https://events.humanitix.com/stationery-aid-s-the-long-lunch>

or



Scan here



Helping you to keep more of what you earn

OLDER Australians in Dickson deserve to keep more of what they earn.

As announced by the Coalition in July 2022, a Dutton government would support older Australians, who choose to work more, by doubling the amount of income age pensioners and veteran service pensioners can earn without reducing pension payments.

Currently, age pensioners and veteran service pensioners can earn \$300 of income each fortnight without impacting pension payments. Under the proposed change, age pensioners would be able to earn up to \$600 a fortnight and still receive the maximum pension payment.

Local federal MP Peter Dutton said there were more than 13,099 pensioners in the

Dickson electorate who could benefit from the proposed policy.

"Regrettably, Labor did not take up the policy and instead their one-off measure is about 25 per cent less than what the Coalition is proposing, and it ends in June this year," Peter Dutton said.

"In June, the Coalition put forward a well targeted policy, designed to increase labour supply, ease workplace shortages and put downward pressure on inflation and interest rates."

Cost of living is a huge issue across the community.

The Albanese government must outline its plan to ease cost of living pressures and put downward pressure on inflation. Australians can't afford to wait for Labor to get its act together.



PRINCIPAL LEANNE MATHESON TELLS US HOW

Undurba Connect is helping kids build communication skills with Inverpine residential community

Undurba State School is launching this year a new community engagement program called 'Undurba Connect' to make purposeful connections between students and our neighbouring residents of the Inverpine residential community.

The program will be a true intergenerational program providing rich experiences for both the school and the care facility. We aim to improve students' curriculum understanding and engagement, through the sharing of knowledge between residents and students, increase the understanding, empathy and social skills of students and improve the mental health and

wellbeing of the residents.

We further hope the program will improve school and community partnerships and improve the intergenerational connections between students and residents through quality relationships.

Research demonstrates that creating intergenerational connections between seniors and children has a significant positive impact on both physical and mental health and wellbeing. This leads to less need for our senior residents to be hospitalised and have a more positive life outlook.

It also has shown that physical health can actually improve following

participation in this type of program, leading to longer periods of time where seniors can live independently.

For children, the development of empathy and an increased social awareness of older generations can impact their behaviour and lead to positive choices in adulthood as well as improved family and community relationships.

What a wonderful world it would be if more generations could connect as we plan to!

Michelle Plank, Deputy Principal trialled the program in 2022 with our Arts students performing in the ukulele band, our choir and

dancers visiting Inverpine to share joy and movement with the residents.

Mrs Plank has worked with an agency to ensure the researched based, outcome focussed program will develop and thrive in 2023 with students visiting weekly and creating meaningful connections with the residents. Residents will also become part of the Undurba family at our next Easter hat parade, will be able to volunteer to read to and support some of our children at school and of course, join us for concerts, athletics carnivals and other school events.

Leanne Matheson is the Principal of Undurba State School

Q&A with A Brave Life founder Melissa Redsell



WHEN Melissa Redsell heard that she had been nominated for the Queensland Australian of the Year Award in the Community Hero category, she was shocked.

BUT when the Warner local went on to win, she felt amazing, not just for herself, but for the not-for-profit organisation 'A Brave Life' she founded in 2015 as well.

Melissa's journey from Townsville to Canberra started as a pregnant 16-year-old in her final year of high school – two months after graduating, her daughter, now 28, was born.

Constantly told that she'd ruined her life and that she would amount to nothing, Melissa refused to let those words define her future and enrolled in university and became a midwife.

What is A Brave Life?

In 2015, A Brave Life was started so that I could not only use my own personal story of being a teenage mother to inspire and encourage other teenage mothers, but to also provide newborn essentials to vulnerable young mothers as well as educational and employment pathways.

We focus on two main areas:

- Providing essential baby items to teenage and young mothers through our Baby Bundle Program.

- Walking alongside and encouraging teenage and young mothers through our LIVE LIFE BRAVE Mentoring Program and Life Skills Program.

How do you encourage vulnerable individuals to seek help?

There is a very real problem due to societal stereotypes that teenage and young mothers may not have the intelligence or drive to succeed. This is in fact the opposite and given the right opportunities and support, these young women can reach their true potential.

A Brave Life equips, empowers and encourages vulnerable young women that they can achieve their dreams and goals by being their biggest advocate and cheerleader, helping them to identify the obstacles and challenges that they may face as well as providing

a wrap-around service to help them to achieve their dreams and goals.

How can vulnerable individuals contact A Brave Life to get help?

Our Baby Bundle Program is referral based, so if a young woman is linked in with a maternity hospital, social worker, young parent program or community centre they would be able to access one of our Baby Bundles via them. If a young mother is in need of support with education and employment pathways, she can contact A Brave Life via our website.

How did you feel when you won the Local Hero Award?

A Brave Life works in a field with so much stigma and judgement, so for me, this award is a way to break that stigma and judgement down. To give a voice to those who aren't heard in the community. If they are seen, they are judged ... we still have a long way to go in terms of judgement of vulnerable teenage mothers.

What are your hopes for A Brave Life?

There is a real need for support for teenage and young mothers in rural and remote parts of Queensland.

I grew up in Townsville and my daughter was born there, so my plan is to extend our program throughout Queensland.

How can people volunteer with A Brave Life?

If people are interested in helping to support A Brave Life, or volunteer, they can jump on our website and read more about the work that we do plus look at the different sponsorship packages we have.

Does A Brave Life have any events coming up?

A Brave Life is the charity recipient for Jetty 2 Jetty on the 16th of July, so we would love for people to sign up and participate in the event.

For more information:

www.abravelife.com.au

ANZAC Archives: The White Brothers



Left: Brothers Private Frederick and Albert White. Courtesy of Australian War Memorial.

Right: Audelle Latemore, of Murrumba Downs holding a photo of her two Great Uncles, Private Frederick White and Private Albert White who were killed in the battle of Morlancourt 10 June 1918.

In a peaceful corner of the Somme Region in northern France, not far from the great medieval city of Amiens, and surrounded by quaint little villages and attentive locals, is the Beacon Cemetery Sailly-Laurette, an enduring reminder of the immense loss war inflicts on human life, families and communities.

The Beacon Cemetery Sailly-Laurette, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, a famous architect of his time who had the responsibility of designing many Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemeteries, is a place of solemn remembrance and a testament to the sacrifice of many brave men.

It is also the final resting place of two Australian brothers who are buried a few rows from each other. Private Frederick White, a policeman aged 37, and his younger brother Private Albert White, a farmer just 26. Both of the 25th Battalion and born into the early pioneering White family in the North Pine Rivers district, where they spent their early years working on the family farm and attending the local North Pine State School.

Frederick and Albert were two of 16 children born to James White and were half-brothers. Frederick's mother Angelina died when he was a child and James went on to remarry Albert's mother Catherine – five other White brothers also enlisted to fight in the first World War – all five of them returned home.

Both enlisting in September 1915, Frederick in Rockhampton where he was

stationed as a police officer and Albert in Brisbane, they were two of thousands of brothers never to return home to their families, whose families were never born, were never to again walk on Australian soil or feel the heat of the Australian sun or smell the air of the Australian bush they loved.

Their fates were sealed before they 'hopped the bags' in the deadly barrage of the third Battle of Morlancourt at dusk on 10 June 1918.

As the battle raged, Albert learnt that Frederick had come under heavy enemy fire while trying to rush a machine-gun post and was killed – going out against orders to find Frederick, Albert too was then shot and killed by sniper fire.

Despite 400 Australian casualties, 110 of whom lost their lives, the battle of Morlancourt was regarded as a complete success and resulted in the taking of 325 German prisoners.

The sacrifice of Frederick and Albert White and the thousands of Australians from the originals at Gallipoli through to Afghanistan will never be forgotten as it reminds us of the cost of freedom and the importance of defending it.

In the Pine Rivers district, Frederick and Albert White are remembered on the Memorial Gates at Kallangur, in the Presbyterian Church at Petrie and with trees along ANZAC Avenue.

Anzac Day Services in our community

Bray Park-Strathpine RSL Sub-Branch

When: Dawn Service at 5.25am

Where: Club Pine Rivers, Cnr Sparkes & Francis Roads, Bray Park

Dayboro War Memorial Association

When: Dawn Service at 5.20am

Where: Roderick Cruice Park, Williams Street, Dayboro

When: March Formation at 9.00am, Step Off at 9.30am

Where: Dayboro Crown Hotel, 1 Bradley Street, Dayboro

When: ANZAC Day Service at 10.00am

Where: Dayboro War Memorial Showgrounds, 3514 Mount Mee Road, Dayboro

Gaythorne RSL Sub-Branch

When: March Formation at 6.00am, Step Off at 6.15am

Where: Sid Loder Park, Tel-el-Kebir Street, Mitchelton

When: Commemorative Service at 6.45am

Where: Sid Loder Park, Tel-el-Kebir Street, Mitchelton

Pine Rivers RSL Sub-Branch

When: Dawn Service at 5.30am

Where: Memorial Gardens, Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

When: March Formation at 7.00am, Step Off at 8.15am

Where: Kallangur Fair, Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

When: ANZAC Day Main Service at 9.30am

Where: Memorial Gardens, Anzac Avenue, Kallangur

Samford RSL Sub-Branch

When: March Formation at 7.15am, Step Off at 7.45am

Where: Assemble on the pathway, north side of the memorial, toward the soccer club.

When: ANZAC Day Service at 8.10am

Where: Samford Avenue of Honour, Burton Lane, Samford

GRANTS FOR ATHLETE AND COACH TRAVEL OPEN NOW

THE latest grant round of Local Sporting Champions is now open.

The program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

If successful, applicants will receive \$500-\$750 towards the cost of attending their championships.

This is a fantastic opportunity for kids and their coaches who want to reach their full potential in their sport to get some financial assistance so they can get to their interstate, national or international competition.

Applications are open for Round 4, 2022-23 until 31 March 2023, 11:59pm [AEDT].

To find out more, and to apply, follow the QR code below.



Dayboro Day to make triumphant return



2023 Dayboro Day

When: Sunday, 28 May 2023

Time: 8.30am - 3.30pm

Where: Williams, Heathwood and McKenzie Streets Dayboro and Dayboro Showgrounds.



AFTER a three-year hiatus due to Covid-19, the annual Dayboro Day Festival and Antiques & Collectables Fair is set to make a triumphant return on Sunday 28 May along Williams, Heathwood and McKenzie Streets, Dayboro and the Dayboro Showgrounds.

The Dayboro District Progress Association has been working hard to make this year's festival and fair bigger and better than ever before with close to 20,000 visitors expected to celebrate Dayboro and the districts uniqueness, heritage, lifestyle, businesses and community spirit.

When it comes to entertainment, visitors will be able to experience a range of live performances featuring a line-up of local entertainers, dance groups, fitness and sporting groups, and roving entertainers including drum bands.

There will also be fun entertainment options for kids such as cup and saucer rides, a giant slide, petting farm, pony rides and much more.

In addition, there will be a wide variety of food and drink street vendors, market stalls and plenty of carparks including disabled carparking.

The return of Dayboro Day is not only a great day out for family and friends, it provides an opportunity for community members, groups and businesses including the Show Society, Men's Shed, local churches and schools, scouts, sporting clubs, QCWA, the Progress Association, Lions Club, QPS, QAS, QFES to come together and build a stronger sense of community.

It will also provide a boost to the local economy by attracting thousands of visitors from outside Dayboro and districts who will not only explore the very best of what the region has to offer but will support local businesses by spending in local businesses.

If you're interested in finding out more about Dayboro Day, visit the Dayboro Day Festival and Antiques & Collectable Fair Facebook pages.

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