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## THE BAND PLAYED WALTZING MATILDA AT ANZAC DAY CENTENARY



THEN THE **AGONY** OF 1ST MAY AS VILLAGE HOUSES ARE FLOODED!  
BUT MATES HELP OUT AS COMMUNITY SPIRIT SHINES THROUGH!



## PROGRESS MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

**20<sup>TH</sup> MAY- (7.30 PM)**

- **REPORT ON MANGO HILL ANZAC CENTENARY FESTIVAL**
- **DISCUSSION ON RECENT FLOODING EVENT**
- **NEW DEVELOPMENTS**
- **RED SHIELD APEAL PRESENTATION BY CAPT ED HENDERSON OF SALVATION ARMY**



## THE SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL 2015

Your members have in the past, played a major role in our annual Red Shield Appeal which is the major external fundraising drive of The Salvation Army. This appeal provides financial support for the comprehensive social and community service programs operated by The Salvation Army.

Homeless people, women's and men's refuges, Aged care, Drug and alcohol rehabilitation, missing persons bureau, fire brigade, police, prison and courts chaplaincy and Youth Outreach Services. These are among the many more services that The Salvation Army offers to our local community.

The **Annual Red Shield Appeal Doorknock for 2015** will take place over the weekend of **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>th</sup> May 2015**.

The success of our appeal can be equally attributed to the support received from community based organisations such as yourselves. To allow us to raise funds to continue our vital work within the region we would like to once again seek your support. We are seeking your assistance once again with this year's appeal and take this opportunity to thank you and all of your members for their help in the previous appeals.

**Ed Henderson** (Major) The Salvation Army Redcliffe City Corps



**HAPPY 22<sup>nd</sup> BIRTHDAY  
CAMERON COBB  
BEST WISHES MATE!**



**North Lakes  
Times**

## ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR NORTH LAKES TIMES MASTHEAD TO REFLECT COVERAGE AREAS.

When approached by the Editor of the North Lakes Times to reflect on 5 years of issues for their Paper, the Progress Association called for greater emphasis on "Public Transport" in the greater Mango Hill/North Lakes community.

As well, it was strongly suggested that the Paper take up the name that would better reflect the areas it deems to cover. (Griffin, Mango Hill and North Lakes) rather than simply **North Lakes Times**.

Whilst many residents see the local paper as not reflecting local issues simply due to its name, it is pleasing to note that Mango Hill does having a strong reflection in its news stories on many Progress Association activities.

**If you have a suggestion for a new name for this Paper, contact Jamie Mason at Quest Papers on 3480-8216**

# MAY DAY! MAY DAY! as 366mm in Hours Floods Village!



The heaviest May one day rain storm in Mango Hill's (and South East Qld) history left an indelible imprint on the lives of so many residents, both here in the Mango Hill Village and in so many homes over on the other side of Salt Water Creek in Deception Bay & Rothwell this month. The majority of that rain fell in just 3 hours. The combined effects of a massive deluge gushing down Saltwater Creek, a rising high tide and now the recently admitted side effects of the Moreton Bay Rail Link construction works, resulted in 20 village homes in the areas of Mary, Rose and May Streets being inundated. For some it was just a few centimetres and others up to 1 meter of water. As well, many other homes escaped inundation by just a few mm as water rose suddenly in the late hours of Friday afternoon on 1<sup>st</sup> May. With Brisbane and South East Qld roads gridlocked across the board, the majority of residents could not return to their homes after work. Many did not arrive until well after the damage to their homes had occurred for the first time, after decades of living here in the Village.



The Mango Hill Community Centre was flooded for the first time with 20cm of water over the floor boards and a large log left "stranded" on the steps of the Hall. (It was not much fun sweeping out water at midnight!) As well, the high water mark on the Tennis court rose to 150cm almost 60cm above the previous record.



For the many folk in Mary, Rose and May Streets, their houses were dealt a "double whammy". Not only did water come in, but sewerage was pushed up by the pressure of flood water to render home contents and belongings totally unusable. For those residents, it was really devastating.



**Community Spirit Shines in the Streets:** For Norm and Narelle Smeed of Mary Street, it was devastating as their rented home was flooded with almost a metre of water, destroying much of their belongings, which were largely uninsured.

Yet Norm quipped as Volunteers from the "Green Army" and the Progress Association threw the last cupboard into the skip bin: *"I have loved living here. This Community does so much for the kids and is one happy family. We would love to come back to live here, but not to Mary Street. We are not sure where we will go."*

For the next week, neighbours helped each other remove destroyed belongings into skip bins and provide support by means of trailers and or good cheer. Neighbours helped each other to clean up streets and remove items from homes inundated by water and sewerage. For some, that simple offer of help was sufficient to keep them going and they in turn helped others. Progress Association volunteers worked with residents to fill skip bins as well as clean up the Mango Hill Community Centre. Within 3 days of the rains, the Hall, tennis court and basketball court were ready for use.

The Progress Association has written to Moreton Bay Regional Council to express its concern on first time inundation of houses and seeking a full report from Council. (Excerpt of letter below)

**Request:** *That the Moreton Bay Regional Council provides a full report to the Mango Hill Progress Association on the outcomes of any investigation into the increased flooding levels arising out of the Storms of 1<sup>st</sup> May in respect to the following:*

1. *Alleged influence of the Moreton Bay Rail Link construction works & further action to alleviate future flood events.*
2. *Effects of current and planned housing developments in the local community*
3. *Other factors relating to flood mitigation within the local community.*

*You would appreciate that a great many folk in the village have suffered greatly from the events of 1<sup>st</sup> May along with many others "escaping" by only a few centimetres. All these residents would be greatly concerned that such an event could reoccur and need assurances that all efforts are being made to ensure that planning issues are not contributing towards increase flooding in this community.*

The Progress Association has received written advice that Council will respond when the investigations are complete. In turn, our Association has written to Council to express our appreciation for the very active and emphatic manner in which the flood recovery was managed. Many residents have responded positively.

# Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival- Anzac Day 2015



Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs

through the Minister for Veteran's Affairs.

The Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival was primarily funded by the Australian Government



The Mango Hill Progress Association appreciates the confidence shown to us by our Federal Member, Luke Howarth and we thank every volunteer and performer who helped make the event such a wonderful success.

## Lawrence Christie (President)



Valda and Russell Curtis of Squatters Farm with "Simpsons" Donkey one of four to attend the Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival. Our thanks go to Russell and Vanda for their efforts.

## Mango Hill Anzac Commemoration Stone A TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO SERVED



**NEW FLAG POLE AND COMMEMORATION  
STONE AT MANGO HILL COMMUNITY  
CENTRE WAS UNVEILED BY  
COUNCILLOR JULIE GREER  
& FEDERAL MEMBER, LUKE HOWARTH  
ON ANZAC DAY 2015**

## Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival, a Celebration of 100 Years of Community Spirit

As outlined by our Guest Speaker on Anzac Day, Sgt Richard O'Connell, current day Australians owe so much to all who served in and supported the Defence of our Country over the last 100 years. They helped to provide us with a way of life envied by so many around the world today. It was "Mateship" that helped to get them through those difficult years and it is Mateship that continues to shape the way we live today, no matter what difficulties we endure. (see Flooding in Mango Hill – page 6).

On Anzac Day 2015, in near perfect weather, over 1000 visitors and residents celebrated our wonderful community lifestyle through musical entertainment, rides and displays and the KC's Fireworks' "Tribute to the Anzac Legend" on Danzy Buchanan Park. **(126 Army Cadet Unit March Out!)**



Funded by the Australian Government through the Federal Electorate of Petrie and supported by the Moreton Bay Regional Council, the Progress Association is grateful for the contribution and participation of so many groups, individuals and volunteers, as well as all our patrons who attended.

The Management Committee sincerely thanks and appreciates the involvement of so many who helped make this event such a success. We will be making a donation of \$1000 to the Pine Rivers RSL Welfare Fund that assists Members of the Defence Forces and their families, who have given so much for their Country.

# Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival- Anzac Day 2015

## CAM & CONCEALMENT?

WHO IS THIS SOLDIER?



**BROTHERS IN ARMS "TAKE AIM"**



**RUPERT MCCALL CALLS ON THE BAND**



**PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE NATIONAL SERVICES BAND MARCH ONTO  
ATHE FIELD AT DANZY BUCHANAN PARK**



## Rose Street Neighbours Helping each other.

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2015 our beautiful little community was hit by a storm the likes of which we've never seen before. The amount of water was incredible and the speed in which it came in took everyone by surprise. Most people didn't think it would be anywhere near as bad as it was and did little to prepare for the flooding that occurred. By the time it became apparent that this would be unlike anything we had seen before it was too late to do anything.

Many families have lost a lot with some families losing pretty much everything they owned and are now unable to live in their homes. Our hearts go out to these people and we wish them all the best in their recovery. If there is anything that people need please ask. It is amazing the amount of support people are willing to give if they know you're in need of a helping hand.

A big thanks and recognition for their contributions needs to go to the local council and Aid agencies who have been fantastic in their support and help. In the days that followed there was a constant flow of people knocking on doors and walking the streets offering help and assistance to those in need. So **THANKYOU!** In some cases it has made the world of difference to those who needed it most.

Finally a big thank you must be given to our own Laurence Christie who always works so tirelessly for our community. He has been everywhere, from organizing things with the council to cleaning the hall and park and helping people clean up their houses and fill skip bins. He is truly and inspiration for community spirit! I hope everyone recovers from this and we can all move on to bigger and better things in our beautiful community.



*Mitch Hourigan (Rose Street West)*

*Above: aftermath of Mitch and Nicky's home after flood waters rolled in*



### Laurie Ramage says Thank You! to Desley and David of May Street



Having lived in Mango Hill for almost 25 years, I have come to appreciate my neighbours so much, but never as much as recently (1<sup>st</sup> May). Sincere thanks go to David and Desley Hanlon who spent most of Friday night looking out for me as the flood water rose up around my May Street home. (Thankfully, the waters started to recede just 3cm from flowing into my home. But it was knowing that David and Desley were there watching me like hawks that was so reassuring to me. I am thankful not to have lost belongings, but it was so sad to hear that so many had lost so much. But thank you to David and Desley, you are wonderful neighbours.

*Laurie Ramage*

## MANGO HILL TENNIS COURT BACK IN ACTION IN 48 HOURS

TENNIS COURT – 2ND May



TENNIS COURT – 3rd May



## MANGO HILL GREEN ARMY REPORT

The Green Army Team led by Mango Hill's own Supervisor is rapidly making a difference to the bush area around Saltwater Creek in what is known as North Lakes Reserve.

**From:** Alexander Collins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 May 2015 12:31 PM  
**To:** admin@mangohillprogress.org  
**Subject:** Green Army team working on planting site

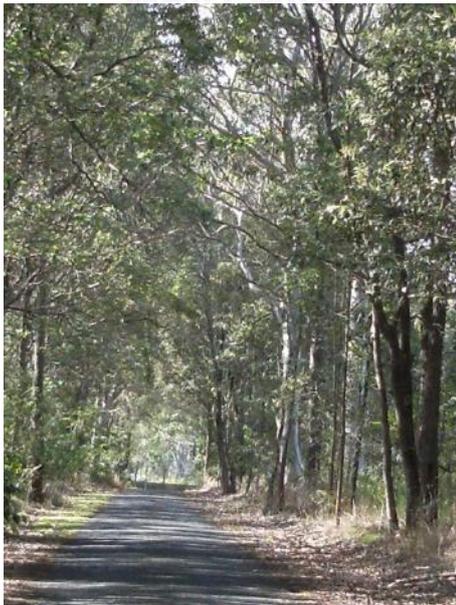
We would like to say a big thank you to Councillor Julie Greer for donating 200 native plants for our green army project. These plants will be made up of mostly eucalyptus trees and other small shrubs to help out the local koala population and to prevent weed re-infestation. Julie Greer is set to visit our site on Monday the 25 of May, so the Green Army team are busy

preparing the planting site in preparation of her visit. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mr Ply and Wood for donating 50 ply wood sheets for us to build our nest boxes. These nest boxes will be installed in the reserve to help increase the wildlife population. We are also propagating native plants to replant back into the reserve, these are growing very well. They have been in trays for roughly for 1 month and already we have many species germinating such as eucalyptus, acacia, lephostemon, themeda, casuarina and alphonatia. We would like to say a big thank you to Jody Wall for allowing us to use his farm facilities to make this happen. Thank you also to the Mango Hill Progress Association for their support of our program and being able to access the Mango Hill Community Centre for our "admin" when not being used by regular groups. Our team was also pleased to be able to assist local residents who lost so much when their houses were flooded recently.

*Alex Collins (Supervisor)*

## HERAN DEVELOPMENT ON KINSELLAS ROAD WEST TAKES SHAPE AS TREE LINE IS THINNED

### WHAT WAS:



Over recent weeks the land previously owned by a well-known Mango Hill resident adjacent to Hamilton Road has commenced in earnest with the treeline along Hamilton Road being rapidly thinned. The Progress Association has been in touch with Moreton Bay Regional Council to seek assurances that the



Developers (Heran Group) are complying with Council planning laws. This has been confirmed by a Council Officer. However the Association is concerned that a strip parallel to Hamilton Road (between the development) has been cleared. This has been explained as

a "water utilities reserve" (above – Long-time resident, Bill Jorgensen reviews gap in Hamilton Road Reserve

The Association has been advised by Shane Heran of Heran Group that civil work should take approximately 12 weeks. Installation Sewer mains and Water mains that are extensions of the Unity Water infrastructure and once the civil work is completed, the unit construction should take about 6-8 months.

The Mango Hill Progress Association will follow up and seek advice from Unity Water on plans for the corridor between the development and the treeline of Hamilton Road.

# VALUED SUPPORTERS OF MANGO HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION



Australian Government  
Department of Veterans' Affairs  
The Progress Association  
thanks Federal Member  
Luke Howarth



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