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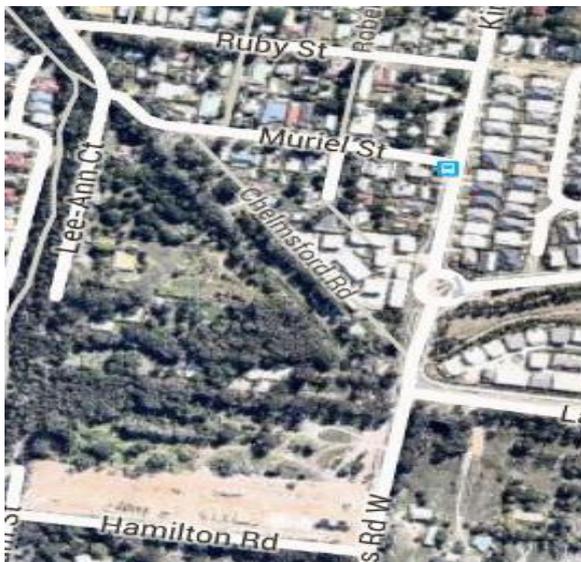
SANTA DID MAKE IT TO MANGO HILL (despite the rain)

Despite the showers that persisted on Saturday 12th December, the children of Mango Hill were not to be denied. Whilst the main event had to

be cancelled, some 150 children, Mums & Dads crowded into the Mango Hill Community Centre or the under the tents to welcome Santa and enjoy the music of a talented musicians from the Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club. A special thank you goes to all those wonderful volunteers who did so much to get the outdoors event on the ground and then had to revert to the indoors location. They are a **Marvelous Team** who helped to ensure that the Spirit of Christmas was not lacking in Mango Hill. Santa did make it and the Kids just loved Him. The Moreton Fiddlers had them all up dancing and rocking the wooden floorboards. Outside, the Volunteers "slaved" over the BBQ's in the Tennis Shed and others served burgers from up on the verandah to avoid the showers. One visitor was heard to remark that it was just fantastic to hear that over 30 years, "Residents have donated food and drink to an amazing array of Christmas Hampers", that many an excited winner "carried off" at the end of the night.



Muriel Street Residents reject loss of Road Character (Cont. Page 3)



WISHING ALL FAMILIES, SUPPORTERS AND FRIENDS A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS WHERE THE SPIRIT OF SEASON IS AT THE FORE!



**Mango Hill Celebrates Australia Day (early)
on Sat - 23rd January 2016**

inc KC's Fireworks & Rides with Black Heather Bush Band
(Danzy Buchanan Park – Mango Hill Village – 4.00 – 8.30pm)

VOLUNTEERS LEAD THE WAY OVER 30 YEARS (1986-2016)

(Some of our Progress Association Volunteers at Mango Hill Christmas Carols) - Thank You.



In the July of 1986, Mango Hill was a sleepy hamlet nestled in between the pine forests and farm lands that sprawled from the Bruce Highway to Hayes inlet. Here, a couple of hundred residents would negotiate dusty streets and a single lane Anzac Ave (east to Redcliffe or west to Kallangur) for their weekly shopping, attend schools or to deliver their democratic decisions on 3 levels of government at polling times. There was no park, no hall, no tennis nor basketball court.

Yet, with the tremendous efforts of many Volunteers (past and present) who have given so much effort over this time as well as the support of all levels of Government, the residents of Mango Hill have built up

a level of Community Spirit that is so evident in the range of activities and facilities that now exist. In the July of 2016, the Mango Hill Progress Association will mark 30 years of active and continuous advocacy on behalf of the residents of Mango Hill and surrounding suburbs where over 40,000 residents now call Mango Hill and North Lakes home, and who have almost everything they need within a 2km radius.

Aerial photo of Mango Hill Station

By July of 2016 Mango Hill Public Transport users will travel the Moreton Bay Rail Link from Redcliffe to the City over a corridor that once almost everyone in the region would have bet "that only pigs would Fly" over. That too was a Team Effort between all 3 levels of Government which the Mango Hill Progress Association and many others groups applaud and congratulate our elected Representatives, both past and present.

Over the years we have advocated, (strongly at times) but always prepared to work with our elected representatives for enhanced facilities and in retaining a lifestyle where it is safe and enjoyable to raise our families.

Community Spirit is a Team Effort, made possible only by all of us looking out for our neighbours and being prepared to work together for the good of all, negotiating constantly and at times take

Our team is fantastic, dedicated and motivated, but given life itself, needs ongoing renewal. In 2016, we welcome all who live in our community to participate in some way and ***we encourage those younger than many of our current team to help ensure that this Community Spirit continues to shine but where the "Price of Retaining that Spirit is Eternal Vigilance"***.



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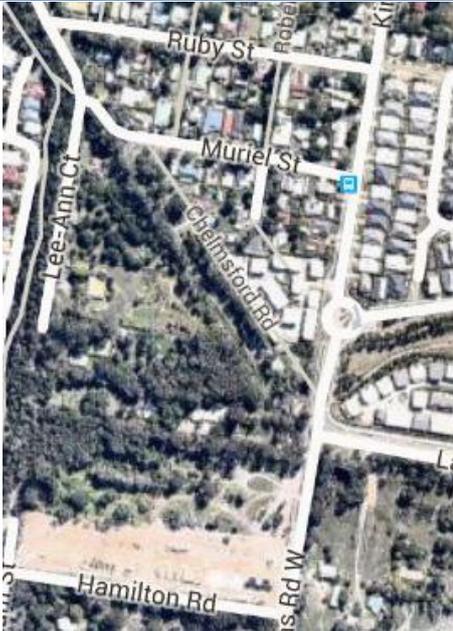
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please contact us and we will see what we can do to help.



(above – The Mango Hill Progress Association thanks local Residents, Sharon and Jason & McKee of May Street for their generous support of the Mango Hill Christmas Tree. Your gifts to the Children of Mango Hill were much appreciated.)

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TOWARDS THE ANNUAL MANGO HILL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS – YOU WERE WONDERFUL!

MURIEL STREET RESIDENTS REJECT LOSS OF ROAD CHARACTER



On Saturday morning, 19th December, 15 residents of Muriel Street met at the home of Ken Hatchman to reject plans by Council to widen Muriel Street. This meeting was necessitated by a decision of Moreton Bay Regional Council in the week prior to Christmas, to approve an application for development of a parcel of land in Chelmsford Road that authorized the developer to upgrade Muriel Street to the status of a "Collector Road."

Such construction would result in the immediate reduction of the character of Muriel St through loss of trees and greatly increased volume of traffic, with subsequent decrease in the quality of life for residents and addition of safety risks for families.

In 2008, when the community was in consultation with the new Moreton Bay Regional Council on road design for the planned upgrade of streets, residents of Ruby & Muriel Streets along with the Mango Hill Progress Association sought to ensure that the character of these two streets would have "non-bus collector status", thus retaining a width of 6m and ensuring that the majority of foliage would be retained

In its submission to Moreton Bay Regional Council in August 2015 (reiterating similar requests from 2008), the Mango Hill Progress Association called for the connection of Chelmsford Road to Kinsellas Road West at the junction of Lamington Road, given the planned connection of Lamington Road to Anzac Ave in 2016-2017.

Muriel Street residents have requested that the Mango Hill Progress Association seek an urgent meeting with Moreton Bay Regional Council early in 2016 with a view to implementing a traffic plan that will be effective for present and future developments and not one based on separate approvals of land as it comes up for development.

LOOKING BACK OVER 2015 - MANGO HILL ANZAC CENTENARY FESTIVAL



Above – Mango Hill's Commemoration Stone with Councillor Julie Greer and Luke Howarth
Below: 126 Aust Army Cadet Band Marches on



Above: In recognition of Animals in War
Below: Mango Hill's Don Curtis in memory of his Dad, William Curtis who went ashore at Gallipoli on that first Anzac Day



100 YEARS ON, MANGO HILL RESIDENTS REMEMBERED AND COMMEMORATED ALL WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE DEFENCE OF OUR NATION.



achieves rapid recognition

In just 12 months, through its open and accessible location and quality of its business outlets, The Mango Hill MarketPlace has achieved a strong level of following amongst Mango Hill and North Lakes shoppers as a viable alternative to the major site of Westfields across the way.

Director, Darren McMullen has shown his preparedness to listen to community concerns and suggestions and has worked closely with the Mango Hill Progress Association on improving traffic systems, signage and in supporting our community activities.



PERSISTENCE PAYS OFF WITH POST BOX FOR MANGO HILL AFTER A 5 YEAR CAMPAIGN

Left: March - Progress Association Secretary, Mark Kelly and daughter Erin post a letter in new Post Box achieved following a 5 year campaign by the Progress Association, Quest Papers and with the support of Federal Member, Luke Howarth.



1ST MAY FLOODS TAKE THEIR TOLL - BUT VILLAGE SPIRIT OVERFLOWED



Water everywhere in Mary Street and Danzy Buchanan Park - The Cleanout, the Cleanup
The Volunteers who helped their community and their Neighbours!