THE JOURNEY BEGINS AS FIRST TRAIN TAKES TO THE TRACKS!

An amazing thing occurred on 5th March, just 151 years after the “Rail to Redcliffe Line” was first recorded in the Qld Parliament (1865). Curious onlookers gazed with some fascination as a diesel locomotive from the last century became the first train to traverse the tracks through Mango Hill and commence the “Track Circuit Detection” phase of this new “state of the art” Rail network which is expected to open around mid-year. The Journey has begun!  (cont. page 10)

Public Forum - Candidates for Local Government Elections
at the Community Hall Wednesday 16th March (7.30pm)

Next Saturday (19th March) Queenslanders go to polls and the Mango Hill Community Centre is a Polling Place for what could be the first of 3 Election events in 2016. Residents living in the Division 4 of Moreton Bay Region, as well as the State Electorate of Murrumba, (which includes Mango Hill and North Lakes) have an opportunity to meet with, listen to and ask questions of the candidates who are running for Mayor and or Councillor for Division 4. A number of Candidates have confirmed their attendance. Below is a list of the candidates who will be on the Ballot Paper and seeking your support for election to the Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Candidates for Mayor of Moreton Bay Region

Barry Bolton  Shayne Hogan  John McNaught  Allan Sutherland  Dean Teasdale  Jason Woodforth

Candidates for Councillor – Division 4
Moreton Bay Region

Brandt Bravo  Julie Greer  Samuel Gunsser

(More on Polling – see page 7)

HALPINE DRIVE – MANGO HILL
SHOPPING MADE SMOOTHER

Next Progress Meeting

Wed 16th March (7.30pm) doubles as a Candidates Forum for LocalGovt. Elections Sat. 19 March

(The Hall is a Polling Booth on Sat. 19th March)
As outlined in my President’s report at the AGM on 17th Feb, “The success and strength of the Mango Hill Progress Association is to be found in our wonderful Team of volunteers. It is due to their tremendous efforts and dedication of our Volunteers that our community is “a great place to raise a family” in the year that we celebrate 30 Years of service to Mango Hill.

Congratulations go to Paul Teasdale (Dad) who was awarded Life Membership and for his dedication and commitment to his fellow residents over the past 15 years and 15 Year old son, Paris Teasdale whose support, initiative and tremendous sense of community at such a young age saw him awarded “The Junior Volunteer Award” for 2016. Your Community Thanks Paul and Paris & All Volunteers. (Laurence Christie - President)

INTERESTING CARPARK BEHAVIOUR AT WESTFIELDS AS VOLUNTEERS ASSIST OFFICERS

Below: Mango Hill’s Laurence Christie with A/Sgt Kerrie Edwards fixing “one way screws” to an authorized vehicle at Westfield Shopping Centre.

Recently, Police and VIPs from Pine Rivers Crime Prevention team joined forces with members of the Mango Hill Progress Association for a “turn the screws on crime” morning in the top carpark near Woolworths.

The team were providing one-way screws as a deterrent to thieves who steal number plates which are then used in illegal activities and may result in the owner receiving infringement tickets, toll bills or even a knock on the door by police at 3am. The owners also have to pay for new plates to be issued to them or the replacement cost of personalised plates.

Below: Russell Bremner, Laurence Christie, Cecilia Serchen & Sgt Tammy White enjoy a well-deserved coffee break after “work”.

The day was hugely successful thanks to the tireless efforts of the volunteers.

Further Crime Prevention Day events will be held at Westfield North Lakes in the near future, focusing on security for vehicles and valuables. Volunteers are welcome to join our “Volunteer in Policing Program” at any time. (We have heaps of fun!)

by A/Sgt Kerrianne Edwards of Mango Hill/North Lakes Police

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In October 2015, the Department of Transport held a Public Information session at the Corso for residents to give feedback on public transport following the commencement of the Moreton Bay Rail Link which is scheduled for mid-2016.

Members of the Progress Association attended and made a number of suggestions that would, in our view, increase patronage of Public Transport. The Progress Association has always had a particular interest in improving bus services to our community with particular emphasis on bus/rail integration, bus stops and access to the Westfield shopping centre.

**Left: Translink’s proposed bus routes for Mango Hill**

**Bus Access to Westfields**: Since the opening of the “Bus Station (opposite the Corso) buses no longer access North Lakes Drive but go directly to the bus station. This has resulted in patrons having to walk an extra 400m to and from Westfields. This may be acceptable for able bodied patrons, but not for the elderly and or disabled who have to struggle, often with bags etc to and from the bus.

Despite many representations to Translink (through our State Member and Community Consultation at the October forum), this minor but vital change has not been included in the latest bus route. Our Association has secured a meeting with our State Member and Translink for Friday, 1st April and will be taking up this issue along with others at that time.

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**What a Start to 2016 as Mango Hill Celebrated Australia Day!**

Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers, Sponsors and entertainers and all who came along. KC’s Fireworks were out of this world as each “rocket sought to blow a Full Moon out of the north east sky.”

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Drivers heed “No U-Turn” signs and save $ when exiting Mango Hill Marketplace

When the Mango Hill Market Place began trading before Christmas just over 12 months ago the Mango Hill Progress Association expressed concerns about the design of the entrance off Halpine Drive. Because there was no right turn onto Halpine Drive when exiting the complex, most motorists wanting to head towards Anzac Avenue were either doing an illegal right turn or proceeding further along Halpine drive and performing an illegal U-turn at the traffic lights at Linear Drive. The best way to access Anzac Avenue of course is to exit the centre at the rear via Bowen Street and Mango Hill Boulevard.

IMPROVED MARKS FOR MOTORISTS: Well things have certainly changed in the 13 months since Coles opened its doors for trading at the Market Place. A survey performed on Saturday, 13Feb for 30 minutes at about 11:30 am showed a surprising turnaround. Almost 200 vehicles exited the centre in that time, about 2.5 times the number from a year earlier.

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<th>The percentage of illegal exits has reduced from 67% to 3%! This amazing improvement is likely attributable to a number of factors:</th>
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<td>1. Increased signage within the complex</td>
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<td>2. An adjustment to the Halpine Drive exit making it more difficult to turn right against the left-only sign.</td>
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<td>Only 4 illegal U-turns at Linear Drive and 2 illegal right turns onto Halpine Drive were noted.</td>
<td>3. The introduction of an illegal U-turn sign at Linear Drive (pictured). It should be noted that U-turns at traffic lights are always illegal unless there is a sign saying U-turns are permitted. Generally signs indicating U-turns are not permitted are not provided at traffic lights for fear that motorists will assume that U-turns are legal at sites without such a sign.</td>
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<td>4. Police presence booking motorists performing illegal U-turns</td>
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<td>5. Motorists regularly visiting the complex have learned over time how to exit towards Anzac Avenue.</td>
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While this is a substantial improvement, it is unfortunate that illegal turns are still being performed and the site of motorists being pulled over by police is sadly still fairly common. Of the 41 motorists who exited onto Halpine Drive in that 30 minutes on Sat morning, 6 of them (15%) still made an illegal turn somewhere.

The Mango Hill Progress Association continues to liaise with the Centre Management who have shown their willingness to review a number of issues raised by the Association over the past 12 months include “Signage”. In the near future, Patrons will notice additional signage which will indicate more clearly how to “Exit” the Centre.

However, the popularity of the complex means that the entrance is often choked with vehicles. It is common to see vehicles queued up onto Halpine Drive. The left hand lane has to give way to the right hand lane and we are concerned that motorists wishing to travel south along Halpine drive have to split their attention between the right hand lane traffic and vehicles entering the Market Place that are slowing down or stopping in front of them. Motorists will need to be very attentive.

(Mark Kelly - Southside Reporter and Association Secretary)

MANGO HILL BUSINESSES SUPPORTING OUR PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Thank you to Roy & Melita Creed of Chermside Road

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Topaz Drive Wetlands Successfully rehabilitated

Residents of the Halpine Lake area of Mango Hill will recall concerns raised by locals in response to the draining of the Topaz Drive wetlands on the corner of Freshwater Creek Road and Topaz Drive. Council were in the process of draining the lagoon on the southeast corner of Lake Halpine, currently home to ducks, water hens and turtles.

Representatives from the Moreton Bay Regional Council attended the June 2014 meeting of the Progress Association and explained that the wetlands were never intended to permanently hold as much water as it currently was at the time. The wetlands were designed to fill after rain and then slowly drain away. This was so that the wetlands could filter the runoff from surrounding streets before it entered Freshwater Creek. The design unfortunately relied on an outlet pipe that could be easily blocked or closed. Council drained the wetlands and replanted a mixture of water tolerant and drought tolerant plants. Weed mat was installed to prevent weeds growing while the new vegetation was establishing itself. Council advised that it would likely take 12 months for the area to become established if conditions were favourable. So, 20 months later, how have the wetlands fared?

Well, the maintenance program would appear to have been successful if these pictures are anything to go by. The unsightly muddy area that resulted immediately after the draining has seen substantial growth in the new council provided plants. While the weed mat is still plainly visible in some areas, the council plantings have grown substantially in that time. Lilly pads are also numerous on the previously stagnant muddy water. While no ducks and water hens were visible at the time these photos were taken, this was to be expected. The wetlands were to be drained slowly so that they had time to find alternative homes.

(Mark Kelly
Southside Reporter and Association Secretary)
Mango Hill Marketplace Expands Medical Centre

by Darren McMullen – Director of Jackaroo Pty Ltd (Managers of the Mango Hill Marketplace)

Over the next two months, The Mango Hill Market Place is expanding its medical practice centre having secured a Family Medical Centre tenancy known as Smart Clinics.

- Smart Clinics will be located beside the Good Price Pharmacy and will offer medical services including general medical practice, skin checks, cosmetic-medicine together with aviation and diving medicals. Smart Clinics are a well establish family medical clinic operation with a number of other facilities located around Brisbane. Additional medical services will include general practitioners with expertise in skin rejuvenation.

- A Pathology centre with visiting specialists and allied health and medical services will also be opening on Halpine Drive next to the Jetts’ Gym.

The addition of these two new tenancies establishes the Mango Hill Market Place as a one stop shop for medical related services in the district and compliments pre-existing dental and chiropractic services already on offer.

Supporting our Community: I am delighted to be able to work with an energetic and well-focused Community Group such as the Mango Hill Progress Association. I am looking forward to catching up with residents at the monthly meeting of the Mango Hill Progress Association on 20th April and working with the Association in 2016. 

Darren

COMMUNITY AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO MANGO HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

The Mango Hill Progress Association has over many years, enjoyed a strong partnership with two Organizations resulting in events such as the Annual Mango Hill Christmas Tree Carols along with Australia Day and Anzac Day Festivals being such an amazing success for the community. At the AGM on 17th February, these organizations were presented with our “Gold Medal Award” for 2016 and our sincere appreciation extended to both organizations.

Moreton Bay Council

Dear Laurence,

Our sincere thanks for the gold award presented by Julie at the last meeting, on behalf of the Association, to Mueller Community Church.

We have enjoyed a very profitable & I believe a very worthwhile & enriching relationship with the Mango Hill community over the last 30 years. We gratefully acknowledge the selfless & amazing service of the Committee & yourself to this area for so many years. We trust that the association established between our two organizations will continue for many years to come.

On behalf of the Mueller Community Church.

(Dr) Mel Heazlewood

Mueller Community Church - SAYS THANK YOU

Gold Medal Award accepted by Councillor Julie Greer on behalf of the Mayor, Allan Sutherland and Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Gold Medal Award presented by Councillor Julie Greer on behalf of the Mango Hill Progress Association to Dr Mel Heazlewood of Mueller Community Church.

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WESTFIELDS NORTH LAKES
Local Government Elections
Saturday
19th March (8.00am to 6.00pm)

State Referendum on Fixed Terms

Mango Hill Community Centre is your local Friendly Polling Booth for Both Local Government Election and Referendum

Public Forum - Candidates for Local Government Elections at the Community Hall this Wednesday 16th March (7.30pm)

This meeting is open to the public at large. Residents will have an opportunity to meet candidates both in the meeting format and after the meeting. During the meeting each Candidate will have an opportunity to answer questions put to them by residents and the Mango Hill Progress Association. It is expected that each person attending the meeting will respect the opinion of others and each candidate will be given equal opportunity to put forward their views.

Referendum on State Parliamentary Terms: Residents may also wish to have their say in respect of the “Question being put to Queenslanders: “To provide for fixed four (4) year terms for the Legislative Assembly in Queensland.”

Some Helpful Hints! (voting is compulsory)

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<td><strong>Yes</strong>, it will make your visit smoother and save time. If NOT: It takes that little bit longer!</td>
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PRE POLLING BEFORE SATURDAY
(any one of these centres)

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On the night of 25th February, 113 folk of all ages, from many different backgrounds became “Aussies” as they “Took the Pledge” at the Moreton Bay Region Citizenship Function, to make Australia THEIR Country. Seven (7) of that number came from two very different families from very different backgrounds in Zimbabwe, but who have made the very important decision to call Australia their Country and live in the best region, in their adopted Land, Mango Hill! These are their Stories.

Francis and Sandra Madzivadondo & Family

Gidday Mate!

To have the opportunity to live here in Mango Hill in this great land of Australia is just wonderful and reflects your (our) National Anthem, “For those who come across the seas, we have boundless plains to Share”

Our family lived in Harare in Zimbabwe all our lives with some good times and others not so good. For the past 26 years we, (Francis and Sandra) have taken on a Missionary role with our Church “Forward in faith Ministries” enabling us to visit many countries around Africa and experience first-hand the “highs and lows” of what is happening around the African continent. (Today, we continue in our Missionary work.)

After much planning, we arrived in Australia in January 2011. We lived in Tasmania for four months (a little cool down there) & later moved to Sydney for two years before coming to Mango Hill, 3 years ago. From Day 1, here the weather is “just the best” and we have lived amongst some wonderful people. Our two youngest children (twins), Tinashe and Tinotenda have completed Year 12 and they are now preparing for University this year, making us very proud of what they have achieved here in Queensland.

Since we came to Mango Hill, the Moreton Bay Region has developed tremendously and we are looking forward so much to the opening of the Railway station which will allow the children to access University. What we love about Australia, is to experience the beautiful and uniting Australian culture and also the opportunity to share our own culture with our neighbours.

We were so happy, proud and excited to become Australian Citizens on 25th February in the presence of fellow Australians, fellow Mango Hill residents, family, friends and members of Parliament. What an honour it was for us!

We are also thrilled with what Mango Hill, Moreton Region and Australia have in store for us and our children. We are looking forward to continue our Missionary work and to benefit from being Australian. The welcome to Australia has been exceptional and we are glad to call Mango Hill home. This is Australia and we are proud to be Australians. We also look forward to getting involved in the Community and the Progress Association.

Thank you for your Welcome!  

- Francis and Sandra Madzivadondo

Aussi Aussie Oi Oi!!!!
“EUPHORIA! WEBSTERS NOW CALL AUSTRALIA HOME”
(Lionel and Yvonne join the Aussie Family)

History: Like the Madzivadondo Family (across), Lionel and Yvonne came from Zimbabwe seeking a better life than that experienced back in the land they had known all their lives.

Readers of the Mango Hill News 211 (December 2011) will recall how Lionel & Yvonne had to challenge the system to be allowed to remain in their adopted Country. For almost two years, Lionel and Yvonne (with support from many others including the Mango Hill Progress Association) sought to convince the Minister for Immigration that they deserved the opportunity to live in this wonderful country. “To us Australia is heaven. We are so lucky to have family in the local area and whilst Yvonne (a young 74) must continue to work given our economic situation. We are loving it here in the Village where we have met so many lovely people already.”

July 2013: (Mango Hill News 227)

“We are delighted to report that on 10th July we received notification that our application for permanent residency had been granted and we are now on the pathway to becoming “fair dinkum Aussies”.

Fast forward to 25 February 2016

Wow! Now we are Australians!

Left: Yvonne and Lionel Webster (centre) with Councillor Julie Greer and Federal Member Luke Howarth (right)

What a Country to belong to! You can voice your opinions (Hope we don’t have too many), have people running the country who plan ahead, have roads upgraded and repaired, (No Potholes), and traffic is co-ordinated. Everything works, yes – not always perfect, but there are “systems” that endeavour to do something about it. (We can all help in that way)

We can vote and have a small influence on the outcome and ---- YAY! YAY! We can now shout for the Country’s sports teams and feel patriotic again. We belong to a community with fantastic new friends, good neighbours and a feeling of safety. No wonder we PROUDLY SING

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Back in 1986 as the then fledgling Progress Association commenced operations, Public Transport was (and still remains) a major item of interest for our members and all local residents. Over the past 30 years, our Association and many community groups have advocated consistently for this long awaited Public Transport infrastructure, often wondering if those “Flying Pigs” would ever turn into trains to transport commuters along its 12km journey. Now, with 6 stations along that track completed, the project is in the final phase and will soon provide an enormous environmental and Public Transport benefit to the commuters of Moreton Bay Region.

With an expected mid-year commencement of the Moreton Bay Rail Link 3-4 months away, this long awaited Public Transport has reached another milestone carrier is in the final phase. Known as the “RIM” (Rail infrastructure Management), on 26th February, Q-Rail officially took over responsibility from the Thiess Project Team for the Rail Corridor itself. As indicated on page 1, on 5th March, the first “train” took to the tracks to begin the “Track Circuit Detection” segment of the “Commissioning and Testing” phase with the first rolling stock expected on the line by the end of March.

The Project Team will be providing a final presentation to the Mango Hill Community at our May Progress Association meeting (18th May), by which time, it is hoped that we will be aware of, or only a little while out from receiving the all-important DATE OF THAT FIRST TRAIN.

NEW TRAINS: It is expected that the Moreton Bay Rail line will host some of the New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) involves the delivery of 75 * 6-car trains for the South East Queensland passenger rail network raising capacity to some 30% above current capacity. The first trains are expected to begin service on the South East Queensland passenger rail network in the second half of 2016 and might well be pulled into service on the new line. The remaining NGR fleet will be progressively rolled out onto the network until late-2018.

New North Pine River upgrade boosts network capacity as the old Bridge makes way.

An important factor of the Moreton Bay Rail Link in upgrading the capacity of the main Caboolture line to accept increased traffic on the Moreton line has been the recent completion of a new 310-metre quad-track rail bridge across the North Pine River. It is expected that more than 650 train services will travel to and from Moreton Bay each week when the new rail line opens by mid-year. The new bridge took about 12 months to complete and was built parallel to the existing bridge which was built in 1936. Given the original rail bridge has great significance to the community with early generations of the local Dohle family involved in its construction, a commemorative section of the original bridge will be donated to the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum for residents to appreciate.
As our new PM has stated many times in recent months. “We have much to be excited by”. It would appear from the range of infrastructure projects now coming to reality, that residents and particularly Public Transport Commuters, in Moreton Bay Region have much to be excited about. Not only will the Moreton Bay Rail commence this year, the North South Arterial (missing link between Discovery Drive and Endeavour Boulevarde) should also be completed by year’s end.

**Boundary Road Contract Awarded:** (As advised by the Federal Member for Petrie, Luke Howarth)

The contract to build the new Boundary Road interchange on the Bruce Highway at Narangba has been awarded to BMD Constructions. The project will cost $100.4 million, (80% Federal and 20% by the State Govt) encompassing the construction of a new six-lane bridge over the Bruce Highway, with four through lanes for Boundary Road traffic.

“The bridge will feature a dedicated pedestrian and cycle pathway, and left-slip lanes to provide free flowing access to the highway on-ramps. The extended on and off-ramps will improve safety for motorists entering and exiting the highway. These ramps will also enhance the interchange’s ability to efficiently handle increasing traffic flows.”

The construction phase will bring more than 160 jobs and further growth to the region. **Major construction works are scheduled to commence in mid-2016**, once the contractor sets up on-site and completes preparatory works.

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**Progress Association Charities for 2016**  
(Guest Speakers show how Residents can help those in Need!)

### Operation Christmas Child

Is a “not for profit organization” that sends shoe boxes of gifts to children in underdeveloped countries. Since 1990, over 100 million shoeboxes have been sent to children in 115 countries.

A warehouse in Yeronga receives gifts from all over Qld and so far Qld has sent 57,489 shoe boxes of gifts.

Mango Hill Village seeks to make Operation Christmas Child our primary Charity for 2016.

Shoebox gifts are to be for ages 2-14.

  
  This website shows how You can help out and what to give.

### Project Linus

Project Linus is a charity that provides new, homemade quilts to hospitals. The quilts are made by volunteers, no one knows who receives a blanket or who makes it. Over 17,000 quilts have been donated to Australian Hospitals since 2000. Residents can help by making donations of fabric (cotton) or help fundraise.

[https://www.projectlinus.org/](https://www.projectlinus.org/)

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**Mango Hill Coordinator** = Bronwyn Ninness - (0438 860765)  
Your donations can be delivered to Bronwyn at 18 John St or at meetings of the Progress Association on 3rd Wednesday of the month.
Donated Bicycles get a Good Home as proceeds are donated to Fiji Survivors

To Amanda & Michael Pryor (Mango Hill)

Thank you sincerely for your donation of two identical (almost new bicycles) to the Mango Hill Progress Association. These two bikes were advertised at the Mango Hill Australia Day celebrations as a silent Auction with several offers received. (thank you to all who offered). I am pleased to advise that a family in Kinsellas Road West paid $160 for those bikes and are very happy with their purchase. No doubt, you will see a couple of excited children riding them around the Village one day.

I will be recommending that the proceeds of your donation will be forwarded to the Fiji Red Cross Appeal following the damage caused by Cyclone Winston recently.

Laurence Christie (President)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CLASSES AT HALL ON FRIDAYS

My name is Alexa McKeon and I am an Independent Herbalife Distributor.

My partner James and I are relatively new to the Mango Hill Village & are loving just how community orientated everyone is! Our goal as Health and Wellness Coaches is to help create a healthy, active and social community through the running of Community Weight Loss Challenges and FREE FitClubs. We are providing opportunities for people to come, feel welcome and have fun while getting active. Our FitClubs are suitable for everyone no matter your age, gender or fitness level. Kids are also more than welcome!

We are currently running:

One Weight Loss Challenge a Term (3 weekly Fitclubs)

Wednesdays 5:30pm Danzy Buchanan Park
Thursdays 10.00am Danzy Buchanan Park
Fridays 10:00am Mango Hill Hall

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/975913939097535/

I look forward to meeting some of you very soon.

Alexa McKeon Independent Herbalife Distributor 0421922591

It’s Back!!! MMM GARAGE SALE

2nd April from 6am - 1pm

29 Lamington Road, MANGO HILL

- To drop off items please call as below
- Will pick up large items by arrangement.

NO CLOTHES SHOES OR SMALL ELECTRICAL GOODS

BBQ and drinks will be available

Please call Anne 32042503 or 0430 200 942

Furniture, bric a brac, toys, puzzles and general household and tool shed items in reasonable order will be gratefully accepted.

John and Anne Cooper
29 Lamington Road, Mango Hill QLD 4509

United Fighting Arts Makes Mango Hill Hall Home!

We’re a friendly community freestyle Martial Arts Club with over 30 years of experience. We specialise in self-defence and fitness training whiles teaching a wide range of Martial arts styles. Such as Muay Thai, Kickboxing, Korean Martial Arts, Grappling, Brazilian Jui-Jitsu and Kali (Filipino Martial Arts). All ages are welcome so come in for a free trial. Our instructors are all qualified ex-students of the club with a lot of applied knowledge and experience.

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(All sessions included for price)

Daniel Nolan (Instructor)
Village Social Page

Cassie Garth
5 years on 10th March

Right: Following in the footsteps of big sister, Jennifer as Santa’s helper at the 2015 Mango Hill Christmas Tree.

Left: In the words of Dad (Cameron). “Cassie is growing up in a safe and happy environment in Mango Hill Village, following her brother (Troy) and sister (Jennifer) who have both benefited so much by living in and doing their bit for this community”.

The light showers of Saturday night (5th March) could not dampen the fun and laughter under the big tent in the back yard of their Mary Street home as:

Jess Hansen & Jake Evans Celebrated their engagement

Jess who is 20 years, has grown up in Mango Hill Village and is working and studying Accountancy while Jake is forging a career in the car industry.
Mum (Debbie) and Dad (Gavin) who have lived in their Mary St home since 1990, commented on “how great it has been to raise the Kids in the Village”. We are delighted for Jess and Jake and wish them well for their future plans together.

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Raised in the dark days of WW2 and growing up in the industrial ship building city of Glasgow, young Jessie Paterson would often visit her father’s work in those halcyon days of ship building on the River Clyde, for which Glasgow was famous. In her teens, Jessie was becoming an exceptional Seamstress (dress maker) before “falling for Billie Martin”, also from her home town and being married in 1960. Together they raised their 3 Children, Jeanette, Jason and Billy (Jun).

Decades later, with Jeanette & husband Rocky first moving out to Cairns, then with Billy and wife, Marie also emigrating “Down Under”, Jessie and Billie (Sen) made the decision to leave Glasgow to be with the family in Cairns in 2002. (Sadly, they had lost Jason (a soldier in the British Army) in a car accident in 1997.)

“Then 5 years later, in 2007, with both kids moving to some place called Mango Hill, we followed” stated Billy Senior. “Jeanette & Rocky moved into Rose St, Billy & Marie lived in Alice St, so we took up residence in May St, between the two of them.” (See Mango Hill News of June 2008 as “Clan Martin invades the Village”) For us, “We had found our home. For Jessie, Mango Hill Village was God’s Little Acre and despite the kids moving on (Billy and Marie to Canada and Jeanette & Rocky down the road to Scarborough at Redcliffe), Jessie & I were going nowhere,” continued Billy leaning back onto the couch.

If “every Aussie Dad needs a Shed”, then the same could be said for Jessie as she filled in countless hours in her Garage Shed, operating a myriad of over-lockers and sewing machines in making clothes for the wider family. As Billy put it, “For Jessie, when it came to making clothes, it was Her way or the Highway as she spent countless hours listening to the music of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin & Perry Como.”

Sadly, it would appear that Billie had ingested some asbestos back in those early days as a child visiting her father’s work in the shipyards or from the clothes washed in the family home. 60 years later Jessie was to succumb to Asbestosis which finally took her at Redcliffe Hospital on 7th February. Billy has asked that special mention be made of the love and care shown by the Nursing Staff of both Redcliffe Hospital and Blue Care in those last weeks, with special thanks to Jane at Redcliffe along with Michelle & Shondra-Lee of Blue Care. “They were just wonderful and caring”, Billie murmured reflecting quietly as I scribed a few notes. Jessie also loved going down to Yoga classes in the Mango Hill Hall and enjoyed the company of the Ladies which helped her greatly as she sought to fight the illness that was beginning to claim her.

In a cruel twist of fate, whilst youngest son Billy (Junior) was rushing back from Canada to be with his mother in her last days, his father-in-law (wife, Marie’s Dad) also passed away in England. The result, Billy came out to Australia as Marie flew to England which was at that time, experiencing some horrible weather, to say good bye to her own father as young Sam and Jason remaining with friends back in Canada.

Left: These words adorned the front Door to the Martin Home to welcome family members and friends and ex Neighbours, Carol and Bill Cassidy, to Jessie’s Remembrance service at their May Street Home a week after her passing. Today, Billy is getting on with life and dutifully feeding Jessie’s two ravenous cats, as well as being thankful for all his friends and neighbours who have been dropping in to “keep an eye on me”!

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Above: On Anzac Day 2015, before a crowd of over 1000 onlookers, Donald Scott Curtis proudly led his final Parade at the Mango Hill Anzac Centenary Festival, representing and remembering his own Father, who with so many brave Anzacs, stormed ashore on Gallipoli on that fateful day, exactly 100 years earlier.

Below: 3m model of the Aorangi built by Don in 1992 on which he sailed to Australia from Canada in 1935

Donald Scott Curtis (31/03/1922 – 25/01/2016)

The Mango Hill News (237 of July 2014) detailed the life of Don Curtis, who as the son of an “Anzac Original” (William Scott Curtis) came down from Ravenshoe to Mango Hill in 1952 to start a sawmill on land now occupied by the Mango Hill State School. How Mango Hill has changed since the early 1950’s when pineapple and potato farms dotted the landscape east of Anzac Ave and eucalypt forests covered most of the land from the Pine River north and from Anzac Ave west to Kallangur.

A saw-miller prior to WW2, Don served in the “home infantry forces” in North Qld, having not been allowed to serve in overseas theatres of War. This was due to Don having two brothers in the Army, both captured in Singapore with Elwyn dying on the Burma Railway.

After a life as a Builder in the Kallangur area for some 30 years, Don retired to Winifred St in the Mango Hill Village in 1981 to follow his passion for painting and building Model Ships, many of which filled the exhibit halls of Pine Rivers and many local Shows for decades. A painting of the Glass House Mountains now hangs in the Mango Hill Community Centre today.

Due to ill health, Don and his wife Joan (married 68 years) moved into the OZcare Retirement Village at Clontarf in early 2015. Joan still resides there and state she still loved reading the Mango Hill News.

Don & Joan Curtis are our History. They are amongst the pioneers of this community and whose lives have contributed greatly to character of the Mango Hill & Kallangur communities for over half a century. Don and Joan Curtis have served their Country well!

Ken loses a Mate as Heather loses her battle with Cancer

Heather Lewisson

Born in North Qld, Heather spend most of her adult life in the northern suburbs of Brisbane, (primarily Sandgate/Brighton) and raising her two children Gaye and Garry.

Ken Fitch, Heather’s partner of 33 years, remembers well, Heather’s love of Country Music, be it Aussie or American. Her favourite singer was George Jones, an American Country artist. Ken told this reporter of the many wonderful holidays that he and Heather shared as their love for the Country Music Scene, saw them travel to the Gympie Muster, the home of Australian Country Music at Tamworth, Toowoomba and dozens of local halls around Qld and NSW.

Ken also told of the great appreciation the he and Heather had for living in Mango Hill Village. “We have wonderful neighbours here. I want to thank Jenny next door and Peter from Ruby St for their ongoing friendship and help over the years. They have been marvellous. “Heather loved music, loved meeting the Artists and Loved Life. “I wish that I could sing a song to her now! I have lost a Mate!” Ken Fitch

Born 20 February 1932.
Sadly passed away due to Cancer on 24 February 2016 having just reached 84 years.

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