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## GOLD RUSH: LOCAL FARMER POWERS THROUGH MASTERS GAMES



Coach, Caren Moule and Andrew Greenwood Photo by Sandra Charlton

Gordonvale canefarmer Andrew Greenwood brought home two gold medals from the 2025 Great Barrier Reef Masters Games held in Cairns, where more than 2,000 athletes from Australia, Oceania, and Southeast Asia gathered to compete.

A dedicated member of 360 Fitness in Gordonvale, Andrew was inspired to compete when he heard that Indoor Rowing would be featured for the first time in the Games. Already maintaining a strong fitness routine through regular gym classes, he stepped up his training with the support of coach Caren Moule and the top-quality equipment at 360 Fitness.

Focusing on rowing for six weeks in the lead-up to the event, Andrew trained two to three times a week to refine his form and build endurance. Competing in the Male 61–70 age category, he achieved impressive times of 7:45 in the 2000m and 20:27 in the 5000m indoor rowing events—earning gold medals in both.

His performance has encouraged him to continue seeking new opportunities to further develop his fitness.

Andrew is appreciative of the unwavering support from his wife Nadine and the encouragement from the members of 360 Fitness. Their belief in his abilities and their motivation played an important role in his success.

Andrew's accomplishment highlights that it's never too late to pursue a new goal. With the right training environment and commitment, remarkable achievements are possible.



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## STYLISH CUTS AND LAID BACK VIBES: REFUGE OPENS NEW LOCATION



Thomas and Maka- Refuge Barbers Photo by Sandra Charlton

Refuge Barbers & Apparel has officially opened its doors in Gordonvale, marking the fourth location for the expanding local business. Located at Shop 4/62 Norman Street, the shop began trading at the start of June and is already drawing attention from the community.

Refuge & Co. was founded by Haydon Kemp, who started in the fashion industry over 15 years ago with a clothing store in Cairns. Over time, he recognised the natural connection between fashion and grooming,

which led to the inclusion of barbershops within the brand. This move has seen the business grow steadily, operating in Cairns City (Grafton and Scott Streets), Edmonton (Thomson Road), and now Gordonvale.

Although not a barber himself, Haydon has developed two distinct clothing labels under the Refuge name. Both brands reflect a laid-back yet stylish lifestyle, offering casual wear that blends comfort and fashion.

Refuge Barbers & Apparel is designed to offer more than just a haircut. The space aims to provide a relaxed, welcoming environment where clients can feel comfortable, connect

with others, and take a moment to unwind. The decision to open a Gordonvale location was influenced by the expected growth in the southern Cairns region and the town's strong sense of community. Having grown up in a small town, Haydon felt Gordonvale was the ideal fit for Refuge & Co.'s next chapter.

The Gordonvale shop currently employs two barbers. Mackenzie, also known as Maka, is a local talent quickly making a name for himself with his dedication and enthusiasm for barbering. Joining him is Thomas, a highly experienced barber known for his sharp attention to detail and expert technique.

Services at Refuge include classic cuts, modern styles, beard trims, and traditional hot towel shaves. While the barbershop primarily caters to men, women with short hairstyles are also welcome.

Across its four locations, Refuge & Co. employs a total of 18 staff, with the Gordonvale team already building a strong rapport with the local community. To find out more or to book a service, phone 07 4028 3027 or visit Refuge & Co. on Facebook or through their website.

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## 100 YEARS AGO

Research by Sallyanne Powell for Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

Cairns Post Fri 3 July 1925

Passenger Traffic to Cairns

Townsville is 25,000. Statistics concerning Gordonvale showed that the town, within a radius of three miles, had a population of 2000, and that a thousand people travelled there per month, by rail. There were five hotels, with a total of 63 rooms, of which eleven are available to residents in and travellers through the district.

Cairns Post Fri 17 July 1925

### Gordonvale State School Successes.

Among the passengers on Monday's train, on their way to enter All Souls' Boys' School, Charters Towers, were four of the seven candidates from the Gordonvale State School who passed the scholarship examination held last April. These four boys have received the whole of their State school education at the Gordonvale State school, and reflect great credit on their head teacher. The following are their scholarship results:—Arthur Wordsworth 76.3 per cent. Carl Exelby 69.3, Edward Pond 68, Charles Griffin 62.

Cairns Post Wed 15 July 1925

### Gordonvale Annual Races.

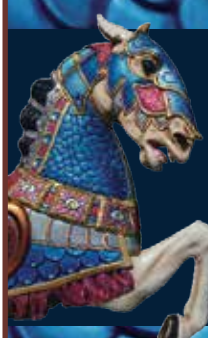
The programme for the Gordonvale Turf Club's annual race meeting is an attractive one. A sum of £175 is being given away in prize money. There are five divisional races and a Subscribers' Handicap. Nominations close on Monday, August 3.

The Townsville Daily Bulletin Fri 24 July 1925  
GORDONVALE NOTES

Our town is still progressing. New buildings continue going up. Another motor garage is being built, in which Messrs. Griffin Bros., late of England and experienced in garage work, will carry on the business of repairing and selling motor cars. Their garage will be the fourth that Gordonvale can boast of.

At a recent land sale of perpetual leases a 1 acre block of land in the suburb was sold for £430. Other 1 acre blocks on the outskirts of the town and on the Riverstone road were sold for as much as £200. Building allotments are very scarce here. With the rapid growth and prosperity of our town, building sites are in keen demand, and something should be done to supply it.

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## STREETS AHEAD

*This column provides a background to the streets and infrastructure of Gordonvale and who or what they were named after*

Column compiled by Julie Amadio- Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

### Blackwell Street

This street in Gordonvale was named after Richard Blackwell, one of the first settlers of this district.

Richard was born in St Just, Cornwall England in 1841. He was the son of Richard and Mary Blackwell (nee Olds). His working career started at the age of six working alongside his father in local underground tin mines in Cornwall. As a result, he had limited education and could not read or write. This did not stop this courageous, adventurous, and very hard-working man to achieve so much in his life.

At the age of twenty, Richard left England to seek his fortune. He travelled to British Columbia, Canada in 1861 on hearing of the Cariboo gold rush. After some time, he migrated to Australia, eventually arriving at Mt Perry, which is 100km west of Bundaberg. Mt Perry was renowned for its copper deposits, but there had also been a gold strike and Richard was keen to make a claim.

He met his life-long friend, business associate and soon to be father-in-law William Saunders Alley there. Richard married WS Alley's daughter Sarah Ann Alley on January 4th, 1873, in Blackall central Queensland.

In 1877-78 Richard, with his wife Sarah and brother-in-law George Gorham Alley aged fifteen, travelled overland by dray from the Mt Perry goldfields to Brisbane. They proceeded to Cooktown by ship and then on to the Hodgkinson and Palmer River goldfields. Sarah was the first woman to ride a horse from the Hann Tableland to the coast. Richard, William, and his son George were cedar getters and were felling timber on the Barron River in 1878 and then also made it through to the Mulgrave River that same year with Sarah being the first woman to ride across the Mulgrave River.

Richard Blackwell, on 18th October 1879, applied for a land grant and took up land in the Mulgrave area known as Plain Camp, near where Gordonvale is located today. By 1881, William Saunders Alley had established his Riverstone Hotel. The hotel business serviced the local settlers and the tin miners on the busy Robson Track to and from the Herberton tin mines.

Richard Blackwell, being the entrepreneur that he was, commenced a stagecoach run delivering mail and passengers between Riverstone and Cairns. In 1884, Richard received his Deed of Grant for his land, and his signature is documented with an 'X'. As Richard was illiterate, it was widespread practice of the times that documents were legally binding if the witness could sign their name.

In 1893 the Queensland Government passed 'The Sugar Works Guarantee Act' which enabled the erection of Central mills. The Mulgrave Central Mill Company Ltd was the first company registered under the agreement. The ever-progressive Richard Blackwell gifted part of his land for the establishment of the Mulgrave Mill. Richard and his brother-in-law George Alley sourced cane plants from Hambledon to develop their cane farms, and the Blackwell-Alley family were among the first mill suppliers when the mill started crushing in 1896. Richard Blackwell was a mill director from 1896 to 1920. After the death of William Saunders Alley in 1889, Richard and Sarah Blackwell took over the Riverstone Hotel and continued the tradition of warm hospitality, comfortable lodgings, and excellent cuisine.

Richard and Sarah Blackwell had no children of their own but had adopted an infant son who they named Willie. Tragically Willie

died at the age of eleven months. Richard died suddenly on a business/pleasure trip to Sydney in May 1920 aged seventy-nine years and was buried in Waverley cemetery near Sydney NSW. Sarah Blackwell died at the age of seventy-two years and is buried in the Alley family plot alongside the Gillies Range Road. Her son Willie, her parents William Saunders Alley and Mary Alley (nee Banks), her brother George Alley and his wife Mary Ellen also rest there.

The Alley and Blackwell families were the first European Settlers in the Mulgrave Valley and were true pioneers in every sense of the word. Many of their descendants still live in the area today.

Pictured is Desma Morton the Great Grandniece of Sarah Alley.



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## CMCA TAKES THE HELM AT GREENPATCH CAMPGROUND



Greenpatch Campground signage -Photo by Sandra Charlton

Now managed by the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia (CMCA), Greenpatch Campground in Gordonvale is a welcoming and riverside retreat for everyone—from solo campers and families to road-trippers and weekend adventurers. Located not far from the Mulgrave River, this Council-owned campground offers a peaceful nature escape just minutes from the heart of town.

Greenpatch features 42 unpowered grassy sites, including tent-only areas and all-weather drive-through spots suitable for vans up to 10 metres. You don't need to be self-contained to stay, and all types of campers are welcome—including those travelling with dogs.

Facilities include a public dump point, an on-site Custodian for guest support, and access to nearby public toilets and coin-operated showers. The campground is also within easy walking distance of Gordonvale's shopping centre, making it a convenient and relaxing place to stay.

The maximum stay is limited to 7 nights.

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## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

*This column highlights the strengths and achievements of a diverse range of Gordonvale groups, clubs and organisations contributing to our community.*

contributed by Denise Bewert



Jack Lee and Michael Jenkins from Gordonvale SES Photo by Denise Bewert

### **Highly trained local volunteers provide emergency services**

One of the many safety and support services provided by the Gordonvale SES (State Emergency Service) includes crucial

involvement in the Great Pyramid Race to be held on August 2.

Crews of highly trained volunteers from the local SES will be placed at the bottom, middle and top of the Pyramid to monitor the runners,

provide first aid, moral support and do rescues if necessary.

Their role includes contacting other emergency services such as the police or ambulance if required. The SES teams will check in the runners at the start and finish of the race.

The SES is a government funded emergency service that prepares for and responds to emergencies across Queensland 24 hours a day. Gordonvale SES Controller, Dr. Steven Schwartz, said that approximately half of the Gordonvale unit's call-outs involved storm based operations. 'Our unit was heavily involved in rescue and clean-up operations linked to Cyclone Jasper and Cyclone Alfred', Steve said.

Cyclone Jasper, which hit Far North Queensland in December 2023, was the wettest tropical cyclone in Australian history.

'Our unit has been involved in rescues from Bamaga to all over the Cape, Bartle Frere and Ingham'.

'Driving flood boats, evacuating flood victims, repairing storm damage and sandbagging are some of the skill sets necessary for our members'. Steve said.

'Conducting land searches, chain saw use and tarpaulin erection are also part of our skill set'.

'The most important requirement by far is to turn up', he quipped. 'We can train anyone provided they have a positive attitude. There are no set criteria to become a member of the SES. However, prospective members must have a Blue Card and undergo a criminal history check'.

Steve stressed that the SES is an inclusive service. 'Similar tasks are required of our male and female members. There are currently more males than females in our unit. Our oldest member is sixty-eight and our youngest seventeen'.

Steve said the Gordonvale SES is a closely-knit unit. We liaise closely with other local emergency services including the police, ambulance and fire brigade'.



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## Mayor's View With Amy Eden

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Mayor Amy Eden in her EJ Holden Photo credit Amanda Jade Photography

There's something special about a small-town parade. The kind that draws people out early, lining the streets with kids on shoulders, camp chairs unpacked, and neighbours waving like old friends.

That was the scene in Gordonvale for the fifth annual Sugar Solstice Country Fair — a proud celebration marking the start of the sugarcane crushing season and all the heritage, hard work, and community spirit that goes with it.

I had the absolute joy of being in the parade myself—Aussie flags on the bonnet, waving from the driver's seat, and soaking in the sea of smiles, it doesn't get more Aussie than the old Holden EJ wagon rolling through Gordonvale. The whole experience was pure country joy — authentic, warm, and a little bit cheeky.

Norman Park became the heart of the celebration, with market stalls, live music, food trucks, and families soaking up the winter sun. The kids ran free between the

jumping castles and bubble play while the grown-ups wandered between crafts, cold drinks, and conversations. The Hot Ice band capped off the afternoon with a crowd-pleasing set as the sun dipped behind Walsh's Pyramid.

But what really struck me was the feeling—thick crowds, crisp air, and that unmistakable energy that only happens when people come together for something they care about. It was joyful. It was local. And it was built on the backs of volunteers.

To every organiser, performer, stallholder, and quiet helper behind the scenes—thank you. Events like this don't just happen. They're stitched together by people who love where they live and want others to feel it too.

Gordonvale, you turned it on. Here's to sweet seasons, proud traditions, and community that knows how to show up.


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### Greetings from Cairns Libraries

National NAIDOC week is 6th – 13th July when we recognise and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year marks 50 years of the NAIDOC movement with a theme of “The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy.” Cairns Libraries is celebrating NAIDOC with art workshops, a pop-up library, and by highlighting the rich diversity of First Nations authorship. Check out our website for more details.

We are happy to announce that Writing Wednesdays is returning to City Library on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, July – October. Writing Wednesday is a

free, volunteer – led program providing a dedicated space for writers of all levels to write and connect with each other. Join us on 16th July from 10am to noon.

Believe it or not, school holidays are here again. We have lots of activities to keep kids busy during school holidays, from scavenger hunts, learn to draw comics, art and craft, comic book readings, fairy storytelling, and sticker lab. Gordonvale Library will be Holding an Animal Scavenger Hunt, a Comic Book Tasting, and of course the intriguing “Not a Cookbook” activity. You’ve guessed it... the theme is Food and Feasting! We are even holding a Mat Hatter’s Tea Party at City Library on Friday 11th July... join us on

the front lawn for croquet, arts and craft, storytelling, songs and fun. Check out our website or our Facebook page for all the details!

No matter your age, there is something for everyone at Cairns Libraries. Whether you are looking to connect with others or just seeking a space to quietly do your own thing, you can do it at one of our eight branches across the Cairns region. Pop into your local branch and speak to our friendly staff, follow us on Facebook, check out our website, and sign up for our monthly eNewsletter to keep up to date with everything happening at your local library

## GOLDEN KEV STILL MAKING WAVES

At 94 years young, Gordonvale’s Kevin Murgatroyd dove into history at the recent Great Barrier Reef Masters Games in Cairns, proving age is no barrier.

Competing in an impressive nine swimming events, Kev swam away with eight gold medals and capped off his Games with a bronze in a medley relay in a younger age category.

Already a holder of several Games records, Kevin’s performance once again lit up the pool and inspired athletes decades his junior.



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## MOMENTS THAT MATTER, CAPTURED LOCALLY



Amanda Clayfield

A new photography studio has opened in the heart of Gordonvale, offering locals a professional and personalised option to capture life's special moments. Amanda Jade Photography, located at 2/98 Gordon Street, is the creative venture of Amanda Clayfield, a passionate photographer with strong ties to the community.

Amanda's love for photography began in her teenage years, exploring the Cairns region with a point-and-shoot camera. While working as a dental technician for 15 years, she continued to develop her skills, taking on photography work for family events, maternity shoots, and local sports. With growing demand, she decided to pursue photography full-time.

Gordonvale was a natural choice for her studio. Amanda completed her senior schooling at Gordonvale High and played touch football locally. Her family is also involved with the Southern Suburbs Rugby League Club, further strengthening her connection to the area.

Amanda offers a wide range of services including family portraits, sports photography, formal sessions, commercial shoots, modelling portfolios, and pet photography. With the formal season approaching, her calendar is already filling up fast.

Beyond her studio work, Amanda is actively involved in the local community. She has donated Mother's Day vouchers to

Gordonvale High and Aloomba School and helps manage social media for local sports clubs. Amanda plans to launch community exhibitions and make her studio available to other photographers and creatives.

Her photography style is natural, candid, and client-focused. She's particularly passionate about sports photography, always aiming to capture dynamic action shots. Memorable highlights include photographing the NRL Women's Cowboys vs. Titans match at Alley Park and a recent shoot with local model Tia Demas.

Amanda's goal is to become a trusted long-term photographer for Gordonvale families and to build a space that supports creativity in the region. Her work can be viewed on Facebook and Instagram, and bookings can be made through her social pages or by visiting the studio.

With a strong community focus and a passion for storytelling through images, Amanda Jade Photography is a welcome addition to Gordonvale's growing creative scene.

## TEEING OFF IN THE U.S.A



Jaxon Dwyer

Local golfer, Jaxon Dwyer is about to begin an exciting new chapter as he heads to the United States to pursue his dream of playing college golf while studying for a degree in Professional Golf Complex Management.

Jaxon will fly to Brisbane on June 25 before departing for Los Angeles on June 29. His college semester officially begins on July 7, and he will be based in California, competing in the NAIA's CalPac Conference.

He said it felt special to be approached by a university that wanted him on their team, and now he has the opportunity to continue his education while testing himself against top players in the U.S. college system. He believes it's the best path to see how far he can take his golf.

Jaxon's golfing journey began with casual rounds alongside his dad, Brad, played between seasons of AFL and cricket. Over time, he found himself enjoying the challenge of golf more and started playing regularly with Brad and his friends. He later joined the junior program at Cairns Golf Club and has worked there part-time after school for the past four years, cleaning buggies.

Growing up in Gordonvale and playing junior golf in Far North Queensland provided a strong foundation. He found

that while local events were smaller than those in cities like Brisbane, they offered fair opportunities for all players and fostered a friendly atmosphere.

Jaxon also credits Gordonvale State High School for supporting his sporting commitments, especially teacher Mr Troyahn, whose encouragement made a big difference.

To help fund the move, Jaxon sold his car and saved as much money as possible. His dad Brad will travel with him to help him settle in, while his mum, Leann—who doesn't enjoy flying—is planning to visit during a U.S. holiday at Christmas. Leann has made sure he knows how to cook and do his own laundry before the big move.

Jaxon's goals include winning a CalPac tournament, qualifying for the NAIA national finals, and eventually playing professionally. If that doesn't work out, he hopes to stay in the golf industry—possibly through coaching, course management, or working with a golf company.



## SUGAR SOLSTICE: SUNSHINE & SMILES



Gordonvale Suns Sugar Solstice Parade float

The spirit of community was thriving at this year's Sugar Solstice Festival, with Norman Park transformed into a hub of colour, music, and celebration. In its fifth year, the festival – hosted by the Gordonvale Community Action Group – drew one of its largest crowds yet.

The street parade was a highlight, making its way around Norman Park. Crowds cheered as participants from Russo & Vella, the Top of the State Rod and Custom Car Club Inc, the Cairns RSL Sub Branch Pipes and Drums Band, Gordonvale Girl Guides, Mayfield

Early Education, St Michael's School, Cairns Hardware, Farmacist, and the Gordonvale Fire Station brought colour and energy to the route.

Local representatives joined in the fun as well. Councillor Moller cruised in style as a passenger in Daryl Cutuli's 'Pink Panther Hot Rod'. Mayor Eden took the wheel of her classic EJ Holden, waving the Australian flag, while Member for Mulgrave, Terry James, made a bold entrance in a flashy red Mustang driven by his electorate officer, Ross Contarino.



Farmacist vehicle in Sugar Solstice Parade



Cairns RSL Sub Branch Pipes and Drums Band

The Pyramid Views green exhibit featured two decorated bikes and a bike trailer carrying their well-loved pooch, Bonny. Bonny quickly became a favourite among onlookers, happily soaking up the attention and adding an extra dose of charm to the parade.

The Gordonvale Suns Junior AFL Club brought the sunshine aboard a bright and energetic float on a massive flatbed truck.

Festivities in the park included jumping castles, a wide selection of food vans, and a full program of live entertainment on the Blackwell Performance Pavilion stage. The Gordonvale Lions Club's famous steak burgers and chips were among the most popular offerings of the day. Those looking for a taste of local history enjoyed guided tours from the Mulgrave Historical Society, who led visitors through the town's unique mosaic exhibits, each one



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Russo & Vella tractors in parade



Buzzy Bumblebee in the street parade



Pyramid Views float in parade



Cairns Hardware in parade

telling a story of Gordonvale's rich cultural past.

With sunshine, smiles, and a shared sense of pride, the Sugar Solstice Festival once again proved itself a cornerstone of the community calendar.

Susan Byrne-Callaghan, President of the Gordonvale Community Action Group

(GCAG), would like to acknowledge and thank the many contributors who made the event possible. Special thanks goes to Cairns Hardware, Cairns Regional Council: Community Grants, Cairns Property Office – South, MSF, the office of Member for Mulgrave, Terry James, Gordonvale Lions Club, Claire Wadell Design, Gordonvale RSL

Sub Branch, Pyramid Views, Gordonvale Men's Shed, Amanda Jade Photography, all the wonderful parade participants, food and entertainment providers, and all the volunteers – including the dedicated GCAG Committee – whose tireless efforts brought this celebration to life.

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## RADIO CONTROLLED MODEL CAR CLUB REVS UP!



Caleb Noble, Nathan Ramm and Edward Plumb from CRCMCC

The Cairns Radio Controlled Model Car Club (CRCMCC) has been a part of the Gordonvale community for over 15 years. Established in the late 1980s, the club has evolved from humble beginnings at various locations—including the airport, showgrounds, and DFO—to its current home at 68 Maher Road, Gordonvale, since 2009.

The Gordonvale off-road track is a hub of activity, hosting weekly or fortnightly races, depending on weather conditions. Race days typically begin with setup at 7:30 am, followed by a pre-race briefing and racing starting at 10:00 am. The event includes a sausage sizzle and cold drinks, fostering a family-friendly atmosphere.

The club caters to a wide range of RC vehicles, including 1/10 2WD and 4WD, 1/8 Buggy and Truggy, nitro cars, and short course trucks. This diversity allows enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels to participate, from beginners to seasoned racers. The club also offers “Come and Try” days, providing newcomers with the opportunity to experience the sport firsthand.

For those interested in getting started, it's recommended to begin with a stock car to get a feel for the racing before upgrading. There are several reputable suppliers, and many second-hand cars are available on platforms like Facebook Marketplace and the RC Cairns and Australia Buy Swap Sell pages.

One of the club's standout members, Paul French, is making waves in the RC racing scene. In 2025, he's set to compete in several major events, including the State Championships in Toowoomba, the World Championships in Sydney, and the Australian Championships in Adelaide.

Beyond racing, the club plays a significant role in the community by promoting outdoor activity and offering a screen-free alternative for youth. It serves as a gathering point for families and individuals seeking a fun, low-impact hobby. The club is open to all ages, with membership providing access to events, training, and a supportive network of enthusiasts.

For those interested in joining or learning more, the club maintains an active presence on Facebook and their website, where schedules and event updates are regularly posted. Whether you're a seasoned racer or a curious newcomer, the Cairns Radio Controlled Model Car Club welcomes you.

## MSF SUGAR OFFERS FREE CPR TRAINING

The Mulgrave Central Mill has been a renowned landmark of the Gordonvale Township for almost 130 years, with many town's people working at the mill or have family members working on the Cane Rail or within the Mill.

In recognition of the local community's support, MSF Sugar will be holding FREE CPR training at The Rambler in late July. Being CPR trained is certainly beneficial to all & no doubt, saves lives.

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## A CENTURY OF MEMORIES: IRENE RAYMENT TURNS 100



Irene Rayment turns 100 Photo by ?????

a teacher. She graduated at 17 and began her teaching career, eventually transferring to Parramatta State School in Cairns. In 1947, she married Ralph, and together they raised five children. Their family has since expanded to include 17 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and a recent great-great-granddaughter.

The family lived in Cairns until Ralph's retirement in 1982, when they settled in Gordonvale. Irene became involved in the community, assisting her daughter with a ballet school and contributing to costume making. She also worked at the local St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) shop until its closure.

Reflecting on her life, Irene attributes her longevity to a strong work ethic. This sentiment aligns with the experiences of many centenarians, who often cite hard work and purpose as vital components of a long life.

Irene's 100th birthday was celebrated with a large party in Gordonvale, attended by many friends and family, some traveling from as far as Melbourne and even overseas from America. She cherished the afternoon, engaging in heartfelt conversations with those who gathered to honour her.

Irene Rayment, a former Gordonvale resident, recently celebrated her 100th birthday, marking a century of remarkable experiences and cherished memories. Born on May 29, 1925, in Yandina on the Sunshine Coast, Irene moved to Brisbane at 16 to pursue her dream of becoming

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## ST MICHAEL'S BUILD CONNECTION THROUGH GARDEN AND SONG



Pyramid Residential Care residents with students from St Michael's School- Photo supplied by St Michael's School

Earlier this year, students from St Michael's School in Gordonvale visited the Pyramid Residential Care Centre, creating a memorable session filled with music, creativity, and community spirit.

The school's Garden Club and newly formed School Choir took part, each bringing something special. Garden Club students handcrafted bird seed feeders to enhance the Centre's garden spaces and presented

fresh cut flower arrangements to brighten the residents' surroundings.

The School Choir, still in its early stages, performed hymns from the school's Holy Week liturgy.

The visit was a positive and enriching experience for both students and residents. It also marked the beginning of what is hoped to become a regular part of the school's community engagement.

Plans are already underway for another session. The students are enthusiastic about returning to connect again with the residents and share their growing talents.

This growing relationship between St Michael's School and the Pyramid Residential Care Centre is a valuable example of intergenerational connection and the power of simple, thoughtful gestures.



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## KNOW YOUR TOWN

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The Great Northern Hotel, formerly known as the Queen's Hotel, was opened in 1912 by Edith Baird. According to a Cairns Post article: The building is of brick and two storied. Baths and parlours are to be found upstairs and down.

The brick walls throughout are fitted with Venita patent ventilators. The floors are covered with bright patterned carpet and linoleum which with the superior ventilation and a pleasing French grey tint of the walls make the place an ideal tropical resort, delightfully cool and bright.

Being under the patronage of the Commercial Travellers Association, a set of generous sized and bright sample rooms are added. Cuisine and catering are quite in keeping with all the appurtenances of the place which are those of first-class modern hostelry.

In 1913, the architect Harvey Draper called for tenders for the construction of an



The Great Northern Hotel

additional wing in brick, to the Queen's Hotel, Nelson, for Mrs Moller. This wing contained 10 bedrooms and additional balconies. The hotel continued to trade under the name of the Queens Hotel until approximately 1949, when a meeting of the Gordonvale Amateur Fishing Club and other sporting clubs advertised their meetings were to be held at the Great Northern Hotel.

Since Edith Baird there have been many licensees. Some of the early ones were

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## CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 PROJECT UPDATE

The concrete works for the water treatment plant are now complete, marking a significant milestone for the project. More than 1,300 cubic metres of concrete was used to construct this vital piece of infrastructure.

Pipeline installation between Aloomba, Behana Gorge Road, and Gordonvale township is now in full swing, with approximately 1.8 kilometres of pipe laid to date. Where possible the pipeline has been adjusted to minimise the impact on trees; however, in some areas, there is no safe or practical way to build around them.

Cairns Regional Council are currently developing a tree planting scope of works with different options for

consideration, including options like tree types, locations, and number of trees. Once developed, a recommendation will be made to Council including the procurement and planting approach.

The community will be kept informed throughout the construction phase and our team will work closely with residents who may be affected by these works.

**Stay informed at:** cairns.qld.gov.au/CWSS1 or scan the QR code.

This National Water Grid project is funded by the Australian and Queensland governments and delivered in partnership with Cairns Regional Council.



**JOHN  
HOLLAND**



## Gambling Community Benefit Fund

Nine local community organisations shared in almost \$270,000 in grants through the latest round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. These funds will allow the respective organisations the ability to provide enhanced services to the residents of Mulgrave. The successful applicants included: Brother's Edmonton Bowls Club; Cairns African Association Inc; Leichhardt Football Club Cairns; Leichhardt Junior Soccer Club; Mulgrave Branch Little Athletics Centre; Mulgrave Combined Cricket Association Incorporated; Pyramid Polocrosse Club Incorporated; Tender Funerals Far North Queensland Limited and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.

## New Fire Trucks and Firefighters

On behalf of the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water, Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers, I was present to hand over two fire trucks to our dedicated Rural Fire Service

Queensland volunteer members in Yarrabah and our hard-working Queensland Fire and Rescue firefighters in Atherton, as well as attending the graduation ceremony for local firefighters.

The Yarrabah vehicle was a 2024 Isuzu Medium Attack worth \$400,000. It improves the Brigade's response capability by providing seating for five individuals, increased storage capacity, and a portable refrigerator for cold drinking water. It has an added safety feature of a cabin deluge system which will deploy and protect the occupants of the vehicle if it is overrun by fire.

## Pop-Up Offices

My office team has been hosting regular Pop-up Offices at two locations. The first is as part of the Gordonvale Markets which is the first Saturday on each month in Norman Park and the second is in the main foyer of Mt Sheridan Shopping Centre on the afternoon of the third Wednesday of each month. We are currently

looking for a venue in Edmonton for a third site. The Pop-Ups have been well patronised by the community, with many residents dropping in to ask questions and give feedback.

## Meeting Children interested in Books.

I have really enjoyed visiting St Therese's Catholic Primary school to host their students reading club, once a month. It is so pleasing to see these children really getting into books. Seeing their little faces react to the stories is just magic.

## The Great Pyramid Race

We will be one of the major sponsors for the Great Pyramid Race this year. The race is a Gordonvale institution, it is held annually in August, since its inception in 1959 and is attended by up to 5,000 spectators (local, interstate and international), making it one of the largest and most vibrant events in the region.

Terry

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# MAIN STREET MOSAIC TRAIL

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*The trail of 22 mosaics starting in Norman Park and continuing on the opposite sides along Norman and Gordon Streets was a project of a community-minded group, The Friends of Gordonvale. The group was formed in the early 1990s with the aim of retaining the character of Gordonvale before it became a suburb of Cairns. The mosaics tell stories of the area from the Yidinji tribe and their creation legend of Djarragun (Walsh's Pyramid), to early traders, to the development of a sugar industry. This feature in Pyramid Views will share the background of one mosaic each edition, in the hope that you will walk along those streets with your eyes down, occasionally, and enjoy the stories the mosaics have to tell.*

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## Carey's Billiard Saloon

Bridget Bourke was a 20-year-old servant when she married 24-year-old labourer Michael Carey in Rockhampton on 22 July 1888. Both were natives of Tipperary, Ireland. They came

north via Mareeba and eventually settled in the Nelson area (Gordonvale) in 1898. Bridget was widowed in June 1911 when Michael died in Nelson.

Bridget remarried in April 1913 to John Joseph

McCarthy, a farmer at Meringa. McCarthy was 25. John deserted Bridget in 1924 and they were divorced in 1948 when Bridget was living in Coorparoo, Brisbane.

She died, aged 86, in July 1950 in Gordonvale. Bridget was described in the Cairns Post as 'a very well-known identity in Gordonvale and was one of the early pioneers in the district'.

Bridget and Michael bought property along Norman St, and after his death, Bridget managed the properties, one of them housing the Billiard Saloon. After her death the Commonwealth Bank purchased the property known as Carey's Corner (Norman and Gordon Sts, considered one of the best sites in Gordonvale) for £10 000 from one of her daughters.

The name 'Carey's Corner' can be seen on the building that for many decades was the site of the Popular Newsagency.

Bridget and Michael had 11 children (not all survived past childhood) and have many descendants, some still living in the far north. Bridget's life was commemorated in the Ghosts of Gordonvale Cemetery in 2020.

Mosaic by Lloyd Keleman of Sydney



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## FRESH PLANTINGS AND A FAREWELL BY THE MULGRAVE RIVER



Russell Wild with Karen and Bert Maitland Photo by Sandra Charlton

Forty volunteers from the Mulgrave Landcare & Catchment Group (MLCG) rolled up their sleeves to plant 900 native trees near the confluence of Behana Creek and the Mulgrave River. The planting took place on the cane property of long-time landholders, Bert and Karen Maitland.

Most of the seedlings were grown locally at Mulgrave Landcare's nursery, located at the old fire station on Norman Street. The event was held in partnership with Greening Australia as part of the Natural Resource Recovery Project, aimed at restoring and protecting local waterways and landscapes.

Bert and Karen, who hosted a planting on their land around 30 years ago, shared fond memories of watching earlier revegetation efforts grow into thriving pockets of native habitat. Grateful for the support from Landcare, they generously hosted volunteers for well-earned cold refreshments at a scenic riverside setting.

This event also marked the end of an era, with Russ Wild stepping down from his role as MLCG's field officer after nearly seven years of dedicated service. While retiring from the position, Russ isn't hanging up his gloves just yet—he'll continue to contribute as a volunteer.

## CHATTING WITH THE CREW IN BLUE

Contributed by Sergeant Nicole O'Rourke



Volunteers at Mulgrave Landcare Nursery Photo by Sandra Charlton

The Mulgrave Landcare Nursery for native plants located at the old fire station cultivates more than local flora and the Gordonvale Community Garden in Simmonds Street offers more than fresh fruit. They are spaces that nurture mental health, connection with nature, and social healing. Spending time outdoors, planting and tending to

gardens, has been proven to reduce stress, improve mood, and create a sense of calm. For individuals at risk of or diverted from the justice system, engaging in these sorts of activities offers meaningful, restorative activity. They provide purpose, routine, and the chance to build positive relationships in a non-judgmental environment.

Shared responsibilities and teamwork create a culture of respect, inclusion, and learning. People who may not otherwise cross paths come together, reducing stigma and promoting rehabilitation.

Importantly, these gardening hubs help make neighbourhoods safer. By offering a positive, welcoming space where all involvement is valued—whether through planting, mentoring, or just showing up—they draw people away from isolation and toward contribution.

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# HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Contributed by Julie Amadio- Mulgrave Shire Historical Society



Ian and Leanne Kruger with Antony Roth- Photo by Sandra Charlton

The Society's recent fundraiser, 'An Evening at the Museum' was held on Saturday 31st May at the Rambler Room, which is next to the Mulgrave History Museum at 60 Gordon Street Gordonvale. There were approximately sixty people who were informed and entertained by three speakers about local historical events.

Railway history enthusiast Antony Roth shared his research and knowledge of the Cairns Mulgrave Tramway which opened in May 1897. The afternoon tea interval was abuzz with many conversations and catchups.

Then Leanne and Ian Kruger entertained the audience with stories about the history

of the Pyramid Race from 1959 to its 50th anniversary in 2009. Leanne and Ian were involved with the committees that ran the race, and both competed over the years. Ian ran twenty races, won four and held the record for ten years.

Many of the audience members expressed how much they enjoyed the evening. Once again, the MSHS volunteers came to the fore and worked hard to make sure the event was successful.

It is hoped that another 'Night at the

Museum' event will be held towards the end of the year. The Society would like to thank our guest speakers and the Gordonvale community for their support.

The Sugar Solstice event held on Saturday 14th June was a great opportunity for the society to exhibit some of the photos of local cane farming families at the society's marquee in Norman Park.

Guided historical walks of the mosaics in the town centre were conducted by Society volunteers and were well attended.

The Society is planning to hold future mosaics walks for interested groups. Please contact the Mulgrave History Museum on 40561810 during business hours to register your interest.

## CAIRNS SOUTHERN ACCESS CYCLEWAY(CSAC) UPDATE

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is pleased to advise the section between Bana Gindarja Creek (formerly Blackfellow Creek) and Swallow Road White Rock, has been completed in June 2025.

These works are part of a package under the \$41.5 million Bruce Highway - Cairns Southern Access Cycleway Project. Works between Thomson Road and the pedestrian underpass at Bana Gindarja

Creek, Edmonton were completed in December 2024.

The Luke Azzopardi Cycleway is now open for bike riders between Riverstone Road in Gordonvale to Caleb Shang Bridge in White Rock.

Planning of the remaining section from the Caleb Shang Bridge, White Rock to the existing cycleway network at Ruth Street intersection, Woree are ongoing.

The CSAC project will benefit bike riders of all abilities and the active transport community in the Cairns region, providing safer connections to several schools, businesses and shopping precincts south of Cairns.

If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact the Cairns TMR office by email at [cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:cairns.office@tmr.qld.gov.au) or by telephone on 1800 187 937.

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Dementia is more than a memory problem. Dementia is a progressive, global life-limiting condition that involves generalised brain degeneration which affects people in different ways and has many different forms. Alzheimers' dementia accounts for the majority, followed by vascular.

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Daryl Cutuli and Cr Brett Moller in Pink Panther Hot Rod - Photo credit Amanda Jade Photography

Community coming together to celebrate and have fun was on display in spades at this year's Sugar Solstice Festival in Norman Park in the month of June. A huge crowd gathered for the street parade with schools and sporting /community clubs having floats, big monster tractors, and Top of the State Rod and Custom Car Club Inc, who finished an event in Atherton in the morning, also came down to join our street parade.

The local Councillor enjoyed his ride in Daryl Cutuli's 'Pink Panther Hot Rod' with the slinky Pink Panther draped over his shoulders waving to the crowd, behaving like a big kid, caught up in the fun of it all.

There were jumping castles for children, food vans with eats and treats, an array of local talent dancing, singing, and entertaining in the rotunda, and much more.

Mulgrave Settlers Museum had heritage walks around our town, Gordonvale Lions with their food van and steak burgers and chips, and a host of other community organisations with various raffles.

As we grow as a community, it is important we have events like this that bring our community together. I was pleased to support a funding grant to the Gordonvale Community Action Group from our Cairns Regional Council to enable them to host this event, and I thank the other sponsors for their support as well. Of course, this would not have been possible without the volunteers and their hard work, and to Susan Byrne Callaghan and her committee and the other volunteers, our community says thank you, you are appreciated.

Next year we celebrate Cairns 150 year anniversary and our Cairns Regional Council is encouraging all community groups that wish to host an event or activity that celebrates the region's achievements and milestones, to apply to our Councils 'Cairns Celebrates 150 Years Grant' funding stream, to bring more and bigger events forward next year to foster the community spirit that we saw alive and well at the Sugar Solstice Festival.

Please go to our Council's website for more details or make contact with me and I will assist in putting you in touch with the appropriate Council officers.

## SONGS OF HOPE: A CONCERT & COMMUNITY SINGALONG

In what sometimes seems a hopeless world, music and song have long been a source of comfort and solace for soul. They have the ability to evoke emotions and soothe the soul.

Singing with others can foster a sense of connection and belonging, which can help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. Research shows that music and singing can have a profound impact on our overall wellbeing and can be just good fun together with others.

With this in mind, All Saints Anglican Church invites you to our Songs of Hope Concert and Community Sing-a-long.

A variety of songs, both new and old all with a theme of HOPE will be performed by the Soul Song Choir, Trinity Anglican School and the

Mulgrave Ukulele Group will have everyone singing along.

Admission is by way of Gold Coin donation with proceeds benefiting our local Gordonvale School Chaplain who plays an important role in bringing HOPE to our local children and young adults. A good old sausage on a slice of bread and a cuppa will also be available after the concert.

Numbers are capped so to ensure you don't

miss out RSVP to [allsaintsgordonvale@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgordonvale@gmail.com) by cob 18th July 25.

For further information please contact Mrs. Claire Manning on 0427341917 or Ian Lindsay on 0400398069.

SONGS OF HOPE

All Saints Anglican Church

Cnr. of Church and Mill St Gordonvale

Sunday 21 July Commencing 5.00pm



Organisations and community groups with notices in the Connecting to Community section please notify the editor ([PyramidViews@bigpond.com](mailto:PyramidViews@bigpond.com)) with any changes or updates by the deadline, the 15th of each month for the following month's edition.

Thank You  
for your support.

**Brett Moller**

As your Cairns Regional Councillor for Division 1 please don't hesitate to get in contact with me with issues that concern our division.

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A portrait of Brett Moller, a man with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt, smiling. The background shows a scenic view of a mountain range.

# Connecting to Community

## WHEN AND WHERE

### EVENTS

#### WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLES

Tues 29 July

Day 11.30am, start 11.45am

Night 6.45pm, start 7pm

Plus "5 Rhythms Dance & Movement"

CWA Hall Gordonvale \$30

Contact Yvette for more info 0438 441 974

#### SONGS OF HOPE

All Saints Anglican Church

Cnr Church and Mill street Sun 21 July 5pm

Claire Manning 0427 341 917

Ian Lindsay 0400 398 069

#### C&K Gordonvale Community Kindergarten

OPEN DAY -69-71 Moller Street, Gordonvale

Saturday 26th July- 9am to 10:30am

Facebook- Gordonvale Community Kindergarten

OR call 4056 3301 for information.

#### THE GREAT PYRAMID RACE

Sat 2 Aug 2025 Norman Park

0402 589 560

[admin@pyramidrace.com.au](mailto:admin@pyramidrace.com.au)

#### MILITARY BROTHERHOOD MOTORCYCLE CLUB CHARITY RIDE

Sat 10 Aug Start 10am finish 2pm

Gordonvale RSL Sub-branch

#### ALL SAINTS GORDONVALE SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

Saturday 20 September from 7am to 12 noon

All Saints Church Gordonvale

### REGULAR HAPPENINGS

#### ALPHA YOUTH SERIES DISCUSSION GROUP

Friday 6-8pm All Saints Church - Games & Pizza

Contact: Robyn Gray 0427 777 137 or

Kay Graham 0427 325 088

#### AQUA AEROBICS

Thur 10am

Gordonvale Aquatic Centre

#### CAIRNS MUDCRABS SWIMMING CLUB

For swimmers 18 years+ Gordonvale

Aquatic Centre, Sun 9:15am

Gaby Donnelly 0417 626 279

#### SWIM CAIRNS ADULT SQUAD

Gordonvale Aquatic centre

Wed 5:45-7pm

Ph: Gaby Donnelly 0417 626 279

[Swimcairns1@gmail.com](mailto:Swimcairns1@gmail.com)

#### SOCIAL TENNIS

Tues morning 7-9am Norman Park

Linda Zanetich 0429678195

#### GORDONVALE TENNIS CLUB

Norman Park, Gordonvale

Kids Learn to Play Tennis Thursday and Fridays

after school. For more details see Facebook

Gordonvale Tennis Club

Guy 0417 648 597 [Guy@blitztennis.com.au](mailto:Guy@blitztennis.com.au)

#### YOGA WITH MARILYN

General Yoga CWA Hall Norman St

Mon 5.45-7.15pm, Thurs 9.30-11am

Seniors Chair Yoga - The Hub Cannon St

Tues 1 - 2pm

Marilyn 0423045145 [mazzap50@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mazzap50@bigpond.net.au)

#### YOGA AT JOHNSON PARK

Tues 3:15-4:30pm Athletic Hall, Johnson Park

68-108 Campbell St, Gordonvale

Ph: Ingrid 0491 006 383

#### BOB ROSSI DANCERS

Each Friday evening, 7pm-9pm Gordonvale RSL

Come and learn different styles of dance, Great

for beginners too! Cost is only \$5.00

Teaching by Jim Fapani and Debbie Short

#### ACTIVE LIVING FREE FITNESS

Zumba Gold - Mon 9am - 10am

Norman Park

#### GORDONVALE RUN CLUB

Run, Jog or Walk Sat 6am

From Bungara Heritage Trail, Mill St Gordonvale

#### SOUTH'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Teams for U5-U14

Training every Wed, Johnson Park, Gordonvale

[southspresident@gmail.com](mailto:southspresident@gmail.com)

#### GORDONVALE TOUCH

Juniors - Mon afternoon 5.30-6.30pm

Senior Competition - Mixed Teams

Mens and Ladies Teams

For more information check Facebook

Mob - 0409807285 [gordonvaletouch@gmail.com](mailto:gordonvaletouch@gmail.com)

#### RHEE TAE KWON DO

Self defence for all ages

St Michael's School Hall

Monday & Wednesday

Early class 5-6pm Late class 6-7pm

Donna Ruggiero Black Belt Instructor

0473814376

#### GORDONVALE BOWLS CLUB

Wed 1pm- social & Competition

Thurs 1pm -Club Selected 3 Bowl

Pairs Fri from 5pm - bare foot bowls

New players welcome Ph: 40561050

#### MAD ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY CAMERA CLUB

177 Bruce Highway, Edmonton

Meet 1st Thur of each month, 7pm

Christina Schmidt 0422176610

[madaboutphotographyclubinc@outlook.com](mailto:madaboutphotographyclubinc@outlook.com)

#### GORDONVALE EARLY YEARS FOOD PANTRY

Mission Australia are excited to partner with

Gordonvale Early Years Centre. Their food bank is

open: Thursdays 1-4pm Ph 07 4034 6860.

Pantry items ,Frozen meals, Bread

This is a drop in centre, all welcome.

#### HAMBLEDON HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Gordonvale - Mon only 9am -12pm 0429462004

Gordonvale Community Hall 11-12 Cannon st

Edmonton Tues - Fri 9am -12pm & 12.30 - 4pm

No referral needed -Drop -in centre. Hambledon

House 177 Bruce Highway Ph: 07 4037 2874

#### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7am & 9am Service - All Saints Anglican Church

5 Church St, Gordonvale Ian Lindsay 4056 5578

#### ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekday Mass Times: Wed 8am; except the 1st

Wed each month- 9.30am Anointing Mass

Mass Friday 8.am, Sat Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday

8.00am - Facebook: St Michael's Catholic Church-

Gordonvale Ph: 40465215

Eml:[gordonvale.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordonvale.parish@cairns.catholic.org.au)

## REPORT YELLOW CRAZY ANTS

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

## 1800 CRAZY ANT



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# Connecting to Community

## WHEN AND WHERE

### WORD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP

Sun 9am Community Hall Charles 0467057230

### GORDONVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sun- 9am service - . 9 Norman St, Gordonvale  
Sun 4.30pm service Babinda Presbyterian Church  
Rev Zac Brasch - 0409 462 111

### ALIVE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday 10am service.  
76 Gordon St, Gordonvale  
For more information Church Facebook:  
[@alivegordonvale](https://www.facebook.com/alivegordonvale) 0417 879 877

### GORDONVALE SCOUTS

Cub Scouts - Boys and Girls 7-10 years  
Thursday 6:30 - 8pm  
Scouts - Boys and Girls 11-14 yrs  
Thursday 6:30 - 8:30pm  
[gl@gordonvale.scoutsqld.com.au](mailto:gl@gordonvale.scoutsqld.com.au)

### GORDONVALE GIRL GUIDES

Gumnut - Mon 6.30pm - 7.30pm ages 5 - 7  
Brownies - Mon 6.30pm-8.30pm ages 7 - 9.5  
Guides - Mon 6:30pm - 8:30pm Ages 9.5 - 13  
Rangers - Tues 7pm-9pm ages 12.5 - 18  
Olave members meet monthly ages 18-30  
Adult members ages 18 +  
Contact- 0455527278/0421573707

### GORDONVALE SES

Training Wed nights 7-9pm 2 Simmonds St.  
All training provided. Ph: 40328682

### GORDONVALE MENS SHED

Mon, Tues, Wed 8am - 12pm  
18-20 Highleigh Rd Jeff 'Stumpy' Hall 40561525

### MULGRAVE LANDCARE COMMUNITY NURSERY

Volunteer in the nursery Tues 8:30am- 10:30am  
Landcare Station 105 Norman St., Gordonvale.  
BYO covered shoes, a hat and water bottle

### GORDONVALE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Mon, Wed and Fri Open 8:30 Tea/coffee 10:00  
14 Simmonds St 0456238890

### CUPPA IN THE PARK

Free cuppa in Norman Park Wednesday 3.30-  
5.30pm All welcome. St Michael's Catholic  
Parish Ph:4056 1187

### CARDS - EUCHRE & MORNING TEA

2nd & 4th Mon of month 1:30 - 4:30pm \$5  
Desma Morton Ph: 4056 2058

### GORDONVALE RSL ON MARKET DAYS

Sausage Sizzle, Garage Sale - Memorabilia Stall  
All proceeds go towards veterans and their  
families and the wider community

### RSL BINGO

Thurs 9am RSL Hall  
94 Gordon St Chalky - Ph: 0409 780 271

### MULGRAVE UKULELE GROUP

2nd Saturday of the month Pyramid Retirement  
Village meet at reception at 8:45 am.  
Every other Saturday 9am at All Saints Hall.  
Contact: Claire Manning Ph: 0427341917

### GORDONVALE CRAFT & QUILTING GROUP

Mon - 9am - 11.30am Presbyterian Hall  
Craft and Quilt sale every Mon -9am to 11am  
9 Norman Street Contact: 0407901180

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

Tues - 10am- 11.30 5 Church Street  
All Saints Church Hall Maggie Lindsay 4056 5578  
**mainly music**  
Wed 9:30 to 11:00 5 Church St  
Music based interactive play for children All  
Saints Church Hall Alison Williams 4054 6530

### GORDONVALE FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

Meets 2nd Wed of Month 5.30pm  
Gordonvale Hospital. Beryl Wilson- 40561715/  
0412647779 [berylwilson350@gmail.com](mailto:berylwilson350@gmail.com)

### PYRAMID-HIGHLEIGH FREEMASON'S LODGE

1st Wed each month 3 Swan Street Gordonvale  
Bill Winfield Email:- [bill@winfields.com.au](mailto:bill@winfields.com.au)  
Mobile:- 0427 267 111 Home:- 4033 6004

### GORDONVALE LIONS CLUB

3rd Thurs of the month 7.30pm Gordonvale  
Bowls Club. Wendy Quinn 0402 245 321

### GORDONVALE COTTAGE MARKETS

First Sat of the month 7am -12  
[manager@gordonvalecottagemarkets.com.au](mailto:manager@gordonvalecottagemarkets.com.au)

### QCWA MULGRAVE BRANCH

Last Thurs of month Branch Meeting 6pm  
Hambledon House Community Centre  
Bimonthly craft and sewing workshops -  
Facebook - QCWA Mulgrave - Southern Cairns

### JPs IN THE COMMUNITY

Every Tuesday 11am- 1pm  
Woolworths Gordonvale

### GORDONVALE LIBRARY

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm Sat 9am- 12 Free access to  
computers, internet and Wi-Fi  
88 Norman St 40443778

### GORDONVALE STREET LIBRARY

open 24/7 - swap, take or leave a book at 105  
Norman Street Mulgrave Landcare Station

### GORDONVALE LOCAL AMBULANCE COMMITTEE

1st Wed of the month Gordonvale Ambulance  
5.30pm 40561715 or 0412647779

### BENEVOLENT SOCIETY GORDONVALE EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Cnr of Sheppards and George Street,  
Playgroups, Parenting Programs and Family  
Support for all families with children aged 0-  
8 years available.  
Facebook - Cairns Early Years Centre &  
Kindergarten -for our latest Timetables OR call  
4034 6860 for information

### C&K GORDONVALE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN - PLAYGROUP

69-71 Moller Street, Gordonvale  
9am to 11am Fortnightly Friday's  
Facebook - Gordonvale Community  
Kindergarten, Play Matters Cairns OR call  
4056 3301 for information.

### RED CROSS GORDONVALE

Meetings: 9am on 2nd Thurs each month  
Masonic Hall, Swan Street  
President: Maureen Carne 07 4056 5713  
Secretary: Sandra Downing 0402135362

### MULGRAVE SETTLERS MUSEUM

Mon -Sat 10am-2pm  
60 Gordon St. Contact 40561810



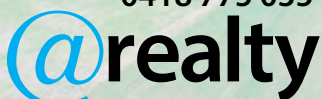
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## SALES | RENTALS | RURAL | COMMERCIAL

8 S. Woolanmoora Reserve, East Russell

New Listing



**Island Paradise - Get Your Boat & Fishing Gear Ready!**  
**Offers over \$499,000 Considered**  
This unique headland location offers the best of both worlds, overlooking the river or beach and islands. With your very own deep water mooring, pontoon and footbridge leading to a large, quality home.

Lot 4 Munro Road, Bellenden Ker

New Listing



**Rare, Flat 10+ Acre Lifestyle Block with Shed**  
**Offers Over \$685,000 Considered**  
Situated in the rural suburb of Bellenden Ker is this sought after 10.36 acre parcel of land with massive shed and plenty of flat useable land to build your dream home.

25-27 Costain Street, Goldsborough

New Listing



**Unique Two-story Home with beautiful Valley Views**  
**Offers in the \$800,000's Considered**  
This private, architecturally designed house with bespoke timber features throughout has modern industrial style cladding which blends effortlessly with the divine views seen from every room.

6 Tuni Close, Edmonton

New Listing



**Modern Family Home - Sure to Impress!**  
**Offers Over \$775,000 Considered**  
Modern, Bridgewater Home on spacious 737sqm allotment with impressive in-ground swimming pool, storage shed, and mountain views.

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Sales  
**Agent of the Year**  
Gordonvale

1595 Bramston Beach Road, Bramston Beach

New Listing



**Expansive 270 Acre Cattle Property with Executive Home**  
**Price Guide: \$3,500,000 - \$3,800,000**  
Dreams do come true if you crave space, privacy and a sea change. Located 400m to Bramston Beach via your private pathway, this mostly cleared farm is currently set up for cattle although could easily convert to horses.

20 Banna Road, Alooomba



**Cattle Farm and New Home in Highly Sought After Location**  
**Offers Over \$2,400,000 Considered**  
This expansive 116 acre property with stunning views is fully equipped for cattle farming with fully fenced paddocks. Also boasts a new modern home (July 2023), pool, sheds and so much more!

2 Sandpiper Street, East Trinity



**Renovated Beachside Beauty - Be On Holidays Where You Live**  
**Contact Agent!**  
Situated in the small beach suburb of East Trinity, with its swaying palms and cool, sea breezes is this almost fully renovated, modern home on a 592sqm block with sheds and views across parkland out to Trinity Inlet and the twinkling lights of the Cairns CBD.

### RECENTLY SOLD/UNCONDITIONAL

9-11 License Street, Goldsborough - \$860,000  
19 Savage Street, Edmonton - \$665,000  
7 Caprice Place, Goldsborough - \$335,000  
18-20 Claim Close, Goldsborough - \$320,000  
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