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GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN: ALICE'S LEGACY TAKES THE FIELD



Guard of honour included representatives from clubs Alice had been part of. Photo by Amanda Jade Photography

July 5th was more than just a day of rugby league—it was a heartfelt tribute to one of Gordonvale's most beloved community figures. The Southern Suburbs Rugby League Club hosted the inaugural Alice Frazer Memorial Day, drawing over 1,200 people through the gates to honour the late Alice Frazer, a tireless volunteer and mentor who passed away in August 2024.

The day featured three action-packed games of footy, with the main event seeing the Mighty Cockatoos take on Brothers in front of a huge crowd. Before the game, a guard of honour was formed by members of clubs Alice had been part of, highlighting her wide-reaching impact across the region.

Many travelled far to attend. Alice's children—Wade, Shannon, and Clint—were there, along with all nine of her grandchildren, standing proudly with the wider family and community to celebrate her legacy.

After the A Grade match, 17 pink jerseys were auctioned, raising an incredible

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Alice Frazer

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\$23,000 for Hereditary Cancer Research. The jerseys, worn by players throughout the day, became powerful symbols of legacy, courage, and community.

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Alice was a pillar of the Southern Suburbs Rugby League Club and beyond. Her passion for mentoring young people both on and off the field left a lasting mark on countless lives. Known for her warmth, dedication, and selflessness, Alice's memory was honoured in a way that truly reflected her spirit.

The event wasn't just about football. With live music from 6pm and families filling the grounds, the atmosphere was one of unity, celebration, and remembrance. Many in attendance weren't regular footy fansthey came to pay tribute to a woman who gave so much to her community.

It's hoped that the Alice Frazer Memorial Day will now become an annual event, continuing to celebrate a remarkable woman and raise vital funds for cancer research. This year's success was a powerful reminder of what a strong, connected community can achieve together.

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Martyn Tilley

After 13 years of dedicated service, Martyn Tilley has officially retired from his role as a school bus driver with Gordonvale Coaches.

Martyn has spent the past decade transporting children between Aloomba, Fishery Falls, and Gordonvale. His daily presence became a familiar part of many families' routines, and he was known not just for his reliability, but also for keeping students entertained with jokes, quizzes, and games during their journey.

To mark his retirement, a farewell gathering was held at Robert Rossi Park in Aloomba. Around 100 people attended, including former and current student passengers and their families. Local vendors Vonnie's Sweet Treats and Smok'n Steel were on hand, offering a range of treats including bubble tea, coffee, fairy floss, and American-style barbecue.

Ted Crocker, owner of Gordonvale Coaches, and Narelle Rossi, the school bus convenor, shared a few words to thank Martyn for his service.



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Cairns Post Sat 1 August 1925

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Another smart gambling raid was effeeted by the Cairns and Gordonvale police at 10 o'clock last night on premises in Gordonvale, where it is understood, 14 arrests were made. The raid which was carefully planned by Inspector O'Hara, of Cairns, was a particularly smart piece of police work, especially when it is realised that only four officers were actually employed on the work.

Cairns Post Friday 28 August 1925

Footballers' Vielt Gordonvale.

Pootballers' Visit Gordonvale.

On Thursday a party of the southern footballers paid a visit to Gordonvale, and the mill in particular. They were shown through the various departments of the mill by a member of the staff, and all expressed their surprise at the vastness of the plant required to efficiently deal with cane. Having expressed their thanks for the hospitality shown them, they left to hospitality shown them, they left to view some of the surrounding district.

The Telegraph Brisbane Tue 11 August 1925

Rural Schools

A COMPREHENSIVE DISPLAY

A most attractive and interest compelling display has been made by the Queensland Educational Department to illustrate the work of the rural schools, which now number eleven, and are situated at Nambour, Boonah, Mar-burg, Homehill, Imbil, Clifton, Gayndah, burg, Homehill, Imbil, Chiton, Gayndan, Beenleigh, Gordonvale, Murgon, and Stanthorpe. The principal aim of these schools is to give a sensible, use-ful, and practical education, and to prevent waste by teaching the young folk to make use of things in the home which otherwise might be thrown away. The scheme is said to have

Cairns Post Friday 28 August 1925

Heralds' of the King at Gordonvale.

About forty children assembled in the grounds of All Saints' Church Gordonvale last week, to celebrate a Heralds' of the King social evening. After prayers in church, the children viewed with delight an exhibit of lantern slides, illustrating stories conflient to delight.

familiar to childhood, followed by a number showing life and scenery the Aglican Missions in Papua, Round games in the grounds followed, per at a fairly late hour, and home to bed after a very jolly then

helpful evening.

Source: Trove National Library of Australia





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

Brays Road

Brays Road is situated at Little Mulgrave and is named after the Bray family who have lived in the Gordonvale area for over one hundred years. Charles Henry Bray was born in 1887 in the Bundaberg area and married Esther Annie Catling in 1914. They moved to Gordonvale and Charles got a job as a loco driver at the Mulgrave Central Mill during the sugarcane crushing season. He also worked as an engine driver on the tin dredge at Mt Garnet. Charles and Annie had six children, two sons and four daughters. Clarance (Clarrie) Walter Bray was born in Gordonvale in 1915 and was the oldest child. He attended Gordonvale Primary School, Cairns High School and did two years at Teachers Training College in Brisbane in 1932/33. He then switched to architecture at the Brisbane Technical College and studied as a draftsman from 1937 to 1940. He obtained a position with the Queensland Housing Commission and was designing houses and flats in the Brisbane area.

Clarrie married Mona Ellen Schmidt in 1938, and their first child Rodney was born in Brisbane in 1941. Clarrie enlisted in the R.A.A.F. Citizen Forces in 1942 as a wireless operator and air gunner. He gained his pilot's license and was then seconded by the Australian National Airway (ANA) flying DC3 aircraft under charter to the United States Air Force to New Guinea. the Pacific Islands and Manilla. He obtained the rank of Flight Sergeant and then Warrant Officer in the R.A.A.F. Clarrie and Mona's second child Bruce was born in Brisbane in 1944, and then Colin in 1946. Clarrie was discharged from the Airforce in 1946, and was awarded the Pacific Star and ribbon, the Campaign Star, and the Defence Medal.

Clarrie's father Charles had told Clarrie of land that was for sale at Little Mulgrave. Clarrie, Mona and the three boys left Brisbane in 1947 and moved to Clarrie's hometown of Gordonvale. In 1948 Clarrie bought the farm at Little Mulgrave from Bill Cummings. There were only five acres of cane planted, and the rest of the land was dense rainforest, so a lot of tree felling had to be done to make the land useable. Two more sons came along, Lionel in 1948 and John in 1951.

All the children attended Little Mulgrave School, which only had one teacher, and was located just up from the Little Mulgrave Hotel (now the Mountainview Hotel). Colin Bray tells the story of when the boys walked to school, they had to dodge old Charlie Piccolo's bull as it always wanted to chase them, and they would have to run for their lives.

The local Little Mulgrave Hall was the social hub of the area where families would come together for celebrations, meetings, and dances. Clarrie was a great piano player even though he only had three lessons with the nuns at St Alphonsus's school now St Michael's School in Gordonvale. He would transport his piano from his home on an old cane truck and play in the hall at different functions and then transport the piano back home. Colin remembers the whole community would get together to fundraise for different events and for something different, they would have a large spinning wheel and if it landed on

your number, you would win a prize. Colin's grandmother Annie was usually involved when it came to any sort of fundraising. For years she would sell raffle tickets for the Gordonvale Ambulance, Gordonvale Hospital and Southern Suburbs Football Club, out the front of the then Louis's Chemist or Bryce's department store on Norman Street. The Gordonvale Ambulance gave Annie life membership for the many years that she had fundraised for them.

Around 1967, with their sons now grown to adulthood, Clarrie and Mona sold their sugarcane assignment but kept the land. They purchased the old store and Post Office at Little Mulgrave and made the building into their home. Here they settled into a quiet retirement.

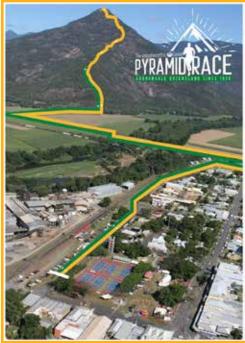
Clarance Walter Bray passed away on 27th February1995 aged seventy-nine years and his wife Mona passed away on 14th January 2001 aged eighty-five years and both are buried in Gordonvale cemetery.

Colin Bray and his brother Bruce who lives in Brisbane, are the only two surviving children of Clarrie and Mona Bray. Pictured are Colin Bray and his sister-in-law Daria Bray (nee Sbravati), widow of Lionel Bray, (dec) and Daria's and Lionel's daughter Diane Bray.





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Map showing Full and Half Pyramid Race routes

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A Little Vinyl - Lot of Soul

Husband, Nick, spotted a garage sale on Fb Marketplace. Not breaking news except this sale had boxes of records. Our sweetsixteen, daughter has a soft spot for vintage music and an ever-growing vinyl collection. Problem was she works Saturdays when the sale was planned.

Dutiful mother, armed with enthusiasm, little knowledge, popped around to buy a couple; swapping numbers so we could swing by the next day. Sunday we called, texted, waited; eventually drove around but the seller had gone back to Ravenshoe.

Fast forward and out of the blue a genuinely apologetic message for letting my daughter down. His mate's house and shop had burned down so he'd rushed home to be part of community rallying in support. He felt terrible, offering to send down any records we remembered for free. A stranger offering kindness.

Life, budgets, EOFY, school holidays allowed no follow up but when the dust settled I suggested a road trip to the Tablelands. A couple of hours of driving time on her learner's and she could dig through the records. "I'll put the billy on" he offered.

Off we went with in-laws, here to support Nick's marathon, arriving to a home baked cake, fresh pot of tea and a great yarn, He mentioned his first job was with council when Crathern was mayor and that he's one of the labourers who'd installed the first ever traffic-lights in Cairns.

Daughter was over the moon acquiring 9 records at five bucks a pop. As we left he handed me a CD of The Judds, a motherdaughter duo, stating "You two seem close so you might like this".

When I next take the old Holden EJ for a spin, like I did for Sugar Solstice, I'll give it a listen. A full-circle moment; music, history, family and community all wrapped up in an afternoon.

Quiet generosity and neighbourly spirit encountered in places like Gordonvale. Be it a kind-hearted gentleman brimming with hospitality or the warm welcome received at 360 Fitness Reformer Pilates (snuck in a few classes, hopefully more) this community shows up, looks out for each other creating space for connection.

Getting a park near the gym in the morning isn't as easy as you'd think. Clearly there's a buzz about town and I love it.

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BLITZ ACE BREAKS BARRIER



Vanessa with her winnings

Local tennis sensation Vanessa Fitzgerald, a rising star from Blitz Tennis Clubwhich operates in both Gordonvale and Edmonton-has made headlines after a stunning debut at the FNQ Open Women's Singles event.

At just 11 years and 4 months old. Vanessa initially faced significant hurdles simply trying to enter the tournament. According to competition rules, players must be at least 14 years of age to participate. In rare and exceptional cases, 12-year-olds with an exceptionally high Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) may be granted an exemption.

Vanessa, with an impressive UTR that surpasses the threshold for elite junior players, seemed like a strong candidate. However, despite multiple applications. her age continued to be a barrier. Three separate attempts were made to have her entry accepted, all of which were rejected by tournament officials.

It wasn't until a fourth appeal—highlighting Vanessa's competitive track record, her high level training, and her exceptional UTRthat officials finally agreed to allow her to compete.

Vanessa didn't waste the opportunity.

In a remarkable turn of events, she faced off against the tournament's No. 1 seed, Emma Armitage from Melbourne, in the opening round. In a match that left spectators stunned, the young Cairns South athlete defeated Armitage in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3.

It was the semi-finals, where Vanessa lost to the eventual tournament champion from Brisbane. Despite the loss. Vanessa's breakthrough performance against significantly older and more experienced opponents has already made her one to watch on the national tennis scene.

CHEERS TO 10 YEARS! A MILESTONE FOR REMEDIAL PLUS



Tess Godfrey

From a humble spare room at home to a thriving clinic in the heart of Gordonvale, Tess Godfrey has spent the past decade turning a passion into a profession — and Remedial Plus into a local success story.

Tess's journey began with a simple love for understanding how the human body works. After dipping her toes into naturopathy and quickly discovering her affinity for massage and manual therapy, she made a bold move into remedial massage. That decision led to years of study, courses, conferences — and a growing reputation as one of the most respected therapists in the region.

Now an accredited Lymphoedema Practitioner and Oncology Massage Therapist, Tess works alongside a talented team in Bryce's Arcade. She credits much of her growth to the support of others, including the ever-encouraging physiotherapist Helen Cooper, and the wider Gordonvale community, whose belief in her has allowed Remedial Plus to flourish.

In true Tess style, she's given back generously sponsoring local footy, touch and AFL clubs, supporting major events like the Gordonvale and Great Pyramid Races, and donating to numerous fundraising efforts.

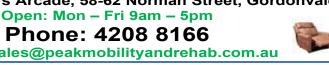
Tess's work ethic, empathy and passion for continuous learning have taken her around the world — from providing massage for elite sporting teams like Tonga and Samoa's Rugby League squads, to upskilling in Scotland with world leaders in scar tissue therapy.

Congratulations, Tess, on 10 incredible years of healing, growth, and community connection. Here's to the next decade of learning, expanding, and inspiring.



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LIBRARY LINKS

Greetings from Cairns Libraries

Now that school holidays are finished, our regular children's programming recommences at your local library. At Gordonvale Library, that's our Friday morning Story and Play at 10am for our under 5s. For our after-school kids, check out Creator Space on the second Monday of each month, or Drop in and Steam during the first week of each month from 3.30pm.

August is a busy month at Cairns Libraries with Multicultural Queensland Month, National Science Week, and Children's Book Week. Check out the Cairns Libraries website or Facebook page to see what's happening across all eight library branches.

Have you heard about the Positive Ageing

Expo to be held at the Cairns Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 14th August? There will be live entertainment, a sit down lunch, a community services expo all aimed at seniors. And the best thing is, it's absolutely free! Reserve your free ticket by calling Ticketlink on 1 300 855 835, or online at www.cairns.qld.gov.au/ticketlink. Cairns Libraries will have an information booth at the community service expo, so make sure you come and say hello!

Did you know your local library is a designated collection point for old mobile phones and household batteries? These items should never be put in your household rubbish due to risk of fire. So rather than put them in your 'junk drawer,' drop into

your local library where they can be safely and securely recycled. Any data left on your phone is safe because it will be completely destroyed in the recycling process.

Once you've recycled your old phone, it will be time to set up your new one! Our next session of Building Digital Skills for Older Australians will be held at Babinda Library on 6th August at 9.30am. Build your confidence and skills in using technology with our friendly instructor. Bring along your own device and your questions... everyone is welcome.

Happy reading, listening and viewing for August... we look forward to seeing you soon at your local library!

HIGH SCHOOL ON THE HORIZON FOR CAIRNS ADVENTIST COLLEGE



Artist impression of new buildings

Cairns Adventist College in Gordonvale is expanding its educational offering to include high school, with the first Year 7 class set to commence in 2026. This exciting development marks a new era for the college and a significant milestone for the local community.

The announcement was celebrated on the college's 26-acre campus, bringing together families, staff, alumni, and local leaders. The event recognised the long-standing vision to provide a complete, Christian education journey—from primary through to Year 12—right here in the southern corridor.

The high school will feature modern classrooms, and science labs designed to foster academic growth, creativity, and a

love of learning. A team of experienced and passionate educators is being assembled to guide students through their secondary school years.

The new curriculum will focus not only on academic achievement but also on character development, leadership, and service—continuing the college's commitment to a holistic, values-based education.

Local leaders acknowledged the expansion as a major step forward for both the college and the broader Gordonvale area. The development supports growing demand for accessible, high-quality schooling that aligns with the values and needs of local families. The college's leadership team has been preparing for this moment for years, with

the campus location and long-term planning designed specifically to allow for secondary school expansion. The goal is to add one year level at a time, with full Year 7 to 12 education expected by 2031.

Families already part of the college, as well as new families from across the region, have shown strong interest in the upcoming high school.

As construction progresses, updates will be shared via the college's Facebook and Instagram pages. Information sessions will also be held throughout the year for families wanting to learn more and register their interest.

To stay informed or book a session, visit: cas.qld.edu.au/event-registration



KINDNESS COMES FULL CIRCLE WITH GORDONVALE RED CROSS



Cheryl Campbell, Maurene Carne, Grace Moore, Marcus Borgo (Manager) Sandra Downing, Lena Benedetti, & Steven Moore Owner McDonalds Gordonvale

The Gordonvale branch of the Red Cross has made a heartfelt donation of \$1,000 to Ronald McDonald House Townsville, a gesture of gratitude inspired by a deeply personal experience.

One of the group's members recently had a relative requiring extended medical care in Townsville. During this challenging time, the family found comfort and support through the services provided by Ronald McDonald House, which offers a home away from home for families with seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

"Our family was going through a very difficult period," the member shared. "Knowing our loved ones had a safe and supportive place to stay made all the difference. We can't thank the staff and volunteers at Ronald McDonald House enough""

The donation reflects not only personal appreciation but also the Gordonvale Red Cross's ongoing commitment to supporting organizations that make a tangible difference in the lives of local families.

Ronald McDonald House North Australia welcomed the donation with gratitude.

"We're incredibly thankful for the generous support from the Gordonvale Red Cross," said a spokesperson from RMHC North Australia. "Community donations like this help us continue to provide essential accommodation and support services to families when they need it most. It's wonderful to see the community giving back in such a meaningful way."

As always, the Gordonvale Red Cross remains dedicated to helping those in need -near and far.



SONGS OF HOPE STRIKES A CHORD AT ALL SAINTS



Mulgrave Ukeule group members performing at Songs of Hope

All Saints Anglican Church in Gordonvale recently came alive with music and

community spirit as it hosted Songs of Hope, a singalong event that drew a large crowd.

Designed to lift spirits and bring people together through music, the evening was a joyful celebration of connection, evident in the many smiling faces throughout the night.

The event kicked off with the classic favourite Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, setting a cheerful tone. Audiences were then treated to a rich variety of performances, including uplifting songs by the Cairns Soul Song Choir, beautiful melodies from the Trinity Anglican School String Ensemble and Clarinet Duo, and an upbeat version of The Lord's Prayer by TAS staff.

The Mulgrave Ukulele Group (fondly known as the MUGS) added their signature charm, followed by an adorable performance of singing and dancing by mums and little ones from the Mainly Music program. The evening wrapped up with a group singalong and a final set of songs from the Cairns Soul Song Choir, with everyone joining in.

A shared supper in the church hall capped off the night with good food and conversation. With such a positive response from the community, All Saints Anglican Church is already considering more singalong events in the future.



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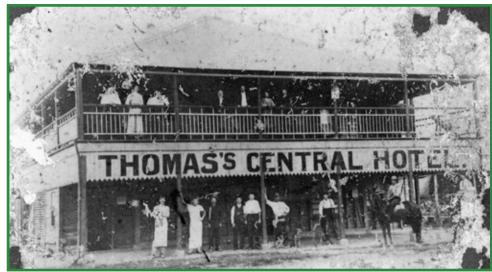
KNOW YOUR TOWN

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Where the Parkview Hotel now stands was a small lolly and drink shop run by Mrs Thomas. The Thomas's Central Hotel later replaced it. However, it was completely destroyed by fire in 1927. Not long after a newspaper report stated: 'A start was made this week to erect the new hotel on the spot where the old Central Hotel stood. This building was destroyed by fire some-weeks ago.

It is understood that the new building will be of brick construction, two storeys high and when completed will add considerably to the appearance of Gordonvale.'

During the Second World War it was used as a Red Cross Canteen for the US 503 Parachute Regiment



Thomas's Central Hotel

STIRRING UP MEMORIES-WITH THE LEFT HAND

In celebration of International Left Handers Day on August 13, Gordonvale local and retired primary school teacher Anna Cavaliere shares her experience growing up and working as a left-hander in a right-handed world.

Anna was the only left-handed person in her immediate family — including her parents, siblings, husband, and children. A maternal aunt and cousin were the only other left-handers she knew of growing up.

Everyday tasks were shaped by her righthanded mother, who taught her to iron and cook. Anna still remembers being teased for "unstirring" the custard.

Despite being left-handed, Anna adapted easily. She didn't need left-handed scissors as a teacher and even played softball wearing a left-handed glove while batting right-handed.

Her school days came with challenges. In her first year, a retiring principal insisted that the five left-handed students in her class switch to using their right hands. They were made to practice writing with their



Anna showing her left handedness

right hands during lunch. Thankfully, their classroom teacher allowed them to return to their natural writing style as soon as he left

By Grade 3, attitudes had begun to change, and Anna's class was even praised by a visiting principal for the neat cursive handwriting of its left-handed students.

As a child, Anna wondered why she was the only one in her family who was left-handed. She was once told that Albert Einstein was left-handed — a myth she believed for years. Although that fact turned out to be

untrue, she still believes left-handers bring a special kind of thinking to the world.

Now retired, Anna is proud of her lefthanded identity and encourages celebrating the unique ways people think and work.



CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 PROJECT UPDATE

The Cairns Water Security Stage 1 project team hosted 21 students aged 15 to 18 for an inspiring, hands-on learning day at the construction site. The visit aimed to spark interest in construction and engineering by showcasing the skills needed to deliver critical infrastructure like a water treatment plant and water pipelines.

On the ground the project continues to make significant progress with approximately 4.05 kilometres of the planned 30-kilometre pipeline having been installed between Aloomba, Behana Gorge and Gordonvale. Concrete works continue on the 8ML and 5ML reservoirs at Jones Road, Gordonvale. Both

have the same diameter of 32 metres wide; the 8ML reservoir on the hill will stand 12 metres tall, while the 5ML reservoir next to the water treatment plant will stand 8 metres tall.

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.













MAIN STREET MOSAIC TRAIL

contributed by Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

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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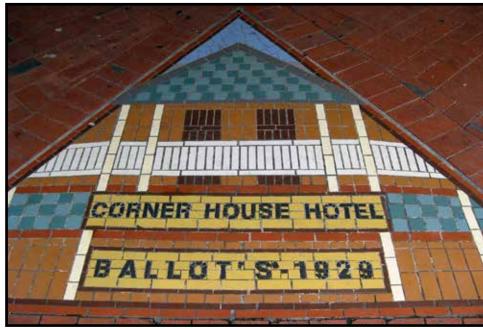
Corner House Hotel

Cross over Gordon St from the Billiard Saloon mosaic to the corner outside Caffin8 and you'll come to the mosaic for the appropriately named, Corner House Hotel. Coincidentally it is 100 years ago this month that it was announced in the Cairns Post (6 Aug 1925 p 4) that, "The foundations for the new hotel, the license of which was recently granted to Mr. Ballot are being laid.....opposite the Queen's Hotel.... [now the Great Northern Hotel]"

The hotel was built by Alexander Robertson Ballot a British ex-army officer who was disabled in WW1. In 1934 the license was transferred to Herbert Warry Crofton.

In September 1929 an employee at the hotel received fatal burns when a primus stove burst. In Aug 1953, fast acting hotel guests saved the building when a fire started in the kitchen.

On a bar wall was a mural of three canecutters and dog in a cane field with the Pyramid behind them. The story goes, that a patron paid off his bar tab by painting the mural. When the



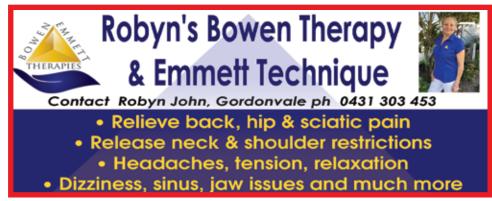
Corner House Hotel mosaic

hotel was demolished in 1964 the mural was erected on Riverstone Rd where it eventually succumbed to the elements. Peter Dall'alba has recently had a copy of the mural painted on one of his shop windows on the former site of hotel.

Embedded in the footpath near the mosaic is another memory of the hotel. The original door step into the hotel was retrieved after sitting for years in a local shed and is back doing its job supporting the footfalls of many pedestrians, now heading for a coffee and a chat rather than a beer and a chat.

The mosaic is by Samatha Fermo.







YOUR VOICE IN MULGRAVE WITH TERRY JAMES MP

Sugar Solstice - Great Community Event

This year's Sugar Solstice Country Fair was raging success. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Gordonvale Chamber of Commerce and all those who assisted for an amazing job. The fun-filled day featured live entertainment, market stalls, delicious local food, and activities for all ages.

I was very privileged to be part of the parade in a hot red mustang and also one of the speakers at the opening ceremony. The parade consisted of a brass band, a pipe band, floats, school groups and some of the best presented hot rods on the road.

The Sugar Solstice Country Fair is an opportunity everything that is great about our locality. It shines a light on the heart and heritage of Gordonvale a great community event that brings the rich history of sugarcane farming to life.

2025-26 Queensland Budget – How we faired

It was with great pride that I was part of the 2025-26 Qld Budget process.

This budget is not merely a collection of numbers and allocations; it is the embodiment of our promise for a fresh start.

There were many announcements within the Budget which will brighten the lives of the people of Mulgrave.

Items like the \$35m upgrade and expansion of the Edmonton Police Station.

Far North Queensland will benefit from the Crisafulli's \$100 Back to School Boost vouchers for primary school students to help with stationery, uniforms, and excursions.

Children aged 5 to 17 will benefit from the \$200 Play On! vouchers for sport and active recreation, especially in regional areas like Mulgrave.

Abolishing stamp duty on new homes and other incentives for first-time buyers will

make it easier for people to fulfil their dreams. A huge \$9b commitment to improve the Bruce Highway will be welcomed by everyone.

Yellow Crazy Ants

I would like to congratulate the Wet Tropics Management Authority for the achievements with the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program. The Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program is a joint initiative between the Australian and Queensland governments aimed at eradicating the invasive species from within and adjacent to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area.

Yellow crazy ants are among the world's one hundred worst invasive species, threatening our environment, wildlife, agriculture, industry, and lifestyles.

Unfortunately, this program was about to lose its funding. Thanks to the Crisafulli Government, an additional \$6 million funding package for 2 more years has been committed.



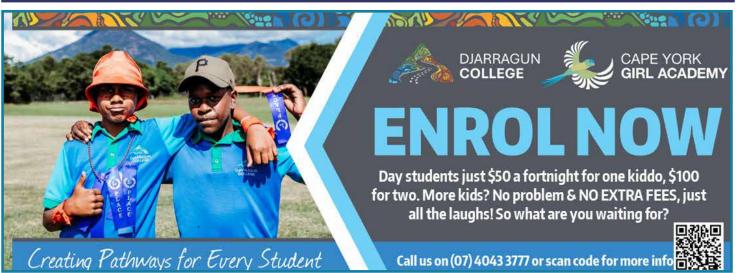


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STRONGER TOGETHER IN CAIRNS SOUTH



Cairns South Together team with community members

Cairns South Together (CST) is a communityled initiative supporting families and young people across Cairns' southern suburbs, With a vision of "happy and healthy young people contributing to a brighter future," CST brings together residents, service providers, and local organisations to tackle social challenges—focusing on early childhood and adolescent wellbeing.

Mission Australia supports CST as the backbone organisation, providing coordination, governance, and advocacy to help drive lasting change. Recently, members of the community joined the Cairns South Together team at the Hambledon House Community Centre in Edmonton for a special celebration—an opportunity to gather, connect, and highlight the positive work being done in the region. The event reflected the power of community collaboration and the ongoing commitment to building a strong, supportive environment for local families and young people.











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with Dr Tara McGrath - Pyramid Family Dental

Maxillary Expanders and The Benefits of Early Intervention.

You or your child may be wondering if braces are truly necessary — it can be a long and costly undertaking after all. You may think that your child is too young to see the orthodontist, or that they should wait until they can pay for the treatment themselves. However, for certain tooth and jaw problems, early orthodontic treatment can be hugely beneficial to your long-term health and well-being, as well as simplify treatments that may be required in the future.

Common early causes of issues with tooth or jaw alignment include thumb-sucking, long-

term use of a dummy/pacifier, early loss of baby teeth, genetics, mouth breathing or airway issues, and cleft lip/palate.

One of the many treatments an orthodontist may suggest is a 'plate' to widen the upper jaw and make space for the teeth to fit. This is also called a maxillary or palatal expander. Maxillary expanders work best when your child is in their peak growth period (usually around 10-14 years for girls and 12-15 years for boys).

Widening the upper jaw can help with a number of problems such as dental crowding and breathing issues. It may even negate the need for braces or aligners in the future. Taking proper care of your teeth and plate whilst undergoing orthodontic treatment is vital to success. The plate is often bonded or clipped to the teeth, trapping bacteria and increasing the risk of gum irritation and tooth decay. It is important to limit the amount of sugar you consume, rinse thoroughly with water after eating, and brush your teeth and gums twice a day. Brushing the plate and using interdental brushes (e.g. Piksters) to clean hard to reach areas will help keep bacteria to a minimum. As always, every mouth is different and your dentist or orthodontist will be able to give you specific advice about your treatment needs.

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COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS with CR BRETT MOLLER

important Recognising and contributors in and to our community results in residents coming together to share and celebrate the achievements and contributions of those community members, and where they have passed to fondly remember them. Such was the case when Southern Suburbs Rugby League Club hosted the 'Alice Frazer Memorial' game between Suburbs and Cairns Brothers in July. There was a huge turnout on the day, with many who were school friends, or played footy, cricket, vigoro and participated in community organisations with Alice, or was touched by her in some way, all attended to enjoy the memories, the friendships and to honour Alice.

Whilst I could not secure Council funding for the special 'pink jerseys' that Suburbs wore on the day, I did suggest that the money could be raised by sponsorship and led the way in making a donation to start the ball rolling. It was special sharing the day with Alice's sons, locally Wade, and brother Clint, who came up from Brisbane. Alice would have been well pleased with the \$23,000 that was raised for Hereditary Cancer Research at the post-game auction.

In addition, prior to the memorial game being put together, I had put in a request with Council officers to recognise Alice with the naming of a piece of community infrastructure at Johnson Park Gordonvale, where Alice lived in Campbell Street opposite the park for many years. We chose the BBQ area to be named the 'Alice Frazer Shelter ' to again recognise and honour her great contribution to community. Signage was put in place calling on submissions to this proposal and there was an overwhelming positive response. I will now look to progress through Council and follow the appropriate protocols.

Also, during the month, we had the Nate Myles Cup rugby league carnival at Alley Park. Favourite Gordonvale son and NRL rugby league champion Nate Myles who sponsors the cup, took time out of his busy State of Origin scheduled duties, to return to Gordonvale and mix with the Under 13s athletes, showcasing their talent over the weekend. Townsville Souths took on Townsville Brothers in the final with Brothers coming out victors, but all players, coaches, families, and supporters enjoyed the weekend, with well over thirty teams competing.

A big shout out to Madonna Archibald who has been the rock of Suburbs juniors for twenty-five years in administration taking on committee positions in all that time, and a driving force with her committee, in hosting the Nate Myles Cup since its inception, who announced her retirement from her role at the event presentations. Thank you, Madonna, for your many years of service. Until next time, stay safe and enjoy being part of our local community.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Contributed by Julie Amadio- Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

Members of the public will be able to view the entries from the Mulgrave Shire Historical Society's Tea Cosy and Photographic competitions on Pyramid Race Day, Saturday 2nd August. Entries will be on show at the Rambler Room beside the Gordonvale History Museum at 60 Gordon Street Gordonvale from 8:30am until 2:00pm. Register your popular choice award. Entry fee is a gold coin. The Society would like to thank our generous prize sponsors:

Photographic Competitions

Colour and Monochrome (black & white) - MSF Sugar

Popular Choice Awards for both competitions – James & Maree Kemp

Tea Cosy Competitions

Tea Cosy Knitted – Mark & Janelle Townson Popular Choice-Sharon Vyner Realty Tea Cosy Crocheted – Casa Mia Living



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

Popular Choice – Cairns Property Office Tea Cosy Any Other Medium – Cairns Property Office

Popular Choice – Cairns Property Office Tea Cosy Creative – Rob Dupear Art & Design Popular Choice – James & Maree Kemp

The Society has a new centre display at the Gordonvale History Museum to celebrate the commencement of sugar production in the Mulgrave area and the establishment of a mill. Photos, displays, objects and memorabilia will be on show. We are also in the process of compiling a booklet containing anecdotes about people who have worked at the mill in years gone by as

well as current employees.

If you would like to talk with someone at the museum to give your story to, please contact the museum on 40561810 during opening times Mon – Sat 10am – 2pm or email the society at settlersmuseum@bigpond.com.

Someone from the Society will record it and write up your story for you. If you are giving your story and photograph for this project, please be aware that you give permission to the Society to use them to be put in their collection for any future research.

This display will be running until December.



Connecting WHEN AND WHERE TO Community WHEN AND WHERE

EVENTS

THE GREAT PYRAMID RACE

Sat 2 August 7am Norman Park
Full race, half race, Race to the Base,
Junior Race, 3km Race, Charity Walk/Run,
Dash for Cash. Cottage Markets, food, activities,
sponsor stalls, raffles, giveaways, sales

JUNIOR VIGORO SEASON Commencing Sat 9 August

Johnson Park, Gordonvale 9 August – 20 September 2025 – no games over school holidays, resume 11 October – 26 October 2025 (Final 26 October) 1 November 2025 Pink Stumps day and Break Up

Time: 8.30 am to 10.30 am Girls: 7 – 16 years old

Boys: 7 - 14 years old (14 or younger as at 1

October)

\$60 pp* (Saturday Morning only) \$80 pp* (Saturday Morning and Seniors Saturday Afternoon)

*includes shirt/insurance

Contact: Jodie Nash on 0402 986 798

MILITARY BROTHERHOOD MOTORCYCLE CLUB CHARITY RIDE

Sat 10 Aug Start 10am finish 2pm Gordonvale RSL Sub-branch

VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

Mon 18 August 5pm Cenotaph, Norman Park Gordonvale

WOMEN'S SACRED CIRCLES

Tues 26 August

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

ALL SAINTS GORDONVALE SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

Saturday 20 September from 7am to 12 noon All Saints Church Gordonvale

GORDONVALE INDIGENOUS RUGBY LEAGUE CARNIVAL

17-19 October - Alley Park 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

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

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

YOGA AT JOHNSON PARK

Tues 3:15-4:30pm Athletic Hall, Johnson Park 68-108 Campbell St,Gordonvale Ph: Ingrid 0491 006 383

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

BOB ROSSI DANCERS

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SOUTH'S FOOTBALL CLUB

Teams for U5-U14
Training every Wed, Johnson Park, Gordonvale 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

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

Thurs 1pm mixed -Club Selected teams Fri 4pm - bare foot bowls and BBQ Sun 2pm - barefoot bowls New players welcome Ph: 40561050

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GORDONVALE EARLY YEARS FOOD PANTRY

Food bank is open: Thursdays 1-4pm Pantry items ,Frozen meals, Bread A drop in centre, all welcome. Ph 4034860.

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



Connecting WHEN AND WHERE TO Community WHEN AND WHERE

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Weekday Mass Times: Wed 8am; except the1st 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

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 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

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

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MULGRAVE LANDCARE COMMUNITY NURSERY

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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

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

QCWA MULGRAVE BRANCH

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

GORDONVALE LIONS CLUB

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

GORDONVALE COTTAGE MARKETS

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JPs IN THE COMMUNITY

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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

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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

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