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RACING IN HER BLOOD: BAILIE TAKES THE REINS



Bailie Baker, winner of 2025 Birdsville Cup
Photo by: Roxy Weston Photography

Gordonvale-raised jockey Bailie Baker is making her mark on the racing world, with a growing list of achievements.

Her first career win came earlier this year at Beaudesert, followed by a major highlight —

winning the Birdsville Cup, one of Australia's most iconic outback races. The victory confirmed what many already knew: Bailie is a rising talent with a big future ahead.

Horse racing runs deep in her family. Bailie's love for the sport was nurtured by the strong Baker family legacy in racing, with

her father, Glen Baker, a respected trainer, playing a key role in shaping her passion and skills. This rich family background has provided a solid foundation that Bailie continues to build on with every ride. Currently apprenticed to highly regarded trainer Adam Campton, Bailie has embraced the opportunity to learn from his expertise.

Bailie is a proud First Nations woman, connected to the Malanbarra Yidinji people through her maternal grandmother, and to the Kuku Djungan and Guugu Yimithirr peoples through her maternal grandfather. These cultural ties are an important part of her identity, giving her strength and grounding both on and off the track.

Although no longer based in Gordonvale, Bailie's connection to her hometown remains strong. She says she still misses Gordonvale, knowing it will always be home. Her return to ride in the Gordonvale Cup will be a meaningful moment — one that brings her back to the people and place where her journey first began.

Bailie hopes her journey and success go beyond horse racing, inspiring others in any sport or walk of life to believe in themselves. She shows that with hard work, trust in the process, and determination, great things can be achieved.



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THE MULGRAVE CATCHMENT- RIPERIAN RESTORATION RECOVERY PROJECT



Participants at a community tree planting event.

The Queensland Government's Natural Resources Recovery Program (NRRP) provides funding to help restore soils, and native vegetation.

Greening Australia was a successful applicant in the latest funding round with a Mulgrave Catchment project that meets the goals of the NRRP. This is to increase

the potential of the state's natural resources and promote economic benefits in regional communities.

The Mulgrave Catchment – Riparian Restoration Recovery Project will:

- stabilise eroding riverbanks and riparian areas in the Mulgrave Catchment through soft engineering, rock stabilization, and revegetation works
 - consult, collaborate and work with Traditional Owner groups in the delivery of the project
 - undertake numerous community engagement activities including eight community tree planting days
- Current key project partners are the Mulgrave Landcare and Catchment Group for tree supply, the Madjandji Aboriginal Corporation to plant trees, and the Cairns River Improvement Trust to undertake streambank stabilisation works. Support from local contractors is provided for site preparation and earthworks. On-ground activities have started with landholders in Aloomba, Deeral, and Gordonvale. So far community members have assisted in the installation of nearly 2,600 native trees in riparian areas.

There is opportunity for more landholders in the Mulgrave River catchment to be involved as the project runs from 2024 to 2028. Greening Australia can help prevent the loss of soil from your land. Contact Senior Program Officer Lisa O'Mara, who is based at the Mulgrave Landcare office in Gordonvale, to talk about your soil and / or vegetation recovery needs. Email is LOMara@greeningaustralia.org.au and phone 0435 016 906.

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We are saddened to acknowledge the passing of Denise Bewert, a valued contributor to Pyramid Views for several years.

Through her engaging columns and stories, Denise brought the spirit of Gordonvale and beyond to life. Her Town Talk column, written during her road trip around Australia, shared the charm of small towns like our own, while her Community Spotlight column celebrated the strengths and achievements of local groups, clubs, and organisations.

Denise's passion for storytelling and her deep connection to community will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.



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Angela from Aura Beauty with client, Talya Turner and her baby Bowie

Gordonvale has welcomed a stylish new addition with the opening of Aura Beauty, now open in the Woolworths complex on Draper Road.

With a small but passionate team of four, Aura Beauty offers a full menu of services—from acrylic nails, BIAB, hard builder gel, manicures and pedicures, to lash extensions, nail art, and waxing. Client favourites include acrylic sets, nail art, lash enhancements and spa pedicures.

Aura Beauty isn't just about looking great—it's about feeling great, too. Each pedicure station features a luxurious massage chair, complete with a built-in mobile phone charging station. Clients can truly relax, unwind, and recharge—literally.

While not all of the team lives locally, some staff members call Gordonvale home, and everyone is excited to be part of this growing, welcoming community.

Aura Beauty has already been embraced by locals, with many returning for their favourite treatments and taking advantage of the salon's loyalty program. The focus is on quality service, a friendly atmosphere, and creating a space where every client feels at ease.

Although they're currently focused on growing the salon and serving their clients, the team is open to future involvement in local events and community initiatives as they become more established.

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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

Mc Nab Road

Mc Nab Road is 12km south of Gordonvale off the Bruce Highway. The road is named after Adam Galbraith Mc Nab who was born in Scotland in 1866. He immigrated to Bundaberg Australia in 1887 on the ship 'Earl Granville'. He settled in the Aloomba area, bought farming land on what is now Mc Nab Road and was one of the earliest suppliers of sugarcane to the Mulgrave Mill. In 1897, only a year after the mill had commenced crushing, he had sent 468 tons of cane to be processed.

Adam married Christina Petersen in 1903. Christina was the daughter of Aloomba identity Niels Petersen who has a street named after him in Aloomba. Christina and Adam Mc Nab had seven children: William John, Annie, Jessie, Adam (jnr), Mary, Sophia, and Thomas. All the children attended Aloomba school. Unfortunately, Adam (jnr) died at four years of age due to illness.

The McNab family lived on the corner of Cowton and Assman Road Aloomba. In the 1927 cyclone, their roof was completely blown off and landed down the road but was able to be reattached. After some time, they built a new home on the same site. In 1933, Christina and Adam moved to Atherton to retire, taking their two youngest children Sophia and Thomas with them. William John was left to run the farm, while Annie, Jessie and Mary had all married and had their own families.

A big celebration was held by the Aloomba community to acknowledge Adam Mc Nab's contribution to the area.

Adam Mc Nab died in 1940 and Christina Mc Nab died in 1945 and both are buried in the Atherton Rockley Road Cemetery Memorials.

Sophia Mc Nab married James Alfred Thurston in 1940 in Atherton, and they had five children: Marion, John, Christine and twin girls Carolyn and Elaine. Sophia had bought sixty acres of cane land from her parents and eventually the family moved into the Mc Nab farmhouse on Assman Road.

The children of Sophia and James were all born in the Gordonvale Hospital and attended Meerawa school near Aloomba. James Thurston was stationed in Townsville during WW2, so a lot of the workload was placed on Sophia. She would take the horse and dray to Aloomba to pick up supplies. The families' meat order was brought out from Cairns by rail. It was packed in an ice chest and would arrive at the Quingilli railway siding near Meerawa for them and other families to collect. John Thurston remembers a time when his Mum and their neighbour Mrs. Prestipino were cutting and loading cane to get it to the mill as the cane cutters did not show up.

On completion of his military service, James obtained a sixty-acre portion of land near Sophia's through the Soldier Settlement Scheme. In between the two farms there were sixty acres of virgin scrub that John Thurston cleared and developed into cane land and a few years later John bought his mother's sixty-acre farm. After some time, all three farms were sold to Robert Rossi.

Sophia and James had a new house built by Dall 'Alba & Morris Builders in Cleland Street Gordonvale and spent their retirement years there. Sophia Thurston (nee Mc Nab) died aged seventy-nine in 1994, and James Thurston died aged seventy-seven in 1987, and both are buried in Gordonvale cemetery.

Pictured are three of Adam and Christina Mc Nab's grandchildren from left are John Thurston, and two of his sisters Marion Swensen (nee Thurston) and Elaine Holder (nee Thurston).





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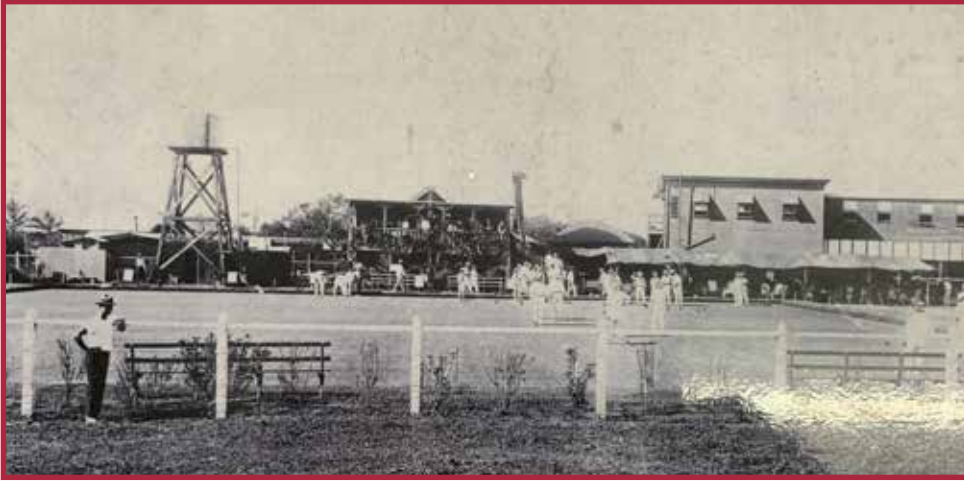
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YOUR BOWLS MEMORIES WANTED FOR 100TH CELEBRATION



Opening Day-enjoying a game on the new green

In 2026, the Gordonvale Bowls Club will proudly celebrate its 100th anniversary — a remarkable milestone for one of the community's longest-standing institutions. Located at 98 Mill Street, Gordonvale, the club is reaching out to the public for help in marking this special occasion.

To honour its century of service, the club is inviting former players, their families, friends, and community members to share stories, photographs, and memorabilia that highlight the club's rich history.

Bowling clubs like Gordonvale's are more than just sporting venues — they are

cornerstones of community life. For generations, they've provided a place for people to connect, stay active, and build lifelong friendships.

By sharing your memories, you're not just helping to tell the story of the Gordonvale Bowls Club — you're helping to tell the story of the Gordonvale community itself.

If you have any stories, photos, or memorabilia to contribute, please contact the club by emailing Linda or Vince admin@gordonvalebowls.com or phone 0435080087

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Contributed by Julie Amadio - Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

The Mulgrave Mill was listed on the stock exchange 130 years ago in 1895, and the first crush was in 1896. The Society is planning to celebrate the mill's 130 years with displays and is working on a booklet containing anecdotes of people who have worked in the mill or are currently working there.

From October 6th to 11th there will be a display in the Rambler Room (next to the museum), relating to the mill and the sugar industry. If anyone has any memorabilia to contribute to this display, the society would be pleased to hear from you. Our email is

settlersmuseum@bigpond.com and phone number is 40561810 during office hours Mon-Sat 10am – 2pm.

Mulgrave History Museum Group Visits

The Society is offering morning teas and guided tours through the Mulgrave History Museum for any group with a maximum number of ten and a minimum of five people. The cost will be \$10 per person. To take advantage of this offer, please contact the museum. Advance bookings are required.

100 YEARS AGO

Research by Sallyanne Powell for Mulgrave Shire Historical Society

Cairns Post Friday 2 October 1925

GORDONVALE HOSPITAL BALL. (Contributed.)

The fancy dress ball arranged by Mrs. O'Neill and Mr. V. Owens was perhaps the most successful and brilliant of its kind held in Gordonvale during the present year, and the Memorial Hospital will benefit by an additional £65. The Nelson Hall was completely altered in appearance by fresh and decorative arrangements.

Cairns Post Saturday 3 October 1925

Gordonvale Traffic Bridge.

It is very pleasing to note that the complaint regarding the above has received attention (writes our Gordonvale correspondent). Several planks have been renewed, although there are several more which, in the course of a few months, will be rotted away with the approaching wet season. However, seeing that the council is under very heavy and increasing expenditure, it is satisfactory to see a little attention is being distributed around.

Cairns Post Tuesday 13 October 1925

Gordonvale State School.

Tickets are out for a children's fancy dress ball, to be held in the Federal Hall on Saturday, 17th inst. This function is being organised for the purpose of raising funds to pay for a piano which the committee recently purchased for the State school. There have already been held two socials, which brought in £28 net, and direct giving resulted in the sum of £45 coming to hand. As about £60 is still needed to complete the purchase, it is hoped that the response on Saturday next will be such that further efforts by the committee and the many ladies who help will be reduced to a minimum.

Cairns Post Friday 30 October 1925

GORDONVALE NOTES

Oct. 28.

On Tuesday last a motor car driven by Mr. A. Lock collided with a push "bike," ridden by Mr. George Zargus, when the latter was returning home from cutting at Meringa. Mr. Zargus was thrown to the ground, and his "bike" carried along some distance, and somewhat damaged. Mr. Zargus returned to his home, where he will be confined for a day or two.

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Mayor's View
With Amy Eden

Sharing the latest Council news, projects and highlights that make a difference for Gordonvale

   
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Recently, on what was a balmy day with the mill steam wafting over Norman Park, I set up at the Gordonvale Cottage markets doing what I love most; community consultation.

Mood set by the golden oldies played, neighbours who know each other and where strangers smile and say hello I was acknowledged simply by a number of taps on the back "good to see you here".

I was surprised and not a little bit chuffed at the roll up of folk who wanted to discuss a brevity of issues; important to each of them.

A real desire for the town centre to get some TLC... for building owners to get the gurni out and a lick of paint. Cements that the little things are the big things... like public transport, access to medical facilities.

My platform of transparency, accountability, and engagement drove my successful campaign and I remain committed to all three.

What surprised me most on the day were the incredulous gentlemen who wanted

to know if there was another election looming because what else would I be doing out in Gordonvale. These blunt, pointed statements were a lesson to every politician.

Those who wax lyrically about engaging and then don't appear until they next need your vote. That is not me and from the reception I got, you were extremely glad to know that. I love to hear your voices. Every contact is appreciated and taken note of. Not all things are achievable; there is never enough money. Many issues are not in the remit of the council but every comment is appreciated and informs me on decisions made. I am only as informed as the next conversation.

Thank you for your kindness when next we meet, thank you to Anne and Andrea a quick woman to woman uplift is always inspiring.

Love these markets and often attend events in your neck of the woods. Taking on board some of the issues raised I think I may need to follow the famous mosaic trail with a walking group in the near future to really see as well as hear what you are reporting.



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FROM THE MILL TO THE MOUNTAIN: BILL'S CENTURY



Bill Honeywell (centre) with guests

More than 80 friends and family gathered at Mission Beach Resort on Saturday, August 16, to celebrate William (Bill) Honeywell's 100th birthday—marking a century of remarkable achievements, love, and community spirit.

Guests travelled from all over Queensland and NSW for the occasion. Photos, newspaper clippings, woodworking projects, trophies, and medals were exhibited—capturing Bill's many chapters of life. His sister Rhoda (96) shared a poem written by nephew Frank.

A highlight was the tribute by Kevin Murgatroyd, first president of Pyramid Residential Care Centre (PRCC) in Gordonvale, who thanked Bill for his instrumental role in the centre's early development 55 years ago.

Bill's six great-grandchildren helped him cut the cake, capping off a heartfelt celebration.

Later, on his actual birthday, friends and family gathered again for a morning tea, where Rhoda's homemade cake was

crowned with 100 candles—lit by the great-grandkids

Born on August 17, 1925, in Finch Hatton, Bill was the fourth child of Fred and Dulcie Honeywell. He grew up on a cane farm before marrying Betty in 1949. Together, they raised three children—Mavis, Sandra, and Graeme. Bill and Betty made their long-term family home in Sheppard Street, Gordonvale—a convenient location, as Bill worked as an engineer at the Mulgrave Central Mill for four decades until retirement. After retirement, Bill discovered a passion for running, competing in Masters Games across Australia and New Zealand. He

became a cult hero in Gordonvale for his participation in the Great Pyramid Race, which he competed in 12 times from age 67 to 80. His best time was 1 hour 46 minutes, and he proudly collected several trophies from this race.

He also had the honour of being a torch bearer in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Bill and Betty celebrated 70 years of marriage in 2019. Betty passed away in 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love. Bill now has three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren—and a life story that continues to inspire.

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Alternatively, go tech-free for a creative session of Zentangle drawing. If you can doodle, you

can Zentangle and create a mini masterpiece. Learn this simple, meditative art form with a friendly local instructor. Once you start you'll get hooked, so come along to all three sessions running in October at Gordonvale Library! The first one is Tuesday 14th October at 10am.

Can you believe school holidays are here again? Drop into Gordonvale Library to participate in our Hearts of Kindness activity. Decorate a heart, write a message, and add it to a collective display. Or try your hand at weaving a leafy green garden snail. Use coconut palms to weave a cute little snail and help make a trail of snails across the library! Check out our website for more details.

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Every ride includes real-time flight tracking, clear communication, and upfront pricing. Whether travelling to Cairns Airport, Port Douglas, or just across town, passengers can expect a smooth experience in air-conditioned vehicles with drivers who know the local area well.

GSS also provides private chauffeur-style services, ideal for weddings, business travel, or special occasions. These trips offer a more tailored experience, with a dedicated driver and vehicle — perfect for those looking to travel in style or comfort.

Local knowledge plays a key role in ensuring smooth travel. From navigating changing weather to avoiding peak-time traffic, being based in the area allows GSS to adapt quickly and offer efficient routes. Visitors often ask for tips along the way, and the service is always happy to share local insights.

Over the years, many passengers have become regulars. Locals value the consistency, friendly service, and peace of mind that comes from booking with someone they know and trust. Some journeys have become memorable moments — such as when families reunite at the airport, filling the car with laughter and excitement, or when passengers bring unexpected fun to the ride, like one guest who turned the trip into a lively singalong, on the way to Port Douglas.

Looking ahead, GSS aims to introduce loyalty rewards and continue building partnerships with local businesses and events. The goal is to keep travel accessible while giving back to the community that supports it.

KNOW YOUR TOWN

Information and photo supplied by Mulgrave Shire Historical Society



Norman Park

Norman Park

In circa 1897 a layout plan was devised by the Lands Administration Board for the new township of Nelson (now Gordonvale). At its heart was a park reserve surrounded on three sides by the civic centre of the town and on the fourth side was the Mulgrave Mill and its tramway stop, which later became the railway station.

Norman Park known to most people as simply the park, has seen most of the important events of the township. It was named after the Governor of Queensland in the 1890s,

Sir Henry Wylie Norman, as was its western boundary Norman Street.

Sporting and many fund-raising events, carnivals, bazaars etc. were held in the park. The annual ambulance carnival, when local brigades had to do their own fundraising, was always a popular affair with many attractions including wood chopping events. When the circus came to town the park was the logical place to set up, at this time it was a much more open space. Some of the smaller variety reviews with their own tents also performed there.

Gordonvale in earlier times had its own brass band and they would play in a corner of the park on Saturday nights.



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Luke- Jawajawa Rangers and Deb Trehearn - Mulgrave Landcare Photo by Sandra Charlton

Despite grey skies and the threat of rain, a committed group of volunteers braved the weather to take part in a local clean-up along the Bungara Heritage Trail to Greenpatch Campground in Gordonvale. The event saw members of Mulgrave Landcare Catchment Group working alongside the DMYAC (Dulabed Malanbarra Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation) / Jawajawa Rangers, Cairns Regional Council's Cheryl Prestipino, and other community members.

Together, they removed a wide variety of litter from the area, including cigarette butts, food packaging, bottles, cans, abandoned tents, and other camping gear. Their efforts have helped stop a significant amount of rubbish from entering the Mulgrave River and making its way to the ocean, where it could pose a threat to marine life and the Great Barrier Reef.

The clean-up was part of Clean Up Cairns,

an annual Cairns Regional Council initiative inviting locals to take part in litter clean-ups every weekend throughout September. Since 2019, the program has seen 1,173 community members volunteer at 73 clean-up events.

As the saying goes, a little litter is a big problem. Every piece left behind has the potential to end up in our waterways, threatening our creeks, beaches, and the fragile reef ecosystem. We can all play a part in protecting the natural beauty of Gordonvale and beyond.

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**Tuesday, 14th October 2025,
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FRESH FACE IN TOWN: COSMETIC NURSE OPENS CLINIC IN GORDONVALE



Ashlea Vella in her clinic Shop 4/46 Norman Street

A new name in skin health and aesthetics has arrived in Gordonvale, with Ashlea Vella Aesthetics opening its doors on Norman Street. The clinic is led by Ashlea Vella, a qualified nurse with over 16 years of experience in healthcare and a growing specialisation in cosmetic nursing.

Ashlea holds a Bachelor of Nursing and has completed a Graduate Diploma in Cosmetic Nursing and Injectables through the Australasian Academy of Cosmetic and Dermal Science—one of Australia's leading programs in the field. Her training includes

hands-on clinical experience, workshops, and masterclasses, and she continues to build her expertise with ongoing education.

Ashlea Vella Aesthetics offers a selection of professional skin treatments including chemical peels, microdermabrasion, microneedling, and PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma) therapy. The clinic also provides personalised skin consultations and stocks a range of medical-grade cosmeceuticals. Cosmetic injectables will be available soon.

Located at Shop 4/46 Norman Street, the clinic operates by appointment only, with flexible options for after-hours and weekend bookings to suit clients' busy lifestyles. Appointments

can be made via the Timely app, accessible through social media links or a QR code on the clinic's front door.

Ashlea lives in Babinda with her husband and their pugs and is passionate about creating a space where clinical skincare meets relaxation. Her goal is to support clients in achieving healthier, more confident skin through professional, personalised care.

Treatments are tailored to individual goals, whether focused on skin rejuvenation, scarring, or general maintenance. Microneedling with PRP is a standout service at the clinic, known for improving skin texture, tone, and overall radiance.

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MEDICAL CLINIC LEADS BY EXAMPLE



Doctors Roelien Joubert, Lisa Fraser and Arash Foroudi

Gordonvale Medical Clinic proudly took part in R U OK? Day, a national reminder of the power of checking in and supporting mental health—particularly in the workplace.

As a local healthcare provider, the clinic recognises the importance of creating a safe, supportive environment for both patients and staff. Throughout the day, the team engaged in open discussions about the challenges of working in healthcare, including the pressure to be perfect, the value of vulnerability, and how mental health can be reflected through both body language and behaviour. Organisational wellbeing encompasses a careful marriage of support but also boundaries- rules about acceptable behaviour and those not, and how to communicate that.

Clinic owner Dr Lisa Fraser said:

"These conversations matter. We talked about what healthy and unhealthy mental health behaviours look like, and how important it is to support one another—especially in our profession."

Workplaces play a key role in mental health awareness, and medical clinics are in a unique position to lead by example. Gordonvale Family Medical Clinic is committed to fostering a workplace culture that encourages open dialogue and prioritises wellbeing.

On R U OK? Day—and every day—the clinic encourages everyone to ask the simple but powerful question: "Are you OK?"

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SWIM PROGRAM IS THRIVING AT AQUATIC CENTRE



Swim instructors- Lance Deal, Shelley Fitzsimmons, Adela Vrzackova, Marge Maitland and Kiara Cutler with swim school students.

The Gordonvale Aquatic Centre, proudly operated by Marlin Coast Swimming and Fitness, is making waves in the local community with its year-round swimming program.

Boasting a 25-metre indoor heated pool, the facility is perfectly equipped to support swimmers of all ages and skill levels. The covered grandstand also offers a comfortable space for parents and carers to watch lessons out of the sun and rain.

Two years ago, the centre had no children enrolled in swim classes. Today, the swim school has grown to over 70 enthusiastic young swimmers, supported by five highly credentialed instructors. The program now

caters to children from babies to 15 years of age, offering everything from learn-to-swim lessons to squad training.

Swim School Coordinator Kiara Cutler and Head Lifeguard Lance Deal say they are thrilled with the growth and community support. Due to high demand, a waiting list is currently in place—but the team hopes to expand offerings soon as more staff are brought on board.

Classes are currently held on Wednesday afternoons, with a strong focus on mastering swimming fundamentals before progressing to more advanced techniques. All children receive a free swimming assessment to ensure they are placed in the correct level.

Learn-to-swim classes are kept small—no more than four children per group—to ensure personalised attention. The centre also accepts SwimStart vouchers, which provide up to \$150 towards swimming lessons for eligible children aged 0 to 4.

More information is available at: www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/swimstart

Local GP and avid swimmer Dr Lisa Fraser is also encouraging families to get involved. “Every Australian child deserves the right to swim and build a positive relationship with water before starting school,” she says. “It’s vital for their physical and mental health, and for the future wellbeing of our community. In a part of Australia where water sports are popular, swimming literacy plays an important role in preventing drownings.”

The program is inclusive and designed to cater to a variety of learning needs and abilities, ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn safely and confidently. For more information or to register your child, contact the Gordonvale Aquatic Centre at 4056 1353 or email gordonvale@mcsf.com.au.

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YOUR VOICE IN MULGRAVE WITH TERRY JAMES MP

Daniel's Law

The Crisafulli Government introduced landmark legislation into Parliament this month to establish a public child sex offender register called the Queensland Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register.

The register is a tool for education and prevention. It is designed to increase vigilance and awareness within the community about child sex offenders and provide another tool for parents and guardians to take steps to apply protective measures to keep their children safe.

Meeting at the Settler's Museum

This month my local LNP branch had the opportunity to view the displays at the Gordonvale Settler's Museum. We appreciate the invitation from the Museum committee, and it allowed us to hold a meeting and social event at the Museum and then partake in a guided tour of the facility. This also allowed the committee to promote the museum to people who had not previously visited the site.

Thanks again to the committee and MSF Sugar for allowing us to be there.

Opening of the Edmonton Youth Drug and Alcohol Care Centre

It was my great pleasure to officially open the New 10-bed youth residential rehabilitation service on Mt Peter Road in Edmonton. The service will welcome patients from October and support young people aged 13 to 18 experiencing problematic alcohol and other drug use, providing round-the-clock treatment in a safe, home-like environment.

The facility was co-designed with young people with lived experience, alongside local stakeholders and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council. Programs will be tailored to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, families, and communities. This service will help young people make positive changes and set them up for a healthy transition into adulthood. The centre will provide 24/7 residential support.

Promoting SES Week

During SES week the shoe is on the other foot, and the SES are asking for help from the community in the shape of volunteers. The teams in Orange need more volunteers to assist them to undertake the wonderful work they do in the community – keeping us and our places we live safe.



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COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS with CR BRETT MOLLER

What I love seeing in community are residents coming together to make place-based activities through their enjoyment of local Council assets and recreation spaces available. A great example of this is the community-based Gordonvale Run Club kicked off by Dean and Kim Steele.

This growing group meets every Saturday morning at 6am at the Gordonvale Railway Station to do circuit walks/jogs/runs along the Bungara Heritage Trail in Mill Street toward the end of the street and return along the path. It is a one-hour exercise routine at your own pace, then finished off with a coffee at either Caffin8 or Crush, so very social as well.

They made me feel very welcomed and supported me in my National Heart Foundation fund raising campaign walking 7,000 steps a day, joining them on a Saturday morning walk. Please look to join in for a healthy active outing, followed by a social coffee and chat.

Another important Council asset is our Norman Park in our Gordonvale Town Centre. Our Cairns Regional Council Gordonvale Depot team recently gave Cane Toad World playground in the park

a bright face lift with fresh painting of the wall and cleaning of the sculptures in the playground. This was done in readiness for the September Gordonvale Cottage markets with lots of little ones engaged on the day, and since, enjoying their play. It is wonderful to see parents and families enjoying these assets.

To continue with the activation of Norman Park a local resident raised with me the

possibility of introducing 'pickle ball' to Gordonvale.

I met with local tennis coach Guy Thomas to see if some pickle ball line markings could be applied to one or two of the tennis courts in the park, and he was enthusiastic about the possibility.

So please touch base with me if you are interested and I can put you in contact with the person looking to get pickle ball up and running and Guy as well.

Thank You
for your support.

Brett Moller

As your Cairns Regional Councillor for Division 1
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The Power of a Good Night's Sleep

In our busy lives, sleep is often the first thing we sacrifice. Yet, it is one of the most important foundations for health and wellbeing. Quality sleep allows our bodies to repair, our minds to process, and our emotions to settle. Without it, we may feel irritable, struggle to concentrate, and increase our risk of illness.

Several factors influence the quality of our sleep. Stress and worry can keep the mind racing long after we've switched off the lights. Screen time before bed exposes us to blue light that interferes with our body's

natural sleep rhythms. Caffeine or heavy meals late at night can also disturb rest, while irregular schedules make it harder for the body to know when it's time to wind down. Even the environment plays a role: a quiet, cool, and comfortable bedroom can make all the difference.

The good news is that healthy sleep habits can be cultivated. Aim for consistency by going to bed and waking up at the same times each day—even on weekends. Create a calming bedtime routine: perhaps a warm shower, some light reading, or gentle stretches. Limit caffeine after midday, switch off electronic devices at least an hour before

bed, and try to get some natural daylight during the day to regulate your body clock. Remember, sleep is not a luxury but a necessity. By making rest a priority, you're investing in better energy, sharper focus, improved mood, and long-term health. So tonight, give yourself permission to slow down, switch off, and sink into the simple gift of a good night's sleep.

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LAPS, LIMOS & LASTING MEMORIES: FORMAL ARRIVALS IN NORMAL PARK

On 21st November, Gordonvale SHS will again be holding the Year 12 Formal Arrivals Ceremony at Norman Park before students head into town for their Formal Dinner. The school has organised with Cairns Regional Council, Gordonvale police and traffic control for temporary road closures surrounding Norman Park between 5pm-7pm.

The Arrivals Ceremony will begin at 5:00pm and concludes at 6:30pm. Norman Park will be decorated for the event, with the help of local and Cairns based businesses. This is a community event, and all are welcome to watch students complete the lap of Norman Park in their cars, before exiting their vehicles along Norman St to walk the red carpet into Norman Park.

Road closures for this event include Norman St, Cannon St and Mill St. Gordon St will remain partially opened to allow the bottle shop to remain open. Canapés will be provided free of charge to students and guests, and the Cairns Post will be taking photos of students as they enter the park.

Words by Jeannie Richter, Gordonvale State High School



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CAIRNS WATER SECURITY STAGE 1 PROJECT UPDATE

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At the Water Treatment Plant site, construction has entered a new phase with the installation of structural steel roof over the Dissolved Air Flotation and Filtration (DAFF) plant. This marks a critical step in the plant's development. Water integrity testing of the DAFF plant has been successfully completed, and further testing of other concrete structures is ongoing to ensure long-term reliability.

Meanwhile along the 30km pipeline route, more than 11.61 km has now been laid. The first thrust bore under the Bruce Highway has

also been successfully completed. The highway on-ramp closure will remain in place while additional boring and the construction of a services pit take place to support critical infrastructure.

The CWSS1 team is committed to keeping the community informed and minimising disruptions, and we thank you for your patience as we deliver this vital infrastructure for Cairns.

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.



Connecting to Community

WHEN AND WHERE

EVENTS

GORDONVALE TURF CLUB

Gordonvale Cup
Sat 4th October
Gates open 11am

DIGITISING MEMORIES WORKSHOP

Thurs 9 October
Gordonvale Library
Norman St Gordonvale

MALANDA BULL RIDE

Sat 11th October
Gates open at 2pm
Malanda Showgrounds

ZENTANGLE SESSION

Tues 14 October 10am
Gordonvale Library
Norman St Gordonvale

BUSINESS RESILIENCE PROGRAM LAUNCH

Gordonvale Chamber Meeting
Gordonvale Bowls Club
Tues 14 October 5:30pm
Ph: 40672900

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17-19 October
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GORDONVALE GIRL GUIDES ANNUAL CENT SALE

Sat 18 October
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Gordonvale State School
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GORDONVALE STATE HIGH FORMAL ARRIVALS

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GORDONVALE COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sun 7 December
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JPs IN THE COMMUNITY

Tuesdays 11am- 1pm Woolworths Gordonvale

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

First Sat of the month 7am -12
manager@gordonvalecottagemarkets.com.au

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.

MULGRAVE SETTLERS MUSEUM

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

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9am 2nd Thur each month Masonic Hall, Swan St. President: Maureen Carne 07 4056 5713
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2025 Results to Date

ALL PROPERTIES

Total Properties Sold: 59
Total Property Value: \$39,738,068
Average Sold Price: \$673,527
Average Days Listed: 14 Days

4865 PROPERTIES

Total Properties Sold: 24
Total Property Value: \$16,933,500
Average Purchase Price: \$705,563
Average Days Listed: 9 Days

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834 Kruckow Road, Babinda

New Listing



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Welcome to 160 Acres of Tropical Rainforest Paradise

Expressions of Interest

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1 Napier Road, Green Hill

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118.38 Acre Fertile Generational Cane Farm

Offers Over \$1.3 million Considered

Located just outside Gordonvale in Green Hill is this fantastic opportunity if you are looking for lifestyle and fertile farm land. This could be the perfect location to build your dream home with stunning views of the Walsh's Pyramid.

Goldsborough

SOLD!



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Unique Two-story Home with beautiful Valley Views

SOLD! \$800,000

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