

Children's Colouring Competition 12yrs & under - CLOSSES Fri 12th May



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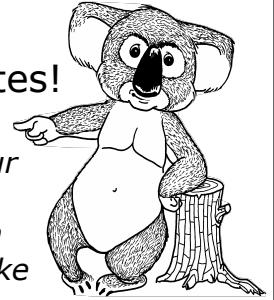
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Maurice Bill reporting

(Blinky's son)

G'Day Mates!



Hey folks look at me! I made the front page. I want to thank my fans cause it's your comments that put me here.

They say I am the most read column in V.V. Mum can't believe how a cheeky coot like me can be popular.

They say this is a trial and I will be shot back to the middle pages if I don't get more people to read V.V.

Being on the front page is more work and I am hoping my fans will come up with some spicy bits for me to report on in future issues.

The editor asked me to mention there's an editorial on the Blackbutt show inside and check out the back cover for my colouring competition for a chance to win a family pass to the show.

I really hot the show folk put the lights and bangs on a little earlier.

We fauna and that includes your domesticated friends, have a hell of a time every year with the loud noise and the night sky lighting up.

Mum says 'we're the minority and we don't count'. She did say the humans who make the noise shouldn't have

their young litters waiting around in the cold and dark.

Dad said 'its just those silly humans and their routines. It's dark by 6pm human time so why not make the fuss then and let the cubs go home to a warm bed'.

Maurice

CENT AUCTION
On
TUESDAY 2ND MAY
At
Blackbutt
Memorial Hall
MORE DETAILS
ON PAGE 13

This is a Blackbutt
Kindergarten
Fundraiser

Village Voice Editorial - Blackbutt Show

It's May again and that of course means the Blackbutt Show.

Are you planning on patronising the show this year? Did you go last year? Or did you decide to give it a miss?

I have lived in Blackbutt for 4 years and have gone every year bar one.

I have attended 2002,2003 and 2005 shows and I have seen a vast improvement every year.

There is of course room for much improvement but that takes income and the income generated from the May Show each year is what the show society depend on to make those improvements. Public liability cost is huge and this is also worn by the shoe society.

The society has provided its patrons with a huge covered bar and concert area, upgraded its kitchen and seating area and so much more.

What we all need to do is support the show by patronising it each year and perhaps dare to throw a few suggestions their way on what you would like to see at the show.

Like most organisations in our district they are small with a handful of members who continually struggle to provide whatever their service is.

I am sure the show society is no different and would welcome new members or more supporters with the actual preparation and execution of the annual event.

There are a number of people in the district who help out each year with official duties, such as stewards, catering volunteers etc. There are many of us who do attend the show, but we should encourage those who have given up on the show to give it another shot.

The exhibit pavilion is in desperate need of renewal and enlargement to accommodate the growing variety of exhibits.

My suggestions to the society would be to perhaps include a wine festival, a talent show, a food festival, perhaps a 'rev head' event and/or exhibition.

Will I see you at the Show on 20th May?

PLEASE NOTE: *The expressions and comments published in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Village Voice.*

Village Voice ... Photocopying

We are most grateful to Dorothy Pratt MLA and her staff and locally, the staff & P&C association members at Benarkin for their kind and generous support and assistance with photocopying issues of the newsletter. We will be asking Blackbutt state school to consider joining the team to make it easier on our two existing supporters. This means the photocopying could be done every three months instead of bi-monthly.

Village Voice Blackbutt & Benarkin Lions Club

Lions Country Markets

Held on the 3rd Sunday in the month

Adjacent to Blackbutt Memorial Hall

Sites @ \$5

Your \$5 site fees will be filtered back to the Blackbutt & Benarkin community by the Lions either directly or by donations to several local community groups each year

Blackbutt & Benarkin Lions' Garden Expo 2006

**To be held on
9th & 10th September 2006
At
Blackbutt Showground**

**Watch this space
for details in coming months**

**Further details
Please phone John Atkins
A/H on 4163 0447**

Blackbutt's Sacred Heart Church
FORTNIGHTLY MASS
Blackbutt Sacred Heart Church
on 2nd & 4th Sunday
at 5:30pm

Yarraman Catholic Church
On 3rd & 5th Sunday at 8:00am

All Welcome
For ALL enquiries
please phone 4163 0581

South Burnett Spiritualist Church 

SUNDAY SERVICES:
6:30 - 7:30pm
Healing from 5:00pm
All Welcome
VENUE: QCWA Hall,
Fitzroy Street, Nanango
The Rev D Matson
The Rev D Parker
Further details please phone
Rev D Matson on
4162 2027

The Anglican Parish of Nanango offers

Sunday Services

BLACKBUTT: St Johns.....8:00am
 YARRAMAN: St Phillips.... 2:30pm
 NANANGO: St Annes.....10:00am

- **Sunday School**
- **Youth group in Nanango**
- **Adult learning classes**
- **Small group Bible studies**

To find out more, please phone
4163 1393

South Burnett Christian City Church
Sunday Services are held
at
Town Common Hall Kingaroy
at 5:30pm

There are no services available in
Yarraman at present

Further information please
contact Pastor John Carey
on
0407590907

Salvation Army

37 Hart Street

Family Worship Meetings:
are Held on
1st, 3rd and 5th
Sunday morning
each month

All enquiries; please phone
Dorothy on 4163 0314

Blackbutt's Uniting Church
 Coulson Street (just past the bridgeworks)

SUNDAY SERVICES
AT 8:30AM

'Christianity explained Course'
At the church on Mondays
from 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Further enquiries contact
Rev. Graham Slaughter
on 4163 1493

Can you find the errors in this month's Village Voice?

In every newsletter or paper there will always be errors, either spelling or typo, or a jumbled sentence.

THIS MONTH'S PRIZE

A \$10 gift voucher
Compliments of
Temptations at Blackbutt

1. Find the errors and complete the form below
2. Place in the box at NSC Blackbutt office

The Winner's name will be announced in the next issue or, should you prefer your name withheld.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR ISSUE IN CASE NEEDED TO VERIFY

Please cut out then place in the box provided at NSC Blackbutt Office

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YOUR NAME: PHONE:

Number of errors found in May issue
Please supply page numbers below for locating errors

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Of our Easter
Colouring in Competition
THERE WERE NO ENTRIES

SO NO WINNERS

We hope you enter this month's
Blackbutt Show competition for a chance
to win a family pass.

See back page.

FIND THE ERRORS in April issue of Village Voice

**THERE WERE NO ENTRIES
SO NO WINNER**

\$10 GIFT VOUCHER from
TEMPTATIONS AT BLACKBUTT

**Who will win May issue's prize
Remember!!!**

You've gotta be in it to win it

NOTICES FOR VILLAGE VOICE -

All submissions for Village Voice will now need to be e-mailed
to villagevoice@blackbutt.net.au OR
saved to a **floppy or CD.**

We apologise for any inconvenience, but time constraints and
limited volunteers force us to take these steps.
Paper copies, typed or handwritten will no longer be accepted.

**Blackbutt & District
Kindergarten & Crèche Association**

Will hold their annual
CENT AUCTION
On **TUESDAY 2ND MAY**
At **Blackbutt Memorial Hall**

FOR MORE DETAILS
Please contact Sarah Schloss
on
4163 0030

Taromeo Country Music Club

Concerts to be held in 2006

May 21st

July 16th

September 17th

November 19th

Concert programs
10:30am through to 4:00pm

Concerts are held on the
3rd Sunday every 2nd month

For further details please contact

Annette Sutcliffe on 4163 0290
or Katie Sempf on 4163 0299



Operating Village Voice is an ongoing battle for time, paper and helping hands.

PAPER

In March Rob & Jeni Neary (The Basha at Blackbutt) donated 25 reams of paper to help keep Village Voice going.

Another contributor who has supported the newsletter since it began is The Sth Burnett Christian City Church. They donated \$40 in 2005 and so far have donated 5 reams of paper in 2006.

The Blackbutt & District Tourism & Heritage Association (BINGO) have donated approximately 4 reams of paper and have made a commitment to donate a ream per month.

The Blackbutt Golf Club has also indicated they will donate a ream per month.

Other businesses have contributed with paper, such as Temptations, Aquarius Naturopathic Clinic.

Pauline Barr has always supported Village Voice with an occasional ream of paper.

There have been a few private donations made by residents who just want to support the newsletter because they enjoy reading it.

TIME

When Village Voice began, time was not as big a problem in 2004 as it is today. Since then key workers involved in the production and distribution have moved away, commenced employment or their health has deteriorated.

Photo-copying is not done in town and so paper needs to be taken to either Benarkin or Kingaroy and the copies also need to be collected when finished. Therefore we need volunteers who are travelling to Kingaroy to do shopping or business to collect from Dorothy Pratt's electorate office. Photocopying is usually done at the beginning of the final week of the month.

To enable Village Voice to continue on a monthly basis we also need **volunteers** who are willing to fold and staple the newsletter and distribute to the list of outlets in town and at Benarkin. This takes place in the last week of the month.

We are hoping to get sufficient volunteers to tackle these jobs to enable the monthly issues to continue.

If we cannot get the help we need we will have to turn to bi-monthly issues.

Of course if the town had a community centre we would have a venue to install a photocopier thereby reducing the time and travel involved in farming out the work to others.

A community centre would give volunteers the opportunity to attend on any day to help with typing information into the newsletter, fold and staple etc. As it stands today we cannot apply for funding for a copier because there is nowhere to store the machine, or for that matter ANY other equipment needed in producing the newsletter.

Blackbutt - Benarkin Youth Group

Lyn Hine is the Youth Group Co-ordinator. Lyn is keen to make the Youth Group a success by providing activities fortnightly on a Friday Night for all young people aged 10-18.

Activities are chosen by the young people and currently include PlayStation Singstar karaoke, dance comps, games, magnetic darts, table tennis, and board games.

You can contact Lyn on (07) 4163 0129 or Wayne at CTC Youth Services on (07) 4162 7788.

This is a South Burnett CTC Youth Services supported initiative

Blackbutt May dates

Friday 5th

Friday 19th

Yarraman May dates

Friday 12th

Friday 26th

We're told the B'Butt events are popular with young people between

BINGO at Blackbutt Memorial Hall



Every Monday night

Eyes down at 7.30 pm

We hope to see you there soon. All welcome

Hey whiz kids, it's on again!

Our monthly TRIVIA NIGHTS on 2nd Monday night

at 7PM Venue

Blackbutt RSL STARTS AT 7:00PM

ALL WELCOME!!

This is a Blackbutt-Benarkin Aged Care Assoc Inc fundraiser

Sunday Junior Golf Clinic

Blackbutt Golf Club now operates a **Junior Golf Clinic** at the club.

9am on the last Sunday of each month

Our Guest Pro golf tutor is Paul Dangerfield, A1 Golf Shop Kingaroy.



The clinic is open to juniors wishing to begin and/or improve their technique.

For further details of this activity please phone 4163 0180

What's on in & around Blackbutt?

- MONDAY:**
1. **Tourism & Heritage Association Inc.** - Bingo weekly at the hall - great prizes Open 7pm. **Eyes down 7:30pm**
 2. **B&B Aged Care Assoc. Inc Trivia Nights** at Blackbutt RSL 7pm - **2nd Mon monthly**
 3. **Friends of Cultcha Opening Nights - 1st Mon in month** 7pm at the B'Butt Library
- TUESDAY:**
1. **Blackbutt Singers** meet at Yarraman hall 9:30am New members welcome
 2. **Ladies Golf Day** at the Golf Club
 3. **Crafts** at the Anglican Church (no details available)
- WEDNESDAY:**
1. **Veterans Golf Day** &
 2. **Normal social comp day** (alt wks)
- THURSDAY:**
1. **RSL & CMC Happy Hour** for members and guests
 2. **B'Butt Golf Club 'Chook Run'** 2pm
- FRIDAY:**
1. **B'Butt Golf Club - Last Friday night in month** Meal night at 6pm
 2. **Combined Churches Morning Tea 4th Fri of month** Ph: 41630890
 3. **Fortnightly Fri night youth club see YOUTH PAGE**
- SATURDAY:**
1. **RSL/CMC Clubs - Dining every Sat night** from 6pm Great tucker and family prices
 2. **Blackbutt QCWA Craft day 1st Sat in month**
 3. **Show, Tell & Sell** at the QCWA Rooms from 9:00 - 12:00pm Sellers' spots available for \$5 donation. For details Please phone Kerryn on 4163 0629 or Shirley on 4163 0071
- SUNDAY:**
1. **Taromeo Country Music Concerts** (3rd Sun bi-monthly)
 2. **Wood Workers group** at the showground (fortnightly)
 3. **Lions Country Markets** (3rd Sun in month)
 4. **Blackbutt Golf Club** - Junior Golf Clinic 9am (last Sun)

Can you help?

Please help keep this up to date!!!!

If you see any item listed here that is wrong please advise Village Voice so we can make the correction in time for next month's issue.

E-mail villagevoice@blackbutt.net.au OR by note in the pink box at Council office in Hart Street by the 15th of the month

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 4. Ladies Only Interest Days - 10am 1st Tues in month at Memorial Hall
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 3. Taromeo Country Music - on 3rd Sunday every 2nd month (see page 13 for details)

PLEASE REMEMBER!!!! Notices for all issues are due NO LATER THAN 15th of the month You can e-mail to: - villagevoice@blackbutt.net.au OR Saved to floppy disk or CD & deposit in the pink box at Council office Formats accepted WORD - EXCEL - PUBLISHER

We have repeated this article due to the late and small distribution in April.

This is good news for those of us who actually enjoy reading each issue of Village Voce.

Thanks to some recent windfalls in paper donations we now have enough copy paper to last through until September this year.

We have had had 25 reams of paper donated from Rob & Jeni Neary on behalf of their business, The Basha at Blackbutt.

John Atkins and Sandra Turner of Temptations donated a ream of paper as have The Bingo committee and 'Auntie' Pauline who has donated paper on a few occasions during the past 18 months.

Someone dropped off 3 reams of paper at my back door but it is a mystery as to who left the gift of paper.

Another supporter has been the South Burnett Christian City Church, donating \$40 last year and is about to make another generous donation towards paper.

We have received a couple of offers of help with V.V. in folding and also in typing. While the typing is presenting a couple of problems, the folding will be a great help.

The format of Village Voice is changing to allow better reading on the internet.

We are also proud to say that Village Voice is read on the internet and e-mailed by readers to others.

The newsletter not only gives local residents a good idea of what's happening in and around the district, it is giving visitors and interested people an insight into our

community.

We thank the many readers online for their kind e-mails showing their interest in V.V.

The generosity of the paper donors while commendable is only going to stall the inevitable if we can't attract regular support from the community in not only paper but with some hands on assistance.

To enable Village Voice to distribute 500 copies each month we need 4 reams of paper.

If groups and clubs were to contribute just one ream of copy paper every 6 months we would easily meet our minimum target of 50 reams per year.

The cost to groups to have their notices and write-ups would be just **90 cents** per month.

While we have had support from a number of sources, those who have had the bulk of the exposure and promotion have not been as forthcoming.

Surely we are not being unreasonable in asking that groups and clubs who avail themselves of Village voice, for date claimers, promotion etc., contribute at least one ream of paper twice a year and more if they can.

At least those who have donated paper recently will ensure the freebies continue, for the moment at least.

Footnote:

We are now looking at bimonthly issues to ease the burden placed on the few who do so much for so many.

We would like to apologise to the organisers of the Yarraman BMX Fun Day and Blackbutt branch of QCWA Easter Egg Hunt for the late issue of April's V.V.

Unfortunately the newsletter was delayed for a number of reasons. Our printer broke down, followed by Benarkin state school photocopier packing it in after less than half the issues had been copied.

We even tried to pay to have it photocopied by NSC but neither copiers at Blackbutt or Nanango were in working order or capable of doing the job.

Village Voice was finally folded and stapled by the editor and distributed on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Tuesday 18th.

We therefore need to apologise to any children who missed out on entering the colouring competition that closed on Wednesday 20th April.

Village Voice has always been out on time and in many cases early to ensure events are promoted for the local groups holding them.

The way things are at the moment we are considering a bi-monthly issue to allow the very few people to get it out with a minimum of fuss and stress on us.

BYCA had a huge month in February-March, with 2 events, finishing a large report and preparing a submission to the State Government. Add to that all the obstacles we were faced with and the lack of helpers needed to produce the newsletter it was a miracle it hit the streets at all.

We had hoped to discuss this with the community on 25th March but only a few people attended on the day.

We have therefore decided to provide a sheet for you to indicate your opinion on whether or not Village Voice should in fact continue.

We have asked David Badesso (Blackbutt Chemist) and Karen Benson (NSC Blackbutt Office) to take names from anyone wishing to sign the sheet.

There will also be sheet for you to volunteer to help with the production side and/or distribution of V.V.

There are a few jobs begging for assistance so we hope you can help because we need it.

Regards from

Don & Judy Bancks, Janette Ansell, Mary Cross and Chris McNeil.

**TANDEM TRAILER FOR HIRE
\$60 A DAY**

PHONE: 4163 0701

Village Voice would like to invite the Year 7 students from Blackbutt and Benarkin state schools to contribute some news on this page.

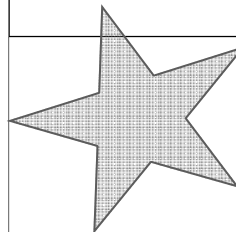
It could be rotated per issue between each school or the page could be shared.

We have written to both school principals with a this suggestion and look forward to hearing from our junior reporters in coming months.

The idea is to give the page to the students to decide what news they should write about, and any graphics etc.

We hope to see this page filled in our June issue.

*A star was born on
25th March*



On Saturday 25th March, Emily Stenner aged (nearly) 15 y r s , presented her

report on the outcome of the 2006 Timbertowns' Youth Conference, held on Saturday 18th March.

Her report covered all aspects of what the youth who attended the youth conference had raised as their needs.

Cameron Thompson MP (Federal Member for Blair) was one in the audience who was particularly impressed by not only what Emily presented but in how she delivered her report.

The youth report has now been included in the 2006 Timbertowns' Community Report to be released in the next couple of weeks.

We thank Emily and her co-youth for their enthusiasm and diligence in their highlighting what they identified to be needed; and in part what they see as solutions. This youth conference was a shire-wide event.

Emily lives on property out of Nanango and attends Nanango State High School. We would also like to thank the parents who acted as taxi drivers on the day.

This story was repeated for those who didn't get a copy in April.

**Where do you get it?
Village Voice outlets**

Copies of Village Voice will be made available on or just before the 1st Friday in the month. **(except January)**

You can pick up a copy of our next issue in March from any of the following outlets in town and at Benarkin.

- **Benarkin General Store**
- **Blackbutt Bakery**
- **Blackbutt Chemist**
- **Blackbutt ECU**
- **Blackbutt Golf Club**
- **Blackbutt Newsagents**
- **Blackbutt NSC Office**
- **Blackbutt Post Office**
- **Blackbutt RSL**
- **The Radnor Hotel**
- **The Top Shop**
- **The Club Café**
- **Temptations at Blackbutt**
- **The Timbertowns Medical Centre.**
- **Aquarius Naturopath Clinic**

**Thank you for supporting
Village Voice**

VILLAGE VOICE

New editorial procedure

**NOTICES AND ALL OTHER SUBMISSIONS
NEED TO BE E-MAILED**

To: villagevoice@blackbutt.net.au

No phone in stories

No written or typed

letters, notes or notices

**We do not have the help needed
to type your information in.**

**We can only 'cut n paste' your
information as it comes in and**

PLEASE DO NOT TYPE IN CAPITALS