Inherited from one of our ‘forebear organisations’ (Yungaburra Community Organisation) the Yungaburra Community Muster has always been popular in providing exposure and a louder ‘voice’ to the many worthy community groups and clubs, all doing their part to make Yungaburra town and district the great place that we all enjoy.

This muster, held on 14 October was the first for YAI, but judging by the success of the evening it will certainly not be the last.

In addition to the verbal presentation of what their organisations are all about, we have asked the presenters representing their groups to provide us with their written notes which can then be distributed for the information of those who were not fortunate enough to be able to attend the Muster. Here then are those notes for your information and enjoyment. Should you have not yet found a club or organisation to fit your interests either as a volunteer or a member we hope that this information might serve to become a valuable introduction for you to become involved in one or more of our groups. Remember… Our town is only what it is through the untiring efforts of its volunteers, its clubs and its community organisations. While YAI has made an honest attempt to identify and contact every club and organisation for inclusion in our presentation, we may have missed one or two. If so, accept our apology. Please contact us for your inclusion in our database.

YAI wishes to thank all those who submitted reports as well as to Max Lewis and Burra Inhouse for formatting and desk publishing this Newsletter. Thanks also to Shane Knuth’s Office for printing the newsletters and John at Yungaburra Post Office for distributing them.

Opening remarks by our YAI President Dean Davidson.

Welcome to the new YAI (Yungaburra Association Incorporated) Executive Committee. They are as follows...

President: Dean Davidson
Secretary: Belinda Henricks
Treasurer: Michael Lawrence
Community Vice President: Sue Fairley;
Assistant Community Vice President: Sue Poggioli
Business Vice President: Larissa Kruck;
Assistant Business Vice President: Meg Stanfield
Sport and Rec. Vice President: Nicole van Beuningen
Communications: Jenni Kruck, and thank you to Melitta Lewis and the outgoing Committee.

The Community Muster was held in Yungaburra on the 14th October 2014. What a fantastic turnout and all credit must go to Sue Fairley, the Community Director, for organising such a successful event. It was a pleasure to hear all the information provided from the local clubs and highlighted the wonderful opportunities that are on our doorstep in Yungaburra and the surrounding area. Given the success of the evening and the opportunity for clubs to network and develop relationships the new committee will look to hold this on an annual basis. Enjoy what is on offer and I am sure any volunteering would be welcomed by any club.

Dean

A Word From Councillor Samantha Banks.

The Tablelands Regional Council is very proud to partner with community groups to help achieve their goals and objectives. It is fantastic to see 20 plus groups turn out to the YAI Community Muster.

Currently the TRC Parks and Gardens are assisting the YAI Beautification Group with the hanging baskets, and the Yungaburra Lionesses with the playground cover project, to name a couple.

I am currently having discussions with Council Officers with regard to the Tinaburra Peninsular Master Plan to see what can be implemented that is feasible and affordable. There isn’t allocation in the budget for this year for this project, but that hasn’t stopped us from starting the discussions and exploring the possibilities.

Thank you on behalf of the Council and the community for coming together and talking about your group and the objectives. What a great way to foster cooperation and collaboration into the community.

Samantha Banks
Councillor.
We are here to serve in the community in which we live. Yungaburra Lions support our local community through a variety of activities including:

- Youth Sponsorship for regional sporting events
- Lions Youth of the Year
- Fundraising for local projects
- Providing equipment to support those who require disability/palliative care aids such as beds, mattresses, wheel chairs, walkers, shower chairs, etc.

Yungaburra Lions with the support of local Doctors and Blue Care are able to offer this service to our local community to support those who require basic equipment when coming home from major surgery, short or long term recuperation or palliative care at home.

The use of this equipment is available to those in the community requiring such aids and is based on a donation system to use. Monthly bed movements can be between 12 and 20 which requires both manpower, time and resources. The beds weigh approximately 220 kg each. Beds cost up to $5000 each and the ripple mattresses are $2000. Wheel chairs are about $300 to $500 each. We have been fortunate to obtain some beds donated by hospitals who are updating their equipment.

This is appreciated by both club members and those in the community who require the equipment.

The Lions Club of Yungaburra raises money primarily through the Hungabusta Food Van which we operate at the monthly Yungaburra markets. Club members also donate their time to run the van at a variety of other events including the Barra Bash, Maize Festival and other local events we are invited to.

The Club also has the “Lions Train” which we take to many events and operate on a gold coin donation basis. This lets people know that the Lions are out and about in the local community.

As the Hungabusta van is a primary fund-raising resource, we are working towards replacing the old van to continue our fundraising activities and supporting the local community.

The Lions Lioness clubs of Yungaburra also host the annual Christmas Eve Carnival held at the Rec Shed. All the community, regardless of age are welcomed to join in the fun and celebrate together.

In 2017 Lions Club in Australia will have provided 100 years of service to the communities in which they live across the country.

Lions believe that a community is what we make it. To be part of serving in our community is what matters.

Ean Irvine

Tablelands Rowing Club

Our Club is located at Tinaburra Peninsula.

We are a social and competitive club, consisting of 35 members, Some of these are competing in rowing Regattas. We are associated with Queensland Rowing.

We just recently moved into new premises, thanks to the help of government funding, and the help of our local council for the land.

Our future plan is that in time we will involve our schools here on the Tableland, and also have Regattas here, like previous times. For this the business communities also will benefit.

New members of any age are welcome, and we have good coaches to help them learn to row.

Thank you, - see you on the water.
The Yungaburra State School P&C Association has been operating the Yungaburra Markets since 1977 and it is our main fundraising activity.

In the last twelve months or so the P&C have donated funding to the school to purchase new laptops, install a hardcover shade structure on the senior playground and purchase new class reader sets.

Currently we are undergoing a transition and we are recruiting a new Market Manager. Our vision is “Fostering the Value of Buying Local” and we look forward to working collaboratively with the community to share this vision.

Next year we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Yungaburra Markets, we look forward to celebrating with the community and hope to continue to enjoy another 40 years of the Markets in Bruce Jones Park.

Kerry Stevenson, Secretary,
Yungaburra State School P&C Association

Paddles Up! - It's a beautiful sound after a solid paddle across the calm waters of Lake Tinaroo as the sun sets on another training session on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.15pm and again on Saturday morning at 6.30 am.

The Dam Outrigger Canoe Club operates from our new boat shed on the Tinaburra Peninsular.

With water being so low at this time we keep a 6 person Outrigger Canoe on the bank near the boat ramp and head up along the Lake passing the Hazards, Pelican Point and through Barefoot Bay.

This is a 10 to 12 km paddle which keeps us limber and fit. The Club also owns Outrigger Canoes for 1 or 2 people.

Paddling has no impact so is ideal for people with crook knees. If you would like to join us, it's as simple as ringing Jill Holland on 0431331069 and turning up in board shorts and a T-shirt.

Water shoes are recommended as there are Mussel Shells in the mud around the shore. The club will provide you with three free paddle sessions to see if it suits you. Coaching, paddles, boats and life jackets are included in the annual club membership fee $200 plus $70 to our national group, AOCRA, or join as a casual member at $5 per paddle plus the $70 to AOCRA.

Our point of difference from rowing.....we look where we are going! It makes good sense.

Jo Barnes

Yungaburra Visitor Information Centre operates seven days a week and is staffed by 32 active Volunteers and have provided over 5000 hours of assistance to regional visitors.

We are one of six under the care of the Tablelands Regional Council.

Year to date we have looked after 15,000 plus visitors from all states in Australia, and from overseas. The majority of our Australian visitors are from Queensland (40%), and the majority of our overseas visitors are from the U.K. and Europe (40%).

Our Volunteers regularly attend familiarisation visits to local and regional businesses and services to ensure they have the most up to date information to pass on to visitors.

Peter Beaver (Coordinator)

Elevate Yungaburra is a youth group that runs on every Friday night of the school term for high school aged students.

We engage in mostly adventure-based activities and promote Christian values.
The ‘Yungaburra Heritage Village’ brochure, distributed by the Yungaburra Visitor Information Centre is about to be reprinted.

Local business ‘Burra Inhouse’ is at this time looking for Yungaburra advertisers seeking exposure to be included in the brochure.

Should you wish to advertise, please contact Burra Inhouse, P.O. Box 123, Yungaburra or email: burrainhouse@gmail.com before the end of November.

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Here is a Reminder…

Yungaburra Tennis Club Inc

FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS

Join now

we are looking to grow the Yungaburra Tennis Club and hold family nights for the community to come and join in on some fun. All ages and ability welcome.

Please go to www.tennis.com.au/yungaburra to become a member and to keep up with the latest news & events via our Facebook page. We are a registered “Get Started” club. “Get Started” vouchers available on-line.

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots/Community Play is great way to get children playing tennis and having fun.

Please select which Membership you would like to purchase:

- Adult Full Member ($45)
- Junior Member ($20)
- Short Term Member ($30/$10 week)
- Family ($85)
- Play & Go ($6 per game)

PAYMENT METHOD:
Direct Debit - BSB: 06 4800 ACC NO: 00901788
Cheques or Money Orders - Please make payable to: Yungaburra Tennis Club Inc
and post to:
The Secretary/Treasurer
PO Box 102
Yungaburra QLD 4884

Whether you’re picking up a racquet for the first time or you are a regular pro, there will be fun for everyone.
Lioness Club of Yungaburra

The Lioness Club of Yungaburra has been active in Yungaburra for 31 years. Currently the club has 11 members and meets at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the CWA hall and we always welcome new members.

As well as socializing, our club raises funds to meet needs in the local community. The original playground in Maud Keogh Park was provided by our club, and we have recently upgraded it with the installation of a set of junior playground equipment.

We support many local community organisations such as the Yungaburra Primary and the Malanda Secondary Schools, Volunteer Fire Brigade, Peterson Ck. Committee and the Christmas Eve Party in the Rec shed, to mention just a few.

Our main fund raising activities are the market car park, the Friday Goose Club at the Lake Eacham Hotel and regular $100 number boards.

While we are a service club supporting the local community, we also support such International Lions projects as Lions Medical Research, Drug Awareness, Spinal Cord Fellowship and Lions Guide Dogs.

We are always eager to welcome new members into our club to join us in our service work to our community, to enjoy our social outings and to develop friendships. If you would like to join us in our important role in the community, we would love to have your company.

For further information, please contact 0447952367.

YAI - Business Group

The newly formed and active business group have had a very busy 3 months. There are many ideas and projects underway, with the main focus being the promotion of Yungaburra as a destination of choice. We have come together to give us strength in numbers. Many of us are owner operators of small businesses who hope that working together as a team will enable us to achieve greater results.

Well underway is a “branding” plan for Yungaburra involving logo development. This branding and logo will be able to be used across any form of media and promotion to create uniformity and be recognisable as Yungaburra. Moving along with this are plans to upgrade the Yungaburra.com website and Facebook and hope to create an Instagram account. There is a TV advertising campaign planned, aimed at promoting Yungaburra for the wonderful town that it is. This will not advertise individual businesses but this great community as a whole and drive traffic to social media and the website. Also in the near future we plan to finalise the creation and erection of new “Welcome to” signage for both approaches to town.

This is just the beginning of what we would like to achieve. We always welcome assistance and constructive ideas. Fresh input is good, so if you would like to become involved in any positive way then please come in and see either Larissa at Artistree Gallery or Meg at Miss Megs.

Welcome to two new recent business owners in Yungaburra Village. Tony and Maria Kiely have purchased Keddies; and Maree Cathro has opened a new shop in one of the Yungaburra Hotel Shops called Uber Fantastisch.

Please call in and support these new owners.

By the way… Patti Flynn has shifted to the Red Shed Complex.
Tablelands Folk Festival is one of the biggest and longest-running events on the Yungaburra calendar. Beginning the first year in Herberton, it has been held in Yungaburra now for 35 years.

Each year, a small committee of volunteers, puts together this incredible 3 day celebration of music, dance, poetry, song and culture. As well as showcasing some of FNQ’s finest performers, we bring world-class acts from around Australia, encouraging them to mentor our local emerging talents. Over the years, our festival has seen many talented young folk begin with busking, move on to the Kids stage, then up to the main stage before launching into the Australian and worldwide music scene. It’s a great satisfaction to be part of an organisation that inspires, mentors and supports young talent in this way, as well as providing a whole weekend of fantastic entertainment for Tablelands people.

Our Festival owes thanks to local businesses for their support, particularly the Yungaburra Hotel, who host our Verandah Folk Sessions, the Django D jams and local band nights every month. This year we also have festival entertainment programmed in venues around the Village, including Quincan Café, Curtain Fig Motel, Nick’s, Obi’s Gem Gallery, Retro Café, St Mark’s Church and Maud Kehoe Park.

Please consider joining our organising group or becoming a festival volunteer next year. We’d love more local input and extra skills and knowledge. We usually meet on Market Saturday afternoons and finish the evening with music. It’s a fantastic event that should make the Yungaburra community proud.

Jenni Kruck (Treasurer)

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**New Date For Yungaburra Triathlon**

It is not too early to start training now for the next Yungaburra Triathlon which will be held on 22 and 23 April 2017, at the Afghanistan Avenue of Honour on the Tinaburra foreshore.

Organising Committee Chair, Councillor Samantha Banks is keen for the event to continue after the event planned in November 2016 had to be postponed due to lack of water in Lake Tinaroo.

“After a review of other events in the region, and the likelihood of appropriate water levels in Lake Tinaroo, we are now planning on hosting future Yungaburra Triathlons near Anzac Day to show our continued support for our returned servicemen and women,” said Cr Banks.

“The third Yungaburra Triathlon will be held on the weekend prior to Anzac Day 2017 and will provide a great preparation event for people interested in competing in the Cairns Ironman event in June.

“We will be hosting an array of events to suit beginners through to elite athletes including a kids Aquathon, Enticer, Sprint, Olympic and Corporate events.”

All events can be entered as an individual or as a team, with a minimum age of seven or older able to participate.

The town centre of Yungaburra will be accessible for the entire weekend with a brief road closure on the Gillies Highway between the Yungaburra State School and Peeramon Road from 6.30am to approximately 9.00am on the Sunday morning. Williams Avenue through to the boat ramp will be closed to vehicular traffic during the races.

“Why not start training now, take on a new challenge by competing in a triathlon event, and support our returned service men and women in the process?” suggests TRC Mayor Joe Paronella.

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**By the Way…**

It’s worth calling into the Pit Stop to view the photo display of when Lake Tinaroo was at its lowest in early 2004.
About the U3AAT by Alf Hogan

The U3A Atherton Tablelands branch was formed in 2011 by a group of Lakeside, Yungaburra residents who meet monthly to share a meal. From these rather amiable beginnings, the U3AAT has spread across the Tablelands to embrace a membership approaching 330. What is a U3A? Well, it is a world-wide movement that encourages learning for pleasure and for its social aspects. There are no exams and no qualifications required to attend. There may be some homework though. The target audience is those in the Third Age of their lives. The First Age is the period of growing up and developing life skills. The Second Age is adulthood where those skills are used to establish family, career and community. The Third Age is the age of fulfillment. We can look back and reflect on what is really important to us and what we may have neglected in those busy years. This age provides the opportunities to reach our full potential by completing any missing bits in our hearts, minds, bodies and spirits. The last stage of earthly life, the Fourth Age, is the age of completion. It allows us to revel in the fullness of our lives, hopefully with no regrets, and prepare ourselves for whatever we believe comes next. “Live and Learn” is our motto, and our aim is to have a “healthy body and healthy mind”. Thus our courses are wide ranging and held at a number of venues across the Tablelands. Topi groups and some of the individual courses are mentioned below. Full details, including how to participate, are on our web site athtablands.u3anet.org.au.

Community and Ethics: A Friday Forum discusses a wide range of issues, from happiness to violence in the community. Another topic delves into ancient philosophy. Computers and Technology Aimed at those struggling with Windows 10 and smartphones. There were also a few talks on how to use PowerPoint. Culture and History There is a cultural review group that reviews books, movies, art shows and live theatre. A huge favourite is a series of unsolved mystery talks by Ken Cotterill. There were also talks on the war years and even the origin and significance of religious icons.

Dance and Exercise: There is social ballroom dancing in Malanda and old time social dancing in Atherton, plus three Tai Chi groups under this umbrella. Water aerobics in the Atherton pool is another popular activity. Games, Cards and Crafts Mah-jong and social cards are two well attended groups. You can also learn to knit and crochet. Gardening and Culinary Delights: A social gardening group meets monthly at various gardens and places of interest, including the Cairns Botanic Gardens. The culinary delights group meet monthly to share a particular cooking masterpiece. Two other groups attend various restaurants and meet regularly for lunch. Health and Wellbeing: This topic is covered by visiting and local professionals who give one-off lectures about maintaining our health. Many of these are at short notice as the opportunity to grab a presenter arises. Language and Literature: The Italian course is usually booked out at the start of the year. There is a book club, family history group, writers workshop and other courses such as poetry appreciation and so on. Music: A classical music appreciation group meets monthly. There are occasional talks on other aspects of music, for example the music of other cultures. Photography The happy snappers photography group is for everyone from beginners up. It helps discover all the features of your camera and learn the basics of taking portraits, capturing landscapes, sports and natures photography capturing motion and night-time scenes. Besides fortnightly meetings, the group has photographic excursions and social outings. Members exhibit their photos in the Old Atherton Post Office Gallery towards the end of the year. Science and Nature: This very popular category consists of one-off lectures about a wide range of subjects, from soils and geology to fossils, butterflies, birds, feral animals and even the making and use of explosives! Management of national parks such as Kakadu has been covered. You can also learn about biodynamics and the biodiversity of your local area. Travel: Many of our members are widely travelled. One or two are even travel agents! These are encouraged to give us an armchair ride through their journey and pass on travel tips. This year we have been from Alaska to Canada and the USA, Broome to Perth, Chile and other South American countries, the Galapagos Islands, China, Bhutan and even Fraser Island. Many of our activities take place in Room 22 in the old Atherton State School buildings opposite the Council Chambers in Mabel Street, Atherton. We are very grateful for the support we receive from the Tablelands Regional Council in the use of this facility and support for other events. Every aspect of the U3AAT is run by volunteers. The management are all volunteers, the presenters are all volunteers and all courses are free, except for some excursions and classes that are on a cost recovery basis. The annual membership is just $25 and we are affiliated with both state and Federal U3A bodies. Membership is open to all. We have had young members in the past, but as most of our activities take place during the working week, our membership is mostly of the Third Age. Membership forms are available on our web site or in the brochure. Thank you for the invitation to tell you about our University of the Third Age here on the Atherton Tablelands.
The Avenue is generating strong visitor interest ever since it’s official opening in 2013. Visitors books fill quickly. Many Tour Groups e.g. Loretto Girls School from Sydney (6 busloads), Local Govt Management Challenge teams from all over Qld, Patriots MC Memorial Run in June (100 + motorbikes), National Servicemen’s Clubs from other parts of Qld, Atherton High School, Other High Schools and many thousands of individual visitors. 

Even though the purpose for building the Avenue was to recognize the service and sacrifice of our Defence Force men and women and this remains our main focus, the boost to visitor numbers to Yungaburra has been a welcome but unintended outcome. 

The response of visitors to the Avenue has been very positive as shown by comments in the visitors book and more recently by very positive reviews on Trip Adviser. 

The AAOH Committee has welcomed some new members this year including veterans of Afghanistan and other recent campaigns. 

Current developments include:

- Annual Fellowship Award for Yungaburra School students which will be presented for the first time this year. The award will recognize the student who best upholds the Anzac traditions of mateship and courage, who makes the most of their ability in their studies and who takes a keen interest in community activities.
- Developing a Podcast for visitors to download to their phone or iPod which will provide an audio commentary on the Avenue. This should help improve visitor’s experience and understanding of the Memorial.
- Our Website is being regularly updated.
- Will be adding to the recognition of mental impacts on veterans with a symbolic black and red cross which is now recognized as an indicator of the problem of veteran suicide.
- Currently developing Interpretative Signage panels which will tell the story of the Afghanistan conflict and provide visitors with the background to the campaign and an explanation of the purpose and origins of the memorial.

We have developed strong partnerships with the TRC in the ongoing management and maintenance of the trees and irrigation; with Bunnings for supply of materials and equipment and with Defence Force units Townsville and Cairns.

The next event at the Avenue will be the Remembrance Day Service on 11 November and that will be followed by a luncheon at Obi’s for service personnel and the general public. The Avenue Association meets the cost of lunch for service personnel and everyone else pays for their own.

And finally, we have the first appearance of a bloom on one of the young Avenue flame trees which is a sign of better things to come. Maybe we will have a more impressive flowering next year.

Ray Byrnes

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**Yungaburra Bowls Club (Est. 1948)**

Approx 70 members (50 men, 20 women) Ages 16-96 and 1 member plays in a wheelchair. Club Bowls days are Wed, Fri & Sat. Barefoot bowls Tuesday night from 6pm, cost $5, Coordinator Kay Hogan.

The club hosted NQ Games in 2016 with youngest player being 10yo who is a previous NQ Junior Champion.

Lawn Bowls is a game for all ages. We have hosted local clubs including Atherton Roosters and Atherton Cricket as well as Yungaburra Youth Group, Classic Car Club and Barefoot Skiers.

Our Club is available to community for barefoot bowls and club facilities which include Bar, Kitchen and Hall are also available for use for functions or meetings.

Gavin Johnson  (Chair)  Yungaburra Bowls Club Inc (Junior Liaison).
Yungaburra Boxing

The Yungaburra Boxing Gym runs training sessions to the youth and elderly, people with disabilities, etc. Tues, Wed, Thurs 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Yungaburra Memorial Hall (next to Rec shed & Tennis courts). There is also Bootcamp Tues-Wed 5:30pm-6:30pm, Fri 4pm

We have Boxers that compete competitively and plenty of gym goers that come for fun, fitness and self-defence.

Two Yungaburra Boxers competed at Art of Strength's Tournament on Magnetic Island on Sat 15th Oct 2016. Deyan Vasilev's first fight in the boxing ring, he showed great skill and composure, outpointing his Palm Island opponent Joseph Nallajar, over 3 rounds. Vasilev's lightening left jab had Nallajar on the back foot and unable to score any effective punches. Vasilev hit his opponent with right crosses and punishing body shots. All this had the Judges award a unanimous decision to Vasilev.

Michael Perks opted to fight 2 bouts on the same night. First off was Art of Strength's Bodie Benyon this was a hard fought contest, with Perks being awarded a unanimous decision at the end of 3 rounds. Then later in the night climbed back in the ring to face Rockhampton PCYC, Parry Boland- his Rockhampton opponent was a hard puncher, but Perks kept his composure and by the end of the first round he had Boland in trouble with his straight lefts and hard rights to the head and body.

In Round 2 Boland came out throwing bombs, but in 30sec Perks took control with dynamite lefts and rights and trapped his opponent in the corner and hit him with a barrage of punches, which had the Referee step in to apply the count and his corner threw the towel in, giving Perks his second win for the night.

Upon leaving the Tournament, the Yungaburra Boxing Gym was met with cheers and congratualtions for both boxers from the crowd and they bestowed upon Perks the honour of a nickname - Mick the Weapon! Trainer Ashley Cupitt said "These two boxers have a big future in the sport and they are fighters to be reckoned with. They and our other boxers will be training hard for the upcoming tournament in Gordonvale on the 29th Oct."

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CWA Happenings

We continue to have Morning Tea on market day (the 4th Saturday of each month).

This is our main fund raiser and is well supported by locals and visitors – this is appreciated.

All staff for the markets are volunteer members giving various times on the preceding Thursday, Friday and of course market day from 8:00 am till 1:00 pm.

How are the funds used? – this is a limited example;

- Supporting local charities e.g. Scouts, guides, local shows and special needs in our local community
- Support for our State Office in Brisbane at Ruth Fairfax House which also offers accommodation close to the city. This is where all our administration goes on sending monies for emergencies – which send monies in voucher form so it is used in the towns and local businesses.
- Monies to support our members to go to state and regional conferences.
- We support Women Walk the World which is run on market day on the second half of the year. This is supported so well by local business. The monies raised go to 3rd world countries of need.

We study a country each year with our international officer. We learn about a different disease giving support to the study and research.

Our monthly meeting is at 9:30 am every 3rd Tuesday and craft lead by experts teachers every 2nd and 4th Tuesday commencing at 9:15 am. You do not have to be a member to attend craft.

Our rooms are often used for meeting at a very low cost. Ring Isabel Mather 40953583.

We welcome new members to join a great group of ladies who enjoy – raising monies to help others.

If interested ring Mary Cooney 07 40952330
On Friday 18 November, at 7.15pm, the Friends of St. Marks will be holding our final quiz for the year at the Yungaburra Pub. We have these four times a year, partly to give the locals a fun night out, and also to keep our over 100 year old Church of St. Mark in top condition.

We always give the proceeds from the first quiz of the year to a needy charity.

The cost is only $8.00, and we have a fabulous supper. Do come and join us—bookings can be made with Chris at 40953146, or on email at chrisbillfarby@bigpond.com.

We hold regular church services on Sundays at 8.30am, and all are welcome. (also Christmas Day at 8.30am).

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Bingo and Beautification Report.

- We currently have 40 poles and 80 baskets up with a further 40 poles (made at a reduced cost by Wilkinson’s Engineering) and 80 baskets to be installed by TRC in the future. These will go in front of businesses along the highway, and at Kookaburra Lodge, plus more at Maud Kehoe Park. TRC also to install a watering system for the ones on Maud Kehoe Park.

- 15 Council owned cement tubs have been sanded, painted and planted.

- We pay Lakeside Garden Centre to make up the baskets (at a discounted price) and we replace them when they need to be.

- Need more volunteers in the watering pool to help out on weekends and when people are away.

- Bingo going very well. There are between 25 and 36 coming weekly. Roseburra and Sybil Jones (Lakeside Garden Centre) continue to be regular weekly donors of prizes, plus generous donations from players and organisers with food for morning tea, prizes and vegetables. Special thanks also to the Yungaburra Hotel.

- My sincere thanks to the Bingo team who help me out mostly Gail Flynn, Gayle Herring and Martin Williams. Thanks to Michelle Frainey for doing our books.

- Goose Clubs continue to be a big fund raiser including three this year. Thanks go to Gail Flynn for acquiring great prizes & to all the wonderful businesses & individuals who donate prizes, and to those that regularly buy tickets to support our project.

- We conduct a Plant sale at least once a year. Donations of plants for this are always gratefully accepted. We also do some fundraising with catering jobs. Thanks to Gayle Herring who is the main person involved in this.

- Progress is beginning with the proposed Historic Rotunda. We have had preliminary meetings with TRC and shortly there will be a community consultation meeting. We are in the early stages of putting together a project case to be submitted to Community and also TRC. A couple of businesses have already offered to donate building materials, etc. Determining the location is the first step and there are a number of factors being identified to ensure we hopefully get it right. Rolf Straatemeier has put a lot of time into this research. It is proposed to conduct monthly free family concerts, lunch time in winter and sunset in summer.

- Thanks also to all involved in the beautification project especially Enaide Freeman, Gail Flynn, Martin Williams and Mary Cooney, plus the businesses that water the plants in front of their premises, also Kathy, Renata and Barry’s help with watering.

- We also donated money to the Lioness Club for the Children’s Park and to Williams Park. We provide plants to Peter our wonderful TRC Yungaburra Gardener.

- We are working with the school to support a gardening club or program

Sue Fairley – 0417375724- 
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The Northern Region Queensland Barefoot Water Ski Club has recently been reformed, as a direct result of Queensland Barefoot's encouragement; they noticed we were actively engaging Australian and Overseas top level coaches to run clinics regularly in this area. We also vigorously promote the club, our events and fun antics on our Facebook page. This club consists of locals from Yungaburra and surrounding areas from Cairns to Townsville with one member from as far as the Gold Coast. The Northern Region Club is part of the Queensland Barefoot Water Ski Club, which in turn comes under the auspices of the Water-ski and Wakeboard Association of Australia (WAWA). In addition to organising clinics, the club holds Come & Try Days and other events. The Northern Region endeavours to hold 3 major tournaments and several other “fun” events per year however the current low water levels have meant the club will have to wait until our dam fills to have our first event for this season. (The season runs from October to October the following year.)

Most of our members use Lake Tinaroo on weekends to improve their skills, in readiness for competing. Barefoot water skiing involves travelling at average speeds across the water of around 60 to 75 km/hr on our bare feet (Not skis!). Competition involves 3 sections: tricks, slalom & jump. In both tricks and slalom the skier has 2 consecutive passes of 15 seconds. The aim in the trick event is to complete as many tricks as possible in the time frame whereas in the slalom event the skier is judged on how many crosses are successfully completed in the time and points are dependent on level of difficulty (i.e. 1 foot is harder than 2, backwards or forwards). Different starts are also awarded according to their difficulty. At present we do not yet have a jump but the club is actively pursuing grants to assist with this in the future. (Yes, competitors go over this on their bare feet and land and foot away!)

One of our club members, Katina Davis, President of the Northern Region Club, was selected as part of the Australian team to participate in the Senior Division of the World Barefoot Championship held in Blue Moo Wisconsin USA this year. Katina had only entered 2 competitions before the Queensland State Titles and earned the right to head to the World Championships by competing in the Australia Titles held in Sydney at Easter this year. Hopefully several more members will travel to the State Titles in February next year and then head to the Nationals in Perth in April. Katina has been named in the 2018 squad for the next Worlds (which are held biannually) in Canada in 2018. She trains most weekends, and during competition several weekday mornings, on Lake Tinaroo from 6 am.

The Yungaburra Community has been very supportive of our little club, with quite a few local businesses sponsoring our new club shirts. We hope to hold a State titles here in 2018 which should in turn inject funds back into our local Community.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Contact any member of our Executive:- President Katina Davis 0427953609, Vice-President Brian Walsh 0438545128, Secretary Tom Veitch 0417744004 or Treasurer Darren Rogers 0438565280. Come along to our next event and stay posted by joining the Northern Region QLD Barefoot Waterski Club Facebook page for up to date information about club events, successes and antics.

Other ski clubs in the region include the Cairns & District Ski Club which offers a clubhouse for hire at Tinaburra and lane racing events (Contact Simon Greenwood 0427659356), Barron River Ski Club for tournament skiing(on a ski) (Contact Peter Delai 0419029583) and the Cairns Ski Racing Club (Contact Georgina Mead Malanda).
Do you love the Yungaburra Community and want to see it progress further?

Perhaps you have a great idea that is longing to see the light of day and perhaps be implemented.

The YAI is always interested to learn about new ideas and it exists for the progress and betterment of our great town and wider area.

Please give us an outline of your thoughts in our questionnaire and who knows, we may all get to see your great idea become a reality in the future.
Hello to all Yungaburra business owners and operators, clubs, groups and community organisations.

Just a couple of quick notices for the fast approaching Festive Season.

First up is the 2nd year of the TRC backed “Shop Local” campaign. It will run throughout December. Customers will be rewarded for shopping locally with entry tickets into a major prize pool. As well as the major prizes, each individual community has the opportunity to create a sample hamper of the goods and services available in our town. A winning ticket will be drawn for the individual town prizes before all tickets are then entered into the major draw.

If you have any goods or vouchers, no matter how small or large, you would be able to contribute towards a spectacular hamper for Yungaburra, it would be much appreciated. Let’s make it a prize worth winning. Please drop your offerings in to Artistree gallery 14 kehoe Pl – as soon as possible. If you are unable to deliver but would still like to be a part of it, then call Larissa at Artistree on 4095 3269 and I will collect from you. We will make the hamper up and have it displayed at the Post Office along with the entry box for tickets. We will make sure all who wish to be involved receive any relevant advertising and entry tickets. You may also choose to have an entry box on your counter which can later be entered into the main box.

I do not yet have the full details from TRC – but as soon as I do, will send them out to you. But we can get the hamper started now.

The other item is to “Light up Yungaburra for Christmas”. Get into the spirit and join us in decorating your premises with all things Christmas. We would like to put Yungaburra on the Christmas Lights Tour map. Get people to come and visit Yungaburra to do some window shopping and remind them of how much is available here. It just might help put Yungaburra in mind as a great place to do your Christmas shopping, hold a Christmas party or come and stay over the holidays. I would also encourage you to enter into the TRC lights competition. Even if you do not think you are going to win – it still provides advertising for Yungaburra as all entries in the competition are listed for the public to plan their Christmas lights tour.

Join us in creating magic and sparkle for the community this Christmas Festive Season.