

Ravenswood Round-up

July 2023

Boar Buster was Back in Town



Wow, what a day! Around 200 people from all over the district joined in the fun in the bi-annual Ravenswood Boar Buster Competition. Not only does the competition provide prizes for the biggest barrow, boar and sow in various age groups, it helps reduce pest animals impacting landowner livelihoods.

This unique event organised by the Ravenswood State School P&C also included dog jumping, fastest eating dog and ugliest dog, as well as iron man and iron women competitions. The P&C Committee would like to thank all the entrants, sponsors, stall holders, spectators and of course the volunteers for supporting the event which ultimately helps the students of Ravenswood State School.

Major competition winners shown in images below. Other winners on the day include:

- Senior Biggest Sow, Clint Porter 91.7kg
- Ladies Biggest Sow, Kelly Hodgetts 57.5kg
- Junior Biggest Sow, Brodie Clark 86kg
- Longest Tusks, Kelly Hodgetts 153mm
- Ladies Combined Weight, Kelly Hodgetts 215.8kg
- Junior Combined Weight Dallas Easton 130.2kg
- Local Hunter Roy Cockfield 267.50kg
- Mystery Weight of 46.3, Ian Twist
- Iron Man—John Ahern, Iron Woman - Claudette Wilson



Roy Cockfield, winner of Biggest Barrow (136kg) with Joelleene Easton President of RSS P&C.



Joelleene Easton presenting to Kelly Hodgetts winner of Ladies Biggest Boar (99.2kg).



Community Garden Working Bee



Ravenswood Gold employees gave some extra hands to help out in the Community Garden. Ravenswood State School students also joined in and after all the hard work, enjoyed a BBQ dinner together. There's still more to be done so if you'd like to help out just once or on a more regular basis, contact Margie Hancock on 0488147539.



If you missed out on a Boar Buster Shirt, contact the School or P&C member to get your order in by 10th August.



Winner of Biggest Boar (93kg) Clint Porter with Melissa Wareham P&C committee member.



Junior Biggest Boar (106kg) winner Bailey receiving prizes from Joelleene Easton.

Home and Heritage



Can you help?

These are treasured images depicting the lives of children growing up in Ravenswood in times past. If you can help identify the people, the occasions or the year of any of the school photos, can you please email Heather Allen with more information on heather.allen@ravenswoodgold.com.au or phone Heather on 4736 9162.

Master Planning for Ravenswood

Charters Towers Regional Council engaged James Cook University's (JCU) Urban Planning Department to assist in developing a Ravenswood Master Plan. Ten JCU Urban Planning students spoke to visitors and locals to help develop a Ravenswood Master Plan. The visit included a mine site tour followed by a community meeting. The final stop was a visit to Ravenswood State School where students were encouraged to draw their future vision of Ravenswood.



Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Firefighter Peter presented an educational program on fire safety that was not short on entertainment. You may have heard the screams of “fire, fire, fire” and other loud noises as our students practiced what to do in a fire emergency, which of course included, “get down low and go, go, go!” Students were delighted to test out blasting a fire hose for themselves, leaving others soaked and cackles of laughs as they ran across the oval.



Town Planning with JCU & Charters Towers Regional Council

Tuesday afternoon saw more adults than students in our classroom as they were challenged to consider future planning for our hometown of Ravenswood. They discussed as a group and were tasked to each draw a map of their ideal Ravenswood. Students didn't mind the copious adults, relishing the extra attention and people to bounce ideas off.

Some students spoke about the huge need to upgrade the waste management facility, while others suggested upgrading the showgrounds and including a dog park in the middle! Students recommended pathways in areas and access to more services like shops and doctors. It was interesting to gain the perspective of our young citizens and wonderful to hear the passion in their idea. Fitness and entertainment are high of the list, suggesting the need for Ravenswood to have pump bike track like Charters Towers or other activities for children who live and travel here. Some believe our bats are a big problem and all student would LOVE to see our creeks cleaned out and more accessible. While Miss Priya (Prep) believes a toyshop near her house would be just wonderful! No questions were off limits and mature, well-rounded students, challenged the coordinators by asking if their ideas would actually happen



Queensland Cricket

Thanks to a sporting schools grant, our favourite cricket coach, Locke, returned to our oval to deliver a skills-based cricket program. Students had a lot of fun building their hand-eye coordination, reaction time and cricketing skills! All students were highly engaged and love these coaching clinics. Perhaps The Ashes are in sight for some of our kids!



Queensland Virtual STEM Academy The superstars of Year 5 and 6, joined students from Years 5 to Year 9 across the state to participate in the great ‘Heist’ STEM challenge through the online platform, *I See*. Students collaborated with others in the course to use mathematical reasoning and solve the mystery of who carried out the heist. All students

received highly commended awards for their level of engagement in the course. Two of our students, Laynie (Year 6) and Wilfred (Year 6) received special awards as standouts amongst the groups of schools.

These students, as well as the Year 4 students, have now have embarked on *The Resilience Project* where they learn more about natural disasters. Students have been able to learn from guest speakers who are specialists in their field to gain a deeper understanding of the impact of natural disasters from an environmental and community perspective.



Community Mine Site Tour



With the multi million dollar mine site expansion project now complete, community members had the opportunity to see what's going on behind the bund wall on a guided mine site tour. The 50 seater bus was full to capacity with participants able to take in the enormity of the Buck Reef West pit, the new tailings dam, and the processing plant. Following the tour, a morning tea and presentation by Ravenswood Gold's Senior Environment Advisor Gracie Charlton, provided information on environment management. If you're interested in joining a mine tour, email heather.allen@ravenswoodgold.com.



THE FUTURE: PRC Plan

With mine life planned until 2038, undertaking rehabilitation works progressively is important to minimise the disturbance footprint of the mine. Ravenswood Gold (RG) is obligated to rehabilitate the land that has been mined. As such RG is developing a Progressive Rehabilitation and Closure (PRC) plan. The PRC plan contains two sections; planning and scheduling. Planning provides general information about the project, environmental information, how the land will be used after mining, involvement of community and stakeholders and rehabilitation methods. Scheduling outlines timing for the rehabilitation. The community will be invited to provide comments for consideration throughout the PRC Plan process.

New Apprentices for the Mine

Five men and one woman have commenced apprenticeships with Ravenswood Gold through the Trainee and Apprenticeship Program. Two of the apprentices, Bree Herrod and Kieran North are current employees and taking the opportunity to become dual traded by undertaking Cert III Instrumentation & Control. The other four apprentices are new employees and aim to become certified in various trades such as Electrotechnology Electrician, Mobile Plant Technology, and Engineering—Mechanical. Support is provided by MEGT.



L to R: MEGT's Caitlyn Gregory, Matthew Shultz, Athan Vener, Jonathan Driver, Aidan Calligaro, Kieran North, Bree Herrod and MEGT's Jodi Pettitt.



What's happening?

Great Houses Open Day Three great houses of Charters Towers are holding an Open Day on **Sunday 16th July** from 10am—3pm. Houses include Mt Alma, Ay Ot Lookout and Jemane Cottage.

Church Service A non denominational Christian service will be held at the Ravenswood Church joined by a group from Charters Towers on **Sunday 6th August** starting at 11.30am.

Ravenswood Garden Markets Enjoy browsing through the Ravenswood Garden Markets on **Sunday 13th August**.

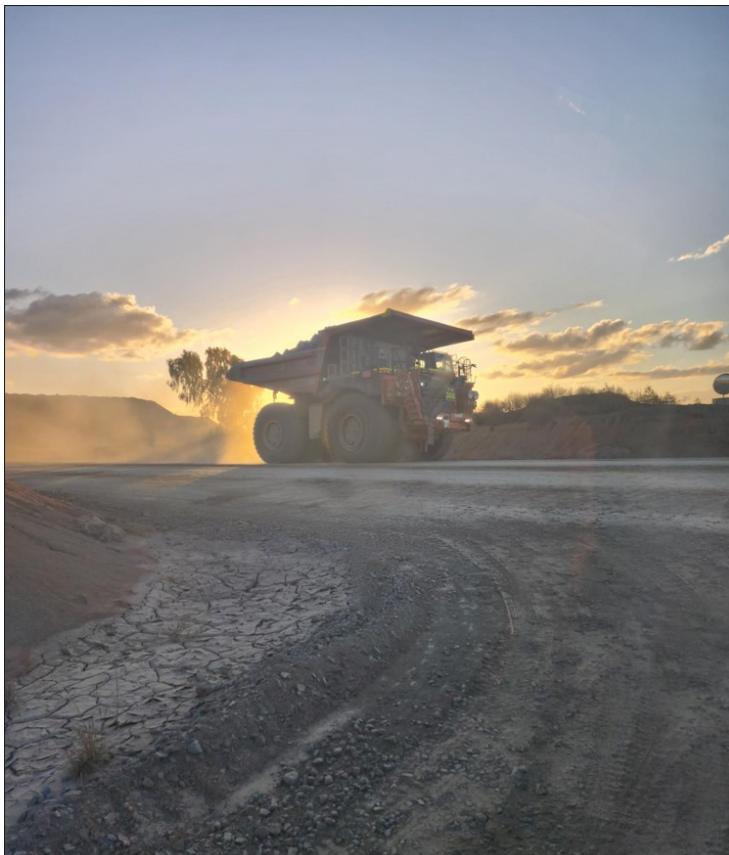
Ravenswood Restoration and Preservation Association (RRPA) Members of the RRPA will meet on **Tuesday 8th August** at 3.30 pm at the Community Hall.

Royal Flying Doctors Service The Flying Doctors will be in Ravenswood on **Wednesday 26th July**. Clinics will be held from mid morning to mid afternoon. To book appointments call 07 4040 0444.

Community Mine Tour A mine site bus tour will be held on **Saturday 22nd July** for Zonta Club Charters Towers. There will be some limited seats available if you'd want to join. Email heather.allen@ravenswoodgold.com to confirm your seat by 19th July.

Flavourista Party Be pampered at the Flavourista party hosted by Allison on **Saturday 29th July** at the Imperial Hotel at 12pm. RSVP to Allison on 0487 164 037 by 22nd July.

Breast Screen Clinic Call 13 20 50 to book your breast screen. The mobile van will be coming to Ravenswood on **28th and 29th September**.



We have two \$50 gift vouchers to award for the Ravenswood Gold Social Club **Picture Perfect Competition**. The mine sunset is our June winner and the rainbow wins the July voucher. To have a chance to win, send your entries to:
socialclubsecretary@ravenswoodgold.com.