

Ravenswood Round-up

May 2023

WOW – what a day for our SES

Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Mark Ryan has added an extra WOW factor to Wear Orange Wednesday for our Ravenswood SES group. WOW Day is held annually during National Volunteer Week (15-21 May) and this year, Minister Ryan MP handed over a new trailer to Ravenswood SES group leader Ivan Bates and group member Di Bates. The single axle, partially enclosed trailer is worth more than \$34,500 and will be used for a range of capabilities including road crash rescue, storm damage, search and rescue, and traffic control.

The Ravenswood SES Group is part of the broader Charters Towers Unit, whose 22 active members have spent more than 1800 hours volunteering for their community since June 30 last year. Their orange uniforms have become a symbol of hope and support when times get tough, and on WOW Day, Queenslanders were encouraged to don their own orange outfit in a show of thanks.

SES volunteers are highly trained to respond to a range of incidents including cyclones, storms, floods, forensic searches, and rescues. This past month Ivan received a commercial drone pilots licence, and Di trained in drone awareness observation to provide another level of support with lost person searches and bush fire control.

The opportunity to learn new skills is broad as a member of the SES. Contact Ivan on 0447 410 125 if interested in joining the Ravenswood group.

Pictured L to R: Mark Ryan MP, Ivan Bates, Les Walker MP, Di Bates, Hon Scott Stewart MP and Mike Wassing AFSM A/Commissioner QFES



Standing L to R: Chris Morris, Sunwater Environment and Approvals Manager; David Hayes, Operations Manager; Alice Cuffe, Senior Stakeholder Relations Advisor. Seated are keen users of the Burdekin Falls Dam.

Sunwater Morning Tea

Twelve people attended the Sunwater information session held at Thorps Tea Rooms and Treasures. Representatives from Sunwater provided information on the proposed Burdekin Falls Dam Raising project. The proposal is to raise the existing dam by two metres to support future water demand in the Burdekin and surrounding regions. Should the project get the green light, it is expected to increase water supply by an additional 31 percent storage capacity. For more information head to www.sunwater.com.au.

Home and Heritage

UNEARTHING THE SECRETS OF RAVENSWOOD

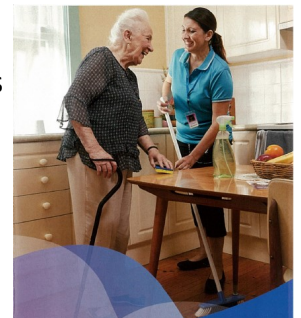
- ◇ Ravenswood is the oldest surviving inland town in North Queensland.
- ◇ It was the first significant goldfield discovered in the northern half of Australia.
- ◇ A house in the Ravenswood State School grounds is the oldest house in any North Queensland town.
- ◇ Although Ravenswood was a rich mining field, it had some of the most obstinate, frustrating gold ores in Australia. As such, this put it in the forefront of technological innovation being the first place where the chlorination gold extraction process and Wilfley tables were used in Queensland, and probably the first place where the cyanide process for extracting gold was used in Australia.
- ◇ Ravenswood experienced its greatest prosperity when most Australian goldfields were closing down.
- ◇ Ravenswood shrank to a population of about seventy people but has survived to the present day.
- ◇ Ravenswood hosts Australia's, longest running Halloween event with the tradition still alive after 115 years.
- ◇ Ravenswood's brick-arch road bridge, listed in the Queensland Heritage Register, is over 120 years old and the only one of its kind in Queensland.
- ◇ Ravenswood's COVID Clinics was broadcasted to the world through BBC's World News.



HOME CARE SERVICES

Residents in Ravenswood with complex care needs have an opportunity to access services to support living independently in your own homes through the Charters Towers Health Service. Before services can be provided, there are steps to follow.

1. Contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 and be asked to be registered for home care support. You will be asked questions to help work out your needs. Have Medicare and Pension cards handy.
2. My Aged Care will send a referral through to Regional Assessment Services (RAS).
3. RAS will then make a time and come to visit you in your home to ascertain the need and finalise paperwork.
4. RAS will contact the Charters Towers Health Service—Home Care Services.
5. A representative from Home Care Services will make contact to arrange a Work Place & Safety inspection.
6. When all paperwork and inspections are completed, Home Care will be in touch to organise a day and time of your first service.



If you feel the paperwork or initial contact with My Aged Care may be a bit overwhelming, the Charters Towers Home Care are planning on coming out to Ravenswood to help support people to register with My Aged Care. The date for their visit is yet to be confirmed.

Successful STEM challenge for the Year 5 & 6!

“Is it possible to solve crime with the help of Mathematics?” It is!

Students used the 4D phases of Mathematics Inquiry (Discover, Devise, Develop and Defend) to analyse and examine evidence, to solve the problem of “The Great Diamond Heist”. They developed their mathematical skills in Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability. There was much deliberation and debate over the duration of the 10 weeks course, students were excited and relieved to have successfully solved the heist.

The Queensland Virtual STEM Academy (QVSA) is an initiative of Advancing Education: An action plan for Education in Queensland, focussed on engaging and challenging students with a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) from Years 5 to 9. The QVSA is a network of schools across the state that delivers innovative digital learning opportunities. This learning focuses on current, real world challenges and research to enrich and enhance students learning in STEM. Students were easily able to engage this year with the help of their updated laptops. Massive shout out to our hard working P&C and community for all of the support that made this possible.



Exploring character development in the Junior room.

Last week the Junior students concluded a five week English unit focusing on character development. The students explored the characters, "Gerald" a giraffe who couldn't dance, a "Thingamajig" who was very blue, and Henry, a grey and unimaginative boy.

Throughout the unit, the students explored how the characters confronted their problems, developed and flourished to become dancing, colourful better versions of themselves. They did some great writing, displaying tremendous growth in literacy, across the term.

Above is the students tremendous work helping Gerald the Giraffe learn to dance.

Right is grade 5 student Henry and Prep student Mopwali with certificates recognising their eagerness to learn.

Far right is an invitation to join the school community and Ravenswood Gold employees at the Community Garden working bee.





Ravenswood Gold's Emergency Response Team recently undertook joint training exercises with Charters Towers Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Station 12.

The training exercise developed skills in road crash rescue and understanding of fire tactics and search and rescue operations.

Pictured are the ERT crew with the QFRS trainers.



Students at the Ryan Catholic College in Townsville learnt about the career opportunities in the mining sector. Ravenswood Gold representatives attended the College Careers Day. Ravenswood Gold also took the opportunity to attend the Charters Towers Regional Careers Expo held in May.



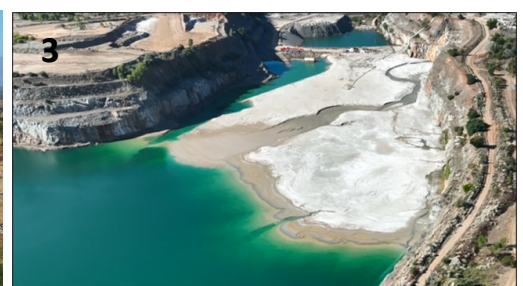
Sarsfield Pit Preparation update

Noise Bund Noise bund clearing in the west of the Sarsfield Pit was completed in areas independent from power-line infrastructure works. Sediment control structures continued to be built around the noise bund footprint.

New Water Treatment Plant The earth grid was installed. Installation of the potable water line commenced last week. The modular components and ancillary equipment started arriving.

Demolition of Sarsfield crusher To make way for expanding the Waste Rock Dumping area from the Sarsfield pit, the redundant Sarsfield crusher has been demolished.

Sarsfield Tailings Facility The draining of the Sarsfield tailings is on track as it continues to be pumped into the new Tailings Storage Facility (TSF). Construction of the new TSF Stage 2 underway.



1 and 2 Sarsfield Crusher demolition. 3 Sarsfield Tailings Dam. 4 New Water Treatment Plant build in progress. 5 Noise bund clearing on western side of Sarsfield pit. 6 New Tailings Storage Facility.



What's happening?

NBN Coffee Drop In Learn more about accessing the NBN on **Thursday 1st June** from 10am.

Church Service A non denominational Christian service will be held at the Ravenswood Church on **Sunday 4th June** starting at 11.30am.

Community Garden Working Bee Ravenswood Gold is hosting a working bee at the community garden on **Wednesday 7th June** at 4pm. BBQ and drinks for volunteers will follow. Email heather.allen@ravenswoodgold.com if attending.

Ravenswood Garden Markets Enjoy browsing through the Ravenswood Garden Markets on **Sunday 11th June**.

Ravenswood Restoration and Preservation Association (RRPA) Members of the RRPA will meet on **Tuesday 13th June** at 3.30 pm at the Community Hall.

Ravenswood Gold Mine Tour Ravenswood Gold is organising a bus tour of the mine for community members on **Tuesday 20th June** starting at 9:00am. Email heather.allen@ravenswoodgold.com by Wednesday 14th June if joining in the tour. Morning tea provided following the tour.

Master Plan Meeting Hosted by Charters Towers Regional Council, Tropical Urbanism and Design Lab consultants are keen to have your input into the development of a Ravenswood Master Plan. This will be held on **Tuesday 20th June** at 11am at the Community Hall following the mine tour.

Royal Flying Doctors Service The Flying Doctors will be in Ravenswood on **Wednesday 28th June**. Clinics will be held from mid morning to mid afternoon. To book appointments call 07 4040 0444.



Come along to a

Free coffee drop-in session

Learn more about the nbn[™] access network and improvements coming to Ravenswood.

Thursday 1 June 2023
10AM-1PM
Thorp's Building
Heritage Tea Room & Treasures



Don't miss a great opportunity to have your questions answered and experience the benefits of the nbn access network.

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Capturing the beauty of Ravenswood is this month's winner. The image of the Butlers Cottage below has won the photographer a \$50 gift voucher. To be in the running of the Ravenswood Gold Social Club **Picture Perfect Competition**, send your entries to socialclubsecretary@ravenswoodgold.com.

