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**New! BINGO
AT THE HALL!**

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(Thanks to Thies
for the Great Photos!)

The New Johns River Roundabout

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DAILY SPECIALS!

New Committee Up & Running!

By Richard Wilson, JRCPA President

The new committee is up and running and has held it's first two meetings already!

There have been a few hiccups as the Secretary has resigned for health reasons and has created a gap. Deena Lane, the Vice President, has kindly offered to take the role until the committee appoints a replacement.

The take-over of the administration has been a little more difficult than first thought. The previous committee had many projects on the go and had adopted a high level of sophistication with computers. The new committee is of the view that some of the procedures should be simplified and one such instance will be to move to a common membership expiry date to commence 1 July 2010.

Membership remains strong at 64 with one new member in the last month.

Bypass Progress

Bruce Shaw has provided information re the bypass construction in his article below.

It is drawing to a close with more large sections to be opened before Xmas. Unfortunately Johns River is a little later with the first stage opening early in the new Year.

This means there is a sense of urgency for the implementation of the Johns River Village Plan (post Bypass) and the Committee has a high priority on progressing the plan with its partner the City Council.

Our Priority Projects

The committee has resolved that other priority projects be as follows:

- **Koolyangarra Reserve** and Shannon Davies will be looking for your help.
- **Village Voices**, chaired by Deena Lane, and their community building activities including a Christmas Carols event.
- The **History Sub-Committee** will be working

quietly in the background data gathering and interviewing older residents.

- The **Village Playground** — The Hall Committee has been successful with grants and has progressed the issue of the playground. Equipment is in store at the Councils depot, whilst installation has been delayed pending opening of the first stage of the bypass in Johns River.
- Much-needed **Bridge Repair** — Council has put the Cleaning under the bridge on the JR forest road (Marsh St.) on the maintenance list. It is hoped that this work will mitigate the water back up in Wash Tub creek through the village.

We look forward to making further progress on community issues and projects in the coming months!

— Richard Wilson

The Bypass Rolls On!

Progress continues on the Pacific Highway

By Bruce Shaw

Thanks to the Big Dry!

Over the past few months there has been considerable progress given the dry weather. This is not good for the local farmers in the area which many people having the buy water and look for alternative sources for their stock but it is good for building highways.

Overall there is around 18 kilometres of new carriageway open to traffic along the project.

All Aboard the Site Tour

On a recent site tour the Alliance showed us the construction progress through the Moorland bypass and the Kew bypass. We drove over the Moorland rail bridge and along the new alignment to Forest Road interchange area.

At Kew, we drove through the main cut and under the recently opened Ocean Drive interchange bridge.

The goal is to open the Moorland bypass for Christmas This will provide two carriageways from the end of the Cooperbrook Bypass to Forest Road.

At Kew the goal is to at least have a single carriageway open for Christmas traffic. This is very dependent on the rainfall over the next month or so but it would be good to

see this achieved.

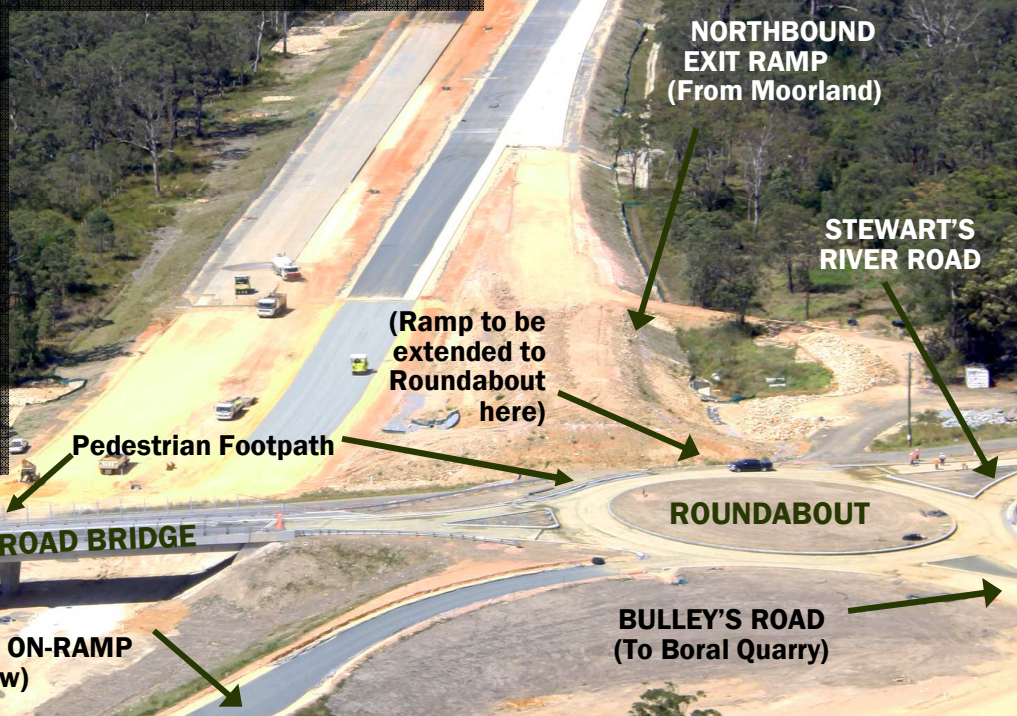
Local Progress in JR

Good progress has been made on the Stewarts River Bridge over the river which is nearing completion. The parapets and rails are almost completed. The Johns River bypass to be opened next year.

Stewarts River Road has been temporarily realigned to allow construction of the ramps onto the bridge. This work will be completed soon.

We will then see traffic over the new bridge thus allowing work on the Johns River bypass to progress.

The JRCPA thanks Thiess and Grant Burley for these excellent aerial photos!



More Great Photos of the Bypass and Village at johnsriver.com.au/villagegallery

A Great New Career for Our Retired Postie!

After ten years of delivering the mail and giving plenty of cheek around the area Joe has finally called it a day!

Rumour has it that he got under Gloria's feet in no time at all so got himself nominated as treasurer of the JRCPA.

On the mail run Joe reckons all these bored housewives kept telling him they needed a social outlet. Well the outcome is that the JRCPA bought some social housie equipment and Joe found himself set for a new career in entertainment.

JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS IN A
EVENING OF BINGO AT THE HALL!
7PM ON THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Joe is planning his debut at our Johns River Community Hall on Thursday 19th November and again Thursday 17th December.

Please come along and support Joe, and have a really great time –it will be a fun night!

Who knows some of the takings might be the first gold coins to be flushed down some of the new gold JOHNS FOR JOHNS RIVER!

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A John for Johns River!

Ballina has the **BIG PRAWN**, Coffs Harbour the **BIG BANANA**, and now perhaps Johns River will have the **BIG JOHN???**

We might mistakenly think that because an amenities block is prominently featured in the village plan, that the much-needed toilets are a gift to the area. But not so! Like all the elements in the plan, this needs to be paid for.

The Gold Coin Loos Are Coming!

If you see our **"Gold Coin Loos"** suddenly appear at the Community Hall on market days, please dig deep in your pockets and spare a few coins. This will be one of many fundraisers to help towards the building of this much needed asset in the village.

A Much-Needed Village Structure!

There may be some money available from Council plus grants that the JRPA and Hall Committee will apply for. In the mean time let us get into the spirit of things and start the money rolling in. Thank you in advance for your support.



Right: Sarah, Casey and baby Summer putting in her request for Santa at **Carols by Candlelight** (see back page for details!)

Spring Wildlife

The FAWNA report on our furry neighbours

Spring is the start of a busy time for F.A.W.N.A. carers and rescuers. Many baby birds, especially magpies, are coming into care as a result of falling from nests from strong winds.

Flying foxes, some with babies, come in, mostly from being caught on barbed wire, electricity wires and netting over fruit trees. Baby kangaroos or wallabies, sometimes as a result of the mother being hit by a car, ringtail possums, feather tail and sugar gliders are often rescued.

Animals require a lot of time and patience and full credit should go to those who care for them. F.A.W.N.A, always requires more people to help in many areas. If you feel you can assist in any way please call the 24hr hotline - 65814141. We also use many towels and sheets, so if you could donate any in reasonable condition, please call Deena Lane on 65565160 to arrange to leave your kind donations at the studio.

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Playtime

This popular group of happy Mums and children continues to grow. They meet every Wednesday between 10-12am at the playgroup centre behind the school, entry in Johns Street. There are bikes for toddlers to ride outside, painting, play dough and much more. Inside is a carpeted area for babies to lie on.

Cost is \$2 plus a piece of fruit/snack to share. Terms and holidays are the same as school.

The group is represented at Village Voices and baby Summer came along to the last meeting to have her say on various matters.

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MARKET DAYS
Nov 14, Dec 12,
Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13.



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JR South: Obadiah

By Alistair

Obadiah, a picturesque private property, has been established for around 30 years in Johns River.

Founded by Daryl and Joy Stafford it has operated as a Christian community village reaching out to help people of all ages with various needs, many of whom were battling various addictions. Obadiah has helped thousands along the way.

The Lodge Complex

These days Obadiah Lodge, as it is now known, is home to a smaller number of,

mostly senior, Christian people, some of whom work in the local community, whilst others are semi retired.

Obadiah Lodge also has excellent modern accommodation available for short, or longer term stays at very reasonable rates. The three luxury Triplex units are fully furnished, 2 bedrooms, one storey buildings, with large kitchen, dining, and lounge areas in well kept bush surroundings. There are other dormitory style facilities available for larger groups.

The magnificent bush is home to a great variety of birds and small wallabies

offering a peace and tranquillity, which is hard to find these days.

A Great Meeting Place!

Obadiah has excellent community facilities, including kitchens, dining areas, Church meeting hall and even a gymnasium, all set near a large ornamental lake, which is home to various types of water fowl.

If you would like further details please ring 0417 278 310 between 9am and 1pm weekdays.

— Check online for Alistair's article on "Flying High in JR", about our local model aircraft club!

Village Voices

Village Voices met again in September. Some of the original members were absent either away or ill but sent replacements.

PlayTime Too!

It was good to see PlayTime well represented right down to baby Summer. Helen is newly arrived at Obadiah and is keen to support our history member Alistair.

Once again Linda was there from the Community of Christ Church. This grand old church turns a hundred in a few years time and like all old buildings is beginning to feel its age a bit.

Wendy, as usual was wearing several of her many hats. Congratulations on becoming vice president of F.A.W.N.A.. Wendy also is a hall trustee and along with all the hall committee can be found in the kitchen, catering to the crowd eager for tea, coffee, scones etc at both the market and auction days.

Santa Coming to the Hall!

The exciting outcome of this meeting was the decision to have a Carols by Candlelight evening outside the Johns River Community Hall on 12th December.

The committee is made up of two representatives from any group in Johns River – P&C, Hall Committee, F.A.W.N.A., JRCPA, Community of Christ and Obadiah. Any other group is welcome.

The meeting is chaired by a member of the Management Committee of the JRCPA and is a satellite group, along with others, of this committee.

— Now Online: Photos of the Recent Village Voices meeting!

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

LET'S MAKE THIS A REAL COMMUNITY EVENT!

Bring your chair/rug, nibbles etc and most of all, your family and friends. Make up a group, come along have a game of cricket etc. **BBQ available** for first hour.

Camden Haven Concert Band to entertain, Christmas address and carols to join in with and it goes without saying *that jolly old fella in the red suit will be there!*

WHERE: At the Hall, on the Village Oval.

WHEN: Saturday 12th December 5:30pm onwards.

It's YOUR Association! Have Your Say, Call us!

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