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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Digital reproductions feature heavily in this edition of the Cockscomb Chronicle. Below, is the view as you drive through the front gate and entrance to Cockscomb. The series of 5 photos were taken on the 4th Jan and the dryness shows the vast lack of rain. When visiting Cockscomb during Jan – until we get rain be sure to conserve water. Make sure all taps are turned off and leave a report for all leaks in the sign on daybook near the camp wagon.



SPECIAL BBQ 2nd MARCH 11am

The Cockscomb Veteran Community will host the Sapper Association on Sunday the 2nd March. A short Memorial service will be followed by a BBO lunch. The Memorial service will be conducted by the Rev Bill Buckley Ex Vietnam Red Shield.

New Web site and information for **Veterans visiting Central Queensland**

COIN has provided space for all clubs and groups who are non profit organizations on the www.capricornia.org web site. At present 14 organisations have web links up on the site. Veterans and interested people should click on Groups and Vietnam **Veterans.** As time and experience is gained this information source will grow.

The CENTRAL QUEENSLAND **VETERAN SUPPORT CENTER** and the

team of voluntary Pensions Officers and Advocates will start back on the 13th Jan. For appointments please ring 4922 3616 http://talk.to/veteransupport

The ROCKHAMPTON DROP IN

CENTER is open every Thursday at 310 Quay Street at 1030 – 1330

WORKING BEES at Cockscomb are held every Tuesday at 9am



THE SAPPER ASSOC QLD Inc **REUNION ROCKHAMPTON** WEEKEND 28th Feb – 3rd Mar

For more information contact The Sapper Assoc Old Inc P O Box 199 Albany Creek Qld 4035 Or contact Secretary Bob Bannan ph 3205 1820

Cut this out and put it in your diary

2003 BBQs ** MARCH Sunday 2nd Sapper Assoc 11am **

MARCH Sunday 30th Easter Brunch 11am

MAY Sunday 4th Mothers Day Brunch

AUGUST Monday 18th Vietnam Veterans Day

SEPTEMBER Sunday 28th Spring BBQ

NOVEMBER Saturday 29th Combined Christmas **Party**

Other BBQs, throughout the year may be scheduled for special occasions and information will be made available in Cockscomb Chronicle



Cockscomb is another year old. 2003 will bring more projects and our village will grow. The photo along the top is a 360degree photo taken on Tuesday the 17th December from the center of the gravel area on the entrance side. It is made up of 17 individual photos stitched together to be one. It is just one of the marvels of modern digital photography.

The 17th December was the Workers Christmas Party and with a drop or two of Christmas cheer and a steak burger we thanked the workers and their partners for their hard effort over the year.

Ray has invented a cooling system for the two gas bottles by the kitchen. If the bushfires get to the stage that the kitchen starts to burn, a trip wire will release a tap to shower water on the bottles. Gas bottle safety and the safety of people near them can be at great risk as the bottles heat up. Gas escaping from the bottle may ignite and should be left to burn unless it is safe to turn the valve off. Fogged water will cool the bottles and can provide safe access to the valves. When a gas bottle lies on it's side there is a chance that the liquid will escape and burn producing a mass of heat and fire.

If unsure...leave well alone... evacuate the area... and call for professional help.



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Take care when lighting the stove, we have a new resident in the kitchen



Barry Dooley nurses the latest grandchild

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