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PENSIONS & ADVOCACY

Veterans in the Central Queensland area are assured that the **Pensions & Advocacy work done by the Keith Joyce will continue**. Keith is now operating under the banner of Lone Pine Ltd. The change in the operating format was brought about because of the indemnity insurance. A Pensions Officer and an Advocate need to be covered by insurance just in case of accidental miss representation or perceived misrepresentation.

For more information on the **Central Queensland Veteran Support Center** either call in and talk to the voluntary staff at 6 Archer Street Rockhampton or go to the web site <http://talk.to/veteransupport>



Recent visitors to Cockscomb were **Ken (ex 9RAR) & Heather Steven**. Arriving in an old converted bus towing a trailer. After being on the road for 4 and a half years they stayed in our area a couple of days and have continued their journey. Ken said that he had heard of Cockscomb while in Mt Isa.



BRUCES XMAS PARTY

**SUNDAY
24th November 2002
at COCKSCOMB
at 11am**

Each year Bruce & Liz have encouraged Veterans, partners and their family to attend the Christmas Party. To help with the catering we ask that you bring along a small contribution such as nibbles, a salad or sweets. The BBQ Lunch will not cost you a cent, but the raffle and what you drink will, GOFFAS (Good Old Free From Alcohol) \$1 and Heavies \$2 **Please contact Allan 4934 4941 or Nick 49282554 if you are attending for catering purposes.**

HOW TO GET THERE

Camms Road is an all weather gravel road, leading up from the township of Cawarral.

From Rockhampton, follow the signs to get onto the road to Yeppoon. At approx 21 kilometres you will find **Dairy Inn Road** on your right. This takes you to Cawarral. At the "T" intersection near the school turn left. Cross a little one-way bridge, and just past the 100 zone turn left into Camms Road. Follow the road up the hill & along the flat to a "no gate" fence. Take the road slightly to the right through the gate and follow it to the end.

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On a sad note one of our community passed away after an operation. Marie (Kate) McAvoy partner of Barry (Bazza) Fulton. Our sympathy and our thoughts go to Bazza in this difficult time.

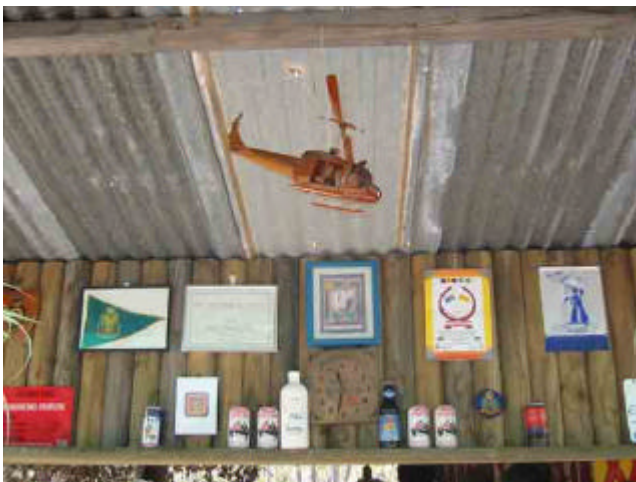


WATER COLOURS FOR SALE

At the last BBQ Bruce Witchurch our resident watercolour artist displayed his 20 paintings in the hope that they might sell. Some fantastic scenes of the day-to-day activity capturing the life and the mood that makes Cockscomb tick.

BAR DISPLAY

Someone broke the Huey, left it in pieces and didn't report it. It has been put back together and is now permanently displayed in front of the Ba Me Ba along with the 1987 Welcome Home commemorative beer cans, plaques and memorabilia



SMILES & HOLIDAYS

Gene is smiling again, Mary is back from her trip to Canada...

Barry is off for another extended holiday, he'll be back in Feb 2003...

Tony is holidaying in the Whitsundays and will shortly be heading for Tasmania for Christmas...

Graham leaves for holidays in Nov and while away he will attend the 9RAR reunion...

Bunker has gone to Tasmania for 4 months...

Bindi won the 5litre keg of beer and gave it to the Tuesday working bee party to drink...

GAZETTAL OF MT WHEELER

A meeting was held between the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and the Cockscomb Veteran Community with the end result of a letter going to DNR objecting to the overall gazettal of Lot 111 on LN2279. The letter carried 23 concerned Veterans signatures and we can now only wait for the final outcome.

How does this gazettal affect Cockscomb?

Bruce's land FH1628 on LIV40489 is bounded by Lot 111 on the northern side. If the gazettal goes ahead and the whole of Lot 111 is handed over it will see the end of gold fossicking and our Veteran Community will need to ask permission of the Darumbal People before we can proceed with our walking tracks. Permission will need to be granted so that we can walk upon the land as the Darumbal People will be the new land owners.

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT

Ray & Di Stanley our caretakers enjoy fossicking and have a marvellous collection of bits and pieces that they have found around Mt Wheeler.



This washing basin is full of pieces of metallic items left behind by bush walkers and people using the Mt Wheeler area over the last 100 years. It is an interesting collection. We need to thank Ray for collecting the items, he is actually cleaning up the environment as part of his hobby.

Cockscomb Veterans Community would like to thank Dorothy Kelso for her donation of building material, a ladder and old time games. All going to very good use