

Council accepts one camp petition

COMMUNITY moves to stop a new 2000-man work camp being set up in Collinsville continued last week with the consideration of two petitions by the Whitsunday Regional Council.

Morris Corporation is in the middle of a court battle with council to establish the camp on Powerhouse Road, on the outskirts of town.

At their August meeting, councillors arrived at the Collinsville Community Centre to be greeted by protestors, armed with placards and two petitions against the proposed camp being established.

Those petitions were considered at last week's meeting.

The first, from Donna Bulloch, the chair of the newly-formed Mining Communities United Group, on behalf of residents and ratepayers of Collinsville and surrounding district,

was received.

It cited two grounds, being safety issues of having a large population of transient workers and that employees should be encouraged to live locally with their families and contribute to the community, support small business and boost student numbers at school.

"At present, Collinsville has sufficient infrastructure to house up to 3000 people," a report to council stated.

"There is room for growth and a chance to revive the community," it said.

The second petition, by Scott Ramage, of Moranbah, was tabled awaiting advice as to whether the council could accept a petition from people who did not live in the region.

The petition was on behalf of residents and ratepayers of Moranbah, citing four grounds.

The signatories, estimated to be 90 per cent from Moranbah, believed:

* Workers should be given the choice to live locally with their families

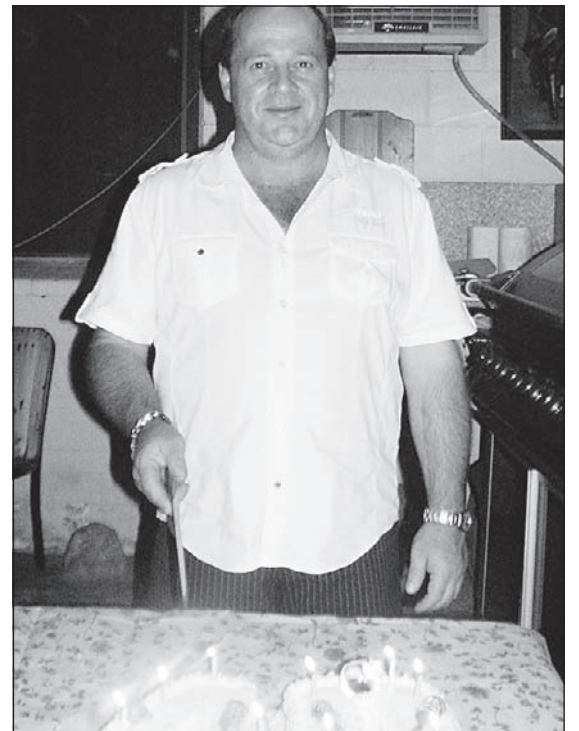
* All mine workers deserved the opportunity to contribute to a mining community, support small businesses and increase the number of students at schools;

* Compulsory camp accommodation robbed workers of their choice to come home to their family every day;

* And vacant land and housing should be utilised before seeking other accommodation options.

The tabling came with much discussion.

While councillors praised Mr Ramage and those signing the petition, they were keen to find out what their standing orders or policy was in regard to petitions from outside the region.



Celebrating his 40th birthday is Richard Buckler.

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| Every Monday Heart Foundation Walking Group | October 16 Cancer Council Pink Ribbon Karaoke Idol/s |
| Every Tuesday Shape up Shed circuit with Tamie | October 22 SJB Melbourne Cup night |
| Every Wednesday Shape up Shed circuit with Samantha | October 23 Workers Club Charity Trivia night |
| Every Thursday Shape up Shed Boxfit with Natalie | October 23 CSHS Theatre Restaurant |
| Friday Cancer Free Challenge Hoi/Bingo | October 25 Cancer Council Qld Pink Ribbon day |
| Sunday CSCSC Sunday Charity Bingo | October 29 DJ Barnzee at Workers Club |
| Tuesday Social Bowls night | October 30 Workers Club Black Tie Ball |
| September 24 Workers Club Karaoke | November 2 Lions Melbourne Cup fair |
| September 25 Collinsville Rodeo Rough Stock and Barrels | November 2 Show Day holiday |
| September 25 Camera Shy at Workers Club | November 6 Movement at the Top Pub |
| October 1 Camera Shy at Workers Club | November 8 CSHS awards night |
| October 6 Workers Club Seafood Buffet | November 13 Mad Cows Farewell |
| October 9 CSHS Ball | November 13 Mental Health First Aid |
| October 13 Miner's Memorial day | November 14 Mental Health First Aid |
| October 15 Workers Club Karaoke | |



Members of the Child Protection Week working party, from left, Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service's Judy Todd and Tersia Mouton, Collinsville Community Centre's Ellen Drane, Relationships Australia's Megan Mattingley, school-based youth healthy nurse Melanie Mitchell and Queensland Health speech pathologist Hannah Stark, say every child should have five safe people to go to when they are feeling unsafe.

Safety stall at Market Day



Mary Daniels tries her luck at the multi-prize draw as Sharon Hobbs looks on at the CSS market Day.

CHILD Protection Week was highlighted at the annual Collinsville State School Market Day last Saturday, with a special stall set up by the Child Protection Week working party.

The stall included a Circus Workshop that offered a fun interactive activity, based around protective behaviours for children and young people.

One of the initiatives discussed at the stall included getting children to identify five safe people they can go to when they are feeling unsafe and write them on a hand.

Queensland Child Protection Week 2010, which ran from September 5 to 11, was aimed at getting people to realise that "protecting children is everybody's business".



Storyteller Melanie Mitchell reads Little Red Riding Hood, assisted by Brooke Drane, at the Collinsville State School Market Day.

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