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History-making runs

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Warwick's John Telfer, who turns 85 this week, is about to combine two of his great loves – running and military history.

The Warwick/Stanthorpe Today History columnist, former teacher, avid marathon runner, local military historian and former Royal Australian Air Force member will have the honour of carrying the Legacy Torch as part of an International Relay for one of its legs through Toowoomba in May.

It is a chance to raise money for legacy and while most 85-year-olds might find it rather daunting, for John, who has run 17 marathons over the years including the famous London Marathon and still swims every day, it's just a walk in the park. It's kind of a full circle journey for John, who started his working life teaching fitness for the Military.

"I had 12 years in the Royal Australian Air Force as a PT instructor, I was at school training at Rathmines up until they closed in 1960 – that's how old I am," he chuckled.

"Then I was sent down to Point Cook to the Airforce Academy there."

As part of that role he spent time at Canungra learning to train flight crews before they were sent to Vietnam so they would be able to survive in the jungle if they had to ditch.

John had joined the Air Force at 17 straight out of school and ironically left the Forces to return to school – this time as a teacher.

"I had been a hopeless student, I was more into sport, playing all types of representative sport," he said.

"I went to the Brother's College and when I was 14 all my mates had gone out to get jobs, I wanted to get out too," he said of his decision to leave school.

"But I was always a great reader of history from a very early age. I used to read anything I could on history, mainly on Australian history. When I went into the Airforce, I only had a primary education, not secondary, I was urged by an education officer who said you can't play football for the rest of your life. He said JT you have to do something about your education. I said I want to play football he said no, what if you get an injury that's the end of your football career. I was playing A grade football for Toronto in Newcastle at the time, I was only 18."

Taking the advice he did a couple of subjects at Year 10 level, impressing his teachers with his writing on the history of the Olympics. Despite being more interested in sport, he enrolled in a matriculation course before being accepted into university but at this stage he was teaching Year 11 and 12 history at a school despite not having his degree and couldn't balance



John Telfer is a man on the move. At the age of 85 he's still running forward and looking back into the past.



John is gearing up for Anzac day and for his Legacy run in May.

university at work.

"I was just one lesson ahead of the class I was teaching," he laughed.

"I was doing it pretty well and they were pretty happy with that."

He eventually was able to complete a Bachelor of Arts in four year's part time at Swinburne and then a Bachelor of Education before moving home to Queensland where he had to complete a Diploma of Education to allow him to teach in his home state. More than two decades later he retired as a history teacher and coordinator.

"I took an early retirement after 22 years and moved to the Coast to live at Tugun," John explained.

"But we got sick of living in a unit at Tugun so we moved to Warwick."

"I had an air force friend living here and I'd visited a couple of times, it seemed to be a nice little place."

"I thought I'd go supply teaching, I was too young to retire all together and so I put my resume in at Scots College and by the time I got home the phone was ringing. They said come in and see us and then when I did they asked if

I could start the next day."

It was during his time at Scots College that he became interested in local military history.

"I was supervising a class in the hall and they had all these honour boards up, the World War II roll of honour, all of their captains and sports heroes," he said.

"I looked up and saw that 34 of the 42 on their roll of honour were air force, that struck my interest. So I started to look in to it and then they held their Anzac Service and I helped them out and organized a really good Anzac Day Service - I've been doing that ever since, only finishing up last year."

His interested piqued, he decided to write a story about the heroes as they were honoured each Anzac Service, writing each serviceman's story until had done all 42. He has now written four history books for the school and 10 others for local companies and groups including the Killarney Co-op and Pipes and Thistles band.

"I've won three cultural awards from the Council for my writing and I've written about 250 short stories now for the local newspapers," he said.

"But that's how it all evolved."

And now he has been selected to run in the Legacy Torch Relay.

"It started in Posiers in France about a month ago," he explained.

"It's going across to London and it will be in Australia probably about May. I'm running in the Toowoomba leg. I was selected out of hundreds of people, I was quite wrapped."

"The applications had closed about a month earlier and somebody said why didn't you apply for it. I said I'd never get it. But then I decided to put application in and surprisingly I got a letter to say I was selected. I'm fund raising now."

"It's sponsored by Defence Health, we get a uniform and do our run. It's only a kilometre. I did the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay through Warwick that was only 400m, I didn't even get a sweat up."

"Even at 85 I still swim a kilometre every morning and bike 25 kms on Sunday's just to keep fit."

"It's just a lifestyle I played representative football, I ran the London Marathon and I ran for the Australian Veterans."

John joked he was too old to write a story but it kind of sounds like it would be worth the read.

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Kev Kiley at the bar of the Darling Downs Hotel - better-known as the Sandy Creek Pub.

Pig racing, pubs and a big personality

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Born in the Mallee, the youngest of nine boys, it probably wasn't surprising that Kevin Kiley became a shearer but that fact that he went on to run Pig Races from North Queensland to Hobart probably was.

Kev, who owns the Sandy Creek Hotel, swapped the life of a shearer down near Mildura to come north with his wife and nothing more than a car and two kids. But while he scoffs at his story being called "rags to riches" he has created a pretty unique niche for himself in the world.

It's not many people that can say they've helped raise millions of dollars for charity by racing pigs across four states and they own one of the most characterful hotels in Queensland (which he likes to joke makes the best pizzas in Allen – not hard given there's not much more than the hotel there).

"I've got pig races all the time – I've been everywhere man!" Kev chuckled.

"We are flat out, March and February, we went to Canberra, Maitland, we've done a job in Gunnedah, Logan Village, Cobar. I've just come back from Camden. This week we had Toowoomba Show and then Saturday a fundraiser at Bonalbo."

That's a lot of travelling for Kev and his pigs – usually six or seven of his porcine pals depending on the number of sponsors they get at the event.

"A lot of the fundraisers get sponsors for each pig, they get their business logo on the jacket you see," he said.

"Some places they get five or six hundred bucks a pig and they can also get the race sponsored. Usually if they do the fundraiser properly they'll be in front before I get there."

Going on those figures, Kev and his pigs must have raised a lot of money for charity over the years.

"I've never actually added it up because the money doesn't go to me, but I do a bit of a rough calculation in my head," he said.

"I've done Nindigully, which fundraises for



Kev Kiley and the Sandy Creek Pub.

the Royal Flying Doctors, for nearly 20 years. Last year they cleared \$60,000, they don't do it every year, but every year we've done it, it's increased. On average they'd clear \$30,000 a year and that's one event. We did our pub here at Sandy Creek on 18 March and the Cancer Council in Warwick cleared \$15,000. There's other jobs where they get upwards of \$30-\$40,000, some that get \$10k, it all varies a bit.

"But at a guess, a fairly calculated guess, it will be well over \$10 million we've raised for charities."

Kev's pig racing has now been operating for 24 years and don't look like slowing down anytime soon.

"It's 24 years on Melbourne Cup day," he laughed.

"It's interesting how it started because you may have noticed I'm a little bit rough around the edges but the first job I ever did was at some lardy-dah joint in Brisbane, I can't even remember the name of it. But I only ever did it the once. I just had some fence panels and I made a bit of a race about six metres long. I had five white little pigs and I had a spray can. I put one, two, three, four, five on their backs and I shoed them from one end to the other, that was it. That's how it started."

The pig race grew out of his previous business an animal farm called Noah's farm.

"It was an established business and that was my first job on Melbourne Cup day 2000. I did the animal farm for years and combined the pig races with it. It was a good lurk because

when we first started they'd ring us up about the animal farm but once the pig races took off then it was the opposite. Now I don't even do the animal farm.

"But after that first job, I thought this could be a goer. I was a shearer so I'd do a few shearing demonstrations as well. Then we had cow milking, it was all that farmy type of stuff and then the pigs started to kick off and we started doing pub jobs with the pigs. I will be quite honest, I didn't think the pub jobs would work. But they are our bread and butter now and because people are fundraising, whether it's the Westpac Helicopter, Lifeflight, Cancer Council whoever we've raised money for lots of different charities, everybody's happy."

It must have worked because he bought his own hotel.

“You’re dead right it does work I’ve been doing it too long for it not to,” he laughed.

“Now we’ve got four crews on the road. Australia Day is usually our busiest day and we have all four crews out.

“My son does the job for me, we’ve usually got a bit of work, especially this year when we’ve had two jobs a weekend most weeks.

“I’ve also got a mate his name is actually Geoff Bacon, true story. Geoff’s been working with me seven or eight years, maybe even longer. He’s taught himself how to do the spruiking, which is a credit to him. He got married a few years ago and we really wanted him to hyphenate his name. We didn’t give a rats which way it went, we either wanted it Bacon-Free or Free-Bacon! We use that when he’s working with the pigs.”

It’s all a long way from where and how he grew up and Kev admits that his younger self would never have dreamt he’d be doing what he’s doing now.

“I was brought up in the middle of the Mallee Country – a little place called Sea Lake which is an hour west of Swan Hill and an hour and a half south of Mildura and had a great childhood, freedom,” he said.

“I got sick of shearing sheep, I came up here with nothing. I had an old Falcon car, I had a wife and two kids and that was it. I’m not going to tell you it’s a rags to riches story, it’s just evolved.”

As well as running the Pig Races the family has had the pub for the past five years.

“It’s a beautiful old pub, I’m not here all the time but we’ve got a good bunch of women who work for us, good staff they look after the place when I’m away. I just promote the pub wherever I go. We’ve got a hot pink car and black one with the pub logo. They get a lot of exposure when



Inside the Sandy Creek Hotel.

we’re out and about.

“Its got character and it’s a free camping spot so we get quite a few free campers coming through. They always come over talk a bit of crap and I’m pretty good at that.”

The pub will be a hive of activity over Easter with lots of live music.

“We’ve got a band and a pig on the spit on the Saturday night and we’re doing a Sunday Sesh on the Sunday night,” he said.

“We still have the best pizza’s in Allen and we’ve got a really good cook at the moment. We’re still doing the Parmy night’s on Thursday night and then Friday, Saturday, Sunday we’re open and Sunday night is pizza night.

“I tell city kids in particular that as a child there were nine of us, my mum was very

regimented and she was a saint,” he said.

“We’d milk four cows before we went to school and I can still remember one old cow, my brother Pete and I (we were only six or seven) if it was raining we could get underneath her and still milk her. Anyway we ended up like arms like popeye but I remember carrying the buckets of milk past the pigs and they could smell the milk. And lo and behold a blokes making a living out of that very concept, pigs smelling milk because that’s what’s on the finish line milk. I make no secret of it. Milk to a pig is like chocolate to a human or beer to me.”

So if you wanted to have Kev races you’d have to have a beer at the end.

“Yeah as long as it’s cold,” he quipped.



Some of Kevin Kiley’s prized pigs.



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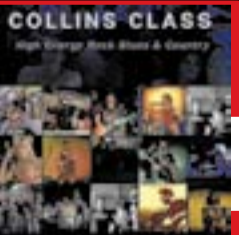
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Shirley received council recognition for her outstanding service to the Allora Show and the community.



Heather Petersen and June Bool.

Showing the way

For the past two months it's been show-time for communities around the Southern Downs and Granite Belt, a time when people come out and enjoy the best the region has to offer, catch up with old friends and have a bit of fun.

Shows play an important part in the community, bringing everyone together.

But no local show could happen without a large band of volunteers, pulling the event together and making sure the ship runs smoothly.

And of course, every ship needs a captain and out at Allora for more than 27, that captain has been Show Society President Shirley Cornhill – though like many of the other Allora volunteers she has been involved for much longer than that.

At the most recent show three local ladies were recognised for their 94 collective years of voluntary work with the show.

Marg Rackley, Heather Petersen and June Bool were recognised for their exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution, presented by organisation President Shirley Cornhill.



Recognition for long service.

June has led the prime cattle, led steers and poultry sections over the years, Heather has been a steward in the show pavilion for almost 40 years and Marg, along with late husband Keith, were instrumental in developing the dog show facility.

Shirley herself, already a life member of the show society, has just had her own commitment to the community recognised through the Southern Downs Regional Council's Volunteer Recognition Program.

Southern Downs Councillor Sheryl Windle said that for more than 30 years, Shirley had been a tower of strength in organising and overseeing show society volunteer activities and advancing infrastructure upgrades at the Allora Showgrounds.

In nominating Shirley for the award, Sheryl Windle said her name was synonymous with the agricultural show movement on the Southern Downs, specifically the Allora Annual Show, the Allora Show Society and Allora Showgrounds.

"Shirley is a highly respected citizen of the Allora region and across the Southern Downs, known for her devotion, loyalty, community drive and work ethic," Cr Windle said.

"She is very passionate about what she wants to achieve and not only selflessly volunteers her time, but is totally committed to achieving the best outcome possible for the Allora Show Society.

"Shirley has been the driving force behind several major showground upgrades, including the construction of the new canteen facility in 1998 and the relocation of the Allora

Livestock Saleyards. "Both of these upgrades attracted significant events to the showgrounds and opened the door for new activities and prosperity for Allora.

"Her commitment to the Allora Show Society and community can't be questioned given her 27 years as Society President, along with two years as Vice-President in 1995 and 1996.

"In recognition of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the Allora Show Society, Shirley was awarded Life Membership of the Society.

"Considered an Allora citizen who is not afraid of a challenge and doing hard work to make the community a better place, Shirley was awarded a prestigious Rotary Club Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Allora in 2009 despite not being a member of Rotary.

"At almost 74 years of age, Shirley's decision to continue in her role of President of the Allora Show Society and to also offer leadership and vital voluntary service for the benefit of the community has to be commended."

No rest for Shelley

BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Warwick Show and Rodeo Society steward and management committee member Shelley Doyle was beaten in the egg competition at the show but it's OK - her worthy opponent was her five-year-old son.

It's almost history repeating itself for Shelley, having her boy involved. Her mother was a Steward at the Allora show back in the day, instilling a love of shows in young Shelley.

It is that love that recently won her the Emerging Leader award at the 2023 Queensland Ag Show Awards in Brisbane on 18 March.

The award saw Shelley beat show members from across Queensland. It was a definite shock for Shelley but given her ongoing commitment to shows in the area, probably not as surprising to many others. While she entered and regularly attended shows from an early age, she ramped up her involvement with the Warwick show since leaving school, though she was a regular attendee and event entrant before that, starting off running the Stud Cattle Competition at Warwick.



Shelley Doyle with the Stud Cattle at Warwick Show.

Picture: Chris Munro

"I became more involved and back in 2017 and joined the management committee," she said.

"I've had a lot to different roles with the Warwick Show and Rodeo Society but then also

helping out at Killarney and Clifton. It's just getting in and helping out where needed so that they can thrive and have good competitions. You want to see everyone be successful not just your own little local show."

And while show season is over for most of the Southern Downs and Granite Belt showgoers, not so for Shelley just a week after Warwick Show she was off to Toowoomba.

"Not only was the show on there, there were sub chamber meetings there as well," she explained.

"We were getting ready for the Darling Downs Sub Chamber Finals. That's where all the winners from Stanthorpe, Inglewood, Killarney, Allora, Clifton – any of the sub chambers in our regions come together to compete to go to the State finals which will be at the EKKA.

"The sub chamber finals are actually being held in Warwick this year thankfully. They are being held on May 27. I organise those and very luckily they are being held in Warwick this year which will make it a bit easier. "There's no rest for the wicked, not at all unfortunately."

"While everyone else is winding down here there are still many more shows within the Darling Downs Sub Chamber to be held then the sub chamber finals in May."



Plenty to do this Easter.



Get ready for some Easter Fun on the Southern Downs and Granite Belt.

Ten things to do over the Easter break

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Looking for things to do this Easter? The Southern Downs Regional Council has compiled a comprehensive list.

- 1. Visit Southern Downs Regional Libraries in Warwick, Stanthorpe, and Allora to hunt for Easter treasure, guess the number of eggs in the bottle, pick up take and make craft packs to work on at home, and discover all the other Easter fun.
- 2. Eat chocolate Easter eggs at Queen Mary Falls. There's no need to feel guilty. You can burn them off with a walk on the Cliff Circuit or Queen Mary Falls Circuit. If you're keen, do both! Keep an eye on

the canopy, you might just spot a koala snoozing in the fork of a tree.

- 3. Celebrate the European culinary heritage of the Southern Downs by creating traditional Easter fare like colomba pascal from Italy and simnel cake from Great Britain.
- 4. Fill your Easter basket with your favourite locally produced gourmet delicacies and beverages and gather your favourite people together for a picnic on the bank of Dalrymple Creek in Goomburra National Park.
- 5. Catch and eat fish at Connolly Dam on Good Friday. The dam is stocked with

golden perch, Murray cod and silver perch.

- 6. Wear an Easter bonnet for a selfie at the Mary Poppins House in Allora. This heritage listed house was the former home of PL Travers, the author of Mary Poppins. It was built in 1879 when bonnets were one of the most common types of hat worn by women.
- 7. Wear your bunny slippers for an overnight stay in Stanthorpe, the long-term record holder for the lowest Queensland temperature ever seen on a thermometer, -10.6 °C on 23 June 1961.
- 8. Bake hot cross buns in a campfire Dutch oven in Washpool Camping Reserve

at Leslie Dam.

- 9. Organise an Easter parade for your neighbourhood. Sure, it's a New York tradition to have a strolling procession on Easter Sunday, but parades are a lot of fun and this is a great way to catch up with all the new friends you made on Neighbour Day.
- 10. Fossick for Easter gold at Thanes Creek near Leyburn.
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Magical day despite hiccups

Not even a groomsman being diagnosed with Covid just two days out could dampen the magical wedding day of Darcy and Tahlia Minogue (nee Cochrane) at Warwick on 18 February.

Tahlia said the ceremony itself was held at a friend's house in Thornton Street followed by a reception at the Warwick Golf Club.

"It was a magical day, which we couldn't have achieved without the help of the wedding party and my parents (Brett and Belinda Dowd), who went above and beyond to help with everything we needed," Tahlia enthused.

"It was quite a casual country wedding but still came with its fair share of hiccups, like one of the groomsmen unfortunately getting Covid two days before and not being able to make it, but

in the end it was an amazing day. "We couldn't have hoped for any better." That very supportive wedding party included Tahlia's attendants: maid of honour Ashleigh Herrmann and bridesmaids Nadia Roche, Chloe Dowd, Ashleigh Cochrane, Amber Galloway and Mackealie Moore. While supporting Darcy on his big day were best man Ty Jenner and groomsmen Brodie Thompson, Luke Dowd, Ben Balderson, Adam Saunders and Mark Colenso.

Also there to make the day unforgettable for the couple were Mane Beauty Bar who did the hair, One Touch Beauty Studio, who worked on the make-up and Photography by Everlasting Memories, who created the beautiful pictorial memories of the day.



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Easter and beyond is a time for clear autumn days, clear and crisp and perfect for bushwalking, going for long rides and getting that bike out of the shed and getting out on the open road.

However, it's not as simple as filling your two-wheeled pride and joy with petrol and heading out according to Southern Downs based motorcycle trainer Shane "Rossey" Ross.

Ross, who has been riding for 40 years, said it might be worth putting yourself through a few online tutorials if you haven't been on a bike for a while.

"Queensland suffered 74 motorcycle related fatalities this past year, which is the highest in Australia," he said.

"These figures are accompanied with 463 hospitalised casualties during this time frame. A high number of motorcycle crashes are resulting from middle aged and returned riders.

"Having proper motorcycle rider training, learning new skills and techniques to ensure your survival on the road is vital for safe riding.

"There are some videos you can view online, such as the Queensland Government initiative titled 'Ride Craft' which will give you some pointers, however grass roots face to face training will win every time."

He said as a middle aged or returned rider, there might be "some things you forgot about motorcycling, not to mention years of studies and development of new techniques to keep you safer on the road".

"But I've been riding for years", I hear you

say....," he continued.

"I get that, but roads have become busier, time has become less, patience has become shorter, and throw in the fact that motorcycles have become more powerful mixes a nice little cocktail causing more and more crashes.

"What can you do about this?

"Jump online and check out the videos, and if you're serious about learning some new skills to improve your safety, hit up your local rider training organisation and do a course, or get some lessons."

But just to kick off, Rossy has some advice that might just save your life.

1. Get your posture right, keep your head up and eyes level and grip the tank with your knees. This will improve balance as your bike will naturally go where you're looking.
2. Don't ride fatigued, if you're tired, stay off the bike, you don't have the luxury of 4 wheels to keep you upright.
3. Don't mix alcohol or drugs with your ride, this can impair judgment, reflexes, coordination and depth perception.
4. Try not to ride at night, in the rain or during fog. This can affect vision and riding cold or wet affects concentration and the ability to judge situations. Not to mention slippery roads. And,
5. Don't Ride angry or upset, this affects concentration and the ability to judge situations, causing inattentive blindness. This means seeing a potential hazard, but not perceiving it.



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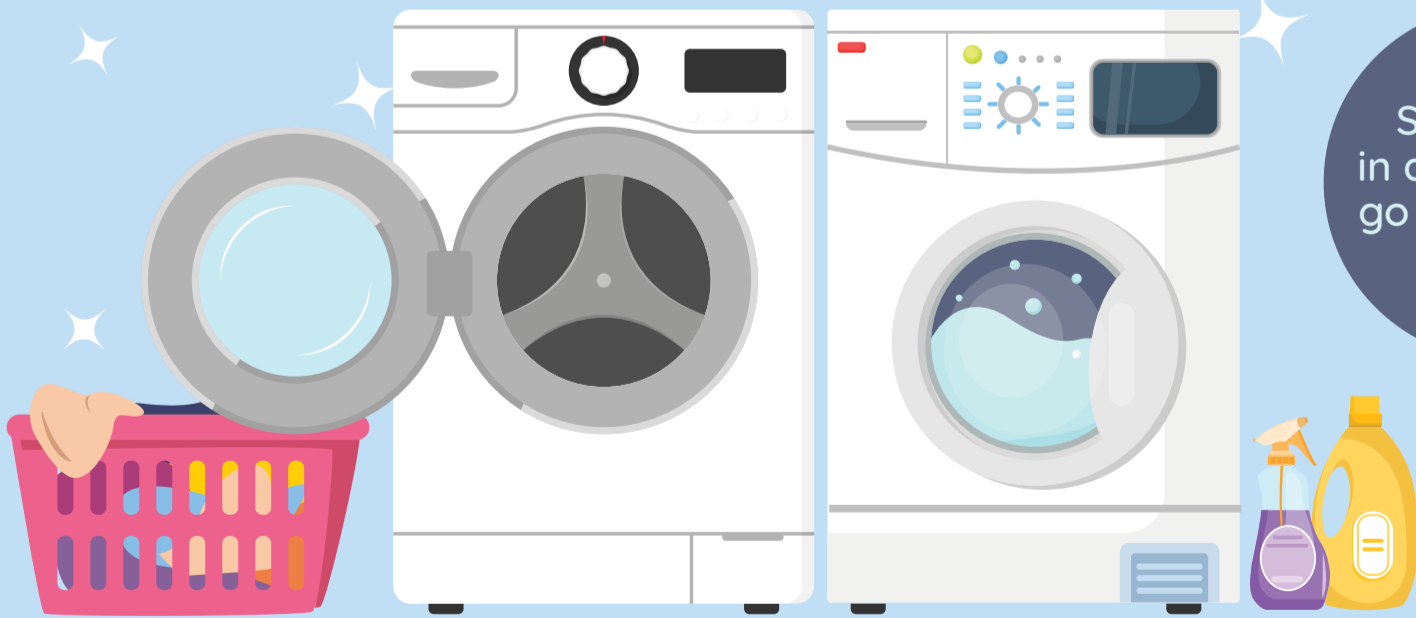
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Fun and games at the library.

What's on in the Library in April

The Warwick Branch of the Southern Downs Libraries has a range of free activities on offer. For those looking for something to do, why not pop in and join them for some fun.

Monday afternoons alternate between Turing Tumbles and Monday Crafternoon.

Every Wednesday come relax and enjoy some board and card game fun.

The first week of the school holidays will be full of fun Easter craft for children, while the second week will have a range of activities to celebrate Youth Week.

Turing Tumbles

Turing Tumbles is a marble drop challenge where you build a track to guide each marble down to the bottom to trigger the next move. Challenges range from beginner to brain-testing. Suitable for primary school children right through to adults. Every second Monday



Come enjoy some Easter craft.

in the Warwick Library Reading Room at 3:30pm. All ages welcome.

School Holiday Activities

Week one will host a range of Easter-themed

craft activities. Aimed at primary school age and below, although all ages are welcome to join in.

Week two will introduce a range of activities to celebrate Youth Week.

Monday Crafternoon

Take a break and enjoy some calming craft during Monday Crafternoon. Suitable for all ages and abilities. All materials are provided. No booking required – just turn up! Running fortnightly in the Warwick Library Reading Room from 3:30pm.

Board Games

Enjoy playing board games but no one to play with? Want to learn how to play a particular board game? Warwick Library is running board game sessions every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm.

For activity details, contact the local library today.

Bookings are essential as numbers are limited. Call Warwick Library on 4661 0342 or pop into the branch and chat to one of their friendly staff.

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Baking new memories
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BY TANIA PHILLIPS

Growing up in the bush away from the hype of towns and big stores, holiday time took on special meaning and left warm memories for those of us who grew up in the 70s and 80s.

And none more so than Easter.

Mum’s firing up the old fuel stoves to keep the house warm as the weather cooled off, lamb or beef roasting for Easter Sunday lunch, whatever fish was available (usually frozen or dried) on Friday and hot cross buns – with extra crosses because they’re the best bit.

For Wendy Maitland, Chief Cookery Steward at the Stanthorpe Show, that’s the Easter of her childhood. In later years it was making hot cross buns for her husband and kids from her old copy of the Woman’s Weekly Cookbook and now, when family and friends come over, it’s fun Easter cakes.

“Mum always used to insist on fish and because of where we lived – and maybe because of the time – the fish was orange smoked cod, it was just horrid,” she said laughing at the memory.

“But Mum would always make hot cross buns, as well as the bread. Then we’d have a roast on the Sunday, that’s when you had the Easter eggs back then there were no Easter eggs before Easter Sunday.

“And Good Friday was when you had the hot cross buns, never before. None of this rubbish of having them in the shops just after Christmas, away with that notion. We shall not have that.

“When I was older and we moved to Tasmania, I started making my own hot cross buns, my husband really liked them so then I was never allowed to buy them. It was a kind of a cooking tyranny,” she laughed.

“He’d say they were so lovely, you’re not going to buy them are you? You’re going to make them aren’t you?”

The Buns are still the main stay of her Easter cooking though pretty Easter cakes with noodle nests covered in dark chocolate have become part of her recent traditions.

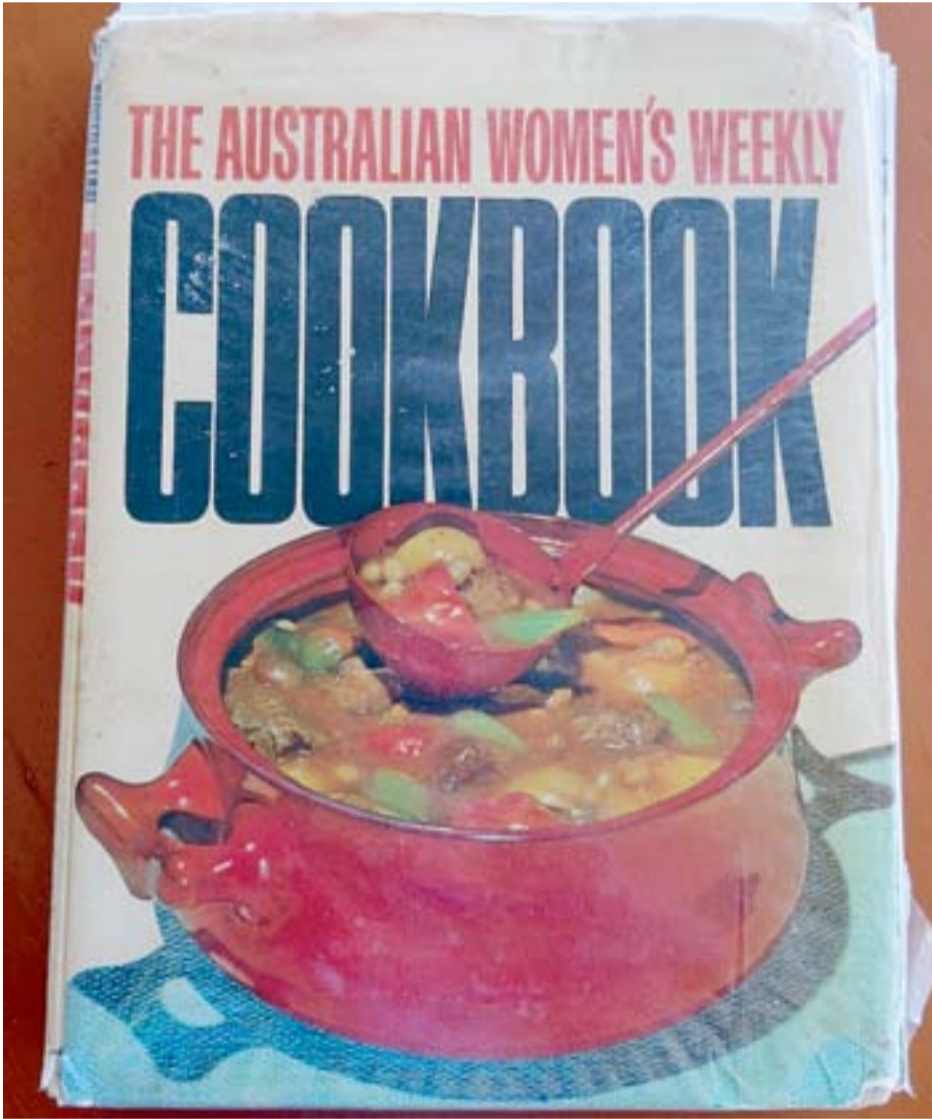
“But normally it’s just the hotcross buns,” she said.

“But no peel – I hate peel.

“I’ve been using the same recipe for 30 years, it’s the one out of the old Woman’s Weekly Cookbook that was given to me by the boy I had a crush on when I was 12.

“I think it was a Christmas present. I must have been about 11 or 12, about the same time as when I made the packet cake for the show.

“I don’t know if he had ideas that I would cook for him with the cookbook or whatever. But I still cook with it and that’s where I get the fruit cake recipe that I put I the show every year.”



Her best friend in kitchen - the good old Women’s Weekly Cookbook - given to her by her first crush. The relationship with the boy didn’t last but the book is still an important part of her life -particularly at Easter.

Wendy’s early childhood was spent up north where she’d watch her mother cook on that old wood stove.

“Growing up I lived in a little community called Kilcummin – there were 22 kids at school and that included me and my two sisters and my brother,” she recalled.

“We were an hour from Clermont and that was in the days before people had big fridges, we didn’t even have the power on so we had kero fridges and a generator. Mum used to make her own bread and we rarely had anything that was bought. I guess that’s where I started cooking and sewing, way back then.

“We always had a wood stove and even when we moved to Wandoan there was still a wood stove, mum got a caravan stove too because it was so hot in the summer. But still in the winter

you’d always have the stove going, you’d open the little door and you’d have a toasting fork to make your toast on the little bit of fire in the fire box. You’d try and keep it going all night so you’d stack it up with wood the night before and shut all the dampers down and the next morning yeah!! it’s still got some fire in it. The hot water ran off that as well. If you didn’t have the stove running you didn’t have hot water.”

That love of cooking instilled by her mother and that old Woman’s Weekly Cookbook is what led her to become a steward and then chief steward at the show.

“I just started entering,” she laughed recalling how she found herself as the chief steward a few years after she and her family moved to Stanthorpe 15 years ago.

“I first started entering shows when I was



Wendy’s famous hotcross but (with extra crosses because that’s the best bit even if it is only flour and water).

in grade six or seven. I entered the Cleremont Show. I think I won – it was the packet cake competition in the junior section. You had to make a packet cake and you had to include the box-top, I think I made a coffee cake and a man wanted buy it after it won so I was very chuffed with that. I can’t remember how much I sold it for, that would have been 1976 so \$2 would have been a lot of money).”

Wendy’s actual involvement in the Stanthorpe Show came through a work, though she’d already won both the Novice Fruit Cake and High Tea for One sections.

“Where I was working was a sponsor of the cookery section,” she said.

“I trundled along with balloons and stuff to hand out to the children to promote the sponsor. The stewards were there too so I was chatting to them, next thing I was steward.”

It’s obviously a job Wendy relishes, getting excited as she talks about the challenges of keeping the section interesting as tastes change and people cook less of the traditional fruit cakes and Anzac biscuits at home. Each year she works with the other stewards to come up with new and diverse sections to keep bakers entering like salted caramel mud cake, red velvet cake and gingerbread houses.

Though this past show she had to do her chief steward work from home – keeping in touch with those on the ground while she battled a badly timed bout of Covid.

“I’ve just always cooked and I remember driving my mum nuts with the things I’d try to make because when you live out of town you have to make it with what you’ve got,” she said.

“There’s no, I need to get saffron or whatever the fancy ingredient is, and that’s before the internet so all the recipes came out of old Women’s Weekly.”

You can find Wendy’s tried and true Woman’s Weekly recipe on the net these days – just don’t add the peel.



REAL ESTATE FOCUS

Simple country living

Located a short drive to Warwick - nine minutes or 6.9 kilometres – this 11.8 Ha (29 Acre) property has a lot on offer to a buyer who has livestock.

Situated in the Rosenthal Heights area, the property includes a large five-bay shed with two roller doors as a slightly smaller four-bay shed offering plenty of storage for cars and equipment.

For those looking to stock the property with plenty of livestock there are cattle yards with Thompson Longhorn Crush and Race, pig pens, three water troughs and three paddocks with a kilometre of electric fencing.

Well prepared for the region's variable weather, the property features a dam as well as town water.

While are the livestock is well catered for so are the owners.

There is a comfortable ranch style brick with air-conditioning and three built-in bedrooms, two bathrooms and including a master bedroom with en suite and separate air-conditioning.

For those cold winter nights, there is a fireplace in the lounge-media room off the entry hall.

The house also features a galley kitchen with



good cupboard space and electric appliances and a laundry utility next door.

For the growing family, there is a powder room off the family bathroom with separate shower and bath.

The dwelling also features lots of storage throughout and down the hallway.

There is a great outdoor north-facing entertainment area, established gardens and a south-facing full-length patio across the front of the home as well.

Features at a glance:

- Three Bedrooms – built ins



- Master has en suite and air-con
- Fireplace + air-con in lounge media
- Galley kitchen with almost new Westinghouse electric appliances
- Laundry utility
- Lots of storage
- Garage on the home
- Patios front and back on Ranch Style Home
- Fastidious buyers will appreciate the attributes on offer at this property.

Contact Helen Harm on 0408 457 496 for inspection. Go to www.helenharm.com for more photos.

Address: 82 Smelter Road, ROSENTHAL HEIGHTS Description: 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, 5+3 car Price: \$ 1,250,000
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Excellent investment opportunity

Located in a great area of Glennie Heights close to the school and Warwick's CBD, this two-bedroom timber home ticks all the right boxes for a first home owner or investor.

All the hard work has been done, so the new owner can just sit back and enjoy all this property has to offer.

Situated on a prime fully fenced 1012sqm block, this two-bedroom, neat and tidy home, has a lovely front timber deck which leads

to a front sunroom, to a renovated kitchen, beautiful bathroom and central lounge, which is a good size. Outside the house continues to impress with its outdoor entertaining area and a two-bay Colorbond shed.

Currently tenanted for \$325.00 per week until 9 December which means immediate and guaranteed income.

An inspection is a must to truly appreciate all it has to offer.



Address: 6 Glennie St, WARWICK Description: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car Price: \$370,000

Contact: Alex Dwan 0476196296 alex@waderealestate.com.au, Mandy Steketee 0400592463 mandy@waderealestate. Agent: Wade Real Estate

www.waderealestate.com.au

Ph: 4661 5655

High on a hill

Enjoy the relaxed ease of country town living in this neat, two-bedroom home on an elevated 2023 m² (half acre) block with panoramic mountain views.

Both bedrooms feature built-ins and the large main bedroom has good flow-through ventilation and plenty of natural light.

There is both air-conditioning and woodfire in the open plan living and a functional electric kitchen.

The bathroom has a shower, toilet and is combined with the laundry.

The two-bay shed has been converted into a studio with attached outdoor area and double carport. The trees on the lot add an extra country feel to the property.

There is a large 92,000 litre plus 5000 gal rain water tanks plus two galvanised tanks on the sheds supply ample water and the septic system.

As a bonus the owner will include ride-on mower, hedge trimmer, chainsaw, fridge/freezer, washing machine and more for successful buyer

Contact Helen Harm on 0408 457 496.
Home Features:- Air-conditioning, carpeted bedrooms, ceiling fans, electric hot



plates/oven, entertaining area, fully fenced, private courtyard, rangehood, tiled bathroom/laundry, vinyl in living areas.

Community Features:- playground/park, primary school, secondary school bus, hotel/motel

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Address: 32 Slade Street, MARYVALE Description: 2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car Price: \$ 375,000 Inspection: By appointment Contact: Helen Harm 0408 457 496 Agent: Helen Harm Real Estate

Family-friendly living

This Rosenthal Heights home is designed for family living.

With four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a two-car garage, it has plenty of room for a growing family.

The main bed has an ensuite and walk-in wardrobe while the family bathroom features a separate show and vanity and the house also has a separate toilet.

Out in the living areas, it is all about modern open-plan living with a galley kitchen and large pantry. There is a separate laundry and outside there is an undercover entertaining area, a full fenced yard and vehicle access to the backyard.

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Address: 32 Peace Street, ROSENTHAL HEIGHTS Description: 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car Price for sell: \$450,000 Offers Over Price for rental: Currently renting for \$500 per
Contact: Helen Harm 0408 457 496 Agent: Helen Harm Real Estate



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SOLD

Art Deco Designer

STANTHORPE

- Rendered 3 bed in Amosfield Rd
- Fireplace in lounge living
- Kitchen has slow combustion & electric stove
- Dining has timber windows
- Shower, vanity & toilet
- Laundry & Storage
- Single garage in fenced 625 m² yard
- Artist studio with fireplace in backyard

\$ 300,000 +



SOLD

Rental Investment

- 3 Bedroom
- Aircon in lounge living
- Good kitchen/ dining
- Bath, separate shower, vanity,
- Laundry utility, separate toilet
- Fenced 506 m² yard
- Single garage in backyard
- Storage

INVESTORS: Rent appraisal \$300 p.w.

\$ 300,000 +

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- 2 Bedrooms
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- 2 Bay shed
- Garden shed
- Separate toilet
- 2 Carports
- Fully fenced 1012 m²

\$ 275,000



HENDON Half Acre

Investors opportunity!!

- 2023 m² (½ Acre) with rural views
- Power in Street
- 23K (20 mins) North of Warwick

Half Acre Lot

\$ 65,000



Almost 1 Acre

ALLORA - Boundary realignment allows for almost an acre, 3350 m² level allotment with 2 street frontages to Bennett Street and Erhardt Street (off Darling Street)

- Town Water available
- All city facilities
- Fenced

Settlement can occur once survey and paperwork is finalized.

\$ 175,000



Scenic Views

MARYVALE – 6637 m² (1.6 Acres)

- Views of valley back to Great Dividing Range
- Flood Free and gently sloping
- Ideal spot, privacy, relaxed country lifestyle
- Escape the hustle & bustle of city
- Nestled in the mountains
- Direct access to main highway
- 20 Mins east of Warwick
- Well maintained acreage

\$ 300,000



Country Acre

MARYVALE - Nestled in the Great Dividing Range near Cunningham's Gap. Only 90 minutes to Brisbane or the Gold Coast.

- Level 4047 m² corner lot
- Power available
- All weather gravel road access
- New Fencing
- Mountain views in that fresh mountain air!

\$ 295,000



On a Creek

GREYWARE – 2251 m² (.55 Acres)

- On the banks of Greymare Creek
- Level block, slopes gently to the creek
- Bitumen road frontage
- Ideal spot, privacy, relaxed country lifestyle
- Escape the hustle & bustle of city
- Live in picturesque Southern Down Region
- Direct access to main highway
- 20 Mins west of Warwick

\$ 150,000+

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3 Brm + Office, bath, sep shower, open plan kitchen/dining, lounge, car **\$ 350 p.w.**

3 Brm, 2 bath, open plan, kitchen, laundry, entertaining, 2 car **\$ 470 p.w.**

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- Zoning is Specialised Centre
- 2.6 Ha off Cunningham Highway.

\$ 2,210,000



Multi-Million Views

On QLD/NSW border, 20 mis to Warwick

- Training centre, retreat, glamping, paintball park
- 3 Bed
- 2 Bath
- Fully furnished
- Air conditioning in living
- Kitchen dining with woodfire
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- Deck overlook dam & play area
- 64.77 Ha
- 3 bay Shed
- 2 Dams
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\$ 900,000+

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Quality established home

Not often do you see properties like 37 Rangers Road present to the market.

Such a privilege to list this delightful and much-loved home, situated on a 3946sqm parcel of land, where the current owners have called this their home for the past nearly 32 years.

The difficult time has come to downsize and present this unique parcel of real estate, still offering so much original and incredibly well-kept home to its next new owners.

Offering three good-size bedrooms with ceiling fans, main bedroom presenting a large area of sliding door wardrobes near the ensuite, which could be renovated into a good size walk-in wardrobe.

A spacious laundry, bathroom, separate toilet all flow well together. Entering the home from the front balcony it is hard not to notice the use of decorative feature columns.

This large full-length balcony protects all the bedrooms and most of the living areas of the home from weather conditions and is a place to enjoy cool afternoons overlooking the rural outlook.

A remote-controlled and deeper single car accommodation allows you access into the home, through the large size lounge room and into the generous size kitchen, with gas stove and



oven. There is a large open space dining area as well as a comfortable family room offering air-conditioning and all overlooking the outdoor area/spa and vast and tranquil backyard, where kookaburras can be heard laughing, lorikeets screeching and rosellas can be seen flying from gum tree to eucalypt tree feeding.

The large trees are all far enough away from the home and shed so not to present a problem.

There is access to the large 7m x 7m shed situated in the backyard, built out of the same brick as the home, with an attached 3.5m awning off the side to park the caravan.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone looking for a quality home, wanting their own privacy and space all close to town surrounded by quality neighboring properties.

The agent believes to really appreciate what it has to offer an inspection is needed. Phone for a private viewing.



Address: 37 Rangers Road, WARWICK **Description:** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 car **Price:**\$545,000 **Inspection:** By appointment
Contact: Mandy Steketee 0400592463 mandy@waderealestate.com.au, Wade Real Estate

Peaceful rural lifestyle

Privately positioned, approximately 18km east of Warwick with access off a bitumen road and only a 10-minute drive to the township of Killarney, is this pleasing 100-acre corner block property, offering a two-bedroom, one-bathroom, separate toilet, internal laundry, liveable and tidy home.

The property at 177 Huxleys Road, Loch Lomond, has so much to offer its next new owners.

This is a very quiet location, a fantastic parcel of land producing productive soils, large dam, plenty of room for horses and cattle.

The working bore services all outside taps, two large tanks servicing the home with a third to back it up. Huge 18m x 13m powered

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Address: 177 Huxleys Rd, LOCH LOMOND **Description:** 2 bedrooms, 1 bath **Price:** \$825,000 **Inspection:** Contact the agent
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1960's Retro

- Original 1960's Retro features for mid-century lovers of the era.
- 3 Bedroom, built ins
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- INVESTORS: Current rent is \$900 p.w.**

\$ 795,000



Family Friendly

- 4 Bed, 2 bath, 2 car
 - Main bed has en suite, walk-in robe
 - Bathroom has separate shower, vanity
 - Separate toilet • Separate laundry
 - Modern open plan living
 - Galley kitchen, large pantry
 - Undercover entertaining
 - Fully fenced 845 m² with Vehicle access
- INVESTORS: Rents for \$500 p.w.**

\$ 450,000+



High on a Hill

- MARYVALE –
- Enjoy the relaxed ease of country living!
- Air con + wood fire
 - 2 Bed, 2 built-in
 - Open Living areas with vinyl planks
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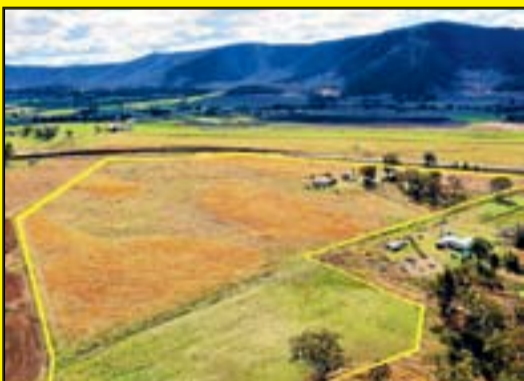


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MARYVALE - Scenic Double block has 2 Titles.
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- 2 Separate Titles
- Sloping from front to back
- Power available
- New Fencing

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Multi Titled Acreage

- MARYVALE
- 6 Separate Titles
 - 3 bed, Clad to save painting
 - Separate shower, separate toilet
 - Kitchen/Dining –storage, electric appliances
 - Open plan living
 - Rain water
 - Old sheds, chook run
 - Highway frontage • Boundary fenced

\$ 650,000 +



Simple Country Life

- Short drive to Warwick – 9 mins or 6.9k –
Livestock suits 11.8 Ha (29 Ac)
- Large 5 Bay Shed • Smaller 4 Bay Shed
 - Cattle Yards, Thompson Longhorn Crush/ Race
 - Dam, 3 paddocks, water troughs & more
 - 3 bed, built ins – main ensuite & aircon
 - Separate shower & bath, separate toilet
 - Kitchen/Dining –storage, electric appliances
 - Lounge media has fireplace + aircon

\$ 1,250,000

LAND

WARWICK - 25930 m², High profile, 2 street frontage, Zoned specialised \$ 2,210,000

ALLORA - vacant land, town water, power at road, approx 3350 m², almost 1 ac.... \$ 175,000

HENDON - 2023 m², power next door, rural fence \$ 65,000

MARYVALE - 4047 m², power available, level block, new fencing \$ 295,000

MARYVALE - 6637 m², power next door, level block, mountain VIEWS \$ 300,000 O/A

MARYVALE - 8094 m², 2 Titles, power nearby, fenced, 2 x 1 Acre \$ 320,000

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