

community file

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Dig deep for sport project

RAIN did not deter 100 residents from stepping out to launch the Yungaburra Sport and Recreation Association's fundraising campaign to build a new shed.

The association hopes to build a large covered and concreted recreational space at Yungaburra Memorial Park to use for basketball, volleyball and other activities.

"Such a large community turnout emphasises our need for a big undercover area," secretary Anne Stapledon said.

MC Ray Byrnes said the committee hoped to raise \$50,000 by early 2009 to guarantee government funding and beat rising construction costs.

A fundraising rock unveiled in Maude Kehoe Park will feature plaques naming those people who make donations of \$100 or more. The plaques will be transferred to Memorial Park after the shed is completed.

► Contributions can be mailed to 12 Cedar St, Yungaburra, dropped off to Ashley Cupitt at the Memorial Park Boxing Hall in Yungaburra or phone the association's treasurer Sue Cupitt on 4095 3360.

Hunting for hats



Hot hats: Leukaemia Foundation ambassador Kendall Booth-Thomson inspects second-hand designer items for a charity sale. Picture: JAKE NOWAKOWSKI

LOVERS of designer shoes, hats and handbags – this is the sale for you.

To raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation, ambassador Kendall Booth-Thomson has organised the sale of the year, just in time for Cairns ladies to prepare for the racing season.

A market-style sale will be held on Sunday in the grand

ballroom at the Shangri La Hotel with mountains of pre-loved shoes, hats and handbags for sale.

The \$50 stall fee will be donated to the foundation.

Stall holders can keep their profits and people who have something to sell, but do not want to host a stall, can donate items or provide them on consignment.

"It's a really good cause," Ms Booth-Thomson said.

"I've seen people who have been sick and it is good to be able to give something back to the community."

Ms Booth-Thomson said stalls were booking out fast but there were still a few available.

"The racing season is just around the corner so if you

are looking for something to wear or have something to sell, this is the sale for you," she said.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off at Cairns Property Office.

► For information or to book a stall phone Ms Booth-Thomson on 0417 167 695, Annette Jarrett on 4041 1454 or email kendall@cpo.com.au or ajarrett@leukaemia.org.au.

BILLBOARD

Learn a trade

HIGH school students have the opportunity to try a trade these school holidays at TAFE. The program will run on July 8, 9 and 10 and students can choose from construction, engineering, electrical and cookery apprentice programs. Bookings are essential and can be made by phoning TAFE on 1300 656 959.

Garden grant

APPLICATIONS for the 2008 Community Garden Grants are now open. Entry forms are online at www.opengarden.org.au. Australia's Open Garden Scheme is a self-funding, not-for-profit organisation promoting gardening. Queensland gardeners could share in six grants totalling \$10,000.

Losing kilos

LIGHTEN Up to a Healthy Lifestyle is a seven-week group program to help adults get their health and lifestyle on track, lose weight, be more active, learn about healthy eating and manage stress. The cost is \$30 and the course starts on July 21. For information, contact Cairns Community Health.

Staff reunion

A REUNION of former DAIA staff is planned for Saturday at Mareeba. The reunion will start at 10am. Phone Ted Butler for details on 4091 3559 or 4092 2351.

Cancer group

The FNQ Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet on June 18 at 2.30pm at 169 Aumuller St, Bungalow. For information, phone Jim Hope on 4039 0335 or Roy Hartman on 4055 5906.

the PET corner



Rusty is a two-year-old desexed male Staffordshire Bull Terrier looking for a loving home. For details, call Innisfail Animal Refuge on 4061 3532.

Smiling success helps inspire others to beat the odds

IF you tell Deborah Storer she can't, she will.

The Cairns woman is on the national speaking circuit after overcoming serious setbacks in her life.

This week, she is sharing her story in her home town.

As a teenager, her father committed suicide and doc-

tors told Ms Storer she had six months to live as anorexia nervosa racked her body.

"Life was continually a struggle – self-esteem, body image, depression and financial hardship," she said.

"I believed I was not good enough, unwanted, worthless and a failure."

She has since published seven books in one year and started four successful businesses – including a dance studio – despite being told she did not have "the perfect dancer's body".

► Deborah Storer is holding a free seminar at the Cairns Colonial Club at 7pm tonight and at 9.30am and 7pm tomorrow.



Success: Deborah Storer in Cairns.

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