

Drought impact on show in city

LOCAL photographer Anne Smith is continuing her work bringing the horrors of the Queensland drought to a wider audience.

An exhibition of her work, completed last year, on drought-hit properties in the Barcardine, Blackall, Tambo, Barcoo, Longreach, Isaac and Central Highlands, is now on show at Brisbane City Hall.

The exhibition was opened on Friday by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, who said he hoped the exhibition would help raise awareness and help raise funds for bush families hit by drought.

Eighty per cent of the state remains in drought and it was important for city folk to offer support where they could.

Anne said the exhibition would be on show in Brisbane until August 28, then was expected to travel to the Whitsundays.

Donations can be made to the Western Queensland Drought Appeal: BSB: 034 194 Account No: 238 468 or at www.facebook.com/wqdroughtappeal



An image by Bowen photographer Anne Smith, part of an exhibition in Brisbane City Hall to highlight farmers doing it tough because of the drought.

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Relay providing hope for cancer-free future

RELAY | Eve Reitmajer

WALKERS in this year's Bowen Collinsville Relay for Life will be counting down the hours to this weekend's big event.

Relay For Life is an 18 hour event involving teams of up to 15 people keeping a baton moving in a relay style walk or run overnight, in support of all Queenslanders affected by cancer.

The local event is once again being held at the Bowen Sporting Complex and the theme this year is Rock 'n' Roll. Committee chairwoman

Chris Blunt, who is also this year's Face of Relay, is encouraging all members of the community to go along, support the teams and see what it is all about.

Highlights include the opening ceremony on Saturday at 3pm, which includes the survivors and carers walk; the candlelight ceremony with candle bag tributes at 7pm and the closing ceremony with fight back pledge at 9am Sunday.

After a recent battle with cancer, the Relay For Life has taken on a whole new meaning for Mrs Blunt.

SNAPSHOT

THE Bowen Ambulance Station will run a free CPR awareness session at this weekend's Bowen/Collinsville Relay for Life. Paramedics will show people basic CPR skills and provide general information about how to find a pulse, airway maintenance, CPR demonstration, as well as provide

an opportunity for people to practice on a mannequin under supervision. The session is about creating awareness and showing people that they can help save a life by performing external cardiac compression. The session will be held at 4.30pm on Saturday.

Last year the Bowen local was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and underwent chemotherapy.

Now in remission, Mrs Blunt said the experience had made her even more passion-

ate about raising awareness and funds for others impacted by the disease.

"I encourage locals to come down to Relay and see what it is all about," she said.

"Whether you join a team,

or show your support to those taking part, we would love to have you there.

"Your support makes all the difference.

"By taking part in Relay, providing physical or emotional support, or even fundraising to ensure Queenslanders have access to vital resources, we are able to give hope for a cancer free future.

"That's what it is all about."

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In brief

FIRE CONDITIONS

The Rural Fire Service is urging Queenslanders to be ready and alert with heightened fire conditions predicted for Northern and Far Northern Queensland in coming days. It said a very high fire danger rating was in place in some places due to high temperatures and strong winds.

RAIL SAFETY MESSAGE

Rail transport business Aurizon has launched an animated video urging the community to stay off the tracks and to 'stop, look, listen and think'. It's available at <http://www.aurizon.com.au/rail-safety>. The release coincides with Rail Safety Week.

COUNTING ONLINE

TWO-THIRDS of Australians are expected to fill in the census online when it is held this time next year. The census, set for August 9, will be the first to be done mainly digitally. Paper forms will still be available.

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Employee of the Year - 2015

Name: Carly Grittner **Employer:** Collinsville Scottville Workers Club
In your own words, why is this person an award winner?
In her role as Assistant Manager Carly is the valued right hand man to the Manager of the Workers Club. Carly keeps on top of communications between staff, patrons and management making sure the club is catering to the needs everyone.
What is the greatest single attribute which sets this person apart from other apprentice/trainees?
Carly is Tech savvy and keeps all the technical components in the club up and running to the benefit of the club and its patrons.
How is this person a good ambassador for their employer and community?
Carly has shown what can be achieved when management shows faith in an employee. She is constantly repaying her employer with her knowledge, loyalty and services which benefits not only her workplace but flows through to the community.

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Apprentice/Trainee of the Year - 2015

Name: Rohan Gordon **Employer:** Upbuilt Pty Ltd - Collinsville
In your own words, why is this person an award winner?
Rohan has a positive attitude and shows a genuine interest in his work. Rohan always shows initiative and is willing to tackle any tasks asked of him.
What is the greatest single attribute which sets this person apart from other apprentice/trainees?
Rohan has a great work ethic and has respect and a willingness to learn from others.
How is this person a good ambassador for their employer and community?
Rohan takes pride in himself and his job and this reflects in the quality of his work. Rohan shows good leadership qualities and is President of his Student Council at school and actively participates and helps at community events in Collinsville.

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Name: George Williams **Employer:** Corrsafe Training & Safety
In your own words, why is this person an award winner?
George represents the very best in Corrsafe Training & Safety, he cares deeply for our community, which are our people, he is a true and authentic person, I am so grateful to know and work with such an incredible human being, he makes us all safer with his training.
What is the greatest single attribute which sets this person apart from other apprentice/trainees?
George epitomizes all the characteristics of a model team player, he continues to reinforce the values of our culture to our staff, students and clients, we can always depend on George.
How is this person a good ambassador for their employer and community?
George also projects a warm, cheerful attitude to our staff, students and our clients, I have seen him handle difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact.

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