

Tour of Toowoomba is major boost to local economy



Shoppers stopped and stared in surprise as dozens of sleek cyclists raced by them at Highfields Village Shopping Centre on Friday.

The FKG Tour of Toowoomba 2012 had descended on the centre for the arduous Stage 2 climb, culmi-

ating in a hilltop finish atop the Bunya Mountains. The 126km Stage 2 road race, sponsored by Highfields Village Shopping Centre, started onsite at 11am and attracted a large crowd.

It was the pivotal day in the staging of the third annual

Tour of Toowoomba, which ran from June 14-17, the only National Road Series teams event to be staged in Queensland.

Lauder Pty Ltd, the developer of the Highfields residential community and Highfields Village Shopping Centre, has been a sponsor of all three Tours of Toowoomba.

ac Stirling, Managing Director of Lauder, said this year's Tour of Toowoomba was bigger and better than before and Lauder was proud to continue its strong support of the event.

"Event driven tourism such as the Tour of Toowoomba is a key way of promoting the Toowoomba region and delivers great economic benefits throughout

the community," he said.

"By way of comparison, the Tour Down Under in South Australia started just like the Tour of Toowoomba some 13 years ago and is now worth more than \$35 million to their State economy.

"Cycling is a growing sport and has strong support and participation in the Highfields and Toowoomba regions. "Staging a national A grade road race series of this stature in our local community sends an important message to people on the benefits of exercise and fitness."

The FKG Tour of Toowoomba was presented by the Toowoomba Cycling Club, under the auspices of Cycling Australia in association with Cycling Queensland. - Ken Ball.

RASQ wine show judges



Three of the six judges at the 2012 Wine Show conducted by the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland in Toowoomba, are from Mark Ravenscroft (Ravenscroft Wines, Stanthorpe), Luke Fitzpatrick (Clovely Estate, Murgon), and Simon Waghorn (Astrolabe Wines, Marlborough, New Zealand.)

Carbon tax worries council

The Toowoomba Regional Council is calling on the Federal Government to outline the impact of the new Carbon Tax on ratepayers following the publication of the second phase of the Liabilities Public Information Database.

The Clean Energy Regulator has listed 294 entities including local councils because they meet criteria specified under the Clean Energy Act 2011 within a financial year.

Mayor Paul Antonio said Toowoomba Regional Council covered 12,973 square kilometres, with more than 160,000 residents.

"The sheer numbers mean it was always expected that council would be listed as a major emitter subject to significant Carbon Tax penalties.

"We are concerned with how these costs will affect our bottom line in delivering services to residents, as well as any possible ramifications to the rates themselves. We simply need the Federal Government to come clean on clean energy, and spell out how much it will cost Australians."

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Sudoku Number 540

1								
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	6			3				1
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Sudoku Difficulty Level - Medium

SUDOKU RULES

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. There is no math involved. You solve each puzzle with reasoning and logic. Each puzzle only has one solution.

S	W	A	R	M	T	R	E	K		6	8	1	5	2	9	3	4	7
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B	O	O	K	I	S	E	E			2	3	6	9	1	8	4	7	5
C	E	S	T	A	T	E	S			4	7	9	2	5	3	6	1	8
P	E	D	D	L	E	R	M			5	1	8	4	7	6	2	9	3
R	A	W	A	T	U	S	K			1	9	7	3	4	2	5	8	6
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Solutions to Crossword and Sudoku No. 539

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- ACROSS**
- Youngsters
 - Covered entrance
 - Girl's name
 - Gas
 - On the move
 - Writing fluid container
 - Sure thing
 - Bellow
 - Enticement
 - Or
 - Monarch's spouse
 - Violent attack
 - Cat sound
 - Uniform
 - Vaults
- DOWN**
- Restorative
 - Result in boxing
 - Make hygienic
 - Sickly
 - Narrate again
 - Toss
 - Flower (5,3)
 - Troubles
 - Poet's black
 - Kidnapper's demand
 - Carries
 - Makes a wage
 - Price paid
 - Place of learning

Highway claims life

A woman, 64, died on Thursday, June 7, when her car and a station wagon collided on the New England Highway.

The driver of the other car, a Crows Nest woman, had to be cut from her vehicle. She sustained injuries and was taken to Toowoomba hospital by the CareFlight helicopter.

Inspector David Isherwood from Toowoomba police said the injured driver was saved by the airbags in her vehicle.

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Stamps celebrate Year of the Farmer



Australia Post is showcasing farming industries in its second stamp issue in the Australian Year of the Farmer.

The four 60c stamps, released on June 26, depict beef cattle, oranges, sugar and wool. Australia Post philatelic manager Michael Zsolt said the Year of the Farmer celebrated the role of farming and brought together rural and urban communities, schools, farming organisations, suppliers and consumers of produce.

Beef cattle are one of Australia's major industries and today there are more than 23 million animals, which is in stark contrast to the six head of cattle that arrived with the first European settlers in 1788. The cattle represented on the stamp are Droughtmaster, a Brahman cattle cross developed in Australia for dry, harsh conditions, particularly in the north of the country.

Oranges account for most of the citrus fruit produced every year in Australia - the main orange varieties being Navels and Valencias. Major citrus production regions are in the Riverland, South Australia; the Murray Valley in Victoria and New South Wales; the Riverina in New South Wales and the Central Burnett region in Queensland. Australia is the third largest raw sugar producer in the world with 80 per cent of the country's sugar being exported. Australia's sugarcane is grown along Australia's

eastern coast, between Mossman in far north Queensland and Grafton in New South Wales. Queensland accounts for about 95 per cent of Australia's raw sugar production, and New South Wales around 5 per cent. Australia is the world's leading producer and exporter of wool, accounting for around 24 per cent of global wool production.

The Australian sheep flock is predominantly Merino, which produces finer wool than other breeds.

Wool is produced from the highlands of northern and southern New South Wales and Tasmania, to the pastoral zones of Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland. The Farming Australia stamps were designed by Jo Muré from the Australia Post Design Studio. Jo's recent stamp issue designs include Golf, ANZUS (2011) and Farming Australia - part one (2012).

The stamp products include a first day cover, stamp pack, self-adhesive booklet of 10 x 60c stamps, self-adhesive roll of 100 x 60c stamps, self-adhesive roll of 200 x 60c stamps and a set of four maxicards.

The stamps and associated products are available from participating Australia Post retail outlets, via mail order on 1800 331 794 and online at auspost.com.au/stamps from 26 June 2012 while stocks last. These stamps are a long-term issue produced for ongoing postal requirements.

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