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KELLY'S PLEDGE Former Noosa councillor Ray Kelly has pledged to establish a Cooroy residents association with just over 40 people attending the inaugural meeting last Thursday night.



PARTY BRANSON STYLE A \$16,890-a-night price tag hasn't deterred cashed-up holidaymakers from heading to Sir Richard Branson's Noosa hideaway for Christmas and New Year.

Search is on for sister streets of famed strip

OUR famous tourist strip has at least one namesake.

On a trip up north I snapped this. Yes, it is Mackay's answer to Hastings St.

The name is about all it shares, though. It is not a tourist strip, there are no restaurants, shops and hotels, and I doubt it is internationally known. It is a modest street lined with houses set in a popular residential suburb, Ooralea.

I believe there is at least one other Hastings St, in

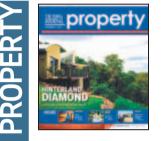


Scarborough, WA. Do you know of any others? Email evansn@journal weekender.com.au



BAND OF MANY GENRES

The Crooked Fiddle Band have been described as "chainsaw folk", "14th century Romanian metal", "thrash folk" and "whirlwind gypsy". Find out for yourself tonight at Joe's Waterhole, Eumundi.



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Spare us annual political correctness

CHRISTMAS is nearly here. Let's hope this year will be free from over-the-top political correctness, specifically the kind that prohibits shopping mall Santas from their age-old "ho ho ho" for fear of offending people. Santa greeting children with a "ha ha ha", a hotly debated issue a couple of Christmases ago, simply does not sound right.

I will also wish people "merry Christmas", rather than the vanilla "happy holidays", which has become popular of late.

It is Christmas, so it seems pretty straightforward to me, politically correct or not.

Spread message of festive cheer

I AM starting to see a few more houses decorated with Christmas lights, inflatable Santas and other festive tokens. If you have seen a great display, keep your emails coming through so we can spread the word.

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Show support for dingoes

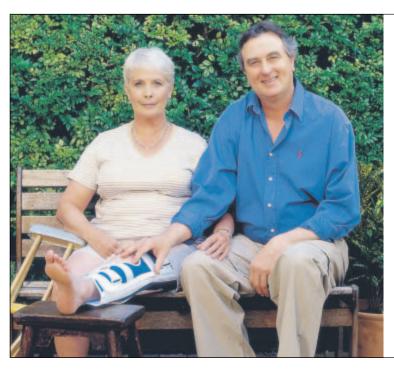
THE annual Dingo Day is on again this weekend, in support of the Fraser Island dingo and the work of Save Fraser Island Dingoes Inc.

Noosa has shown strong support for this organisation and the plight of the native dog, together with the awareness campaign spearheaded by campaigner Jennifer Parkhurst (pictured) so I am sure it will be well-attended.

The annual event will take place at Hervey Bay.



The venue is Apex Park. It runs from 9am to 3pm, on Sunday. Phone 4124 1979 for details



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