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## Teddies go to school

ST Eugene College celebrated National Buddies week to launch its The Better Buddies Program by holding a Teddy Bear's Picnic for the Year 6 children and their new 2011 Prep buddies.

The major focus of the buddies' program is to celebrate positive friendships between older and younger students.

The Better Buddies Program creates a positive, caring and a friendly environment for children when they start school. This is heavily promoted at St Eugene College.

At the picnic held under the tress on picnic rugs in the school playground, the Year 6 students gave their prep buddies a purple teddy bear.

The purple bear, Buddy Bear, is the mascot of The Better Buddies Program. He is a fun-loving and caring bear.

The Year 10 hospitality students catered for the picnic.

The program is sponsored by the NAB in Australian schools.

PICNIC: St Eugene College students Riani Matheson, Ella Connolly, Amy Jones and Teegan Bryant with NAB Morayfield branch manager Karen Kiddey.

Photo: Vicki Wood/SCA20311teds3

# Pioneer history

## Heritage listing will open up a snapshot of our past

A PROPOSED heritage site located at Northeast Business Park could give insight into the slave trade in Queensland in the 1800s.

Last week members of the com-

munity gathered to celebrate a proposed heritage listing of an archeological site at the park.

The sites concerned include a remnant staircase believed to be as-

sociated with George Raff's original Morayfield house and sugar plantation, which dates back to 1866, and a headstone marking the grave of Levi Walker, who died in

1869.

On February 8 the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) proposed to include the sugar plantation in the

Heritage Register.

The plantation, located at 34 Nolan Drive, will be included as a

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**JOINT EFFORT:** Mark Ryan (Lab, Morayfield), Northeast Business Park chairman Malcolm Hall-Brown, Chief Daniel Awiwawi of Vanuatu and Dean Wells (Lab, Murrumba) want the site heritage listed. *Photo: Vicki Wood*

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place of archaeological value if approved.

The landmarks represent one of the earliest developments in the Queensland sugar industry.

Plantation owner George Raff was a prominent citizen.

He contributed greatly to the development of the sugar industry and was also known for his use of South Sea Islander slaves.

A DERM spokesman said archaeological artefacts could potentially provide information on key aspects of Queensland history.

DERM hopes to shed insight into the development of sugar grow-

ing, cultivation, processing and sugar distilling operations in addition to the role of South Sea Islander people in the sugar industry.

It is hoped the remains will also give insight into the lives of everyday people, who experienced these times both living and working on sugar plantations.

The find may shed light on the use of South Sea Islanders as slaves in Queensland.

It could answer questions in relation to status, class, the use of power, the exploitation of labour and the changes the slaves made to adapt to new environments in Queensland.

On February 23 Northeast Bu-

siness Park chief executive Jeff Smith, Mark Ryan (Lab. Morayfield); Northeast Business Park board chairman Malcolm Hall-Brown; and a representative of the Vanuatuan community Chief Daniel Awiwawi gathered to celebrate the proposed heritage listing.

Mr Smith said the proposed site had a unique past and heritage.

He said he hoped it would be preserved long into the future for many to share.

"In looking into the future it is only fitting that we remember the past," he said.



**FUNNY STUFF:** Comedian Ahn Do has everyone laughing at a Moreton Bay Regional Council breakfast at Centenary Lakes Sports Club and signs his book for Mayor Allan Sutherland. *Photo: Vicki Wood/SCA20311do*

## TRAFFIC ALERT

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - Delaney Creek Road, Delaneys Creek between Paulus Road and Nine V Road**  
Thursday, 10 March 2011 between 10am and 2pm

Moreton Bay Regional Council advises that Delaney Creek Road, Delaneys Creek between Paulus Road and Nine V Road will be temporarily closed on Thursday, 10 March 2011 between 10am and 2pm.

The temporary road closure will allow council to undertake programed bridge inspections of Simpsons Bridge and Bungo Creek Bridge.

During the time of inspection no vehicular or pedestrian access to the bridges will be permissible.

Alternative access to Delaney Creek Road during the temporary closure can be access via Stanton Road, Vidoni Road and Dewhursts Roads.

Council apologises for any inconvenience which may be caused to residents or travellers during these necessary works.

For further information about the closure or prescribed inspection works please contact council's Asset Management Section on 3480 6961.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Suspicious fire

POLICE are investigating a suspicious fire at the PCYC in Maine Terrace at Deception Bay about 4.30am Saturday. It appears wheelie bins were placed up against some wire gates and set alight. Anyone with information should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

### Armed robbery

TWO men have been charged after the alleged armed robbery of a Petrie convenience store last Thursday night. It is alleged one man entered the store and threatened the attendants with a bladed weapon and allegedly obtained cash while a second man allegedly waited outside.

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