



## The Cairns Post our say

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### Village merits our support

**A**t a time when progress takes precedence over preserving the past, the news that the Herberton Historical Village will reopen is refreshing.

High-profile entrepreneurs Craig and Connie Kimberly are behind the move, having bought the village that charmed them during a trip to the mining town last year.

The couple's genuine comments about giving something to the community and not viewing the venture as a profit-making exercise are reassuring.

They've owned Just Jeans and the Sydney Swans - two lucrative brands - so they would hardly be looking at a heritage project in a country town for a windfall.

Their generosity will achieve several things for not just Herberton, but the entire region.

For one, the village, which shut because of soaring insurance premiums six years ago, needs to be restored, given Herberton's place in the country's mining history.

Secondly, the village is a fascinating glimpse into the past that should be marketable enough to attract tourists.

Historical mining town visits are another dimension to the region's tourism industry that could spur other similar ventures around the Tableland and lower Cape York area.

With 42 buildings and more than 150,000 exhibits, it's no small task to restore the village, and 40 local tradies have gained from the project.

It's more a philanthropic gesture than it is a commercial venture, and it's one that Far Northerners should visit.

### And another thing...

IT'S no surprise that Innisfail sensation Billy Slater has had a football ground named after him. The star rugby league fullback - rated the best player in the world last year - has inspired children all over Australia to reach for great heights. Let's hope that among the crop of kids tearing around Billy Slater Oval there will be more players who in years to come will return to open their own oval.



zanetti's say

### they say Have you ever made a promise you didn't expect you'd have to keep? 2.30pm, CBD, Cairns



**MAUREEN SCHMITZER**  
NORTH CAIRNS  
I always keep my promises. I've never had any come back to haunt me.



**KANAT WANO**  
CAIRNS CITY  
I like to keep my promises and I never say never. If I make a promise to run around naked I have to keep it and you don't want to see that.



**SCOTT McCUTCHEON**  
BUNGALOW  
I haven't, but my wife said if Hawthorn beat Geelong in last year's grand final, she'd walk nude down Shields St. She never did it. A couple of blokes come into where she works to remind her every day.



**PHIL THOMAS**  
AEROGLEN  
I've promised to give up smoking. I've quit three times. I think the first year the Broncos won the grand final I promised to dress up in Broncos gear and go to Brothers Leagues Club, which I did.



**CHRIS ROSE**  
BUNGALOW  
I try to keep mine. Mind you, I have stopped making promises because you have to keep them. Watch what you promise.



**RONJA GEHISCH**  
BAYVIEW HEIGHTS  
On New Year's Eve I promised I would be more active and do more sports, but I haven't done anything.

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#### ON BANANA IMPORTS

Well done Piccones IGA (5/3). I always get great fresh vegies frm thr & now I will continue 2 buy frm thm.  
**Em, Bentley Park.**

Imp fruit in a container 4 several days laced with poison (2 kill every bug) so what r u going 2 eat, local or imported?  
**Ralph, Holloways Beach.**

When Howard had 2 decide on banana imports Labor pple were vocal. Why r u not so vocal with Rudd doing it?  
**Les, Cairns.**

That's right import foreign bananas give our Bonds 2 Asia. Lets screw Australia 4 everything.  
**Kay, Edmonton.**

#### ON INSP BOB WATERS

Charles (4/3), Bob Waters obviously

passionate about senseless road deaths and cares abt all emergency personnel and families. He deserves appreciation & respect not ridicule.  
**R. D., ex-paramedic.**

Charles, Bob Waters thanked all emergency services, obviously not in it for the recognition unlike you.  
**Vincent, Smithfield.**

Well done 2 Cns Post 4 article on Bob Waters. No one would want 2 witness what he has in his career. Thank u Bob 4 ur commitment to our community.  
**Suzie, White Rock.**

#### ON CAT CRUELTY

I don't condone animal cruelty but cat shld have been confined 24/7 them it wouldn't be able 2 come harm.  
**B. J., Cairns.**

If cats are kept in there own yards they

don't get shot, simple really.  
**Adam, Cairns.**

#### ON OTHER MATTERS

Why did others not support Pyne on dengue clean up?  
**Dave, White Rock.**

Let's start a vigilante group that delivers swift street justice to cowards who bash innocents. I'll join & have a few mates who r keen.  
**Dean, Cairns.**

I can beat some1 half 2 death and get no jail time, but steal a \$1000 from government u can bet ur going 2 jail.  
**Sam, White Rock.**

Recession? It doesn't seem like it with the huge amount of cars lining up in the KFC drive thru.  
**Rob, Smithfield.**



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