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Where: 26 Motley Mt Tyson Road, MOTLEY QLD 4356

On: Lots 207 AG3646, 2 RP28327 and 1 & 4 RP94890

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THE OAKLEY CHAMPION

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

The Oakley Champion

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The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is urging the community to check for any super they may have lost track of, with new data showing over \$21 billion is waiting to be claimed by account holders.

Super can become lost for a variety of reasons, mostly when an account is inactive from no contributions, and contact details are not up to date.

When a super fund is unable to contact an individual to reunite them with their super, it may be transferred to the ATO to hold and attempt to reunite.

Last year, the ATO returned more than \$1.1 billion in unclaimed super through consolidations to super accounts and direct payments to eligible individuals.

ATO Deputy Commissioner Ben Kelly said checking for lost super could be the most rewarding five-minutes of your life.

"You always want to know where your wallet is," Mr Kelly said.

"Lost super is much the

same. It's your hard-earned money, and a quick search can reconnect you with that money to make sure you are maximising your retirement savings."

As at June 30th 2026, around 4 million people held two or more super accounts.

"Holding multiple accounts might not sound like a problem, but it could mean you're paying multiple sets of fees and insurance premiums, which can draw down your retirement savings over time," Mr Kelly said.

"If you're logging on to ATO Online via myGov to lodge your tax return, it is the perfect time for a quick super health check, to help you find lost super, identify whether you have multiple accounts and decide whether consolidating your accounts is right for you."

The Oakley Champion CLASSIFIEDS

Classifieds starting from just **\$20** inc GST

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FUNERAL NOTICES

HENNINGSSEN, Vicki Lillian Mary

Law of Highfields and formerly of Oakley, passed away peacefully, surrounded by love on 13th August 2026, aged 63 years.

Devoted Mother and Mother-in-law of Jamie and Jodie, Britany and James, Adored Grandmas of Maddie, and Jack. Beloved Daughter of Roy and Val Henningsen (both dec'd). Much loved Sister and Sister-in-law of Patricia "Patsy" and Greg. Robert "Mick" (dec'd), Rodney "Bimbo" (dec'd), and Colin (dec'd). Cherished Aunty, Great Aunty and Great Great-Aunty to many. Loving Cousin and Friend to Christine. Vicki will be deeply missed by her family and all who knew and loved her.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Vicki's funeral, to be held at the T.S. Burrows Chapel, 1020 Rudrers Street (south), Toowoomba, service commencing at 9.30am, Monday, 24th August 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Proposed Development

Make a submission from 20 August to 10 September 2026

Boundary Realignment (4 into 4 Lots)

Where: 26 Motor Mt Tyron Road, MOTTLEY QLD 4356
On: Lats 207 AC3646, 2 RP28327 and 1 & 4 RP94890
Detailed single lot Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot
Application ref: RAL/2026/4836

You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:
Toowoomba Regional Council
PO Box 3021 Toowoomba QLD 4350
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Public notification requirements are in accordance with the Planning Act 2016
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Letters To the Editor

SHIFTING GOALPOSTS

To the Editor,

I read with dismay New Hope Group's cheerful talk of "responsible" mining and community contribution on Oakley Champion's front page two weeks ago, while quietly walking back its own approval conditions.

On March 11th 2025, New Adand Coal formally asked the Co-ordinator-General to scrap Imposed Conditions 4 and 5 of its Stage 3 approval - the conditions requiring a new train loadout facility, an 8km rail spur and 4km balloon loop from Jondaryan.

Instead, NAC now wants to keep using the existing Jondaryan Rail Loadout Facility, in place since 2002, for the remaining 8-10 years of the mine's life.

This was NAC's fifth attempt since the 2014 Co-ordinator-General's report to unpick its own conditions - conditions that were only imposed in the first place because of community complaints about noise and dust from that very facility.

Now the same CEO speaks of extending operations

"beyond 2035" claiming for the sake of local jobs (live within a 50km radius of Acland) and prosperity (for whom exactly?)

Commitments, it seems, disappear the moment they become inconvenient or costly.

Council's proposed conditions - monitoring, road rehabilitation, train curfews - are welcome, but no substitute for the dedicated rail corridor NAC itself promised.

Curfews get reviewed. Monitoring gets watered down.

Jondaryan, Oakley and surrounding communities will live with the fallout long after the ribbon-cuttings are forgotten.

ENP representatives can visit, shake hands and kiss babies all they like, but New Adand Coal will be remembered for putting profits first and community last - backing out of agreements the moment approvals are granted.

Shame, shame, shame.
Name supplied,
Oakley.

Police comment

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It is a reminder to all our local bike and scooter riders to wear a helmet at all times. Failure to do so can result in a fine of \$161, and for ongoing offending their bike or scooter can be seized by police to stop the repetition of the offence and issued with a notice to appear in court.

Community Engagement

Constable Jason Newton of Oakley Police Station and Senior Constable Chris Brumfield of Coomburges Police Station attended Under 8s Day last week at St Monica's School.

The officers attended in their Police vehicles and spent the morning engaging with the children, parents, guardians, and school staff.

It is a positive means of engagement for our officers to meet our local children and their families and provide advice on a range of safety initiatives especially road safety for kids and the E-bike legislation changes.

All Oakley and Biddeston schools have Adopt-A-Cop Officers assigned.

It is an important aspect of our community engagement.

Please ensure you are parking in the allocated parking zones in and around our schools.

DV Care Packages

Oakley Police Station has received a generous donation to assist with expanding our care packages for victims of domestic violence and their children.

The cost of living and our housing crisis affects so many people. It is compounded by the catastrophic impact of domestic violence, where the victim is often forced to flee an offender, at times with their children, and nothing but the clothes on their back. These care packages provide some comfort items as we assist the victims with emergency accommodation and relocating to a place of safety.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, don't be a bystander. Support them wherever you can and encourage them to contact Police. There is no excuse for violence in any relationship.

I would like to thank our local QAS (Ambos) and QFD (Fries) Officers for their assistance at the traffic crashes and mental health jobs that we attend.

Their assistance and professionalism in these matters is invaluable to the outcomes.

- Sergeant James Leahy,
OIC, Oakley Police Station

Free stargazing event to bring astronomy to life

Astronomy in the Park will bring the wonders of the night sky to Toowoomba this Sunday (August 23), with the free public stargazing event celebrating National Science Week, and marking the finale of the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ's) Inaugural Research Week.

Families and astronomy enthusiasts will have the opportunity to explore the night sky alongside UniSQ astronomers and the CSIRO mobile mission operations centre truck, with telescope viewing, hands-on astronomy activities, and four astronomy and

Event details

Date: this Sunday August 23rd, 2026

Time: 3pm to 7pm (presentations 5.20pm-6pm)

Location: Frog's Hollow, Queens Park, Toowoomba

Cost: Free