

BULLY BUZZ



Making waves at regatta

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New law is dog rough

MRS Chen can't imagine abandoning one of her two best friends: her scruffy terrier mutt and a white fluffy pekingese mix with buggy eyes.

But that's what the government in this southern Chinese city wants the middle-aged housewife to do when a one-dog policy takes effect in Guangzhou.

Beginning on July 1, each household can raise only one pooch. The regulation won't be grandfathered in, so families with two or more dogs will apparently have to decide which one gets to stay.

"It's a cruel regulation. These dogs are like family. How can you keep one and get rid of the others?" said Chen, who declined to give



her full name because she feared the police would track her down and seize the dogs.

Snacking through the downturn

THE worst recession for decades is making Germans turn to sweets and snacks as comfort food.

Data from market research firm ACNielsen showed sales of confectionery, biscuits, crisps and nuts rising 1.6% in the first three months of the year.

By comparison, Europe's largest economy shrank 3.8% in the same period, as demand collapsed around the world for exports of German cars, chemicals and machinery, and as Germans cut down on spending.

"At the moment the industry is benefiting from a trend of people saying 'I'll treat myself with something small'," Alfons Strohmaier from the German confectionery association, the SG, said.

"People are still going shopping but they are not necessarily buying something big. Instead they buy something small to spoil themselves. Perhaps in times of crisis people think that chocolate bar will do them good right now."



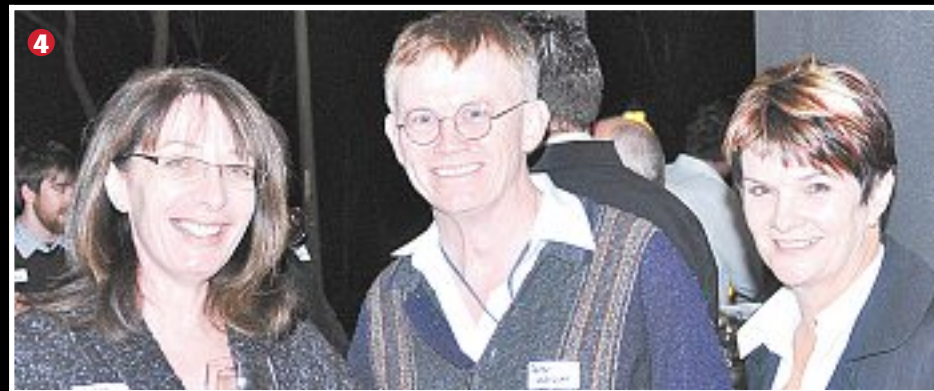
Council pops the bubbly for media

ROCKHAMPTON Regional Council's brand marketing and communications (BMC) team popped open the bubbly on Wednesday night to celebrate with local media.

They hosted the exclusive

social event at the chic new Edge Restaurant and Bar.

Mayor Brad Carter said the informal night was meant to thank the media for helping to communicate council's positive message to the public.



1. Kirsty Stewart and Rebecca French (BMC), Wayne Hoey (*Capricorn Coast Mirror*) and Darryn Nufer (*The Morning Bulletin*).

2. Karen Bartrop and Sue Adair (BMC).

3. Megan Lewis and Amy Formosa (*The Morning Bulletin*) with Paige Kirk (BMC) and Craig Zonca (ABC).

4. Sandra Anastasi (All-Biz-Art), Peter Mackay and Lynell Collins (BMC).

5. Mayor Brad Carter, Bronwyn Fenech (FM Studios) and Cr Graeme Brady.

6. *The Morning Bulletin's* Adrian Taylor and Cr Greg Belz.

60 seconds



With Helen, whose claim to fame is her strawberry blonde hair

- **Name:** Helen Williams
- **Occupation:** Capital appeals co-ordinator for Cancer Council Queensland
- **D.O.B.:** March 6, 1982
- **Marital/relationship status:** In a relationship
- **My claim to fame is:** My strawberry blonde hair (it's NOT red)
- **My five favourite things are:** Music, books, singing, pearls and mangoes
- **My most interesting jobs were:** Working at Cancer Council Queensland – I get to see how amazing people can be when working for a cause and how strong they can be when going through tough times
- **Something I'd like to change about the world:** Discrimination against red-heads
- **The first CD I bought was:** Can't remember but it was definitely a cassette, not a CD
- **Favourite movie:** Pulp Fiction or Breakfast at Tiffany's
- **Favourite book:** To Kill a Mockingbird, by Harper Lee
- **The best thing about my job is:** Making a positive difference in the community
- **My secret, guilty pleasure is:** At the moment, Master Chef
- **The last time I cried was:** Watching Marley and Me!
- **My first job was:** Working at 'Outback Burgers' during uni – first and worst job!
- **Away from my job, I relax by:** Reading or singing.
- **A moment I'm not so proud of is:** Going bike riding in Southbank, Brisbane, and crashing into a park bench – very embarrassing.
- **My best travel moment was:** My partner and I sitting on the beach at Cape Tribulation with barely another person in sight.
- **Something most people don't know about me is:** My eyes change colour when I wear different colours or at different times of the day.

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