

Crash tackle ends goat's night on town

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A POLICE officer was forced to crash tackle a goat during one of his more unusual shifts in Kearneys Spring early yesterday morning.
Toowoomba Police Sergeant

Jamie Deacon said two night-shift crews were called to control a herd of goats which had escaped from a paddock and were causing a traffic hazard near Kmart Plaza.
Officers located about 10 goats at the intersection of Ruthven and Stenner streets at

1.50am.
Police called the Toowoomba Regional Council and remained on scene to prevent traffic problems.
Sgt Deacon said all of the animals were rounded up and placed back in the paddock — except one.

A police officer chased the lone escapee and crash tackled the goat.
It was put in the council truck and driven back to the paddock. Officers left the scene at 2.34am.
The animals had escaped through a hole in the fence.

Brawl breaks out for second night in a row

Youths carry on Rockville family fight

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A GROUP of up to 18 youths armed with baseball bats and sticks were reported to be fighting in a Wilson park on Monday evening.

Toowoomba Police sergeant Jamie Deacon said the fight was a sequel to the brawl involving up to 40 people in Rockville on Sunday evening.
Sgt Deacon said the triple-zero caller witnessed the group of 15 to 18 youths fighting in Wine Drive Park at 5.15pm.
Officers attended and observed the youths scattering.
"A lot of kids were dispersing towards Festival Street," Sgt

Deacon said.
Police patrolled the area for the next 15 minutes to prevent the fight from reigniting.
No arrests were made.
On Sunday, six police cars were dispatched to control up to 40 people who were fighting in Festival Street just after 5pm.
Terrified neighbours made multiple triple zero calls.
Police said an ongoing dispute between two Aboriginal families

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— Sergeant Jamie Deacon

culminated in the brawl.
The incident began with the breakdown of friendship between two women, who belong to the different families.
One person was arrested and charged while another was detained and later released.
No weapons were involved in this brawl.
The families are well known to police.

Program preps students in pet care

By CALLUM JOHNSON
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THE Darling Heights State School prep class has gone to the dogs ... literally.

Yesterday, the students were introduced to the furry classmates as part of the Australian Veterinary Association Pets and People Education Program.

Prep teacher Wendy Neidley said the program helped the students learn about responsible pet care and the safe handling of animals.

"Some of the students may not own a pet or have had much experience with them," Mrs Neidley said.

"The program gives them a hands-on experience in dealing with and caring for pets."

The students were treated to



Learning about responsible pet ownership at Darling Heights State School are students (from left) Ellie Wright, Chelsea Winters and Timothy Wright with Danielle Kenny from Care Veterinary Group and Labrador Ralph. PICTURE: NEV MADSEN

animal-related talks from Care Veterinary Group, the RSPCA and the Department of Primary Industries.

"The prep class has shown a lot of interest in pets in the past," Mrs Neidley said.

"I'm pretty sure they'd find it exciting."

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— Wendy Neidley.

School goes on today

By LOUISE O'KEEFFE
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TOOWOOMBA parents will need to make sure their children go to school today after the Queensland Teachers' Union moved its strike day to next Wednesday.

Some Toowoomba schools were still advertising the strike for today on their notice boards on Monday afternoon.

QTU vice-president Julie Brown apologised to parents, but said the change of date was necessary.

"Because parents needed to know to make advance decisions about where their children would be on the 29th (July) ... we decided that the 5th of August was the date for everybody," she said.

Queensland's Industrial Relations Commission has reserved its decision on whether to stop a teachers' strike going ahead on August 5.

The commission, which heard arguments from the teachers' union and government yesterday, will decide on the issue at 9am today.

Education Minister Geoff Wilson said the August 5 strike would disrupt 500,000 students and inconvenience one million parents.

But the union said it was necessary to force the government to negotiate a fair pay deal for the state's 40,000 public sector teachers.

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Car rollover

● A WOMAN was taken to hospital after her car rolled at Placid Hills on Monday night.

Emergency services were called to the crash on Old Toowoomba Road at 9.11pm.

She was taken to Gatton Hospital.

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