

COOROY RAG

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Family and Local History Group

IN July, Cooroy-Noosa Family and Local History Group marked their 21st year as a research group with a celebration lunch at the Heritage Centre, the wonderful birthday cake was kindly baked by Gloria and Bruce Stillman.

The August meeting will be on Saturday 12th starting at 1:00pm at the Centre, 17 Emerald St, Cooroy. A resident of Cooroy, Joyce Cunningham will tell us about her time spent as a Land Army Girl during the Second World War. The meeting will follow the talk and afternoon tea. To find out more visit www.genealogy-noosa.org.au or phone 5442 5570.

Margaret and Trish at the dessert table

Local Schoolgirl a finalist in International Film Festival

HANNAH Sharry, a year 11 student from Ridgewood, is passionate about the heart-changing potential of the film medium and aspires to produce wholesome, thought-provoking films.

At the end of June Hannah entered a documentary on dance classes for children with disabilities in the NOVA Employment Focus On Ability (FOA) Film Festival, and just last week was listed as a finalist. The FOA competition is designed to inspire up and coming filmmakers to use their talents and passion to convey a message which focusses on what people *can* do rather than what they can't.

"When I was still in the brainstorming phase, thinking about what story I would capture in my film, I saw a group of young people from *Ausfunk Dance Studio Warana* perform at a dance eisteddfod and light up the entire audience," says Hannah.

"There was not a single person in that auditorium without a smile on their face as they watched these kids have the time of their life on stage; and in that moment I knew what story I needed to tell. Shooting the film challenged me to shake off limitations that I had place on myself and to be mindful not to place any on other people.

"I want to encourage you to get behind the Focus On Ability movement and *Ausfunk Dance Studio*, and ask that you would take the time to view my film, 'Dancing For Disabled,' in the Open Entrant Documentary' section, and vote if you like it."

There are over 30 outstanding entries in that category alone – a record number for the festival – so to check those out too! Be sure to verify your vote by email and enjoy these uplifting and inspiring productions!



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