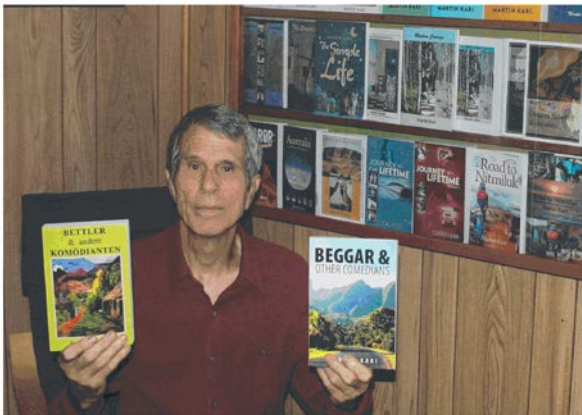


# Lifestyle



Caboolture author Martin Kari with just some of the many of the books he has written.

## Author's surprise award

CABOOLTURE area author Martin Kari has been recognised for his prolific writing.

In a surprise presentation at the last meeting of the Caboolture Writers Link, Mr Kari was given a special achievement award.

Mr Kari has had about 90 books published worldwide, many in more than one language.

He said he was proud to accept the award. "I do appreciate it."

Mr Kari said he was the longest serving member of the group that started about 10 years ago and he was one of its first members.

### Writers' group recognises long-term member

He said the group allowed people from different backgrounds to come together.

"It is important to see how others express themselves. This diversity opens your mind," Mr Karri said.

"I like to ask other people that if they have a problem with what I am writing to please tell."

He said he was keen to be a part of the book group.

"I like to keep in contact with

other local authors," Mr Kari said. "I am 79 now and don't want to isolate myself."

"I am proud that my books are in libraries all around the world and will be kept for future generations."

Mr Kari said he believed that it was important for writer to keep up with technology developments such as other forms of presenting their work as in some places houses were too small to have room for

### WELL TRAVELLED

- Martin Kari has lived in a number of countries.
- Speaks a number of languages.
- Born in Transylvania, wife is Finnish.
- Came to Queensland in 1981.

keeping books.

His works include children's books, travel stories and poetry.

### Start dates for Working groups

A Quilt and Textile Working Together group will be held at the Old Bay Road Gallery, on the corner of Old Bay and Maitland Rds in Burpengary East starting on Saturday January 18.

The group will then meet weekly each Saturday. For details phone Lorraine Magowan on 5499 5531.

A Craft Working Together group starts on February 14 and then every Tuesday at the same Burpengary East venue.

Enjoy the company, exchange ideas, have a cuppa, for \$3 a day. All participants must be Associate Members for a \$10 annual fee.

Phone 3886 6333.

### Free Aussie Day fun at sports club

CABOOLTURE Sports Club has an Australia Day Family Barbecue on January 27.

There will be free admission for the jumping castle, face painting, sausage sizzle and chance to watch a balloon twister.

The event runs from 10.30am to 1pm at the club in Station Rd, Mosayfield.

Before that, the club has a free Tina Turner Tribute Show, entitled 'Simply the Best', on January 18 with Rebecca O'Connor paying homage to the star. For details visit [cabsports.com.au](http://cabsports.com.au)

### Plantations to remain closed

QUEENSLAND pine plantation closures at Glasshouse Mountains, Lansborough, Ningi, Toorbul and Brisbane Island, will remain closed due to the high fire danger.

"While HQ plantations continue to monitor a number of fires, the closures, which have been in effect for over a month now, have resulted in fewer fires than usual at this time of the year," said HQ Plantations Chief Operating Officer Ilay Robertson.

List of closures: [beplantations.com.au/closures](http://beplantations.com.au/closures). Fines for non-compliance currently range from \$296 to \$1335.

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