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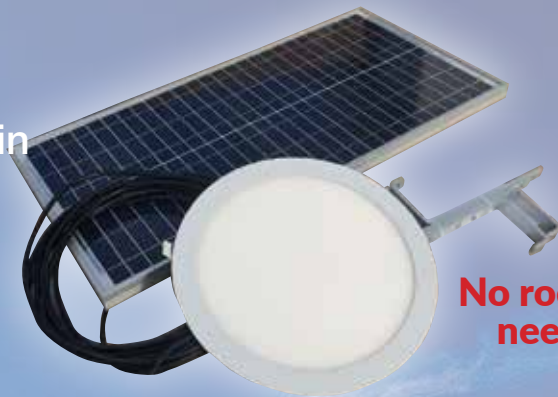
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As soon as the earliest restrictions on group gatherings needed to be put in place, local RSLs and other organisers of Anzac Day events immediately knew that all ceremonies would be affected.

An idea that can be traced back at least as far as a Victorian man who called into a radio station in March quickly gained momentum around the nation.

Bribie Island has gotten right behind this idea, and that is going out to your driveway, front gate or balcony, or even just standing in the living room at the time of 6 am to show your support, much in the same way that various cities have been clapping or banging pots and pans at a specific time in the evening to show support for their health care workers.

President George Franklin has organised the 12/16th Hunter River Lancers a Reserve Unit at Caboolture, which the Bribie Island RSL Sub branch support, to contact all 840 members of the Bribie Island RSL Sub branch.

He also encourages all members to "Reach out to a mate who might be alone. Many people are alone during this time of isolation. It's an opportunity to invoke the Anzac value of mateship and check to see how a mate is doing."

Staff at the local RSL who are out of work because of COVID-19 may be interested in this.

RE: COVID19 Response – possible employment opportunity for stood down RSL Clubs staff.

Overseas, there have been cases where aged care workforces were infected by COVID19 and simply abandoned their posts. This resulted in the loss of care to aged people in homes, and in extreme

cases, additional avoidable deaths were recorded. The Australian Government is preparing a workforce of both medical and support workers to mobilise across the country if this situation happens in Australia.

Aspen Medical has been selected by the Commonwealth Government to provide emergency medical and support services to the Aged Care industry, nation-wide, during the COVID19 crisis.

Aspen is forming teams to takeover facilities where workforces have been impacted by the virus or establish small mobile teams to deliver services either at homes or in smaller regional facilities as required. Each medical 'front-line' team requires a "support" team providing food, beverage, cleaning and other ancillary support.

There is an opportunity for RSL Clubs that have had to stand down staff, to supply workers for the support teams mentioned above. Aspen Medical will employ the staff on a temporary basis, train them, and keep them on standby to respond as needed.

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Anyone who might be interested in this opportunity can contact Penny Wilson of RSL Services Clubs Association to register their interest.

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Dear Readers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. I imagine it would have been very quiet just like mine was. It did however give me some time to reflect on what is important. Our loved ones.

A couple of days ago, we received some sad news that does put things into perspective. All silly little arguments have been left behind, we have stopped whining about being in lockdown, just grateful that we are still around to draw another breath.

With Anzac Day upon us, it is so very important to remember what they went through to give us the life we have today. Marching off to war, never knowing if they will return and if they do, what shape they will be in and what they will come home to. I can't even imagine watching my kids packing up and going off to fight a war for the love of their country and way of life. Yet here we are, fighting a different type of war, one that won't allow us to pay our respects to the brave soldiers who gave their lives for us. All we must do, is just stay at home. We certainly need to look at what they were asked to do, compared to what has been asked of us. I know that most definitely made me look at this situation with open eyes.

I hope you all can show your respect by "lighting up the Dawn" this Anzac Day, just as my family will be.



Please be kind to each other, you don't know what is going on in that other person's life and a simple smile could make the world of difference, thinking of you Izzy.

Until next edition,

Take Care, Stay Safe,

Cherrie



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Keeping a Sense OF Perspective

By: Sue Wighton

Who would have thought that in 2020, the world would have been brought to its knees – not by terrorists, not by global warming, but by a virus?

Life as we know it has certainly changed.

Like most of us, I'm busily disinfecting everything in sight – my kitchen benches, the doorknobs, the steering wheel of my car, the cat. So far, the only one to complain has been the cat.

With continuous media coverage around the clock, it's hard to believe this crisis will ever end. We are now hearing about a situation called 'the new normal' ('You call this normal?' I silently scream). New words and phrases are

expanding our lexicon every day (self-isolation, social distancing, pandemic, 'flattening the curve').

It's almost impossible to keep a sense of perspective, even though there's a lot of Covid 19 humour about on social media.

Like, everyone, I'm trying to keep a sense of proportion while keeping busy. But it's all getting a bit competitive. There seems to be this idea that we need to do something worthwhile while we're confined to quarters. Like teaching yourself to play the Lithuanian nose flute or creating miniature authentic medieval costumes for your garden gnomes. Or writing that blockbuster novel everyone believes they have within them. Just a tip. They don't.

I've decided not to buy into these competitive pursuits. Instead, I'm using this time in self-isolation to un-teach myself those things that make for a civil society. For example, I've stopped wearing a bra,

stopped shaving my legs and some days I don't even make it to the shower. Those bristles sprouting from my chin are being given free rein.

I've decided that if I keep resolutely on this path of completely uncivilized behaviour, it won't be long before I'm so smelly, hairy and generally loathsome, no one will want to come near me. That's self-isolation – done.

And somehow now we're all expected to cook. Not just rissoles or spag bol, but fancy Israeli chef Ottolenghi – style concoctions like stilton and butternut squash quiche with roast sprouts or baked celeriac with smoked trout and caper salsa.

Once again people, where is the perspective? My local Italian take away is still operating and I can happily exist on Italian supreme pizza every other night. If I buy a huge one, they'll bring it to my door. And because I'm now smelly and hairy, the delivery person has no issues with leaving the

giant wondrous pizza on my doormat.

But in this 'new normal' there are some things that haven't changed. Riding my bike along Kedron Brook, I note the creek is still burbling away, and squadrons of pretty butterflies' weave in and around the dappled trees.

Friendships remain rock solid with phone calls and 'zoom' catch-ups keeping us connected.

And Bribie's beautiful beaches remain quiet and pristine, waves continuing to break on the shore as they've done for millennia.

Let's keep our sense of perspective and help each other through this awful time. See you on the other side.



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CLOSURE

We apologise for closing the shop on short notice, but we have a duty of care to all our customers, staff and volunteers and even though we were adhering to the safe distance rules, supplying hand sanitisers and continually cleaning surfaces it was proving difficult to continue. We first decided to reduce the opening hours

to just 4 hours per day, in an effort to keep the shop open for our customers, but the employment agencies advised that their clients would no longer be available to volunteer from last week of March, which depleted our workforce. We, therefore, only had our 2 drivers and one volunteer working in the driveway to collect and sort the donations being dropped off. As our drivers had to sometimes enter homes to pick up donations we had to discontinue our pick up service, which affected our stock

levels as well.

We tried to keep the shop open as long as possible but many of our volunteers had spouses who were at risk if they caught the virus, so they elected to remain at home even before full self-isolation came into being. At all times we supported their decision and want to thank them for all their hard work leading up to the closure, we hope they have all remained safe and well during this time. With the decrease in donations and volunteers and only 4 paid staff working Monday to Friday, it was becoming too difficult to continue and it was finally decided that we would close on Saturday 28th March until further notice. This action was the only way we could ensure

the health and wellbeing of all our staff, volunteers, customers and tradesmen. Be assured we will open as soon as the government advises retail shops can and when we can get our volunteers together again. As soon as we can open I will advertise it on our website www.busyfingersfundraiser.com.au

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It is important to claim

everything you can at this time, but to work out what you are entitled to is a bit of a process. Other measures announced by the Government include: early access to superannuation (on hardship grounds) cash flow assistance for employers increased instant asset write off for small to medium businesses variations and deferrals to PAYG Installments remission of interest charges and penalties

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continue to support them during this time. During the March meeting, we also granted the purchase of a motor for one of the boats needed by BI Surf Life Savers Club. Any further grants will have to wait until the first committee meeting, after the re-opening of the shop.

DROPPING OFF DONATIONS

Please be aware that our gates are shut and will be until the shop is able to open again. Please do not leave any donations on the footpath as this is council land and you could be fined for dumping. We do not want to see any of our supporters fined so please keep your donations at home until we can accept them. Once we re-open we will commence our free pick up service immediately, so if you have a lot of items and you can't bring them to us

please call Sonia on 3408 1014 for a pickup appointment, we will also be delivering sales too. I also have a lot of items to donate as I have decided to use this time to Autumn clean in lieu of Spring cleaning later, and it is amazing what you find and didn't know you had, and as the saying goes "if you don't use it within a year, you don't and won't use it again". Hopefully, someone will find a use for it.

STAY SAFE AND WELL

In conclusion, I hope that all our staff, volunteers, supporters and customers stay safe and healthy during this sad and difficult time. A sincere Thank You to Richard and Cherrie at the Bribie Islander for their continued support and I hope we can open again soon. Sandra

COMET SWAN

A newly discovered comet, Comet Swan has appeared in our skies and is predicted to be a bright spectacular object in the coming weeks as it approaches the sun.

The comet will become a naked eye object on April 22nd and will

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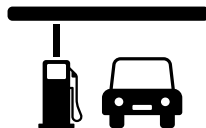
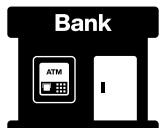


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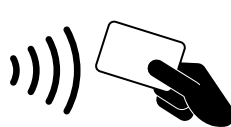
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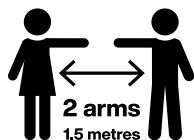
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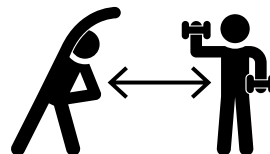
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Community CHALLENGE

Sharon Fisher, owner of the Enchanted Fairyland has come up with a wonderful idea to break the boredom of isolation and put your creative skills to the test! Sharon is asking everyone in the community to get involved. The Challenge is to build a house, cafe, candy store, bakery, castle or whatever your imagination can come up with out of recycled items from around the house, there are no rules but ask each piece be no bigger than 1mtr x 1mtr. You can use papier Mache, plaster of Paris, cardboard etc. And when the pandemic is over, the participants can bring it to Sharon or she can collect it from you and each piece will be assembled across from her house in a vacant block for everyone to see. Creating a mini bribe island village. Sharon would like to call it something relating to

the corona virus but hasn't thought of anything as of yet. Sharon said "it will just be good to see everyone get involved and it will be something to talk about in years to come". Please tell your friends and let's get everyone involved! For more information please feel free to contact Sharon on 0415171213 Good luck we can't wait to see what everyone creates!! For information please feel free to contact Sharon on 0415171213 Good luck we can't wait to see what everyone creates!!



• The Final • Draw

By Aly Grahame

• **D**uring the destruction, death & sadness the fires caused throughout Australia, I thought I'd do my little part & create a painting to raise funds for the animals that were hurt. After chatting to Sandy at the Surfside News Woorim, we decided to hold a raffle. Sandy displayed the painting,

The Bribie Islander advertised it & also put it on Facebook & we all rallied to sell the tickets. We would like to thank the staff at The Sandstone Point Hotel, Patients & Doctors at Goodwin Drive Family Medical Practice and all the Bribie Islanders who bought tickets. And a big thank you to Sandy & The Bribie Islander Magazine for helping me.

We raised \$ 530 which was donated to the RSPCA Bushfire Animal appeal & Mary Burton was very excited to win.



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Food, Wine & Island Times

A Mason for Sixty years Bob Cunningham was honoured by his fellow brethren with a Masonic decoration at the last Bribie Lodge meeting before the Corona Virus restrictions started. Like most lodges and other meeting

groups, Bribie Lodge is in a forced recess until the emergency is declared over. Brother Bob first joined Freemasonry in Victoria in 1959 and on his retirement came to Bribie and joined the Lodge here, now in proud possession of his Sixty Year Jewell.

Members of Bribie had a Meet and Greet Barbecue lunch planned for May to invite any Masons in the Bribie area who haven't attended their own lodge for some time, to join with other members and enjoy their company and a few recollections.

Master of the Lodge, Greg Hemphill is hopeful that the "Meet and Greet" will still take place but not 'till life activities get back to normal. Greg says anyone interested in becoming a mason will also be very welcome to attend.



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ELLA'S BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

By Casey Humphreys

I wanted to do something special for my Daughter Ella's 16th Birthday at this crazy time in all our lives. It was hard too, being stuck in isolation due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and all her plans were obviously cancelled. I decided to do a letter box drop around the block here at Godwin Beach. My youngest



daughter took off on our bikes to deliver our little packs I made up in a snap bag in each containing letter a little sign I made, some blue-tac, 2 bal-

loons, string and a note asking if they would like to be a part of Ella's surprise. And if so could they tie the balloons on their letterbox early on Thursday. That night I also put it our tiny Godwin Beach community page and I was then bombarded with messages on Facebook! Complete strangers telling me I was a wonderful mum for doing such a nice thing, that they would love to be a part of her Birthday, and asking if she likes chocolate and bath bombs. I was shocked by the kindness and cheer coming from my beautiful little community.

So we woke up in the morning, grabbed our coffees and heading out to the front deck to open presents. That is when I saw all my neighbours had put the balloons out and a present hanging off our gate! We waited for my Mother-in-law and niece to arrive and then we took her for a walk down to the waterfront and around the block (sticking to social distancing rules of course). We were just amazed by the amount of balloons we were seeing! Then

there was handmade pictures from kids, handmade banners, decorated trees, gift bags and cards. A couple and their grand-kids sang her happy birthday from their veranda, one lovely elderly gentleman turned his stereo up and blasted out "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen" by Neil Sedaka.

She was smiling all the way, and in total shock that people had been so generous. Ella is a very quiet, kind and caring girl who has always put others before herself who has been through more than most girls her age.... so this just reminded her how much she is loved and how special SHE is!! For people to take time out of their days, and money out of their pocket



to make a young girls birthday special especially during such a terrible time in the world has truly restored my faith in humanity. There are still good people in the world and it looks like my neighbourhood is full of them!!

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/4 cups traditional rolled oats
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- 1/3 cup desiccated coconut
- 75g butter
- 1/4 cup golden syrup
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 500g cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup caster sugar
- 3 eggs

GOLDEN SYRUP CARAMEL

- 60g butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup golden syrup
- 2 tablespoons thick cream

METHOD

Preheat oven to 150C/130C fan-forced. Grease and line the base of a 20cm-round (base) spring form pan. Combine rolled oats, flour and coconut in a bowl. Place butter, golden syrup and brown sugar in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until melted and smooth. Stand for 2 minutes. Add butter mixture to coconut mixture. Mix well to combine. Stand for 5 minutes. Press mixture over base and side of prepared

pan, leaving a 1cm border around top edge of pan.

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, vanilla and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until just combined. Pour mixture into pan, leveling top with spatula. Place pan on baking tray. Bake for 50 minutes or until filling is just set (cake will wobble slightly in the centre).

Turn oven off. Cool cheesecake in oven for 1 hour with door slightly ajar. Cool at room temperature. Refrigerate overnight.

Meanwhile, make Golden syrup caramel: Place butter, brown sugar and golden syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until smooth. Stir in cream. Bring to the boil. Simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool for 20 minutes. Transfer to a bowl. Cover. Refrigerate overnight.

Remove cheesecake from pan. Stand cheesecake and sauce at room temperature for 10 minutes. Drizzle golden syrup caramel over centre of cheesecake. Serve

Welcome Back

We hope all our valued customers had a very happy and safe Easter and are coping during these difficult times

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Light Up the Dawn

Last April 25th Flashbacks Through a Tiger's Eyes Poetic Images of the Vietnam War

By Paul La Forest

The Australian and New Zealand nations come to a standstill on 25th April each year to remember their war dead and the sacrifices made by service men and women and their families during a long history of international conflicts. The haunting 'Last Post' is bugled in cities, towns and villages right across the two lands - just as it is here on Bribie Island - as we all pray that no more parents, spouses and children will have to endure the suffering of many of their forebears. However, in our hearts we know full well that this prayer is likely to forever remain futile.

As I wandered along a deserted local beach at dawn last April 25th, sadly, with thoughts of Gallipoli, Flanders, Kokoda, Korea and Vietnam all so deeply embedded from our past, and now with Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan fresh in our minds, the last verse of this poem (Last April 25th) has become à propos.

When still ghostly dark,
Figures gathered in the park,
With our flag drooping sadly above;
You could hear not a sound,
As the wreaths were laid down,
Mere symbols of sacrifice, and love.

The Service had begun, with the anthem we'd sung,
Then the preacher who'd led us in prayer;
A guest speaker invited,
With a poem recited,
Finally, white doves released to the air.

Silent tears had been shed,
Caused by words which were read,
And when the bugle had begun to blow;
So when the crowd had dispersed,
My thoughts soon immersed,
Into memories of a long time ago.

As I strolled down by the shore,
Reminiscing flashbacks of war,
It was just about breaking dawn;
I thought back to that time,
About young men in their prime,
Wondered where had all those years now gone.

Reds and gold mixed with blues,
And traces of all other hues,
A panorama right across the sea;
The surface just like a lake,
A sleepy town not awake,

No one present, except only me.
A new day was now dawning,
On this Anzac Day morning,
Images of a beach, far, far away;
Yet here, no screaming and dying,
Guns barking, bullets flying,
After all, this was not Suvla Bay.

And nor was it next door,
Along that peninsula's shore,
Where mere 'boys' were turned into men;
Here, no futile reckless slaughter,
No blood staining the water,
In a nightmare that seemed without end.

A stranger emerged from the dark,
Walked down from the park,
And shook my hand, as if to

say: "Well done!"
Chattering there for awhile,
I thanked him with a smile,
Then walked off into the then rising sun.

As I ambled along,
With my few medals that shone,
I pondered about what war had to teach;
And 'twas sad to confess,
Not very much, was my guess,
Perhaps peace is beyond all reach.

All those flowers that adorn,
And those ribbons that are worn,
Will there be more again at next year's?
Will again young men be dying?
New parents distraught, left crying?
Will the rhetoric still ring in our ears?

ANZAC DAY
SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2020

Driveway at Dawn Parade

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ANZAC DAY 2020

This year we may not come together in the usual way to pay our respects, but we will always stand shoulder to shoulder as we remember them. The Pumistone Electorate is creating a time capsule to commemorate the different ways we paid our respects on Anzac Day 2020 and you can get involved.

BE PART OF THE TIME CAPSULE BY -

- Taking a picture of how you commemorated Anzac Day 2020
- Writing a short story on what Anzac Day means to you
- Writing a message to our brave men and women who came before us and to those who continue to serve

All contributions will be placed in the **TIME CAPSULE**.

Send your contributions to:

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by 25 May 2020

The Pumistone Time Capsule is an initiative of Simone Wilson MP, State Member for Pumistone in collaboration with the Bribie Island RSL Sub Branch and Bribie Island Vietnam Veterans Association.

The TIME CAPSULE will be buried at the Vietnam Vets Memorial Park, Bribie Island to be opened on ANZAC Day 2040.



We live our lives the way we do because of them



Simone WILSON MP
State Member for **Pumicestone**

HISTORY OF OUR

HEALTH *...some facts to ponder*



By Barry Clark
Bribie Island Historical Society

After much interest in my last article about the "Spanish Flu", this article continues the theme, with some other interesting facts on the History of our HEALTH that we deal with on a daily basis.

PLAGUES OF HISTORY

Back the year 1350 the "Black Death", known as the Bubonic Plague, killed 200 million people. Then in 1520, Smallpox killed a further 56 million.

Fortunately, Europeans had not discovered Australia back then, so the people who had been here for 50,000 years were safe. However, soon after white settlers came on the first Fleet in 1788, Smallpox decimated the indigenous population.

HIV/AIDS has killed 35 million since 1981. Several other strains of virus including Hong Kong Flu, Asian Flu, Swine Flu, SARS, Ebola, MERS have killed several hundred thousand before being contained.

Quarantine has been around since the 14th Century when trading ships arriving in Venice were required to wait 40 days before unloading, to prevent infection.. The word is from the Italian "Quaranta Gioni" meaning Forty Days.



Smallpox

EASY LIVING

We take living almost entirely for granted, not knowing much about our body, or what vital organs and bodily functions actually do.

With no effort, we have about 115,000 heartbeats a day, 23,000 breaths, and blink our eyes 14,000 times. That means we have our eyes shut for about 23 minutes of every waking day.

We are all very different, yet genetically we are practically identical. All humans share 99.9% of the same DNA, yet no two humans are alike. We carry hundreds of generic instructions that do not quite match any of the genes given to us by either of our parents. They are yours and yours alone.

Our bodies contain trillions of cells that operate in perfect order, more or less all the time. A painful bruise, a rheumatic twinge, a bout of indigestion or an embarrassing pimple are about all most of us experience as bodily imperfection.

We exist within very fine

tolerances. Our temperature is normally within a degree or so of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit. A few degrees either way can tip our brain into a crisis creating irreversible damage. We automatically sweat or shiver to divert blood to protect vulnerable organs.

Interestingly, famous scientist and botanist Joseph Banks, back from his world discovery journey with James Cook, participated in a scientific experiment in which he withstood heat of 210 degrees Fahrenheit for a remarkable three minutes.

US & VIRUS

We are all very aware of Virus right now. A Virus is quite a strange thing, not quite living, but by no means dead. Outside of living cells they are just inert things, they do not eat or breathe, or do anything much. We must go out and collect them, off door handles, by handshakes or drawn in with the breath we take.

When they get into living cells, they burst into existence and reproduce as furiously as any living thing. We provide a wonderful world of rich

HISTORY

ecosystems for them, with the convenience of mobility thrown in, along with sneezing and not washing our hands clean of them.

Virus also have an incredible ability to stay around for a long time. The Virus that gives you Chicken Pox as a child may seem to go away, but it can sit inert inside you for another 50 years before emerging when you are much older as Shingles.

IMMUNITY

The common Cold is not a single illness but a family of symptoms generated by a multiplicity of Virus. They come in hundreds of varieties and there are many ways to catch a Cold, which is why we never develop enough immunity to stop catching them all.

By the time, most people in the Western World reach adulthood they may have had 20 doses of antibiotics for various reasons. The cumulative effect may be



that each generation passes on fewer microorganisms than the one before

When Alexander Fleming received the Nobel Prize in 1945, a typical case of Pneumonia could be knocked out with 40 thousand units of Penicillin. Today, because of increased resistance, it can take more than 20 million units, over several days, to achieve the same result. On some diseases, Penicillin now has no effect at all.

EPEDEMIC DISEASES

Whether a disease becomes epidemic is dependent on four factors:

How lethal is it, how good is it at finding new victims, how easy or difficult to contain, and how susceptible is it to Vaccines?



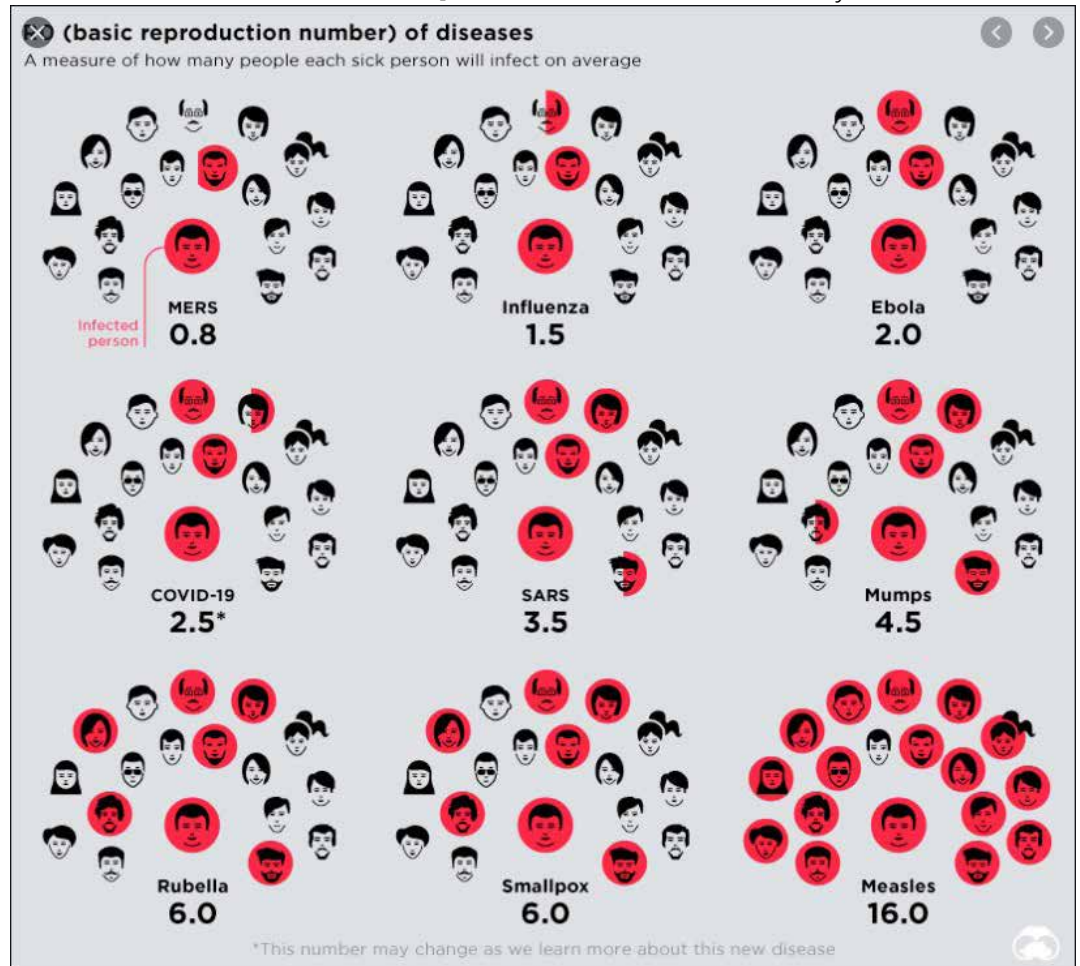
Most nasty diseases are not actually very good at all four. A successful Virus is one that does not kill too well and can

other people.

This diagram shows how much more infectious Measles, Smallpox and Rubella are,

only way any human can get it now is if we inflict it upon ourselves. Some readers may still carry scars of a smallpox vaccination they had years ago.

As a Rotarian, I have been personally involved in worldwide efforts to eliminate the crippling disease POLIO for more than 30 years. With over 350,000 cases each year in 125 countries when we started the program in 1983, there are now just a few dozen cases of Polio left in three countries in the whole world today. It is a challenging process to eliminate a virus, but we hope the world will see the end of Polio very soon.



circulate widely. A typical Flu renders the victims infectious for about a day before they get symptoms, and for about a week after they recover, which makes each sick person into a carrier and spreader.

REPRODUCTION NUMBER

This is a measure of how many susceptible people, on average, each sick carrier will infect

compared to some other virus.

Smallpox is certainly the most devastating disease in the history of humankind, infecting almost everyone exposed to it, and killing about 30% of victims. The death toll in the 20th Century is thought to have been around 300 million.

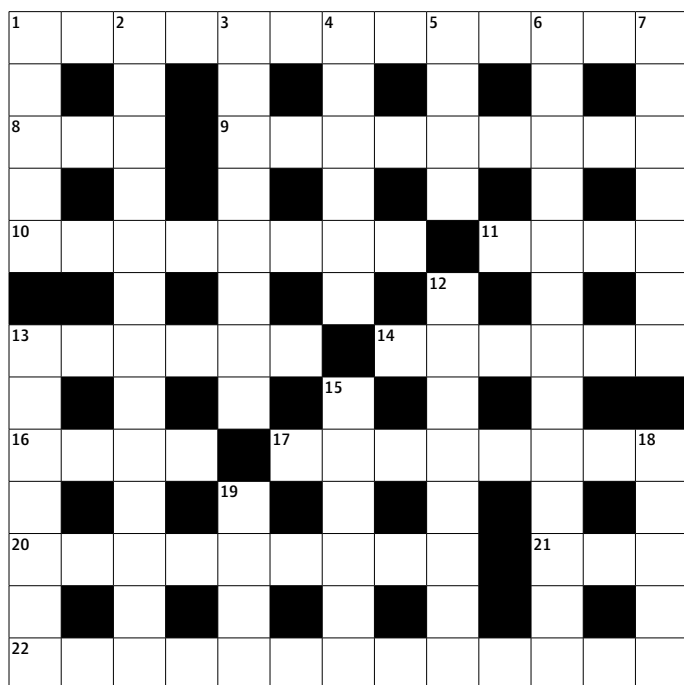
A worldwide immunisation program eliminated Smallpox from the world in 1977. The

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

Our monthly meetings are cancelled for the time being, but if you have questions, or information to share, please contact us.

You can see many more photos and articles on our Blog Site at <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com> or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

EASY CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 All dolled up — liked oldsters (anag) (7,2,4)
 8 Identity disc (3)
 9 Become engaged? (9)
 10 Bald (8)
 11 Substantial branch from a tree trunk (4)
 13 Egyptian riddler? (6)
 14 Frisson (6)
 16 Highest point (4)
 17 Persuade by flattery (4-4)
 20 Protestant followers of a German theologian, d. 1546 (9)
 21 Unpleasantly cold and damp (3)
 22 Machine for writing text (4,9)

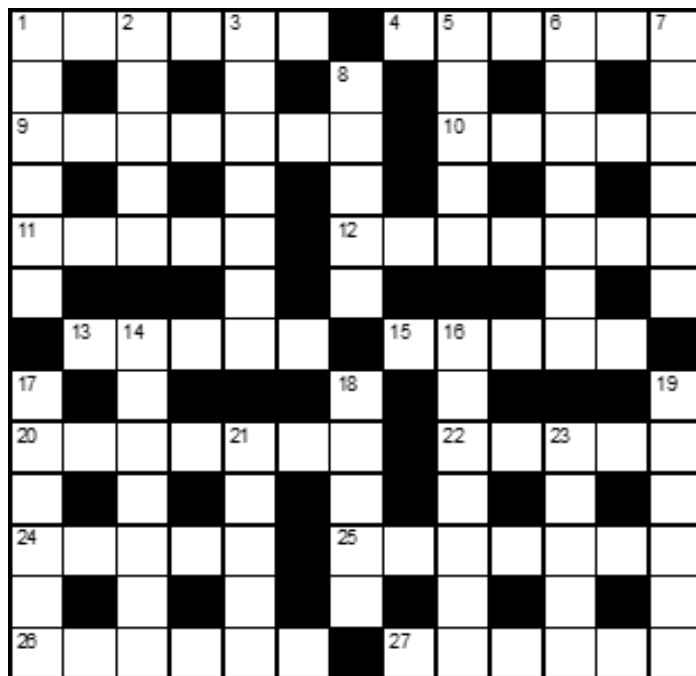
Down

- 1 Drop (5)
 2 Dog — serenest light (anag) (7,6)
 3 Aircraft that can land on snow (3-5)
 4 Loathe (6)
 5 For us (4)
 6 Items used for pressing (7,6)
 7 Sympathetic (7)
 12 Mild aversion (8)
 13 Superficial (7)
 15 Murphy (informal) (6)
 18 Physical strength (5)
 19 Large brown seaweed (4)

During the Black Death, incoming ships were forced to wait for 40 days to prevent possible infection. The Italian word for 40 “quaranta” is where we get the word “quarantine”



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 A place to call home? (6)
 4 Turmoil blamed liberally (6)
 9 Woolgathering seen as minister heads for one of the Great Lakes (7)
 10 Draw Poles to communities (5)
 11 Foreign aid in progress (5)
 12 Supervise with a cheat to lead the way (7)
 13 Furnaces for the passing parade? (5)
 15 Market rated a disaster (5)
 20 Users notice upgrade is guaranteed (7)
 22 Are these jokes the best? - I think so... (5)
 24 Not before the answer is revealed (5)
 25 Advocates interpreting conditions (7)
 26 Liberate a part that father played (6)
 27 No man grows cyclamens in patterns (6)

Down

- 1 Allow a hairdo with it (6)
 2 Cared to develop new arrangement - no record kept (5)
 3 React in surprise - sure (7)
 5 Put away each decade? (5)
 6 We older characters got let down (7)
 7 The power of Arnold on display (6)
 8 Confine one handling stolen property (5)
 14 Is it five or a mess for the blow in (7)
 16 Sleepers in bed support communication (7)
 17 Move quickly with the cheek to face surgery (6)
 18 Not evenly correct (5)
 19 They take a lot of ribbing (6)
 21 Stupid burglar drops empty bag in the boondocks (5)
 23 A contract I consider as fitting (5)

BY CYRUS

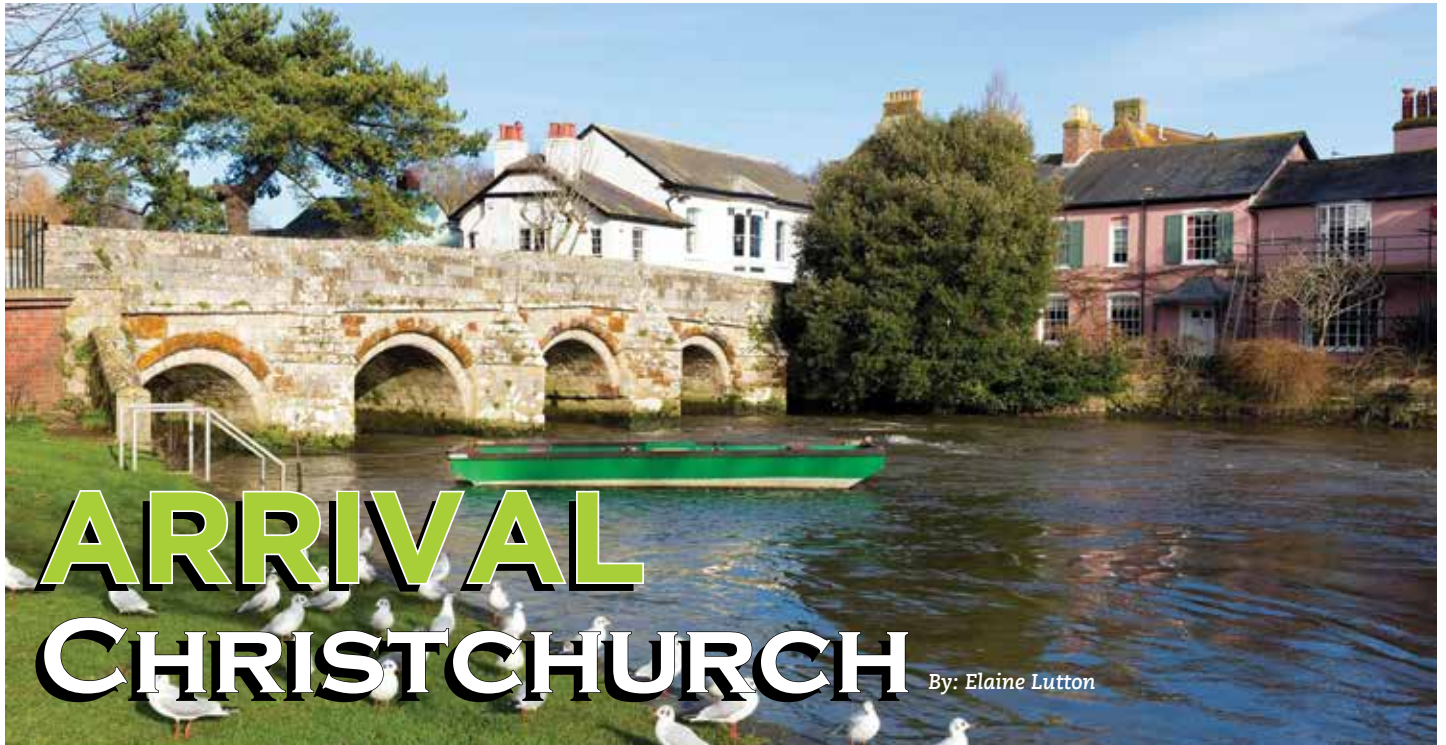
SOLUTIONS

EASY



CRYPTIC





ARRIVAL CHRISTCHURCH

By: Elaine Lutton

Michael assured me that although London maybe panicking, Down South, life continued as usual. It seemed he was right; we went on all the trips he and Jane had planned including visits to very crowded pubs where I ate my fill of scampi, chips and mushy peas, an English delicacy that you have to be a Pom to fully appreciate.

Amongst our trips, we went to Christchurch and visited Annie's Emporium, a large shed full of new and second-hand goods of excellent quality. Here I bought several gifts for folk back in Australia and also two small embroidered pictures, one for Jane and one for Harriet whose birthday was coming up soon.

Michael, too, made a purchase, a striking picture of a young girl called Ginnie, in a lovely wooden frame, mahogany perhaps, which claimed to be by an up-and-coming artist from the Ital-



ian town of Vinci called Len or some such name. See the picture below. He should go far; we hope it is an original.

From there we went on to Christchurch Priory, 900 Years old, where we admired the glorious architecture and the many objects of interest including the Chantry that was built for Margaret Pole, very beautiful but empty as she was executed as a traitor on King Henry VIII's command, and the Miraculous Beam. The story goes like this;

In Anglo-Saxon times Christchurch was known as Twynham which meant town between two rivers. A

mysterious carpenter joined the workforce cutting timber for the Nave roof. One day the team cut a beam too short, but the next day this beam had miraculously lengthened and been placed into position but the mysterious carpenter was never seen again. It was assumed by the people that he was Jesus, and the town's name changed to Christ's Church. In the Great Quire are many carved Misericord seats, each one different from the others. The monks could perch on them during their very long services, but still appear to be standing up, but not so comfortable for them to fall asleep.

Another day we visited a tide mill where they ground wheat into flour. Here Michael impressed us all by asking exceptionally intelligent questions, which encouraged the enthusiastic young man running the mill to give us a detailed explanation of how everything

worked. No really, it was very interesting.

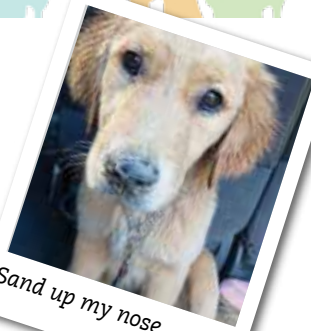


Finally, Jane persuaded us to attend Sung Compline at Romsey Abbey. There were only five of us in the congregation, but the full choir sang for us. It was indescribably beautiful! I will never forget the experience.

To be continued.



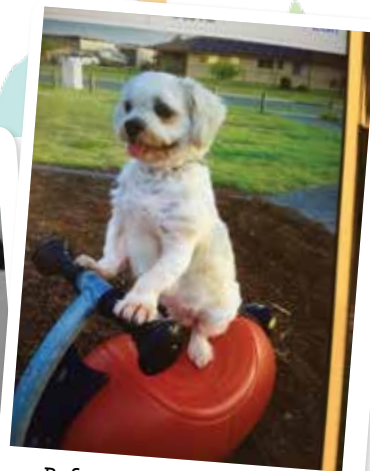
Ali on her lookout



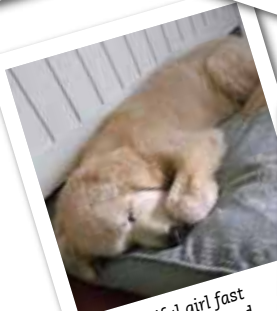
Sand up my nose



Are we going out???



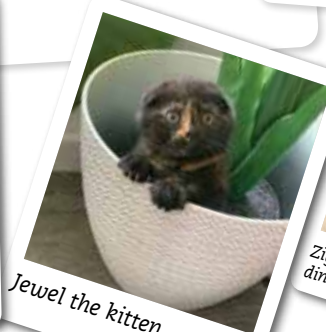
Before parks were closed... I think I am human!



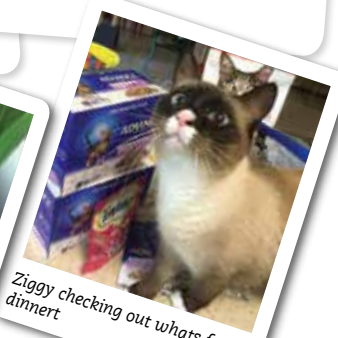
Old beautiful girl fast asleep on her new bed



Stitch is only 6 weeks old



Jewel the kitten



Ziggy checking out whats for dinnert

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There is a saying let sleeping dog's lie and this is useful for sick and ageing dogs as well. Sometimes the changes in our dog's behaviour can indicate to us that something is wrong such as he is sick or in pain.

Some medical conditions can

cause aggressive behaviour such as thyroid problems, neurological problems, brain tumours and seizures. Infections and hormonal imbalances can also be a cause for eg hypothyroidism, epilepsy.

If a dog is in chronic pain such as painful muscles, joints and dental problems then this can cause a change in their behaviour that can be shown as aggression either to another dog or person. Hip dysplasia can make an aggressive dog worse or start the behaviour.

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INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups sifted plain flour.
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 226 grams unsalted butter room temperature (let the butter from refrigerator sit on the counter for about an hour or so), not melted but softened.
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

- In a medium bowl, combine together flour and salt and mix.
- In a separate bowl, using electric mixer, beat softened butter and granulated sugar until light in colour and fluffy.
- Add an egg and vanilla – continue beating for a couple minutes.
- Add flour-salt mixture and

then continue beating on low speed until well-combined but without over mixing.

- Roll dough into 3cm balls. Roll these balls in sprinkles.
- Arrange on baking sheets, spacing 5cm apart. Freeze until firm, for about 30 minutes.
- Bake at 180 degrees in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Do not over-bake.
- Remove from the oven, and transfer to wire rack to cool completely.



Keola Kirstenfeldt giving 2 muddy dogs their bath and they are not looking too happy about it are they? :) :) :



Local Ava Brown aged 7 was super excited about catching herself a starfish in the crab pot in front of Banksia beach



Kids Jokes!

Q: What do you get if you cross a fish and an elephant?

A: **Swimming trunks.**

Q: Where do bees go to the bathroom?

A: **The BP station.**

Q: What do you call a sleeping bull?

A: **A bulldozer.**

Q: Why did the bird go to hospital?

A: **To get tweetment.**

WORD SEARCH

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1. Improve function – There are several things that you can do in your kitchen renovation to improve its overall function. For example, adding more cabinets or extending your existing cabinets to the ceiling can help provide more storage space. Or if you want to go even further, knocking down the wall between the kitchen and living space can allow you

to add more counter space. Simply upgrading some of your kitchen appliances or lighting fixtures can help make the kitchen more functional as well.

2. Reduce energy costs – Upgrade your older kitchen appliances to more energy-efficient models to reduce the amount of energy your kitchen uses. Look for refrigerators and dishwashers that have the

Energy Star label, which signifies that they meet or exceed the energy efficiency standards set by the EPA (environmental protection agency). Replacing traditional lighting fixtures with LED models can be a great way to reduce your long-term energy use as well.

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help make your kitchen more eco-friendly, but it's not the only thing you can do to create a more sustainable kitchen environment. Install low-flow water taps to reduce your water use and consider materials that are sustainable – such as bamboo, salvaged wood or recycled materials – for your countertops, cabinets and flooring.

4. Update the look – If your kitchen's visual design is trapped in the 1970's or 1980's, then it could probably use a visual update. You can change the entire appearance of your kitchen by simply re-painting the walls and cabinets, and by upgrading all of your cabinet hardware. Of course, you can go the extra mile and install new cabinets, new countertops and new floors as well.

5. Increase comfort – A kitchen renovation can improve comfort in a number of ways; for example, better ventilation can help reduce the odours and heat that cooking in the kitchen produces. Installing a kitchen island that provides seating space can be a great way to add an additional dining area to your home. Adding larger windows can help bring in more sunlight.



6. Improve safety – Upgrade outdated kitchen appliances to avoid injuries caused by improper function. You can also implement universal design, such as by installing a wall oven, to help prevent injuries caused by physical overexertion.

7. Improve home value – Depending on the extent of your kitchen renovation, you could recoup as much 70 percent of your kitchen renovation costs. Not to mention that a newly renovated kitchen often attracts homebuyers if you're looking to sell.

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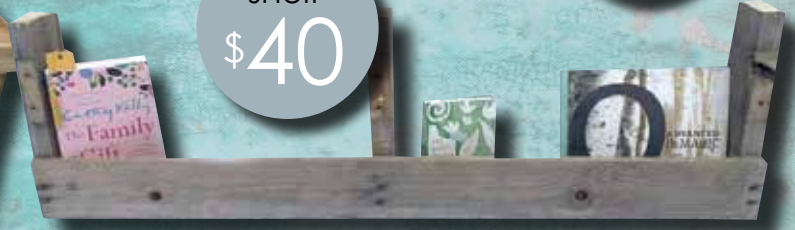
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A PUMICESTONE GRID?

By Tony Longland

There is no doubt that the way our society generates its power will continue to change, as renewables replace fossil fuels. But changing the way it is distributed is just as important.

The national electricity grid operates on power from large generating stations around the country. This interconnectedness means that power generated in Gladstone may be used in Grafton (NSW), or power generated in Loy Yang

(Vic) is used in Caboolture. The way the national power market operates means the source of supply can change hundreds of times a day. But running this system comes at a considerable cost, which is ultimately passed on to you, the consumer.

Once electricity is generated at a coal-fired station, it goes through a step-up generator, then high-voltage powerlines, a local step-down generator, more distribution lines, and another step-down


transmitter on power poles, before it finally enters your house. Energy is lost at every stage, and over very long distances that could mean up to 15% wastage.

Now micro-grids are offering communities a chance to become more self-reliant, and to significantly reduce costs to consumers. At the simplest level, a micro-grid might consist of a few houses in a street feeding excess rooftop solar into a shared battery. It could be a whole suburb

contributing to, and drawing on, a bank of batteries. Or it could be small towns in a region connecting to each other to achieve economies of scale without the losses associated with pushing very high-voltage power through thousands of kilometres of wire.


These diagrams illustrate some of the possibilities that could apply to our region. Firstly, local communities and towns band together as a co-operative to buy (probably with government subsidy) a battery

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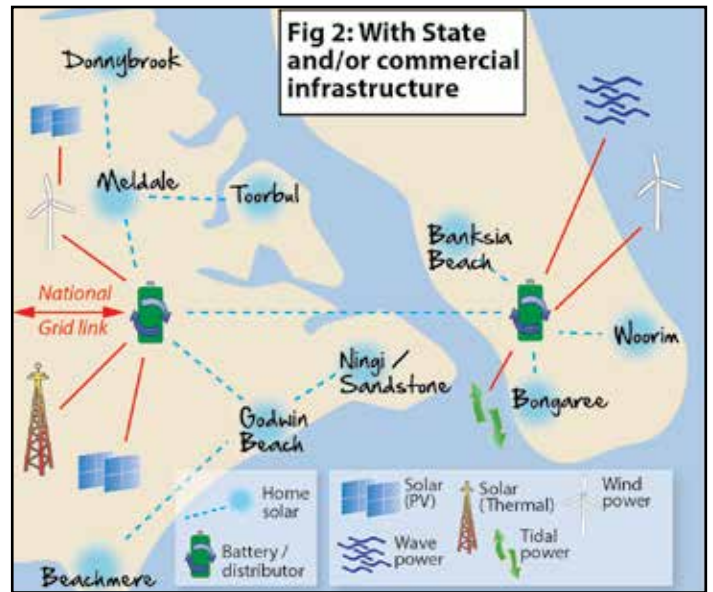


setup like the South Australian Tesla facility. Local rooftop solar charges the batteries by day, with excess power sold to the national grid. At night the batteries send their stored power back to users – supplemented by the national grid when necessary.

Figure 2 illustrates what might

be achieved with commercial and government involvement. A much wider range of renewable energy generation – solar farms, wind farms, wave power, tidal power, even solar thermal could be available.

Please note, however, that these are NOT proposals for



the site of any facility, nor am I suggesting that all these types of generation are practically or environmentally suitable in our region – a lot of study and research is needed. I simply put forward a range of options as a starting point for debate and investigation.

Whether it happens, and how it happens, depends on the local community – individuals, organisations, businesses deciding they want it.

This article, and my previous articles on climate change and renewable energy are available at tonyblogland.com.

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Hi folks, well I hope everyone is surviving this covid-19 madness, I know I am personally looking forward to smelling of perfume again, instead of Dettol. To the front line workers- thank you, to the home schooling parents - stay sane, and to everyone else stay safe and well.

I wanted to say a big thank you to some of our regular advertisers that have been happy to take extra space with their advertising while their businesses are a necessity, they have done this to help keep our much loved publication going after a lot of the businesses who were forced to cease trading due to the current laws had to cancel their ads, which was understandable during these sad times. Then I'd like to say a big welcome aboard to all of our new clients that have come on board since the Bribie Weekly stopped their printed delivered publication and have opted to go on line. We at the Bribie Islander are working



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Random acts of kindness

By Margaret Guthrie-White

With Coronavirus in full swing worldwide, there has never been a better time for each of us to be kind to one another.

On Saturday 18th April, while shopping for a few items at I.G.A. in Welsby Parade, I was the recipient of the most generous act of kindness.

After laying my shopping down at the check-out, I rummaged through my handbag for my credit card wallet. But it was a case of - more haste, less speed.

A close family member had died recently, and I was not functioning as well as usual.

As I watched the queue behind me grow, I suggested to the staff member that she serve others first, indicating

that I'd have to race back to the chemist where I thought I might have left my wallet.

off to the chemist where I muttered to a staff member



I'd barely uttered the words, when a couple behind me said "all paid for." Followed by "pay forward." Stunned at their generosity, I thanked them and raced

that I might have left my wallet on the counter.

Then low and behold, as I looked down at my handbag, a pocket that I had not looked in popped open. My wallet was

there, staring at me.

Feeling rather foolish - and guilty that complete strangers had paid for my shopping, when in fact, if I'd slowed down - taken my time, I would have found my wallet.

Sheepishly, I left the chemist, hurried to my car and flopped into the driver's seat.

I have lived with my husband on Bribie since 2005 and foster the idea of random acts of kindness - however small. But this was the ultimate.

My heartfelt thanks to the lovely couple who, without hesitation, paid my bill.

The lesson learned was simple: Slow down, have your wallet ready BEFORE going to the checkout - and practice random acts of kindness.

We feel blessed to live in the Bribie community.

Carolyn's Tax Tips

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HOME OFFICE CLAIMS

A new method for claiming home office costs for those who now work from home has been announced by the ATO. It is a temporary short cut method and will be reviewed after 30 June 2020.

Basically, a record of hours worked from home since 1st March 2020 must be kept. The claim is a rate of 80c per hour worked. This is an alternative method to claiming home office expenses under existing

arrangements. That claim being running costs over number of rooms in house or actual costs of the office. From 1st July 2019 to 28th February 2020 only the previous method can be used.

This short cut method is only for the period from 1st March 2020 to 30th June 2020.

The new claim is designed to cover all deductible running costs incurred in working from home. Items that are covered include electricity, cleaning, telephone, computer consumables, depreciation of home office furniture and equipment. There are no additional claims available for any of the items mentioned above. There is no need to have a dedicated

separate work area. Multiple people living in the same house can each claim.

If you wish to claim separately for items in the above list, then you cannot use this method and must use actual costs of office consumables and a pro-rata amount for electricity and telephone as per existing rules. The idea for the short cut method is to relieve the burden of keeping receipts and documents to support your claim. Only a diary entry or similar record is required.

Sub Office

The Bribie sub office at my home at Bongaree is available for appointments as is the main office at Woodford. Please contact the Woodford Office for an appointment.

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ANGELS OF THE OCEAN



By Cherrie Wilson

I recently came across a fantastic group called the Coastal Scavengers who are passionate about cleaning up the coastlines, islands, rivers and reefs. These 3 young men are doing a spectacular job and have already started on our own beautiful Bribie Island.

The Coastal Scavengers has many future goals. Growing the organisation and becoming a national operation would be the pinnacle. They would love to have a fleet of vessels that could operate 24/7 on non-stop cleaning voyages around Australia.

Here are some of their goals....

COASTAL SCAVENGING

- Clean up Moreton Bay and Brisbane River.
- Obtain a vessel to head north cleaning the coastline including the most inaccessible places

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along the Queensland Coast.

- Obtain the funds to circumnavigate Australia on a mission to clean every remote, unpopulated, hard to access stretches of coastline, island, reef and river.

EDUCATION:

- Engage with our youth, the general public and other organisations to provide education about marine pollution, recycling, preventing marine pollution and the marine industry.

ANIMAL WELFARE

- The Coastal Scavengers will from time to time find animals suffering from the effects of marine pollution and will assist all animals in need of help and care.

DATA COLLECTION



- They will collect data on every clean-up and every event clean-up that they do. This will be available to the general public. They also plan to log all atmospheric data taken from our vessel as they circumnavigate Australia.

Freshwater aid.

- They intend to have their vessel fitted out with a reverse osmosis water treatment plant enabling them to produce clean water for those in need.

MICROPLASTIC

- The Coastal Scavengers will research large scale filtration of microplastic from our waters while collecting data on microplastic.

"We value this earth we live on and believe that it's not acceptable for our most vulnerable asset and the beautiful creatures that rely on this asset to suffer the effects of marine pollution.

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By Philip Sebastian Schilling

THE History & Origins of Surfing

Surfing is an amazing sport with an impressive history. The exact origins of surfing are not certain, but it was first observed by Europeans on a ship in Tahiti back in 1767.

Research suggests that surfing dates back to the ancient Polynesian cultures that existed long ago. According to data collected and many myths, the chief of a tribe was the man who could surf the best.

In other words, the top wave rider was the top man in his community. That says a lot about how important surfing was in the lives of the ancients.

Hawaiian surfing has a rich tradition. The ancient Hawaiian inhabitants looked as surfing as an integral part of life. It was not just a hobby or a job. It was a way of life and an art form for them.

Constructing a surfboard was a spiritual process, and great care went into all things related to surfing. The people were fascinated with the concept of taming the ocean and discovering the mysteries buried beneath the powerful waves.

The most skilled surfers gained prestige and respect in society. Eventually, many upper-class Hawaiians created a society that revolved around the sport.

Many years later, surfing caught on in the United States. Learning from the ancient ways of the Polynesians, James Matthias Jordan, Jr. brought surfing to the East Coast.

He mounted a Hawaiian redwood board in 1912. This took place at Virginia Beach, and this has been one of the

main surfing centres in the country ever since.

Surfing also caught on in a big way on the West Coast of the United States. Innovations in board design and more public exposure led to an explosion of surfing culture in a few different places.

Hawaii, Australia, and California emerged as surfing heaven for those who wanted to pursue the sport and the lifestyle that came with it.

Surfing culture really took off in the 1960s when movies and surf music like the Beach Boys garnered international attention.

Southern California beach culture and the surfing lifestyle caught the eye of many people. Competitions developed and a professional surfing community started to take hold.

This trend has continued up to the present day. There are now tons of surf shops, events, prime beaches, and an

entire subculture that revolves around this extreme sport.

Riding waves is one of the most thrilling experiences out there, so it is not surprising that people have taken to this sport for countless years.



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Fishing REPORT

By Bribie Bait Tackle and Bikes

Another fortnight has passed and we are still bunkered down. I believe there is plenty more to come and really to be honest things could be one hell of a lot worse. We can still walk or cycle our beautiful foreshore and fish to our hearts content both from the shore and in boats. Of course there are restrictions for boating and I am not about to get into that, but I can say that if you and your mate want to have a fish in your tinny in the passage, that is perfectly okay.

Just as a matter of interest, on Good Friday morning, Barry Clarke (our local historian) popped his head

into the shop to say g'day. His comment was did I ever think I would ever see the street and shops so deserted, and I must agree it was astounding. Over 40 years I have lived and worked in the area and never seen it so quiet. You could have fired a gun down Welsby Parade and Toorbul Street and not have hit anyone. Such a contrast when you consider that Easter on Bribie is probably the second busiest time of the year.

Through this time, as stated earlier, cycling is a terrific way to exercise and unwind, and Joe at Bribie Bait Tackle and Bikes is always available to look after your service needs etc. Anyway, enough rambling. Let's get back to the important part of this column - my fishing report!

Fishing in general has been pretty good. The flats in front of Pebble Beach have been firing.

Quality Flathead, Bream and Whiting have been caught in number off the bank at high tide in the early morning and late afternoon, but excellent results have been achieved any time of day, wading the banks casting both hard-bodied and soft plastic lures. Flathead are the main species but a couple of blokes I know have scored a good feed of sand crabs as well. Not the most comfortable way to go crabbing but it works. The trick is while you are wading around you step on the crab buried in the weed-beds. He becomes agro and grabs hold of you, then you scoop him up in your landing net. Give it a go if you are game. Don't forget if you are going to have a fish at Pebble Beach or on the drop-off at White Patch, or in front of the fishing museum at low tide, wear something on your feet as the Bullrout and Stonefish hang around there and

either one can ruin a good day's fishing.

As predicted in my last report, some quality Snapper have been taken at Brennan's and Hutchinson's



shoals. Also some quality Sweetlip at Hutchies at late afternoon with plenty of berley and floating baits. The Diver Whiting have been plentiful around the cockle banks, and give it a go around the surf side where the 4 WD track comes onto the beach. There are usually some nice big ones there. While you are around there, don't forget to put out a live bait, as there are plenty of quality long-tailed Tuna about.

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5. We ask that members pay joining or renewal fees via phone or internet.
6. Our front desk is closed for any card or cash transactions.
7. We will not be accepting flares until further notice. Keep them in a safe place at home and we will take them when the world returns to normal!
8. All social functions (Sunset Drinks, Happy Hours etc) are cancelled.
9. All training courses, meetings and functions are cancelled.

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CONGRATULATIONS DOUG LYTHGO



Doug Lythgo (White Saturday crew) was awarded his new epaulettes on his promotion to Senior Competent Crew by Commodore Liz Radajewski and Coxswain Allan Tranter; and as you can see social distancing was observed with a leg bump instead of a handshake! Here at VMR we can be very inventive as you can see the boat hook came in very handy for the delivery of epaulettes.



Steve Baker from The Rotary Club of Caboolture dropped in to the base to see Liz with a gift for all the Volunteers at VMR Bribie Island

Steve stated that "They were provided by the Lolly Shop at the Caboolture Historical Village to 101.5fm our local radio station who bagged them up for Rotary Caboolture to give out to our local front line workers. You and your crew at VMR Bribie are doing an amazing job and you should be very proud." And who doesn't Love lollies, especially at Easter thanks to Caboolture Historical Village, 101.5FM - Moreton Bay's Own Radio Station and The Rotary Club of Caboolture.



Bribie 1 towing a 4.2m tinny back from Cowan Cowan on the afternoon of 12th April 2020, in a 20kt SE. The 2 occupants were taken aboard Bribie 1 for safety as the seas were quite rough. All back safe and sound to the marina.

REPAIRS TO BRIBIE 1 SEA PEN

The Sea pen that protects Bribie One when it is not in use required urgent repairs. The membrane had numerous holes in it, thus letting water in and requiring the pump to work overtime to keep the pen empty. A difficult job at the best of times, was made a lot harder by the volunteers who came into help and were required to keep their social distances from each other.



Skipper Keith Freeman all smiles after completing one of the dirtiest jobs. Keith had to crawl underneath the pen and look for signs of daylight that would show where some of the holes were that were letting water.



LtoR: Gary Bunker, Allan Tranter, Ian Grimes, Keith Freeman, Ray Gibbs and Bob Skinner.



LtoR: Gary Bunker, Ian Grimes, and Bob Skinner.



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YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 16th April 2020:
3,743 Calls, 1,063 vessels logged on,
80 Vessel Assists, 384 Sitreps, 184 Requests,
17 overdue vessels, 2 Vessel Tracking,
433 Radio Checks, 15 Weather Broadcasts,
1 Securite Broadcast, 0 Pan Pan 0 Mayday.
VHF 75.9%, 27MHz 8.5%.
VHF 76.3%, 27MHz 8.1%.

APRIL 2020 VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 03/04 0951am – 5.2m
Half Cabin member with motor problems required a

tow from 1km off Woorim to Bellara Boat ramp.

SAT 04/04 1217pm – 8.5m
Full Cabin member with motor problems, required a tow from entrance to Pacific Harbour into Pacific Harbour Canals.

SAT 04/04 1548pm – 11m
Cruiser non-member with fuel problems required a tow from Pumicestone Passage South of Pacific Harbour entrance into Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 05/04 1526pm – 4m
Quintrex non-member with motor problems required a tow from Ningi

Creek to Bellara Boat Ramp.

TUE 07/04 0822am – 3m
Kayak non-member, had fallen off kayak and kayak floating North up the Pumicestone Passage – MOP recovered Kayak, VMR Crew was stood down.

TUE 07/04 1155am – Water Police activation for overdue vessel vicinity of Caboolture River. Vessel was located and VMR stood down.

SUN 12/04 1255pm – 4.2m
Tinny non-member, conditions too rough and is

tied to VKR Vessel Conroy, required a tow from Cowan Cowan to Bellara Boat Ramp.

TUE 14/04 0934am – MOP reported empty 4m Tinny with small outboard drifting North in Pumicestone Passage Bongaree – investigated nothing found.

TUE 14/04 1239pm – 7m
Centre Cabin non-member with motor issues required a tow from Deep Tempest to Caboolture River.

THU 16/04 1428pm – 4.8m
Centre Console with motor issues required a tow from Scarborough Harbour.

Safety Dave

The Frenchie's Message:

Safety Dave the Frenchie says "I'm practising social distancing! To stop the spread of this terrible virus stay 1.5m from others follow the rules on social gatherings, wash your hands (paws) and stay at home if you are sick, let's do this together and

look forward to better days". BUT importantly – Always remember if you are heading out on the water LOG ON with your local VMR or Coast Guard, its a free service for everyone, so why wouldn't you! - It just may save your life!"



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PART 3

ON THE ROAD

By: Anne Matthews



Part 2 of our journey ended as we arrived in Goondiwindi (Goondi). It was always a relief to check into our motel and have a walk around the town to enjoy fresh air and stretch our legs after an 11-hour day on the

trees, which were usually in bloom, was always special. We were all so disappointed when the RSL had to close its doors in 2012.

After our overnight stay in Goondi, and brekkie from the bakery, we continued on the A39 which becomes

The 'back' road between Goondiwindi and Millmerran is flat and straight. We always felt someone important must have lived out here to warrant such a good road. There was never much traffic, just the occasional truck. Millmerran has a population of around 1600 and has a

vibrant town centre with a couple of grocery stores, a bakery and a newsagent. We often stopped at the newsagent to buy our 'Big League' and perhaps a lucky Lotto ticket. There is also a nice park with clean toilets which often had a Driver Reviver Site.



road (including our stops). After a walk along the Main Street and a cleansing ale or two at the Victoria Hotel, we'd walk over to the RSL for dinner. The walk past the beautiful old jacaranda

the Leichhardt and then the Gore Highway. The weather was so much warmer than Canberra and it was exciting to know that we only had a five-hour drive to reach the Sunshine Coast – and our final destination.

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ON THE ROAD

The geographical area between Goondiwindi and Toowoomba forms part of the Darling Downs. The landscape for the next 82 kilometre stretch to Toowoomba is dominated by rolling hills which are covered by paddocks of vegetables, cotton, wheat, barley and sorghum crops. There are also farms with beef and dairy cattle.

We affectionately referred to Toowoomba as 'the big town' because it was the largest urban area we encountered on the entire trip. With a population of around 137,000, Toowoomba is situated on the crest of the Great Dividing Range, about 700 metres (2,300 feet) above sea level. Toowoomba has long been a major centre for commerce, industry and education and is Australia's second-largest inland city – Canberra is the largest. After winding our way through Toowoomba, we

joined the New England Highway and drove along the picturesque escarpment, home of Picnic Point Lookout and Parklands, through the satellite suburb of Highfields, to Hampton.

Before we ventured onto the Hampton/Esk Road, we stopped in Hampton for a coffee and toilet break either at the Hampton Visitor Information Centre or in the lovely little coffee shop across the road. In the 1980s and 1990s the road to Esk



was a very windy, single lane track through the Great Dividing Range. The road descends from an elevation

of 719m to 117m at Esk. It was a not fun track to be on when raining or busy.

Although only 47km long, it was like driving in the "Redex" Trial. When an oncoming car approached, both vehicles had to pull over onto the dirt verge in order to pass each other. This could be somewhat hair raising especially when wet and misty. We recommended the Esk Road "short cut" to our Canberra neighbours,

who after one trip on it, on a wet, dark, afternoon, never again accepted any of our

recommended road tips!

With a population of around 1,700, Esk also has a vibrant town centre and several pretty parks. The town was named after the Esk Rivers in Cumbria, Yorkshire and Scotland. It has a lovely bakery in the village centre.

Esk to Kilcoy via the Brisbane Valley Highway (A17) is only 51km and we were always so happy to be back on a sealed two-way road. Kilcoy has a population of around 2,000 and has a large beef industry with many of the inhabitants working in the Kilcoy Pastoral Centre. It also has a wonderful pie shop and so nice little coffee and bric a brac shops.

Kilcoy was the home of the Aboriginal Jinibara people whose name comes from a patch of "lawyer" cane known as "Jini" on nearby Mount Kilcoy. "Bara" means people, so: "people of the lawyer cane".

To be continued.

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CRIME REPORT

BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP

April 2020


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On April 6, Bribie Island Police issued an appeal for assistance to help identify a man.

Bribie Island Police would like to advise that a 26-year-old Bellara man has presented himself to the Bribie Island Police Station.

The man has since been charged with 16 traffic related offences including unlicensed driving and driving an unregistered and uninsured vehicle.

He will appear in the Caboolture Magistrates

Court July 16, to have the matter heard.

Police would like to thank the community for their assistance.

The old saying 'finders keepers might apply to the cargo of an old shipwreck but it does not apply to property or money that you might find that has been lost or accidentally left behind by someone.

Bribie Island Police are investigating two offences where property has been left behind by the owner

and when they have returned, the property had been stolen.

On February 8, a 74-year-old Bongaree resident put his wallet down and forgot to collect it before leaving a local restaurant.

Noticing it missing, he called the restaurant 15 minutes later, however it was gone.

On reviewing CCTV footage, police allege that the wallet was located, cash was removed, and the wallet was then thrown in a bin



Do you know this person?
QP2000273558

On March 3 at about 10.30am, a Woorim resident left her phone at a local newsagency. She noticed it missing a short time later and retraced her steps to find the phone missing.

If you find something, you are required to make every effort to locate the owner.

This may involve handing the item into the business where you located it or to your local police station.

If police do not locate the owner within three months, the property may be returned lawfully to the finder.

If you decide to take the item and make no effort to locate the owner, you may be committing a stealing by finding offence.

The persons depicted in the images above may be able to assist police with their investigations into these two offences.

If you can identify those in the images or have any information about the

location of these items, please contact police.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting.

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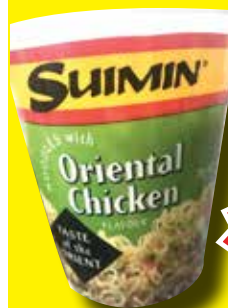
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