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Dear Readers,

I hope this edition finds you all well and out enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having. I know a lot of you probably don't like the heat as much as I do, but I have to say, this time of the year is my favourite! We are hurtling towards Christmas at a huge rate of knots so check out all our Christmas ideas we have in this edition. Please as always, remember to shop locally and support our businesses! As the holiday season is approaching, we will be able to showcase our beautiful piece of paradise to the tourists who will be descending upon us shortly. I am very proud of how beautiful our Island is and have to say thank you to the many people who, on their morning walks, collect rubbish that has been left behind to keep our community the clean and inviting place we are well known for. In saying that, please remember if you are out enjoying our parks and beaches, please pick up your rubbish before you leave. It takes a community to keep this Island beautiful, not just a handful of good citizens.

I also realise that we will have a lot more traffic on the Island, I pray you all take a breath and keep calm (I myself need to work on this) when the traffic builds up. I understand it can be frustrating, but I would like all our residents to stay safe and well.

Until next time, Take Care, Stay Safe,

Cherrie

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Helen Peters will be 70 on the 30th of November and decided to mark the occasion by supporting a cause that is close to her heart. Helen and Sharon from Eco Village Hair banded together for this wonderful cause.

Helen bravely shaved her head in memory of her two dear friends that lost their battles with cancer aged 42 and 60. She believes that women need emotional support and this was her contribution to the cause. Helen's daughter was a great supporter by holding morning teas and printed off flyers that Helen dropped off in the neighbourhood for support for her shave.

Helen raised just sort of $2000 and the number is still increasing. Sharon from Eco Village Hair assisted in the fundraising and also raised $564 through donations at the salon where they held the shave. If anyone wants to donate please donate directly to Breast Cancer Australia.

Helen's generosity hasn't stopped here! With a beautiful heart to match her beautiful smile, Helen has been busy donating to

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various charities her stunning handmade items.

Helen is naturally talented to the point she doesn't follow patterns she just sees them and can make them just from sight. Helen has been doing this for years, Helen and her husband Jim went on a cruise and stopped off in Vanuatu where she took at a suitcase full of the crocheted items for the local orphanage. Helen her husband Jim were married for 30 years when he passed away earlier this year and in her quiet time now, she spends it crocheting for the Mater children's hospital. As soon as she fills a box up she posts it to them for the children. Helen joined Legacy 6 weeks ago and donates a variety of crocheted things to them to use for raffles and fund raising. A blanket she donated recently to the Marter Children's hospital was auctioned off and raised a whopping $1700.

If you have any spare wool lying around Helen will happily use it to create beautiful handmade items.

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It is with great sorrow that we laid to rest our founding member Charles Fredrick Clark this Remembrance Day 2020. We do believe it has a great significance that Fred's service was on this day, due to the remarkable service he provided to this country.

Fred was born on the 28th of February 1937 in the wheat town of Berrigan N.S.W.

He was the lastborn child into a family of 5 sisters and 1 brother, who he knew very little of as at the death of his father when he was 3, he and his siblings were taken by the N.S.W Welfare Board to Sydney where they were separated and placed in government run homes. It wasn't until later in life that Fred found and reconnected with some of his family and learnt about his mother and father.

Fred 'acquired' his foster brother's birth certificate at the age of 15 years to join the Australian Army Services which led him to travel the world.

Fred has been a founding volunteer and patron of the butterfly project for the past seven years. He has given significant financial donations, however we will remember him most for his donations of kindness, generosity and amazing stories for all our recruited fellow volunteers and guests.

Fred also donated over 4,000 beautiful butterfly brooches to gift all the women who visit the butterfly house, with all proceeds of donations going towards the butterfly project. He loved the core of our project, helping the poorest of the poor people of the world to receive the basics of life, such as clean water. Fred loved being amongst the beauty of the butterflies and the people, which he greeted on arrival and regaled them with wonderful stories and information.

Fred has lived an extraordinary life throughout his eight decades. He gives a raw and honest account and images of the horrors and beauty of humanity during the Vietnam and Korean wars, along with the discovery of his life, family history and many other adventures in a book that is named, 'The Boy Soldier, My Other Family', which is available at the butterfly house to borrow for a great read, however there are limited copies so please take care when borrowing them. We cannot do this man justice in this short story, so we definitely suggest reading his book as it is a real account of this man's unreal life. What a legend and character this man was.

We will end this story with a quote from the end of his book reading..... "To those wonderful people I have met on this journey of life.....thank you one and all".....

Rest in Peace our beautiful friend..... We Will Remember You xx

By Angela Blinco - Volunteer at the Bribie Butterfly House

Sandy's Sheet Service

"Sandy's sheet service" (for individuals) was only launched recently, after seven years of on-going success for her holiday rental unit, linen supply business on Bribie. Since starting her new laundering service "for everyone" she has been "knocked down in the rush" with enthusiastic new clients, ranging from business people, who don't have the time to do their weekly linen change, to others who simply don't like the chore, to her favourites "the oldies", who just find it too hard to manage baskets of wet washing or the effort to hang heavy blankets or doonas on the line. Many people these days don't have enough clothes-line space to dry these big and bulky items.

Sandy says "every one of her new customers have been delighted with product & service she provides and that she is already getting great word of mouth referrals, from all of them."

The fact that Sandy can professionally launder & return big items, for a cheaper price than a visit to the laundromat, with no dragging the items backwards & forth or waiting & watching while your doona or blanket "goes round & round", makes her service a boon for all. Everybody comments on how great their washing smells when she returns it. Being originally from Germany, Sandy is fastidious about the quality of the job she does, as well as the end result for her treasured clients.

It seems, there are so many people who either can't handle the bulky linen, doonas, blankets etc., don't want to deal with these big items or they simply don't have the time. Sandy already has many clients who run businesses in and around Bribie, who are "rapped" that someone else can do this time-consuming chore for them.

Sandy's simple service of washing & sun-drying the linen, ironing & returning it, starts at around $16 for a queen set. She will also strip the bed & re-make it on return, for around $20 and she can quote you for other sizes and types of items to be washed.

Now Sandy has gift vouchers, so for as little as $20 you can help someone close to you avoid the laborious washing chores, whilst solving that age-old dilemma of "What am I going to buy my parents or grandparents for Christmas? They already have all the things they want or need."

So, if you'd like to put a smile on Grandma's face this Christmas, with a really useful present, Sandy's Gift Vouchers can be customised to a one-off price or she can offer a subscription, for weekly or fortnightly service.

For more information, or a quote on your "washing job", please call Sandy on 0409 385 611, email her on gregorysandy@yahoo.com.au or find "Sandy's Sheet Service" on Facebook.

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The Volunteer

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And when I answered it, she said...

"So sorry to disturb you mate,"
(She was always so polite).
"But we've got a spot of bother,
And we need a crew tonight."

So I rubbed my eyes to clear the sleep,
And I mumbled some reply.
I knew I really had to go,
But I was stuffed if I knew why.

Why me I cursed, why bloody me,
They've really got a cheek.
I know someone's got to fight the fire,
But it's been three times this week.

But even as I fumed and swore,
I was rushing to get dressed.
My boots, my gloves, my overalls,
For tonight there'd be no rest.

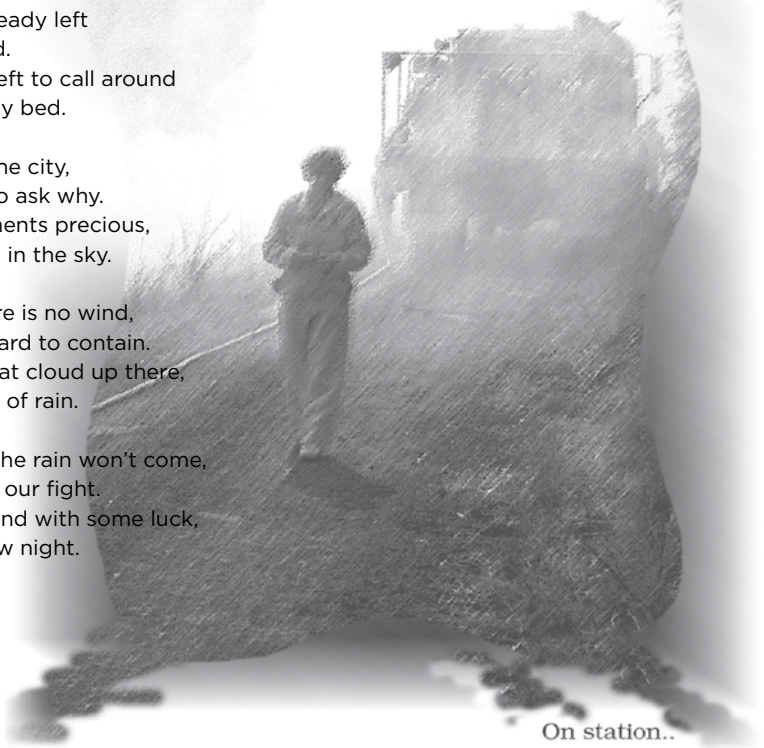
The Captain had already left
To open up the shed.
While his wife was left to call around
To rouse me from my bed.

We're not living in the city,
So there's no time to ask why.
Because every moments precious,
When the fire glows in the sky.

At least tonight there is no wind,
So it won't be too hard to contain.
But I'd like to see that cloud up there,
Drop an inch or two of rain.

But tonight I know the rain won't come,
So we'll have to win our fight.
We'll kill the flame and with some luck,
We'll sleep tomorrow night.

By Terry Ludgate



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Over the course of your life, if you experience mental health problems, you're thinking, mood, and behaviour could be affected. Many factors contribute to mental health problems, including:

- Biological factors, such as genes or brain chemistry
- Life experiences, such as trauma or abuse
- Family history of mental health problems

Unfortunately, not everyone is lucky enough to enjoy Good Mental Health. Pool Mental health can manifest in a number of ways – from Depression, Anxiety, Post Traumatic Stress, Bipolar, Anorexia, Bulimia to name a few. But we can help by being able to identify early warning signs -

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Pulling away from people and usual activities or yelling and fighting with family and friends
- Having low or no energy or having unexplained aches and pains
- Feeling helpless or hopeless, or unusually confused, forgetful, on edge, angry, upset, worried, or scared
- Smoking, drinking, or using drugs more than usual
- Experiencing severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships
- Having persistent thoughts and memories you can't get out of your head or hearing voices or believing things that are not true
- Thinking of harming yourself or others
- Feeling numb or like nothing matters and therefore inability to perform daily tasks like taking care of your kids or getting to work or school

We can further help by helping our friend/family member

- Get professional
- Keeping them connected with others
- Stay positive
- Get physically active
- Helping others
- Get enough sleep
- Develop coping skills

Finally, we can further help by participating in Bribie Rotary's Mental Health Walk –

Register with this link https://www.liftthelidwalk.com.au/bribie-island For more information on Australian Rotary Health, visit https://australianrotaryhealth.org.au/

The Winnett Diary

We re-join the Winnett family as they continue their journey, battling the confines of sea-board life with births and deaths on the high seas.

Tristan da Cunh

26th June - going pretty fair; not quite so warm now; every day will be getting cooler.

27th June - Lat. 10.40S. Long. 32.27 W - nice warm days; all invalids on recovery.

28th June - there is no twilight here; just as the sun sets it becomes quite dark; the stars are beautiful to behold; the southern cross is visible; also, a splendid star called, the Western Star; we have seen a comet; weather fine with lovely moonlight nights; the sea is a picture at night, everything so calm and bright.

29th June - sighted a whale, tumbling and sporting in the water; also some flying fish; we passed some rocks last night' `tis called by the sailors the Emigrant's grave; but thank God, so far we are safe.

2nd July - Church service at 12 o'clock; we have great need to be thankful to God for His mercies; last night we were near being in a watery grave through a sudden squall and some neglect on part of the second mate; all hands had to be called on board to pull in sail, and only for the united efforts of men and sailors, 3 minutes would have sent us to the bottom.

3rd July - Lat. 24.2S, Long. 29.5W - We are now out of the Tropics; weather getting cool;

4th July - contrary winds; going very slowly; overtook a vessel that left Plymouth 9 days before us, signalled Orontes, bound for Sydney with emigrants; so we have companions 412 souls including crew and they also signalled they had five births and one death on board. We passed her in Lat. 24S, Long. 29W.

5th July - morning very wet and dull - a wet day at sea is dreary indeed; we have to stay between decks with the hatch closed and it is dark; it has been a gala day with us; we were served out with jam, weren't we glad to get it; one little child is very ill, not expected to recover, only two years old.

6th July - the morning is fine, but a little cold; the little baby died last night at 12 o'clock and was buried this morning at 8 a.m. The doctor read the funeral service, the sea was very calm, not a ripple on the water, and the sun shining. There were three sharks going round the ship the whole morning; they are pretty fish to look at in the water, back and sides are green blue and silver, fins white, and tail a dark green; everyone seems sad today.

7th July, fair wind again; going tolerably well; allowed our boxes today.

8th July - Cape pigeons flying round the ship; they are nice looking birds; very fair wind; travelled 202 miles; had an eventful night we went to bed about 10 o'clock at 11 I awoke in time to hear a voice shouting "All hands on deck", it sounded dreadful to us who heard; we could hear the men running to and fro obeying orders. In the morning we found we were near being run down by some vessel unknown; `twas a very dark night, and the "watch" did not see the vessel until within a cable's length of our bows; she carried no lights. If our vessel had not answered her helm, we would both have gone to the bottom; we would have been struck amidships; one of our stern sails was carried away.

9th July, Sunday morning service at 12 p.m. Children got sweets from the doctor.

10th July - very rough with heavy seas; ship rolling delightfully; we are scarcely able to stand on deck. Mollyhawk and cape pigeons flying in all directions and causing a little excitement to the men trying to catch them.

11th July, still very rough waves, very high like mountains and washing over the deck at intervals; we have to keep below as we don't care to get wet.

12th July - weather rough and stormy with rain and snow - very cold like December; but still the sea is very beautiful to look at; like some sportive fury dashing along, first one man then another getting a ducking, the waves dash over the sides so often.

We passed the islands of Tristan da Cunh three, one is 7000 feet above the level of the sea, having about 90 inhabitants, chiefly English, only one landing place; we could see the houses and green fields. Oh! such a lovely sight to us poor emigrants; we cheered as if there was no lovelier place to be seen; `twas the first glimpse of land since we left Plymouth. Could also see three waterfalls falling down the cliff about 300 feet; the day was rough and stormy, were it otherwise, boats would have come alongside with fruit, vegetables etc. for sale; we were disappointed that the day was so unfavourable. There was a baby born at 10 o'clock, both mother and son doing well.

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The concept began in 2011 and has grown into a much-loved and anticipated, vibrant event.

The three instigators, Bev Porter, Helen Mitchell and Sheryl Davies, invite a variety of artists to take part. Some come back year after year. Some are new to the exhibition this year.

This year's exhibitors alongside Bev, Helen and Sheryl, are Lorrie Bradford, Lyn Buck, Susan Hamilton, Shirley Heapy, Sonia Patey, Lyn Storey and Tracy Tanin.

So appropriate that there are 10 artists in this 10th year of Tarts.

Their works cover a variety of mediums, including Painting, Drawing, Ceramics, Stained Glass, Fused and Slumped Glass, Textiles, Cards, Leadlight and Wood creations, Jewellery, Macrame and Silk.

As in previous years, Art Tarts will support Bribie Island Dragons Abreast. DA are a paddling group who offer fun, fitness, friendship and emotional support for those who have had, or are going through breast cancer.

Each Art Tart donates an exclusive piece of work for the exhibition raffle, with all proceeds going to DA.

So, come on in and see these lovely works. A piece of unique Tart Art work could really enhance your Christmas gift shopping.

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach; Open 9am – 4pm Tuesday to Saturday; 9am – 1pm Sunday.

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THE ARTISTS

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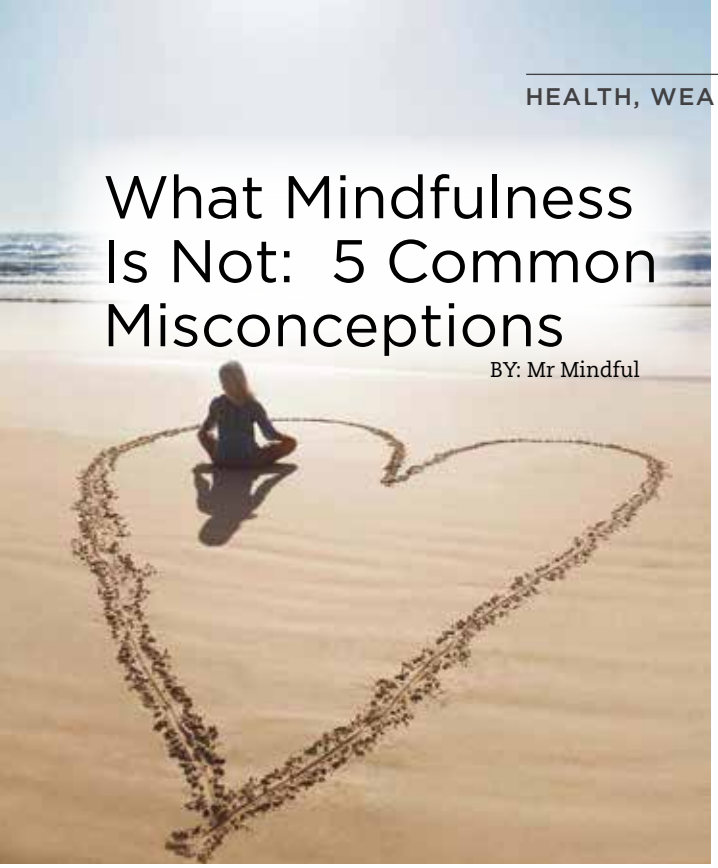
What Mindfulness Is Not: 5 Common Misconceptions

BY: Mr Mindful



Even amongst those that are familiar with mindfulness practice, there are some common misconceptions about what this practice is. Sometimes, it is confused with meditation. At other times, it is associated with 'feeling good.' These are just a couple of the misconceptions that many people hold about this type of practice.

The truth is, however, that mindfulness is neither of these things. It goes hand in hand with meditation and can often help us feel better, but these common misunderstandings do not fully illuminate what mindfulness is. Understanding what mindfulness is not can help us to clarify what this term means. We might begin with a definition that expresses 'Mindfulness is a moment-to-moment awareness of our present experience. It is non-judgmental, curious, and compassionate and encourages awareness of any thoughts, feelings, or sensations we are presently experiencing.'

To clarify what this means, let us take a look at what mindfulness is not.

Mindfulness is not the same as meditation.

Mindfulness and meditation are well paired, but they are not the same thing. Mindfulness could is a form of meditation, though there are many types of meditation practice that use techniques other than mindful awareness. Furthermore, mindfulness can be practised outside of formal meditation, such as during a conversation with a loved one. We would not call a conversation meditation, but we can indeed bring mindful awareness to the act of speaking and listening.

Mindfulness is not about 'feeling good.'

If we go back to the definition that highlights what mindfulness is, we can see that nowhere is it suggested that mindfulness is associated with a particular state. We can be mindful of the experience of joy just as we can be mindful of the presence of grief. Mindfulness can indeed lead us towards our innate source of inner peace. Still, first and foremost, it is a practice of witnessing – without judgment, without changing anything, and without grasping at any particular state of being.

Mindfulness is not the absence of thought.

Another misconception about mindfulness is that to be mindful; we need to have a quiet mind. If this were true, mindfulness would not be suitable for humans. The truth is that mindfulness applies to whether the mind is presently still or chaotic. When chaotic, we are invited to simply note this inner experience with curiosity, patience, and non-judgment. We might even note how mindfulness facilitates the dissolving of thoughts, but we do not need to be at that state when we begin any practice.

Mindfulness is not religious.

Though mindfulness is an ancient practice of religions such as Buddhism, it is also a secular practice. We do not need to believe in anything in particular to practise mindfulness. It is merely an exercise of noting what is present in our experience – and that is something that humans of all belief systems can explore. What mindfulness means is present-moment awareness, and therefore there need not be anything religious about our practice.

Mindfulness is not a quick fix.

Lastly, the journey into more mindful ways of being is not a quick one. It is one that does not have an ending. Throughout our lives, we will continue to experience challenging feelings, emotions, and events. Mindfulness can (if we ask it to) hold our hand as we navigate these.

Sometimes, people begin their mindfulness practise with the hope that it will solve all of their problems. Unfortunately, it is not quite that simple. To dive into the most profound potential of mindfulness requires patience, commitment, and continued practise. As time goes on, we slowly and naturally begin to embody mindfulness in ever-illuminating ways.

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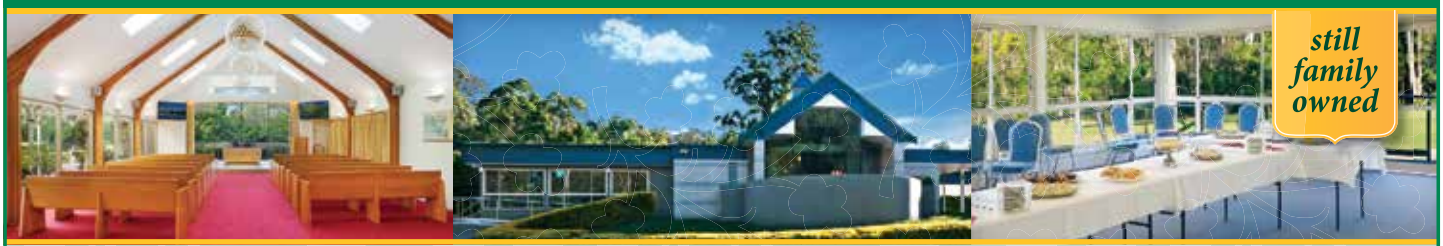

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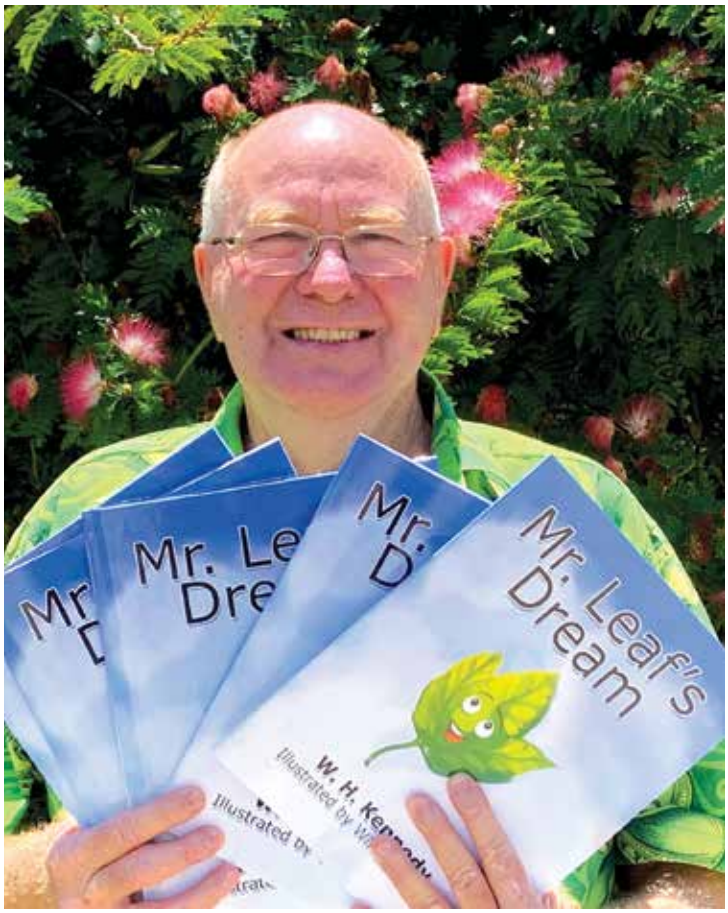

W.H. Kennedy

Local writer WH Kennedy has published his first children's book Mr Leaf's Dream. Mr Leaf is the unlikely hero of the story as he leaves his tree to travel and grow. He faces many challenges including ridicule and self-doubt but takes a chance anyway and achieves more than any leaf before him, becoming an inspiration for others.

The author moved to Bribie in 2019 but was soon enjoying his love of travel again, through Europe, Morocco, the United Kingdom and Singapore, returning just before the pandemic. This gave him the opportunity to take a chance and publish this book which he had written in 2017, after being inspired by a beautiful Autumn in the northern hemisphere.

Since moving to Bribie, the author has contributed several poems to this magazine, has joined, U3A, the Bush Poets society and sings with the Golden Entertainers.

While stocks last, the book will be available in softcover at local outlets: - Bribie Island Arts Centre, Bongaree News, Surfside News, Nextra and Bongaree Post Office. RRP $19.99

It will also be available in softcover, hardcover and ebook from Xlibris at orders@xlibris.com

Mr Kennedy will be conducting a closed launch on 27/11 and book signings and sales at the Garden Centre on Verdoni Street 28/11 and 05/12.

Mr Kennedy has donated a copy of his book to both primary schools on the island.

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Christmas Tips to Get More Money

SELL YOUR STUFF

It's almost that time again—time to get more stuff. So, why don't you get rid of some of your old stuff? Not only will you make room for new things, but you'll also make some money to buy other people stuff.

Yes, we're making a little light of it. You know the season isn't supposed to be about stuff. But really—try clearing out some things you never use and make some money in the process!

Make more money.

If you're able, make extra cash to cover the extra costs of Christmas. We're talking side hustles like driving for Uber, delivering food, picking up holiday hours at a seasonal job, dog sitting while people are traveling for the holidays, or wrapping gifts in your community. Seriously, offer that last service on your Facebook neighbourhood group or work forums. Have people drop off their gifts, and you can wrap them for a fee!

But remember, if money's tight this year, and you're having income issues already—don't put pressure on yourself to make more or spend a lot this year. Focus more on the other joys of the season.

Christmas Tips for Other Holiday Spending

SPEND LESS ON TRADITIONS

Why do you send Christmas cards to everyone you've ever met? Oh, because you're mum always did. You can save money this Christmas by cutting expensive traditions that don't actually mean much to you. We aren't suggesting you stop making paper chains or going around the table sharing your favourite Christmas memories. Those sound like beautiful traditions. But making a 20-layer, authentic German chocolate cake for Santa? Maybe drop that. Santa doesn't need the extra calories anyway.

Donate to charity.

What can you get for the hardest-to-buy-for people on your list? Nothing. Instead, give money in their honour to their favourite charity. Create a card or get one from the organization explaining the donation. If it feels a little off to not give something, find a charity that specializes in selling fair trade goods that give jobs to people in developing countries. That way, everyone is blessed.

Wrap gifts creatively.

You don't have to spend half of your December income on colourful or character-covered wrapping paper—it's just going to end up torn to shreds in piles on your floor Christmas morning anyway. Get creative! Pick up some reusable bags at the dollar store, and you'll be giving a gift inside a gift. Or try wrapping presents in newspaper and topping them off with red twine. That's eco-friendly, wallet-friendly and festive.

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FOOD, WINE and ISLAND TIMES

WINELANDER

What seems like a lifetime ago I started in the wine industry as a sales representative with Kaiser Stuhl which was a co-operative of over 100 small grape growers in The Barossa Valley in South Australia and it operated more like a family business than a large behemoth of a company. Kaiser Stuhl which mainly satisfied the bulk end of the market concentrating mainly on 4-litre casks, 2-litre flagons, Summer Wine, Black Forest Moselle and Gold Medal Rose was a co-operative created out of the great depression of 1931 as small winegrowers struggled to survive and did so until the 1990's when Fosters who had acquired a large number of wineries decided to retire (dump) a lot of the cheaper ranges such as all of the Kaiser Stuhl products.

Kaiser Stuhl was the company that brought a young winemaker called Wolf Blass out to Australia to make a sparkling wine that would compete with Orlando's Barossa Pearl but he would create a very successful selling rose which became known as Kaiser Stuhl Gold Medal Rose after winning a gold medal in an obscure tournament in Ljubljana and then going on to win more gold medals in Montpellier, Perth and Adelaide. It was a wine ahead of its time and in Australia, we had a wine that outsold Mateus Rose from Portugal which at that time was the largest selling wine in the world, K.S. Gold Medal Rose was made from Grenache grapes, a variety that lost favour for a while, but has now come back in a big way now that Rose has all of a sudden found favour around the world as wine drinkers once again turn to this lighter style of red wine that can be drank icy cold, and there is a style to suit every taste.

Mainly a summertime wine Rose continues to grow in popularity accounting for over 11% of the world's wine-drinking consumption. Here in Australia it is possible to find Rose made from just about every red wine grape and at every price point, Jacob's Creek Le Petit Rose $14, Chapel Hill Sangiovese Rose $17, Mr Mick $16, Blue Pyrenees $18, Deep Woods Estate 'Harmony' $11, Shingleback Red Knot $15 and Pizzini $19 are just a small selection out of the hundreds out there and if you are having a meal at Seasars Restaurant at Spinnakers Marina try a bottle of 'Rhythm and Rhyme' Rose which goes well with the fish and chips.

Another region producing very good Rose wines is Provence in France and Australia ranks sixth in the world for importing Rose from this area. Provence sits in the South East of France and with the heat and sun ensuring the grapes early ripening and a variety of soils which can consist of limestone and shale near the coast to clay and sandstone inland influencing the different styles there is something for everyone.

Even Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have got in on the act with their Chateau Miraval Cotes De Provence Rose which costs around $27.

Which Australian grape is very popular

with winemakers with its vigour, ease of propagation, high yields and resistance to disease, can produce outstanding dry white wines, unbelievable botrytised sweet wines, ages beautifully and when blended with another grape variety is one of the country's largest-selling white wines? It has had several different classifications before its real variety was revealed yet escapes the attention of many wine drinkers who for some reason choose varieties that are far less interesting than this outstanding Australian icon. We are of course referring to the grape variety Semillon.

As with many European grapes, Semillon arrived in Australia in 1831 as part of James Busby's collection and found its home in the warm, humid Hunter Valley. In the early days and even until the early 1980s Semillon was often labelled Hock, White Burgundy, Chablis and even Hunter River Riesling so no wonder this classic had a confused existence and found it hard to stand on its own as a standalone variety, however when it was blended with Sauvignon Blanc in the early 1990s and called a "classic dry white" the public went crazy for this excellent new age dry white, but on its own Semillon still struggles to find its rightful place amongst Australian classic white wines.

As with Chardonnay Semillon ages very gracefully and changes from a young zesty light coloured crisp white wine with aromas of citrus, grass, straw and subtle green herbs making it a natural to drink with almost any fish course or oysters to a deep golden, nutty, honey and straw-scented old-timer. The grapes are picked at a low baume (sugar level converting to 10-11% alcohol) gently handled, crushed with minimal skin and seed extract, the juice is fermented at cold temperatures in stainless steel tanks and transferred to bottle as soon as fermentation stops. It can also be fermented in oak barrels giving the wine more complexity.

It's these wines that make the Hunter Valley Semillon one of the great collectable wonders and although prices vary are in the reach of most wine lovers regardless of budget. My favourite wine from this region is the McWilliams Elizabeth Semillon which can be found at very attractive prices often less than $20 but other notable producers include Brokenwood, De Lulius, Keith Tulloch, Pepper Tree and Tyrell's whose iconic Vat 1 Semillon sets a benchmark for the region.

Other regions producing high-quality Semillon include The Barossa Valley and from winemakers Peter Lehman and Grant Burge. From The Clare valley Stephanie O'Toole at Mt. Horrocks makes an oak fermented style and other producers in the region include Kirrihill, Taylors Annies Lane, Tim Adams and Paullets.

In the Riverina region of New South Wales Semillon can be affected by the fungus botrytis cinerea which reduces the water in the grape to produce a sweeter more intense wine with lovely flavour and complexity. DeBortoli sell a wine called Noble One which would be a wonderful ending to any dinner party to accompany the dessert, however, for some reason, it is also magnificent with any blue cheese from around the globe such as Stilton, Gorgonzola or Roquefort.Cheers,

Philip Arlidge, arlidge@bigpond.com.au

An anonymous ditty

God made wine, frail as a bubble, man made love and love made trouble, God made the vine so then is it a sin that man-made wine to drown trouble in?

Lilly Bollinger on Champagne.

I drink Champagne when I'm happy and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have any company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it when I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it, unless I'm thirsty.

Wobblers and Dodderers

BY: Sue Wighton

Bribie Island is home to many bird species, many with amusing and improbable names. Some of my favourites include the spangled drongo, the ruddy turnstone (which sounds like either a curse or the name of a ruggedly handsome blacksmith). Then there's the spectacled monarch. I picture Her Majesty, of course with glasses.

Several years ago I noted in an article that, just like birds, bicycle riders also come in species. I referred specifically to two main species spotted on Brisbane bikeways. The first is the 'shiny-bottomed hairless racer' – this deeply serious bike rider, complete with streamlined aerodynamic helmet and fluoro lycra-based, figure-hugging plumage. Much of their garish outer covering features sportswear logos or corporate branding.

The other common species I dubbed the 'domestic, timorous wobbler'. These mostly middle-aged recreational cyclists are identified by their leisurely pace, tragically miss-matched clothing and daggy bikes. They travel in groups (not pelotons), which I call either an Enid Blyton or a 'conversation' of cyclists. The latter term reflects their habit of travelling three abreast along the bike path to converse with each other.

You, dear reader, will be aware of Bribie Island's wonderful bike path which meanders from Woorim to Bongaree. You will rarely spot a shiny-bottomed hairless racer on this dappled path. No, Bribie's bikeways form the habitat of the domestic timorous wobbler.

Excitingly I've recently discovered a new sub-species of the wobbler – found exclusively on Bribie – which I've coined the 'elderly, wandering dodderer'. Plus I've discovered that while I once was a domestic timorous wobbler, somehow with the passing of the years, I've transformed into an elderly, wandering dodderer.

This sub-species is less interested in the destination (the ice cream shop at Bongaree) and more interested in simply completing the journey without 'having a fall' and breaking a hip.

Like the wobblers, the dodderers delight in taking many stops along the bike path for sustenance. A shady tree, a bridge, a bench – any of these will cause a group of wobblers or dodderers to brake collectively, down cycles and begin to graze on chocolates, Tim Tams, and lashings of ginger beer – most of which they have crammed into their colourful handle-bar baskets.
Along with those yummy treats, dodderers may also whip out the glycerin spray for a quick squirt under the tongue, and maybe an anti-inflammatory or two to keep the aches and pains at bay.

Bribie birdlife looks on with amusement at the antics of these bike-riding species as they dodder and wobble their way across the island.

You'll often hear the laughing kookaburra chortle as yet another dodderer narrowly avoids an oncoming teenager. Or you may hear the wandering tattler regaling her branch buddies with the hilarious escapades of marauding gangs of wobblers.

But let me tell you, it takes more than the ridicule of a Red-browed treecreeper or the mirth of a masked wood swallow to deter this merry band of Bribie cyclists.

So, to all you wobblers and dodderers, stock up on the meds and ride on!

Aly Grahame and her husband were walking along Woorim beach on Tuesday afternoon and came across this wonderful Sand Castle. Aly said "I has no idea who built it, but it must have taken some time, great detail and congratulations to them." We here at the Bribie Islander agree with you Aly! Great job and nice to see the art of sandcastle making is still well and truly alive! Thanks Aly for sharing these lovely photo's with us!

By Cherrie Wilson

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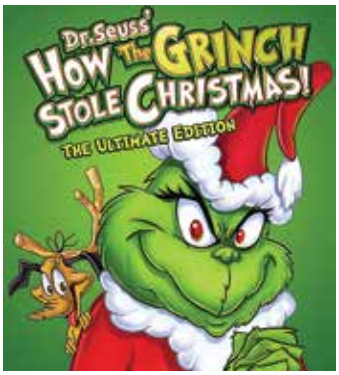
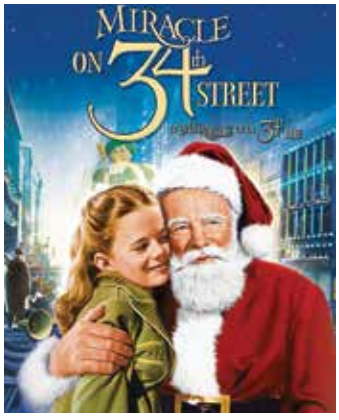


In 2000, Jim Carrey put on a big green Grinch suit to bring the famous cartoon to life. Because it's Jim Carrey, there's a lot of improvised humour. There's also a pretty gross cheese-eating scene that only passes because Jim Carrey can pull it off.



An old man working as a Macy's department store Santa claims to be Kris Kringle. And he convinces innocent kids and even the most cynical adults that he's the real deal. There's something undeniably sweet about this perennial classic... even though if it were made today, he'd be handcuffed and thrown in the slammer.

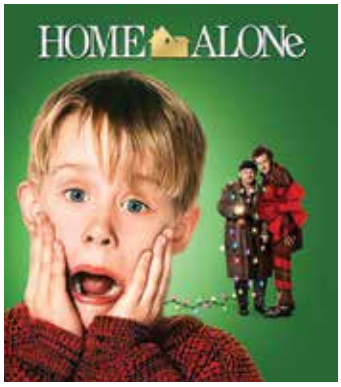
Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney deck the halls in this Yuletide classic. Who cares if the movie's as syrupy as a Vermont maple? The Irving Berlin songs are timeless.

When Tim Allen inadvertently causes Santa to die on his property, he has to assume the role of the next Santa Claus. There's a lot of body-shaming stuff here that likely doesn't fly as well in 2019, but this movie is featured in enough Christmas movie marathons that it belongs on the list.

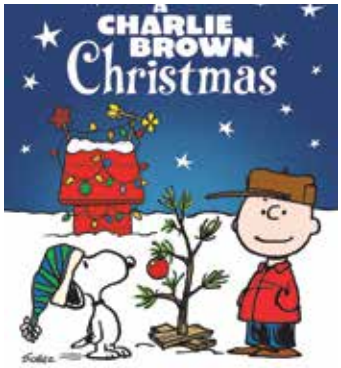
Will Ferrell is a clownish orphan raised by Santa and his elves in the North Pole who journeys to New York City to locate his biological father–a cynical book publisher played by James Caan–in this absurd (and surprisingly sweet) fish-out-of-water fantasy.

Arnold Schwartzenegger plays a busy man who has continuously let his young son down, and promises, this Christmas, that he will get him the Turbo-Man action figure, the most coveted toy of the holiday season. But he's not the only dad who's made this promise, which leads to a real showdown with another father, hilariously played by Sinbad.

The Henson workshop takes on Dickens in this fur-and-felt adaptation of A Christmas Carol, with Kermit as Bob Cratchit, Miss Piggy as Mrs. Cratchit, and Michael Caine as Ebeneezer Scrooge.



The tale of 8-year-old Kevin McCallister (the adorable Macaulay Culkin), who's left alone by his family only to face down — and outwit — a pair of bungling burglars. Let's be honest, you can enjoy this one any time of the year.



Some holiday movies just make you feel good when they come on. They wrap you in a comforter of warm, cosy nostalgia. You could watch those Peanuts kids do their herky-jerky dance on an eternal loop and never get tired of it. Plus, if there was ever a movie that made you want to take home the saddest, baldest tree at the nursery, this is the one.

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Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

Want to avoid a hangover or terrible headache? Eat a few cucumber slices before going to bed and wake up refreshed and headache free. Cucumbers contain enough sugar, B vitamins and electrolytes to replenish essential nutrients the body lost, keeping everything in equilibrium, avoiding both a hangover and headache!!

Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water

Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but is won't leave streaks and won't harm you fingers or fingernails while you clean.

Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown the reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

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Santa Hats

INGREDIENTS

- 220 g unsalted butter
- 200 g dark chocolate
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar
- 1 1/4 cups plain flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 4 eggs
- 125 g cream cheese
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 24 fresh strawberries
- 12 mini marshmallows

Method

1. Preheat oven to 170C. Grease and line a 24cm x 30cm shallow baking tray.
2. Melt butter and chocolate together in a saucepan. Allow to cool slightly. In a bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, cocoa, baking powder and eggs. Add melted chocolate and butter and mix well. Pour into prepared tin, smooth out evenly, and bake for 25 minutes.
3. Using handheld beaters or a stand mixer, beat cream cheese and icing sugar until smooth. Spoon into a piping bag or zip-lock bag and snip the end.
4 Wash strawberries and slice off stalk end. Halve marshmallows. Use a small scone cutter to cut 3.5cm rounds from the brownie. Pipe on some cream cheese icing. Top with a strawberry. Pipe a dot of icing onto the top of the strawberry and press on a marshmallow halve.

Shortbread Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups butter softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-2 tablespoons milk as needed

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the vanilla extract and mix well to combine. Add the flour and mix until the dough comes together. Add milk as needed until the dough reaches the consistency of play dough.

2.Scoop the dough into a cookie press. Hold the cookie press down on an ungreased, unlined baking sheet, and press to form the cookies. Bake 10-12 minutes, until very lightly golden on the bottom.

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TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT ALL ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE 20TH DECEMBER

SMALL PACK

1 X Small 500gm Christmas Pudding

1 X Loaf of 780gm Bread **AND** Six Pack of Rolls

Plus... **$35**

12 Rum Balls
6 Fruit Mince Tarts
6 Short Bread Biscuits

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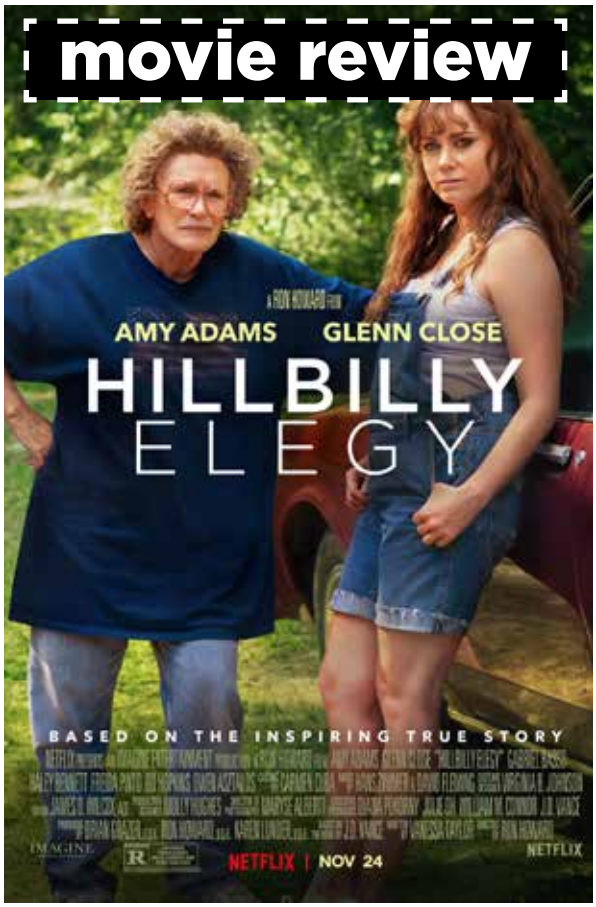

HILLBILLY ELEGY

Based on the 2016 memoir of J.D Vance, directed by Ron Howard and produced by Vance himself, Hillbilly Elegy is compelling viewing.

Although Vance was criticised in literary circles for unfairly depicting his people as downtrodden "no-hopers" consumed by a culture of poverty, this adaptation conveys his personal story of triumph and hope.

Vance is movingly played by both Owen Asztalos as the young "JD" and by Gabriel Basso, the Vance of today. Both are adept at conveying Vance's pride in family as well as an ability to challenge the dysfunction around him, even at an early age.

As the story unfolds, the viewer is introduced to Vance's mother, Bev played by Amy Adams and to his maternal grandmother, Mamaw played by an almost unrecognisable Glenn Close.

We learn, through numerous flashbacks, how apparently insurmountable challenges, including intergenerational poverty and abuse, are overcome by this young man who achieves academic and personal success.

Adams stunningly portrays the curse of addiction that consumed her despite showing great promise early in her adult life. Close vividly portrays Mamaw's determination to give her grandson a better life with "tough love" hidden behind her palpably crass exterior.

Although flashbacks can often detract from a film's appeal, this technique works surprisingly well given the capacity of the actors to emotionally envelop their audience.

Listen for Mamaw's hidden "pearls" of wisdom as she guides her grandson through his adolescence to emerge as a driven but caring young man despite all the adversity around him.

Although this film has had only a limited release, it is due to be streamed by Netflix from 24 November and is one not to be missed.

Chris Connolly

MUST BRING VOUCHER TO CLAIM FROM STORE

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WOT's On...

21Nov

INTRODUCING A BRAND NEW VICTORIAN THEMED EVENT HERE AT THE ABBEY MUSEUM

Come and celebrate the spirit of Christmas and pause for photo around our 4 metre Victorian Christmas Tree.
You may dress up or come as you are
Two sessions avail each day
10am - 1pm and 1pm to 4pm
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AVAILABLE ON LINE

21Nov

Sat, 21 Nov, 10 pm – Sun, 22 Nov, 2am

LIFT THE LID WALK

When: Sunday November 22nd, 2020
Where: From Brennan Park (Welsby Pde Bongaree) along the Pumicestone Passage public footpath to the Bribie Island Bridge and back to Brennan Park.
From: 8am till 12 noon.
What: A Walk NOT a race from Brennan Park and back.
Who: Everyone who has been impacted by or cares about Mental Health - dogs are welcome!
Entry fee: $30 includes a t-shirt. Kids 15 and under walk for free. Cut off for entry including t-shirt orders is 9am Nov 12th. Tickets purchased after 9am Nov 12th will NOT receive a t-shirt with entry.
There is also a sausage sizzle for everyone who completes the walk.

21Nov

Sat, 21 Nov, 9 pm – 4pm

Join TODD WHISSON

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
191 Sunderland Dr, Banksia Beach QLD

Join TODD WHISSON teaching the use of Spontaneous, Loose Palette Knife
In this relaxed and friendly workshop, artists are encouraged to explore & express loose, spontaneous mark-making, reflective of their own personality who completes the walk.

23Nov

HERE WE GO AGAIN TOUR

Blue Pacific Hotel

2 North St, Woorim QLD
When: 6:30pm Where:
The Blue Pacific Hotel, Woorim
Contact: Cay Ellem, 07 3408 3219
Meals are available from 5.30 pm with the group in the lounge.

27Nov

WHAT LURKS BELOW?

FRI 27th NOV at 10am

Bribie Island Seaside Museum
1 S Esplanade, Bongaree QLD

From peculiar slug-like creatures to giants of the sea, explore 'What lurks below' as they dive into the hidden world of the waters surrounding Bribie Island

28Nov

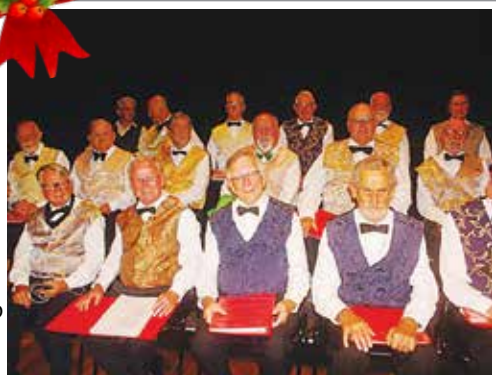
Sat, 28 Nov 4pm and 6.30pm

A MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS ABBEY MUSEUM

Surrounded by the candlelit beauty of the Abbey Church, followed by a light supper of medieval delicacies.
Bookings are essential as space is limited.
$40 plus booking fee
abbeymuseum.com.au

WOT's On...

The Bribie Gleemen



are out of hibernation and will sing Christmas Carols at the Rotary Markets at Brennan Park on **Sunday 13th December at 9.30am and again at 10.30am.** A COVID safe gathering with good distance and sanitiser to be practiced. Bring your folding camp chairs or a blanket for the grass in front of the stage.

Every Sun...

The Deck Bistro

is located at Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club, end of Avon Avenue in Banksia Beach.
Finish your weekend on the right note with live music from 12:30pm.
The Deck Bistro offers live music by local talent from 12.30pm-3.30pm.
Enjoy a cold refreshment on The Deck or dine in for lunch with vivid views in air-conditioned comfort.
Lunch service is 11am – 3pm.

Every Fri...

FRIDAY MEANS SEAFOOD

BOTANIC CAFE
Bribie Island RSL
All day every Friday in Botanic is about steak & seafood specials. Enjoy a 250g sirloin with your choice of garlic prawns, bug or chilli squid topper for $25. Or try our 'Deluxe Seafood Basket' filled with all your favourite fresh & cooked seafood for just $30. Botanic Bar, Lounge & Dining is a perfect destination to unwind & relax this weekend!

Every Fri...

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DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

By: Elaine Lutton

Arrival

Perhaps it has been our recent elections that have inspired me to write about the onerous decisions I have been called upon to make of late. As regards the elections, to which do I owe my allegiance; the State Government or the individual member standing in my electorate? My late husband and I could never agree on this point, we could each see each other's point of view but whereas I usually went for the State Government, he always argued for the individual standing in the Electorate. Only on one occasion did I cross party lines and vote with him. Usually, he would say that it was time to cancel each other out once more, and off we would go, quite amicably, to the polls to do just that. We always agreed on Ends, but it was Means where we differed.

Whether the decisions are weighty, or of no real consequence, they all seem to tax my brain-power and to take up an inordinate amount of my time. Should I buy the blue dress with rose flowers or the pink dress with blue flowers? And does it really matter? Which earrings should I wear today? Indeed, what clothes should I put on my back to begin the day?

When I was still living in the UK I once took an older lady shopping who had a unique method of solving such problems. She wished to buy a dress so I took her to the smartest dress shop I knew. Not one I could ever afford to frequent in my student days. She tried on dress after dress but would say, after considering each one, "I cannot make my mind up, they all seem attractive". There were six or seven dresses lying in a heap in the corner of the dressing room and she still seemed very indecisive. The assistant had been patient for well over an hour, but was beginning to get a little restless, remember in those days her salary would be augmented by the commission she had earned based on the number of garments she had sold, and we had taken up a sizeable amount of her time. "Perhaps Madam would like to choose one?" she said politely. Madam still could not make up her mind, but solved the problem by saying that she would take the lot! I thought the assistant would faint on the spot but no. Although looking somewhat shell-shocked, she asked in a weak voice how Madam would like to pay for her purchases as there was no sign of a hand-bag or purse anywhere to be seen. My companion then asked me to give her the somewhat tatty shopping-bag I had been holding whilst she tried on all the dresses and brought out a brown paper bag stuffed with notes and paid for the lot in cash!

One assistant went home extremely happy, whilst I had to excuse myself for a minute or two so I could giggle in private.

Some important decisions I have found relatively easy, the naming of our children for example. This was decided way before the aforesaid babies put in an appearance, but on the other hand, what shall I have for tea tonight, the lamb chops and sweet potato mash, or a pork medallion with a corn cob? Too difficult!

I read once that too much choice is very stressful and I can only agree. Folk nowadays spend just as much time pondering the colour of their new car as to the make and model. Do red cars go faster? Would it be easier if we all go back to Mr Ford's advice; any colour as long as it's black? Do lengthy menus in smart restaurants send us straight round to the Local Chippie or completely kill the appetite for sustenance at all?

After years of wrestling with the problem of how best to make decisions, I have come with some kind of method. I first decide whether the decision is of earth-shattering or negligible importance, for example, should I poach my egg or boil it, two pieces of toast or three. Perhaps five minutes is more than enough time to consider these knotty problems. On the other hand, if I feel the decision will have far-reaching consequences, I might take up to a week or more to decide what course to take. I ask advice from no-one, after all, it is me that will have to live with the result. This does not mean that I will not obtain as much information as I possibly can from as many sources as are available. However, in the end, it is I that must make the final decision.

Now my article is polished and finished, I think I deserve a hot drink before bed, coffee, tea, Milo, cocoa, or just plain milk?

Horoscope

The seers and fortune-tellers of ancient times would have been very excited by December's astrological events. Although my salt and pepper beard doesn't quite fit the look of a stereotypical wizard, I'm similarly enthusiastic! We're in for a treat as we move towards a Great Conjunction, when Jupiter meets Saturn, in Aquarius, for the first time since 1405. Although 2020 has been testing in the extreme, we're not returning to the Dark Ages. This cosmic gift offers hope for a brighter future.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

People sometimes accuse you of having an overly serious attitude to life. You're conscientious, and have an innate sense of responsibility. Yet people who know you best recognise your adventurous side as well as understanding the lengths you'll go to to honour a sense of fairness. It's your deeply held desire to be just (even when you're having fun) that misleads some folk. The Great Conjunction highlights your honest integrity. Appreciation and recognition lie in store this month.
Your in-depth forecast for December is ready. Call 1300 017 319.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

There's no need for a real ball and chain when you're feeling the weight of a burden on your shoulders. When every step forwards feels like a struggle, it's easy to imagine the existence of such an impediment. Anxiety inhibits our attitude; it restricts us without the need for physical constraints. This month inspires you to question what's preventing you from experiencing the sense of freedom you seek. The Great Conjunction encourages a different way of thinking that will open up your world. Don't miss your inspiring in-depth forecast for December. Call 1300 017 319.

AQUARIUS (Jan21 - Feb 19)

Some people are particularly sensitive to the weather; they feel good when the sun's shining. Others are more affected by the attitude of those around them. Although you're an independent Aquarian, you're influenced by the moods of your nearest and dearest. This month, the Great Conjunction encourages you to protect yourself from passing whims and focus on more pressing concerns. As you deepen the ability to see through the superficial, you'll gain power and stability.
Discover why December has so many opportunities. Call 1300 017 319

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar20)

The greatest mind-readers on the planet aren't able to tell what we're thinking unless we choose to send out clues. Secrets are safe until we decide to share them. Yet, deep within, we all yearn to lighten the inner burdens we carry. If you feel weighed down by information you've been given, this month brings an opportunity to share with someone you can trust. The Great Conjunction sheds new light on a tricky situation and enables you to say what you need to say... and move on.
There is inspiring news in your in-depth December forecast. Call 1300 017 319.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Put the flags out! As your ruling planet, Mars, continues to move forward in your sign, and adds to the magic of the Great Conjunction, December promises to be a month in which you find the support you need and the energy required to deal with almost any problem in your path. Rather than giving you advice about how to do what you want to do, in such a powerful cosmic climate, remember the advantages brought by being diplomatic. Be gentle on those who aren't as courageous as you.
Your in-depth forecast for the whole of December can really help. Call 1300 017 319.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

We tend to admire people who show determination and are unwilling to compromise. Until, that is, we find ourselves having to negotiate with them. Anyone with nerves of steel hesitates to co-operate or see things from a different perspective. This month, as long as it doesn't involve making too much of a sacrifice, your ability to negotiate, and reset boundaries can bring more meaning to a key relationship. Watch out for chances to demonstrate, and profit from, your sensitivity.
December is a powerful month for you. Find out more. Call 1300 017 319.

GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

The world is filled with unspoken agreements and inferred understandings. These tacit contracts work because the people involved trust that they're working towards a mutual objective. They only become problematic when it becomes obvious they're on different tracks and no longer share similar goals. That's when the vocalising begins and the shouting and blaming overrides any agreements. As long as you're aware of unspoken expectations, a healthy compromise can be reached this month. In December, the power of the planets can change your life. Call 1300 017 319.

CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

When sending something fragile through the post, the more robust the packaging needs to be. As a sensitive Cancerian, you understand this better than most. You're an expert at projecting an I-can-deal-with-anything exterior, which protects your soft-hearted centre. In fact you're so good at it, you sometimes fool yourself!
This month's powerful Great Conjunction offers opportunities to form mutually helpful connections. First, though, you just have to allow yourself to be helped.
December brings great potential for change. Call 1300 017 319.

LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

While it's never easy to please everyone, December always puts you under extra pressure. Although this month brings conflicting pulls on your time and energy, the Great Conjunction enables you to prioritise your own needs without negating anyone else. You'll have the clarity to look beyond the most noisy demands and focus your energy on those whose wants are most important. As long as you remember to look after yourself, this will be a refreshingly different festive season.
Four minutes on the phone can make December special. Call 1300 017 319.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

This month's Great Conjunction is a sign that the changes hovering on your horizon are closer to becoming part of your reality. Although you're wrestling with various factors, you're becoming more aware of where you need to focus, and where you can afford to step back and let things unfold. As you take steps towards success, you'll be able to review and rethink your approach and follow an easier path. If you accept good things into your world, the more you'll encourage others to follow.
Inspiring times await you in December. Call your NEW forecast: 1300 017 319.

LIBRA (Sept24 - Oct23)

The lyrics to an old song tell us that 'when you're smiling, the whole world smiles with you'. If only it were true! Yet it often feels as if the world's smiling at us rather than with us, or that we're being shown an envious grin rather than an admiring glance. Even though it would be wise to question a key person's attitude, don't be tempted to stop smiling this month. The Great Conjunction brings the confidence to question hidden motives. When clarity prevails, it brings real reasons to smile.
Be ready for the magic on offer to you in December. Call 1300 017 319.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Even though we know that the time it takes to talk about doing something often takes longer than the time it takes to do the thing we're talking about, and that the idea of the chore is often worse than the reality, we all suffer from procrastination. This month, when you're faced with so many tasks, it would be easy to fall into the trap of self-criticism. Yet, as long as you stay positive, the Great Conjunction enables you to innovatively conjure up surprising solutions to your most pressing problems.
December brings a rare cosmic opportunity for change. Call 1300 017 319.

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The Challenges Of Nouguietoo!

By Helly Kemp

John and I are having a big problem with our new 16-week-old little prince. Both of us are constantly causing the same problem.....

Although it's over six months now since we lost our Chihuahua 'Nougat the Fearless,' whenever we are supposed to call our new sable Chihuahua Silver Streak: SILVI, SILVO, STREAKY or the like, we keep calling out Nougat by mistake. So now we have given up and are calling him NOUGUIETOO, which, of course, reverts back to the short Nouguie.

He weighed just 1100gm when we brought him home at the end of September and he is absolutely gorgeous. He has been microchipped and vaccinated. But there are two more vaccinations to come. So we can't socialise him or take him into the dog park next door to play with his predecessor's fur-friends, nor take him for a walk outside the house till the end of November.

It's really no surprise that we kept accidentally calling him Nougat, as we are still devastated by his loss and he is still always in our minds. Although our new fur-baby is not as beautiful in his dark colours as our little light champion was, we think he is even more intelligent and funnier than Nougat, who was the cleverest dog we had over six decades.

Nouguie has a wonderful temperament and sense of humour, was nearly potty trained on his portable artificial grass tray toilet on arrival, and on first entry into our house, ran immediately into our bedroom up the six-foot-long ramp to the top of our bed without hesitation. This took Nougat The Fearless several days with hesitation.

Gwen Caskelly, the breeder, gave us his plastic, round food dish, which he carries to us when he wants his meal.

And I don't think John and I will ever have to wash our faces again as we are commanded to participate in the hourly ritual of cheek, neck, eye, ear, nose, and mouth cleansing sessions. And if you're not fast enough closing your mouth, you have your teeth cleaned as well. This affects me in particular, as I only breathe through my mouth.

It took him just three days to plan his escape from his bath nursery at 4 am for an early morning attack in our bed. Nougat, admittedly was only six weeks old when he arrived, but he lived two months in the bath.

Our new hero loves rolling speedily around the carpet like a gymnast, leaps up in the air like an Olympic high jumper and has already destroyed my best-loved sandals, the only ones I feel safe in after my shoulder replacement earlier this year. (Started chewing them before we woke up that fourth morning after he conquered the tall Mount Everest bath wall). Nowadays he regularly struts the whole top of the circular bath wall around and around, like a soldier guarding the castle turret. From that height, he can see us easily in bed.

The bath nursery as you can see has some of our own huge toys including the white snow tiger I bought John some thirty years ago. I was actually not sure whether to place it into the bath, as I thought it might frighten our tiny newcomer.

Guess what! The afternoon we brought the little one home and put him in the bath, Big Snowy was the first toy he attacked, climbing all the way up to his head, licking his shiny nose. And that's how he started, parading on the top of the bath wall, then jumping onto the carpet, up the ramp and terrorising us in the early hours of the morning. But for four days we wondered how he got out of the bath, as even standing up, he could not see over the bath wall. I wonder who the brightest spark in this family is!!

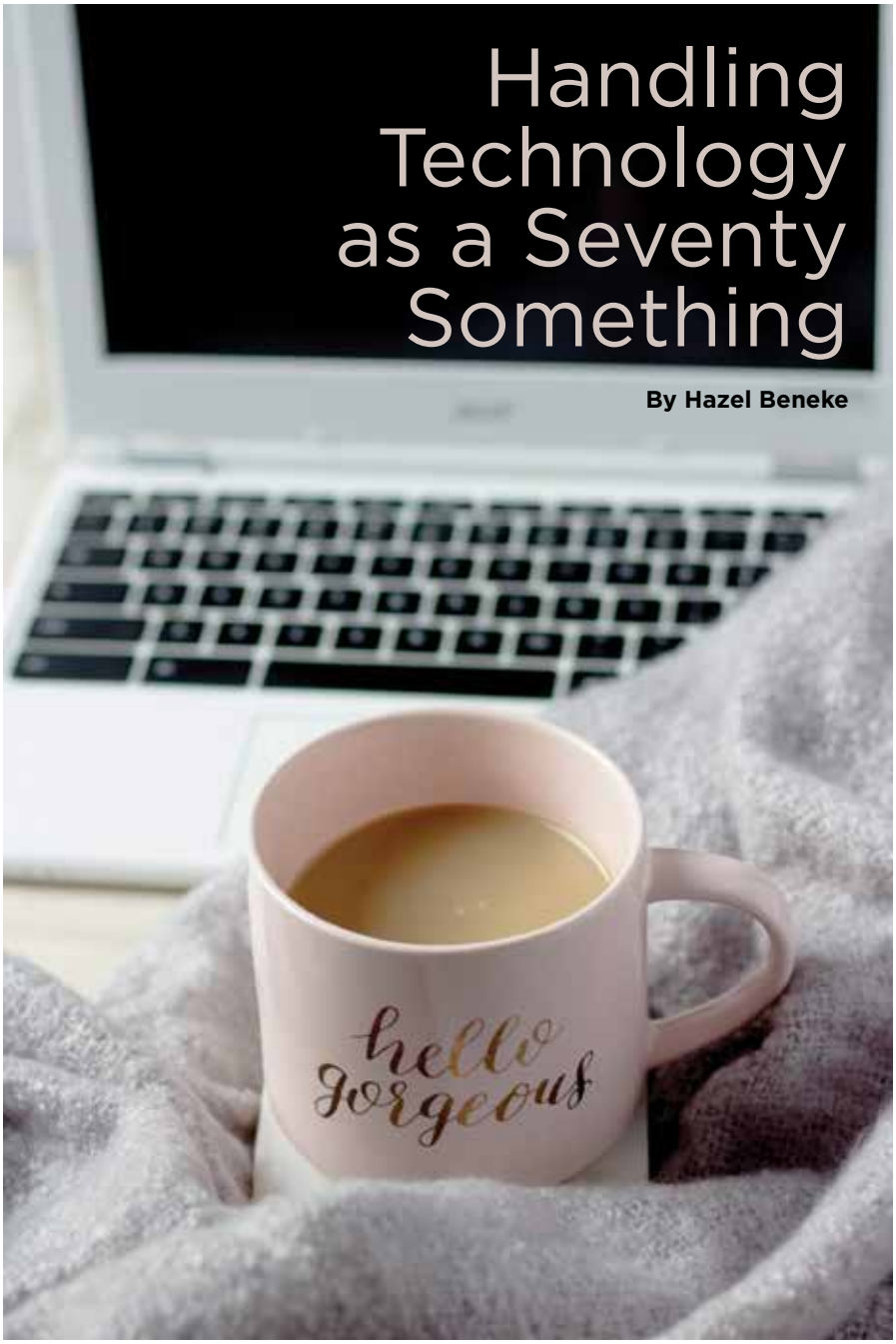
Then, of course, there was the toilet paper, just like the TV advert, trailing into our bedroom from the other end of the house, the ice cubes from his water dish that skating all over the kitchen tiles, hallway and dining area, the paperwork extracted from my office bin, myriad fragments covering the floor, my huge Cassells Italian dictionary's cover chewed off, but speedily replaced by John with leather.

And in my office he finds innumerable boxes with soft packaging materials or bags he crawls into and is very hard to find unless he pokes his head out and watches me on the computer. One day we so panicked, as neither of us could find him anywhere and although we knew no doors were left open, our hearts were still racing to search for him and that's when I lifted out a Woolworths Canvas bag in my Post Office crate, in which he was fast asleep.

Well, at the moment we are getting less sleep than you-know-who, but it's going to be a wonderfully exciting life with our new fur-baby, so full of love for life and for us.

Handling Technology as a Seventy Something

By Hazel Beneke



THE JOY OF RETIREMENT IS THAT ONE CAN DO THINGS FOR ONESELF RATHER THAN FOR A BOSS OR THE BANK BALANCE. MANY OF US DON'T WANT TO LEARN HOW TO USE A GOVERNMENT WEBSITE. WE WOULD RATHER DO SOMETHING WHICH WE ENJOY.

One of the biggest problems with learning any form of technological activity is memory. Young people learn quickly and practice every day at work. When one is retired, one has a wide variety of activities and may visit each one only once a week, especially if it is something one doesn't really like doing.

Amongst other activities, I learned two things after retirement which I no longer use. I studied Japanese for three years and learned quite a lot, but with no practice, I have forgotten most of it. I also learned how to use Photoshop, but I only use it in sessions roughly once every six months. I have forgotten so many things that those sessions involve a lot of re-learning, - another reason to procrastinate. And these were both activities which I wanted to do, purely out of interest. So it is a lot harder to remember things which I don't really want to do. Just like motivating recalcitrant teenagers, our generation needs to have a valid reason to try something new, or we will forget things as soon as we learn them.

The second problem is the lack of time. Ask any retiree, and they will tell you that they don't know how they found time to go to work! Besides pursuing one's interests, one must keep up a social life and maintain friendships (very important in old age - you might even have to cultivate new ones), visit doctors, pay bills and keep accounts, maintain a household, and perhaps care for a partner. As one gets older all these things take longer because however fit one is, the body and brain doesn't work quickly any more. As a middle-aged person visiting my mother in her eighties, I could not understand how she managed to fill a whole day doing so little. That was before I too became old and realised just how much longer everything takes.

Learning something new produces a noticeable brain overload - when we learn a new dance at U3A, everyone agrees that one new dance is quite enough. Beginners who arrive at a class where some people are re-enrolling for a second year, find it very hard when the teacher covers three dances - all of them new to that beginner. One hour is longer than we would expect children to concentrate on learning. And it is easy to miss a day or two of practice without even noticing because time flies as fast as one gets older.

Another factor which depletes the time available is the necessity to keep up physical activity so that one can get a good night's sleep. Sitting at a computer is something which only causes RSI and takes up time. Too many correspondents can mean wasting a whole morning at the desk - certainly not physical activity. After writing this I need to get out into the garden!

So please stop bullying the older generation - we don't all want to become tech-savvy, there are more important things to learn before we go.

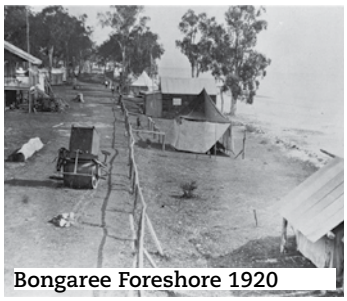
BRIBIE THEN & NOW

By Barry Clark
Bribie Island Historical Society

I take people on heritage walks around the streets of Bongaree and they are always surprised when they see and hear what Bribie was like years ago. I talk about buildings and sites that have significantly changed over time. The historical society is considering putting informative signs on some significant heritage sites. This article compares photos of many buildings and sites with which you will be familiar. No need for many words of explanation, just interesting photos of some Bribie scenes from 100 years ago.

BONGAREE FORESHORE

Here are two views of Bongaree foreshore, looking south from the Jetty in 1920 and 2020



Bongaree Foreshore 1920

Bongaree Foreshore 2020

A big leaning Fig Tree on the foreshore opposite the Bribie Island Bowls Club has been there for at least 200 years, and may have been growing there when Matthew Flinders first landed here in 1799..

Leaning Fig 1920

Leaning Fig 2020

For many years, before the sea wall was constructed, it was on the sandy beach, with its roots washed by rising tides, which is why it tipped over.

DANCE HALL & SCHOOL

An old building brought to Bribie in 1922 was placed on the Hill where the Water Tower in the Caravan Park stands today. It served as the Community Hall for all sorts of functions as a Dance Hall on Saturday nights and a School on weekdays. The building was later moved down the hill to become the first Clubhouse for the Bribie Island Bowls Club.

Dancing Hall Bongaree 1920

Water Tower Site

STATE SCHOOL

The Bribie Island State School built in 1924, was

State School 1928

State School 2020

a one room, one teacher school for the first few years. There were just 12 children, aged between 6 and 10 years, at the school initially, with just one teacher covering all subjects for all ages. Years later, he went on to become the Minister for Education. The State School now has over 800 students with many classrooms and special buildings on the large site. The original one room building is still recognisable as part of the front Administration office

PETROL STATION

The Café and Restaurant near the Jetty at Bongaree are on the site of the first buildings constructed when visitors first came to Bribie in 1912. Scoopys is on a site that was a Petrol Station back in the 1970's. You can still see distinctive service bay archways around the building, which had Petrol Bowsers outside.

Petrol Station 1970's

Scoopy's 2020

Other Petrol & Service stations have operated around Bongaree that are no longer there. One where the "Deli" café now stands, when it was Thornleys Bus Depot in 1950's

SHOPS & HOUSES

When the Bribie Bridge opened in 1963 cars and visitors to Bribie increased significantly, and several new businesses started. Where the IGA Store stands today on Welsby Parade was the site of a Fish Cannery back in the early 1900's, and several other businesses have operating on that site over the years.

Laceys store 1965

Pharmacy ex Laceys Store 2020

Near the corner of Kangaroo Avenue, where the Pharmacy stands today, was the site of "Lacey's Store" from 1965, a Grocery shop with Petrol Bowser outside on the road.

At the entrance to IGA, where Liquorland is today, stood a house owned by a famous, indeed infamous, "Vaudeville" performer from the 1930's.

Duck Inn 1950's

Liquorland 2020 Ex Duck Inn

Touring Australia, and never far from Theatrical scandal, Elsie Bates eventually retired to Bribie, and sold the house to the Vines family in 1947. They ran it as a Grocery Store for many years with "Maisonettes" for rent above, and it was always known as the "Duck Inn", because the door was so low, and below the road level, that one had to stoop to get in.

CIMEMA and CHURCH

Another business that started up just before the Bridge opened was in Cotterill Avenue, which is now the site of the Baptist Church. Two families came to Bribie from Rhodesia in 1962, and Henry and Don built Hendon Recreation Hall for Roller Skating, Indoor Bowls, Badminton and Dancing. This was new and popular entertainment for Bribie, but sadly Henry drowned in the sea at Woorim

Hendon Hall then Cinema 1965

Baptist Church 2020 Ex Cinema

just a year later and the business was forced into liquidation.
Films has been shown at St. Peters Church hall for many years, and the big new hall became the Cinema for the next 10 years, and then "Busy Fingers" Store for over 20 years, before it became the Baptist Church in 1999.

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

Meetings of the Historical Society are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6;30pm the RSL Club. Visitors and new members are always welcome, but due to restrictions attendance notification and approval is required.
You can see many more articles on our Blog Site **http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com**

RUFOUS WHISTLER –
Pachycephala rufiventris - BY Marj Webber

Rufous Whistlers are quite common on Bribie Island and local areas and are found in wooded areas and wallum heathlands. There are several species of whistlers in Australia but only two, the Rufous and the Golden Whistlers are found here.

Rufous Whistlers, the most common of the whistlers in Australia are small birds 16-17 cm in length and weighing only 18-32 g. Males and females are different in appearance. Males have large heads, rufous breasts with white throats underlined by a black band and are a brownish colour above. This plumage is not acquired by males until about 3 years old. Males are not likely to be confused with any other birds because of their unique plumage. Females and immature birds are brownish above, but their underparts are a light buff with black streaks. Tails of both sexes are almost as long as their bodies. Their most striking feature is the variety of melodious, complex calls which ring through the bush regularly, particularly during spring and early summer. Loud noises are often the trigger for the whistlers to commence calling. They are indeed one of Australia's most outstanding songbirds.

Throughout Australia in woodlands, arid inland areas where there are trees, and in parks and gardens close to nature reserves are places where they are most likely to be seen. They are mainly sedentary but there is some movement in the south of Australia to the north in autumn and back south during summer. Wet areas such as rainforests are usually avoided. They are also found in New Caledonia.

They eat mainly insects, some seeds and a little fruit and vegetation. They forage systematically alone or in pairs in the canopies of high trees or shrubs. Occasionally they hover in search of food. They do not feed on the ground and are rarely if ever seen there.

Before breeding commences usually from Sept- Feb the young from the previous brood are driven away to fend for themselves. Rufous Whistlers are monogamous and the males each year begin their courting rituals with what is called the "Bob and Bow". These rituals are performed for the females when the males bob and bow while continually whistling. Females select the nest sites which are usually in the forks of trees with clumps of leaves hiding the nests if possible. Flimsy, untidy nests are built by the females alone. These nests are between 1-8 m from the ground but are usually on the lower end of the scale and are constructed with twigs and forest materials and bound together with cobwebs. They are so thin that in most cases the eggs can be seen through the bottom of the nest. Males step in to help with the incubation of 2-4 freckled olive eggs. After 14-15 days the eggs hatch and the males help with the rearing of the young. Two broods may be produced each year.

In 1801 Rufous Fantails came to the attention of John Latham and were studied from samples sent from Australia to his premises in England.

Because the nests are built reasonably close to the ground the eggs and babies are often prey to reptiles, other birds and feral and domestic cats. Land clearing and development takes away much of their habitat and bushfires are a danger during the summer months. Even so, their conservation status is still considered secure.

When bushfires are raging throughout the country it is worrying to think about the small birds trapped in their nests and adult birds and animals not able to escape the blaze in time.

At Bribie Pines Island Village, a Mother Plover was noted to be standing at a grate in the road here and calling. Local resident Julie had a look and saw a baby plover down there. Sadly this was the last remaining plover from the 3 born this season. We contacted the local wildlife people. Unfortunately, they couldn't remove the grate. Seems the job of rescuing the bird fell to wildlife lovers & residents Julie and Jacky. Julie contacted the wonderful RSPCA who came equipped with the tools to get this grate out. The mission took a good half an hour. By then bub had taken refuge inside the pipe within the drain but a clever app on Amy's phone with a plover call helped junior emerge into the safe hands of Amy's Volunteer. Although this was on private land, Brooke Savige was of enormous help in the evening (mid-State of Origin) and again first thing in the morning. Above and beyond as always. Mother and Baby are both doing well.

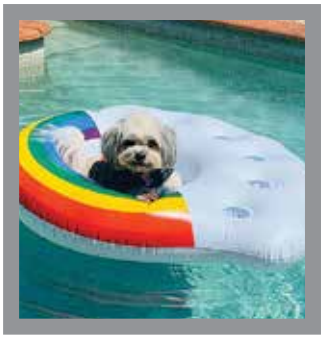
Migratory shorebirds undertake the longest known migration of any species, flying the length of the East Asian Australasian Flyway from Australian shores to the Arctic Circle to breed each year. Destruction and degradation of their wetland and intertidal habitats means migratory shorebird species experienced population declines between 60% and 80% in the last 30 years.

WE ARE CELEBRATING THE RETURN OF THESE AMAZING BIRDS TO BRIBIE'S INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED WETLANDS, MUDFLATS AND BEACHES. BE INSPIRED. MAKE A CUPPA AND WATCH THIS 10 MINUTE VIDEO.

https://vimeo.com/394819136?fbclid=IwAR2RgumFoW37Htc9bRg3W9DWiIceT1Mi3iU3Pik5obr5U1DSsmmjvBrHdVw

You will be truly inspired to protect their habitat on Bribie Island.
The UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) was signed by Australia in 1991 to protect these birds.
The UN Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance was signed by Australia in 1993 to protect their Moreton Bay habitat
All signatories to these Conventions must revisit their commitments
And be accountable for this 60% - 80% population decline in 30 years!!!

PET PAGES - share your pets pics



Milly

SHARE YOUR FUNNY PET PICS WITH THE BRIBIE ISLANDER... SEND TO:
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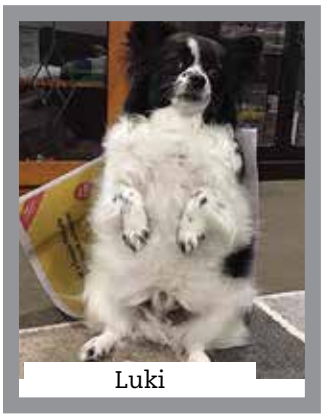

Luki

Jimmy Jimmy Jones

Ted enjoying the park

Pet Care

HEAT STRESS

Animals are more susceptible to heat stress than we are, under their coat of fur or feathers. Smaller animals have a faster heart rate which generates more heat. Their body temperatures run at a full degree higher than ours normally. Dogs and cats do not sweat, they cool by panting, which is a fairly ineffective system in our humidity. Pets are highly prone to heat stress. Avoid it by exercising your pet during cooler hours, and offer plenty of fresh water to drink.

Should your pet become heat stressed, apply cold packs or wet towels to the hairless areas in the groin and armpit region. Spare a thought for your pets this summer, it is going to be a hot one!

Look for the pink surfing Meerkat logo at our Clinic, Ningi Plaza.

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QUIZ 5

GATHERED TOGETHER BY SHERLOCK

This week's Quiz is based on Latin Phrases. Be the first walking about the Island dropping them into your conversations (eg in Woolies ask "Quanta est" – how much is that? If anyone has ideas or feedback please let the paper know. I hope you all enjoy the Quizzes – but remember – always quiz responsibly; AND please – only use Google as a last resort.

QUIZ SEVEN

Q1. What does Quid pro Quo mean?

Q2. What does Caveat Emptor mean?

Q3. What does Habeas Corpus mean?

Q4. What does Bona Fide mean?

Q5. What does Vis a Vis mean?

Q6. What does Carpe Diem mean?

Q7. What does Omnia Paratus mean?

Q8. What does Omnia Vincit amor mean?

Q9. What does Acta Non Verba mean?

Q10. What does Carpe Vinum mean?

Answers to Quiz: 1. Something for something – ie an advantage for an advantage. 2. Let the buyer beware. 3. Produce the body. 4. In good faith. 5 In relation to. 6. Seize the Day. 7. Ready for all things. 8. Love conquers all things. 9. Action not words. 10. Seize the wine.

Little Hulk

TJ Rogers... ha ha ha

Thea

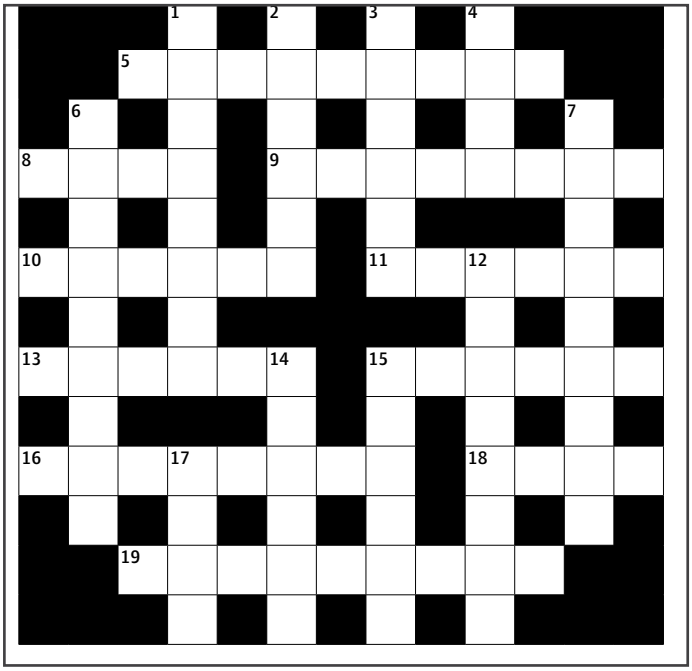
Happy Birthday Kona

Taco

Its a Goldie Fest!!!

Miss Bella with Mum and Dad

Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



Across

5 Verbal wrangling (4-5)

8 Sieve (4)

9 Easy target (4,4)

10 Edible stem of broccoli or cauliflower (6)

11 Pattern of coloured diamonds on a solid background (6)

13 Quickly (6)

15 Long cigar with blunt ends (6)

16 Fresh-faced (8)

18 Turkish monetary unit (4)

19 Fanatic (9)

Down

1 Fellow members of a male order (8)

2 I don't think so! (2,4)

3 Brazilian slum (6)

4 Eager (4)

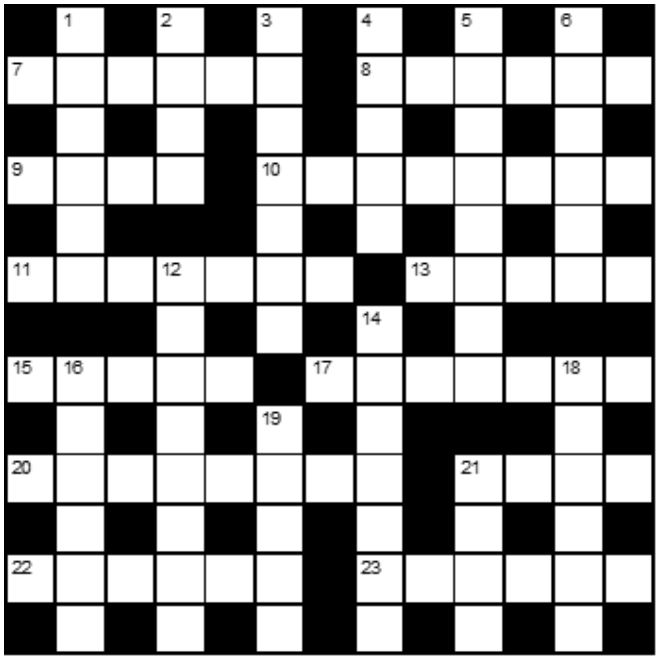
6 Bright shade of red (6-3)

7 Heroism (9)

12 Stupid — germ loss (anag) (8)

14 Matthew Arnold's 'city of dreaming spires' (6)

15 Regular newspaper feature (6)



Across

7 Full of air, often, for a short time (6)

8 Beginning with Genesis (6)

9 Remain with support (4)

10 Brass, yet, somehow holds value (8)

11 Went with the tide after daughter split with Journalist (7)

13 Mellowing with a gin going down nicely, inside (5)

15 Ensigns that do well at the poles (5)

17 Clients form a pattern (7)

20 Fitting ensemble with Abel upset (8)

21 Deep swimmer (4)

22 Shapely Pole ahead for want of Vitamin C (6)

23 Cowards mislaid article disturbed in the melees (6)

Down

1 Spread for a billygoat ? (6)

2 Expertly and capably involved (4)

3 Aircraft manufacturers try out chaise longue? (4,3)

4 She's part of Norman's family (5)

5 Get Ron in to apply topdressing (8)

6 Persian heir - or heiress? (6)

12 Mosquitoes? Aircraft with a bite? (8)

14 Prison term to be extended (7)

16 A vessel put to sea (6)

18 Batting team not out (6)

19 Follows direction boys take, arguably. (5)

21 Wellington, maybe, got the sack (4)

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SOLUTION

EASY crossword Issue 127

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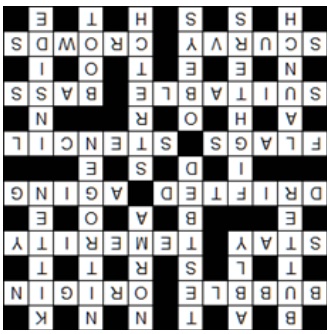
CYRUS crossword Issue 127



Kids Page

Snowflake Biscuits

INGREDIENTS:

- 125g Unsalted butter, softened
- 110g caster sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 225g plain flour, sifted
- White icing pen (available from supermarkets)

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 160°C and line two large baking trays with baking paper
2. Place the butter and sugar into the bowl of an electric mixer and mix on medium speed for 5 minutes or until pale and creamy. Add the egg and vanilla and beat until well combined. Add the flour and mix on low speed until mixture just comes together and forms a dough. Cover dough in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 15 minutes
3. Roll the dough between two sheets of baking paper until 3mm thick. Place onto a tray and refrigerate for a further 15 minutes
4. Remove from the fridge and using a snowflake shape cookie cutter, cut cookies from dough. Carefully transfer to prepared tray and place into the oven for 10 minutes or until just turning golden. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely on trays. Decorate snowflakes using white icing pen. Allow icing to set before serving

Find A Word

Jokes...

How do you fix a cracked pumpkin?
A: With a pumpkin patch.

What kind of award did the dentist receive?
A little plaque.

Why are ghosts bad liars?
Because you can see right through them.

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use a honeycomb.

What did the big flower say to the little flower?
Hi, bud!

Why didn't the orange win the race?
It ran out of juice.

What did one toilet say to the other?
You look flushed.

BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

Self-Select Pairs Results Wednesday 28 October 2020
1st out of the hat: J Howarth, S Swain
2nd out of the hat: K Fuller, N Holzberger
3rd out of the hat: Y Ackeroyd, J Noonan
Bunny: P Adams, C Wilkie

Club Select Triples Results Thursday 29 October 2020
1st out of the hat: R Follett, J Hillier, M Roberts
2nd out of the hat: J Matthews, R Brinton, J Stanley
3rd out of the hat: M Gaggiano, D Young, R Davenport
Bunny: D Groves, J Clear, L Weickhorst

Self-Select Pairs Results Friday 30 October 2020
1st out of the hat: T Wald, R Fowler
2nd out of the hat: K Fuller, G Akeroyd
3rd out of the hat: K Sharp,, D Wilks
Bunny: P Adams, W Simmonds

Random Select Fours Results Saturday 31 October 2020
1st out of the hat: T Hudson, I Smith, R Hunter, L Gilmour
2nd out of the hat:R Fowler, N Holzberger, G Jackson, L Murphy
3rd out of the hat: T Bennett, S Mitchell, R Ferguson, G McEniery
Bunny: J Kent, J Noonan, D Groves, S Fowler

Scroungers Results Wednesday 04 November 2020
1st out of the hat: M Roberts
2nd out of the hat: E Bonney
3rd out of the hat: R Gilmour
Bunny: R Eaton

Self-Select Pairs Results Wednesday 4 November 2020
1st out of the hat: J Hattie, G Denkel
2nd out of the hat: L Gilmour, L Godfrey
3rd out of the hat: S Mitchell, A Legosz
Bunny: C Thornton, K Thornton

Club Select Triples Results Thursday 5 November 2020
1st out of the hat: C Christiansen, J Stanley, K Mewburn
2nd out of the hat: G Frew, C Young, A Riley
3rd out of the hat: R Follett, D Neumann, P Ryan
Bunny: A Cooke, J Clear, M Young, M Roberts

Self-Select Pairs Results Friday 6 November 2020
1st out of the hat: B Castle, D Bowers
2nd out of the hat: K Galloway, T Barnes
3rd out of the hat: E James, G Teakel
Bunny: S Martin, R Avern

Random Select Fours Results Saturday 7 November 2020
1st out of the hat: K Muller, M Mills, J McCutheon, J Dulac
2nd out of the hat: L Deakins, D McMahon, L Gilmour, P Ryan
3rd out of the hat: B Castle, I Smith, R Gilmour, P McCarthy
Bunny: K Thornton, I Gillard, L De-Roule, S Hankins

Self-Select Triples Results Tuesday 10 November 2020
1st out of the hat: G Riley, G Corry, F Corry
2nd out of the hat: T Dean, C Dean, D Merrett
3rd out of the hat: M Garfield, E Bateman, Z Elmore
Bunny: T Hudson, I Gillard, L Cossar

Scroungers Results Wednesday 11 November 2020
1st out of the hat: A Russel
2nd out of the hat: D Heath
3rd out of the hat: G Jackson

Self-Select Pairs Results Wednesday 11 November 2020
1st out of the hat: J Hattie, G Denkel
2nd out of the hat: G Teakel, I Cooper
3rd out of the hat: S Mitchell, A Legosz
Bunny: D McDougall, W McDougall

Club Select Triples Results Thursday 12 November 2020
1st out of the hat: R Wilkins, J Hillier, K Mewburn
2nd out of the hat: R Kling, C Sambaher, R Olsen
Bunny: J Murray, L Broomhead, W Follett

BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S RESULTS

Sat Oct 31st Scroungers: - Winner Andrew Evans, 2nd Gideon Croukamp, 3rd John Olson
Sun Nov 1st Brekky Bowls Winners
Beryl Moor, Noel Wormald, Janine Parker Runners up Rose Smith, Pat Clancy, Lorraine Clark
Wed Nov 4th mixed 4s: (Raffle donated by IGA) Winners Claire O Donohue, Jo Horsley, Di Drew, David Vaughan Runners up Barry France, Steve Horn, Gordon Pitts. Ian Virgen
Thurs Nov 5th Mens pairs Winners- Imelda Valentine, Brien Skerten
Sat Nov 7th Scroungers Winner - Darryl Rowlingson, 2nd Jacque Murdoch, 3rd Gideon Croukamp
Wed Nov 11th mixed 4s (Raffle donated By IGA) Winners Peter Vlajic, John Ferguson, Allan Kenning, Ken Wales

Runners up Beryl Moor, Di Davidson
Thurs Nov 12th Mens Triples final Winners
Glenn Merrin, Jimmy Parker, Bruce Rawson
Runners up Gary Ryan, Tim Carlton, Mick Falvey
Bongaree bowls men's triples final
Runner Ups: M. Falvey, G. Ryan (Skip), and T. Carlton - Winners: B. Rawson, J. Parker, G. Merrin (Skip)

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Bowls results – Week ending 7/11/20
Tuesday 3rd – No Play.
Wednesday 4th - Winners: J Kent, B Kent, S Ross.
Runners up: R Horsfall, M Adams, G McCarthy.
Jackpot $175 – Won.
Thursday 5th – Winners: M Hopper, A Ager, S Ager.
Runners up: V Folley, T Fairman, B Harris.
Friday 6th – Winners: E Holiday, J Farmer, K Tucker.
Runners up: P Dixon, R Bentley, R Stumbles.
Saturday 7th– Winners: T Fairman, S Jameson.
Runners up: J Young, S Orr, A Matheson.

Bowls Results – Week Ending 14/11/20
Tuesday 10th – Winners: B Payne, T McCormack, T Williams, R McLeod
Runners up: G Wilson, J Dann.
Wednesday 11th - Winners: P Payne, M Lammas, G Hubbard.
Runners up: P Hourigan, P Ollier, P Hodgson.
Jackpot $109 – Not Won.
Thursday 12th – Winners: K Wright, C Cummins, M Power.
Runners up: V Folley, T Fairman, B Harris.
Friday 13th – Winners: P Hodgson, T Bell, R Zahl.
Runners up: J Caplick, G Caplick, P Hourigan.
Saturday 14th – Winners: R/S Jeffrey, T Dempsey, A Matheson.
Runners up: M Whiteside, P Nielson.

THANK YOU BRIBIE CROQUET PLAYERS

There is a famous saying about trying to get an important job done which I am sure many of you will have heard.

Everybody was sure that somebody would do it,

Anybody could have done it but nobody did

Somebody got angry as it was everybody's job,

Everybody thought anybody could do it.

Nobody realised that everybody wouldn't do it.

Everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could have done.

Well that did not apply to the Croquet Club, Everybody did everything they could to keep to Covid rules and still be able to play croquet. Somebody organized a rota so that the numbers playing could be kept to a minimum. Anybody could play as long as they kept to social distancing. Nobody disobeyed the directives. Everybody was so good that the club held a fun day to thank Everybody for all their help!

It was great fun with lots of prizes and lunch organized by some of the committee .Lucky dips and door prizes. Jan Rees the Vice President did an excellent job organizing the day . There were funny games some based on Golf Croquet , some based on Ricochet , some based on Gate ball. Every one had to think about what they were doing as new rules applied.

It was also an opportunity not just to thank everyone but to present awards from the Club Championships.

Dick Byres the President awarded various trophies and received one himself for the Open Singles. Lyn Beh and Ian McCasker won the doubles and many other awards were presented.

BUT there was one special thank you awarded to Lyn Beh and Jan McNee as they had worked so hard to enable the club to continue. Organizing rotas, making sure there was enough sanitizers, buying plenty of anti- bacterial wipes for wiping down the equipment.

It's a thriving club with lots of fun. Why not come along on Monday afternoons in November, 1 for 1.30 for free coaching give Jan a ring 0437008042. Enjoy.

Kathy Vincent

MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB:

Sat 31 Oct - N/S 1 A Jones & D Rubin 2 L Carr & J Kennedy 3 R Webb & L McLaren
E/W 1 F Barkwith & D Quinan 2 C & S Wagg 3 P Edis & C McAlister
Wed 4 Nov - N/S 1 H Tyler & J Medhurst 2 A Jones & J Kennedy 3 R Webb & L McLaren E/W 1 F Barkwith & D Quinan 2 C & S Wagg 3 B Fuller & L Ward
Sat 7 Nov - N/S 1 L Carr & J Kennedy 2 J Breene & S Pascoe 3 P Edis & C McAlister
E/W F Barkwith & D Quinan 2 D Brady & S Burton 3 B Fuller & L Ward
Wed 11 Nov - N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 L Carr & S Allen 3 J Breene & S Pascoe
E/W C & S Wagg 2 P Edis & C McAlister 3 N Plumb & S Maller
BICBC Mon 2 Nov - N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 R King & D Dowling 3 M Arthur & J Fitzgerald
E/W 1 L Groves & R Deacon =2 P Edis & C McAlister =2 C Garrett & E Seeney
Mon 9Nov - N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 N Everson & B King 3 P Edis & C McAlister
E/W 1 H Hyde & C Browne 2 C Garrett & E Seeney 3 J Brazier & C Nolan

BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

Friday 30th Winners Richard Fell, Leigh Weston.
R/Up: Ken Wales, Roy Merritt and Wayne Stuart
Tuesday 3rd Winners: Greg Hemphill, Errol Fender and Sandie Allan
R/Up Judy Hansen, Di Davidson, Doreen Pennery.
Lucky Losers: Col Hodges, Sandi Hodges, Roy Merritt.
Friday 6th Winners; Marilyn Weston, Wayne Stuart.
R/Up: Ellen Fell. Steve Mogan, Jacque Murdoch Bob Vonarx
Tuesday 10th Winners: Neil Wagstaff, Errol Fender
R/Up; David Vaughan, Arne Jensen
Bonus Draw, Bob Lowe, Richard Fell,
Ladies Open consistency Winner: Imelda Valentine
R/Up Marilyn Weston

Finalists in the Ladies Open Consistency Championship 2020 Imelda Valentine and Marilyn Weston.

BRIBIE TRIATHLON SERIES

BRIBIE TRIATHLON SERIES 2020/21: RACE 2 SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2020 TO SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2020 BRIBIE ISLAND, QLD

The Bribie Triathlon Series is a four race series over the summer, with the first event over the weekend from Saturday, 28 November to Sunday, 29 November 2020. Saturday has Active Kids & First Timer triathlons and open water swims; Sunday has short course and long course triathlons.

The Bribie Triathlon Series has been running since 1982 and is a firm favourite amongst triathletes with its tide assisted swim, flat and fast cycle and shaded and scenic run.

Every season has brought something new and different to the series, including big name professionals, international triathletes, up and coming athletes and regular weekend warriors. Bribie is also a favourite for "first-timers" with many clubs using Bribie as the climax of their beginner programmes.

Registrations for Bribie Island Swim Club are well underway, but it's not too late to sign up and enjoy the many benefits from participating in a local club.

We live in one of the most stunning parts of the world. No matter where you are in the Pumicestone Region, you're never far from a beautiful body of water, from a creek to the ocean. And now that football, soccer and rugby seasons have come to an end there's never been a better time to hone your child's swimming skills and encourage their enthusiasm for an activity that oozes with benefits.

A sense of community, good sportsmanship, the eagerness to inspire every child to always strive for their personal best and to ensure that everyone has fun are high priorities for the club. Julie Williams, Club President said: "At Bribie Swim Club we are passionate about making swimming fun and accessible to all children, which is of primary importance, particularly when living around the Pumicestone area. Furthering the confidence of children in the water by creating strong healthy swimmers really does set children up for a healthy and active future."

Established in 1998, with only a small group of swimmers, the club has continued to grow every year and is delighted that they can now count so many families as members. Julie continues: "We offer races for children of all ages and abilities whether they are just swimming twelve metre races for fun, progressing into more competitive swimming or anything in between." The club recently congratulated some of their swimmers who successfully competed in The Queensland Open Water Championship, the All Schools Triathlon and the Bribie Triathlon, Race 1 (which was completed by some of their youngest swimmers).

The club swims at the Bribie Island Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 48 Goodwin Drive, Bribie Island every Tuesday evening from 5.30pm during the Summer. Why not go along, enjoy a sausage sizzle while your kids swim and connect with other families that you might never otherwise have the chance to meet.

Please email: swimclubregistrations@outlook.com for more information or follow us on FaceBook: facebook.com/bribieswimclub.

Golden Circle & SURF LIFE SAVING

Summer is set to look a little different this year, so Golden Circle® and Surf Life Saving Australia have released a surf safety checklist to help Bribie Island residents share sunshine safely and still enjoy the water.

"55 per cent of drownings on the coast last year occurred more than 5km away from a lifesaving service. This summer, we are asking Aussies to STOP before rushing in and check for rip currents, LOOK for other dangers and a patrolled location, and PLAN to stay safe and know your limitations and swim between the red and yellow flags," said Shane Daw, General Manager Coastal Safety, Surf Life Saving Australia.

"Additionally, we're asking beachgoers to practice social distancing and to stay at home if you feel unwell. By ticking items off our Share Sunshine Safely checklist and working together we can keep our beaches open and enjoy them safely this year," said Shane Daw, General Manager Coastal Safety, Surf Life Saving Australia."

Golden Circle® is also encouraging Bribie Island residents to jump on board the Sunny Saviours movement and celebrate the person in their lives who gets them outside, loves to play and brings the light and laughter to their day.

"Seven Surf Life Saving Sunny Saviours were recently recognised for their dedication and commitment to not only saving lives but brightening the lives of people around them simply by sharing a little sunshine. Now we want to celebrate our local Bribie Island Sunny Saviours," Sachin Rajpal, Head of Marketing-Beverages at Kraft Heinz ANZ.

"After a tougher than normal year, it's important we take the time to honour people who brought joy and sunshine to our year. I'm calling on Bribie Island residents to shout out who their local sunny saviour is and how they brighten the lives of people around them by using #mysunnysaviour.

"What better way to finish off the year than by celebrating those moments of fun, happiness and positivity amongst Aussie family and friends, no matter how big or small."

Sunny Saviours is the first initiative for the newly formed partnership between Golden Circle® and Surf Life Saving Australia. As part of their commitment to the community and Surf Life Saving Australia, a $50,000 donation will be provided on behalf of Golden Circle® from Kraft Heinz Australia. The donation will support Surf Life Saving Australia to continue providing vital lifesaving services to the community during the upcoming summer season.

Bribie Island residents can check out the Share Sunshine Safety checklist on the Golden Circle® Facebook page.

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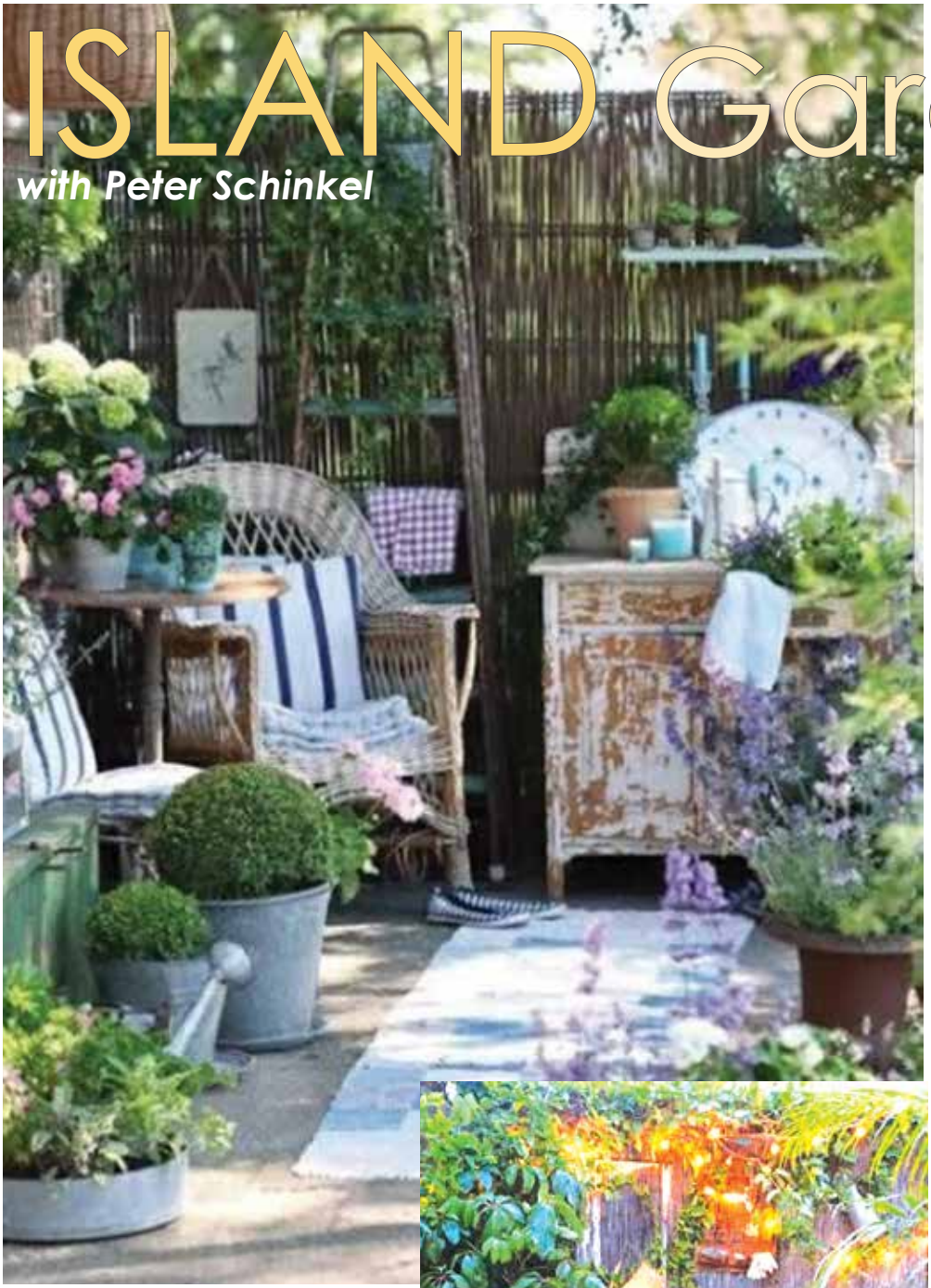

Hello and welcome back to "island gardens" where today we're looking at ways to keep our favourite outdoor spaces cool during the summer.

Sometimes all we want to do is go back inside to the aircon and quite happily leave the enjoyment of the outdoors for those beautiful early mornings and nights.

But have you ever walked through the blazing sun, into a friend's home and then out into the back garden and felt like you've entered some kind of cool oasis retreat? If you don't already have this at home, here are some tips to help create such a space.

Whether you own or rent, these tips are solutions to turn your chosen space at home from a summer hotspot into a relaxing retreat.

If you don't already have a veranda, a shade sail is a great start. They can look quite stylish, with many colours to choose from. The darker colours are often popular for looking smart and still appearing clean with time. Another advantage is that they can be erected as completely transportable and taken away with you if you move house one day.

With the roof of your new shady retreat in place, what can we do about 'walls'? The early morning sun and especially the late afternoon sun can be quite hot, so screening is needed. Many solutions are available. Bamboo and other types of screens still let a breeze through, and can be tied to stakes or simply placed between planter boxes and pots - sun-loving plants on the outside and shade-loving plants on the inside - in effect creating multiple screening to further filter out much of the light and heat. Perhaps add a birdbath on the outside or a water feature on the inside to add a little more liveliness to the whole project.

To protect our plants in pots outdoors, it is advantageous to place the pots in bases. That way, watering can be done less often while the plant soaks up the excess from the bottom on the days you're not watering. Plastic bases are quite discrete and inexpensive and if you want to avoid attracting mosquitoes - 3/4 fill the bases with sand. There'll still be room for over 2/3 the volume of water that would normally fit in the base, and when the sand is dry for a day or so, you know it's time to water again.

Another wonderful thing about a shady space is that it's a great opportunity to create a rainforest feel. Living under the canopy of rainforest trees, these plants naturally love shade or filtered light, so do a little research or go to a local nursery or market and see which plants are doing well in the shade already. There are plants of all shapes and sizes to create the space you want.

Then with some outdoor seating, a small table for your drink, and a fan (away from any wet areas) - you'll have yourself a beautiful outdoor space to enjoy.

See you again in issue 129 on 18th December. Thanks for reading and as always
- happy gardening :-)

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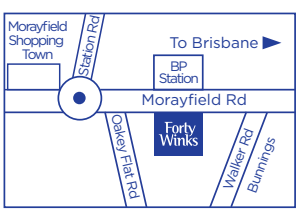

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FARMERS FROM Drought-Stricken Warwick Welcome Much-Needed Water With The Return Of #FINISHWATERWASTE

• More than 50 farmers across Australia will welcome in a share of 1 million litres of water, thanks to Finish and Rural Aid's #FinishWaterWaste initiative

• Representing the biggest set of water drops of the initiative to date, these water deliveries kicked off during National Water Week, starting in Roma, QLD and stretching to the

Northern Tablelands of NSW and Carrieton in the Flinders Ranges, SA

In just six weeks Aussies have helped raise 8 million litres of the 10 million litres of water committed to be delivered to rural Australians in 2020 and the coming year.

Thursday, 22 October 2020 – Queensland, Australia – One year on, Finish and Rural Aid return to Warwick to deliver a minimum of 150,000 litres of water to drought-affected farmers in the area, as part of the continuing #FinishWaterWaste initiative.

The water that is being gifted to Warwick farmers is part of a record-breaking series of #FinishWaterWaste deliveries happening across Australia during National Water Week (19 October – 25 October 2020), which will see 1 million litres of water delivered during the week.

This time last year, many local farmers in the area, including fourth-generation Warwick farmer, Paul

Maher, received water deliveries at a time when Warwick was in the midst of one of Australia's worst droughts on record.

Paul Maher was joined by Rural Aid and #FinishWaterWaste ambassador, Libby

Trickett to welcome another much-needed water delivery to his farm to help him, and wife Monica, see through the upcoming summer. Relieved at having his tank filled, Paul Maher said: "This delivery makes a huge difference. We might have seen some rain this year and had a good fall back in August, but the drought has put us so far behind that it's not been enough to provide us with water security ahead of summer and our dams are still very low. Water is still our most precious resource and we desperately need more of it. Today's delivery will go a long way in helping us to keep the farm going."

First launched in 2019, #FinishWaterWaste encourages Australians to be smarter with their water use at home by promising to stop pre-rinsing their dishes; an unnecessary habit that can waste up to 40 litres of water per load.1 For every social media post tagging #FinishWaterWaste during the initiative, Finish will donate 40 litres of water, which is delivered by Rural Aid to drought-affected farmers^^.

Joining the water delivery at the Maher's farm, Rural Aid CEO, John Warlters said: "The water we've delivered today and throughout the week is a welcome boost for these farming families as we head into summer, providing them with precious drinking water."

"We're incredibly proud to support the Warwick community with water deliveries. We want farmers and their families to know that people still care and that we are here to support them. They are not alone on the long road to drought recovery," added Mr Warlters.

To further increase awareness of the water scarcity issue and boost water donations to farmers, #FinishWaterWaste initiative's new "40 Litre Challenge", encouraging more Aussies to be water conscious.

"While the idea of a long hot summer is exciting for most of us city folk, we can't forget the compounding impact the forthcoming months could have on rural communities and farmers already struggling with drought," said Ms Hennessy.

"It's heartbreaking that water is like liquid gold to our fellow rural Aussies, and we, in metropolitan areas with ready access to water, so often take it for granted. Participating in the FinishWaterWaste initiative is a very easy way we can make a real difference," added Ms Hennessy.

For more information on the campaign and to see the T&Cs, visit: www.finishwaterwaste.com.au

TO GET INVOLVED

There are multiple ways to get involved and trigger a water donation:

1. Live on 40 litres of water for one day and share a post on your experience on social media by tagging #FinishWaterWaste. Every hashtag shared via social media during the initiative will trigger a 40-litre donation of water to rural Australians.

2. Promise to stop pre-rinsing and share a post on your experience on social media by tagging #FinishWaterWaste. Every hashtag shared via social media during the initiative will trigger a 40-litre donation of water to rural Australians.

#FinishWaterWaste 40 L Challenge - Track your water usage2

• A 1-minute shower with a water efficient showerhead uses 6-9 litres

• A half-flush using a dual-flush toilet uses 3.5 – 5 litres

• Washing hands for 20 seconds*uses 5– 6 litres

• Brushing teeth morning and night (without a running tap!) uses 1 – 2 litres

• Washing dishes in a 6-star dishwasher uses 9.5 litres

• Drinking 8-10 glasses of water uses 2 – 2.5 litres

• Rinsing fruit and vegetables in a bowl uses 1 – 2 litres

• Re-filling pets' water bowls uses 3 – 4 litres

RECYCLED WATER

By Colin Walker

MODERN-DAY ADVOCATES OF RECYCLING SEWAGE WATER AND WASTE NEED TO THINK AGAIN IF THEY BELIEVE THEY ARE PROMOTING SOMETHING REVOLUTIONARY, OR "NEW".

Some European societies (and other parts of the world too, no doubt) having been doing just that for decades (if not generations). I saw evidence of this in Switzerland as far back as 1975, on a State Government-sponsored European fact-finding mission with Queensland Local Government Minister Russ Hinze.

We were visiting a sewage treatment facility in the Swiss capital, Lucerne, when we were offered some recycled sewage water, to drink. We were pretty reticent, at first, until the engineer in charge explained the various treatment processes involved.

Drawing from a specially-designed tap in the wall (much like the beer taps in our local pubs just about anywhere in the world these days) he produced a beaker of primary treated effluent with undissolved particles clearly visible.

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and SEWAGE "CAKES"

"Good for the garden," he explained, "but you wouldn't want to drink it, just yet!" We agreed wholeheartedly with that assessment.

Then a second glassful, drawn from Tap # 2 (secondary treated effluent) was tendered.

"You could drink this to survive if you had to, but I wouldn't," he added. Once again he got the wholesome endorsement of our small party of fact-finders.

Another glassful was drawn from Tap #3 (tertiary treated effluent) and our engineer /adviser declared: "Now you could certainly drink this, safely!", and he proceeded to do so, just to prove the point to us. He offered us another glassful.

Again, we were a little apprehensive and declined the offer. "Thanks, but no thanks; perhaps later!"

Not to be deterred, our engineer then turned to Tap # 4. "Now this water quality is as good as high-quality spring water anywhere in the world," he proclaimed……and again, he drank a glassful and offered us each one.

We were a little more adventurous by this time and took a small sip…. initially. We found it was, indeed, as good as any spring water we'd taken on board anywhere else (at home, or abroad). We all drained our glasses and declared it A1!

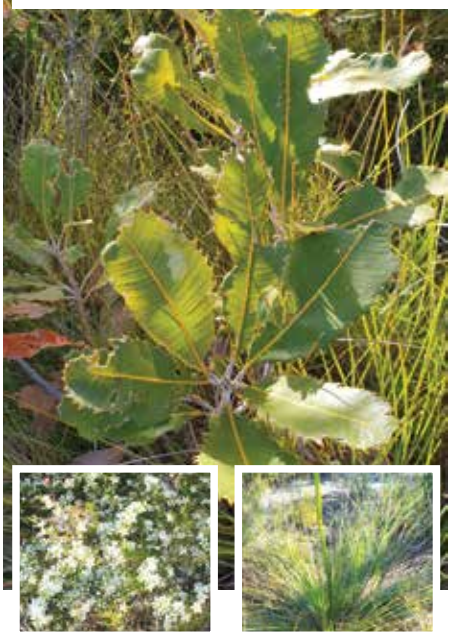
Then our education at the sewage plant went a stage further. Our engineer/instructor brought out what he described as "sewage cakes"……clumps of semi-solid (treated) human waste resembling cow pats (and similar in shape).

These, he explained, were used as fuel for huge boilers servicing the air-conditioning systems for major Government buildings in "downtown Lucerne". We were impressed.

Due to the various treatment processes, the odour of the sewage "cakes" was negligible, so Minister Hinze decided he'd take a couple of them home (in his luggage) to show to Government sewage treatment authorities in Brisbane. They didn't get all the way home.

We had a way to go to complete our European trip (by car) – and somewhere between Lucerne and Rome they became "lost". The "cakes" (and their negligible – but slight - odour) may have gone……but the memories linger on!

HELPING MOTHER EARTH: PLANTING NATIVE PLANTS



Anyone who likes to walk in the bush has noticed the invasion of weeds: asparagus fern, pink pearl, lantana, alligator weed, blue thunbergia, groundsel, to mention just a few.
On the Moreton Bay council website under environment, there is a list of low, medium and high-risk weeds with good photos that can help with identification.
The reason many of these weeds are appearing in our bushland is that people are dumping their garden waste in the bush. Along Shirley Creek, up from the Joondiburri walk, there is a disturbing amount of grass clippings being dumped in the bush. The dumping is affecting the waterway (the riparian zone) and the fringe of bushland. This material from domestic gardens, not only introduces weeds, but it also kills off important ground litter that feeds the forest and it introduces exotics into the bush that upset the total ecology.

So why plant natives?

Native plants are more resilient and are adapted to local environmental conditions. They are more likely to survive in our sandy soils and require less water and maintenance. Because they are 'native', they are less likely to become weeds. Native plants provide local landscape character, they look 'right'. Most importantly, they provide potential food and habitat for local native animals and birds.

WHAT TO PLANT - And where to begin?
It is probably good to establish what regional ecosystem you live in. There are 6 different regional ecosystems on Bribie. Again, the Moreton Bay Council website has some good species lists under 'environment services'. For example, one entry is swamp she-oak (Casuarina glauca). The dominant species is obviously the she-oak but this category also includes the wonderful tuckeroo, the Queensland blue gum and the broad-leaved paperbark.
If you haven't got the space to plant trees and are concerned they will get too big, grevilleas and acacias are easily pruned. There are lots of choices of shrubs too: black wattles, cottonwood, swamp hibiscus, hakeas, leptospernums and smaller lillypillies. Native herbs, sedges and grasses are also listed.
Like all new knowledge, the task looks daunting but any journey starts with the first step or the first planting! Our native animals and our long term health are worth the effort.

For more information:

www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au
Bribie Community Nursery 208 First Ave. Bongaree (some natives)
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A Field Guide to Native Plants of Bribie Island by Allan Carr.
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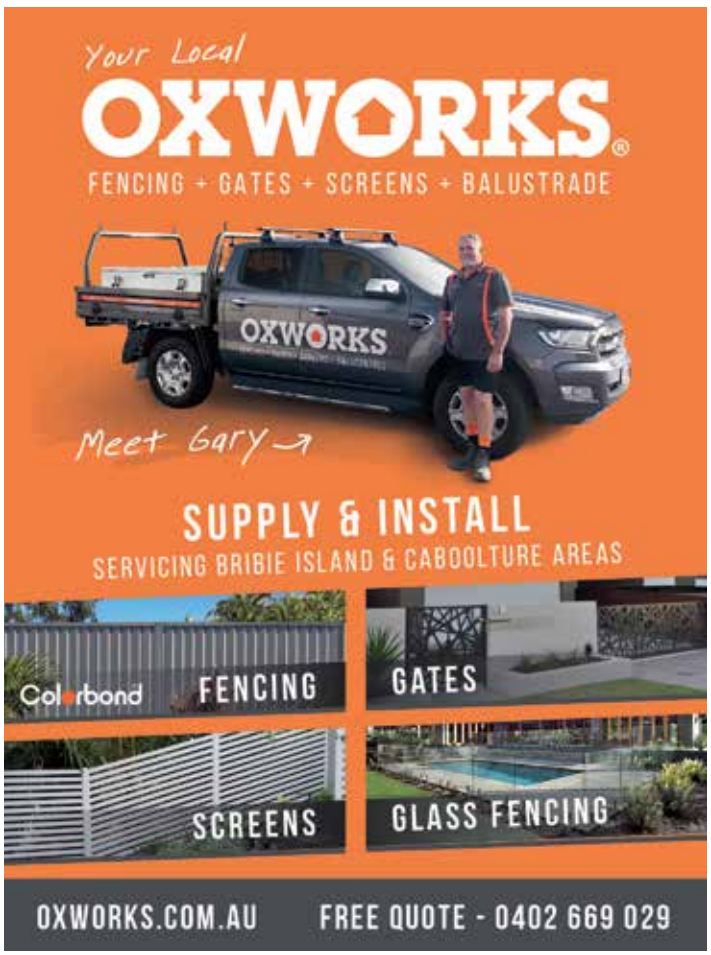

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ARE THEY LICENSED?

You wouldn't let an unqualified surgeon work on your body, so you shouldn't let an unlicensed tradesperson work on your house. Again, ask your tradie for licensing proof and – if you're unsure – contact the relevant industry body for confirmation.

ARE THEY INSURED?

Once you know your tradie is a solid worker, you should check they are insured against property and personal damage. The insurance each tradie requires differs on the industry, but they should be able to provide written proof of insurance policies at your request. Just ensure the insurance certificate won't expire during the project!

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As with everything, the cheapest price doesn't necessarily guarantee the best service. How a tradie approaches your project, the way they work with you and the quality of work they deliver should be more important than their fees.

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VMR BRIBIE ISLAND

DRIVEWAY UPGRADE

Our long-awaited driveway project started Saturday 24th October 2020, with the Southern end slab poured on Wednesday; and the Northern end slab was poured on Saturday 31st October.

The "bobcat" made light work of removing the bitumen and levelling the driveway, in readiness for the concrete pour on Wednesday!

Driveway upgrade project - South Side entrance all set up with reo for the concrete pour on Wednesday.

An absolutely massive THANK YOU to Caboolture Concretors Warehouse for their amazing donation of the steel mesh and chairs for our driveway project.

VMR New Radio System Project: Radio Officer John Bodycombe and VMRBI IT Guru and Senior Radio Operator Peter Morton have a zoom call with a potential new Radio System Supplier.

SUPER BUSY WEDNESDAY MORNING

1. First of the new concrete driveways is poured.
2. Bribie 1 comes out of the water for its 20hrs service on the new Yamaha 250hp Outboards.
3. Assist with vessel that needed a tow into Spinnaker Sound Marina.
4. Six new trainees doing their theory exams for the VMRAQ Shipboard Safety Module.
5. Plus clean out of the garage area ready for polling day on Saturday.
6. Plus a visit from the owner of Northside Marine to check on the new Yamaha Outboards.

First new concrete driveway was poured this morning.

VMR Bribie Commodore Liz Radajewski with the finished new concrete driveway.

Bribie 1 had its 20hr Service on her new Yamaha 250hp outboard motors.

NEW TRAINEES

Trainer Simon Middap going over the paper with new VMR Trainees: Lloyd Clark, Samuel Cronk, Leeton Shepherd, Egg Richards, Steve Williams and Colin Reese for their theory exams for the VMRAQ Shipboard Safety Module.

FATHERS DAY PROMOTION

Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe finally caught up with Radio Operator Wayne Beeton and presented him with his Father's Day present from his daughter in Tasmania, who paid for her father's membership to VMR and as part of the package received a VMR Coffee Mug, some VMR Stubby Coolers and Stickers.

EXPO 2019 PRESENTATIONS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a lot of things had to be put on hold so when VMR Bribie's Emergency Services Liaison Officer Graham Gibb got the ok, he had a very important presentation to make our 2019 Emergency Services Young Ambassador Tahnee Gordon with a pictorial book of all of her hard work as the Emergency Services Young Ambassador. The presentation was made at Bribie Island State School Assembly. Graham thanked Tahnee on behalf of all VMR Bribie members and all the Emergency Services.

Graham Gibb VMR Bribie's Emergency Services Liaison Officer presenting Peter Keen, Principal of Bribie Island State School with the school's Emergency Services Expo Scroll of appreciation.

2019 Emergency Services Young Ambassador for the Combined Emergency Services EXPO, Tahnee Gordon with her picture book and VMR Bribie Island's Emergency Services Liaison Officer Graham Gibb.

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2020

Another busy day at VMR Bribie Island, with the State Election in progress from 0800am to 1800pm, a large concrete pour on the driveway at the North side of the building (where the voting is being held in our garage), and Green Saturday's normal crew day. All hoping to beat the impending storm due by mid-afternoon.

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The second and biggest concrete pour on the Northern Driveway at the VMR Bribie's Base was completed this morning. The concreter's started at 0630 am so all the heavy concrete trucks would be gone by 0800am before the VMR Bribie Island base was opened up as a polling booth for the State Election.

TOORBUL TAVERN DARTS CLUB

VMR Bribie's Commodore Liz Radajewski took a trip to Toorbul on Sunday afternoon to collect a very generous donation from the Toorbul Traven Darts Club of $556. Commodore Liz thanked all of the members of the Darts club for their fantastic support and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to them. Commodore Liz said "that VMR Bribie is truly blessed to have such great community support".

VMRBI Commodore Liz Radajewski presenting Leonie Higham from the Toorbul Tavern Darts Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for their donation of $556

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BOAT PARADE

Light Boat Parade on the 5th December @7pm for a night of Christmas sparkle. For more details and to register please email: events@phrca.com.au

CREW TRAINING

Saturday 7th November 2020 - Training Never stops at VMR Bribie, our new crew trainees today were doing the fire fighting and learning the correct way of letting off flares under the watchful eyes of Commodore Liz Radajewski and Trainer Simon Middap.

Trainee Samuel letting off a night-time flare.

YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 12th November 2020:

11,087 Calls, 3,161 vessels logged on,
241 Vessel Assists, 1,162 Sitreps, 536 Requests,
45 overdue vessels, 10 Vessel Tracking,
1,232 Radio Checks, 43 Weather Broadcasts,
17 Securite Broadcasts, 0
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VHF 75.9%, 27MHz 8.8%.

NOVEMBER 2020 VESSEL ASSISTS:

SUN 01/11 1124am – 6m Half Cabin member with motor problems required a tow from Buckley's Hole to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 01/11 1209pm – 5.3m Half Cabin non-member the motor won't go down. Required a tow from Woorim to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 01/11 1243pm – 5.3m Half Cabin member with motor problems, required a tow from Cape Moreton to Bellara Boat Ramp.
SUN 01/11 1302pm – 4.9m Tinny member with motor problems required a tow from Cowan Cowan to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
MON 02/11 1539pm – 5.5m Voyager non-member with blown fuses, required a tow from 2km abeam Toorbul back to Toorbul.
WED 11/11 0923am – 6.5m Cuddy Cabin member with motor issues, required a tow from Pearl Channel to Caboolture River.

SAFETY DAVE - The Frenchie's Message:

Safety Dave says "Check your safety gear, ensure your flares are in date and dry, that you have a fire extinguisher, torch, v-sheet, life jackets; and that they are easily accessible.
We talk a lot about servicing inflatable Life Jackets but there are also the old faithful foam filled life Jackets that we see a lot of on vessels.
A lot of the time these are stashed away in the boat they get wet and sun damaged and forgotten about, these need to be checked annually too.
Check the life jacket for signs of:

- Sun Damage
- Fading
- Rips
- Check the buckle works
- Inspect straps for any deterioration
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BEFORE YOU GO BOATING ALWAYS:

KNOW IT – means knowing the limits of your vessel. Before you go, make sure your boat is seaworthy and appropriate for your chosen activity.

SERVICE IT – means being a responsible boat owner. Boats need regular maintenance, servicing and safety checks to keep them ship-shape.

PACK IT – means carrying the right safety equipment. You'll need different items depending on your vessel type and whether you're in open or enclosed waters.

CHECK IT – means assessing the weather and choosing a suitable time and place to go out. Conditions can change quickly, so don't hesitate to head back in. If in doubt, don't go out.

PLAN IT – means planning your trip and telling an emergency contact where you're headed and what time you'll be back. Where possible log on and off with Marine Rescue.

LEARN IT – means knowing and following the rules and laws that keep all of us
safe. Remember, boating safety is a responsibility we all share as waterway users.

WEAR IT – means wearing a lifejacket, the most important piece of safety equipment on any vessel.

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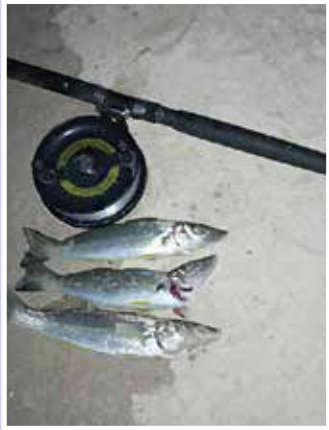

Hi again everyone! The last couple of weeks has seen excellent fishing reports coming in. The Whiting season still in full swing with most people getting plenty home for a feed. Some really good specimens have been taken along the front of Bongaree on live blood worms and live yabbies. Early in the morning on an incoming tide in shallow water has seen best results. Also finally the Mackerel have turned up around the channel markers and Skirmish point off the beach. Before the sun gets up is the best time to target these with live baits, pilchards and small metal slugs. Look for the bait schools and there is sure to be Mackerel around. Whilst up in the passage around the creek mouths and Bribie bridge the Bream have been plentiful. Claude bagged out on these with strip baits of Yellowtail Pike and Mullet being choice baits. It's been easy to get a good feed of Leather Jackets under the bridge and around any structure, peeled prawn on a small hook has been doing the damage. Night-time has seen a few big eye Trevally chasing baitfish. Using poppers to target these is great fun but their eating quality is not the best. That's all, for now, stay safe, wet a line and relax...

TIDE TIMES

BRIBIE ISLAND
& MORETON BAY

FRI 20 Nov	SAT 21 Nov	SUN 22 Nov	MON 23 Nov	TUE 24 Nov	WED 25 Nov	THU 26 Nov
1:11 am	2:10 am	3:19 am	4:37 am	5:49 am	12:20 am	1:07 am
1.27m	1.24m	1.25m	1.31m	1.41m	0.42m	0.38m
6:41 am	7:36 am	8:43 am	10:01 am	11:21 am	6:49 am	7:39 am
0.43m	0.53m	0.61m	0.67m	0.69m	1.53m	1.65m
1:43 pm	2:36 pm	3:37 pm	4:45 pm	5:49 pm	12:35 pm	1:36 pm
1.91m	1.8m	1.7m	1.62m	1.57m	0.66m	0.61m
8:33 pm	9:32 pm	10:30 pm	11:28 pm		6:46 pm	7:34 pm
0.48m	0.49m	0.48m	0.46m		1.55m	1.53m

FRI 27 Nov	SAT 28 Nov	SUN 29 Nov	MON 30 Nov	TUE 1 Dec	WED 2 Dec	THU 3 Dec
1:45 am	2:18 am	2:47 am	3:15 am	3:44 am	4:14 am	4:45 am
0.34m	0.3m	0.28m	0.28m	0.28m	0.3m	0.34m
8:20 am	8:56 am	9:28 am	9:57 am	10:26 am	10:58 am	11:31 am
1.75m	1.83m	1.89m	1.93m	1.95m	1.96m	1.95m
2:24 pm	3:02 pm	3:37 pm	4:11 pm	4:45 pm	5:22 pm	6:01 pm
0.56m	0.53m	0.52m	0.51m	0.5m	0.51m	0.51m
8:14 pm	8:47 pm	9:18 pm	9:49 pm	10:21 pm	10:58 pm	11:37 pm
1.52m	1.49m	1.47m	1.44m	1.41m	1.38m	1.35m

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Australias Weirdest Road Rules

GIVE WAY TO "RESTIVE" HORSES

It's Queensland that has possibly the weirdest road rule you'll come across. In the sunshine state, the law states that you must give way to 'restive' horses on the road. If the rider gives you a signal, you'll have to remain at a standstill until the horse is far enough away that any sound or movement from your car won't spook it.

NO PAINT ALLOWED WHEN CROSSING TRAIN TRACKS IN NSW

We bet you've broken this strange road rule quite a few times. According to New South Wales law, it's illegal to cross train tracks if you're carrying "flammable, explosive or dangerous goods", this includes paint, lighters, batteries and barbeque gas bottles. So if train tracks are between you and the hardware store, it might be a long renovation.

TASMANIA – NO SMARTPHONE GPS.

It's illegal to use your smartphone's GPS navigation while driving in Tasmania, even if it's mounted. And that seems to be a smart move all other states and territories might do well to embrace. If you want to reach your destination happy and healthy as well as on time, use a designated Sat Nav.

WINDOW GAPS CAN'T BE MORE THAN 5CM AND CAR MUST BE LOCKED IF YOU ARE 3 METERS AWAY FROM IT.

In Queensland, NSW and Victoria, not only is it illegal for you to leave your car unlocked if you're more than three meters away from it, but your windows must be wound up with a gap of no more than five centimetres. So, things like going into the service station to pay for your fuel and parking on your own driveway are included. These laws are in place to try help keep the number of car thefts down, so it's lucky most cars are now decked out with aircon!

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This law may just be the strangest of them all. Before it was repealed in 1980, it was technically illegal for a taxi cab to drive around without a hay bale in the boot. Yep, that's right. Stemming once again from the old days where horses, not cars reigned supreme, taxis were required to have a hay bale on supply to feed hungry livestock. Today's equivalent would probably be mints and water in Ubers.

ALL BODY PARTS MUST STAY WITHIN THE VEHICLE IN VARIOUS STATES.

In several states, it is illegal for you or your passengers to have any body parts outside of the vehicle, except for very few exceptional circumstances. That means it's actually an offence to wind down the window and wave goodbye to a friend, or lean your elbow on the window on a hot day. The fines are quite high too; in Victoria, you can be fined $141 and in Queensland it's even higher at $298. No demerit points are taken however, so that's a plus.

WA – MIND YOUR POTATOES.

Let's end with one of the strangest of all. In Western Australia, you can't transport over 50kg of potatoes in your car unless you're a member of a "Potato Corporation". This law arose out of the Great Depression and World War II to help regulate food. Break it and you could receive a $2,000 fine. Break it again? $5,000!

NSW - NO SPLASHING MUD ON BUS QUEUES.

Yes, a very odd one to start, but this is a serious road rule in New South Wales even if its specifics are a little, well, muddied. What seems to be clear is that drivers can't deliberately drive through puddles or roadside mud and spray this on people waiting for a bus. However, it appears you can get away with splashing anyone not waiting for a bus.
Even stranger, this road rule does specify mud as the 'no splashing' substance in question. Rainwater? No problem! Our advice is to simply avoid splashing any pedestrian, whether they're at a bus stop or not.

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LETTERS

Please keep your letters to no more than 200 words, this enables us to submit a number of letters for everyone to read. The comments and opinions on these pages do not reflect those of The Bribie Islander

Dear Editor,
I refer to the letter from K. Lucas (Issue 126 Nov 6th.2020). The letter referred to in this correspondence as being submitted anonymously was submitted by myself with my name and full contact details provided. Failure to include my name as the author should be taken up with Editorial staff.
I would like to reply to two points. The comment that an abortion is only allowed to the day of birth if the life of the mother is in danger is not what the Act says.
Section 6 of the Act along with briefing notes supplied by the compiler, The Queensland Law Reform Commission, states ' abortion to birth is legal due to current and future physical, psychological and social circumstances which include relationship breakdown and economic troubles". Two doctors are required to sign off on the abortion, however the second doctor has no requirement to see the mother or examine her file and can give approval by a phone call or email. These conditions cover almost every part of human life and are clear evidence that the Queensland Labor Government have legalised abortion up to birth for any reason.
My second point refers to the much used phrase that a woman has rights over her own body which permit her to submit to an abortion that affects no one but herself. This of course is pure fallacy. The unborn child is a completely separate human being with his or her own DNA, a body of flesh and bones and his or her own individual right to life.
No one has the right to kill another human being. It is a sign of a troubled society that thinks it can destroy its' future generations by killing them whilst in the womb because the pregnancy is inconvenient or may cause financial stresses.

Jeff Eacersall Snr

Dear Editor,
Thank you K.Lucas for pointing out the shortcomings of the anonymous letter of 23rd October.
You pointed out the economics involved in raising an unwanted child. But you didn't cover other reasons behind their being unwanted, simply because there are so many.
One is the fact that rape within marriage is not just in the imagination of Germaine Greer. One of my friends was frequently forced to have sex even when ill. The result was a second child within twelve months of the first. And post-natal depression ensued to make things worse.
Coercive control is still a problem, resulting in far too much domestic violence. An extra child would not be wise in such a situation, and yet it frequently happens. If an unborn child is sacred, why is it sinful to prevent bringing that child into a violent relationship?
Apart from mothers unable to reconcile their decision, because of societal pressure, there is also the trauma for the adopted children when they discover their plight. Far more of them commit suicide than do women who decided on termination.
Before you try and force your views on others anonymously, please think about the possible consequences.

H.Beneke

Dear Editor,
I really enjoyed reading "the letter of complaint" by Elaine Lutton with regards to the useless toilet paper in public toilets on Bribie Island .I have written a coup[le of times to Council and phoned them as well with regards to this issue.
I complained bitterly with regards to the toilet paper installed in the public toilet facility in Woorim in the park leading to the main beach.
Please let me tell you as well that I am most impressed by the Council people that on a daily basis do clean the toilets and the surrounding areas including maintaining the lawns.
Congratulations.
But I cannot understand that there is nobody within the "maintenance" department that has experienced that by using the single ply toilet paper one actually uses more paper than when supplying say triple ply meaning that in practice most probably one spend more money by using the single ply tissue not only having to supply 3 to 4 times new toilet paper rolls but as well "labour "time as the council workers have to replace these toilet rolls 3 to 4 times in relation to when using triple ply and most probably the present supplied toilet rolls are emptied before the end of the day so people do find toilets without paper!!!!!
Through the website of the MBRC I again have supplied a report re the issue
Kind regards,

Jan van Arnhem

Dear Editor,
It is 06.40 Sunday morning. Despite living in The Peninsula, probably 3 KMs away, I am, yet again, awakened by some idiot hooning around in circles on his baffle-less Jet Ski.
Now if I were to take a V8 Holden, and rev the crap out of it up and down Marina Boulevard, I would have the State Police descending on me within minutes, issuing enough fines to force me to sell my house. For some strange reason, and despite its stunning natural beauty and ecological diversity, these cretins are allowed to do exactly what they want, when they want, and there is not a law enforcement chap, or chapess, in sight. Why is this?
Had enough of these idiots ruining your tranquil trip to the beach? I know I have. An accident waiting to happen.
Regards

M.R

Dear Editor,
This is very interesting ..... but how does it work.
Maybe one of your readers can explain it.....
It was tough times on Bribie during this virus, everyone was in debt and everybody lived on credit. A Bundaberg tourist came here, he entered the hotel, laid a $100 note on the reception desk and went to inspect the rooms upstairs and downstairs in order to choose one.
[A] The publican grabbed the $100 note and ran to pay the butcher.
[b] The butcher took the $100 note and ran to pay the pig farmer
[c] The pig farmer took the $100 note and ran to pay his feed bill
[d] The feed supplier took the $100 note and went and paid his prostitute
[e] The prostitute grabbed the $100 note and ran to the hotel and paid her room bill
[f] The publican laid the $100 note on the desk so that the tourist wouldn't suspect anything.
At that moment the tourist came down after inspecting the rooms and took his $100 note saying that he didn't like any of the rooms, and left.
No one earned anything, however all concerned were without debt and are currently waiting for the borders to be opened for more tourists.
Is this how a capitalist economy works?

Ray. O. - Banksias Beach

CRIME REPORT

BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP
November 2020

www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton

Serious traffic crash, Sandstone Point

Police are appealing for witnesses following a two-vehicle, serious traffic crash which occurred on the Bribie Bridge this afternoon.

Preliminary investigations indicate around 12.20pm, a silver Mazda wagon with Queensland registration 075XAO was travelling eastbound when it has crossed onto the incorrect side of the road and collided head-on with a red Kia wagon.

The 74-year-old male driver and sole occupant of the Kia was transported to hospital in a serious condition.

The 46-year-old female driver and a 71-year-old male passenger of the Mazda were transported to hospital in a serious condition. A third male occupant of this vehicle left the scene before the arrival of emergency services and was last seen heading on foot towards Bribie Island.

Police are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the crash, the Mazda vehicle prior to the crash, or has any dash cam footage, to come forward.

Forensic Crash Unit investigations are continuing.

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 or call 131 444.

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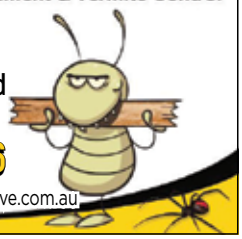

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