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our regular contributors:

Welcome

Hello Readers,

I must say, we have some fantastic markets on the Island! There is a wealth of different stalls to have a look at, lots of beautifully made products at a reasonable price. So if you are looking for a special gift, you need to check these markets out! I think I need to show a bit more self-control when it comes to buying plants though, my outdoor area is beginning to look like a jungle!

As you are aware, we are celebrating St Valentine's Day this Sunday,

I believe this day is not only for lovers, it should be a day to show how much you love and appreciate ALL the special people in your life. We have some great ideas in this edition for Valentine's Day, whether you are dining out or eating in, we have you covered!

Our competitions have been very well received, with lots of entries coming in. We will be running these once a month so continue to look out for them and pop your entries in! I know we have been a bit hard to find, but we will be having our new shopfront put in shortly so you will find us easily.

We hope you all have a fantastic fortnight and spread the love on Sunday!!!

Until next time,

Take care, stay safe,
Cherrie

Cherrie



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Following a partnership with Mater spanning more than 20 years, Lions Clubs Australia has generously donated \$450,000 to the Brisbane Mater Foundation to purchase the BK3000 - a new targeted ultrasound system designed to enhance precision when it comes to prostate cancer biopsy and diagnosis.

Positive outcomes for patients with prostate cancer usually rely on early diagnosis and the disease being localised to the prostate. Biopsy alone cannot accurately map all locations of cancer within the prostate, which is why ultrasound imaging has emerged as a vital addition when assessing the exact location and extent of a cancer.





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Local Lion of 20 years and Life Member Andy Fitzgerald knows only too well the importance of donations of this magnitude as she also happens to be a Mater health professional. She said "I know how much difference Lions make on the ground. To quote the lead of Queensland's Lions Prostate Cancer Research, Treatment and Support Project it is a great honour to know we can make a difference to the outcomes of those facing prostate cancer right across the spectrum of prevention, awareness and treatment, she said.

Lions clubs throughout Australia are always looking for new members to help further the great work they do in supporting organisations such as the Mater Foundation.

However, support, first and foremost, starts in your own backyard and that's where your local Lions shine. Whether it's providing shelter and a safe environment for local people suffering abuse and homelessness or other much needed vital support or, on a greater scale, raising money for medical research, the support you give your local Lions is welcomed and it is not just financial assistance that is needed.

LIONS NEED YOU!

If you think you'd like to help your local community and have fun while doing it, why not come along to your local Lions and find out what being a Lion is all about.

The Sandstone Point Lions Club is a very social club whose members believe the work you do for Lions must be fun. According to Sandstone Point Lions President, Keith Hadley, "In some ways, we're a social club that does Lions work."

TO FIND OUT MORE, PLEASE CONTACT ERIC BANHAM ON MOBILE 0435 017 752.

A blue graphic with a white outline of a doctor and a stethoscope. To the right is a speech bubble with the hashtag #GetChecked. Below the doctor are three circular icons: a lightbulb, a megaphone, and a first aid kit. The text on the left reads "TALK TO YOUR GP ABOUT YOUR PROSTATE HEALTH". The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia logo is in the bottom right corner.

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When was the last time your child's eyes were tested? Do you think that there's no need unless your child complains of difficulty seeing? Before children are diagnosed with a vision problem, they may think the way they see is normal – in many cases, they simply

don't know the difference between clear vision and the way they see. Our learning journey in school is driven in most cases by our ability to see clearly. With so much of learning visual-based, it is important to have your child's vision in order. Throughout their young lives, kids' bodies change at a practically dizzying rate– and their eyes aren't necessarily exceptions. Optometry Australia and **Eye Envy Optometrist** recommend children have a full eye examination with an optometrist before starting school and regularly as they progress through primary and secondary school. **SIGNS TO LOOK FOR INCLUDE:**

- Frequent blinking
- Red or watery eyes
- Difficulty concentrating
- Hovering or closing one eye
- Holding a book very close to read
- Squinting or sitting very close when watching TV

- Complaints of headaches
- Complaints of blurred or double vision

Recent studies and investigations have found that during quarantine and extended periods of home-schooling the rates of myopia or short-sightedness have increased. There is great importance in balancing the time that children spend on screens and devices with their time outside in sun to reduce the development of myopia and slow its progression.

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WHEELCHAIRS AND MOBILITY SCOOTERS A GUIDE FOR SAFE TRAVEL IN QUEENSLAND

William Peacock Oam
Rotary D9560 Passport Club
Spinal Life Australia Peer Support Group Coordinator



Road safety seems to have flow away as more people are reliant on the use of mobility devices as the population ages and there are even more mobility impairments and people having to relinquish licences. Many users of motorised scooters seem to have no sense of the road rules and drive them as if they own

the road. In observation in the past few weeks there have been so many near accidents as regardless of footpaths the drivers ride on the middle of the road, manoeuvre around the roundabouts in the middle of road, and then to top it all off riding across the bridge in the middle of the road causing a bank up of traffic.



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ON THE ROAD:

You must not use your wheelchair or mobility scooter on the road in the same way as a car. A wheelchair or mobility scooter can only be taken on the road if there is no footpath, pathway, or nature strip available,

and only where a pedestrian is allowed to walk. If you do need to use the road, stay as close as possible to the side of the road, and travel in the opposite direction to traffic so you have good visibility. If you need to cross a road, always cross at the safest possible point. Use pedestrian crossings, traffic lights or refuge islands if available. You must obey all traffic signals intended for pedestrians.

SAFETY TIPS ON FOOTPATHS AND ROADS

- Travel at a speed suitable to the conditions.
- Use streets with footpaths or other off-road pathways, where possible.
- Try to avoid hilly routes if an alternative route is available because these use more power and may be more difficult to navigate safely.
- Make turns slowly.
- Approach ramps and kerbs head-on.
- Be careful around parked cars.
- Be aware that your smaller size often makes you less visible.
- If you have a battery power gauge,

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CHANGE of life & OLD AGE!

By Colin Walker

THERE WAS A TIME (LONG AGO) WHEN I WOULD MOCK THE MEDICAL/ PSEUDO-PSYCHOLOGICAL CONCEPTS OF “CHANGE OF LIFE” AND THE “PROCESS OF AGEING” AS JUST FASHIONABLE EXCUSES FOR POOR ADULT PERFORMANCE OR BEHAVIOUR.

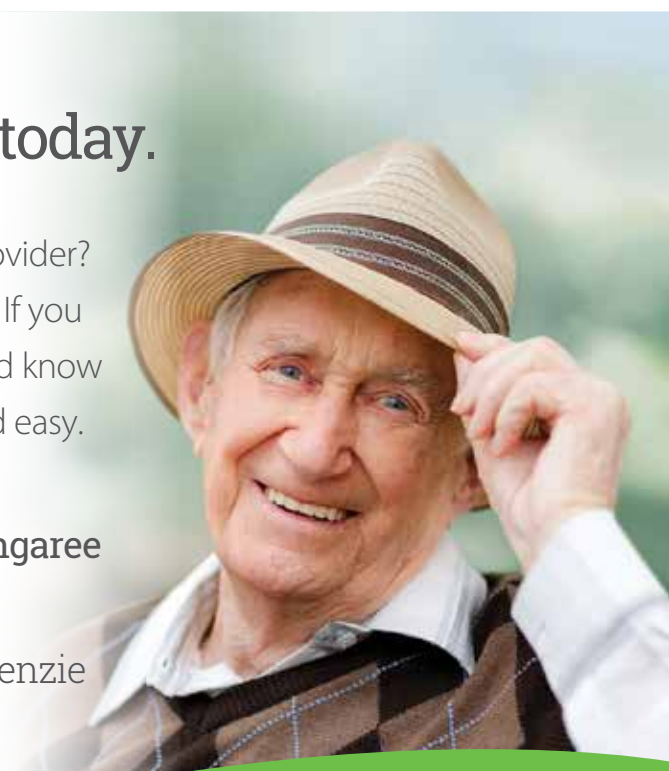
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of ageing have well and truly kicked in.

And the one particularly positive aspect of this is that (the older we get), we “oldies” tend to see things – the highs and lows of life, and people in it – much more realistically.

Gone is the brashness of our ten-feet-tall-and-bulletproof days, and our “we-are-the-greatest” assessments of ourselves, our society, our governments – and all manner of other national issues.

And personally, we tend to NOT take ourselves so seriously – and are prepared to concede (most of us, anyway) that we are fallible, we have made mistakes.... and we probably will make a few more yet, before our time is up!

As the processes of ageing increase, however (and more rapidly, it seems) we also place more faith in

the principle that we can (increasingly) afford to be more forthright in the views we hold and how we express them. This should not be confused with any disregard for good manners – which should prevail at all times...but you know the line: “If you don’t want the answer – don’t ask the question!”

The reality is, we don’t set out to impress everybody every day, to maintain a job (or a role in society). We don’t need to.

Most people in most families (mums, dads and the kids.....and other family members, neighbours and good friends) have travelled the change - of - life road with the much-loved females among us.... and gone through all the torments (and “devils” of this phenomenon) with them – mostly, with great tolerance, understanding,

and support.

Sometimes we fail in this, however. (Yes, we are fallible...even devoted husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, and even “mums and dads”).

But it is not often recognised (or perhaps known, even) that we mere males go through a related form of this C.O.L. process which can generate some crazy attitude and actions too, at times. I don’t suggest clinically or certifiably crazy, mind you, in respect of either the “girls” or the blokes..... but crazy, nonetheless. I don’t think that needs any further elaboration. Suffice to say, the change-of-life” factor – as a valid medical/psychological condition - IS REAL....and it affects all of us!

On the issue of the process of ageing, however, there can be no

denial or disagreement; unquestionably, it does exist, too....and I personally feel its hot breath, every day.

In our advancing old age, the pathway to nirvana and the cementing of relations between males and females in both “camps”.....those experiencing the dreaded change-of-life phase or the processes of ageing Isn’t helped much by the antics of gender-bending female rights activists and the absurdity of “political correctness” nonsense, in recent times.

But even these nonsensical contributions have definite public value (benefits, even) in encouraging better-informed debate – often very robust and spirited – to keep we oldies more active and “switched on”, longermentally, at least.

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Even if children are

confident in the water, proper adult supervision should never be overlooked. 21 children between the ages of 0 and 14 drowned in Australia between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020. Swimming pools were the leading location for drowning among children under 4. 2 children of this age died in the bath.



Other reasons why your child should learn to swim

Swimming is lots of fun for people of all ages and children especially love getting in the water and enjoying themselves while providing loads of health benefits which can help to keep your children healthy and happy at the same time:

- Swimming keeps your child's heart and lungs healthy, improves strength and flexibility, increases stamina and even improves balance and posture
- Swimming provides challenges and rewards accomplishments, which helps children to become self-confident and believe in their abilities
- Your child will have plenty of opportunities to

make friends and grow in confidence

But health, fun, and confidence are not the only reasons why your child should learn to swim. Learning to swim also opens up the door to a range of other activities.

A few sports your child can only do if they can swim

1. Kayaking
2. Canoeing
3. Scuba diving
4. Surfing
5. Triathlon
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Services Australia is working to establish an Agent service on Bribie Island that will provide self-service facilities for customers along with trained staff who can provide additional assistance.

Federal Member for Longman Terry Young, who fought hard behind the scenes to secure funding for the service, said he was delighted with the outcome.

“This will mean that residents in the area won’t have to travel to Caboolture to access government services such as Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support.

“Thanks to everyone who signed our online petition and helped make this happen. “This is a great result and another example of how

The Bribie Island RSL Women's Auxiliary,

in conjunction with the Bribie RSL citizens club, would like to announce we are introducing **“The Keven Walsh Show”** from Mon 15th March 2021 for a three month trial period.

This is a fund raising event for the Women's Auxiliary so please come along and hear Keven who is an excellent entertainer.



THE DATES FOR THE SHOW WILL BE:

Monday 15 th March 2021

Monday 19 th April 2021

Monday 17 th May 2021

Tickets are available at the door on the day or at the club reception.

ENTRY \$6 p.h.

Lunch is optional and **ONLY \$6 p.h.** menu is:

- Roast pork
- Shepherd's pie
- Fish and chips.

The doors of the Auditorium will open at 10 a.m.

Morning tea will be complimentary.

Any queries please contact Jan Wright on 0407 030 598



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the Federal Government is delivering for the people of Bribie Island."

An Expression of Interest process will identify a host organisation and it is expected the Agent will be available in the first half of the year.

Until then Services Australia Community Engagement Officers will continue to support the community, visiting the Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre in Bellara every Tuesday between 9.30 am and 11 am for appointments.

Services Australia General Manager Hank Jongen said while Agents were not agency staff, they received extensive training and ongoing support to assist locals with access to self-service facilities, certifying Proof of Identity documents and access to general information. "Agents help people in regional, rural and remote communities to do their business with Services Australia and connect with the services they need, no

matter where they live," Mr Jongen said.

"Increasingly, customers are conducting their business with us online.

"The new Bribie Island Agent service will help people use our digital services with confidence.

"People will be able to visit the Agent and use self-service equipment such as internet-enabled computers and telephone to access government services, scan, print and upload documents and receive advice on how to access the government assistance they need."

Bribie Island residents will continue to have access to the Caboolture Service Centre at 20-22 George Street, Caboolture.

For more information about services available at Agents, visit Agents and Access Points - How we can help - Services Australia



CAROLYN'S TAX Update

SUPER AMNESTY

There is currently a Super Guarantee amnesty for businesses who are behind both in their reporting and payments. The ATO advises that all outstanding amounts must be paid in full or set up a payment plan.

You may receive a reminder from the ATO and from there, a 21-day window of opportunity will be available to bring the super up to date else be disqualified, pay the additional interest and \$20 per quarter per employee.

Anyone who is behind with their employee super and need assistance, I can help you with that.

INSTANT ASSET WRITE OFF

The government has announced its intention to expand eligibility for temporary full expensing of depreciating assets and allow businesses to OPT OUT of these accelerated depreciation options on an asset-by-asset basis.

This would allow businesses to defer claims where a loss is anticipated or income would be taxed on a lower rate.

The accelerated depreciation claims would not be wasted.

STP DATA

By now, all businesses should be up and running their payroll systems using their STP data share. If you are still floundering around in the dark, please ring me for assistance. This new system will not go away, so it must form part of business responsibilities.

TAX RATES FOR EMPLOYEES

The rates are always changing for employee tax amounts, so make sure your computer system is always up to date. Some employees still have a HECS debt and additional tax should be deducted, and there are differences for individual family members against single individuals. The TFN declaration is an important document wherein the employee advises the employer of any variations to the standard tax rates. Second jobs are often forgotten with the employee suddenly finding a tax bill at the end of the year.

For further information on any of the above or other queries you may have, please contact my office and we will help you out.

Regards Carolyn Wheeler of C M Wheeler & Assoc.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Bribie Island U3A (University of the Third Age Inc.) will be held at 1.00pm Friday 26 March 2021 at the Bribie Island U3A Centre in the Recreation Hall, 156A First Ave, Bongaree.

Nominations are called for all

Committee positions:

- President, Vice Presidents (2 positions)
- Secretary,
- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer,
- Programme Co-ordinators (3 positions),
- Publicity Co-ordinator,
- Facilities Co-ordinator,
- Reception Co-ordinator,
- Functions Co-ordinator,
- Technical Support Co-ordinator.

Nominations close at 3.00pm

Thursday, 11 March 2021

Forms, available from U3A Reception, to be lodged with the Secretary or at the U3A Centre.

For more information please contact
U3A Reception: 3408 1450

All members are invited to attend but Covid limitations require prior registration at Reception.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRIBIE ISLAND RSL & CITIZENS MEMORIAL CLUB INC.



Notice is given that the Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting for all members at the Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club house, 99 Toorbul St, Bongaree, Bribie Island, 9.00am on Sunday 7 March 2021.

Business:-

1. Election of Office Bearers
2. Notices of Motion
3. Audited Financial Statements for 2020
4. Appointment of Auditor

All nominations for the Executive and Committee should be placed in the ballot box located at the Club Reception desk. The positions of Chairman and one (1) Director are available for nomination at the 2021 AGM.

Nominations will close at 5pm on Sunday 21 February 2021. Such nominations should be in writing on the nomination form which will be available at the Club Reception desk. Notices of Motion, in writing, should be in the hands of the General Manager by 5pm on Sunday 21 February 2021 and will be available for perusal on the Club Notice Board after that date.

All members attending must be financial members of the Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club Inc. for the year ending 31st December 2021 and no renewal subscriptions will be accepted at the door prior to the meeting.

As per Club Constitution Clause 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5, Applicants for membership must have paid their application (membership) fee on or before 5 February 2021 to be eligible to attend the general meeting and vote in any election of the Board.

Janelle Barraud
GENERAL MANAGER

HOW MUCH YOU NEED IN AN EMERGENCY FUND

Even if you can only save a little, make a start and keep saving. The more you can regularly save, the better.

If you put \$20 a week into a savings account, you'll have over \$1,040 by the end of the year. That's the start of a good amount of savings to give you some financial breathing space.

Plan for the future

If you're thinking long term, it's worth having a bit more put aside. This can help if you're unable to work for a while — for example, if you take some time off work to care for a family member.

A good target is to have enough in your emergency

fund to cover three months of expenses.

Work out how much you can earn in interest if you start saving now.

Once you know your monthly expenses, multiply this by the number of months you would like to cover. This can be your savings goal.

You could also think about income protection to help cover costs if you're unable to work.

HOW TO SAVE FOR AN EMERGENCY FUND

SET UP A SEPARATE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

It's a good idea to set up a separate, high-interest savings account for your emergency fund. A separate account will mean you're less tempted to dip into it for everyday expenses.

AUTOMATE YOUR SAVINGS

You can set up an automatic transfer to your emergency fund from the account that your wage is paid into. Or ask your payroll department if they can pay a small part of your wage directly into the emergency fund account.

You can then set and forget, knowing your emergency fund is growing.

MAXIMISE YOUR OFFSET ACCOUNT

If you have a home loan with an offset account, you can use the offset account as your emergency fund. This will lower your home loan interest payments, and means you can access your money quickly.

KEEP ADDING TO YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

If you get some extra money

during the year, like a tax refund, you can use this to boost your emergency savings.

WHEN TO USE YOUR EMERGENCY FUND

Keep your emergency fund for expenses you need to pay quickly when other money isn't available. If it can wait, save up for a few weeks and pay it from this saved money instead.

If you need to dip into your emergency fund, remember to top it up again afterwards.



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- Be prepared to make changes

Contact me if you need assistance with your business performance.



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE GIVE KAY BENSON 34081058 OR SECRETARY JENNIFER KEELEY 34082152 A CALL.

Photo by Angela Davis.

RECENTLY AT THEIR AGM, THE MEMBERS OF THE BRIBIE ISLAND VIEW CLUB WELCOMED THEIR NEW PRESIDENT - KAY BENSON.

Kay takes over from Faye Clarke who served as president for three amazing years of dedication to the View Club and the Smith Family, but also to the members of the Bribie Island Club. During the 'lockdown' of Covid during 2020, Faye, together with the committee members managed to keep the club cohesive with phone calls of care and support, small group morning teas, zoom meetings and the co-ordination of special treats baked by Stella Auchter, and delivered to the members on Anzac Day and Mother's Day. Faye was also instrumental in introducing the Quilt raffles where tickets were sold at local markets by members. These raffles raised much-needed funds for the Smith Family.



Bribie Island View Club

International Women's Day Breakfast



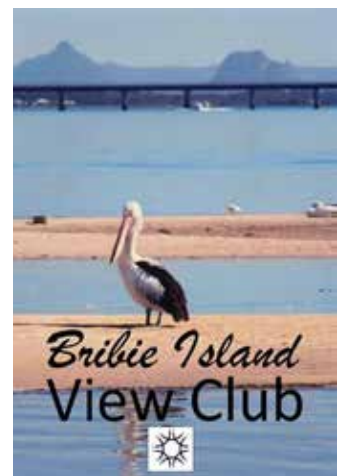
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Invitation To The World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service for 2021 will be at the Bribie Island Church of Christ on the corner of Foley Street and 5th Avenue, Bongaree, on Friday 5 March at 1.30 pm.

Since 1926 Christians, of all denominations, from around the world have met on one day a year to pray for the needs of women in different countries

Each year since then, people of various races, cultures and traditions meet together

in over 170 countries.

This year, the Christian women of Vanuatu have written the program with the theme "Build on a Strong Foundation". The country has many challenges such as inadequate drinking water and sanitation in rural areas, malnutrition among children, gender-based violence affecting women and girls, and a lack of women elected to the national parliament.

We welcome the members of our

community to join us in prayer and action for peace and justice with a focus on the people of Vanuatu. Our guest speaker is Roger Bawden who has worked in Vanuatu for nine years and has a very good understanding of the people and their needs.

After the service, afternoon tea will be served in the Church Hall. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments. Due to Covid-19 restrictions there is a limit on the number of people who may attend this service. If you are interested in coming, please register by phone on 0428 522 245 or email at jan.driver@hotmail.com.



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THE ANNUAL BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE SHOWCASE IS A SHOW STOPPER THIS YEAR.

It boasts walls and plinths of fantastic art, all made by the BICAS Working Together Groups and others who work and play in the Centre's spaces and studios.

Check out the lovely leadlight and glassworks, the paintings that ooze colour and impact, subtlety and intrigue.

There's a wall of vibrant masks (not THOSE kinds of masks) and textile works to make you gasp.

Paintings beckon at every turn for closer looks, from the big bold and beautiful to smaller, intriguing works that beg longer inspection and appreciation.

A special feature of the Showcase this year is the debut reveal of the 2020 Queensland Quilters Challenge Quilts. There are 52 little quilts, 50cm x 70cm, made by 40 different quilters, who had to use a set fabric in their quilt. Up to 20 per cent of this fabric has to be on the front of the quilts.

There are overall winners, a best Traditional and best Artistic/Quirky. There are also Highly Commended and three Judges' Choices.

The Challenge Quilts traditionally travel the State but were curtailed last year with Covid restrictions. This year, The Bribie Community Arts Centre is the first stop on the tour.

See this before it comes down on February 28. It's thirsty work, so drop into their Cafe 191 for a delicious beverage while you're there.

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Bribie Island Photography Club



There was no competition for the month of January. Instead, we had an interesting meeting where Gordon presented videos on layering, making a photo composite and how to superimpose an interesting sky over a dull boring one. Gail gave a presentation on judging, how to evaluate our own images and rules for entering photographs into competitions. This created wide discussion.

We have exciting workshops and excursions in the planning stage for the coming year starting with a workshop on photographing smoke by Alain Chardon to be held at his home on 14th February.

This month we are featuring some of Alain's amazing creative work using many layers to produce stunning images. All the composite photos in this article are by Alain.

Competitions will begin again at our next meeting on the 22nd of February with "Nature" being the theme. Other competition categories are Open Colour and Monochrome in the Projected Images section. These are submitted online. Each month we have a print competition where members present their photos on a display board. The categories for this are again Open Colour and Monochrome. Our new Creative category which is not part of the competition has created some interest and some unusual and interesting concepts. Members are not required to enter the competitions. Some members choose to enter only some of the categories and not every month while others submit photos in all sections.

The Bribie Island Photography Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the back of the Arts Centre on Sunderland Drive in the boardroom at 7pm. Guests are welcome. The first two meetings are free.

For enquiries, please ring Gordon on 3408 2649 or Gail on 0419 638 865.

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FOOD, WINE and ISLAND TIMES



Valentine's Day

Romantic Night In...

A Cozy Night For Two With Romance, You And Your Love... What More Could You Ask For? Staying Home To Celebrate Valentine's Day Can Be A Very Rewarding Experience, Especially Because People Have A Tendency To Feel More At Ease In Their Own Home.

DINNER for 2

A romantic dinner is always popular and very effective at creating romance. You can cook your partner's favourite meal, or have the meal catered and brought to you. Setting the mood is equally important as the meal you prepare, so plan on some candlelight and bring home some roses to scent the air.

Slow Dance to Your Favourite Love Songs

Gather all of your CDs to make the ultimate love song CD. Choose the ones that remind you of your sweetie, as well as all the special moments you've shared. Play it at a low volume, light candles around your living room, dim the lights, and hold your love in your arms for as long as you can.

ENJOY A ROMANTIC MOVIE

Sometimes making dinner is too complicated or takes too long. Don't feel like you have to cook dinner to have a romantic evening. For a more casual time, make some popcorn and watch movies at home. Save the action films or sad dramas for another time, romantic comedies are the domain of a romantic evening.

Enjoy Some Wine

If you and your significant other are wine lovers, you may want to head out to the store and buy some of your favourite wines, as well as some new ones you've wanted to try. Pass by the grocery store and buy a variety of cheeses. At home, drape a tablecloth on your kitchen table, set up some candles, play some soft romantic music, and sample the different wines and cheeses you picked up earlier.

A BACKYARD GETAWAY

During the spring and summer nights, it's always nice to step outside to look at the stars, listen to the wildlife and just take a moment to realize that it's just the two of you in this great big world. You can enhance this experience by putting up some tiki torches, lighting candles or making a fire in a fire pit if it isn't too hot. Play some music inside your house, and turn the volume up enough so you can hear it outside, or bring a

portable device outside. You can even buy some flowers to decorate your deck or patio.

TAKE A BATH TOGETHER

If you are lucky enough to have a large bathtub, schedule a bath night the two of you can share. This can be the main event of your evening, or use it before or after other romantic play.

SHARE A MASSAGE

Everyone likes to receive a massage, but many people skip over this experience during intimate times. That's why it's a good romantic evening idea to make massage the focus. Set up the bedroom with music and proper lighting, and have some massage oils available. Enjoy this intimate and relaxing experience with your partner.



RECREATE THE HONEYMOON SUITE

Just because it has been years since your honeymoon doesn't mean you shouldn't have what you did when you first married. Throw rose petals all over the bed and on the floor. Fill the room with candles, and put a bottle of champagne on ice. Turn on your CD player, and put in a love song CD. Now you are ready to celebrate the love you have for one another.

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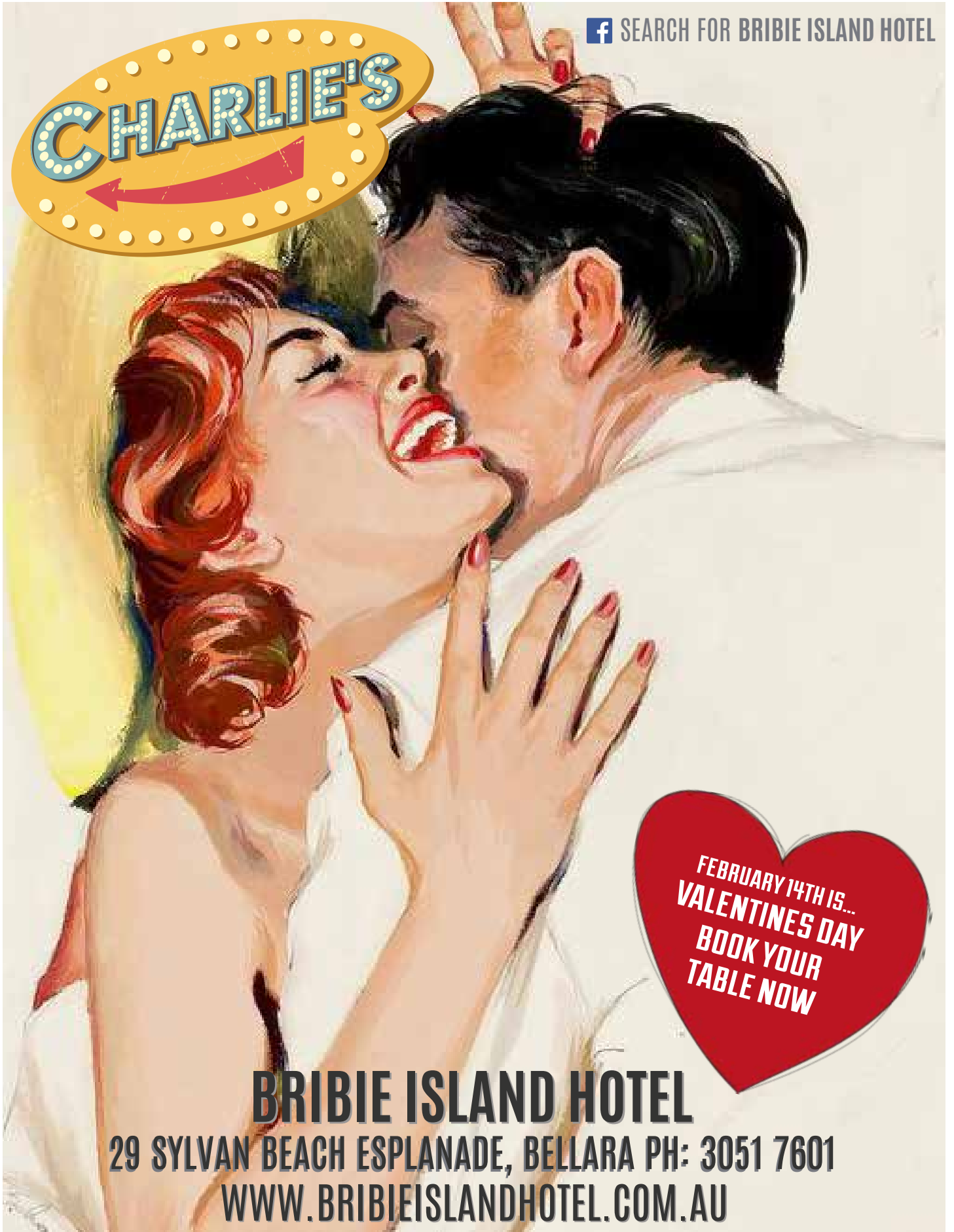
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OYSTERS WITH AVOCADO AND MANGO SALSA

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small just-ripe mango, peeled, finely chopped
- 1 small ripe avocado, stoned, peeled, finely chopped
- 1/2 red onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped coriander
- 24 (2 dozen) natural oysters

METHOD

- Step 1
Combine the mango, avocado, red onion, lime juice and coriander in a medium bowl.
- Step 2
Arrange oysters on a large platter of salt or ice. Spoon mango mixture evenly among oysters. Serve immediately.

PERFECT PESTO OYSTERS

INGREDIENTS

- 1/3 cup firmly packed fresh basil leaves, plus small leaves, to serve
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
- 125g butter, at room temperature
- 36 (3 dozen) Oysters
- Rock salt, to serve
- 20g (1/4 cup) finely grated parmesan
- Lemon wedges, to serve

METHOD

- Step 1 - Process the basil, lemon juice and half the pine nuts in a food processor until finely chopped. Transfer to a bowl. Add the butter and stir until well combined. Season.
- Step 2 - Preheat grill on high. Line a baking tray with foil. Place the oysters on the lined tray. Spoon the butter mixture on top of each oyster. Grill the oysters for 2 minutes or until butter is sizzling and oysters are heated through.
- Step 3 - Place the rock salt on a large serving platter. Top with the oysters. Sprinkle over the parmesan, remaining pine nuts and extra basil leaves. Serve with lemon wedges.



OYSTERS Ways 3

CHAMPAGNE OYSTERS

INGREDIENTS

- 300ml champagne or sparkling white wine
- 2 green shallots, finely chopped
- 300ml double cream
- 18 natural oysters, in the half shell
- Freshly ground white pepper
- Chopped fresh chives, to serve

METHOD

- Step 1 - Place the champagne and shallot in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to the boil. Simmer for 5-8 minutes or until mixture reduces by half.
- Step 2 - Reduce heat to medium-low. Add the cream and any juice from the oyster. Season with white pepper. Simmer for 20 minutes or until the sauce reduces by half (you should have about 300ml of sauce).
- Step 3 - Preheat the grill to high. Divide oysters, in their shells, among 6 small gratin dishes. Pour over cream sauce. Place the gratin dishes on a large tray. Cook under grill for 3 minutes or until oysters are golden and sauce bubbles. Cool for 2 minutes. Sprinkle with chives and serve.

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IS OYSTER THE ULTIMATE APHRODISIAC FOOD?

The oyster just may be the most evocative symbol of passion in the food world. One of the most popular choices for Valentine's Day, no food has a greater reputation as an aphrodisiac. Some experts believe that it is this association, the old cliché that gives oysters an aphrodisiac reputation. (In other words, naysayers will tell you it's the placebo effect.) However, thanks to modern science, we now know that fruits of the sea also have proven potency.

THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF OYSTERS

So, although they won't ever give you a strand of pearls, the sensual bivalves make a luxurious and healthy treat. Although the serving of nutrients in a single oyster is negligible, a dozen oysters give you a serving of zinc. What's so significant about that? Evidence supports that zinc may be a key nutrient for testosterone production. In fact, it's important for stimulating libido in both men and women. And if that's not enough, these little shellfish make a great source of lean protein. In fact, they've been credited with keeping men virile well into old age. (Casanova supposedly consumed 50 of the aphrodisiac bivalves each day to keep his libido in top form.

OYSTERS MAY IMPACT SEX HORMONE LEVELS
These bivalves contain

an amino acid called D-Aspartic acid, found to have a positive impact on hormone levels in rats. But even though it's now scientifically proven that oysters can impact sex drive, no further research has determined what amount of this amino is needed to bring the eater to sexual satisfaction. But for most oyster lovers, it's enough to know that these fruits of the sea have the potential to increase sexual desire.

A STRANGE EXPERIMENT WITH OYSTERS AND SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT

In 2007, an aim to up oysters' libido-boosting power led one mad, Australian oyster farmer slip crushed Viagra into

oyster beds. The resulting bivalves were rejected by Australian health officials. But there was some Asian interest in the drugged-up molluscs. However, the makers of Viagra slapped a lawsuit on the creative fisherman for misuse of a trademarked name in making his aphrodisiac oysters. This brought a quick end to the farmer's plans to market his chemically altered seafood around the world.



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In Greek mythology, Aphrodite was the goddess of love, desire, beauty and procreation. Not only was she considered the most beautiful woman in the Universe, she also had magical powers that compelled everyone to desire her.

For centuries, certain foods have been believed to have aphrodisiac properties, capable of increasing sex drive. Whether they actually make you perform better or just spice up date night, here are some of the most aphrodisiac fruits.

APPLES

You'll be hard pressed to find a fruit more tied to forbidden love and sexuality than the apple. Though most famously known for being the "forbidden fruit" in the story of The Garden of Eden, the apple has famously been incorporated into many other stories and movies, including Snow White.

Mangos

The mango has long been revered in India for its powers of fertility. In fact,

mango leaves are hung above the door of a bride and groom's new home as a fertility charm. It has also been noted that mangos contain compounds that mimic estrogen and are believed to increase a woman's sex drive.

BANANAS

Bananas are full of bromelain, an enzyme that has been known to enhance testosterone production. Their high levels of potassium and vitamin B can also increase your energy levels.

PAPAYAS

Due to its shape and texture, unripe papaya has long been believed to be an aphrodisiac for women. And though we don't suggest you rely solely on this old wives tale, it's been thought that the seeds of a papaya have contraceptive properties.

STRAWBERRIES

While they're not only one of the most sensual foods portrayed in pop culture, they are also packed with vitamin C and other antioxidants that will keep your immune system in tip top shape.

PINEAPPLES

Pineapples are one of the top sources for manganese – this might be where it got its reputation for fighting impotence in men. In one study, low levels of manganese in males was linked to a lack of sex drive.

POMEGRANATES

Known by the ancient Greeks as the culinary symbol of Aphrodite, the pomegranate represents love and sensual pleasure. Some even believe it was not an apple that Eve ate in the Garden of Eden, but actually a pomegranate. Regardless of its mythological past, pomegranates are filled with antioxidants that can help boost your immune system and increase blood flow.

CHERRIES

Cherries are filled with dozens of feel good vitamins, including vitamins A, B, C and E. Vitamin A may be able to keep your skin looking younger, as it fights free-radicals caused by oxidation. Vitamin B helps increase blood circulation. Vitamin C can also fight aging and hair loss, and vitamin E can help reduce the risk of cancer.

FIGS

As a common metaphor found in the bible, the fig represents prosperity, sexuality and safety. A fig tree is slow growing and requires constant care and attention – just like a budding relationship. The fig tree is also the only tree specifically named in the Garden of Eden and is what covers Adam and Eve after they give into temptation.

Helping out in the **Wright** way!



The past year has been especially difficult for everyone. It's even more important now more than ever, to support our local community. Throughout the past year and a half we have proudly donated too many groups and charities. To name a few: Banksia Beach state school, VMR, Fishing club, Bribie Lions club, Bribie Nursery, SES, Breast cancer and many more. We also raffle a \$25 fruit and veg hamper every month in our shop, for anyone who spends \$30 or more will go in the draw. One of our biggest partnerships is Global Care who we have been working with for the last year, donating fruit and veg weekly. Peter and his team of volunteers are doing a fantastic job of helping those people who are doing it tough in our community and we are proud to support them in their efforts.

various areas, such as a school breakfast program, a community free cooked meals program, individual families that are in desperate need of food and other programs that are held in the community.

Global Care Bribie Island would like to thank everyone at Wrights Fruit Barn and the owners Mic and Kristy for their big generous hearts.

We look forward to supplying our customers with fresh fruit and veg from now and into the future. No doubt this year will still have its challenges for everyone with covid still lingering. So let's all stand together and support our local community.

All the team from Wrights Fruit Barn would like to thank all of our loyal customers for their support.

All so a big thankyou to all our wholesalers. Church Christ retirement, Scoopys, Saviges, Sues Bar and Grill, Sues takeaway shop, Woorim Butcher, Pigface, Sylvan Beach seafood, Solander Bowls, Bribie Bowls, Banksia Beach Canteen, Serenity cafe, Aussie Meats and Bribie Lions Club. Let's hope you all have a great year.

Since taking over Wrights Fruit Barn one and a half years ago we have been warmly welcomed by the community and in turn, we are very passionate about supporting our residents and business. Bribie is a relatively small town which can make it difficult at times for small business, community groups and charities.

Peter from Global Care said:

Global Care Bribie Island is in partnership with Wrights Fruit Barn where all donated produce from Wrights go towards helping those who are doing it tough in the local community. Produce is allocated by Global Care Bribie Island to

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Arrival

The Fridge Door

By Elaine Lutton

We all know the old saying “You can't judge a book by its cover.” True, but you can tell an awful lot about a person by examining their refrigerator door!

Young mothers have paintings done by their hugely “talented” offspring displayed for all the world to see and admire. The colours are bright and vibrant, red, blue, green, yellow, with touches of purple and orange. No pastels here.

Early attempts at literacy come with the beginning of school. “I love you Mum” in an almost indecipherable scrawl but it is the thought that counts! Whilst for other members of the family, who may have displeased them, I hate you, seems to be more appropriate.

A glowing comment by a teacher as regards academic excellence may gain its place but even better, “William made a real effort to sit still during all of story-time and paid attention throughout”. Reports, complete with the requisite numbers of gold stars, are also put on display.

Later, the time comes when photos of the children with Father Christmas are banished and replaced by

ribbons won at Swimming Galas. During adolescence, the door remains relatively bare, with only reminders of a more prosaic nature being shown. Parent's Night, Dad's birthday, shopping lists, make a fleeting appearance attached to the fridge by a magnet designed for this very purpose. It is worthwhile giving these magnets some close scrutiny as they can reveal much about their owners. On my fridge is a very old one saying, “Number 1 Dad, Go Dad!” It was bought by my children for their Father out of their own money for Father's Day when they were four and five years old. Yes, it is cracked and chipped but never-the-less valuable for all that. Another one says “Friends are the family you choose for yourself”. How true! Not that I am averse to family, one magnet on my door is of my English cousins gazing in awe at a wombat whilst on a visit to Australia Zoo.

Then, at the side of my fridge, is a list of emergency numbers, plus the names and whereabouts of my doctor, dentist, and pharmacist. The list of medications is there too, ready and waiting for the “ambos” the next time they have to rescue me after falling headfirst into the dishwasher. And before you ask, I had not had a tippie too many! I did manage to extricate myself

but the dishwasher has never been quite the same since and neither has my head! I managed to bunny-hop to my phone to call for help and when the ambulance arrived I presented an alarming picture, blood streaming from my face.

I digress. It is when one becomes a grandmother that the fridge door achieves its full flowering. Each of my granddaughters, during home-schooling, achieved the accolade of being designated Pupil of the Week. These certificates are proudly displayed as I am convinced that they were well deserved, talent almost certainly inherited from their “Nan”. My son took a more cynical approach and was heard to mutter something about “every child gets a prize”. Thank goodness that their mother always informs me of these triumphs so I can keep my friends advised as to the superiority of my grandchildren to any of theirs! Could this be the reason behind my friends' mysterious coolness when I broach the subject of their latest achievements?

It is not as though I am alone in thinking that my grandchildren are little marvels, I have heard other grandparents boast in a similar manner, and their fridge doors appear to be decorated in the same manner as my own,

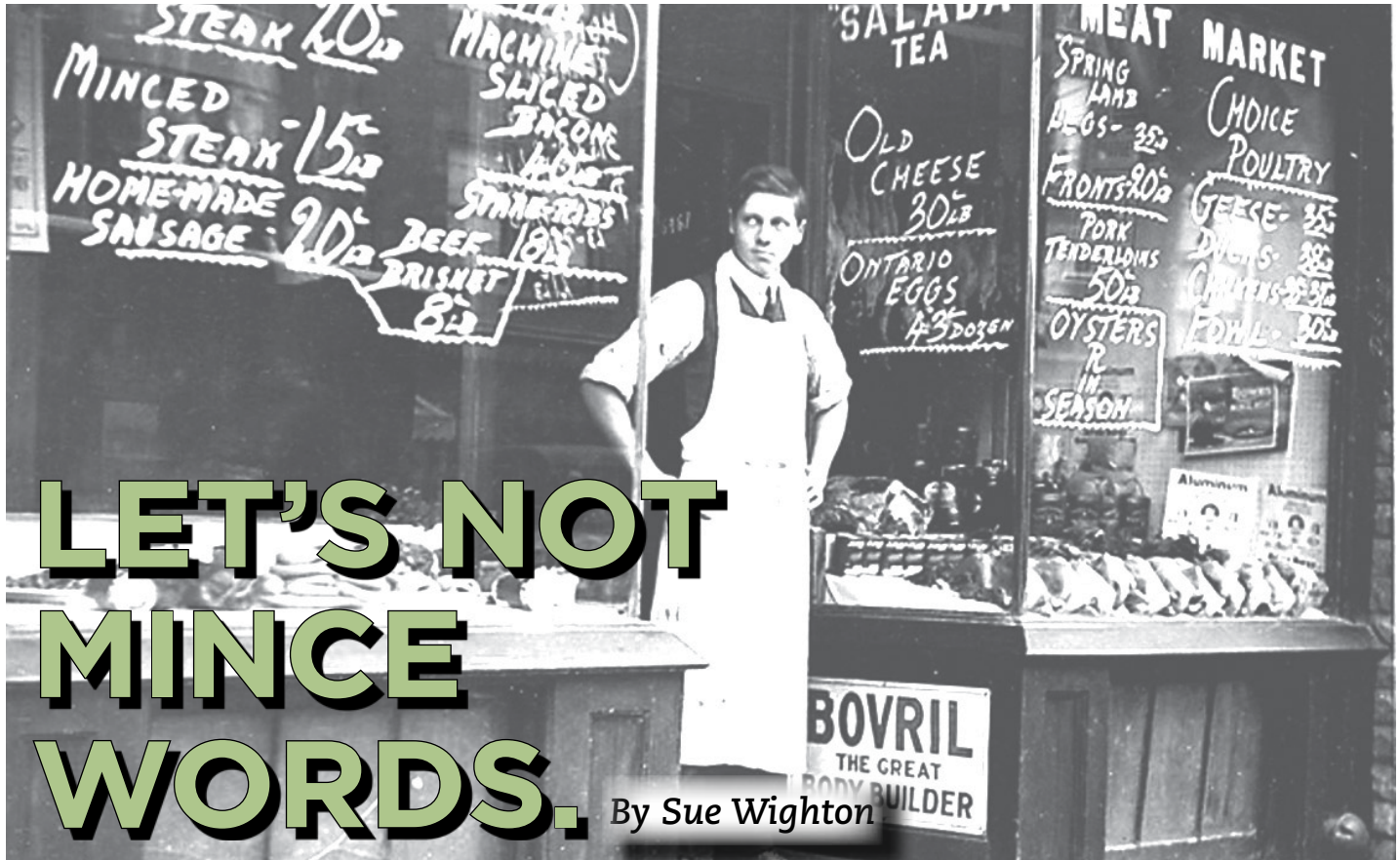
but I put this down to blind favouritism and lack of critical analysis.

I have a very dear friend in the UK whose fridge door is not large enough for all the important mementos of her life, and besides, her fridge is hidden away inside her capacious and brimming pantry and can only be viewed by a select few such as myself. Not that the door is bare, an Italian fridge magnet resides there telling the story of a “Principessa” who will take little or no notice of the handsome Prince's awakening kiss until he has made her a morning cup of coffee! Her husband, Vittorio, is presumably the handsome Prince in question.

On more open display in the kitchen is a large pin-board showing family photos, postcards, a prize-winning poem written by her son when young, and various cartoons cut from newspapers and magazines. A fascinating collection.

I will leave you with a conundrum that occurred to me whilst writing the above piece. Why is it that the correct spelling of the word refrigerator gains the letter “d” when shortened to fridge?

A puzzle indeed!



LET'S NOT MINCE WORDS.

By Sue Wighton

Where would we be without mince?

Is there a cuisine in the world which doesn't rely on mince for something at some point? Mexican tacos. Spaghetti Bolognese. Shepherd's Pie. San Choy Bow.

I love mince.

Remember when we were kids and the butcher minced the steak right before your eyes? There was something gruesomely enthralling about watching the meat go in one end of the machine and ooze

out the other, wormlike and totally transformed. Back then there was only beef mince and only one grade. And that was ... well, 'minced'.

Now of course, every supermarket carries a palate-boggling variety of mince - veal, lamb, chicken, turkey, pork. And you can choose from three stars to five. So, there's a decision to be made. Depending on who you're cooking for, do they warrant the more expensive five-star mince, or will the three-star do? (Throw the packet away. They'll never know.)

There's a school of thought which says the fatter the mince the tastier the dish. A friend of mine says, 'The fat is where the flavour is...' and he should know. This man actually harvests the fat from the meat he cooks and re-uses it. That heart stent really gets a workout.

Whatever grade you choose, let's face it, the

humble mince is still considered a lower-class dish. And it's very forgiving. Perhaps this is because anything minced can hide a multitude of less appealing and perhaps downright repugnant ingredients. Pigs' lips anyone? Eye of newt? Diced bull testicles?

My cook's philosophy - a kind of ancient wisdom passed down from mother to daughter - is to just add heaps of flavour and try not to think about the meat part and what else may have been added and pulverised into meaty oblivion.

Mrs Lovett's monstrous meat pies feature in the musical, *Sweeney Todd*. They're made from the demon barber, Sweeney Todd's human victims - nicely minced thank you. The ghoulish baker sings about her best pie - and it's a family secret - being all about the herbs. She conveniently

doesn't mention the main ingredient, but sings coquettishly that 'being careful with your coriander... makes the gravy grander'.

She has a point. My own secret is a slurp of Bonox or a wadge of vegemite. Never fails.

The word 'mince' comes from the French 'mincier' meaning to make into small pieces. It can also be traced to the vulgar Old Latin 'minutiare' to make small. If a Cockney says you have gorgeous 'mince-pies' he probably means your eyes, not your tarts.

Confusingly at Christmas we eat fruit mince pies, filled with a delicious assemblage of finely chopped rum-soaked dried fruits.

There's that ancient wisdom again. Mince anything and add flavour.

You can't go wrong.

market times

Bribie Island BICA Markets

The Bribie Island BICA Markets are held at Brennan Park, Bongaree, the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6am -12pm

Bribie Rotary Markets

The Rotary Markets are held at Brennan Park, Bongaree on the second Sunday of each month from 6.30am – 12 noon

Queensland Cancer Council Markets

The Cancer Council Markets are held at Brennan Park, Bongaree on the first Sunday of each month from 7am to 12 noon.

The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets (Farmers Market)

The Munch Markets are held in the park opposite the Bribie Island Hotel on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9am to 2pm

The Bribie Lions Club Markets

The Bribie Lions Club Markets are held at Tintookie Park, Woorim on every second Saturday of each month from 8 am to 12 noon



BY: Chris Connolly

Timely and relevant, *The Marksman* is a film well worth viewing.

Liam Neeson stars as Jim Hanson. Hanson is a decorated former marine and skilled marksman who owns a cattle property in Arizona near the US/Mexican border.

Having lost his wife to cancer while facing the mounting debt of her medical care, Jim is bitter, lonely and stressed. Illegal immigrants attempting to cross into the USA through his

property only complicate his life. Reporting them to Border Patrol is the extent of his interest.

All that changes when Hanson encounters a young boy named Miguel, played convincingly by Jacob Perez. We meet Miguel and his mother as they hastily leave their home in Mexico for safe refuge in the US. Pursued by vengeful members of a Mexican drug cartel, trapped unwittingly by the actions of an uncle, they encounter Hanson. Begrudgingly he becomes involved when the cartel confronts the three of them at the border and demands the return of both Miguel and his mother.

In the crossfire that ensues, Miguel's mother is killed and Hanson is faced with a choice. Either he can act on the mother's dying wish to accept responsibility for the child's safe passage or he can give the child to the authorities who will decide his fate.

This is where the film makes its mark. Slowly Hanson warms to the boy as he commits to honouring a mother's dying wish. Slowly the boy reveals his struggles in having to flee his home, his country and his former life for choices made by others.

Director/co-writer, Robert Lorenz, doesn't dwell on the social and political issues at play in this film but subtly invites his viewers to consider the backstories of refugees seeking safety. In doing so he has created a suspenseful, tense and satisfying movie experience.

For Neeson fans, this is somewhat of a departure from his signature roles but one that delivers.



Casablanca

Humphrey Bogart. Ingrid Bergman. One iconic gin joint. Set against the backdrop of World War II, the story of emotionally bruised bar owner Rick and the return of Ilsa, the old flame who left him emotionally distant, is universally regarded as one of the all-time greats. Its central love story is bittersweet, with a sacrificial pay-off that only bolsters its emotional impact. When you've seen it once, you'll be desperate to play it again.



Breakfast at Tiffany's

Leaving aside some of the more problematic elements that emerge when the film is viewed with a modern eye, *Tiffany's* is powered by Audrey Hepburn's nuclear-level charm as Holly Golightly, the socialite with an eye for a new neighbour and a dark past. Hepburn has commented about how tricky she found it to play Holly, but you'd never know it from the film, which grabs your attention and rarely let's go.



Gone With The Wind

Strap in for an extended romp through the tumult of the American Civil War and beyond via the tale of Scarlett O'Hara, a Southern Belle who'll do whatever she needs and marry whoever she likes to get what she wants. A true Hollywood epic, with iconic performances from Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable — just prepare yourself for the shockingly crude language ("Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn").

Classic Romantic Movies



Philadelphia Story

A triumphant comeback for Katharine Hepburn after a string of disappointments. The original Broadway play was written specifically for her, and she oversaw its adaptation with the support of Howard Hughes. The film sees her torn between accepting the affections of Cary Grant or James Stewart — and if the idea of that love triangle wasn't already tantalising enough, it's actually a square (quadrangle?) since John Howard is in there too. George Cukor's breezy direction captures the immense fun that all involved were apparently enjoying in real life.



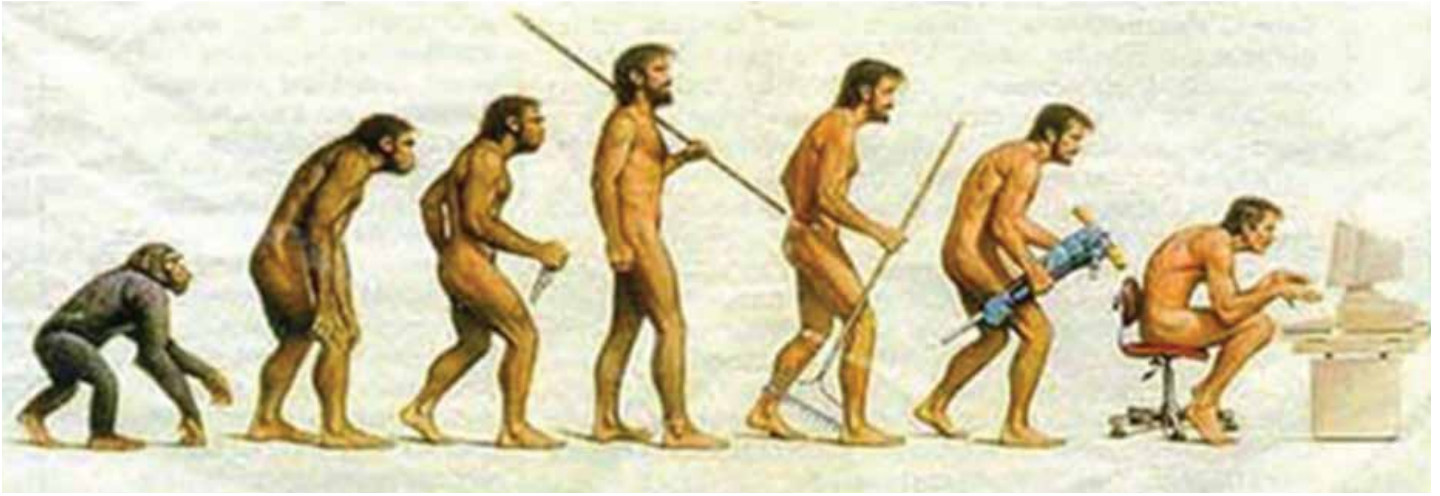
An Affair to Remember

A classic romance with a valuable lesson: look both ways before crossing the road. Cary Grant's Nickie and Deborah Kerr's Terry are conflicted lovers who fall for each other on a cruise. There's one problem — they both have partners back at home to return to. The pair make a pact to meet at the top of the Empire State Building after six months if they still like each other, but Terry misses the reunion after being hit by a car. Like a Green Cross Code video, but with way more emotional impact.



Brief Encounter

With its 'a stable husband is better than a passionate lover' message (hey, it was the 1940s), *Brief Encounter* is both achingly romantic and poignantly melancholic. Laura and Alec's first grit-eyed conversation on the train platform is perhaps the original meet-cute, but the duo's profound connection faces scrutiny from the social mores of the era. The end of the affair is enough to leave you with more than just a speck of dust in your eye.



HOW DID WE GET TO HERE

A History of all us Humans



By Barry Clark
Bribie Island Historical Society

A BIG BANG that started this Universe was 13.5 BILLION years ago, when Matter, Energy, Time & Space first came into being. It took another 10 billion years for some molecules on this tiny planet earth to combine to form intricate structures called organisms. The story of organisms we call **Biology**.

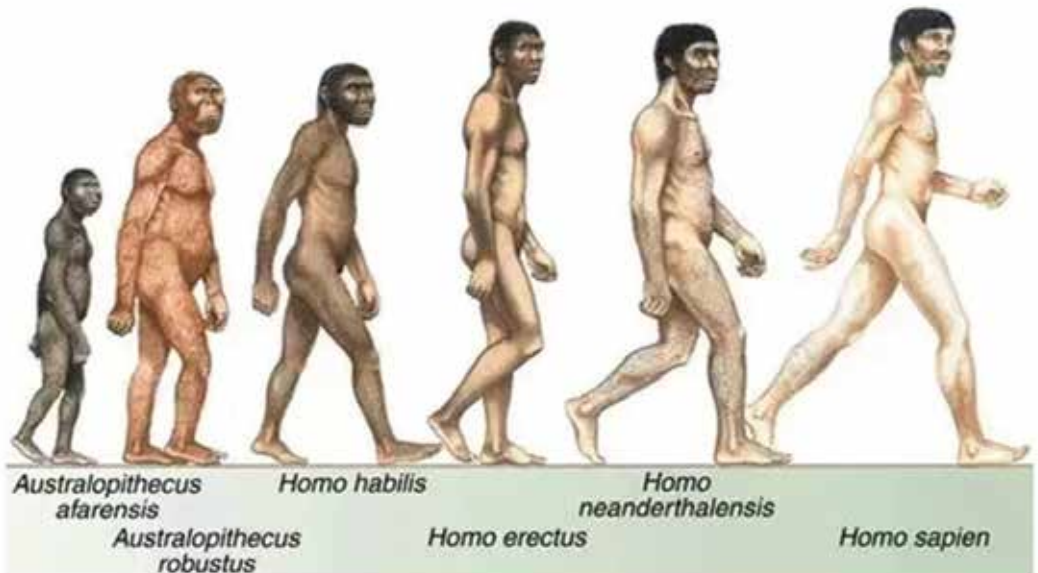
Humans first evolved in East Africa just 2.5 million years ago, and eventually some of these archaic men and women began to journey and settle in areas of Europe and Asia. As they adapted to survive in different terrains and climates, different skills and traits evolved resulting in several different species, which scientists assigned quite pompous Latin names. Biologists classify organisms into species. These are animals that tend to mate with each other. Bulldogs and Spaniels may look very different, but they are

members of the same species, sharing the same DNA pool, and will happily mate with each other, and their offspring with any other dogs. Homo Sapiens, that's humans like you and me, are part of the species known as Great Apes, and our closest relatives include chimpanzees, gorillas and orang-utans. The Chimpanzee is our closest relative and shares 98% of its DNA with us Humans. Some members of the Homo species were massive, and others were dwarves. Some were fearsome hunters and

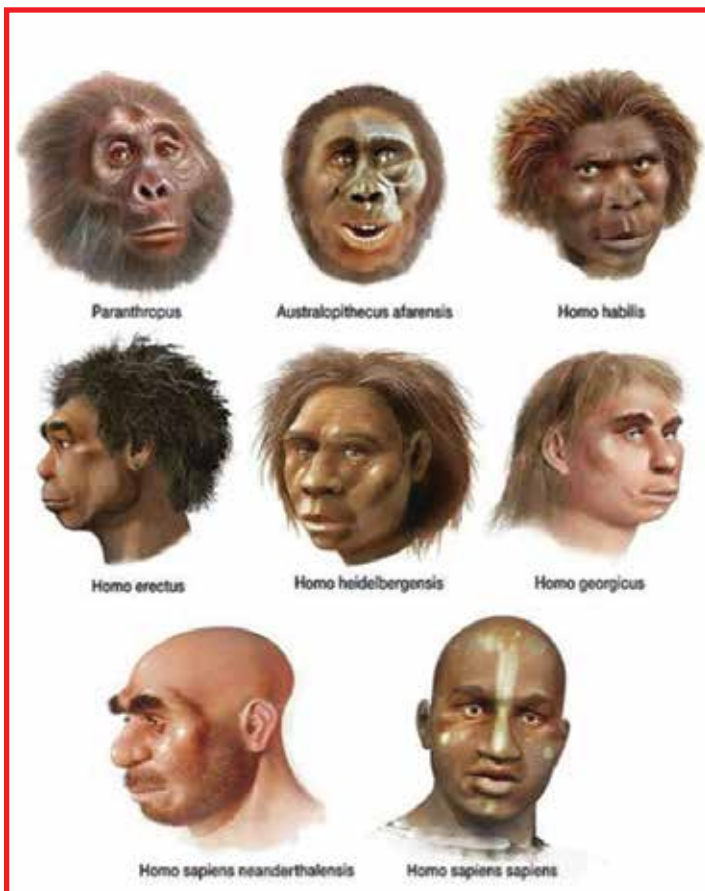
others timid plant gatherers. Some lived in just one place, while others roamed over continents, but all of them belonged to the genus HOMO. They were all human beings. About 6 million years ago, one female ape had two daughters, and one became the ancestor of all chimps, the other is our own grandmother. About 70,000 years ago, organisms belonging to the species HOMO SAPIENS started to form elaborate social and cultural relationships.

THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CULTURES WE CALL HISTORY.

Earth has been home to several different species of humans, living at the same time, that include Homo Africanus, Habilis, Erectus, and Neanderthal. However, for the last 10,000 years our species, Homo Sapiens, has been the only human species on earth.



HISTORY



Homo Erectus (Upright man) evolved and prospered in the eastern regions of Asia for close to 2 million years, making it the most durable human species ever. This record is unlikely to be broken, even by our own species, as it is doubtful if Homo Sapiens will still be around a thousand years from now. The rapid development of us as modern man, seem to be busy cutting through the branch of the tree that we are actually sitting on!!

We immodestly gave ourselves the name, Homo Sapiens, meaning "Wise Man" as we have large brains compared to other animals. Other mammals weighing 60 kg have an average brain size of 200 cubic centimetres, while we modern humans have a brain averaging 1,300 cubic centimetres.

Interestingly, the extinct Homo Neanderthal brain was even bigger. Having a larger brain was actually a drain on the body, being heavy to carry around, needing lots of food and fuel, limiting speed and

agility, and needing many muscles. A human brain is only about 3% of total body weight, but consumes 25% of the body's energy when at rest.

Walking upright also has its downside. The skeleton of our primate ancestors, developed to support a creature walking on all fours, with a relatively small head. Modern man pays for his lofty vision and industrious hands, with backaches, failed joints and broken bones.

Woman paid extra. An upright gait required narrower hips, constricting the birth canal at a time when babies' heads were getting bigger and bigger. Natural selection favoured an earlier birth, when many vital systems are underdeveloped. Compared to other animals humans are born prematurely and are dependant for many years on their elders for sustenance, protection and education.

HUMAN HISTORY REVOLUTIONS

Three important revolutions have shaped the course of

our own human History. The Cognitive revolution started about 70,000 years ago. The Agricultural revolution helped speed things up about 12,000 years ago, and the Scientific revolution got under way about 500 years ago.



About 300,000 years ago, early species of Homo started using fire on a daily basis. They harnessed a dependable source of light and warmth, and a deadly weapon against prowling beasts. However, the best thing they did with fire was cook.

Many foods that humans could not easily digest in their natural form, such as Wheat, Rice and Potatoes, became staples of the diet, when cooked. Fire changed human biology as cooking killed germs and parasites that infested food, and reduced the time involved in chewing such favourites as fruit, nuts, insects and carrion.

A chimpanzee spends five hours a day chewing raw food, whereas a single hour is enough for people eating cooked food.

Competition for resources has always led to violence. Tolerance is not a trademark of us Homo Sapiens. In modern times a small difference in skin colour, dialect or religion is often enough to get one group of Sapiens trying to exterminate another group. Would ancient Sapiens have been more tolerant towards an entirely different human species?

It raises an interesting question about what might have been, had other Homo

species such as Neanderthals or Erectus survived, and lived alongside us as Homo sapiens.

Even though archaic humans looked much like us, and their brains were as big as ours, they did not have any

specific advantage over other human species. They may have looked like us, but their cognitive abilities such as learning, remembering and communicating were far more limited.

About 70,000 years ago Homo Sapiens started spreading out around the world, and quite quickly all other human species were eliminated from the face of the earth. They eventually crossed the open seas and landed here in Australia, a continent hitherto untouched by any species of humans.

It has taken a very long time for humankind to realise we are just a tiny part of a huge interconnected system called the Universe. The current scientific revolution may well be the end of History, and the start something completely different.

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

The Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6; 30pm at the RSL Club. Visitors and new members welcome, with notification.

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THE FINAL OF THE WINNETT DIARY - *The Legacy*

By Al Finegan and Jan Donovan nee Winnett

On the last episode, I said that the arrival of Elizabeth and William Winnett was the embryo of a family dynasty that will help shape the burgeoning colony of Queensland into the state we love today. How true this proved to be.



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Elizabeth passed away in 1943 aged 87 and 7 months, having left a legacy <>180 descendants of numerous generations. Even today many families are living on Bribie with more than one memorial wall filled with plaques of her descendants. Her fine character as reflected in her diary never changed throughout her life as she set a high standard for all her family to achieve.

To continue their story.

On the 12th September 1882, William obtained employment at a sawmill in Tewantin where he was paid 36 shillings a week and they were provided with a free house. Obviously, they had to make major adjustments to their living and working conditions, life being so different from what they had known in Dublin. They travelled from Brisbane to the mill township by Cobb & Co coach. From all reports, it was a busy little township. It was based around the extraction of timber from the neighbourhood forests. A sawmill was opened there in 1869. In its heyday, the mill employed 200 men and with their families made up a thriving community. The school, hotel, shops and other businesses completed the township. A horse-drawn tramway system operated to bring the logs from the hinterland to the mill via Lake Cootharaba, a shallow body of water average depth around 5 to 6 feet.

Small boats carried the mill timber down the Lake through the



River to Tewantin for shipment to Brisbane.

Elizabeth obtained employment as a teacher of the children of the mill families. The P&C at the time recorded that they appreciated her excellent moral standards and teaching abilities.

At the end of 1891, Elizabeth obtained a transfer to Slacks Creek Primary School, south of Brisbane.

They purchased land and began some fruit and vegetable growing to supplement their meagre income Elizabeth would have received in her teaching position. In October 1892 she was appointed Head Teacher. William became active in the community in a variety of responsibilities. He became involved in the establishment of the Kingston Butter Factory, a role which commenced in 1903 and became formalised in 1906. This resulted in his becoming the foundation secretary of the Southern Queensland Dairy Cooperative Company a position he held until 1940 - a period of 34 years.

Meanwhile, Elizabeth carried out her teaching duties commendably. At the end of 1892, her first year in the new position, the inspector reported that "...her methods were suitable and intelligent and applied with skill and the school was worked in an honest patient and energetic manner. Order

and discipline were good, behaviour was more frank and pleasing, and records were well kept". The school committee likewise had positive things to say about her. "... that they appreciate highly intelligent and moral and teaching abilities of the present schoolmistress which are such as they have not before had the privilege of enjoying and are anxious the children of the district should be fully able to make use of the present advantage in this regard."

Elizabeth concluded her teaching duties in June 1908 at the age of 52. The final inspection report says, "I believe Mrs Winnett to be faithful and industrious. It is not possible to overlook the genuine goodness of the teacher or the superior tone of her pupils. She certainly had a right to be proud of the reputation she had built up over the 16 years."

Elizabeth had eight children over almost 20 years. The first was Edward the child who came with them on their trip to Australia. He was born in 1881 in Ireland. Whilst in Tewanin she gave birth to Eleanor (Nelly) 1885, William 1887, and Selina in 1889. After they moved to Slacks Creek she gave birth to Elizabeth 1893, Amy 1895, Charles 1898 and finally Alice in 1900.

In 1900 William was a member of the committee responsible for the building of St Marks church. St Marks fronts onto Winnetts Rd named in honour of the Winnett family. Elizabeth held the first Sunday school classes in Slacks Creek under the trees before the church was built. She is remembered by her former students as a kind and loving teacher. Her Granddaughter Joy who married Neville Smith, my mother's brother, told me she remembered her Grandma's great kindness to others who were less fortunate than herself. During the depression, Grandma would invite the poor men who walked from town to town



looking for work into her home where she would give them a home-cooked meal. Every Sunday we would go to St Marks church and always the minister Canon Miles would come to Grandma's house for a beautiful roast lunch and later before he left, afternoon tea.

The Bribie Connection

Elizabeth's third child William George born in 1887 married Helen Dickson on the 23rd of August 1911. Helen and Bill went on to have seven children. The first six were all boys. When finally the 7th child arrived, it was a girl. To great joy, she was welcomed

into the family. It was thus universally agreed she was to be named Joy and it was Joy who married my mother's brother Neville Smith. Aunt Joy said that she remembers her grandparents so well by the house they owned at Ocean Beach now called Woorim. Helen had purchased the house from the estate of her father Isaac Dickson in 1938. Over all the years Isaac had the house and again after Helen had bought it, the Bribie house became a regular visiting point for all the family (including me). Joy said that her father fondly recalled when he and his brothers were young walking up the beach with their grandfather Isaac and going into the water for a swim. Access to Bribie in those days was by the steamer the SS Koopa and trips on the ship were a regular part of life for the grandchildren especially at Christmas, when several of the families would gather at Bribie.

Elizabeth's Final Years

With her teaching days over and William involved in the factory, Elizabeth settled into a more relaxed existence for her remaining 30 years. She watched on with pride as her grandchildren began to marry and leave home. Nell (Eleanor) increasingly took on the caring duties of both parents. When Elizabeth died in 1943 she left a legacy that she could not possibly have imagined 60 years before. Her grave is located in the historic cemetery that surrounds the old church of St Marks, under the trees, in the very spot she first ran Sunday school.

Elizabeth and William's memory and those of their children remain vivid in the minds of her many descendants with great reverence and pride.

Her legacy lives on.....

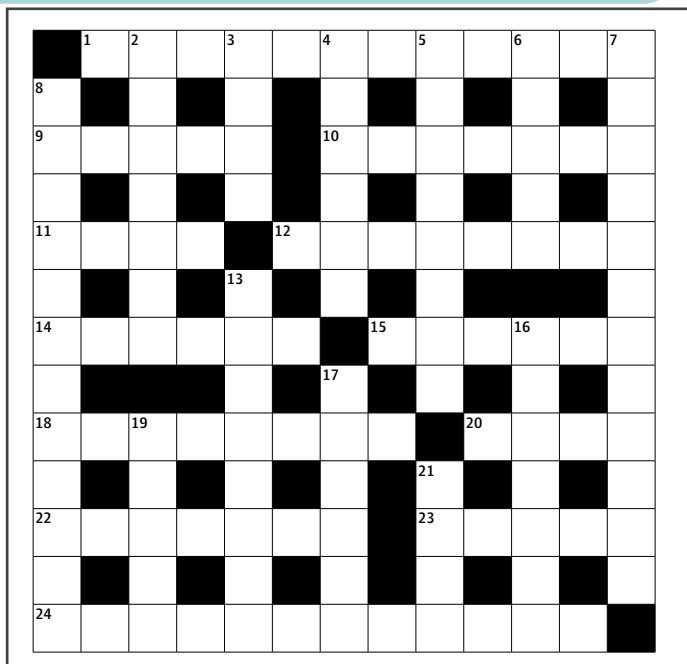
We hope all our readers have enjoyed Elizabeth's story.



St Marks, now Daisy Hill, the site of Elizabeth's grave.



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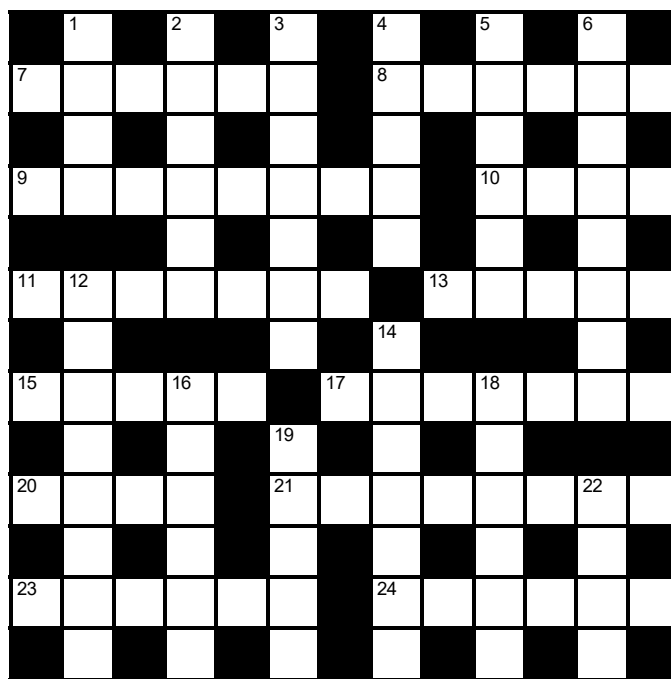


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- 11 Hector's city (4)
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- 14 Public school — clod breaker (6)
- 15 Made level (6)
- 18 Outside-wall covering (8)
- 20 Klemperer, Preminger or Bismarck?(4)
- 22 Venezuelan river (7)
- 23 Afghan capital (5)
- 24 Yield to authority (7,5)

Down

- 2 Secretly shelter (7)
- 3 Anglo-Welsh dandy, d. 1762 — American poet, d. 1971 (4)
- 4 In a wise way (6)
- 5 Dormant (8)
- 6 With everything considered (2,3)
- 7 1950 musical based on Damon Runyon short stories (4,3,5)
- 8 Succeed in a race against time (4,3,5)
- 13 Game bird (8)
- 16 Of significance (7)
- 17 Forty winks (6)
- 19 Parting word (5)
- 21 Analogous (4)



Across

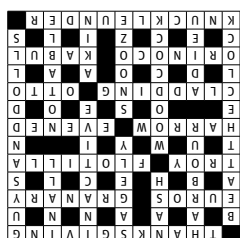
- 7 There are strings attached to entertainment (6)
- 8 Cop (copper) unknown about to live in (6)
- 9 Corny use of characters to find direction (8)
- 10 Worker employs university head for relationship (4)
- 11 Magistrate utterly cold, it seems (7)
- 13 Delivery said to be on board in one sense (5)
- 15 Age is considered for patronage (5)
- 17 Encourage one to breathe (7)
- 20 At least the tail or back the first on the run (4)
- 21 Useful, if relaid properly, for mosquitos, maybe (8)
- 23 Creature found in Manila (6)
- 24 Girl doesn't finish her wine (6)

Down

- 1 Laddie said to reveal a marker (4)
- 2 Shoot up can manifest itself in stupor (6)
- 3 Committed to stem the flow (7)
- 4 Painter found the day and French to boot (5)
- 5 Pick your equipment for Everest (3, 3)
- 6 She's one of a kind and not first to persist unreasonably (8)
- 12 Rectifying a mistake? - Infallible, sure! (8)
- 14 Kickstart cart on service making good progress (2, 5)
- 16 Plan mediation without ado and promptly (2, 4)
- 18 Mail sorted pro rata, initially and delivered to central (6)
- 19 Luck a funny way to stop (5)
- 22 Not a good look when a little error covers it (4)

SOLUTION

EASY crossword Issue 132



SOLUTION

SUPPLIED BY CYRUS

CYRUS crossword Issue 132



Kids Page



Breakfast Burrito

INGREDIENTS

- 8 eggs
- 1/4 cup reduced fat milk
- 1/4 cup (30g) grated reduced fat mozzarella
- Olive oil spray
- 1 red capsicum (220g), halved, seeded, thinly sliced lengthways
- 1 green capsicum (220g), halved, seeded, thinly sliced lengthways
- 12 mushrooms (400g), thinly sliced
- 150g can of no added salt corn kernels, drained
- 3 medium tomatoes (450g), diced
- 8 small corn tortillas (approx. 30g per tortilla)

METHOD

1. Whisk eggs and milk in a large bowl. Stir in cheese. Set aside.
2. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium-high heat and lightly spray with olive oil.
3. Stir-fry red and green capsicum for 4-5 minutes or until softened.
4. Add mushroom and corn, cook, stirring for 2-3 minutes.
5. Reduce heat to low and add egg mix. Stir gently with a wooden spoon for 2 minutes or until eggs are just set. Remove pan from heat.
6. Heat the tortillas according to packet instructions. Evenly spread each tortilla with egg, and vegetable mix, plus the diced tomato.
7. Roll up burrito style and serve.
8. Optional extras include coarsely chopped coriander, lime wedge, freshly chopped chilli or hot sauce.

CORNY JOKES FOR KIDS!

Q: How do you make an artichoke?

A: You strangle it.

Q: What did the lettuce say to the celery?

A: Quit stalking me!

Q: What school subject is the fruitiest?

A: History because it is full of dates!

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

A: Because it saw the salad dressing.

Q: What vegetables are sailor's enemies?

A: Leeks

KNOCK KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

LETTUCE! LETTUCE WHO?
LETTUCE IN AND YOU'LL FIND OUT!

Q: Why did the banana go to the doctor?

A: Because it wasn't peeling well.

Q: What key do you use to open a banana?

A: A monkey.

KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

BEAN
BEAN WHO?
BEAN A WHILE SINCE I SAW YOU!

Q: What did the father tomato say to the baby tomato while out for a walk?

A: Ketchup!

Q: Why do mushrooms get invited to all the parties?

A: Because they are such fungis.

Q: What is a plumber's favourite vegetable?

A: A leek.

Q: Why shouldn't you tell secrets in a cornfield?

A: Too many ears.



Find A Word

Ice Cream Flavors

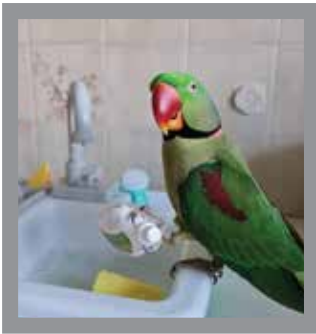
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| STRAWBERRY | TIGER TAIL | BANANA |
| COTTON | GREEN TEA | VANILLA |

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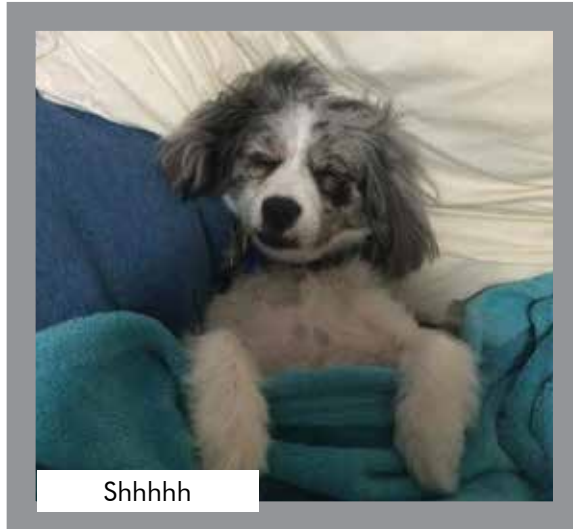


Nemo pretty boy

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Hugsy the Penguin



Pet  Care

BUDGIE OUTWITS CAT

Fonzie is a green Budgerigar, and he is a very talkative little guy! Budgies are a very small parrot and parrots are well known to be extremely intelligent. Fonzie is no exception! One day a cat took Fonzie in its mouth! But, before it could hurt him, little Fonzie cried out "Fonzie, Fonzie" over and over until his trained human rescued him, unhurt, from the "lion's" jaws (so to speak). Fonzie's quick thinking in the face of death and his way with words allowed him to outwit the would-be predator and save his life!

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You are so cute Gus



Anakin loves his bone



Frasier & Daphne



Rossi out cold



Luna the cat



Viper off for a drive



Teddy your mum has this photo thing down pat!



Horoscope

In these challenging times, there are many things we can't get for love or money. And we face many situations where more of either would help. In March, the Sun's link with abundant Venus, at the New Moon, brings seeds of hope that will come into blossom at the Jupiter-infused Full Moon. Although patience is still required, the Equinox adds a spark of energy to the celestial mix. Whatever challenges arise, we'll have the resources to deal with them. It's time to look forwards with optimism.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

The new month finds you building on almost forgotten skills and expertise. Like a talented actor, a gifted scientist, or a great artist, you were never in danger of losing the magic that makes you special. You've always had what it takes... and you've still got it. Are you equal to the tasks before you? Of course! Will you need to go beyond wherever you've been before? Very probably! But if you treat the challenges arising before you as opportunities to shine, your stardom won't let you down. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

In the coming month the question is, do you want to be as hard as iron or as soft as a cotton wool? The answer should be 'both!' You can't just eliminate your vulnerable side. But you need to make sure that your most profound feelings are protected behind a solidly constructed wall. Only a well-chosen few should have access to your reservoir of kindness. The challenge, in March, involves allowing your heart to guide you while keeping a threat at bay. This will be much easier to achieve than you think. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

It's not impossible to go up a descending escalator. You just need to be feeling confident, get some speed up, and exert more effort than would normally be necessary. But if someone, who doesn't want you to succeed, turns the speed up, you're going to struggle to make progress. Fortunately, that's not what March has in store for you. Cosmic assistance is on hand. The New Moon ensures that no matter how difficult a challenge may look, as long as you do your best, success is guaranteed. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Since it's impossible to turn back the clock, there's no point regretfully looking back at past decisions. So, does that mean we have to live with the consequences of our actions? Well, yes... but in March, you'll realise that a historical 'mistake' is nowhere near as regrettable as you fear. Your imagination has overinflated the repercussions of a recent choice. Prepare to discover that things have already started to work out well. You might yet have reason to see a 'mistake' as a 'good move'. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

As soon as kids are old enough to ask for things, they're taught to lower their expectations. Our principle caregivers tell us what we can and can't have, and try to convince us to set our sights on achievable goals. While there are advantages in being 'sensible', it's not healthy to think that life always involves having to make compromises. The encouraging relationship between the Sun and Venus in March enables you to upwardly revise your understanding of what's practical and what's possible. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

This month's powerful cosmic climate brings chances to reflect and look for deeper truths. It's also inspires you to discover (and enjoy) the untapped potential in some of your key relationships. The Sun's links to your ruling planet, Venus, indicate that new opportunities abound. You're being blessed with an ability to find magic in the ordinary, and happiness in the mundane. There's joy and delight in store for you in March. And much of it will be discovered where you least expect it to be! Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

If you could close your eyes and make a wish, what would you wish for? And if that proved a wish too far, what would your next choice be? And the one after that? If you were to spend March going through such a process, you'll get to the point where you begin to feel far happier about your current situation. You'll see evidence of tangible improvements that encourage a much more optimistic frame of mind. By the Equinox, you'll know just what to do to make more of your wishes come true. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

Some people like to make plans. Others wait to be stimulated into action. The consequences of living in these challenging times have caused you to deliberate about how to make progress. Although you've explored options, and considered alternatives, none have created anything exciting enough to motivate you. Will March bring the insight to make a decision? The powerful cosmic climate, which is heavily influenced by the Moon, the ruler of your sign, brings clear signals. Inspiration is on its way. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

There are many varieties of apples, each as yummy as the next. It's the same when it comes to techniques that encourage self-awareness. Are some superior to others? That's a matter of opinion. Most people agree that it doesn't matter what you do, as long as you do something! This month, the relationship between your ruler and Venus brings an ease of tension and the promise of more freedom to pursue activities that bring you joy. As long as you're doing something, that's all that matters. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

Your ability to perceive right from wrong is second to none. Yet sometimes, when you attempt to explain what you feel, you worry that you're not making sense. Negative comments, from people who think they're cleverer than you, can make you wonder why you bother to express your views. But surely, it's better to be right for the wrong reasons than wrong for the 'right' ones? You've long thought that something must be one way, but have been told that it's another. March brings vindication. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

A helpful discussion will do much to put your mind at rest in March. Someone holds the key to a problem you're trying to resolve. This information isn't a secret, nor is it being purposefully withheld. All you have to do is ask the right person the right question. Or maybe, you don't even have to go that far. It may well be sufficient just to raise the right topic. The Sun's links with your ruler ensure that what naturally evolves from a series of conversations will prove extremely useful and revealing. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

A series of profound experiences is about to make their way into your world in March. 'Profound' is a strange word. Does it mean 'mysterious'? Or 'complex'? Are you going to discover that there's more to you (and life) than you knew? Well, yes! But the main realisation involves the depths of your own authenticity. When you mean something, you won't just be saying it, you'll really mean it. The same is true for what you feel. Although you may have profound reactions to intense situations, the results will be positive. Our gift to BRIBIE ISLANDERS... free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com





"PINKABOUTIT" FROM DRAGONS ABREAST BRIBIE ISLAND WELCOMED THE WEEK ON MONDAY 25TH WITH AN EARLY AUSTRALIA DAY PADDLE.

Coming back to training after the Christmas break, with the focus on resistance and strength training for the coming February regattas, was not overlooked as we perfected our new race start regime. One, which is designed to

have a stronger, more powerful start into the race, but not so fast as to lose paddlers.

With our usual tongue-in-cheekiness, we all came dressed for the occasion. Our costumes varied from Ned Kelly headdress to slinky Aussie flag dresses.

All in good fun for a morning's paddle and the BBQ after, complete with sausage sizzle,

lamingtons, cheerios, tropical fruit and cake for the January and February birthday dates.

We are constantly aware of our mission as Dragons Abreast members. Whilst we all enjoy our paddling, we continually promote awareness of and recovery from breast cancer through the uplifting experience and exercise of dragon boating. We advocate



survivors and their supporters, both male and female, to come along, enjoy and participate in an encouraging environment of camaraderie and fun.

Bongaree Bowls Men's

Sat Jan 23rd Scroungers: Winner Mick Falvey, 2nd Andrew Evans, Paul White

Wed Mixed 4s Winners Merna Hogg, Bruce Rodger, Max Nganeko, Marilyn Weston. Runners up Nigel Blundell, Mike Giles, Sandi Hodges, Ellen Corrick

Thurs Mens pairs Jan 28th Winners Mike Hansen, Judy Hanson

Sat Jan 30th Scroungers: Winner Pam Barringhaus, 2nd Eric Stavely, 3rd John Olson, 4th Roger Brookes

Sat. Mens 4s Championship final: Winners Steve Pomeroy, Bruce Rawson, Jimmy Parker, Barry Russell. Runners up Ray Horne, Gordon

Pitts, Jim Irvine, Ian Virgen

Wed Feb 3rd Mixed 4s Winners Ian Cairns, Darryl Brown, Barry France, Gordon Pitts. Runners up Doreen Pennery, Moose Huddleston, Ken Kajewski, Arthur Hangan

Thurs Mens pairs Feb 4th Winners Mick Falvey, Ernie Connolly. Runners up Col Erhardt, John Olson

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Bowls Results – Week Ending 30/1/21

Tuesday 26th – No Play.

Wednesday 27th - Winners: S Hillen, S Jameson.

Runners Up: M Wilson, G Hubbard. Jackpot \$250 – Not Won.

Thursday 28th – Winners: T Rolfe, M McKenzie, J McKenzie.

Runners up: G Wilson, V Fredericks, P Payne.

Friday 29th – Winners: P Hourigan, G Caplick. 2nd Place: H Taylor, C Jenkins. 3rd Place: M Wilson, W Stuart.

Saturday 30th – Winners: M Jones, T Parker. Runners up: D McKenzie, S Orr, M Smith.

Bowls results – Week Ending 6/2/21

Tuesday 2nd – No Play.

Wednesday 3rd - Winners: R Horsfall, G Hubbard. Runners up: T Paukau, R McLean. Jackpot \$308– Not Won.

Thursday 4th – Winners: M Moore, K Turnbull, N Feazy. Runners up: D Johns, S Todd, G Sorrensen.

Friday 5th – Winners: V Mitchell, W Mitchell. 2nd Place: D King, R King. 1st Round Winners: N Gray, M James. 2nd Round Winners: J Phillips, L Twedde

Saturday 6th – Winners: D McKenzie, T Dempsey, T Parker. Runners Up: B Payne, R Horton, B Craitem.



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BONGAREE BOWLS

VISITORS FROM DISTRICT CLUBS AND BONGAREE MEMBERS HAD A GREAT TIME AT THE PRESIDENTS AT HOME DAY HELD AT BONGAREE BOWLS CLUB THE DAY WAS HOSTED BY DOREEN PENNERY, WHO HAS BEEN THE LADIES PRESIDENT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS. A MORNING GAME OF BOWLS WAS FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS LUNCH, RAFFLES WERE DRAWN AND PRIZES (DONATED BY PETER NORTON BRIBIE SKIN CANCER CLINIC) WERE AWARDED FOR LUCKY RINKS WINNERS. PICTURED ARE GAIL PARKER AND DOREEN PENNERY CUTTING THE CAKE.



Photo - The Winner of the Beginners bash at Bongaree bowls club: Carol Oates with Runner up Rowan Gordon our Junior bowler

Friday 22nd Winners: Carolyn Merritt, Lyn Southall and Brien Skerten.

R/Up Sandra Allan, Di Drew, Gail Parker, Tuesday 26th. The Pirates defeated the

Wenches in the Australia Day game. Friday 29th Winners on the President's At Home Day included: Merna Hogg, Trudy from Kilcoy, Col Hodges, Bob Vonarx, Jean Wegg and Ferdi Timmerman, Carol Oates, Bruce Rodge.

BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S 4S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL.

Winners Steve Pomeroy, Jim Parker, Bruce Rawson, Barry Russell. Runners up Ray Horne, Gordon Pitts, Jim Irvine, Ian Wiggins



BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

Club Select Triples Thursday 21-01-2021

1st Out of Hat: I Gillard, K Muller, G Lavis

2nd Out of Hat: C Stroud, C Young, M Young

3rd out of Hat: J Muller, B Hamer, S Hose

Bunny: B Doe, L Hackwood, K Mewburn, G Low

Self-Select Mens pairs Friday 22-01-2021

Winners: W Ebert, D Wilks

Runner up: R Brinton, L Deakins

Out of hat winner: T Turnbull, K Soens

Out of hat winner: G Reily, M Mills

Out of hat winner: K Laverty, B Priest

Bunny: J Studd, R Fowler

Random Select Fours Saturday 23-01-2021

1st Out of Hat: B Castle, S Joliffe, G Jackson, L Gilmour

2nd out of Hat: B Kent, B Adams, M Mills, L Murphy

3rd out of Hat: K Thornton, B Moss, E Hookey, G McEniery

Bunny: J Ferguson, W Ogroonicze, D Young, D Hudson

Bunny: A Kinnear, K Soens, I Smith, M Young

Scroungers Results Wednesday 27-01-2021

1st out of Hat: A Russel

2nd out of hat: B Bognar

3rd out of Hat: R Gilmour

Self Select Pairs Wednesday 27-01-2021

Winner: D McMahon, C Wilkie

Runner up: A Sharp, E Sharp

Bunny: S Mitchell, J Noonan

Club Select Triples Thursday 28-01-2021

1st Out of Hat: B Doe, D Neumann, S Hose

2nd out of Hat: C Christiansen, J Hillier, M Roberts

3rd out of Hat: J Neill, P McCarthy, B Bognar

Bunny: A Kinnear, G Olsen, M Gittens

Self Select Pairs Friday 29-01-2021

Winners: K Taylor, P Hughes

Runner up: T Townsend, G Healing

Out of Hat Winner: B Ferguson, G Steele

Out of hat Winner: G Teakel, E James

Out of Hat Winner: B Castle, D Bowers

Bunny: K Opray, J Oliver

MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB:

Sat 23 Jan 1. - R Medhurst & S Allen 2 D Quinan & F Barkwith 3 C & S Wagg, **Wed 27 Jan** - N/S 1 S Allen & J Kennedy 2 J Breene & S Pascoe 3 L Carr & K Cohen. E/W 1 R Medhurst & H Browne 2 F Barkwith & D Quinan 3 C & S Wagg, **Sat 30 Jan** - N/S 1 L Carr & J Kennedy 2 L Groves & J Brazier 3 L Heap & C McAlister, E/W C & S Wagg 2 G & S Barnulf 3 B Fuller & L Ward. **Wed 3 Feb** - N/S 1 L Carr & K Cohen 2 H Tyler & J Medhurst 3 D Quinan & F Barkwith, E/W 1 M Arthur & P Edis 2 C & S Wagg 3 S Allen & L Heap BICBC: **Mon 25 Jan** N/S 1 M Peterson & D Quinan 2 H Browne & U Maffey 3 N Everson & J Brazier, E/W 1 R Maffey & B Hancox 2 P Edis & C McAlister 3 B Moxham & J Kennedy. **Mon 1 Feb** - N/S 1 M Peart & D Quinan 2 N Everson & R King 3 J Brazier & J Kennedy E/W 1 R Maffey & B Hancox 2 I Best & B Moxham 3 J Day & S McCulloch

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BRIBIE ISLAND LADIES GOLF RESULTS

28/1/21 – Single Stroke & Putting

Div 1 Winner: Ros Gardiner 74.

R/U: Dianne Hayward 75. 2nd R/U: Kate Wilson 76 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Anna de Bondt 72 c/b

R/U: Fizzie Jackson 72. 2nd R/U: Stina Barnuff 73

Div 3 Winner: Jody Bedson 77 c/b.

R/U: Nadia Aylott 77. 2nd R/U: Jan Jennings 79.

Best Overall Putting: Myra Thomsen with 25 putts.

The Bribie Island Ladies would like to welcome our new Monthly Medal Sponsor for 2021 the Churches of Christ in Queensland and would like to thank Katherine Falzon, Retirement Living Manager for their support.

4/2/21 – Monthly Medal Single Stroke & Putting. Sponsor: Churches of Christ Queensland.

Div 1 Winner: Magrit Pearce 75 c/b

R/U: Gwen Clutterbuck 75. 2nd R/U: Susie Smith 76.

Best Gross: Jo Malone 86.

Best Putting: Gwen Clutterbuck with 26 Putts c/b

Div 2 Winner: Judith L'Estrange 71

R/U: Lulu Drew 74. 2nd R/U: Yvonne Nicklin 75 c/b.

Best Gross 98 & Best Putting 26 –

Jennifer De Ruyter

Div 3: Single Stableford: Winner:

Paula McKenzie 38

R/U: Heather Croukamp 36. 2nd R/U: Angela Jordan 33. 3rd R/U:

Sheila Stack 31 c/b



Gwen Clutterbuck & Lulu Drew with Katherine Falzon, Retirement Living Manager, Churches of Christ in Qld the new Sponsor for our 2021 Monthly Medals

HOW LUCKY ARE WE!!

By: Kathy Vincent

Sometimes it is so easy to grumble and not think just how lucky we are here on Bribie. I am sure it applies to lots of different aspects of life in these Covid times. Some people say it is all rubbish and there is no such thing as Covid, some people refuse to wear masks, some people say "don't have the vaccine, it is poison" Is it so difficult to just abide by the rules even though they may keep changing? Let's think about croquet. How lucky are we, we can actually play croquet here on Bribie provided we socially distance. In the UK for example members of Croquet Clubs have not been allowed to play for months. They would do anything to be able to play. They have no indication of when they can play again. They would wear masks if it was required, they would adhere to any rules imposed on them if it meant they could play croquet.

Our management committee is vigilant. They check regularly what the Government require. They check with Queensland Croquet Association. They put into practice all that is required of them in order to let players play. Sanitisers are out, equipment is sanitized after the games, social distancing

a requirement. So, let's thank them for the hard work they do. Let's not grumble that we cannot use the Club House or that we can't go in and make coffee. If it is a condition of play to wear a mask then that is exactly what we will do.

Not only are we lucky enough to play, but Gala days are being organized not just here on Bribie but in other parts of Queensland. Some of us are entering a competition in Toowoomba in March provided nothing changes that is. Coaching is starting for the Shield, Plate and Pennant competitions. Two of our courts are being renovated so



President setting a good example



Sue wearing a mask because she cant socially distance

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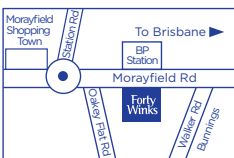


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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR ROMANTIC VALENTINE'S DAY BEDROOM



1. Lighting

Many of us are used to bright artificial lighting in the home, but softer, more ambient lighting can make all the difference in the bedroom. Soft, yellowish lighting reminiscent of a fireplace will make you both feel warm and calm. Alternatively, why not try lighting a couple of candles for a romantic setting? Candles can evoke feelings of intimacy. They also let the stress run away and make your eyes focused on the pulchritude of your love and the candle light. Also, they give a romantic look to the room. Besides, they should be grouped together in many corners of the room for the best effect.



2. Music

While many of us have very different tastes in music, ideally what you are looking to create is a gentle, soothing ambience. Think Marvin Gaye!

3. Scents

Scents such as jasmine or ylang ylang have been shown to elicit a sensual response. Lavender and geranium are naturally calming. Don't go overboard – a pillow mist or hint of your favourite aftershave or perfume will do it. If you don't want to invest in essential oils or candles, the most important scent of all is cleanliness.

4. Colours

If you have a selection of bedding, warm colours can work wonders in setting the mood. If all you have are crisp 'whites', use lighting to create a cosy environment.



5. Get Rid of the Gadgets

Achieving relaxation and intimacy is so much harder when you throw digital distractions into the mix. TVs, computers, phones and tablets should be off, and best of all, not in the bedroom at all!

6. Cleanliness

A messy bedroom is a mood killer. Put laundry away, move any papers and filing into another room and tidy up. Bedroom mess is a distraction when your attention should be focused on one thing – your partner.

7. The bed

Last but by no means least, you need to get your bed looking as inviting as possible. Plump up the pillows, pre-make the bed with freshly laundered sheets. Just because you aren't staying in a hotel, it doesn't mean you can't try and attain a five-star finish!



Bedtime should be a blissful part of any Valentine's day (or any day to be precise) – the point at which you close the door on the world, cosy up together in bed in a welcome moment of intimacy, then drift off into a sumptuous night's sleep.

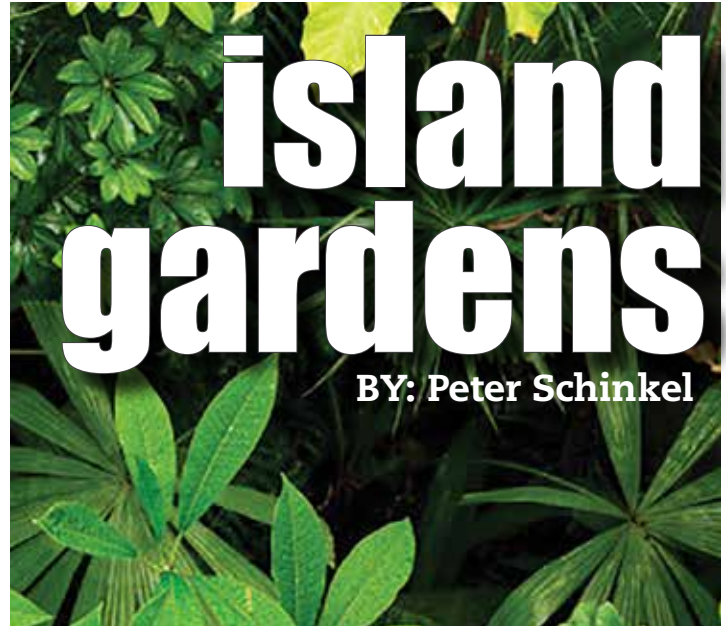
Welcome back to Island Gardens everyone. As summer continues to put much-wanted rain and sunshine onto our gardens, I've had a few requests to shed some more light on creating your own tropical garden. In a tropical garden, palms are usually the best larger plants. There are a few low-maintenance palms to choose from which we'll look at in a moment. Larger plants are necessary to cast shade for the wide variety of tropical plants that prefer a shady home.

Back in issue 131, we looked at how Golden Cane Palms can be the ideal shade-giving plant. This is thanks to the ability to keep them short enough to be easily maintained for life. Plus they look really nice and lush with just a little maintenance. There are other palms that are also if not even more ideal. The

overall the Raphis handles the sun quite well. So - again, only a little maintenance involved, and I think I'm not the only person who usually has a pair of secateurs handy, if not lost somewhere in the garden!

Another palm I love is the Cascade Palm (pictured on the bottom). Wonderful, lush, flowing branches and a maximum height of 2 metres - they make a great alternative alongside a Golden Cane, Raphis, or both. The alternative foliage helps to create the tropical, lush feel. The Cascades will, of course, cast the shade on those rainforest plants that need it and they're also easily pruned with just a pair of secateurs.

I have also mentioned the lickety-split philodendron but have since learned of its big sister named the "hope" philodendron. The "lickety"



island gardens

BY: Peter Schinkel

off in the form of planting all the medium and smaller plants. This can even be done a bit at a time until your garden is as full as you want it to be.

There are so many plants available which can fill those spaces - check out tropical plants and rainforest plants online. Even better - ask your

local nurseries and plant sellers for advice. We are blessed in the Bribie region to have so many sources of good plants on both retail and market levels.

THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING ME AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE END OF SUMMER, AND AS ALWAYS, HAPPY GARDENING!



Raphis Palm is one. Pictured on the top is a young, small specimen. As they grow, the fronds remain about 30-40cm across with their fingered leaves, and the whole plant simply gets bigger. They're quite attractive and can be easily maintained to be any height. Simply snip off any of those skinny fronds to shape it just how you want it. Some of the fronds will go brown in the sun (chop them off), but

might only grow to a metre or 1.5 and tolerate full sun, but the "hope" will reach up to around two metres, again providing shade where needed. Although it is in itself a lover of a bit of shade, so consider planting it on the eastern side of a palm, shaded from the hottest afternoon sun. With all this variety of foliage, gardens quickly look so interesting and lush. With the height taken care of, much enjoyment takes

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- Enclose open areas under decks and floors.
- Install fine steel wire mesh screens on all windows, doors, vents and weep holes.
- Point LPG cylinder relief valves away from the house.
- Conduct maintenance checks on pumps, generators and water systems.
- Seal all gaps in external roof and wall cladding.

Access

- Display a prominent house or lot number, in case it is required in an emergency.
- Ensure there is adequate access to your property for fire trucks - 4 metres wide by 4 metres high, with a turn-around area.

Vegetation

- Reduce vegetation loads along the access path.
- Mow your grass regularly.
- Remove excess ground fuels and combustible material (long dry grass, dead leaves and branches).
- Trim low-lying branches two metres from the ground surrounding your home.

Personal

- Check that you have sufficient personal protective clothing and equipment.
- Relocate flammable items away from your home, including woodpiles, paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets and garden furniture.
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HAVE YOUR SAY TO PROTECTING MORETON BAY'S COASTLINE

Council's community consultation team will be visiting coastal locations again in February so residents can have their say on how to protect and manage our region's beaches and waterways.

Drop-in sessions will be hosted in Toorbul, Donnybrook, Bongaree, Beachmere, Deception Bay and Scarborough next month to inform Council's Living Coast: Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS).

Mayor Peter Flannery said he didn't want computer access to be a barrier for locals wanting to have their say on this long-term plan for managing our changing coastal conditions.

"Building on from the information we gathered last year, we are continuing to listen to the invaluable experiences of locals and visitors to help plan, prepare and manage our coastal areas into the future," Mayor Flannery said.

"Please come along to any of the sessions, and bring your family and friends, and

help us plan for the future management of our dynamic and much-loved coastal landscape.

"If you can't attend a drop-in session, you can still share your coastal experiences and have your say via the short online survey before 7 March."

Mayor Flannery said the first step of creating a CHAS was identifying what is important to the community.

"Our bays, estuaries and beaches mean different things to different people, and are used, loved and enjoyed in a range of ways," Mayor Flannery said.

"By understanding what is important, we can develop a strategy that incorporates the needs and interests of land and asset owners, and coastal communities.

"This shared understanding will help inform appropriate coastal management options for the Moreton Bay Region.

"Given our vast coastline, there are certainly parts of the region which are more susceptible to change from natural hazards including coastal erosion, storm tide inundation and predicted sea-level rise.

"Many of these locations play a crucial role in Moreton Bay - contributing to recreation and leisure, business and economic activity, history and culture, environment and our local lifestyle.

"The development of a CHAS will help us make better decisions to mitigate those potential risks so we can continue to enjoy our coast for generations to come."

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS:

Saturday 6 February

- Toorbul: 8am - 10am, Toorbul Boat Ramp Park
- Donnybrook: 12pm - 2pm, Pumicestone Park, Alice Street

Saturday 13 February

- Bongaree: 8am - 10am, Bongaree Jetty Park (corner of Welsby Parade and First Ave)
- Beachmere: 12pm - 2pm, Lehman Park, Biggs Avenue

Saturday 20 February

- Deception Bay: 8am - 10am, Captain Cook Parade Park (opposite library)
 - Scarborough: 12pm - 2pm, Thurecht Park
- The development of the Council's CHAS has received funding support from the Queensland Government's QCoast2100 Program, an initiative assisting more than 30 coastal local governments to plan and prepare for coastal change.

Council will be communicating and engaging with the community while it prepares a CHAS, from now to 2023.

To complete the community values survey and learn more about CHAS, visit <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Projects/CHAS>



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BRIBIE 1 SEAPEN MAINTENANCE



Coxswain Ian Grimes "drew the short straw" to physically check the SeaPen.

PROMOTIONS



Congratulations Jim Brown on receiving your Senior Competent Crew Anchors from Coxswains Adrian Westerman and Simon Middap, very well deserved!



A massive shout out to Leeton Shepherd and Egg Richards for receiving their first stripe on their VMR journey congratulations gents. Above on Bribie 2 Coxswain Simon Middap, Noel Wendt, Jim Brown, Leeton Shepherd and Egg Richards.

VMARQ REFRESHER COURSE



VMR Bribie's Coxswains Simon Middap and Allan Tranter doing their VMARQ refresher course with VMARQ State Training Manager Andy Ross (pictured in the centre) Wednesday morning 27th January 2021 at the VMR Bribie Base.

WEDNESDAY 27th January 2021

Another big service day at VMR Bribie after a busy long weekend. Jonkers Bribie 3 was hauled out of the water by our Toyota Hilux supplied by Martin Jonkers Toyota Morayfield and Bribie 2 was hauled out of the water by our tractor/trailer combo. All three Yamaha outboard motors were serviced by Graham and Gavin from Northside Marine and were quickly back in the water ready for their next rescue. Regular servicing is

critical to ensure that all three vessels are ready to go at a moment's notice.



Graham from Northside Marine servicing Jonkers Bribie Three's Outboard.



Graham from Northside Marine servicing Bribie Two's outboards, new filters about to be fitted.

RADIO ROOM PROJECT

Thursday 28th January 2021, another big day for Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie with the formal start to the new Radio Room project. A skype meeting was held with Ruth Trogan from Frequentis and several of Frequentis technical personal. In attendance from Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island was our Radio Officer John Bodycombe, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Our IT manager and Senior Radio Operator Peter Morton, Gary Voss VMR Bribie's Secretary, Peter McNamara Senior Radio Operator and Committee member and Allan Tranter Unit Training Co-ordinator and committee

member. This exciting project will take a few months for it to be installed and for all radio operators to be fully trained on the touch screen system before it goes live.



From left: Allan Tranter, John Bodycombe, Peter Morton, Ces Luscombe and Gary Voss, with Peter McNamara behind the camera.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

A spectacular morning on the water with the Bribie Island Sailing Club's Blessing of the Fleet 2021, Father Steven Schwarzrock from Bribie Island St Peters Anglican Church blessed the fleet as they motored past the Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island pontoon. VMR Bribie's three rescue vessels were used as marshalling vessels and were blessed as well. VMR Coxswain Simon Middap did a safety briefing for all the skippers before the ceremony. A fleet of 9 sailing vessels, the Bribie Island Dragons Abreast Dragon Boat, plus outrigger canoes from the BIMOCC, Ken and Frankie Park in their vessel Pacemaker, plus quite a few paddle boarders joined in the fun.



VMR Coxswain Simon Middap, Father Steven Schwarzrock, Dr. Doug Wilson from the Bribie Island Sailing Club, VMR Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe and VMR Commodore Liz Radajewski on the Base Pontoon for the Blessing of the Fleet.

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Bribie 1 and Bribie 2 leading the parade of Bribie Island Sailing Club Vessels to the Blessing of the Fleet.



Bribie Island Sailing Club member vessel Millie skippered by Ian Teakle.



Bribie Island Sailing Club Blessing of the Fleet. The Outrigger Canoes from BIMOCC



Bribie Island Sailing Club Blessing of the Fleet even had some local paddle boarders join in the ceremony.



The first vessel from the Bribie Island Sailing Club was Euphrosyne skippered by Jim Thomson to be blessed by Father Steven Schwarzrock.



Father Steven Schwarzrock on the VMR Bribie Pontoon.



B14 Dragons Abreast Bribie Island's Kal-Ma-Kuta with 20 POB approach the VMR Pontoon.



The Sunday crew assisting a disabled vessel on Pumicestone Passage

YEAR 2021 RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 4th February 2021:
 1,456 Calls, 446 vessels logged on,
 33 Vessel Assists, 173 Sitreps, 54 Requests,
 4 overdue vessels, 1 Vessel Tracking,
 128 Radio Checks, 0 Weather Broadcasts,
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- regular social events (coming soon).

JAN/FEB 2021 VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 22/01 1134am – 8m Half Cabin non-member with a fuel problem required a tow from Southern end of Bribie to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 24/01 1251pm – 5.5m Centre Console non-member with engine failure South of Bribie Bridge required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 24/01 1308pm – 5.5m Bayliner with gearbox issues required a tow from 2km North of Avon wreck to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

MON 25/01 1109am – 9m Sports Cruiser member with fuel blockage required a tow from 500m South of Tangalooma Jetty to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

WED 27/01 1053am – 9m Cruiser non-member broken

down at Mission Point required a tow to Toorbul mooring.

THU 28/01 1307pm – 4.1m Hobie Cat non-member overturned and dismasted 1km out from Sandstone Point, required a tow to Base Ramp.

FRI 29/01 1012am – 8m Sports Cruiser member with a seized motor required a tow from Pacific Harbour canals to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 31/01 0236am – 14.5m

Houseboat member running out of fuel and unable to get back to Marina, required a tow from 2nm off Redcliffe to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

WED 03/02 1307pm – 6m Yacht non-member reported by MOP to be dragging anchor toward Pacific Harbour entrance – investigate and secure vessel.

SAFETY DAVE - The Frenchie's Message:



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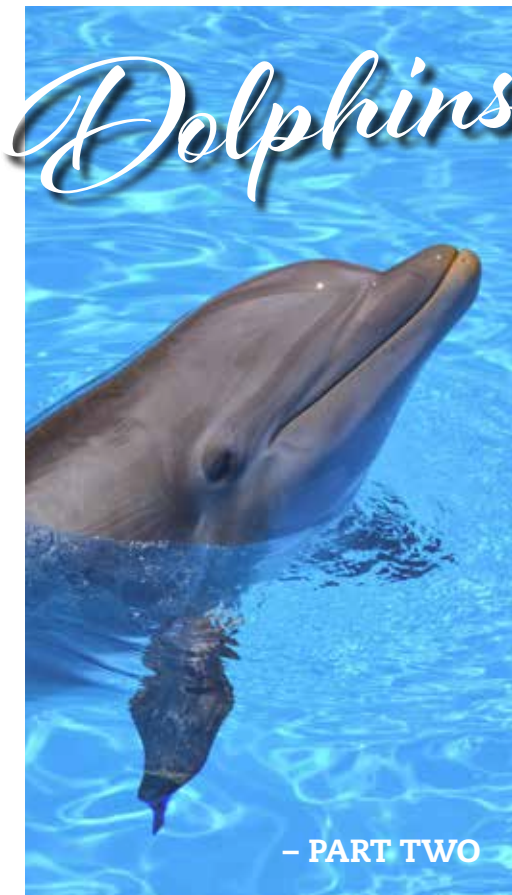
- are the life jackets suited to the activity being undertaken?
 - do you have one jacket for everyone on board?
 - are the jackets in good condition and correctly labelled?
 - if boating at night, do the jackets have reflective tape on them? and
 - do you have an appropriate sticker/label showing where the life jackets are stored?
- Lots of boaters still have their

jackets still in their original packaging – this leads to lack of effective inspection and the deterioration of the straps. It also makes it difficult to fit in an emergency. The bottom line – life jackets should not be stowed and forgotten. They are difficult for a novice to put on in an emergency, and then it's too late to realise they are inappropriate for the intended person in that

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BOATING, FISHING AND ADVENTURES



Hourglass Dolphin
 – A sub-Antarctic and Antarctic dolphin, the hourglass dolphin is one of the most stunning marine creatures. A rare species, their white and black colouration stripes make them affectionately known as the zebras of the sea. Reaching just over 1 metre, the small species are estimated to only be numbered at 100,000. Only seen on the south and eastern coasts of Australia, a sighting of an hourglass is not quickly forgotten.

Rissos Dolphin - One of the larger dolphin species, the Rissos dolphin are unique in the sense that they don't have a beak, and instead have a melon-shaped head. Growing to over 14 feet, these white dolphins are born grey and over years scar easily due to their highly familial behaviour. Mating, fighting and socialising all contribute to their scaring, which due to their weak

skin pigmentation, never heals. Rissos have been seen off all states except Northern Territories and Tasmania.

Pan-tropical Spotted Dolphin - Considered one of the most curious and enigmatic of all marine species, they are commonly seen on the north coast of Australia down to Augusta, Queensland and NSW. Ordained with stunning black spots the spotted dolphins approach very close to boats, usually riding the wake for long periods of time. Like many of the species on this list, the spotted dolphins are migratory spending only months at a time in Australian waters.

Long Snouted Spinner Dolphin - Super pods of spinner dolphins are often seen throughout the Great Barrier Reef. As their name suggests this species spin as they leap from the water, perhaps for communication, parasite

removal or simply joy.

Striped Dolphin - A shy species, the striped dolphin, with their single black stripe on their sides are one of the fastest species of dolphin. They are incredibly hard to swim with due to this, yet are spectacular to watch from the boat as they leap in unison through the waves. Spotted on the Eastern and Western coasts from Canberra to Darwin on the east and Perth to Darwin on the west.

Snubfin Dolphin - Smaller than the average human, the Snubnose dolphin is found off the northern coasts of Australia. One of the closest relatives to the Orca, the Snubnose dolphin is a grey creature with a small dorsal fin and melon shaped head. Inhabiting estuaries and rivers as well as the ocean, the dolphin is most commonly seen off the Kimberley's.

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Fishing REPORT

By Bribie Bait Tackle & Bikes

Hi everyone, hope all is well now with the holidays over we can all get back to normal. Fishing has been excellent after all the rain, plenty of bait around and plenty of fish following. There is still lots of Mackerel around, good-sized School and Spotted to be caught around most markers, live baiting and small metal lures are both catching fish. Top and bottom of the tides best times. Good Mud Crabs and Sand Crabs over the last few weeks, in and around the canals are producing nice sized bucks. Skirmish Point has been firing early mornings with Mackerel, Bream and the odd giant Trevally getting caught. Again, live baits and lures working well. Red Beach has seen good numbers of Flathead on a rising tide, remember not to cast too far as they can be at your feet. Good giant Trevally and big eye Trevally are in and around the creeks chasing the

prawns, along with a few Mangrove Jacks, soft plastics and surface lures have been taking fish and night time seems to be better. There are still plenty of Grassy Sweetlip and Squire around the Bribie Bridge, fresh squid is the best bait and top and bottom of the tide has been the best time to target these. Some really good Summer Whiting around the flats at Sandstone Point, White Patch and in the gutters around Woorim down towards 5th Avenue. Live blood worms producing the better catches and again most fish are in close feeding. Anyway, that's all for now, remember to wet a line and relax.



Mackerel around channel markers



Bream Skirmish Point



School Mackerel

TIDE TIMES

BRIBIE ISLAND & MORETON BAY

FRI 12 Feb 3:59 am 0.24m 10:46 am 2.15m 5:10 pm 0.38m 10:57 pm 1.61m	SAT 13 Feb 4:41 am 0.26m 11:24 am 2.1m 5:47 pm 0.39m 11:37 pm 1.61m	SUN 14 Feb 5:21 am 0.32m 12:00 pm 2.01m 6:21 pm 0.42m	MON 15 Feb 12:15 am 1.61m 5:59 am 0.4m 12:31 pm 1.91m 6:53 pm 0.44m	TUE 16 Feb 12:53 am 1.6m 6:39 am 0.49m 1:01 pm 1.79m 7:25 pm 0.46m	WED 17 Feb 1:33 am 1.6m 7:23 am 0.59m 1:33 pm 1.67m 8:00 pm 0.49m	THU 18 Feb 2:17 am 1.58m 8:12 am 0.71m 2:09 pm 1.53m 8:40 pm 0.54m
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ON THE ROAD

The story of the purchase of the last classic I bought may serve to help prevent some other poor sap falling into the 'classic trap' - here goes.

I had recently parted with 'The Duchess' my Alvis drop head coupe to a motor museum after they had crossed my palm with a not inconsequential amount of silver. 'El Supremo' had very much approved of my decision to part ways with her rival. When asked by interested parties about the now-departed beauty my dear wife would respond, "She's like a high-class call girl - look but don't touch". I thought that a crude remark when referring to an aristocrat. I always thought that the little green monster had helped in the creation of the comment.

Sometime later on a dark winter's night, I attended a monthly meeting of the local motor club near my then home in the Blue Mountains. The local club captain, not a man of sparkling humour, announced that he had a note from a local citizen advising that as the said man was now 99 years old he had decided to part with a car he had bought new in 1969. The seller advised that he had polished the car to which our witty captain added: "Well it must still have paint on it". I took no other notice of the matter until



By: David Horrocks



when heading off into the cold, cold snow the thought entered my head that 1969 was the year I had initially landed on the shores of the antipodes. So, thinking this auspicious and still being in mourning for the departed Duchess I headed back to copy the phone number.

Taking El Supremo with me, hoping to convince her that another classic could be part of our life, we met up with Bernard, the elderly owner of the car that was later to be christened by us 'Bernice' to honour the gentleman concerned. I'd been told, by Comic Capers Captain that the car was a Mercedes Benz; it turned out to be a 250C model, the C standing for coupe. It had indeed been polished and in its dark blue duco, it looked quite attractive.

The story unfolded that Bernard had been a Qantas pilot and that he had ordered the car for his sister and had taken delivery in Germany in mid-1969. In those days the importation laws regarding newish cars were that you had to have owned them abroad for 24 months before you could make a private importation into Aus. To comply with the rules he had stored the car after

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ON THE ROAD

purchase and used it whenever he was in Germany. Also to comply with German law as a foreign purchaser he had to export the car after one year. He duly did so taking it to Denmark on a holiday then driving it back into German storage. After the prescribed 24 months the car came to Australia and was taken up by the sister who lived in Double Bay in Sydney where she kept it until she went into a nursing home many years later. Her extensive use of the car and Bernard's similar heavy usage afterwards resulted in the car had travelled a whopping 50,000 miles in almost 50 years of life. As regards dollar value and to put the machine into context, when new it had cost \$11,000. In 1969 that would have bought a pretty decent apartment in a good Sydney suburb so Bernice was no cheapie.

Being more than a little encouraged by all this presentation coupled to the fact that Bernard had every piece of paperwork pertaining to the car from day one; every service receipt and registration paper and even including the original

brochure from which he'd selected the car. Being much impressed I was very keen to try out the beast. So began an exciting, if more than a little scary experience.

The 'test drive' started from Bernard's home. I had intimated that I wanted Jen to test drive as well. I wanted to encourage her about the purchase as Jen had in the past refused to drive the Duchess (that green monster again). Once aboard, Bernard set off after I suggested a run down the mountains before turning off towards the lake at Wentworth Falls. We whizzed along with Jen grasping the passenger support handles in the rear (no rear seat belts of course in 1969). As we approached the turn off I thought, 'he's forgotten the route idea and was instead heading down the mountain, east, at a fast gallop'. No, he hadn't. I'm not saying we went up on two wheels; it just felt like we did. Jen did a seating relocation in the back, left to right. Once the dust settled and heart rates lowered we stopped to let me take over. I then drove

decidedly more sedately for a while, all the time checking out how she ran. Then it was the Lady's turn; Jen climbed out of the rear and I replaced her in the sliding seat. Bernard stayed in the front passenger seat and politely asked Jen as she slid behind the wheel 'Do you have a license, Madam?' Quite indignantly Jen produced her license that luckily she had slipped into her pocket as we set out. Another uneventful drive transpired before Bernard insisted on taking over and driving us back to his house; so the fun began again. Most eye-popping on this stretch was Bernard's manoeuvring around the big roundabout leaving the highway seemingly oblivious to any other road user. It was quite like the famous incident in Wind in the Willows when Toad of Toad Hall drove all before him along the King's Highway. All that was missing was the Poop, Poop from an old-time car bull-horn. "Ah, the joy of the open road" as Toadie would proclaim. When we returned the car to Bernard's garage we gave him

a hand carrying several cases of red wine up into his house. Thinking that this 'medication' might have something to do with him living to a great age I asked him. "Bernard, to what do you attribute your long life?" He gave me a sage look and slowly replied, "You have to choose your parents very carefully"

We did of course purchase Bernice. We never met Bernard again after the collection. We had planned to invite him out to lunch to celebrate his big birthday the following year by taking him for a drive in his old car (with us driving of course), but when I phoned with a query for him some months after we had taken the car the lady who looked after his house told me that he was in the hospital with pneumonia. Not wanting to bother him in the circumstances our acquaintance with him came to an end.

There is much more to tell of our time with Bernice but that might have to await another time and maybe the odd request from any readers still interested.

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Now Covid-19 restrictions are being lifted and life will start to get back to some sort of normal, many

residents are now planning more domestic holidays and a possibility of cruises starting in August, business is looking stronger.

Local travel agents have reported increases in domestic travel, some NZ flights and cruises.

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Dear Editor,

What did you eat to celebrate Australia Day?

Recent discussion about a national dish has had me thinking about what it could be. A Democracy Sausage? Barbecued chops? It's certainly not fish and chips or Pavlova which are really imports. Or is it meat pie with tomato sauce and mushy peas? Or billy tea and damper with cocky's joy? You can get all these anywhere, but some things are so very Australian you couldn't get them overseas.

Scones flavoured with lemon myrtle, served with cream and Lilly Pilly jam would do for afternoon tea. And kangaroo-tail soup makes a delicious winter warmer.

I celebrated with a delicious kangaroo steak marinated with garlic, lemon myrtle, mustard and mirin, served with a baked spud and green mango salsa. It combined Aussie meat with an Asian touch. I had to make it myself, because none of the local chefs seem interested in kangaroo - the healthiest meat on the market.

Has anybody any better ideas for something really Aussie?
H.Beneke

Good evening,

I am writing about the article you published on page 68 of your recent edition. Never have I read such un-researched and misguided drivel.

As editor, I would have thought you research and verify the validity of items published. This one is just so wrong and historically incorrect. I could easily shoot down nearly

every point in this article but it would take more than the 200 words allocated for your letters. Regards,
Greg Harrison

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the anonymous "First Fleet Direct Descendant" for pointing out that anyone born in Australia became a citizen under the enactment of the 1948 Nationality and Citizenship Act on 26th January the following year.

But that citizenship was useless for all the Aborigines who remained "under the act", a position which continued in Queensland until the mid-1960s. That is why they and their descendants are not happy to celebrate that enactment.

And that is why 97% of Australians supported the 1967 referendum. Similarly, a majority of Australians support the sentiments expressed in the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which was off-handedly rejected by those in Canberra who are supposed to represent us.

Whatever anyone says, the date will continue to be a painful one for anyone who has witnessed the ravages of European settlement on their country. The argument will reappear every January until the date for celebration is changed.
H.Beneke

Dear Editor,

In response to the article titled, On Reflection- Facts About Australia Day. If we're talking about facts, then agreed- Captain Cook did not arrive

on the 26th of January. What did take place on Jan 26th in 1838, was the Waterloo Creek Massacre, where historians estimate up to 100 Gamilaraay men, women and children were murdered. Another fact mentioned is that under the Nationality Act, Aboriginal people officially became Australian's and were protected by law. However, a fact failed to be acknowledged is that First Nations people thrived on this land with their own laws, Country names, languages and cultures for thousands upon thousands of years, prior to any British monarch or new Australian's declaration. They needn't any protection laws until we came along. Finally, while some has been done to educate our nation on the truth of white Australia's history by 'saying sorry,' they are empty words without actions. To truly educate this nation, a start maybe for our school's curriculum to reflect the truth in our history. Without truth, we cannot properly discuss our sovereignty of this land and until we acknowledge the original sovereigns of this country, we cannot move forward together with understanding or pride.
J.Neal

Dear Editor

Again, thank you for an excellent contribution to our community. The Bribie Islander and the contributors make for such informative and interesting reading. Not only for the local readers but for those who choose to visit our Island home as tourists. During two guest speaking roles in the

past week I was asked "Do you know what happened to Elaine Lutton's article"? It would appear that Elaine along with Anne Maree Matthews have a huge following and maybe fan clubs or groupies? As one reader said she felt let down as he waits from issue to issue for their stories and felt cheated when their contributors are not in an issue.

Congratulations on the great article "Bribie Inspired History Writers" Hector Holthouse and Zena Turner Issue 131, and the Letter to the Editor from M Matthews Banksia Beach as this brought to highlight the perils of driving and indicators. When I learned to drive as a person with a disability it had to be in a manual vehicle with hand controls for clutch, accelerator and brake with a spinner on the steering wheel, the elbow was used to knock a manual stop and right hand signal. Hill starts were a nightmare I have never forgotten. I was on a number of occasions tailed by a police vehicle to ensure that I never missed indication however was only fined once for failing to indicate.

I cannot believe that there are still so many conspiracy theories around vaccinations and people such as a contributor to letters to the editor (Issue 131) who continue to use statistics proved incorrect. I am a great believer in freedom of speech however we also are irresponsible for spreading false information. Thank you again for a great magazine and to all of the contributors.

Bill Peacock

CRIME REPORT

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December 2020



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BREAK AND ENTER

Between midnight on January 20 and midnight on January 21 Sylvan Beach Esplanade, Bellara Nil Attempt. No entry gained.

VEHICLE OFFENCES

Between 9.30am on January 21 and 10.30am on January 23 Pumicestone Passage, Bongaree- Boat moored in passage entered Personal items stolen

WILFUL DAMAGE

At about midnight on January 24 Freshwater Drive, Banksia Beach Garage door of residence damaged

Male POI observed

Between 4pm on January 23 and 8am on **January 25** Freshwater Drive, Banksia Beach Double hung window smash House under construction

Between midnight on January 11 and 4.30pm on **January 25** Karee Drive, Bellara Security screen door damaged - Private residence

Between midnight on January 11 and 4.30pm on January 25 Karee Drive, Bellara Security screen door damaged Private residence

At about 1am on January 25 Coolgarra Avenue, Bongaree Motor vehicle damaged Witnesses observed persons

OTHER OFFENCES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Four police applications for domestic violence orders, two contraventions of DFVPA and four other domestic related incidents.

DRUGS

Three persons dealt with for drug related offences

TRAFFIC

Three persons dealt with for drug driving and four persons dealt with for unlicensed driving.

A total of 40 traffic infringement notices were issued and 406 RBTs conducted.

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Other offences against the person - 1

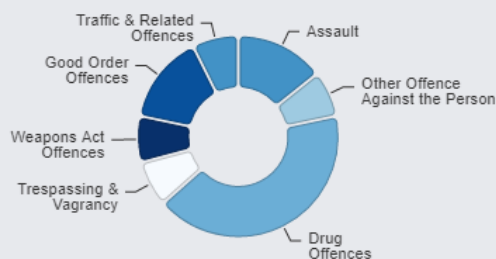
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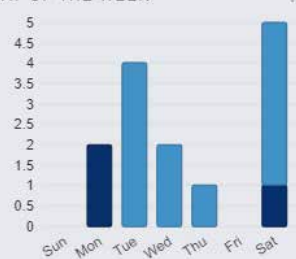
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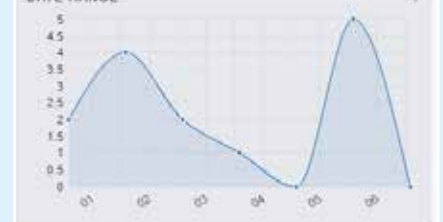
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