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in this issue

our regular contributors:

Welcome

Dear Readers,

The last fortnight has shined a light on just how wonderful our community is and the people in it are remarkable. As you will see in this edition, we have some wonderful stories on what our residents and community groups have been doing to help support various charities. We have Relaxing Rainbows helping our children, Bribie Island Bowls club Kokoda Challenge, Red Rose Foundation fighting domestic abuse, Simone Laurens who is shaving her hair off for The World's Greatest Shave, Jessica Evans who is swimming around the entire Island for the RUOK foundation, The Community Plant Nursery who have donated a \$15,000 check to Camp Quality, and many more. All I can say is how proud we should all be that this is OUR community, OUR home.

We are also proud to be YOUR community magazine and these stories are what inspires us to do the very best we can to bring you a quality, interesting magazine. I personally would like to say a massive thank you to all the wonderful emails we have received over time, letting us know what our readers love about the magazine and how important it is to them. They absolutely make our day and make us strive to bring out a great publication each time. Also, this edition's front cover is the photo that will be on our office windows, making it a lot easier for you to find us!

I hope you all have a wonderful day,

Until next time,

Take care, stay safe,
Cherrie

Cherrie



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Simone Laurens is participating in The World's Greatest Shave on March 13th to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation in the hope of providing much-needed support for the 47 Aussies diagnosed with blood cancer every day!

Each year Simone tries her best to support 3 different charities through fundraising, time or raising awareness.

Simone knows a few people who are unfortunately affected by blood cancer, receiving treatment or in remission. When talking to one of them, they were telling her the statistics which are that 47 Aussies are diagnosed with blood cancer daily and she was gobsmacked. Simone started researching and found the cost of the related treatments, accommodation away from home, research projects etc. Simone knew she wanted to help, but wasn't sure exactly how until she remembered "Shave for a cure" now called The World's Greatest Shave was related to the Leukaemia Foundation. After googling it, she signed up immediately, setting a goal to raise \$2000 which would help fund a breakthrough research project for one



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week and was pleased to know she could also donate her hair to help make a wig for a cancer patient suffering from hair loss due to treatment.

Simone figures losing her hair by choice, to help those who don't have a choice, is the least she can do. Simone said, "It will grow back and it gives me a chance to remember what my natural hair colour is these days!"

Due to COVID, this will likely take place via live streaming on Facebook.

Raffle tickets are available now until March 12th for \$5 each. There is over \$2000 in prizes and they will be drawn on March 13th at the time of doing the shave. Tickets can be purchased by emailing: simonelaurens20@gmail.com.

Shave will take place at 11am on 13th March at Botanical Bar at Bribie RSL

WINNING PRIZE PACKS ARE:

ISLAND DATE PACK: \$25 Scoopys voucher, 6 cupcake pack by Cakes in the Mix, bottle of Mort and Chandon and a picnic rug.

4 X COFFEE LOVERS PACKS: Handmade ceramic mug by Sueramics, 250g coffee beans and a \$5 coffee voucher from Evolve Cafe

PURE INDULGENCE PACK: \$100 K Beauty voucher, a tan with Luminance Tan Lab, small roller of RiRi perfume and a self-care pack from The Simple Stuff

FRESH HOME PACK: 2-hour house clean with Sparkle Cleaning Co, 2 handmade ceramic mugs from Sueramics, a candle by Royal Essence and a hanging pot plant.

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GLOW! PACK: Glow facial at Body Face co and Rococco Botanicals skin starter pack

GET FIT SUNSHINE COAST PACK: Shredlife shirt and socks, 10 class pass to HIIT Kawana & 5 tubs of ice cream from Eat Mooloo

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Relaxing Rainbows is a new business on Bribie Island that offers art and mindfulness workshops and activities for children aimed at increasing children's well-being, positivity and confidence. Relaxing Rainbows are currently offering after school term workshops (usually 10 week School Term programs), individual child sessions and school holiday workshops.

Children will be taught breathing techniques, with a focus on calming the mind and being present in the moment. These workshops are taught in a relaxed environment and are aimed at training the mind to improve positive emotions and thoughts, easing anxiety and enhancing feelings of social connectedness and happiness. My goal is to relax children so they shine bright in their uniqueness and fill their session with fun, joy, creativity and relaxation. I have a passion for working with children and helping them develop positive self-esteem and feel good

about themselves.

The Relaxing Rainbows Children's Workshops incorporates short mindfulness activities, a guided meditation, mindful breathing, movement activities such as Qi Gong and Tai Chi and creative art activities. Each terms program will have a focus on a different positive emotion: This term is gratitude.

TERM 1 Art activities involve exploration with clay, embossing, ink and patterning designed to suit children. Art activities may be altered slightly to suit the needs and interests of the children throughout the term as these workshops are an opportunity for children to explore, experiment and express individuality in a fun creative space. Some activities may contain Island styling to create a sense of community and are adapted to extend knowledge and appreciate the beautiful island setting.

It makes my heart truly happy when I hear that children have made something special and

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chosen to give one of their creations to someone they love. As a child, I made lots of homemade gifts for my family and was encouraged by my mother Dawn Kilshaw to create and experiment and as a result, I took great pride in my artwork. I once gave my Nan, Ruve Jamieson, now deceased, a hand-painted rock that she treasured for years in a gift box and showed to be as a young adult with pride. I believe gifts made with love are from the heart.

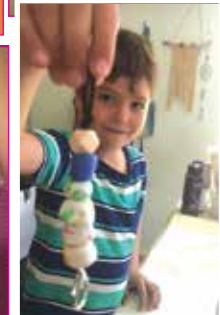
The Relaxing Rainbows business can be found on Facebook or you can contact Helen Spink on 0407048420 to enrol your child into one of the workshops or to be placed on the waiting list. After school term workshops are targeted at children aged 5 and over. If you think your child would benefit from being immersed in Art and Mindfulness activities for a term, please express your interest. Term 2 workshop from April to June theme will be nature/environment and art activities will be linked in with this. Well

Being Focus: Loving Kindness.

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY Mindfulness and Art Workshops include:

1. Easter egg decorating and character egg designing
2. Big Sis/Little Sis matching earring workshops or mother and daughter workshops
3. Sunshine "I am amazing" canvas painting
4. Shimmery sun catcher
5. Crystal necklace making
6. Card making and affirmation cards

I have found some children get together a group of friends and enrol in the holiday workshop together whilst the mums have a coffee catch up, knowing their children are well looked after. These holiday workshops have also attracted grandparents who have family visiting who have chosen to put their grandchild into a workshop for some fun and creating during their day.



Some Reviews about Relaxing Rainbows:

"My girls had the best time. They have been talking about it all day. Thank you for creating such a nurturing space for them xo.
Jane Gilbey

"Xavier absolutely loved your workshop. He wanted to go back the next day. Can't wait for some more workshops next holidays.

Thank you, Helen.
Renee Ziu



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Oral health is also an important part of social and emotional health for people of all ages.

Maintaining healthy teeth and gums is a lifelong commitment. The earlier you learn proper oral hygiene habits — such as brushing, flossing, and limiting your sugar intake — the easier it'll be to avoid costly dental procedures and long-term health issues.

Oral health has risen in importance in recent years, as researchers have discovered a connection between declining oral health and underlying systemic conditions. It turns out that a healthy mouth can help you maintain a healthy body.

Bacteria can spread from your oral cavity to your bloodstream, causing infective endocarditis.

Infective endocarditis is a life-threatening infection of your heart valves. Your dentist may suggest you take antibiotics as a preventive measure before they perform any dental procedure that could dislodge bacteria in your mouth.

Even if you've been taking good care of your teeth, you'll still need to have a professional cleaning twice a year during a routine visit with your dentist. Your dentist will recommend other treatments if you show signs of gum disease, infections, or other problems.

Your oral health has an effect on more than just your teeth. Poor oral and dental health can contribute to issues with your self-esteem, speech, or nutrition. They can also affect your comfort and overall quality of life. Many dental and oral problems develop without any symptoms. Seeing a dentist regularly for a check-up and exam is the best way to catch a problem before it gets worse.

Ultimately, your long-term outcome depends on your own efforts. You can't always prevent every cavity, but you can reduce your risk of severe gum disease and tooth loss by staying on top of your daily oral care.

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BIDCA had a great sunny day for their market on Sunday with lots of visitors and locals coming down to Brennan Park to wander through the 83 stalls that BIDCA provided. Thanks to the Triathlon, a lot of the visitors arrived on the Island for the

weekend and visit our market when their event is over by midmorning. This makes a very busy last two hours for the market stalls.

BIDCA welcomed four different community groups on the day, including Cancer Council, Legacy and the Vietnam Veterans. Real Estate agent Monty Thompson presented the donated winning gift basket on behalf of RE/MAX Advanced to the winner, Bribie Island resident Barry Floyd as BIDCA members

Jeffery Korn and Brian Boardman looked on.

BIDCA would like to congratulate Barry on

his win as he has been a great supporter of all the community groups, buying tickets to whoever is selling tickets on the day and has donated many beautiful plant specimens and woodwork as prizes for raffles over the many years, raising thousands of dollars for all different causes. Thank you Barry from the Bribie Island and District Community Group (BIDCA)

If you want to be part of this group or acquire a market stall, permanent or casual, give Sharon a Call on 0409583928. The BIDCA market is held in Brennan Park every 3rd Sunday of the month.



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The Red Rose Foundation have launched the Red Bench Project to build a permanent reminder that domestic

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Stacey Olson (Area Coordinator Bellara NHW) and Brooke Savage (MBRC Councilor) sitting on the Red Bench.



Bellara NHW members with Brooke Savage and Lynne Mellers (Treasurer of Bellara NHW) as well as the District Crime Prevention Police Officer - Jo-Anne Arthur.

especially concerned at the high number of domestic violence deaths that occur each year through homicide and suicide. We also acknowledge that tragically, many domestic violence related deaths have many predictive elements and are largely considered preventable.

CREATING CONVERSATION

The Red Rose Foundation hopes that the indiscreet nature of the benches would encourage people from all walks of life to stop, sit and read the plaque.

"People may not have violence in their life, but everyone can offer support or intervene if it's safe to do so and that's why we want the benches in prominent places in the community,"

"Domestic violence goes across all cultures, socio-economic groups and there's hardly anyone now who hasn't been touched or experienced domestic violence in our neighborhoods."

Bellara Neighborhood Watch group and the Moreton Bay Regional Council have worked together to create the latest Red Bench on Bribie Island. It is situated on Marine Pde, Bellara.

This is one of the initiatives supported by Bellara Neighborhood Watch. If you would like to be a part of Bellara Neighborhood Watch the next meeting is:

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Jessica Yung - BHSc. Acup., BSc. CS Registered Acupuncturist and Doctor of Chinese Medicine under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia.

In my last article (Issue #131), I wrote about my experience working in acupuncture clinics in Brisbane specialising in fertility prior to setting up my acupuncture practice on Bribie Island last year. Though many of the clients I treated in those clinics were seeking to become parents for the first time or to grow their families (either naturally or with IVF/IUI), I've also had the honour of working with hundreds of women at various stages of their lives, including:

- Preconception health
- Pregnancy care, including morning sickness, hip and back pain
- Labour preparation and natural labour induction
- PMS symptoms including headaches, cramps, rollercoaster moods
- Perimenopause, menopause, and hormone regulation

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- Trigeminal neuralgia
- Back pain and sciatica
- Hip and shoulder pain
- Fertility and IVF support
- PMS symptoms and hormone regulation

NEW LOCATION!

My lovely clients from Bribie Island and surrounds have been so fantastic in telling their friends and family about their positive experiences with acupuncture and Chinese medicine that I've outgrown my little treatment space! My new spacious clinic is less than 100 metres from my previous location. I'm now located at **4/29 Benabrow Avenue, Bellara (behind the James Moore law office)**. I look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks to amazing **Dave from Waves Property Services and J Dougall Carpentry for the great fit out.**

If you'd like to make a booking or if you'd like to discuss whether acupuncture and Chinese medicine is right for you, please contact me via my website www.bribieacupuncture.com.au or call 0423 160 228. You can also find me on Facebook and Instagram @bribieacupuncture. HICAPS is available onsite. Pensioner discounts available.

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Seasons Mango Hill

With 2020 leaving many seniors reconsidering their living options, Seasons Mango Hill offers a unique take on traditional retirement living. At Seasons Mango Hill, seniors have the added security of knowing 24/7 onsite care is available to them, if and when they need it, something most traditional retirement villages do not offer. This is combined with the added lifestyle benefits of community living – access to onsite amenities, such as the cinema and outdoor entertainment

deck, and all lifestyle activities. Sales Manager at Mango Hill, Cheryl Evans, says “Prospective residents can rest assured knowing that if life throws them a curveball, care is available to them onsite 24/7 for as little or as much as they may need. There aren’t many seniors’ resorts or retirement villages that can offer that type of peace of mind.” Having just opened in December 2020, stage 2 of Seasons Mango Hill boasts brand-new, luxury 1-, 2- and

3-bedroom self-contained apartments. “We’re so confident in what we have to offer,” says Cheryl, “We even offer potential residents the ability to come and ‘try before you buy’ and have the full experience of living at our community before making the commitment to purchase.” **To find out more about Seasons Mango Hill or to book a private tour, call Cheryl on 0411 654 026 or book online at seasonsliving.com.au/mango-hill/**

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surprising insights into this beautiful part of our Queensland Coast. The restored, fast Lady Brisbane was built by Milkraft boat builders at Bulimba, in 1972. The well renowned Captain Jim Kelly commenced these cruises in 1988. Despite many challenges...Brisbane floods in 2011, the GFC in 2010, G20, competition from City Cats and government, Covid 19 in 2020-2021? We are still proudly operating. **Cruises to beautiful Bribie Island retracing the 'SS Koopo' channel are conducted 4 - 8 times per year, sailing past Redcliffe Jetty, Deception Bay and the Glasshouse Mountains.** A must see is the Seaside Museum. View the specimens where the brilliant curator, John Ogilby would become inebriated from drinking the specimen liquids. Lady Brisbane is the current flagship. Built as a strong coastal trader, by Milkraft in Bulimba in 1972.

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JESSICA EVANS IS TRULY AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL. JESSICA WANTS TO DO HER PART IN TRYING TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE RUOK FOUNDATION, HOPING TO HELP THEM SAVE LIVES THAT ARE TRAGICALLY LOST TO SUICIDE. THIS IS CLOSE TO JESSICA'S HEART AS SHE LOST HER UNCLE BARRY WHO TRAGICALLY TOOK HIS OWN LIFE, PROMPTING HER TO SWIM AROUND MORETON ISLAND LAST YEAR AND IN DOING SO, SHE RAISED A WHOPPING \$30,000 FOR THE BLACK DOG INSTITUTE. THE SWIM WAS DEDICATED TO JESSICA'S UNCLE BARRY. WHAT A WONDERFUL OUTCOME, WITH THE MONEY HELPING SO MANY IN NEED.

This year is Jessica's last year of Marathon Swimming so she wanted to do something else to better our community before she hangs up the togs... hence, the Black Dog Lap, a circumnavigation swim of Bribie Island. This year funds raised will go to the RUOK foundation. Another fantastic organisation dedicated to helping those in need. What a truly fantastic effort!

Jessica said "This lap is dedicated to anyone out there that is struggling. Please don't give up."

They are hoping to kick off the swim at the Caloundra end and swim the Pumicestone passage first.

At this stage she is aiming to commence the swim in the first week of March, however the exact start date will be governed by weather and wind forecasts.

The swim is around 80kms in length and will take around 3 days to complete.

Bribie Island VMR has been incredible in offering their support and endless amounts of valuable information, which Jessica cannot express her appreciation enough for.

Here are some facts you may not know and why this is so important to get behind Jessica and give her as much support as possible.

- About 8 people take their own lives in Australia every day.
- For every death, it's estimated another 30 people will attempt suicide.
- 89% of people report knowing somebody who has made an attempt.

We all need to help change these numbers.

R U OK?'S vision is of a world where we are all connected and protected from suicide. Their mission is to inspire everyone to meaningfully connect with the

people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

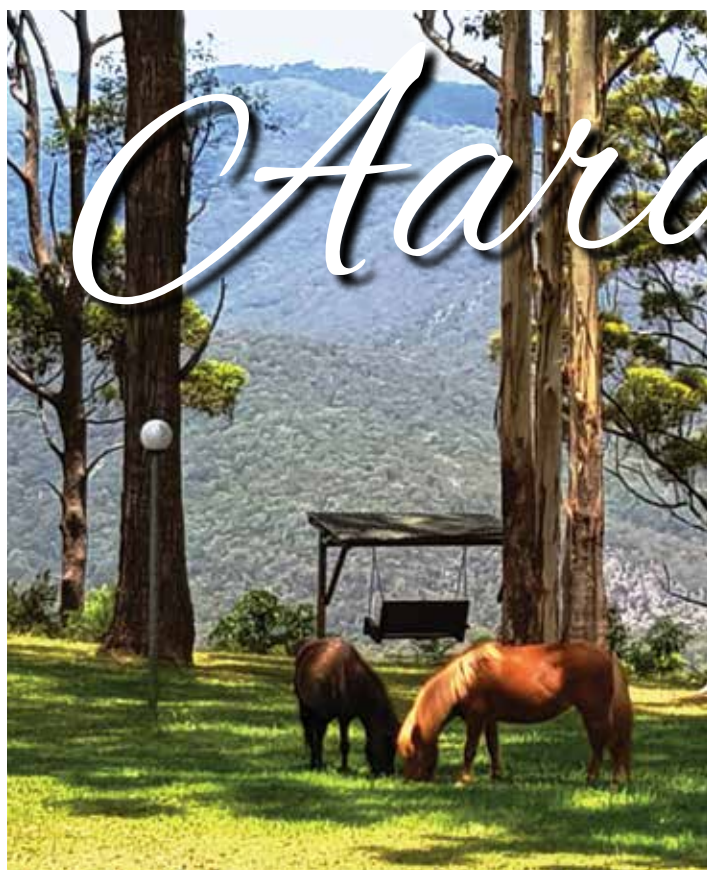
By inspiring people to take the time to ask, "Are you OK?" and listen, we can help people who are struggling with life to feel connected long before they even think about suicide.

Jessica would like to thank you so much for your support, as together we will make a difference.

We here at the Bribie Islander wish her the very best in her awesome challenge and we encourage you all to get behind her.

To support Jessica, please donate at <https://join.ruok.org.au/fundraisers/jessicaevans/the-black-dog-lap> or you are welcome to contact us at the Bribie Islander and we will put you in contact with Jessica.





Aaronlee Retreat at Tamborine Mountain in the Gold Coast Hinterland is the perfect place to stay for a short mid-week getaway. Located 2 and a half hours drive from Brisbane, guests will feel like they are in another world. Temperatures on the mountain are generally 5 - 10 degrees cooler than Brisbane and Aaronlee's country, rural charm will delight all who visit.

From its perch at the very top and edge of the mountain, Aaronlee Retreat offers a variety of accommodation, yet reasonably priced and available now are discounted Senior Special packages. The Federation homestead is a 10-minute drive from town and is set amongst acres of lawns and pretty flowering garden beds. All rooms have fireplaces, ceiling fans, kitchenette, outdoor seating and are fully self-contained, (some with spa baths).

Guests enjoy the selection of board games, books and magazines on offer. The Retreat has BBQ facilities, a swimming pool and there are so many places to sit and relax whilst breathing in the pure mountain air.

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Popular Wineries (and local sites) Tours depart daily from Aaronlee and the Full-Day Wineries Tour includes a delicious sit-down restaurant luncheon at a local winery.

Tamborine Mountain offers beautiful bush walks, lookouts and waterfalls. Visit the rainforests, swim in rock pools, shop the famous Gallery Walk, be pampered with an Aaronlee in house massage and spa treatment, take a stroll through the Botanical Gardens, play a game of golf or lawn bowls, take a short day trip to the Gold Coast or explore the Scenic Rim region. Details and maps are provided by your host when you check-in.

The Retreat is very popular and rooms are filling fast. During the months of May through to August, Bribie Islander readers will receive a Complimentary Tasting Session at the world-famous Tamborine Mountain Distillery.

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Norfolk Island is a Pacific paradise right on your doorstep. With crowd-free beaches leading to turquoise waters, a pristine environment of lush green valleys and rainforest trails, and fresh seasonal produce gracing plates the day they picked, Norfolk is also a natural paradise waiting to be explored.

Enjoy tranquil, calm surrounds to unwind and relax, or take advantage of the many tours and activities available to be as active as you like.

The beauty of the Island astounds arriving visitors, providing countless photographic opportunities of tall majestic pines, high rising cliffs, green undulating valleys, lush rainforest and brilliant turquoise waters over coral reefs. Norfolk Island is a mecca for photographers, from beginner enthusiasts to world-

class professionals.

The amazing beaches which afford hours of rest and relaxation – take your book or snorkelling gear and enjoy the pristine sand and clear waters. Alternatively, put on your hiking shoes and enjoy one of the many hiking trails which lead you through the unique changing landscapes of the island's national parks.

Our little Island is packed full of things to see and do. The world heritage listed Kingston and Arthur's Vale Heritage Area (KAVHA) will take you into the history of turbulent convict years, and today's vibrant Norf'k culture can be explored via tours, displays or from a chat with a friendly local. Other tours and activities to enjoy include 4WD tours, Glass-Bottom Boats, eco-tours, progressive dinners to Islander homes, museums and heritage tours, sunset fish fries, bowls,

golf, art trails and cottage industries.

Our cafes and restaurants offer delicious, fresh meals made from locally sourced produce – 'paddock to plate' is a way of life on sustainably-minded Norfolk Island. For something different, take a hamper of local delicacies and enjoy a barbeque or picnic at one of our stunning beaches or cliff-top lookouts to enjoy the view.

Indulge in retail therapy with local art, crafts, toys, shoes and tax-free items amongst the Island's shopping highlights.

Norfolk Island hosts many different events during the year, which cater to a wide variety of interests such as ballroom dancing, archery, clay target shooting, bowling and golf tournaments, and gatherings of social groups such as the irrepressible Red Hatters. Go to our website www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com

to see the full variety of events occurring in 2021.

And finally, we can't forget the lovable bovines which grace the roadside around most of the island - they provide both gorgeous photographic opportunities and laughs aplenty with their entertaining antics.

This South Pacific gem is guaranteed to safely return you home very much satisfied, and we look forward to welcoming you home (Norf'k meaning 'you to our island home').

Our travel consultants are ready and eager to help you plan your next holiday to Norfolk Island, where you can discover these amazing aspects of island-life for yourself. Contact us on 1800 1400 66 or email us at travel@travelcentre.nf.

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Compulsory military training for young Australians was introduced in 1951. 18-year-old men were required to undertake 176 days of military training as part of the National Service Scheme. They trained in the Australian Army, the Royal Australian Navy or the Royal Australian Air Force. In 1959 the scheme was abolished. It was reintroduced in 1964 and all 20-year-old males had to register with the Department of Labour and National Service and their names were selected by the "birthday ballot". Those who were selected had to serve 2 years full-time in the regular Army. From 1965 to 1972 over 15,300 national servicemen served in the Vietnam War with 200 killed and 1,279 wounded. The National Service Scheme was abolished in 1972.

The National Servicemen's Association Qld. (Inc) was formed in 1951 and

provides support to members and supporters.

The Bribie Island Branch of the "Nashos" meets for a free lunch and a chat on the first Tuesday of each month at the home of the President John Price at 46 Cosmos Avenue, Banksia Beach. We also undertake regular day trips to interesting locations to enhance social wellbeing and provide information on entitlements, etc.

THE BRIBIE ISLAND NASHOS USUALLY MARCH IN THE ANZAC DAY MARCH (SEE PHOTO) AND ENCOURAGE ALL NASHOS TO JOIN US FOR THE MARCH AND A COLD DRINK AND BBQ AFTER THE SERVICE AT 46 COSMOS AVENUE, BANKSIA BEACH. SHOULD YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JOHN PRICE ON 0439 287 747 OR JEANETTE ON 0439 282 640.



TO ALL MEMBERS



At the heart of our community since 1977

To all members of the Bribie Island RSL Sub-Branch, this is to inform all members of the up coming Annual General Meeting to be held in the auditorium of the RSL and Citizens Memorial Club at 10am on the Sunday the 14 th March 2021 Following the meeting there will be a BBQ and drinks provided.

Graham Seymour
Hon Secretary
BI RSL Sub-Branch

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 15th March 2021, Monday 19th April 2021, Monday 17th 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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GLASS, PAPER & CANVAS, Exhibition

March 16 - 30

The "Glass, Paper and Canvas" exhibition is an indication of the exciting blend of works that emerge from a collaborative show of two art groups who work at the Bribie Community Arts Centre.

The Leadlight/Glass group and Thursday Painters have joined to present this lovely display which opens March 16 and runs until March 30.

There will be 22 male and female leadlighters/creative glass folks exhibiting. Four have only been working with glass for a few weeks. Leadlight and copper foiled pieces by two of our founding members will be exhibited in public for the first time ever (look out for the absolutely gorgeous works by artists Meg Thomas and Nana Harmon).

The Thursday Painters are celebrating 30 years, with group leader, Maureen Gough attending all that time.



Matthew Flinders
Gallery - Bribie Island
Community Arts Centre

Maureen said 15 members were exhibiting in this show, which will include a themed wall of one painting per artist which is named "Flora and Fauna".

New member, Pat Jackson, has never exhibited before.

At present the group is all female, with previous male members having moved on.

"We would love some men to join us on Thursday mornings at the Arts Centre," Maureen said.

If you'd like to take up the invitation, phone Maureen on 3408 7882.

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre is at 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach, phone 3408 9288. Open Tuesday to Saturday 9am - 4pm; Sundays 9am - 1pm. Cafe 191 open for lunches and refreshments 9am - 2 Tuesday to Saturday; 9 - 1pm Sundays.



NOELENE LAKE Bribie Accounting Services

TAX TIPS:

JOBMAKER HIRING CREDITS FOR BUSINESSES

This payment is an incentive to encourage business to employ additional young people aged between 16 and 35.

The new employee must work a minimum of 20 hours per week and the employer and employee must meet certain eligibility criteria.

There is also a registration process, so contact us to determine your eligibility for this government incentive or for any other bookkeeping, accounting or taxation matter.

Contact me if you need assistance with your business performance.



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Pumicestone MP Launches First Youth Advisory Council

ALI KING MP
State Member for Pumicestone



Calling all young people of Pumicestone! Do you have an issue you are passionate about? Want to be more involved in local community and develop leadership skills? Now is your chance to apply for the first ever Pumicestone Youth Advisory Council.

State member for Pumicestone Ali King heard from local young people that they didn't know feel heard by their local leaders and decided to do something about it.

"Young people in our community show so much passion and enthusiasm! That's what will drive our new Pumicestone Youth Advisory Council.

"I'm excited to see what our young people can achieve."

The Pumicestone Youth Advisory Council will be the first of its kind for the area from Caboolture and Elimbah,

through to Beachmere, Toorbul and Bribie Island.

Youth Council members will grow their leadership skills and learn how to work for change on issues they care about. They'll be able to hear from guest speakers and meet potential mentors.

Bribie Island local Domenic Barrett is excited to apply to the council.

"This is awesome! Young people don't get a vote in parliament so it's important that we have somewhere to raise the issues that matter to us. I can't wait to apply."

All young people aged between 16-25 years old can apply online via the link:

https://actionnetwork.org/forms/pumicestone_youth_advisory_council

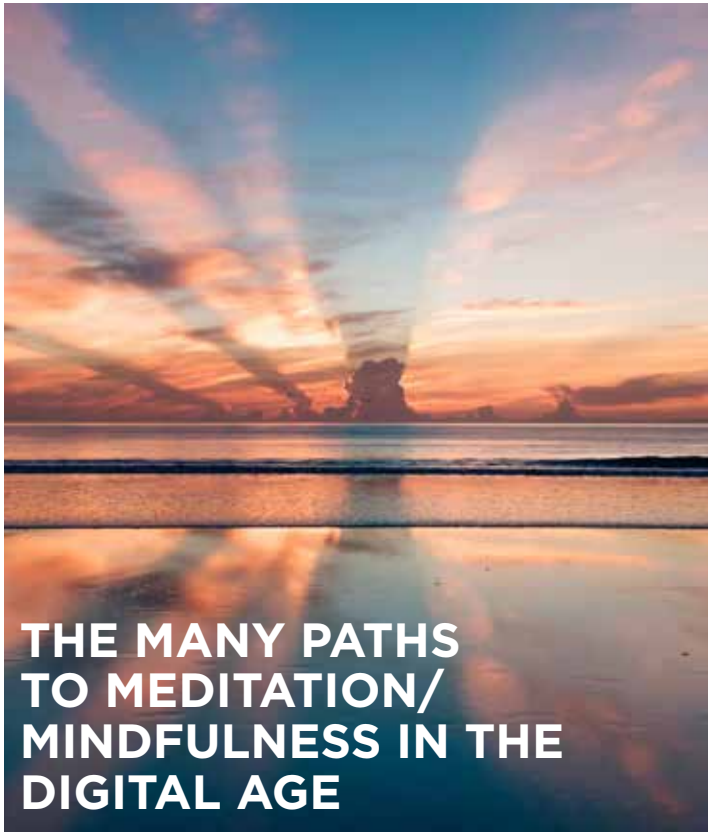
or contact the office of Ali King MP on pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au.

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ALI KING MP
Member for Pumicestone

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THE MANY PATHS TO MEDITATION/ MINDFULNESS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Part 1 of 2

Hi, Mr Mindful here. There are many forms of meditation, and there are many ways of accessing the practice. Over the years, technology has begun to play a significant role in supporting meditation via numerous apps and websites.

However, along with so much choice comes the difficulty of choosing and practising regularly. When people App-Hop and continuously try new websites without really giving themselves enough time to appreciate what might be on offer, this becomes a distraction, which leads to frustration and consequently the abandonment of meditation/mindfulness in some cases.

Such distractions and frustrations stand in the way of regular practice, which is essential if meditation/mindfulness is to have its many benefits actualised. At least 15 minutes of practise per day are required to help the brain construct neural pathways.

Below, I list some of the sites that I use regularly, but there are hundreds more. The wonderful thing about technology and meditation

is that people can practise at home with a veritable plethora of options from which to choose.

In my practice, I use the following to enhance and vary how I sit, listen, and meditate. I do have many others, but my clients say they find this small selection very useful.

Project Meditation: Besides having a significant amount of information about meditation, it also markets a program called Life Flow 10. Life flow 10 uses binaural beats that stimulate various stages of brainwaves that enhance the meditation state. The use of binaural beats is known as Brain Entrainment (not Brainwashing)

Meditainment: this program uses Creative Visualisation across many different meditations in many different categories (Pain Management, Mindfulness, and Relaxation, to name but a few). Some of the meditations are free, but you have to pay for the extended version, affording your lifetime access to around 30 titles.

Some of my clients found it difficult to visualise the scenes and pictures that the voices describe, so this program is not for everyone.

CAROLYN'S TAX Update



JOBMAKER HIRING CREDIT SCHEMES

This new scheme is being administered by the ATO. It provides a wage subsidy to employers as an incentive for them to employ additional jobseekers from 16 to 35 years old. You must register with the ATO and claims for the first period commenced 1 February 2021. There are eligibility requirements including entities must be up to date with income tax and GST lodgments, have not claimed JobKeeper at the same time as Jobmaker, and report through STP.

MV DATA MATCHING

The ATO will acquire MV registry data from State and Territory MV authorities. Objectives for this programme include identifying and addressing non-compliance tax obligations. Details of buying and selling MVs will identify any trends of non-compliance with both tax and super obligations. It will also identify taxpayers who may not register or lodge returns and activity statements and ensure correct reporting of income or deductions and GST.

ONLINE SELLING DATA-MATCHING

The ATO will also acquire information for online sales. Client identification details: name, DOB, address, business names ABNs, email accounts etc. will be collected and used for verification. Non-compliance is again the main purpose of this data collection ensuring that all sales/GST are correctly returned and claimed. It is estimated that between 20,000 and 30,000 records will be obtained. Ensure you collect and report your full income each year. There is actually a question on all the tax returns asking if there are any online sales. Be careful what you answer.

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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CLUB'S KOKODA CHALLENGE SUPPORTS DEFENCE PERSONNEL

Bribie Island Bowls Club is looking for volunteers to lace up their walking shoes to support past and present Australian defence personnel as part of their 2021 Kokoda Challenge Charity Walk.

Bowls Club Community Coordinator Kerry Muller said the aim of the Kokoda Challenge was to raise money for Wounded Heroes, an organisation that supports Australian servicemen and women with the financial, emotional and personal hardships that are often a part of military life.



"The Kokoda Challenge is a personal walk covering the equivalent distance of the Kokoda Track," Mr Muller said. "Depending on your level of fitness, we're recommending participants could cover that distance in 24 days, which would be an average of 4km a day."

"Participants can choose to cover the 96km anywhere that suits them, or they can join the set walking track along the Pumicestone Passage waterfront walkway opposite the Club. You can record your daily distance at the Club's Kokoda Challenge checkpoint which will be manned daily from 7am to 9.30am."

"This is an exciting event to be involved with and the initial response to the challenge has been great. People have shown an interest to walk the distance from places near and far for such a worthwhile cause. Wounded Heroes is a fantastic organisation that does whatever it takes to provide support services for defence personnel, and we are proud to be able to help them continue this work."

The Bribie Island Bowls Club's Kokoda Challenge will run from April 1-24 and entry is via a \$25 donation to Wounded Heroes. Participants will also receive a specially designed supporter's shirt to wear while they walk. For more information and to register visit www.bribiebowls.com/kokodachallenge/ or call the club on 3408 1018.

RAISING FUNDS FOR PAST & PRESENT DEFENCE PERSONNEL

KOKODA Challenge

BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB
ALL AGES COMMUNITY CHARITY EVENT

A lead up to ANZAC Day
1st April to 24th April

ENTRY ONLY \$25

A charity walk along the Pumicestone Passage waterfront walkways

The walk/cycle path extends from South Esplanade to Marina Boulevard. The total distance one way is 5km. Using well known landmarks, we have identified some options to allow participants to complete the challenge over 9 days (for the true spirit) or up to 24 days (for the not so fit).

Alternate routes can be arranged to suit.

- Open time arrangements/self-regulated.
- Distance to cover is 96km, in reference to Kokoda Trail.
- Recording point on the waterfront opposite Bribie Island Bowls Club, manned every day from 6.30am to 9am.
- Registration and entry fee details at www.bribiebowls.com/kokodachallenge

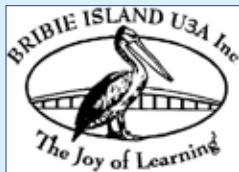
\$25 entry fee includes:

- Special edition Kokoda Challenge t-shirt
- Souvenir scale on final day
- Invite to attend ANZAC Day service 12pm on April 25th at Bribie Island Bowls Club

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Contact: Kerry Muller | M: 0409 619 920 | E: mulletbirc@gmail.com
Look for the giant Lawn Bowl on Wetsby Parade, Bongaree Qld 4507

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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

IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RECOVERY OF EVERYONE AS WE TRY TO GET BACK TO NORMAL AND AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL MENTAL HEALTH WALK IN NOVEMBER, THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND IS HOLDING A FREE FUN DAY AT THE BRIBIE AQUATIC CENTRE THIS SUNDAY.

The afternoon is aimed at children under 16 and their families with free entry into the Pool and normal pool rules will apply. The Aquatic Centre has given us the use of the Inflatable for the afternoon which will start around 12 pm and we will have the usual pool equipment available - noodles and float rings etc - however feel free to bring your own. There will also be a free Sausage Sizzle but all other food/drink items will be available for purchase from the kiosk.

The object of the afternoon is for the kids to have FUN!!!!!! So, come on down Mums and Dads and bring the kids.

See you on Sunday the 28th of February.



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FOOD, WINE and ISLAND TIMES



Dear readers, we had a gathering of friends the other night and Helena who is a confirmed Merlot drinker complete with a glass full of ice has not yet seen the film "Sideways" so it seemed appropriate to repeat this article from a couple of years ago and I have to warn you that I am about to use some rather choice language below but those of you that have seen the film "Sideways" will probably have a good chuckle if you haven't seen it and have access to Netflix you may find it on there.

For those that haven't seen the film let me give a brief outline of the film which was released in 2004 and was a surprise hit creating a cult following, but was also responsible for the tragic outcome for one particular grape variety. The film is about two completely mismatched friends taking a week visiting a wine region in California about 30 minutes north of Santa Barbara. One of the friends is getting married at the end of the week and is determined to go out with a bang if you get my drift, the other guy (played excellently by Paul Giamatti) is a depressed wine snob who basically is happy when he has had too much to drink and just wants to visit wineries. At one of the wineries they chat to the girl behind the counter and the first guy makes a date for her and her girlfriend to go to dinner with the pair of them but knows Giamatti will probably drink too much and ruin the evening. As they reach the restaurant he pulls him into an alley at the front door of the restaurant and basically says to slow down and whatever the girl's order that's what they drink. Giamatti replies "if anybody orders Merlot, I'm leaving" and goes on "I am not drinking any f***ing Merlot"!

FOOD, WINE AND ISLAND TIMES

Almost immediately sales in Merlot in the U.S.A plummeted, whilst interest in Pinot Noir the wine of choice for Giamatti's character soared. But now over 12 years after the film's release, the tables have finally turned and according to figures just released Merlot in the States is starting to make a come-back especially the more upmarket version.

"Sideways" isn't a film for everyone but if you enjoy wine and want a good laugh this is a funny film especially the scene in the winery when Giamatti finds out that a book he has written has been rejected. I cannot spoil the scene for you but if you ever taste wine at a tasting you will never look at the slops jug the same way again!

Actually, Merlot is one of the world's most planted grape varieties with plantings larger than Cabernet Sauvignon in many regions and is grown in just about every wine-producing country in the world including Italy, California, Romania, Argentina, Chile, Canada and New Zealand. In France, nearly two-thirds of the world's plantings exist and the wine is a major component of the famous red wines of Bordeaux along with Cabernet Franc Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot, the winemakers at Chateau Petrus favour early picking to maintain the wine's acidity and finesse as well as it's potential for aging, expect to pay thousands of dollars per bottle for some vintages from great growing years. Here in Australia, we produce

very drinkable Cabernet Merlots and at very reasonable prices.

Although it is possible to buy a straight Merlot it is generally used as a blending variety usually with Cabernet Sauvignon which helps to soften the wine. However, a few winemakers have been successful at making a bigger more robust style and one of these is Jim Irvine who with his wife Marjorie established a vineyard in The Eden Valley in 1980. They made a conscious decision to concentrate on marketing rarer varieties such as Merlot, Zinfandel, Pinot Gris and Meslier.

Targeting the interests and enthusiasm of knowledgeable wine enthusiasts they have developed a large following who understand the need to make different and excellent wines. The Irvine's have won "The World's Best Merlot on no less than three occasions and being placed in the top ten several times. The Irvine's are recognised globally as Australia's Master Merlot Makers and promote The Eden Valley as an excellent wine-growing region and carrying on the family wine-growing tradition is their daughter Joanne, who is now responsible for most of the winemaking, and has already been named red winemaker of the year.

A dear friend of mine John Loxton who was the senior winemaker at Maglieri Wines in McLaren Vale also had desires to make a solid Merlot and came very close to this when he worked at

Ballast Stone Estate but I don't think his employers saw his intentions and John carried on making outstanding Cabernet Sauvignons and Shiraz wines until he retired several years ago.

I noticed that a couple of Cabernet Merlots going at a very reasonable price in Dan Murphy's this week, Fifth Leg and The Houghton Classic Red both selling for below \$8.00

Philip Arlidge

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WINES WHILST BEING A SOURCE OF CONTENTMENT CAN ON OCCASION BE A CURSE.

An old Turkish proverb notes.

There is a devil in every berry of the grape.

Sir Walter Raleigh who is well known for throwing his cape over a muddy puddle was an abstainer I think. For he wrote:

Take care that thou delight not in wine, for there was not any man that came to honour or preferment that loved it; for it transforms man into a beast, decayeth health, destroys natural heat, brings a man's stomach to an artificial heat, deformeth the face, rotteth the teeth, and to conclude, maketh a man contemptible, soon old and despised of all wise and worthy men.

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The Celtic Minstrels

WE'RE BACK at The Jetty Restaurant on Saturday Feb 27th with our new friends from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Either sit on lawn and enjoy a cool drink or ice cream or book a table inside and enjoy a a cool ale or refreshing wine or two?

MIKE WATTS AND BETH SOWTER have been playing Celtic music, mostly in Tasmania for more than 30 years in bands, session music and especially "bush bands". They are the proud owners of "Celtic Southern Cross" culminating in the production of 4 CD's to accompany the iconic tune book, "Begg'd, Borrowed and Stolen" which is the unofficial "Bible" of those entering the world of Celt-ic Music.

For 17 years they ran the Celtic Summer School "Music under the Mountains". This was a weeklong program dedicated to the improvement of technique in Irish, Scottish, Australian and Canadian fiddling, harp, concertina, mandolin, guitar and vocals. Mike plays mandolin and English Concertina, and Beth plays fiddle, guitar and occasionally sings.

SARAH HARRIS (guitar, tin whistle, vocals):

Growing up in a musical family, music has always been a major influence on Sarah's early life, from High School productions to choir ensembles. Her Irish heritage shaped later projects, including performing as a duo - The Dalys - with her brother Matt Harris. Session work introduced Sarah to fellow musicians who would later collaborate to form Celtic Fusion. Now, as a member of the Celtic Minstrels, Sarah contributes to lead vocals and harmonies and is the principal guitarist.

She also plays tin whistle and enjoys helping interpret traditional and progressive Celtic songs and tunes.

TED BURTON (Irish banjo, mandolin, 5-string banjo, guitar, u bass, vocals):

Ted started out as a teen rock guitarist in Ireland but soon came under the influence of The Dubliners, Chieftans, Fureys etc. at informal pub sessions. Upon arrival in Sydney, he founded The Irish Drovers and turned professional shortly after, appearing each week morning on Channel Nine's Super Flying Fun Show. A one-year tour of Canada followed, and he returned to live in Adelaide where he founded the group Rafterai. Ted dropped music for a number of years while working in the Middle East and returned to Brisbane to continue his PhD at UQ. He started playing at local sessions and founded the group Celtic Fusion. Now, as part of the Celtic Minstrels, Ted brings all his years of experience to the fore and is a driving linchpin of the Minstrel's exciting brand of Celtic-inspired entertainment. Laura Campbell Laura is also a classically trained violinist but soaked up the Celtic feel from her father and other family members and local musicians. She rediscovered Celtic Music when her young daughter joined the Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club and it has become a family affair with her husband and three children being members joining in. She is now a lead fiddler with this high energy group which plays at many music festivals and not much can be said about Laura other than, "hang onto your hats as this lass will rock your tartan socks off" when she picks up the fiddle. Laura is also the fiddler for Celtic Fusion, winner of 2019 Celtic Album of the Year at the Australian Celt-ic Music Awards

She's also a keen guitarist and loves nothing more than a campfire

singalong with her family. Being born in Edinburgh she has Celtic music flowing through her veins.

MARIA BOLAND is a classically trained violinist who picked up the violin after a 40-year break. Now the lead violinist with the Bribie Island Orchestra she has taken up the challenge of Celtic Fiddle after being asked to be part of the Bribie Celtic Fiddlers. Music also flows through her veins as most members of her large family are also accomplished musicians with her father being a fiddler in bush bands on the Monaro in Southern NSW. No challenge is too great for this highly talented fiddler who is revelling in retirement after 50 years of nursing as she can now spend more time "fiddling".

JOHN BOLAND. Better known as a former Australian Paralympic Swim Coach and his musical back-ground can be written on the back of a postage stamp with room for footnotes. Plays the Bodhran and some vocals

Some of our extremely talented new friends



Lindsey Norman started playing the button accordion when he was 21 on a very old "dudley" accordion that he inherited from his grandfather. His appreciation for the accordion came from attending old time dances and country balls. He became a member of the Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club through the introduction of Rose. There he was fortunate to be introduced to many fine musicians and his



skill level has grown through the introduction to many different groups
Rose first learnt the fiddle and school and was fortunate to come under the tutelage of Melinda Coles of the Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club in her twenties and has been an integral part of that group for many many years. Many musicians in the CELTIC MINSTRELS have been or are part of the Moreton Celtic Fiddle Club.

CAFE 191 TO OPEN Mondays



Following popular demand from on-site Bribie Island Community Arts Centre members and artists, Bribie Gem & Fossickers Club members and Woodcrafters and island residents & visitors, we are pleased to announce

Cafe 191 will start trading on Mondays from March 1. The Cafe hours will be the same as for the rest of the week, ie 9am - 2pm.

Cafe assistant barista, **SUE LUKOWSKA** (right) will be on hand to offer beverages and freshly baked scones/cakes, slices and light refreshments.

No meal service will be available Mondays.

Sue has been a long-standing and popular Cafe volunteer and comes from a hospitality background in north Queensland before she moved to Bribie two years ago.

Sue has been well trained by chef Corey and she and her lovely volunteer helpers will be pleased to bring you the delicious coffee and treats that you have come to expect from our great Cafe.

Expect to see more of Sue, as she will also manage the Cafe every second Tuesday, starting Tuesday March 9.

Corey is sure he's leaving his kitchen in good hands as he enjoys a two-day break on these alternate weeks



NOTE the Arts Cente Galleries will remain closed on Mondays as usual. Cafe 191 patrons are advised to drive around the ring road to park at the back carpark to enter.

For larger groups, lunch bookings are advised, either through Cafe 191 Facebook page or by phoning 0491 344 135.

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- 17. CHICKEN KORMA CURRY**
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- 19. MUSTARD CHICKEN**
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- 47. MANGO CHICKEN**
Seasoned tender chicken with a mouth watering mango sauce, served with steamed aussie beans and chat potatoes.

FISH DISHES

- 25. ATLANTIC SALMON** (Reg \$13.50 | Lge \$17.90) NEW
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- 26. TUNA MORNAY PASTA**
Tuna Pasta tossed in a mornay sauce served with sweetcorn, peas and sweet potato.
- 28. ATLANTIC COD & PRAWNS** (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90) NEW
Served with lemon sauce, mashed potato, broccoli & garden peas.
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Fettuccine topped with smoked salmon, baby spinach in a creamy sauce served with broccoli.
- 46. BAKED FISH**
Wild caught New Zealand Hoki with a cream sauce, served with sweet potato and peas.

BEEF DISHES

- 5. COTTAGE PIE**
Good old traditional style minced beef, topped with potato mash and served with vegetables.
- 6. ROAST BEEF**
Tender roasted beef served with gravy, chat potatoes, sweet potato and peas.
- 7. BEEF CASSEROLE**
Tender beef cooked in rich gravy, served with mash and peas.
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- 9. BEEF LASAGNE**
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- 30. BEEF RISsoles**
Beef Rissoles topped with gravy and served with mashed potato, peas and carrots.
- 31. BEEF STROGANOFF**
Tender Beef strips cooked in a mushroom, paprika & mustard sauce served with Fettuccine & green beans.
- 32. MEXICAN BEEF AND BEANS**
Classic Chilli Con Carne served with rice and beans.
- 35. BEEF MADRAS CURRY (MILD-MEDIUM)** NEW
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- 41. SILVERSIDE**
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PORK DISHES

- 12. ROAST PORK**
Roasted pork with gravy, chat potatoes and roast pumpkin.
- 27. PASTA CARBONARA**
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- 33. PICKLED PORK**
Pickled pork topped with creamy mustard sauce served with chat potatoes, green and yellow beans.
- 48. CURRIED SAUSAGES & RICE** NEW
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- 13. TRADITIONAL OLD ENGLISH PORK SAUSAGES** NEW
- 22. LAMB, HONEY, MINT & ROSEMARY SAUSAGES**

LAMB DISHES

- 10. ROAST LAMB** (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)
Succulent tender lamb with mint infused gravy and served with chat potatoes, peas and carrots.
 - 24. MASSAMAN LAMB CURRY** (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)
Lamb cooked in a thai style massaman sauce, served with rice and green beans.
 - 42. MONGOLIAN LAMB** (Reg \$11.50 | Lge \$13.90)
Asian style Mongolian lamb cooked with steamed asian vegetables and noodles.
- VEGETARIAN / VEGAN DISHES**
- 29. VEGETABLE LASAGNE**
Marinated roast vegetables between layers of pasta, topped with three cheeses.
 - 43. VEGETARIAN NOODLE STIRFRY**
Stir-fried vegetables and rice noodles with sweet lime and chilli sauce topped with chopped peanuts.
 - 44. CHICKPEA & VEGETABLE CURRY**
Mild chickpea & vegetable curry served with basmati rice.
 - 45. CREAMY PESTO PASTA**
Penne tossed through pesto cream, broccoli and spinach, topped with parmesan cheese (contains nuts).

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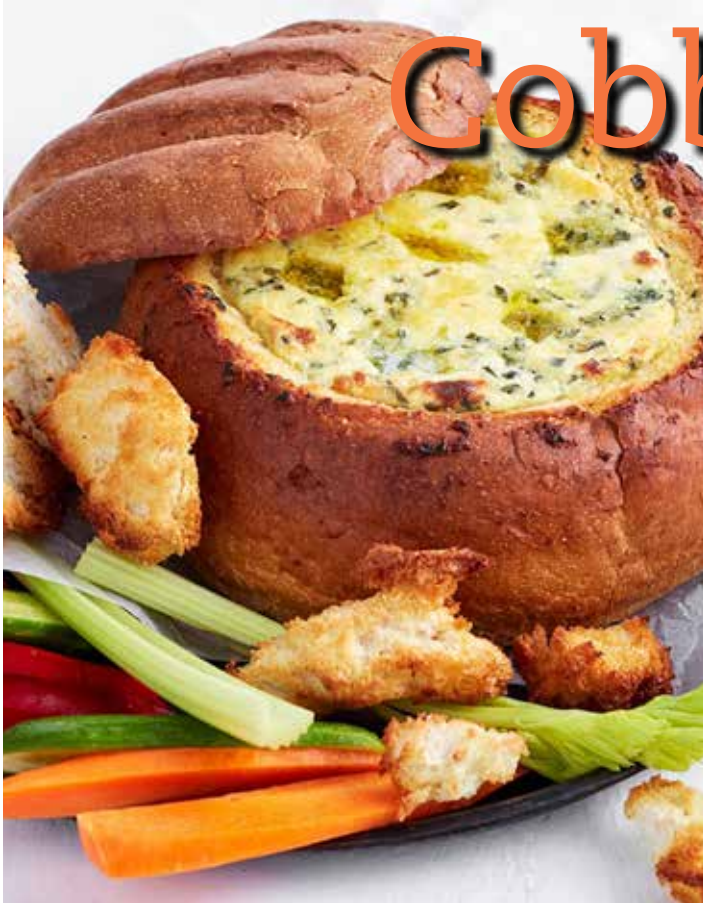
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Cobb Loaf Dip



INGREDIENTS

- 1 medium sourdough cobb loaf
- 250 g frozen spinach or kale, thawed
- 250 g block cream cheese, room temperature
- 40 g packet salt-reduced dry French onion soup mix
- 250 g tub sour cream
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts, toasted (see notes)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- fresh baby carrots to serve
- capsicum cut into strips to serve
- mixed tomatoes to serve
- crackers to serve

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan-forced). Take a slice from the top of the cob and set aside. Carefully remove the centre of the cob, leaving enough bread around the crust to make a case. Set the soft centre pieces

aside.

Squeeze any excess liquid from the spinach. Beat cream cheese until smooth, add the French onion soup mix, then the sour cream. Fold in the spinach and half the walnuts. Season to taste with black pepper. Spoon the dip into the prepared cob and replace the bread lid. Wrap tightly in a double layer of foil. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until centre is warmed through. Meanwhile, take the soft centre pieces of bread and tear into pieces, place into a large bowl. Add olive oil and garlic and toss to coat. Spread onto a baking tray and bake for 12-15 minutes or until golden brown, tossing a few times. Let cool on the tray. Transfer the cob to a serving platter and serve with vegetables, crackers and prepared garlic bread pieces. sticks of celery and carrot.. sprinkle with chives.

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"ANYWHERE FESTIVAL" Headed Everywhere in Moreton Bay Region

If you're a culture vulture who's been deprived of artistic stimulation since theatres were forced to close, Council's bringing a creative solution to your door in May.

The 'Anywhere Festival' promotes the idea that performance arts shouldn't be constrained by a theatre or limited to a stage, instead performances are hosted by local businesses and even in private homes.

Mayor Peter Flannery said today's unanimous vote means the inaugural launch for Moreton Bay Region will come in just three months' time

"This initiative is literally the perfect COVID solution by taking traditional storytelling out of theatre buildings and back to where life really takes place - in the community," Mayor Flannery said.

"It means we can observe social distancing while providing dynamic and contemporary entertainment for locals and supporting artists, and inject some post-COVID vibrancy back into our communities.

"I certainly think we all deserve a street party after 2020!

"So you might see improv dance in

Dayboro, comedy in Cashmere, opera in Ocean View, acrobatics in Arana Hills, poetry in Petrie or maybe a walking tour along Woorim Beach.

"Anything is possible in the Anywhere Festival as long as you're prepared for fascinating shows in unusual places like hairdressing salons, elevators, cars and even lounge rooms."

Anywhere Festival is a not-for-profit Queensland company established in Brisbane in 2011 by Paul Osuch and Alex McTavish.

"I could see people wanted exciting theatre that didn't have to happen in a theatre," he said.

"I found the most fascinating exciting and fun performance weren't happening in custom-made spaces, rather they were happening in the nooks and crannies where performers could try new things and audiences could experience a more intimate and up-close performance.

"Theatre's been turned into this big thing instead of it being something that people feel they can pop along to in their own neighbourhood or do themselves.

"Ultimately, the Anywhere Festival is about

entertainment and theatre but it is also about encouraging businesses to engage with their community in a new way."

Mayor Flannery said it was critically important to provide artists with work opportunities right now.

"Performance, concerts, and theatre were all but obliterated by COVID, to the extent that many performers will never be able to afford to return to their chosen field because they've had to go elsewhere to survive," he said.

"We're working to stop the 'brain drain' our region used to experience by building our very own university campus here, now we're welcoming all opportunities to keep our creatives living and working in our region.

"This festival supports artists to create incredible work without all the financial burdens and overheads associated with presenting independently.

"I sincerely hope locals embrace the Anywhere Festival - it will be presented in every corner of our region across a range of community spaces, outdoor places and even local businesses."

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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

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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

The Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery

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REGULAR FEATURES



By: Al Finegan

THE FORGOTTEN BATTLE OF BRISBANE

On the 26th November 1942 a war correspondent, John Hinde, was on a hotel balcony overlooking the corner of Creek and Adelaide Streets Brisbane and later stated, "The most furious battle I ever saw during the war was that night in Brisbane. It was like a civil war". It was "The Battle of Brisbane", as it was to become known. Just how did this come about?

1942 saw the United States begin its escalation of the war in the Pacific. By mid-year,

they had poured 300,000 US troops into Brisbane, a sleepy country town of about 300,000 inhabitants. In a few short months, they had doubled the population.

The looming threat of a Japanese invasion had spread fear through the people. "For Sale" signs were common as many families "went bush". Slit trenches and primitive air raid shelters appeared in suburban back yards. City buildings were sandbagged, concrete structures to accommodate perhaps 100

people were erected in city streets as air-raid shelters. Night-time brownouts were imposed, darkening the roads and parks. Food and petrol were severely rationed. Brisbane was on edge. As the crisis deepened, so the Federal Government procrastinated more. They were described as "running around like headless chooks".

The overwhelmed Qld police force's biggest concern was the rapidly developing gulf between the US and Australian servicemen. The Yanks had smart, tailored uniforms, were well paid and accordingly drew the bulk of female attention - and they were mostly well mannered and pleasant. In the eyes of the hostile Aussies running second on their own turf, the Yanks were "overpaid, oversexed and over here".

To add to the digger's resentment, the US Forces had a well-appointed club in the city called a 'PX' for Postal Exchange. It offered merchandise, food, drinks, and cigarettes at very low prices - and they were open all hours often with a live band playing. The Diggers were not allowed into the PX - but young women were. Diggers instead had to drink in specified pubs that were only open for two hours a day and definitely not on Sunday. Unlike the newly recruited yanks, most of the diggers had just returned from two years of active service in the Middle East and were hardened veterans. Losing their girls, being denied access to pubs and goods, their anger grew and brawls between the two forces became frequent with up to 20 occurring each night.

It all came to a head on the 26th of November. The long smouldering animosity ignited when a couple of Diggers saw two American MP's bashing a drunken US soldier who had staggered out of a pub to head to the PX. US MP's were notorious for their arrogance and brutality and for their use of batons and firearms at the least provocation, regardless of whether the offender was Aussie or Yank. The Aussies went to the aid of the US soldier, dropping one MP and forced the other to back off.

Soon more US MP's began to arrive, but so too did Aussies as word rapidly spread. Hundreds of Diggers were seen running into the fray from all directions and without hesitation attacked the Americans.

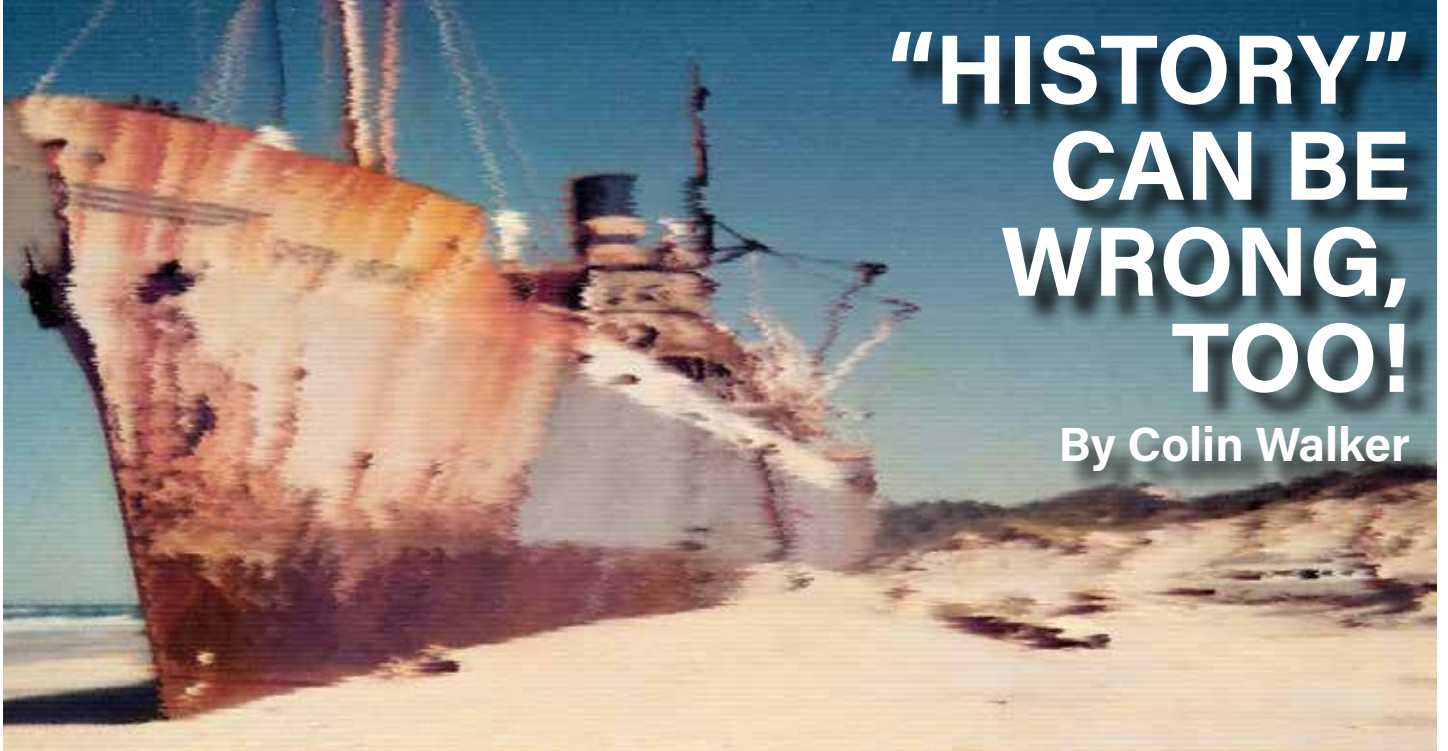
The MP's, unaccustomed to being the underdog, retreated to the PX in panic. They blew their whistles for reinforcements. The melee escalated for over three hours until about 5,000 men were involved in a massive riot. MP's had fallen in droves from the blows of the well organised Aussie soldiers who were gaining ground and leaving a trail of broken bodies behind them. A US Army Sergeant later recalled how he was amazed to see "Americans flying up in the air." The Fire Brigade was called to stop the diggers with firehoses. On arrival, they saw what was happening and refused to attack their own servicemen. The diggers advanced smashing their way into the ground floor of the PX - and destroyed everything in sight.

The US MP's panic finally gave way to fear and they opened fire. One Australian was killed, and eight others wounded. Unarmed, the Australians finally scattered taking their wounded with them leaving behind hundreds of injured MP's and US servicemen - and a demolished PX.

Another smaller riot was repeated the following night and during the subsequent nights, many US MP's had serious "accidents" while on patrol. They somehow walked into planks of hardwood. Hospitals had a growing number of US MP's with broken bones and severe concussions.

The entire incident was censored.

Common-sense finally prevailed. City leaders changed their oppressive policies and opened hotels, theatres, clubs and restaurants for longer and more varied hours. Apart from the calming effect on the population, in particular our soldiers, it had a substantial impact on the local economy and introduced new tastes and fashions. The PX was relocated to a US base.



“HISTORY” CAN BE WRONG, TOO!

By Colin Walker

HISTORY, AS CLAIMED PUBLICLY, MAY NOT ALWAYS BE AS IT SEEMS, OR AS PRESENTED MORE A CASE OF “HISTORY” (LIKE BEAUTY!) IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER, EVEN.

A good example of that emerged recently in the metropolitan media when it was claimed that violent storms in the south-east corner (the Brisbane/Gold Coast region) brought with them “the largest hail ever seen or recorded in Queensland”. They cited (and showed) hailstones the size of cricket balls.....and some (claimed as “the largest ever”) a bit bigger than that. Well, I can verify (as others have suggested) that these certainly were NOT the largest hailstones ever seen (or recorded) in Queensland.

In the late 60s/early 70s I was working in Maryborough (as a newsman for the ABC) when the city was hit by a massive freak storm, and hailstones up to the size of small footballs – that’s right, footballs! – lashed parts of the city.

One elderly lady ended up with a hailstone the size of a small football at her feet in her lounge room....after it had first gone through her roof, then her ceiling. God knows how big it was when it first hit the roof.....and if the massive hailstone had hit her???? She made the national news that night, thanks to the quick response of our local (ABC) cameraman, along with our eldest son who was shown with massive single hailstones (from our yard) covering each hand. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.....history-making, for sure!

The storm’s approach sounded like a roaring locomotive, before it hit. Only a relatively small area of the city was hit by the freak hailstones, over a short period – but they caused damage costed at millions of dollars. (Just imagine what that would equate to, in today’s values).

So today’s proclaimed “history-making events” may not always be “the real deal”, at times.....maybe the biggest, best, worst, loudest or most spectacular occurrences seen, heard, or experienced by people (and news sources) of today’s era....but not necessarily history-making.

However, history does record – accurately – that storms (and cyclones, small and large) have left their mark on Queensland communities and habitats for hundreds (probably thousands) of years. And the coastal strip from the Cape to the Queensland/ N.S.W. border (and beyond) have had their share of extreme damage, deaths, and crippling losses over the years due to these traditionally Summer season events. I personally reported (for the ABC and other outlets) on several such emergency situations when I was in Maryborough, and in Mackay.

One was particularly pertinent (for me) because I had to fly in the teeth of a howling gale to get footage of a 2000-ton freighter, the Cherry Venture (registered in Singapore) after it broke away in a storm while under tow to Japan (for scrap), and headed for the coast off Fraser Island.

I was alerted by the Sandy Cape lighthouse operator, and immediately lined up a light aircraft (and our resident cameraman) to capture the event on film. The cyclonic winds and wild seas were driving the hapless Cherry Venture inexorably towards the coastline. We flew several passes over the Dutch-built vessel which was pitching and rolling in huge seas not far out from the lighthouse.

Ultimately, it was driven onto the coast and made its final resting place just south of Inskip Point (North of Rainbow Beach), on the mainland.

By this time the wind had picked up even more, and Maryborough airport was closed to light traffic.

We had no option but to continue on to Brisbane (to Archerfield airport) to deliver the film to a Black and White taxi, to take it to the ABC’s Brisbane film processors (and then the studio).

The spectacular film went to air nationally that night and was relayed to overseas services, and was featured on British, Singapore and Dutch TV.

The Cherry Venture saw out its life for the next 30 years (until partly dismantled and removed in 2006/07) as a major tourism drawcard for the Noosa – Cooloola region.

(Footnote: Rough weather in April 2018 saw the remnants of the hull of the Japanese-bound freighter emerge once again from the beach sands of Inskip)

Footsteps Through Time

Milestones for Queensland, Brisbane & Bribie Island



By Barry Clark
Bribie Island
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THIS ARTICLE GIVES A BRIEF SUMMARY OF SOME IMPORTANT MILESTONE EVENTS IN THE HISTORY OF QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE AND BRIBIE ISLAND UNDER FOUR HEADINGS OF POLITICS, PEOPLE, INFRASTRUCTURE, EDUCATION & HEALTH. AS YOU READ THEM, SOME YOU WILL PROBABLY KNOW, BUT OTHERS MAY SURPRISE YOU. IT IS ONLY WHEN CONSIDERING THE SEQUENCE, RATHER THAN THE DATE OF KEY EVENTS, THAT YOU BEGIN TO SEE THE EVOLUTION OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.

POLITICS

- ❖ In **1859** a new Colony of Queensland was created by separation from NSW. Sir George Bowen was appointed the first Governor, and a few months later in **1860**, Sir Robert Herbert promoted from Colonial Secretary to become Queensland's first Premier.
- ❖ Queensland's first official Flag with an imperial crown inside a Maltese cross was unfurled in **1876**. The annexation of Papua New Guinea was proclaimed in the name of the British Government in **1883**
- ❖ Aboriginal Reserve established in **1887** at White Patch, Bribie Island, for remaining dispossessed indigenous people.
- ❖ The first Laws to regulate every element of Aboriginal lives passed by the Queensland Parliament in **1897**
- ❖ Queensland's first military contingent to serve overseas volunteered for the Boer War in **1899**.
- ❖ The World's first Labor Government sworn into Queensland Parliament in December **1899**.



- ❖ Commonwealth of Australia began in **1901** with Federation and Queensland changed from Colony to State. The efforts of the Suffragist movement were rewarded in **1905** with Queensland women granted the right to vote. Committed to a volunteer Army, Queensland Government voted against conscription in a **1916** referendum.
- ❖ Queensland became the first and only one-chamber State Parliament in **1922** when it abolished the Legislative Council.

PEOPLE

- ❖ Capt. D.D.Hamilton first acquired land at Toorbul Point in **1872**, later sold to Markwell and then to James Clark, and land used for agriculture, grazing, beekeeping and Oystering. This is now the site of the Sandstone Point Hotel.
- ❖ After Fish canneries closed at Godwin Beach and north Bribie Island, a special lease was granted to Mrs Sarah Balls for a new Fish Canning works at Bongaree in **1908**.
- ❖ In **1918** the first motor car to reach Bribie Island took two days over rough tracks and beaches from Brisbane, driven by Arthur Bestmann and Ian Hall, and then floated across the Passage to Bongaree.
- ❖ Ambassador for Women's rights, Irene Longman was elected as Queensland's first female parliamentarian in **1927**. Our Federal seat of Longman, in which Bribie Island sits, is named in her honour.
- ❖ Queensland's first female Police Officers commenced duty at Roma Street in **1931**. Bill Shirley elected first honorary Councillor for Bribie in **1933** on Caboolture Shire Council.
- ❖ Albert Sweeting was the first of only two people ever buried on Bribie Island, at Red Beach cemetery.
- ❖ Prominent businessman and author Thomas Welsby wrote a book "Bribie the Basket Maker" in **1938** and created a legend about the island's history.
- ❖ John Goodwin built Bribie Island Hotel at Woorim in **1939**, which was soon taken over by the military during WW2.



THOMAS WELSBY

- ❖ Fred Paterson became the first and only member of the Communist Party to ever be elected to an Australian Parliament in **1944**.
- ❖ The new Queen Elizabeth 2 spent nine days in Queensland in **1954**,
- ❖ In **1964**, 10,000 excited fans greeted The Beatles when they arrived to visit Queensland.
- ❖ Queen Elizabeth 2 officially opened World Expo '88 Brisbane in **1988** as a central feature of the national Bicentennial Celebrations.
- ❖ The landmark High Court Mabo case in **1992** overturned the concept of Terra Nullius

INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❖ The first Telegraph established in Queensland in **1861** revolutionised communications in the Colony.
- ❖ Construction of Queensland's first Railway line from Ipswich to Bigge's Camp commenced in **1864**,
- ❖ Gold discovered at Gympie in **1867**, and Caboolture was settled and a road was constructed to Gympie.
- ❖ The first permanent Bridge over the Brisbane River in **1874** was not strong enough to withstand the pressure of floods
- ❖ Witches Falls proclaimed as Queensland's first National Park in **1908**.
- ❖ Extensive Oyster Farm leases around Bribie Island were destroyed by a mud worm invasion in **1908**.
- ❖ The Brisbane Tug & Steamship Company built a jetty at Bongaree in **1912** and commenced regular Steamship excursions to Bribie Island.
- ❖ World War one veterans founded Australia's first airline QANTAS at Winton in **1920**.
- ❖ First sand track road constructed from Bongaree to Ocean Beach in **1924**.
- ❖ Over 5000 people visited Bribie Island by boat in one day during the Christmas holidays in **1925**.
- ❖ Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary established as the world's first Koala sanctuary in **1927**.
- ❖ First Church services held on Bribie by Methodist and Church of England in **1928**
- ❖ Cane Toads introduced to fight bugs in Sugar Cane in **1935** and have since become a major environmental pest.
- ❖ Military defences built and combined military Training Centre operated at Sandstone Point in **1942**.
- ❖ Mains electricity cabled to Bribie Island in **1953** and International recluse artist Ian Fairweather came to live on Bribie
- ❖ Bribie Island Bridge opened in **1963** with an unexpected and controversial Toll, which remains for 12 years.
- ❖ The Great Barrier Reef recognised as Queensland first Marine Park in **1979**
- ❖ Bribie Island National Park declared in **1989**



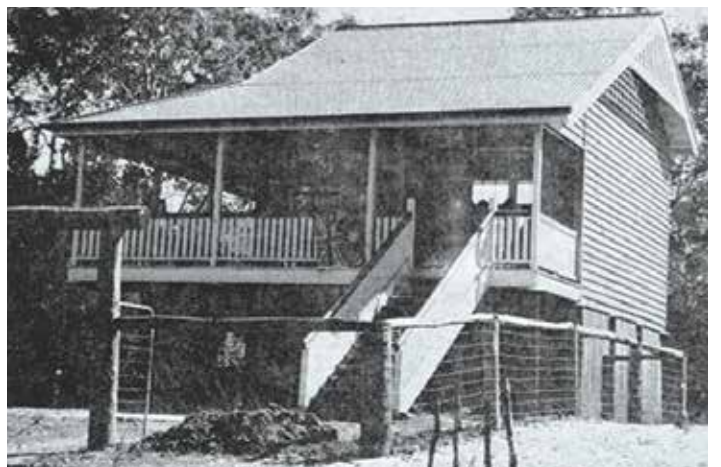
EDUCATION & HEALTH

- ❖ Queensland first Grammar School opened at Ipswich in **1863** and has since educated many well-known Australians.
- ❖ The opening of Queensland first Women's Hospital in **1864** was a clear indication of growing prosperity and population.
- ❖ The Education Act of **1875** established the basis for Queensland's system of free primary secular education.
- ❖ An outbreak of Bubonic Plague killed 219 Queenslanders between **1900** and **1909**.
- ❖ The Spanish Flu pandemic, killing 50 million people worldwide, came to Queensland with troops returning from WW1 in **1919**
- ❖ First Ambulance Hut on Bribie Island operated in Queen Street Bongaree in **1937**.
- ❖ The First provisional State School was established on Bribie Island in **1924**

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

The Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6; 30pm at the RSL Club. Guest speaker on Wed 10th March will be from Queensland Maritime Museum. Visitors always welcome, with notification.

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



BUSY FINGERS

BREAK-INS

It is sad when we must advise our customers and supporters that we have had two break-ins, resulting in damage to our fence. This costs money for repairs, money that would normally be spent on the island to support our island family.

We have downloaded camera footage and have reported it to the police for prosecution.



We have had to spend more money on replacing the carpet in the change rooms after someone urinated in one of the cubicles. After having the carpet cleaned 3 times to no avail of eliminating the odour, we were forced to replace the carpet with vinyl. We would like to thank Irelands Flooring Solutions for their prompt action in replacing the carpet. To the culprit, we wish to advise you the public toilets are open, but we would prefer you do not return to our shop.

PICKUPS - RESALEABLE ITEMS

We would like to remind everyone that when you call for a pickup, please tell us all the items you wish to donate, all items must be outside, under a carport or in the garage as we are not permitted to enter premises. We do not pick up from units unless the items are placed on the ground level in a garage or in the yard. It is not



very pleasant for our drivers when they must advise people that they cannot take their items back to the shop. This occurs when the items are unable to be sold on because they are soiled, in poor condition or broken, so please ensure your items are in good condition and can be sold on. Please call 3408 1014 for a pickup.

VOLUNTEERS

We still have room for a few more volunteers especially on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday so if you can give us a few hours of your time please call Sonia on 34081014 for more information. We are registered with Centrelink if you are required to do volunteer work. It is a place to make friends while supporting your community.



REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

If you are a member of an island club or association and require assistance, please let us know. We try to assist all non-for-profit associations and sporting clubs, we also assist the Police, SES, VMR and the BI Hospice. Our President Pauline is quite happy to come along to your club and present our aims and goals and how your club can apply for assistance. Please call 3410 1920 or email busyfingers1@bigpond.com if you wish to have a presentation or if you wish to apply for a grant of assistance.

When applying for assistance please include a contact name and phone number and also a current equipment quote (from an island business if possible), tell us a bit about your association/club and membership and why you need the equipment you are requesting, and email it to busyfingers1@bigpond.com. Please be aware we only deal with island associations and groups, not individuals.

DONATIONS

As well as our continued support of the VMR, BI Hospice and Global Care we granted the following requests this month. BI Netball Club required a new Refrigerator, and some new blinds and flyscreens for the clubhouse, the mosquitoes have been a nuisance this year. The Model Engineers & Live Steamers Assoc BI required a new pedestrian crossing to prevent a serious tripping hazard to visitors of the venue at MELSA Park. BI National Servicemen's Assoc activities were curtailed during 2020 but happily, they are starting up again with lunches and day trips, they required a laptop to keep their members informed, post newsletters, correspondence and financial information. BI Retirement Aged Care required monitoring equipment to alert staff when residents could be in a situation where they could fall or injury themselves. House of Happiness needs some new seating sets for the BBQ area.

We try to use the island businesses and tradesmen to supply as many items as possible when giving grants and we thank them all for their assistance throughout the year.

SPECIALS

Please remember to check the blackboard by the door for our specials which are updated daily as stock becomes available. We have some nice watches and jewellery available and we have been getting in some nice furniture throughout the month.



I would like to thank all our customers and supporters including the Bribie Islander family who has looked after us for many years now. Hope to see you in the shop soon. Sandra

A photograph of a laundry room. In the center is a white front-loading washing machine with its door open. To the left is a wooden ironing board with a blue ironing board cover. To the right is a white wooden chair with a stack of folded white clothes on it. The floor is covered with a patterned rug. The background shows a wall with a light switch and a small framed picture.

Arrival

BY: Elaine Lutton

Machine Mayhem

In a previous article, I mentioned the visit of my son and his family and how delightful it was to see them. It certainly was from my point of view, but some members of my household took exception to the extra work it placed on their shoulders! My dishwasher and washing machine was the first to begin their complaints. The initial indication that not all was running smoothly in the family home was when we noticed a little flooding occurring when we put the dishwasher to work. Nothing major, just nuisance value. Perhaps it could be safely ignored, but nevertheless, we thought we should consult a plumber with whom we were acquainted. He peered behind the machine and quickly diagnosed the problem. It was a small split in the hose, and he suggested that we turned the dishwasher off at the wall until he had time to fix it. He reassured us that the washing machine would be fine. Phew, I could manage without a dishwasher, but with five extra folk intent on swimming, fishing, and other beach activities followed by showers, we seemed to be going through a multitude of towels and clothes and the thought of no washing machine terrified me.

The plumber left and we went out to dinner, a very pleasant evening ensuing. The next morning all of the family took advantage of the tides and weather and headed for the surf beach at Woorim, returning for showers, each putting their towels, togs, nightwear etc. in the machine as instructed. They left and I began the wash. Disaster! Massive flooding and even I could see a split in another hose, much larger than that in the original. After turning the taps off, I rang the plumber and queried his initial diagnosis. He

confessed he might have been a little hasty in his judgement and said that he would give my son, who fortuitously happened to be visiting and drinking his beer, some duck-tape. He promised he would visit the next day and drink some of our beer. Yes, the plumber in question is our son-in-law, Bill.

True to his word, Bill arrived the following day with a new hose and with the help of his apprentice, my son, fixed my washing machine. He then declared that he would like to take another look at the dishwasher. Apparently, I had two appliances, both of whom had developed leaks but whilst the washing machine was fixable, the dishwasher was, in Bill's opinion, terminal. Both my son and son-in-law made the executive decision that little old ladies, such as myself, could not be trusted with such modern appliances but had been known to fall headfirst into them, get stuck, and do themselves a mischief. A rather unfeeling reference to a previous occurrence on my part. The "committee" came to the conclusion that living by myself I did not really need a dishwasher at all and they would rid me of the same; it would be taken to the tip in Bill's truck and whilst they did this they would also take my "dead" BBQ on a similar trip. I did not object to this as I had another one which was in use and the removal of the corpse I thought a good idea. They were not stopping there, however. My son began to eye the big comfortable purple armchair near the phone. He had designs on taking this too! At this point my proverbial foot went down and to emphasise my unwillingness to let my sharer of many a phone confidence be banished to the graveyard of unloved objects, I threw

myself into the chair thereby rendering it much more difficult to lift or load.

In retrospect, I cannot help feeling this may have been a risky move as the plumber and his apprentice might have decided that I, too, could be considered superfluous to requirements. My readers will be relieved to know that this was a battle I won and that both myself and chair still reside in my home.

Before loading the dishwasher and defunct BBQ, the plumber reassured me that the overflow on the "lawn" was not coming from the toilet despite the huge amount of toilet paper we were going through. This was a relief. Rather, it was a blocked grease trap. This he obligingly unblocked whilst giving me a little lecture on the wickedness of pouring oil down a sink. I hung my head in the manner of a naughty child but was silently scheming to buy myself a new dishwasher the minute their respective backs were turned. My washing machine would not be long without a friend to share his sanitary existence.

Off went my BBQ and dishwasher to the tip where I am assured that owing to Bill's tradie charm, both were deposited without charge. Everyone should endeavour to have a plumber in the family.

My visitors have now left and in many respects, I am still in the midst of the grieving process both for family and appliances. I hope this account of machine mayhem will prove to be cathartic.

However, I cannot leave my readers without making at least a passing reference to the light that required two visits by an electrician to illuminate my kitchen.

BIEPA

Australia Day on Bribie Island is often a day to be avoided for local residents. We see a large influx of tourists taking over the foreshores. The Great Ocean beach at Woorim is inundated with vehicles making the beach a busy freeway. Many visitors don't respect our local laws- exercising their dogs in national parks and designated 'on leash' areas.

Many locals rally after these influxes and pick up the rubbish that is left in their wake.

Richard Ogden and I thought an alternative to the colonising of the foreshore, the speeding of boats and jet skis, the excessive number of vehicles ripping up the beach, beer drinking and flag-waving, was to hold a small respectful acknowledgement ceremony of our indigenous people. To do this, we approached Narelle Dawson, the Director of the Cotterill Avenue Community Kindergarten. The area near the start of the Joondoburri walk felt ideal as long as we didn't disturb the swarms of seasonal red-brown bats.

We expected 40 to 50 people but we had more than double that. Krista Ellis introduced Ron Powell (Uncle Ron) who acknowledged and paid respects to the Gubbi Gubbi/ Joondoburri peoples, the traditional custodians of the land. Uncle Ron gave a short talk on the importance of the walk and the continuing dedication of Narelle Dawson and her team (including Uncle Ron) in the



education of our children about the importance of respecting nature.

Our small ceremony was followed by a morning tea in the bush area of the kindergarten. As soon as you enter the community Kindergarten, you are transformed by the beautiful energy there. The spaces encourage creativity and belonging. We all agreed that we wanted to start our education again, starting at the Cotterill Avenue Kindergarten. Thank you to all involved. We hope that this is only part of truth-telling, healing and acknowledgement and a modest recognition of this day on our calendar.

Glenda Charles

BIEPA RECOMMENDS YOU GET INVOLVED



Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) is seeking input into its **Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS)**. This initiative is to develop a long term strategy for at-risk coastal, canal and waterways communities, within the Moreton Bay Region - areas that could be at-risk with predicted impacts from global warming accelerating climate change.

Impacts include an increase in the intensity and severity of extreme weather events, sea level rise, sea temperature rise and unprecedented erosion of protective coastlines.

MBRC needs your knowledge of the local natural environment in order to plan a future on how best to defend at-risk coastal beaches, foreshore natural assets and infrastructure.

This defence may include Working with Nature, Adaptation, Retreat, Hard Engineering Solutions.

COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY VALUES SURVEY HERE:
<https://yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/coastal-hazard-adaptation-strategy>

If you need more information about the CHAS, there's a drop in information session at Bongaree this Saturday 13 February at Bongaree Jetty Park, cnr Welsby Parade and First Avenue, Bongaree between 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM.

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Common (Indian) Myna

Acridotheres tristis

By: Marj Webber

Common Mynas (Mynahs) are a bold and noisy pest species that has arrived on Bribie Island within the past 30 years and numbers are increasing.

They are medium-sized birds 23-25 cm in length and weighing 120-140g. They have brown bodies, black heads, yellow bills and legs. Large white patches are revealed on the wings when in flight. Their strutting walk is accompanied by intermittent hops. Lifespan is usually about 4 years. Their bullying behaviour and their habit of overpowering and ejecting other birds from nest sites have aided them to multiply with success. They are usually seen in pairs or small to large flocks. Noisy night roosts are in trees or man-made structures.

In Australia, they occupy most urban and some rural towns and farms along the east and south-east coasts and a short distance west of the Great Dividing Range. Warm to hot climates are their preference but they are also found in cold areas. In 1862 they were introduced from India to Melbourne to eradicate insects in market gardens. There were other introductions to Melbourne up until the 1950s. The plan was not successful, but the Mynas began to thrive and spread. North Queensland introduced them as predators for grasshoppers and cane beetles in the 1800s with similar disastrous consequences. They thrive in areas where the natural environment has been greatly disturbed such as towns and cities and are rarely seen in pristine



habitats. India, Asia and the Middle East are their native homes.

Common Mynas are omnivorous scavengers (flying rats) and will eat almost anything including pet food, insects, fruit and the young of other birds. Feeding takes place on the ground. They vigorously challenge other birds and native animals for their food supply. Farmers find them a pest in their orchards and market gardens. IUCN has named them as in the top 100 of the world's most invasive pests.

Breeding takes place mostly from Oct-March. They compete aggressively with other birds taking over their tree hollows and often evicting residents, destroying eggs and killing the young which reduces their breeding outcome. Glider and possum hollows are also a target for the Mynas. Untidy nests of grass, feathers and paper are constructed in cavities in buildings and can introduce mites and lice to the inhabitants. Four to six pale blue eggs are laid, and 1-3 broods can be produced each year.

Moreton Bay Council's approach to the problem is to enhance the natural environment, by habitat plantings. The council does not support a trapping program. Throughout Australia, many councils have Common Myna management plans and in some areas, there are citizen-led control programs to help reduce the increasing numbers. This is an ongoing battle.

An innovative partnership between the Queensland Government and the private sector will see tree logs salvaged from a significant Bruce Highway upgrade project find a new home on the banks of the Caboolture River.

The trees have been salvaged from the Bruce Highway Upgrade Caboolture-Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163) project, which is being jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments. The Australian Government has committed \$530 million and the Queensland Government is contributing \$132.5 million. The first major construction contract is being delivered by ACCIONA Construction Australia Pty Ltd (ACCIONA) for the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR).

opportunity for the utility to offset nutrient discharge associated with its Burpengary East Sewage Treatment Plant.

“The project is a positive way for us to give back to the environment and help improve the Caboolture River for all of its inhabitants and our community who also come to enjoy it,” Ms Creevey said.

“The tree logs provided by ACCIONA will serve an important part of this project and be used to help stabilise the riverbank and protect it from boat wash, allowing vegetation to naturally establish.

“We’re proud to partner with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and ACCIONA to deliver this initiative and set a strong example when it comes to sustainable solutions across each of our sectors.”

Bribie Island Road to Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163) project will widen an 11km section of the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes – improving safety and flood immunity and increasing traffic flows and capacity.

The project is being delivered as two separate contracts. ACCIONA is delivering Contract 1 between Caboolture-Bribie Island Road and Pumicestone Road from late 2020 until early 2023. Contract 2, which is scheduled to start in mid-2021, will deliver the section between Pumicestone Road and Steve Irwin Way (Exit 163).

ACCIONA is one of Australia and New Zealand’s preeminent construction companies with a unique mix of global expertise and deep local roots. It operates under strong local management with a highly capable domestic workforce and a

TREE LOGS FROM HIGHWAY PROJECT PUT TO GOOD USE



An opportunity was identified by TMR to cut trees cleared ahead of construction into logs and offer them to Unitywater as part of the Caboolture River Nutrient Offset Project. This includes earthworks to stabilise the existing riverbank which is collapsing in places.

A flat section of bank where mangroves can grow, known as a tidal bench, will be created and pinned logs will be placed along the bottom of the riverbank to protect it from boat wash. The riverbank is also being revegetated.

Unitywater Executive Manager Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions Amanda Creevey said this stage of the Caboolture River Nutrient Offset Project will stop approximately 1.6 tonnes of nitrogen and phosphorus from entering the waterway each year. This presents an important

ACCIONA’s Executive Regional Manager: Northern, Glenn McIlroy, said partnering with Unitywater on this local environmental initiative aligned well with ACCIONA’s vision to be a global leader and provider of sustainable solutions in transport infrastructure.

“ACCIONA’s core vision is to meet the challenge of achieving sustainable development in all our business areas, so that the generations of today and the future will have a better life,” Mr McIlroy said.

“Environmental partnerships, such as this vegetation repurposing project with Unitywater, are just part of how ACCIONA does business. We are always looking for ways to work sustainably, improve the environment and benefit local stakeholders in the areas we have a presence.”

The Bruce Highway Upgrade - Caboolture-

through understanding of the Australian market, and in partnership with top local businesses in New Zealand. ACCIONA is also a global leader in sustainable solutions for infrastructure, renewable energy and water treatment projects. In 2021, ACCIONA’s energy division will start construction on its largest ever wind farm in Australia, the MacIntyre complex in Queensland, with a total capacity of 1,026MW.

Unitywater has been providing essential services to the Moreton Bay, Noosa and Sunshine Coast regions of South East Queensland for 10 years. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, we provide our customers with a high-quality, safe and reliable water supply and sewerage services that are environmentally sustainable. We are committed to keeping our communities healthy – we live here too.



The Skies Above Bribie

Eighburst

By: John Stevenson

The skies of Bribie have not been very conducive to good astronomy lately. I for one, have not been able to use the observatory much at all, due to the cloud and rain. I know there are a lot of amateur astronomers on the island dismayed at the cloud cover over the last couple of months, but hang in there everyone, it's great to see Bribie much greener.

The Autumnal equinox will occur on March 20th. This is the point that defines the astronomical season change. The Sun will rise due east and set due west on this day, also day and night are almost equal in length.

Planets, through the month of March, are morning objects, with the exception of Mars, which has had a tremendous amount of press coverage lately, can still be seen in the western evening sky.

Interestingly, the morning of March the 6th will be the best opportunity of the year to observe Mercury. It will be at its maximum distance away from the sun, as observed from earth, and will also be in conjunction with Jupiter. The 2 planets will appear very close, and binoculars will be needed to separate them. Our largest planet will outshine our smallest planet by a factor of about 7.

Getting back to our evening sky, the constellations of Gemini, Cancer and Leo are rising across the eastern section of our sky. The two brightest stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux, in the North East, can be used to find the beautiful open cluster of stars at the heart of Cancer the Crab.

Castor and Pollux very roughly point to Praesepe or "The Beehive", a cluster of

roughly 1000 stars. This open cluster was one of the first objects studied by Galileo with his small telescope. It is easily visible to the naked eye but best viewed with binoculars rather than a telescope.

Many objects of the night sky are best viewed in binoculars rather than a telescope. The 'field of view' of a telescope, may be too small to view, or photograph, a wide field celestial object in its entirety, for example, an open star cluster, or comet. Generally, a telescope with a larger focal length will have a smaller field of view. This should be a consideration when choosing a telescope to purchase for astronomical use and why a good pair of binoculars is always handy to have. It's very much a situation of horses for courses when deciding to take the plunge and explore deeper into our universe.

This month's astronomical photographs, taken from Bribie a couple of weeks ago, demonstrate different telescopes field of

view very well. The Eight-Burst Nebula, a small, faint planetary nebula, created by a lone star ending its life with a massive explosion and expelling its outer shell. 2000 light-years away in our galaxy.

The other photo, taken by Katherine Miller, of the beautiful, widefield, Cats Paw Nebula in Scorpius, (Katherine, you must have stayed up late to image that!). A star-forming region of dust and gas, 40 light-years across and 5500 light-years away also in our galaxy. A stunning view.

Thank you, Katherine, for sharing your images and skill.

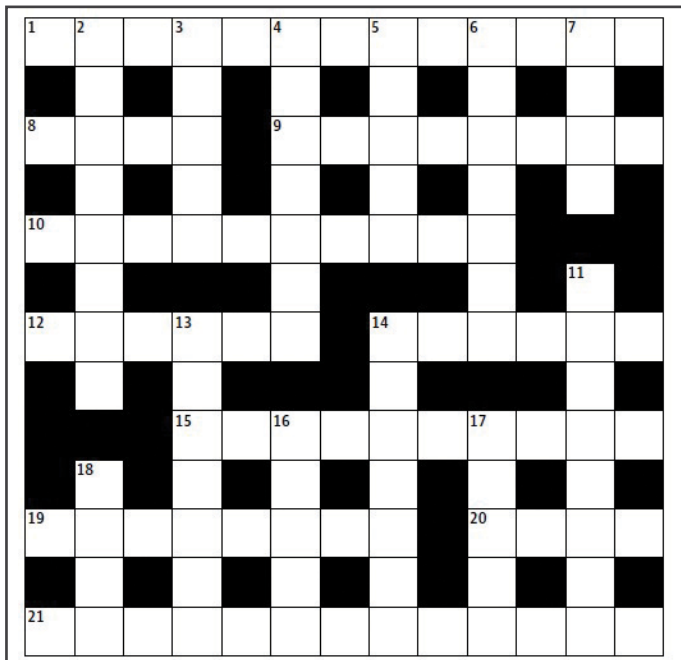
Stay safe Bribie, and have fun exploring the night sky with friends and family.

Always ready to answer questions by email, and please note the new email address: bribie.astronomer@gmail.com

John Stevenson

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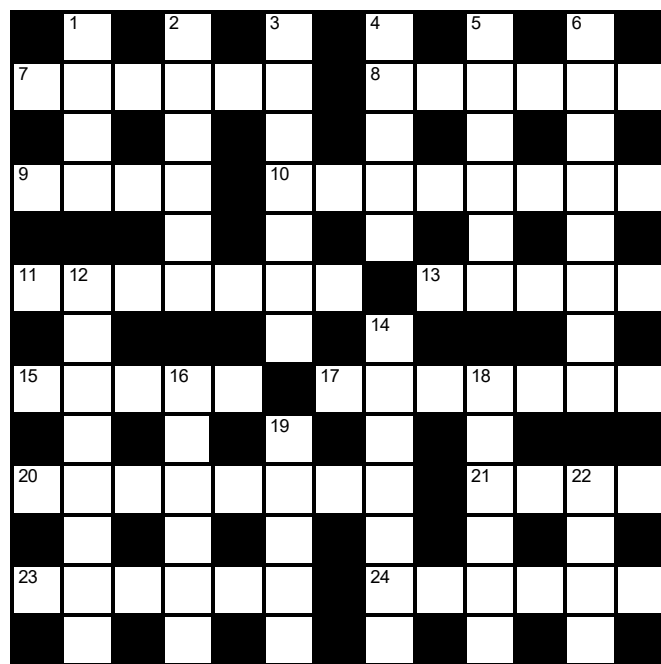


Across

- 1 At last! (3,6,4)
- 8 Marijuana (slang) (4)
- 9 Cause for serious concern (8)
- 10 Overall sum (5,5)
- 12 Influenced (6)
- 14 Seek to persuade, repeatedly and annoyingly (6)
- 15 Aggravate (10)
- 19 Significant feature (or event) (8)
- 20 Gone (4)
- 21 Thoroughly (4,3,6)

Down

- 2 A few (3,2,3)
- 3 46th president of the United States (5)
- 4 Ate lavishly (7)
- 5 Sunday meal, perhaps (5)
- 6 Fell (7)
- 7 In pristine condition (4)
- 11 Period of unusually warm weather (4,4)
- 13 Gave way (7)
- 14 Separate (5,2)
- 16 For the second time (5)
- 17 Longest running British children's comic (5)
- 18 Salad dressing (abbr) (4)



Across

- 7 Serial produced for the homeland (6)
- 8 Second childhood due, primarily, to age as can be appreciated (6)
- 9 You said, from me, we see a newborn (4)
- 10 Indicating toward a bricklayer's work (8)
- 11 A minor peer unproductive, we hear, and French (7)
- 13 Lived back in the Apple Isle (5)
- 15 Stale, but considered a bargain (5)
- 17 Divest one's self of habits (7)
- 20 I yell, apparently, for dessert (3-5)
- 21 No point in linos getting dirty (4)
- 23 Prodigy in use, note refinement (6)
- 24 No champions like the downsides (6)

Down

- 1 Haitians drop a hint to come here (4)
- 2 Baby boom by and bye - It's a grass (6)
- 3 Saluted as a hundred got well ahead (7)
- 4 Confess to receive one (5)
- 5 Takeouts, not OK, installed for a public figure (6)
- 6 The FBI and MI5 are representatives of a kind (8)
- 12 Assigned to a case with head detective (8)
- 14 Amy left on a roundabout suggests peculiarity (7)
- 16 Bitter conditions for a catholic with a tremor! (6)
- 18 Sitters losing heart - prepare to endure (6)
- 19 Writing from overseas (5)
- 22 Scheme is less than perfect (4)

SOLUTION

EASY crossword Issue 134



SOLUTION

SUPPLIED BY CYRUS

CYRUS crossword Issue 134



Kids Page



TWO-INGREDIENT ICE-CREAM MUFFINS

INGREDIENTS

750ml (3 cups) strawberries and cream ice-cream, softened slightly, plus 12 small scoops, extra
 225g (1 1/2 cups) self-raising flour
 Chopped fresh strawberries, to serve (optional)
 Chocolate sprinkle, to serve (optional)

METHOD

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Line twelve 80ml (1/3 cup) muffin pans with paper cases.

Step 2

Place the ice-cream and flour in a large bowl. Stir until well combined. Spoon the mixture evenly into the prepared muffin pans. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centres comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Step 3

Top each muffin with a scoop of extra ice-cream, strawberries and sprinkles, if using.

A chicken walked into a public library, marched up to the desk and said, "Book, book, book, book." So, the librarian handed the bird a book, the chicken accepted it and then left.

Ten minutes later, the chicken returned, threw the book on the desk and said, "Book, book, book, book."

Once again the librarian handed the chicken a book, the chicken accepted it, and then left.

Ten minutes later, the chicken was back again! It marched up to the librarian, threw the book on the desk, then said, "Book, book, book, book."

The librarian handed the chicken a third book, but this time decided to follow the bird. She watched the chicken hurry down the street and stop at a pond, where there was a frog sitting on a lily pad.

The chicken showed the book to the frog, but the frog just shook its head and said, "Read it, read it, read it, read it."

SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES



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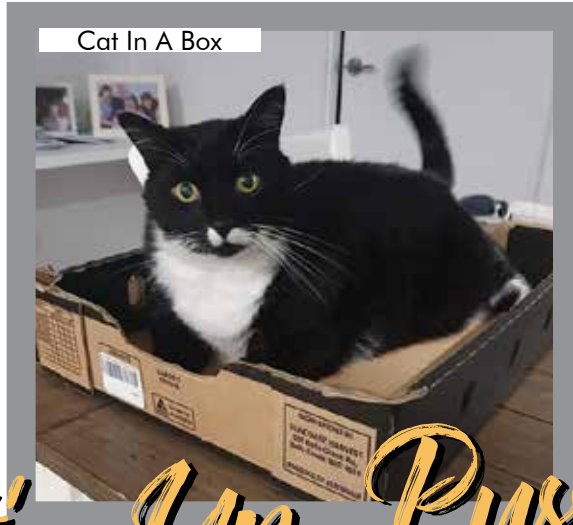


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you and your dog closer; it's a good chance for each of you to meet people and dogs. I trained my two dogs in the 1990s with a team at Eatons Hill, and it was great fun!

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MISSING PETS... Part 4

One of the most common reasons for pets to go missing is if they are not desexed. When a female is in season her scent can travel approximately 4 kilometres. This can explain why more male dogs go missing than females. The only solution to this problem is desex both males and females. Studies have been conducted by just this one act has stopped over 75% of dogs from roaming.

Another common reason is boredom. For some dogs the grass is greener over the other side of their fence. If the dog is left alone for long hours daily, have a look from the dog's point of view what is there for him to do?

A lot of toys are useless for bored dogs as some will need a person to interact with. There are good selections of home alone toys for instance if your dog is ball crazy you can buy a ball launcher and train the dog to put the ball in himself.

There are other interactive toys where it dispenses food/treats. Use a snuffle mat to feed him his kibbles instead of placing them in a bowl. Raw bones, cow hooves etc will keep him occupied for hours. Rotate and change toys around daily so he has something different to look forward to.

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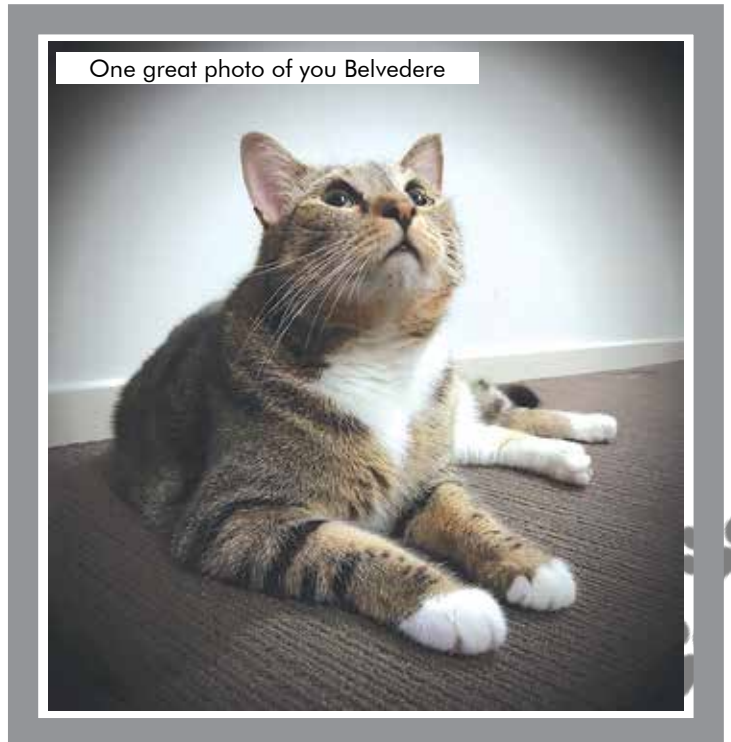
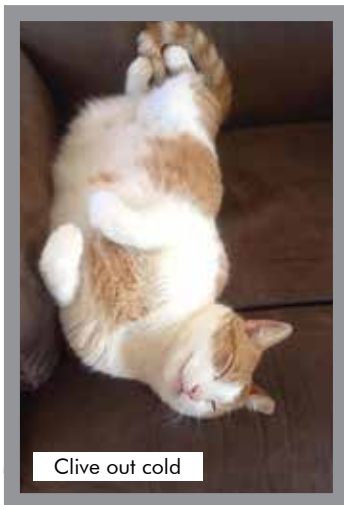
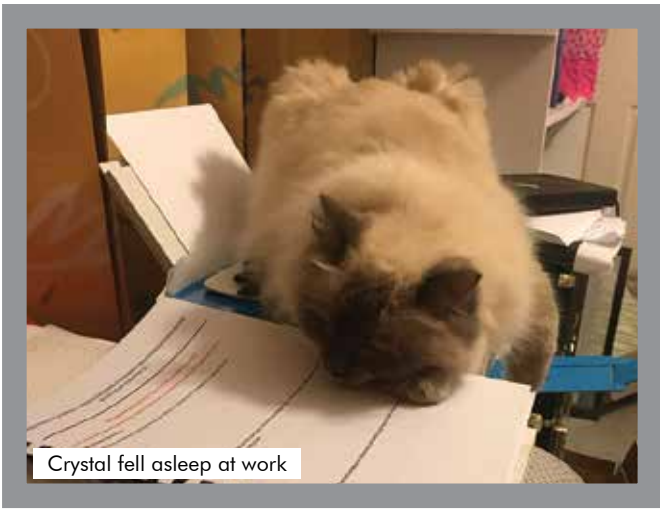
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HAVE MALLET WILL TRAVEL

By Kathy Vincent

Bribie Island Croquet Club is fun, friendly competitive and very successful. That is not only in Australia but in other parts of the world.

Before the Covid outbreak, ten members went on a Croquet Cruise to New Zealand playing golf croquet at various Croquet Clubs.

HOW WELL DID BRIBIE DO YOU MIGHT ASK?

Well, one of our members won the competition!

After that eight members went to Norfolk Island. There we played golf croquet with people from all over Australia. A beautiful place to play.

HOW WELL DID BRIBIE DO YOU MIGHT ASK?

Well, one of our members won the competition!

Other players have represented the State and won competitions too in Association croquet.

Ricochet and Gate ball have also travelled to other clubs to play too.

In March some players are playing in Toowoomba in various levels of competitions. Not to mention the Gala day at the Bribie Club.

At Easter, two members are travelling to Tasmania to play. There are plans for another New Zealand Croquet cruise in 2022 too.

Plans are being made for various golf croquet competitions around

Queensland.

The PLATE competition for new players just finding their feet and experiencing competitions for the first time.

The SHIELD competition for slightly more advanced players.

The PENNANT competition for the top golf players.

These are held at many different clubs with varying court conditions. Noosa, Nambour, Caloundra, Bribie, Headland, Coolum. So good to know that travel in Queensland is OK. Have mallet will travel

Pumicestone Passage Probus is all set to have a fun day on the 1st of March.

Come and have a go on one of our come and try days this could be the club for you.



Sunday, March the 7th and Monday, April 12th 2.00 till 4.00 pm book a place on:- healthyactive@moretonbay.qld.gov.au

BONGAREE BOWLS MENS RESULTS

Sat Feb 6th Scroungers

1st. Andrew Evans, 2nd Stan Barringhaus, 3rd Gaynor Johnson

Brekky Bowls Sun Feb 8th Winners

Lisa Sandling, Jen Hadley, Pat Clancy
Runners up Darryl Brown, Ross Bryant, Joe Mifsud

Wed Feb 10th Mixed 4s Winners

Victor Wright, Don Vellnagel, Trevor Wright, John Olson

Runners up Nigel Blundell, Mike Giles, Sandi Hodges, Ellen Corrick

Thurs Feb 11th Mens pairs Winners

Neil Wagstaff, Darryl Rollingson.

Runners up Greg Hemphill, Max Nganeke

Sat Feb 13th Scroungers Winner

Gideon Croukamp, 2nd Ellen Corrick, 3rd Mick Falvey

Wed Feb 17th Mixed 4s Winners

Bob Vonarx, Pam Walker, Denis Poulson, Mike Crowley.

Runners up Claire McCarthy, Pam Walker, Roger Parker

Thurs Feb 18th Mens Pairs Winners

Richie Ferguson, Neil Smith

Runners up Merv Miles, Jim Irvine

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Bowls Results – Week Ending 13/2/21

Tuesday 9th - Club Select Triples – Winners: R Tell, M Wilson, J Stimson. Runners up: K Zipf, T McCormack, R Harris.

Wednesday 10th – Self Select Pairs - Winners: T Paekau R **McClean**. Runners Up: B Stuart, G Caplick.

Jackpot \$382 – Not Won.

Thursday 11th – Self Select Triples – Winners: G Wilson, V Fredericks, P Payne. Runners up: K Zipf, L Shorter, K Reithmuller.

Friday 12th – Self Select Pairs – Winners: B Cowperthwaite B Moss. 2nd Place: E Holliday, R Horsfall. 1st Round Winners: J Kent, B Kent. 2nd Round Winners: R McLean, T Paekau

Saturday 13th – Club Select Triples – Winners: J Curtis, M Jones, T Parker. Runners up: P Neilson, C Winton.

Bowls results – Week Ending 20/2/21

Tuesday 16th - Club Select Triples – Winners: V Folley, A Larsen, T Parker. Runners Up: V Paul, Judy Pursehouse.

Wednesday 17th – Self Select Pairs - Winners: T Paekau, H Taylor. Runners up: P Samuelson, D Hill.

Jackpot \$440 – Not Won.

Thursday 18th – Self Select Triples – Winners: B Payne, T McCormick, T Parker. Runners up: P Samuelson, B Hill.

Friday 19th – Self Select Pairs – Winners: D Hill, J Dann. 2nd Place: P Hodgson, I James. 1st Round Winners: V Mitchell, R McLean. 2nd Round Winners: J Kent, B Kent.

Saturday 20th – Club Select Triples – Winners: M Jones, T Fairman, D Hogan. Runners Up: J Young, P Neilson, C Winton.

BRIBIE ISLAND LADIES GOLF RESULTS

Tues 9/2/21 – Single Stroke

Div 1 Winner: Suzanne Vallely 70.

R/U: Carole Watson 72. 2nd R/U: Gwen Clutterbuck 74 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Mary Barbeler 71. R/U: Carol Lobegeiger 72. 2nd R/U: Vivienne Learoyd 74.

Div 3 Winner: Joan Osborne 75. R/U: Suzanne Peet 76. 2nd R/U: Nadia Aylott 78.

Thurs 11/2/21 – Single Stroke & Putting

Div 1 Winner: Sylvia White 72. R/U: Lenore Wilson 74. 2nd R/U: Barbara Newcomb 75 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Heather Croukamp 70. R/U: Angela Jordan 74. 2nd R/U: Paula McKenzie 78 c/b.

Best Putting: Jennifer De Ruyter 27 putts.

Tues 16/2/21 – Single Stableford

Div 1 Winner: Abby Driver 40. R/U: Myra Thomsen 37 c/b. 2nd R/U: Vicki Jones 37.

Div 2 Winner: Ingrid Coburn 36. R/U: Myra Dickson 35 c/b. 2nd R/U: Bev Vinson 35.

Div 3 Winner: Suzanne Peet 45. R/U: Angela Jordan 37. 2nd R/U: Nadia Aylott 35.

Nearest to Pin: Hole 4 – Judy Graham.

Hole 7 – Jo Malone.

Hole 14 – Carole Watson.

Hole 16 – Vicki Jones

Thurs 18/2/21 – Single Stableford

Overall Winner: Anna de Bondt 37 c/b.

R/U: Leonie Buxton 37 c/b. 2nd R/U: Jo McCowan 37.

Nearest to Pin: Hole 4 – Sonia Ferrante.

Hole 7 – Jo McCowan.

Hole 14 – Di Benghamy.

Hole 16 – Ros Gardiner.

Bongaree Ladies Bowls

Friday Feb 5th Winners:

Sandra Scott, Brenda Hutchinson, Nigel Blundell. R/Up: Trevor Wright, Richard Fell, Billy Moor.

Tuesday 9th Winners:

Arne Jensen, David Vaughan.

R/Up: Bob Vonarx, Sandra Scott.

Bonus Draw Winners:

Mick Falvey, John Olson, Greg Hemphill, John Park

Friday 12th Winners:

Jacki Murdoch, Greg Hemphill.

R/Up: Trevor Wright, Pam Walker.

Tuesday 16th Winners:

Richard Ferguson, Ian Paterson.

R/Up: Noel Wagstaff, Darryl Rowlingson

PUMICESTONE TRI SPORTS CLUB

Over the last few days our five young athletes, Reese, Lucas, Imogen, Ryan and Mikayla, competed in their events up at the Queensland All Schools Aquathlon and Triathlon State Championships in Hervey Bay and all performed exceptionally well. These young athletes (aged between just 11 and 13 years) have trained very hard over the last few months to prepare for this event and it really showed on the day. It is a tough gig training for Triathlons

as they need to be at a very high standard in not just one discipline but in 3, so it's a huge commitment and there is rarely a day of in the build up to a big event. All 5 athletes achieved some fantastic pb's in their events and we are enormously proud of them. They are now already preparing for the next state trials later this year with a quick Swim, Bike, Run on their home grounds this weekend at the Bribie Triathlon. The kids and our club would like to thank BIDCA for their generous support and encouragement.



9 holes following completion of ladies morning comps Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Bribie Island Golf Club. No pressure perfect for ladies who want to play but not competition.
For more information please call Vicki Green 0447 447 063.

Ladies Social Golf

BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

Self Select Triples Tuesday 9 February 2021
 1st out of the hat: J Muller, K Muller, F Grimsley
 2nd out of the hat: D McDougall, L Wright, K Perkins
 3rd out of the hat: M McIntyre, C Brayley, H Groves
 Bunny: M Cherry, E Bateman, D Walker
Self Select Pairs Wednesday 10 Feb 2021
 Winner: T Viewers, P Campbell
 Runner Up: V Lindsay, D Lindsay
 Out of hat winner: S Swain, J Howarth
 Out of hat winner: G Teakel, I Cooper
 Out of hat winner: M Mills, K Muller
 Bunny: D Heath, S Greensill
Club select triples Thursday 11 Feb 2021
 1st out of hat: R follett, D Neumann, B Hamer

2nd out of hat: G Frew, P Neumann, W Follett
 3rd out of hat: B Doe, I Gillard, L De-Roule
 Bunny: D Groves, C Anderson, R Guest
Self Select Pairs Friday 12 February 2021
 Winners: K Taylor, P Hughes
 Runner up: B Hosie, M Beutell
 1st out of hat: K Lavery, T Borg
 2nd out of hat: S Timmins, G Hazelwood
 3rd out of hat: M Mills, N Holzenberg
 Bunny: T Wald, R Fowler
Random Select Fours Saturday 13 Feb 2021
 1st out of hat: D Neumann, J Smith, R Gilmore
 2nd out of hat: C Stroud, B Tanner, M Andrews
Three Bowl Triples Tuesday 16 Feb 2021
 1st out of hat: J Muller, K Muller, F Grimsey
 2nd out of hat: T Dean, M Gabbina, D Jones
 3rd out of hat: Z Elmore, E Bateman, B Garfield

Bunny: B Doe, B Kinnear, A Kinnear
Scroungers Results Wednesday 17 Feb 2021
 1st out of hat: J Muller
 2nd out of hat: B Castle
 3rd out of hat: A Evans
 4th out of hat: G McEniery
Self Select Pairs Wednesday 17 Feb 2021
 Winner: G Hazelwood, S Andrews
 Runner Up: K Thornton, C Thornton
 Out of hat winner: G Teakel, I Cooper
 Out of hat winner: C Smith, I McClelland
 Out of hat winner: D Viterale, M McIntyre
 Bunny: M Gittins, G Steel
Club Select Triples Thursday 18 Feb 2021
 1st out of hat: B Kelly, A Cooke, M Roberts
 2nd out of hat: C Stroud, J Stanley, A Riley
 3rd out of hat: R Kling, B Hamer, L De-Roule
 Bunny: P Ditchburn, G Riley, R Weikhurst

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Surfboard towel rack

Bathroom storage doesn't have to be utilitarian and uninspiring. Sure to liven up a lacklustre wash space, these hooks are mounted onto a vintage-style wooden surfboard but you could definitely try this with an old skateboard, too. Available on Etsy, a hand-cut shark bite adds a playful finish to the stylish design – perfect for a coastal bathroom!



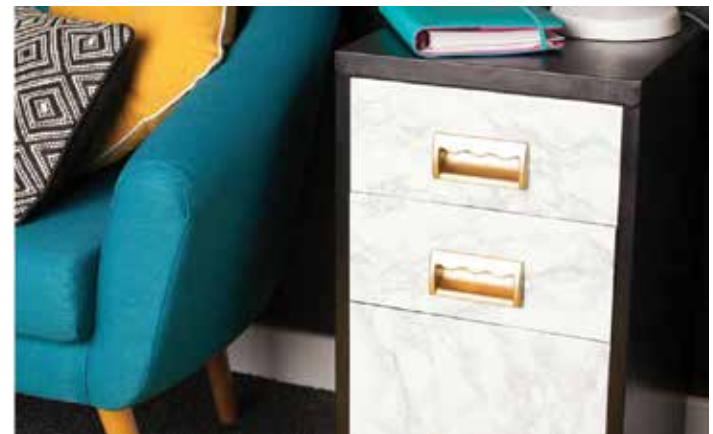
Ladder shelving unit

If you have a few old wooden ladders gathering dust in your garage, this next upcycle is a nifty way to repurpose them into extra storage. Decide how many shelves you need and cut between the rungs of the ladder accordingly. For extra stability, frame the shelving with some old wood and attach a smaller length of rope or string at the top of the unit for hanging



Toy trunks

Looking for storage for a kids' room? Keep toys neat and tidy with a pair of wheelable trunks. Pick up a couple of old wooden apple crates from your local car boot sale and pair with casters for the perfect mobile storage solution. Coat the front in blackboard paint or create a colourful design with decals.



Cabinet update

But you didn't think a bog-standard filing cabinet could look this stylish, did you? Those clever folk at Rust-Oleum have put together an easy guide to transforming a rusty piece of office furniture into a side table you'd proudly place in your living room. All you need is some spray paint and sticky-back plastic.



Textured set of drawers

For something a little different than just a fresh lick of paint, experiment with textured paper for an ornate finish on your furnishings. Created by Chloe Kempster, another Painter in Residence with Annie Sloan, these jewel-toned drawers almost look like engraved wood. To get the look, Chloe applied textured paper with PVA glue, followed by coats of blue and green hues to create this dappled emerald effect. She then used a lighter shade to highlight the raised pattern and sealed with wax.

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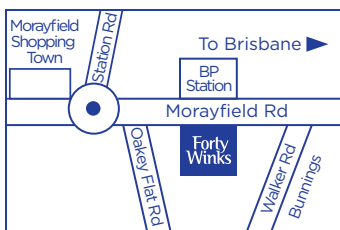
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New Legislation SMOKE ALARMS!!!

Old ionisation smoke alarms can be slow to react, and may not give you or your loved ones enough time to escape. That's why there's new legislation to install photoelectric smoke alarms, which have been proven to be more effective in the domestic home. The legislation will be taking place by January 2022, less than 11 months' time! Upgrading your smoke alarms today is mandatory if they do not fall within the new legislation, but more importantly, could save a life.

TO COMPLY WITH LEGISLATION, INTERCONNECTED PHOTOELECTRIC SMOKE ALARMS ARE REQUIRED:

→ From 1 January 2017: in all new dwellings and substantially renovated

dwellings (this applies to building applications submitted from 1 January 2017).

→ From 1 January 2022: in all domestic dwellings leased and sold.

SMOKE ALARMS IN ALL DWELLINGS FROM JANUARY 22 MUST:

- be photoelectric (AS 3786-2014)
- not also contain an ionisation sensor
- be less than 10 years old; and operate when tested
- Be interconnected with every other smoke alarm in the dwelling so all activate together; and be either hardwired or powered by a non-removable 10-year battery.
- When replacing smoke alarms, they must be of a photoelectric type which complies with Australian Standard (AS) 3786-2014
- Existing smoke alarms, manufactured more than 10 years ago, must be replaced (Note: smoke alarms should have the date of manufacture stamped on them).
- Smoke alarms that do not

operate when tested must be replaced immediately.

→ Existing hardwired smoke alarms, that need replacing, must be replaced with a hardwired photoelectric smoke alarm.

SMOKE ALARMS MUST BE INSTALLED ON EACH STOREY:

- in each bedroom
 - in hallways which connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling; or
 - if there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the storey
 - If there are no bedrooms on a storey, at least one smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling.
- Photoelectric smoke alarms are designed to detect visible particles (associated with slow smouldering fires). Home fires develop in different ways and are often unpredictable. For maximum protection against fast flaming fires and slow smouldering fires, both ionisation and photoelectric alarms should be installed. There is a Test & Hush switch

which means the smoke alarm is desensitized by pushing the "Test/Hush" button on the switch. Which is handy, so no more waving a tea towel around madly when you have burnt your dinner! If the smoke is not too dense, the alarm will silence immediately. The smoke alarm will automatically reset after approximately 8 minutes and sound the alarm if particles of combustion are still present.

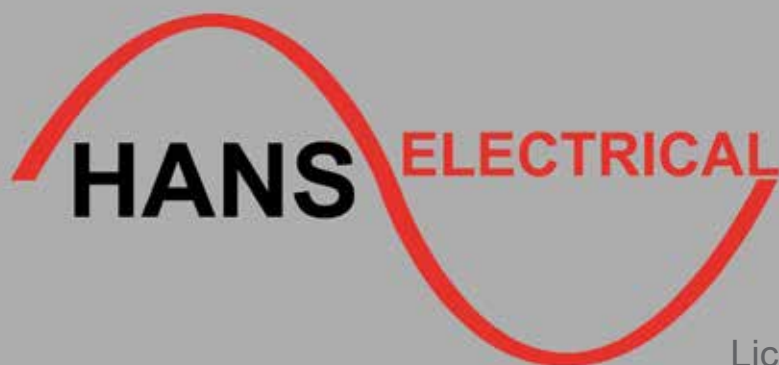
Now is the time to book in and talk to the professionals at Hans Electrical, it could save your life.

From 1 Jan 2027

● all existing private homes, townhouses end units will require photoelectric interconnected smoke alarms. These must be either a hardwired (eg: 240V) or non-removable 10 year battery powered type alarm

● the legislation requires smoke alarms must be installed in the following locations:

● on each storey ● in each bedroom ● in hallways that connect bedrooms and the rest of the dwelling ● if there is no hallway, between the bedrooms and other parts of the storey: **AND** if there is no bedroom on a storey, at least one smoke alarm must be installed in the most likely path of travel to exit the dwelling



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This fresh reimagining of a kitchen spice rack uses repurposed Mason jars to plant a host of useful herbs. Lining each jar with a handful of pebbles before placing the soil ensures the roots will not get too soggy. Attach the jars to attractive boards, like these weathered fence slats, and write the name of the herb in chalk for a completed look. Fresh herbs are potent and contain nutrients lost during the drying process, making this vertical garden a charming and practical addition to a cook's kitchen. Hang on a wall or prop the completed project on the floor for a variety of different design looks.

VERTICAL GARDEN



Lengths of metal pipe in contrasting colors create a juxtaposition of industry and nature when succulent plants are added in varied hues. Thin metal wire connects each planter, adding stability while also creating a ladder-like effect that draws the eye upwards. Perfect for a home design with a minimalist theme or as a way to bring the outdoors inside when planning to accessorize modern architecture. While the use of succulents is a popular choice due to their minimal requirements, creeping plants like ivies, wandering Jews or spider plants would also be pretty.



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Jazz up a bland and boring space by closely stacking planter boxes in bright colors. The overall effect causes the eye to move upwards, creating visual appeal and imparting interesting texture and color. The choice of vivid bromeliads gives a warm, tropical feel to this home design. The boxes are attached to a board that's painted in a neutral color, adding stability while not detracting from the impact. This wall garden would create a welcoming atmosphere when placed next to an entryway or add a touch of nature to the wall of a garden shed.



Consider painting with plants using this whimsical design. Elaborate picture frames in bright colors highlight the muted colors of succulents planted in close groupings. Any gaps in the planting are plugged with bright green moss, creating a variety of textures and strong visual appeal. This design can be used indoors or out, and the choice of succulents is a practical one, as they grow very slowly and require less water than some plant varieties. While this design works well alone, consider grouping three or more frames in different sizes and shapes for a striking wall collage.

Seeming to float in the air, these tiny ceramic planters in a crisp shade of white combine with the outside greenery, creating a three dimensional effect and drawing the outdoors inside. Attaching to glass with a simple suction cup, they can be moved with ease to any smooth surface in another room or even used on a mirror for a reflective effect. Tiny pansies, daisies and a variety of greenery bring a needed pop of color to any part of the home and contrast nicely with the plain color of the planter base.



As more people move into large cities, keeping touch with nature becomes an increasing challenge. Here the need to incorporate greenery into a living space is satisfied by chunky wooden frames holding a range of succulent species. Grouped together, they form a cohesive whole and create a vertical wall garden ideal for a small space. Use indoors or out, and vary the look by adding interior partitions of matching wood inside the frame that separate the various planted species.



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The club then became affiliated with the Queensland Council of Garden Clubs in 1989. Membership continued to grow, so the general meetings for many years now, have been held at the Bribie Island RSL Auditorium.

We have a competition bench of exhibits grown by members, a sales table, raffles and morning tea as well as a speaker at general meetings, also, bus trips and visits to members gardens, "Come and Share Days" members take cuttings /plants to share, enjoy a members garden and morning tea, it is a great social day! Membership is \$12 annually -arrive at 9 am for 9.30 start.

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By *Cherrie Wilson*



Presentation of a \$15,000 cheque to Grainne Tierney from Camp Quality



Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery are certainly a team that all of our community should be extremely proud of. Many of you probably know that already and surely have a few of their plants in your garden! These wonderful people take on a multitude of tasks from potting plants, pruning, serving customers, collecting plants from donors, propagating cuttings, making compost, feeding worms, handyman tasks, fixing irrigation systems, donating cuttings from their own gardens and washing pots! They have been working hard and building up this wonderful organisation for the past 30 years.

The reason they do this?

So they can support multiple charities and haven't they succeeded in doing that! Over the past 10 years alone, they have donated over \$600,000 to various organisations, which desperately needed their help.

Our team at The Bribie Islander were privileged to be asked to attend the presentation of a \$15,000 cheque to Grainne Tierney from Camp Quality on Friday the 19th. I have to say, I was surprised at how big the nursery actually is and just how much blood, sweat and tears these amazing volunteers put into raising money for charities and organisations. To put it into perspective, just how dedicated to their cause this team is, we met one lovely lady, who came in to help out even though she is on crutches. That

is the spirit this team of 30 volunteers have, most commendable in my eyes.

I would love to be able to list every foundation they have helped out, but unfortunately, I simply do not have enough room to print it. Their efforts are astounding!

From buying medical equipment, paying for sports trophy's, the first-ever beach wheelchair (twice they have bought these now) food parcels for the Neighbourhood Centre and donating to worthwhile causes such as Camp Quality. This cheque alone will fund 15 family holidays for the children who are desperately in need of some light in their lives. And that is what these beautiful human beings at Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery do, bring light into so many people's lives.

All I can do is implore you to help support the Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery in any way you can, whether it's buying some very reasonably priced plants or volunteer your services, they are always looking for some more helping hands! If you can spare some time, please call **0407 699 953** to organise a time to meet this fantastic group of people. I am sure you will not only make some great new friends, but you will also be helping raise much-needed funds for charities such as Camp Quality.

Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery is open from 8 am to 12 pm on weekdays and from 8 am to 12 pm on the first Saturday of every month.

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Samuel Petersen was raised on Bribie Island and has been here approximately 21 years and Ryan Bliss, also grew up on Bribie Island, living on the island for approximately 22 years.

They both attended school on the island with the majority of their teenage and early adulthood spent here.

After completing their installation

training together, both Sam and Ryan went their separate ways. Sam wanted to travel and Ryan wanted to broaden his horizons. After Sam's travel adventures and Ryan's working full time installing and producing signage, they were re-united at a family function where they decided they wanted to return to the flooring industry but with a difference! Using their installation and supply knowledge and their passion for an Eco Friendly future, ECO FLOORING was started!

Samuel and Ryan have been in the flooring industry for over 15 Years combined and as an eco-conscious company, doing their part for the

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Well, what a weekend it has been for us here at VMR Bribie Island, on Saturday 6th February 2021 the Variety Jet Trek Officials with some of their experienced riders came down and used the facilities for on-water training with K38 Oceania. The amazing Social Committee ladies and BBQ boys looked after all their food needs and what a great job they did.

Saturday was also car parking day for our volunteers they managed in the never-ending heat to park thousands of cars safely and raise some funds. Then on top of that Blue Saturday was busy training and looking after the waterways.

Sunday didn't stop either our amazing rafflers went to The Sandstone Point Hotel to raffle off 6 meat trays while Blue Sunday was on crew keeping our boats safe.

A massive shout out to all our volunteers that make this possible we couldn't do it without you.



Craig Marriott speaks to the group.



Practical classes begin on Sylvan Beach.

**SUNDAY ASSIST
SHALLOW TEMPEST**



Dave Wereszczuk of Blue Sunday Crew (7th Feb) hard at work, we had some very happy people under tow from a long way out at Shallow Tempest.



There really is never a quiet moment here at VMR Bribie Dave Smith from the maintenance team have been busy lately keeping the base and equipment in tip top shape.



Recently we had a cherry picker on site with the techs from Teleco doing repair work to the tower after the big storm a few months ago and installing another antenna for the upgrade to the radio room.



We are often asked how do you keep your lawns so nice, as they always look so lush and green? Well, here is your answer our secret weapon Peter Naven the "Lawn Barber".

SAR TRAINING

VMR Bribie are always looking to improve their operations, on Wednesday 9th of February the Brisbane Water Police were invited to the base to talk to night callout Radio Operators and some Senior Crew on how a SAR (Search and Rescue) is managed and effective communications between all parties. It was a very successful night and all who attended gained some useful knowledge making us all better prepared for the next emergency.



VMR Bribie's Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Senior Const CJ Findlay, VMR Bribie's Commodore Liz Radajewski, Acting Sgt Greg Hornby, VMR Bribie's Emergency Services Liaison Officer and one of the night Callout Roster for Radio Operators Graham Gibb and Acting Sgt Mark Gardner



Some of the 40+ crowd



The White Sunday Crew: Dale Mullins, Jon Brice, Phil Holmes Commodore Liz Radajewski, Mike Lucas, and seated, Mike Looney, Mark Purtell, and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe.

**HAPPY HOUR
5 pm Friday 12th
February 2021**

Commodore Liz Radajewski welcomed the 41 Active members and partners which attended the first Happy Hour for the year and thanked them for their dedication and ongoing volunteer service. Peter Morton and Heather Pearson manned the bar and provided bar snacks. The new stereo system in the function room was tested and our Secretary Gary Voss showed, on the big screen, a selection of bar crossings US style!



A Sad and Happy night at VMR Bribie as one of our long-term skippers Phil Holmes is moving to Tasmania to live fulltime in the Huon Valley. A presentation was made to Phil by our Commodore Liz Radajewski, and members of his "White Sunday Crew" were also present. Seen above with his wife Kirsty. Everyone was very happy to be able to have a Happy Hour even though that the numbers were restricted Covid regulations to celebrate with Phil. The Commodore thanked Phil for his many years of service and leadership at VMR Bribie.

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Sunday Morning 14th February 2021

Despite early morning showers and cloudy conditions, the weather cleared in time for the 9am start. Boaties, jet skiers and the general public dropped by to have a chat at the VMRAQ's information trailer at the Bellara Boat Ramp this morning. canoes from the BIMOCC, Ken and Frankie Park in their vessel Pacemaker, plus quite a few paddle boarders joined in the fun.



One of the hard-working couples at VMR Bribie Jamie and Karen Darlington spending Valentine's Day Morning at the Bellara Boat Ramp doing a membership drive and handing out information on boating safety.



One of our friendly crewmembers Ian Nesbitt talking to members of the public at VMR Promotional trailer



One of our friendly crewmembers Ian Nesbitt helping out a yacht at the Bellara boat Ramp.



Training never stops at VMR Bribie even on a rainy Sunday Morning waiting for our boat ramp promotion, VMRBI Commodore Liz Radajewski can get roped into some knot training when walking through the base. Crewman Mark Purtell practicing some knots with Commodore Liz.



Members Karen and Jamie Darlington talking to boaties at about Marine Safety before they ventured out for the day.



New members Ian and Lauren Alberts and children get all the safety advice from crew member Ian Nesbitt before launching their new jet ski.



A Valentine's Day surprise for Radio Operator Shirley Beaty when she received a basket full of goodies from the Commodore Liz Radajewski and Committee Member Karen Darlington. This was Shirley's first shift back at VMR after the passing of her husband Ian on Boxing Day last year. Great to have you back Shirley.

YEAR 2021 RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 18th February 2021:

- 1,994 Calls, 581 vessels logged on, 47 Vessel Assists,
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FRI 05/02 1338pm - 4m Tinny non-member motor won't go down required a tow from Elimbah Creek to Toorbul boat Ramp.
SAT 06/02 1709pm - 4.6m Tinny non-member motor won't go down required a tow from Glasshouse Creek to Donnybrook Ramp.
SUN 07/02 1341pm - 6.5m Centre

Console non-member with electrical problems, required a tow from Shallow Tempest to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 07/02 1450pm - 4.5m Tinny non-member with water in fuel required a tow from South of the Bridge to Banksia Beach.
FRI 12/02 0748am - 5.4m Half Cabin member, with U/S battery, required a new one delivered to Bulwer area Moreton Island.
FRI 12/02 1554pm - 4.5m Centre Console member with a fuel problem required a tow from 2km

South of Gilligan's Green Marker to the Bongaree Boat Ramp.
SAT 13/02 1231pm - Jet Ski non-member broken down, required a tow from Red Beach to Pacific Harbour.
SUN 14/02 1945pm - 11.6m Yacht member taking on water at White Patch required a tow to beach at Turner's Camp.
MON 15/02 1029am - 10m Catamaran member, beached last night and required assistance to refloat at Bongaree.
TUE 16/02 0950am - 7.9m Yacht

member stuck on sand at Beachmere, required a tow at high tide to refloat and secure on mooring at Beachmere.
WED 17/02 0927am - Request from QPS to transport 2 Officers to Goat Island to search for 2 missing persons.
WED 17/02 1710pm - Request from Water Police to assist with SAR for Kayak drifting between Scarborough and Bribie. The conditions were not good, but person was located safe and sound.

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Fishing REPORT

By Bribie Bait Tackle & Bikes

Hi everyone, hopefully, you all have had a chance to go fishing as it's been a real mixed bag recently with quite a few decent fish getting caught. The Mackerel are in good numbers still, along with good Kingfish around a lot of the channel markers, again live baits and small metal lures are both catching fish.

Also, reports are coming in of a few Marlin and Mahi-Mahi off Cape Moreton around the fish attracting devices, now we just need some good conditions to head out for them. In the passage, the mangrove islands near the Avon wreck have been producing some great Bream, Mangrove Jack and Garfish. Peeled prawns under a float with a small hook for the Gar and fresh squid for the Bream and Jacks with as little lead as possible, if any at all. Let your bait float as naturally as possible as you will catch a lot

more fish this way. The canals have seen a lot of Trevally, both Big Eye and GTs moving in with the prawns. Live Herring or Hardiheads doing the trick on these, again, as light as possible with the tackle will catch more fish.

Some good reports of Squid, Sweetlip and Squire under the Bribie bridge, with fresh squid and prawns choice baits. The Bongaree Jetty has had a lot of Mackerel and small Tuna getting caught on it recently, floating pilchards in the early morning is the best option. Also, quite a few nice Tusk fish recently have been taken around the pylons from the jetty too. These are an excellent table fish, live yabbies or fresh prawns working well for these. Anyway that's all, for now, remember to wet a line and relax.



Sweetlip and Tusk Fish



Sweetlip and Squire



Kingfish

TIDE TIMES

BRIBIE ISLAND & MORETON BAY

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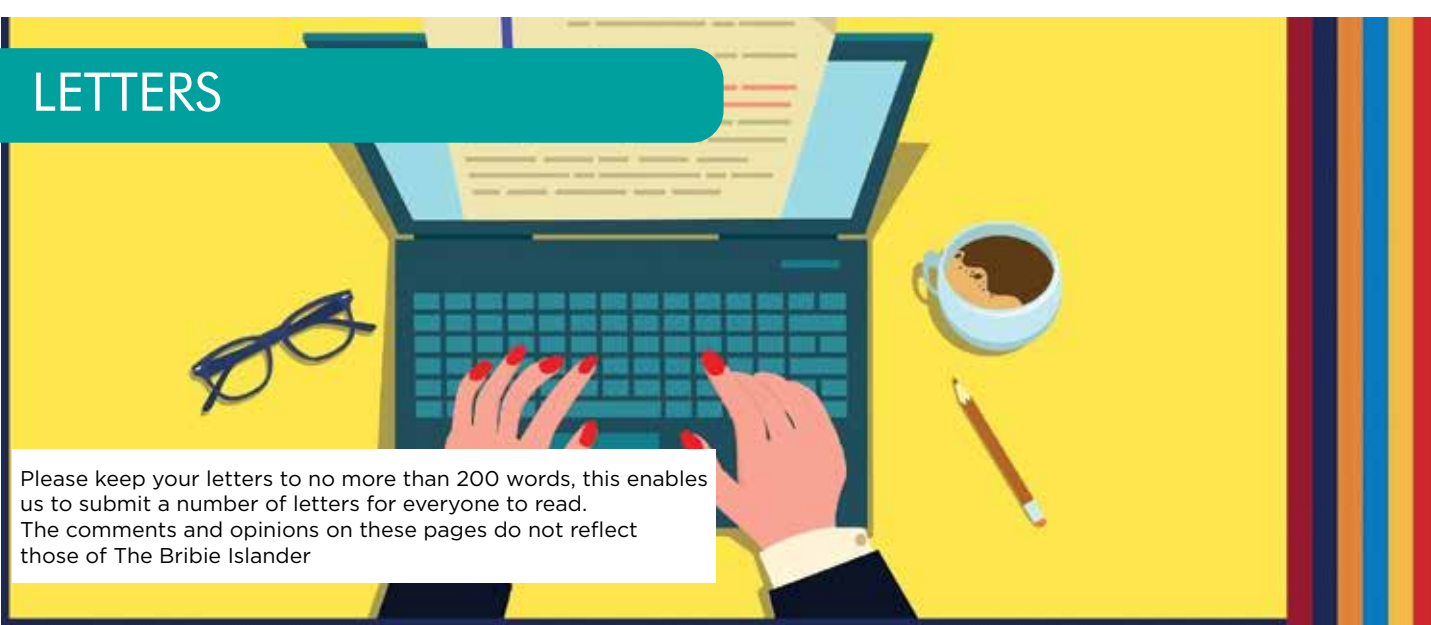
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Thank you for publishing my thoughts on the value of music in education, back in July, 2020.
Today I was thinking about why English fans sing at football matches, which always sounds great. But why do they do it?
I think it is simply that people get very emotional about their team. And music is the response.
Despite the fact that science cannot yet explain it, we all know that music is a universally recognised way of expressing emotion. It creates the fear or excitement in movies - two of our commonest emotions. Religion is a response to emotions - the fear of dying, or the joy of being alive - we all want an explanation of where we came from, or where we are going. Science does this without emotion, so we need another in-put. Hence singing is the most enjoyable part of any church service.
It is interesting that some people say that football is a religion - hence the singing!
H.Beneke

Dear Editor,
In reference to comments by H Beneke and J Neil, I respect your right to your views. I feel that no matter how much, the so called invaders do it will never be enough. What date is suitable, there will always be issues and time to move on. I do not say "sorry" to the indigenous people as I and my ancestors did nothing wrong or to them personally. It is sad that many have suffered such as the indigenous and the Indians in America and many other races have suffered. This generation in Australia is not responsible and when do people start to take responsibility and make a future and not live in the past, we have to learn from it but not make the future a battleground over it. We have learnt and tried to accommodate those with "issues" but as a senior and white Australian I am starting to feel we are the minority and not seen so maybe I should start a "cause" for that. There are many indigenous people who are not a part of this wave of discontent. It was many of the past

generations, some of these so called "invaders" ancestors. that went on and fought in wars for them and all Australians, and I acknowledge we had indigenous people who also fought, so would they prefer to have been under Japanese or German rule now if these people had not fought for them as well as white Australians rights. Let's get some perspective and just try to live in peace and acceptance, things are hard enough in the world at this time.

R Cooper

Dear Editor,
Many thanks to Barry Clark for his illuminating summary of our prehistory; particularly pertinent since we are always fascinated by our history but sometimes prefer to sweep our inconvenient prehistory under the carpet. Just to expand on Barry's theme, our lineage is often depicted as a series of gradually improving 'ape men' finally arriving at the pinnacle it was always heading for, us, this is not the case, at all

points in our evolution and that of our ancestors there were always many similar species rolling the evolutionary dice, we were never "meant to be", a different role of the dice at any point would have resulted in another species writing Barry's article and recording us as an extinct curiosity.
As Barry pointed out we became conscious beings around 70,000 years ago. The realisation that no matter what we did as individuals we would ultimately be destroyed would have been a real disincentive to fulfilling our biological purpose, that is, to pass our DNA forwards via offspring. It is thought that spiritualism and religiosity are the evolutionary response to the negative messages of attaining consciousness. Far better motivation if we believe that we are somehow special, sitting above the seething disorder we see all around us, safe in the knowledge that we will transcend death whilst all other species will ultimately be annihilated.

Of course, like our prehistory, it is no tale that straightforward, nothing ever is. There are many other factors that played into the way our psychology developed, but ironically the outlook that brought us so much success is now threatens to contribute to our undoing ,
J. Tasney

Hello informed readers, Instead of rushing headlong into unknown territory with an experimental mRNA "vaccine", let's try a bit of prevention first. Your serum levels of Vitamin D play a big role in the severity of a COVID-19 infection. Surely it must be obvious by now that nursing home patients, the ones at the highest risk, would have the lowest levels of Vitamin D, the sunshine vitamin. Why did 800 die of COVID in Victoria, but only 6 in Queensland, the Sunshine State?
 While Boris Johnson's government has already begun distributing free vitamin D supplements to at-risk groups in the UK, as yet only extremely vulnerable elderly people in care homes are getting them.
 A better solution would be to provide it free to everybody over 65 as a preventative measure. What is the Australian Federal and State Governments doing by way of prevention? Absolutely nothing!
 Based on the example of the Andalusia region of Spain, a more widespread distribution of this essential micronutrient could help save many lives. Following the commencement of vitamin D distribution in Andalusia in November 2020, the region's death rate from

the coronavirus pandemic fell from 187 per million to just 11 per million at the start of January 2021. Meanwhile, over the same period, the rate in the UK increased from 175 per million to more than 300 per million.
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The Bribie Battler.

Letter To The Editor:
 I'm starting to think that maybe I'm sane, after all Well, not very crazy, or not as crazy as some, at least! All these years my dear-departed Mum was NOT my Mum but my "gestational parent". And my Dad? Well, he should be regarded as my "non birthing parent"! And who says so? No less than the exalted academics of our Australian National University, in Canberra. We've all heard some crazy things come out of Canberra over many generations – but I reckon these latest "pearls of academic wisdom" win first prize.... take the cake, and all that.
 One tends to lose track of time as one gets older but it's not April Fool's Day yet, is it?
 These academic "woke" advocates (and their fellow travellers) are, collectively, the best comedy act doing the rounds, at the moment. Col Walker, Sandstone Point.

Dear Editor,
 I was reading about the electricity coming to Bribie Island in a back issue when I was on Christmas holidays there last year. I just thought that I would let you know what I remember. In my younger days I lived in North Street Woorim it was just a sandy track and many a car

bogged in the loose sand. We had a milkman who delivered milk and blocks of ice three times a week. With no electricity most folk had an ice chest. It was my task to empty the water dish underneath that collected the melted water.
 My mother was a chef at the hotel at the time. I think the Dudley Family were licensees. We had to chop the wood for the wood stove, peel the vegetables and start the evening meal.
 Then it was time to light the Kerosene and carbide lights so we could commence doing our homework.
 The streets were gravelled in the 50's much easier to ride our bikes to the shop.
 The hotel had a veranda on the front of the building It was on this veranda that the official Turning on of the Power to Bribie island took place. Radio 4BK from

Brisbane broadcast live on the night. The Premier of Queensland at the time Frank Nicklin turned on the power and a lot of other Dignitaries gave speeches. There was also other entertainment. (Radio 4BK) is now an FM station.
 Our first appliance purchase was a Charles Hope Refrigerator, No more emptying that ice chest water.
 We still kept our wood stove well into the Sixties. It is a six hour travel to Bribie for us but we managed four trips last year. My wife and I were married at the RSL Sports Club in November 2015. Both lived on Bribie in our early days. Enjoy reading your "Bribie Islander"
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J. Rossborough

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ON THE ROAD




A TALE ABOUT SELLING A CLASSIC CAR or How to please the Ladies By David Horrocks

Now those of you gentle readers who are of an age to remember black and white television programs and particularly American Cop Shows will remember probably the most iconic show of all - "Dragnet" starring one Jack Webb. His famous quips and quotes were legend. I bring this up because of one such quote, "this is a true story, the names have been changed to protect the innocent". When I mentioned to El Supremo that I was going to write this epistle she reminded me of the possibility of backlash from mentioned parties so suggested I take Mr Webb's advice and do the same; so I have. The other relevant quote from Jack was his oft given advice to witnesses "just the facts Ma'am, just the facts". So, with that in mind here goes.

The time had come to depart our beloved old Blue Mountains home and to relocate to Bribie Island to be close to our newly arrived grandson, plus to relieve the cold of the winters which when one becomes a little older can wrack a constitution somewhat. When I put in a request form for advice about the classics (I had garaging aplenty available in the old house) the response came back curtly "They've gotta go". Not liking the retort I was however somewhat appreciative of the matter of where I would keep them. So, feeling a bit similar to how Neville

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Chamberlin must have felt in 1938 (remember him – peace in our time?), and with a plan hatching in the little grey cells for future action, I decided to sign off on the instruction and proceed to find homes for the two units I still owned.

The blue Benz coupe I wrote about in the last issue was one sale but that can wait for another time to tell. This story concerns a 1982 white Peugeot 505GTI. Maybe not a 'classic' in the sense of the word when thinking of exotic marques in automotive history but it was the last of the rear-wheel-drive 'real' Peugeots. She carried the Tassie rego PUG505, having been used there over a few years. I truly loved driving that car. My wife christened it 'Le Camion' – French for truck. She thought it heavy in the controls but it was a joy, with ride and road-holding of the highest order. She did also call the car 'a lounge room on wheels' because of its luxurious velour armchair like seats and dance hall dimensions in the rear. I often thought about how I would have loved owning such a machine in my courting days. Oh, be still my beating heart!

Now for value, the Pug was not of great worth even though it was in lovely condition but I was concerned that it did not go to some hoon who would bush bash it and leave it to rot somewhere. It deserved better than that. I advertised it online with a medium price on it to discourage would-be hoons. I immediately received an enquiry from a guy who had a 'watch' out on carsales.com for when such a Pug became available. He was located in the NSW central west. He told me on the phone that his grandad had owned one that he remembered so he coveted one for himself. Now, this sounded promising but he asked me would I drive it out there for him to inspect. Now I became a bit suspicious – he wouldn't come to see the car because he was too busy. If I drove all the way there to be told 'Oh I thought it was a different model', or, 'I wanted the one with green wheels' or whatever else; he would try to offer much less money. I got cold feet and demurred.

Soon more enquiries then started to come in from more local buyers. To shorten the story I got fed up of giving test drives with responses like "It's much better than I thought it would be and as I can only keep it on the street in central Sydney where I live I shouldn't buy it – it would be a shame to waste it" or "It's great, I really do want it, I'll check with the wife and get back to you" – wife said no – wouldn't you think that he would have checked first before driving two hours to view it?

So after much nonsense of this kind, I thought that I'd try to compromise with my country buyer. I phoned him back and suggested that we meet halfway somewhere. That way he'd have put an investment into the deal.

He said, "sure where"? Bathurst in central NSW was agreed upon. "What about at the airport there," said he. "OK, I know where that is," said I. "How will I know you?" said I. "I'll be wearing blue jeans and a blue shirt," said he.

El Supremo, the font of all good sense advised me not to go alone and use the train to get home, but to take someone with me 'just in case' – we could be dealing with "a bad lot"; so, a day or so later I headed off, accompanied by two friends in their own car, namely Jack and Suzanne (not their real names – remember Dragnet?).

Now for those who don't know it Bathurst airport terminal is about the size of an average house on Bribie so it's not difficult to find someone in there – right? We walked around inside, glad to be out of the nearly 40-degree heat outside. No sign of just about anyone, blue shirt or otherwise. A few cars were in the car park but there was an absence of actual people. "Oh no", methinks a wild goose chase.

Then as we watched through the big terminal windows a Cessna aircraft rolled to a standstill. Out through the door stepped a tall guy wearing you guessed it, a blue shirt and blue jeans. After alighting he donned a ten-gallon hat. Suzanne (not her real name remember) looked at him and exclaimed "Oooooohhh".

When we got home hours later she excitedly told El Supremo



and a visiting English lady friend "He was a Calvin Klein model". The visitor looked distressed that she'd turned down the offer of a ride out to Bathurst.

We walked to meet William Prince (not his real name remember) in the car park where he and his car expert friend stood alongside the car awaiting us. I turned to Suzanne telling her "why not wait inside for us in the Air conditioning". "Oh no, I'm quite alright here", she replied whilst leaning back

over the bonnet of the car with a lovely smile on her face. In all the time I've known the lady I've never her seen her so animated.

We took the car for a spin with William driving then his expert friend having a drive who declared the car a buy. It took a little hint for Suzanne not to try to join us, well a bit more than a little really.

With a minimum of haggling, the deal was done and my Peugeot drove off into the sunset with the expert at the wheel. William returned to his aeroplane and set off in pursuit. Seems he wasn't a 'bad lot' after all. I climbed into Jack's car for the journey home where Suzanne eagerly regaled the other two ladies with descriptions of Prince William (note the reversal of the name here to better suit the descriptions).

So, that was the last I saw of my Pug. She is now ensconced where she will be cared for to live a long life. William, it seems was planning to spend big on a care package. I've done the right thing by 'Le Camion'.

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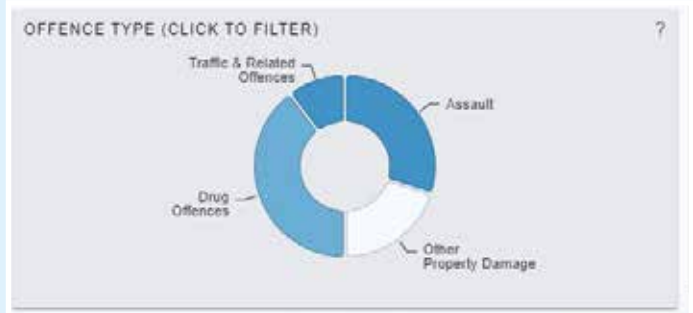
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