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# Welcome

Dear Readers,

Happy Mother's day to all you wonderful women out there who deserve to be spoilt for the day! Whether we have a strong relationship with our mother, only communicate on such occasions, or have sadly lost our mother, Mother's Day can be so different and mean such a different thing from person to person. What Mother's Day means to each of us is so very personal and for every mother and child, out there, Mother's Day means something unique to us. Mother's Day can take on a completely different meaning and is in fact a celebration of their life or a reminder of who they were. I treasure Mother's Day, I appreciate my mother so very much and I am honoured to be the mother to my 3 children who surprise and fascinate me every day!

There is a beautiful story about a foster mum and The Pyjama Angels in this edition which shows the depth of love these foster parents have for children. I certainly take my hat off to them, they really are unsung heroes.

We also have a lot of community news for you to catch up on, there is a lot that has been happening around the place lately! We would also like to extend our welcome to our new advertisers and say thank you very much to our existing ones, I cannot ask enough to support our local businesses as I am sure you would miss them if they were gone.

I hope you have all made the most of our long weekends, maybe caught up with family and friends you haven't seen in a while. Whatever it is you chose to do, I hope it was enjoyable!

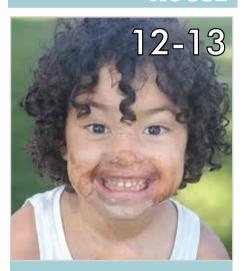
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Dianne says "Look at your life and detox all that is holding you back. These are powerful times. We all have Room to Heal, and I will lovingly hold space for you in your individual wellness journey."

Dianne and her partner Bruce are honoured to assist with your point of pain. "We will ask you to watch, listen and feel as the oils and energy work in concert and harmony with your body."

Dianne began using oils when her daughter who had digestive issues was going into the Amazon Jungle as part of her University studies. The universe aligned when Dianne met a lady at the markets who introduced her to the use of essential oils and shared how they healed her IBS & so she left with a sample oil to try (Digestzen). Digestzen became the number one go-to oil for all tummy issues!

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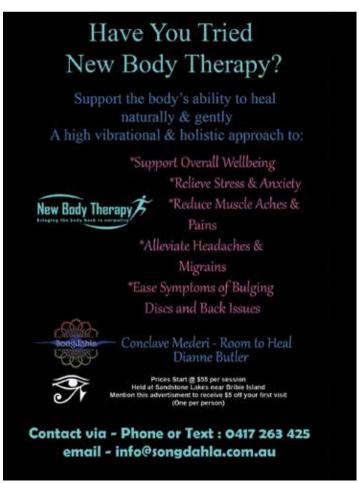
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### HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY

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How you dress describes how you think because your outfit directly reflects your personality, at Cinderella's Closet, you can't go wrong!

Judy has had over 22 years in the fashion industry, opening her first store in 1999 at Clayfield, which she sold in 2011 to pursue another passion in aviation. She became a flight attendant and also learning to fly and the travel bug was caught.

After Judy fulfilled her dream in the aviation field, she returned to her first love, fashion. Opening up on Racecourse Road, Ascot, for a year prior to covid, before relocating Cinderella's Closet to Bribie Island.

Judy stocks the boutique with carefully handpicked beautiful yet functional pieces, originating from many corners of the globe. Always with her personalised service and dedication, Judy Sources her apparel from around the world so it is unique and like nothing else in Australia She has visited many countries sourcing gorgeous one-off pieces and ideas to bring home. Throughout her time in fashion, Judy has dressed many clients to attend

EACH DAY IS A PAGE IN YOUR FASHION STORY

ppearance is the first impression you convey to others. The major factor that contributes to the attractive appearance is clothing.

dinners with celebrities including Prince Charles and Bill Clinton. I can only imagine who is in Judy's Guest book which has spanned the 22 years she has been a stylist.

The boutique caters to the style-conscious in their 20's through to mature ladies sized 8-16. Specialising in After 5, special occasions, race wear and smart casual. with beautiful accessories to match. New fashion pieces are arriving regularly from around the globe, so you will be sure to fall in love with the selection on offer. Judy loves that her boutique has something for everyone's closet, with a selective range of well-known brands such. Naudic, Derek Schmidt, Black N Bling, and Donna Donna to mention a few. Cinderella's Closet also stocks Channel and Coco books, beautiful Channel Candles, Jimmy Choo sunglasses and a luxurious

Judy takes exceptional pride in making her customers feel special, taking all their needs and wants into consideration. In Judy's guest book you will find a plethora of outstanding complements, such as the ones below.

range of exquisite gift lines.

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Jilly the owner said "I am so excited to introduce myself to those who may not know me, I am the owner of Mane Studioz and previous owner of @islandstyle\_hairdressing. I have been hairdressing for 11 years and salon owner for a short 3 years. I have worked alongside my mother and many other talented hairdressers over the years and my ultimate goal with Mane Studioz is to help educate and build confidence and knowledge to the studioz newest stylists. This journey has been a massive dream of mine and is such a pleasure to have had you all watch it come to life. I cannot wait to see all of our new and existing clients in the salon soon!" Jilly also has a job opportunity for a senior stylist and a chair for rent in the salon as well.

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Shanae has been hairdressing since 2018 and has been a Bribie local since she was 6yrs old. She has a bubbly personality and so much passion for the hairdressing industry. Shanae said "She is so excited to work with Mane Studioz and further my knowledge in a different light. I can't wait to meet you all very soon!"



Angie is a fully qualified beautician who specialises in eyelash extensions and brows. The team are so happy to have Angie continuing with them at Mane Studioz, as she was formally working alongside them at @islandstyle\_hairdressing.



Jilly is very happy to be welcoming the incredibly talented Natasja. She is their second lash technician, who is currently studying Beauty therapy.



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fter nearly 39 years in business, Bribie Island icon, Dianne (Di) Wells is starting the next chapter in her life. She plans to rest for a while, then travel around Australia in her 6 metre Golden Eagle Tourer. Di took this luxury van on an 800-kilometre trip last Christmas. She said she was pleased with her achievement only scaring herself on one occasion when a large truck sped past her and sucked the van to the point of swaggering.

Once her grey nomad adventure is over, Di plans to settle down to enjoy her golden

years on our beautiful Island. She said 'with its Aussie wildlife diversity and beautiful sandy beaches there is no other place on earth I'd rather be than right here on Bribie. It's in my heart and in my soul as are the friends I have made here.'

Di has been living on Bribie Island since



### HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY

May 1980 when she and her husband John moved here as newlyweds. Their first home was in Banya Street. John worked for Queensland Rail and Di was nursing at Prince Charles Hospital. They drove to and from Brisbane each day maintaining 100 kilometres speed most of the way and rarely saw another car on the Bribie Island Road. In 1980, Bribie's population was around 7,000 and Di said it was like living in a small fishing village. Their neighbours used to stretch fishing nets across the road so they could mend any holes. All the other neighbours would drive around the nets and toot and wave. It was a friendly, relaxed and happy neighbourhood. Di opened her first business in Bongaree on 14 August 1982. 'Allure Boutique' was in the shop front now occupied by the Post Office. The business was very successful and within 18 months Di had moved to larger premises in Kangaroo Avenue where she opened 'Deckout'. When the Shoe shop next door became available, Di took over that premises, took down a wall and operated the ladies fashion and shoe shop together. By 1989, 'Deckout' was a thriving business that supplied a variety of ladies fashion brands, as well as shoes for men, women and children: however, Di had a vision of opening something big. In August 1994, 'Wells Cargo Barn' (WCB) opened on First Avenue. The new venture was a cooperative trading area for women. The Bribie Island Orchestra played at the official opening of WCB, which was attended by Mayor John White and 100 guests. The 'Barn' was home to seven businesses -Di's 'WCB'; Linda Walcott's 'Barn Hair Studio'; Sharon Hawkins' 'Island Accessories'; Sue Cunningham's 'Clover Magic'; Jackie Russell's 'Gifts go Troppo'; Donna Overton's 'Donna's Discounts'; and Carol Dobson's 'Island Collectibles'. The Kangaroo Avenue 'Deckout' was moved to the new First Avenue premises. The name change to 'Wells Cargo Barn' solved one delivery name problem that came up from time to time when parcels would arrive addressed to

'Dickout'. This caused much laughter among staff members and couriers; however, some companies even managed to refer to the new name as Wells Fargo.

In 2003, when the Bribie Island Shopping Centre opened on Goodwin Drive, WCB's 356 square metres of family shoes and ladies clothing and accessories, ceased trading. The arrival of major shoe and clothing stores in the new centre necessitated a reinvention for Di's business. So she returned to the Kangaroo Avenue premises and opened 'Grosso Modo' which provided fashion for the mature woman. The business had a name change to 'Anna's in 2014 and remained in Kangaroo Avenue until 2020. Due to COVID-19, Di traded from her home for a few months. She then opened in the Bribie Island Shopping Centre and finished her retail career in March 2021. As well as running these successful businesses, Di and her husband John were raising four children and were both

very active in the community.

Since 1991, Di has been a

member of the Bribie Island Surf Life Saving Club. She is a highly qualified volunteer surf lifesaver who has coached all lifesaving disciplines. She also managed the training of our local nippers making sure they understood surf awareness and safety.

John died in 2005 and Di said she, David, Peter, Raylene and Anna all think about him and talk about him often. Lasked Di if she had any advice about this next chapter in her life and she said "Stay safe in the retirement, value good health and good relationships. Be generous, optimistic, adaptable and keep on learning. In the words of Clint Eastwood 'get up every morning, go out, don't let the old person in'.' Di was so welcoming to me when I was new to the community and knew no one. She invited Michael and I to join her group of friends at various events and always

went out of her way to help

happy retirement.

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# **Meet Lomani**

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omani is a 3-year-old with a severely compromised life as a result of an acquired brain injury, with no prospect of a recovery. She has a complex medical diagnosis with underlying hydrocephalus (otherwise known as fluid on the brain) caused by damage during her birth which has resulted in two permanent brain shunts to continuously drain fluid from her brain and complications including autism spectrum disorder, sensory deficiencies, seizures and mild cerebral palsy. There is no cure for hydrocephalus, only management through further brain surgeries, of which she has already had three. Lomani lives on Bribie Island with her mum, Anna.

Lomani requires 24/7 care and almost every day is occupied by therapies including physio, occupational, behavioural psychological, paediatric and aqua to name a few. In addition, she has general medical visits, radiology and neurosurgical treatments. Lomani also undertakes complementary

therapies, including equine and canine and has been assessed as an eligible candidate for a 'Smart Pup' Assistance Dog (see www. smartpups.org.au) to assist with her autism and regular seizures.

'Smart Pups' Assistance Dogs are individually trained to provide assistance to a special needs child. Most people are familiar with guide dogs for the blind, helping people with vision impairment. 'Smart Pups' have special 'task specific' training so they can assist a young person, from the age of three years and up, with handling day-to-day routines and events. 'Smart Pups' give children confidence with emotional and physical support.

A campaign is underway to raise the \$20,000 required for a 'Smart Pup', but there is a long way to go. Once the \$20,000 is raised, it will then take up to two years to train a 'Smart Pup' to specifically suit Lomani's special needs. So, at the earliest Lomani will be five years old before she gets her dog.

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help. Your tax-deductible donation of as little or as much as you can spare will help fast track the process.

Simply put, the sooner the \$20,000 is raised, the sooner Lomani will get her dog. To donate please go to: www. smartpups.org.au/campaigns/ smart-pup-for-lomani-159217 Spearheading the campaign to help secure a Smart Pup for Lomani and take on the day-to-day logistics of running the campaign is the Sandstone Point Lions Club.

According to Sandstone Point Lions Club's campaign manager, Gay Power, "Both the club and I, couldn't be more enthusiastic about taking on the role of raising this money for Lomani. Over the past few weeks, I have come to know them quite well and realise what special people they both are. They are deserving of all the financial, physical and emotional help we can provide. In fact, Sandstone Point Lions Club has pledged \$2,000 towards Lomani's Smart Pup and are throwing the challenge to all other organisations and service clubs on the island to do the same."

Lomani has been assessed as 'twice exceptional' (exceptional special needs and exceptionally intelligent).

Gay said "Her intellect is way beyond her years - staggering even. She's even helping to raise the money herself by tiedyeing tee-shirts to sell. If you want one just let me know!"

A BIT ABOUT MUM (ANNA): Lomani's mum was forced

to give up her career as a Logistics Specialist to become Lomani's full-time carer. She is supported by her mother (Lomani's grandmother) as Lomani's needs are so great. Anna worked for 14 years in the Ministry of Defence in the UK and served as one of very few civilians in the Falkland Islands, Somalia and Bosnia war zones and was decorated for her service. She migrated to Australia to advance her career in the mining industry. Her days, weeks, months are consumed with Lomani's needs. If it's not taking Lomani to medical therapy or an appointment, she is providing 'nice' experiences for Lomani, like going to the beach, the park or the zoo after traumatic appointments, just so Lomani can associate her treatments

with a 'nice experience'. Anna has her own home which, whilst laudable under her circumstances, places additional burdens on her with mortgage repayments, maintenance etc.

PLEASE, IF YOU CAN HELP. DIG DEEP! YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE TO HELP LOMANI GET HER 'SMART PUP' SOONER. **RATHER THAN LATER!** 

Go to: www.smartpups.org. au/campaigns/smart-pup-forlomani-159217 PSST! Lomani is unaware that there is a campaign underway to get her a 'Smart Pup', so if you see her out and about with her mum, please don't mention the dog. Two years of waiting, in the life of a three-year-old, is beyond comprehension.

For more information or obtain a direct link to Lomani's donation page on the 'Smart Pup' website, please contact:

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Proncos star and Queensland State of Origin legend Justin Hodges have teamed up with leading

children's charity Life Education Queensland to kick-start a new fundraising challenge to help stamp out bullying. The former Broncos captain is an ambassador for Beyond the Broncos, a mentoring program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that enables football idols to engage with Queensland and Northern New South Wales students from Years 7 – 12. The program supports students to complete



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their education and inspires young people to set and achieve goals for their future.

But this week, the Broncos icon took time out from his busy schedule to return to Suncorp Stadium and help another famous ambassador Healthy Harold, warm-up for his biggest challenge yet – the Healthy Harold Hundred.

The event urges Queenslanders to walk, run or ride 100ks in 20 days, between May 5 – May 24, to help raise funds for Life Education's program in schools, especially the charity's respectful relationships modules.

With his passion for inspiring youth, Justin says the event's bullying cause is close to his heart.

"Bullying can have a huge impact on someone's life, and make coming to school very difficult," Justin said.

"Life Education is an iconic program in Queensland schools, and the way they are teaching children about respect both online and face to face is going a long way towards making schools a safe and supportive environment.

"I'd urge anyone who can do the Healthy Harold Hundred challenge to sign up because it's a fun way to get fitter while also helping to make a big difference to Queensland kids."

# HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY

Life Education Queensland CEO Michael Fawsitt said the initial response to the charity's new Healthy Harold Hundred campaign had been phenomenal with close to 1000 people registering so far.

"It's great to have the support of a sporting icon like Justin and it's never been more important to shine the spotlight on the issue of bullying and respect," Mr Fawsitt said.

"Sadly, one in four Aussie kids is affected by bullying, one in five children experiences cyberbullying, and more than a million children are affected by domestic violence.

"At Life Education, we work with schools all over the state to help educate children about making safe and healthy choices, and as part of that program, we focus on empowering young people to build and maintain positive, healthy and respectful relationships."

Funds raised from the Healthy Harold Hundred will directly support Life Education Queensland's education sessions that focus on social and emotional learning, including bullying prevention and respectful relationships.

"Whether you're a family, work team, or an individual, and whether you sign up to do 100ks, 200 or even 300, your support is going to make a huge difference and boost our capacity to take

our program where it's needed most," Mr Fawsitt said.

Bribie Island mother and daughter Kate Maroulis and Lily Guy, 5, have already signed up for the challenge and are looking forward to the event's May 5 kick-off.

"From what I see on social media, there are so many parents talking about bullying at various schools," Ms Maroulis said.

"It concerns me that children who are bullied are more likely to experience depressive symptoms, and there is also a link between bullying others at school and aggressive behaviour as adults. The work that Life Education is doing to break that cycle is so important."

Kate has set an ambitious target of 200 kilometres for her Healthy Harold Hundred while Lily plans to join in after school.

"I'm excited to be involved in the challenge and Lily is looking forward to taking part as well," Kate said. "Lily told her teacher, 'I'm going to be doing a lot of walking to get rid of all the bullies in all the schools!"

To register for Life Education Queensland's Healthy Harold Hundred and to find out more about the cause go to https://www.healthyharoldhundred. org.au/



# "Honouring the Mother within"



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DAY FAST
APPROACHING,
SUNDAY, MAY THE
9TH, IT HAS MADE
ME REFLECT, WHAT

### IT IS ALL REALLY ABOUT.

Is it just a day where we celebrate the act of mothering? Isn't the act of mothering supposed to be appreciated every day? I guess for some, the day makes one stop and acknowledge all the wonderful things one in a mothering role does.

As I drove my daughter to school, I pondered the thought, "to be a mother". Whilst I appreciate and value my journey as a mother, it made me realise there are so many mothers out there that aren't really appreciated and valued.

What does it really mean to the mother? Thoughts of someone that provides great care and support to someone, showering one with affection came to mind. To protect, nurture and support their child or children throughout life. A mother stays with us forever, even as we travel into adulthood and isn't that part of the mother role, to support us throughout our journey, ensuring that we are kind and considerate to ourselves and the world around us?

The thought came forth that there are so many women that even though they have not borne children, still are in a mothering role. If that is the case what about all the father's out there that is a standalone parent and are in the mothering role too? Does it really mean that one has to be of female "to mother"?

In these modern times, I feel we should celebrate all the people out that provide care, love and support to all those that need mothering.

Often a person in a mothering role forgets they need to show kindness and consideration to themselves and is in the habit of putting themselves last. So,

whether it is yourself, your mother or someone that provides love and care to a mother, I urge you to take time and honour the mother within!

As part of celebrating the "Mother within" for the month of May, I am offering a discount, for any booking of the Aroma Magic Technique which is a soft form of massage that aides in relaxation, reducing stress and building the immune system.

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Hi, my name is Brad, I'm 22 years old, and for the past 12 years of my life, since I was a kid, I have suffered from random and intense bouts of Ocular Herpes Simplex Virus. Unfortunately, this has led to a condition called keratoconus, a disease where the

cornea thins and bulges, and sadly this has occurred in both eyes. More recently the keratoconus has advanced to a point where my cornea has ruptured, causing a condition called hydrops, which has rendered the vision in my left eye blind and more recently the quality of vision in my right eye has deteriorated to a point where I can no longer drive, work or even stay outside during the day, despite the best efforts and numerous surgeries from several top eye specialists. This means that my only hope for improved vision is corneal transplantation.

In a cruel twist, due to the nature of the surgery, it will cost thousands of dollars to save my eyesight, eyesight which has not allowed me to work for the last 12 months and rendered me dependent on family to perform simple tasks like shopping, navigation and transportation. To make matters worse, I've recently learned that the public health system may not get to me for at least 2 years due to COVID, despite already being on the waiting list for over 6 months, meaning I may not be seen to until my mid



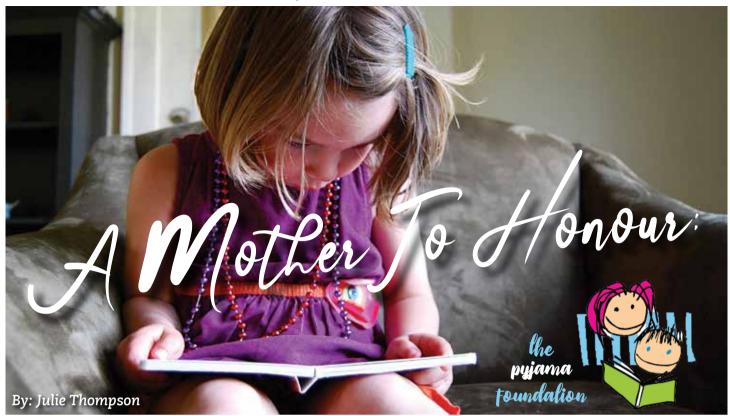


20's, plus the 18-24 month rehabilitation period, only to repeat the process with my right eye.

Due to the time frame and complexity of the surgery, plus the plan to perform corneal transplantation surgery on the right eye following the process of the left eye, I will be unable to work for the foreseeable future and will continue to rely on the support of my family and friends.

No matter how big or small your donation is, it will mean the world to me if I can raise the funds to cover the cost of both surgeries, rehabilitation and medical fees and every donation helps me to restore my eyesight, return to work and get my life back on track, and for that, I thank you dearly for helping me restore my vision. Please dig deep everyone and help this young man to see again and live life to its fullest! Donations can be made at the Bribie Community Centre or scan the QR code above.





his Mothers Day, I pay tribute to special woman who has the mother of all hearts. She is a foster mother I have known for 12 years, rearing, loving and steering young people in her care to what she never waivers in believing is a better life. Karen and her husband, Tom (not their real names) who live in the Moreton Shire, have been the stable, loving and consistent rock for dozens of children who have come into care over the past 30 years.

I met Karen when I began as a volunteer reader to children in care (Pyjama Angel) with the Pyjama Foundation in 2009. This foundation provides children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their lives with learning, life skills and confidence.

To be a Pyjama Angel requires no special qualifications, just a love of children, a commitment to spending the time and a willingness to help them. The rewards are immeasurable.

A journalist all my working life, avid reader and witness to what wonderful worlds to which books take you, I felt drawn to give something back for the shiny bright life I was privileged to lead and the opportunities

my children enjoy.

When children enter care, their foster carers provide a roof, food and stability, but extras like reading and homework help are a stretch for their time and energy.

Added to that is the frequent changes many go through.
More than one in five children in care will experience 3 to 5 foster care relocations, while 18 percent will have between 6 and 9 placements.

Which is where the Pyjama Foundation's founder Bronwyn Sheehan saw a need about 17 years ago and works to fill it, recruiting, training and placing volunteer reading angels with foster families in Brisbane and regional Queensland. This has now spread to New South Wales and Victoria.

I am still uncomfortable with "Angel" and feel unworthy of the title. It's me who gains most from going to the foster home of the children I read to. It is my privilege to see up close the love, energy and patience foster parents like Karen show these children and I silently thank God for them when I speculate on how these youngsters' lives might play out without them. I began there with not one, but three foster children within the one family to read to each

week. Siblings aged 10, 9 and 7, they greeted me with a wary but friendly hello. I had selected an array of titles of books from the considerable library resources the Foundation housed at their office and from a chat with the foster mother beforehand, learned something about each child's interests and personality. I recall we spent the first visit circling each other. They were mildly interested in the books, but reserved and watchful. I came to discover these children in care have frequent visitors from the Family Services Dept, various Government and support agencies, officials who all question them, observe them and report on them. Many of them have had numerous foster home placements. So I was viewed as another adult

who'd drop in - and then out of their life, probably a transient random, wanting something from them. Such children are also used to being "let down" by adults, often their parents, who promise to visit, phone, return, remember their birthday, Christmas and so often disappoint them.

The foster kids waved me goodbye that day and probably expected it would be the last they'd see of me.

So on my second visit a week

later, I was greeted with surprise and delight.

"You came back!" they exclaimed excitedly. "You came again- like last week!"

I had to swallow a lump in my throat before I could say: "Of course I did. I said I would, didn't I?"

A trust was settling between us and we worked out a reading order which would rotate each week.

Interestingly, although the then little 10-year old girl was a competent reader, she preferred the picture books I brought for the seven-year-old whose reading level was several years below that. She loved leaning into me as we read the text and discussed the pictures. It occurred to me that though I had done this hundreds of times with my children, this young child had probably never shared a picture book with a loving adult. It didn't pay to think about all the little emotional synapses and memories that were simply never laid down in her early years; the discussions that never occurred, the sharing and laughter, the opportunity for learning missed forever. Over the years, the children have extended their reading and vocabulary skills considerably and we've shared lessons in life



skills and general knowledge that have been fun and eye – opening . Their school reports showed something boosting their academic levels. I believe it's the stable and happy home life their wonderful foster parents give them. But I'm happy and proud to share in some of that success and growing confidence.

Over the years, Karen and Tom have taken on more youngsters into their seemingly elastic house and inexhaustibly patient hearts. I stayed on -and on. Though some heartaches, disappointments and surprises occur, optimism and loving care are always threaded through their home.

She now cares for two children aged 4 and 2, the offspring of a sibling of one of her earlier foster children My visits to them are now a patchwork of reading and playing with these little ones, reconnecting to older fostered youngsters who have moved out, but drop back in, and Karen's own grown-up children and their children .She is often cooking dinner for a dozen people, after a day of home care, driving and ferrying.

It seems Karen's love and care has no limits or barriers. If there's a benefit, a special course, help, activity or experience she can access for her charges through Family Services, she's there!!

I recall once she had a shed

full of little backpacks, filled with spare clothes, nappies, a toothbrush and a soft toy.

They were, she explained, for those babies and toddlers whom she received, as an emergency carer, retrieved by Family Services in the middle of the night, with just a nappy to their name

One of the pleasures for me there is just the chance to sit and spend time with the older children who drop in at the table and share some of their weekly news with me, while Tom makes me a cracking cappuccino. I have become part of this family and feel very lucky to witness love and selflessness at such close quarters. If I am having a bad day and battling difficulties with a mean and cruel world, I reset my goodness compass here and bless them for it. Over the years, we created warm memories of the foster children fighting over who reads first each week and their love of my narrating longer books, in all sorts of character voices. Harry Potter novels had me running the gamut of my thespian powers, playing everyone from Valdemort to Malfoy and Snape. Some years ago, 12-year-old Trent \* (not his real name)

nominated me in Child

Protection Week as a person

who has made a difference to

his life. Within the tribute he

wrote was: "Julie has shown

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me I can be a friend to people who are older than me and they come to the house just to see me, not to see everyone in it. And she makes reading fun, so now I really enjoy it and I like reading before bed."

They have gifted me at Christmas with beautiful silver angel necklace pendants – jewellery I have felt unworthy of.

"You are an angel to us," their foster mother insists. "You have come consistently for years. You don't realise how valuable that it is to insecure children."

But my real gift is knowing and seeing close up this ongoing selfless love and dedication to vulnerable children in need. There's no known outcome at times, and only a special strength and belief gets this amazing woman through days laying down faithful love and joyful routine to children who have come to her from chaos, trauma and sometimes danger. She never loses heart nor lessens her drive to give these kids a better life and love. She teaches me all the time to take little steps, live in the now and not to expect all of life's problems to have a neat and tidy solution.

Sometimes the story goes on and on and the ending is not when or where you think.

Happy Mothers Day , Karen. You know who you are. To inquire how you can become a Pyjama Angel phone 07 3256 8802 E: admin@ thepyjamafoundation.com w thepyjamafoundation.com

Julie Thomson is Venue Manager at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre Breakout piece:

The figures for Australian children living in care are startling.

Pyjama Foundation founder and CEO Bronywn Sheehan says there are 44,900, with one in 6 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children receiving child protection.

Children in care are struggling to reach national literacy and numeracy benchmarks.
Risk factors that pose barriers to children engaging well in education include trauma, poor stress regulation, low self-esteem and self-efficacy, a lack of fundamental language and pre-reading skills, poor access to books at home and schooling disruptions due to moving between care placements.

Education all too often takes a backseat to other, more urgent issues facing the child in care, due to its crisis-driven nature. Approximately one in three prisoners in Australia have been in out of home care. Around 46 per cent of young men are involved in the juvenile justice system after care.



# OVERLOADED HOSPITALS ARE A TICKING TIME BOMB

Queensland doctors say public hospitals are at crisis point, with clogged emergency departments, too few beds and an exodus of burnt-out staff.

AMA Queensland member and Australian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) spokesperson Dr Kim Hansen said it was the worst Emergency doctors had seen.

"There's been a surge in patients this year – most hospitals are seeing record numbers and they just don't have the staff or beds to cope," Dr Hansen said.

"The system was already at full capacity and now it's swamped."

Dr Hansen said there were common reports of patients stuck for hours in waiting rooms and ramped ambulances.

"Emergency departments are the canary in the coalmine," she said. "They bear the burden when other parts of the health system are over capacity."

"Emergency doctors and nurses are happy to work hard to see all the patients but they can't do it well if they have to HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY practice 'waiting room medicine'.

"It's awful, like putting a Band Aid on a stab wound."

AMA Queensland president Professor Chris Perry said the access block could not be fixed without hundreds more hospital beds and staff in Intensive Care, mental health and general wards.

"Queensland has the lowest number of mental health inpatient beds per capita in Australia mental health investment has not kept up with health funding as a whole, so people can't get help in the community and end up in crisis at an ED," he said.

"We also have hospital beds occupied by people waiting to get Home Care or disability packages or into aged care.

"The bed shortage is everywhere – metropolitan and regional Queensland."

Dr Hansen said the strain was a vicious cycle for staff.

"Being unable to properly treat the flood of patients is incredibly stressful and more Emergency doctors are choosing to work fewer hours or quit altogether," she said.

Professor Perry said people would die if the access block was not fixed.

"Clearly, we have far too few hospital beds to cater for the state's booming population," he said.



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# It's time to fix our GP crisis



very single day people tell me it's tough to get a GP appointment.

Locals are waiting up to four weeks for an appointment. Some can't find a GP at all. Our doctors work very hard – but there's a problem with the system.

In 2019 the Federal government took Pumicestone off the priority list for GPs, making it harder to attract doctors to live and work here.

People in Pumicestone need their GPs. Our community is older and has more health problems and lower incomes.

Right now, the Federal Government puts Bribie, Caboolture and Beachmere in the same category as an inner-city area like Nundah, which has 50% more GPs! Our community is facing a GP crisis and people are hurting.

Marcia said to me "We can't plan when we're going to get sick!"

Robert and his wife love Bribie but wish they'd known how hard finding a GP would be before they moved to the island. When Lee's elderly mother needed an urgent appointment, her GP couldn't fit her in for 10 days. She ended up going to Caboolture for care even though she was

The clock is ticking. In July, Federal Health

Minister Greg Hunt will decide whether to give Pumicestone back our GP priority status.

You deserve to be able to see a GP when you need one.

That's why I'm asking locals to sign our petition calling on Greg Hunt to make Pumicestone a priority and help fix our GP crisis.

You can sign using the QR code below or go to https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/pumicestone-gps or call my office on 3474 2100.

All the best, Ali King MP

# MORE GPs for PUMICESTONE

Tell Greg Hunt - Fix Our GP Crisis!



# LOVE OF Literature By Elaine Lutton

or a variety of reasons, I was a late reader, only mastering the art when I was about eight and a half years of age. but what joy it gave me when I eventually learnt to decipher print. It was in a small village school, where I was sent due to family problems that I learnt to read by a process of total immersion. The class teacher read to us in the morning whilst we followed in our books. Then we were put into small groups according to our ability, where we read aloud to each other with a good reader leading the group, and in the afternoon there was silent reading and even a bit of writing. I suppose we did some Arithmetic somewhere, but I do not remember it, and neither can

I remember a time when the time's tables ever presented any problems for me. Like Macavity, I could do long division with no trouble at all, but literacy eluded me

Beginning in the bottom group, I rocketed to the dizzying heights of the top group and even became a "leader" of a group. I could have burst with happiness. Like every girl of my age, Enid Blyton was my Saint, beginning with The Faraway Tree, progressing to the Famous Five Books and then to The Twins of St Clare's, and Malory Towers. In my teens, my taste became a little more sophisticated. On one family holiday, I discovered the entire Poldark

Series in the bookcase of the Bed and Breakfast we were staying at and binged on the lot. I always loved detective stories so Agatha Christie (Poirot, Miss Marple), Margery Allingham, (Albert Campion), Dorothy Sayers, (Lord Peter Wimsey) Ruth Rendell, (Wexford ) and best of all, P.D. James (Dalgliesh) were all consumed. Not that I ignored the classics: at my local library I discovered Dickens and read all his novels as well as the Count of Monte Cristo and The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

A funny memory I have of myself is lying in bed when I was supposed to be sleeping, but, with the aid of a torch. attempting to read Wuthering Heights when I was far too young for this piece of literature. I had heard it was a love story and thought it might educate me into the adult mysteries that my parents insisted on telling me I was far too young to understand. The copy I had was illustrated by the most horrific woodcuts, great for a novel that is about domestic violence, certainly not love. Those engravings gave me nightmares. It was not until I re-read the novel years later that I fully appreciated its genius. When at high school, we girls discovered the Angelique series by Anne Golon, a kind of marshmallow porn, far more

informative about what we wanted to know. The books were passed around, then returned for the next girl to read. Every evening I would read this titillating stuff and then hide the book under my mattress until finally the novel was finished and it was time to give it to the next girl in order to pollute her mind with impure thoughts. A few days after I had passed it on, my mother came to me and said in sweet tones, "You know, Elaine, you do not have to hide your books, I found it quite enjoyable!" I wished

that the floor would swallow me up! My mother had been removing the book from under my mattress, reading it in the afternoon and then carefully replacing it before I returned from school. Looking back, I hope she had completed her reading before I passed the book on.

These kinds of historical romances were known as bodice-rippers for obvious reasons. I must say, though, they were mild stuff compared with our modern Shades of Grey. Even when I was in my last year of school I was still so innocent that I had to plough my way through all of Lady Chatterley's Lover to find out what the naughty word was.

I have heard some rather grumpy adults claim that young people no longer read, but only look at screens. Not so in my experience. I have two granddaughters who read (and write) continually and for their own entertainment alone. A third granddaughter, whose first year of school has been so often interrupted, has learnt to read quite well enough to entertain herself, following the example of her older sisters. I like to think their Nan has played a part in this, but I suppose I must grudgingly give some credit to their parents, who are never without a book by their beds. Technology has its place, and not only for the young. As one's eves become dimmer, try the magic of audiobooks where once again one can re-discover the magic of being read to and this time by the finest actors. Effortless enjoyment. A book at bedtime with one's eyes shut, but beware the Sandman. Finally, I must thank all those teachers who have guided my vovages in the "realms of gold" by suggesting what I should read next and especially, of

course, that teacher in the

the gates to Paradise.

village school who flung open



# 'BANJO'S Boots'

# Brings Bush Poetry Alive In Bribie!

he Bribie Island library will be reverberating to the sounds of Australian bush poetry done differently on Wednesday 19th May as local bush poets present a free concert. Starting at 1.00pm, this 90-minute fun-filled family-friendly production takes a fresh look at the poetry of some of Australia's favourite bush poets, such as Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson, mingled with original work by local bush poets plus a bit of song.

You can expect Clancy to be Overflowing, while Mulga Bill will be trading in his horse yet again, and the Geebung Polo Club will be in for another waddying! And don't expect to just sit and listen you will have opportunities to make a bit of noise (in a library!) and to be involved beyond simply applauding the variety of acts that will keep you entertained and that may even inspire you to write your own rhymes and join our friendly bunch of bush poets. So, if you want to hear and see Australian bush poetry done differently, be sure to spend some time in 'Banjo's Boots'!

The show is part of the Anywhere Festival that involves numerous diverse performances throughout May across the region. North Pine and Bribie Island bush poets' clubs were invited to participate in the Festival that promotes a wide range of theatrical work in weird and wonderful places – Anywhere but regular theatres.

Although the show is free, tickets need to be obtained (for crowd control purposes!) from the Anywhere Festival website, https://anywhere.is/event/banjosboots/. While there, be sure to check out the amazing range of performances on offer. 'Banjo's Boots' is proudly supported by the Moreton Bay Regional Council, The Regional Arts Development Fund and Moreton Region Libraries.

The Anywhere Festival & North Pine Bush Poets invite you to Spend some time in

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'm sick of the journey. I'm like that annoying six-year-old in the back seat whining, 'When are we gonna get there?'

Where? I hear you ask. To a land where the word 'journey' may no longer be used in polite company. In this land should you utter or write this word, soap and water or a writ will surely come your way as night follows day. Once upon a time, 'journey' was a respectable workman-like word, deriving from the distance travelled in a day. But I'm afraid this fit-for-purpose word has been elevated way above its station and tragically overused. Sadly it's picked up a lot of baggage along the way, becoming over-burdened with sentimentality and gravitas to the point of nauseating exhaustion. It's time for 'journey' to be put out to

pasture for a while to graze among other similarly abused and exhausted words. I'm thinking here of some personal non-favourites of mine, 'trope' and of course 'facilitate' and 'utilize'. And while we're at it, let's add one of the words bequeathed to us by COVID 19. People don't adapt any more. They 'pivot'. Seriously?

So how did 'journey' fall into such a desperate situation? Until the likes of

celebrities started bandying it about, a journey was simply a trip from A to B. Somehow thanks to reality television and rampant over-use this humble noun has become suffused with a hero's suffering – more akin to the journey on the road to Damascus or perhaps Homer's Odyssey.

'I've learnt so much on my journey,' declares the latest overwrought singing star (substitute any reality television participant, recovering drug addict, celebrity chef).

The awful thing about 'journey' and other horrid words, like the American 'butt' for bottom, is that they seep into the language like some sort of noxious runoff. At first, they're unremarkable, but pretty soon the stench is overpowering and I just want to taser the next person who mentions their amazing (awesome, life-changing) 'journey'.

The thing that sucks the life out of all words is either abuse or overuse and sometimes both. In this case, the journey has been stuffed with corn and overly dramatic hype, then used so often in tearful confessions and conclusions that the word becomes mindlessly meaningless and hopelessly hackneyed.

And don't we humans love to travel on a spiritual journey, aging journey, holistic journey, breastfeeding journey? Just take any qualifier and add the word journey and it will elevate whatever you're describing to heroic proportions – my scrapbooking journey, my journey through tinea, my incredible irritable bowel journey. Some authors obviously believe the word journey will give their book title depth and reverence: for example, Of Mystics & Mistakes - The Journey from Confusion to Clarity, from Error to Enlightenment, from Self-Deception to Self-Discovery. Some trip that would be. Why can't people be a little more imaginative and bring back the colour? Why not just say you've 'come a long way and learnt a lot'? Or what about, 'This whole experience has been a real trip.' Admittedly you'll sound like some sort of acid-affected hippy but at least it's a colourful expression.

And if you've come a really, really long way, then it's not a journey. It's a bloody expedition! I'm completely over this idea that everyone's life is a journey. Give me zoologist Desmond Morris's take any time. 'Life is like a very short visit to a toy shop between birth and death.'

# Bribie Island VIEW Club

VIEW CLUBS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO RECONNECT AS COVID RESTRICTIONS EASE BRIBIE ISLAND VIEW CLUB IS CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CHARITY, THE SMITH FAMILY, AS PART OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (17-23 MAY).

VIEW (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a leading women's organisation with 300 clubs across Australia, all dedicated to supporting children in need with their education through The Smith Family. Members do this through community fundraising, spreading awareness, and volunteering.

This year, one of the key themes for National Volunteer Week is 'reconnection', which in 2021 is more important than ever before. Last year, COVID meant we couldn't have that hands-on connection with the community, which was really hard for a lot of people.

Bribie Island VIEW Club is always looking for women to join us in supporting The Smith Family and we'd encourage anyone interested to get in touch and come along to our next meeting to learn more about VIEW. Volunteering is a great way to get back out there, make friends, and feel like you're really making a difference in the lives of young people and their families while enjoying social interaction with like-minded women.

The Smith Family's Acting CEO, Judy Barraclough, said volunteers



# VIEW stands for the Voice, Interests and Education of Women.

were integral to delivering much-needed educational support to disadvantaged children and their families.

"I thank all VIEW members for their tireless efforts in advocating for and supporting the important work of The Smith Family.

"By donating your time, talent, and expertise, we're able to continue to provide critical education support to thousands of disadvantaged Australian children and their families. We couldn't do it without you," Ms Barraclough said.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Bribie Island VIEW Club contact KayBenson on 0410 653 628 or visit www.view.org.au.



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### 4: EMERGENCY PACK

Keep the following supplies in a portable container in the area of your house where you'll take shelter:

- Three days' worth of food and water (at least a litre per family member)
- Battery powered flashlights and radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Garbage bags and duct tape, along with a dust mask
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities

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- Manual can opener for food
- Regional maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter, or solar charger
- Moist wipes and any personal sanitation or specific family needs, like pet supplies
- Enough cash on hand for five days of basic needs (Petrol and food), but any amount of ready money will help if ATMs are down.

Once you have your supplies together, it pays to go through them at least once a year too, to weed out expired food and batteries.

### 5: MAKE AN ACTION PLAN.

When things get chaotic, you want to make sure that every family member knows what to do. We suggest designating two meeting places (one close by and one a little further away in your neighbourhood) and hang a map with the spots marked near your emergency kit. It also pays to have important contacts written down if the power goes out and there's nowhere to charge your cell phone. Make a mini contact list. Leave a copy in your emergency kit, too. Establish a plan for checking in with relatives in case local lines get jammed. Text messages will often go through, even when phone lines are clogged.

### 6: PREP YOUR HOME.

If the power goes out and you have time, unplug appliances and electronics and turn off air conditioners, whether you stay or go. This will prevent damage when the electricity surges back on. Leave one lamp on so you'll know when the power's back. If water lines could be affected, you'll also want to fill your tub and turn off the line. Use this H2O for sanitation, like handwashing and pouring down the toilet to flush it.

### 7: PREP YOUR PANTRY.

If you'll be inside for a while, weather the storm with high-protein, plant-based shelf-stable items.

### 8: STORE EVERYTHING PROPERLY.

How you store food can make a difference when it comes to salvaging items afterwards. If there's a chance of flooding, be sure to store dry goods in waterproof containers high enough that they will be safely out of the way of contaminated water

Grouping food together in the freezer can help it stay colder longer in the case of a power outage. If you have advanced warning, freeze any items you don't need right away, like leftovers, milk, and fresh meat and poultry to keep them at a safe temperature longer and stock your freezer with as much ice as you can fit. Eskies stocked with ice can also be helpful if the power is out for more than four hours.

# **NOELENE LAKE**

**Bribie Accounting Services** 

# TAX TIPS:

# TAX MINIMIZATION STRATEGIES

- BRING FORWARD TAX DEDUCTIONS
- USE CAPITAL GAINS TAX DISCOUNTS
- USE TAX OFFSETS AND REBATES
- MAKE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR SUPER FUND
- CLAIM ALL POSSIBLE MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES
- USE NEGATIVE GEARING
- SALARY SACRIFICE INTO SUPERANNUATION
- REVIEW YOUR BUSINESS STRUCTURE

I can assist you to minimise your tax bill or maximise your tax refund, by implementing strategies such as these (if applicable to you).



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# New service

From Monday 19 April 2021 you can access Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support services from the Services Australia Agent at:

9 Verdoni Street, Bellara.

Opening hours are Monday to Thursday 12.00 pm to 3.00 pm and Friday from 8.30 am to 11.30 am.

Agents help people in rural, regional and remote areas with Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support and other government services. They provide a face-to-face information service and free self-help facilities including internet-enabled computers.

To read about Agents, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/agents

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# CAROLYN'S TAX Update

# **CAPITAL GAINS**

Tax on capital gains is not ever as bad as you think. The calculation of a capital gain is roughly the difference between the cost price plus sale costs and the sale price. The taxable component is then a calculation from there.

The cost price includes costs associated with acquiring the property and include the purchase price of the property, legal fees, stamp duty, renovations and improvements not claimed on the annual rental income and expense statement, and the sales costs include commission and legal fees. These costs are accumulated to become the base cost and subtracted from the sale price. The amount left is the capital gain. If the property is in joint names, this gain is split according to the percentage owned by each. A 50% discount is further available if you are an individual and have owned the property over 12 months. The 12 months is calculated from the day after purchase. The date of the contract is deemed the date of sale in every situation and not the date of settlement. Be careful which year the sale falls in for the capital gain to be included.

The taxable component of your capital gain is then added to your return and you pay the rate of tax according to your total taxable income.

If the asset is owned and used in a business, then one of the four small business concessions may be applicable helping to reduce the capital gains taxable amount. In some cases, it may even be reduced to Nil. Pre-planning for using these business concessions is the most advantageous.

Make sure you have a file for your property and keep the purchase costs in with the contract. Any invoices for major improvements or renovations that have not been claimed as a repair and maintenance should also be kept. These capital costs can be very useful when calculating the capital gain.

Regards Carolyn, C M Wheeler & amp; Assoc, Woodford and Bribie 07 54961156 appointments or website CMWheeler.com.au; email: cwheeler@caliph.net.au

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he Bribie Island Road and Old Toorbul Point Road intersection upgrade are nearing their final stage of construction.

Member for Pumicestone Ali King said traffic had been temporarily diverted to the new lanes at the intersection so work can progress to the existing westbound lanes. "We're on the home stretch now and on track to finish in July.

"I thank our community and motorists for their patience around the site as work has been going since last year."

Ms King said the next stage of works would include road strengthening and resurfacing the westbound lanes on Caboolture-Bribie Island Road, and installing traffic lights at the intersection.

"I've been advised by TMR that the current 'Give Way' arrangements at the intersection will be in place until the new traffic light are switched on," she said.

Other works to come include line marking, laying footpaths and kerbing, installing signage and landscaping.

Ms King said the community still has an

opportunity to provide feedback on planning for future upgrades on Beachmere Road. "Whether it's improving the road surface, flood mitigation or widening, I'm looking forward to hearing residents' priorities and getting started," she said.

"We've got \$7 million locked in for Beachmere Road upgrades but we need to complete the planning first, which we're expecting to be done by the end of this year. "TMR's consultation is running until 14 May, so there's still time for people to make suggestions."

# **MORETON** SAYS.



# The future of our Region is important What do you have to say?

Moreton Says gives you the opportunity to confidentially share your views to help Council plan for the future.

- Tell us what's important to you
- We'll then tell you what Moreton said
- Together your feedback will inform Council's decision-making and planning

# Have your say

## **SURVEY CLOSES 5PM SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021**

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# FOOD, WINE AND ISLAND TIMES

# A Mother's Love © W.H. Kennedy (Author of Mr. Leaf's

Dream.)

A mother's love transcends the grave. In memories of all the care she gave. Her soft, sweet hugs, her blossom scent. Her wise advice and all it meant.

The times she listened, our faults endured.

She healed our wounds, our hearts she "cured."

Her soft lyrics in the songs she sang. I miss her now! My heartfelt pang!

Did I tell her enough? I loved her so! Before she left? She had to go! While from her pain, she was set free. Each day I live, she walks with me!





# EASY

# SOUTHWESTERN

# **MAC & CHEESE**

This Easy South-western Mac and Cheese is the perfect easy stove top dinner that your family will love!

# **INGREDIENTS**

- 2 cups elbow macaroni (uncooked)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 small yellow onion diced
- 2 cloves of garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup half and half
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 cups cheese shredded
- 15 ounces diced tomatoes drained
- 4 ounces green chillies drained
- 15 ounces black beans drained & rinsed
- 1/3 cup frozen corn



# INSTRUCTIONS

- Cook the macaroni according to package instructions. When it is finished cooking, drain and set aside.
- While the pasta is cooking, melt the butter in a large skillet. Add in the onion and garlic, then add the salt, pepper, chili powder, and cumin. Cook until the onion is soft and translucent, about 5 minutes.
- Whisk in the flour. Then slowly whisk in the half and half and the whole milk. Stir in the grated cheese and stir until completely melted. Add the cooked noodles to the cheese sauce.
- Finally stir in the diced tomatoes, the green chillies, black beans, and corn.
- Top with fresh chopped cilantro, fresh tomatoes, and jalapenos and enjoy!





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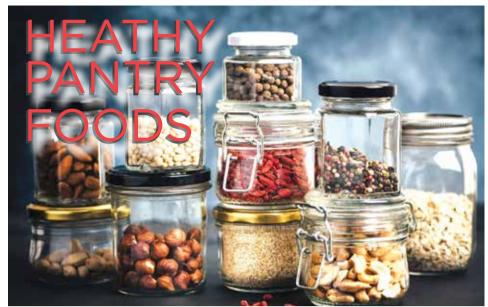


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THE FLAME THROWER	\$9.50	WRAPS	PICK U		
(Crispy Fillet, Lettuce, Perinaise Sauce,		COLD DRINKS			

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Jalapenos & Rosies Peri Peri sauce)

### FOOD, WINE AND ISLAND TIMES



ou can make your life easier by having certain foods in your home at all times. These could be called 'pantry foods', because they are products that don't go off quickly. Pantry foods may also include items you keep in the freezer. Pantry foods are those you have on hand along with the fresh foods you buy every week or so. Healthy pantry foods can be the basis for a wide variety of nutritious meals and snacks, so you can always have healthy

options on hand.

It's important that you keep a range of healthy foods in your pantry.

### A HEALTHY PANTRY LIST MIGHT **INCLUDE:**

• Dried legumes/beans – such as packets of kidney beans, chick peas and lentils. These last for ages and you just need to soak or pre-cook them according to the instructions on the packet. Cook enough for several meals and freeze the leftovers. You can use legumes in curries, chilli con carne and bean salad

- Dried green beans and peas great to add to curries, casseroles and stews, and a perfect side dish for the family roast
- Tinned legumes/beans already presoftened, these are ready to add to stews, soups, chilli, salads and jaffles. Just drain and rinse before use. Choose varieties without added salt
- Wholegrain pastas, noodles, lasagne sheets, brown rice, barley, bulgur, couscous, polenta and quinoa
- Jars of pickled onions, cucumbers. mushrooms and capsicum - choose oilfree, reduced salt options. These are terrific for a low-fat antipasto and make a tangy addition to sandwiches and salads
- Canned fruits and vegetables very useful, but choose those that are low in salt and added sugar
- Tinned tomatoes use in soups, sauces, stews and healthy pasta sauces. Check the ingredient list and choose those without
- Powdered skim milk, reduced fat UHT milk, evaporated skim milk

Frozen vegies - make peas and beans freezer staples. You'll find a variety of frozen vegetables at your supermarket, from frozen spinach to corn and carrots to Asian vegetable combo packs ready to toss into a stir fry.

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Just call 3408 1179 by 1pm daily for same day delivery on the Island and we can hand select, pack and deliver all your fruit, vegetables, milk, yogurt, Kenilworth cheese, eggs, bread and many more products. Phone orders also accepted for people who would like us to do the shopping for them, it will be ready for pick upon arrival. Minimum order \$20 for pick or delivery





ow before I start I'd better tell you valued reader that I've no intention of quoting Jordan Peterson the renowned academic, clinical physiologist, social commentator, U-tube megastar and all-around stirrer up of woke and cancel culture types worldwide. I mention this to avoid any distracting objections before I get to the more interesting and informative and hopefully humorous stuff. Jordan was attacked by his detractors when he used the Lobster as an example of hierarchy being established in an ancient life form to illustrate that such structures were not later selfserving constructs by Western Civilization privileged persons.

Anyway, with that out of the way let's get into other matters. How do I know anything about the critters? Well for my sins I once owned a Lobster processing plant in the wilds of Eastern Tasmania. They caused me joy and heartache in equal measures. Finding a hundred or more of the beasts dead in the tanks overnight. Seeing critters that you'd paid out thousands of dollars to fishermen for, only a few days before, now unsaleable was a cause of grief. Some of this could be salvaged in part but to know how this was done you'll need to read

on! The joy, well getting paid a handsome price after you'd shipped them off overseas, mostly to China was a reward.

I'd better mention what prompted the idea of this article. I should tell you that I received a promotional email from the Electrodry carpet cleaning company advising me of many household things to sensibly do to protect myself from the dangers posed by dreaded bacteria. Such advice as throwing away towels, pillowcases and mattress toppers etc. after a year of use as the beasties would have taken possession by that time. They told me that washing machines and clothes dryers created moist warm places where the monsters could flourish. However, this sounded like an expensive way to protect oneself, especially so after what the Lobsters had taught me.

Now lobsters don't like bacteria that can indeed kill them. In the wild, the vast amount of ocean water keeps the Crustaceans safe. Keepers of processing plants don't like them either for the same reason but they only have limited amounts of water on hand. So how to fight the menace?

Aeons ago the advice that 'the

enemy of my enemy is my friend' was wisely accepted.

What is the enemy of bacteria? – Ultra Violet light is. In the plastic water pipes within the tanks, we would fit waterproof fluorescent tubes that emitted strong UV light. As the volumes of water cascaded along these pipes it would expose the bacteria living in the water to the killer light.

Whenever we cleaned out a tank we would scrub all the components and then lay them outdoors on the concrete in the strong Tasmanian sunshine. This put paid to the remaining bacteria before we put the machinery back together.

So dear reader, how do you put this Lobster acquired knowledge to use to save you the cost of renewing otherwise perfectly good household items? Hang such things out in direct sunlight with maximum exposure to the sunlight. Turn the items around to expose all sides to the UV. Avoid using electric dryers. When you buy new clothes hang them out before wearing them – you never know what they've been exposed to in manufacturing.

I've messaged the carpet cleaners with this info but just in case they ignore the message you have it from the Lobster's mouth as it were. Now back to the issue of making the tank dead lobsters into earners. Well, you 'tail' them. Lobsters are cannibals and if dead, or nearly so their 'friends' in the tanks will eat them if they're left there. Best from a financial standpoint is to grab these and remove the 'lobster tails' discarding the rest of the carcass, as this is only good for fertiliser. These tails can then be deep-frozen and kept until a sufficient number to warrant an airfreight consignment has been achieved. As this is a loss situation for the processors they hope that it will take a fair long time to reach a shipping volume. This can mean that the tails could be in the freezer for many months or maybe over a year. Now knowing this, whenever we have been offered the 'special' treat of cooked lobster tails when on cruise ships etc. we have politely said no and taken the steak instead! Now, aren't you glad you read on? The best part of the beastie is the legs, freshly cooked. I always gave one to any visitors to taste, to entice them to spend big and buy a whole

fish - it's called 'marketing'! I

she's a past master.

learned that from El Supremo -



LUNCH 7 DAYS 11.00AM - 2.00PM, DINNER WED, THU, FRI 5.30PM - 8.00PM







# All Welcome

# SPOIL MUM FOR MOTHERS DAY

Join us with your mum for Mother's Day.

Our head chef Steve has produced the following beautiful 2 course menu to thank your mum for doing such a great job in raising you.

# ROAST CHICKEN BREAST

sweet potato fondant, broccolini, wine jus RUMP STEAK

mashed potato, green beans, pepper sauce

SEAFOOD BARRAMUNDI

**FILLET** 

braised fennel, roast beets, balsamic glaze **GRILLED SALMON FILLET** 

celerac remoulade, spinach, caper butter SLOW ROAST PORK BELLY

sauteed cabbage, asparagus, port jus

DESSERTS

choice of cake from our display



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My son's a fussy eater. I often battle with him over trying new food; and it's especially frustrating when he decides that he won't eat something he's previously enjoyed. But it's not that he's fickle - it's just that his taste buds are evolving. So, even if potatoes become 'disgusting', he might be amenable to oranges! As Venus moves into Gemini ahead of the Taurean New Moon, we may all find our tastes changing. Jupiter's arrival in Pisces encourages us to move on, develop, and grow.

# CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

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Unless you take your foot off the brake, you can press down as hard as you like on the accelerator, you won't go anywhere. You can shout at the top of your voice, but if no one's listening, you won't be heard. Our actions and comments don't always have the intended effect. We need to be ingenious as well as determined. The New Moon imbues you with the fortitude and courage to take advantage of an encouraging cosmic climate. As long as you know where you're aiming, you can hit the target this week. An amazing service... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar20)

Phew... as Jupiter moves into your sign, you're about to see the progress vou've been hoping for. This news should be enough to brighten your week. Yet, I suppose there's always a chance it might all start going in the wrong direction. If you like feeling doubtful about the future, you can always keep that thought at the back of your mind... it's guaranteed to bring you back down to earth! Yet, why not climb higher before you think about the chance of taking a fall. You'll see that a situation's much simpler than it seems. Unmissable gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## **GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)**

Has your prediction been written in undecipherable code? Does it contain a secret, hidden message that only makes sense to someone who has been trained in the ancient mysteries? Or is it simple: and as easy to comprehend as it is to benefit from? It's easy to understand why people, in these challenging times, are looking for hidden provisos and difficulties. But contorting meanings creates nothing but confusion and conflict. For you this week, as Venus moves into your sign, there need be nothing but clarity.

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### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)**

With so much going on, it's no wonder you feel as if you've just completed a marathon. Although you're feeling physically drained, mentally you're still prepared to keep going. It hasn't sunk in that the race is over and the pressure is off. In the battle against a repetitive cycle of stress, you've won your biggest victory even if you don't yet realise it. Events this week will show you how far things have moved on. You'll feel far better. Or, at least, you will, as long you remember that you're fully entitled to relax. Ready now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

# **SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)**

With so many demands being made on you, it's no wonder you feel as your life isn't your own. But, who's taking your power away? Surely, you need to make them return it? What's that? You don't want it back? You're happy with the arrangements you're putting up with? How extraordinarily reasonable of you! Especially since you're a Sagittarian; known for being independent and free-spirited. You must be committed to something worth sticking at. This week, as your ruler, Jupiter, changes signs, it turns out that you are. Oscar's gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## **ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**

Contentment seems to have gone out of fashion. We're more interested in how others look and their claims to fame than how happy we are. Yet it wasn't long ago that as long as their hearts were light and their minds were clear, people didn't concern themselves so much with how they lived, or what happened to them. Nowadays, although we have more material wealth than our predecessors, we have more to worry about. This week, as you shake-off a fascination that has made you restless, you'll feel much better. There's more... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

It's easy to get so caught up in the pressures of day-to-day life that we lose our sense of direction and purpose. It can start to feel as if we're lurching from one crisis to another, or as if the best we can hope for is an ability to keep our heads above water. If you're tempted to nod in agreement with all that I've said, stop! For one thing, you need to keep your head still while you're trying to float and, for another, the observations describe your past, not your future. You'll understand exactly what I mean this week. Right here, right now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## LIBRA (Sept24 - Oct23)

Some subjects of conversation are guaranteed to provoke a heated response. Many of these topics would have been just as provocative to previous generations: they're the kind of issues that will probably always be contentious. We can decide to get into them or we can rise above our reactions to controversial arguments. This week, the powerfully positive sky brings you a choice. Instead of being dragged into a debate, choose to see the bigger picture. As Venus and Jupiter change signs, they bring luck and inspiration. A brilliant offer... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.

### AQUARIUS (Jan21 - Feb 19)

Although the world might not owe any of us a living, neither does it owe us a challenging time. You certainly don't deserve that and, if you secretly worry that you do, that means that you're owed some reassurance, support and companionship. Over the course of this New Moon week, there's a good chance that life will bring you a fair amount of what you're owed. For some time now, the cosmos has been aware that you've been struggling against difficult odds. As Venus and Jupiter change signs, some of that will be set straight. Discover the inner you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

# TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

As anyone who has looked after children knows, it's not always easy to tell when they're unwell, and when they're just trying to get out of doing something. Even the kids themselves aren't always sure - anxiety and worry can lead to such a wide range of physical symptoms that it can be hard to know what's going on. When we face an unsolvable question, what can anyone do but be generous with the benefit of the doubt? The New Moon, in your sign, brings clarity about an uncertainty this week. Trust your instincts. Try this out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

When something isn't 'good enough', it's not going to be improved by the addition of more second-rate parts or by making unpredictable arrangements. This week's New Moon highlights 'quality control' issues. There's a temptation to focus on quantity or speed. Even in an area that's not material, it seems that someone's interested in the idea of a quick fix. Yet, under this auspicious cosmic climate, following some careful consideration, you'll know just what to do to be able to creatively reconstruct, and achieve the best. Our gift to you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

## SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Before you read your forecast I need to clarify something. Are you sure you're reading this? Could you be dreaming? Perhaps this is just a part of your fantasy. Even if it seems real... dreams always do. Why not take a moment to pinch yourself... Ouch! Right, that's settled then! Now, let's take a look at the other issues going on in your world. Despite the fact that some of what you're dealing with has an 'unreal' feel about it, you're not dreaming. Nor is it bad. The New Moon makes it possible for a dream to come true. Don't miss out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

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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**

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

### **Queensland Cancer Council Markets**

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

### The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets

(Farmers Market)

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

### The Bribie Lions Club Markets

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

### The Bribie Island Comm Plant Nursery

The Bribielsland 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.

### Bribie & District Woodcrafters Assoc.

OPEN DAY: Woodworking demonstrations, displays, sales Sat 27th March & Last Sat Month thereafter. 8 - 12noon Contact Ian Trail 0401 134 384





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# Signature Bribie Island



This year, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre's signature event, the Matthew Flinders Art Prize, is expected to draw more entries than before at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre.

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Now in its 23rd year, it remains an open prize exhibition, with no set categories. Artists may create in any media (except digital). All details are on the entry form which can be downloaded from the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre's website or collected at the Arts Centre 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach, Tuesday to Saturday 9 am – 4 pm and Sundays 9 am - 1 pm. Phone 07 3408 9288.

The entry date is Saturday, June 26. Early birds who enter by June 19 save \$5 per entry. July 10 is the delivery date to the Arts Centre. The entry fee is \$35 per piece with a maximum

of two artworks each. Gala Opening night for the event in the Matthew Flinders Gallery is Friday, July 16, with the exhibition running until Aug 7.

The first prize is \$5000, second prize is \$2000. There are two Highly Commended prizes of \$500 a \$500 People's Choice prize and a \$500 BICAS Members prize.

Organising committee chairman Stephanie White said the MFAP event grew incrementally each year and, despite the interruption by Covid in 2020 cancelling the event, 2021 looked to be on track to follow the event's flourishing trend. It is a welcome gathering point



BICAS Accounts manager Stacey Bennett with MFAP committee chairman Steph White.

and focus for local and visiting artists from around the region and interstate. Stephanie said the event also relied heavily

on the generosity of local sponsors, who are kindly teaming up with BICAS again in 2021



### **ARTISTS**

Remember the Matthew Flinders Art Prize 2021 July 17 - August 7. Opening Night July 16

### **\$9000** in prizes.

All categories (except digital) Enter via BICAS website or collect an entry form at the Arts Centre 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach.

> Entries close June 26. Early bird entry June 19



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# **Bribie Island Photography Club**

he theme for the month of April was the colour "Purple" and was won by Rodney Augusten with a beautiful shot of the entrance at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) Hobart, Tasmania.

The winner of the Digital Image, Mono category and Image of the Month was Roger Bawden with a lovely photo of Windmills "Latte Windmills", taken near Amsterdam in Holland.

The Digital Image Open Colour category was an exquisite shot of a visiting frog by John Cupper title "Croak in the Night".

Creative was won by Mari Webber with a composite photo of two of her granddaughters frolicking in a vertically panned photo of the Melaleuca scrub on Bribie Island - title "Forest Nymphs".

Gordon Bentzen won both print sections with his pin-sharp photos of antique motorbikes titled "Early Harley" and "Early Motorcycle".

Our Judge Gang Wei was unable to attend so presented his critiques on digital images by Zoom. He gave detailed and fair judgments on our work.

John Cupper stepped in to judge our prints which were presented on the night. Thank you, John!

The "Noir" workshop was a big success with Gaby Shaw arranging the lighting and props. A slideshow of the photographs was shown on our new television screen.

A presentation on Boudoir/ Artistic Nudity was given by Lynette Romano who has her own studio where she produces her works of art.

Coming events on our calendar are the Samford Gecko Wildlife visit on May 16th, a Scenic Rim



"Forest Nymphs" by Marj Webber





"Croak in the Night" by John Cupper



"Noir" by Gaby Shaw







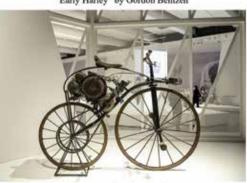
"Early Harley" by Gordon Bentzen

the pipeline. The Bribie Island Photography Club meets on the fourth Monday of each month at the back of the Arts Centre on Sunderland Drive

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at 7 pm. Guests are welcome. The first two meetings are free. For enquiries, please ring Gordon on 3408

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"Early Motorcycle" by Gordon Bentzen

# Light Pollution



YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW WHAT LIGHT POLLUTION IS, THE TERM IS SELF-**EXPLANATORY. BUT JUST IN** CASE: LIGHT POLLUTION IS WHY YOU CAN SEE MORE STARS IN THE MOUNTAINS RATHER THAN IN THE CITY. ALL OUR OUTDOOR LIGHTS (STREETLIGHTS, FLOOD LAMPS, NEON SIGNS, ETC) SEND A BIT OF THEIR LIGHT DIRECTLY UP TOWARDS THE SKY, WITH THE NUMBER OF OUTDOOR LIGHTS IN A CITY THIS ADDS UP SO MUCH THAT IT DROWNS **OUT ALL BUT THE BRIGHTEST** CELESTIAL OBJECTS.



Best shielded light fixtures to lower light pollution.

owering light pollution is a cause anyone can get behind. I have seen many people that do not usually agree on anything come together to agree light

pollution is a bummer. I have never met someone who wished to see less stars in their hometown. So, let us discuss how we can lower our impact on the night sky.

The solution is as obvious as the problem; just make less light. Be sure any outdoor light you use is pointed down towards only what you are using it for, and on only on when it is in use. There are tons of options to do this; motion sensor lights, low light pollution LEDs, shielded fixtures... this all might be sounding high tech and expensive, but it pays to lower light pollution.

Having your lights on motion sensors makes your property more secure and lowers your electric bill. LED lights are more efficient lowering your electric bill and the ones that are especially good for lowering light pollution have a warm amber hew, that cause less eye strain. Shielded fixtures give you more bang for your buck! Rather than having half the electricity your bulb uses wasted on going up to space, a shielded light fixture takes that otherwise wasted light and reflects it down where it is more useful.

One of the biggest myths of why you need lights always on outside is security. There is no evidence that lights prevent crime. Let me say that again: outdoor light has no effect on crime. There's actually indication that the opposite is true; the absence of light prevents crime. When lights are on 24/7 criminals will take that as a sign that no one is home as they expect lights to turn off and on while in

use. Also, in the absence of light criminals must use flashlights which catches the eye of neighbours/bystanders more leading to more criminals being caught/stopped.

Motion sensor lights are better for security as you are alerted by seeing the light turn on that someone might be in your yard, bringing you to the window. This shows the most effective form of security, community! The best way to secure your home or business is to get to know your neighbours. If your neighbours know you and are generally aware of your usual routines, they will be the first to recognize when something suspicious is happening around your property (i.e., your motion sensor light turning on, or suspicious flashlights on your property) and will be able to alert you/authorities.

Community is also the solution to light pollution! If everyone reading this took steps to reduce their light pollution there will be a slight effect but that effect will be greatly increased if you and your neighbours, and your neighbours' neighbours, and your neighbours' neighbours, and so on all caught on. Hopefully, enough neighbours will catch on and you will be able to see the milky way from your back yard! Go next door and meet your neighbours! Maybe also pass along this article and talk to them about doing a tour together to appreciate the night sky more.

So go forth and be a lighting crusader! Talk to neighbours! Write your representatives! Report places that are creating too much light pollution! Take back our night sky!



So much happening in The May Sky over Bribie, best to get right into it.

Rain and clouds have stayed away lately, giving us some beautiful clear nights to enjoy. If you were up before dawn in the last few days you might have noticed probably the best meteor shower of the year, for the southern hemisphere. The Eta Aquarids meteor shower can produce 20 to 40 meteors per hour as the earth travels through this point in space. A good exercise for young budding astronomers is to set a digital camera on a tripod with long exposure to capture some of these "shooting stars" against the background of star trails.

Speaking of Astro-Photography, a huge congratulations goes to our very own Katherine Miller for winning a Bronze Award in "Astrophotographer of the Year 2021 Awards". We are indeed fortunate, to be able to share her stunning photos in The Bribie Islander.

Of great interest to stargazers, this month is a Total Lunar Eclipse on 26th May, visible from Bribie Island. Although this event has limited scientific significance, it's a great spectacle to see the earth's shadow slowly move across the moon. For 14 minutes the moon will become dark red and difficult to see, as it's fully immersed in the shadow of the earth. This period is called "Totality". A total lunar eclipse is visible in Australia on average once every 3 years. Each one is unique because colour varies as the sunlight refracted through the earth atmosphere changes with conditions, such as distance and pollution levels. The Eclipse starts at 7,44pm with totality starting at 9.11 pm....great timing for a complete family observation, binoculars or telescope not needed to enjoy this celestial event

The May sky sees the constellation of Scorpio rising high in the east. It's an easy constellation to recognise, with the bright red star Antares at the scorpion's heart, and a magnificent trail of stars outlining its tail. Using our binoculars to explore the scorpion constellation will show a beautiful open cluster of stars at the tail and a condensed globular cluster of stars near Antares. This condensed globular cluster is well worth viewing in any size telescope as they are amazing objects of nature.

Pictured right is a photo of the largest globular cluster in our galaxy, Omega Centauri, (All Photo credits this month go to the talented Katherine Miller). This object is easily seen with binoculars and found by the 2 brightest stars in the Southern Cross actually point to it. Our second photo, also in Centaurus, is a star-forming nebula, NGC 5367, with light from stars illuminating the gaseous nebula around them. Our third photo is of the Loreta Nebula, also a star-forming region in the Sagittarius spiral arm of the Milky Way. The light from stars illuminates the nebula. Beautiful photos Katherine, thank you.

Many people have indicated to me their interest in a public viewing night. There is a small group in the area, who do hold regular viewing nights. Anyone interested please email me and I will pass details of their next observing night on to you.

Stay safe and enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

Always ready to answer questions by email, and please note the new email address: bribie.astronomer@gmail.com **IOHN STEVENSON** Owner/Operator of Banksia Observatory





# Captain Patrick Logan (1791 – 1830) TYRANT AND EXPLORER By Al Finegan

All people living in southeast Queensland well know the name, Logan. There is Logan City, the Logan Motorway and Logan Road, Logan River, Logan Central, Logan Village, Logan Reserve, Loganholme, Loganlea and Logans Ridge, and more. Just who was this fellow, Logan?

In 1819 the London Colonial Secretary Lord Bathurst was becoming concerned that the convicts in NSW were becoming far too comfortable and allowed too much freedom. He received many reports of rum trading, black marketing, exploitation of women prisoners and little control over convicts who often only turned up for a meal. As many exconvicts and sailors returned to England and Ireland they spread the word of the good life in NSW. Intended as a deterrent to commit crimes, the threat of transportation was actually increasing criminal activity as people living in poverty were deliberately committing crimes in order to be transported to NSW. An embarrassed Lord Bathurst commissioned John Bigge to report on how transportation to NSW could be made more effective as a deterrent to criminal behaviour, both at home and in NSW.

Bigge recommended that a new, remote, harshly run, penal settlement for repeat offenders be established to restore "terror" to transportation. It was to be a warning to all convicts in NSW to behave – or else. But where? In December 1823 John Oxley returned to Sydney from a northern excursion triumphantly singing the praises of Moreton Bay and its river.

In September 1824 Governor Brisbane despatched Oxley with soldiers and convicts to establish the embryo of the Moreton Bay Penal Colony for hardened recidivist prisoners.

Lieutenant Miller, the newly appointed commandant with his troops and convicts, settled as directed at Redcliff. He soon found the location unsuitable and moved to the current site of Brisbane – for which he was fired by Governor Brisbane. His replacement, Captain Bishop, was a kindly fellow and far too soft on convicts. Life in Brisbane was simply a reflection of the Sydney life as they roamed freely, with many disappearing into the bush to live with the aborigines. Where was the terror? Brisbane had fired Miller, and now it was obvious that Bishop was the wrong man for the job. Brisbane pondered his dilemma but took no action. In December 1825 Lt-General Ralph Darling arrived and replaced Brisbane. Darling assessed the situation in Moreton Bay and quickly realised he needed a tyrant to transform the Brisbane settlement into the fearful place it was meant to be.

Captain Patrick Logan was a tough Scotsman and a veteran of the Napoleonic war. He had arrived in Sydney with his regiment in April 1825 and was immediately assigned to guarding convicts. He soon had a reputation for strict control and the ready use of the lash. He also had expressed a desire for exploration of this vast new land. Darling was now convinced that he had found the right man. In March 1826 Bishop was relieved after just six months in command, by Captain Patrick Logan.

On arrival at Brisbane in March 1826, Logan found the settlement to be quite primitive and the discipline lax. The convicts soon knew that a new man was in charge. They had to parade at first light and were worked at hard labour until darkness, six days a week. Strict rules were put into immediate effect with zero tolerance for the slightest infringement. Tardiness, disobedience, speaking out, sloppy or lazy work, even the slightest hint of insolence and the perpetrator was tied to the triangle and administered 50 lashes – the first time, then an increase of an extra fifty for each subsequent offence, followed by a month or more working in irons.

Logan embarked on a building program and started to plant crops. He designed and oversaw the construction of a hospital, prisoner barracks, a gaol, a windmill and expanded the crops of wheat and maize to various locations. He

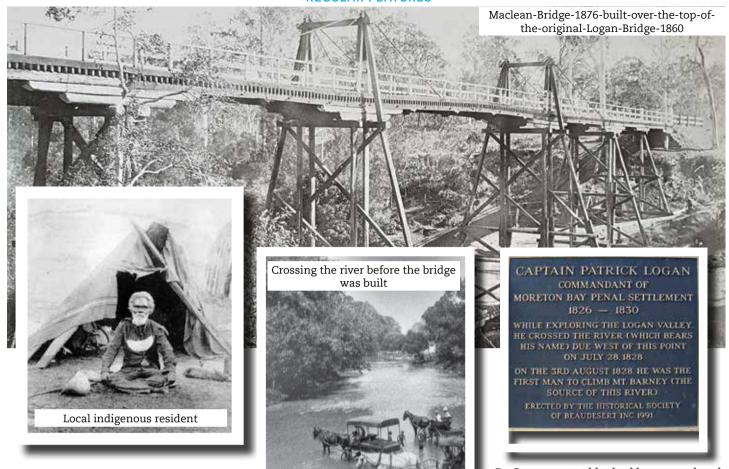


beside the export to Sydney.

river for Ironically.

Thomas Pamphlett, a repeat offender and one of the castaways who discovered the Brisbane River joined this team. Through the blood and sweat of the prisoners, the settlement facilities rapidly improved. Darling was most pleased, and over the next few years, the convict population increased from 200 to over 1,000. In 1827 the Attorney General commented on the fact that Logan had ordered the punishment of up to 150 lashes on several occasions, justifying the extreme criticism bestowed on him in the contemporary ballad "Moreton Bay". Records indicate that in

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the period between February and October 1828 alone, over 11,000 lashes were inflicted on 200 convicts. This included 128 sentences of more than 50 lashes, many more than the average in Sydney of 41 lashes per sentence. He had achieved what his masters had ordered. Moreton Bay became a hellhole for convicts, and they feared and hated Logan passionately. The word spread quickly.

He had no regard for the local indigenous peoples. He ordered them shot on sight if they came within the boundaries of his settlement or anywhere near his crops. When exploring, he would take pot-shots at any native that came near his team. Thus the aborigines also learned to hate him.

Not long after arrival, he began systematically exploring and mapping what is now SE Qld. He discovered the Gold Coast Broadwater, the southern entrance to Moreton Bay. He was the first European to visit the upper reaches of the Brisbane River and other places in the vicinity including the areas now known as Esk, and the mountain rainforests of the Lamington National Park. He was the first European to explore the Bremer River, where he discovered deposits of limestone at a point later to become Ipswich. In June 1827, Logan, with Allan Cunningham, Charles Fraser and a small party attempted to ascend a peak they thought was Mount Warning, first

identified by James Cook. A determined Logan carried on while the rest were too fearful of the final hazardous climb. From atop the summit, which was, at the time, the highest point reached by a white man in Australia, Logan was able to see the true Mount Warning. He could also see the beautiful undulating country of the Darling Downs, stretching back as far as the headwaters of the Condamine River, the sea being clearly visible to the east. It must be regarded as a fine feat in mountaineering. He had actually climbed Mt Barney. Together with Cunningham they identified a range disappearing to the west and decided to call this range the McPherson, later to be named as the boundary between Queensland and NSW. On 9th October 1830, Logan set out with a small party of a private and five convicts to explore and chart the headwaters of the Brisbane River. As they pressed on, they were being stalked by a large band of armed Aborigines who withdrew each time after Logan fired on them. Logan had the habit of riding ahead of the group. On the return journey, his men lost track of him. They searched and eventually found his saddle, then his dead horse covered by branches in a creek bed, then finally his body, buried in a shallow grave. At the inquest the settlement's surgeon,

Dr Cowper stated he had been murdered with native weapons. In November 1830, Logan was buried in the Protestant burial ground in Surry Hills, Sydney. George Edwards, Logan's Lieutenant reported that the convicts, "... manifested insane joy at the news of his murder, and sang and hoorayed all night, in defiance of the warders." The ballad "Moreton Bay" represents Logan as a bloody tyrant. "Captain Logan, he had us mangled, on the triangles of Moreton Bay", attributes his death to, "a native black". In the long ballad, the convict sees Captain Logan suffering in hell and concludes, "... my fellow prisoners, be exhilarated, that all such monsters such a death may find.

In contrast, the military and civilian authorities at the time had the highest respect and admiration for Logan. He is today regarded by many historians as the true founder of Queensland. His name is inseparably linked with the State, not only for his untiring energy in exploring the totally unknown regions of SE Qld and his efforts to bring about some practical development, but also the faith that he showed in the infant colony, that it would someday become a great State. The penal settlement was closed in 1842 and Qld separated from NSW in 1859.

Logan's name lives on in both infamy and fame.

### SPORT

# BRIBIE ISLAND LADIES GOLF RESULTS

8/4/21 - Single Stableford - Redcliffe Challenge

Div. 1 Winner: Anna de Bondt 40.

R/U: Toni Grossmann 35 c/b. 2nd R/U: Judy Graham 35 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Vivienne Learoyd 37.

R/U: Helena Winterflood 36. 2nd R/U: Fitzie Jackson 34 c/b.

Div 3 Winner: Hazel McDonell 37.

R/U: Paula McKenzie 36. 2nd R/U: Suzanne Wagg 33.

**13/4/21 - Single Stroke & Putting** - Gertrude McLeod Round 1 Div 1 Winner: Susie Smith 70.

R/U: Abby Driver 72. 2nd R/U: Chris Pronk 74. 3rd R/U: Gwen Clutterbuck 75 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Mary Barbeler 74 c/b.

R/U: Ingrid Coburn 74 c/b. 2nd R/U: Lyn Beaven 74. 3rd R/U: Di

Croft 78.

Div 3 Winner: Heather Croukamp 77 c/b.

R/U: Paula McKenzie 77. 2nd R/U: Sonia Ferrante 81 c/b. 3rd

R/U: Suzanne Wagg 81 c/b.

Best Putting: Gwen Clutterbuck - 26 Putts.

### 15/4/21 - 2 Person Ambrose

Winners: Maureen Bailey & Margaret Pearce 71.75.

R/U: Robyn Harper & Gill Lee 72.5. 2nd R/U: Lyndall Pinson &

Robyn Cantrill 73.25. NTP: Hole 4 - Robyn Harper.

Hole 7 - Myra Dickson.

Hole 14 - Gill Lee.

Hole 16 - Gill Lee.

20/4/21 - Single Stableford - Silver Salver Round 1 of 2.

Sponsors: Robyn Cantrill & Lyndall Pinson

Div 1 Winner: Kate Wilson 39.

R/U: Abby Driver 38. 2nd R/U: Carole Watson 36 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Charmaine Price 35 c/b.

R/U: Tricia Brown 35 c/b. R/U: Stina Barnulf 35.

Div 3 Winner: Val Miller 31.

R/U: Sheila Stack 30. 2nd R/U: Angela Jordan 29 c/b.

NTP: Hole 4 - Jo McCowan.

Hole 7 - Ros Gardiner.

Hole 14 - Stina Barnulf.

Hole 16 - Jo Malone.

22/4/21 - Single Stableford - Siver Salver Round 2 of 2.

Sponsors: Robyn Cantrill & Lyndall Pinson

Div 1 Winner: Nina Bohan 37 c/b.

R/U: Dianne Hayward 37. 2nd R/U: Lyn Ball 36 c/b.

Div 2 Winner: Bev Vinson 38.

R/U: Margaret Peterson 37. 2nd R/U: Lesley Heap 34 c/b.

Div 3 Winner: Jennifer McKay 36.

R/U: Margaret McDonald 34. 2nd R/U: Hazel McDonell 33.

NTP: Hole 4 - Ros Gardiner.

Hole 7 – Judy Graham.

Hole 14 - Gill Lee. Hole 16 - Nina Bohan.

### **BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS**

### Friday April 16th: .2-4-2 / triples Winners:

Peter Vlajic, Roger Brooks, Di Drew. R/Up: Greg Hemphill, Jacque Murdoch

Tuesday 20th. Pairs Winners: Bob Lowe. Col Erhardt.

R/Up: Arne Jensen, David Vaughan. Bonus: Gail Parker. Carolyn Merritt

### Friday 23rd. Patroness day:

10 Prizes donated by retiring patroness Elaine Humphris. Thank you very much Elaine. Incoming

patroness Edna Piddington was welcomed and will have her special day later this year.

### **Tuesday 27th.** Winners of the Ladies Championship Fours 2021

Margaret McGarry, Doreen O'Halloran, Brenda Hutchinson and Maureen Ferguson.

R/Up: Di Davidson, Beryl Moor, Pam Walker and Marilyn Weston (sub for Rose McCormack.) Social Pairs Winners: Ken Kajewski, Barry Russell.

R/Up: Roy Merritt, Allen Lavender



Attached Photo: Winners of the Ladies Championship Fours 2021 Margaret McGarry. Doreen O'Halloran, Brenda Hutchinsonand Maureen Feerguson with Runners Up: Di Davidson, Beryl Moor, Pam Walker and Marilyn Weston (sub for Rose McCormack)

# BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S

Saturday April 17th Scroungers 1st Pam Barringhaus, 2nd Noela Gray, 3rd Andrew Evans Wed April 21st mixed 4s

Wed April 21st mixed 4s Winners:

Di Davidson, Hazel Crouch, Beryl Moor, Pat Clancy. Runners up Col Valentine,

Lisa Sandling, Ray Mills, Garry McCarthy.

Thurs pairs April 22nd Winners Stan Barringhaus, Paul Spies Runners up Brett Sellars, Lisa Sandling
Sat Scroungers April 24th
Winners

Errol Fender, 2nd Darryl
Rollingson, 3rd Dawn Ryan
Sat Social Triples Winners Ferdy
Timmerman, Di Drew, Roy Merritt
Runners up Garry McCarthy,
Robin Maffey, Billy Moor,
Wed Mixed 4's April 28th Winners
Gordon Pitts, Rowan Gordon,
Barry France, Ray Horn
Runners up Doreen Pennery, Ken
Kajewski, Morris Huddleston,
Wayne Baker.
Thurr Men's pairs April 28th

Thurs Men's pairs April 29th Winners Mery Miles, Col Erhardt



### SPORT

### PLATE, SHIELD, PENNANT, MARY MASTERS ???

### Kathy Vincent

What on earth are you talking about you might ask and if I didn't play croquet I would have no idea either.
Well, it is competition time in Croquet circles but what do those words mean?

### Plate.



The plate competition is for new croquet players to have their first experience of a competition. Some members have only been playing for a matter of months. This is not just within the club but in the Sunshine Coast area. This means members will be playing similar standard players from Caloundra, Coolum, Nambour, and Noosa. The first competition was held at Bribie and the players were

very nervous, but despite that, they won some games and lost some. But it was a good experience and now they know what to expect they are all set for their next competition. They did very well.

### Shield



This competition is for the next level. Again, playing members from the same clubs as Plate but also with Headland / Buderim. Their first game was in Caloundra and again some wins and some losses the first competition is always the worst. But we are all set for our next game against Noosa at Bribie, we are in the swing now so look out Noosa!

### **Pennant**



These are our top players with very low handicaps. Last year they were the winners of the Pennant Competition Sunshine Coast. Again, some wins and some losses, but after their games against Caloundra this week they are ready for the next game!

### **Mary Masters**



Some of you who read these articles might remember Mary Masters started the Bribie Island Croquet Club in1992 with 10 members, now there are 62! To Honour her every year, we hold the Association

### **Croquet Mary Masters**

Tournament. Players come from Bundaberg, Coolum, Caloundra, Coutts Crossing, Maleny, Twin Rivers Southport, Merthyr and Bribie of course. Bribie did very well with Lynda Davis winning division 3 and Denis Green was runner up in division 2. Eildon, Coolum, and Twin Rivers also

had winners. This year there were over 20 participants which was a bumper year.
So more practising ready for the next competitions already members are booked to play in Hervey Bay and Byron Bay. Have mallet will travel!!
Watch this space and come along and join us.





# BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

Two Bowl Singles Friday 16 April 2021

Winner: J Brazier Runner up: F Crockett Bunny: D Neumann

Self-Select Pairs Friday 16 April 2021

Winners: B Hosie, M Beutel Runners up: K Taylor, P Hughes Out of Hat winner: B Hosie, M Beutel Out of hat winner: K Taylor, P Hughes Out of hat winner: M Viterale, I McLelland

Bunny: W Gilbert, D Beadman

Random Select Fours Saturday 17 April 2021 1st out of hat: P France, P McEneiry, N Gray 2nd out of hat: B O'Neill, E Deakin, B Doe 3rd out of hat: S Hankins, S Hose, B Moss, T Hudson

4th out of hat: M Young, D Hudson, I Smith, T France

Self-Select Triples Tuesday 20 April 2021 Winners: C Hancock, B Browning, A Riley, M Gaggiano

Runners up: L Williams, M Garfield, I McLaren Out of hat winner: F Corry, G Laidlaw, G Corry

Out of hat winner: B Kent, B Hamer, J Kent Bunny: D Groves, G Woollett, A Riley, C Christiansen

Scroungers Results Wednesday 21 April 2021 1st out of hat: R Eaton 2nd out of hat: F Grimsly 3rd out of hat: N Gray

Self Select pairs Wednesday 21 April 2021 Winners: G Wollett, L Deakins

Runners up: R Brinton, E Deakin
Out of hat winner: T Erfurth, F Crockett

Out of hat winner: G McIneiry, R Eaton Out of hat winner: C Thornton, K Thornton

Bunny: B Turnbull, T Turnbull

Three Bowl Triples Thursday 22 April 2021 1st out of hat: R Follett, D Neumann, H Kling 2nd out of hat: G Ghest, C Sambaher, R Weickhorst

3rd out of hat: I Smith, L Root, D Groves Bunny: G Riley, J Smith, L Broomhead Two Bowl Singles Friday 23 April 2021

Winner: K Fuller

Runner up: H Anderson 3rd: J Muller

Bunny: E Bognar

Self Select Pairs Friday 23 April 2021 Winners: G Teakel, E James Runners up: W Whittaker, K Smith Out of hat winner: M Chalmers, G Fowler Out of hat winner: D Dean, E Cooper

Out of hat winner: D McMahon, C Wilkie Bunny: S Timmins, G Hazelwood

Random Select Fours Saturday 24 April 2021 1st out of hat: P McCarthy, L Savige, S Mitchell. M Ball

2nd out of hat: T Hudson, E Hookey, P Neumann, I Gillard

3rd out of hat: L Gilmour, C Young, J Muller,

F Crockett

Self Select Triples Tuesday 27 April 2021 Winners: J Noonan, M Gittins, L Gilmore Runners up: Z Elmore, E Bateman, R Garfield

Out of hat winner: G Riley, E Hockey, M Andrews, P Ryan

Out of hat winner: G Ghest, J Stanley, M Young

Bunny: A Kinnard, P Kinnard, B Doe

Scroungers Results Wednesday 28 April 2021

1st out of hat: B Castle 2nd out of hat: E Bognar 3rd out of hat: R Follett

Self Select pairs Wednesday 28 April 2021

Highest Margin: E Bateman, Z Elmore Runner up: T Hudson, G Denkel Out of hat winner: G McEniery, F Crockett Out of hat winner: M Gittins, J Noonan Out of hat winner: M Mills, K Fuller Bunny: T Erfurth, J Dieben

Club select triples Thursday 29 April 2021 1st out of hat: B Hammer, H Groves, N Smith 2nd out of hat: A Christie, G Gillard, S Tuenis, D Groves

3rd out of hat: C Christiansen, P Neumann, G Low

Bunny: P Ditchburn,C Hancock, G Twigg

### SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS

Bowls Results – Week Ending 24/4/21

Tuesday 20th - Club Select Triples – No Play.

Wednesday 21st – Self Select Pairs - Winners: P Ollier, P Hodgson, 2nd Place: B Harris, I James. 3rd Place: P Dixon, R Stumbles. Jackpot \$296 - Not Won.

Thursday 22nd – Self Select Triples - Winners: V Mitchell, J Day, W Mitchell. Runners up: J Poteri, A Ager, S Ager.

Friday 23rd – Self Select Pairs - Winners: E Holliday, R Horsfall. Runners up: H Taylor, R McLean. 1st Round Winners: B Cowperthwaite, B Moss, 2nd Round Winners: K & R Henshaw.

Saturday 24th – Club Select Triples - Winners: D Heiles, B Eberhardt, C Langley. Runners up: D Heiles, T Smith, R Harris.

Bowls Results – Week Ending 1/5/21

Tuesday 27th - Club Select Triples - Winners: B Payne, V Folley, Les Healing. Runners up: J Cummins, T Parker, R Harris.

Wednesday 28th – Self Select Pairs - Winners: R McLean, W Mitchell. 2nd Place: M Moore. N Feazey. Jackpot - \$350 - Not Won.

Thursday 29th – Self Select Triples – Winners: R Stuart, B Hill. Runners up: J Poteri, P Samuelson, D Hill.

Friday 30th - Self Select Pairs – No Play.

Saturday 1st – Club Select Triples - No Play.

Ladies Social Golf @ Bribie Island Golf Club. Relaxed atmosphere for ladies to play 9 holes of golf on Tuesday afternoons. Great for ladies that have played before and just want to play socially, not competition.

For more information please call Vicki Green. Phone 0447447063.



# Social Golf

Wed 21 Apr N/S 1 J Breene & S Pascoe 2 R & C Cowley 3 S McCulloch & M Hardy E/W 1 G & S Barnulf 2 F Barkwith & D Quinan 3 S Allen & L Heap Sat 24 Apr 1L Carr & J Kennedy

MORETON BRIBIE 2 J Breene & S Pascoe 3 C & S Wagg Wed 28 Apr N/S 1 C & S Wagg Wed 28 Apr N/S 1 C & S Maffey 3 F McLaren & N Denvir Watson 2 L Carr & R Medhurst 3 R Webb & L McLaren E/W 1 M Hardy & D Brady 2 R Deacon N Everson 2 M Peterson & D & J Van Vugt 3 C & R Cowley BICBC: Mon 19 Apr N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 P Edis & C McAlister 3 M Peterson & D

Quinan E/W 1H Browne & U 3 D Quinan & M Peart Mon 26 Apr N/S 1R King & Quinan 3 A Jones & J Kennedy E/W 1 M Arthur & U Maffey 2 L Chapman & B Moxham 3 R Deacon & L Groves

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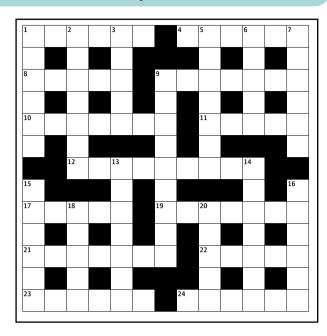
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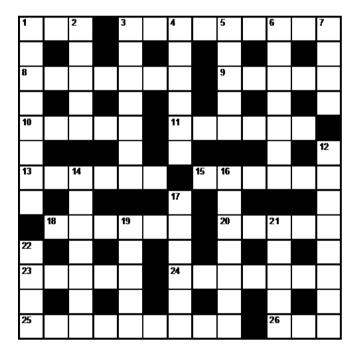
### Across

- 1 Sexual desire (6)
- 4 Absent-minded and disorganised (6)
- 8 Utter (5)
- 9 Pistol (7)
- 10 Begun (7)
- 11 Concur (5)
- 12 Criticise severely (9)
- 17 Abyss (5)
- 19 God of wine (7)
- 21 Sequoia (7)
- 22 Clearly expressed (5)
- 23 Indirect taxes on imports (6)
- 24 Fairground barker's exhortation (4,2)

### Down

- 1 Very generous (6)
- 2 Abridge (anag) military unit (7)
- 3 Lived (5)
- 5 Vocal composition, typically with choir and orchestra (7)
- 6 Striped predator (5)
- 7 Tugged sharply (6)
- 9 City in India and Pakistan (9)
- 13 Create music (7)
- 14 Principled (7)
- 15 Made afraid (6)
- 16 Exhausted (4,2)
- 18 Inspection of accounts (5)
- 20 Large stringed instrument (5))

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### Across

- 1 In all fairness, it's something to listen to (3)
- 3 A club for policemen (9)
- 8 Artist's equipment suits his taste from what we hear (7)
- 9 Sylvan environment, back in stellar urban area, (5)
- 10 Found, nothing on a President (5)
- 11 It's all about me! (6)
- 13 In other words insanity (6)
- 15 On fire about an old one? (6)
- 18 Notice cafe opened up for
- appearance (6)
- 20 Two Bishops with an odd air set
- out to find teacher (5)
- 23 One reason I'm not responsible -Somehow, Abigail lost the silver (5)
- 24 What's the point of cacti? (7)
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### **REGULAR FEATURES**

Mother's Day is one of the best opportunities of the year to teach your children to respect their mum and to thank her in some small way for all she does. It can be tough knowing just what to do to celebrate mum, and it takes a little time to think about and prepare just the right recognition. Here are ideas that will help mum feel special, loved, and recognized on Mother's Day.

### Prepare For Pampering

Mother's Day is a good day to spoil mum just a little. Ideas like breakfast in bed, some time alone to do things she loves, and a special dinner with her favourite foods (cooked by the kids with some supervision) can make the day seem a little more special for mum.

### Write Her a Letter

You can help each of the kids write a letter to mum saying everything you love and admire about her, written by each child in their own style, can make any mum stop for a minute and feel the appreciation she needs to receive



more often. These will be treasured keepsakes as well.

### Give Her Flowers

Flowers are a very traditional way to celebrate Mother's Day but they are almost always appreciated. These can be picked from your garden or maybe a neighbour has some to share. Make Her a Customized Gift Basket ! A gift basket with a few of her favourite things-like snacks, lotions, perfumes, books—is a welcome gift and communicates that you know her, love her, and know just what she wants.

### Make Mum a Video

This one takes a little extra planning, but it would be an amazing way to make her feel special. Have each child talk on camera about mum—what they love about her and the fun memories they have. Then compile the video clips, add some pictures and music, and get it ready for the big day. Then play the video after Mother's Day dinner and watch her beam! Whatever you do, helping kids make Mother's Day special for their mum is a small investment but it pays big dividends in terms of how a mother feels and how kids learn to show respect and appreciation.





### **REGULAR FEATURES**

# **CUCUMBER SUSHI** loved by kids

### **INGREDIENTS**

### • 1 long telegraph cucumber

- 1/2 Avocado
- 1 Tbsp. Mayonnaise
- 1 Cup cooked rice
- 80 g can tuna
- Squeeze of lemon juice

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Wash the cucumber
- 2. Cut it into approximately 10cm long lengths (be guided by how long your apple corer is, i.e. you want your apple corer to be able to reach the end of the length.
- 3. Using an apple corer make a tunnel through the cucumber. You can either do one narrow hole, or widen the hole by passing the corer through the cucumber a few times
- 4. Drain the tinned tuna
- 5. In a bowl mash the avocado, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Add the tuna and rice, mix well
- 6. Fill the tunnel of the cucumber with the rice mixture, it packs in quite easily, just give it a gentle push with clean fingers.
- 7. Slice the filled cucumber into 1.5-2cm thick slices, serve

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For all the times you gently picked me up, When I fell down.

For all the times you tied my shoes And tucked me into bed. Or needed something But put me first instead.

For everything we shared, The dreams, the laughter,

And the tears,

I love you with a "Special Love" That deepens every year.

~ Anon.

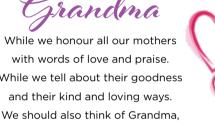


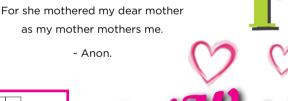
with words of love and praise. While we tell about their goodness

and their kind and loving ways.

she's a mother too, you see...

as my mother mothers me.





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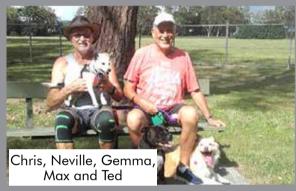
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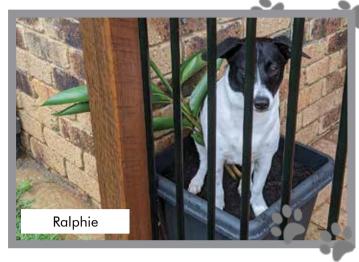
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### HOME AND GARDEN

# INSTANT FRESHNESS

When replacing a roll of toilet paper, place a few drops of your favourite essential oil across one end of the roll. This should act as an instant air-freshener every time you use a sheet.

Homemade air-freshener

# HOMEMADE AIR FRESHENER

In a simple spray bottle, mix 1/8 cup of your favourite-smelling fabric softener, 2 tablespoons of bicarb soda and hot water. Give the whole thing a shake and you're ready to go.

# ADDING A CINNAMON STICK TO YOUR VACUUM CLEANER

This can help to add a nice scent to the living room the next time you go through it.



# Handy Fresh Smell Tips And Hints

HAVE A FOUL
ODOUR IN YOUR
KITCHEN YOU
JUST CAN'T SEEM
TO GET RID

Try baking an orange peel in your oven. This will help to dissipate the bad smell and replace it with a good one

WANT TO GET RID OF UNPLEASANT ODOURS STICKING TO TOWELS OR CLOTHING?

One of the best tricks is to add a little baking soda to your wash. Baking soda is great at killing odours (which is why it is recommended you put it in your idge). Your towels should come out smelling fresh again.

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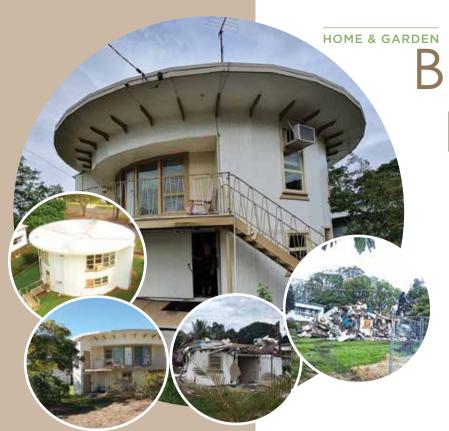
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## 17 Banya Street BONGAREE

ON APRIL THE 22ND THE WELL-KNOWN "ROUND HOUSE" WAS DEMOLISHED TAKING WITH IT A LARGE AMOUNT OF LOCAL HISTORY. I REACHED **OUT TO THE FAMILY** WHOSE RELATIVES **BUILT THE HOUSE** AND THE FOLLOWING STORY WAS PROVIDED BY MRS JUDITH WINSTON NEE TESCH WHO SHARED THE **HISTORY BEHIND** 

The Round House has been referred to by some as the "cotton reel" but always "the Round House" by the family. It actually had 36 sides and was designed and built by Mr Ben Tesch for his son and daughter-in-law Ivan and Clare Tesch over a 7 year period in the 1950s.

THE HOME...

Ivan and Clare were enjoying a motoring honeymoon in May 1950 and chanced upon a similarly designed house somewhere in Victoria. The design made an immediate and lasting impression on the newlyweds and upon arriving back home to Bribie Island where they would be sharing a flat adjoining their parents, Ben and Myrtle, they asked Ben to draw up plans and build their dream home on the block of land they owned nearby 17 Banya Street Bongaree.

The Tesch family was involved in several business activities at the time and it would be 7 years before the house was completed and the excitement of moving into their own home became a reality for the young couple.

Clare played the organ for the Anglican Church from 1950 until 2005. Ben and Ivan also ran the barge ferry service to the island from Toorbul Point as well as many business ventures including building and construction, ice and cold storage, electrical repairs and also began a cinema operation, initially in the Anglican Church Hall, then moving to Cotterill Ave until it was sold to the Baptist church in 1973.

The 2 storey house was based on a cylindrical shape with a radius of 17.5 feet (pre metric) and a circumference of 36 equal 3-foot cords. It sat on a 3

foot high round concrete base on an in-ground circular slab. The timber framework consisted of 36 vertical rectangles clad in cypress pine which were originally coated in marine varnish (pre estapol) and flooring upstairs and downstairs and the internal staircase was also varnished cypress pine. The roof was saucershaped with a central downpipe that fed rainwater into a rear tank. There was also a manhole that provided access to the roof.

The front timber stairs and balcony

were defined by wrought iron railings – "the hairpin design" bent and welded by Ivan and Ben and sent away to be galvanized before final installation. During this time Ben and Ivan were also building a 6-meter launch named "Ma-Lou" in honour of Ben's parents' carrying on various other enterprises and were beginning the construction of shops and offices at 12 First Avenue Bongaree. In 1975 a brick building was built for the ANZ bank which today houses a recently opened business consisting of hairdressing, beauty salon, men's barbershop and much more.

The Tesch family have been instrumental in the growth of Bribie Island and the "Round House" may be gone, but it will forever be remembered as one of the most interesting and unique homes built on the Island.

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# FAMILY MOVIE DAY (OR NIGHT)

What's better than cuddling up with your kids, a blanket, and a coffee table full of snacks for a family movie night? Not much. On the next rainy day or night, turn the family room into your own personal theatre. You may be stuck at home, but with a little bit of work, a special movie night can feel like a private getaway. Find a movie the whole family will like, settle in and enjoy the show! Family Game Day If you'd rather your family time was spent sans screen, try a classic board game. Whether you're snapping up real estate in Monopoly or resisting the tempting treats in Candy Land, playing board games is a great way to spend a leisurely day at home. You will love that your kids get a break from the screens, and your kids will enjoy having you engage and play with them. Depending on the age of your kids, team up in pairs or have your littlest ones play with you.

# MAKE BLANKET FORT

All toys are better when they're

inside a blanket fort, trust me. When the next rainy day comes around, pop-up your fort in the living room, and suddenly the room takes on a whole new feel. Kids will stay busy for hours colouring with crayons, reading books, or playing with their legos. For some reason, boring old toys take on a new life when under the roof of a blanket

### COOK TOGETHER

As long as the kids are stuck indoors, why not spend the day together making a familyfavourite recipe? Make cooking fun with your assistant chiefs by assigning responsibilities. Whether mixing, slicing with supervision or laying out the paper plates, there's a job for kids of all ages. Not only will they feel important and useful, but they'll also be proud they helped make something. Not ready to tackle cooking a meal? Try a box cupcake mix and have fun decorating. Or spread out a display of toppings and have ice cream sundaes for a special snack. It might seem simple, but this is a great activity for preschoolers who want to help in the kitchen.

### PLAY HIDE AND SEEK

Yeah, I know this one is kind of simple, but little kids LOVE simple. Use the whole house and get creative with the rules of the game. For example, kids have to recite the alphabet instead of counting to ten. Your kids won't be too difficult to find. Play it up a bit and pretend they are impossible to find. When my son is having an especially hard time finding me, we call out funny sounds. He gets so excited when he hears a whistle and knows he's getting close.

### HAVE A DANCE PARTY

When it comes to indoor activities, a good oldfashioned dance party is a classic. Help release some of their seemingly endless energy with some loud music. Dancing around the house will help you burn off pent-up energy and get some exercise. Pro tip: Sure, you can do this with kids' songs, but try a playlist that includes pop and dance songs (clean kidfriendly ones), too. Kids love all kinds of music, and the heavier the beat the better!

### READ A GOOD BOOK

Cuddle up in a blanket with

a favourite book and read

together -- or start a series

together like Harry Potter or

The Chronicles of Narnia. Take turns reading, or have them read to you to keep them focused and interested. If you made a blanket fort earlier, pull out some lanterns or flashlights and read under the fort for a more exciting and cozy experience. Scavenger Hunt Set up a basic, or intricate scavenger hunt for your kids. For little ones with cabin fever, a quick DIY scavenger hunt will send them racing around looking for items. You can leave clues for your older kids, or pictures for your younger kids. You can keep it super basic and have them look for general items (something soft, something red, something with wheels, etc.) or specific items. If you really want to get your kid's competitive spirit up, set a timer and see who can gather items the quickest! Written by Jennifer Caffelle for family education website & Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre

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### **BOWL FIRE PITS**

Bowl fire pits are great for small yards, terraces or when you don't want to commit too much space in your yard to a fire pit. They also offer the flexibility to move your fire pit around to suit your needs or the weather.

Hot Tip: If your space is limited and your neighbours are close by, choose a fire pit that comes with a mesh cover to help contain any sparks and embers.

### **BUILT-IN FIRE PITS**

These fire pits can be as simple or as spectacular as you like. One of the simplest and cheapest options is to build your fire pit out of retaining wall bricks. You can purchase these from a landscaping centre or there's a good chance that you'll be able to find second-hand bricks on your local Buy, Swap, Sell page. Other popular materials for building fire pits include stone blocks, stacked stone or even rocks and boulders. From setting them into the ground to incorporating built-in seating, there really is no limit, as long

as you have the budget.

### **GAS FIRE PITS**

For those looking for a contemporary, minimalistic look, gas fire pits are becoming more and more popular. One of the greatest benefits of gas fire pits is how easy they are to use. Forget chopping wood and gathering kindling - if you're looking for something quick and easy to light a gas fire pit is a great option. But if you enjoy the ceremony and challenge of building and lighting a fire, a traditional wood fire might be a better option for you. Gas fire pits are also clean burning (in other words, smoke-less) and they can be turned off instantly without you having to get the hose out or wait for the fire to die down. Gas fire pits can be fuelled by natural or propane gas and need to be installed by a professional, so they generally come in more expensive than their wood-burning counterparts. But just remember, if the main

purpose of your fire pit is for

don't give off as much heat

keeping you warm, gas fire pits

as a wood-burning fire pit. Decisions, decisions.

### **CREATIVE FIRE PITS**

If you're not a traditionalist and like doing things a bit differently, your fire pit is a great chance to get a little creative. After all, your home is your castle so you're the one that makes the rules. As long as it's fire-proof and suitable for being outdoors, you can make your fire pit out of pretty much anything you like.

### **STEEL DRUM FIRE PIT**

Get your hands on an old 44 gallon (225 litre) drum and you've got the makings of a great fire pit. There are a couple of ways you can transform a steel drum into a fire pit with cred:

1. One way is to lop the top off and use it standing up. The amount you cut off just depends on the height you would like the finished pit to be. You can either set it on the ground (or some pavers) the way it is or attach some metal legs underneath to get it up off the ground to improve air circulation around it.

2. The other option is to cut

it lengthways to create not one but two potential fire pits. Attach some simple legs at either end and you're good to go. You can either paint your fire pit to give it a lease of new life or keep it rusty and rustic for a cool, understated look. Keep one pit for yourself and give the other away or sell it and make a tidy profit. Washing Machine Fire Pit Yep, you read that right. An old washing machine drum can actually make a pretty spectacular fire pit. The perforations in the drum can create some beautiful effects when there's a fire blazing inside. No one would guess what your designer fire pit was in a former life.

### WHEELBARROW FIRE

An old metal wheelbarrow makes a fabulous fire pit and is a great conversation starter when friends come around. It also offers the added advantage of being able to carry the wood to said fire pit location. Winning. Information sourced from **Endeavour Lotteries** 

# "on the couch with Carolyn Drane"

WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF 'ON THE COUCH WITH CAROLYN' WHERE EACH WEEK, I GET TO HELP YOU WITH ONE OF MY PASSIONS - INFORMATION ON ALL THINGS REAL ESTATE AND HELPING MY COMMUNITY ACHIEVE THEIR BEST RESULTS...

### PREPPING YOUR HOME TO MAXIMISE PHOTO POTENTIAL

Why prep for photos? - Make the first Impression Count -

\*Online - it's where buyers start

\*General - Thoroughly clean the whole house. Turn on all lights and lamps. Remove all personal photos. Make all beds. Put shoes and jackets in cupboard.

\*Exterior - "curb appeal" - close garage doors. Remove cars from drive and house front. Clean up landscaping. Clear the eaves and door frames. Remove visible water hoses and toys.

\*Backyard - tidy up any outside ent area. Clear out toys. Clean pool. Remove pool cleaners and supplies. Remove visible water hoses. Remove rubbish bins.

\*Kitchen - focal point - Clear bench tops completely. Clean fridge of magnets, papers, photos. Hide rubbish bin. Remove dishes from sink.
\*Dining room/table - Clear table (dust/polish). Use decorative place settings if available. One centre piece. Straighten chars evenly spaced.

\*Living/Family room - Remove stacks of papers, mail, add a few furniture pillows. Remove children's toys.

\*Bedrooms - Make beds, add a few furniture pillows/shams if available. Clear nightstands of personal items and chargers. Remove clutter from dresser tops. Remove family photos from walls. Clean under bed, removing items that may show.

\*Bathrooms - Clear of all personal items. Clear and clean counter tops. Toilet seat down. Remove shower items. Leave out only new unused towels

\*Pets - remove food bowls. Put pet beds away. Clear back yard of pet waste/toys. Have somewhere safe for your pet while photos take place.

Selling your home is like selling a product - it must be marketed correctly to reach a specific buyer. Although your furnishings and décor are great for your lifestyle, it's important to optimize your home for the future buyer. A professional home stager can provide you with a consultation to help you prepare your home for sale and make sure your home shows at it's best on line through photos.

Make sure you watch out for another 'On the Couch with Carolyn' next week...



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HE DEVELOPMENT OF
MANUFACTURED HOMES, AND THE
RESIDENTIAL PARKS THEY ARE
SITUATED IN, IS INCREASINGLY
BECOMING A LUCRATIVE VENTURE FOR
QUEENSLAND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS.

These homes are not attached to the land they are situated on, this is owned by the Park Owner/s, and therefore only the homes are owned as personal property, as opposed to a residential home which is attached to the title of the land and owned as real property. They are considered to be chattels and cannot be borrowed against.

It should be noted that modern manufactured homes are less likely to be moved to another site because of the costs associated with moving their sometimes, complex structure. In addition, the availability of an alternative, vacant site for the positioning of a manufactured home within a residential park is limited.

Manufactured Homes can be found in various types of residential parks, including mixed-use developments where the park has a combination of Manufactured Homes, caravans, tent sites and cabins that offer short and long term accommodation option. More often these days Manufactured Homes are often established as over 50's community and resort-style living and include a number of additional amenities for the use and enjoyment of such residents.

The executed site agreements attach to the land and bind successive landowners which helps protect residents from being forcibly removed from such a development in the event 60 www.thebribjeislander.com.au f The Bribje Islander



### **HOME & GARDEN**

of land ownership transfer. The park owners charge weekly site fees for each homeowner, making this form of development a multi-faceted option for the astute property developer. The average site fee for the majority of parks is approx. \$180 per week which covers items such as the cost of a park manager and maintenance of the facilities and park area. There can be many hidden costs in these fees and all residents should ensure they view a copy of the yearly financial documents of their park which should be made available by the Park Owner each time there is to be a site increase, or as a resident, you can ask to see them anytime.

The over 50's community interest in the Manufactured Homes residential parks has also been increased by the distinct difference from retirement villages where exit fees are generally quite extensive and can result in a substantial loss to a residents capital investment when terminating residency in the retirement village.

Living in a manufactured home/park should be taken with full consideration of what your site agreement states, this is the legal document that rules your residency, along with all the park rules and there are many. Many people do not realise that they can ask for changes or amendments in these agreements before signing, negotiation is always available until you sign up. These are usually standard format and park owners will add certain items that may not be standard and must not come under the "prohibited terms" stated in the Act. Few solicitors have a good working knowledge of these contracts, so it is buyer beware, and think long and hard if you can live with less individual rights and say on your daily living as once you have signed up, you cannot change anything unless you can prove it is illegal.

One example is: if you wish to sell your home, your site agreement will have rules that the park owner will have you abide by. One in most parks is that you cannot put a for sale sign outside your home, as the land is not yours. Some will say they do not allow private agents to come on-site, this is not legal, but many people are intimidated and do not want to rock the boat.

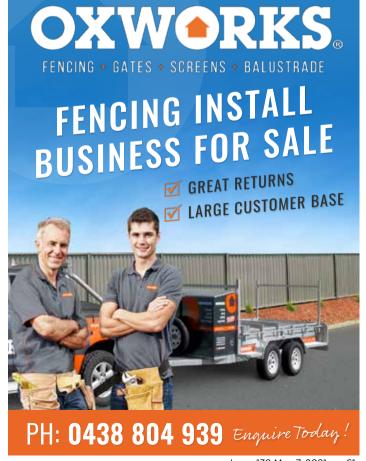
Manufactured Homes and residential parks are duly regulated in Queensland since the commencement of the Manufactured Homes (Residential Parks) Act 2003. There have been

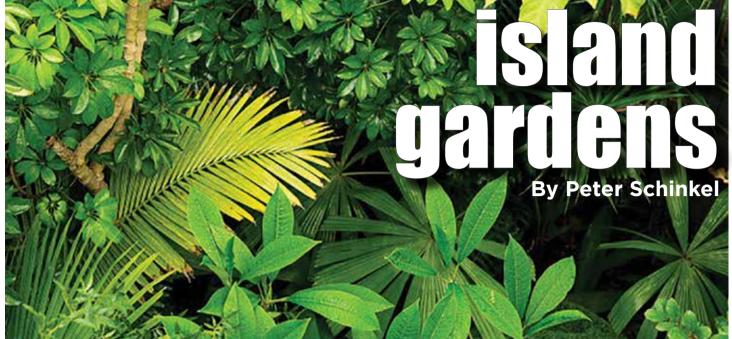
some amendments to the original Act, with continued interaction with the Government and the Minister for Communities and Housing.

Knowing what you can and cannot do, what avenues are available to you to address any illegal or unfair actions by the Park Managers / Owners is where the Manufactured Home Owners Association Inc. can assist. We also advise Home Owner Committees in the parks with the many aspects of their roles and in liaising with the Park Managers and Owners.

The Manufactured Home Owners Association Inc. has been instrumental in liaising and working with residents, government ministers and working groups for over 30 years. We presently have two submissions before the government addressing changes in the Act on selling and rent increases. We strive to ensure that residents who choose to live in a manufactured home/ park have a voice and that when they have a problem there is a place with knowledge, history, experience and is a non-profit that can support them. People can check out our website on mhoa.com. au or contact me directly, Rhonda Cooper on admin@mhoa.com







**HELLO GARDENERS** AND WELCOME. TODAY WE'RE TAKING STOCK OF **OUR GARDENS** AFTER A HOT, WET SUMMER OF LUSH GROWTH. WE'LL ALSO LOOKING AT HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF THE BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN WEEKS, AND PREPARE FOR THE USUAL MILD WINTER AHEAD.

Breaking the work down into stages certainly helps to transform any garden, and the first step is weeding. Are you thinking "Hooray! My favourite job"? Okay, but whether you do it yourself or hire someone, it's not as big a job as it might seem. In a matter of hours or less, the unwanted weeds are in the bin and it's time to spread some mulch or bark to suppress the winter weeds (like clover) just waiting to pop up

soon. Local supplies of mulch and bark are plentiful. The choice is usually down to what look you'd like and what's necessary for the soil. With our sandy soils, I usually sprinkle some fertilizer and lay sugar cane mulch on top - a personal preference because I like the look, it adds lots of rich

planned, or want to add some new plants. This is a great time for both; growth is slow = less garden maintenance and more time on your hands; the



nutrition to the soil as it breaks down, and it's easy to pop in the boot and spread at your leisure. All other preferences look good too, can be picked up in a trailer or delivered, so every choice is a winner really.

and what's

Before the mulching, you
the soil. With our might have a little landscaping
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weather is cooler = much easier to work outdoors; and plants adjust to being transplanted more easily in the cool weather. Some great plants to buy this time of year include succulents because many provide winter flowers, and most require almost no attention to survive and multiply.

The top photo is a kalanchoe with pastel pink and yellow flowers! Beautiful. Looks like someone dropped an ice cream in our garden at home, but seriously - they come in a very wide range of bright and beautiful colours too.

The second photo is a bright orangey-yellow 'double' portulaca. It's one of those varieties that need almost no attention to keep looking nice, and they seem to flower almost all year round.

There's always a huge variety of succulents available from the nurseries, markets and other plant suppliers around here, so happy shopping!

The azalea is one of my favourite winter

flowering plants. These days you can find almost any colour and size. Some grow to only 50cm high. The third photo shows a blue azalea variety. It's so stunning, I'm hunting for 2 or 3 at the moment. If you're looking for azaleas, remember most like at least partly shaded postions.

Other great winter flowers include camellias, pansies, violas, dianthus, lobelias, snapdragons, and so many more. Head out, have a search and keep those colours coming out. See you in Issue 141 on 4th June and as always, happy gardening everyone.

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- Punctuality and commitment the best tradespeople will keep disruption to a minimum by always turning up on time and finishing the job as soon as possible.
- Attitude and professionalism respect and personal

responsibility are as important in construction trades as they are anywhere.

• References - a proven track record is a strong assurance.

### HOW TO BE A GOOD CLIENT

Tradie/client relationships are a two-way street. If you're not properly prepared, it'll cost you more, frustrate the people you're hiring and may unnecessarily sour the whole experience.

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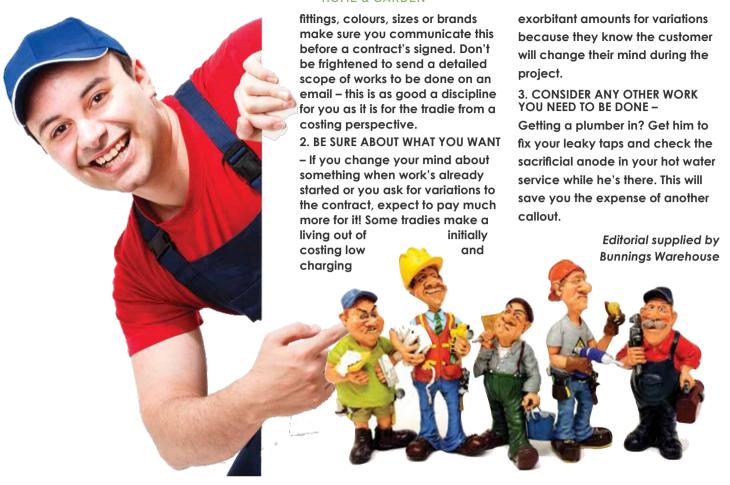
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### YEAR to DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 29th April 2021: 4,906 Calls, 1,427 vessels logged on, 106 Vessel Assists, 591 Sitreps, 262 Requests,

29 overdue vessels, 2 Vessel Tracking,

496 Radio Checks, 1 Weather **Broadcasts**,

2 Securite Broadcasts, 1 Pan Pan 0 Mayday.

VHF 75.5%, 27MHz 7.2%.

### FEDERAL POLLIES VISIT

Friday 16th April 2021 - Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud, Member for Longman Terry Young and Queensland Senator the Hon James McGrath along with Fiona Gaske (from Terry Young's office) visited VMR Bribie Island. Vice Commodore and Coxswain Ces Luscombe and Radio Officer and Committeeman Peter McNamara showed the visitors over our primary rescue vessel Bribie1 and the base in general with the hope of gaining some funding for upcoming projects.



Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe briefs the visitors regarding our rescue vessels. From left: Senator James McGrath, Terry Young MP, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Minister David Littleproud and VMR Radio Officer Peter McNamara.



"Question Time" aboard Bribie 1, Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe, Terry Young MP, Minister David Littleproud and Senator James McGrath.



Minister David Littleproud and Terry Young MP meet one of our Super Senior Volunteers, Radio Operator Noel Justo.

### **HAPPY HOUR**

Friday 16th April 2021 – 40+ Active Members and partners attended the April Happy Hour. Peter Morton and Wayne Sclater manned the bar, and the usual nibbles were available. Three new Active Members were introduced, Tom Buckley and Glen Jackson (Trainee Radio Operators) and Mike Keating (Trainee Crew).



Sue Francis chats with Trainee Radio Operator Glenn Jackson.



Trainee Radio Operator Tom Buckley.



Trainee Crew Mike Keating with wife Katie.



Mike and Marg Phillips – one of Mike's rare Friday nights off his VMR fundraising raffle nights at the RSL.

### **GREEN SATURDAY**

It was a busy day for Green Saturday Crew with beautiful conditions encouraging boaties out onto the water and accordingly 4 assists were performed. The first a Search for an orange floating object in Spitfire Channel spotted by Pilot bringing a ship into Port of Brisbane. The second was responding to a call received from The Police Communications Centre reported unknown vessel type with 3 POB with mechanical issues and radio not working and only 1 bar on only working phone on board - As CG Redcliffe was closer to the stricken vessel and had comms with them, the assist was passed to them.



3rd activation of the morning. We knew it was going to be a busy day, just look at these conditions being enjoyed by John Burdinat.

### **GREEN SUNDAY**

25th April 2021 - What a massive day for Green Sunday, 3 crew attended the Anzac March then returned to base, on top of training, they had an activation out near Hutchinson Shoal, the vessel was broken down. Then, way on up the other side of Lime Pocket there was a call for help for a jet ski aground. There was barely time for lunch!





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### ANZAC DAY 2021

Sunday 25th April 2021 - 17 members attended this year's march at Bongaree. Both the Dawn Service and the Main Service were held at Korea Place at the Bribie RSL this



Commodore Liz Radajewski and Nia Brice prepare for the march.



Some of the VMR contingent

### APRIL 2021 VESSEL ASSISTS:

SAT 17/04 1217pm - 3.3m Jet Ski member with water pump issue, required a tow from North of Donnybrook to Bellara Boat Ramp.

MON 19/04 1308pm - 5m Half Cabin non-member with flat battery at Southern tip of Moreton Island required a jump start - then proceeded under own power.

MON 19/04 2213pm - MOP reported possible flare sighting South of the Bribie Bridge – VKR requested search of the area, Rescue 500 also involved - nothing found stood down 0016am 20.04.

FRI 23/04 1617pm - Life Jacket spotted

### SAFETY DAVE - The Frenchie's Message:



"Having the right safety equipment on your boat and knowing how to use it is essential. This could save your life in an emergency. The safety equipment you're required to carry depends on the size of your boat, whether the boat needs to be registered and where you're operating"! Minimum Safety Equipment In Pumicestone Passage:

Fire fighting equipment, Signalling device, life jacket Anchor and cable, Drinking water, Oars or paddles for boats under 6m, Bailing/pumping equipment.

Minimum Safety Equipment In Moreton Bay:

All the above plus Flares & V Sheet, Chart & Compass Beyond Moreton Bay an EPIRB is also required.

### For full details visit the MSQ Website:

https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Smooth-and-partially-smooth-water-limits/Swl-brisbane Safety Dave The Frenchie says you must also keep safety equipment in date, in good repair and everyone on board must know where it is stored.

### "BUT importantly – Always remember

if you are heading out on the water LOG ON with your local VMR or Coast Guard, its a free service for everyone, so why wouldn't - It just may save your life!"

floating in the vicinity of NW12 Shipping Channel. Water Police tasked a grid search, nothing further found.

SAT 24/04 0907am – Request from Water Police to search for orange floating object in Spitfire Channel - Water Police and CG Redcliffe also attended found to be a jerry can.

SAT 24/04 1117am - Police Communications advised vessel with mechanical issues and radio not working required assistance – as CG Redcliffe was nearer assist was passed to them.

SAT 24/04 1224pm - 6m Half Cabin nonmember with water in the fuel, required a tow from opposite 2nd Lagoon on East

side of Bribie Island to the Bongaree Boat required a tow to Coochin Creek.

**SAT 24/04 1341pm** – 5.2 Runabout non-member ran out of fuel 600m South of Bribie Bridge, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

**SUN 25/04 1137pm** – 9m Cruiser member required a tow from Cape Moreton to Pacific Harbour.

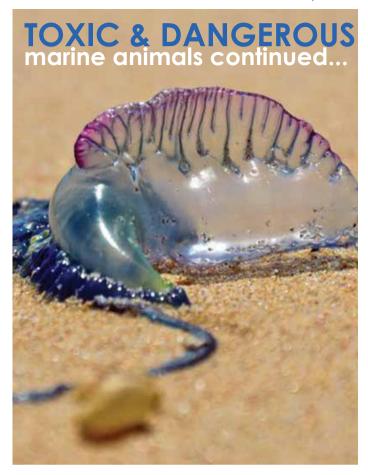
SUN 25/04 1322pm - Water Police tasked VMR to retrieve vessel at Hutchinson's Shoal, met with CG Redcliffe as vessel required a tow to Scarborough.

SUN 25/04 1546pm - 3m Jet Ski nonmember stuck in mud at Tripcony Bight,

MON 26/04 1416pm - 2 x 3m Jet Skis non-members stuck on mud between White Patch and Poverty Creek, required a tow to Bellara boat Ramp.

TUE 27/04 1416PM - 6m Open Vintage Boat member - MOP reported this vessel drifting moored at Bellara - investigated

WED 28/04 1517pm - "Container on Pontoon" broken mooring and drifting toward Bribie Bridge, required a tow from 500m North of Spinnaker entrance back to near Kal Ma Kuta ramp.



# BLUEBOTTLE OR PORTUGUESE MAN-O-WAR

Physalia physalis

his familiar species periodically plagues our coastal beaches, especially after strong north-easterly winds. The individual Bluebottle is actually a colony of hydroids known as siphonophores, each adopting a highly specialised function. The elongated float can grow to more than 150 mm in length, although rarely seen at this size. It has several long, thick tentacles used for fishing its prey, and these tentacles have stinging cells (nematocysts) similar to those found in most other species of Phylum Cnidaria. The sting causes severe local skin pain which may be followed by localised sweating, cramping muscle pains in all four limbs, cramping abdominal pain, respiratory muscle pain when 'breathing in' and anxiety. Tentacles from specimens washed up on the beach can also still sting. Treatment involves removing tentacles from the affected area carefully to prevent further envenomation, and application of cold packs or wrapped ice for relief of skin pain for 5-15 minutes. Seek medical advice if massive stings are experienced of if symptoms

Bluebottles are found in eastern and southern Australian waters, and also widespread in the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

### WHITE-STINGING SEA FERN OR STINGING HYDROID

Macrorhynchia philippina

These feathery white colonies with dark brown central stems may reach 450 mm high, and are common on inshore reefs in shallow water from 3-25 metres depth. While appearing deceptively delicate, they can inflict a powerful sting and handling should be avoided. A number of other types of Sea Ferns can also cause painful stings, and none of them should be touched.

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# Fishing REPORT

# By: Dan from Bribie Bait and Tackle

i everyone, with a lot of the freshwater from recent rains clearing in the passage, fishing has certainly picked up. Recent reports have been very positive. Plenty of Chopper Tailor has moved in the passage as well as a few Mackerel and the odd Longtail Tuna. These can be caught with floating live baits or pilchards. Lots of Flatheads are turning up around Buckley's Hole, drifting the flats with strip baits or trolling small hardbody lures. Also great for land-based anglers wading the flats on an incoming tide. There has been a lot of Longtail Tuna out in the bay and off Woorim Beach, small metal slugs and a high speed retrieve are working well on these. The Bribie Bridge is starting to fish well some nice grassy Sweetlip,

squire and Mulloway being caught live or fresh herring have been the best bait. The winter Whiting season is approaching, some nice catches are showing up around the southern end of the Island, live bloodworms is preferred bait for these. Plenty of Bream in the canals, fresh prawns, Mullet fillets and hardiheads are producing some good Bream. Plenty of mud and sand crabs around the stretch in front of Sandstone Point. It has been great for the sand crabs and the upper reaches of Ningi Creek and Elimbah have seen some nice mud crabs caught. Hopefully, with a bit more clearer weather and some nice days coming up heading into winter we should see some great catches coming in. Anyway that's all for now relax and wet a line.

FRI 7 May

1:06 am

SAT 8 May

2:09 am

2:57 am



4:13 am

4:46 am

# TIDE TIMES

BRIBIE ISLAND & MORETON BAY

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7:27 am	8:17 am	8:59 am	9:35 am	10:05 am	10:32 am	11:00 am
1.76m	1.76m	1.75m	1.71m	1.66m	1.59m	1.53m
1:55 pm	2:37 pm	3:10 pm	3:39 pm	4:06 pm	4:31 pm	4:58 pm
0.46m	0.4m	0.37m	0.36m	0.36m	0.38m	0.42m
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ell, first let's dispel some ideas on this 'new' technology

as spouted by politicians and various other self-interested parties. For a start, electric cars are not new. The first ones were introduced in 1884. The following year Karl Benz made the first internal combustion engine (IE petrol-powered). He patented his design the year after and 'the rest is history' as they say. The combustion ignition engine (IE Diesel-

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powered) was not patented until the 1890s and took quite a few more years to be perfected. Poor Rudolf Diesel committed suicide in 1913 by jumping off a ship; this was not done because he was devastated by the idea that his invention would pollute the world in years to come as some advocates would now have you believe!

In fact, all these methods of vehicle type propulsion were predated by steam-powered cars in the very earliest days. As far back as 1769, a Frenchman built a steam vehicle that was designed to haul cannon for military purposes. If you want to separate all these mechanical powered contraptions from horse-drawn ones there were two other earlier ideas for propulsion, one involved springs and compressed air and the other was, wait for it, windmill powered. Yes! - So. why hasn't this mode been resurrected – it much better suits the green energy lobby.

To move into more modern times and the aspects of the usage of personal transportation let's look into why electric power took so long to take off into mainstream use. In the early days, the petrol engine proved to be far more lightweight and efficient. It offered a very cheap and reliable option for the masses, especially after the introduction of mass production by Mr Ford with his model T. The electric alternative was heavier and far more expensive to build (not a lot has changed in that

respect). To be correct of course electric motors are far more efficient and lightweight these days, plus battery technology has advanced otherwise we wouldn't be having this discussion at all now.

Electrical powered propulsion has been used for industrial use and some minor transportation applications in the past. Forklift trucks are often to be seen in such a guise. And everyone who has ever lived in the UK would have experienced the ubiquitous milkman in his electric milk float. Even those who only watched the great TV show 'Open all hours' would remember Granville's unrequited passion for the milkwoman whom he hopefully greeted each dark morning as her electric milk float stopped at Arkwright's shop.

But to move on to modern times and the seemingly inexorable advancement of the plugin option for our future cars; let's look at a few other factors mostly ignored by the proposers of the 'new but old' technology.

Costs - the proposers would have us believe that in time these now very expensive items will become much cheaper to buy. At present, without heavy government subsidies, only the very wealthy could afford to front up the price of a new electric unit. Maybe they will indeed become cheaper to buy but that's only part of the story

It's useful to note that James Dyson the world-famous designer of electrically powered



vacuums, dryers and all manner of other advanced battery-powered items, a man who probably knows more about batteries and electric motors than anyone alive has, after spending two billion UK pounds dropped out of the race. He built a prototype, a very upmarket seven-seater SUV that had great road power and a very long range of 1,000 kms per charge. His reason? All the other normal world car manufacturers were subsidising their electric vehicles from their earnings from sales of normal

cars. He reasoned that he would have to make a profit on all his production units so would need to charge hundreds of thousands of pounds for each one sold which to him didn't make commercial sense.

Toyota, a huge manufacturer has said that they will not be offering a wholly batterypowered car in their line up but will continue to develop and build ever more efficient hybrids which are selling well.

To be continued....

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Dear Editor. I commend a letter in the April Edition (137) from D. Parrington (Woorim), noting the hostility towards folks who work towards Environmental improvement and the poor logic in this negative attitude. On Bribie, green efforts are embodied in our Environmental Protection Association (BIEPA) and frequently, this volunteer group is referred to as "trouble makers', even "rabid". Government, Corporations and all powerful Agencies do not give their support to public outcry against spoiling our environment easily, if at all. The opposite is true and ALL of us need to be noisy to be noticed let alone to effect any

Currently, there is are relentless forces seeking to develop Bribie to be like Mooloolaba or Noosa.
There is unregulated removal of Vegetation (on a SAND island!!), ignoring the fate of impressive bird populations.
There is much low level, indulgent tourism that injects little into the economy but inflicts huge damage to many natural features of our paradise.

change.

BIEPA tries to reduce the effects of these threats and many others on your behalf. Should you take the time to consider the negatives of our future (think 10 years), you'll get the idea. Maybe you could talk to a member, visit a Meeting ...or join BIEPA. You too could become a little green.

### G.Ginn Bongaree

Dear Editor
With respect t o D Parington's
letter-I have to make a few
points. Firstly I assume you
know that your Greens leader
is a socialist and a Marxist
which he honestly admits to.
I have never heard and I don't
blame the Greens for Covid
19 lockdowns or the sagging
economy as you say or our drug
problem.

Unemployment only comes up as it concerns the miners and businesses that rely on the mining community-the Greens want all Coal mines shut down even though our coal is the cleanest in the world and the only 24hr reliability for electricity (and I hate to say cheaper and safer than wind turbines-if you don't believe me please investigate yourself.) Political correctness -yes it is the Greens and Labors fault-so left its stupid. Another letter mentioned freedom of speech, well that has gone and unless you agree with the noisy minority you get shut down. Then the bushfires -please you have to admit it was the Greens who are in bed with Labor that passed the law of no touching undergrowth in National Parks, forests and even poor farmers were fined if they got rid of their own undergrowth the Greens have become so close to Labors lefts even blind Freddy can see how these laws are passed with this union. No one that loves this planet wants it trashed but a common-sense approach has to prevail. I'd like Brazil to stop tearing down the Amazon and councils to stop allowing developers to raid all our bushland but nothing is

said about that it's all about

coal. If we have no carbon we

won't have plants to feed this planet. We all have to do our own research and come to a decision based on true facts and this is reading things from all sorts of scientists from all political sides.

### ANON

### Dear Editor,

I noted sadly on the 22/04/2021 that one of Bribie's most iconic houses has been demolished. The residence stood on the corner of Foster and Banya Streets Bongaree. This house was beautifully designed and lovingly constructed for a builder and his wife for their retirement, after they passed away the new owners have had the house demolished. It was a truly inspirational circular design with many inventive features

Council should have had this house listed of supreme importance to the built environment of Bribie Island and to let a "building approval" be granted for its demolition is a tragedy.

Unfortunately, it's now gone but this should never happen again to a building of such importance and where someone decided to build a unique house and think "out of the square" for a change. Kind regards, Les Struthers Architect. Bribie island

### Dear editor,

The David Horrocks article entitled "The electric vehicle - some thoughts from a sceptic" contains at least one error and a couple of oversights.

• Firstly, Toyota has actually said it will release 70 new models, including batteryelectric, hydrogen, and gaselectric hybrids, by 2025. That's just four years from now!

- The Dyson electric car failed because James Dyson, brilliant as he is, over-ambitious in his design. Sure everyone would love to have an SUV with massive storage space, a holographic dashboard and a range of 650 kms but not many people would pay 270,000 dollars for it. That's why he shelved it.
- Finally, David didn't mention the well-documented actions of oil companies in buying up the patents of electric cars and battery systems, and then burying them so their own products would have no competition. All the time they were doing this they were also covering up the effects of their oil products on the environment.

No one is suggesting the idea of electric cars is "new", and while a history lesson is fine, we need to look to the future.

D. Grey. Bribie

### Dear Editor,

I have been corrected re the advice from Toyota, regrettably my information was from an earlier statement by the company.

I would never challenge a brilliant designer/businessman of the ilk of James Dyson. My own talents are dwarfed by such a mind. It wouldn't surprise me if he should license or sell the technology he has developed to others - he's very

The past actions of oil companies and also Big Pharma companies are oft times reprehensible. I try to write an interesting story more than anything else, delving into dirty deeds doesn't entertain people in my view. Others may take up the banner of crusades against the evil actions of dastardly types if they so desire. I'm older now plus I've flown my 25 missions and more in the cause of fighting pollution and have a practical track record of which I'm proud.

As to the future and indeed the present please read part two due in a couple of weeks. I'll wear my old khaki jacket on the day!

Thank you for your valued response and I sincerely wish you well.

David.

### **CRIME REPORT**

### **BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP** May 2021



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### GO TOO FAR...... LOOSE YOUR CAR.....

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- Unlicensed driving.

The second Youth Crime Prevention Summit in Moreton Bay Police Region was held at Northlakes in March 2021. Over 130 representatives from Police, Youth Justice, Child Safety, Business Leaders, Cultural Leaders, YMCA, Youth Space, Community Based Crime Action Committee, Health, Housing, Moreton Bay Regional Council, State Government, Headspace, Neighborhood Watch and other organizations supporting youth in crisis attended the Summit, discussed issues and decided on what to work on in the coming year.

Some of the successful projects from last year include: Engaging in Sport (Basketball and cricket with a professional coach)

Cultural Development (Samoan Paddle Project)
Education (Youth Justice and Redcliffe Area Youth Space encouraging education and supported employment)
Knife Crime Initiative (I live my life without a knife)
At this year's summit other emerging issues were discussed, brainstormed and condensed into five areas to be worked on this year. They are:

- 1. Education regarding Domestic Violence 40 young people in Moreton Bay Region tried to take their own life in 2020 and 16% of youth deaths were due to suicide (this is higher than the National average of 12%). Domestic Violence rates were up in 2020 (partially due to CoVid) and a 400% increase in Domestic Violence against youth was reported by Holly Brennan (CEO of CADA Centre Against Domestic Abuse) over the last 2 years.
- 2. A One-Stop Services Hub Grouping services together so that

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youth and families can access support.

- **3.** The Development of a 24 hour Safe Youth Space a place where vulnerable youth can access support when the family or friends are no longer an option.
- **4.** Connecting and consulting with Youth for Outcomes Youth need to feel ownership and listened to when planning for their future.
- **5.** Funding for Projects for initial and long-term sustainability To put projects into practice.

Lynne and Stacey from Bellara Neighborhood Watch Group attended the Summit and look forward to working with others on the projects.

BELLARA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETING – all welcome Monday May 17th 10am – 11.30am VMR Building – Marine Pde, Sylvan Beach.

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