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Welcome



Dear Readers,

I would like to address what has been going on, in our "Letters to the Ed" page. Just to reiterate, as the role of editor in this magazine, I do not believe I should have an opinion on anything political, religious or cultural and I am only a vessel to allow you, our readers to voice yours. However, there have been letters written that have, for better words, left a foul taste in my mouth, that I have allowed to go to print strictly to stay true to form and remain unbiased. I would like to make it very well known that these are NOT my or my staff's views and we are as always, staying clear of judgement.

In saying this, I must point out the vandalism that has occurred on the Island is disgusting and the small number of people doing these types of things must be held accountable for their actions. Everyone is entitled to a point of view, but under no circumstances is anyone entitled to use violence or threats and intimidation against people who are only doing their job, leaving them fearful to turn up to work.

We are a better community than this and it pains me to write this, but I implore you all to treat everyone like you would like to be treated, regardless of your views and opinions, as that is what will keep our Community strong, not divided. We are coming up fast to Christmas, let us all unite and celebrate the love for our fellow man, not breed hatred.

On that note, I hope you all have a wonderful fortnight, stop and smell the roses as they say and enjoy the stunning environment we are all so lucky to live in.

Until next time,

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Just like Cinderella's perfect shoe complimented her dress and completed her fairy-tale, your shoes do the same for your daily outfits.

Staying barefoot with a whole fashionista look? Eh, sounds like a major turn-off in the fashion department. However, there is more to shoes than what we know! Footwear not only reserves its statement of fashion but also protects and comforts your feet. Primarily, shoes were not much about fashion but more about purpose and functionality. With the evolution of the fashion industry, the footwear industry revolutionized simultaneously. Often, people tend to compromise on their feet' health without even realizing it. The question is, how do you keep yourself up with fashion and excellent health at the same time? The answer lies in knowing what and how to choose!

Shoes play a vital role in the betterment of your

physical health. Let's explore how that is and how to choose the perfect shoe for you!

The Correlation Between Shoes & Health
When talking about shoes, the type, and quality of them directly affect our health. We wear them for a prominent part of our lives, from work places to indoors. There is no place you won't go without shoes.

And, well, as we wear it on our feet, the most affected area is our lower body. Feet, legs, and the joints in the region get to experience every positive as well as a negative consequence.

For example, wearing tight shoes for a long time can cause fatigue. In certain cases, you may get bruises and scratches too.

Similarly, have you ever fantasized about why you cannot walk longer in loose shoes? We get tired within 10 to 15-minutes. It is because wearing loose shoes can prove to be inefficiently supportive.

So, your legs have to bear more load and pressure. As a result, you feel exhausted earlier.

Another example that clearly shows the correlation between shoes and health is high heels. Studies recommend women wear high heels (below 3-inches) for a maximum of 3-hours only. And, heels higher than 3-inches are not recommendable for more than an hour.

But why? Well, this particular type of shoe elevates the heel from the rest of the foot. It is an unnatural position that stresses the muscles and bones. Also, the elevated heel experiences increased pressure. People who frequently wear high heels are at a greater risk of developing muscle issues and strains. It can also give rise to poor posture, back pains, and walking difficulties.

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of the feet. Although it does not decrease the amount of force exerted on the body, it does decrease the application time. Hence, giving time to the body to adapt.

Moreover, it also supports the alignment of your feet and fits well. Thus, you do not feel much pressure or get your feet injured.

When picking the perfect shoe for yourself, you must take care of a few details. If you happen to be a person with athletic interests, buy and wear shoes designed for that specific sport (tennis, football, hockey, soccer, running, etc.). The design of shoes made for each sport varies in size, design, material, and weight. For that, you can conveniently go to specialty stores to shop for your athletic shoes, where the trained staff can help you out.

Here are a few more tips:

Shop for shoes after exercise or when you are through with your day. These are the times when

your feet are at their maximum size.

When trying the shoes, wear the same socks that you will wear when playing.

Ensure that you measure your feet every time you buy new shoes.

The shoes should grip your heel.

The ball of your feet should not feel squashed. If it does, you need a wider shoe, and half a size bigger shoe may suffice.

Wiggle your toes when trying the shoes on. It lets you know if there's room to move your foot inside the shoe when running or walking.

Check the material on the inside of the shoe. See if there are any seams, tags, or other elements that may irritate your feet.

Look out for non-durable soles! Try walking on carpets and hardwood floors. Ensure that the sole is sturdy and provides a firm grip.

Most importantly, prioritize your comfort! Remember

how the Prince found Cinderella through the shoe? Keep the chemistry, but make it about yourself. Meaning, when you find style in a shoe that gives you all the things mentioned above, you've found the perfect shoe.

Final Thoughts Shoes are so tiny and insignificant part of our lives. Or, would it be better to state that we treat like one? In reality, footwear plays a prominent part and determines our future health. Continue wearing the wrong shoes, and you will be experiencing health issues by mid-forties or even early-thirties. But, choose the right shoes today, and you will be racing on the track still the time your hair's complete hair!

As responsible beings, we must care for and maintain our health. Without it, living and surviving is impossible.

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It's been almost a year since Pina Colada started on the island, and what a year it's been! The girls at Pina Colada on Benabrow Avenue have been busy bees over the last 12 months revamping the shop and filling it with great stock, including a big range of shoes which now includes Bare Traps... The clothing styles focus on cool, casual, comfortable clothing that is perfect for our Queensland lifestyle and climate. Bernie says "We love

natural fibres and stock a big range of cotton, linen and rayons that breathe well and keep the body cool during our hot summers". "It has been a whirlwind year, the time has flown and I can't believe it is a year come early December that I have been living and working on the island, I have had a ball!" During the last year, we have been embraced by the local community and have been asked to do several fashion parades including Island Breeze

Resort, Bribie Pines, Bribie Cove Resort, Bongaree Bowls club and for Melbourne Cup, Palm Lakes Resort, Beachmere. We have also hosted a couple of groups who have travelled down from the Sunshine Coast to visit us. Lots of ladies attended these Sip and Style events and had a wonderful time....lots of laughs and lots of retail therapy to boot. Pina Colada can host your next function or fundraiser and supply nibbles, fashion parade and drinks, for more

information call Bernie on 0497 611 017 Helen a local lady and regular customer is a big fan of Pina Colada and comments "I love having Pina Colada here. I am so happy because they have such a big range of clothing and I don't have to leave the island to find a nice new outfit. Also, the staff are amazing and they give the best customer service ever!!" Pina Colada is now an employer of 3 local ladies, Leigh, Lesley and Kerry. In busy times we need all hands on

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bare traps

style and comfort

deck to make sure our customers are receiving the great service that we are becoming known for. "We are big believers at Pina Colada in making friends and long term customers. We want all our customers to feel welcome when they come into the store and know that they can have as much or as little help as they like. All the Pina Colada team love our customers and love helping them look their best. Sometimes we find it's great to have a little help and guidance and that's what we offer our customers. When I started Pina Colada my vision was to create a really friendly environment. Too often, walking into a boutique can be an intimidating experience and that's the last thing I wanted. We love to have a few jokes and have fun with our customers while we help

them find something that they love. "" Owner Bernie says "When I am out the back of the shop and I can hear joking and laughter that's music to my ears because shopping should be fun no matter who you are. "We have had some wonderful compliments in the past year, I recently had a lady say "thanks so much, I usually hate shopping for clothes but you made it easy and enjoyable again" What's in store for 2022? There are plenty of exciting things in store. My advice is just to keep popping into Pina Colada and you will see for yourself! "On behalf of myself and my team Leigh, Lesley and Kerry and Lou and Louise at our second store at Gympie we



would like to wish you all a Happy and Safe Festive Season and a wonderful and healthy New Year. Thank you for your support over the last year. We have loved meeting you all and helping you find new outfits and we look forward to seeing you again soon! "

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Are you standing in your Goddess energy?



We live in a materialistic consumer-based society, we all lead busy lives and need to earn to pay expenses, but what happens when we aren't honouring the essence of who we truly are?

If we don't have a balance between our inner and outer worlds we can feel out of kilter. When we awaken to the need to discover and nurture our inner world, we allow the outer world to flow, just to happen without effort, bringing creativity, calm and harmony. I am focusing on women here in this text and am asking the questions...

Do you feel you could have a more fulfilling inner experience? Do you feel complete? Are you happy and comfortable with your own skin? Are you enjoying your body and do you

know you are entitled to enjoyment? Is your sensual energy flowing? Do you feel sometimes frustrated, unfulfilled, looking for more, but can't seem to find it?

Is the connection with our partner on a wavelength we love or does it feel like the same process time and again, if it is this way, intimacy can become a chore, resentment can build and diminish love and connection in what can be a sacred, healing, nurturing space. Can we talk about these things with our partners freely? Is there an open dialogue without shame or guilt?

Are we speaking to our daughters about boundaries, to be confident within themselves, knowing that they only need validation from within? Do we take time to tell them who they are and do we explain to them how

beautiful and wonderful their bodies are and how to value themselves, what to embrace and what brings more love into our lives?

Is meditation a regular part of the week? Are you connecting to who you truly are? Are you taking time to love and honour yourself, the inner experience is not all touched by accumulation or what we have or what we lack, contentment and peace allow flow, are we flowing with the current?

Wherever we are, if we are going to expand and fulfil our experience in this realm and enjoy our own beautiful bodies and wonderful universal energy, we should connect with ourselves, learn how to be content and at peace within and then share our energy in connection with our partner.

Sexual energy has long been seen as

blocked or flowing, blocked energy can lead to imbalanced emotions, anger and frustration.

I am contemplating starting classes to address this topic, as women, we need to reconnect with the divinity of who we really are, to live our highest potential. If you are interested in standing in your Goddess energy and tap into your highest potential call me on 0405 361 882 or send me an email at creativeandhealingtherapies@outlook.com.

***Blessings in abundance,
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Back in May this year, Sandstone Point Lions Club, supported by The Bribie Islander, launched a campaign to raise \$20,000 to provide a very special little girl, Lomani, with a 'Smart Pup' and guess what? We did it, we raised \$20,000 in just over three months thanks to the amazing generosity and support of Bribie Island and surrounding communities.

Gay Power, a Sandstone Point Lions Club member and campaign manager for Lomani says, "It's incredibly heart-warming to see where the donations have come from.

"Aside from the strong support this worthy cause evoked from several Lions Clubs around the zone – Sandstone Point, Bribie Island, Morayfield, Woodford and Kilcoy, the campaign was also supported by the East Pumicestone Community Association and lots of individual donations from the community at large, which all helped build the campaign funds.

"However, it was a significant donation from the volunteers at The Bribie Island Community Nursery that made a major impact to the balance needed to be raised in order to reach our \$20,000 target. So, it's a huge, heartfelt thank you to them."

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Last week, Lomani and her Mum Anna, dropped into The Bribe Island Community Nursery to say a special thank you to the volunteers and with some help from Lyn Wearne, Lomani got stuck into learning how to pot plants which she was able to take home to look after herself. For Lomani, and other children like her, digging in the dirt, feeling the texture of the potting mix and being busy has a sensory and calming effect.

Lomani is a 4-year-old girl, who has a severely challenging life as a result of an acquired brain injury at birth. She has a complex medical diagnosis with underlying hydrocephalus (otherwise known as fluid on the brain) 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. She has already endured three.

Lomani requires 24/7 care, and every day is occupied with therapies including physio, occupational, behavioural, psychological, paediatric and aqua. In addition, she has medical visits, radiology, neurosurgical treatments and complimentary therapies, including equine and canine. Lomani was assessed as an eligible candidate for a 'Smart Pup' to assist with her autism and regular seizures. 'Smart Pups' Assistance Dogs are individually trained to aid a special needs person. Lomani isn't aware she will be getting a Smart Pup as there is up to an 18-month wait for the right dog to be selected and trained. And that's an extremely long time for an excitable four-year-old to wait. But rest assured we'll keep you all posted when that special day arrives.

It seems trite, after such a massive effort by the community to raise the funds needed, however, on behalf of this special little girl - THANK YOU EVERYONE!

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DANCING WITH BUTTERFLIES



By Stacey Durward

Step Up has been running in the Bribie Island and Ningi area since 2008, catering for all age groups from toddlers to adults and also run some casual classes for those who love to dance but can't attend regular classes.

We currently have over 70 students participating in tap, jazz, contemporary, classical ballet, acrobatics and line dancing lessons. Our main goal is to have fun! We also encourage students to participate in our end of year concert and performances at local events throughout the year. Unfortunately, due to restrictions over the last two years,

we have not been able to perform as much as we would like to. That's why we have organised other outings like our trip to the Bribie Island Butterfly House. It gave the students an extra opportunity to dress up in their beautiful tutus and other colourful costumes, dance around and pose with the butterflies and enjoy a novel experience. They also learnt a

lot about the butterflies from Rayashe guided us through the butterfly airport and even showed us some butterfly eggs. The kiddies lined up eagerly to get their faces painted by Miss Rose. She did a wonderful job with bright colours and lots of sparkles. They then took a turn walking the paths of the Butterfly House, looking for their favourite colour

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butterfly the biggest ones they could find. We stopped to dance and pose for some photos along the way. The butterflies were most attracted to the bright yellow tutus and would land on and around the ballerinas. Some of the children were lucky enough to have a butterfly land right on their hand. It was magical! The next opportunity for the

students to dress up again will be our end of year concert in December. All students will have the opportunity to dance on stage and showcase what they have learned in their dance classes throughout the year. We always record the concert so the kids can have a copy of their performance and we also make it into a movie to watch on the

big screen at the local Bribie Island Cinema. It's an amazing experience for the children to watch themselves dance on the big screen! We're extremely grateful and thankful to all the wonderful businesses and organisations on Bribie that support Step Up Dance and allow us to make dancing such a grand event for the children. It builds their

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In fact, it opened me up for more work that I needed to do, and I have gained a deep understanding of the power of those relationships and associations. I thank you. I did not expect to go the path I did; however, I know fully it was necessary and good for my wellbeing to work through that stuff.

Linda

Tracey led me through a step-by-step process to explore deeper into why I had this fear which led me to discover other fears and challenges in my life. To my surprise I felt a release and a cognitive change. EFT helped me to connect the dots and explore my feelings deeper. I would recommend Tracey as an EFT Practitioner.

Ginger

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Sue

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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Kathy Vincent

Bribie Island Croquet Club has been very busy giving back to the community. They recently held a "TREATS AND TREASURE DAY" at the club.

There were all sorts of treats and treasures for sale and the stalls were very busy. There were nearly new clothes, DVDs, books and goodies of all kinds. There was an excellent raffle with prizes galore, there was the sausage sizzle which is always popular (eat your heart out Bunnings!!) There were delicious scones for afternoon tea all of which took a lot of organizing and hard work by members with Jan Rees at the helm. You could also try your hand at croquet. There was someone there to show you how it was done and tell you about the games.

The Fundraising Committee is very happy to report the Fundraising day was a great success. The Club raised \$3070, and the cheque will be presented to BIKES at our Spit Roast Day. The money will be very helpful to Bribie Island Kids Educational Support. Whilst the money raised was extremely pleasing, having so many clubs

Members working hard before the event and on the day was even more wonderful. Many members arrived at 6.00am on the day to help set up and more continued to come throughout the morning to assist. Cleaning up took notime at all with so many hands on deck to help. Thank you to all our members who donated to the Treats and Treasure, bought and sold raffle tickets and assisted on the day.

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WITH MICHELLE HANTON OAM

As November arrives, we start to think about the upcoming Festive season. This season of traditionally high spending is a great time to think global and act local!

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Making more local purchases means less transportation for the products and the purchaser; this applies to both physical products and services. Transport reduction means reducing our carbon footprint.

"When shopping locally, we are each directly contributing to building our local community. As a general rule, customer service tends to be better when you buy from a local business."

When shopping locally, we are each directly contributing to building our local community. That means job creation for our children and grandchildren, as well as

preserving the history of family-run businesses. Bribie has many incredible stories of small businesses, both old and new. These same businesses are supporting local clubs with donations of time, equipment and prizes for their fundraisers. It is a collective community at work that is often not apparent at first glance.

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If you are a business owner, be sure to let your customers and clients know what local initiatives your business is supporting. Put the information in newsletters, on your website, email signatures, a poster inside your premises, telling customers their purchase is helping XYZ group/charity. You may even want to get involved with some cause-related marketing on a specific product.

As an example of thinking global yet acting locally, the book I co-authored, Internationally Abreast – Exercise as Medicine, had all the graphics created by a local Bribie business. Yet, the book is shipping globally to the Americas, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, Canada, and South Africa. I met this talented designer as a result of networking locally.

Buying local is, after almost two years of living with COVID-19, more important than ever. Our region has numerous hidden gems, with many small businesses operating from home, offering



a fantastic array of products ranging from soaps, catering, flowers, graphic design, massage therapists, business consultants, and more!

Your dollars spent within our community make a difference to our economy – so let's get behind the buy-local movement. As businesses and consumers, let's pledge to support our community by circulating our Festive dollars right here in the Bribie Island and Pumicestone community.

Michelle Hanton OAM is a multi-award winning international business strategist, the founder of Dragons Abreast Australia and former CEO of Lifeline Top End. Her business, Dragon Sisters, specialises in actionable, momentum-building support to help move your business to the next level. michelle@dragonsisters.com.au 0418 898082

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Likewise, if you only draw \$20,000 as you have cash available from other sources, you would still pay tax on \$50,000 as this is the calculated taxable income. This scenario is the same for trusts and partnerships. The profit allocated to you as your share of profit is the taxable amount included in your personal tax return.

However, trading companies are quite different. Any money withdrawn from the company is to be declared as wages or Director Fees. Drawing more than your wage enters the realms of Division 7A as Loans from the company and interest may be charged. Interest income for the company but not deductible by you. On the flip side, you need not draw all your wages and the result will be a loan to the company. This is acceptable and in future you can draw either against the loan tax free, or further taxable wages deductible by the company.

Each entity is different, and each situation is different. To ensure you are in the best tax position you need to discuss this, preferably in advance of the close of year. Now is an appropriate time to start looking at the financials and project to the end of next June for maximum benefit. Our offices would like to help you be in the best tax position.

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Over-heard Conversations

"I don't like this foreign muck, but maybe the Chicken Maryland."



"Well, at least I am not two-faced about it"

By Elaine Lutton.

My late husband and I used to have great fun adopting overheard snippets of conversation which had amused us into our own personal lexicon. Some, I have already explained in my writing. The weary Sheffield police sergeant who, on looking at the signatures of the newly arrived waiters for the local curry restaurant, declaring, "that ud be right, upside down and back-arcs way around" was just one example.

Another curry conversation, one we actually heard in an Indian restaurant, was between a married couple who were not, perhaps, the most perfect example of wedded bliss. We do not know what had led up to the evening out, whether the husband was trying to make up for some dreadfully marital crime, but the conversation between the two went something along the lines of the following:

He, "What would you like to eat, Love?"

She, "I don't like this foreign muck, but maybe the Chicken Maryland."

He ordered a curry and tucked in; she poked at the chicken and did not seem to be best pleased with it.

He watched with increasing exasperation and finally declared, "No matter what I do, I just can't please you, can I?"

She, replying with a sniff, "Well, at least I am not two-faced about it", thereby attempting to make a virtue of being a quite impossible woman!

Another oft-repeated phrase, one which we had overheard in a

pub, concerned a piece of news that everyone was familiar with but was passed onto a gentleman of the North, who replied in mock surprise, "As he goned down then? Thadon't tell us owt up 'ere".

How I miss Don to share these overheard gems. All we needed to do was to exchange a quick glance with each other and when we were alone together, roar with laughter and repeat what we had heard, incorporating it into our own private glossary of well-used and well-loved phrases.

During my recent stay at our local health farm, i.e. Caboolture Hospital, I listened whilst some nurse attempted to take a coherent medical history from a patient, to no avail. I hid under my blankets, my sense of humour even overcoming how desperately ill I was feeling. When the same nurse came around to minister to me, I thanked him for providing a little light entertainment during a long and difficult night when sleep was impossible. I was rewarded with a wry smile, but truly, he had the patience of Job, although not receiving Job's eventual reward. In a previous "Letters to the Editor", it was suggested that I should, perhaps, dismount from my High Horse and learn some humility.

In order to do this, I shall recount an incident concerning myself which I trust you will keep as a closely guarded secret just between the two of us.

If finally got around to providing my washing machine with a companion in the form of a dishwasher, just as I had promised her months ago. I entered Leading Appliances and said I wished to purchase a dishwasher, or at least that was what I think I said. The word washer was definitely used, and the kind sales man

began to show me washing machines. Why did I not immediately realise we were at cross purposes I do not understand, but on I went on my merry way, discussing the virtues of top-loaders against front-loaders, those with agitators or just revolving drum etc. I allowed the poor salesman to fill out a multitude of paperwork and send it off, before leaving the shop. It was only when I mounted Ferrari, my motorised mobility scooter, that the full realisation of my ineptitude hit me. There was nothing for it but to re-enter the shop, apologise for my temporary insanity, and purchase a dishwasher. What then must have been thinking as she filled in yet more paperwork, I dread to think. He kept a straight face throughout but was beginning to develop anervous twitch by the time I left. He knew he would still have to enter the home of this eccentric in order to deliver the said dishwasher, and I was bracing myself to face him again whilst the delivery took place. That afternoon, the dishwasher arrived. My son-in-law, Bill the plumber, installed it a few days later, and although he did express a few understandable doubts about my competence to handle such a high-tech white-good, possibly due to the fact I had fallen head-first into a previous machine whilst stacking it. Entranced to the machine had been easy but extricating myself had proved to be a somewhat bloody affair, neither of us being quite the same afterwards.

However, the new comer has caused me no troubles since, and my washing machine is glad of the company in the utility area of my home.

Yes, I do enjoy laughing at the folk's foibles, but am well aware that I, too, am capable of providing fodder for other people's funny stories.



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We mentioned I was involved with a Champagne tasting in the last article and it was very successful, the table I was at served Champagne Deutz which was very well received and there were probably thirty other tables there with a good selection of well-known brands and new Champagne houses trying to establish themselves in the Australian market which is the world's 6th largest. The four wines sampled were The Deutz non-vintage Cuvee and Rose, the 2015 vintage Cuvee and the beautiful vintage Blanc de Blanc Armour de Deutz, it was certainly like turning the clock back.

Moving on from Victoria in the last article let's have a look at the region that has firmly put Australia on the wine-drinking map and that of course is South Australia, although Victoria had the distinction of producing this year's wine of the year South Australia boasts the production of several wines that match the Grand Crus of Bordeaux with Penfold's Grange and Henschke's Hill of Grace. South Australia has been producing wine since as early as 1847 and in The Barossa Valley, there is a rich source of some of the oldest Shiraz vines in the world. Shiraz vines were planted by Johann Fiedler on Lot 1 Hundred of Moorooroo (the township of Tanunda) and are still in commercial production today by Turkey Flat Vineyards. The Barossa mainly comprises of

Tanunda, Nuriootpa, Angaston, Williamstown and Lyndoch and a couple of smaller towns such as Moculta and Springton and when you wander up the high street of Tanunda there is a heady aroma of smoked meats from the German butchers some of whose ancestors were amongst the first inhabitants in the area. When I started in the industry in 1981 I joined Kaiser Stuhl Wines who were a co-operative of over 100 growers formed in the early 1930s to survive the great depression but operated as a family business and with in days of joining the company, I was over in the Barossa learning how the business operated and being shown the winemaking operation at their huge winery comprising of large stainless steel tanks and huge concrete pits holding up to 1 million litres of red

wines. They also had a Chateau as their tasting rooms and offices which upon being taken over by Penfold's in 1982 the fences dividing the two companies were removed and today the Chateau signifies Penfold's business in the valley and Kaiser Stuhl wines were closed down in the early 1990s. Wolf Blass was brought to Australia in 1961 by Kaiser Stuhl to assist primarily in sparkling winemaking and went on to be one of the famous sons of the region, in fact, he sent the Kaiser Stuhl Rose to the Ljubljana wine show in Slovenia where it won a gold medal and the wine then became known as The Kaiser Stuhl Gold Medal Rose and in Australia outsold the famous Mateus Rose from Portugal. Famous wineries in this area are Penfolds, Henschke, Wolf Blass, St.

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Hugo, Turkey Flat, Rockford, Peter Lehman, Elderton, Yalumba, Saltram, Jacobs Creek, Grant Burge and Schild Estate. There are dozens more including Seppeltsfield which when built by Joseph Seppelt in 1867 the winery was on the side of a hill and the grapes tipped into the crusher at the top became juice by gravitation by the time it had reached the bottom, unfortunately, Joseph died in 1868 so never saw the completion of the winery. Since the mid-1980s Seppeltsfield has had several owners finally moving into

the hands of Warren Randall in 2013 and the winery has finally been returned to its full glory with a five-star hotel and award-winning restaurant on site. I met Warren in the mid-1990s and sold wine for him in Western Australia, more about him in the next edition, you could write a chapter on him alone! Also North of Adelaide is The Clare Valley and The Eden Valley which are well known for producing outstanding Riesling wines and very good Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. Wineries in this area include Pauletts, O'Leary Walker,

Tim Adams, Knappstein, Kilikanoon, Tim Gramp, Taylors, Jim Barry, Grosset, Pikes and Leasingham. I have sold a few wines from this region and had a very good relationship with Claymore Wines whose labels included The Dark Side of The Moon Shiraz, London Calling Cabernet Malbec, Black Magic Woman Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, Nirvana Reserve Shiraz and You'll Never Walk Alone GSM (the owner is a mad Liverpool football club fan). The white wines include Purple Rain Sauvignon Blanc, Superstition Reserve Riesling and my favourite Joshua Tree Riesling which can be bought from Dan Murphy's I think you should get the musical drift, but also very good wines. I think it would be remiss of me to rush through South Australia's other wine regions because there is so much to write about so we will pause here and I will mention several of my favourite wines from the area already mentioned and we will carry on with South Australia next time. A few of my favourite Barossa Red wines and white wines Anything from Penfolds including the Koonunga Hill range which usually sells for less than \$20, Bin 28 and 128 which often can be found under \$40. Jacobs Creek Double Barrel Shiraz \$20, Yalumba 'The Scribbler' Cabernet Shiraz \$16, Pepperjack Cabernet Sauvignon \$18, Cat Amongst The Pigeons Cabernet Sauvignon \$15, Chateau Tanunda Grand Barossa Shiraz \$25.

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From the lips of Robert Mitchem There are, I believe, some of you who never touch alcohol in any shape or form. I respect your convictions wholeheartedly, but I am sincerely sorry for you at the same time. For when you wake up in the morning that's as good as you're ever going to feel! From the lips of Winston Churchill in the corridors of The House of Commons when a lady member rounded upon him one evening and accused him of being drunk. "Madam," said Churchill, "I am indeed drunk, and you are ugly, but in the morning I shall be sober"

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You've heard of the singing nun – now meet the singing prison chaplain! Sue Collier has been a volunteer prison chaplain with Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy for four years, but decades prior, she was a popular singer who entertained audiences around Australia and abroad. The Beachmere local started singing professionally at the age of 15, the start of an entertainment career spanning 35 years. Under the name Toni McCann she released garage pop-rock singles such as 'My Baby' and the theme tune for Australian music show Saturday Date. Changing her name to Toni McRae, she recorded her first album Banjo Flat and married musician Royce Nicholas. Performing together as Toni & Royce, the duo released

three albums and several singles, performed for troops at military bases in Far East Asia and Europe, played in UK clubs, appeared at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland, and toured Queensland Arts Council children's programs around Australian schools for nine years. Now Sue has released her first original music since the 1980s, a new EP of original Christian songs entitled You Might Be the One. "I have had many challenges in my life, juggling family, children and work. Some of these situations inspired me to write about my testimony and my faith. During the last two years I felt a need to put some of these songs on disc so that I had something that I could share. I hope this will encourage my family, my friends, and the people

that I meet," Sue said. For Sue, it has been an interesting experience – and a learning curve – returning to the music scene after such a long hiatus. "Recording is now very different because the industry has changed so much with digital technology. When I first started recording in the 1970s, the record companies would do all the preparation and promotion. For this new work, I had to do the planning and arranging myself, with the help of the musicians and recording engineer," Sue said. Sue has enjoyed using her love of music to sing at church services inside correctional centres. Her prison chaplaincy work inspired 'Long Way Back', one of five songs on her new CD, all of which she wrote. "Working as a volunteer with Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy,

I've realised how difficult it is for many former prisoners to fit back into the community after their release. Without adequate support outside, many of them return to prison," Sue said. "I wanted to share my faith through my music, as I have seen first hand that finding faith 'inside' has been a turning point for many and has brought hope and healing to others, by building strength and resilience from the 'inside out'." **You can purchase a copy of You Might Be the One CD by emailing susanrutlandcollier@gmail.com. Learn more about volunteering or donating to Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy at www.insideoutchaplaincy.org.au.**

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STRANGE FRUIT

BY BILLIE HOLIDAY

This was written by a white, Jewish schoolteacher and union activist from New York City named Abel Meeropol, who was outraged after seeing a photograph of a horrific lynching in a civil-rights magazine. The photo was a shot of two black men hanging from a tree after they had been lynched in Marion, Indiana on August 7, 1930. The two men are the "Strange Fruit."

The original title was "Bitter Fruit," and the song started as a poem Meeropol wrote. The poem was published in the January 1937 issue of a union publication called *The New York Teacher*. After putting music to it, the song was performed regularly at various left-wing gatherings. Meeropol's wife and friends from the local teachers' union would sing it, but it was also performed by a black vocalist named Laura Duncan, who once performed it at Madison Square Garden.

This was performed by a quartet of black singers during an antifascist fundraiser at a show put on by Robert Gordon, who was also working on the floor show at a club called *Cafe Society*. Billie Holiday had just quit Artie Shaw's band and was the featured attraction at the club, and Gordon brought the song to her attention and suggested she sing it. Holiday played to an integrated audience at the *Cafe Society*, and her version popularized the song. In 1971, Meeropol said, "I wrote 'Strange Fruit' because I hate lynching, I hate injustice, and I hate the people who perpetuate it."



Victims of lynchings were people who were marginalized from society, and most were black men. They were lynched for a variety of reasons, often because they did something to upset a prominent member of the community, who would then organize a mob to track down and kill the victim. Many times, the victims broke no laws but were lynched out of jealousy, hatred or religious difference. In America,

lynching's were more common in the South but could happen anywhere. In a lynching, people could be hanged, burned, dragged behind cars and killed in a number of different ways. Most lynchings were carried out by small, clandestine groups, but some were public spectacles. The one that inspired this song was in front of about 5,000 people in Marion, Indiana. Extra excursion cars were set up on trains so people could come to watch.

In her autobiography, Holiday claimed she wrote this, which was not true. Toward the end of her life, she had a lot of drug problems and made some unreliable statements. Meeropol often had other people put his poems to music, but with this, he did it himself.

Columbia Records, Holiday's label, refused to release this. She had to release it on Commodore Records, a much smaller label. This was always the last song Holiday played at her concerts. It signaled that the show was over. In 1999, *Time* magazine voted this the Song of the Century. When the song first came out it was denounced by the same magazine as "A piece of musical propaganda."



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In 1992, the United Nations General Assembly designated 3 December as IDPwD. On this day, communities are asked to focus on how they can achieve inclusivity through the removal of physical,

technological and attitudinal barriers for people living with a disability.

So, please come along and join us on Friday 3 December at noon in the Auditorium at the Bribie Island RSL and enjoy a two-course lunch, as well as the fun and laughter we always have at our events. Quadriplegic classical singer, Tim McCallum, who was a competitor in 'The Voice' in 2015 and sang our National Anthem at the 2020 AFL grand final, has prepared a special video for us to play on the day.

There will be presentations by Councillor Brooke Savage, Ms Ali King MP, Mr Terry Young MP, Lachy Chapman, Michelle Watson, Paul Constable Calcott

and our very own Lyntara Quirke, who is going to update us on the Webster Street Hospice.

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A TIME FOR REFLECTION

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Christmas for many families is one of joyfulness, festivities and the chance to reconnect with loved ones. A time of reflection for all we are, do and have, a time of gratitude sharing and receiving.

Though there is a deeper meaning that invites us to realise that Christmas is a daily way of life that it just doesn't come and go, it lives within us. The same can be said about those who are doing it tough day after night, night after day, loneliness, despair of illness or homelessness, not knowing where the next place to sleep will be.

Vincent himself knew of those who were freezing cold and decided to reach out and give firewood, a simple gesture that encouraged them to light their own fire, a fire within, a fire that brings warmth and light for themselves. A fire that inflames the realisation that they are worthy and loved.

This year, as with last year too, has brought an ever-winding gap with social distancing between those we love and the poorest. Loneliness too is a virus, like any virus we can see the effects it has had, we can see the devastating fallout that breeds silently, leaving behind a trail of despair. Though no matter how deep the despair, hope is more abundant and that hope is the difference.

Like the firewood Vincent gave, it brought fireworks of generosity and kindness into the lives of those in need. This Christmas let's help each other to light up someone's life, and let them know they are loved no matter what.

Bribie Island Saint Vincent de Paul is a small part of a worldwide society of Saint Vincent de Paul, and we take small steps to ensure that we at least offer hope and support for those in need. We can't do it alone and are extremely grateful to all the businesses clubs associations and charities who work together within our wonderful communities of Bribie Sandstone Point and Ningi.

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Get the popcorn and picnic blankets ready for Moreton Bay's own outdoor cinema experience by the sea. Brennan Park in Bongaree will come alive on Saturday 20 November when Moreton Bay Regional Council hosts a special starlight screening of *Elf* (2003).

From 4pm there will be plenty of pre-movie entertainment including an art & craft workshop, giant outdoor games and hands-on environmental educational activities delivered by Ocean Life Education.

There will also be live music from local artists including Moreton Bay's very own

Kiani Jazz Music.

Throughout the afternoon there will be movies, snacks on offer with chocolate, fairy floss, and popcorn available for purchase before the movie starts at 7pm.

The Bribie Island Museum will also host a pop-up stand on the day, giving people a taste of the exhibition they have on display.

Just bring along your own chair, blanket or picnic rug and enjoy the film.

This family-friendly movie was a hit at the box office and cannot be seen for free on our iconic waterfront.

Elf is truly a magical Christmas tale that's fun for the whole family.

Not to mention, you can browse the

markets and pick up some handmade goodies for Christmas presents and support our local businesses.

There will also be beanbags, deck chairs and plenty of delicious food options available for purchase from our great surrounding cafes and restaurants. What a better way to enjoy your beautiful region than to enjoy some live music, indulge in delicious treats and settle into an outdoor movie.

Bribie Island Movie and Night Markets is a free event presented by Moreton Bay Regional Council.

This event will implement COVID Safe practices.

If you are feeling unwell, please stay at home and follow health advice.

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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

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Horoscope



The year 2021 isn't going to go softly into the night. With a Total Eclipse, Venus turning retrograde, Jupiter changing signs, and a final flurry between Saturn and Uranus lighting up December's skies, a cosmic crescendo is building. It calls us to commit to making meaningful changes. A link between Venus and Pluto promises that a cathartic transformation can reconnect us with values we thought lost. Anything worth having requires effort. Month, if we put the work in, the rewards will be satisfactory.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)



Have you ever considered running for government? It's not joking! With your innovative ideas and your motivational skills being encouraged by a series of powerful celestial events, your leadership abilities will be much in demand. Even if you're not the ambitious type, you'll find yourself dealing with responsibilities and demonstrating the best way to deal with life's inevitable challenges. As you knock situations into shape, you may surprise yourself, let alone the people around you. Enjoy the status December brings! There's more... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)



Remember how you danced when you were young? It's easy to look back at the moves we used to make, and think we'd look ridiculous now. Are you looking at your current situation with the perspective of the person you used to be? December brings a fresh outlook, an innovative approach that enables you to reassess and change. It's based on a deeper understanding of who you are (rather than who you used to be). If you accept yourself and appreciate your gifts, you'll see improvements in all aspects of your world. Ready now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

GEMINI (May 22 - June 22)



We all have ways to make ourselves feel good. We develop ways of giving ourselves the equivalent of a stress-relieving massage, and we can find ways to wriggle off any hooks we find ourselves on. Thank goodness! Far better to be our own best friend than to be our own worst enemy. December brings opportunities for you to turn sticky situations around so that they're working in your favour. Through the power of self-belief, you can beat your most charming and optimistic. When you feel good, just remember to share your enthusiasm. Discover the inner you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

CANCER (June 23 - July 23)



It's satisfying to think we've reached an agreement, or come to a conclusion. Yet negotiations involve a process. Like an elaborate meal, there are different courses that need appreciating and digesting before we can move on to the next. Under December's powerful cosmic skies, be as flexible as you can be. Arrangements don't need to be set in stone. Don't worry about other people reneging on promises, focus on how you're being presented with opportunities to relieve yourself from dull commitments. And enjoy! An amazing service... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

LEO (July 24 - August 23)



Even if you buy the most sophisticated home security gear, you won't be able to stop the 'timethief' stealthily making its way into your world. It's as cunning as the most skillful burglar... but it's your precious schedule, rather than your jewellery that's at risk. December's always a busy month, but this one, which includes a Total Eclipse and the Solstice, is going to be particularly frenetic... and potentially exciting. As long as you stay clear-headed and focused, you'll be able to ignore the distractions and enjoy great success. Don't miss out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

VIRGO (August 24 - Sep 23)



Imagine you're approaching a fortified castle. It has a powerful sound system over which you can hear a voice saying 'Warning! Trespassers will be prosecuted'. You'd soon be off in the other direction. Unless, of course, you're rebellious (or insatiably curious) - in which case you might feel a bit of excitement. December's powerful cosmic climate tempts you into situations you might normally pass by. As long as your motives are clear, and your intentions are for the good of all, be ready for an adventure you won't forget. Our gift to you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)



You're a generous soul. Ruled by Venus, the planet of love, you go out of your way to help others, not because you expect the favour to be returned, but by the goodness of your heart. You can't bear to see injustice and like to balance wrongs. Even when surrounded by selfishness, you can't help but be kind. Since you're discreet, no one seems to notice your deeds. In December, you get the recognition you deserve. In this month of giving and receiving, the gift you're presented with can seriously improve your life. Right here, right now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)



We set our sights on impressive objectives, then we're surprised by the amount of stress and strain in our lives. Wouldn't it be easier if we lowered our expectations? Yet this month, if you find yourself struggling up a slippery, steep slope, it could be worth digging in deep and finding a way to get to the top. You've already taken bold steps and set important changes in motion. In December, you'll get the support you need. As long as you don't get too distracted by other people's agendas, you'll make excellent progress. Especially for you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)



'A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down'. We find it easier to deal with difficulty when we've got the promise of something sweet to look forward to. This month, the cosmos brings you sweetener, so whenever challenges present themselves, which they will. This is December after all... with its annual pressures and duties. But, with a Total Eclipse in your sign and the Solstice, the cosmos offers remedies to solve any issues. They might not be as transforming as Mary Poppins, but their effects will be powerful. Oscar's gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)



With Venus in your sign for a protracted visit and your ruler, Saturn, forming a final square to Uranus, your agenda is setting itself. Lines are being drawn, options are being ruled out and priorities are becoming clear. In December, there's little room to doubt what you need to do. Unless you want to spend the month holding back a tide, you need to recognise the direction things are moving in and go with the flow. Save yourself for causes worth fighting for. When you purposefully direct your energy, you'll come out winning. A brilliant offer... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)



Life's full of infuriating, irritating things. No matter what we do, we can't escape the ridiculous situations that come our way. Even a smart Aquarian can't protect themselves from less-than-desirable developments. And December... well, it's the icing on this year's cake; this month, you'll wonder how you ever managed to get yourself into certain crazy situations. Yet, as your ruler, Uranus, squares with Saturn, you'll see what you've gained from your experiences. Keep smiling and enjoying this. It's going to end surprisingly well. Unmissable gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

PISCES (Feb 20 - March 20)



December's celestial activities tell a story of inspiration and opportunity. Of someone recognising what has long been in their power to achieve; only until now, they couldn't see it. They didn't know how good things could get. In case you're wondering... that someone is you. You've been waiting for the chance to overcome a difficulty and take a chance of a mission destined for success. When Jupiter, your traditional ruler, moves into your sign at the end of the month, you'll know with certainty that you're on the right path. Try this out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com

SUMMER IS COMING!

Queenslanders have done an amazing job of keeping COVID-19 out, and now it's time to plan a safe and happy summer. COVID-19 devastated our local businesses and our community.

It meant weeks, months and years without seeing friends and family interstate. For some it meant saying goodbye forever to loved ones. But COVID-19 vaccines and increasing vaccination rates have brought back hope. Especially in Brisbane and surrounds, where 91.1% of people are 1st dosed and 78.3% are fully vaccinated. That's the 3rd highest in Queensland! For those that are double dosed vaccinated, this summer will see a return to doing the things they enjoy with family and friends by their side. It means getting back to some sense of normality with less fear of catching or spreading COVID-19. Once our borders open fully in December, COVID will arrive quickly in our area. From December 17th, entertainment, music and dining venues will be available to vaccinated people only to reduce the risk to our community and as a thank you to everyone who has stepped up and been vaccinated. Ultimately, this is about protecting every single one of us, and especially our most vulnerable. Vaccinated people are less likely to catch COVID, less likely to pass it on and much less likely to end up seriously unwell. Of people who end up in ICU with COVID, over 70% still have life altering symptoms 6 months later, however young or healthy they were before hand. Understand some people have questions about vaccination. That's normal. Every medical treatment has risks, even though COVID-19 vaccines are very safe. If you're unsure, please speak to a health professional. Our local GPs, our pharmacists, nurses and vaccination staff are the professionals, not Dr Google. Because when people start to get lost in online misinformation and uncertified medical professionals, it can become dangerous. My office is an unfortunate example of what can happen when conspiracy theories go too far. My staff have coped with death threats and our office was attacked. People may have differing views, but violence and aggression is never okay. No staff member or community member should feel unsafe at work. I know we're better than this, and I'm not going to stop encouraging our community to get vaccinated. Because with our big population of elderly and vulnerable people, it's our community that will suffer the worst of COVID-19. I don't want to see local people end up in hospital, in ICU or worse. And I don't want to see our health workers overwhelmed and suffering. So I'm asking everyone, especially younger people, to make a plan for a safe and happy summer by getting vaccinated, if you haven't already. You can get vaccinated at Caboolture Square Vaccination Hub, at GPs and pharmacies. If you've got questions about vaccination, please - talk to a doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

And if you've got questions about the reopening plan, drop us an email or call my office on pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au or

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Regards Ali



Ali King giving our chocolate to staff and patients at the Caboolture vaccination clinic.

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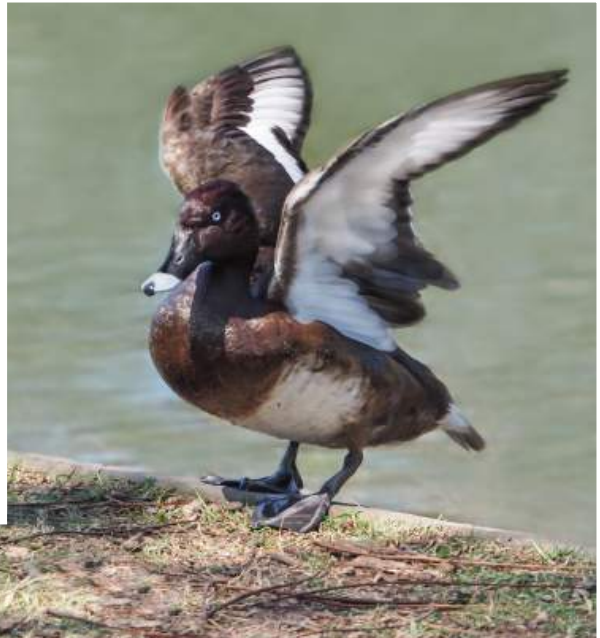
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Hardhead – *Aythya australis*



By Marj Webber



Hardheads, sometimes called White-Eyed Ducks, are smallish ducks 41-51 cm in length and weighing 53g-1.1kg. They are a rich brown colour with darkish heads, white patches on bellies and underneath tails, blue-white tips on ends of bills and mostly white underwings which is most visible during flight. White eyes are the most distinguishing feature in the males which makes them easy to distinguish from other ducks.

Females' eyes are brown. Legs are set well back and aid in their swimming and diving skills. They are the only true diving duck found in Australia and can swim up to 40m underwater and can stay submerged for up to a minute. Hardheads are usually silent birds but sometimes make rasping whistles or soft quacks. Usually, they are seen in small groups or large flocks. Buckley's Hole

and Bibimulya Wetlands are likely places on Bribie Island to view Hardheads when they pay us a visit. Hardheads are endemic to Australia. Their preferred habitats are large deep lakes, farm dams and sewage ponds where there is vegetation. I have seen them often in man-made lagoons in suburban areas. They are more commonly found in SE and SW Australia but given climatic circumstances can turn up almost anywhere. During drought times they are nomadic and will travel great distances to areas with water. They have on occasions made their way to PNG, Indonesia, some Pacific Islands and NZ. Food is obtained by diving deep to obtain aquatic plants and animals. Breeding takes place only in Australia and is probably

influenced by rainfall. Nests are neat, cup-shaped and lined with down. They are well hidden on a platform of vegetation usually with a canopy of reeds overhead and up to one metre above the water level. Courting and mating take place in the water where the females become submerged. 9-12 creamy eggs are laid and incubated by females for about 30 days. They also tend to the young alone. Males protect their mates by calling vigorously to distract predators. The strange name "Hardhead" originated in early times when taxidermists had difficulty processing their heads. Their conservation status is secure in all states except in Victoria where it is classed as vulnerable.

THREATENED MIGRATORY SHOREBIRDS



For further information: Birdlife Australia: info@birdlife.org.au
 Qld. Wader Study Group: www.waders.org.au
 Birds Queensland: www.birdsqueensland.org.au
 Glenda Charles (for BIEPA)

At the last monthly BIEPA meeting, we had the wonderful opportunity to hear an informative address by Professor Richard Fuller from the school of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Queensland. Professor Fuller spoke about the critical need to **MAKE SPACE FOR NATURE**. This erudite man has expertise in birds, conservation, shorebirds, migratory shorebirds, urban green space, biodiversity, citizen science, protected areas, national parks and the critically endangered eastern curlew).

I wasn't aware until I moved to Brisbane that Moreton Bay's migratory shorebirds travel thousands of kilometres and how critical their time here on Brisbane is for them to rest and feed. During their annual travels, Moreton Bay's migratory shorebirds fly a defined route, the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, from the Bay and adjacent wetlands, along the shores of Korea, China and Japan to their breeding grounds in Russia and Alaska, before returning to the Bay to rest and feed. Each annual migration is a 26,000-kilometre round trip, with only a few critical stops along the way to feed and rest. Shorebirds shed unnecessary weight before migration by reducing the size of their digestive organs and leg muscles. Some species double their weight by building up their muscles and storing fat to provide vital energy reserves for their long journey.

THREATS

Migratory shorebirds are in decline worldwide. A major cause is habitat loss along the Flyway, however, new and ongoing threats in and around Moreton Bay also contribute. Immediate threats include coastal development and frequent disturbance of shorebirds by people and off-leash dogs. Every time migratory shorebirds are disturbed, they use up some of the precious energy necessary for their flight home. Less direct, serious threats are climate change impacts, such as the sea-level rise and extreme events.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are a few things you can do when you're at the beach or your local wetland to help keep shorebirds safe.

- Give them plenty of space so they don't get scared.
- Keep dogs on a leash.
- Take home rubbish to prevent injury and habitat degradation.
- Protect and restore coastal wetlands.

Abide by shellfish bag limits and take only what you need. Most of this information comes from ESRAG Moreton Bay (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group). The illustrations are from Birdlife Australia.

MIGRATORY Shorebirds

Migratory shorebirds live in Australia for part of the year and fly away to breed overseas. 36 shorebird species migrate to Australia from their breeding grounds in the Northern Hemisphere. The Double-banded Plover also flies to Australia, but breeds in New Zealand. Here are some of the species you can find.



Sharp-tailed Sandpiper
Habitat: They like grassy edges of shallow inland wetlands but can also be found in mudflats, mangroves, rocky shores and beaches in Australia. They breed in the Arctic tundra of Siberia.
Fact: They have a rusty red crown of feathers on their head.



Common Greenshank
Habitat: They are common around Australia on both the coast and inland. They breed in Eurasia, the northern British Isles, east Estonia, north-east Belarus, Scandinavia and Russia.
Fact: They have the widest distribution of any shorebird in Australia.



Eastern Curlew
Habitat: They live in coastal areas in the north-east and south of Australia, including Tasmania. They breed in Russia and north-eastern China.
Facts: Their call is a 'Cuuurrlw' sound. They are the largest of all the world's shorebirds.

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Pacific Golden Plover
Habitat: They are widespread along the coastline in Australia and breed on the Arctic tundra in Western Alaska.
Fact: They have golden feathers in breeding plumage.



Ruddy Turnstone
Habitat: They live at the coast in Australia and breed on the northern coasts of Europe, Asia and North America on the high Arctic tundra.
Fact: They get their name (turnstone) as they turn over stones and seaweed to find food.



Red-necked Stint
Habitat: They are found all over Australia in inland wetlands and on beaches. They breed in the high Arctic tundra of north-eastern Siberia and northern and western Alaska.
Fact: They are omnivores, eating both plants and invertebrates.



Bar-tailed Godwit
Habitat: They live on Australian mudflats and beaches. They breed on the Arctic tundra in Scandinavia, northern Asia and Alaska.
Fact: They are often seen in large flocks.

STATUS VULNERABLE

You can help migratory shorebirds by learning more about them and telling other people!



Answers to the BRIBIE HISTORY QUIZ

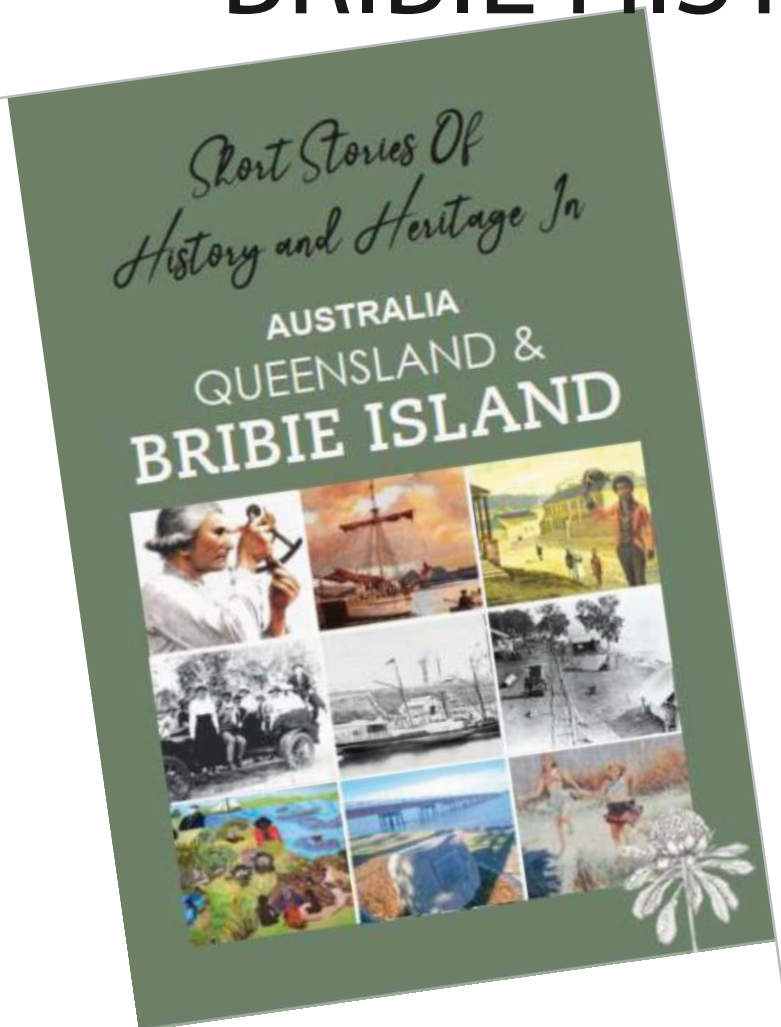
BRIBIE HISTORY QUIZ - ANSWERS

Barry Clark- Bribie Island Historical Society.

In a recent edition, I invited readers to test their knowledge of Bribie history and submit answers on a wide range of questions. Some were tricky with multiple answers, others did not offer the correct choice, but a few clever readers spotted those. The four people with most insightful and correct answers were Joanne Lovell, Sue Huisman, Bob Stutter and Penny Horne. They will be recognised and receive a copy of the soon to be published book of my History short stories.

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS. HOW DID YOU GO ?

1. What does the name "Caboolture" mean? - the name derives from local Kabi aboriginal language cabul-tur meaning the place of the Carpet Snake.
2. How many people have been buried on



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Bribie? - There is no longer a cemetery on Bribie, but there have been two different ones over the last 100 years, with one burial in each in 1935 and 1964. Answer, two burials.

3. What make was the first motor car on Bribie?
- It was a 1914 Talbot.

4. Who had a Fish Cannery at Bongaree in 1910? It was relocated from the north of the island to the new settlement of Bongaree and operated by a few years by the owner Mrs Sarah Balls.

5. What was the first Club on Bribie Island?
Regular visiting Bowlers from Brisbane, with help from the Steamship Co., officially established the Bribie Island Bowls Club in 1929. The Surf Lifesaving Club officially founded in 1933.

6. When did mains Electricity come to Bribie? - Cable from Caboolture under Pumicestone Passage brought first mains electricity to Sylvan Beach in 1953.

7. How many spans on the Bribie Island Bridge?
- it may surprise you that there are 38 spans on the Bribie Island bridge. Count them on your next walk.

8. Which is the most Easterly church on Bribie? - the Catholic Church on Bribie is the most Easterly Catholic Church in Australia, but the most easterly Church on Bribie is the Greek Church at Woorim.

9. When did the Bribie Golf Club open at Woorim? - Golf started on the first 9 holes in 1969, with the official opening of the Course and Club in 1971.

10. What previously happened in the Baptist Church? - this was a tricky question, because all three

things went on there over the years. A skating rink in 1962, a Cinema from 1964 for 10 years, and Busy Fingers for 20 years before it became the Baptist Church in 1995. So all 3 answers were correct.

11. What year did the first motor car come to Bribie? - I did not give you the correct choice, as the first car was driven from Brisbane over bush and beach tracks, and floated to Bribie in 1918. ... so, points for all.

12. Who wrote the book "Bribie the Basket Maker"? - The prominent businessman, author, sportsman and historian, who wrote the book in 1937 at the age of 80, creating the legend of the islands name, was Thomas Welsby

13. What year was the first Hotel built on Bribie? John Godwin, after whom Goodwin Drive is named, constructed a purpose built modern residential Hotel, with running water and electricity in 1939. The Army occupied it in WW2 .

14. How many years did artist Ian Fairweather live on Bribie? -After a lifetime of travel and adventure, in 1953 at the age of 62, he came seeking peace and isolation, and lived in a grass hut in the Bribie bush for 21 years.

15. How old was Matthew Flinders when he came here? - he was just 25 years old when he put the first white foot on Bribie in 1799, before going on to be the first to circumnavigate the entire continent and suggest the name "Australia".

16. How many people died building the Bribie Bridge? - Nobody was killed.

17. What year was the first Church service on

Bribie? - There was a rush to establish various churches on Bribie when resident and visitor numbers grew in the 1920's. Methodists held the first church service on 23rd December 1928, in an old Hall brought to the island, and a few days later on 27 December 1928 the Church of England held a dedication service in their newly built hall.

18. When did the first full time Doctor start on Bribie? For 50 years, a nurse handled medical needs, and later a Doctor visited weekly from Caboolture for a few hours. The first full time resident Doctor was a young Lynn Kennedy who came to live on Bribie in 1975.

19. When did the first Aboriginal Cricket team go to England? - in 1867 which was 10 years before the first white Australia team went.

20. What year did the Bribie Island Bridge open? -19th October 1963

21. TV came to Bribie Island in what year? - Melbourne and Sydney were the first to get TV in 1956 in time for the Melbourne Olympic Games. TV reception came to Brisbane and Bribie Island in 1959

22. When did the main Woolworths Shopping centre open? - in 1997

23. When did the Bribie Island Hotel open at Sylvan Beach? - in 1979

24. What year did Bribie Island High School open? - in 1989

25. When did Bribie get its first public Telephone box? - with everyone having a mobile phone today, the idea of a public coin operated public telephone, in a box in the street, seems very quaint. There are still a few public boxes around Bribie, some

still work, and are free to use. Bribie's first telephone box was 1961

26. What year did the Woorim Caravan Park open? - with the opening of the Bribie Bridge in 1963 access was much easier, and a new Caravan Park opened at Woorim in 1965.

27. How many species of birds can be seen on Bribie? - through the year 337

28. Steamship Koopa was licensed for how many passengers? - the Steamship Koopa, built in UK, made its first trip from Brisbane to the newly built jetty at Bongaree on 12th May 1912. An elegant dining room and bar with electric lighting provided entertainment and a small orchestra allowed for dancing and singing. It was licenced to carry 1153 passengers.

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY



The Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the RSL Club. We have inspiring guest speakers, and new members & visitors are always welcome. You can see many more articles on our Blog Site <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com> or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com



By: Al Finegan

The police authorities were baffled about Gardiner with one simple inquiry to which nobody could give a satisfactory reply, "Where is he?" He was nowhere, but he was everywhere. To their consternation, the newspapers continued to write thrilling accounts of heavily laden coaches, honest carriers, and travellers "balled up" by the "King of the Road". But Gardiner, the handsome, the daring, the ubiquitous, whose exploits had made the colony shiver with excitement was nowhere to be found.

By mid-1861, the government was coming under mounting pressure to stop the bushranging activities. The Governor, under siege from businesses, banks, and newspapers, demanded that the Chief Constable front him and provide a report on the lawless and deteriorating situation in the west of the colony, and to describe the actions being taken to arrest,

"This reprobate Gardiner". The Chief tried to explain that the district police had difficulty in tracking his movements, so

many and various were the reports being received. On the rare occasion that they found fresh tracks and were able to close with the "Knights of the Road", they invariably came off second best. The "Western Examiner" newspaper reported that, "In the Goulburn district, where several robberies had been conducted, a section of troopers were out searching for the bushrangers.

They spotted several mounted men in the bush off the Tuena-road, and, judging them to be suspicious characters, took steps to make their closer acquaintance. In compliance with their training, the order was given to extend to hem in the suspects. The bushrangers, quietly watching the operation, kept together, and, as soon as the troopers were properly extended, thundered down in close formation on Sergeant Hughes. Shots were exchanged, and the trooper was wounded in the arm, and his horse killed before his companions could come to his relief. Satisfied with having disabled the leader, the bushrangers wheeled their horses and trotted nonchalantly

King of Australian Bushrangers

Episode 5

KING OF THE ROAD

away, while the unnerved force abandoned all thought of further pursuit, making haste to return to quarters with their wounded leader". An angry red-faced Governor demanded that action must be taken to stop the robberies.

In July 1861 Gardiner received word that a mail coach was due to leave Cowra with a large consignment of gold on board. He chose Piesley and Gilbert to accompany him, and the three successfully robbed the mail coach and headed off for the Fogg homestead. With a pack horse laden with gold, Piesley and Gilbert decided to go via the Weddin Mountain hideout to secure the gold and agreed to meet up with Gardiner at Fogg's home the next day.

Unbeknownst to them, two new troopers, Sergeant Middleton and Trooper Hosie, both with huge reputations had arrived in Cowra. They had been personally selected by the Chief Constable who told them they were his best men, and they were to continue hunting for Gardiner to the exclusion of all other duties, until Gardiner was killed or captured. They knew of Gardiner's association with the notorious Fogg and decided to start their search there.

On the morning after the heist, Gardiner was dozing in bed in the back of the Fogg homestead as the two troopers rode into the property and headed towards the house. Caught unaware, Mrs Mary Fogg was standing outside the dwelling as the two policemen draped in heavy coats and wearing cabbage tree hats came through the yard sliprails heading for the

house. Mary, realising they were police, yelled out a warning, alerting Gardiner. Middleton demanded to know, "Who is in there?" Mary answered, "A man."

The police dismounted and quickly opened the front door. They saw a figure rush to a back room that was screened off by a hanging piece of calico.

Middleton, followed by Mary, quickly crossed the floor toward the screen as Hosie rushed round to the back of the home. Mary scooped up two of her children and fled, while an employee, James Barney, working in the yard, grabbed the third child playing outside and all rushed to safety. From behind the screen Gardiner called out, threatening Middleton not to come near, adding that he would shoot the first person that came in. Middleton, fearless, approached the screen and on pulling it aside, was met with a gunshot. Instantly Middleton returned fire. A quick succession of shots was exchanged through the screen.

Two of Gardiner's bullets struck Middleton, one in the mouth, the other in the left hand. Middleton's shots missed their mark. Bleeding profusely, a shocked Middleton withdrew outside. Hosie hearing the exchange, strode back to the front door and stepped inside. Gardiner was waiting and fired a shot that struck Hosie in the head. He collapsed backwards to the ground, seemingly dead.

Gardiner, out of ammunition and uninjured, rushed at the wounded and dazed Middleton swinging his pistol by the barrel as Hosie lay unmoving. Middleton was a tough man.

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Blood pouring from his mouth and armed only with his heavy silver-topped riding-whip, he dodged the charging Gardiner, and whacked him on the head. The pair, now covered in blood, struggled into the yard. Brutal hand to hand combat erupted in a fight to the death. Middleton continued to bludgeon Gardiner about the head while Gardiner responded with his pistol. Fogg on horseback galloped up to the brawl and begged Gardiner to desist. Hosie suddenly arose and staggered to Middleton's aid, throwing himself on Gardiner who collapsed, and in a semi-conscious state, had the cuffs applied. The two bleeding troopers sat exhausted, but they had their man.

Middleton had been shot through the lower lip, knocking out three of his front teeth, the bullet passing through the root of his tongue. It was adjudged later that he had swallowed the bullet as it could not be found. He had also been shot through the hand. Hosie had been hit on the temple, but the ball had glanced off without causing serious injury, other than concussion.

Fogg played the innocent party and treated the wounded troopers while Mary bandaged Gardiner's head wounds. Gardiner was only semi-conscious and had difficulty standing. They all agreed that Middleton needed professional help and should head off immediately back to Bathurst. Hosie, now recovered would escort the prisoner as soon as a staggering Gardiner could manage to stay on his horse.

About an hour after the battle they departed. Hosie rode ahead at a walk, leading Gardiner's horse by the reins. They hadn't gone far when two men suddenly appeared from the bushes, both presenting pistols at Hosie. Immediately Gardiner came to life demanding the handcuff keys from Hosie. Not long afterwards, a dejected Hosie stood naked on the track and watched Gardiner, Piesley and Gilbert ride away with his horse, clothes, and weapons. Following the "Battle of Fogg's Farm", Fogg was arrested. It was reported that, "the man Fogg, who was apprehended on the charge of harbouring

bushrangers, was yesterday released on bail of £100, to appear in a month". Fogg failed to appear and forfeited his bail money, with no further action taken. Middleton and Hosie survived but with a much-sullied reputation. The pair claimed that Gardiner had been mortally wounded from the fracas at Fogg's farm and wouldn't last long. One newspaper reported that Gardiner had been killed in the battle.

Far from dying, Gardiner with his two mates rode to the Weddin Mountains, where he had a happy reunion with his gang. They celebrated their gold heist, divided the plunder, and planned their next moves. A change was needed as the banks had altered their tactics. In consequence of the gold transports being robbed on a regular basis, the banks lost faith in the police and decided to establish a professional company of well-paid experienced ex-soldiers to ensure that all gold shipments were strongly guarded by heavily armed escorts.

The telegraphy system started in NSW in 1857 and was rapidly expanding across NSW. By the end of 1861 it permitted a money order system to be introduced by the postal authorities, allowing miners money from gold sold on the goldfields to be transferred via telegraphy to banks in Sydney. If the banks increased security could ensure safe transport of gold and cash, the bushrangers could be put out of business.

Publicly humiliated at the failure of his two top men, the Chief Constable was forced to take stronger action to halt the scourge of bushranging. He formed a whole new unit of mounted troopers in sufficient numbers to defeat the bushranging gangs. He appointed an English Knight, Sir Frank Pottinger to head a new unit of mounted police to hunt down the bushrangers.

Frank received word that a mounted troop of heavily armed police was going from town to town in the Cowra, Lambing Flats districts chasing up information with one mission, and that was to apprehend or kill him and his gang. Frank tasked Johnny Gilbert to recruit more young

men or teenagers and train them to work together. Gilbert had no trouble hiring dozens, at least two in each town to be their eyes and ears. By a series of "telegrams" they galloped from town or station to town to keep Frank fully informed of the mounted troopers' location and intentions. This system greatly counteracted the strenuous efforts of the mounted police by their system of "bush telegraphy".

On one occasion, a patrol in pursuit of bushrangers arrived at a station to question the owner. He told the officer that the next farm over was friendly towards the bushrangers and was used by them as a rest and relief stop. Suddenly he exclaimed, "Haste or you'll be too late for, by Jove, there goes the 'telegram' from the telegram boy who would have been tailing you". The officer looked in the direction pointed out, and there in the distance he saw a finely mounted youth at a full gallop. No time was lost by the patrol, but when they arrived at their destination they found the residents welcoming them, with refreshments laid out on a table. Of course, everything was found to be in order with no sign of any bushrangers.

With Gilbert as their boss, Frank formed another young team he called the "neophytes" (apprentices). Their job was to be the diversionary force. Keeping his hard-core men of about ten under his command, he called them his "men-at-arms". In one operation the neophytes were dispatched as a decoy to harass the surrounding stations, make plenty of noise, then disperse for a few days.

The news soon reached Lambing Flats, and the commanding officer there, with his usual impetuosity and zeal, charged off with his force, consequently leaving the diggings quite unprotected, other than a few foot police.

Frank and his men-at-arms then rode in to one of the largest stores in town, coolly tied up their horses, and left two men outside to prevent awkward intrusion. They marched in, "bailed up" staff and customers, and seized considerable booty, including food, ammunition, revolvers and cash.

Of course they experienced no interruption from the authorities, as the villains knew that the police were on a wild-goose chase miles away, which was the case, apart from one unfortunate constable, who happened to wander by the store. He was ordered by one of the lookouts to, "Stand and deliver". He was marched back to the station and locked, naked, in the police cell. The men-at-arms then burst into the local pub and robbed the till and all the patrons.

By the time the patrol returned the next day, the bushrangers were long gone. Robberies continued unabated. But the tide was slowly turning. By early 1862, under Pottinger's leadership, the police were better organised, better armed, and better trained. Frank talked with his top men and discussed a proposition that they should make one last huge robbery, then disband, all going their own way, as by now, they were all rich men.

Next Episode: Gold, Gold, Gold.



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SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Bowls Results – Week Ending 6/11/21

Tuesday 2nd - Club Select Triples – Melbourne Cup – No Play

Wednesday 3rd – Self Select Triples – Winners: C Avenell, P Ollier, P Hodgson. 2nd Place: R Horsfall, P Bradley, B Harris. 3rd Place: T Paekau, P Hourigan, M McKenzie. Jackpot – \$39 – Not Won.

Thursday 4th – Self Select Triples – Winners: H Bales, G Sorensen, S Todd. Runners up: K Turnbull, T Fairman, B Harris.

Friday 5th – Self Select Triples – Winners: G Caplick, P Hourigan, B Stuart. Runners up: C Avenell, P Ollier, P Bradley. 1st Round Winners: P Hodgson, I James, A Thorp. 2nd Round Winners: A Lavender, H Steer, R Wales.

Saturday 6th – Club Select Triples – Winners: R Tell, M Smith. Runners Up: T Dempsey, T Fairman, R McCormack.

Bowls Results – Week Ending 13/11/21

Tuesday 9th – Club Select Triples – Winners: D McKenzie, M O'Keefe, R McCormack. Runners up: M Brenner, A Larsen, A Matheson.

Wednesday 10th – Self Select Triples – Winners: B Storey, H Steer, G McCarthy. 2nd Place: M Wilson, M Lamm, G Hubbard. 3rd Place: T Paekau, P Hourigan, H Taylor. Jackpot – \$79 – Not Won.

Thursday 11th – Self Select Triples – Winners: B Power, P Samuelson, M Power. Runners up: D Whitehorn, L Poli, N O'Driscoll.

Friday 12th – Self Select Triples – Winners: R Stuart, P Hourigan, B Stuart. Runners up: P Hodgson, I James, A Thorp. 1st Round Winners: G Hubbard, M Wilson, M Power. 2nd Round Winners: S Lupi, J Farmer, B Harris.

Saturday 13th – Club Select Triples – Winners: R O'Brien, M Whiteside, M Smith. Runners Up: J Watson, T Fairman, R Harris.

MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB

Sat 30 Oct N/S 1 J Medhurst & P Edis 2 G & S Barnulf 3 C McAlister & J Easay

E/W 1 J Kennedy & A Jones 2 C & R Cowley 3 Y Swanson & L Heap

Wed 3 Nov N/S 1 L Carr & K Cohen 2 S & C Watson 3 R & C Cowley

E/W 1 D Dowling & C Browne 2 M Arthur & C McAlister 3 B Fuller & M Hardy

Sat 6 Nov 1 J Breene & S Pascoe 2 D Quinan & F Barkwith 3 G & S Barnulf

Wed 10 Nov N/S K Cohen & L Carr 2 C & S Watson 3 A Jones & J Kennedy

E/W L Groves & A Fielding 2 D Brady & M Peart 3 B Fuller & M Hardy

BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S RESULTS

Scroungers Sat Oct 30th 1st D Neumann, 2nd Andrew Evans, 3rd R Harvey.

Brekky Bowls Sun Oct 31st Winners Mike Hansen, Gordon O'Halloran, Mike Roberts.

Runners Up Dawn Ryan, Kym Smart, Gary Ryan

Wed mixed 4's Winners Ron Carruthers, Andy Anderson, Jake McGarry, and Graham Symonds.

Runners Up Flash Farley, Don Pascoe, Ian Hargreaves, Gordon O'Halloran.

Thurs Jackpot pairs Winners Mike Hansen, Judy Hansen

Runners Up John Park, Ernie Connolly

Scroungers Nov 6th 1st Mike Roberts 2nd Andrew Evans 3rd Lynn Bell

Wed mixed 4's Winners Ian Virgen, Brett Sellars, Glenn Merrin, Billy Bradshaw Runner

Up Errol Fender, Roger Brooks, Mary Doorley, Robyn Alcock

Thurs Jackpot pairs Winners Merv Miles, Jim Irvine

Runners Up Col Erhardt, Peter Vlajic

BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

Friday November 5th 2-4-2 Winners: Marilyn Weston, Mick Falvey.

R/Up: Robin Maffey, John Ferguson.

Tuesday November 9th Pairs / Fours Winners:

Tim Carlton, Jaarpung Blundell.

R/Up: Rhonda Warwick, Pat Warwick, John McNeven and Janice Mason.

The runners up also won the bonus prize.

BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

Club Select Triples Thursday 28 October 2021

1st out of hat: P Boyland, N Smith, B Hunter

2nd out of hat: J Murray, C Hamilton, A Riley

Bunny: G Olson, G Twigg, J Ogodniczek

Self-Select Pairs Results Friday 29 Oct 2021

Winners: K Thornton, S Root

Runners up: W McDougall, C Perkins

Out of hat winner: M Mills, T Bennett

Out of hat winner: R Fowler, G Ackeroyd

Out of hat winner: A Kinnear, B Kinnear

Bunny: B Hosie, P Dunn

Random Select Fours Results Saturday 30 October 2021

1st: C Stroud, B Wood, C Monk, C Kelly

2nd: B Doe, M Teawa, K Somerville, G Woollett

Out of hat: B Kinnear, J Hattie, S Lonsdale, D Merritt

Out of hat: B Castle, L Savage, C Smith, G Low

Out of hat: I Gillard, T Erfurth, F Reeves, R Davenport

Scroungers Results Wed 3 November 2021

1st: M Roberts 2nd: B Bognar

Self-Select Pairs Wed 4 November 2021

Winners: M Chalmers, S Root

Runners up: T Hudson, T Dean

Out of hat winner: M Gittens, J Noonan

Out of hat winner: K Piva, A Legosz

Out of hat winner: G Hazelwood, R Fowler

Bunny: P Patrikeos, J Newcomb

Club Select Triples Thur 4 November 2021

1st out of hat: M Cherry, D Heath, S Heath 2nd

out of hat: P Boyland, J Murray, D Groves

3rd out of hat: C Christensen, K Muller, L Hunter

Bunny: J Muller, J Smith, W Kelly

Self-Select pairs Friday 5 November 2021

Winners: B Hosie, M eutel

Runners up: A Feichter, D Gibson

Out of hat winner: I Cooper, T Dean

Out of hat winner: Lingley, M Sarich, T Hudson

Bunny: R Williams, N Holzberger, B Snare

Random Select fours Saturday 6 November 2021

Highest Margin: K Thornton, J Muller, P Conn

Lowest Margin: J Ferguson, G Reilly, G Olson, S Heath

Out of hat winner: A Rowe, M Sarich, W Gilbert, M Young

Out of hat winner: F Crocker, N Gray, F Reeves, C Hancock

Out of hat winner: G Frew, I Smith, S Tevnis, C Kelly

Self-Select Triples results Tue 9 Nov 2021

Winners: B Castle, T Hudson, P Patrikeos

Runners up: R Hunter, J Ferguson, P McCarthy

Out of hat winner: C Perkins, K Perkins, G Trelena

Out of hat winner: L Williams, I McLaren, E Hookey

Bunny: J Smith, H Anderson, T Bennett

Scroungers Results Wed 10 Nov 2021

1st: D Heath, 2nd: J Smith

Self-Select pairs results Wed 10 Nov 2021

Winners: W Ogridniczek, R Avern

Runners up: B Turnbull, T Turnbull

Out of hat winner: K Muller, J Muller

Out of hat winner: B Hosie, C Chidley

Out of hat winner: K Perkins, C Perkins

Bunny: G Hazelwood, E Sharp

Club Select Triples Results Thursday 11 November 2021

1st out of hat: I Gillard, F Grimsey, C Kelly

2nd out of hat: J Neill, B Hamer, W Kelly

3rd out of hat: G Frew, P Neumann, M Cherry

Bunny: L Wood, J Smith, L Hunter



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Bribie Island Seniors RLFC

List of our awards winners from last weeks' Club presentation
Congratulations to all players, coaches and volunteers on a wonderful year of football!!



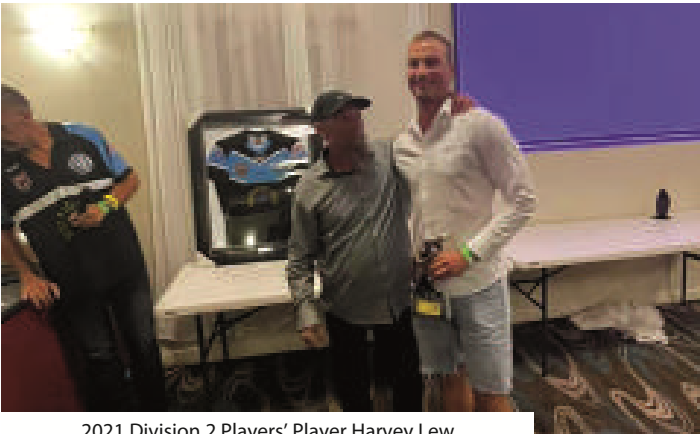
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2021 Under 18's Best and Fairest Jake Murcutt



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2021 Division 2 Players' Player Harvey Lew



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Federal Member for Longman

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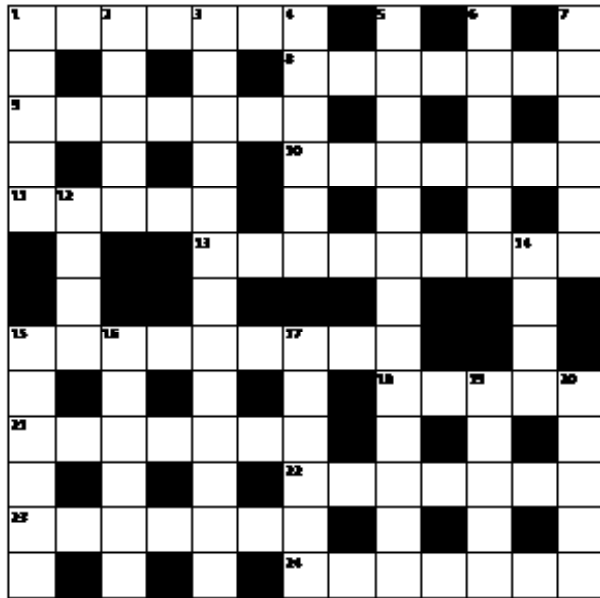
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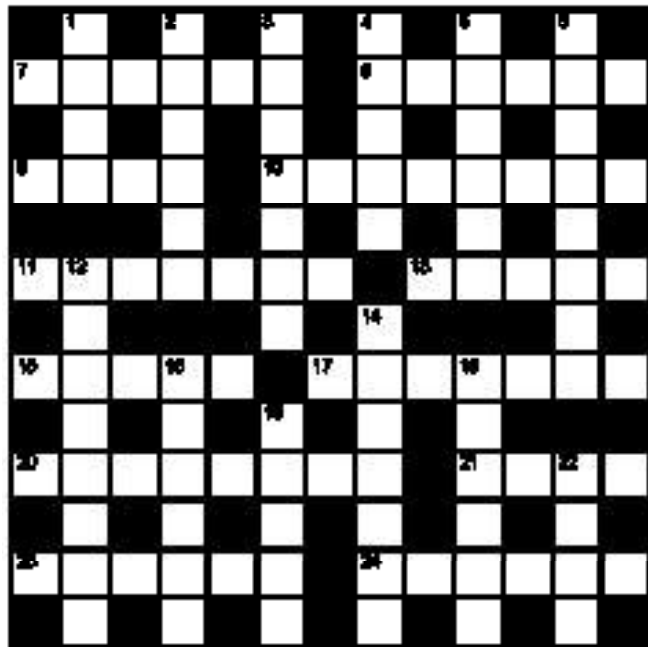
Across

- 1 Lesser deity (7)
- 8 Specify individually (7)
- 9 Midshipmen's quarters in old warships (7)
- 10 Withered with age (7)
- 11 Car crash (5)
- 13 Very much (9)
- 15 Woolly coat (9)
- 18 Like a rowing boat? (5)
- 21 Get too big (for) (7)
- 22 Catchphrase (3,4)
- 23 Covered entrance to a building (7)
- 24 Preferred course of action (3,2,2)

Down

- 1 Unearth (3,2)
- 2 Mood disorder (5)
- 3 Badly-behaved nursery rhyme boy (7,6)
- 4 Numskull (6)
- 5 First conqueror of Everest with Edmund Hillary (7,6)
- 6 Prospective husband (6)
- 7 Period of one's greatest productivity (6)
- 12 Fertile (4)
- 14 Nothing in tennis (4)
- 15 Imprecise — loose (6)
- 16 Restaurant (6)
- 17 Try to gain favour by flattery (6)
- 19 Massive herbivorous hoofed animal (abbr) (5)
- 20 Because of (3,2)

SUPPLIED BY CYRUS



Across

- 7 - Pursue love to the edge, here, fairly close to hand (6)
- 8 - Terminal illness - nursed - afraid (6)
- 9 - She finds a carnival (4)
- 10 - Excessive but above murder (8)
- 11 - Putting Carly in charge of manufacturing acid (7)
- 13 - Roam around when expert with lofty principles bonded (5)
- 15 - A young lady is wrong (5)
- 17 - Scared of a road, the milkers have to cross (7)
- 20 - The Italian has escape planned - unique (8)
- 21 - New coin a symbol (4)
- 23 - It's powerless to take off (6)
- 24 - The French right - the German scullery it is (6)

Down

- 1 - Musical lounge? (4)
- 2 - Nurse accepts unknown compact (6)
- 3 - The morning, first class Scotsman produced gas (7)
- 4 - Archipelago is rented (5)
- 5 - Street trader has the queen on a flyer (6)
- 6 - Foreach, the match is just underway - a fresh start (8)
- 12 - Lois came dancing with Teddy (8)
- 14 - The earth lay gutted but enlivened (7)
- 16 - Stayed controlled and dependable (6)
- 18 - Buzzing with activity, this place is home (6)
- 19 - First rates sailor makes top jewelry (5)
- 22 - Omani protectorate's energy corporation's principals fuel control (4)

SOLUTION

EASY crossword Issue 153



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Find A Word

- What do sprinters eat before a race? Nothing. They fast.
- What do you call a fly without wings? A walk!
- Whathappenswhenyouwitnessashipwreck? Youletitsinkin.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- What do you call a belt made of watches? A waist of time!
- What's the best way to carve wood? Whittle by whittle.
- How do you organize an astronomer's party? You planet.
- Why did the scarecrow get promoted? Because he was outstanding in his field.
- What do you call a pony with a sore throat? A little hoarse.
- Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7 ate 9.
- Why should you never eat a clock? Because it's too time consuming.
- What should a sick bird do? Get tweetment.
- I want a job cleaning mirrors. It's something I can really see myself doing.
- What grades did the pirate get on his report card? Seven Cs.
- How do you make a tissue dance? Put a little boogie in it.
- What kinds of pictures do hermit crabs take? Shellfies.
- Why did the baby cookie cry? Because its mother was a wafers o long.

Recipe



Bacon & Cheese Muffins

Ingredients

- 2 cups Black & Gold self-raising flour
- 1 cups Black & Gold milk
- 1 cups Black & Gold grated cheddar cheese
- 60g Black & Gold bacon, chopped

Method

- Preheat oven to 180 C.
- Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper cases.
- Heat up a frying pan with a splash of oil and add the bacon. Once cooked, remove to cool.
- Add flour to a large bowl and make a well in the middle, pour in milk, cheese and two thirds of the bacon.
- Season generously with sea salt and cracked pepper.
- Gently fold until just combined.
- Spoon evenly across the muffin cases and place a little of the remaining bacon on top of each.
- Bake for 25 minutes or until the muffin tops are golden brown.

Brooke SAVIGE

A fresh approach for Division 1

HOW PETS CAN BE HELPFUL TO MENTAL HEALTH

Have you ever noticed the fact that you feel better when you're around your pet? Perhaps, you have noticed this fact subconsciously, but never really questioned it.

Animals can make you feel good. They have also been said to reduce depression and anxiety, ease loneliness and stress, encourage exercise and playfulness, and even improve your cardiovascular health. Moreover, pets bring us joy and unconditional love.

How is this possible? Well, here's how: More Exercise!

It's a known fact that exercise helps relieve anxiety, depression and heart diseases; and owning a pet gets you to do more exercises. If you own a dog or a very active animal, you'd know that that pet needs to be walked daily and played with. Stress soothers.

Just watching, or playing with pets alone can reduce stress. Stroking or petting your furry friend feels really good. Did you know that it helps your body relax and

cuts down the level of stress? It takes only a few minutes with your pet to feel calm and less stressed.

Social magnets.

Owning a pet can provide social incentive

pet also creates social circles for you (an instance is when you meet other dog lovers at the Vet's). One key to mental health is to stay in contact with other humans and pet owners tend to converse

Pet owners are generally happier, less lonely and more trusting. Spending quality time with your pet can have a positive impact on your mood and health.

that can reduce loneliness. If you live alone, it is important for you to get a pet to avoid loneliness which is a risk factor for depression. Pets give you the confidence to communicate with other pet lovers, as you will have a common ground. You

among themselves. Pet owners are generally happier, less lonely and more trusting. Spending quality time with your pet can have a positive impact on your mood and health. Give a sense of purpose.

Owning a pet comes with great responsibility, i.e. a pet owner has someone to care for, and someone he's responsible for. Pets are fully dependent on their owners and looking after them gives the owners a sense of purpose.

Conclusion

There's nothing more satisfying than the delight of coming home to a loyal friend. People with pets know how much their pets improve their lives. Although, it's not only about love and care—pets provide a wellness boost too.

The unrestricted love of a pet can do more than keep you company. In summary, it has been discovered that on an emotional level, owning a pet can reduce depression, stress and anxiety. On a more general health-wise note, it lowers blood pressure, boosts immunity and decreases risks of heart problems.

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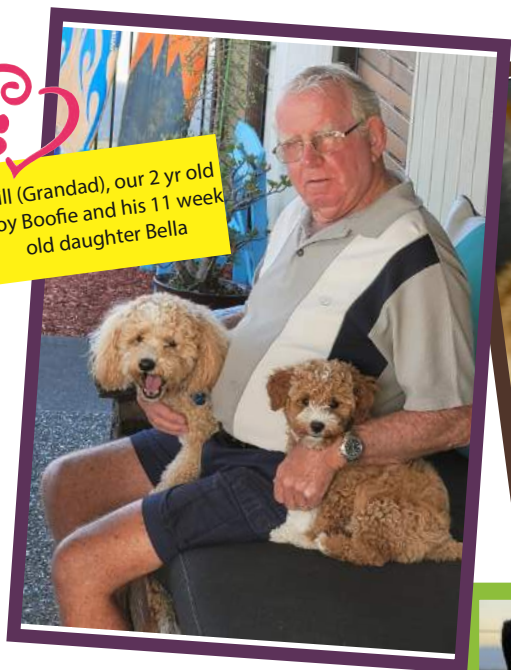


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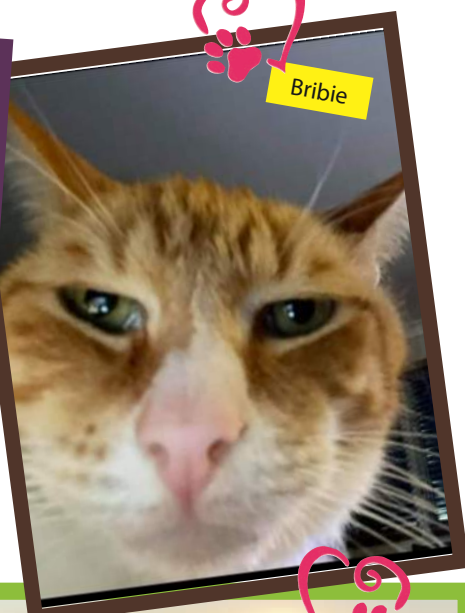
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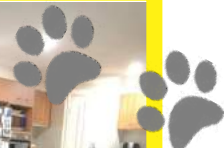
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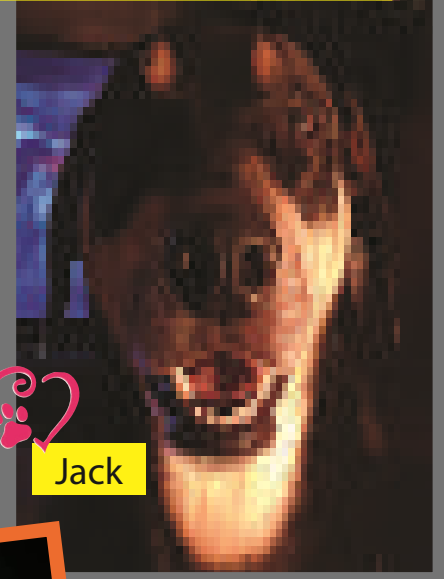
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- 1.** Untangling jewellery. Spray a little WD-40 on your tangled necklace or bracelet chain and you should be able to straighten it out in no time.
- 2.** Removing crayon from multiple surfaces. No worries if you're a budding artist. WD-40 can successfully erase crayon marks from numerous surfaces, including wallpaper, carpet, rock walls, chalkboards, compressed wood furniture, glass and upholstery.
- 3.** Removing wax from candle holders. You light some candles for a romantic dinner, only to discover later that the wax dripped all over the candle holder. Scraping it off doesn't work that well, nor does placing the candle holder in the freezer, as supposed wax-removing hack. But spray some WD-40 on the wax, and it's a cinch to get it off.
- 4.** Removing gum. If the kids get gum in their hair, a little blast of WD-40 will remove it in no time. Just make sure to thoroughly rinse your child's hair afterward. WD-40 also will easily remove gum from the bottom of your shoe.
- 5.** Removing tape and sticker residue. You never need to worry about affixing a state park sticker to your windshield again. WD-40 will help you remove the sticker and clean off the sticky residue that remains. Ditto for cellophane tape. Spraysome on, let it soak in a few minutes, then wipe.
- 6.** Cleaning your car. After returning home from a summer trip and seeing your car's bumper, grill and windshield covered with dead insects? A few blasts of WD-40 and you can easily wipe them away. In addition, you can use the spray to remove regular grime, tar and paint (if, say, a car side swipes you). Best of all, it won't ruin your vehicle's own paint job in the process.
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- 8.** Removing hard water spots. It's so annoying when your hard water leaves unsightly spots on your shower door or dishes, or porcelain, tile and metal surfaces. But spritz a little WD-40 on those spots, and you'll be able to easily wipe them away. If you use the spray on dishes, make sure to thoroughly wash before using them.
- 9.** Unsticking zippers. Jammed zippers can be so frustrating. Before discarding the item or potentially ruining it as you struggle to set the zipper free, try a little bit of WD-40. Many times, that's all you need to do.
- 10.** Keeping insects away. Hate spiders? Spray some WD-40 on your windowsills, door frames or wherever they try to gain entry into your home. This will help keep the spiders—and other insects—out. Gardeners, a generous coating over your wire tomato plant cages will also keep bugs at bay.
- 11.** Putting a shine on artificial plants. If your artificial houseplants look dusty and tired, spiff them up by wiping the leaves and similar foliage with some WD-40.
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MORETON BAY SPRINGS INTO ACTION ON MATTRESS RECYCLING



One of Australia's biggest councils is jumping on the issue of old mattresses, announcing a new program this National Recycling Week to recover valuable materials from bulky items.

Moreton Bay Regional Council said the fast-growing region would contract Queensland-based Company CDS Recycling to shred old beds and collect the steel for recycling.

"They're big, they're bulky and because they're reused so much they often can't be sold on second-hand," Mayor Flannery said.

"That presents a huge problem for our tips. With all that foam, they can take up much-needed space for other waste, absorb bleach and turn into a fire hazard with oxygen seeping in.

"This is a solution to what is literally a big problem when it comes to waste in our region.

"With this program, the springs and other recyclable materials that make up beds

can now be recovered and re-used, instead of ending up in a landfill.

"We're already seeing 206,000 tonnes of waste in Moreton Bay being recycled, and this is a huge step towards reducing the amount of rubbish in our tips.

"It adds to things like our work around recovering more steel and e-waste, research around possibly using polystyrene in concrete panels and initial work we're doing around FOGO and material recovery facilities."

Deputy Mayor and Division 4 Councillor Jodie Shipway, whose community uses the Dakabintip, said the program would be a much-welcomed announcement for families and follows a recent trial by the council.

"The trial alone saw close to 9,000 mattresses shredded and recycled, recovering 94 tonnes of steel - that's the equivalent of close to 100 cars' worth," Cr Shipway said.

"We want Moreton Bay to be leaders in this emerging waste recovery economy, and with the average mattress containing

about 10kg of perfectly reusable steel, there's a huge opportunity not just for reducing waste but for the industry too." Division 10 Councillor Matt Constance said importantly, the program would also save ratepayers \$2.8 million in landfill costs, with mattress and furnishing disposal costing residents close to \$1 million in just one year at this local Bunya waste facility.

"It's a sensible solution both financially, and when it comes to the longevity of our facilities, with the volume required for a mattress in landfill potentially being reduced by up to 97.5 per cent," Cr Constance said.

"It's been 25 years since the first-ever National Recycling Week, and this announcement shows that there's always more to be done and that Moreton Bay is at the forefront of it."

Division 6 Councillor Karl Winchester welcomed the announcement, with the Redcliff waste transfer station unable to accept mattresses since mid-2019 due to the size of the bulky items.

"This tender will see this important service return to Redcliff, and address some of the issues we've seen in our community around some people doing the wrong thing illegally dumping mattresses," Cr Winchester said.

"It's a really great reminder of the importance of recycling in our community, and making sure we dispose of our waste correctly."

Division 5 Councillor Sandra Ruck said for residents in Deception Bay, Rothwell and elsewhere on the peninsula, it would mean they would be able to dispose and recycle their mattresses together with e-waste, timber and metal at the Redcliff waste transfer station for free.

"By recycling our old mattresses, it will reduce the amount of landfill required by an estimated 22,900m³ - which is huge news for our recycling efforts, but also the long-term life of our facilities," Cr Ruck said.



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 - *Family bathroom and separate toilet

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Control Garden Pest Insects

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By Anne Gibson

PART 2

Natural Predators

Predators actively seek out insect prey. Many predatory insects, including hoverflies and ladybirds, eat pest insects like aphids or scale as a major food source.

As they visit flowers, pollen sticks to these insects and is transferred to other flowers, improving pollination and crop harvests. Many are primarily carnivorous predators. So, without the pest insect protein, they wouldn't have sufficient energy to provide these benefits to us.

So, let's get back to creating balance. Natural biological control agents are a vital part of

a healthy garden. For example, spiders, parasitic wasps, tachinid flies, robber flies, ants, damsel bugs and lacewings. We need to encourage these species by growing diverse plants, avoiding any chemical use, and planting flowers.

Pest insect enemies save you wasting money on toxic sprays and losing edibles to herbivore damage.

Natural Plant Defences

Research shows some plants will put their survival ahead of reproduction. When pests such as caterpillars attack a plant, it puts its resources into immediate defence. Plants use their floral bouquet and leaf scents to either attract pollinators or repel herbivores. They release volatile organic compounds (VOCs) or plant chemical scents depending on what's needed at the time.

According to one study, "Plants have evolved a high diversity of ... induced responses to attack, including the systemic emission of herbivore-induced plant volatiles (HIPVs).

For example, in one study, when under attack, the white turnip scent signals attracted mutually beneficial parasitic wasps. These insects laid eggs inside the caterpillars, ending their life cycle. When not under attack, the plant deployed its resources into stronger floral scents. The perfume attracted pollinators. So the flowers could develop seeds and complete the reproductive cycle.

So basically, plants are mini-chemical factories. They manufacture aromas to help defend themselves from destructive insects or attract pollinator insect 'partners' to aid reproduction.

Grow Resilient Plants

The next step is understanding the link between soil health and pest-resistant plants. Plants that have all their dietary needs met are more likely to have a

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ISLAND GARDENS



by Peter Schinkel

Welcome back, everyone. What a wonderful spring we're having - sometimes cooler than average temperatures and some decent rainfall.

Summer is nearly here - a lush time of growth, and despite the heat - a fine time to plant, as long as you keep the water up while plants are becoming established, and keep some plants away from direct afternoon sun if they need part shade. It is also okay to plant in hot weather if you have a little mulch on the ground and keep the area moist for most of the time until the plant is established. This is because the summer temperatures under the ground remain around 27C, which is very conducive to lush growth, especially when moist much of the time. So, as promised in issue 151, here are some more colourful, easy-to-maintain plants for your garden, ready to plant right now. These plants are all under 50cm and are so easy to look after, that if you think you can "kill a plant just by looking at it", these plants are for you.

Firstly, pictured at the top are some pink roses. Growing roses in our warm climate used to be so hard, but with today's smaller hybrids, not only can anyone grow them here, many varieties will produce dozens of flowers at a time, and most will flower all year-round. They are probably the most rewarding of all the flowers in my garden, and the ones pictured here even have an amazing scent. On the bottom are a variety of begonias. They do prefer at least a partly shady spot, but they're not thirsty, making them great fillers between rocks, or anywhere at all that you'd like a little colour. They flower all year-round and each flower lasts for months. They come in a wide variety of sizes and foliage colours (mostly greens, reds and purples), with flowers mostly reds, pinks, yellow and white. Also keep an eye out for cosmos flowers. In normally plant perennials but cosmos are just magical. There are dozens of different flowers - singles, doubles and almost any colour you could hope for. And a bit like the lovely Alyssum - by the time one plant withers, others have popped up in its place. So, there's just a tiny bit of maintenance removing small old plants, in return for a whole lot of beauty. For very low maintenance plus beauty - in addition to today's smaller plants are last week's various coloured vincas (not the standard light pink as they get scraggly), bambino or baby bins (dwarf bougainvilleas) and dwarf lavender. And many others I have recommended before - small geraniums, mirage salvias and other small salvias, various colourful bromeliads, dwarf euphorbias, non-climbing mandevillas, ground orchids, dusty millers, small lime-green native grasses like "lime tuff", and so many more.

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NATIONAL MEDAL PRESENTATION

As a surprise visit to VMR Radio Operator Shirley Beaty by the Commodore Liz Radajewski, Public Relations Officer John Traill, Coxswain Allan Tranter, Senior Crew Wayne Sclater, Crew Controller Ray Fox, and Radio Officer Peter McNamara.

ANACONDA VIP NIGHT

The Volunteer Marine Rescue Team of Commodore Liz Radajewski, Karen Darlington, Allan Tranter, Wayne Sclater, Dale Mullins, and Peter McNamara attended the Anaconda Morayfield store VIP Night. Where they gave out helpful hints about boating safety and how to use marine radios and encouraged boaters to become members of VMR Bribie Island for their safety. VMR Bribie is ramping up its safety information at local boat ramps at Toorbul, Donnybrook, Meldale, Beachmere and Uhlmann Rd by updating its signs, getting ready for the busy summer and Christmas Holiday periods. So, if you are going boating don't forget to Log On with our Radio Operators and our crews are on 24hrs standby ready to respond for any calls for assistance.

Thank you, Wayne Sclater and Peter McNamara, for replacing these boat ramp Log On signs. We will have to look at the local ones in the new year.



Commodore Liz presented Shirley with her National Medal for 15 years of volunteering as a Radio Operator for VMR Bribie Island.



The Volunteer Marine Rescue Team of Commodore Liz Radajewski, Allan Tranter, Dale Mullins with new member Scott Beasley who signed up for his membership. at the Anaconda Morayfield store VIP Night. Welcome aboard Scott.



VMR Bribie's Radio Officer Peter McNamara, Crew Controller Ray Fox and Radio Operator Shirley Beaty display their National Medals.



Our trainee crew learning for the first time how to use the bridle on Bribie 2 for towing vessels



Welcome to our 3 new crew trainees Brendan, Jeff, and Stephen who as you can see are totally excited about reading the SMS after a big BBQ lunch.

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The Beachmere Log On sign.

SAFETY DAVE - The Frenchie's Message:

Safety Dave says - "With the tragic loss of life from drowning in Queensland over the past 12 months, all which could have possibly been a different outcome had they been wearing their life jackets!"

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

NOVEMBER 2021 VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI29/101240pm–4.5mHalfCabinnon-memberwithmotorstarting issues, required a tow from Toorbul to Bellara Boat Ramp.
SAT30/10am–5mCentreConsolemember,vesselhadbeensubmerged, nowdry,requiredatowfromTangaloomatoSpinnakerSoundMarina.
SAT30/101124am–5.2mHalfCabinnon-memberwithengineissues required a tow from banksia Beach to Donnybrook.
SUN31/101006am–14mSailingYacht,driftingandcan'traiseanchor, required relocation to safe anchor in passage.
SUN31/101422pm–14mYachtbroke mooring and beached near Bongaree Jetty (owner in Cairns) put Yacht on VMR mooring.
SUN31/101636pm–4mTinnynon-memberbroke downrequiredatow from near Mission Point to Donnybrook Boat Ramp.
TUE02/110923am–MOPreportedthataturtlewastangledinacrab potoppositeBongareeCaravanPark–investigatedandadvisedParks& Wildlife.
THU04/111351pm–MOPreportedfloatinglifejacketinthePassage SouthoftheBridge–investigated,JetSkierhadrecoveredlifejacket.
FRI05/110637am–MOPreportedlargerturtleappearstobeentangled and having difficulty breathing, investigate couldn't locate turtle.
SAT06/111354pm–5.7mCentreConsolenon-memberwithmotorissues, required a tow from Moreton Island to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN07/111909pm–RequestedbyWaterPolicetotransportOfficersto conduct Welfare check to Houseboat at White Patch.
TUE09/111146am–14mYachtwithsmokeincabinatSpitfireChannel, vesselescortedtoScarboroughHarbourunderownpower,hadturned electric off.

YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 11th November 2021:
12,370 Calls, 3,546 vessels logged on,
265 Vessel Assists, 1,506 Sitreps, 666 Requests,
83 overdue vessels, 30 Vessel Tracking,
1,231 Radio Checks, 6 Weather Broadcasts,
10 Securite Broadcasts, 1 Pan Pan 0 Mayday.
VHF 73.8%, 27MHz 7.1%.





QLD FISHO CASHES IN THROUGH COUNTRY'S RICHEST FISHING COMP

The Northern Territory's Million Dollar Fish competition has delivered once again, with Queensland's David Nolan the latest angler to win big through the iconic Top End initiative underwritten by SportsBet.

Caught on Sunday, 7 November at Fog Bay with Dundee Beach Fishing Charters, the 68cm Season 7 fish will see David take home a cheque for \$10,000, which he'll spend on Christmas presents for family and friends.

The interstate visitor was exploring the Top End as part of a fishing trip with his mates, and says he'll definitely be back in the future to try his luck at catching the Million Dollar Fish.

This season, every \$10,000 fish caught sees an additional \$1,000 donated to a Million Dollar Fish Official Charity Partner. David decided to gift the \$1,000 to Darwin Star Ball through the Starlight Children's Foundation. David is the fourth fisho to hook a tagged Barra as part of Season 7.

Million Dollar Fish is run by Northern Territory Major Events Company (NTMEC) on behalf of the Northern Territory Government. NTMEC CEO Tim Watsford said the competition is off to a great start, with four fish caught in six weeks.

"Four fishos have cashed in through Million Dollar Fish Season 7, and we're thrilled to see an interstate angler hook the latest prize-tagged barramundi," he said.

"It's no secret the Territory is home to some of Australia's best fishing, with thousands of anglers making their way to the Top End each year to wet a line in our world-class fishing regions. With plenty of tagged fish remaining in Top End waterways, there has never been a better time to jump in a plane or a car and fish the Territory for the chance to become a millionaire." David said everyone on the charter was thrilled when he landed the prize-

tagged fish. "We didn't see the tag at first, but once the skipper pointed it out everyone got really excited," he said. "The whole thing hasn't really sunk in yet. This is my first time up here in the NT, and it's been awesome. I will definitely be back to try and catch the Million Dollar Fish – you have to be in it to win it!"

With 96 prize-tagged Barra worth \$10,000 and eight Million Dollar Fish still up for grabs, there has never been a better time to wet a line.

Million Dollar Fish Season 7 kicked off on 1 October, and will wind up on 31 March 2022. To claim a prize-tagged fish or be in the running to win fantastic prizes as part of the monthly Lucky Prize Pool, you must be registered. Registration is quick, easy and free – simply visit www.milliondollarfish.com.au.

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Fishing in the passage has been fair to good lately. Bream, flathead and whiting are being caught throughout the passage and surroundings. Red beach, White patch, Ningi Creek and Sandstone are among the best.

Spotted Mackerel have been caught on the troll and at the navigation markers in the channels, School mackerel are around Gilligan's and at the yellow marker.

The Coomera Waters Fishing Club held a competition at Bribie last weekend, it is the first time they have visited Bribie. They have over 100 members including 20 juniors both male and female. I had the pleasure to speak to them last Friday night. They said they will be back after a great weekend.

If anglers are interested in how fish stocks are managed and assessed, I recommend visiting the

Fisheries Research & Development Corporation website. fishnames.com.au is another site of interest, some fish are being renamed according to classes i.e., Moses' perch is now Moses's Snapper, Red emperor are not even in that family, they are from the Perch family.

Christmas is not too far away, the shop has Gift vouchers for sale, great presents/gifts for fishos. Tight lines Doc



TIDE TIMES

BRIBIE ISLAND & MORETON BAY

FRI 19 Nov 4:11 am 0.25m 10:42 am 1.94m 5:01 pm 0.45m 10:39 pm 1.47m	SAT 20 Nov 4:39 am 0.27m 11:13 am 1.94m 5:36 pm 0.48m 11:10 pm 1.41m	SUN 21 Nov 5:07 am 0.31m 11:43 am 1.92m 6:12 pm 0.5m 11:40 pm 1.36m	MON 22 Nov 5:38 am 0.36m 12:14 pm 1.89m 6:50 pm 0.53m	TUE 23 Nov 12:16 am 1.31m 6:11 am 0.42m 12:47 pm 1.85m 7:31 pm 0.56m	WED 24 Nov 12:55 am 1.26m 6:47 am 0.48m 1:24 pm 1.81m 8:16 pm 0.58m	THU 25 Nov 1:39 am 1.23m 7:29 am 0.54m 2:06 pm 1.76m 9:05 pm 0.59m
FRI 26 Nov 2:31 am 1.21m 8:17 am 0.59m 2:54 pm 1.73m 10:01 pm 0.58m	SAT 27 Nov 3:33 am 1.22m 9:19 am 0.63m 3:49 pm 1.7m 10:58 pm 0.53m	SUN 28 Nov 4:46 am 1.27m 10:33 am 0.64m 4:52 pm 1.7m 11:52 pm 0.45m	MON 29 Nov 5:59 am 1.39m 11:47 am 0.6m 5:56 pm 1.71m	TUE 30 Nov 12:43 am 0.36m 7:03 am 1.56m 12:55 pm 0.53m 6:57 pm 1.73m	WED 1 Dec 1:31 am 0.25m 7:57 am 1.75m 1:59 pm 0.44m 7:55 pm 1.74m	THU 2 Dec 2:17 am 0.17m 8:48 am 1.94m 2:59 pm 0.36m 8:47 pm 1.71m



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KANGAROO ROAD KILLS STILL GO ON AND ON



Don't be fooled. The kangaroos and wallabies, appear to be accustomed to the presence of vehicles whizzing past, but they're just lulling drivers into a false sense of security. While they have capable lives and significant social rules, relationships and networks, they are not the sharpest knives in the block around roads. Macropods, especially the swamp wallabies are unpredictable and quick moving. Some bike riders have been quite badly injured by contact with wallabies that have run into them, not the other way around.

On the day of the last article about the hidden cost of kangaroo road kills, a car's number plate and part of its damaged bumper bar were left on the road at Banksia Beach after the vehicle collided with and killed a kangaroo. This is a clear reminder of the cost to the animals and the vehicle owner when there are collisions. During October the rate of kangaroo road kills seems to have slowed. That's no surprise as there are seasonal changes that influence behaviours.

The mating season seem to bring out a lot of larger males.



Road kills during the recent school holidays occurred as early beachgoers or late night travellers travelled on the roads at legal road speeds. The current legal road speed limits in high impact areas are only suitable for daytime. Dusk to dawn road speed limits need to be reduced in some areas on the island.

So what's to be done to reduce the road kills? That depends on how you personally see the situation. It depends on whether you respect that you moved into a Flora and Fauna Sanctuary or whether you really don't care about the environment of the Island.

So when you see the possible solutions, the ones you prefer will reflect your personal attitude: respect

or exploit.

In choosing to reduce macropod road kills, the best solutions aren't necessarily the most affordable ones, nor does one size fit all. The best solutions are the ones that fit the uniqueness of each situation.

Speed reduction, dusk to dawn speed reductions, traffic calming, static driver advice and motion-activated driver alerts and fencing. These are the best practice options.

However, changing the status quo on road kills is expensive and takes a frustratingly long time. During that time, the road kills go on.

MBRC has finished their consultation phase of the Kangaroo Road Kill (reduction) Project. They have suggested priority sites and proposed

solutions. MBRC's experts are objective within the limits of budget constraints, technical feasibility considerations and conflicting priorities.

Their general approach is two-pronged: Driver education and traffic calming. A very important driver education sign that used to be on the mainland side of the bridge entry (pictured) is gone. Bring it back. It sets the entry mindset. It means "Don't ruin what you came to enjoy" or "Visit by all means, but don't stuff it up when you're here. Show respect".

There is a newer sign that just doesn't have the same impact. The reference to flora and fauna is way too small and says nothing about the status of the island as "vulnerable" and "protected".

Bribie Island is a Fauna and Flora Sanctuary. Respect it. That's what the sign reminds all who cross the bridge. BRING THE OLD SIGN BACK. Approaches to MBRC to have the sign reinstated have so far been unsuccessful, so the more people who put in a Customer Request to MBRC on their web site, the better chance there is of having it reinstated. People Power works. Bring back the sign and while they're at it, it wouldn't hurt to have a few of them located at key spots around the island where human impact is high.

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Understanding the role of your 4x4 battery

Your 4x4 batteries are responsible for making the electrical system of your vehicle work. One way it is working properly is to ensure that there are no loose connections. You also need to check its sulphuric acids' level, especially if you are doing a long drive.

Things to consider when caring for your 4x4 battery

Your battery's life can be shortened if you always leave it flat (not having enough power to for it to work). Here are some reasons why your battery is flat.

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- Short frequent trips can shorten your battery's life and soon it'll be flat. A quality amount of time is needed for the alternator to charge your battery. If you always use it for short rides, your battery won't have ample time to fully charge.
- Unused for a long period of time. If your car is rarely used, tendencies are, your battery will turn flat as it does not charge. So need to warm it up even just in your garage.



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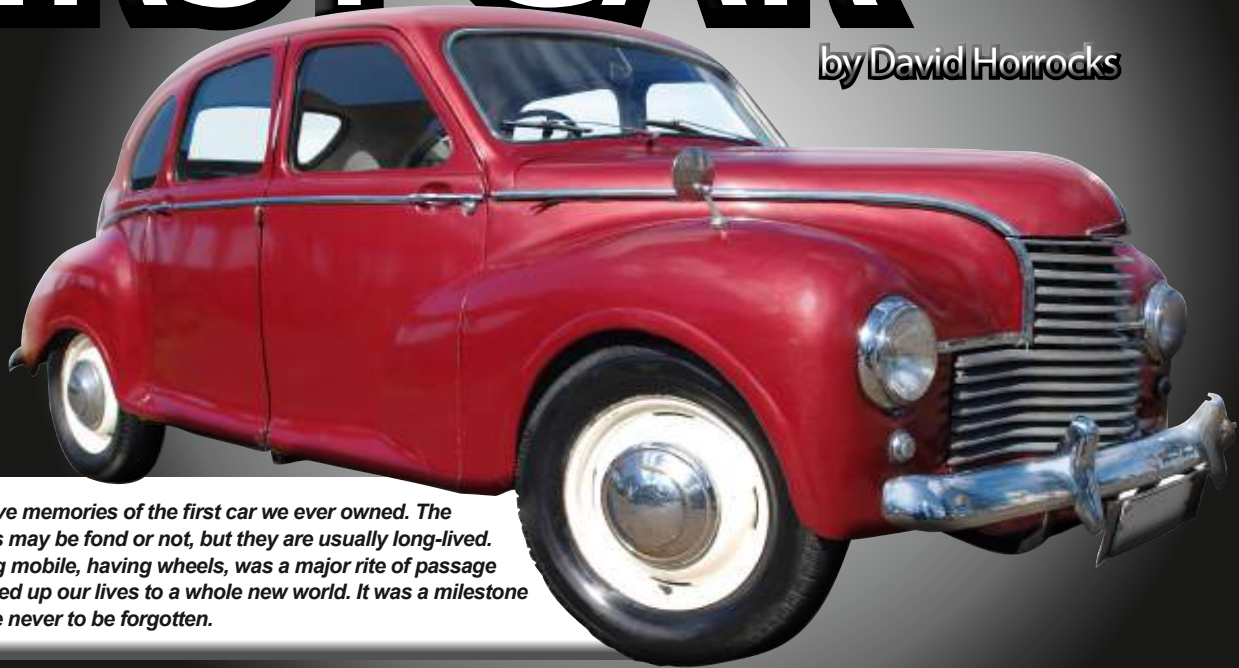
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FIRST CAR

by David Horrocks



We all have memories of the first car we ever owned. The memories may be fond or not, but they are usually long-lived. Becoming mobile, having wheels, was a major rite of passage that opened up our lives to a whole new world. It was a milestone of change never to be forgotten.

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My first car was a Jowett. The exact description was a 'Bradford by Jowett', other words, a converted small van. A radan old bus seat bolted to the floor behind the two front ones. There were two side windows in the rear. To fit them could have meant it was no longer a commercial vehicle and as such would attract a higher registration fee – didn't want that of course.

Now most readers, even the knowledgeable, car-savvy ones may never have heard of this marque. Jowett was a successful manufacturer for quite a few years but the company failed after takeover of their metal body parts supplier by an opposition carmaker.

An interesting historical note here – just to show that, true to past promise, I tend to expand these little vignettes into a little more than just motoring matter to hopefully appeal to a wider audience. So it goes. Most readers will have heard of the London Blitz of WW11, the terrible bombing campaign; well Jowett played quite a major role in the defence of the city. How sez you? Well sez I – at the art of the war the London fire brigade was just that, a city fire brigade, now able to handle the fires of a bombing

onslaught. Back in those days, there were a few innovative, common sense filled people engaged in government. I know what you're thinking, 'where are they now?' Sorry but that's a totally different subject and there's not enough space in the whole magazine to deal with it now, so, on with this story.

There was no time to build a whole new fleet of fire trucks or enough trained crews available to man them. That's when some bright people came up with a brilliant idea. What if we use the fleet of London Taxi cabs and their drivers, each of whom knew the city like the backs of their hands (that's another thing that's changed – local knowledge)! So, if we fit each with a tow bar and a trail fire fighting pump behind the taxicab we've suddenly got hundreds of appliances. The only thing we lack is the trailer fire fighting pumps they said. Now, this is where the Jowett Company comes in. With no wartime sales of cars, they had spare capacity to build these trailers fitted with their two-cylinder engines (the very same type that was in my first car) to drive the big fire fighting water pumps. This task they accomplished in short order and the city suddenly had available the fleet of fire engines it needed. The London

Cabbies then did the city proud.

But now we should go back to the subject of first care experiences. Not being at all car knowledgeable in those days but being astute enough to know that the car was very difficult to stop even though it didn't go very fast, to begin with, was a problem. The event that brought this fact into focus was that on one occasion we drove the thing down one of the long descents into town.


The town we lived in was set in a river valley with a bridge at its centre where in ancient times a ford had been sited to allow crossing. Mention of the town are made in the Doomsday book from the time of the Norman Conquest but the place was steeped in history way back to the Neolithic period, some 6000 years BC. However, at the time of this first car story, the place was a rather worn industrial mill town, albeit one with a history. To drive into the place meant having to descend quite steep roads from whichever direction you selected.

The particular road we chose on a fateful day had a history of its own. Many accidents had occurred here as vehicles lost their composure when trying to

make the bend at the bottom of the hill on entering the town. The most famous incident was when a truck carrying wooden casks of unblended Scotch whiskey had tipped onto its side. One of the barrels had fallen to the ground and its contents had started to leak out onto the roadway. The expensive golden liquid was trickling out of the barrel and running into the gutters. Quickly the scavengers arrived may be the descendants of the old-time pirate wreckers who once stripped stranded vessels, housewives and shopkeepers with cooking pans and milk bottles, anything to capture the escaping nectar. The winner by far was the local butcher who filled large metal meat trays. Many bystanders just scooped the dribbling liquid into their cupped hands; that was until the fire brigade arrived and flushed it all away – monsters!

But on our day of destiny, in our not so trusty Jowett, we headed toward the infamous curve and when full strength heaving onto the slow pedal failed to seem any results with no alternative we had to make a commitment. We, scared to death made it, otherwise, you would maybe be reading someone else's article today.

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Stealing offences, Bribie Island

A Bribie Island grocery store has had two recent stealing offences occur.

Police are asking for assistance to identify the alleged offenders.

On October 22 at 11.12am, a shopper has withdrawn cash from the self-serve checkout when paying for her groceries.

She has left, taking her groceries but failed to take the cash from the dispenser.

CCTV has captured a female person use the same self-serve checkout a short time after.

After completing her transactions she removes the cash and exits the store.

At 11.36am on October 31 another shopper has failed to remove their cash withdrawal from the dispenser.

CCTV captured the alleged offender attend the checkout and remove the cash and leave the store.

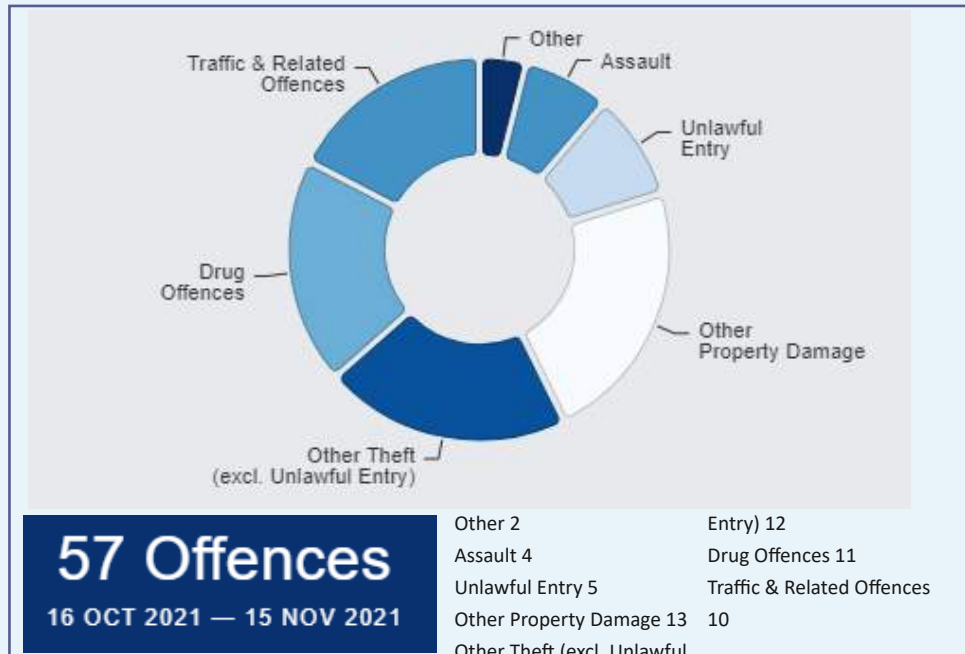
Neither person made any effort to locate the owner of the cash or hand it into customer service or a police station.

We are sorry to say that "finders, keepers" just doesn't apply. These acts constitute a stealing offence.

Stealing is an offence that carries a sentence of five years imprisonment.

If you find property, whether it be cash, jewellery or any item, you are required to make every attempt to locate the owner. This includes handing items into a police station and allowing the police to locate the owner. If the property is unclaimed after three months you may be able to claim the item lawfully from the police station.

If anyone has any information as to the identity of the persons in the photographs police are urging you to call Policelink (131 444).



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Editor

Please keep your letters to no more than **300 words or they will not be printed**, this enables us to submit a number of letters for everyone to read. The comments and opinions on these pages do not reflect those of The Bribie Islander. Thank You.

Dear Editor,

Choices .Queensland hospitals are for Queenslanders, the battle cry of the Premier that resulted in the death of a twin because it took eight stressful hours to get the pregnant young woman from the NSW border to a Sydney hospital, rather than just one hour to a Queensland hospital.

Well, this is being taken to the next level, after 17 December it's NO Queensland hospitals for Queenslanders who are unvaccinated, a really smart money saving move by the Premier.

No more pesky sick unvaccinated people clogging up the system.

Surely it will be taken to the next level, being unvaccinated is a matter of choice, so generally is being fat. Nobody forced you to eat that fourth hamburger with ice cream on the side fatso, so you're probably next!

And then of course the ones we love to hate, the smokers, yes we know it's not illegal – but it's going to kill you eventually, so any smoking related sickness, cancer, emphysema, blood clotting, best you find a good vet because there's not going to be any help at Queensland health.

Take drugs, that's your problem (and about time too) don't expect any methadone any time shortly. And then save the tax payers some more money by closing all Government sponsored shooting galleries.

Have a car accident while texting, better have private health insurance. It was your choice.

Someone is bound to say that abortion is a choice, so should the taxpayers really have to pay all that money just because you forgot to take the pill, or couldn't find a 24 hour condom machine? One thing that Qld health is becoming really good at under this government , is baby killing, awful subject, but when the baby is aborted in late pregnancy, it would have a chance of survival and could be adopted, apart from Queensland's draconian adoption laws. As it is, when the baby is removed from its mother, it's put in a metal tray and left to die from exposure or malnutrition and that's a choice that nurses should never have to make.

Welcome to the very near future.
Concerned Resident

The Editor,

Congratulations on your very measured response to the Covid/ anti-vax activist elements in your latest magazine (October 22).

The diatribe aimed at you (and The Islander) by the ratbag Covid "conspiracy" protestors collectively (in their very long ,threatening letters) represents one of the worst examples of ATTEMPTED censoring, threatening and bullying of the media I have seen - after 35+ years as a journalist(now retired).

It is no wonder these "crazies" are drawing so much attention to themselves in the mainstream media. In particular, their comments about "watching and recording every public statement you make", "holding you to account" and demanding that you "govern yourself accordingly, because we are watching you" reflect - very forcefully, and somewhat frightening - who THEY are and what they represent....which, in a word, is anarchy. It is reminiscent of the very era of Nazi propaganda that they claim and seek to level against The Islander.

The one positive in all this is that, at least, these ratbags can read. I would refer them to the final comments in your response: "Everyone has a right to their own opinion" and "readers have the common sense to know what is right from wrong, for themselves ". (That says it all).

Congratulations and thank you for printing the collective diatribe signed "Concerned citizens". It gives the rest of us (in our communities) an opportunity to see, clearly, where all the nonsensical rubbish promoted by such activists is coming from, and why! It is, indeed, dangerous stuff....not, in my view, in the public interest....but they too have the rights attached to living in a democracy, for which they should be grateful. In other than a democratic

society, these people would be locked away where they could do no harm....or worse!

Regards Col Walker.

Dear Editor,

One of the things that distresses me, is the ignorance evident in the Australian community.

It is claimed that 70% of Australians support action on climate change, because they "believe the science". But what does that mean?

Even a group of local seniors who pride themselves on their knowledge, to the extent that they will pit it against others in a trivia quiz, are surprisingly ignorant. When I asked them what the extra carbon dioxide in our atmosphere does to the oceans, none of them knew the answer.

Even on current affairs programs, nothing is said about the serious problem of acidification, caused by carbon dioxide. The lower pH means that shellfish shells are weak, and Krill, which is the beginning of the food chain, cannot make healthy shells. Every fish in the chain, up to the apex predators like sharks and tuna, are dependent on krill or other plankton, which are threatened by acidity.

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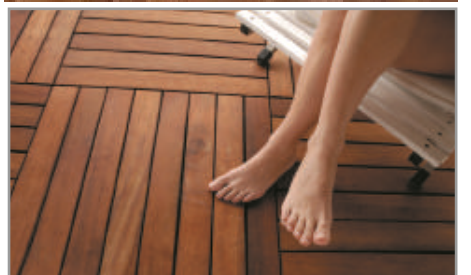
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