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The last couple of weeks have been quite different for me I must admit. I came down with the dreaded virus and it hit me pretty hard. In saying this, while I was in lockdown, the number of people who offered to help out, friends, neighbours and family were amazing. I felt very lucky to belong to this community!

I must give a big shout out to IGA Sandstone for their exceptional home delivery service. I don't think I will grocery shop like I used to! It is way too convenient to have it delivered and the produce was fresh and delicious! I am converted to this way now! Call me lazy but having someone shop and deliver your groceries is such a time saver and I get to use that time on things I enjoy doing instead of things I have to do!

So now I have to re-adjust and get out of my pyjamas and instead of working from home, get back into the office before I become a hermit and re-join the world! There is so much happening in our beautiful district I don't want to miss a thing!

Check out this magazine and see how our wonderful community are banding together to help people and our local businesses out. The Council are doing their best to get everyone to shop local and support our local business owners, so let's all get behind them and BUY LOCALLY!!!! This is our little part of the world, so we need to look after those in it!

Until next time,
Take care, Stay safe

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SO, LET'S END WITH A QUICK DELVE INTO HOW TO DEVELOP POSITIVE THINKING. ITS BENEFITS CAN INCLUDE INCREASED LIFE SPAN, LOWER RATES OF DEPRESSION, LOWER LEVELS OF DISTRESS, GREATER RESISTANCE TO THE COMMON COLD, BETTER PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING AND BETTER CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH AND REDUCED RISK OF DEATH FROM CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE!

You CAN learn to transform negative thoughts into constructive thinking. The method is easy, but it takes time and practice-after all, you're developing a new habit. Here are some ways of thinking and behaving more optimistically and positively:

- Identify places that should be changed-First, define aspects of your life that you typically think negatively about, whether it's work, your daily commute, or a relationship. Start small by concentrating on one field to approach.
- Just check on yourself- Stop and analyse what you're thinking regularly during the day. Try to find a way to put a positive spin on them if you find that your feelings are mostly negative.
- Just be open to humour-Let yourself at

ease, especially during difficult times and try to smile or laugh. Find humour in daily activities. You feel less depressed when you laugh at life.

- Practice a safe way of life- Go for about 30 minutes of exercise on most days. During the day, you can also split it up into 10-minute blocks of time. Exercise may have a beneficial effect on mood and stress reduction. Adopt a balanced diet. And master stress management strategies.

- Surround yourself with optimistic individuals-make sure that those in your life are optimistic, compassionate people you can rely on.

- Practice self-talk positively- don't say to yourself something you wouldn't say to someone else. Be patient with yourself and be positive. If

a negative thought enters your mind, rationally analyse it and respond with statements about what is good about you.

Don't plan to become an optimist overnight if you happen to have a gloomy outlook. But with practice, there will gradually be less self-criticism and more self-acceptance in your self-talk. The world around you can therefore become less critical of you.

You're more able to cope with daily pressures in a more positive way when your state of mind is usually optimistic. The capacity can contribute to the health benefits of positive thinking that are commonly observed.

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TOP TIPS for Gorgeous Hair ACCORDING to Hairstylists

From all the people in the world, very few of them can say that taking care of their hair is a piece of cake. More often than not, it's daunting and nerve-racking as you keep facing the problem of split ends, fizziness, dull or greasy hair and many other. While some say that's just how your hair is, and you should deal with it, experts do their best to prove us wrong day in day out. Precisely today, we bring you a few expert tips from hairstylists that will help you have gorgeous hair every day.



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The number one rule of healthy beautiful hair is regular trims. You cannot expect to have flawless locks if you neglect your hair. Therefore, make sure you visit your hairstylist for a little bit of trimming every three months. For those with long hair, stylists recommend trimming it every six to eight weeks. If you have short hair, trimming it every four to six weeks will be fine. You can do it more often if your hair needs recovering from years of dying, stylings and burning under the hair styler heat.

KNOW YOUR HAIR TYPE

Aside from regular trimming, you must also dedicate yourself to your hair and get to know it in more depth. Is your hair damaged, dry, or frizzy? Does your scalp constantly feel greasy? Are you having trouble keeping your hair styled? All of those problems affect different types of hair. That's why it's important to know whether your hair is oily, dry, dull, damaged, or you need to use products for managing curls. Use texture and volume spray to perk up limp hair, and reach out for smoothing creams when you want to tame thick hair. For those missing their long hair, we suggest you look up clip-in ponytail hair extensions and leave

everyone in awe thanks to this flawless natural-looking human hair. Achieve that luxurious volume with supreme shine seamlessly, with premium ponytail extensions.

SLEEP ON SILK

Are split ends your worst nightmare that you keep on living day after day? Cotton pillowcases and sheets may very well be the reason for it. They will absorb your hair care products and strip your hair off of its moisture more quickly. That's why you should seriously consider switching to silk or satin. These fabrics don't rub the hair in an aggressive manner, so they will help you keep your salon hair look flawless for much longer.

INVEST IN QUALITY STYLERS

If you use curling irons and hair straighteners to manage your locks, you should know how to use them properly in order to keep your hair healthy and undamaged. One of the main rules to memorise is to never use hair stylers immediately after drying your hair. A few hours should go by so that all the moisture from your hair can evaporate. That way, you won't excessively burn the hair. On top of that, invest in stylers with heat-protecting properties that will be gentle on your strands.

DON'T WASH YOUR HAIR TOO OFTEN

How often do you wash your hair? Twice, three times a week, maybe? It's too much. Not to mention that washing it every day is beyond detrimental. Your scalp needs time off, so you shouldn't wash your hair more than once a week. Be sure you wash it with lukewarm instead of hot water. That will allow for the scalp to stay hydrated enough and not produce too much sebum. When it comes to washing, be sure you shampoo your scalp and scrub it thoroughly. Only allow for the shampoo to slide over the lower section of your hair and let the conditioner do the trick for it. Choose the conditioner for your hair type and apply it to the bottom part of your hair, avoiding the scalp.

Having flawless hair has never been easier. While it may seem daunting at first, all it takes for you to have gorgeous locks is to properly maintain them. Visit your hairdresser regularly, use proper hair products, sleep on silk, and use quality hair stylers to prevent damaging your hair. After that, you'll never have to worry about having damaged or dull hair because your locks will look stunning.



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Their Director of Health Hub Doctors Morayfield, Dr Evan Jones has seen the demand for medical services not just in Morayfield but greater Moreton Bay Area including our Bribie Island Community. We know of many locals making the journey to Health Hub Doctors Morayfield due to General Practice clinics on the Island already being at capacity.

This demand for medical services on Bribie Island has prompted Dr Jones and his team to expand the Health Hub Doctors practice. Their mission is to provide the community with high-quality healthcare services with a patient centric model. With that continued focus on their patients, we are excited to announce their arrival to a new clinic in Woorim. With the success of Health Hub Doctors Morayfield and the new location of Woorim, they are already attracting the very best General Practitioners, Nurses and Administration staff for our Bribie community.

Health Hub Doctor's Woorim's vision is to provide the highest standard of patient care, incorporating a holistic approach to diagnosis and management of illnesses for those in the community. The clinic will also be supported by allied health services on the Island and clinical support provided by our Hub in Morayfield. The two clinics will be integrated so your patient files will be easily assessable from either clinic as we truly want to ensure that when you or your family are unwell, we provide seamless care and help with your medical needs close to home.

Using an evidence-based approach, we seek to consistently improve our care, service and delivery. We strive to offer up to date industry knowledge and pride ourselves on our level of care. Dr Jones quotes "we have listened to our patients, and we understand driving to Morayfield can be a hike for some, so we are coming to you".

Their sister clinic Health Hub Doctors Morayfield has been open since 2017 and continues to grow. Health Hub Doctors Woorim will be open 6 days a week and will be accepting new patients. Follow them on Facebook and keep an eye on their website or official opening dates.

www.healthhubdoctorswoorim.com.au



New Childrens' Book About Our Native Bees

If you have some blue flowers in your garden, you might spot a tiny blue striped bee buzzing around. This is our blue-banded native bee and don't worry, they're stingless.

Local author Ann Jones has written a delightful story about Betty the Blue Banded Bee, an encounter between a young girl, Molly, and Betty the Blue Banded Bee.

Often overlooked or destroyed, these hard-working little Australian natives pollinate, make very little honey, and don't live in huge hives like other social bee varieties.

"We are loners," says Betty. "That's why they call us Solitary bees...and we keep our honey to feed our babies".

Ann grew up in the Gulf country and has had 2 books published: Put the Billy On and co-authored Gulf Women and is a member of

the Queensland Society of Women Writers.

"I had a wonderful childhood with many Aboriginal friends who taught me so much about our native flora and fauna. I can remember rambling through the bush with them, and they'd climb a tree and poke their fingers into the native bee nest and lick the honey. They never took the whole lot or destroyed the nest."

Ann now lives on Bribie and has observed the blue-banded bees in her garden which prompted her to write the book.

Bribie artist and U3A tutor Leslee Swallow created the illustrations for the book and Christine Miles (a Matthew Flinders prizewinner) provided her mixed media artwork of a bee and blue flower pictured above, now showing in her Artist of the Month exhibition at BICAS.

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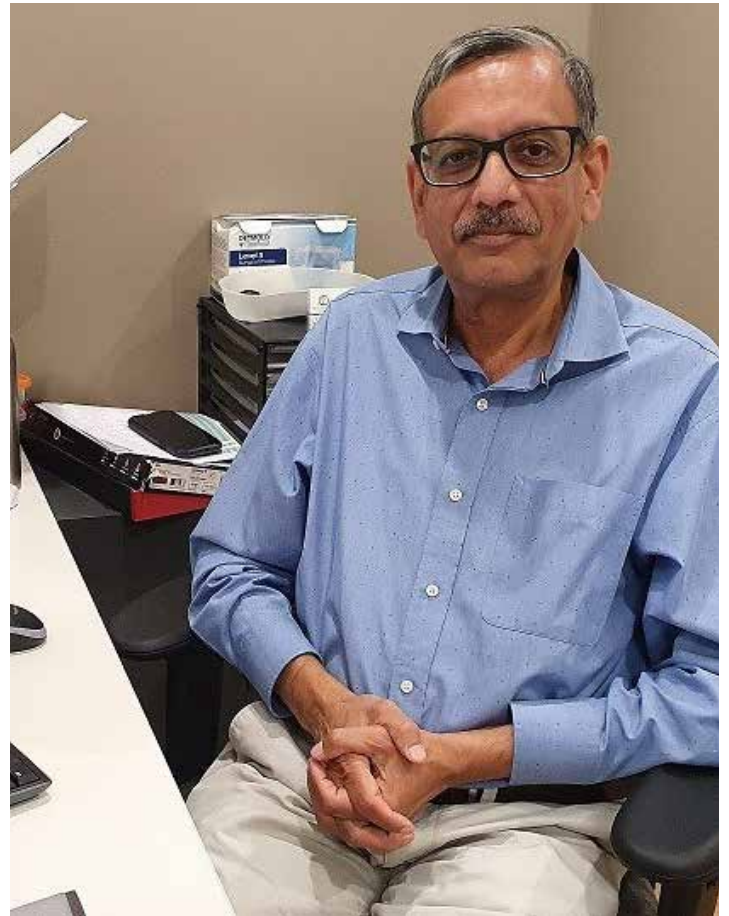
Bribie Doctors

group is pleased to announce joining of Dr Puneet Agarwal at our Practice Bribie Doctors Surfside at Woorim. He has commenced his practice in Oct 2021 and has already made a place for himself within the local community. Dr Puneet Agarwal has over 37 years of work experience as a Doctor, combined in the field of General Practice as well as Surgery. He has vast experience both in Hospital and Community. After working in Australia for over a decade at different locations including

Chermside, Cumberland & Nambour, he decided to practice at Bribie, after hearing a lot of praises about the place and people.

He has teamed up with Dr Reggie Cooke who has been practicing at Woorim since February 2018. He has interest in all aspects of General practice and has special interest in Skin cancer checks and procedures.

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Sometimes I wonder whether we need to go back in time, to move forward? People seem to be more preoccupied with themselves and have less consideration for others and this week I witnessed just that! I appreciate we are at a time where there is a lot of concern and fear around CO-VID, I also understand everyone wants to be their healthiest self and live life to the fullest, but does that mean we should put ourselves ahead of others? I mean, weren't we all supposed to be born equal?

Last week, as I was waiting for time to pass, I observed a group of women talking, being close I could hear them chatting about everyday life, when the much-discussed topic, of CO-VID came up.

One of the ladies expressed that she had experienced CO-VID a few weeks ago, but

the symptoms were very mild. Another lady in the group then asked her if she had been tested to ensure she was all clear. The lady who experienced CO-VID was unaware of the need for this and to be honest, as a person that does not involve myself in the media, this was news to me too! The lady who was honest enough to say she had CO-VID was made to feel so bad she ended up leaving the group of women. We talk about bullying and often think of children experiencing this, but I was saddened to witness a group of mature ladies'

bully another. I couldn't help myself and spoke up, feeling the ladies could have spoken with love, kindness, and compassion. We should all remember that we are supposed to be in this together! That CO-VID could touch any one of us at any given moment, that someone may experience symptoms, some may not and just because we have been tested and it says negative, it doesn't mean that it is gospel. Time and time again I have heard of people being tested positive and negative in the same period. The point I am trying to make

here is that everyone deserves to be heard, treated with love, compassion, understanding and kindness because we never know when the shoe is going to be on the other foot! Whilst we cannot change the behaviours of others, we can control our own.

If you feel you are struggling, need support or need more love and compassion at this time, call me on 0405 361 882 or send me an email at creativeandhealingtherapies@outlook.com



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There are sometimes complex medical issues that can impact fertility, but there are also a number of everyday actions that you can take that can improve your chances. Importantly, these things can not only help your chances of getting pregnant - they can also help your chances of having a healthy baby.

CHINESE MEDICINE & FERTILITY

Chinese medicine is commonly used as complementary or alternative therapy to improve fertility - it's frequently studied in medical journals, endorsed by fertility and IVF clinics, and discussed in online fertility forums. Nearly as old as Chinese medicine is itself, records of fertility treatments in China can be traced as far back as 200 A.D.

Fertility acupuncturists often have clients come into clinic with conventional medical diagnoses, such as irregular menses, luteal phase defect, elevated FSH (follicle stimulating hormone), and male factor infertility - all of which may benefit from acupuncture and Chinese medicine. We take these diagnoses on board but also zoom out and assess the body as a whole. From a Chinese

medicine perspective, fertility struggles are often the result of a series of little imbalances that, taken together, add up to the larger issue. Chinese medicine looks at your symptoms, health history, diet, and lifestyle using a different lens than conventional medicine. This lens can often uncover some of the missing pieces to your health and fertility puzzle.

NOURISH THE SOIL BEFORE PLANTING THE SEED

Like nature, our bodies often require extra planning and preparation before new life can be created. The 'seeds' are the blueprint to life, the foundation of your baby's health, and ultimately form your pregnancy outcome. It takes roughly 90 days for primordial cells to mature into follicles (eggs) and sperm, so your health during this period plays a crucial role in determining their quality. High stress, inadequate nutrition, and insufficient rest during those 90 days all have an impact on this development and affect your fertility. Fortunately the body can be very forgiving, so if the last three months were less than stellar in the health department, you can always take the next three months to focus on rebuilding and putting your body in the best state to conceive.

Following a detailed Chinese medicine assessment we develop a treatment plan tailored to the individual which typically includes:

- Acupuncture
- Chinese herbs
- Supplements



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(behind the James Moore law office)

• Diet and lifestyle advice
Together, these components improve fertility by:

- Increasing blood circulation to support healthy development of follicles and sperm, reduce inflammation, and aid embryo implantation. Reduced blood flow in the uterine arteries is associated with decreased pregnancy rates, so increasing the blood flow is key. This is even more important for older women as blood flow to the ovaries naturally decrease as part of the ageing process.
- Balancing hormone levels, regulating menstrual cycles, and promoting ovulation.
- Promoting healthy sperm production, improving count, motility, and morphology.
- Reducing stress and anxiety, improving energy, and general wellbeing.

SUPPORTING IVF/IUI

Studies have found acupuncture alongside IVF to produce significantly better outcomes than IVF alone; the higher success rates are credited to increased blood flow to the reproductive organs and fewer post-transfer pelvic spasms. Acupuncture treatments are scheduled around your IVF/IUI cycle and key dates including prior to egg retrieval and semen collection, and prior to and after embryo transfer or insemination.

Sometimes I see clients for the first time after they have already started or are about to start an IVF/IUI cycle; it is not too late to incorporate acupuncture, nutrition, and lifestyle changes to benefit your outcome.

BRIBIE BABIES

Having worked in highly sought after acupuncture clinics in

Brisbane specialising in fertility and pregnancy, we've been fortunate enough to be a part of hundreds of journeys that started out with hope and open minds and have resulted in bouncing babies. Though Bribie Acupuncture is often filled with the usual suspects, such as back pain, since opening our clinic we've been honoured to assist many Bribie locals with:

- Preconception health and natural fertility
- IVF and IUI support
- Pregnancy care
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If you'd like to make a booking or if you'd like to discuss whether acupuncture and Chinese medicine is right for you, please contact us - Jessica, Wendy, and Katherine - via our website www.bribieacupuncture.com.au or call 0423 160 228. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram @bribieacupuncture. HICAPS is available onsite. Pensioner discounts available.

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Pumicestone Passage Probus had an amazing speaker at their last meeting. Her name is Pauline Law and she lives in Bribie. What was so amazing you ask? Well, Pauline was originally from Liverpool and part of a singing Duo called the 'Caravelles'. I was talking to a friend recently who remembered them when she lived in the UK. They were not just any Duo. They made records and supported the Beatles in their American tour and supported other famous groups and singers too. With touring as a professional singer, she visited Canada, America, the UK, and Europe. Pauline worked on radio and TV, clubs, and theatres for over 10 years. Then a change. She moved with her family to Sri Lanka and worked with the children there and taught them singing for fun which helped them to learn the English language. She and her husband Josh worked in Thailand and founded a free school in the slums of Bangkok. They encouraged children and families from the private

schools to provide help and Christmas presents for the children with nothing. They supported those affected by HIV and AIDS when others wouldn't, virtually adopting a child until unfortunately she too died. Singing was always a part of what Pauline did. In 1989 she moved to Australia and more recently to Bribie Island. Since coming to Bribie Pauline has maintained her enthusiasm for singing and started a singing group here called 'Retro Revival'. They give excellent concerts for free to help groups raise funds for worthy causes. We can highly recommend the group and Pauline of course. Thank you for a fascinating talk.



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Please refer to our website: www.houseofhappiness.com.au for detailed information regarding our facility or phone or email us at your convenience.

We are extremely grateful for your past and ongoing very generous support, and you are most welcome to come visit and see our facility anytime at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

Mark and Vera Segedin - House of Happiness Managers
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House Of Happiness, Woorim



Ipswich Road Tramways Crippled Children's Fund was established in 1951 by employees of the Ipswich Road Tram Depot, primarily for outings for the Crippled Children of the Montrose Home and the Children's Hospital. Due to continued rapid progress, the Fund was changed in 1953 to enable members to not only aid crippled children, but under-privileged children as well, from every home, hospital, and institution in Brisbane, consequently the Ipswich Road Tramway Crippled Children & Orphans' Entertainment Fund (as it was then known). In 1964 it was decided to again change the name of the organisation to Brisbane Tram and Bus Employees Crippled Children and Orphans' Fund, in order to further consolidate the Fund and open the way for all employees of the Brisbane City Council Transport Department to become members. Various functions of the fund were and still are administered entirely for the benefit of special children from many homes in Brisbane and surrounding districts; The Fund sponsored 3 children requiring delicate heart surgery in Sydney and Melbourne, and all 3 operations were successful. 26 buses

transported children and nursing staff to 2 or more all-day picnics annually. To continue with tradition buses transport special children to the annual RNA Show in Brisbane. An Annual Art Competition is held for special needs children with the culmination of a presentation of prizes held at the Mount Cootha Auditorium in November, 800 - 1000 children participate in this competition. An Annual Fishing Competition is held on Bribie Island in October.

In 1971 the 'House of Happiness' was established; A sea-side holiday facility at Woorim, Bribie Island for children with special needs, maintained by 'Brisbane Tram and Bus Special Children's Association Inc' (initially 'Ipswich Road Tramways Crippled Children's Fund')

and proudly sponsored by Brisbane Transport Bus Drivers.

The House of Happiness is a wonderful place to stay. It caters for up to 88 children/ adults. The fully landscaped grounds are spacious, and the centre is wheelchair friendly. The beach can be accessed by beach wheelchairs. This facility is totally furnished and contains a large dining room together with a fully equipped commercial kitchen including cutlery and crockery. Laundry and ironing facilities are also available. Included is a full-sized swimming pool together with a covered Barbeque area as well as a playground, soccer field, volleyball, cricket, and basketball play areas. This facility is available to special needs and community groups.

AIRCONDITIONING AND SOLAR PANELS DELIVERED FOR OUR SCHOOLS!



Air conditioning and solar panels for our local state schools have now been delivered!

Back in 2020, before I was elected, I campaigned to have every local state school air conditioned. The Palaszczuk Government listened, announcing that every state school across Queensland would be airconditioned AND have solar panels installed, all by 2022.



And this commitment has been delivered for Pumicestone.

Across our 5 local state schools, 70 rooms have been air conditioned and over 830 solar panels installed. It's been a welcome addition for our local schools, especially with Queensland's hot and humid environment throughout the year.

It continues to help our young ones stay focused on the things that matter most, their education. And our local school staff have a cooler and comfortable workplace where they can continue to deliver quality education to our kids.

On top of this, the solar panels take the worry out of the running costs and help reduce emissions, while also creating opportunities to learn about making cleaner environments.

I want to thank all the parents and carers who expressed to me how much this was needed. Many local families signed my petition, which I presented to the Premier to show how much this important commitment would be appreciated in Pumicestone.

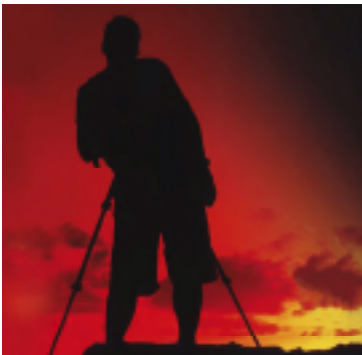
But one of the biggest voices behind this delivered commitment, was our schools' P&C's. Many of them had planned, costed, and fundraised to get air conditioning before this announcement.

PUMICESTONE SCHOOLS NOW FULLY AIR CONDITIONED!

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- ✓ Beachmere State School
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Bribie Island Photography Club is a small friendly club which was founded in 1992 by a group of local residents who shared an interest in photography. The club meets on the Fourth Monday each month, except December (even on Public Holidays which fall on that Monday):

Bribie Island Photography Club;

The Boardroom, Community Arts center;

191 Sunderland Drive, Bribie Beach, Bribie Island, Queensland, Australia

- bribiephotographyclub@gmail.com

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bribieislandphotography/>

We are pleased at the start of a new year and it is likely to be filled with new challenges and probably a lot of changes too. We don't have control over this. One thing we do have control over however, is your photographic plans for 2022.

January 2022 welcomed all members, new members and visitors alike to a monthlong of random to-camera photography.

The concept is not just a tool. It is an extension on visually exploring your creative potential. Your camera gives you the power to create.

Playing with the three primary variables, Aperture, Shutter speed and ISO and keeping a very open mind about these variables can give extraordinary results:

- Move your camera. —**
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GOOD CATCH IN ARTS CENTRE'S Seasoned Gallery

Beachmere artist Michelle Booby loves it when there's rubbish to collect on her beachcombing outings.

What others would put in the bin, Michelle scoops up and refashions into bright and interesting new pieces of all sizes and colours.

There are fish cows, boats, pigs and many other items she refashions from timber and metal scraps.

Her keen eye for design & fun results in quirky, attractive pieces that are proving popular sellers right now at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre Seasoned Gallery.

A former nurse, Michelle now tends to her art full time and loves the meditative and joy the activity brings her.

Her works are a great talking point and look sensational in any outdoor setting....



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MAYOR PETER FLANNERY HAS A CLEAR MESSAGE FOR MORETON BAY REGION RESIDENTS – NEXT TIME YOU PULL OUT YOUR WALLET, THINK LOCAL FIRST.

With the recent wave of Omicron spreading throughout the region, several businesses have been impacted by COVID-related staff shortages, supply chain issues and loss of visitation. In response, Moreton Bay Regional Council has launched Back a Local, a six-week community campaign kicking-off on February 16, aimed at encouraging locals to eat, drink, shop, play, spend and back a local business.

“Here in Moreton Bay, it’s in our DNA to embrace the Aussie way and look out for each other”, Mayor Flannery said. “We might be the third largest local government in Australia, but our locals unapologetically embrace a sense of community that can rival even the smallest of towns. “As a local resident myself, I’m pledging to back a local business whenever I can in 2022, and I’m urging the community to join the cause. “With 29,000 businesses in the Moreton Bay Region supporting close to 140,000 jobs, I ask the community to work together as part of ‘Team Moreton Bay’, to

help shape our region into Queensland’s best place to live, work and play. “Whether it’s choosing to celebrate a special occasion at a local restaurant, engage in a professional service, or buying gift, I urge you to take a moment to consider where you’re going to spend your hard-earned dollars.

By backing a local business you’re helping keep their doors open, staff employed and money in our local economy.” To help residents show their support, a range of free resources are available on the Moreton Bay Regional Council website, including printable Back a Local poster. The community can help spread the message by sharing social media assets on their personal and business Facebook and InstagVTram pages.

“Over the next six weeks, I hope to see consumers develop a greater awareness of local businesses and the huge difference their support can make to the local business owners, their staff and families. “It’s our goal that the legacy and impacts of this campaign extend well beyond this campaign, and locals continue to back locals, well into the future.” For more information about Locals Backing Locals, visit www.moretonbay.gov.au/back-a-local.

Back a Local is an initiative of Moreton Bay Regional Council.



Here in Moreton Bay, we’re big in size but even mightier in heart and community spirit.

Next time you go to pull out your wallet, back a local Moreton Bay business.

moretonbay.qld.gov.au/back-a-local

Abbey Museum, Caboolture

Anxiety- A way through!



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There is probably no one alive who at some stage in their life have not experienced an episode of anxiety - be that small or large, short-term or long-term, that has had a debilitating effect on their state of mind and personal well-being. According to a recent on-line report, searches for anxiety are averaging the highest recorded number in the 16 years of available analytics. The Mayo Clinic, a non-profit USA based academic medical centre, employing over 4,500 physicians and scientists, has described the symptoms one may get from anxiety, as feeling nervous, being restless or tense and having a sense of impending danger, panic or doom.

Against this background we would like to examine two fairly recent - if not too well-known cases, where anxiety and we believe all of the above was definitely manifested!

In Jan 2021 James Howells a 36 year- old British man, who had been mining Bitcoin for some years and at a time when it was of little value, accidentally threw away the hard -drive on which the access key to his 7,500 holdings was stored. Such is his anxiety over the loss, Mr Howells has reputedly offered the Newport City Council in Wales, an astonishing A\$91million to excavate the dump where he believes the disc is located. That is a similar situation that US based programmer and software developer Stefan Thomas faced over his access to 7002 Bitcoins. Amazingly, he simply wrote the password to his Iron Key, the USB hard drive that contains the digital wallet, on a piece of paper which he has subsequently lost.

Now for the uninitiated, Bitcoins policy is simple... Ten -strikes and you're out! What this means is after 10 failed attempts, the password

will encrypt itself, making the wallet impossible to access thereby causing the owner to forfeit their holdings. Stefan is already up to eight attempts and whilst he has received offers from around the world to help him uncover the lost password- for a price of course- he is resigned to his fate- Talk about anxiety!

Might we conclude this article by saying how different these situations would have been had Messrs Howells and Thomas had a personal on-line encrypted family vault such as offered by JC Estate Mentors. This would have given them and their facilitator, 24/7 access to the keys necessary to access their fortune, which at the time of writing was estimated at over A\$450million in each case. Talk to us and we will show you how easy it is to access and secure a vault for you and your important data- you might just remove some anxiety!

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Committee positions:

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Nominations close at 3.00pm

Thursday, 10 March 2022

Forms available on Web Site www.bribieu3a.org.au
Send to Secretary at secretary@bribieu3a.com.au

For more information see U3A Newsletter and Web site
All members are invited to attend but Covid limitations require prior registration.

TALKING MONEY

with Peter Dallimore

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RISK CHECK YOUR FINANCES

A change of pace from estate planning. If you are on a fixed income with no assets to speak of then you won't need to think about a risk check. Your focus will be on getting by day-to-day. However, if you have investments or debts, a risk check may be worthwhile. A risk check is about doing a few what-ifs.

For example, how would you be placed if the share market had a significant fall or if/when interest rates rise? When the World Trade Center went down in 2001, share markets around the world tumbled. The US Dow Jones index, which tends to lead

the major international share markets, fell 30% before starting a sustained recovery. During the global financial crisis in 2008, the Dow fell 50% before starting a sustained recovery. Since the dramatic fall during the GFC, the Dow has increased by over 400% driven largely

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by cheap money. So, if you have time on your side, you will probably be able to ride out a big fall should it occur. On the other hand, if you want to preserve your savings for say, entry into an aged care facility, you may want to reduce your exposure to shares given that there may be more downside than upside at present.

A Russian move on Ukraine or a Chinese move on Taiwan would unsettle share markets which are already showing signs of weakness due to rising inflation triggering interest rate increases. Options to mitigate risks include a balanced portfolio in your superannuation fund = moderate risk - to cash (term deposits) = low risk but low return at present. Keep in mind that whilst current interest rates provide little return, cash will look good in the event

of a tumble in the share market.

Interest rate increases will also put pressure on people with large mortgages. Historically low rates have encouraged borrowers to borrow more and spend more so contributing to the property boom – and inflation. Check how you would be placed if interest rates rose by say 2%. This would add \$120 to weekly repayments on a \$300,000 mortgage, \$200 per week to a \$500,000 mortgage and a budget-breaking \$400 per week on a million-dollar mortgage which is not uncommon in Sydney and Melbourne. If two wage earners are currently servicing a loan, check how you would be placed if one were no longer able to work. If you currently have an interest-only loan, check if you could service the loan if/when it reverts to principal and interest.

House prices will be impacted by increasing interest rates. By how much is uncertain. Whatever, the signs are there that the era of cheap money may be drawing to a close. A 10% fall in property prices may result in a property being worth less than the purchase price – negative equity. If you are in this situation and can't keep up your repayments, the lender may sell your property and send you a bill for any shortfall. Best to be prepared by getting your finances in order.

The special payment relief arrangements put in place by the banks because of COVID are now being scaled back with pressure being put on borrowers to resume normal payments and in some cases, make up the arrears. I am now seeing clients who have got used to the repayment holidays and are now struggling to

stay afloat. So, risk check your situation and take the steps necessary to be able to handle a share market downturn or interest rate increase. This may mean restructuring investments if you have any or cutting spending if you have debts so as to get ahead with your repayments.



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Ingredients

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3 Cups Hash Browns frozen, shredded and thawed

1 Cup cherry tomatoes or grape tomatoes, halved

1/2 Cup Basil fresh, chopped

170 grams Mozzarella Cheese shredded

Instructions

Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray 8x8 glass baking dish with nonstick spray.

Whisk eggs, salt, and pepper in bowl; set aside.



Arrange frozen sausage links in an even layer in bottom of baking dish. Spread hash browns evenly on top. Sprinkle with half shredded cheese followed by tomatoes and basil. Pour in eggs; gently shake baking dish to ensure eggs are evenly distributed. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top.

Cover with foil that's been sprayed with nonstick spray and bake for 40 minutes. Remove foil and continue baking for 5-10 minutes or until cheese is golden brown.

Let sit for 15 minutes before slicing and serving.

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"I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU"

By Dolly Parton

*If I should stay
I would only be in your way
So I'll go, but I know
I'll think of you each step
of the way
And I will always love you
Will always love you*

*Bittersweet memories
That's all I am taking with me
Goodbye, please don't cry
We both know that I'm not
What you need
I will always love you
Will always love you*

*I hope life, treats you kind
And I hope that you have all
That you ever dreamed of
And I wish you joy
And happiness*

*But above all of this
I wish you love
And I will always love you
Will always love you*

I will always love you...

Dolly Parton

This is not a love song in the conventional sense; Parton wrote it for a close friend. In 1967, she was invited by the country star Porter Wagoner to co-host his TV show, where they became famous for their duets. In time though, her enormous talent eclipsed that of her mentor, and she moved on to greener pastures. She wrote the song for him to show her appreciation for the time they had worked together.

Leaving Wagoner wasn't easy - he thought Parton was making a mistake and felt she was being disloyal. Parton played the song to Wagoner the morning after she wrote it as her way of letting him know that her mind was made up and to express how she felt about him. Apparently, it got the message across: Parton said that Wagoner was in tears when she finished, and he called it "the prettiest song I ever heard."

This all went down in 1973, and the following year Parton and Wagoner formally announced their split after a seven-year partnership. Said Parton: "I wrote that song to say, 'Here's how I feel. I will always love you, but I have to go.'"

After this song was released, Elvis Presley wanted to cover it. Parton was interested, but Presley's handlers insisted that he be given a share of the publishing rights if he recorded it - a common demand at the time. Parton held her ground, which was a very difficult decision, but one that worked out very well for her, since the publishing rights she would have relinquished turned out to be substantial. "My songs were what I was leaving for my family

and I wouldn't give them up," she told Mojo in 2004. "People said I was stupid. I cried all night. I would have killed to hear him sing it. But, eventually, when Whitney recorded it, I was glad I held out."

Elvis and Priscilla Presley's marriage broke down and Dolly Parton told The Big Issue magazine that Priscilla informed her that Elvis sang this song to her when they were coming down the steps of the courthouse after they divorced. "That really touched me and I thought 'Oh well, I can only imagine,'" she said.

When this song was chosen for the 1992 film *The Bodyguard*, it proved to be a huge benefit for both Parton and Whitney Houston. For Houston, it provided her signature song, showcasing her otherworldly talents as a singer. Her version became a worldwide success in pop music, earning huge royalties for both artists. Parton's country ballad was now familiar to audiences of pop, soul, and adult contemporary, and not just in America: Houston took it to #1 in a variety of territories, including the UK, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Japan, and the Netherlands.

Dolly Parton said during an interview on the *Bobby Bones Show* that she thinks she wrote "Jolene" and "I Will Always Love You" on the same day.

Parton had a variety show in 1976 called *Dolly!* that lasted one season. To close every episode, she would recite the opening lyrics to this song ("And I hope life treats you kind...") and sing it as the credits rolled.



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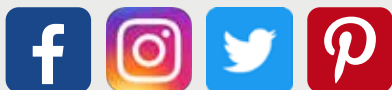
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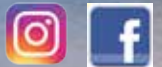
After a very busy & successful festive season, GALLERY SINGERS have resumed weekly rehearsals on Thursday, February 3rd, from 1 - 3 pm in the ANZAC ROOM at BRIBIE ISLAND RSL for what will be our 22nd year. As we are a ladies group we invite ladies who enjoy choral singing, fun & the company of like-minded "choralers" to join us. Although reading music & previous choral experience are an advantage these are not mandatory requirements. If you enjoy singing & can hold a tune you will be most welcome, Alto's particularly. Our repertoire for the first season will consist of popular Irish pieces to be performed in celebration of ST PATRICKS DAY at Brennan Park, Bribie Island RSL, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre as well as some retirement villages in the community, dates to be confirmed soon. WATCH THIS SPACE. You may contact us for further information to join us or engage us to perform for your event by calling Janet Thompson, 0439 549 820 or email janetgt@bigpond.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

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A Night At The Opera



There is a degustation dinner at new Vernazza Restaurant at The Bribie Island Golf Club on Saturday 12th March which I have been asked to match the wines with each of the courses and I thought I would explain which wines I have chosen for each course and the reason why. On arrival on the lawn, (weather permitting) canapés will be served to consist of Arancini balls, Smoked Salmon cream cheese crostini and Mediterranean stuffed pumpkin flower, to accompany this and to start the evening in style we are serving

Henri Laurent French Champagne. This will be accompanied by singing from Steven Hyndman who will entertain throughout the evening. Henri Laurent Champagne is a blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes which is probably the most consistent blend in Champagne and whilst Australian sparkling wines are receiving great reviews especially those from Tasmania the very name Champagne evokes a special feeling of a great night ahead.

The first course is a Charcuterie board comprising a selection of cold meats, breads, cheese and dried fruits. I have chosen The Yalumba Y Viognier rather than a Sauvignon Blanc or a Riesling. The Viognier has aromas and flavours of pears and stone fruit and should match this course where a sharp acidic wine would overpower the selection.

The second course is a chilli lush coffee crusted salmon and again rather than go for an acidic white wine which suit shellfish I have chosen a new Chardonnay on the market from The Napa Valley in America and carries the provocative title "Fat Bastard". Salmon is a fish that needs a wine of substance to match it and I tried to find an older style of Chardonnay that wouldn't be overwhelmed by the salmon and this wine should do just that.

The third course of Braised Beef Cheeks needs a couple of red wines that can carry this rich serving and I turned to my old friend from the Barossa, Wayne Dutschke, whose family have been making outstanding red wines for over 70 years I have selected The Sami 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon and The Oscar Semmler 2017 Shiraz. I sold Dutschke Estate Wines for several years in Western Australia

and wherever we did special evenings such as this the wines always stood out. The Chef is serving a traditional Tiramisu for the dessert, and we are serving a wine that I came across a couple of weeks ago when a friend dropped off a bottle of Calabria Belena Moscato. The first impression was the packaging which is incredible, and the wine has enough sweetness to handle the cocoa, espresso, rum and Marsala wine.

To complete this exciting evening, I have once again turned to Dutschke Estate and his magnificent aged Muscat that will accompany an Espresso with biscotti.

Anyone interested in joining us for the evening should contact Catherine in the

office at The Bribie Island Golf Club on 3408 1457 the cost for members is \$80 a head and \$90 a head for non-members.

Cheers
Philip Arlidge
arlidge@bigpond.com.au

One of Benjamin Disraeli's characters in his novel 'Sybil' written in 1845 comments. "I rather like bad wine," said Mr Mountchesney; one gets so bored with good wine."

There are those of you that mix a little water or even a couple of blocks of ice so consider these words of wisdom from one of the greatest Roman lyric poets Catullus.

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DONATIONS

We continue to support VMR, Hospice and Global Care and last month we supported several projects including BI National Servicemen's Assn with some Gazebos for their functions and also trolleys for their popular raffles. BI Tennis Club needed a mini-iPad to get onto social media to encourage juniors and seniors' participation in the sport, RSL Golf Club needed help to obtain some shirts and BI Fishability required assistance with materials for a new storage shed. BI Aged Care needed small freezer and dishwasher for their coffee shop, this shop is run by volunteers and allows visitors to spend time with their loved ones at the coffee shop. Police needed a few items including a new trailer and more DV coasters for the local pubs and clubs and we continue to support the DV program being run on the island. We have also assisted the rangers belonging to Qld Parks and Wildlife Service, with some lifesaving defibrillators, the rangers continually patrol our beautiful National Park, and the defibrillators may assist them at accidents or other medical occurrences involving locals or tourists. Without our customers, supporters, volunteers and staff we would not be able to assist the many associations on the island, so thank you all for your continued support.

REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

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

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

VOLUNTEERS

We always welcome new volunteers, and currently have spaces for ladies on Thursdays, Fridays and also Saturday mornings, so if you have a few hours spare please give us a call on 3408 1014 or pop into the shop and speak to Sonia, we are registered with Centrelink for Job Seeker requirements. Newcomers to the island can easily make new friends as we have an excellent group of volunteers working with us, it is also a wonderful way of supporting our beautiful island and its residents.

EFTPOS CHANGES

As of Monday 29th November, the minimum transaction through EFTPOS rose to \$8, this was due to the rising costs of bank fees, since this has occurred our poor cashier Peta has been getting some nasty responses from customers. This harassment is uncalled for and unacceptable, if you have a problem, please ask for our manager, who will explain that it was bank costs that forced it upon us. We could have made it \$10 minimum, but we decided on \$8 so customers taking advantage of our \$8 basket of clothes could use their cards, we also advertised the change for 2 months prior to it commencing.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank all our supporters and customers, and a special thank you to the Bribie Islander for their continuing support throughout the year. I hope to see you in the shop soon. Sandra



market times

Bribie Island BICA Markets

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

Bribie Rotary Markets

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

Queensland Cancer Council Markets

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

The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets

(Farmers Market)

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

The Bribie Lions Club Markets

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

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

Notice is given that the Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club Inc. will hold its Annual General Meeting for all members at

The Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club House, 99 Toorbul Street, Bongaree, Bribie Island, 9.00am on Sunday 6 March 2022.

Business:-

1. Election of Office Bearers
2. Notices of Motion
3. Audited Financial Statements for 2021
4. Appointment of Auditor

All nominations for the Executive and Committee should be placed in the ballot box located at the Club Reception desk. The positions of Vice Chairman, Treasurer and two (2) Directors are available for nomination at the 2022 AGM.

Nominations will close at 5pm on Sunday 20 February 2022. Such nominations should be in writing on the nomination form which will be available at the Club Reception desk.

Notices of Motion, in writing, should be in the hands of the General Manager by 5pm on Sunday 20 February 2022 and will be available for perusal at the Club after that date.

All members attending must be financial members of the Bribie Island RSL & Citizens Memorial Club Inc. for the year ending 31st December 2022 and no renewal subscriptions will be accepted at the door prior to the meeting. No children are permitted at the AGM.

As per Club Constitution Clause 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5, Applicants for membership must have paid their application (membership) fee on or before 5 February 2022 to be eligible to attend the general meeting and vote in any election of the Board.

Janelle Barraud
GENERAL MANAGER

WALK WITH ME AROUND BONGAREE HISTORY

Barry Clark - Bribie Island Historical Society



February is often the month of dramatic weather, storms, rain, high tides and beach erosion. This year has been no exception, and we now have a "North" Bribie Island.

One hundred and twenty-nine years ago, Australia's greatest ever daily rainfall was recorded by Government weather forecaster Inigo Jones, at his family property across the Passage at Peachester. On February 3rd, 1893, and after several days of rain, on that day 907mm fell in 24 hours. That is a lot of rain!

Climate certainly does change things. A few thousand years ago the whole of Moreton Bay was dry land, before the sea level started slowly rising, to be higher than it is now about 6000 years ago, and then going down again to where it is today.

The Queensland coast has been this way for about 1000 years. Bribie has only been an island for a few hundred years, and early pioneers were oyster farmers, fishermen, cattle grazers, and timber cutters. There were few residents on Bribie before 1912 when the Bongaree Jetty was built.

By the 1930s the island had become a popular destination for day-trippers and holidaymakers on steamships from Brisbane. Just a handful of enterprising residents provided services to tens of thousands of visitors over the next 30 years. When the Bribie Bridge was built in 1963 the resident population had grown to 700.

Bribie has long been a beautiful and peaceful place, attracting



Bribie Jetty 1924

many interesting residents, and was known as "A Zoo without a Fence" for the variety of natural wildlife found here.

We all hope it continues that way, and the remaining aspects of Bribie history and heritage are preserved for future generations to appreciate. I write regular articles about these things, and conduct

guided heritage walks a few times each year.

If you would like to come on a guided walk with me around Bongaree, I will be doing them on Thursday 3rd March and Thursday 5th May.

The walks are free, but numbers are limited, bookings are essential. The poster in this article shows the details, and booking must be made online at mbrc.qld.gov.au/healthy-active.

There are also other heritage walks to experience "Bribie Island in World War 2" on Thursday 10th of March and Thursday 19th of March.

The Historical Society conducts these walks as part of the Healthy & Active Program, and participants are always surprised at the amazing things they learn about

where they live, and the buildings and sites they go past every day.

You will hear about the first inhabitants and explorers, pioneer settlers and early businesses, as well fascinating stories about some buildings and their owners, and about island life in the early days. The Bongaree Heritage



BONGAREE Foreshore 1920

Walk starts at the Bongaree Jetty at 9:30am and is a gently stroll for about 90 minutes, finishing at the Seaside Museum for morning tea. The group walking is gentle, with stops for information and questions, and is suitable for all ages. You will be surprised at what you learn.

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

The next Historical Society meeting will be **Wednesday 9th March at 6:30 pm at the RSL Club**. The guest speaker will be **Historian and Author PETER LUDLOW**, a specialist on the pioneer's people of Moreton Bay. See more on our new **Web Site [Bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au](http://bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au)** and our **Blog Site <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com>** or contact us on **bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com**

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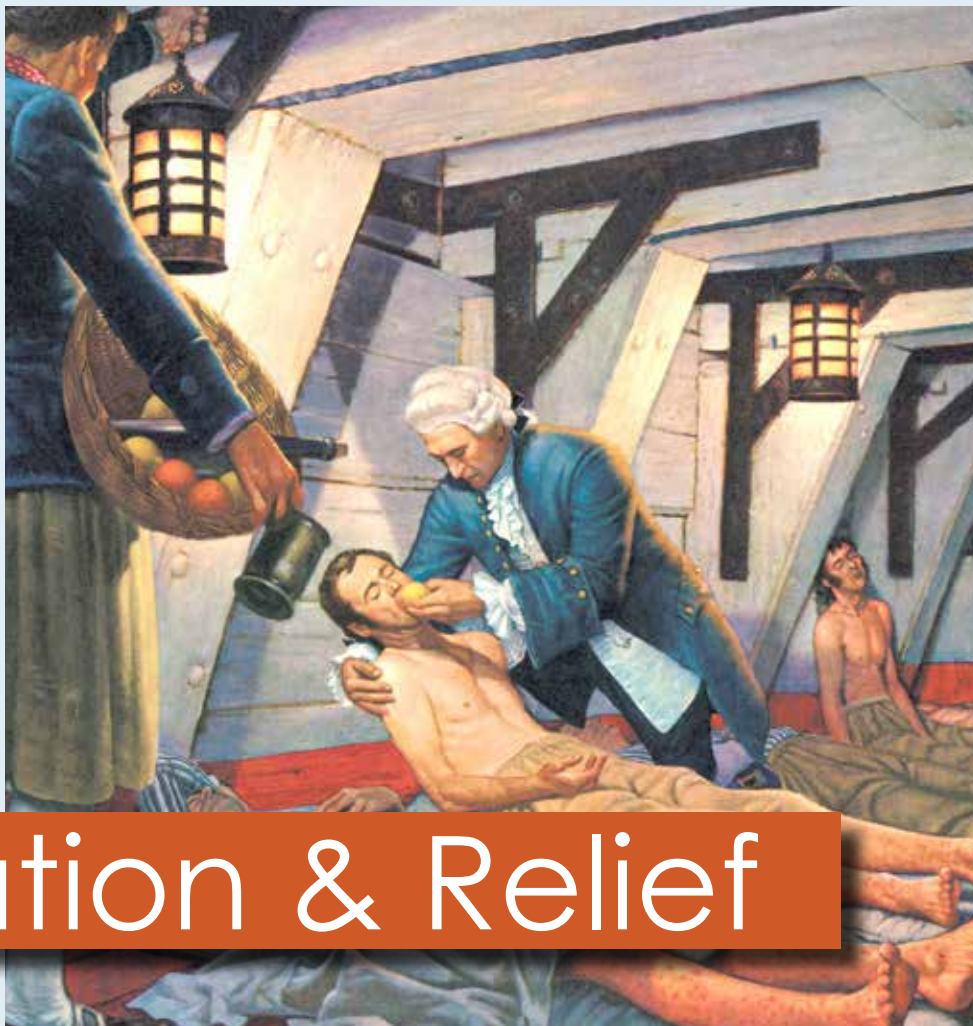
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The Birth Of Modern Australia

EPISODE 4

By: Al Finegan



Starvation & Relief

1789

On the 1st of January, after a horrendous 3-month voyage in huge seas, John Hunter in *Sirius* anchored off Robben Island, the quarantine station just off Capetown. Most of his crew were stricken with scurvy and were immediately fed with oranges. The following day *Sirius* was released and sailed into Table Bay. As soon as she docked, many of the crew bolted, deserting into the town. Purchasing supplies and recruiting replacement sailors kept a frustrated Hunter in port for 49 days before sailing off for Sydney.

Meanwhile in Sydney, the desperate struggle for food continued with many of the population too weak to work. With food stores critically low, Phillip ordered the daily ration to be reduced to barely enough to survive, supplemented by meagre portions of kangaroo meat and wild spinach. In desperation, on the 5th of March, Phillip started sending settlers on *Supply* from Sydney to Norfolk Island where he thought their prospects for survival would be better.

In April, while the Europeans were slowly starving, tragedy struck the local Aborigines. The Europeans watched on in horror as smallpox swept their people. Its origin was a mystery. The settlers knew smallpox when they saw it and not one case had been recorded since arrival. In Britain, people lived with it every day, and most had developed an immunity. The Aborigines in Sydney had never encountered this disease and died in their droves when infected. An estimated half of the local

aboriginal population, but only one European, died from the outbreak. Arabanoo, who had been liked and was treated well by the settlers, particularly in his translation duties, died from smallpox while trying to treat his sick people.

On 9th April, the Reverend Richard Johnson made a formal complaint to Phillip stating that crime was out of control and that no person was safe, particularly at night. He stressed that his and his fellow settlers' hopes had almost vanished.

Phillip knew that each time he reduced rations, increasing hunger became an overwhelming personal driving force and food thefts increased. Hunger was the trigger for more serious crimes. A food thief, Private Thomas Ballimore died as a result of beatings received from fellow marines, and Ann Fowles was stabbed to death by her de facto husband for failing to feed him. Crimes against Aborigines were also committed by marines and convicts. Mostly, such offences consisted of stealing artifacts and food from their huts and camps. The Aborigines responded by attacking stragglers and, occasionally, killing them. Governor Phillip was well aware that it was

the Europeans who precipitated such attacks and generally took no punitive action. Phillip eventually ordered a total curfew during the hours of darkness and authorised marine guards to shoot anyone failing to stop when challenged. It was doubtful if the marines did more than allow their mates free movement.

In one piece of good news, on 17th April, Phillip was able to move into the newly completed Governor's residence. Every day Phillip looked towards the Heads many times, desperately hoping for a signal that *Sirius* was in sight. Had Hunter made it to South Africa? Was he shipwrecked somewhere, or destroyed by Cape Horn's fury? On the morning of the 3rd of May, he couldn't believe his eyes when the signal tower on South Head told of the pending arrival of *Sirius*. To the massive relief of all colonists, *Sirius* docked that afternoon, laden with food. John Hunter, in the nick of time, had saved the colony from death by starvation. Phillip was convinced that by now his desperate pleas for supplies had reached London and help was on its way. *Sirius* had provided relief, but this was good for only a few months. Phillip immediately issued an order

to increase rations to two thirds the daily rate. After unloading, a battered Sirius was immediately refitted in Great Sirius Cove, now named Mosman Bay.

Despite the small increase in daily rations, the crime rate continued at an unacceptable level. David Collins, the Deputy Judge Advocate, proposed a scheme he called "Nightwatch", designed to reduce thieving. Suitable men were to be selected from among the convicts and empowered to arrest any person wandering at large during darkness. Phillip immediately signed the Nightwatch into law to commence on 8th August. Watch members, armed with heavy batons were required to patrol throughout the night and apprehend any person, including soldiers or seamen, guilty of, "any felony, trespass, or misdemeanour". All offenders were to be reported to the Judge Advocate. Those he found guilty were severely punished with 50 to 800 lashes being administered. The crime rate decreased, but the settlement's morale remained at rock bottom.

Unbeknownst to Phillip, on 12th September, HMS *Guardian* had departed England more than three months later than planned with over 900 tonnes of urgent relief supplies. It was destined never to arrive. On 24th December, 13 days and about 2000 kilometres out from the Cape of Good Hope, *Guardian* crashed into an iceberg and was abandoned, ending the relief effort.

On 1st November, following an assessment of existing stores, Phillip ordered another reduction of rations by a third.

1790

Early in the year, Phillip Gidley King returned from Norfolk Island to report to Phillip on the poor conditions on the island. Phillip was impressed with King's eloquence and decided that he was the right man to send back to London to report in person on the colony's problems. To replace King on Norfolk Island, he ordered John Hunter to transport Major Ross and a troop of his marines in the refurbished Sirius to Norfolk Island to relieve the resident team.

It would of course, also relieve him of the insufferable Ross.

On arrival at Norfolk Island, just as all passengers had been safely rowed to shore, a sudden and unexpected gust of wind caught Hunter by surprise. Despite his crew's desperate efforts, on 19th March 1790, HMS *Sirius*, flagship of the First Fleet, was wrecked on the reef at Slaughter Bay on Norfolk Island.

Fortunately, all onboard reached land safely but the cargo was lost. Major Robert Ross, now in charge of the Norfolk Island colony, immediately declared martial law. He ordered the convicts to grow most of their own food, increasing their discontent, and he quarrelled with his officers as vigorously as he had at Port Jackson.

Once again Phillip had no idea of the fate of Sirius or her crew. As time passed his

hope for her return diminished, and with a heavy heart he accepted that she and her crew had probably perished. He was caught on the horns of a dilemma. Should he send *Supply*, the only ship left in the colony, out to search for Sirius and/or her survivors, or send her to Batavia for food? Phillip decided he had to save the colony and get word back to London. Thus, on 17th April, Phillip dispatched the tiny HMS *Supply* to Batavia. He ordered Phillip Gidley King aboard to deliver his report to London. King would have to board a succession of ships after Batavia to reach England.

Conflicts between Aborigines and colonists, often with fatal consequences, continued to escalate. Phillip's official orders were to "... conciliate their affections, to live in amity and kindness", and to punish anyone who should, "... wantonly destroy them, or give them any unnecessary interruption in the exercise of their several occupations". Phillip knew he had to establish communications. He ordered the marines to Manly Cove, where two warriors, Coleby and Bennelong, were captured. Coleby soon escaped, but Bennelong remained in custody. Phillip formed a kind of friendship with Bennelong before he too escaped.

A few weeks later, Phillip was surprised to be invited to a whale feast at Manly. Bennelong greeted Phillip in a friendly and jovial manner. Suddenly Phillip was surrounded by warriors, and without warning, he was speared through the shoulder. He ordered his men not to retaliate. It immediately occurred to Phillip that the spearing was in retaliation for the kidnapping and ordered no retribution. Eventually, Bennelong returned to Sydney with his family as if nothing had happened.

With friendly relations restored around Sydney Cove, the same could not be said about those at Botany Bay. Their attacks had killed or wounded 17 colonists. Phillip finally had had enough and ordered Captain Tench, "... to infuse a universal terror, which might operate to prevent further mischief". Even after Tench made two armed expeditions to Botany Bay, he was not able to close with even one Aborigine. But the message had been received.

The grim state of hunger and sickness continued, with all colonists daily praying for a miracle. Their prayers were answered on the 3rd of June. *Lady Juliana*, with a cargo of 222 female convicts arrived unexpectedly. This ship was privately contracted, in which the young women convicts were treated humanely, fed well, and allowed to move freely about the ship. It arrived still well provisioned with food reserves. Phillip immediately commandeered all their supplies for the starving colony. He ordered the women on board, fitter by far than any colonist, to unload all the food supplies and carry them to the store huts. The food ration was immediately increased, thus saving hundreds from a horrible death.

There was one extra morale booster. The ship carried to the settlement, letters from home and the first news of events in Europe since the First Fleet had sailed in May 1787.

Two weeks later, to great rejoicing, the storeship *Justina* anchored in Sydney Cove. Its arrival was a blessing that changed the atmosphere of the entire colony from gloom to optimism. Then, as the colonists began to see some hope for a brighter future, the Second Fleet arrived.

As they dropped anchor offshore, it became clear to all watching from land that the crews had spent much of the night bringing up the bodies of the convicts who had died in the holds and were throwing them over the side. For days, bodies washed up on the beaches around Sydney Cove with bloodless hands still shackled. The colonists looked on in horror when the first boats from the transport vessels landed with a load of stinking, dying humans still manacled in irons. Of the 1017 convicts who had embarked on the Second Fleet, only 759 had survived. 273 were buried at sea and 486 of the survivors unloaded were too sick to feed or care for themselves. More would die during their first few days in the colony.

Phillip's fury was absolute. He rapidly organised rescue teams including all the women convicts, some of whom even plunged into the water to help pull the shackled staggering men up to the shore. Here blacksmiths were employed knocking out pins to release men from their chains.

Most on the beach could not walk, their muscles atrophied from months in shackles and from lying in tight conditions. The naked sick collapsing on the shore were wrapped in blankets and gently fed and watered by the *Lady Juliana* women, some in tears from the inhumanity. The ships' boats continued ploughing back and forth dumping more and more of the helpless convicts onto the shoreline until the beach was crowded with helpless men. Phillip organised makeshift tents to cover the survivors. For hours, then days, boatload after lousy boatload of men and women, blinking at the light, so filthy, drawn, and disfigured as to be unrecognisable as human beings, were deposited on the beach.

The entire colony rallied behind the survivors of the Second Fleet, all filled with utter disgust at the appalling treatment of the convicts. Under threat of arrest, the ships' captains were ordered to report to the Governor. The captains reeled from Phillip's wrath during which he told them he was sending a message to the British Government to investigate the handling of the transportation.

Finally, on full rations, the settlers slowly recovered, and a sense of optimism gradually replaced that of doom.

Next Episode: Recovery

Horoscope



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

Self-help gurus say that wealth is an attitude of mind. If you imagine yourself as wealthy, you'll attract more wealth into your world. Maybe it works for them... but in my experience it's not quite so simple. I prefer the old saying, 'where there's muck, there's brass!' If you're prepared to get your hands dirty, and do things other people prefer not to do, there's a way to make a profit. You can improve your fortunes this week. With Venus in your sign, adding to the powerful cosmic mix, any efforts you make will be well-rewarded.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

What would happen if you stepped back, and left everything for someone else to finish off? I can almost hear you say 'nothing' - and you might very well be right! But, sometimes, the right kind of nothing's preferable to the wrong kind of something. When we leave a space, we allow the cosmos room to act. And when we fill every moment, even with good intentions, it's harder for the celestial helpers to initiate the change we need. This week, innovation is in the air. If you step back, and allow things to unfold, amazing things can happen. Unmissable gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

On the journey through life, the more we carry, the greater the chance that we'll drop something. Maybe that's why some folk try to avoid taking anyone else's concerns on board. Yet responsibility is a necessary part of existence. And while everything comes with an element of risk attached, doing nothing is not a valid option; it leads to situations getting even more out of hand. As Mars links with your ruler, don't miss out on an opportunity coming your way. It might bring more responsibility your way... but it also brings joy. Oscar's gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

We've all seen too many rom coms, or read so many love stories, that our idea of romance is slightly skewed. We tend to think that if things aren't 'perfect' there's something fundamentally wrong. Of course, you should aspire to the best. But it would be unwise to see the dramas unfolding in your world as signs of a bigger problem. The Lunar Eclipse marks the end of a process you'll profit from having dealt with. Greater contentment is on its way. As long as you're willing to learn, you're on a route towards happiness. Don't miss out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

What's wrong with doing nothing? When we're under pressure to act, passivity feels like a luxury we can ill afford. Yet sometimes, by doing the bare minimum, we keep more options open. Although you like to be decisive, you'll be in a better position to make an important choice if you postpone a decision (rather than making one too hastily). As Mars links to Uranus, past memories, which have been affecting your judgment, can give you clarity about what you're dealing with right now. You'll know when it's time to act. Discover the inner you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

You tend to view stubbornness as a negative quality. Yet the fact that you have a strong moral compass, and the courage and confidence to stand firm in your beliefs, is a wonderful asset. You're a person of your word. When you say something, you mean it. People can count on you, knowing you won't let them down. This week, as the Lunar Eclipse forms in your sign, you'll attract other people to you like a magnet. As long as you recognise the potency of the power you wield, you can use your influence with great effect. A brilliant offer... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

It feels as if you've got one hand tied behind your back; you're struggling to deal with what's on your plate. You could do with a hand to assist you - but you don't want a free handout. On one hand, you've got more to deal with than you think you can cope with, but on the other, you're a capable Gemini, and are rightly excited by the arising opportunities. The Mars/Uranus link brings the inspiration, and the power to implement your ideas. You don't need to dream up crazy plans when the cosmos is offering a helping hand! Ready now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

You're a sensitive soul, but you're not as vulnerable as you think. Not this week. With Mars linking with Uranus, and your ruler, the Moon, reaching the height of its powers, you're in a position of surprising strength. Yet, if you don't acknowledge the extent of your influence, you could end up using the equivalent of a sledgehammer to crack a nut; or accidentally cause an upset as a result of an overly defensive response. With so much power at your fingertips, if you can accept your strengths, you can go gently forwards with confidence. Our gift to you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

When something's really right, it stays right. Things which are 'almost right' only ever feel semi-satisfying; they swing between being desirable and being off-putting. Although we often have to try to persuade ourselves that the situation we're dealing with is better than it looks, you don't need to do that this week. Not under this exciting cosmic climate. As long as you don't allow doubt to interfere with your instincts you'll be able to trust your deepest wisdom, and take steps towards something (or someone) that's really right. Right here, right now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

We have such little understanding about what we're doing here. Even the knowledge we have is hard to get to grips with. We know that our time's finite - but since that makes us anxious, we do our best not to think about it. We prefer to talk about everything under the sun, from celebrity bust-ups to the weather... but not the important things. Yet sometimes, life gives us a surprising jolt. It might be unnerving, but it helps us refocus on what matters. When the Mars/Uranus link gives you a reboot of energy, take full advantage! Especially for you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

If something isn't working out as you'd like, maybe it doesn't actually need to happen. Maybe, instead of looking at what's wrong with a situation, you need to look at what's right about it. The good news is that what's taking place is perfectly appropriate, even if it doesn't quite match your idea of what 'should' be happening. And, if you still feel that you need to instigate change, it will be easier to persuade others to get on board when you make it clear that you're considering their ideas. Harmony is key to your success this week. Try this out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Some folk lead quiet lives; they enjoy never-ending views of rolling hills and sunsets... and their relationships are examples of saccharine sweet flawlessness. For the rest of us mere mortals, it's business as usual! We have to deal with hustle and hassle. Messiness and stressiness. This week, there may be no escape from your ongoing dramas, but you can change your attitude. Things are simpler than they seem. Under this cosmic climate, you can reassess your priorities. Who needs perfection when you can have fun! There's more... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



The Skies Above Bribie

By: Katherine Miller

The-Running-Man-Nebula

Hello fellow stargazers, I'm Katherine Miller aka astrogirl.au on social media. My name may be familiar to you. I have been helping John with this column for the past year by contributing my astrophotography. John and his family have decided to move away from the region. As John will no longer be a local resident he has asked if I would like to write this column. I thought my first contribution should start with a brief paragraph about me and how I got started.

My love and curiosity of the night sky began when I was a child with a school field trip to the Mt Coo-tha Planetarium. The dome presentation was my favourite part. I watched as the ceiling transformed into a magical ride through the cosmos. It was

captivating. I learned about the universe and our solar system. This experience sparked my fascination with space.

I invested in my first telescope and tracking mount in 2020 beginning my journey into astrophotography. Though I am new to astrophotography, I hope to be very informative on all things night sky related. And on that note, let's get into the month ahead.

Meteorologists predict the current phase of La Nina to end late summer-early autumn. This means March could bring more cloud-free nights than what we have been experiencing. If this is not cause for celebration then I don't know what is!

The actual beginning of autumn will occur on the 20th of March with the March equinox. An equinox occurs when the sun crosses the celestial equator. There will be approximately equal parts day and equal parts night. A new moon will occur on the 2nd and the full moon will be on the 8th. Early

settlers called this full moon the worm moon because it was the time of year that earthworms would begin to re-emerge from the ground.

The well-known Orion constellation is now overhead at sunset, setting around midnight. The Orion constellation contains some of the galaxies most beautiful nebulae. The Running Man Nebula (pictured) and the Orion Nebula (pictured), are home to around 180 ionized protoplanetary disks (Proplyds). Proplyds are photoevaporating disks that occur around young stars. Proplyds can be shaped by stellar winds and are photoevaporated by ultraviolet light. This region is the only known section to have such a large number of known Proplyd occurrences.

March is a great month for star clusters. The Rosette Nebula contains one of my favourites, NGC2244 (pictured). After midnight, rises the constellation Ophiuchus. Ophiuchus contains several fantastic

NGC2244-Star-cluster

Orion-Nebula (1)

star clusters such as The Summer Beehive cluster and the Tweedledum Cluster, both can be enjoyed by visual astronomers and astrophotographers. This month is also great for planetary viewings. The galactic core of our Milky Way galaxy returns, gracing the predawn night sky, accompanied by Venus, Mars, Mercury and Saturn. Before sunrise on the 3rd of March, low on the eastern horizon, Mercury and Saturn will be 0.7 degrees apart. The month wraps up with Mars, Venus, Saturn and a crescent moon forming a triangle in the morning sky on the 28th a sure treat for early risers and nightscape photographers, so make sure to set your alarm. If you have any astrophotography images you would like me to use in this column please send them through to my email, all work will be credited. I am also happy to answer any questions. My email is astrogirl.au@mail.com. Clear Skies!
Kat M.

BONGAREE BOWLS MENS RESULTS

Sat Feb 5th Scroungers

1st Peter Thatcher, 2nd Mike Roberts, 3rd Imelda Valentine, 4th Jayne Wales.

Sun Feb 6th Brekky Bowls triples Winners

Margaret McGarry, Brenda Hutchinson, Richie Ferguson

Runners Up Billy Bradshaw, Glenn Merrin Brett Sellars

Wed 4's Feb 9th winners

Barry France, Billy Bradshaw, Glenn Merrin, Brett Sellars

Runners up Richard Fell, John Bell, Gideon Croukamp, Steve Mogan

Thurs Jackpot pairs winners

Peter Vlajic, Col Erhardt

Runners Up Richie Ferguson, Neil Smith.

Sat Feb 12th Scroungers

1st Charlie Holmberg, 2nd Gail Parker, 3rd Brian Reed, 4th Glenda Mathers.

Sat Social triples Winners

Glenn Merrin, Warren Richie, Averyl Symonds

Runners up Peter Vlajic, Di Drew, Ray Broughton

Wed 4's Feb 16th Winners

Brett Sellars, Glenn Merrin, Billy Bradshaw, Max Nganeke

Runners Up Ernie Connelly, Doreen Pennery, Di Thatcher, Ron Corrick.

Thurs Jackpot pairs winners

Don Somerville, Peter Higgins Runners Up Ron Corrick, Jim Irvine

**MEN'S 4'S FINAL**

Men's The Bongaree clubs' men's 4's final was run and won recently.

Congratulations to Mick Falvey, Pat Pierce(sub), Errol Fender and Arne Jensen def. Gary Ryan, Doug Meikle, Neville Graham, Ian Hargreaves.

BRIBIE BOWLS CLUB

\Self Select Pairs Results Friday

04 February 2022

Winners: P Hughes, K Taylor

Runners up: I Cooper, D

Ackroyd

Out of hat winner: V Lindsay, D

Lindsay

Out of hat winner: P Adams, M

Johnson

Bunny: R Brinton, L Deakins

Random Select Fours Results

Saturday 5 February 2022

Out of hat winner: F Crockett, C

Hancock, L Hackwood

Out of hat winner: M Teawa, K

Muller, J Wallis

Self Select Triples Tuesday 8

February 2022

Winners: B Robinson, P

Patrikeos, B Castle

Runners up: C Brayley, V

Mcdermott, J Hosie

Out of hat winner: M Andrews,

R Guest, M Young

Bunny: N Ramage, J Sutherland,

G Benzen

Scroungers Results Wednesday

9 February 2022

1st out of hat: H Anderson

2nd out of hat: J Muller

Self Select Pairs Results

Wednesday 9 February 2022

Winners: I Cooper, G Teakel

Runners up: K Thornton, C

Thornton

Out of hat winner: M Prewett, M

Durham

Out of hat winner: D McMahon,

E Sharp

Out of hat winner: A Sharp, M

James

Bunny: M Williams, W Broad

Random Select Triples Results

Thursday 10 February 2022

Out of hat winner: V C Brayley,

K Marmin R Weikhurst

Out of hat winner: J Neill, D

Neumann, L Broomhead

Out of hat winner: C Sambaher,

L Mather, M Wright

Out of hat winner: F Grimsey, L

Mather, C Hancock

Self Select Pairs Results Friday

11 February 2022

Winners: S Root, C Chidgley

Runners up: D McMahon, C

Wilkie

Out of hat winner: W

Woodcroft, E Bond

Out of hat winner: G Teakel, E

James

Out of hat winner: D Lindsay, V

Lindsay

Bunny: B Lingley, C Haley, L

Savage

Random Select Fours Saturday

12 February 2022

1st highest margin: C Hayles, R

Williams, P McCarthy

2nd lowest margin: C Halley, C

Ebert, M Young

Scroungers Results Wednesday

16 February 2022

1st out of hat: R Eaton

2nd out of hat: R Follett

Self Select Pairs Results

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Winners: A Kinnear, J Studd

Runners up: W McDougall, D

McDougall

Out of hat winner: P Campbell,

T Beavis

Out of hat winner: W Ritchie, L

Tweddle

Out of hat winner: M Young, N

Gray

Random Select Triples Results

Thursday 17 February 2022

Out of hat winner: G Riley, M

Andrews, W Hoelscher

Out of hat winner: N Smith, A

Cooke, W Follett

Out of hat winner: G Olsen, G

Twigg, M Roberts

Out of hat winner: R Leth, R

Follett, A Wood

BONGAREE BOWLS LADIES RESULTS

Friday February 4th 2-4-2 - Winner Margaret McGarry, Maureen Ferguson.

R/up John Ferguson, Peter Vlajic.

Tuesday February 8th Pairs Winners - Arne Jensen, Mick Falvey R/up

Maureen Ferguson, Richie Ferguson

Bonus Draw winner Sue Francis, Roy Merritt

Friday February 11th - Winners Bob Vonarx R/up Ken Wales, Billy Moor, Di

Davidson

Tuesday February 15th Pairs Winners - Arne Jensen, Mick Falvey R/up Jaar-

pung Blundell, Sue Franci

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BRIDGE RESULTS

Sat 5 Feb - N/S 1 J Breene & S Pascoe 2 L Heap & J Medhurst 3 D Quinan & F Barkwith
E/W 1 M Hardy & P Tipping 2 A Fielding & L Groves 3 Y Swanson & C McAlister

Wed 9 Feb - N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 S & C Watson 3 H Tyler & J Medhurst
E/W 1 N Everson & B Connell 2 B Fuller & M Hardy 3 F Barkwith & D Quinan

Sat 12 Feb - N/S 1 J Breene & S Pascoe 2 R Sutton & S Watson 3 D Quinan & F Barkwith E/W C McAlister & P Edis 2 C & R Cowley 3 J & R Medhurst

Wed 16 Feb - N/S 1 A Jones & J Kennedy 2 S & C Watson 3 L Carr & K Cohen
E/W 1 C & R Cowley 2 B Fuller & M Hardy 3 F Barkwith & D Quinan

BICBC: Mon 7 Feb -N/S 1 C McAlister & P Edis 2 A Jones & J Kennedy 3 M Peterson & D Quinan

E/W A Fielding & J Easey 2 F Barkwith & C Nolan 2 L Wilson & M Hardy
Mon 14 Feb

N/S 1 P Edis & C McAlister 2N Everson & R King 3 A Jones & J Kennedy

E/W 1 D Dowling & D Quinan 2 H Hyde & C Browne 3 R Deacon & L Groves

AUSTRALIA DAY THE CROQUET WAY.

By: Kathy Vincent.

SO HOW DID YOU SPEND AUSTRALIA DAY? PERHAPS A BBQ PERHAPS A PICNIC BY THE WATER? PERHAPS A PARTY AT HOME?

Well, let me tell you how the Croquet Club celebrated Australia day.

Did they dress up in appropriate costumes?

Yes, they did.

Did they raise the flag? Yes, they did.

Did they have a yummy breakfast?

Yes, they did.

Did they eat Lamingtons?

Yes, they did.

Did they play different games for a bit of fun?

Yes, they did.

Did they know how to have a good time?

Yes, they did.

After a couple of games, morning tea, more games, then lunch.

Afternoon tea came a little early as the rain stopped play but a really good time was had by everyone.

Bribie Island Croquet Club always know how to have fun as you can see from the photos.

How could you not enjoy this wonderful country? How could you not love Queensland? Blue skies, sunshine, Bribie beaches. Yes, we have had a rough two years and unfortunately, Covid is still making it difficult to plan things. But we have planned some events and we were lucky that we could enjoy **Australia Day** the Croquet way.

**Results for Bribie Island Women's Golf**

3 February to 16 February 2022

1/2/22 – Correction: NTP Hole 16 Linda Urquhart

3/1/22 – Monthly Medal Single Stroke – Sponsor Churches of Christ

Div 1 Winner: Di Benghamy 71, R/U Pauline Grooby 73, 2nd R/U Jo Malone 75 c/b

NTP: Hole 4 Susie Smith, Hole 7 Maureen Bailey, Hole 14 Di Benghamy, Hole 16 Suzanne Valley. Best Gross Di Benghamy

Div 2 Winner: Tricia Brown 75, R/U Heather Croukamp 76 c/b, 2nd R/U Lauren McDonald 76

NTP: Hole 4 Gay Burnham, Hole 7 Lyn Cockerell, Hole 14 Tricia Brown. Best Gross Lauren McDonald

Div 3 Winner: Vicki Lawrence 70, R/U Angela Roberts 77, 2nd R/U Yvonne Swanson 79 c/b

NTP: Hole 4 Hazel McDonnell, Hole 7 Vicki Lawrence, Hole 14 Jennifer Stafford. Best Gross Vicki Lawrence

8/2/22 – Single Stroke - Peter Sedgman & Consolation Plate 8 to qualify for Peter Sedgman and next 8 to qualify for

Consolation Plate

Div 1 Winner: Kate Wilson 72, R/U Suzanne Valley 73 c/b, 2nd R/U Barbara Newcomb 73

Div 2 Winner: Ingrid Coburn 68, R/U Lyn Beaven 73, 2nd R/U Fizzie Jackson 74 c/b

Div 3 Winner: Angela Roberts 74 c/b, R/U Anne Carmody 74, 2nd R/U Hazel McDonnell

NTP: Hole 4 Judy Graham, Hole 7 Abby Driver, Hole 14 (Top Shot) Helena Winterflood, Hole 16 Pauline Grooby, Hole 4 Div 3 2nd Shot Yvonne Swanson

Peter Sedgman Qualifiers: Ingrid Coburn, Kate Wilson, Suzanne Valley, Barbara Newcomb, Sylvia White, Angela Roberts, Anne Carmody, Charmaine Price

Consolation Plate Qualifiers: Vicki Jones, Margaret Huxley, Val Smith, Abby Driver, Christine Pronk, Lauren McDonald, Helena Winterflood, Rita de Bondt

10/2/22 Single Stableford and Peter Sedgman Quarter Final

Div 1 Winner: Tricia Brown 37, R/U Mary Barbler 36 c/b, 2nd R/U Ann Rogers 36 c/b

Div 2 Winner: Gay Burnham 35, R/U Margaret Peterson 34, 2nd R/u Nadia Alott 33 c/b

NTP: Hole 4 Val Smith, Hole 7 (Top Shot)

Mary Barbler, Hole 14 Linda Urquhart, Hole 16 Helena Winterflood, Hole 4 Div 3 2nd Shot Nadia Eylott

Peter Sedgman Quarter Finalists: Charmaine Price, Sylvia White, Angela Robert, Kate Wilson

Consolation Plate Quarter Finalists: Vicki Jones, Abby Driver, Val Smith, Helena Winterflood

15/2/22 Single Stableford and Peter Sedgman Semi Final

Div 1 Winner: Diane Fitzpatrick 37, R/U Maureen Bailey 36, 2nd R/U Barbara Newcomb 35

Div 2 Winner: Maureen McGlone 38, R/U Lauren McDonald 37, 2nd R/U Wendy Washington 36

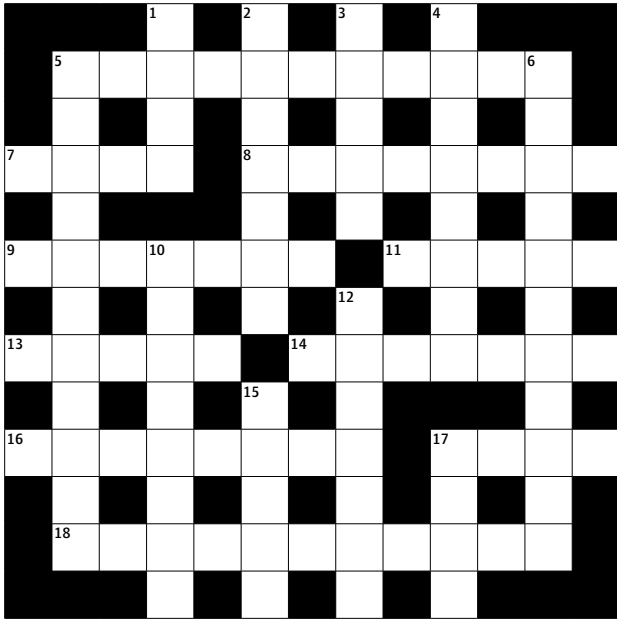
Div 3 Winner: Margaret Peterson 38, R/U Carole McAlister 37, 2nd R/U Vicki Butcher 35

NTP: Hole 4 Abby Driver, Hole 7 (Top Shot) Abby Driver, Hole 14 Jan Jennings, Hole 16 Debra Dun, Hole 4 Div 3 2nd Shot Jennifer Stafford

Peter Sedgman Semi Finalists: Sylvia White, Kate Wilson

Consolation Plate Semi Finalists: Abby Driver, Val Smith

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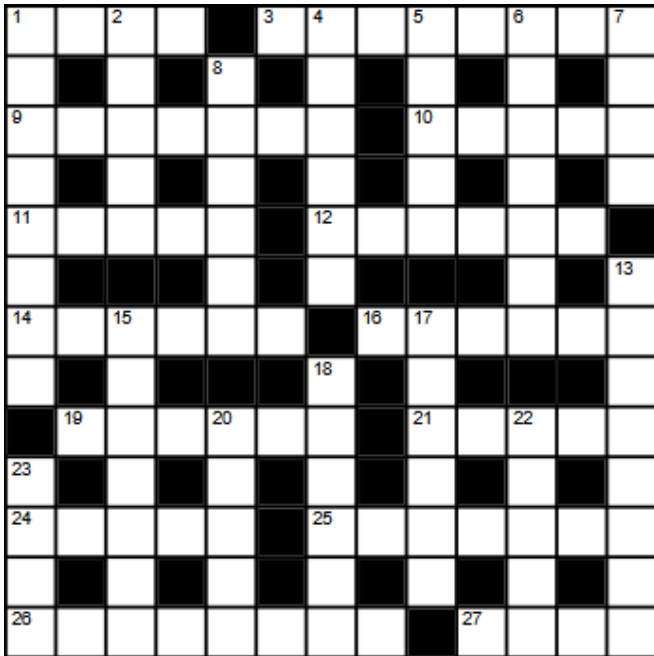
Across

- 5 Avoid awkwardness when meeting for the first time (5,3,3)
- 7 Sudden unexpected departure (4)
- 8 One who claims to heed the voice of the people (8)
- 9 Large granules for sitting on (7)
- 11 Vindictiveness (5)
- 13 Turn out (5)
- 14 Associate (7)
- 16 Grendel and Godzilla? (8)
- 17 Something tedious and boring (4)
- 18 It gets orders to execute (6,5)

Down

- 1 Portable outdoor shelter (4)
- 2 Where drivers learn to deal with slippery conditions (7)
- 3 Mediterranean herb, ingredient in a bouquet garni (5)
- 4 Wheels would come off the axle without it (8)
- 5 Unassailable (11)
- 6 What can hold things together — it's balanced (anag) (7,4)
- 10 Vessel said to have grounded on Mount Ararat (5,3)
- 12 Own (7)
- 15 Implied (5)
- 17 Medication (4)

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Across

- 1 Dressed but shabby (4)
- 3 Tyrant found itinerant losing his head and with Bond's boss upset (8)
- 9 Livery from Algeria, ruined (7)
- 10 Pointed to media scrum (5)
- 11 Nation in dialogue understandably immersed (5)
- 12 Full flavoured like Victor? (6)
- 14 Humble oneself like the first girl to upset lover (6)
- 16 Older but not necessarily 12a (6)
- 19 Weedy foot-soldier loses article rioting (6)
- 21 Marvellous to expand in the seas (5)
- 24 Protest about mud splatter (5)
- 25 Regular gestures promote the greatest (7)
- 26 Nauseating - at a loss - but ultimately optimistic (8)
- 27 Coloured swirl dealt with (4)

Down

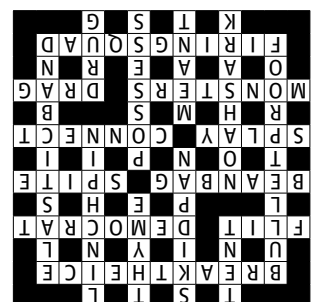
- 1 Notices win gran's attention (8)
- 2 Frigid and unbending at the finish (5)
- 4 Shocks the French coming back holding limbs (6)
- 5 Brownd off at breakfast? (5)
- 6 Figure manure should be spread and left (7)
- 7 It comes and goes or correct on reflection (4)
- 8 No alternative with parolees out to amuse (6)
- 13 Ideals to aspire to off the beaten track (8)
- 15 He's in the same boat as the rest... (7)
- 17 The craving of French father (6)
- 18 Left notes to be taken (6)
- 20 Virtually every museum holds objets d'art (5)
- 22 First lady to go to extremes, really, for all and sundry (5)
- 23 Chances given by bookie (4)

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VEGEMITE SCROLLS

INGREDIENTS

3 cups self-raising flour
1 pinch salt
50g butter, cold
2 tbs Vegemite
200 g cheese grated
3 tbs milk

METHOD

Preheat oven to 220C.
Sift flour and salt into a bowl and then rub in the butter. Stir in enough milk to make a soft dough. Knead gently on a lightly floured surface, and then roll out to form a 40 x 25 cm rectangle.
Spread Vegemite over the

dough
then sprinkle
over 1/2 of the cheese. Roll up from long side to enclose cheese.

Cut 10 x 4 cm slices from roll and place close together, cut side up, on a greased and lined baking tray.

Sprinkle with remaining cheese and bake in preheated hot oven for 15-20 minutes or until cooked and golden.

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A fresh approach for Division 1

Sooty

OYSTERCATCHER

HAEMATOPUS FULIGINOSUS



By: Marj Webber

Sooty Oystercatchers are not common on Bribie Island, unlike Pied Oystercatchers which are the only other Oystercatcher species in Australia and are a familiar sight on the water's edge on the Pumicestone Passage. I have seen Sooty Oystercatchers at Kakadu Roost, Buckley's Hole Beach and Toorbul. The above photo was taken at Toorbul in December last year of a lone Sooty mixing with a group of Pies on the beach near the roost.

Sooty Oystercatchers are large, chunky, wading birds and are the heaviest of all 12 species in the world. They weigh around 800 g and are 40-52 cm in length. The plumage is all black; legs are pink while eyes and bills are red. Bills are long and strong and have been adapted to open oysters and other shellfish. No other birds in the world are able to open molluscs with their bills. Young birds have to learn this skill which takes years to develop. Calls are high pitched and often heard while in flight. Males and females are quite similar, but females are larger and heavier. Males are shorter and have broader bills. While Pied Oystercatchers are mainly found on sandy beaches Sooty Oystercatchers prefer rocky areas but do frequent sandy shorelines as well. Usually, they don't move far from the water's edge. They are endemic to Australia and maybe spotted on the coastline anywhere, often in the company of Pied Oystercatchers. They are sedentary and move only short distances.

As their name suggests their main sources of food are

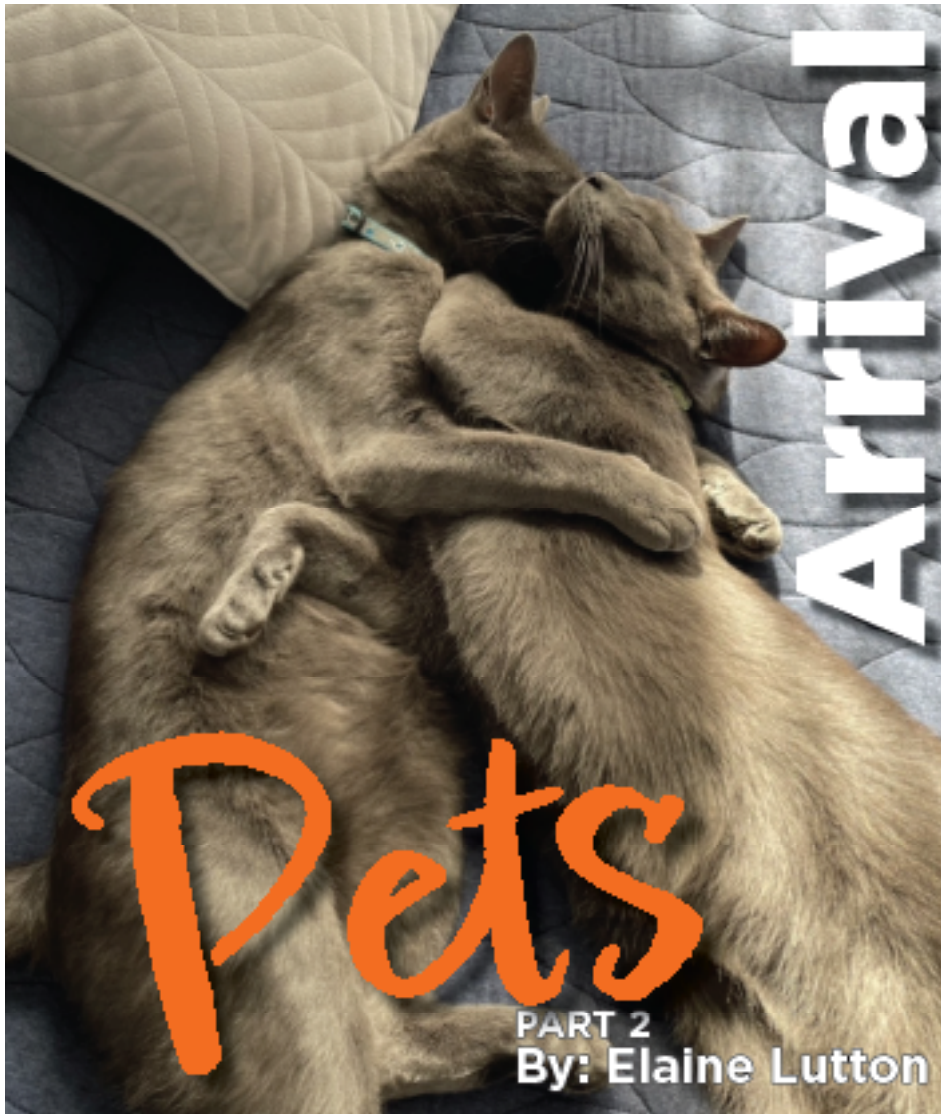
shellfish and molluscs but they will eat insects and worms as well. Females prefer the more pliable foods while males mainly choose hard-shelled varieties but will eat whatever is plentiful at the time. Shellfish are levered, stabbed and prised with their strong bills. Sometimes difficult prey is smashed and hammered against rocks until open. Oystercatchers drink seawater when thirsty.

July-December is the preferred months for breeding in colonies on offshore islands. Nests are small scrapes in the sand usually near or on rocks. Scrapes are lined with small bits of vegetation. 2-3 eggs which are stone coloured with purplish splotches are laid. Both parents incubate for about 25-26 days and help in the rearing of the young. Young birds begin to breed at 4-6 years and will sometimes interbreed with Pied Oystercatchers.

John Gould first described Sooty Oystercatchers in 1845. The species name comes from the Latin word fuliginosus meaning "Sooty".

Threats are mainly from disturbance of habitat and in nesting and breeding areas. People walking dogs or horse riding and 4WDs on the beach can be a menace. Predators stealing eggs and chicks are also a threat on many islands.

Their numbers are remaining stable for the moment. They are considered secure in all states except NSW where they are classed as vulnerable. There is an estimated population of 11 500 birds in Australia and about 4000 in SE Queensland.



Last fortnight, I wrote about my relationship with the various pets I have owned. This article will be a little different, I will take the liberty of writing about my son's continuing association with the animal world.

You will, perhaps, remember how fond my son became of Goldie the Labrador cross. Dogs were always his main love. He viewed his sister's affection for Josephine, our tabby cat, with some disdain. He was, he declared, definitely a dog person, viewing cats with deep suspicion. The problem was, cats loved him, and kept wandering into his life, and adopting Simon.

The first cat that entered his life was a stray kitten. One thing you must understand about my son is that he has a very soft heart and though not viewing the visitor that simply would not go away, overly enthusiastically, neither could he let the poor creature die of thirst and starvation. So, he fed and watered the kitten, providing it with some form of bedding, in the hope that it might just depart. Surprisingly, it didn't. The only malicious thing that Simon did was to christen the poor animal, Doogle, after one of his least favourite lecturers at Uni, but the

kitten failed to understand the irony, and resolutely remained with him.

Then Simon had to move and was unable to take the cat with him. After finding another home for Doogle, Simon made his break for freedom, cat-less at last! Or so he thought!

After a mere two or three weeks without a feline "friend", you will be amazed to discover that another cat wandered into his home. Perhaps there is an underground register of "soft touches" that homeless kittens can contact when in dire straits. Simon's kind heart betrayed him, and yet again, he was forced into the position of giving succour to a cat. However, when it came to naming the posy, he betrayed a certain amount of lingering remorse. The cat was christened Doogle Too/Two. Get it?

When he had to leave Canberra for Melbourne, he thought he might, at last, be able to escape into a feline-free life. All went well for several weeks, but he was not to escape so easily. The Carlton cottage he was renting was not the most flush; the sanitary arrangements were in a little shed, outside, in the yard. One morning, whilst about his business, he heard a pathetic mewling. His neighbours had moved, deserting a small

kitten. Simon's heart had hardened a little by this time, and though he was prepared to feed and water the homeless one, he was determined that the kitten should not be allowed into his living quarters. In fact, he had a squirty-bottle of cold water if entry was attempted. The kitten fought back, giving as good as he got! I wonder if my son still bears the scratches. Hence, the kitten was called Vlad, after the infamous Russian tsar!

Then life took a turn; he met a girl called Leigh, of whom he became extremely fond, and was later to marry. She took him to task about his seemingly less than compassionate attitude to the kitten, insisting that a visit to a vet was necessary for vaccinations and perhaps a small operation to rob him of his potential manhood. Unnecessary, as it turned out, yet another case of mistaken gender identity, but some small surgical procedure was decided on to prevent the inevitable appearance of more kittens. It was suggested that the name should be feminised into Vlada, but this never stuck, so Vlad she remained. She grew into the most beautiful cat, long-haired and aristocratic; a portrait photo was taken and placed on the mantel shelf so that she could admire herself. As Leigh and Simon rose in economic circumstances, Vlad was taken (or smuggled) into their more substantial dwellings, ending in their own home in Seiden. Simon must have become tolerably fond of this cat as when Vlad, due to her independent nature, met her final end whilst attempting to cross a busy road, my son scooped up the immobile corpse and rushing to the local vet, asked in anguished tones, "Is this cat dead?". The dreaded flat cat pronouncement was made, and a decent period of mourning ensued.

Meanwhile, Simon and Leigh were themselves busy breeding, and my three delightful granddaughters emerged into this world.

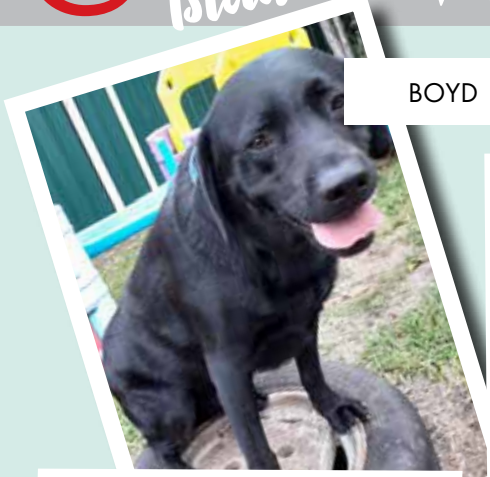
It was during The Great Melbourne Lock-down, that Simon thought of a means of both entertaining the girls and restoring a modicum of gender balance to his household. Why not adopt a male kitten? OK, he is, in some respects, a slow learner! The kitten, after much family discussion, was named Franc.

A week later came a phone call from the breeder from whom they had purchased the kitten. There was one kitten left, who was plump and no doubt suffering from rejection, since all his brothers and sisters had found loving homes except him. Would Simon find it in his heart to accept another kitten from the litter? Of course, he would. I told you he was a softie.

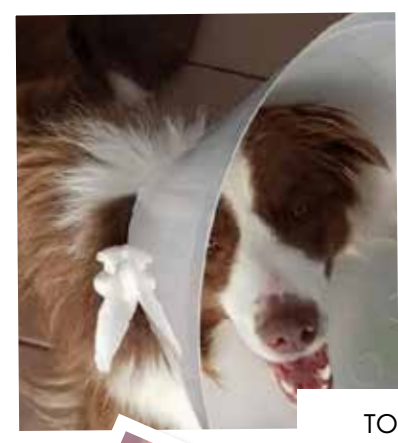
The kittens instantly recognised each other as brothers and, apart from the occasional sibling spat, have been inseparable since. Due to their Russian heritage, they were named Franc and Dmitri and, as you see, still find comfort and security in each other's company.

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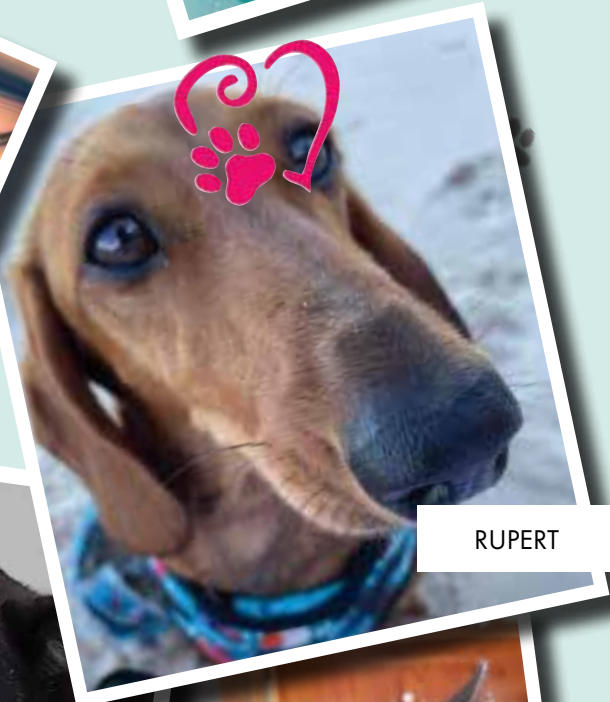
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CHALLENGE YOUR DOG MENTALLY

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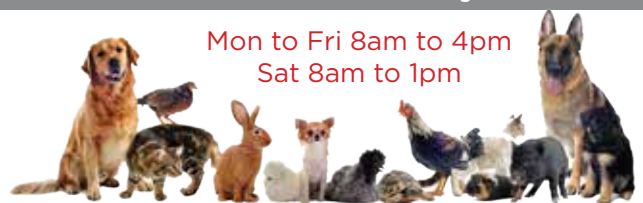
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There are very few undisturbed beaches on which birds can breed and raise their young, so the chicks struggle to survive, and their numbers are declining.

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BEACHMERE FORESHORE FACELIFT

will be a gamechanger
for locals

Work will start this month on Stage 1 & 2 of Council's plan to revitalise the Beachmere foreshore by providing more safety and amenities to residents while supporting local businesses.

Mayor Peter Flannery said Council was giving the seaside suburb a little love and attention in the form of \$500,000 worth of streetscaping and beautification thanks to \$250,000 from the Federal Government.

"Beachmere has a long and proud history as one of Moreton Bay's oldest suburbs and was once a major tourism destination for southeast Queenslanders to visit," he said.

"These works will help put it back on the map as a destination while keeping in line with the general feel that locals already know and love.

"Stage 1 & 2 works include new streetscaping and beautification of Biggs Avenue from the intersection of Main Street to the southern edge of Mazlin Park.

"This is thanks to \$250,000 from the Federal Government to help get the project off the ground."

Longman MP Terry Young said this will include creating a 30km/h shared zone for pedestrians to better utilise the stunning foreshore area.

"Beachmere already has so much to offer with its beautiful natural foreshore, parks, shops and cafes, and this plan will improve what already exists and make it more accessible for locals," he said.

"It also means more foot traffic and

tourists for local businesses in the foreshore precinct to help stimulate the local economy during these tough times.

"Thanks to the Moreton Bay Regional Council and councillor Mark Booth (Div 2) for his outstanding vision to give Beachmere a boost."

Cr Booth said these works kickstart his vision to revitalise the Beachmere foreshore in direct response to requests from residents.

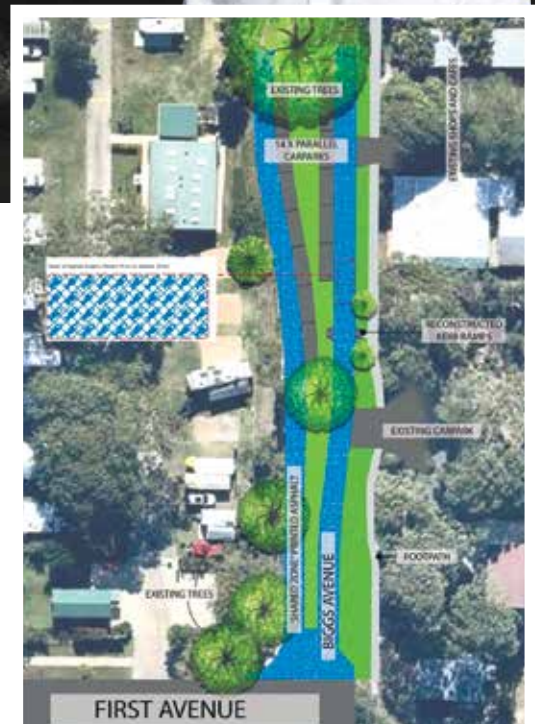
"One of my biggest mantras is empowering residents to have their say on the future of their community and this project is a direct result of that," he said.

"It shows that we've not only listened but we're acting to deliver a better Beachmere that will deliver greater safety and amenities for locals while attracting vital business and tourism dollars for local businesses.

"A key part of this project was making sure that locals were able to leave their stamp on the overall design, which is why we opened it up for the public to choose the colour scheme and pattern for the shared zone.

"Residents overwhelmingly chose blue with a fish pattern and personally I think it will give the area a major lift - I'm just pumped to see installed now.

"Thank you to all the residents who provided feedback and please keep an eye out for future updates on Stage 3, which



will be starting at the end of 2022."

Stage 3 will focus on park upgrades. It will include an overhaul of Mazlin Park as a bookable event and wedding destination, improved walking paths, additional picnic facilities, and planting and much more, thanks to \$850,000 from the State Government's SEQ Community Stimulus Program. This is due to begin at the end of 2022.

Stage 1 & 2 streetscape works are expected to be completed by May (weather permitting).

To find out more information about this project, please visit Council's website: <https://yoursay.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/biggs-ave-streetscaping>

BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY PLANT NURSERY'S BEAUTIFUL BLANCHE TURNS 90!

Bribie Island Community Plant nursery had a lovely morning tea to celebrate Blanche Cumer's 90th birthday on 9th September. Blanche has been a volunteer with the nursery since November 2019 and is a valued member of the volunteers.

Dynamic Dave says, "She keeps us all on our toes with - well what are we doing next?"

Helping her celebrate are Beverley, Lyn, Alex, Brenda, Richard, Jenni and of course in the centre with flowers and mud cake is the birthday girl, Blanche. May you have many more happy and healthy birthdays, Blanche from all at the Nursery and the team at The Bribie Islander & Districts Magazine.




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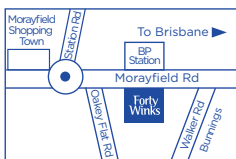


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THE HOLIDAY HOME REPLACE THE HOLIDAY?

Demand for regional property is surging as local buyers upgrade their homes and tens of thousands of city dwellers relocate to the regions for a lifestyle change as they're able to work from home

There's also a third group boosting competition for regional properties – holiday home buyers. Their motivation is two-pronged – secure a safe holiday destination for their families to enjoy during the COVID-19 era, and leverage ultra-low interest rates to invest in booming regional markets.

As discussed in our McGrath Report 2022, the significantly increased competition for regional homes is resulting in exceptional price growth that even outpaced the cities by a significant margin in FY21. Regional Queensland home values rose by 17.1% vs Brisbane 13.2%, according to CoreLogic figures.

These capital gains are making the concept of buying a holiday home more appealing. City dwellers can buy a comparatively affordable property, receive a very reliable rental income due to the popularity of home sharing platforms, and ride the wave of capital growth occurring in holiday hot spots today.

A survey commissioned by ING shows 32% of today's investors are considering buying property in holiday towns compared to 30% targeting the inner city and 37% preferring outer city areas.

The key motivators for investing in holiday towns include value for money (50%), the ability to use the property as a personal holiday home (28%) and taking advantage of the burgeoning holiday home rental market (25%).

The desire to spend more time away from cities, and to "holiday at home" in Australia instead of overseas (for now), is creating more interest in grander holiday homes with better amenities, too.

Some older buyers plan to convert their holiday houses into their primary homes upon retirement, so they are especially motivated to buy higher quality.

CoreLogic data shows house prices in Australia's most loved tourism hot spots are soaring. Annual growth is as high as almost 40% in Byron, 27% in Mansfield, Victoria, and 21% in Noosa.

In years gone by, holiday homes were never about a prospective return on investment. For many, lifestyle factors have always outweighed any possible monetary gains.

Whilst this attitude is changing somewhat, as property is increasingly seen as the best way to grow wealth, the big takeaway from the pandemic is the importance of a good work/life balance. The holiday home embodies this new goal, so current strong demand looks likely to continue.



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Surging Demand For Rentals As Borders Reopen

Unprecedented Dynamics

Rental vacancies are set to fall to extremely tight levels as the international borders reopen, according to Pete Wargent, co-founder of Australia's first national network for buyer's agents Pete Wargent.

Mr Wargent said, "we are in a very unusual situation, with a huge backlog of arrivals waiting to enter Australia after two years of border closures, and in turn there is an opportunity for investors seeking both capital growth and rental returns, leading to strong total returns for landlords."

"There have been a number of factors driving the looming rental shortage. We no longer have high volumes of investors from mainland China to drive the construction of new high-rise units, which has dampened the supply of new apartments."

"We also have an extremely strong population pyramid in Australia which is driving a surge in household formation. A substantial number of young renters have entered the rental market, as the lockdowns encouraged more renters to find their own space at the earliest available opportunity" Mr Wargent said.

FIGURE 1 – AUSTRALIA POPULATION PYRAMID

"Now the borders are reopening further from February 21 and given that we have a backlog of two years' worth of arrivals wanting to come to Australia, we can expect the snap-back in rental demand to be very strong in Sydney and Melbourne".
"Indeed, SQM Research reported a very sharp drop to a 16-year low in the rental vacancy rate, driven by sudden sharp declines in Sydney and Melbourne in January. People are returning to work now, and this tightening trend has continued in February for both Sydney and Melbourne."

"We can expect to see rental price growth rising into the 10 to 20 per cent range forthwith, with most rental markets around the country already experiencing very tight conditions" Mr Wargent said.

FIGURE 2 – RENTAL VACANCY RATES IN JANUARY 2022

Opportunities for investors Doron Peleg, CEO of BuyersBuyers said that increased demand for additional space has been a factor in the tightening rental markets.

Mr Peleg said, "many

households have required office space to work from home, and wealthier households have taken the opportunity to buy second homes, which has depleted the available rental stock."
"We are now seeing some opportunities in certain markets for investors in apartments to experience capital growth and increasing rents, leading to strong total returns. The unit to house price ratio is at record lows, reflecting that affordability for houses is becoming a challenge for many investors."

"The rental supply is unlikely to respond quickly enough to the surge in demand for rentals, particularly in an election year when there is inevitably going to be a level of uncertainty created by a potential change in government" Mr Peleg said.

OPPORTUNITY HOTSPOTS

Pete Wargent of BuyersBuyers said that some of the trends created by the unprecedented border closures and pandemic restrictions will be transitory, and therefore investors should look through short-term noise to focus on long-term fundamentals.

Mr Wargent said, "investors seeking long-term capital growth and strengthening

rental returns should focus on certain opportunities across the country."

"In the unit market, there are solid opportunities in many of the coastal markets on the eastern seaboard, including on the Sunshine Coast, as well as in Sydney's northern beaches and eastern suburbs. Similarly, in some of the suburbs in Melbourne's inner south, there are solid opportunities for investors."

"Generally speaking, we look for boutique unit developments with reasonable strata levies, and if the budget permits, look for family-friendly units with owner-occupier appeal, in those popular suburbs where the supply is somewhat capped" Mr Wargent said.

"Reserve Bank of Australia research has previously shown that new migrants and arrivals to Australia tend to have only a limited impact on the housing turnover rate, because most new arrivals are renters initially, especially international students."

"That means a lot more demand for rentals is coming in 2022. As the border reopens many parts of Australia will experience chronically tight rental markets" Mr Wargent said.



5 SMALL GARDEN DESIGN TIPS

We are all unique, with different needs and visions of what our ideal garden looks like. What a “small” garden means to one person, may be a large space to another!

Our perspective of space is often relative to our previous experiences.

If you have lived on an acre and move to a quarter acre block, you may think you now only have a ‘small’ garden to maintain! If you have only had an indoor plant but now have a courtyard, your new garden is full of possibilities.

“In his garden every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation. Each within his green enclosure is a creator, and no two shall reach the same conclusion; nor shall we, any more than other creative workers, be ever wholly satisfied with our accomplishment. Ever a season ahead of us floats the vision of perfection and herein lies its perennial charm.” – Louise Beebe Wilder

5 GARDEN ART
Reflect your personality and add character with garden art. Create a garden feature as a focal point by drawing the eye to a central position. Flowerpot men made from terracotta pots and plants for ‘hair’ add a sense of fun. Get creative!

Perhaps you have a collection of rustic tools, musical chimes, a bird bath or feeder? Maybe pottery items you no longer use indoors but could add character outdoors? Take another look around your home and think about what items could have a new life in your garden.

Charming touches help you enjoy your garden more and decorative ornaments can help tell your story visually. Bird house habitat hanging in a tree double as garden art. Part of the enjoyment of creating a special garden is adding to it over time. Search around to find things you like.

1 KEEP IT SIMPLE

If you’re not sure where to start with your space, focus on one small area first. Make a list of the most important ways you need that space to work. A patio may need to provide you with a nice view, privacy, easy access to edible and ornamental pots, and a relaxing place to sit.

2 CHOOSE A THEME

Start with your favourite foods or a colour that appeals to you. For example, a culinary or medicinal herb garden; stir fry garden; pest-repellent pots; or miniature fruit trees. For a colour theme, if you love red, choose plants with flowers, fruit or foliage in different shades of red. Or put your favourite plants into red pots.

3 START WITH CONTAINER GARDENS HAVE MANY BENEFITS.

Choose a suitable pot or planter if you have limited space or need confidence as a beginner gardener. You can repurpose materials as containers, get crafty with DIY or buy new. Group a few together as a feature. A collection of galvanized metal containers with a water feature creates a focal point in this small garden design.



4 USE VERTICAL SPACE WISELY

Create an attractive design feature while maximising your vertical space. Some structures use both vertical and horizontal growing space. These include herb spirals, trellises, tepees, fences, ladders, espaliered trees and vines, and arbours. These structures increase A ladder with pots can optimize your vertical space while adding an attractive feature.



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Dragons Abreast



BRIBIE ISLAND HAD OUR FIRST PADDLE FOR 2022 WITH A GREAT TURNOUT AND A VERY PLEASANT TIME OUT ON THE WATER.

It was a beautiful morning tinged with sadness as we feathered up in the two boats, "Kal-Ma-Kuta" and "Moora Moora", side by side, to Honour and Vale, Joan O' Brien, a life member who passed away this week at 91 years.

Joan first joined DABI in August 2008 as a supporter member. She lived next door to a Breast Cancer Survivor and Joan was a great supporter of her neighbour during her wellness journey. She joined the club along with her friend, at the same time, to further show her support for survivors.

It was early days, just our beginning, so we did not have a shed or equipment trailer and probably our fondest memory of Joan is sitting on the beachfront guarding our wallets, keys, phones etc. She had a fold-up chair and sat there every training session regardless of the weather. In winter she would be wearing her beanie, huddled up in a blanket protecting our valuables.

When we went away on regattas, Joan, who did not paddle, still came along to support us all. She had a quick wit and a mischievous side; like the time she sneaked the prawn shells into the bin at Maroochydhore during one of our overnight stays for a Kawana regatta. We have many fond memories of dear Joan; her generosity to DABI and her engaging company on some of our weekends away.

Joan was awarded DABI Life Membership on 3 September 2012 and continued to help out with all our fundraising events. Attached is a photo of Joan, in the Pink, at the Blessing of our first boat Spirit of Bribie in 2009.

Jack Worley, usually accompanied Joan onshore, 'guarding our goodies'. He was one of our founding members and the husband of Dawn. Jack was our number one supporter who sadly passed away in December 2021. He was always available to assist whether it was social, fundraising, construction in joining our first dragon boat together, or having a laugh post paddling at coffee. We always were grateful for Jack; for his gentle manner, and his capacity to bring light humour into every DABI event whilst quietly supporting us in any of our DABI endeavours. VALE dear Jack.

The spirit of Bribie endures as it must. We welcome all Survivors of Breast Cancer and their supporters.

Our mission as Dragons Abreast Bribie Island is to continually promote awareness of and recovery from breast cancer through the uplifting experience and exercise of dragon boating.

First Paddle 12.2.2022



Joan O'Brien 2009 at the Blessing of Spirit of Bribie



Dawn & Jack



morning coffee 12.2.22



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LET'S TALK DRAINAGE

THIS WEEK LET'S TALK DRAINAGE AND SOME SIMPLE STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO AVOID THOSE UNWANTED BLOCKAGES AND MESSY DAMAGING FLOODS.

There are two types of Drainage Systems commonly found in our area:

- 1: STORM WATER
- 2: SEWAGE

STORMWATER PIPES

Storm Water goes from your roof, yard or nearby ground. Storm water lines take rainwater from your house to the street gutter in most cases.

This helps to keep excess water away from the footings of your house, and helps prevent White Ant infestation, movements in your footings that can cause cracking and damage to your houses structure, and also to keep water away from Pool and BBQ Areas.

You should do an annual check on your storm water pipes to make sure they are clear to the street. You can do this by getting your hose and hosing your roof, and after a while you should see water flowing out into your gutter.

If you don't see this, you may have a blockage. In a newer house you may find that your roof water goes in to a rainwater tank/s - in this case put your hose in the overflow line of this tank and check that water flows to the street.

Alternatively, you may wish to wait until there is a heavy downpour and safely go outside to check that the pipes into the street gutters are flowing at a good pace.

Here are a few tips to help maintain healthy Storm Water lines:

SEWAGE PIPES:

The last things anyone wants is raw sewage flowing into their home or yard. We are lucky to have great infrastructure sewage systems that prevent your home from flooding in the event of a Mains Blockage. If the system has been installed to code then the likelihood of in house flooding is minor.

You probably would have seen the steel or plastic grate that will be outside your kitchen, laundry or bathroom - This is an Overflow Relief Gully or ORG. In the event that there is a blockage in the mains sewer, this grate is lower than the house floor level, thus

preventing the internal house from flooding.

These ORG's cannot be above the floor height of the house - if it is, then the likelihood of internal flooding in the event of a Mains blockage is high.

The other problem that we find is people covering this ORG with pavers, concrete or even a big pot plant so you cannot see the grate. Any and all of these will block this ORG and in the event of a mains blockage your house will flood.

Some of the most common blockages we see in Sewage pipes are as follows:

1. Tree Roots
2. Cooking Oils/Fat/Grease
3. Hair
4. Cage rim block toilet deodorisers that clip onto the side of a toilet bowl under the seat.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE ARE:

1. Know where your sewer line runs, to avoid planting trees over it
2. Wipe dishes/cooking items down with paper towel to absorb the majority of fats

before rinsing or washing them, and DO NOT pour left over pan juices down the sink.

3. Every 12 months or so put an approved drain cleaning formula down your kitchen sink.

4. Hair - if any one in the household has long hair, put some sort of mesh strainer in the shower/bath that you can clean out - this may take a bit of effort, but hair is very hard to remove from a drain once it has caused a problem.

5. Cage rim deodorisers - Use an alternative such as bowl dots. These cages cause most toilet blockages that we see. Better to just not use them.

I hope that these hints will help you and may prevent what can be expensive and messy repairs.

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The tow from Tangalooma early hours of the morning Tuesday 1st Feb 2022 - as you can see good clear conditions.

BUSY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 2nd February 2022
- The first assist was a small runabout near Donnybrook. As the tow started you could see the storm was heading over Mission Point. Second job was attending to a drifting cruiser at Turner's Camp, followed by an unmanned small half cabin whose anchor line had broken and was taken and secured to the MSQ mooring.



Assisting runabout near Donnybrook.



6m Half Cabin towed to MSQ Mooring



The storm rolling in from Mission Point area.

SATURDAY 5TH FEB 2022



Conditions in the passage Saturday 5th February 2022, were of 25-30knt winds and a high tide.
Saturday morning 5th Feb 2022 started with many calls from the amazing public about 2 vessels all but beached on the foreshore, so the crew headed off and were all found floating happily in the passage safe and sound. Back at the base the wind was blowing a good 25knots, the next job was putting the trainees through their SSSS-SHIPBOARD SAFETY SKILL SET and, in very challenging conditions they did an amazing job.



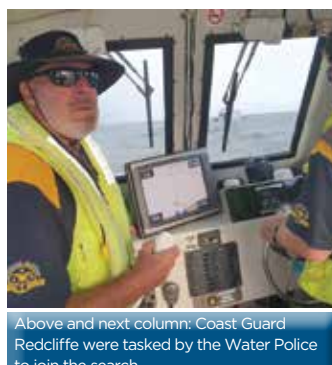
Trainees clamber aboard the life raft.



The crew then got a call at around 2.30pm they were tasked to conduct a search by the Water Police from Woorim in the direction of Caloundra and, as some of you will be aware, conditions were less than favourable, as you can see from the photos below, where they had not even left the Pumicestone Passage the crew were taking 3-metre waves over the bow all the way. The Rescue 500 Helicopter was out there with us on the search and Coast Guard Redcliffe. The crew joked that they were not in a boat, they were in a submarine!



Above and below: Bribie 1 still in the Passage!



Above and next column: Coast Guard Redcliffe were tasked by the Water Police to join the search.



As Bribie 1 and crew were making their way to Woorim a call came into the base for a drifting catamaran in the passage, 2 crews were called in and Bribie 2 and Jonkers Bribie 3 were off to help the catamaran. Bribie 2 picked up the owners from the shore and put them on the vessel and then the tow began in awful conditions there was a good 3-metre swell and 30knt winds; this was going to make this extremely hard for all involved. It was also getting dark just to add to the difficulty, it was decided that Bribie 1 would need to help as she was now coming back from the search slowly into the passage; this was around 6.30pm. Bribie 1 made it to the passage and attached the tow rope and pulled the big catamaran not once, but twice around, to get her on the mooring, we cannot stress how difficult this was in the conditions, Bribie 1 was assisted by both other vessels and finally she was safe on the mooring. All crews worked extremely hard and overcame all the obstacles thrown at them in terrible conditions. Thankfully everyone was safe, and the vessel was secure. We cannot stress enough how amazing our volunteers are, even in these challenging conditions.



FIRST CONCERT FOR THE YEAR
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The guys and gals are at the Sandstone Point Hotel looking after all the car parking today, looking forward to a fun day in the sun.



Commodore thanked the Sandstone Point hotel for their amazing support, "It helps us to ensure that that we are ready to for fill our primary role of Saving lives on the water".



Friday 11th Feb 2022 - Our new trainees got to experience what it's like to set off a flare for their SSSS training.

Rob Comiskey and the Sandstone Point Team presented our Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe with a cheque for an amazing amount of \$15,731.00 this being due to the over 50 VMR Team members who helped them with the parking at the Cat Empire Concert, The Paul Kelly Concert and the 2021 Christmas Festival last year. The

YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 17th Feb 2022:
 1,834 Calls, 494 vessels logged on,
 50 Vessel Assists, 218 Sitreps, 132 Requests,
 7 overdue vessels, 3 Vessel Tracking,
 146 Radio Checks, 2 Weather Broadcasts,
 23 Securite Broadcasts, 0 Pan Pan 0 Mayday.

VHF 73.9%, 27MHz 6.9%.

FEBRUARY 2022 VESSEL ASSISTS:

TUE 01/02 0053am – 12m Cruiser non-member broken down in shipping channel off Tangalooma, required a tow to Scarborough Harbour.
 TUE 01/02 1040am – 3.5m Jet Ski member full of water, required a tow from between Toorbul and Mission Point to below Bellara Boat Ramp.
 WED 02/02 1525pm – MOP reported 14m Cruiser drifting in front of Spinnaker Sound Marina – investigate.
 WED 02/02 1546pm – Request by Water Police to assist 9ft Tinny with 4 POB, fuel problem and hit by storm, recovered off Donnybrook, towed to Donnybrook Boat Ramp.
 WED 02/02 1721pm – 6m Half Cabin non-member un-manned and drifting just North of entrance to Spinnaker, investigate and tow to MSQ Mooring.
 SAT 05/02 0657am – 14m Yacht member dragging anchor – investigate.
 SAT 05/02 1531pm – Kayak non-member, requested by Water Police to participate in search, for upturned Kayak was reported North of North Lagoon Car Park Woorim
 SAT 05/02 1553 pm – MOP reported a yacht drifting South of Dolphin Drive
 SAT 05/02 1732pm – 14.8m Cruiser member off White Patch, tender has broken loose.
 SUN 06/02 0942am – 14.8m Cruiser member retrieve Tender for vessel from beach near White Patch.
 SUN 06/02 1031am – 13m Catamaran member dragging anchor at Bongaree -investigated and put on VMR Mooring.
 TUE 08/02 1128am – 4.9m Cuddy Cabin non-member with motor issues required a tow from Wright's Creek to Bellara Boat Ramp.
 THU 10/02 1048am – 5m Runabout member with fuel problems required a tow from West of sandbank opposite Pacific Harbour to Bellara Boat Ramp.
 THU 10/02 1200pm – 5.1m Cuddy Cabin member required a jump start at Mission Point, followed back to Pacific Harbour.
 SAT 12/02 1421pm – 3m Jet Skis x2 member aground on sand bank near Poverty Creek, full of sand, both required a tow back to Donnybrook.
 SAT 12/02 1526pm – 2m Kayak non-member required a tow from near Ned's Gutter back to Turners Camp Ramp.
 SUN 13/02 1245pm – Tasked by Water Police to conduct a search from Cape Moreton.
 THU 17/02 1445pm - 6m Tinny non-member with motor problems, required a tow from East of Woorim Beach to Bellara Boat Ramp.

SAFETY DAVE - The Frenchie's Message:

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

Minimum Safety Equipment in Pumicestone Passage:

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

Minimum Safety Equipment in Moreton Bay:

All the above plus Flares & V Sheet, Chart & Compass

Beyond Moreton Bay an EPIRB is also required.

For full details visit the MSQ Website:

<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Smooth-and-partially-smooth-water-limits/Swl-brisbane!>

"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!"



FISHING REPORT

BY: ROBYN @ BRIBIE ISLAND BOAT CHARTERS



The continuation of La Nina weather conditions shouldn't be surprising, after all, BOM had been forecasting it for months, but it has led to some disappointing fishing days. Halfway through January, the wind started to come in from the south and has been blowing up regularly, 20 knots and beyond. From land or a boat, it's difficult to cast your bait where you want it, and the fish often haven't seemed interested anyway! Even though summer really isn't prime time for big flatheads, it's usually possible to find smaller ones in the deep gutters, but there hasn't been much luck lately. Sand whiting, too, are very hard to find – the beaches have often been too windy, and the Passage might be just a little too murky. Other fish have been easier to catch over the last month. Plenty of bream are coming in from different spots and they haven't been fussy about the bait, either. Cameron and his family were up at Ningi

Creek on a fast-falling tide, with prawns and mullet gut, when they caught 5 breams, all of them more than 30cm. Nick and Josh caught some big bream at Banksia Beach, using squid; they also got a nice snapper and one lonely sand whiting. The bridge has been a good spot to try fishing over the past month, at least when the wind isn't making it uncomfortable. Robin took a few mates out there a couple of weeks ago, to fish through the bottom of the tide. With prawns and chicken fillet, they scored 5 Venus tusk fish (32cm+), 3 bream (33cm+) and 5 sweetlips (33cm+). Jonah and Simone were also at the bridge, when they caught 6 bream and a big sweetlip, using pillies. Drifting on the falling tide on the south side of the bridge, from the lock entrance towards Bongaree Jetty often yields a good catch. Usually, it's more successful if you try a neap tide, and float along about 100m off the beach. Lynda

was on the other side, drifting past the green markers when she caught a snapper and "the biggest sweetlip ever". Prawns are just now building in numbers – the trawlers have been bringing good loads of prawns from Moreton Bay, but there are plenty of opportunities for you to net some yourself in the Passage. Schools of big ones can be seen skipping over the water at night or early mornings – the recent rains are growing them and drawing them out from the creeks, which all hold prawns at this time of year. It's all very well seeing them but finding a school when you're out with a cast-net is not always easy! The only way is to get out and have a good look around, especially after another flushing spell of rain. Ningi, Elimbah, Bullock or Glass Mountain are all good creeks to try out. Look for any inside bends in the creeks, where deeper holes form, or drop-offs in the Passage, or even try the flows of water away from

the mangroves on the falling tide. The Pumicestone Passage creeks are fairly shallow - any holes where prawns school up are pretty small, so prawning here is very affected by the tides. Be ready to start casting your net about halfway through the falling tide. Generally, that's the best time to get prawns, when they school up in those sections of deeper water. There's usually only a short window of opportunity; prawns move about quickly and often disappear when the tide drops out of the creeks, or they might spread out again when the first of the rising tide comes back in. A lot of people seem to rely on a sounder and an electric motor these days, poking around and hoping to see a school on the screen before they cast the net. That's perhaps more efficient but there's nothing wrong with the old-fashioned time-waster method. At least there'll be plenty of opportunities to practice your cast-net technique. There are even

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kid-sized ones that you can get from the bait shop near Bongaree, so everyone can give it a try!

And of course, some of us just like to line up to buy prawns from the trawlers. A few people were waiting for the trawler to come in the other day and spent their time swapping fishing tips and information. That was when Ian showed me photos of his more recent forays east of Bribie, where he had some lovely catches – sweetlip, mackerel, tarwhine, kingfish, slatey bream. The slatey bream is also called the mother-in-law fish because the only person you'd offer it to is your mother-in-law! Ian thinks this fish is under-rated, that it is "really good eating, as long as you don't freeze it first". You can get some biggies around the bridge using prawn baits. Summer weather, night-time fishing and turbid water make them less easily spooked; but use very light tackle and fine movement anyway and you might get onto one.

As I said in relation to prawning, tides are a big influence in the Passage. Summer has been a great season for getting stuck on sandbanks and up the creeks- the red and green navigation markers are there to show you where the

sandbanks are – don't forget to pay them some attention!



Maddie was up at the ripples, with her dad, fishing with soft plastics, when they caught this lovely cod. First cast!



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PART 3

by David Horrocks

Well, I collected the happy bunch from the local cafe and gave them the news that the Bus was still playing up. They'd been in there long enough for the news to have little impact on their disposition. I doubt it was the coffee or the croissant which had brought about their carefree attitude but in the circumstances, it was best just to load 'em up and try to get going.

From Le Mans, we headed south towards the far off Spanish border hoping against hope that the misfiring wouldn't get worse and that somehow we could limp our way to the destination where we could surrender the misbehaving bus to someone for a couple of weeks for a fix to be made, although, after all, I'd watched the Frenchman do I couldn't imagine what else could be done.

Now at the time of this adventure, there were not in place the long Autoroutes now available to French motorists. The roads were more of the type we used to draw in art

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class at school to illustrate 'perspective'. Remember the roads with tall poplar trees disappearing into the distance? Well along such we travelled.

Whilst we drove at moderate speed along reasonably flat terrain we could keep the journey active but problems were to present themselves when we reached the area known as the 'Massif Central' an area in the middle of the country; a topography of very high hills if not exactly mountains of the Alps variety. This is where the Marquis or French resistance had holed up during WW11. But our Commer bus wasn't patriotic, it didn't like this area at all.

By the time we reached the lower part of the route night had fallen, we were tired, we were hungry. We came into a small town and sought out a restaurant for sustenance. We replenished our resources and bolstered our courage with liquids various. Thus reinforced we once more set off.

Maybe a couple or three hours later we staggered to a stop. By

this time there was more 'mis' than 'firing' going on with the bus. To be honest, by now tempers were frayed. Some barbed comments were flying around as to who had picked this bleep bleep bus; why hadn't we rented something else, something more reliable. In desperation and with nothing much to offer I thought that maybe chocolate would repair the situation, well, any port in a storm. I knew that in amongst the goodies someone had packed there was a very large box of chocolate 'Penguin Biscuits' - the Euro equivalent of Tim Tams. In spite of one protest this was raided and after some munching quiet descended, at least temporarily.

I don't know how many hours later a car stopped close by to us and a guy sauntered up to our now cold and miserably immobile vehicle. 'Hello' said a jaunty voice through the darkness. 'Need help?' There was a low growl from the depths of the seats to the rear. 'Tell him to go away' was uttered, now that isn't what

was actually said but this is a family magazine. It was more along the lines of the biblical type exhortation of 'Go forth and reproduce'.

But being a placating type with the motto that you catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar and also noting that Good Samaritans were pretty thin on the ground in central France at the time, I engaged the man in conversation. I told him the tale of woe, the misbehaving engine, the volatile French mechanic and the mutinous crew. 'Let me have a look, I've worked for the Rootes Group for twenty years' said the stranger, pointing in the direction of his car, a large Humber saloon.

I made room for him as he took off the engine cover, disturbing my front seat passenger as he did so, she grunted; the mutiny was widespread by this time.

He reefered off the distributor cap, pulled off the rotor arm and the electrical points and lifted off a fibre insulating washer. 'These things are

ON THE ROAD

notorious' he said as he threw the thing into the bushes. Off he went back to his car and returned with a washer that looked no different from the one he'd thrown away.

This he installed, quickly put everything back together and told me to 'kick her in the guts'

'Roar, Roar' went the engine, sounding like a GT special. 'You'll be right now' he said 'These are really great engines'. (This was proved a few years later when one powered the winner of an early London to Sydney car rally). Our saviour then walked back to his car, beeped his horn and drove away.

The effect on the disaffected crew was magical. Everyone was laughing and joyous. Gone were the ugly comments and dire threats. It might be the middle of the night in the middle of nowhere but sun, cheap booze and 'other' stuff beckoned, we were off again 'Forward the Light Brigade'.

There is a bit more - next issue

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Dear Editor,
I have recently read some of the quotes from an American academic Thomas Sowell who stirred the left side of society in America and would certainly apply to this country especially those advocating that unemployed people have the right to spend their welfare on whatever they want. Quotes such as "What exactly is your fair share of what someone else has worked for?" and "One of the sad signs of our times is that we have demonised those who produce and subsidised those who refuse to produce and canonised those who complain". It is a fact that there are thousands on welfare who refuse to work and raise families that follow in their footsteps and a proportion of the income you earn for every hour you work is taken away and given to this segment of society to spend on whatever they want, often to their children's detriment. Of course, there is a segment of society that for legitimate reasons cannot work and must be taken care of such as aged pensioners who have paid their dues to society and those with medical problems, which is understandable in a civilised society, but isn't the purpose of welfare supplying food, clothing, transport, housing, medical support and not subsidising gambling establishments, tattoo parlours or tobacco companies?

I suggest a reading of Thomas Sowell to individuals such as Sarah Hanson-Young and her Green friends including Councillor Jonathan Sri would do no harm, he certainly makes some interesting observations. Let's go out with another that may hit a raw nerve with some "One of the consequences of such notions as "entitlements" is that people who have contributed nothing to society feel that society owes them something, apparently just for being nice enough to grace us with their presence" Mr Sowell certainly said it as it is, well worth a read.

Regards
Philip Arlidge

Dear Editor,
For some years the residents of Bribie Island have been exposed to Development Applications from property developers who wish to construct projects which do not comply entirely with Government and Council planning laws. The Moreton Bay Regional Council is very accommodating to the wishes of developers and vaguely interprets the planning laws to give approvals. In Division 1 we are under-represented in Council as our hardworking Councillor is only 1 of 12 councillors. A majority vote is needed to refuse or alter development applications and the support of 6 other councillors is needed. This

has never happened. Therefore, residents have minimum representation on Council.

Briefly, the way the planning system works is the Federal Government gives the Queensland Government the power to enforce Ramsar protection laws. The State Government then hand this responsibility to the local Council which makes its own conditions. Council then hands responsibility for enforcement to the most self-interested person in the whole deal, the developer himself. This leaves residents in a position where developers are enforcing Federal, State and Government laws instead of the elected politicians and/or public servants.

Bribie Island borders Pumicestone Passage which is covered by Federal and State Government environmental laws as it is a declared Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, is in the Moreton Bay Marine Park zone, has areas of National Park, is a migratory and shorebird sanctuary, protected fishing and wildlife area and has an important Aboriginal fish trap and World War 2 buildings covered by Heritage protection. All three levels of government seem to be able to easily ignore these protection laws. The State Planning authorities say it is not within their framework to consider environmental laws when approving developments. The system is broken and needs

fixing to restore some justice for residents.

C Wood

To the Editor

WAKE UP AUSTRALIANS – Our brave men and women gave their lives in two world wars and other conflicts to preserve our freedoms and DEMOCRATIC way of life. Do you know the fourteen (14) elements of Democracy introduced to Athens, Greece by Cleisthenes c. 507 B.C. and further developed by Pericles c. 407 B.C?

Most families have a computer. Do not follow Government propaganda (information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote a political cause or point of view) like sheep being led to the slaughter. Google (a new word for investigate or research) for facts. Yes, the web is full of false information but with practice you will soon learn to sift the fiction and learn the facts.

You do not need Academic training or a high-sounding Degree. You will achieve by use of COMMON SENSE.

Ask the following questions:
- 1. With the exception of our own Bribie Islander, why does the country's print, radio and television refuse to publish any view of health issues other than that of the country's Health Departments? 2. Why do the three (3) major Political Parties, Labour, Liberal and National accept millions of

dollars from drug companies as exposed by the Guardian newspaper and the Centre for Public Integrity. (Retired Judges & Barristers) (3) Read of the millions of dollars given to our politicians by the Gambling and Liquor companies.

In Australia, payments to political parties are known by the polite name, "Lobbying." In the USA, these gifts are known as "BRIBES."

Aristocles [a.k.a. Plato c. 427BC-c.347BC Athens] advised the citizens "if you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools."

Tom (The boy from the bush)

Good afternoon Editor,

This afternoon, Friday 11 February at approximately 1.40 pm my wife was on the Bribie Island bridge walking west. She was about halfway across the bridge when a vehicle travelling east had a branch hanging over the height of the pedestrian protection rail. My wife was hit by the branch and fortunately, she had her bicycle helmet on, and it took most of the brunt of her being hit. The branch did hit her on the chin and knocked her glasses away from her face then the branch fell on the road. She advised me that it was probably a whitish coloured 4WD type Ute with quite high sides allowing the branch to hang out. This could have been a great deal worse. We did not contact the police as my wife had no idea what kind of vehicle, its definite colour certainly no idea of registration. I just hope the moron responsible for the incident realises what happened. If you are the driver of a vehicle, you are totally responsibility to ensure it is in a safe and nothing can fall from it... This is not rocket science – secure your loads.

Hopefully, Police and Queensland Transport will look a little more seriously at vehicles with protruding loads.

Regards
John W Goss

Good Morning Editor,
I was amused to read the ANON letter to you about the lady being fined for not having her dog on a leash outside the leash-free beach. She did not get a sympathetic review from the MBRC about her fine. Reviewing that fine is a bit like a driver doing a 'rolling stop' at a stop sign and getting booked because they did not stop. But officer – I almost stopped. Or a red-light runner getting a fine for running a red light because it had only just turned red. Bearing in mind the law states 'A driver approaching or at traffic lights showing a yellow traffic light must stop. It is not a guide it is a law. I would like to invite the MBRC Ranger to visit Sandstone Lake between Sandheath Pl and Lakeside Cr. Most people have their dogs on a leash however, one 'lady' regularly walks her dog but doesn't seem to own a leash. A number of people also just leave their doggy deposits on the path or the grass near the path, which is quite unhygienic, especially with the number of young children that use the area.

Regards
J. Goss

Dear Editor,
I have never had a problem with cyclists when walking my dog, but when a cyclist comes hurtling toward you with 2 dogs tethered and running alongside, that creates a problem, because it's not easy to give a wide berth, especially on some narrow pathways.

This practice is not only dangerous but illegal. Quoting from a post on myPolice Brisbane North " there are rules for people in charge of animals. The rider of a bicycle must not lead an animal, including by tethering the animal to the bicycle.

When out in public with your dog, you must walk your dog on a leash unless you are in a designated off-leash area. It is important to exercise your dog but not while riding your bicycle as it is an unsafe practice for your dog and others."

An on-the-spot fine can be issued.

Cyclists who are running their dogs alongside as they cycle, please take note, and understand there are cyclist rules and etiquette.

Regards,
Pets Rescue- Banksia

Dear Editor

I am an 82-year-old Bribie resident. On Monday 14 February, I collapsed outside Woolworths at Bongaree Shopping Centre while my wife was completing our weekly grocery shop. When she noticed I was not well, she asked the staff at the front desk to call an ambulance as I lost consciousness. They responded immediately and two staff members came to help my wife and me, and I cannot thank Jessie and Hannah enough for their concern and ministrations. Staff also came from Priceline Pharmacy to see if they could assist. One of the pharmacists, Ryan, printed a copy of my medication to give to the paramedics. These three young people stayed with us until the ambulance arrived and were a great comfort. Again, I will be forever grateful. Woolies staff also packed up the groceries that my wife had left in their care while she rushed to my side. We have lived on Bribie for 8 years and we know how caring a community this is, but this episode has convinced us even more so that choosing to retire to this beautiful island was one of the best decisions we have ever made.

John

Dear editor,

What is about developers on Bribie Island? Why is it that, before anything happens, so often every tree, shrub, twig and leaf has to be cleared? Why is there no thought given to retaining and protecting vegetation and incorporating it into development plans? The latest example is the clearing of the vegetation on 105 - 117 Boyd Street at Woorim. This was original vegetation and wildlife habitat. It had environmental, historical, and perhaps Aboriginal Heritage values. But before a DA has even been submitted for the property, it has been cleared on instructions from its off-island owners.

Where are our institutions that are supposed to be looking after our neighbourhoods? Moreton Bay Regional Council says wait for it..... vegetation protection is a State Government responsibility and there is nothing Council can do. How come? If this were Noosa or Brisbane, Council approval would be required to remove significant vegetation like that on Boyd Street.

If anyone is looking to the State Government to protect

important vegetation on Bribie, they will probably be looking for a long time. It has shown great willingness and haste in the past in removing Vegetation Overlay Protections to allow developments to proceed. Such as the development on the corner of Goodwin Drive and Cotterill Avenue. The chances the State will intervene to protect anything on Bribie is probably nil. In response to concerns raised by various ratepayers, Council has given 101 reasons why it cannot do anything to protect vegetation on private property. But remember, this is the same Council that can enter into multi-year and multi-million-dollar contracts without a tender. It can find a way to override its own Planning Scheme to approve just about any non-compliant DA that comes before it. If it can do that, surely it can protect a tree or two. After all, Noosa and Brisbane can.

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A recent survey shows that 24.7% are now more concerned about home invasions in their suburb compared to last year's figures. Whilst you may live in a low-risk suburb like Morton Bay and Bribie Island, (compared to south-east Qld generally), it is still important that you take action to minimize your risk of home theft as this can, and does, happen to anyone.

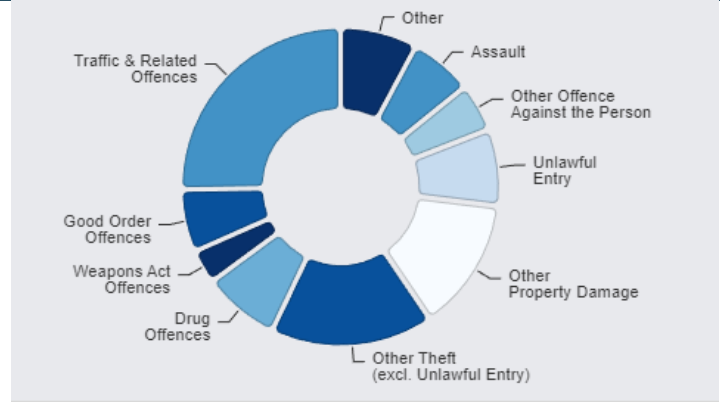
To help yourself, check from outside your home and see where you could increase your level of security inside and outside your home. Look to find the easiest way to break into your home.... from all sides.... Check your locks and keys.... Are they firm and secure?? Security cameras and lights will help to decrease your insurance costs; talk to your Insurance

Company about your insurance with them and what can they do to help you; after all, they want a happy customer and one that will stay with them. It works both ways.....

When answering the door, especially to a stranger, restrict the vision that they will have into your home; they may be checking the contents of your home and assessing their opportunities to burgle your home. Also, be careful what information you give a stranger, as again, they may be assessing you and your home.

Get involved in your community as there are so many organizations that are there to help you; Neighbourhood Watch comes to mind, but there are many others. Talk to your friends and neighbours and work together as often two heads are better than one and keep your eyes open to everyone around and check what they are doing. Don't be afraid to write down a number plate or description of a person if you are not sure what they are doing, also time could be important if you can end up helping the Police..... you never know how much you could help. Don' be a statistic.....

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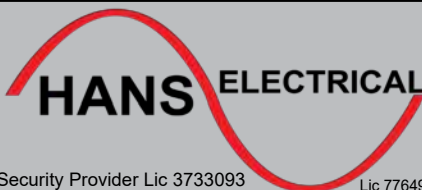
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