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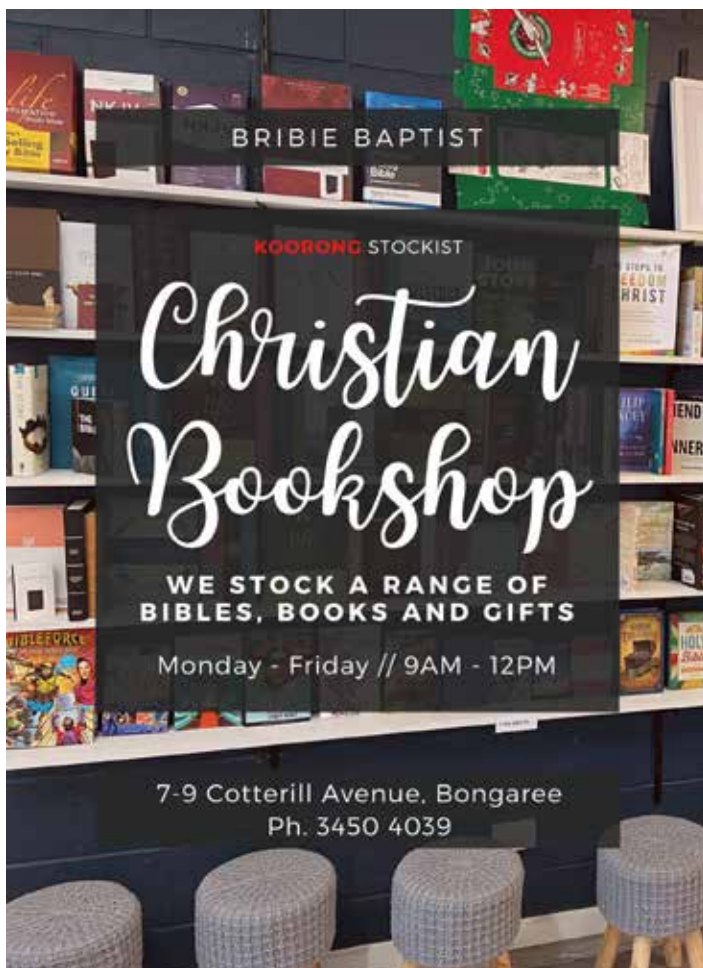
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Dear Readers,

What a couple of weeks we have had! Coming from a drought-ridden country town originally, I never thought for a minute I would ever say I wish this rain would stop! But the devastation it has caused in our area was unbelievable!

The best thing to come out of this was the community came together and joined forces, vax and un-vaxed to dig in and help where they could. It was beautiful and heart-warming to see all the offers of help, support and care for our community come rolling in, reuniting our community.

This edition has a special flood feature in it, highlighting all the amazing people, out there giving. I know there is so many more of you out there, so from all of us, thank you. This is what makes living in our beautiful district our home. YOU! The community, coming together as one.

I take my hat off to the VMR and the SES who volunteer their time to make sure we are safe. They do this at the risk of their own lives, their own homes, and their families. How can we say thank you enough? Without them, we would have been in a lot more trouble.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, here at The Bribie Islander, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude for each and every one of you, who came to the aid of others in their most desperate time of need.

We would like to say thank you to all of you who sent in your flood photos and to Kerry Elliot who provided the front cover. Thanks, guys!

You are all heroes in our books!

Until next time,  
Take care, Stay safe

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# Boosting Your Immune System

YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM IS YOUR BODY'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE AGAINST ILLNESS. IT USES A SYSTEM OF CHEMICALS AND PROTEINS IN YOUR BODY TO FIGHT OFF VIRUSES, HARMFUL BACTERIA, INFECTIONS AND PARASITES. I QUESTIONED DR OSBORNE, WORKING AT LOTUS HEALING MEDICINE AT MAROOCHYDORE, WHAT ONE CAN DO TO HELP KEEP THE IMMUNE SYSTEM AT ITS PEAK IN PARTICULAR WITH TO COVID, HE SUGGESTED:

### Balance your Ph

Raising pH (to an alkaline state) increases the immune system's ability to kill bacteria.

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**Vitamin D**

Enhances your immune response and may protect you from respiratory conditions.

I would also suggest:

**Vitamin C**

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**frequently.**

It's one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.

**Work out on a regular basis.**

Physical activity may help flush out bacteria and clear the airways. We know it slows down the release of stress hormones.

**Reduce your stress levels**

Stress affects your body's immune response. It causes you to produce extra levels of cortisol and cytokines, which trigger inflammation. It can decrease the number of white blood cells available to fight infection, leaving you at risk for cold sores and colds.

**Meditation**

Calms your nervous system, helping to reduce inflammation.

**Practice deep breathing techniques.**

This simple act of slow, controlled breathing from the diaphragm is

something you can do anywhere. It's a terrific way to lower cortisol levels, lower blood pressure and improve blood flow.

**Make sure you get enough sleep**

Researchers have found that poor sleep (less than six hours per night) made someone four times more likely to catch a cold. It was the number one factor for determining if someone got sick.

**Employ positive thinking**

Negative emotions can weaken immune response so reassess your outlook.

Be grateful!

If you feel you need to build your immune system or lower stress, book in for an immune-boosting massage, a wellness consultation, or an empowerment session, call me on 0405 361 882 or send me an email at creativeandhealingtherapi

*Blessings in abundance,  
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For those of us who love shoes then there is some very good news on the island. Pina Colada now has its very own shoe department!

In an island with very little on offer in the shoe department, this is very good news indeed.... What started off as a small offering of sandals has now morphed into a much larger range encompassing some great brands and styles, including Bare Traps, Lorella, Cabello and the favourites Auyi shoes.

Owner Bernie says of the expansion "We have kept increasing our range because our ladies love to come in and shop for clothing but at the same time match it with a pair of lovely sandals. They love the convenience of a one stop shop"

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We have also a new range of shoes called Lorella. Lorella is a shoe that perfectly suits our lifestyle and is built for comfort and style. They are designed in Queensland but a team that has decades of experience in the shoe industry and therefore you can be guaranteed of a shoe that not only looks great but feels great.

We are starting to receive some of our more closed in shoes for the cooler parts of the year. So if you get a chance pop in to say hi to Leigh, Lesley and Bernie and they will only be too happy to help you find the perfect shoe for your lifestyle.





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# 5 Benefits of Laser Hair Removal

If you are not comfortable with shaving, tweezing, or waxing to remove your unwanted hair, laser hair removal is an excellent option you should consider exploring. Laser hair removal is among the most popular done cosmetic procedures worldwide. It gives you the best results for your skin, and it is a long-lasting solution. If you are interested in laser hair removal to remove unwanted hair from the face, legs, chin, back, arms, underarms, bikini line, and other areas, it would help to know some of the potential benefits you stand to gain. The following are some examples:

- 1** Increased precision

One of the notable benefits of lasers is their ability to target dark, coarse hairs selectively without damaging the surrounding skin. It is a safer alternative that does not expose you to unwanted side effects.





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It is time-saving  
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3


No ingrown hairs  
Unlike other hair removal techniques such as waxing, threading, and epilating, using laser means you will not have to put up with painful and unsightly ingrown hairs. You will also not have to tolerate razor burns or irritation. If anything, if you choose laser hair removal, you get to improve ingrown hairs significantly.

4

It is cost-saving  
in the long run.  
When you have your laser hair removal done, you will not need endless amounts of razors, shaving creams, waxing appointments, and other hair removal options. What's more, if you choose laser hair removal, you get to enjoy a decreased cost, while notably, the cost of waxing continues to increase. If you are trying to be financially more competent, laser hair removal is an excellent option to explore. It takes a shorter time and will give you long-lasting results to save more

5

No scars or painful side effects  
Shaving might not be painful at first, but you are the only one step away from a cut or a bruise if you choose it. Likewise, waxing is not all that safe since you will always be at risk of your skin getting burned by the hot wax. Laser hair removal is as safe as any procedure can get. It leaves no room for painful side effects, scars, or bruises. It is an efficient process that can be carried out on any part of the body and give you the satisfactory results you are looking for.

Choosing laser hair removal is a personal decision. You need to take your time and weigh your options, understanding what your needs are. If the advantages of this treatment are enticing enough, why not give it a try? It could be the best decision you ever made. Make sure you look for the right specialist to guide you through the entire process. 

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Over the past few years, the name Health Hub Doctors Morayfield has become a household name to many families across our Island community. The Hub's success is largely due to its patient centred health care model and its willingness to care for its community. They have also shown incredible initiative to adapt quickly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.*

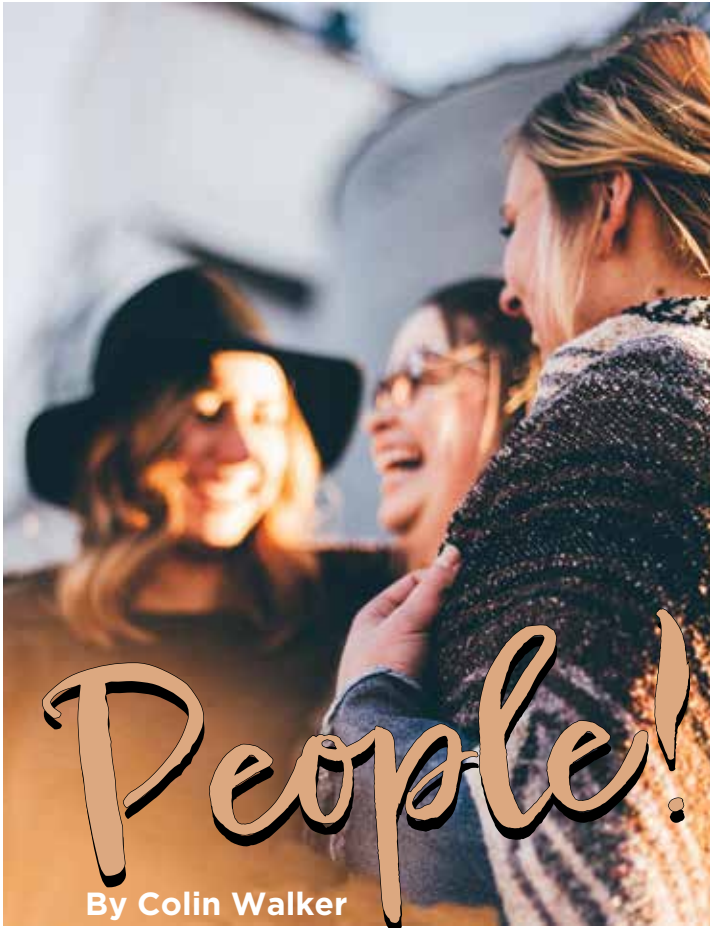
Health Hub Doctor's Woorim's vision is to provide the highest standard of patient care, incorporating a holistic approach to diagnosis and management of illnesses for those in the community. The clinic will also be supported by allied health services on the Island and clinical support provided by our 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 for official opening dates.

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By Colin Walker

Sometimes in life – as the old saying goes – we “can’t see the wood for the trees”, and it often takes someone else to identify the real wealth around us.... not in the luxuries of life, perhaps – but in PEOPLE!

I read, recently, how the people of Denmark have put this concept into practice, by opening up new libraries .... featuring PEOPLE, primarily, not books.

And if reports on the Danish experiment are correct, the Danes’ experimental and innovative new concept of a “people library” is aimed at reducing prejudices and bridging gaps in their communities, and encouraging greater appreciation, by people, of each other.

It involves inviting people into their new “human libraries” (so named) to hear the life stories and experiences of people in their own communities, cutting across all ethnic, religious, cultural, and racial groups.

Reportedly, it has – noticeably – begun bringing Danes closer together, in their communities .... and the concept is claimed to be catching on, now, in some 50 countries.

In the Danish experiment, speakers delivering their own and their family life histories are allotted 30 minutes to speak, either one-to-one or in small groups.

Throughout Australia, the Men’s Shed and Women’s Shed movements, and

various other clubs (and theme-based organisations) are helping, daily, to bring people closer together and to highlight the capacities (and worth) of people around them.

But most of these are gender-based. Few involve both sexes getting together to get to know each other better - and to develop a more accurate appreciation of people’s individual worth, and the contribution they are (or could be) making within our communities.... with greater encouragement and integration.

The simplicity of it all, in our modern societies now seemingly “gobsmacked” (or entranced) by the magic of ever-changing technology (and advances), was what impressed me most.

It turned back the clock, for me, to the times when the technology junkies (and other people) weren’t glued to their TV sets, computers, and mobile phones, as many are today – but people actually got together, regularly, to just TALK TO EACH OTHER.

This is how it was, in my earliest days – when the nearest thing to technology was a “wireless” (a radio, to those who don’t remember these times) .... and a wall-mounted home telephone (for those who could afford it).

I reckon a Danish-style “human library” (even just a few days a week) would go down a treat among the residents of Bribie Island and its adjacent mainland communities.

How about it, people?



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# Outrage Over Outage!



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As many might know or have heard, the fibre optic Telstra network on the Pacific Harbour Golf Course Estate collapsed on Sunday 20 February 2022. As a result, 429 households were without the Internet, landlines and streaming services (eg Foxtel) and were informed the services would not be restored until 13 March 2022.

The Estate is well planned, and all the cables are underground and rather than the NBN there is a fibre optic system - Telstra Velocity. Rumours abound as to the reason for the outage; ranging from the cables somehow being cut by a person or persons unknown to 'unscheduled repairs and maintenance.' Other tongue in cheek reasons cited were that the Estate had been hacked by the Chinese or even Aliens! A sense of humour always helps in situations such as these.

However, the outage did cause much angst and outrage

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amongst householders. If it was for unscheduled repairs and maintenance what does that mean? Why couldn't the maintenance be scheduled, and residents advised the same way they are when there is an electricity or water outage? Why was it for so long?

Many blamed the Estate Developers for the problem, while others blamed Telstra and abused their front-line staff for something they may have had nothing to do with. This is not an uncommon reaction in society today – i.e., lash out and blame without knowing the facts.

For some residents, the outage was just an inconvenience.

For others, it was a surprise to realise how much they depend on Internet-enabled devices. Since the lockdowns, created by the pandemic, our homes have become our sanctuary and we have come to depend on the Internet for our news and entertainment.

But for many, the outage caused serious problems. It meant they couldn't work from home or do homework, online learning courses or University assignments; couldn't pay bills, and for the elderly and disabled, many of whom depend on their landlines and Internet, a major safety and wellbeing concern.

These outages have happened previously; however, they have never taken this long to remedy. Anecdotal stories, from old hands on the Estate, say that outages have occurred due to flooding of the underground wires, while on another occasion the cables were eaten through by white ants. Others talk of numerous occasions when builders have accidentally cut the cables when preparing foundations. How hard would it be for the cables to be encased in a waterproof plastic, concrete, or steel tunnel/conduit – or at least some sort of impenetrable cover? Could cost be the

issue?

To top it off, on the sixth day of the outage, residents received a text message from Moreton Bay Regional Council about flash flooding due to the extensive rain. The message gave a phone number to contact and a website to visit for flood assistance, road closures and locations of evacuation centres. However, many on the Estate could not do this because they had no Internet or landline access and not everyone has a mobile phone. When the news was received about the closure of Bribie Island Road, the isolation was worrying, with Interstate and overseas family and friends very concerned for the safety of the Estate's residents especially when they couldn't contact them.

As mentioned, the Telstra Call Centres were inundated with calls, some very abusive. The wait time, of up to an hour, to get through to Telstra was frustrating and it was amusing to be told by an

automated voice that you could use the Telstra App! As we don't really know what happened perhaps people might hold fire on their abuse of Telstra staff. The person we spoke to, on two occasions over the long and frustrating first week, was courteous and went out of his way to help us.

Residents have invested large sums of their hard-earned money in the Estate and so should be receiving a fast, reliable Internet service. Questions must be asked about this outage – particularly why it happened, who caused it, and what reimbursement will be offered by the offenders? Is it likely to be a regular event?

Japanese politician, Naoto Kan, put it quite well when he said, 'if you are unable to understand the cause of a problem, it is impossible to solve it'.

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# Selling Collectables Made Easy



**Best Price Gold Buyers Director, Richard Macdonald has arrived in Bribie Island and said he will be buying and selling exquisite and estate jewellery, as well as coins, stamps, collectibles, and other antiques. He will be located in front of Woolworths at the Bongaree Shopping Centre, from Mar 14 to 19.**

As the largest buyer and seller of estate gold and silvery jewellery in Australia, Richard is hoping to replenish his stock.

“We buy and sell unique coins, jewellery, stamps banknotes – we sell unique jewellery, so to sell it, we need to buy it so we can replenish,” Mr Macdonald said.

Mr Macdonald said he has run out of gold chains, rings and coins including pre-decimal silver, and would love to buy more, so he can sell more.

“We buy, but we also offer free appraisals as well for people wanting to know what something is worth,” he said.

Mr Macdonald will offer appraisals for jewellery, watches, all coins and banknotes, along with stamps, medals and military items. He said recycling is close to his heart and all items sold to him, whether its broken or not, are lovingly restored and then reappear ‘born new’ for a new owner to love and cherish. His shop is always looking

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“There is not a single piece of gold we refuse to buy, including old gold nuggets, old wedding and dress rings, single earrings, broken chains and yes, yucky but true, even old gold teeth and fillings, and we are paying top dollars to get it.” he said.

They buy all of these in any condition, even small tins of coins.

“A very old lady brought in a medium-size tin of coins, found after her husband died,”

“Among the mix of pennies, pre-decimal silver and common coins, I found a gold half-sovereign. She literally cried when we told her the tin’s value was \$400”. She had no idea it was even there. It was a wonderful moment to be able to help this lovely lady find some undiscovered wealth.” he said.

A woman from Brisbane who is said to be the daughter of a Spanish princess handed him two of her mother’s old necklaces. “Spain got rid of their monarchy in 1931 and so the princess fled Spain and moved to Australia.

When she died, her daughter got all her jewellery and other belongings. This lady had shown other people the necklaces but decided we were the ones to sell them to because she knew we would look after them” Mr Macdonald said. She said I don’t need the money; ‘I’m fed up with talking about how my mum was a princess and just want to move on. Were in a different country. Mr Macdonald related that he was



happy she wanted to pass it on to him— And is delighted to own it.

One necklace features malachite individually carved cameos set in gold frames on a 1600s style frame and chain.

## HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY

The second necklace is a matching citrine set with a handmade 1800s style chain. “Back in the 1700’s royalty gave gifts to each other,” he said. “There weren’t cameras back then so it was like a photograph—it reminded them who they had met. One necklace features a royal gift from the Russian, Swedish and Austrian crowns.” Mr Macdonald said that the necklaces were worth about \$250,000 but are not for sale.

If you are interested in selling items, then you cannot go past this recently published book, “Selling Collectables Made Easy.” Richard Macdonald has documented some of his wealth of extraordinary knowledge and provided a series of tips and tricks that will help you not only sell your goods but know what to look for when buying goods. We all hear the stories of “lucky” people who buy a piece of costume jewellery for a few dollars only to find out much later that the piece was worth an extraordinary amount of money. This book will show you what to look for, will pique your curiosity and will provide you with an insight into the world of buying and selling collectables.

**Any prior enquiries can be directed to Richard on 0411 413 393.**



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# The Sandbag Crew



The lovely Tash Foote said “. We are just a bunch of locals not affiliated with any group. Our team was started up by Ben Hurst who started offering assistance to the elderly or less mobile the day before we came together to fill sandbags and help people. He is a legendary man.”

Ben Hurst  
Andy Taylor  
Nicole Jones

Melanie Brandt  
Bella Glynn-Armstrong  
Tash Foote





We think you guys are all legends Tash, thank you so much for all your efforts!

**The Editor.**





# OUR WONDERFUL Community said...



### JUDY HEDGES

I wanted to give a big shout out and heartfelt thank you to 4 young people on Bribie!! On Sunday in the midst of it all, 2 young guys and 2 young girls came down my driveway on Gidya Ave (all dressed up as cartoon characters) They just went out walking to see if anyone needed help. They hauled sandbags, shifted heavy furniture out of the flood, washing machine, fridge and saved my mower. They were amazing, wonderful youth who lifted our spirits, and the girls even went back home to locate tarps for us! So again, thank you!

### CHRIS TAYLOR

I know sometimes the youth get a bad rap but do some awesome stuff. I just found out my son and his mate helped to save many horses stranded in beachmere and helped a man who slipped and broke his leg in Sandstone get medical help. Well done guys.



### LIANNE SAUNDERS

If anyone is in need of a safe, dry place to stay for the night, I have two rooms available with beds made up. Located in Banksia Beach. Please DM me. I have a medium size staffy x - just to note as young children and other pets may not be ideal



### JAN LANCE

Good morning, everyone.  
Looking for help with moving a fridge, armchair, TV & computer desk from my dad's downstairs flat which was flooded to upstairs.  
Hoping we can get a couple of strong blokes to help us.  
\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*

A big shout out to an absolute legend, Grant Baker from BGs Yard Maintenance Plus, who answered our call and came straight away to help my hubby move my dad's fridge & furniture upstairs. We can't thank you enough, we are so grateful.



### BRIBIE ISLAND BOAT CHARTERS

If you are in Whitepatch and need any essential items (drinking water, medications, food, etc), or need to get to the mainland or Banksia/Bongaree please message us or email [info@nolimits4x4hire.com.au](mailto:info@nolimits4x4hire.com.au)  
We will do our best to deliver things from tomorrow morning.



### JENNY JOHNSTONE

Hi, I was wondering if anyone would be able to help my 93-year-old elderly father in Bellara, Bribie Island with some sandbags, please. As water has got into his home. I am unable to help him as I live in Sydney and can't get there to help him.

Thank you kindly.

Update

Thank you, everyone! A lovely guy called Thomas Barwick has just got there to help him. Thank you everyone for your lovely offer to help him. Very much appreciated.

### THOMAS BARWICK

Update: Still have heaps of sandbags if users are still in need of them. We have sandbags on our ute and willing to deliver to people that are in need of them!

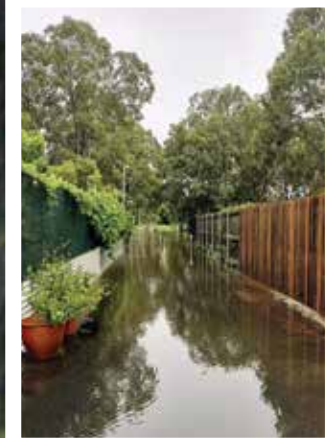


**LINDA BENSON**

Just wondering if anyone is setting up a donation site for blankets, towels, clothing, anything that can be handed out to people in the flooded areas. I am happy to do this from my house in Bongaree, Bribie Island so people let me know. I have two bags of clothes here, I have sheets, towels and blankets.

**MAREE-ANG BARRAMUNDI**

So grateful to local Ben Hurst. He collected sandbags, dropped them off and has now driven hubby to Mitre 10 to get items to secure and stop the water leaking through our external wall! Water is lapping our driveway so we have been unable to get out (we don't have a 4 wheel drive). He stayed in contact last night as well. He deserves a bloody community award!

**ANNA COXSON**

Shout out to good Samaritan in the community Ben Hurst. I'm sure SES was inundated today so unfortunately didn't make it to my place. Ben Hurst has been going out of his own back and helping locals who need sandbags. I have a little home-based shop out the back of my place and Ben came and bagged it. What a legend! Thanks, Ben!

**AJ COPE**

If I can help anyone with anything, grocery deliveries etc, let me know, I'm happy to help in any way I can. Waters seem semi drivable now. Reach out if I can help. Things seem to have settled; is everyone ok with everything?? I'm at Bellara, with power, and a kettle for a cuppa, or can drop sandbags etc round if needed.

**MARISSA RENTON**

A big thank you to the young couple who picked me up this morning near the Fruit Barn. They had just picked up some sandbags for their house. I had moved my car from Bestman Avenue to higher ground and was walking home. They dropped me a Kangaroo Ave roundabout. Many thanks. Hope your house stayed safe!

**NO LIMITS 4X4 HIRE**

Anyone in the Bribie Island region needing assistance with flood clean-up please message us (via the button below) or email us at [info@nolimits4x4hire.com.au](mailto:info@nolimits4x4hire.com.au)

We have several 4x4s, trailers, equipment, and staff ready to assist this week!

We can help with: - rubbish removal and trips to the tip - clearing of fallen trees and debris - general cleaning and yard work - 4x4 access into wet properties to assist with stock, etc.





**CAT LEWIS**

I don't live in beachmere, however my child goes to school in Beachmere. Driving along Beachmere Road this afternoon, I noticed a lot of flood affected properties with damaged/broken items on the curb. I am happy to pick up stuff along Beachmere Road and take it to the dump to help out. If you see a blue dmax ute picking up stuff from the curb, its just me taking stuff to the dump for you! Cheers!



**ROBYN RANKIN**

Some amazing people. We went to the sandbag station at First Avenue to fill some sandbags to secure our property. There were four young locals there who were not only filling sandbags, but also uploading them into vehicles that pulled up. They didn't belong to any club or organisation but just decided to help others out. A big thanks you for your help. You made our job so much easier.



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**REN JENNINGS**

I just have to say... thank you so much for this community! You are all so lovely and caring and go above and beyond and it is just beautiful to see. My mother lives on the island and I have been very worried about her as I'm in Caboolture and just knowing there are people there willing to help. it's just lovely... you should all be so proud! much love guys x



**MARK SCOTT**

We just went down to get some sandbags to stop water from entering our house, took a shovel and the 2 young women staying, to fill the bags. When we got there, there were two guys and a girl who had already filled heaps of bags, they loaded 10 onto our ute and even offered to come to help us at home.

This is just amazing local help people, it was pouring down, but they are happy to stay in it and serve those who need help, just bloody awesome if you ask me, thank you whoever you are !!!

Miky Galavin

Hey everyone, does anyone need a hand with anything? My friend and I are happy to give a hand with something. Even if you need supplies.



**NEIL SLEEMAN**

If anyone in the Bongaree area needs any assistance/help/shopping, please message me as I am more than happy to pop out to get some urgent supplies/lift items to safety etc. stay safe everyone!

**MARTHA BRYANT**

Thank you to both Thomas Barwick and his dad for coming out to check on me and help me. I really appreciated it. You both restored my faith in human nature, you are wonderful human beings! Thank you also to Brooke for asking how I was going.



**ANNIE LANE**

Good morning!  
We are not open, but I've come down to make free coffees for volunteers and emergency workers for the next hour. Comment on this post and I'll get hubby to drop them off.



**TRACEY PFINGST**

If anyone is stuck with a flooded home and nowhere to go, please pm me.

**DOMINO'S BRIBIE ISLAND**

When the tough get going, the tough get rowing?

With the Bribie Island Community of Whit Patch isolated due to flood waters, local franchisee Niravkumar and his team rolled up their sleeves and got cooking. The team were able to donate 50 pizzas that were picked up and delivered back to hungry locals by boat!

If there's one thing for sure in these "unprecedented times" it's that the strength within local Australian communities is unwavering.

**BRAD O'CARROLL**

**SEWERAGE UPDATE**

ALL RESIDENTS IN THE BRIBIE ISLAND AREA  
YOUR SEWERS ARE GOING TO BE BLOCKED TODAY AS WELL UNTIL THE RAIN STOPS.

THE SAME PROBLEMS AS YESTERDAY ARE STILL WITH US TODAY. STAY SAFE

Brad - Plumbing Bribie Is.

Read this post for information and what to do.

You may be experiencing problems with your Sewers at the moment. Toilets not flushing properly and or Gurgling noises in the drains.

There is nothing you can do at this stage as I've been advised by Unity water.

The Unity Waters (UW) Sewage Infrastructure is being flooded with rainwater and the pump stations are not coping.

If you are in these areas make sure the ORG Grate as shown in the photo is free to rise or pop out if your mains back up. This will stop any internal flooding in your home.

I've now reported this problem to Unity Water and they are responding as quickly as they can.

UW has advised if any internal surging occurs that causes flooding, to contact Your insurance company immediately. There is no action we can take on your property when the UW mains are blocked.

If you are being flooded with rising sewage, ring Unity Waters Emergency 1300 086 489 but be patient as their crews are flat out at the moment. Hope This Helps . Stay Safe. Brad





# Acts of Kindness



## Arrival

By: Elaine Lutton

I have been the fortunate recipient of many acts of kindness, some large, some small, Peculiarly, it is the small acts of generosity that I remember most. The simple word or deed that acts as a balm when one is feeling bruised. In case I have already lost my reader, no, this is not going to be a sticky, over-sentimental piece of gooey writing, just a small thank you to those who have made my way in life less troubled. A belated bread-and-butter note that my parents urged me to write, to acknowledge birthday and Christmas presents, which I sometimes wrote and sometimes “forgot”.

Previously, I have mentioned my infantile eczema, which I am still waiting, with growing impatience, to outgrow. This was diagnosed by my infant school classmates as leprosy. Bless the little boy who whispered in my ear that he did not think my leprosy was that bad. Yet, even today, I think that inside this apparently confident clown is a small girl with leprosy struggling to get out.

Whilst my mother was ill with TB, my brother and I were looked after by a series of housekeepers, some of whom would not have gained Dr Spock's approval. A diet of egg and chips does pall after several weeks, and I was so grateful to the bakery lady who would call me in and give me a lardy bun. This was a real treat, being a large bread bun with dried fruit enclosed, and in this case, topped with white icing. Heaven! Have one ready for my last meal!

The schoolteacher who introduced me to literacy, on noticing my distress when asked to practise what was termed, “running writing”, enquired what was wrong. I damply explained that I did not know how to “running write” or what it was. “Oh, Elaine, then just print.” Magical words! The sun could shine again!

The kindness of friends shown in small acts, holding my hand whilst skipping, the innumerable acts of kindness shown throughout the years by my friends from school years and those who became friends when establishing my new life in Australia. Friends I have had for years and have stood by me in good times and in bad. The group of friends whom I would meet for coffee and who would make me laugh, giving me the therapy, I needed most when I was still raw from the loss of my husband, the gentle phone enquiry by another friend asking if I was OK when I failed to turn up to his morning tea. I had got the days confused. Another friend, noticing that I was looking less than

my usual cheerful self, took the time to show me videos of ABBA reunited and made me laugh. The lift I got to a doctor from someone who did not really know me well, another friend who drove me to Morayfield, making sure I had my full complement of “jabs”. Too far for even my willing friend Ferrari, although he always does his uncomplaining best. I shall refrain from mentioning individuals in this article as it would become a long list of names and deeds and for fear, I should omit someone and perhaps cause offence. However, the kindness I have received over the years is not forgotten, nor the people associated with them.

My husband was a very gentle and kind man, a happy relationship is not made up of grand gestures, but rather of small acts of consideration and kindness. A little humour can always oil the wheels.

Why is it that some people are naturally kind; is it Nature or Nurture? Both, I suspect. Recently, I have had to stay with me, for a week, my cousin's son and his family, consisting of his wife and three-year-old daughter and one-year-old son. I observed the family group as a kind of social experiment, and I must say that, from my perspective, they got full marks. Three-year-olds do not find it easy to be tolerant when their carefully set-up games are interfered with by younger brothers, who either want to take over or adopt a bull-in-a-china-shop approach. Calmly, her parents exhorted her to share her toys. Share was a word often used. Gradually the concept was mastered, and due praise given when she was seen to share her Zooper-doooper, frozen ice block, with her brother. The lesson was unexpectedly reinforced when she had attempted to win a chocolate bar from a machine to no avail. A little girl, no more than 7 years or eight, who had observed her disappointment, took her turn next and won two bars of chocolate, one of which, with a big smile and unprompted by any adult, she gave to our three-year-old. Kindness from a stranger.

Kindness is contagious, the more acts of kindness one receives, the easier it becomes to pass on the “infection”. I hope that I manage to pass on all the kindness “bacteria” that I have received from so many over the years; a grateful thank you to all who have infected me.

I am aware that this article is a little different to my usual, not too preachy, I trust. I promise to return to comedy next fortnight.





# MORE

## LEARN TO DRAW AND MIXED MEDIA

### workshops!



ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS ABOUT BRIBIE IS THE WIDE RANGE OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT WE CAN CHOOSE FROM HERE. THE BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE IS AN AMAZING HUB THAT HOSTS SO MANY DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS AND "CREATING TOGETHER" GROUPS.

Two of those fun and rewarding workshops are Peter Schinkel's Learn to Draw workshop and his Introduction to Mixed Media workshop.

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#### LEARN TO DRAW

Peter will show you the easy, simple basics to have you drawing realistic buildings, scenery and almost anything you'd love to draw, as shown by some of the beginner's drawings pictured here. All materials are supplied.

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In this fun, interactive workshop, we focus on watercolour pencils, ink, sponge and wax. By the 2nd day, participants are creating beautiful pieces of art like those pictured here. A delightful workshop of creative expression. All materials provided.

#### LIST OF UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

##### LEARN TO DRAW

SAT 23rd and SUN 24th April.  
TUE 21st and WED 22nd June.

##### INTRODUCTION TO MIXED MEDIA

TUE 22nd and WED 23rd March.  
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All workshops are for participants 18+ and run over two consecutive days from 9:30am to 12:30pm. There's a 30 minute refreshment break with a choice of the on-site Cafe 191 or byo snacks - the Arts Centre kitchen with has a fridge and free tea/coffee making facilities.

*Overall, a wonderful social and educational experience.*

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### PUMICESTONE WOMEN ON THE FRONTLINE!

A lot has happened over the past week, never mind the past 2 years!

We can't forget how much Australia and Queensland has experienced during this time.

If it isn't the bushfires, it's a pandemic. If it isn't a pandemic, it's floods.

And behind these life-changing events are our amazing frontline workers.

Recently, we've seen more and more women take up these roles and lead the way.

In the health sector, women have been at the forefront from the get-go, but especially during the pandemic.

Whether that's providing care in hospital and aged care, or protecting us at our vaccine clinics, they've always been there for us.

For many, they've sacrificed their own time at home and with loved ones to care for our community.

The nurses at the Caboolture Vaccination Clinic certainly stepped up to the challenge, with many returning from retirement, or coming back to light duties to help vaccinate our community.



They like to call themselves the broken birds, I'd call them our COVID heroes.

And Pumicestone women are on the frontline everywhere in our community.

This includes the fabulous women of our Rural Fire Services and State Emergency Services.

Jan Dwyer is one of those women, leading the Bribie Island SES as the Group Leader.

Not only does she run a team of volunteers to support our residents, she's also got fantastic dancing skills, having entered Channel 7's Dance Boss back in 2018.

## ≡ International Women's Day ≡



# Celebrating Pumicestone Women

**ALI KING MP**  
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**NOELENE LAKE**

International Women's Day makes me stop and reflect of the plight of women throughout the generations, the progress that has been made and where women are now. I reflect on equality, education, financial security, justice and personal safety. I want every woman to feel courageous, empowered, loved, respected, safe, supported and valued.

If each of us have an attitude of being available to opportunities that present themselves-to make a difference in another woman's life-then we should just do it. Don't over think it- just do it!

Being that listening ear, giving someone a contact phone number, or directing them to a professional, may make a positive difference to the life of a woman who has reached out to us. If we, as individual women, can all do this, then collectively we can make a huge difference to the lives of all women in this world. Many men need this support too so don't exclude them.

**Noelene Lake: Director/Accountant/ Justice of the Peace- Bribie Accounting Services Winner of M.B.R.C. Excellence in Business Award (Professional Services)**

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"International Women's Day provides us with the perfect opportunity to celebrate the strong, resilient women in our lives that we love and admire, and to reflect on what we can do to improve the social, economic and cultural challenges that women continue to face."

"The world needs strong women who will lift and build others. Who will love and be loved. Women who live bravely, both tender and fierce; women of indomitable will."

-Amy Tenney



# International Women's Day

**CAROLYN WHEELER  
FCPA ACCOUNTANT**

This is my third year to be welcomed as part of International Women's Day. Having lived on Bribie permanently now for nearly 3 years, I am so pleased with my move and to become part of the Bribie fabric.

I believe that women can do anything they wish and more. There is a strong undertow of domestic violence here on Bribie and these women need all the help they can to get back on their feet and become strong again. Reach out to a woman you may know in a bad position. There are avenues of help and assistance.

My accounting sub office is well up and running with new clients entrusting me with their personal tax and finance issues every week.

Happy International Women's Week!!!

**MATTREST - Sam**

Every day we have the pleasure of meeting so many amazing women and their stories are nothing short of incredible.

International women's day isn't about making women strong.

Women are already strong. It's about changing the way the world perceives that strength.

**TRACIE JENNINGS**

To me, International Women's Day is a reminder that we have the power to speak our minds, to manage a household, to bear children, run successful companies, and so much more. It's a day that we can come together collectively to celebrate and acknowledge all of the incredible women in our lives. As a professional woman in a male-dominated industry,

I have leveraged every opportunity within my business to set the standard for the next generation of professional women that are coming through the ranks. Empowering women means there is no limit to what we can accomplish!

**BROOKE SAVIGE:**

Everyday I am inspired by the strong, determined and caring women of Division One. They take on many roles in our community and they demonstrate that no barriers can stop you when you do and care about those around you. Thank you to all the women of Division One for your tireless efforts to make our area all that it is. Happy International Women's Day.

# Our well loved writer Barry Clarke has collated all the stories that have been featured in The Bribie Islander Magazine in this BEAUTIFUL 76 page glossy publication

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## HOW LIFELINE CAN HELP IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH DISTRESSING CURRENT EVENTS AND HEADLINES

With distressing events continuing both at home and overseas, Lifeline is reassuring the community that it is normal to be experiencing some level of psychological distress.

Patron John Brogden said it's critical that every Australian knows they can access services

like Lifeline when they are feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping or staying safe. "Our thoughts go out to anyone directly impacted by the floods in Queensland and NSW. Our 13 11 14 crisis line is available 24/7 and our Lifeline Centres on the ground are ready and primed to provide practical and psychological help at a local level." "The vision and stories of war in Europe are very distressing to us all – more so for Australians whose family, friends and homelands are at war."

Mr Brogden revealed Lifeline has received approximately 192,000 calls and 32,000 text and webchat contacts since

January 1st, 2022, and continues to see elevated call volumes compared to those before the COVID-19 pandemic. "During January and February, calls to Lifeline were up 5% on the same months last year. We are consistently seeing this trend towards increased help seeking behaviour, and I am pleased to say that Lifeline's call answer rates remain around 90%," said Mr Brogden.

"Even for the most resilient of us, some of the news we are reading and images we are seeing at the moment are very confronting, and we know there will be an increasing number of people who will be struggling with heightened anxiety and distress." "If you are feeling overwhelmed, I encourage you to connect with Lifeline in the way you feel most comfortable, whether that be on 13 11 14, or via our 24/7 text and webchat services".

"Our trained Crisis Supporters are ready and waiting day and night to listen without judgement, chat about your needs, worries and feelings and work with you to explore the

best ways to stay safe and get support in your community."

Lifeline has also developed a range of free toolkits to provide you with practical information and assistance during challenging times. Anyone can browse, print or and download them at [www.lifeline.org.au/resources/toolkit-downloads/](http://www.lifeline.org.au/resources/toolkit-downloads/). There is tailored support for anyone being impacted by floods at [www.lifeline.org.au/floods](http://www.lifeline.org.au/floods). Lifeline's 24-hour telephone crisis line 13 11 14 is pronounced 'thirteen eleven fourteen' Lifeline is Australia's leading suicide prevention service, with 41 centres around the nation.

The service responds to over one million requests for support each year, creating an average of 120 safety plans to keep a person experiencing suicidal ideation safe every day.

You can phone Lifeline to speak to a Crisis Supporter on 13 11 14 (24 hours/7 days), text 0477 131 114 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or chat to Lifeline online at [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au) (24 hours/7 days).

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Bribie Island U3A (University of the Third Age Inc.) will be

**held at 2.00pm Friday 25 March 2022**

**Bribie Island RSL Club.**

**Garden Room.**

Nominations are called for all

#### Committee positions:

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**1.** Vodafone regards the proposed installations as Low-Impact Facilities under the telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018 ("The Determination"), based on the description above.

**2.** In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Should you require further information or wish to comment please contact Vanessa Wan at Axicom, 02 9495 9000, [community@axicom.com.au](mailto:community@axicom.com.au) or Level 1, 110 Pacific Highway, St Leonards NSW 2065 by **Friday 25 March 2022**. Further information may also be obtained from [www.rfnsa.com.au/4507008](http://www.rfnsa.com.au/4507008)



# Priority One

By Graeme Brittenden

**B**efore any Jurisdiction on the Eastern Seaboard of Australia considers embracing Australia Eastern Daylight Time – AEDT – there is a much bigger problem within our current time zones that must be addressed.

It has existed since 1894 when Australia first embraced ‘Standard Time’ Zones. Once this anomaly has been corrected, the current form of AEDT becomes obsolete.

In October 1884 an International Meridian Conference in Washington, D.C., recommended the introduction of a global system of time zones based on the Greenwich Meridian with zones of 1 hour difference for every 15

degrees of longitude from the Greenwich Meridian.

Among its other recommendations was the strong opinion that ‘major population areas [e.g. State Capitals] should be included in the most appropriate time zone’.

In November 1892, an intercolonial conference of surveyors was held in Melbourne to consider the Washington proposals and recommended the introduction of three time zones for Australia in which standard time would be ‘the mean solar times of 120 degrees, 135 degrees\*\*\* and 150 degrees east of Greenwich’.

In Australia, the setting of time zones is the responsibility of the State and Territory Governments. By 1894 all states and territories had enacted time acts that defined the time zones and the mean solar times for use within those zones.

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falls within the portfolio of the STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL].  
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We inherited two major anomalies. Firstly, Adelaide's longitudinal co-ordinate is 138.35 degrees east of Greenwich – outside the 135 degrees \*\*\* boundary mentioned above. In 1898/99 South Australia, as was its right, advanced CENTRAL STANDARD TIME by 30 minutes to 142.5 degrees. ANOMALY SOLVED – Adelaide cannot be shifted but the boundary of the appropriate time zone can be.

Secondly, Sydney and Brisbane – two major 'State Capitals' - are located at

151.12 and 153.01 degrees, respectively east of Greenwich. Both cities - as well as a number of other 'major population areas in Queensland and New South Wales - are outside the original 150-degree boundary of Eastern Standard Time.

The total area engulfed within this anomaly stretches from

Rockhampton in the north to Wollongong in the south and as far west as Goondiwindi and Tamworth. Approximately 44% of our national population lives within this area.

Why our eastern seaboard politicians will not address this problem by using the power they have within their respective portfolios is puzzling. The problem will disappear by advancing Eastern Standard Time by 30 minutes – 7.5 degrees, PERMANENTLY - as did South Australia in 1898/99.

At last – all clocks in Australia would be as they should have been back in 1894. No more confusion at the border/s. No more extra costs and loss of revenue when the clocks on the eastern seaboard are not in unison. No more than three time zones across the whole Australian Continent.

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If you are contemplating selling your home and contributing to your super from the sale proceeds it is important to consider the impact on any Centrelink benefits that you receive. Whereas the money tied up in your permanent place of living does not count towards the Centrelink assets test, downsizer money transferred to super will be treated as an asset, which will reduce your benefits if the value of your

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Superannuation is a complex issue. The ATO has a complex advice service which you can contact at: <https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals---complex-advice-request/>

As always, inform yourself before making any financial decisions and seek professional help if you are unsure of what to do

Peter Dallimore is a qualified and registered Financial Counselor at the Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre. He can be contacted through the Centre on 3408 8440 or by email at [binfcf@gmail.com](mailto:binfcf@gmail.com). You can make contact if you are experiencing financial hardship or would like general information on financial matters. The service is free.

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# The Pill

by Loretta Lynn



## SONG FACTS

Long before Carrie Underwood was singing about taking a Louisville slugger to a cheating boyfriend's headlights and Miranda Lambert was singing about a special delivery of gunpowder and lead, Loretta Lynn was raising a ruckus with her own defiant lyrics. And she wasn't just warning a tomcatting husband with songs like "Don't Come Home A-Drinkin' (With Lovin' on Your Mind)" either. The Country Music Hall of Fame member was also putting ambitious ladies in their place with "You Ain't Woman Enough (To Take My Man)" — as well as empowering them in the controversial birth-control anthem "The Pill." While Lynn didn't write all her lyrics, she sure delivered them like she did.

As feminist anthems go, 1975's "The Pill" is a doozy because it's as funny as it is cutting. Lynn sings as a protagonist who's fed up with getting pregnant, while her no-account husband is still out playing around, so she scores some birth control, declares that it's his turn to watch the kids and steps out herself.

The lyrics celebrated the freedom that the advent of the birth control pill afforded to married women who didn't want to have more kids, and while the lyrics were not particularly salacious, 60 country radio stations across the country banned the song for its theme as the conservative country music scene still wasn't ready for a song celebrating the use of contraception. Doctors were grateful to Lynn as the song introduced the availability of the pill to women living in rural areas.

Many country stations pulled the song from their playlists, and it stalled at #5. But controversy breeds curiosity and curiosity boosts record sales, so the song became Lynn's highest-charting single on the pop chart at #70.

The singer couldn't understand what the fuss was all about. She explained: "I didn't

understand that because everybody was taking the pill. I didn't have the money to take it when they put it out, but I couldn't understand why they were raising such a fuss over taking the pill."

Although it was written by a team of songwriters, Lorene Allen, Don McHan, and T. D. Bayless, Lynn could certainly relate to the narrator who is sick of having babies left and right and is "makin' up for all those years, since I've got the pill." By the time she was 19, Lynn had three children and would give birth to three more, including a set of twins, just as the pill was gaining traction by 1964.

She told People magazine: "If I'd had the pill back when I was havin' babies I'd have taken 'em like popcorn. The pill is good for people. I wouldn't trade my kids for anyones. But I wouldn't necessarily have had six and I sure would have spaced 'em better."

Unbeknownst to Lynn at the time, she was almost banned from singing this at the Grand Ole Opry. She recalled in an interview with Playgirl Magazine: "You know I sung it three times at the Grand Ole Opry one night, and I found out a week later that the Grand Ole Opry had a three-hour meeting, and they weren't going to let me [sing it] ... If they hadn't let me sing the song, I'd have told them to shove the Grand Ole Opry!"

Lynn performed this on Dolly Parton's variety show, Dolly, in 1988, and on Roseanne Barr's talk show, The Roseanne Show, in 1998.

This is the first popular English-language song about birth control.

"This old maternity dress I've got is going in the garbage/The clothes I'm wearing from now on won't take up so much yardage/ Miniskirts, hot pants and a few little fancy frills/Yeah, I'm making up for all those years since I've got the pill"



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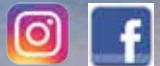
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## INGREDIENTS

- 10 slices white sandwich bread
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/3 cups milk
- 300ml pure cream
- 6 small bananas
- 60g butter
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pecansW
- 300ml pure cream, whipped, extra, to serve

## METHOD

- Step 1 - Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan-forced. Grease a 5cm-deep, 20cm x 28cm (base) 25cm x 32cm (top) roasting pan.
- Step 2 - Layer bread in prepared pan, trimming to fit if necessary. Place eggs, caster sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, milk, 2/3



cup cream and 2 bananas in a food processor. Process until smooth. Pour banana mixture over bread in pan. Stand for 15 minutes.

- Step 3 - Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden and set.
- Step 4- Meanwhile, slice remaining bananas lengthways. Melt butter and brown sugar in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook for 2 minutes or until melted and smooth. Add remaining cream. Stir to combine. Bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to medium. Add banana and pecans. Simmer for 2 to 3 minutes or until sauce is slightly thickened and banana is tender.
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By: Al Finegan

## Recovery

best of times, and this time was not the best. After the *Surprise* crew managed one transfer, they battled the surf back to their ship, loaded the next group, then headed back to shore. This time the heavy surf capsized the boat. Those onshore managed to drag some survivors onto land, then watched helplessly as seven females thrashed about in the waves and disappeared. The boat was smashed to pieces. Any attempt to board by the now deeply disappointed stranded sailors was abandoned. It would be another six arduous months before they would be rescued.


*Justina* had laid off the island to wait for *Surprise* to complete her offloading and collection of passengers. With the fate of *Sirius* now known by the Captain of *Justina* and having just observed the tragic fate of convicts in the surf, he decided to abandon the delivery of stores and sailed off to China to sell the supplies, leaving the Norfolk Island colony in a dire situation. There was one bright spot. The captain of *Surprise* was able to tell a relieved Phillip that his friend and crew of *Sirius* were safe on land if a little hungry.

On 19th September, *Supply*, laden with food stores, returned to Sydney from *Batavia*. Her captain had also chartered a Dutch vessel, *Waaksamheyd*, to follow with more stores. Finally, the people of Sydney Town were able to live on a full ration.

### 1791

On 21st February *Supply* finally brought a much-relieved Captain Hunter and his *Sirius* crew back to Sydney after having been stranded for nearly a year. After being briefed on the loss of *Sirius*, Phillip ordered Captain John Hunter to return to England aboard *Waaksamheyd* where he would have to face a court-martial for the loss of his ship. Phillip despatched a report on his preliminary investigation, which included details of the difficulties of landing on Norfolk Island. Over a year later he was pleased to hear that his good friend John Hunter had been honourably acquitted.

On 9th July, *Mary Ann*, the first convict transport ship of the Third Fleet arrived in Sydney with 141 women convicts and six children on board. Soon afterwards, Phillip Gidley King also arrived back in Sydney from England on *HMS Gorgon*. Phillip immediately sent him to Norfolk Island to replace Major Robert Ross who had been recalled to England.



In July 1790, as Sydney began to recover, Norfolk Island was in the grip of starvation. Phillip, with no knowledge of the conditions on the Island, and having a deep concern over the fate of *Sirius* and her crew, knew he needed to send help to Norfolk. He commandeered *Surprise*, a convict transport from the second fleet, to transfer convicts and supplies to the Island. He contracted *Justina*, the store ship, to accompany her with more supplies. On 31st July, *Surprise* sailed out of Sydney Harbour with 149 women and their children, the great majority of them still unspoken for and many pregnant. As *Surprise* anchored off Norfolk, the stranded sailors from the wrecked *Sirius* breathed a sigh of relief. At last, after five long months, they would be on their way back to Sydney. The cheerful sailors collected their personal belongings and gathered at the shore waiting to be ferried to *Surprise*. Landing on Norfolk Island was a hazardous task at the



In November, the last ship of the first fleet *HMS Supply*, finally left Sydney to return to England. Onboard was a live kangaroo to be given to King George as a gift from Phillip. The ship reached Portsmouth the day before the Dutch ship which had left Sydney seven months earlier.

On 18th December, after four years in the colonies, Major Robert Ross and his Marine Corps sailed back to England on *HMS Gorgon*. The soldiers had been replaced by a new marine force, the New South Wales Corps.

## 1792

On arrival in London, Major Ross expected accolades for his service in NSW. Before his departure four years previously, he was promised that, as an incentive, he would be promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and given the command of a marine battalion on his return. To his shock, he was instead paraded before a Court Marshall to answer the many charges made by Governor Phillip. Phillip's report stated that Ross had opposed his schemes for organising the convicts and had refused to allow the officers to help supervise the prisoners. He had criticised Phillip for not building fortifications, while at the same time complaining that his officers had to remain under canvas and later threw difficulties in the way of Phillip's efforts to have barracks built. He had missed no opportunity to embarrass and hinder Phillip, and at one stage had placed five officers under arrest, after a trivial disagreement about the sentence of a court-martial. He had suspended two more, had two others asking to be relieved, and had "the adjutant and quartermaster under his displeasure". He was found guilty of serious misconduct, demoted to Captain, and posted as a marine's recruitment officer to the provincial centre of St Albans, outer London. Forgotten and disgraced, he died two years later.

As returning ships arrived in England from September 1791 on, many, on landing, contacted British newspapers. Soon details of the horrendous abuse of convicts in the Second Fleet became headline

news. More and more articles were published, detailing the sadistic captains' actions. One letter published was from William Hill, a captain in the New South Wales Corps who sailed with the Second Fleet. He said that conditions in the slave trade were better than those in the Second Fleet.

He wrote about the masters of *Neptune* and *Scarborough*, as being cruel men.

His letter in part said:

*"We left the Cape, the twenty-ninth of April, and anchor'd in this beautiful Harbour the twenty-sixth of June; Wou'd I cou'd draw an eternal Shade over the Remembrance of this miserable Part of our Voyage, miserable - not so much in itself, as render'd so by the Villiany, oppression and shameful Peculation of the masters of the Transports. - The Bark I was on board of, was indeed, unfit, from her make & size, to be sent to so great a Distance; if it blew but a trifling Gale, she was Lost in the Waters; of which she shipp'd so much, that from the Cape, the unhappy Wretches, were considerably above their waists in Water; and the men of my Company, whose Births were not so far forward, were nearly up to their middles; in this situation they were obliged, for the safety of the Ship, to be pen 'd down; but when the Gales abated, no means were used to purify the air by Fumigations, no vinegar was applied, to rectify the nauseous steams, issuing from their miserable Dungeons; The more they can withhold from the unhappy wretches, the more provisions they have to dispose of on a foreign market, and the earlier in the voyage they die the longer they can draw the deceased's allowance for themselves; for I fear few of them are honest enough to make a just return of the dates of their deaths to their employers."*

*Humanity shudders to think that of nine hundred male Convicts embark'd in this Fleet, three Hundred and seventy are already Dead, & four hundred & fifty are landed sick, and so emaciated and helpless, that very few, or any of them, can be saved by care or medecine; so that sooner it pleases God to remove them, the Better it will be for this Colony; which is not in a situation to bear any Burthen; as I imagine the Medicine Chest to be nearly*

*exhausted and Provisions are a scarce"* .

Contract payment wasn't dependent on how many people reached Australia alive, instead, the contractor was paid for the number of people who boarded the ships in Britain. There was absolutely no incentive for the contractors to treat the prisoners with care. There was also a provision allowing contractors to sell any leftover stores at the end of the voyage. This saw the ruthless captains reportedly withhold food from the prisoners, which they later sold *"for a killing"* to those struggling in the colony of NSW.

As a result of Phillip's report and the widespread public outrage, *Neptune's* captain Donald Trail, along with his chief mate William Ellington, were brought to trial at the Old Bailey. Trail was a former navy master who had commanded a slave ship and was described by many as a sadist. The trial was initially about unpaid wages for some of the seamen on the voyage, but the trial quickly turned to the brutal treatment of the convicts. Many witnesses attested to the abhorrent conditions imposed on convicts. Incredibly, Trail and Ellington were acquitted. After the trial, the government defended them when the issue was raised in parliament. By that stage, the international scene was lurching towards war with revolutionary France occupying all press interest, and the Second Fleet atrocities faded into the background. Astoundingly, the same contractors were employed for the Third Fleet. But the lessons learned from the public outrage and Phillip's scathing reports ensured that there were changes made to the contracts. Payments would be made for the numbers that were safely delivered. Incentives were also included if the convicts arrived in a fit condition to start work immediately. At least the Second Fleet deaths had one positive effect.

As 1792 began, Phillip, for the first New Year's Day since his arrival, felt optimistic about the future of his colony. Sydney Town was well-established, though it still remained an unplanned huddle of wooden huts and tents. The whaling

industry was booming, ships were visiting Sydney to trade, and convicts whose sentences had expired were taking up farming. John Macarthur and other officers were importing sheep and beginning to grow wool. The colony was still very short of skilled farmers, craftsmen, and tradesmen, and the convicts continued to work well, though mainly employed in growing their own food.

Phillip's health was deteriorating, as he suffered from the effects of poor diet and exhaustion. Nevertheless, he enjoyed his first year free of famine and an uncooperative military. He was pleased when he received permission to leave. On 11th December 1792, he sailed away in the ship *Atlantic*, taking with him many specimens of plants and animals, as well as two aboriginal men, Bennelong and Yemmerrawanne. Both became attractions in London society.

Sailing out of the heads Phillip would have reflected on the past five years. The European population of NSW at his departure was 4,221, of whom 3,099 were convicts. The early years of the colony had been years of struggle and hardship, but the worst was over, and there had been no further famines.

Had it not been for the tenacity, courage and leadership skills demonstrated by Phillip, it was likely that the colonisation of NSW would have been abandoned, with the likelihood that it would have been the French who would have quickly moved in.

Phillip arrived in London, in May 1793. He tendered his formal resignation and was granted a pension of £500 a year. He settled in Bath to *"take the waters"* as a cure for his failing health. Phillip, whose first wife, Margaret, had died in 1792, married Isabella Whitehead in 1794 and lived for a time in Bath before returning to sea. In 1805, aged 67, he retired from the Navy with the rank of Admiral of the Blue and spent most of the rest of his life in Bath at 19 Bennett Street, where he died aged 75 in 1814. He is buried in St Nicholas Church, Bathampton, where his gravestone is set into the floor immediately inside the church.



# PIONEERS OF BANKSIA BEACH



From Isolation To New Modern Suburb..



Barry Clark  
Bribie Island  
Historical Society

THIS ARTICLE IS ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS THAT TOOK BANKSIA BEACH FROM ISOLATION TO A BIG NEW SUBURB. THE NAME BANKSIA RELATES TO JOSEPH BANKS, A YOUNG BOTANIST WHO SAILED WITH CAPTAIN COOK ON HIS JOURNEY OF EXPLORATION IN 1770.

Although well off the coast sailing past here, street names include *Solander*, Banks assistant, *Elizabeth Batts*, Cooks wife who lived to the age of 94, and *Endeavour*, their ship.

The first explorer Matthew Flinders repaired his sloop *Norfolk* at White Patch in 1799 and camped with the aboriginal inhabitants. Eighty years later few remained, and they were placed in a government reserve at White Patch, where they had a ceremonial Bora Ring, later destroyed by developers. About 1898 the government gazetted land there for a new settlement to be called the *Town Of Bribie*. However, it did not eventuate as a private tug company built a jetty at Bongaree in 1912, running steamships from Brisbane, leaving Banksia Beach very isolated.

The only person to come to Banksia Beach in the 1890s was Gustav Gux, a Prussian migrant who lived on the Caboolture River, who came to catch many big mud crabs, in what we now call Dux Creek.

In 1913 the whole Banksia Beach area was acquired by Harry Wright, Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers Association in Brisbane. He must have seen the potential business opportunity and growth for Bribie and built a house named "Mountain View", south of Wrights creek which was later named





Gustav Dux c1894

for him. He sold this large parcel of land to the Landells family in 1925, who had been missionaries in Samoa. In a letter to their son at the time, they told proudly told him they **“had acquired the largest piece of freehold land on Bribie Island.”**

The land was between Dux Creek and Wrights Creek but proved totally unproductive and largely swamp. They eventually sold it in 1933 for 260 Pounds (A\$ 490) which was less than they had paid for it. This extensive area is now Pacific Harbour canal development.



Mountain View

They sold to Lavinia Lindsay, a lady who lived next door to Jimmy-no-legs Hagan at Bongaree. She bought the property during the Depression to support her family by grazing cattle, growing vegetables and fishing. Her granddaughter recently contacted us with Photos and her fascinating life story.

The only access to Banksia beach all this time was by boat. The next residents of Banksia Beach were Harry and Phyllis Sunderland who came in 1945. Harry was a shearer who spent many months

away shearing, while Phyllis remained isolated in their waterfront cottage, growing her own food and keeping Dingos away from their cattle grazing over hundreds of acres. Mango trees she planted can still be seen along the foreshore at Banksia beach. In the early 1970s, Ted Howard bought land from Sunderland for a residential subdivision around the landlocked Solander Lake. A road was constructed from Bellara, all around the extensive Dux Creek, to the foreshore at Banksia beach, and residential land was offered for sale. The aerial photos show the road, Sunderland Drive, built to Banksia Beach in 1979. The extensive lake and watercourse land progressively became the major residential canal and golf course development known as Pacific Harbour, with the main canal entrance cut through to Dux Creek. An early resident of the new Banksia Beach subdivision



Lavinia Lindsay

was Colin and Bry Fischer who bought 33 Solander Esplanade in 1979 for \$16,000 and built



Banksia Aerial 1979

their retirement home, near the Sunderland's. They were keen gardeners and created a spectacular garden that won Caboolture Shire “Garden of the Year” six times.

Col Fisher also created extensive public foreshore gardens and built the

lost to development over the years, and I am sure Gustav Dux, Harry Wright and Lavinia Lindsay could not have imagined the thousands of residents who now live in today's big modern sprawling suburb.



Col Fischer at Park

Glasshouse Mountains, replica models. The area was named Col Fisher Park in his honour, and prior to his death in 2013 at the age of 94, his book of memories was launched by Bry at the Historical Society. Banksia beach had extensive wildflowers and was home to many local and migratory birds, and *Kakadu Wading Bird* Reserve at the mouth of Dux Creek reflects this. Much natural flora and fauna have been

### MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

The next Historical Society meeting will be Wednesday 13th April at 6:30 pm at the RSL Club. We have excellent guest speakers and visitors are always welcome. 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](mailto:bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com)



## Reed-Warblers are reasonably common birds on Bribie Island living mainly in reeds at the edge of waterways.

They are small Old-World Warblers (sometimes referred to as true warblers) around 17 cm in length and weighing only 12-23 g. They are slim passerines with olive-brown backs, creamy underparts, tawny rumps and are not streaked like Grassbirds or Cisticolas. Inside their mouths is yellow and obvious when warbling amongst the reeds. Small spiky crests on their heads are sometimes visible. They are hard to spot as they tend to remain mostly hidden but their loud tuneful call resembling that of the Brown Honeyeater will betray their presence if they are about. When perched or moving about they cling to the reed stems. Both males and females are similar in appearance.

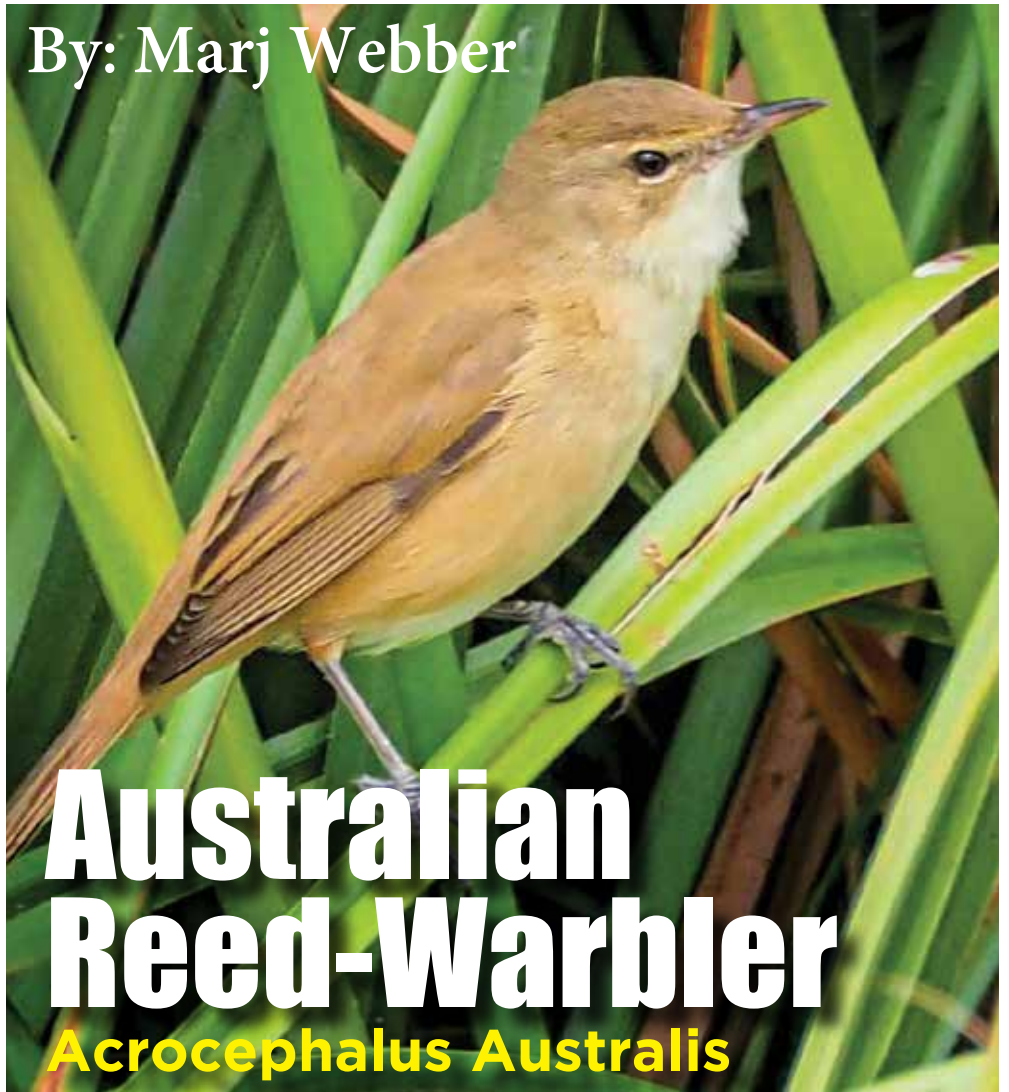
They are likely to be found throughout most of Australia where there are reed beds in fresh or brackish waters. Sometimes they appear in clumps of lantana and bamboo. Some populations seem to be sedentary but mostly they are migratory, moving for fresh food or south in the summer to breed. More is yet to be learnt about their migratory habits, particularly of those in the north. Australian Reed-Warblers are also residents of PNG and islands across the Indian Ocean to South Africa.

Food is obtained mostly from the ground amongst the reeds and consists mainly of insects, but sometimes seeds and molluscs are added to the menu. Usually, they forage singly but sometimes form pairs.

Breeding takes place usually from September to February. Males arrive early to the site to establish their territory. During the courtship, males are extra noisy and warble to impress the females. They build flimsy nests which are believed to be part of the mate selection process. Reed-Warblers are monogamous for one season and probably select a new mate the following year.

Well hidden, cup-shaped nests of grass and reeds are built by both parents 1 m or less above the water supported by 3-4 reed stems and attached cleverly with fibres tied around reed stems. Nests are deep and narrow towards the opening at the top, so eggs and babies don't fall out during strong winds. 3-4 spotted bluish-brown blotched eggs are laid and incubated by the female for 14-15 days. Both parents feed the young birds. After 14-16 days the young leave the nests but continue to be fed by the parents till around 28 days.

By: Marj Webber



# Australian Reed-Warbler

## Acrocephalus Australis



The scientific name *Acrocephalus* meaning "Topmost Head" in Greek refers to their short spiky crest. *Australis* in Latin means "Southern".

Australian Reed-Warblers have only about 58% nesting success when breeding. Some of their threats are from predators when nesting and burning and human interference of their habitat.

Their conservation status is listed as least concern.



**MAGPIES ARE FAMED FOR THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND NOW A “FAILED” EXPERIMENT BY RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SUNSHINE COAST HAS SHOWN JUST HOW CLEVER AND COLLABORATIVE THE AUSTRALIAN SONGBIRD REALLY IS.**



A small group of feathered masterminds foiled a project trialling a novel harness design, which allowed GPS tracking devices to be strapped to the backs of magpies (*Gymnorhina tibicen*), by helping each other quickly remove the devices.

Dr Potvin said the way the magpies teamed up to escape from the harnesses was unexpected.

“This shows high levels of cognitive ability and also cooperation – helping others seemingly without getting a reward,” she said.

“This kind of ‘rescue’ behaviour has only been documented in a handful of birds and is a remarkable indication of tight social structures and relationships.”

Mr Crampton, who helped conduct the study as part of his honours research, said that despite previous tests demonstrating the strength and durability of the harness, the birds managed to remove the devices within minutes to hours of the initial fitting.

“To our knowledge, this is the first study to report the removal of GPS trackers within members of the same species and should be considered when planning future tracking studies, especially on highly social species, such as magpies,” he said.

The pilot study involved five birds and got off to a good start, with the researchers initially hopeful it could be replicated on a larger scale.

“We first trained the magpies

to come to the feeding station, then caught them and put them in the special harnesses containing the GPS tracking devices,” Dr Potvin said.

The idea was for the harnessed birds to later return to the feeding station, where a magnet would release the GPS device without the need to catch them again.

“Of course, every time you put a tracker on a bird, it takes a bit of getting used to, so the magpies were adjusting and turning their heads to try to grab it,” Dr Potvin said.

“But the harness isn’t accessible by the birds. Well, by themselves. We didn’t count on them asking for help from each other.”

Within the hour of the last tracker being placed on a bird, the researchers witnessed an adult female pecking at the harness of a juvenile, eventually managing to release it.

“This is quite a feat because there is only one weak point on the harness, which is where it would have been released by the magnet,” Dr Potvin said.

A few days later, none of the five birds, even the dominant male, still had their harness on.

The researchers said the behaviour demonstrated both cooperation and a moderate level of problem-solving, providing potential further evidence of the cognitive abilities of this species.

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## BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

Friday 18th February

Winners. Steve Morgan, Carol Oates

R/U. Ken Wales, Kelvin Mathers, Lyn Southall

Tuesday 22nd February

Winners Brenda Hutchinson, Doreen O'Halloran

R/U Errol Fender, Neil Wagstaff

Bonus winners

Sandra Scott, Bob Vonarx, Richard Medjurst, Mike O'

Friday 25th February No play because of rain

Tuesday 1st March Results for Tuesday 1st March 20

Winners Diana Stowers, Ian Gillies

Runners up Col Erhardt, Tim Carlton

Bonus Draw Not won

Winner of the Shopper Docket Sandi Hodges

Congratulation to the A Grade Ladies Champion

ELLEN CORRICK pictured with the runner up

MARILYN WESTON



## BONGAREE MENS BOWLS

Sat Feb 19th Scroungers 1st John Bob Edwards, 2nd Eric Stavely, 3rd Peter Thatcher, 4th Mike Roberts

Sat Social Winners Glenn Merin, Ant Gordon, Rachel Mills  
Runners

Up Trevor Richardson, Jimmy Parker

Wed 4's March 2nd Winners Gordon Pitts, Ray Black, Ray Horne

Runners Up Ian Virgen, Ant Gordon, Trevor Mickelborough

## 8 YEARS --- A GREAT JOB WELL DONE.

### Kathy Vincent

The Bribie Island Croquet Club recently held its Annual General Meeting. Well not in the Clubhouse due to Covid restrictions, but outside under the trees. The weather was kind, and a new committee was elected.

Jan Rees was elected to be President taking over from Dick Byres who had been president for 8 very successful years -Difficult shoes to fill, but Jan is the person to do just that.

Dick has done an amazing job over that time to develop Bribie Croquet Club into one of the best in Queensland. New sheds, new equipment, coaching members to be the best they can. He has been heavily involved with the Sunshine Coast Region Croquet committee and the Croquet Association of Queensland. He obtained grants which helped to develop such things as a fifth croquet court. Brooke Savage and Terry Young have also been very supportive of the club and Dick thanked them for their help over the years. To thank Dick on behalf of the club he was presented with a collage of photographs representing some of his achievements and an engraved glass plaque. After the presentation club members enjoyed drinks and finger food beautifully prepared by two of our members.

So, who are the new committee you may ask? Jan Rees - President

Maggie Lawson - Vice president, Lyn Beh - Treasurer, Joan Gleeson - Secretary, Gwen Connelly, Ian McCasker, Sue Green general members.

We look forward to a new year with a new committee and great things to come.

Why not come along and have a go it is such fun.

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## SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

### Bowls Results – Week Ending 12/2/22

Tuesday 8th - Club Select Triples – Winners: K Wright, L Neilsen, K Reithmuller. Runners up: J Watson, V Fredericks, R Zahl.

Wednesday 9th – Self Select Jackpot Pairs – Winners: P Neilsen, G McCarthy. 2nd place: P Samuelson, D Hill. 3rd place: T Paekau, H Taylor. Jackpot - \$398 – Not Won.

Thursday 10th – Self Select Jackpot Triples – Winners: K Zipf, R Griffin, J Farmer. Runners Up: B Stafford, V Fredericks, P Payne. 3rd place: S Lupi, R Stuart, R Harris. Jackpot: Not Won.

Friday 11th – Self Select Pairs – Winners: J Robbins, B Hill. Runners up: S Bond, K Perkins. 1st Round Winners: M Wilson, G Hubbard. 2nd Round Winners: T O’Neill T Bell.

Saturday 12th – Club Select Triples – Winners: B Cameron, T Fairman, R Harris. Runners Up: S Jeffrey, C Cummins, R McLeod.

### Bowls Results – Week Ending 19/2/22

Tuesday 15th - Club Select Triples – Winners: J Harris, M Matheson, A Ager. Runners up: K Wright, D Heilig, A Matheson.

Wednesday 16th – Self Select Jackpot Pairs – Winners T Curtis, B Curtis. 2nd Place: M McKenzie, M Wendt. 3rd Place: A Hennessey, R Bentley. Jackpot – \$480 – Won. – B Newell, R Stumbles.

Thursday 17th – Self Select Jackpot Triples – Winners: P

Anderson, G Sorensen,

Todd. Runners Up:

T McCormick, J Gill,

Williams 3rd Place:

Hillen, C Dann, J Dann.

Jackpot: \$340 - Not Won.

Friday 18th – Self Select

Pairs – Winners: C Jenkins,

P Hodgson. Runners up:

Avenell, P Ollier.

1st Round Winners:

B Jackson,

Flanagan. 2nd Round

Winners: V Dean, G

Caplick.

Saturday 19th – Club Select Triples – Winners: P Carter, M O’Keefe,

R Harris. Runners Up: S Jeffrey, B Cook, T Parker

Congratulations to both teams in our 2022 Ladies Fours Club

Championship.

L to R - Winners: Judy Pursehouse, Terri Curtis, Cheryl Dann, Deb

Hill. Runners up: Pam Payne, Valda Fredericks, Betty Rudd, Bev

Stafford.



## BRIBIE ISLAND WOMENS GOLF

17 February to 2 March 2022

17/2/22 – Single Stroke and Peter Sedgman Finals

Div 1 Winner: Myra Thomsen 71, R/U Kris Tomalin 73 c/b, 2nd R/U Gwen Clutterbuck 73

Div 2 Winner: Mary Carruthers 76 c/b, R/U Lyn Beaven 76 c/b, 2nd R/U Gay Burnham 76

Div 3 Winner: Carol McAlister 76 c/b, R/U Jennifer Stafford 76, 2nd R/U Jennifer McKay 77

NTP: Hole 4 Di Binghamy, Hole 7 Sonia Ferrante, Hole 14 (Top Shot) Gwen Clutterbuck, Hole 16 Myra Thomsen, Hole 4 Div 3 2nd Shot Sonia Ferrante

The Peter Sedgman Trophy and Consolation Plate commenced on Tuesday 8 February with a qualifying stroke round. The top 8 qualifiers to compete in Handicap Match Play for the Trophy and the next 8 qualifiers to compete for the Plate. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals were hard fought

over the following Thursday 10, Tuesday 15 and Thursday 17 February. The Winner of the Peter Sedgman Trophy is Sylvia White from Kate Wilson and the winner of the Peter Sedgman Consolation Plate is Val Miller from Abby Driver. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and for the great sporting attitude towards participating in Match Play. Peter Sedgman Trophy. Peter Sedgman Consolation Plate Kate Wilson R/U Silvia White Winner Abby Driver R/U Val Smith Winner

22/2/22 – American Foursomes

Winners: Abby Driver & Gwen Clutterbuck 71.375, R/U Jo Malone & Desley Neilson 72.75, 2nd R/U Linda Urquhart & Laura Meijer 73.125

NTP: Hole 4 Diane Fitzpatrick, Hole 7 (Top Shot) Jude Dorhauer, Hole 14 Kris Tomalin, Hole 16 Linda Urquhart

24/2/22 Single Stableford

Winner: Ailsa Lauchlan 35, Rita de Bondt 33 c/b

NTP: Hole 4 Gwen Clutterbuck,



Hole 7 Rita de Bondt, Hole 14 (Top Shot) Mary Barbeler, Hole 16 Gwen Clutterbuck

On Thursday 24 February 23 brave (or quite silly) women went out to play in the rain. 15 of those players managed to complete 18 holes. Since then, as we all know, there has been an unprecedented rain event. Now the course is closed for at least the rest of this week. Here



are some photos of our 16th and 17th “fairways”.

On Sunday 27 February, another event, which was all the District Committee’s Day, to be held at Murgon, was also called off, but has now been rescheduled for Sunday 21 March. Hopefully by then all our District Golf Courses should be up and running again.



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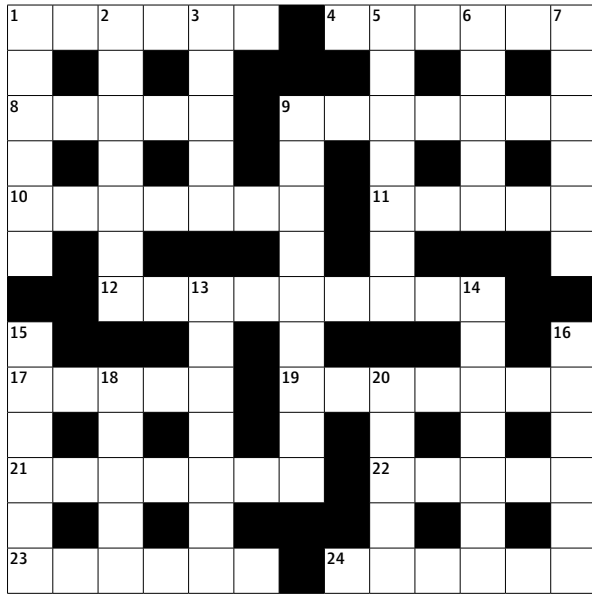
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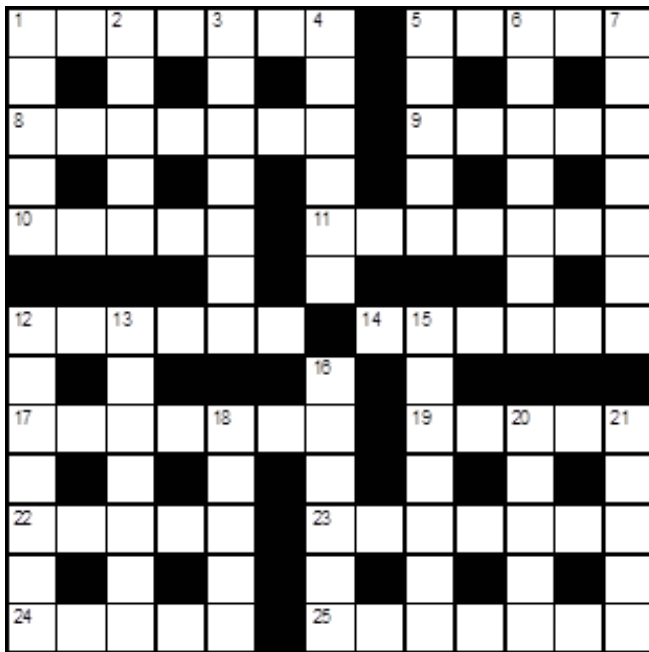
### Across

- 1 Subject of a portrait (6)
- 4 Acrimonious (6)
- 8 One of the Fab Four (5)
- 9 Liked by many (7)
- 10 Item given in part payment for a new one (5-2)
- 11 Old Nick (5)
- 12 Immortal (9)
- 17 Dice-shaped (5)
- 19 Spanish princess (7)
- 21 Insatiable desire for wealth (7)
- 22 Stocking material (5)
- 23 Rubbish strewn outdoors (6)
- 24 More suitable (6)

### Down

- 1 Small playful being with magical powers (6)
- 2 One-handed drinking vessel (7)
- 3 Run off with one's beloved (5)
- 5 Situation where no progress is possible (7)
- 6 Available for renting (2,3)
- 7 Very keen (to go?) (6)
- 9 Conclusion of a joke (9)
- 13 Impute (7)
- 14 Vest (7)
- 15 Poor handwriting (6)
- 16 Götterdämmerung's composer (6)
- 18 Explosion (5)
- 20 Organisms studied by a mycologist (5)

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### Across

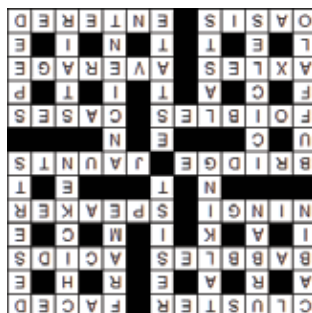
- 1 Salt and pepper pots left in unique collection (7)
- 5 Confronted trend involving church (5)
- 8 Chatters - could be Babs left opening in dispute (7)
- 9 Sharp as detectives are involved (5)
- 10 Community awash in gin (5)
- 11 They have an audience unless it's merely relaying equipment (7)
- 12 Card game brings people together (6)
- 14 Heartily enjoy relatives' outings (6)
- 17 Old boy flies dangerously finding flaws (7)
- 19 Holmes's travelling gear keeps him occupied? (5)
- 22 Beers poured around ten get the wheels turning (5)
- 23 Declare time span is standard (7)
- 24 Nothing as is found generally pictured in the desert (5)
- 25 Accountant made a note as he gained access (7)

### Down

- 1 Shelter found in taxi rank (5)
- 2 Built -up area for the debonair but pointless (5)
- 3 Articulating like lanky monarch from what we hear (7)
- 4 Object about ugly sister (6)
- 5 Surround sheep, iron clad (5)
- 6 Yellow flyer - fashionable to start with (7)
- 7 Leaves the ice-creams, we hear, in the wastes (7)
- 12 Naked, a student has nothing for the beast (7)
- 13 Frozen hangers (7)
- 15 Very old worker holding nice letters shuffled inside (7)
- 16 Property willingly shared (6)
- 18 Cobbler's equipment certainly wears well (5)
- 20 Look, soundly, up or down (5)
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Makes 10 servings

### Ingredients

2 cup - Cheddar Cheese, shredded  
2 tbsp - Olive Oil  
2 - Garlic Clove, minced  
340 grams - Ground Beef  
1/2 tsp - Cumin, ground  
1/2 tsp - Paprika  
1 tbsp - Chili Powder  
to taste - Salt and Pepper  
Toppings  
2 cup - Tomato, chopped  
10 tbsp - Salsa  
10 tbsp - Sour Cream  
10 tbsp - Guacamole

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 190c and line a baking tray with parchment paper.  
Add ten piles of shredded cheese onto prepared baking tray, a few inches apart, and bake for 4-5 minutes or until

golden brown on the edges.

Remove from the oven and cool for one minute.

Carefully lift the cheese from the parchment paper and add to a lightly greased muffin tin.

Using your hands, mold the cheese inside each cup and set aside to cool completely.

Meanwhile, grease a frying pan with olive oil and place over low heat.

Sauté minced garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes.

Add ground beef and sprinkle with cumin powder, paprika, chili powder, salt, and pepper.

Cook ground beef over medium heat for 15 minutes or until beef is browned and cooked through.

Adjust seasoning to taste, optional to add cayenne pepper or hot sauce for spice.

Remove taco cup from muffin tin and fill with meat mixture, chopped tomatoes, sour cream, salsa, and guacamole.

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**TRAINING TIPS - WALKIES PART 3**

Some dogs are very strong and determined to pull when out walking. No matter how many times you stop walking or changing directions it's to no avail.

There is equipment that stops dogs from pulling and safe and gentle for your dog as well. These are body harnesses that have a front attachment. It redistributes weight to help prevent pulling. The way it works is because the dog's centre of gravity is located at the chest. The harness sits behind the front legs and loops around the chest, with a leash ring at the front. It is totally safe and very comfortable for the dog and comes in all sizes from petite to giant.

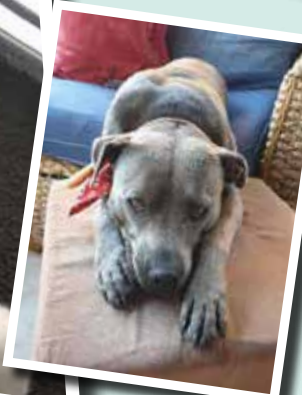
There is other equipment that should be avoided such as head

collars, check or prong/pinch collars. The way these collars work is if the dog pulls it causes pain and discomfort. They do work because when the dog pulls, he is being choked. The problem with this is the dog may associate being choked with something in the environment such as other dogs or children. Dogs then can become frightened or even aggressive. Most dogs find head collars very uncomfortable and have to be trained to accept them. Head collars can jerk a dog's head to the side, which can cause injury. Front attached body harnesses are the easiest and dog friendly way of stopping a dog from pulling.

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### PLAY WITH PURPOSE

When petting and playing with your dog, especially when they are young, intentionally play with their feet, ears, and mouth. By doing things like touching their feet, toes and nails during positive play experience, you will desensitize them to being touched in these areas when it's time for nail trims. Looking in their ears and mouth and getting them used to being handled in this way will make it much easier for your vet to examine your dog when they go in for check-ups. This will make your vet's job easier, your pup will be less stressed during their exam, and your vet will be more likely to catch any abnormalities in the event that there is something wrong with your dog.

### SLOWING DOWN A SUPER EATER

If your dog or puppy eats their meals very quickly they increase their risk of having stomach issues or upsets that may lead to vomiting. Slowing down your dog's eating is good for their digestive health and can be done easily. One option is to buy a puzzle feeder from a pet store or online. Alternatively, a cheap easy solution is just to put a large tennis ball in their bowl. Both the ball

### REGULAR FEATURES

and puzzle toy will work similarly making your dog have to work around the inedible obstacle to eat their meal.

### BONDING BE A FRIEND TO YOUR DOG

Dogs need love and affection to thrive. Make sure they're spending plenty of time inside with you and your family. Give them attention, treats, and play games with them. Hang out with them while they eat. Dogs are by nature pack animals and you're their pack. Stay near them when they eat and make this an ongoing communal act. Picky eaters might also show more interest in their food when they see you take an interest.

### HAVE PATIENCE WITH THEM

It can be challenging when your dog acts out or isn't picking up on a new training technique, but with some grace and patience, they'll be more likely to continue trying. If you're feeling frustrated, take a break from training and consider consulting your vet or local training professional. Dogs are very good at reading our body language and won't respond well to training if you are tense or angry.



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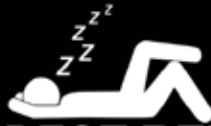
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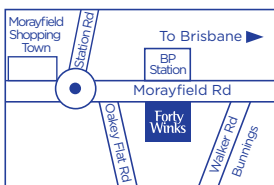
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# BRIBIE WOODIES Start The Year

## Helping The Wider Community

"Pictured with John Tunks (centre) is Arthur Horsfall, Woodies Community Projects Team leader and Christine Clark from Toc H.

Each year the Bribie Woodies commit to donating sums of money raised each year to a worthy local cause. These amounts of money come from Bunnings Sausage sizzles, open days market sales, projects, and other activities. We started the year by donating \$3,000 to the East Pumicestone Community Support Association following an address by Greg Rollason at our January General Meeting. This group runs the monthly Munch Markets to raise funds for their work in supporting homeless people and others in need of emergency accommodation. Then at the February general meeting, Bronwyn Sheehan from the Pyjama Foundation addressed the Woodies about the work done by them. This organisation is a not-for-profit organisation that supports the educational outcomes of children in the foster care system. They recruit volunteers, known as Pyjama Angels, who spend one hour a week visiting their pyjama child, playing educational games, reading aloud and most importantly having fun. The February meeting voted to donate \$2,000 to their cause.

And early in January the Woodies supplied all the cut and dressed wood, to a Toc House project. The Bribie and District Woodcrafters recently supported Toc H Bribie Island with the provision of material for two outdoor tables and eight bench seats, now located in the garden setting of



Coungeau House at Bongaree.

John Tunks from the Woodies designed, milled, and finished the timber slabs which were then assembled by the Youth Development Foundation lads undertaking training in construction at Coungeau House.

Christine expressed thanks to the Bribie Woodies and YDF for their support in providing such a solid outdoor setting that will provide users of Coungeau House an area to sit and enjoy a coffee for many years to come...

And if all that is not enough a group of Woodie's members produced 100 specially labelled wooden pens to distribute to the front-line staff in the Covid intensive care wards and other front-line staff. The pens will be presented to these people in a



presentation box provided by Ali King, State member for Pumicestone. It is important that they know we appreciate the heavy and stressful workload they have been experiencing during the Covid crisis.

President Kim Bowers said that "The commitment of the Woodies in supporting local causes shows that our members are about more than just fashioning wooden objects, but that they care about, and support the community in which we all live.



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## ALAINE SCARMAN - Sales & Marketing Specialist

Alaine has been part of the Real Estate Industry in the local area since 2007.

During this time she has had the pleasure of helping a number of Clients buy a new home and help others sell, so they can start their new journey.

Over the years Alaine has gained a solid understanding of the local market and is confident in her dealings when negotiating contracts.

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# Tips To Make Your Home Smell Amazing!

## WHITE VINEGAR

Among all its home-cleaning benefits, white vinegar can absorb and remove kitchen odours. To do this, simply place a bowl filled with white vinegar in your room. For very stubborn odours, you can boil the white vinegar in a saucepan without a lid. Its vapours will make bad odours disappear.

White vinegar is also effective in removing odours in a dishwasher. To do this, fill the rinse aid container with white vinegar and run your dishwasher empty.

## BAKING SODA

Baking soda can help you fight kitchen odours, especially those from garbage cans. Sprinkle some baking soda on the bottom of the trash can and put your trash bag on top. This miracle product also helps remove refrigerator odours if you place it in a cup in the middle of this appliance.

## LEMON

Lemon is very effective in eliminating cooking odours. All you need to do is bring lemon juice, water, and a few cloves to a boil. By placing this citrus fruit, on which you will have planted 3 or 4 cloves, in your refrigerator, you will also easily get rid of the bad smells that emanate from it. Lemon also could deodorize your microwave by mixing its juice with water that you heat for 40 seconds in the microwave.

## ESSENTIAL OIL OF LAVENDER OR EUCALYPTUS

A very simple gesture can remove kitchen odours with essential oil of lavender or eucalyptus: put a few drops of this essential oil on a cotton ball and place it in a small cup in your kitchen. Not only do these essential oils chase away bad kitchen odours, but they discreetly perfume the room.

## COFFEE GROUNDS

Another tip with a simple and easy-to-reach product to eliminate kitchen odours: no longer throw away your coffee grounds but, in the event of bad odours coming from your sink, put some inside and run some hot water above. Coffee grounds have a stripping power that helps remove bad smells from residue. It also removes stubborn odours from your refrigerator. Just put coffee grounds in a cup and change it once a week.

## ORANGE PEELS

Don't throw away your orange peels. If bad odours persist in your kitchen, use them. Put the orange peels in an oven and heat them on medium heat for a few minutes. Your cooking odours will have disappeared, leaving behind a sweet citrus scent.

## THYME

Thyme also helps neutralize lingering cooking odours. For it to act in this direction, boil 500 ml of water with the addition of 2 tablespoons of thyme. Miracle, odours disappear with this grandmother trick.

## CINNAMON

A single stick of cinnamon will help eliminate the fishy smell in the kitchen, especially. Immerse the cinnamon in a small saucepan of water and heat this mixture on the cooktop. An ideal solution to get rid of those stubborn smells.



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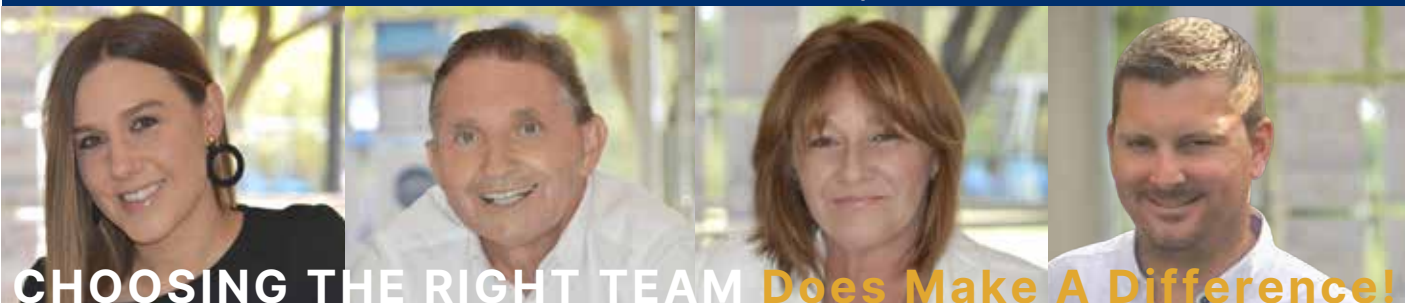
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# Bribie Island Garden Club

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A great big thank you to Busy Fingers who donated to the Club a much-needed sound system. Having a hands-free headset will make it easier for our speakers to speak and display the items they bring. The Bribie Island community is just so lucky to have Busy Fingers

Our State Member Ali King presented the Club with a gift basket. We raffled it at our February meeting and Maureen Potter was the lucky winner.

Our speaker was Jill from Searles, and she was very amusing. Jill came bearing gifts and gave us great

advice on what to do with our gardens after all this rain. Jill not only handed out gifts on the day but next month the rest of her gifts will be part of our monthly raffles.

Due to the huge amount of rain, our judging table was small, but our members still managed to display some beautiful plants and produce. It is great when your cherished bloom or vegetable manages to win points for the end of year prizes. Everyone enjoyed viewing the judging table at morning tea and mawny conversations were had regarding the plants.

We also held 2 'Come and Share' Days in February. The Come and Share days are very popular, we bring a plate of food, cuttings, and our excess plants. We then spend the next few hours catching up with old friends and making new ones. The one thing we all have in common is our love of plants.

Our AGM for 2022 will be held at the March meeting. This will be held as usual on the fourth Wednesday of the Month with a start time of 9.30 am.





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We are endeavouring to bring plant lovers and plants together. Many of the plants are easy to grow and will

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We look forward to seeing you drop into the main Community Hall right behind Bunnings Building at 298 Morayfield Rd Morayfield.

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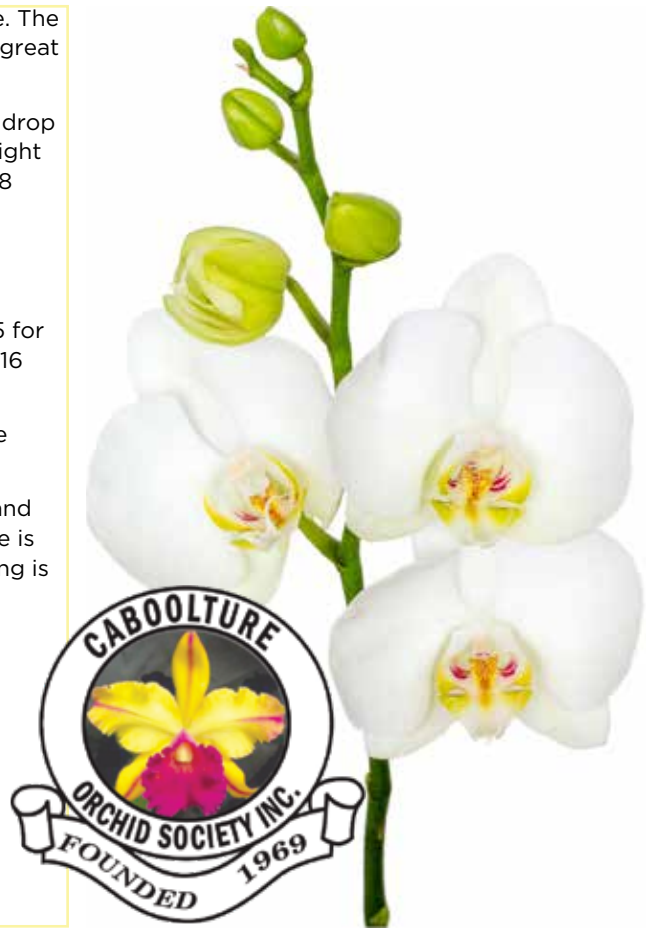
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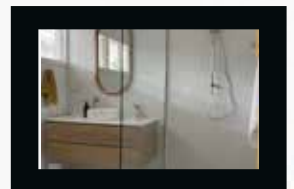
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Saturday 19th Feb 2022 was a beautiful morning for boaties to be on the water, and it seemed everyone decided Tangalooma was the place to be, it was a challenging assist to manoeuvre to the beach area to access the stricken jet ski, with boats and swimmers everywhere. This was the third assist of the morning...

## 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.



Monday 21st Feb 2022 - Bribie 1 and crew took 5 lovely nurses and all their medical gear over to Tangalooma to conduct vaccinations for staff and guests they will stay overnight, and Bribie 1 will pick them up at midday tomorrow. Not a bad place to have to go for work.



Beware there is still a lot of debris in the Pumicestone Passage and Moreton Bay - White Saturday crew pulled this tree branch from the water just off Bongaree.



Ricky Dewsnap CEO of Tower Force dropped into VMR Bribie's Base to make sure that all the recent upgrades to the Radio Tower which included two new top sections, new antennas and cabling were all working well. Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe took the opportunity to present Ricky with a framed series of photographs of his team working on the recent upgrades. Commodore Liz said that the work done by Ricky and his team will ensure that we are in the best position with respect to communications to fulfill our primary role of "Saving Lives."

## NIGHT TRAINING

Crew night training Wednesday 23rd February 2022 in Bribie 2 and Jonkers Bribie 3, the crews dodged the weather for most of the night but at 8.30pm they got a huge downpour.



Pre-brief of trainees by Coxswain Ces before launch.



Post exercise and debrief by Coxswains Ces Luscombe and Graham Parker.

## BRIBIE EVACUATION CENTRE

VMR Bribie assisted MBRC in manning the Evacuation Centre at the Recreation Centre on First Avenue - requiring 3 volunteers for 3 shifts per day Sunday 27th Feb to Tuesday 1st March.

## CONGRATULATIONS JIM BROWN

With all the craziness going on the past week, and the lack of internet we haven't had time to congratulate Jim Brown for receiving his rank of Coxswain. Congratulations Jim



## WHITE PATCH CUT OFF

VMR Bribie One skippered by Coxswain Jim Brown ferried the Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council Peter Flannery and Member for Pumicestone Ali King MP along with other council officials, local police and Queensland Fire and Emergency Personnel to White Patch which was cut off during the floods, to assess the damage to local infrastructure and what needs to be done as well as taking some much needed food supplies for locals. This was a joint operation with our SES colleagues with whom we work closely for the benefit of the local community. Over the weekend VMR Bribie's Rescue vessels were involved in numerous calls for help with assisting pumping out of vessel. Medivacs with



Sat 26th Feb 2022 - Bribie 1 has just left the Caboolture River now heading across Moreton Bay it has been one hell of a day for this crew thanks guys.



## WARNING WARNING WARNING

There is a lot of dangerous debris in Pumicestone Passage and Deception Bay. This is what our crews have pulled out of the passage today: pieces of floating pontoons, a tank, trees, large pieces of timber including a deck. Our boats were out for several hours to collect this lot, and there is more where that came from so take care. The Queensland Government has now contracted out the collection of debris to various contractors.



Above and below some of the items towed by VMR Bribie prior to the contractors being engaged to clear our waterways.



patients that needed to be transported to Hospital urgently and transporting emergency medical supplies to the Island, transporting an emergency electrician required at Beachmere to fix the water supply pumps and calls for help with grounded vessels, and helping to man the evacuation centre on Bribie. A big Thank You to all of our Volunteers for offers of additional help, plus along with our colleagues at the Coast Guard and SES we all have the same aim of keeping our communities safe and saving lives



VMR Crew member Gary Bunker and Coxswain Jim Brown handing over food supplies to the SES colleagues to be taken ashore at White Patch.



"All hands on deck" to lug the supplies up the steps to waiting White Patch Residents.

## YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 3rd March 2022:

2,529 Calls, 645 vessels logged on,

83 Vessel Assists, 345 Sitreps, 191 Requests,

9 overdue vessels,

3 Vessel Tracking,

206 Radio Checks,

2 Weather Broadcasts,

39 Securite Broadcasts,

0 Pan Pan 0 Mayday.

VHF 73.5%, 27MHz 7.0%.



Mayor of Moreton Bay Regional Council Peter Flannery and Member for Pumicestone Ali King on board the SES flood boat to be ferried ashore at White Patch to access the damage and deliver much needed groceries supplies due to the road being cut.

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

**"SO PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!"**

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



**FEB/MARCH 2022 VESSEL ASSISTS:**

FRI 18/02 1059am – Jet Ski member with starting problems North of the Skids. Crew stood down as finally started.  
 FRI 18/02 1444 pm – 8m Cruiser member lost power near Ripples, required a tow to Pacific Harbour.  
 FRI 18/02 1527pm – 4.1m Tinny member 1 km North of Donnybrook, required a tow back to Donnybrook Boat Ramp.  
 SAT 19/02 0853am – 3.5m Jet Ski non-member, left plugs out, required a tow from Tangalooma Wrecks to Bellara Boat Ramp.  
 SAT 19/02 0927am – 5.3m Runabout member required a tow from Pacific Harbour to Bellara Boat Ramp.  
 SAT 19/02 0954am – Tasked by Water Police to search for 11.5m Cruiser taking on water near Bulwer.  
 SUN 20/02 0835am – Tasked by Water Police to conduct search near Flinders Reef – stood down as vessel was located and towed.  
 MON 21/02 1413pm – 9m Cruiser member motor won't start, required a tow from Caloundra Wide to Pacific Harbour.  
 MON 21/02 1139am – Bribie 1 tasked to transport 5 nurses to Tangalooma to conduct vaccinations for staff and guests.  
 TUE 22/02 1102am – Bribie 1 returned to Tangalooma to pick up 5 nurses and equipment and return to Bribie Island.  
 TUE 22/1 1703pm – 8.5m Yacht member, had his tender stolen, required a lift to his moored vessel near Sandstone Point.  
 THU 24/02 0857am – 8.5m Yacht member, required a lift ashore to get motor for replacement tender.  
 THU 24/03 0932am – 8.5m Yacht member, Tender required a tow from Sandstone Point to VMR Base Pontoon.  
 SAT 26/02 0830am – MOP reported small boat on mooring at Banksia Beach sinking, investigate.  
 SAT 26/02 1228pm – 8m Cruiser member, full of water in Pacific Harbour, assist to pump out.  
 SAT 26/02 1320pm – 10m Catamaran non-member taking on water on mooring, required pump out, owner trying to fix leak.  
 SAT 26/02 1421pm – MOP reported 10m Converted Trawler adrift in

Caboolture River at Beachmere, Water Police advise to secure it if possible.  
 SAT 26/02 1721pm – Medivac request from QAS to transport patient and Ambulance Officer from Bribie to Redcliffe Hospital, via Scarborough Harbour.  
 SUN 27/02 0116am – tasked by MBRC to transport an electrician from Bribie to Beachmere to fix electoral problem at the Water Tower. Couldn't drop electrician off as too unsafe.  
 SUN 27/02 0811am – Request from QPS to transport urgent medical supplies from Scarborough Harbour to Bribie Island.  
 SUN 27/02 1143am – Medivac request from QAS to transport patient from Beachmere Boat Ramp to Scarborough Marina.  
 SUN 27/02 1511pm – 7m Cruiser member on mooring at White Patch taking on water, attend and pump out.  
 SUN 27/01 1735pm – Tasked for medivac from VMR Base to Scarborough Harbour for patient requiring dialysis.  
 MON 28/02 0757am – Bribie 1 Tasked to ferry fresh water to White Patch with assistance of SES to unload.  
 MON 28/12 1000am – Tasked to ferry MBRC Reps to White Patch.  
 TUE 01/03 0617am – MOP reported 2 pontoons adrift and floating towards Bribie Bridge. Investigate, tow, and secure  
 TUE 01/03 0757am – MOP reported another drifting pontoon mid Passage near Brennan Park, investigate, tow, and secure.  
 TUE 01/03 1049am – MOP reported float debris in Pumicestone Passage, investigate and secure.  
 TUE 01/03 1115am – 14.8m Cruiser member, tender has been flooded and inoperable, ferry him to moored vessel off Toorbul.  
 WED 02/03 0700am – Tasked to transport patient from White Patch to Bellara.  
 WED 02/03 0854am – Tasked to transport patient from White Patch to Bellara Ramp for pickup.  
 WED 02/03 0952am – 10m Yacht non-member drifting required a tow to mooring at Sandstone Point.  
 WED 02/03 1235pm – MOP required Medivac from White Patch to VMR Base Pontoon.



FRI 11 Mar	SAT 12 Mar	SUN 13 Mar	MON 14 Mar	TUE 15 Mar	WED 16 Mar	THU 17 Mar
4:42 am	6:02 am	12:00 am	1:02 am	1:48 am	2:26 am	3:00 am
1.64m	1.66m	0.7m	0.63m	0.53m	0.43m	0.34m
11:40 am	1:14 pm	7:08 am	7:56 am	8:31 am	9:02 am	9:32 am
0.84m	0.77m	1.73m	1.82m	1.91m	1.99m	2.06m
5:02 pm	6:38 pm	2:05 pm	2:39 pm	3:05 pm	3:29 pm	3:54 pm
1.17m	1.21m	0.68m	0.61m	0.54m	0.47m	0.41m
10:45 pm		7:37 pm	8:15 pm	8:47 pm	9:17 pm	9:48 pm
0.72m		1.3m	1.4m	1.5m	1.59m	1.68m

FRI 18 Mar	SAT 19 Mar	SUN 20 Mar	MON 21 Mar	TUE 22 Mar	WED 23 Mar	THU 24 Mar
3:36 am	4:14 am	4:53 am	5:36 am	12:19 am	1:03 am	1:54 am
0.29m	0.29m	0.33m	0.4m	1.86m	1.86m	1.84m
10:03 am	10:36 am	11:11 am	11:46 am	6:23 am	7:16 am	8:23 am
2.09m	2.06m	1.98m	1.84m	0.51m	0.62m	0.71m
4:22 pm	4:52 pm	5:22 pm	5:51 pm	12:24 pm	1:05 pm	1:58 pm
0.36m	0.33m	0.34m	0.37m	1.68m	1.51m	1.36m
10:23 pm	11:00 pm	11:38 pm		6:21 pm	6:55 pm	7:40 pm
1.76m	1.81m	1.85m		0.42m	0.48m	0.55m

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# FISHING REPORT

BY: DOC @ BRIBIE BAIT TACKLE & BIKES



Hello everyone, I am sure many of you are growing webs between your toes, I am. I have a daughter and son-in-law living on a Catamaran near the bridge.

They have reported getting regularly bashed by debris and big logs moving in and out with the tide, not really conducive to safe boating at the moment. Speaking of which, we have been closing the shop early as foot traffic and fishing has been minimal during this round of weather. In my last report it was blowing a gale.

Before this lot started there were good catches from the beach, around the yellow marker at the entrance of Ningi creek and inside Moreton at Tangalooma and Bulwer.

David Clayton is a shop regular, not only is he an avid fisherman he also dives and snorkels the passage regularly. Not a bad effort for in between weather events lately. Well done, David.

Craig from the shop and his neighbour fished that lull as well, they caught a good variety of fish on a good bite time of the day, drifting from the Avon on an

David with a nice Spaniard from the dog beach at Woorim.



David with a very nice Blackspot Tusk fish and Painted Sweetlips. Caught from the Bridge.



A smaller Cod, still a nice fish.



David with a really nice Nobby (Snapper), near Tangalooma.



David with a beautiful Cod, caught on the edge of the Bulwer drop-off.

outgoing tide.

For the traveller, the shop has a good selection of telescopic rods for sale. I have been selling a lot of reel handles and repairing broken rods and tips. Please take good care of your fishing gear, it should last you a lifetime.

Let's hope that the weather Gods smile on us soon.  
DOC

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# GETTING CLOSER

## PART 3

by David Horrocks

Well with a now cheery complement of travellers not really rested but much improved in temperament we journeyed without further complaint in our now speedy and trusty bus to reach the road border that joined France to Spain.

This was sited in a town named Perpignan at the foot of the Pyrenees Mountains; it comprised the usual pre-European Community era border crossing manned on the one side by French police (Le Flic) and on the Spanish side by the Guardia Civil, the paramilitary police organisation who were numerous at the time of our adventure. Generalissimo Franco the Fascist dictator still ruled the Peninsular at this time so things were still run in the 'old way'. The Guardia was armed, and not just with small pistols either; they wore dark coloured military uniforms with black leather 'Tricornio' hats, altogether a pretty intimidating presence. These Guardia men were certainly not your 'helpful' English Bobby types and you were wise to keep out of their way.

When seated in your typical Spanish bar you could watch them enter, look around the place, sit and take a drink

and maybe cigarettes, but you seldom saw any payment offered or taken. They largely left tourists alone because we were a source of state income and valuable for that but you always felt wary when they were around. We did have a little run-in with them later in the trip but thankfully that situation was resolved. However, one of our party seemed particularly spooked whenever one of the Goons came close to the bus at the border post. You know the scene when someone tries to slide down in a seat to try to disappear. Didn't take too much notice at the time but it created a problem later.

With the border crossed without incident, we powered on to Barcelona, the city of Las Ramblas, Gaudi architecture, the Sagrada Familia cathedral plus cheap local champagne, red wine and brandy. We came to know the bubbly and the cheap red quite well later. We frequented a particular local seaside bar. This place seemed to be run on the smell of an oily rag so much so that we would often quickly drink them out of bubbles so we got the idea of telling the barman to mix the bubbles with the cheap red to produce a hybrid we christened "Flying Dog"; so named because we reckoned that if a dog ever

did drink the stuff then the critter would surely be able to fly. Years later when in Australia I discovered the drink called 'Cold Duck' which I'm sure was made using the same formula.

When leaving the famed city to head south towards our rented villa we ran into trouble. Now if you look at the pics in the articles that show our Commer bus you will notice that from the side entrance door there is no step to assist entry but on our model, we had a substantial item of this type. It was far more heavily made than the sheet metal van side. Now as we left the city we got a bit lost in the narrow back streets that were lined with parked cars and, you guessed it, this 'stairway to heaven' collided with a parked car. Whoever was driving the bus didn't notice, or so he said and he kept going. It was early evening and the light was poor so maybe there was an excuse but we were seen to do the damage and a motorcycle gave chase. We stopped to see why the cyclist was in pursuit waving madly at us. When the situation was explained some international bonhomie was brought into play. We apologised and offered the details of our insurance to cover the damage costs.

This was when our travel

companion, the one who had done the seat slide at the border seemed to lose it. He was against us talking to the guy and insisted that we just give him something that didn't identify us and that we drive off quickly. 'Just get his address and we can sort it when we get home' was his preference. 'Let's go, let's go before the Guardia get here', he raved. It was only much later when we had left the scene that it came out that on a previous trip to Spain this guy had had a run-in with the Black Hats over a matter concerning the dreaded weed and didn't want to face them again.

Years later I was given advice which I have rated as being the wisest words ever uttered by a fool. The adviser, who I had no great admiration for spoke the words - 'When in doubt scream and shout, wave your arms and leap about'. He reckoned that if you ever met a performance like our drug fearful passenger was putting on then the performer was on very unsure ground, was well out of their comfort zone or was straight out telling porkies. This advice is given long after the Spanish trip has proved of great value in life ever since.

**Next stop 'the Villa!'**



## HIT THE BRAKES:

speeding drivers putting school kids at risk Aussie drivers may need to head back into the classroom to brush up on road safety, as new research from insurer AAMI reveals almost half (46 per cent) admit to speeding because they didn't notice signs indicating a change in the speed limit.

Of those who admit to speeding, over half (56 per cent) claim to only do so by less than 10km/hr over the speed limit.

### OTHER TOP REASONS AUSSIE DRIVERS GIVE FOR SPEEDING INCLUDE:

- Driving on auto pilot (35 per cent) - Being distracted and thinking about something else (29%)
- Rushing to get to their destination (23 per cent)
- Impatience (20 per cent).
- Not knowing what time school zones apply (8 %)

According to more than 360,000 motor insurance claims across the country (from 1 July 2020 - 30 June 2021), afternoons during school pick-up hours (between 1 - 4:30pm) is the most common time for crashes.

Statistics released from the Australian Road Safety Foundation shows:

- In 2021, there were 1,127 people killed on

Australian roads (up 2.9% from 2020)

- Of those fatalities, 11 per cent were children under the age of 18 years
- 19 pedestrian children were killed on Australian roads last year.

Australian Road Safety Foundation CEO, Russell White said: "People don't realise that speeding, even a few kilometres over the speed limit in a school zone, can be the difference between life and death for our children. "With the new school year upon us, we'll be seeing preppies starting



school for the first time, and many children returning to school after what has been an incredibly interrupted two years due to COVID. Some children may not have developed - or may have forgotten - their road safety skills, and so it is up to drivers to ensure they are following the road rules,

adhering to speed limits, and staying alert when behind the wheel.

"No one leaves home with the intention of having a crash, let alone a road incident that involves a child, and that is why we're partnering with AAMI to encourage Aussies to take care on our roads - especially around schools."

AAMI Executive Manager Motor and Specialty Claims, Kahl Dwight said: "Our data tells us Aussie drivers are getting distracted behind the wheel and lack of attention is the common theme running through the reasons drivers give for speeding. Distracted drivers and the unpredictable nature of children around roads is a recipe for disaster.

"Speed limits and school zones protect our children and the community - but they won't work unless drivers pay attention. "Now, before all the kids head back, is the time to familiarise yourself with the times when school zones apply and where they are located in your local area."



### AAMI'S TOP TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY.

- Expect the unexpected - children have limited road-safety awareness and experience
- Always look out for children disembarking from buses or cars
- If dropping off or picking up your children, follow your school's safety directives

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# BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP December 2021

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I have been asked to explain the how what and why that Crime Stoppers Qld does in their daily functions. It appears that whilst many people know of our existence of us, they are not aware of the reasons for our presence in the community. Crime Stoppers is a partnership between the community volunteer organization Crime Stoppers Qld Limited, the Queensland Police Service, the media and the public. Crime Stoppers Ltd is a registered charity and community organization that provides and promotes anonymous contact mediums for the general public to report information and help that make a difference in stopping, solving, and preventing crime.

The Crime Stoppers program was established in Qld in 1989 and now operates around Australia and all around the world. The key feature is that all information provided may remain anonymous and removes the fear of retaliation or becoming involved in any court proceedings. There are now 32 Area Committees around Qld all run by like-minded volunteers who wish to help protect their community, so whether you are in The Tweed or out in the west of the State or the F.N.Q., you will find an Area Committee near you. Area Committees provide the a tangible link to our local communities and give empowerment to the public to contact Crime Stoppers should

they need to speak about a crime or potential crime; this contact may be anonymous if required. Last year Crime Stoppers received over half a million phone calls from the Silent Army out there... Crime Stoppers is a registered charity and community volunteer organization reliant on community and corporate donations and support. So if you would like to join Crime Stoppers as a volunteer you will find **it is rewarding and great fun.....**  
**Crime Stoppers. Volunteers. 1300 309 355**  
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## Community Support

By Senior Constable Jo Arthur

Everyone has been working hard to get our community up and running and what an amazing job you have all done in a short amount of time.

With rain possible over the next few days, it is even more important to support each other at this time. Over 50 homes within Moreton were inundated with flood waters last weekend and many more have some type of flood damage. It is times like this that the people of Moreton stand together and show their support for one another. It makes us proud to be part of this great community.

Officer of the Moreton Disaster Management Senior Sergeant Marsh said the past week has seen an incredible amount of rain across the district.

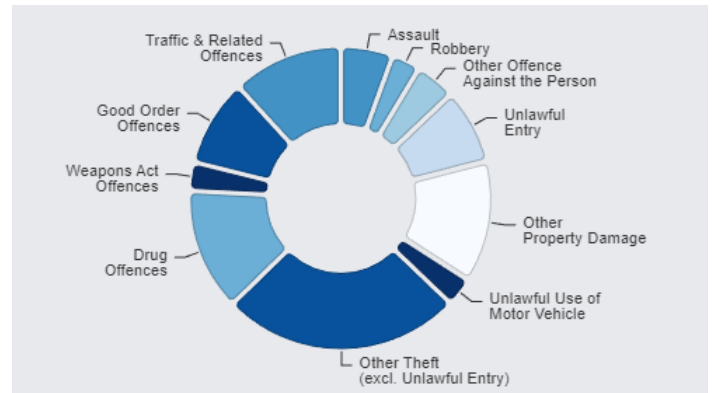
“I would like to remind you to stay safe and keep updated on the weather happening in your area, do not drive into flood water and stay off the roads if you do not need to travel. “We will get through this, together.” Senior Sergeant Marsh said.

Should we experience more flooding, remember, no reason is good enough to drive through floodwater. The bravest and smartest thing you can do is Back It Up.

The Moreton Bay Regional Council launched the Moreton Army volunteer group. If you would like to register you can do so at <https://register.emergencyvolunteering.com.au/>

Moreton is included in the Community Recovery grants so there is financial support available. You can visit the Community Recovery online portal <https://www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies>

Keep up to date with the Moreton Bay Regional Council disaster portal. If you haven't already registered for Moreton Alert, you can do so at <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Disaster-Management/MoretonAlert>



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Robbery 2	Drug Offences 10
Other Offence Against the Person 3	Weapons Act Offences 2
Unlawful Entry 6	Good Order Offences 7
Other Property Damage 10	Traffic & Related Offences 9
Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle 2	



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## Banksia Beach Neighbourhood Watch

Keeping Banksia Beach safe is up to all our residents, come and join us to find out how you can do your part!

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