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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Bribie Islander Magazine respectfully acknowledges and recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, winds, and waters where we live, learn and work. We recognise their connection to land, sea, and community. We pay our respects and acknowledge the important role of Elders past, present and emerging for they hold the memories of the traditions, cultures, and aspirations of Australia's First Nations peoples.

We acknowledge any Sorry Business that may be affecting individuals, families, and communities. We promise to be respectful, take lead from the community and walk together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, and organisations.

We recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture is rich and diverse and that we have a responsibility to facilitate efforts that account for this to ensure equity for all.

We celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, in particular the strength, resilience and courage that has occurred over time and now inspires current and future generations.

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Welcome

Dear Readers,

Welcome to edition 171! Firstly, I would like to apologise for the mix-up in our find-a-word from the last edition! We put the wrong words in, but it is great to get the feedback from our readers to let us know it was wrong, we just wanted to see if anyone was doing them! No, to be honest, it was simply an oversight that we apologise greatly for.

Now on to something a lot more controversial. The NRL players who are threatening to boycott this week's game after refusing to wear a Pride Jersey. The players involved have allegedly cited religious concerns over the jersey and will not take the field.

Now I have family and very close friends who are part of the LGBTQ+ and I stand in support of taking pride in who you are, and they have my constant love and admiration for dealing with things that any "normal" person (and I use that word for lack of a better one,) does not have to put up with in their daily life. Being gay isn't a decision or a lifestyle it's simply how they are born and who they are.

However, in saying that, if we vilify people who due to their own beliefs for taking a stand on who THEY are, then doesn't that mean we are saying only certain people have a right to express who they are? I think it opens a very dangerous can of worms.

What I would love to see is EVERYONE being able to live as not straight, LGBTQ+, black or white, disabled, fat or skinny, etc but who they are individually and be respected and able to live in peace with no fear of walking down a street and being beaten purely because the attacker doesn't like what they don't understand.

As a great man once said I have a dream....

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
August 28, 1963

Take Care, Stay Safe,

Cherrie

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CANCER COUNCIL AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT URGE AUSTRALIANS TO GET2IT AND DO THE BOWEL SCREENING TEST

Australia's bathroom habits are in the spotlight today as Cancer Council and the Australian Government encourage all Australians aged 50-74 to Get2it and participate in the National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) when they receive their free test kit in the mail.

New data from YouGov shows that people aged 50 and over, spend around 35 minutes a day in the bathroom, totalling 212 hours a year. Cancer Council suggests that this is more than enough time for eligible Australians do the test and potentially save their lives. Screening rates for Australia's second biggest cancer killer currently sit at just 43.5%.

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Interestingly, one-fifth (21%) of Australians say that the time they spend in the bathroom is about maintaining good health, meaning that whilst they have the best intentions, they are simply not getting to bowel screening. Test kits are sent to 50-74-year-old Australians every two years.

Cancer Council CEO, Professor Tanya Buchanan, said: "In the 424 hours, or 18 days, each Australian spends in the bathroom every two years, thousands of potentially life-saving samples could be taken. Countless lives can be saved if eligible Australians, especially those in their 50s swapped out time spent scrolling on their phones while on the loo, with bowel screening time."

A quarter (25%) of eligible Australians use their mobile phones on the toilet. The top reasons for using a phone on the toilet includes scrolling social media (45%), reading the news (39%), texting (23%) and gaming (23%).

Minister for Health and Aged Care, The Hon Mark Butler MP, said: "We are asking Australians aged 50 and over to make time to look after their health by doing their free bowel test when it arrives in the mail. If we can get 60% of eligible Australians screening and keep it that way, we can save 84,000 lives by 2040.

"Screen time is a feature of modern life, and we want screening time to come just as naturally, so why not use your next bathroom stop to complete the test, or add a reminder to your calendar."

Research shows that placing the bowel screening test kit in the bathroom straight away, as well as setting reminders on your phone, could increase screening rates. People can set reminders at: www.cancer.org.au/bowelscreening/reminder

NRL stars and commentator, Petero Civoniceva, Geoff Toovey and Andrew Voss have been enlisted to help spread the word on the importance of bowel cancer screening, particularly to men aged 50-59.

In the ramp up to the State of Origin decider, the campaign will see Civoniceva, Toovey and Voss star in an instructional video, which will have them commentating a bowel screening test, much like they would a footy match.

NRL Commentator Andrew Voss said bowel cancer prevention and awareness is close to his and his family's heart.

"Bowel cancer awareness is a cause that really hits home for me because I've seen first-hand how devastating bowel cancer can be after my grandmother was diagnosed with bowel cancer late in the piece before sadly passing away," said Voss.

"Early diagnosis could save your life, so I'm honoured to be able to partner with Cancer Council and the Australian Government to help Aussies prioritise their health, Get2It and do a bowel screening test," Voss added.



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My favourite colour is pink, I love my family, dark chocolate & hot chips, dog called Pepper, I'm doing my dream job.

I have been fortunate to have trained alongside industry leaders, Obtaining Advanced Diploma of Health Science, Diploma of Beauty Therapy, Bachelor of Nursing, as well as fundamentals & advanced certificates in Cosmetic Nursing.. First & foremost I'm passionate about all things skin; did you know if your skin is not in good condition this can then impact the results & longevity of your cosmetic procedures i.e. antiwrinkle, fillers, PRP, PDO threads.

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I grew up on Bribie Island and after a few years away I have returned with my husband and two beautiful boys to enjoy the lifestyle & pursue a career as a cosmetic injector with Lisa at LJ Aesthetics.

In 2017, I graduated USQ with a Bachelor of Nursing, I have worked in general practice, emergency & acute care setting. I feel extremely fortunate to have been trained alongside some of the industry's top cosmetic injectors. I'm dedicated to ongoing training, in this industry there is always a new or improved treatment or technique. Areas I



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FORGIVENESS

It's one of those things that can mean different things to each of us, though perhaps one thing that we can all agree with. It is a conscious decision to release negative feelings and emotions toward someone that may have hurt us, and sometimes this person can just be ourselves.



Throughout life, I have experienced many beautiful things and feel very blessed for everything I have endured, whether good or bad. You see, it's sometimes through the most difficult times that we are able to really grow, learn and become our best version of ourselves.

There are events that have taken place in my life, that I would wish on no one. Though life sometimes isn't easy, it is about looking at things from another perspective, finding compassion, empathy and being loved. So, these challenges that have come my way have really turned out to be blessings.

Forgiving someone is perhaps the thing that can provide the most healing in all life situations. I have witnessed this many times, not only in my own life but also with clients. The transformations can be incredible and life-changing! I have seen healing taking place within relationships that have held them captive for years, health is improved and a sudden sense of freedom and happiness.

You see, when we hold on to these negative emotions, they get held in our body, so really, we are doing more harm to ourselves than the other person. It can be the dis-ease of emotions within

ourselves that creates the disease within our body.

Now, I can hear you saying, "You don't know what this person did to me or put me through!" and yes, that part is true, though we all have the freedom of choice to let go of what is no longer serving us and really see and understand that we are all different! Really think about that for a moment. This was something that really was a big one for me. You see, we all know we are all different though when someone doesn't act in the same way as we would, it is difficult. I learnt this many years ago when I realised some people will go through life without conscience.

We all have free will. One thing we must remember through this journey of life is that what is going to free us the most, hand on heart, is 'Forgiveness'. It really is the biggest key to life happiness.

Remember, it is not only about forgiving a person or yourself but embracing the gifts you have been bestowed by this lesson.

Ready to 'Forgive' or want to find more 'Self-love and Acceptance'?

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Arthritis

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An accurate diagnosis is necessary to ensure you follow the best treatment path for you. While pain medication is needed in some cases, Physiotherapy and Exercise Physiology can make a significant difference to daily function and life quality.

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BALANCES

Let's focus on balance this edition. As you age it gets harder to maintain balance so doing these simple balance techniques will help. As always, we will start with a few deep breaths to steady our minds and oxygenate our bodies...

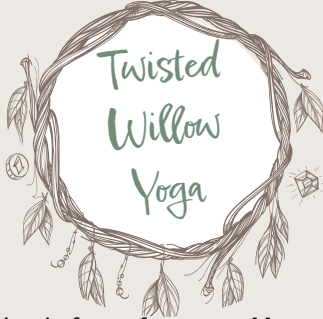
BREATHING STANCE PIC 1 & 2

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart, knees over ankles, back straight and arms by your side, now breathe in and bring your arms over your head to touch your palms. Breathe out and bring your arms back to your side, do this for three breaths.

THE TREE POSE PIC 3

To do the tree pose we are going to stand in the same position as our breathing stance. From here you can either rest your left foot against your right ankle, with toes touching the ground or if you feel you want more of a challenge you can bring your left foot and rest it against the inside of your right knee.

Once you have steadied yourself there, you take your arms up above your head in a v shape. To help maintain your balance take a deep breath, tighten your core muscles, and fix your gaze on an

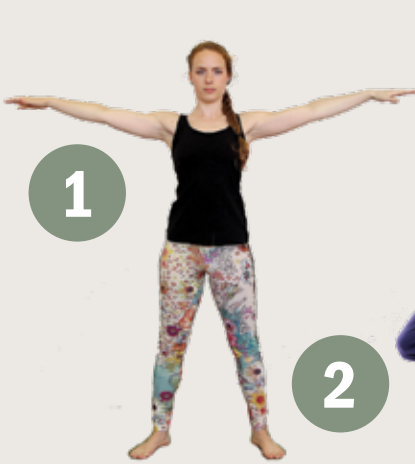


object in front of you. I would start with three breaths here, eventually working up to ten. You then repeat for the other side.

THE TREE POSE VARIATION PIC 4

Another good balance technique is to start in your breathing stance again, this time lifting your right foot off the ground with your knee bent and standing on your left foot. Bring your palms together in a prayer position in front of your chest with elbows out to the side. Again, take a deep breath to steady yourself and tighten your core. Fixing your gaze on a spot in front of you. Do this for three breaths on each side, eventually working up to ten.

Remember balance is important not only in the physical sense but in your life as well. Sending love and light your way. *Namaste Karyn*



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Passing on the Baton

On Saturday 18 June 2022, Rotary d9560 Passport Club held their Changeover. Rotarians and guests gathered in Emerald, Gladstone and Bribie Island and were united via video link. Our District Governor, Martti Kankkunen, and his vivacious wife Karen

joined us from their home in 1770 and our District Governor Elect, John Hall, joined in from his home in Townsville.

A Rotary Changeover happens every June/July. It is a time when leadership is handed onto the new Club President, new District Governor and new International President. It is also a time to celebrate the

achievements of the previous year. Events are held in all 36,945 clubs and 545 districts throughout the World.

On our Changeover Day we said thank you to Daniel Roussounis, from Emerald, for his two years of outstanding leadership and welcomed Bribie Islander, Bill Peacock, as our new President.

Shekhar Mehta, Rotary International President for 2021-22, chose the theme 'Serve to Change Lives'. Daniel thanked all members for embracing the theme and spoke about the importance of diversity and how much our Club values the contributions of all. Daniel explained that the Club had completed 16 service projects, including supporting mental health programs in Emerald and on Bribie Island; raising funds and awareness on International Day for People with Disabilities;

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donating Peace Poles to schools in Gladstone and Emerald; and starting the Polio Koala project which has now been licensed by Rotary International. Daniel said that organising the District Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) was his personal highlight of the year.

Incoming President, Bill Peacock, paid tribute to our outgoing District Governor Martii Kankkunen and Karen, who took all members of the new amalgamated District on a great journey in words and pictures as they travelled District 9560 and shared some very special moments of Rotary and family life.

Bill thanked Daniel for guiding us over the past two years as we manoeuvred our way through COVID-19 and tried to find innovative ways to raise funds. He also thanked Melissa Roussounis who supported Daniel and gave us all glimpses of their family life with their three beautiful daughters.

Two new members were inducted into our



Passport Club – Peter Sheehan and Michelle Watson. Honorary memberships were presented to Darren Styles from North Lakes and Leanne Ross from Emerald. Tom Dutton was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Daniel Roussounis and Julianne Silver were presented with PHF Sapphires and Anne Matthews with her third Ruby PHF. A PHF is given in recognition to Rotarians and others that have shown that they are prepared to go that extra mile in support of people in need. It is a wholehearted acknowledgement of the appreciation shown for tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world. These awards have been presented to many outstanding leaders in the community, as well as to 'ordinary people doing extraordinary things'.

Councillor Brooke Savige is never just a guest at our events, she is a thoughtful team member, always helping behind the scenes. Thank you, Brooke, for all that you do for our community. Thank you also to

Ali King MP, who has become a friend and regular supporter of all that we do. Thanks also to Terry Young MP, who could not join us due to a prior commitment but is always supportive.

Thank you to our Bribarian members and friends for all they do behind the scenes for Rotary and our community. To Elaine Lutton, Wayne and Ravi Slattery, Bob, Rina and Cristal Kerr, Chusie Morrison, Ann O'Donnell, Helen Jefferson, Colleen Wooten, Gaye Miller and Jenny Schultz, your friendship and contributions are so valued.

To Rotarians Karin Kolenko and Graeme thank you for bringing our honorary member 'Gold Coast Benji' to all our events and for all your generous donations to our Club.

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PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Peripheral neuropathy is a disorder of the peripheral nervous system, the vehicle that allows communication from the brain and spinal cord to the rest of the body (arms, legs, face). It often causes weakness, numbness, and pain - usually in the hands or feet. Peripheral neuropathy can result from traumatic injuries, infections, metabolic problems, inherited causes, and exposure to toxins (including medications). Common conditions that lead to peripheral neuropathy include diabetes and chemotherapy. Regardless of the cause, poor blood circulation and inflammation are factors in all cases of peripheral neuropathy. The symptoms often reported by our peripheral neuropathy clients include burning sensations, feeling of pins and needles, and numbness - particularly in the feet. Those with numbness often describe the feeling to be like wearing a thick pair of socks or walking on sponges. The symptoms alone however are usually not what prompts sufferers to come to our clinic for treatment; they're typically more concerned about the impact neuropathy has on their quality of life, including:

- Difficulty sleeping or engaging in activities due to pain and restlessness
- Fear of losing balance or falling due to numbness
- Reduced confidence while driving (inability to feel the pedals)
- Wanting to dance again

ACUPUNCTURE FOR PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

How does Chinese medicine approach peripheral neuropathy if most conventional medicine practitioners believe that nothing can be done? The answer lies

in acupuncture's ability to influence blood flow. Blood contains all the nutrients vital to our existence, including oxygen, water, platelets, hormones, etc. If nutrients are not delivered to every cell in our body, the cells lacking nutrition will eventually shrivel up and die - which is what happens in areas affected by peripheral neuropathy; poor circulation, compounded by inflammation starves nerves of nourishment and they begin to degenerate, leading to pain and eventually numbness. Fortunately small fibre nerves can often regenerate with proper nourishment and blood flow. Acupuncture stimulates blood flow and guides blood to areas of our body to nourish cells that have been deprived of nutrition, feeding the nerves so they can begin to repair. Acupuncture also increases blood flow to areas where toxins have accumulated to decrease inflammation.

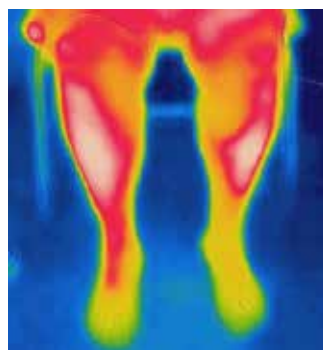
TREATMENT PROGRESS

One of the tools we use in our clinic to measure treatment progress, particularly for peripheral neuropathy, is thermography. Thermography uses an infrared camera to detect heat patterns and blood flow in body tissues by sensing temperature differences. In thermography photos temperatures are represented by a gradient of colours - where red is the warmest (indicating good blood flow), followed by orange, yellow, green, then blue as the coolest (indicating poor blood flow).

The following photos (shared with consent) show the treatment progress of one of our diabetic clients who suffered with peripheral neuropathy and numbness in her feet for several years.

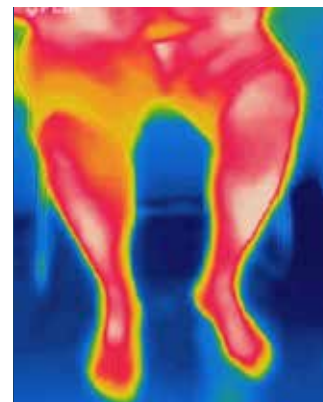


Photo 1 is a "before"



thermography photo taken prior to starting treatment, showing decreased blood flow from her knees and lower legs (indicated in orange and yellow) down to her toes (indicated in green).

Photo 2 is a progress photo



taken after one month of treatment, showing improved blood flow throughout her legs, down to her toes (indicated in red). By increasing the blood circulation in her legs and feet, her nerves are fed the nutrients they need and are able to begin to repair. As her nerves began to regenerate, the numbness in her feet started to lift, the sensation in her feet improved, and most importantly, she was able to start walking more confidently. Behind the scenes, prior to commencing treatment, she was already working hard to improve her diet and lifestyle to reduce the inflammation in

her body, was very diligent with her acupuncture treatments, and continued with a series of maintenance treatments to stabilise her results.

We've seen similar results with clients with chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy who, after suffering from numbness, are able to drive again now that they're able to feel the pedals and are able to enjoy walking their dog again without pain.

WILL ACUPUNCTURE WORK FOR YOU?

The short answer is, "it depends". The number of treatments required varies depending on the condition, how long you've had it, your lifestyle, and your individual response to acupuncture - some people respond quickly, others take a bit longer. In general however, the longer you have had the condition, the more treatments are likely necessary. Similarly, numbness tends to require more treatments to resolve than pain. Having said that, we've had several clients who had chemotherapy more than five years ago experience significant improvements in their symptoms and quality of life following treatment. Sometimes, however, acupuncture might not be the solution for you. If acupuncture will help in your case, we expect to see some benefit within the first series of treatments. We discuss the treatment process and expectations with our clients during their first appointment. **If you'd like to make a booking or if you'd like to discuss whether acupuncture and Chinese medicine is right for you, please contact us - Jessica, Wendy, and Katherine - via our website www.bribieacupuncture.com.au or call 0423 160 228. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram @bribieacupuncture. HICAPS is available onsite. Pensioner discounts available.**

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Free Sight Support Expo

Free Sight Support Expo coming to Bribie Island For many people who are blind or have low vision, the last two years have been challenging, with difficulty conducting face to face appointments with customers in their homes, Quantum offices or via community events.

Now that conditions have changed, and with the needs of the blind and low vision community in mind, Quantum RLV is presenting a free one-day Expo on Bribie Island for locals on Friday 29th July 2022.

Those who may be affected by macular disease, glaucoma, stroke, blindness, or any condition which affects their vision, as well as those with reading and learning challenges, are welcome. Family and carers

are also very welcome, as are health care professionals and their clients.

“Low vision is a term used to describe a reduced quality of vision experienced by an individual, where spectacles and contact lenses are no longer enough. Although low vision is an everyday term, the reality is that every individual is unique and needs a tailored solution to help them retain their independence and function well in their everyday life” says Low Vision Consultant Nick Powell. On the day of the Expo, there will be an opportunity to discuss individuals’ specific low vision issues and understand what assistive technology is available with an opportunity to road test equipment.



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SCAN ME



One's Civic Duty

BY: Elaine Lutton.

I was very properly dragged up! My parents took a deal of care in instilling in me a respect for law and order, rules and regulations. Alas, they were often disappointed that my wayward spirit would lead me on so many occasions off the straight and narrow pathway ordained for young girls such as myself. An uncle of mine summed it up during a visit I made to him as an adult, by shaking his head and sadly saying, "Thou always was a bad lass!". Perhaps it was no surprise to him that I should eventually marry and run away with an Australian of questionable convict stock!

Despite my rebellious nature, some remnants of my upbringing remain, brought to the fore by our recent Queensland COVID regulations.

I entered our Local Health Farm, aka Caboolture Hospital, fit and well, not a sign of a scratchy throat or cough, and unsurprisingly showed up as negative when rodent tested. Downed, in a cheery manner, three litres of the most disgusting liquid imaginable, plus equal amounts of water, with the same horrid results as reported in a previous article, only to be woken up five hours later with a delicious breakfast of one further litre of each. According to one nurse, judging by results, I had the cleanest colon she had encountered since 2007! In the words of the Bard, "Some are born Great, Some achieve

Greatness, and others have Greatness thrust upon them". Clearly, I belonged to the latter category. Next, I was back in bed with three very sick individuals, feeling like a fraud! But a very hungry fraud! I ate a sandwich, swiftly followed by a strange dish, described as Lamb Pasta, which had an effect even more efficacious than the previous delightful fluids. The next morning, on reaching home and my own bed, blessed sleep followed. Later that day, feeling well apart from a queasy stomach, I bought myself a few supplies.

The following thirty-six hours were all downhill. So much so that I thought I would RAT test myself! After knocking one box behind the fridge, where it still remains, irretrievable without moving the fridge and contents, I found another single test and to my horror, watched as two parallel lines of a pinkish hue emerged. Where I had contracted the dreaded plague, it is impossible to say with any certainty. I am not prepared to point the finger in any direction.

The following three days passed in a blur, but, come Monday, I knew I had important phone calls to make. First, to let family and friends know not to visit. The kindness of my friends is truly appreciated, milk, biscuits, soups, and hot meals magically appearing on my doorstep for me to collect. My family in Melbourne assured

me that since I had received the requisite number of jabs plus boosters, the condition would not prove terminal. "No such luck", they chortled. My Burpengary family, saying that they, too, were expecting to go down like dominoes as my eldest grandson had also just tested positive, all added to my morale. Well, more or less!

There were other phone/duty calls to make: and for these, I can only blame the way I was brought up, with its strict Code of never neglecting one's Civic Duties! There was another Medical appointment to cancel, plus transport to and from the same, a Podiatrist Appointment to re-arrange, and the present rules and regulations issued by the Queensland Government After having COVID-19 to ascertain. Google these yourself, they are refreshingly clear and concise for Government instructions. I could not do better myself! One last phone call to make, I knew I had to report my positive status, but how.

As in all similar matters, I called upon the lovely Christine to supply me with the number to ring, which, obliging as ever, she did.

I rang. Now I know my readers will react to the following with disbelief, but the effect of a raging headache, sore throat, high temperature and cough, had done nothing to sweeten my nature, in fact, your usual cool, calm, courteous, correspondent had become

something of a termagant! My call was answered by a voice who said she came from the relevant department, and by going to www.whatever, I could fill in the form online. "But I don't want to fill in a so-and-so form online, surely it is sufficient to tell you?", I shouted down the phone. Things began to get testy! Yes, I did live alone, No, I did not have a carer, Yes, I was OLD, No, I had no one to fill in the form for me, (As you know I am friendless, without family, and no one I know has the requisite computer skills).

"In that case, I am allowed to fill in the form for you", she said. Bureaucracy gone mad! After answering further questions, she congratulated me on the fulfilment of my Civic Duties, and I apologised for shouting and being grumpy. "That's alright, you are just not feeling well", she said. How true!

And so ends my sad saga. Yes, I have recovered and would claim to be fighting fit once again except for fear that this might be misinterpreted. The moral of my story? Duty should never be neglected, but as the poet Clough says in his satirical version of The Ten Commandments, The Latest Decalogue, it is one that we "needs not strive officiously to keep alive".

CREATING CONNECTIONS THROUGH ART, ENVIRONMENT & FAMILY NEW ART & DESIGN STUDIO FOR BRIBIE

Although media artist and researcher Tracey Benson has only been living on Bribie since January, her connection to the island goes back generations. Back in the 1940s and 1950s Tracey's mother and grandparents camped on Bribie for holidays, coming over on the barge. For the past 20 years, she has been a regular visitor to Bribie, with her parents living on the island after a long stint in Darwin.

There are many happy memories of coming to the island as a child for holidays, like her parents before her, exploring the coastline for jellyfish and crabs and swimming in the clear waters of Pumicestone Passage.

From a young age, Tracey was highly creative and loved art, also being taught painting at high school in Darwin by Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Bauman, Senior Australian of the Year in 2021.

Tracey completed her visual arts degree in 1992 at Monash University and returned to Queensland to do postgraduate studies in Art History at University of Queensland, and a Masters of Creative Industries by Research at Queensland

University of Technology. In 2001, she moved to Canberra to undertake doctoral studies at the School of Art at the National Australian University with an ANU Vice Chancellor's scholarship to support her studies. Her research focused on media arts and technology and explored online communities and activism.

Since graduating from her PhD, Tracey has continued to be active as a researcher with honorary postdoctoral positions at ANU, Victoria University Wellington (NZ) and Charles Sturt University. Since 2016, she has been a professional fellow with the Centre for Applied Water Science at University of Canberra. Tracey is also an advisor with the Transart



Institute, mentoring Masters and PhD students.

Tracey balances her creative practice-led research across arts and science with her work with government agencies as a user experience (UX) designer and researcher. In her UX roles she has focused on developing digital tools for citizens that are user friendly, mainly working in the environment and energy subject areas. Tracey is now working as a consultant to

support digital transformation for Australia's agricultural exporters.

Exploring different knowledges, cultures and media has been central to Tracey's practice. She often collaborates with other artists, scientists and knowledge custodians with water and storytelling being key themes revolving around connection to place, mindfulness and deep listening. Tracey is also a trained Reiki Master, with a Usui Reiki Ryoho lineage, a traditional Japanese line



starting with Mikao Usui through to Hiroshi Doi, Frans Stiene and Diana Fels.

Since coming to Bribie she has actively connected to the local arts community, going on the board of the Bribie Island Community Arts Society (BICAS) earlier this year. Tracey is also teaching art and design subjects at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Tracey is now set to open up an art and design studio under the banner of "Treecreate Studio" on Benabrow Ave with her Treecreate and life

partner, fellow artist and cartographer Martin Drury. Martin also has ties to Queensland and its coastline. A cartographer (map maker) since the late 1970s, he has done extensive mapping of the continent, including Queensland. He was also the cartographer for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority where he worked for nearly a decade.

Together they have encouraged each other's love of the ocean and their creativity, having been artists-in-residence in places as far flung as Turkey and the Faroe Islands as well as closer to home at New Zealand and Canberra. Their work covers a diverse range of media including photography, video, installation, data driven art and walking arts. Recent works have been experimenting with local plants through eco-dyeing upcycled fabric to create woven pieces and two-dimensional artworks.

The vision for the studio is a place for co-creation and connection, a working space for Tracey's research and creative work and a place to present and share work by some of Tracey and Martin's collaborators via online presentations and exhibitions.

Treecreate studios will be opening to visitors by appointment in early August. You can contact tracey on 0473380363 or tracey@treecreate.org for more information.

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Would you like to join our Bongaree Dental fun team and do the walk, jog, or run? If so, scan the attached QR code for the link to donate. Importantly, remember

to add your name to the donation so we can pair your participation number. Any amount, no matter how large or small, is welcome.

We will have your participation number at the start line (Sunset Park Bribie Island) on the day. Please see attached map for the course on the day.

Date: Sunday 21st August

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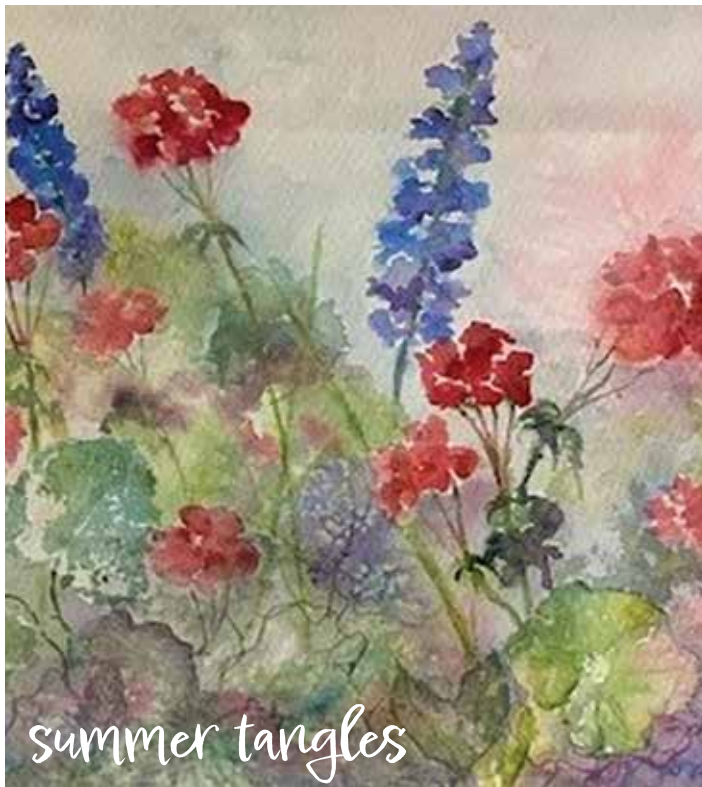
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leadlight glass sculptures from Shirley Heapy. Reflections relate to all 3 dimensions from painted reflections in water to reflections in silver and gold jewellery and also in the glass of the sculptures. Meet and greet the artists on Saturday 13th August from 11-2pm. Artists will also be present during normal Gallery hours to meet visitors and do demonstrations. **The Arts Centre open Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 4pm; Sundays 9am - 1pm.**

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Living in the light



Most things take time to come to fruition. The exhibition 'Living in the Light' is the result of several years of planning for artist Lyne Marshall, which has culminated in a dedicated art gallery in Bribie Pines Estate at Ningi. Having known fellow artist Cecily Slade for many years, Lyne feels they share a similar philosophy in creating art. While they create in dissimilar ways, exhibiting together at this special event on the 20th and 21st of August, on a peaceful garden acre in Bribie Pines Estate, allows both to show their love of natural design and create an exceptional experience for visitors.

Cecily paints from living flowers and natural sunlight, adding luminosity and breathing life into the work through layers of transparent oils. Her paintings sit perfectly in this outdoor setting. Lyne paints in acrylics and her paintings reflect emotive experiences encountered while travelling diverse landscapes. Varying perspectives, colours and moods infuse her paintings, displayed on the walls in the gallery. Both artists share a commonality in capturing a unique moment in time.

Previously Cecily Slade worked as a fashion designer, opening her first clothing design factory when 18 years old and completed a BA in Behavioural Sciences. She has held high-level marketing positions before later owning several clothing design shops on the Sunshine Coast under her own label 'Cecily's'. Since 2004 Cecily has honed her artistic expertise, transferring her passion for good design to painting flowers.

Lyne Marshall grew up on Bribie Island and trained as both a Registered General and Psychiatric Nurse before completing a BA in Visual Arts at USQ around 30 years ago. Having found her purpose in life, Lyne has exhibited her art widely in Australia and overseas, and has also written, illustrated and published four books on the creative process.

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MY POLICE CAREER.

1974 to 2006

By: Graham Hunt

How it started.

HENDON POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN LONDON - December 1974

(The author back row second from right)

In June 1974 a graphic advertisement caught my eye - a picture of a large Boeing Jumbo 747 jet aircraft stood on the tarmac. Underneath the gigantic nose, a uniformed Police Officer stood beside his high-powered Police Motorcycle.

The Officer looked in the distance, proud of his position, in control, every facet of his being bristling with professionalism. The words "Policing - Heathrow Style" set in imposing graphics at the heading of the advertisement set me on my career of Law Enforcement. I applied for a career as a Probationary Constable with the British Airports Authority Constabulary at Heathrow Airport, Staines, Middlesex, which was not far from Herston where I had worked previously.

I filled in the caption on the advertisement and sent it off and waited expectantly for a reply. A few days later an official looking Manilla envelope soon arrived with forms to fill out and some more promotional material.

An interview with the Chief Constable followed and he told me that the British Airport Authority Constabulary was going to be taken over by the Metropolitan Police, as the Government was not prepared to arm a private Police Force. I didn't really understand the ramifications of this until later on. At this time IRA terrorists were making their demands felt by bombing all over the mainland including two bomb attacks on the Airport at Heathrow in the car park. Waiting for the result of my application was really nerve racking until I had another problem to contend with - I was made redundant.

This didn't really worry me as I was a fully qualified Gasfitter with trade papers and the prospects of obtaining employment in this field were excellent. There were a number of small and large firms who would take me on. However, as I was between jobs my wife and I decided to use this opportunity to accompany her parents to Hayling Island on the South Coast of England for a week's

holiday in a caravan.

I returned home a week later and found a large envelope on the front mat from the Chief Constable notifying me that I had been accepted as a Probationary Constable into the British Airports Authority Constabulary at Heathrow Airport starting in August 1974 at the Metropolitan Police Training School, Hendon.

I quickly obtained a temporary position as a Gas fitter in London until I started at the Airport on a familiarisation day in August. I was glad the gas fitting job was only temporary as the pay wasn't too good and the hours long. On my first day starting at the Airport, I quickly realised that this private company treated its employees really well in respect of pay, conditions and uniform. I had some misgivings about the Metropolitan Police taking over in November later in the year.

We filled out forms, talked with the other recruits and made friends. I became friendly with Paul a fellow

about the same age as me but single. He seemed an amiable sort of fellow and we just sort of clicked. He lived in Camberley not far from Farnborough. It was a particularly significant day for me however, as my wife was told she was pregnant with our second child, that morning.

We were given a tour round the Police Station and taken out on a trip around the Airport in a marked Police Land Rover. We were taken to the Police uniform store and given our uniforms which were of good quality, and told to report to the Metropolitan Police Training School at Hendon the following Monday.

I lived about 45 miles from the training school and it was a live in type of course. I caught the train on the Sunday night at our local train station with a fully packed suitcase and reported to the Duty Sergeant on arrival at Hendon and was allocated a room on the twelfth floor

Continued Part Two.

I am writing to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone across Queensland who supported The Smith Family's 2022 Winter Appeal. At a time when Australians continue to face COVID challenges and ongoing economic instability, we've been humbled by their tremendous generosity. This show of support could not have come at a better time, with the fallout from COVID still impacting children's education, particularly those experiencing poverty. We know that financial disadvantage creates barriers for learning, and our recent family survey found parents and carers continued to be worried about their children falling behind at school, amidst ongoing disruptions and the after-effects of extended periods of home learning. The Smith Family's vision is a world where every child has the opportunity to change their future - and our programs equip students with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations they need to unlock their potential.



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250,000 in the next five years. But we can't do this vital work alone, and that's why community support is crucial. So, to everyone who generously contributed to our Appeal, I say a great big thank you. Alan Le May
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Australians are losing more money to investment scams. Australians lost over \$205 million to scams between 1 January and 1 May, a 166 per cent increase compared to the same period last year, according to new data from Scamwatch.

The true losses to scams are likely to be much higher, as our research shows that only around 13 per cent of people report their losses to Scamwatch.

The majority of losses over this period have been to investment scams with \$158 million lost, an increase of 314 per cent compared to the same period last year.

While the reported losses have increased the number of reports has reduced slightly, indicating that on average people reported higher individual losses.

“We are seeing more money lost to investment scams and so are urging all

Australians not to trust investment opportunities that seem too good to be true,” ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

The majority of losses to investment scams involved crypto investments, with \$113 million reported lost this year. Cryptocurrency is also the most common payment method for investment scams.

“Australians should be very wary of anyone asking them to invest in or transfer money using cryptocurrency, especially if it’s someone you have only met online. Many consumers are unfamiliar with the complexities of cryptocurrency, and this can make them more vulnerable to scams,” Ms Rickard said.

Scamwatch has also seen an increase in imposter bond scams this year, with \$10.9m reported lost.

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Imposter bond scams usually impersonate real financial companies or banks and claim to offer government/ Treasury bonds or fixed term deposits.

Scamwatch data also shows scam contact methods are changing with text message up 54 per cent between 1 January and 1 May this year, surpassing phone call as the most common contact mode.

“If you receive an unexpected text message or phone call from someone offering you an opportunity to invest, it is likely a scam and you should immediately hang up or delete the message,” Ms Rickard said.

Phone scams have almost halved, suggesting the telecommunications industry’s Reducing Scams Call Code 2020 that blocks incoming calls from scammers is having an impact.

Since the Code's introduction telco providers have blocked over 549 million scam calls, limiting opportunities for criminals to scam Australians.

New rules to block scam text messages will also be introduced this year.

People aged 55 to 64 reported the highest total losses, \$32 million between 1 January and 1 May and over 80 per cent of losses reported by this age group was lost to investment scams (\$26m).

The ACCC is currently taking action over alleged misleading conduct by Facebook parent company Meta for publishing scam celebrity crypto ads on Facebook.

The ACCC also refers investment scams to ASIC and in some cases the AFP, for investigation.

CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT SCAMS

Scammers use the image, name and personal characteristics of well-known celebrities without their permission, to entice you into investing. Fake celebrity endorsements are often used to advertise scam cryptocurrency schemes.

The way the celebrities' image is used can take two forms:

1. An advert might pop up on social media or even YouTube using a celebrity's image and claiming they endorse or have made a large amount of money from an investment opportunity.

2. You may see a fake news story about an investment opportunity which appears to be from a well-known media site such as ABC News, The Project and News.com using a celebrity's image.

The investment adverts or news stories make claims about investment opportunities with huge returns and will typically link to a scam website, often

involving a cryptocurrency investment 'opportunity'.

INVESTMENT SCAMS

Investment scams involve promises of big payouts, quick money or guaranteed returns. Always be suspicious of any investment opportunities that promise a high return with little or no risk – if it seems too good to be true, it probably is – and is highly likely to be a scam.

Australians lose more money to investment scams than any other. They can be hard to spot, so before investing always seek independent legal advice or financial advice from a financial advisor who is registered with ASIC.

1. Before you invest
2. Common types of investment scams
3. Warning signs of an investment scam
4. Protect yourself
5. Have you been scammed?
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IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING INVESTING, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO:

- Check if a financial advisor is registered via the ASIC website. Any business or person that offers or advises you about financial products must hold an Australian Financial Services (AFS) licence.
- Check ASIC's list of companies you should not deal with. If the company that contacted you is on the list – do not deal with them. But even if they are not on the list it could still be a scam.
- The MoneySmart website also contains information about how to avoid investment scams.
- Search for the company online plus "review", "complaint" or "scam".

CAROLYN'S TAX Update



Your resident Accountant with over 25yrs experience

Welcome to the new financial year. I'm sure it was only Christmas just a few weeks ago.

So here we are and planning for our 2022 tax return, aren't we? Following from last month, I hope you did all the necessary jobs before the end of June.

There are always so many yearly changes, but for now I will only mention a couple.

Super guarantee levy for employees has risen to 10.5% from 1st July so ensure your computers are updated with the new percentage before the July calculation. For many years, there was always the thresh-hold of \$450 per month earnings that exempted employers from super guarantee. This has ceased and from 1st July there is no \$450 so if gross income is below this amount, super is now payable. For employees less than 18 years old, they must work greater than 30hrs per week to be eligible for super guarantee.

Singles with less than or equal to \$23365 taxable income will not be charged the medicare levy. For those seniors and pensioners, earnings of less than \$36926 will exempt you from the medicare levy if you are eligible for the Senior and Pension Tax Offset. Families with a spouse and/or dependant children pay the levy when they reach \$29206 income.

And don't forget that income of \$90001 to \$105000 attracts the medicare surcharge of 1%, \$105001 to \$140000 1.25% and \$140001 + of 1.5% if you don't have private hospital cover. If you missed last year, then to avoid a minimal surcharge or another whole year, research this for July. The additional surcharge is often a large proportion of the premium for the health provider.

Of course, families are charged when the family income is greater than \$180000, and this is also on a sliding scale. For each child, there is an additional \$1500 income allowed before the levy is applied.

Regards Carolyn Wheeler of C M Wheeler & Assoc.
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THE DAY I MET Charlie Chaplin (KBE)

By Graham Hunt



I was stationed at Heathrow Airport as a constable in the London Metropolitan Police from 1974 to 1977. I carried out most duties from beat patrol to driving a panda car and was assigned to the Taxi Squad at one stage both in uniform and plain clothes duties.

The Taxi Squad was created to detect illegal touting in the airport for taxi passengers by unlicensed drivers. Also, the Hackney cab operators were a rowdy lot and needed to be supervised on the taxi ranks which were outside the arrival terminals. Some offences were: not properly dressed, dirty cabs, and the most popular failing to take a lawful hiring.

Most offences were dealt with as warnings or sending them back to the taxi feeder park for reassignment. In some cases, offenders were 'booked' and enforcement action taken by way of a fine.

Some drivers used to turn up to the rank dressed in shorts and one even wore a sombrero straw hat! Some of the drivers got to know the individual officers and got to know what they could get away with. Sometimes fights used to break out between the drivers on the rank and occasionally drivers were arrested.

Some used to be practical jokers and I remember once when I was 'undercover' one

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evening trying to detect taxi touts at terminal 1. One cabbie approached me as I was observing a possible tout and with a grin on his face shouted out in front of his fellow cabbies *“Have you got the time, OFFICER”*.

I have met many famous people working in the airport but one day stood out from the rest. Around the late 1970’s I was on uniform duty in the ‘Taxi Squad’ on the Taxi rank outside Terminal Two and I was called to a disturbance at the end of the rank. I walked up quickly to deal with the matter and saw an elderly man in a wheelchair and his female friend arguing with the cabbie. It appeared they wanted a short trip to the Heathrow Hotel which was just near the boundary of the airport.

I asked the female what the cabbie had told her and as she was talking to me a realisation dawned on me and who these people were. The elderly man was Charlie Chaplin, and his assistant was his wife Oona O’Neill!

The cabbies, if asked for a short trip, are only allowed to point out the availability of the free airport bus service but they must take a short fare if the fare persisted otherwise an offence is committed. Having determined the issue, the couple wanted a short fare, and the cabbie was refusing.

I approached the cabbie at a distance away from the couple and he complained saying that ‘He had waited for hours in the feeder park and now he had a short fare and would have to wait more time

‘Well, the man in the wheelchair is Charlie Chaplin and that’s his wife with him, and why would you want to pass up a chance to have Charlie Chaplin in your cab?’

in the feeder park and could I direct them to the free bus’. I did sympathise with the cabbie’s plight, but my duty was clear. I have seen many cabbies just accept the short fair without one complaint. One ex-copper turned cabbie I got to know was a prime example of this.

I asked the Chaplin’s if they were aware of the free bus, but they wanted to hire the cab, so I gave the cabbie a choice to take them or I would report him. I added ‘Besides do you know who they are?’ ‘No’ he said. ‘Well, the man in the wheelchair is Charlie Chaplin and that’s his wife with him, and why would you want to pass up a chance to have Charlie Chaplin in your cab?’

With this latest information, the cabbie changed his attitude completely and fussed about the pair as he helped get them and their luggage and the wheelchair into the cab. Before he left Charlie turned to me with a lovely smile and said, ‘Thank you, officer’.

Sir Charles Spencer (Charlie) Chaplin 16 April 1899 – 25 December 1977 was an English comic actor and filmmaker whose career spanned over 75 years and brought the iconic ‘Tramp’ to the silent screen. Adored by millions of filmgoers, he was knighted in 1975 as a Knight of the British Empire.

I am glad I had the opportunity to meet this great actor and was able to help out in a small way in my capacity as a constable in the Airport Division at Heathrow Airport.

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SAVE Our Snooker Club



Like most Sporting Clubs, we started with a couple of mates meeting at the local RSL to play some Snooker and have a beer. From that beginning nearly 40 years ago our Club, the Bribie Island Billiards and Snooker Club Inc. formed. This was mainly for the purpose of holding weekly competitions between themselves and other Clubs around Brisbane. Our Club was originally housed at the Bribie Island RSL Club, which back then was not much more than a tin shed, but it served the Community well. After nearly 30 years of residency at the RSL Club, a proposal was put to the then Committee to move the Snooker tables to the Bribie Island RSL Sports Club, just down the road. This has been our home since 2009 until now. With the recent developments, that the Sports Club being sold and the new developer putting

units up at the site, there is now nowhere for us to go. The new owners do not want us, Bribie Island RSL Club say they cannot accommodate us. So, now a community club with 40 years of history on the Island is without a home and on the brink of having to close.

Our club is all-inclusive, our members range from teenagers to men in their 90s. This is not a BOY'S club either we have female members that compete against the men regularly and win. We run our competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays, as these are handicapped everyone has a chance to win.

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New Memorial For Bribie Island

A new memorial honouring partners and families of Veterans was unveiled at Vietnam Veteran's Park, Bongaree last Thursday (July 7). The Partners of Veterans Association of Australia Queensland Branch Inc. designed and supplied the memorial, and it was unveiled by Moreton Bay Regional Councillor Brooke Savige and Bribie Island Vietnam Veterans Secretary Ernie Hall in a moving ceremony attended by Veterans, partners, and their representatives.

Mounted on stone, the plaque bears the simple inscription "For Those Who Stand Beside Them" and a sprig of wattle, the emblem of the Partners of Veterans Association (P.V.A.). Also, in attendance at the ceremony were P.V.A. Queensland State President Margaret Thomas and Bribie Island P.V.A. convenor Vicki Taylor-Crook who read a moving poem about the silent support offered to veterans by their partners and families. P.V. A. was first established in New South Wales in 1999 and

the first Queensland branch began in 2003. P.V.A. is a voluntary non-profit organisation that provides:

- Welfare.
- Health and assistance support for partners.
- Carers and families of Australian veterans.

Bribie Island's group named the OPALS (Our Partners Always Lending Support) was formed in 2017 and is one of 23 P.V.A. groups throughout Queensland. The Opals hold meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the RSL in Bongaree and new

members always are welcome. As part of their regular meetings, the group often features guest speakers, most recently members of the Kokoda Foundation. Previous topics have included assistance dogs, advice on health and wellbeing, and many local organizations. The group also conduct regular outings and coffee mornings. **If you are interested in finding out more, please contact P.V.A. Opal's convenor Vicki Taylor-Crook, ph.: 0411 595839**

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Bribie Rotary Markets

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

Queensland Cancer Council Markets

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

The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets

(Farmers Market)

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

The Bribie Lions Club Markets

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

Banksia Beach Market

Bribie Harbour Shopping Village is held on the last Saturday of each month 8am to 2pm

The Bribie Island Comm Plant Nursery

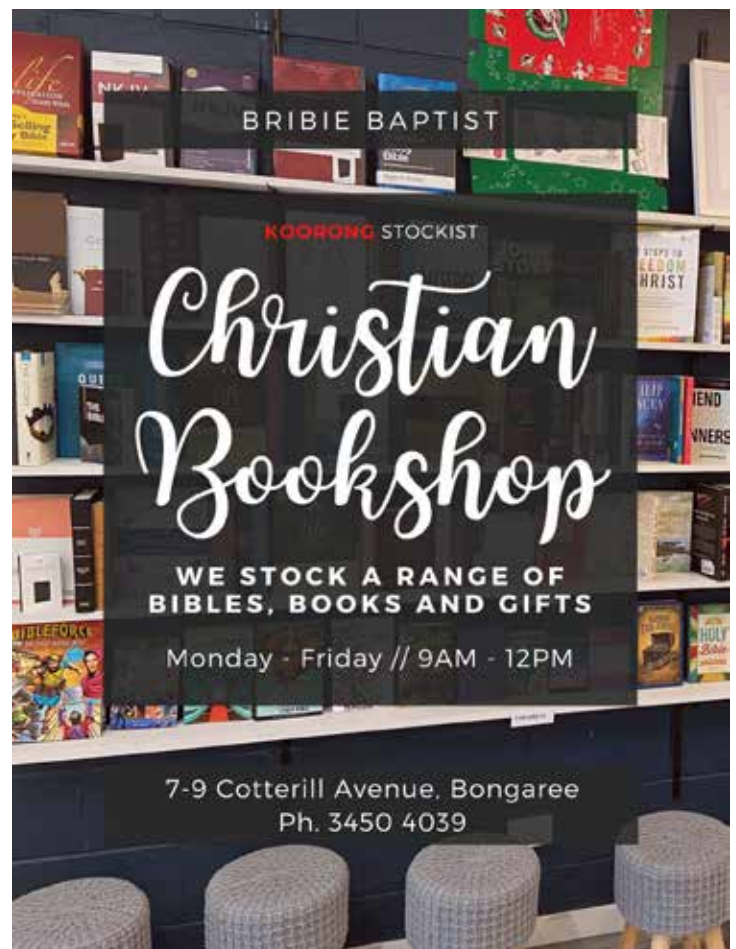
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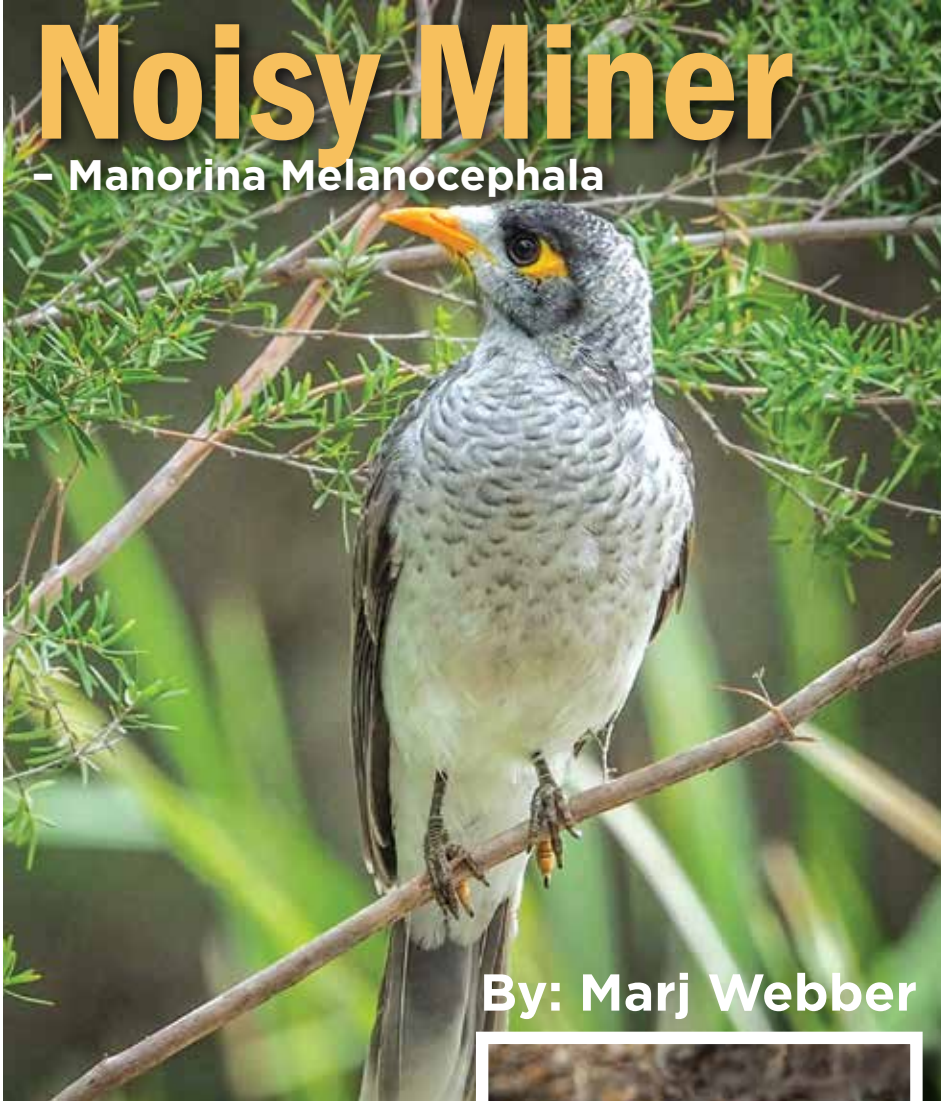

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Noisy Miner

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By: Marj Webber

NOISY MINERS ARE VERY COMMON, FAMILY ORIENTATED, NOISY INHABITANTS ON BRIBIE ISLAND AND ARE USUALLY SEEN IN URBAN AREAS, PARKS, GARDENS AND SPARSELY WOODED BUSH AREAS.

They are medium sized mostly grey birds with black and white heads, yellow bills, legs and naked skin around the eyes. Length is approximately 25-28 cm and weight about 55-64 g. Feathers are edged on backs, breasts and napes. Males, females and juveniles are similar in appearance. As the name suggests they have a loud penetrating call. They are sociable birds and form flocks of sometimes up to 30-100 in their heavily populated areas. Corrobborees are group displays where there is much noise and activity carried out by groups and appear to be bonding activities. Other birds are always a bother to them, especially other honeyeaters that compete for food. Calls of alarm go out when an intruder is spotted, and their territory is noisily and aggressively defended. It is not unusual



to hear rowdy commotions when Noisy Miners are about. I always investigate these eruptions and am sometimes rewarded with viewing snakes, lace monitors, possums or raptors. There are often squabbles within the group and members are set upon by other group members. Sometimes smaller intruding birds are killed. Because of these behaviours, areas where lots of

Noisy Miners are present are often short of other species such as Whistlers, Fantails, Flycatchers and others. Their noisy outbursts can be annoying to some people.

Eucalypt forests in Eastern Australia where they are endemic are favourite haunts for Noisy Miners. They can be found from about Townsville to Adelaide and in Tasmania. They are mostly sedentary but can be nomadic in search of food. Preferred habitats are in woodlands, forest edges, roadside wooded areas, farmlands and parks and gardens. They do not like dense forests and undergrowth and prefer open areas and high trees. They have certainly benefited by land clearing and urbanisation.

Noisy Miners are part of the Honeyeater family so their main food is nectar, but they also eat insects, fruit and seeds, and sometimes smallish reptiles. Usually, they feed in groups. Some people find them helpful in their gardens by eating bugs that attack their plants. They drink water from creeks and ponds and regularly bathe by diving into the water, flapping their wings and splashing about. If no water is available, they will sometimes take a dust bath.

Breeding times are mainly between June and December, but they may breed at any other time during the year. Pairs are mainly monogamous for several years. Nesting takes place communally, usually with quite large numbers in the group. Untidy, cup nests of bark, grass, sticks, cobwebs and sometimes man-made fibres are constructed by females on forks in leafy trees or bushes. 3-4 eggs, which are mostly cream with brownish splotches, are produced. When the naked babies are hatched up to 10 males in the group help with tending to and feeding the young. It is thought that these males are all part of the nesting families. There may be several broods produced in one season. Chicks, like their parents, are noisy in the nest. Predators are group mobbed and chased away.

Other names for Noisy Miners are "Mickey Bird" or "Soldier Bird". When John Latham in 1801 first described the Noisy Miner, he named it the "Chattering Bee-eater".

The species name *melanocephala* is from ancient Greek meaning "black" and "head".

They are not to be confused with Common Mynas which are brown and yellow, introduced birds which are upsetting the lives and numbers of many native birds by competing for nest space and food, and preying on their eggs and chicks.

Conservation is secure in all states where Noisy Miners are present. Their population is on the increase particularly in areas where there has been urbanisation and farming.



CONNECTING WITH NATURE

If people connect with nature, they are more likely to respect nature.

Sandra Bayley from Toorbul is inviting people on Sundays from 2-3 pm. to gather in the Tree Room (a canopy of trees) on the Toorbul foreshore opposite 67 Esplanade, Toorbul.

Last week, we shared reading and discussion of the book, "The Eastern Curlew" by Harry Saddler. It's an Australian epic and a tribute to the extraordinary life of a migratory bird.

The Eastern Curlew is the largest of our migratory shorebirds and is seriously endangered.

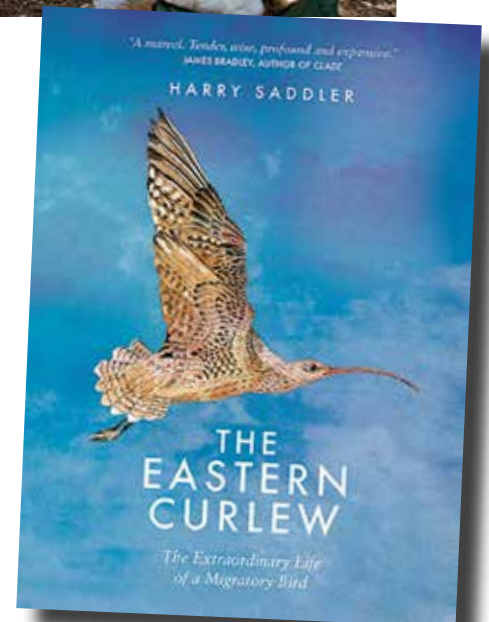
They are laying their eggs in the Arctic at the moment. They will start arriving here in September, a journey of over 10,000 km. There are no stopovers, so the birds lose over half their body weight. When they

arrive, it is vital that they eat voraciously and are undisturbed. Their domain is the mudflats. Often, Harry Saddler states, that we as a population, "we don't value mud or mudflats." For shorebirds, mudflats are everything.

His book discusses other resident and migratory birds in a personal, poetic and engaging way. We do need to make our migratory shorebirds our highest priority in an area that is diminishing rapidly due to rapid development and oversight to pressing environmental concerns.

In Harry Saddler's words, "There's nothing to be gained from maintaining a divide between animals and ourselves. By insisting upon it we've already lost so much and are continuing to do so."

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MISSION POINT ABORIGINAL SCHOOL

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Barry Clark
Bribie Island
Historical Society

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

The next Historical Society meeting is Wednesday 10 AUG at 6:30 pm at the RSL Club.

which will be the Annual General Meeting. You can see more Bribie history on our new Web Site bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au and our Blog Site <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com> or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

The above photo was taken in 1892 and is, I believe, the first ever photo taken on Bribie. This article is about a special era of Bribie History, when an Aboriginal Mission School was established on Bribie 132 years ago.

Moreton Bay was one of three significant areas of Aboriginal population in Australia at the

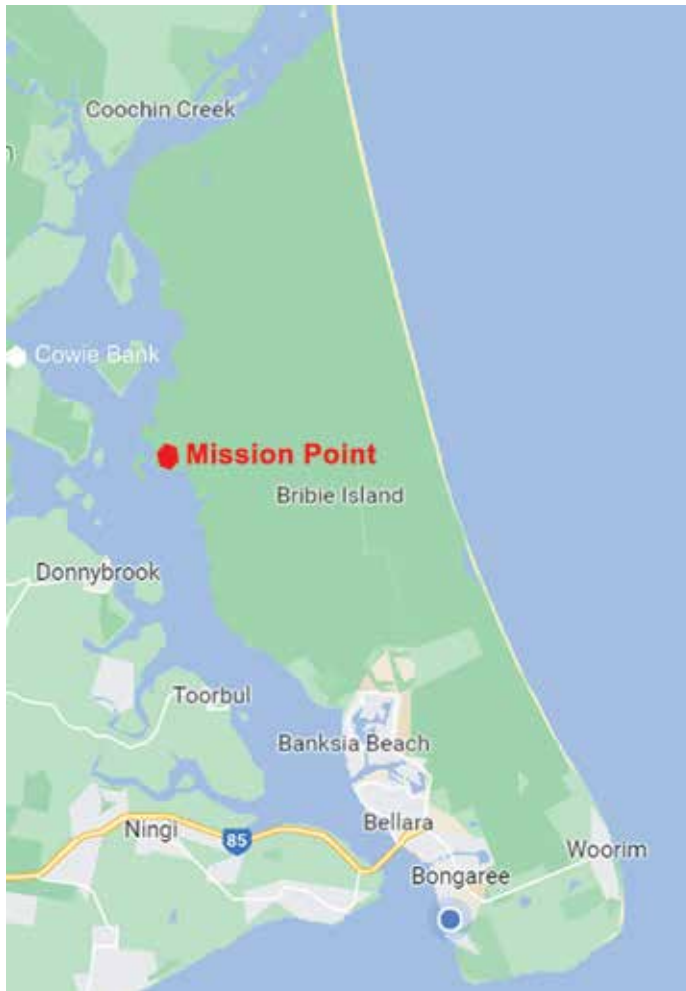
time of white settlement, the others being the Hawkesbury (NSW) and Murray River (SA). A census conducted in 1849, ten years before the new colony of Queensland was declared, estimated about 8000 aboriginal people in Moreton Bay area, with about 400 on Bribie. By 1877 numbers had been greatly reduced by disease, land loss and conflict, and the first Aboriginal Reserve was set up by the Queensland Government at *Whitepatch* on Bribie Island, with about 40 men, women, and children from various disparate groups brought here. They were given a boat, fishing nets and other provisions and were required to sell the catch and work for rations. They were visited by Tom Petrie who had grown up among indigenous people and spoke the language, who reported in January 1879 as follows.

"They live in humpies which they erect with considerable taste, nor do they deem the work in connection irksome, for they move them as soon as the camp gets dirty, which is about once a fortnight, as the number of dogs they keep soon makes the place too lively for them with fleas. The habit of enforced sobriety which life on the island entails, tends greatly to their happiness, and in furnishing a home made attractive by the humanity of white man who has superseded him in his own land, means the settlement is decidedly a success. In breaking the wandering habits of the young the success of the settlement is not so clear, nor is this to be wondered at".

The social experiment was inevitably a failure, and within two years funding was stopped

and it closed. The strange thing is that just 12 years later Bribie Island was once again specifically selected as the location for a new Aboriginal Mission School.

to close the Bribie Mission School. It seems that there was deep rooted prejudice against Bribie in the minds of adult aborigines, who could only be induced to make very



MISSION POINT SCHOOL

In May 1890 the *Queensland Aboriginal Mission Society* were granted land by the Government on Bribie Island. They selected a site on Pumicestone Passage beside a permanent lagoon of fresh water where the Mission buildings would be in full view of Thomas Tripcony's "Cowie Bank" home across the water, which would be good for signalling in the case or emergency. In February 1891, teachers and 23 children from Dunwich were relocated to the new Mission buildings. As darkness fell on the first night the superintendent Mr Tyson described the mosquitoes as "unduly familiar".

It was just 16 months later that a decision was made

brief visits. Another event that impacted the Mission School in 1892 was the new railway line from Brisbane reaching Landsborough. That led to a significant reduction in shipping in Pumicestone Passage, and the eventual closure of *Campbellville* Timber Mill on Coochin creek. In February 1893 there was a record rain event, the greatest rainfall ever recorded, when 907 mm fell in a 24-hour period across the area, causing significant flooding and silting up of the passage and oyster leases. The Mission School became almost totally isolated.

In 1892 the Mission buildings were relocated to North Stradbroke Island and the children temporarily housed on Peel Island. The Mission matron moved across the passage to live at *Cowie*

Bank where she died a short time later. Almost 100 years later the then owner of the property found a small wooden enclosure in the bush, marked with a wild goose plum, which was thought to be her grave.

KAL-MA-KUTA

This period of Bribie Island history ends on another sad note with a link to the last *Joondoburri* woman of Bribie Island. She was *Kal-Ma-Kuta* who had married a white man Fred Turner, and they had an Oyster lease on Ningi creek and lived at Turners Camp, a small island at the mouth of the creek. She was known as *Alma Turner*, and they maintained a navigation beacon for over 20 years where Sandstone Point Hotel stands today, lighting it every night, and extinguished each morning. It was an essential navigation light for the many ships travelling up and down the Passage before the floods of 1893.

The Turners had eight children, and two of them were at the Bribie Mission School when it closed and were transferred to *Myora Mission* on North Stradbroke. In December 1894 Fred and Alma Turner wrote to the Colonial Secretary asking if their son and daughter Leonard and Mabel would be allowed to come home for a few days at Christmas.

In a brief telegram reply, they were refused permission.

PROTECTION ACT

In 1897 the Government passed an infamous piece of legislation known as the "*Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the sale of Opium Act*". This allowed the Chief Protector to remove Aboriginal people into and between reserves and to hold children until they reached fourteen years and put them out to white persons as household servants or farm hands at a reduced rate of pay. This Act removed the basic freedoms of many Indigenous people in relation to movement and labour, custody of their children and control over personal property. This was the first instrument of separate legal control over Aboriginal people in Australia.

Alma (Kal-Ma-Kuta) Turner died that year, and her grave is in what is now the central



reserve of the Bribie Island Road, near *Turners Camp Road* as you approach the island. The site was marked with a memorial stone when the road to the new Bribie Island Bridge was constructed in 1962.

Forty-two years later, in 2004, Kal-Ma-Kuta's great-grandchildren asked the then Council to recognise the historic Turners Camp site. A stone carving of a Navigation Light encrusted with Oysters was made, and a plaque placed on it. However, the initial plaque did not indicate that Kal-Ma-Kuta was Aboriginal, or indeed that she had been the last Joondoburri of Bribie Island. Some years later an additional plate was added by the Turner family to correct that omission.

Let's hope that these memorials of a special era of Bribie history, Almas long marriage to Fred, and the treatment of their children by the authorities, are not forgotten. Next time you drive that way, stop and have a look at the two memorials.



REBELLION IN AUSTRALIA SERIES

EPISODE 4
BY: Al Finegan



BATTLE OF THE EURKA STOCKADE 1854 PART 2



By the beginning of December 1854, the Victorian authorities were in a state of panic, firmly of the belief that some sort of revolutionary insurrection was underway in the Eureka, with the risk that it was about to spread beyond the Ballarat goldfield. They had made no attempt at understanding the reasons for the dissent, nor did they care. Their miner's licence racket was keeping them all rich, that was all that mattered. Police, troopers, magistrates, gold commissioners, and legislators all had their snouts in the trough. They were outraged that the miners refused to bow down to their laws. The fear that they had established in the diggers in order to maintain control had dissipated, replaced by hatred and violent hostility. The troopers and police were infuriated that the diggers had humiliated them in skirmishes and digger hunts over the last few weeks, including being attacked with eggs, rocks, and gunfire whenever they left their government enclosure. They demanded revenge.

By the 1st December, most of the 12th East Suffolk Regiment, the 40th Somersetshire Regiment and four artillery pieces had arrived at the goldfields. Martial law was declared in Ballarat. An experienced officer of the 40th Regiment, Captain John Wellesley Thomas was put in charge of ending the "insurrection" with orders to use overwhelming force to teach the miners a lesson, to let them know just who was in charge. This was a daunting task. He had about 270 men at his disposal to defeat about 10,000 miners. Thomas asked for a grant of £500, then used it to order a large consignment of rum from Melbourne.

Despite their enthusiasm and determination, the diggers were no match for sound battle planning. It is never a sensible strategy in guerrilla warfare to confine all your soldiers in one easily identifiable location.

On Saturday evening, 2nd December, carts loaded with rum rolled through the Eureka tent lines, distributing bottles to the miners, who were being told it was from a rich admirer

of their stand. At that time only 150 or more diggers were in the stockade. When word spread of the free rum ration, about 50 diggers disappeared to collect their share. Several brought back bottles for their mates.

Captain Thomas watched on from the government lines, satisfied with his rum tactic, and gave his operations order to his men. These were his troops whom he had commanded for over two years. He saw no reason to use artillery to deal with the diggers. From a total of about 270, he picked 40 of his most experienced soldiers to spearhead the attack and 26 policemen to follow in the rear. Their flanks were to be guarded by 100 policemen and soldiers on horses. The remainder of his force would stay in reserve. Thomas expected by first light on Sunday 3rd December, that most diggers would be asleep, many still drunk from the night before.

The disciplined troops made a hushed, indirect approach through the bush, then crept uphill to within 200 metres of

the stockade - and waited. At first light, the word was quietly passed down the line to advance. Thomas had ordered no shooting until his bugler gave the signal. At 4.45 am, minutes before sunrise, a lone digger lurched out of the stockade to relieve himself, then stood dumfounded. Only a hundred metres away, emerging from the half-light were lines of soldiers in battle dress advancing towards him, rifles at the ready. He scrambled back to the stockade screaming "Stand To!". Immediately a few diggers jumped up and opened fire. A bugle sounded, volley fire followed, killing at least 15 diggers. Then the soldiers charged, smashing their way through the flimsy barricade. A ferocious, hand to hand, bloody struggle inside the stockade erupted. Peter Lalor was among the first casualties, badly wounded. Lieutenant Henry Wise, aged 26, had been shot in both legs while leading the charge and fell, still yelling encouragement to the 40th.

Inside the stockade it was a one-sided fight as the soldiers' bayonets and butts rapidly overwhelmed the unprepared diggers, until Captain Thomas ordered a halt to the slaughter. But it did not end there. The carnage continued when soldiers and policemen from the flank guard, their bloodlust unsatisfied, stormed the tent lines, firing indiscriminately, leaving a trail of burning tents, wounded and dead bodies, many with severe burns and stab wounds. At least two intoxicated diggers were burnt to death in their beds. From the first shot, the battle lasted barely 15 minutes. 24 diggers were killed or later died of their wounds. Two soldiers of the 40th Regiment were killed outright, and Lt Wise and three soldiers later died of their wounds. There were no police casualties. An Irish policeman carried off the Southern Cross flag as a keepsake.

All day Sunday, police patrolled, in small bodies, the length and breadth of the Ballarat Gold Fields, receiving many insults but no violence, until late afternoon, when an angry digger fired at a sentry, killing him. This started another wild barrage and attack on the tent lines. More were killed, including a young mother and her infant. Another digger, startled by the firing, went out of his tent in his shirt and drawers and seeing the savage butchery going on cried out in terror, "For God's sake don't kill my wife and children". He was shot dead. As darkness closed in, anger slowly turned to mourning on both sides, and an eerie quiet enveloped the Eureka.

On Monday, carts arrived to transport the wounded, and over 100 diggers who had been arrested, back to Melbourne. Peter Lalor had escaped the stockade, seeking help from a local doctor who amputated his wounded arm. Privates Michael Roney and Joseph Wall of the 40th Regiment were among the dead buried later that day.

On Tuesday, martial law was lifted after Major General Sir Robert Nickle, the army's commander in chief in

Australia, reported that the district was quiet. If there had been any call to revolution, it had died very quickly.

News of the battle at Eureka raised mixed feelings among the Victorian public. Many blamed the authorities for mismanagement of the goldfields. The Ballarat press openly supported the diggers' stand. In Melbourne, 6,000 people gathered outside government house to urge peaceful reform in the goldfields. As far away as Britain, France and the USA, newspapers reported Eureka with allusions to the American Revolution.

On 8th December, only thirteen men were committed for trial accused of high treason. The trials began on 22 February and ended on 27 March. Prominent lawyers waived fees to defend the diggers. Jury selection was hard fought. The barristers were able to include several miners from Ballarat in the panel. When the thirteen accused arrived at the courthouse for trial, the Argus reported that "... the court was filled to capacity and thousands more waited outside, loudly cheering as the rebels were led in." Most of the defence arguments rested on the accused stating that they had not been fighting, or had been forcibly dragged into the stockade and kept against their will. In the case of Timothy Hayes, an argument was made that his wife would have been a better soldier. She testified to the court that she had chastised him for being captured and declared that if she had been a man, she would not have been taken by the likes of his accusers. The humour seemed to be quite effective as the jury had trouble reconciling the accused as people being capable of fighting a battle.

The diggers had evidently gained the support of the people of Victoria, and it was not surprising that the jury, one by one, returned a verdict of not guilty on all twelve diggers. The court trials achieved the opposite of what the authorities had hoped. They exposed the corruption and ineptitude of

the government and revealed to the public the true injustices that the diggers had faced at the hands of a governing body.

The thirteenth accused was journalist Henry Seekamp for having written a seditious article leading up to the battle, in part,

"The Australian flag shall triumphantly wave in the sunshine of its own blue and peerless sky over thousands of Australia's adopted sons. And when the loud paean of "Now's the day and now's the hour, See the front of battle lour!" shall have pierced the blue vaults of Australia's matchless sky from the brave men of Ballarat. Next Wednesday at Bakery Hill there will not be one discordant voice in the sublime and heroic chorus. Go forth, indomitable people, gain your rights, and may the God of creation smile down propitiously upon your glorious cause. Forward! People, Forward!"

He was sentenced to six months detention but released after three months.

All of the remaining arrested diggers were soon released without charges. They included the Americans, who had undeniably caused some of the army casualties, apart from the one African American who had helped to make pikes. The Eureka Stockade leader, Peter Lalor, and others came out of hiding without any legal consequences.

The diggers had fought for the chance to vote in elections, for more opportunities to purchase land which at that time was under the control of wealthy merchants and nobles, and for the complete reform of the gold field administration and their exorbitant miner's licence fee and fines.

Governor Hotham's promised goldfield commission reported at the end of March. From its recommendations, half the police on the goldfields were sacked, as were all the corrupt goldfield commissioners who had issued the licences, to be replaced by one warden.

Digging licence fees were abolished, replaced by a £1 per year claim title deed which also gave a digger the right to vote in legislative council elections. Lost revenue was made up with a new export tax on gold bullion. Twelve new members were added to the Victorian Legislative Council, four appointed by the Queen and eight elected by those diggers who held a miner's right. One of these members was Peter Lalor who had survived the amputation of his left arm. He later went on to be elected as the Speaker of the House of Assembly which merited a statue in Melbourne.

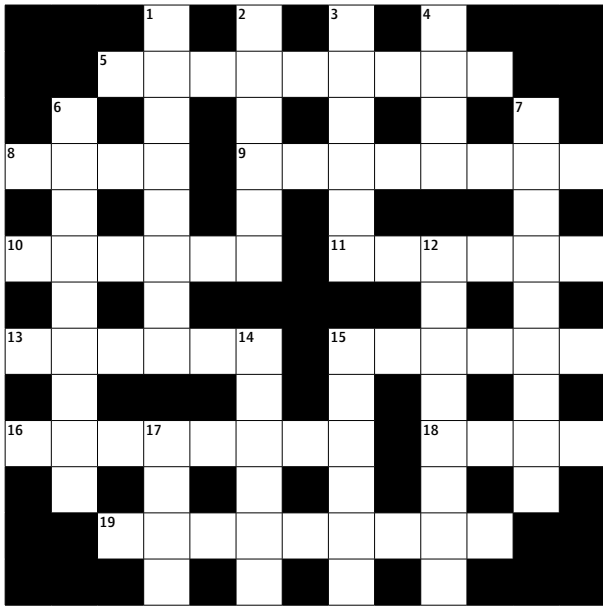
The Eureka diggers had achieved much of what they wanted. Their victory was also one of the key steps to Victoria instituting male suffrage in 1857 and female suffrage in 1908.

Governor Charles Hotham died a year after Eureka.

The 40th Regiment served in Australia until 1860 when it was posted along with the 12th Regiment to New Zealand to fight in the Maori Wars of 1860-61 and 1863-64. The regiment returned to England in 1866, 14 years after arriving in Australia. Captain John Thomas was promoted to Major after the Eureka Stockade battle. He was later promoted to lieutenant colonel and commanded the 67th for some years. He left the army in 1881 in the rank of lieutenant general and was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Hampshire Regiment in 1893.

Although the battle at Eureka was short, and fewer deaths occurred when compared with the great wars through the centuries, it was nevertheless, a most significant event in the history of Australia. The diggers "lost the battle but won the war". The whole gold fields administration was subsequently overhauled and revised. The effect Eureka had on the mining laws, on equality within society, the legislative administration, and the influence upon subsequent generations of Australians has been profound.

Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



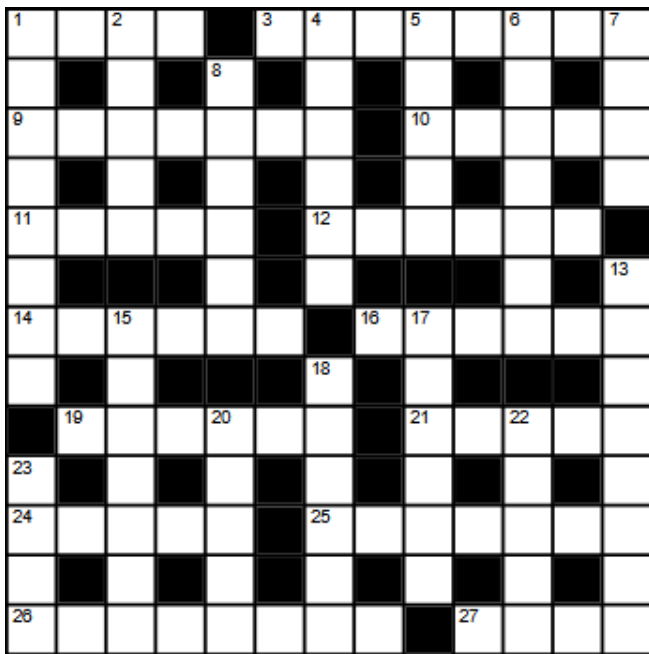
Across

- 5 Edgar Rice ____, creator of Tarzan (9)
- 8 Daybreak (4)
- 9 Exciting (8)
- 10 Restrict consumption of something scarce (6)
- 11 Manage — name (6)
- 13 Ban any (anag) — Indian national tree (6)
- 15 Vocal organ (6)
- 16 Swiss cheese (8)
- 18 Some time soon (4)
- 19 Slavery (9)

Down

- 1 Amount (8)
- 2 Beginning (6)
- 3 City of the 1972 Olympic Games (6)
- 4 Flog (4)
- 6 Old mounted soldier — mama rants (anag) (3-2-4)
- 7 Alcove by an open fire (9)
- 12 Where the D-Day landings took place (8)
- 14 Relating to one's birthplace (6)
- 15 Vladimir Nabokov's novel about Humbert Humbert's obsession with a young girl (6)
- 17 Sharp-pointed duelling sword (4)

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Across

- 1 Where a tie is arranged to support the principal (4)
- 3 All Caine wanted badly was Union (8)
- 9 Nothing to shackle one's theory (7)
- 10 The funds to make bread... (5)
- 11 Traditional riding gear is the norm (5)
- 12 First class is the best (6)
- 14 It's Reg disturbing the cats (6)
- 16 Outfitter got to customise suit (6)
- 19 Without me, he's pampered, spoilt but smart (6)
- 21 The drink for the well-built (5)
- 24 King with unusually fine blade (5)
- 25 Six pose for an artist or get together for company (7)
- 26 Plays at being corrupt President without heart (8)
- 27 Smirk with spirit - about right? - (4)

Down

- 1 They open service for a novice (8)
- 2 First college member to reach the peak (5)
- 4 Two lefties, unknown, holding one desolate (6)
- 5 In dexterity, these pinkies show up (5)
- 6 Neither for or against making a late run (7)
- 7 A local paper? on the rebound? (4)
- 8 Lay to rest after start of wrestling season (6)
- 13 Friends take Herbert north, curiously (8)
- 15 Rocky seen tearing around (7)
- 17 Saint Francis's home lost the final taking first turn to help (6)
- 18 It was determined that Jasper's heart wandered (6)
- 20 A bit of tart and ice I left (5)
- 22 The interior gets a complement (5)
- 23 Miss dance after disturbed naps (4)

SOLUTIONS

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SOLUTION 171



Find A Word

simple iced biscuits

Ingredients

200g unsalted butter , softened
 200g golden caster sugar
 1 large egg
 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
 400g plain flour , plus extra for dusting

To decorate

8-12 x 19g coloured icing pens , or fondant icing sugar mixed with a little water and food colouring

Method

STEP 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Put the butter in a bowl and beat it using an electric whisk until soft and creamy. Beat in the sugar, then the egg and vanilla or lemon, and finally the flour to make a dough. If the dough feels a bit sticky, add a little more flour and knead it in.

STEP 2

Cut the dough into six pieces and roll out one at a time to about 5mm thickness on a floured surface. The easiest way to do this is to roll the mixture out on a baking mat. Cut out letter and number shapes (we used 7 x 4cm cutters) and peel away the



leftover dough at the edges. Re-roll any off-cuts and repeat.

STEP 3

Transfer the whole mat or the individual biscuits to two baking sheets (transfer them to baking parchment if not using a mat) and bake for 7-10 mins or until the edges are just brown. Leave to cool completely and repeat with the rest of the dough. You should be able to fit about 12 on each sheet. If you are using two sheets, then the one underneath will take a minute longer.

STEP 4

Ice the biscuits using the pens to make stripes or dots, or colour in the whole biscuit if you like.

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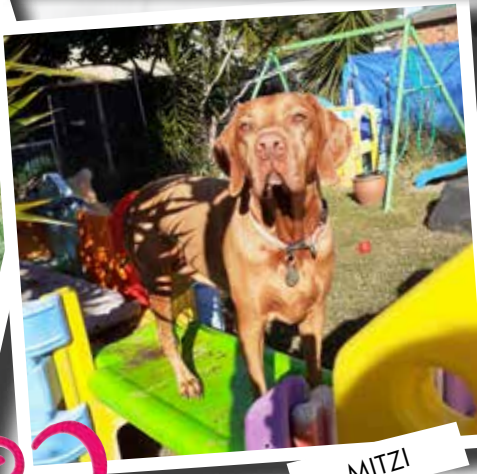
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Don't overfeed your dog, it will significantly impact their health and happiness

Overweight dogs are at increased risk of metabolic abnormalities, cardiovascular disease, joint diseases, a lowered immune system, and many other health problems. They also are less mobile and can't run, play, or do other activities as much as they'd like. Do your pet a favour, feed them the amount recommended by their vet and don't give in to those puppy dog eyes when they ask for more!

Touch your dog's nose –

Your dog's nose should feel wet. The level of moisture will vary between dogs and by the time of year, but a healthy dog will have a cool and slightly wet nose because dogs secrete sweat through their nose to cool down.

Make annual vet appointments

Let the experts examine your dog regularly to screen them for any health issues and to provide you with the best, personalized information to keep your precious pup healthy for many years.

Make a "pet first aid" kit

Accidents and emergencies happen and being prepared with all the essentials to help your dog is a crucial step in being a responsible pet owner. This is especially important if you take your dog out hiking or camping, whenever you may be far away from help.

A DIY pet first aid kit is something every dog parent should have.

Get pet insurance

Emergency and unexpected accidents and illnesses often cost \$800 to \$1500. With as many as a third of pets needing emergency care per year, this can quickly become a financial burden. Pet insurance can help to cover these unexpected costs, prescription medications, long term health conditions and more making it an important investment for the furry members of your family.

Brush your dog's teeth – Brushing your dog's teeth is often overlooked, but hugely important to their overall health and avoiding expensive dental treatments in the future. Make this a part of their normal routine and make sure to use toothpaste made specifically for dogs. With a little bit of time and training, teeth brushing can be a fun activity for your pet every day!

Have an emergency plan in place

It's not pleasant to think about, but it's crucial that you have a plan for your dog in place should anything happen to you. Make a list of important information about your dog's lifestyle including how often they're fed, how much they're fed, medications, their vet's phone number, etc. Give copies of this to someone in your life that could take care of your dog in the case of an emergency. It's also worth your time to ask around and make sure you have at least one or two people who live close by that could help your dog on short notice.

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BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S RESULTS

Scroungers Sat July 7th
1st L Kurtz, 2nd John Muller,
3rd Robert Johnson.
Wed 4's July 13th winners
Doreen Pennery, Ken Kajewski,
Morris Huddleston, Wayne
Baker.
Runners Up J Sargent, Carolyn
Merret, Kim Hagan, Di Drew
Thurs Jackpot pairs July 14th
Winners Noela Gray, Maureen

Griffin
Runners Up Richie Ferguson,
Neil Smith
Scroungers Sat July 16th
1st Jill Woods, 2nd Mike
Roberts, 3rd Doug Stenhouse
Wed 4's July 20th Winners
Jim Warwick, Doreen
O'halloran, Gaynor Johnson,
Ron Corrick
Runners Up Ron Carruthers,
Margaret McGarry, Jake
McGarry, Graham Symonds

BONGAREE LADIES RESULTS

Friday 8th July
Winners: Lidijah and Steve
Patching
R/U: Lyn and Butch Browning
Friday 15th July
Winners: Lidijah and Steve
Patching
R/U Noela Gray, Jim
Warwick, Ron Wilson



Photo: Winners of the Ladies
Fours Championship 2022
Maureen Ferguson, Doreen
O'Halloren, Elna Jensen,
Brenda Hutchinson

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**RESULTS FOR BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF****7 July to 20 July 2022****7/7/22 Monthly Medal - Single Stroke - Sponsors Churches of Christ Qld**

A Grade Winner: Gwen
Clutterbuck 76, 1st R/U Nina Bohan
77, Toni Grossman 78
NTP: Hole 4 Gwen Clutterbuck,
Hole 7 Pauline Grooby, Hole 14
Nina Bohan
B Grade Winner: Ailsa Lauchlan
74, Caroline Melville 77, Sylvia
White 79
NTP: Hole 4 Leonie Buxton, Hole
14 Di Croft
C Grade Winner: Vicki Lawrence
74, Jan Jennings 78, Hazel
McDonnell 80
NTP: Hole 4 Jody Bedson, Hole 14
Jan Jennings
**10-13 July 22 - South Pacific
Women's Classic**
11 Bribie Island ladies travelled
to Surfers Paradise for a Mixed
Foursomes on Sunday and three
days of stroke on Monday Tuesday
and Wednesday. Those ladies
are Lyn Ball, Di Binghamy, Gwen
Clutterbuck, Bibby Davies, Ailsa
Lauchlan, Marg McBride, Ann
Rogers, Marj Sills, Kris Tomalin,
Suzanne Vallely and Carole
Watson. We wish all those ladies
safe travels and good golfing.



Bribie Island ladies (left to right)
Suzanne Vallely, Ann Rogers,
Gwen Clutterbuck, Marj Sills,
Carole Watson, Kris Tomalin Marg
McBride, Bibby Davies, Lyn Ball,
Ailsa Lauchlan and Di Binghamy.



Players of note were Di Binghamy



3rd place in Overall Women's Division
Gross, Gwen Clutterbuck

Daily Nett R/U Wednesday 13th
Daily prize. Well done to all those
ladies who played some for 3 days
and some for 4 days.

12/7/22 3 Person Ambrose Yellow Tees

Overall Winners: Pauline Grooby,
Lesley Heap and Abby Driver
67.167 1st R/U Myra Thomsen,
Linda Urquhart and Janet Brooks
69.5

NTP: Hole 4 Jennifer Stafford, Hole
7 Pauline Grooby, Hole 14 Jody
Bedson, Hole 16 Open 2nd Shot
Lenore Wilson

8/7/22 Committee Cup Match Play Semi-Final

Marg Parkinson & Vivienne Learoyd
won on a forfeit from Stina Barnulf
& Toni Grossmann

Ailsa Lauchlan & Bibby Davies
defeated Anna de Bondt &
Maureen Bailey 3/2

Final to be played on Tuesday 26
July Vivienne Learoyd and Marg
Parkinson v Ailsa Lauchlan and
Bibby Davies

14/7/22 4BBB Stableford

Overall Winners: Ros Gardiner &
Hazel McDonnell 41, 1st R/U Myra
Thomsen & Toni Grossman
NTP: Hole 7 Linda Urquhart, Hole
14 Angela Jordan, Hole 16 Open
2nd Shot Linda Urquhart

17/7/22 Kingaroy Open Race to the Coast

A small Bribie contingent, Di
Binghamy and Suzanne Vallely,
played in this event and were in the
winner's circle. Di came in with 2nd
Place Gross A Grade and Suzanne
came in with 1st Place Nett A
Grade. It was a long day - we
returned home tired but happy.



Di Binghamy



Suzanne Vallely

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS**RESULTS - W/E 23/07/2022**

Tuesday: Winners - R.
Chaplin, M. Dawson & K.
Reithmuller. R/U - M. Boike, B.
Rudd & R. McLeod.

Wednesday: Winners -
WASHED OUT.

Thursday: Winners -
WASHED OUT.

Friday: Winners - WASHED
OUT.

Saturday: Winners - J.
Sanderson & R. Harris.
R/U - J. Corbett, T. Fairman &
R. McLeod.

WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS - W/E 16/07/2022

Tuesday: Winners - WASHED
OUT.

Wednesday: Winners - S.
Jameson & M. Power

R/U - M. McKenzie & M.
Dance.

3 rd - C. Avenell & P. Bradley.
- Jackpot (\$66) C. Avenell & P.
Bradley.

Thursday: Winners - B.
Curtis, M. McKenzie & J.
McKenzie.

R/U - B. Allen, P. Smart & D.
Wilkinson.

3 rd - S. Hamblin, T.
Grimmond & J. Dann. - Jackpot
(\$?) Not Won.

Friday: Winners - M. Wilson
& G. Hubbard.

R/U - D. King & R. King.

1 st Rnd - B. King & R. Wales.

2 nd Rnd - J. Jameson & S.
Jameson.

Saturday: Winners - S. Wyper,
B. Rudd & B. Craitem.

R/U - T. Fairman, M.
Whiteside & R. Harris.

LEGEND'S PRO-AM

On Friday, 22nd July 2022, the Bribie Island Legend's Pro-Am was held at Bribie Island Golf Club under what can only be described as weather conditions best suited to staying indoors. 55 PGA Professionals and an equal number of amateurs competed in the Bribie Island Legends Pro-Am for the first of two SPArms PGA Legends Tour events in the Moreton Bay Region.

Despite wet weather and strong winds, Victorian Carl Smedley has won the tournament with a one under par round of 71. After being three over par through three holes, Smedley made birdies on the 5th, 6th, 7th, 14th and 17th holes limiting any further bogeys to just one of which he made on the 9th hole.

After a prosperous early part of his playing career, this is Carl Smedley's first win on the PGA Legends Tour. "Some of the toughest conditions I have played in for a while which is rare in this region for this time of year" said Smedley. "I have been playing nicely heading

into this week though when you are faced with a day where you merely need to limit the bogeys, it is certainly a mindset shift. I lost a good friend this morning after a sudden stroke and it certainly puts life into perspective and although it almost felt like I was carrying a 15th club today, it was nice to get a win to do him proud".

Smedley won by two shots from current SPArms PGA legends Tour Order of Merit leader Andre Stolz who shot a one over par round of 73.

On the amateur side, a similar difficult time was had under the conditions, and no player managed to play to their handicap or better. The amateur winner was Jody Carew, from Brookwater Golf Club with 35 points, and runner-up, Andrew Mellor, from Bribie, with 33 points.

Unfortunately, the Play It Central Night Shootout had to be abandoned due to the relentless wet weather.

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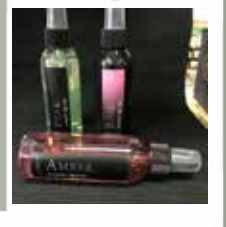
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Hello there and welcome back to island gardens. August is nearly and is often considered to be a season of its own in SEQ. The Ekka winds arrived early, some cold westerlies among them. At other times, it will feel like Spring, with temperatures easily reaching the high 20s on several days.

While Spring doesn't officially start for another month, our gardens often behave like it is already here. Some of the flowers known to bloom in September or even October have started blooming already, so it's certainly a good time to fertilise. Always good to give the garden a boost before the warmer, growing period kicks off in earnest.

Is starting to sound like work? Quick, let's change the subject to colour! We are blessed in our region to have flowering

plants all year round, but little have I talked about the beauty of annuals. For gardening newbies, an annual is any plant whose life cycle is complete within one growing season (a year or less), perennial meaning usually two years or more.

The magic of annuals is compound. Two benefits include they keep the gardener active by regularly planting new and beautiful colours, and they are a constant joy and learning experience.

Pictured along the top here you see some multi-coloured petunias. Some varieties release a beautiful, aromatic, sweet-smelling fragrance, attracting insect pollinators. It's no wonder they are an all-time favourite to millions of people worldwide. An added bonus for us is that most will flower all year-round here.

They do look their best after winter though, which is why they might not be available for a few more weeks.

However, a hint for plants that look a little messy from time to time – that messiness is almost always at the bottom, while stunning flowers adorn the top. Consider planting behind shorter plants, or behind a rock or two, so you can enjoy the beauty without the mess, which will become mulch in the end anyway. Isn't it great how in gardening – there are always solutions.

On the bottom-left, are some marigolds. Whichever variety you want, there's a whole range of stunning reds, oranges and yellows to choose from, and if you're really lucky – whites and pinks. Marigolds have many benefits, including attracting pollinators, repelling some pests, protecting

tomatoes and some vegetables, and like the nasturtium, the flowers are edible! I haven't tried yet but there's always tomorrow...

On the bottom right, check out the alyssum being amazing. What a great range of colours. Like virtually all annuals, they require a little thinning out, tidying up, but overall, it's very little work for the resulting beauty, and they self-seed, which means they remain in the garden like a perennial. Best of both worlds!

For other great annuals, check out gerberas and some other daisies, sweet peas, cosmos, impatiens, sunflowers, zinnias and so many more.

Thanks for reading everyone and see you again in issue 173 on 26th August when it really will be almost Spring! Until then, happy gardening.

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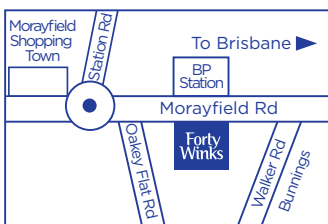
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The friendly and enthusiastic members of Bribie Island Orchid Society Inc. located at The Orchid House, 156A First Avenue, Bribie Island, meet twice per month with the New Growers Meeting held on the

second Saturday of the month at 1.30pm where newcomers are taught the basics of orchid growing and shown how to care for their plants. The Cultural Meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the Month at 1.30pm where members bench their plants for judging and to

hear words of wisdom from various guest speakers. Meetings are followed by afternoon tea and a chance for members and visitors to catch up. From time to time throughout the



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The following plants are a selection chosen by bcgi for the sensory garden. If you have any that you would like to donate, please let us know. As you can see, we don't want just pretty smelling plants, we want the whole sensory experience!

- Sedum "Autumn Joy" Sedum spp (Visual, touch)
- Smelly Socks Grevillia leucopteris (Guess!)
- Biddy Bush Cassinia arcuata (smells like coffee)
- Lambs Ears Stachys byzantina (touch)
- Stevia, Sweet Leaf Stevia rebaudiana (sweet taste)
- Chocolate Cosmos Cosmos atrosanguineus
- Chocolate Lily Dichopogon fimbriatus
- Lanolin Bush Franklandia fucifolia (smells like lanolin)

Sensory Garden

- Heliotrope, "Cherry Pie" Heliotropium arborescens (smells like cherry)
- Chefs Cap Correa Correa baeuerlenii (smells like juicy fruit gum!)
- Flindersia Bennettiana (smells like bread dough)
- Scented Bush Pea Pultenaea gravolens (smells like cream cheese)
- Stinking Hakea Hakea denticulate, H. scandens, H rubiflora (not so nice!)

Check out our website to see the complete sensory plant list we have compiled. If there are any plants listed that you think shouldn't be, please let us know.

Things we also need: • People - New members • Feature pots • Indigenous food plants • Fruit trees

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- 42% of total respondents will use appliances less
- 46% will "turn off lights when not in the room"
- 43% have considered changing energy providers due to value for money concerns

A representative survey of Australians about their energy use amid rising inflation paints a picture of a chilly winter for most as they desperately try to rein in spending on heating bills. The survey of 1,003 people, across all demographics and locations in Australia and weighted for population, showed that 67% or two thirds of Australians would plan to "wear more clothes" to save on energy use this winter, when asked to identify their top three responses. Broken down by the two main genders, 70% of women identified this as a top response, compared to 64% of men.

As for other strategies 42% of the total said they would use their appliances more sparingly, and 46% would turn off lights when not in the room.

ENERGY CRISIS

Huge energy bills were always on the cards as wholesale electricity prices skyrocketed by 141% this year - which retailers have had to pass on to consumers.

According to the survey, when asked their top three responses, 43% say that they are considering changing energy retailers as they are unhappy with the value for money, and 32% saying they've found more competitive rates elsewhere.

"If you haven't changed your energy retailers over the last twelve months, look for cheaper alternatives and lock in prices as much as you can. Keep looking for better deals. Even if you've changed provider recently, it doesn't mean you can't change again.

"Consumers hold the ultimate power even in times of inflation and rising prices - so be prepared to vote with your feet... or your wallet!"

Tsouvalas also says that everyday Australians may struggle to heat their homes efficiently due to insulation standards.

"It's unfortunate that we may be paying even more due to lax insulation standards that lag behind other countries," he says.

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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT MANUFACTURED HOMES!

Dear Pumicestone

This week I'd like to talk about a pressing issue for many in our community – manufactured home parks, also known as residential parks or over 50s villages.

Across the Pumicestone electorate we have nine manufactured home parks and on Bribie Island and Sandstone Point alone, we have seven. That's thousands of residents in our area alone!

People have raised concerns with me about how some home parks are run, especially about rent rises and processes for sale. I've worked hard to advocate for fairer outcomes since I was elected, and now our Palaszczuk Government is holding a review into the Act.

We've put out an issues paper which is now open for feedback. And we've also released a survey asking current and former residents to have their say on their experiences of manufactured homes.

The survey will help ensure legislation reflects the needs of home park owners now and into the future.

I organised forums earlier this month to inform residents about this review, and want to thank the Member for Bancroft, Chris Whiting MP, for stepping up when I was in COVID isolation!

I am asking you all to have your say and to return the survey to the department by Monday 15th August.

If you haven't already filled out the survey, please head to <https://yoursayhpw.engagementhq.com/manufactured-homes-your-say>

If you have any feedback you believe isn't covered by the survey or the issues paper, it can be emailed to the department at MHconsult@chde.qld.gov.au

If you'd prefer a physical copy of the survey or issues paper, call my office on 3474 2100.

It is so important your views are heard, so we can make the laws better and fairer!

Community feedback really puts issues in perspective for people in charge of drafting and designing changes.

If there is anything you'd like to discuss with me, whether it's about manufactured homes or other issues, you can book a time at one of my mobile offices.

On Tuesday 2nd August, I'll be at:

Pigface Café, Woorim – 9:00am – 10:00

The Coffee Club, Bongaree – 10:15am – 11:15am

Woolworths Banksia Beach – 11:30am – 12:30pm

On Friday 5th August, you can find me at:

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Sandstone Point, Bakehouse – 11:45am – 12:45pm

Please get in touch with my office to book in your spot on 3474 2100 or by emailing pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au

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CHARLIE ALBONE'S

TIPS TO REPAIR YOUR GARDEN AFTER FLOOD WATERS



Expert garden designer and STIHL Ambassador Charlie Albone has shared tips on how you can repair your garden after heavy rain or flooding. With many parts of Australia this year heavily impacted by heavy rain and flooding, gardens were washed away, flooded or covered in silt and mud.

“For many people their garden is an oasis, a way to escape and relax,” STIHL Ambassador Charlie Albone said. Having this damaged or destroyed can be very upsetting for some people. But with a little work and sunshine, you can have your garden looking the best it has ever been. It may even be the spur for you to design the garden you have been dreaming of. “Floodwaters can bring dangerous pollutants to your garden, so please take precaution when cleaning up and use appropriate PPE,” Charlie added.

1. CLEAN YOUR GARDEN OF MUD AND SILT.

Plants need to see daylight to photosynthesise, so any leaves covered in mud won't be able to receive the sun's energy to grow. The plants will be able to repair quicker once they are able to photosynthesise. The mud or silt on plants, from tops of leaves, underneath

leaves and on stems, can also grow bacteria. This is another important reason to clean your plants.

2. STEER CLEAR OF EATING PRODUCE AFTER FLOODING.

Flood water can bring pollutants and other bacteria to your produce plants. From leafy greens to fruits such as berries and melons, it's best to compost and avoid eating this produce for the four weeks following flooding.

3. REMOVE DEAD PLANTS

The first benefit of removing any dead plants or debris washed into your garden is the aesthetic improvement. It will open the space up and you can then consider how best to use the area and what plants will suit it best. The STIHL GTA 26 will help you quickly cut branches and get through the work. Dead plants can also spread disease, so best to remove them quickly. Any diseased plants should not be mulched or composted in your garden, as this may spread the disease to other plants.

4. AVOID WATERLOGGED AREAS.

Watch for waterlogged plants and plan aeration to help compacted soil. Soft wet soil is highly susceptible to compaction when waterlogged. Where possible,

stay off these areas to avoid inadvertently compacting them. If you can't avoid this, plan to aerate the soil in the coming weeks once dried out. Compacted soil can prevent water from penetrating - causing water to run off - and limit water and oxygen getting to roots, hurting soil health in the long term. Aeration can also reduce waterlogging in the future. With so much water around, soil will stay waterlogged for some time. For some plants, this may choke their roots, starving them of oxygen. Plants will quickly become drooped when suffering from waterlogged soil. There is little that can be done about this in the short term but consider the plant's location and if it needs to be moved in the future. You may find plants appear healthy after the flooding but die in the coming weeks or months. The flood waters may have introduced disease to vulnerable plants or added to existing stresses.

5. RE-MULCH YOUR GARDEN BEDS

It is likely you are looking at bare soil around much of your garden. Adding mulch will protect exposed roots and help to prevent soil erosion. This will aid in adding structure to the soil and will

help its stability and protect your plants in the future. Clean garden trimmings can be used for this and processed through a STIHL GHE 150 electric garden shredder. If plants may be diseased, best to dispose of them in your garden waste bin and not risk spreading the disease across your garden.

6. CONSIDER THIS A TIME TO RESET YOUR GARDEN

If you have suffered significant damage or loss, it may be a good idea to consider the layout and plant choices to minimise this for next time. Review where your damage came from and see if alternate plant choices or materials in your garden may lessen the impact from a significant rain event in the future. Maybe this is the time to build the raised vegetable garden you've been wanting, or to create the entertaining area with a fire pit the kids have suggested.

“For so many people, I know the amount of water that came through there was nothing they could do to avoid the devastation. Our thoughts are with these people impacted as they clean up and repair their homes. Plants are resilient, so hopefully with some sunshine many gardens will be looking beautiful in no time,” Charlie Albone concluded.

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When is the right time to sell?

The decision to sell your home can be life-changing and when you are considering when the right time might be, you can sometimes get caught up in the hype of when it might be a good time to test the market.

Largely, the real estate market can be seasonal in the demand for property. Spring has traditionally been a prime time to sell property as potential buyers come out of winter hibernation and decide to make a move.

This of course, is not the only factor in the equation as other elements such as interest rate rises, world events and fluctuations in market activity also playing a role in considering how the market is trending.

Ultimately, the best time to sell your property is when you are ready to make a move. It may be that your family is expanding, or you are working from home more and you need to move to a bigger space. You may have decided on a change of scenery and location, or you have concluded that now is the time to downsize.

There are some things you may like to consider before you make the next move.

Do you have a financial plan?

The costs to move home are not always light and it is easier if you have a plan in place of how you are going to fund your move. There may be equity in your current home that can contribute toward the next property or you may need to save more to move to the next property. Knowing these details can also help make the decision around budgetary questions.

Do you need more to upsize, or have you made considerable gains in the current value? Are you downsizing and will there be a surplus of funds after settlement that will work toward your next property goal?

You will also need to consider costs for agents and solicitor fees, statutory fees, and the costs to relocate.

Speak with an agent

Do you have an agent of choice? It might be someone who you've worked with before or someone that has been recommended to you. A skilled agent will be able to provide you with an appraisal to give you an indication of price and provide a fee structure that you can plan into your budget.

The advice that they provide can give you the information that you may need to make an informed decision as to whether it is the right time to sell.

Is it time for a sea or tree change?

Making the decision to move may come down to lifestyle and changes that occur depending on the life stage that you are at. It may be that you are relocating for work, you may need to upsize or downsize, or you've decided to make a tree or sea change.

Consider the life stage you are at, what the next steps are, and where you may like to see yourself living during your next stage. This will then help with research into prices in your chosen area and set a budget so that you will know how much you need to sell for.

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Oh, and by the way Mousse - our company mascot AKA the labradorable is now 25 kilograms of joy!

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PROMOTION - ROB TAYLOR

Welcome to Blue Saturday Robert and congratulations for achieving your first stripe.



Blue Sunday crew practicing their knots with coxswains Graham Parker and Liz Radajewski.

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BONFIRE NIGHT Saturday 2nd July 2022



Parking Team Leader Karen Darlington briefs the team on duties for the day.



VMR Radio Officer Peter McNamara made a surprise visit to the Radio Room early this morning, Thursday 7th July 2022 to present Senior Radio Operator Bob Brandis with a plaque for his many years of service as Deputy Radio Officer. Bob has been instrumental in producing training videos for all the Radio Operators. His catch phrase "YOU ARE NEVER ALONE IN A TEAM" is now widely used throughout VMR Bribie. Bob has retired from the Deputy Radio Officer role but continues to be an important part of the VMR Radio Team as a Senior Radio Operator and Trainer.



All the VMR Team are sending a Big Thank You to Senior Radio Operator Lyn Boucaut and her husband Geoff for their very generous donation of a proper weather station for the Radio Room and Base. Commodore Liz Radajewski and Vice Commodore Ces Luscombe present Lyn with a VMR Plaque as a token from all of all the VMR Teams in appreciation of their donation.

PROMOTION - TIM AMOUROUS



Tim Amouros is promoted to crew and received his first stripe from Commodore Liz Radajewski and Coxswain Allan Tranter. Congratulations Tim, welcome to the Red Saturday Crew!

STATE OF ORIGIN III - THE DECIDER

Wednesday 13th July 2022 – 18 Active Members and Guests attended the Decider with the Maroons winning 22 – 12 and hence the 2022 Series 2 – 1.

Peter Morton manned the bar and the Social Committee Ladies Leona Patrick, Sheryl Trail and some help from Cheryl Robinson served pies, hot dogs, and toasties.

Half Time saw the Blues ahead 12 – 10, but much to Wayne's disgust they didn't trouble the scorer in the second half.



Sue and Wayne Sclater with grandchildren Alissa, Mia, Justin, Connor, and David – all Blues supporters except Justin.



Our "Commentator" and VMR Bribie Secretary Gary Voss still full of confidence at Half Time with a glass of red.



Leona Patrick, Cheryl Robinson chatting with Peter Morton, and Sheryl Trail in the Busyfingers kitchen.



Trainee Radio Operator Bernie Hayes supporting the Maroons along with Trainee Crew Chris Hadley – still hanging in there at Half Time.



Blues stalwart John Burdinat quietly confident at half time.



Justin happy with his team's performance after Full Time and Sue Sclater still smiling.

PROMOTION - VITT COX



Vitt Cox receives his Crew Stipe from Coxswain Gary Voss. Congratulations Vitt and welcome to Red Sunday Crew!



Monday 18th July 2022, A busy day with three callouts. Above and below: The last of the day, an assist of a 7m vessel from Tangalooma to Spinnaker Sound Marina with beautiful conditions on the bay.



Saturday 16th July 2022 - An assist from White Patch. What a fantastic day on the water.



With it being a good weekend on the water the crews and radio operators were kept extremely busy.



Bribie Two was out of the water having some TLC, being towed by Big Red and coxswain Wayne Sclater.



Logs, logs, and more logs. Lots of large debris out in the bay so take care. We brought in 2 huge logs on Monday 18th July 2022.



Bribie 2 is getting some new technology over the next few days.



SAFETY DAVE THE FRENCHIE'S MESSAGE:

Safety Dave says "Check your safety gear, ensure your flares are in date and dry, that you have a fire extinguisher, torch, v-sheet, life jackets; and that they are easily accessible. We talk a lot about servicing inflatable Life Jackets but there are also the old faithful foam filled life Jackets that we see a lot of on vessels.

A lot of the time these are stashed away in the boat they get wet and sun damaged and forgotten about, these need to be checked annually too.

Check the life jacket for signs of:

- Sun Damage
- Fading
- Rips
- Check the buckle works
- Inspect straps for any deterioration
- If reflective strips are attached make sure they are clean and undamaged.
- Make sure the whistle works.

Look after the equipment that will look after you.!"

"SO PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!"

JULY 2022 VESSEL ASSISTS:

- SAT 09/07 1351pm – Tasked by QAS to transport patient from Moreton Island to Redcliffe.
- THU 14/07 2329pm – 10m Yacht non-member hard against Bridge on South side. Required reposition on mooring on the South side of the Bribie Bridge.
- SAT 16/07 0934am – 5.7m Half Cabin member had lost power required a tow from 1km South of Bulwer Wreck to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
- SAT 16/07 1134am – 5m Runabout member lost power at White Patch, required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.
- SAT 16/07 1349pm – 4.2m Tinny non-member out of fuel at White Patch, required a tow to Bongaree
- MON 18/07 1033am – Retrieve a 10m log floating North of Deception Bay Red.
- MON 18/07 1250pm – MOP reported a floating log near Cook's Rocks – Retrieved.
- MON 18/07 1412pm – 7m Bayliner member won't start at Tangalooma, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina..

YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 21st July 2022:
 7,535 Calls, 1,960 vessels logged on,
 173 Vessel Assists, 907 Sitreps, 474 Requests,
 25 overdue vessels, 22 Vessel Tracking,
 924 Radio Checks, 5 Weather Broadcasts,
 129 Securite Broadcasts, 0 Pan Pan 1 Mayday.
VHF 61.9%, 27MHz 0.2%, Phone 17.1%.

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

FISHING REPORT

BY: DOC @ BRIBIE BAIT TACKLE & BIKES



Hello anglers,

Good to see the sunshine, at last. Good catches of the bread-and-butter fish are still being landed throughout the passage. AFAQ fished the weekend at Ocean Beach. Good catches of flathead and bream were caught, but tailor was thin on the ground.

Turner's Camp, Ningi Creek, Sandstone Point, Red Beach and the Cockle banks were areas for fish catches of bream, whiting, flathead and the occasional Grassy sweetlips. Still good bream and the occasional Tailor from the Jetty. Live bait and White Pilchard working well. A reminder to anglers that it is still closed season for Pearl Perch and Snapper, a fishing inspector informed me of two very recent events, one, a recreational fisher caught Snapper and hid his catch under floorboards, and a commercial fisherman caught selling fish for cash that was not reported on his daily catch list. They are out there and like speeding, you will be caught when you least expect it.

The weather, swell and rain wrecked the first week of my report timeline, hopefully, we will see an end to it for a while and get back to normal beautiful winter days.

That is all for this edition, tight lines,
DOC



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It's not really about the fishing though. The activity brings us together. During this time,

we get to know our participants, and start to identify the needs of individuals living in the community who require extra assistance, such as support, advocacy, financial hardship, intervention, and community compassion. Many of these people have complex needs but do not fit the criteria for substantial government support and are constantly falling through the systemic cracks because of reasons beyond their control. Fishability QLD will often step in as a charity and take people to those appointments, help with financial hardship where we can, assist people struggling to understand their NDIS plans, and make sure that person has support, a sense of purpose and



hope for a better tomorrow. Fishability QLD is often that organisation responding to crisis' free of charge.

Without support and assistance, social isolation can impact on people's ability to participate in the community; it can contribute to or exacerbate depression, anxiety and loneliness and further impact people's lives leading to homelessness, suicidal ideation, and substance abuse. The service demands have increased beyond our capacity to deliver as generously as we did previously when we were assisted with government funding. We have been forced to reach out to the community for support. Wallum Action Group, along with Busy Fingers have yet again overwhelmed us with

their support and kindness, and we need to let the community know just how necessary and appreciated they both are by Fishability QLD Inc.

Wallum Action Group funded our first aid training a session and first aid supplies. Seven volunteers achieved their CPR/ first aid certificates. We also now have 7 First Aid Compliant kits. Busy Fingers supplied materials for us to build a storage room for our equipment and supplies.

This has made such a difference to our organisation. May we present you Busy Fingers and Wallum Action Group with appreciation plaques to acknowledge your ceaseless commitment to community kindness and local support.

Kind Regards Fishability QLD Inc.

TIDE TIMES

Bribie Island & Moreton Bay

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THE IMPACT OF BEACH DRIVING ON BRIBIE

PHASE 1 OF THE STUDY BY BIEPA / UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND ON THE IMPACT OF BEACH DRIVING ON BRIBIE'S ENVIRONMENT AND FIRST NATIONS HERITAGE IS NOW COMPLETE. PHASE 2 WILL LOOK AT THE IMPACT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND THE IMPACT ON BRIBIE ISLANDERS AND THE BRIBIE ISLAND LIFESTYLE

The article in *The Bribie Islander* (Jan 14, 2022) outlined some of the aims and reasons for this joint BIEPA / UQ study. That article noted that as a result of changes around 2008 to the legislation protecting Bribie's beaches, the number of vehicles on Bribie's beaches has grown from just a handful prior to 2008 to more than 85,000 per year now. In March 2021, and in response to many concerns raised by BIEPA members and other Bribie Islanders, BIEPA agreed to support a petition to the Minister of Environment asking for some modest restrictions that would reduce the impact of beach driving on Bribie Islanders and on Bribie's environment. This petition obviously struck a chord. In all, around 28,000 people signed the petition and around 5000 of those signatories were from Bribie Island and surrounding areas.

The petition was tabled in Parliament on October 13, 2021, by Michael

Berkman MP, the Member for Maiwar. The petition was deemed a "non-conforming" petition meaning that the Minister was not obliged to respond to the requests contained in the petition. So, she didn't.

"We were most encouraged by the wide public support for the petition and glad to get it tabled in State Parliament," says Richard Ogden, President of BIEPA and one of the petitioners. "Partnerships and collaboration are essential to achieve better outcomes for the community and the environment. So, we are delighted that the School of Earth and Environmental Science has agreed to join us in this study of the impacts of ORV driving on Bribie's beaches.

The studies that have been completed so far show that this important bit of coast is rich in so many ways. We have a responsibility to ensure it is respected, as we only hold it in trust for future generations".

Three students were involved in Phase 1 of this study in early 2022. One student (Rebekah) looked at the impact of beach driving on First Nations Heritage, one (Gordon) looked at the impact on the environment above high tide, and one (Sam) looked at the environmental impact below high tide.

Rebekah looked at previous research undertaken on Bribie, she communicated with some of those researchers and spoke to people with current knowledge and experience. She shows that a number of researchers have outlined a number of sites that First Nations people had inhabited. Professor Smith in her PhD research showed that where there was abundant bungwall fern and fresh water, sites were established along the eastern side behind the dune areas. These were probably seasonal sites during special events such as the annual mullet run.

Once access has been established to special sites, it has been shown

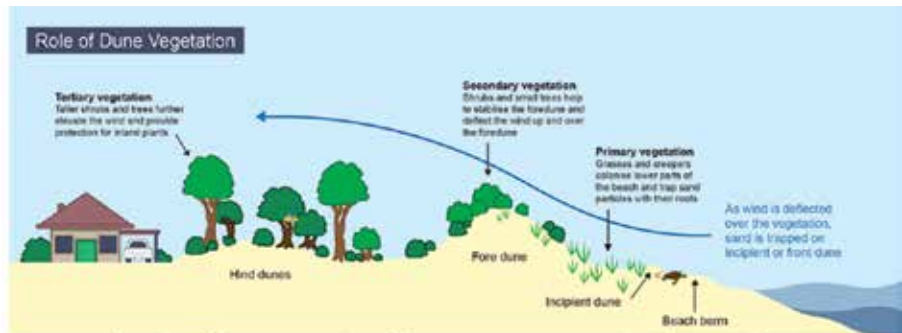
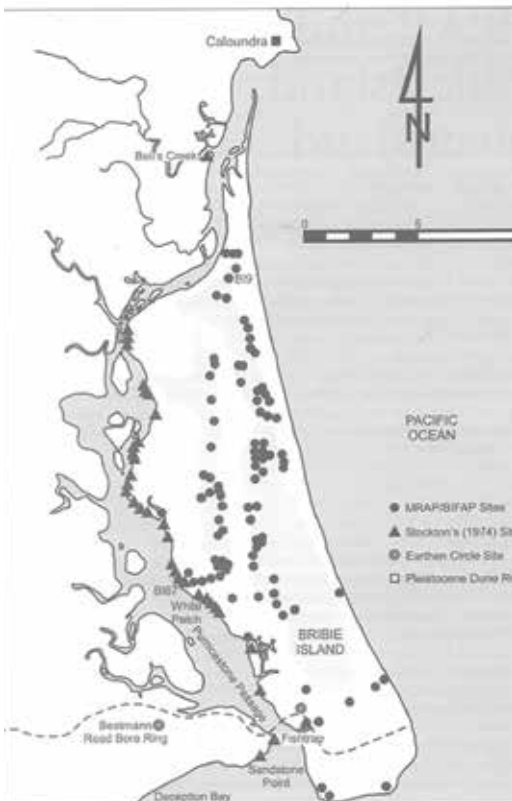


Figure 1, the role of dune vegetation, from Moreton Bay Regional Council, 2022

in many studies around the world that downgrading of those sites often follows. With the opening of Ocean Beach to unrestricted ORV access, and in the absence of any toilet and garbage facilities in that area, the areas behind the dunes are now regularly being accessed and any First Nations sites will most likely be compromised.

Sea levels in Moreton Bay rose by around 50 metres as the last Ice Age came to an end. By around 10,000 BC, First Nations residents of Stradbroke and other offshore islands could no longer walk across Moreton Bay and had to cross by canoe arriving around Red Beach and then had to walk along Ocean Beach and crossing to the mainland around Caloundra. It is not surprising, therefore, to find First Nations artifacts along that beach after erosion events.

Gordon showed that there is an annual build/erosion cycle in beach dune systems. During the winter months, sea levels are lower, and winds will carry sand up the beach where it is deposited in the foredune area. Dune grasses will grow out and stabilise that sand forming a protective barrier in front of the main dune areas. During the summer erosion cycle, that foredune area can be eroded away but the main dunes will remain intact.

However, the 2008 changes now allow ORVs to travel along Ocean Beach right to the toe of the main dune all year. As a result, the winter building cycle cannot occur leaving the main dunes compromised and at greater risk of erosion during the summer cycle. Following the breakthrough at the northern end of Bribie, erosion in some areas south of the breakthrough has been quite alarming. As Professor Javier Nolan at USC comments, we should not be doing anything that increases the susceptibility of those coastal areas to erosion such as allowing unrestricted ORV beach driving

The foredune area is also the habitat of special fauna including endangered loggerhead turtles.

Volunteer turtle carers monitor Ocean Beach to the north and south of those ORV-permitted areas. Except for a small section north to Second Lagoon, the volunteers do not monitor any of the ORV-permitted areas because it is far too unsafe for pedestrians or cyclists. It is left to QPWS to monitor that area, but QPWS advises that it has not reported any turtles there since the 2008 changes were made. This has led to widespread speculation that the ORV-permitted area has been destroyed as a turtle nesting habitat.

Sam's research showed that beach compaction resulting from beach driving has a most detrimental effect on beach fauna which are a vital source of fish food. Beach driving was banned in South Africa in 2002 and there is much anecdotal evidence that fish numbers have increased since that ban was introduced.

The next area to be examined will be the impact on the local economy. When beach driving was banned in South Africa it enabled businesses that are far more environmentally responsible and sustainable to be established.



These businesses have made a far greater impact on the SA local economy. Could that happen on Bribie? Further research will also examine the impact of beach driving on Bribie Islanders and on the Bribie Island lifestyle. It is hoped that a completion report for these impact studies will be complete by year-end for release to the public and for publication in the refereed literature.

Those wanting further information on this project can contact co-supervisors Professor Paul Dargusch or John Oxenford through BIEPA at biepa.mail@gmail.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
There are a number of issues that I would like to raise in response to the article 'Climate Change' by Philip Williams. In his first sentence he states that 'climate change science is settled'. It may well be if one inhabits an echo chamber in which only one side of the argument is aired and the views of the 'sceptics' denied time on TV or column-centimetres in the newspapers. To his credit Philip is prepared to admit that variations in the Earth's temperature have occurred often in earlier times. However, now is different because of 'the unprecedented rate of change of our Earth's temperature'. This, he says is caused by the burning of fossil fuel. This increases the gas CO₂ in the atmosphere which through the greenhouse effect gives rise to global warming. If we examine the data on which this hypothesis is based, we find a dilemma. In earlier times, before man burnt coal, swings in the Earth's temperature were as rapid as those we see over the last 200 years. More importantly, we observe that the Earth's temperature rises, followed some time later by an increase in atmospheric CO₂. This suggests that increases in CO₂ are caused by increases in the Earth's temperature, not the other way round. As for the statement that tens of thousands of scientists can't be wrong; had Philip been a Physics student he would have been well aware that many well-established theories get radically changed in the light of further studies. A case in point being Newton's wave theory of light which reigned supreme for 250 years before being drastically modified in 1905 by Einstein. Furthermore, if I would

be allowed more column-centimetres I could address the 'myths and misconceptions' concerning CO₂ being the primary greenhouse gas.

Michael Cavenor- Bongaree

Dear Editor,
The article by Philip Williams in the July 15th issue deserves challenging:
* Scepticism, constant questioning, is the basis of science. Denigrating those whose opinions differ is not evidence.
* There is a concern in scientific circles that there is more and more acceptance based on consensus rather than on evidence. Williams' article is full of this "bandwagon hypothesis." "Eminent people all believe" is not scientific evidence. Scientists who dispute the statistics are also highly qualified and knowledgeable.
* As CO₂ constitutes only 0.04% of the atmosphere it is difficult to accept that small changes around this figure have major effects even if the balance is delicate.
The following points are not addressed in the article:
* Electricity stored by batteries has to be produced by whatever power sources are in operation.
* Can renewable energy sources satisfy the demand and at what cost?
* The manufacture of steel and other material in wind turbines etc generates greenhouse emissions.
* Wind turbines etc are not recyclable. There are concerns about the huge amount of landfill their disposal necessitates.
* Apparently it may take something like 5 years for an electric car under normal use to save the amount of greenhouse emissions

produced by its manufacture.

* Battery manufacture requires rare earths etc imported from "developing countries" which utilise child and other slave labour.

* I have seen pictures of acres of abandoned electric cars, the cost of replacement batteries being uneconomic.

* Australia produces 2% of the world's emissions. Whatever difference there may be between Labor's and the LNP's policies won't make a scrap of difference overall. So much for the validity of the recent election being decided on climate change policies.

I don't know the answers, but these points are needed to balance Philip Williams' article.

Best regards, (Dr) Peter Kraus Bellara

Dear Editor,
Voices 10th Anniversary: Following up on your coverage in the last issue: this is not just any choral group. Its performance in July was an afternoon of song, harmony, dance and acting - professionally presented with excellent sound and lighting. The costumes were great. Must mention the two young boys, Joe and Braydon, who dressed in period, and presented "Hamilton". What a delight to have the young people wanting to join in and show their talents. Particular mention has been made of the sets. Hard not to pick just one or two for mention, but the Evita set was excellent. Hysterical presentation of "Stayin' Alive".

Their shows are not to be missed. We have amazing talent on Bribie.

Elizabeth Shepard

Dear Editor,
Ali King, queen of spin. Lots of money coming for roads health and education.

Unfortunately, it may all be Satellite Funding, years away, may not be appropriate, or reliable, or actually turn up. Despite massive budget deficits we still have reportedly the worst hospital system in Australia, education is in disarray. Over the last 10 years the government has added an extra 114,000 public servants to the payroll with no visible improvement in the services. We now have more bureaucrats than front line nurses. If you're going to have a heart attack on Bribie, probably best to book the ambulance 24 hours ahead, this will avoid the life-threatening 8 hour wait for it to turn up. Education is no better, the children apparently have the shortest school year in Australia, and the worst results. The school leaver who wants to be a teacher may well need remedial education to cover the basics of English and maths so that they can get into university. But there's more, just recently, without any public consultation, the state government rezoned 100 ha of State Forest adjoining Banksia Beach to rural zoning. Down the track this wildlife habitat, that was going to be a renewable Carbon Capture area for generations to come, will be turned into a concrete and bitumen development. Increased congestion and the further loss of our Island lifestyle, please, no more spin.

anonymous





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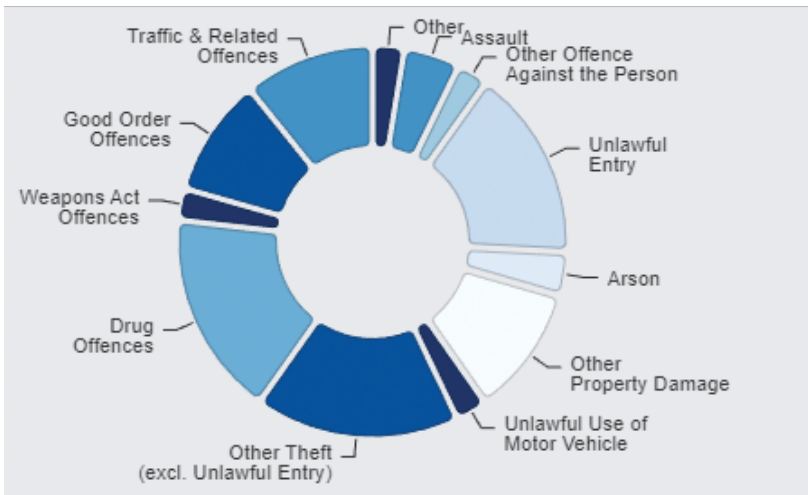
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- Arson 3
- Other Property Damage 10
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