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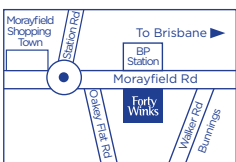


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We acknowledge any Sorry Business that may be affecting individuals, families, and communities. We promise to be respectful, take lead from the community and walk together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities, and organisations.

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.

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Welcome

Dear readers,
Welcome to edition 188! I am floored that we are already arriving at Easter again! This year seems to be going even faster than the last one! Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the small business awards, we appreciate your support! Our own pocket rocket Michele, has also been nominated for the outstanding customer service award! It's not over yet, so keep voting for your favourite businesses that made it to the finals!

We have introduced a new feature called Australia Together which is all about our First Nations People, we are going to be covering history, meanings of special days, and lots of interesting information, so keep your eyes out!

We would also like to congratulate our Island Gardens contributor, Peter Schinkel and his husband Simon Pye on their wedding! You can check out their photos on page 31!

We have lots of interesting articles in this edition, so I hope you are all going to relax, put your feet up over

the break and of course, make a cuppa and read our magazine! Travel safely on our roads and remember, police will be out in force, so be careful, you don't want a ticket or worse, be in an accident! Until next time,

Take care, stay safe,

Cherrie

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2023 BEAUTY TRENDS ACCORDING TO EXPERTS

Over the past few years, if not a decade, we have seen a fruitful boom in beauty trends. It's already been proven that beauty trends are reshaping the entire beauty industry and that new and cutting-edge advancements are to be thanked for the uprise of an abundance of chic and sleek innovations. 2023 will not fall short of its fair share of beauty trends, what is more, experts have already been announcing extravagant changes – so embrace yourselves! Here are some of the hair, makeup, body, and all in all beauty trends that will be popular all across vast Australia and everywhere this year.



SOFT GOTH ALLURING LIPS.

With the emergence of a plethora of goth series and the vast popularity of Netflix's Wednesday series, it's no wonder that the lip domination this year would be the soft goth trend. Something that used to be popular back in the '90 is slowly winding its way back in 2023. The key is to apply dark-form lipstick so you may opt for plum, dark brown, a timid layer of black, etc. The focus is also to have a pale or whitish foundation and not to contrast the dark colours with the eyes. Pair your soft goth lips just by smudging a soothing black eyeliner onto the lids for a more "eye-catching" look or just apply lots of black mascara.

REVAMP YOUR HAIR ACCESSORIES.

Something that will make everybody swoop off their feet in 2023 is hair accessorizing. That's right, expect to see more of the '80-style trend fast-forwarded in 2023 because this year pins, bows, ribbons, scrunchies, and barrettes are back in the game. Revamping your hair accessories would enable you to step out of your comfort zone and be different. By adding various lavish hair accessories, you would surely upscale your look this year. Clip-on extensions that add length and volume, as well as lovely pearls or braids would also revive your look. Another perfect way to change up your hair, and your look, without any long-lasting consequences, is by adding these accessories.



MICROBLADING - AN APPETITE TO EXPERIMENT.

A permanent and semi-permanent form of cosmetic tattooing is utterly popular all across Sydney. What's more, the post-pandemic phase has topped up the demand for enhancing brows and experts are stating that this trend is yet to reach its peak. According to experts in microblading in Sydney, this trend is on the rise due to its practicality, longevity, and sophistication. Ladies who opt to experiment with permanent make-up are bold, extravagant, and ready to adapt to cutting-edge beauty trends. Make sure you go to professionals in this field and never settle for the ordinary until you are completely satisfied.

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LET YOUR SKIN DO THE TALKING.

The key to having hydrated and immaculate skin is a regular home skin routine and regular visits to experts. What experts enhance for the 2023 trend is that you can never fall short on skin care. However, unlike with the lips, when it comes to skin, the focus lies on purity and sleekness. Avoid heavy and dark foundation, especially ditch layering foundation and plenty of contouring, instead go for a sleek, natural, and fresh look that will let your skin breathe. Mix and match various skin products that will effectively hydrate and lift your skin and take advantage of skin-care makeup hybrid products that enable your skin to shine through. This means using softly tinted moisturizers instead of foundations that clog your pores, and other nature-inspired products.



ALL ABOUT METALLIC ACCENTS

When you think about nail techniques, polishes, and embellishments, there's a tendency that rhinestones and other bejewelled talons and gems would never go out of style. Well, this is not far from the truth, because in 2023 experts have predicted that metallic and acrylic nails are going to be a real hit. Plenty of makeup artists have also noted a comeback of metallic accents even in eyeliners and eye-shadows, but the focus will surely be on the nails. Think copper shine, rose gold metallic, distinctive chromes, gold leaf flakes, ink shades, you name it. Get ready to see metallic accents on nail art, eyes, and even lips because this year it's all about being bold.



REVOLUTIONIZE SKINCARE ROUTINE

As a never-ending project, experts in the beauty and skincare industries have pushed outside the boundaries to discover new anti-aging formulas and combat aging as well as skin disorders. This year, according to experts the focus will lie on delivering beauty treatments that can maximally slow down the aging process and reduce any signs of inherited genetic tendencies. Scientists are working hard to come up with innovative and ground-breaking formulas that will change gene expression patterns with time and hopefully slow down the aging process. In 2023, experts would strive to come up with flabbergasting products that have the ability to firm, define, lift, and perfectly define the contours of the entire face.



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A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Pumicestone Passage Probus has a tradition that the retiring President has a "President's Night". There is usually a theme such as a French evening or an Italian evening but this year the theme was "I never thought I would wear this again".

Well, you may still have those hot pants or the 60s kaftan or a special dress you bought years ago and just couldn't part with. So a real "blast from the past!"

Well, it was certainly a blast!! Some people were totally unrecognizable. But our Probus Club is special as we emphasise Fun, Fellowship and Friendship. Well, there were certainly plenty of all three that night. We had games that had everyone laughing and an

excellent Bar-B-Q which Terry and Avril organized.

There were a couple of hippies, an ex-UK policeman, the odd shell suit (do you even remember them?) and I wore a dress I had for the millennium. Best of all it still fitted me! You will see from the photos how people got into the spirit of the evening.

Thank you everyone for coming. I have enjoyed my year as president and hand it over to Peter Buck now.

If you think you would like to join a fun group come along to the RSL on the second Tuesday of the month in the garden room and join us.

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- Vanessa is a local resident to Bribie Island, with a love for Health, Lifestyle, and Community.
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We started 2 years ago with a small offering of shoes and due to the demand we keep expanding our range which now includes some of the most beautiful shoes available, but all at reasonable prices.

Last year we introduced Cabello shoes into the range because our customers wanted something very comfortable for everyday wear that was also leather. We started with a small range of colours but now have over 15 different colours in stock. The colours are so beautiful it makes it hard to choose just one.

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I start my day with a brief meditation and dedication to those I love and anyone who may need it. I follow with a yoga workout to kick start my day, which consists of a warm-up of limbs i.e., rotation of hands feet, knees and finger flexes. I follow this with squats usually three reps of seven squats. I then do Sun Salutation for each side of the body and follow that with a spinal twist while laying on my back.

After this, I do leg lifts ten lifts and three reps. I once again do a spinal twist rolling up and doing hip rota-



tion to the left and then right. Following this, I will do cat-cow for ten breaths and then come down into a child's pose for restoration. I will then do 50 palm presses to strengthen my chest muscles and finish with a dedication and the Buddhist blessing of peace, happiness, love and kindness in my thought's speech and heart. I will follow this with a meditation period.

Before bed, I will again have a meditation period followed by box breathing, helping to promote a night of restful sleep. This is just a small insight into my daily practice, and you may take from it whatever you may find beneficial or enjoyable as we are all on our journey and what is right for one may not suit another.

I hope you will find something helpful in this and as always sending you love and light. Namaste Karyn

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLOSURES COMING UP

Please be aware that the shop will be closed for the 4-day Easter Break from 7th to 10th April reopening on Tuesday 11th ANZAC Day is on Tuesday 25th April and Labour Day is Monday 1st May. The shop will be closed on those public Holidays, and the gates will be closed too, so please do not leave donations on the footpath as this is council land and they classify this as dumping and fines can apply.

NEW STAFF

With the departure of our Sonia, we have made some new changes in staffing, Stacey Woods who has been with us for 4 months as Cashier is stepping into Sonia's position, Stacey has had Managerial experience before and is doing very well in her new position. The cashier's position has become a permanent job-sharing one, with our casual staff member, Barbara attending Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and a volunteer Meryl will be stepping into the position for the rest of the week. We will also have a new casual position of relief driver which has been accepted by Jim who has volunteered for us for many years now, we thank all these people for stepping up to ensure we have a smooth changeover and assisting us to keep the shop running on an even keel. We hope that all our customers, as well as our volunteers and staff, give their support to these new staff members.

VOLUNTEERS

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

DONATIONS

Due to several unforeseen circumstances we were unable to have a committee meeting in March, but we still continued with the help of our supporters and the many customers that come through the shop to continue our permanent assistance to VMR for fuel, Hospice for the Palliative Care Suite, and the monthly assistance with Foodbank and Fuel for BI Global Care. I will be calling the associations that have applied for grants after sending this article through to the magazine.

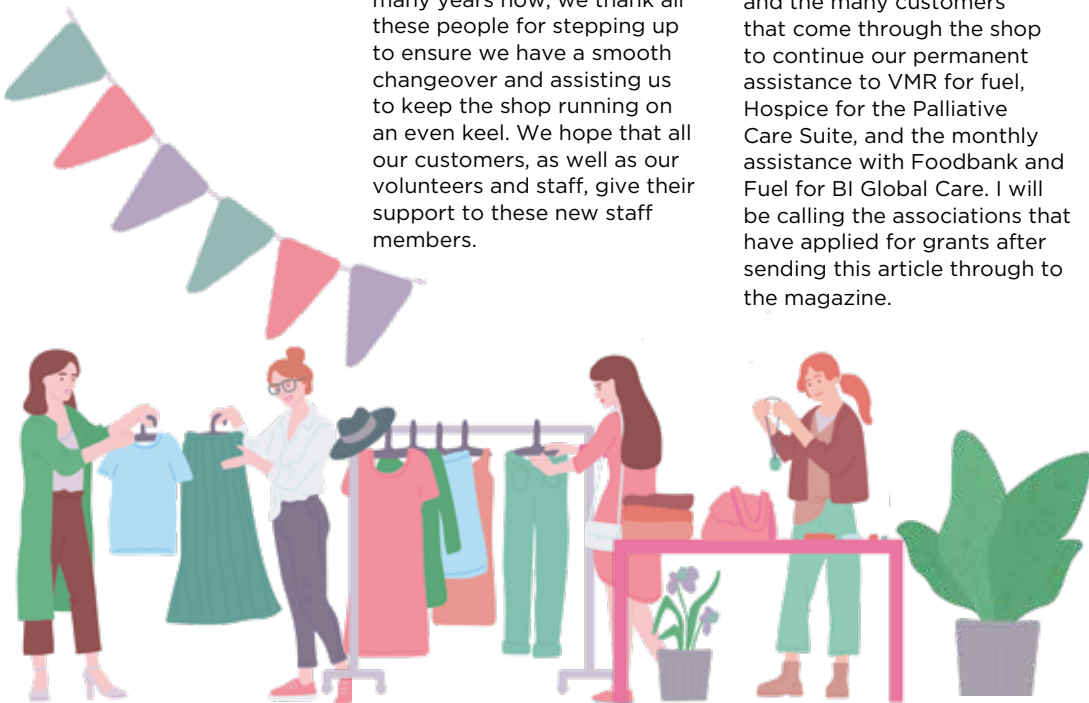
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I would like to thank all our supporters and customers, and a very special thank you to the Bribie Islander and staff for their continuing support. I hope to see you in the shop soon. Sandra



CLUB'S COMMUNITY HEART CELEBRATED

Bribie Island Bowls Club's continued commitment to our local community was recognised at last month's Keno & Clubs Queensland Awards for Excellence. Clubs Queensland is the peak industry body for all registered and licensed community clubs throughout Queensland.



The Club took home the prized Heart of the Community award for their work in support of B.I.K.E.S (Bribie Island Kids Educational Support) and was named as a finalist in the Health and Wellbeing category for their annual Kokoda Challenge

Charity Walk that supports past and present defence force personnel.

B.I.K.E.S. is a Bribie Island St Vincent de Paul Special Works Project and it's



designed to help local children in need by working with all three local state schools through their chaplaincy program by providing school supplies, uniforms, footwear and laptops. Education can be a powerful tool and equipping children with knowledge and skills gives them greater access to greater opportunities.

Bribie Island Bowls Club has joined forces with B.I.K.E.S. to

not only increase awareness about the support they provide to the local community but to also raise the funds needed to help keep the program operational and to help support the ever-increasing number of families in need.

The Club's Community Coordinator Kerry Muller expressed pride in the Club's commitment to providing equal access to education for at-risk youth on the island, helping develop the future generation.

"We see the kids of our community as being the future leaders," Kerry said. "We want to see them on an equal footing with the other children who go to the schools around Bribie." Bribie Island Bowls Club General Manager Kevin Bertwistle said the B.I.K.E.S program had had a profound impact on the community.

"It's really important that we give kids the best start in life," Kevin said. "If we can do that through our program supporting B.I.K.E.S, we think that's really worthwhile. We want to help all the children that we can on the island."

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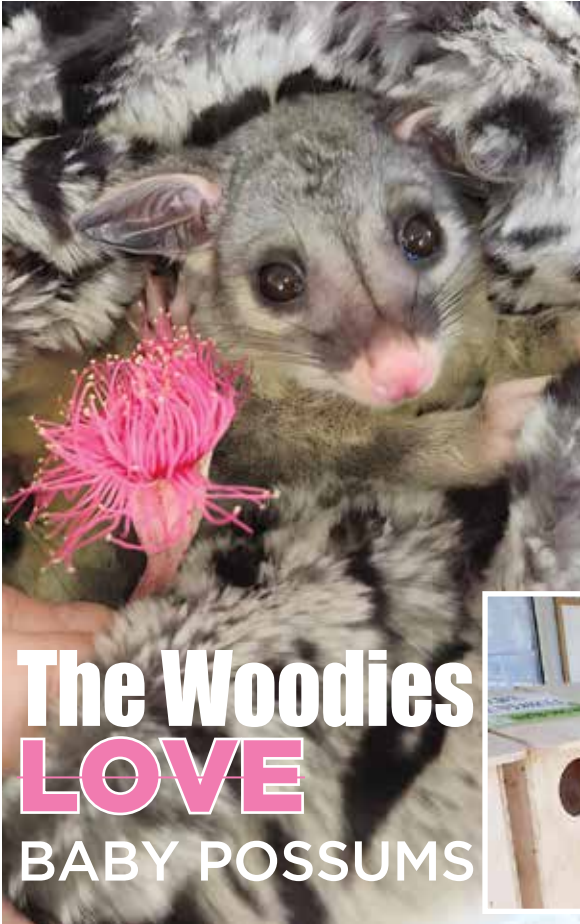
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Wildlife Rescue Queensland, (WRQ) is an organisation focused on rescuing and nursing back to health injured and baby wildlife of all sorts. At a recent visit they asked the Bribie Woodies if they would be able to produce a

number of possum boxes to house possums that have been nursed back to health and are ready to be released back into the wild. For this the possum boxes provide suitable housing for their integration into the wild.

Colleen Ogilvie from the Moreton chapter of WSQ provided the woodies with the plans of what was needed. Bunnings Caboolture generously provided the plywood and some other hardware. A team of woodies set about producing some 24 possum boxes, with more to come when needed.

The team at work were L to R Robert Kip, Paul Soldatenko, Lindsay Coker and Chester Barker. The single photo of the possum carer is Colleen Ogilvie, the coordinator of WRQ for the Moreton area.



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News update from the BI Neighbourhood Centre Team.

Our Penny is retiring!!

Starting in April 1996, Penny has been BINC's amazing Admin worker, always ready to turn her mind and hand to whatever needed doing whilst keeping the finances in good order. (The printer has stopped again/eeek, a mouse/where is the (insert needed item), can someone mind the front desk etc, etc ...). After an epic commitment to her community, it's time for Penny to leave us as family responsibilities come to the fore and new challenges beckon. We will certainly miss you, Penny, not sure how much you will miss the hectic job. Best wishes to you and your family, The BI Neighbourhood Centre Team.

WELCOME ELISSA! Meet Elissa our new Administration and Support Worker, who brings her professional skills and extensive relevant experience to the role. Elissa lived on Bribie Island in the 90s and her parents are local retirees, so she is very happy to be joining us on the island.

ALSO, A BIG WELCOME to our newest volunteers! Kerri, Nicole and Sally are happy new team members who are keen to assist everyone through our doors with their enquiries or appointments.

A huge thank you goes to the Bribie Island Masons, who have provided a large shade shed for our backyard. It is currently useful for people waiting for Oz Harvest or Services Australia services and as the weather gets a little cooler, and perhaps drier, we will be able to also hold our groups there.

Also, a huge thank you to the Bribie Island Bowls Club, who hosted our morning session, 'Are you a dementia friend?' This



free information and awareness session aimed to increase understanding and awareness of dementia and help create an understanding of what makes a dementia-friendly community. The session was hosted by BINCA's Treasurer, Estrella Herzog, who is a Dementia Australia workshop facilitator.

We need new volunteers who are great team members and caring, happy and non-judgmental people who can maintain confidentiality and work respectfully with all people attending our services, to train to work in Reception and in our Information, Advice & Referral Service. If you would like to make a positive difference in your community by joining our friendly team, please phone us to enrol or enquire on 3408 8440 (Mon - Thurs 8.30 am - 3 pm, Friday 8.30 am -12.30 pm).

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Beachmere District MARKET

At the April Beachmere District Market, we were fortunate to have the Easter Bunny visit us. Bunny walked around the area exciting the children present, posing for photos and supervising the handing out of chocolates and easter eggs, by his assistants, to vendors, shoppers and of course children. It was a light-hearted occasion with children in awe of Bunny, following the happy rabbit around, possibly hoping for more sweets.

A couple of dogs told Bunny off, in no uncertain terms, but the rabbit bravely soldiered on. Even our Pumicestone State Representative, Ali King was keen for a cuddle with Bunny. It was a fun day for all. Shopper attendance has been down since Christmas, and understandably so due to the hot, humid conditions. But now, as the weather becomes pleasant again, we look forward to residents from Beachmere and surrounds coming to look

and shop. With Mother's Day approaching the Beachmere District market will have a wide array of suitable gifts to choose from. The market has a varied assortment of stallholders with only a few vacant sites available. If you wish to utilize one of these sites, do call Martin on 0493 518 629. Produce vendors would be most welcome.



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BRIBIE SIMPLY HEALTHY

Hypnosis In Weight Loss And Health Supplements.

I have had several clients come to see me for their weight problems.

My recent client has had a tendency to over-eat since she was a little child. Her mother had to lock the cupboard at night, otherwise she would go through the cupboard looking for food to eat at night while her parents were sleeping. When we accessed her subconscious mind through hypnosis, and explored the reason for this strange behaviour. Under the trance she mentioned that her stomach was larger than it should be. I've asked her subconscious mind whether it can be reduced the size. After the hypnosis session, she reported that she felt like her stomach was stitched to a smaller size. Maybe we can call this a spiritual gastric band surgery.

One of my clients used her weight as hiding ground that she didn't want to draw attention from people so she didn't want to be attractive, being over-weight was her comfort zone. Another client, while under hypnosis,

By: Heenam Kim

revealed that she believed she had died of starvation during Bolshevik Revolution in Russia, so her subconscious mind is holding on to the weight, in case of the starvation. In this case reprogramming her subconscious belief was necessary. Another client was punishing herself by over-eating due to the event in her past life. Her subconscious said that she had a still born baby and she died short after as well. And she couldn't forgive herself for that she wasn't strong enough to give birth. She was poor and hardly any food to eat to have a normal pregnancy. She needed to detach the subconscious memory.

It's important to identify the reasons behind your struggle and find ways to improve the condition.

While it's important to follow a good diet, exercise regularly, some health supplements would be greatly beneficial in weight loss.

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lower blood sugar levels by promoting insulin production, improving insulin sensitivity, and reducing sugar absorption in the intestines. Some studies have suggested that gymnema can help to improve blood sugar control in people with diabetes.

If you want to speak further regarding your problem, please drop by the shop and discuss with Kim, or with a naturpath we can create a care plan for you.

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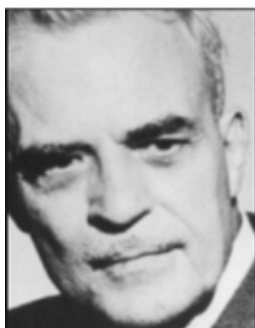
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PLANTS 2 PADDLES

Operating since 1990 the Wallum Action Group Community Nursery has supported a myriad of causes with funds that they raise through the sale of their amazing collection of plants.

"As a not-for-profit plant nursery run by local volunteers we are blessed to be able to support so many different community groups and worthy causes in our community," said David Wearne, President.

"When we received the request from Dragons Abreast Pumicestone to support them with the purchase of paddles, it was a pleasure to be able to help out the group." Dragons Abreast Pumicestone, like Wallum Action Group, is entirely volunteer run, with a focus on helping anyone who has faced a diagnosis of breast cancer regain a sense of confidence, fitness and fun through the sport of dragon boat racing.

Lyn Morgan, President of Dragons Abreast Pumicestone said, "Women who come out of the breast cancer treatment cycle often face a loss of confidence in their bodies. By taking part in dragon boating, you are surrounded by others who have been through the same experience."

The paddles provided by Wallum Action Group are



used by the members of Dragons Abreast and Dragon Boat Pumicestone, the local community dragon boat club that welcomes everyone regardless of whether or not they have experienced breast cancer.

"Our motto is, connect, move, live," smiles Lyn Morgan, "and we are always keen to connect with new paddlers, introduce them to the joy of regaining movements and living life to the full."

The dragon boat is out on the beautiful Pumicestone Passage every day except Monday.

To learn more about getting involved contact 0493 525 980 or email dapumicestone@gmail.com Bribie Community Plant Nursery, located on First Avenue next door to the Orchid House

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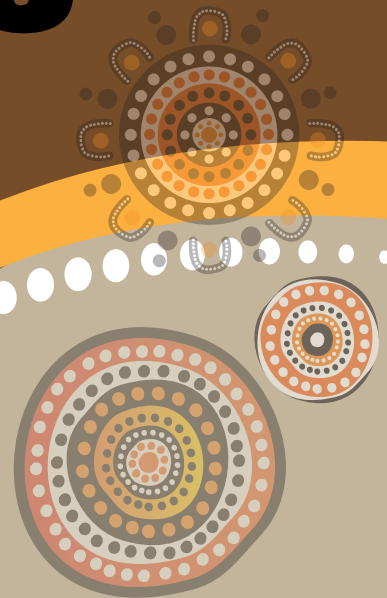
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Colonisation

DISPOSSESSION, DISEASE AND DIRECT CONFLICT.

Prior to British settlement, more than 500 First Nations groups inhabited the continent we now call Australia, approximately 750,000 people in total. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures developed over 60,000 years, making First Nations Peoples the custodians of the world's oldest living culture. Each group lived in close relationship with the land and had custodianship of their Country.

CAPTAIN COOK CLAIMS POSSESSION FOR ENGLAND.

In 1770, during his first Pacific voyage, Lieutenant James Cook claimed possession of the east coast of Australia for the British Crown. Upon his return to Britain, Cook's reports inspired the authorities to establish a penal colony in the newly claimed territory. The new colony

was intended to alleviate overcrowding in British prisons, expand the British Empire, assert Britain's claim to the territory against other colonial powers, and establish a British base in the global South.





DISEASE, DISPOSSESSION AND DIRECT CONFLICT

In 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip and 1,500 convicts, crew, marines and civilians arrived at what is now called Sydney Cove. In the 10 years that followed, it's estimated that the First Nations population was reduced by 90%. Three main reasons for this dramatic population decline were the:

- introduction of new diseases
- acquisition of First Nations lands by colonisers
- direct and violent conflict with colonisers.

The most immediate consequence of colonisation was a wave of epidemic diseases including smallpox, measles and influenza, which spread ahead of the frontier and annihilated many First Nations communities. Governor Phillip reported that smallpox had killed half of the First

Nations people in the Sydney region within 14 months of the arrival of the First Fleet. The sexual abuse and exploitation of First Nations girls and women also introduced venereal disease to First Nations people in epidemic proportions.

“The Government is fast disposing of the land occupied by the natives from time immemorial. In addition to which settlers under the sanction of government may establish themselves in any part of this extensive territory and since the introduction of the numerous flocks and herds ... a serious loss has been sustained by the natives without an equivalent being rendered. Their territory is not only invaded, but their game is driven back, their marnong and other valuable roots are eaten by the white man's sheep and their deprivation, abuse and miseries are daily increasing.”

EDWARD WILSON (EDITOR), THE ARGUS, 17 MARCH 1856

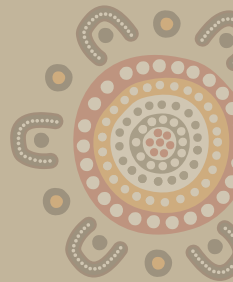
It's important to recognise that from the beginning of colonisation, First Nations people continually resisted the violation of their right to land, and its impact on First Nations cultures and communities. It's estimated that at least 20,000 Aboriginal people were killed as a direct result of colonial violence during this era of Australian history. Between 2,000 and 2,500 European deaths resulted from frontier conflict during the same period.

Imagine how you'd feel if you welcomed strangers into your home and they never left. In fact, what would it be like if they took control of your house and made you relocate far away? What if they abused you physically, sexually and financially, and spread disease throughout your community? Can you imagine how this would affect your children and grandchildren's views of these

strangers for generations to come?

Consider what it would be like to see a previously unknown disease, with a 50% fatality rate, sweep through your community, affecting your family and friends. How would it make you feel to know that so much of your culture had been permanently devastated, with no way to fully rediscover it in all its richness?

The reality of the collision of cultures between First Nations Peoples and the British colonials has gone unacknowledged for most of our shared history. Many First Nations people have wrestled with defining their identity when so much of their pre-contact culture has been lost, and at the same time their relationship with mainstream Australian culture is complicated by its role in the deterioration of First Nations cultures.



Dear Pumicestone

Voting is now open for the 2023 Pumicestone Small Business Awards!

Thank you to everyone who nominated a business - you're now in the draw for a \$200 small business voucher!

Last month, I launched the first ever Pumicestone Small Business Awards. With over 1,600 nominations, our awards got off to a hugely successful start, with the community showing overwhelming support for local small businesses.

As a former small business owner, I wanted to recognise our outstanding small businesses for their hard work and create opportunities to celebrate them.

Our local small businesses are essential to keeping our local economy strong and creating good jobs in our community.

Thank you to everyone who nominated a small business and their employees for the 2023 Pumicestone Small Business Awards. Nominations have now closed.

The voting round has now opened and will run from Tuesday 4th April until Monday 17th April.

The business with the most votes in each category will be announced as our Winners on 28th April - in time for Small Business Month!

Now it's time to meet our 2023 Pumicestone Small Business Award Finalists!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQXW3VJ>

Winners will be announced at our first ever Pumicestone Small Business Awards on 28th April - so local businesses should save the date.

Let's back in our favourite small businesses by voting today!

If you have any questions, please contact my office on 3474 2100 or at pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au

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- Infinity Circus and Acro

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 - Bribie Cinema
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- Phoenix from Infinity Circus and Acro
 - Michele from the Bribie Islander Magazine
 - Michela from Toorbul Store and Tavern
- Lisa from Frankie & Co
 - Amy from Annie Lane
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Bribie Island Memorial Gardens

A MORNING TEA WAS HELD ON 22ND MARCH AT THE MEMORIAL GARDENS IN WOORIM TO CELEBRATE JOHN FERRARI'S 20 YEARS OF DEDICATION TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE GARDENS, AND TO UNVEIL A PLAQUE IN HIS HONOUR. YEARS AGO, THIS SPECIAL STONE WAS ORGANIZED TO BE BROUGHT AND POSITIONED IN THE GARDENS BY JOHN. 20 YEARS IN A JOB IS A LONG TIME BUT, 20 YEARS AS A VOLUNTEER IS SOMETHING ELSE. JOHN HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF LIONS CLUBS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA FOR 59 YEARS. WE AT THE LIONS CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND ARE PROUD TO HAVE JOHN FERRARI AS A LIFE MEMBER OF OUR CLUB.

**A HISTORY OF JOHN FERRARI
A LION ROARS FOR THE
COMMUNITY FOR 59 YEARS**
John was born on 15-1-1929 at Lerici Italy near La Spezia, a naval port that was destroyed in WW2.

After John's education was completed, which included a surveyor's course, he worked in a bank until National Service, after which he took a cruise with friends. When they docked in Fremantle, they decided to stay and worked there for 3½ years. John did a carpenter's exam at Leederville Technical School then drove to Adelaide where he met and married his wife, Enid. There they settled down and had 3 children.

John and his family later relocated to Alice Springs and worked for an earth moving



company, McMahon Construction Co. John became involved in chartering the Alice Springs Lions Club in 1964. John met 3 of his countrymen and formed a construction company in Alice Springs which continued for 12 years until John's wife became ill and eventually passed away. After moving back to Adelaide, John transferred to Mitcham Lions Club from March 1974 -

July 1999. Relocated to Bribie Island and eventually transferred to the Bribie Island Lions Club.

A morning tea was held on 22nd March at the Memorial Gardens to celebrate John Ferrari's 20 years of dedication to the gardens and to unveil a plaque in his honour. Years ago this special stone was organized to be brought to the gardens by John.



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GREAT FUN AT BRIBIE U3A

With the population of Bribie steadily growing nobody could possibly be bored with so much on offer at the University of the Third Age (U3A). Bribie U3A is one of 37 such organisations in Queensland, and 220 around Australia, and Bribie is recognized as being one of the very best. It offers a huge variety of interesting subjects, in convenient locations, at a very low cost.

Bribie islanders are very fortunate to have this wonderful facility here. It has grown steadily over 30 years since 1992, with the commitment of many volunteers at all levels. More than 160 volunteers, over 100 tutors, and 13 Committee members all generously give their time and expertise to achieve the efficient and cost-effective running of Bribie U3A.



U3A COMMITTEE

At last week's Annual General Meeting President Maree Mossler, who steered U3A through the challenging years of Covid, was re-elected for another year together with several current Committee members. Two long-serving members Judi Irvine and Robyn Connolly were thanked for their volunteer service as they stepped down to be replaced by Lorelle Green as Functions Coordinator and Heather Hughes who rejoins the team of Program Coordinators.

Michelle Kinnersly joined the Committee in the role of Technology Coordinator, previously carried by Greg Sibthorpe, who continues as Treasurer with Jenny Faulkner as Secretary. Re-elected long-serving Committee members are

Rose Barnes, Chris Clark, Barrie Boodle, Kaye Keene, Barry Clark and Vice Presidents Juri Linins and Margaret Spooner.

Bribie U3A offers 143 different classes each week, at different times of the day, with classes for a wide range of interests. Many levels of Arts, Crafts, Information technology, Science, History, Languages, Indoor and Outdoor Sports and Games, Song and Dance, Drama, Music and General knowledge. There are so many Classes to be enjoyed at a time to suit you, in the company of like-minded people.

NEXT TERM

Bribie U3A is now on holiday until after Easter when Term 2 starts on Monday 17 APRIL and runs for nine weeks until Friday 23 JUNE with ANZAC holiday on April 25

There are limited vacancies in some classes including Australian History, Aussie Facts and Myths, Movie Group, Inventions & Discoveries, Windows Computers, Living English, Poets Corner, Card making, Knitting & Crochet, Laughter Wellness and Writing Children's books.

In Term 2 there will be two Insight Workshops, also open to the public, on Friday 28 APRIL on gardening and HORTICULTURE specific to Bribie Island, and Friday 26 MAY about understanding and avoiding SCAMS. The workshop sessions are free, but you must book and register at U3A to attend.

U3A is always looking to include additional, interesting, and challenging courses to the timetable. If there is a topic you would like or a subject you could consider being a Tutor for, please make contact on 3408 1450. If you already enjoying U3A please remember to say "Thank You" to one of the many volunteers that help you every day. All information on classes, timetables and other items of interest can be found on www.u3abribie.org.au



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The emerging band Moving Parts formed about a year ago in Bongaree on Bribie and they play a lovely mix of reggae, rock and blues with heartfelt songs and an upbeat tempo. There's a horn section, percussion and three guitarists and they all sing too. They are a great mix of folk who come from Papua New Guinea, England and South Africa - with one born in Australia! They write all their own music and lyrics, and the lead guitarist Pedro even makes his own guitars. Juggling work and family commitments, the band try and practice fortnightly - in our garage. When I am not dancing around to their music with our dogs, I often join in and add a bit of percussion - and the music they play is just magic. There is nothing quite like experiencing live music. The sense of wonder and joy by being in the same room - both with musicians and their supporters creates a fabulous feeling of

joy and affinity with others. ... things we sometimes feel we have missed out on over the last couple of years - due to you know what! So, do yourself a favour, treat yourself to a special Sunday afternoon at this fundraising event to support Bribie Island Environment Protection Association - proudly supported by the Bribie RSL. It's on Sunday 7th May at 2pm. Tickets are selling fast at only \$20 - so buy them here <https://biepa.online/events>. There will also be a raffle with some great local prizes PLUS an art auction featuring three fabulous local art works - so bring some cash too!

One good thing about music, when it hits, you feel no pain. Bob Marley

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Bribie Island Commonwealth Bank branch invites the community to support the Clown Doctors this "Smile Month" to help sick kids across the country.

Friday, 31st March 2023: The Commonwealth Bank Bribie Island branch will rally with CBA branches across the country to raise much needed funds for the Clown Doctors – a national program that provides highly trained, professional "medical clowns" to help uplift sick kids by delivering doses of laughter and joy throughout hospitals.

For over 20 years, the Commonwealth Bank has

supported the Clown Doctors program, which makes more than 230,000 visits each year to children in 22 hospitals across Australia.

"Smile Month" is the national fundraiser for the Clown Doctors, which is run by The Humour Foundation. CBA branches will host a variety of fundraising events and collecting customer donations during the fundraising campaign between Friday 31 March and Friday 28 April.

To celebrate the start of Smile Month, Bribie Island branch opened its doors to the community on Friday 31st

March and showed their support for the Clown Doctors by having staff dressed in their colourful clown props and collecting donations.

Colin Warwood, Bribie Island Commonwealth Bank Branch Manager, said: "We're proud to be gifting smiles of all shapes and sizes again in 2023 as we continue our 20-plus-year history of supporting the Clown Doctors and the work they do to help sick kids," he said.

"Our fundraising for The Humour Foundation is something we love doing as a team and we encourage our local community to get involved

and learn about the incredible work the Clown Doctors do for kids in need."

Tony Warner, CEO of The Humour Foundation, commended CBA's ongoing commitment to helping the Clown Doctors. "No child or family wants to spend time in hospital away from home, despite receiving brilliant care from medical professionals. Thankfully, the Clown Doctors provide distraction, magical play and humour to families when they need it most – spreading laughter and joy at a difficult time," he said. "Over the past 20 years CommBank Staff Foundation has helped provide funds and build awareness of the wonderful work the Clown Doctors do. We'd like to express our sincere gratitude for all the fundraising efforts in CBA branches and its customers for their ongoing contributions – all funds raised allow us to continue to bring the magic of Clown Doctors to sick kids in hospitals across the country."

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THE KEY TO AGING GRACEFULLY AS AN OLDER AUSTRALIAN IS TO BE INVOLVED IN A SOCIAL COMMUNITY DESIGNED TO BE ENGAGING WITH ACTIVITIES THAT RESULT IN BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES, WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF ACTIVITY CREATING BETTER AND MORE POSITIVE MOODS AND IMPROVED PHYSICAL FITNESS.



The CELTIC MINSTRELS have engaged Bribie Island residents in activities through structured activities with members of the U3A participating in bush dancing to live music with a dance caller. There is medical evidence to show that involvement in these structured social activities can help stave off social isolation and loneliness, which are two issues that seniors may face if they are not socially engaged. Community engagement and social interaction are crucial to slowing the ageing process. Research has shown that maintaining meaningful relationships and spending time as part of a community is essential to the mental and physical well-being of older adults.

THE BENEFITS OF ORGANIZED BUSH DANCING

The Moreton Bay Regional Council area (MBRC) is one of the largest council areas in Queensland, stretching from the Pine River to Bribie Island. The CELTIC MINSTRELS are in the position to offer programs that will not only

offer social interaction to seniors but also offer a program that offers.

1. IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH - According to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), social isolation is a key trigger for mental health illness. Seniors who lack social interaction are at an increased risk of depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideas. On the contrary, seniors with supportive relationships with families, friends, neighbours and organized social activities have significantly better mental outcomes.

2. IMPROVED PHYSICAL HEALTH - Just as increased social interactions boost mental health; they also improve physical health. Specifically, social interaction helps lower blood pressure, reduces the risk of cardiovascular issues and promotes a longer lifespan. If you don't build and or maintain muscle bulk, the muscles will atrophy i.e. If you don't maintain muscle strength, bone density will deteriorate. Basically, use it or lose it. Recent studies have found that as you age, if you don't

maintain social interaction, you are at an increased risk of several conditions including loneliness, depression and a sedentary lifestyle. According to a 2001 study conducted on Seniors in Sweden, people who have strong social bonds enjoy decreased mortality rates and longer healthier lives. It must be noted that a young woman with a mild to moderate intellectual disability participating in the Bush Dancing at the U3A with the **CELTIC MINSTRELS** for several semesters over the past few years has shown vast improvement in her gross motor skills.

3 DECREASED RISK OF COGNITIVE DECLINE - Social engagements have neuroprotective benefits, i.e., older adults with strong social connections and an active position in their community have a reduced risk of dementia and cognitive impairment. According to a 2007 study conducted in California; Of 2249 Californian women, those with larger social networks were 26% less likely to develop dementia, compared to the participants with smaller social circles. The interesting point is that the number of participants in bush dancing classes conducted by the **CELTIC MINSTRELS at U3A Bribie Island** has grown exponentially over a period of time.

4. INCREASED SAFETY - Older adults with wide social networks are more likely to live safely. The extended network through the bush dancing with the **CELTIC MINSTRELS** ensures that there is more help available from this network if needed.

5. BETTER PERSONAL CARE - With the diminishing of social isolation through activities such as bush dancing, research has shown that social engagements for older adults may offer benefit from the accountability that comes with ongoing social interaction.

WHAT THE CELTIC MINSTRELS HAVE TO OFFER

The best thing about community engagement and social interaction is that both are flexible and fluid.

- Reach Out To Your Existing Network. After navigating an extended period of "on again, off again" restrictions since COVID struck our shores, many have been left feeling socially isolated. This has been exacerbated with Long Covid now being recognized as a medical issue. It's time to get active with friends. Encourage friends and neighbours to unleash the inner beast and enjoy activities with others. This is something that the CELTIC MINSTRELS have to offer the Moreton Bay Regional Council as well as the Sunshine Coast Regional Council

- Try New Things. If you haven't tried bush dancing give it a go or come and listen.

WHAT THE CELTIC MINSTRELS REQUIRE FROM A GRANT

AIM. To appropriate obtain funding from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's, Gambling and Community Benefit Fund, for the **CELTIC MINSTRELS OBJECTIVE**. To provide live music and bush dancing by the **CELTIC MINSTRELS** at various locations throughout the Moreton Bay Regional Council and Sunshine Coast Council area for festivals, community activities to all age groups. This would be attained through the use of public areas (Music Shells, Municipal Halls and Bandstands). This has been done successfully by the **CELTIC MINSTRELS** with regular performances at the Rotary Markets at Brennan Park, Bribie Island, and being the regular band at U3A Bribie Island where they are able to teach 30 to 40 regular dancers for a 6-week semester block. The CELTIC MINSTRELS have also performed at the Medieval Festival at the Abbey at Caboolture.



Writers CORNER

STRANGE WORLDS AND HOW TO POPULATE THEM. GENERATING IDEAS FOR SCI-FI AND FANTASY STORIES

by Rita Maclean



All books will transport a reader to a new, exciting world that differs from reality in small or large ways – a different time or a conveniently altered contemporary world, or a new and strange place for science fiction or fantasy adventuring. Creating a plausible world will draw readers into your story and keep them there. Building strange worlds and conjuring creatures is one of my most enjoyable writing activities. Consider the time the story is taking place. The future, past or even alternative past will allow you to create awesome, story-specific technology like dirigibles and light speed. Or how about the phantasmagoria of powerful magic and creatures? This will paint a vivid picture of the story in the reader’s mind. Technology and magical inventions need rules and limits. The challenges and dangers caused by these rules will help give structure to your story.

One world-building challenge I faced was – how could mermaids talk underwater without air. I invented communication involving a

combination of luminous skin signals and psychic messages. Problem solved.



The more detail the writer knows about things like culture, species, physicality and language, the richer the story will be. No one has gone to your story world yet. Not even you, so you will be captivated and excited to spend time in it, and this will motivate you to build an intricate world.

Though you may not plan to have a map in the front of your book, drawing a rudimentary map of your story world can help you with continuity, and a sense of time and geographical features. Your characters will need to follow the rules and traverse the landscape you have designed. At those times when you get stuck on what will come next in your plot,

let the details and rules you have invented guide what will happen in the next scene.



Now you need characters and creatures. You might choose a blend of creatures or magic rules that already exist, then put your own twist on it to custom-make exactly what you need. Know the powers and weaknesses of your magical creatures, robots and aliens and use these in a “cause-and-effect” way. Like my mermaids, because they have psychic abilities, it allows them to send controlling thoughts into human minds which helps drive the story forward and gives plausibility to otherwise impossible things.

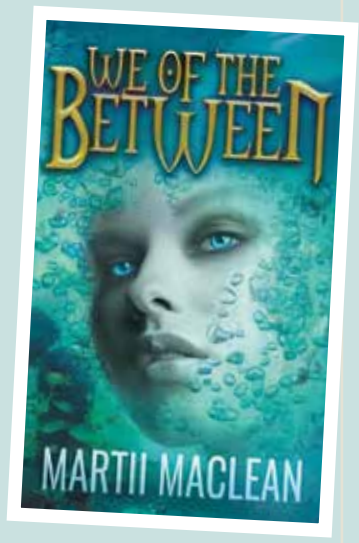
Play the “What if” game by posing a question and letting your imagination run free. One of my favourite short stories started with, “What if a watch

could control time?”

Take time for your world to take shape before you start writing. Note your ideas down as scribbles and drawings. Enjoy travelling in your story world.

Happy writing.
Rita.

PS. I write for kids and young adults as Martii Maclean. If you want to know about mermaid mind-control, visit www.martiimaclean.com and look at ‘We of the Between.’



RESIDENT ARTIST DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM NATURAL SURROUNDS.

Bolton Clarke Bongaree Retirement Village resident Graham Forsyth first studied art at school and took up a paintbrush again to challenge himself in retirement.

Now the former policeman, 74, is hoping to set up an outdoor studio on the patio of his one-bedroom unit to expand his catalogue of more than 100 paintings - including the winning portrait from the village's 2022 art competition. Graham says his love of painting grew to keep him challenged after he retired in 2004.

"I did art as a subject at school and was introduced to water colours where I developed an interest," he says.

"I was inspired by the impressionists like Vincent Van Gogh and Monet."

In retirement, the grandfather of three was looking for a new

challenge and in addition to acting as the village's volunteer bus driver, he decided to try his hand at art again.

"I like puzzles, crosswords and anything which is a challenge, and painting provides that for me," he says.

"The bigger the canvas the more I can enjoy the art itself and work on improving my technique.

"I try to do a bit of everything like landscapes and still life paintings where I can adjust the lighting and shadows.

"I recently painted a series of trawlers anchored in the Bribie Passage."

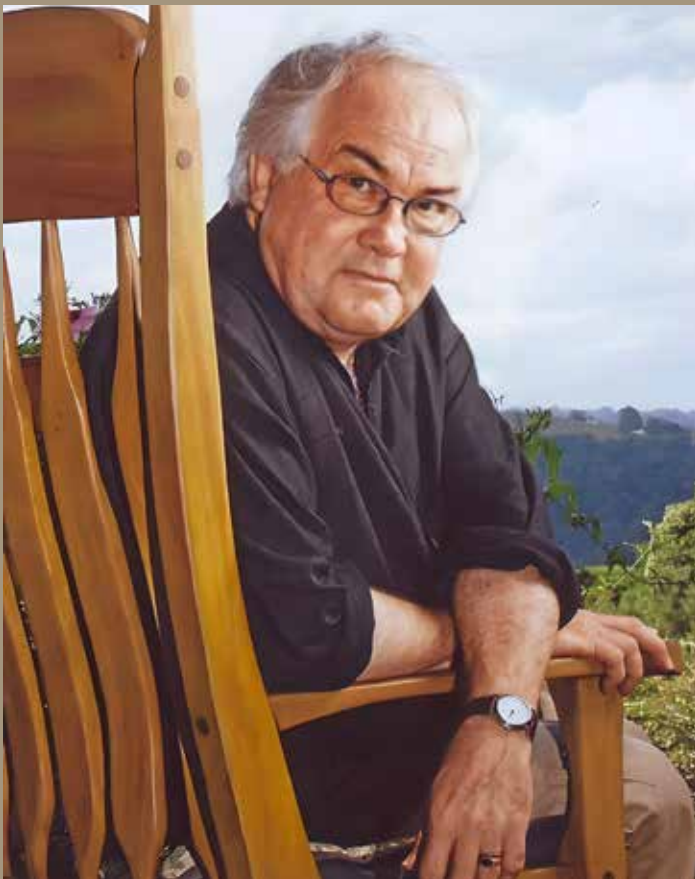
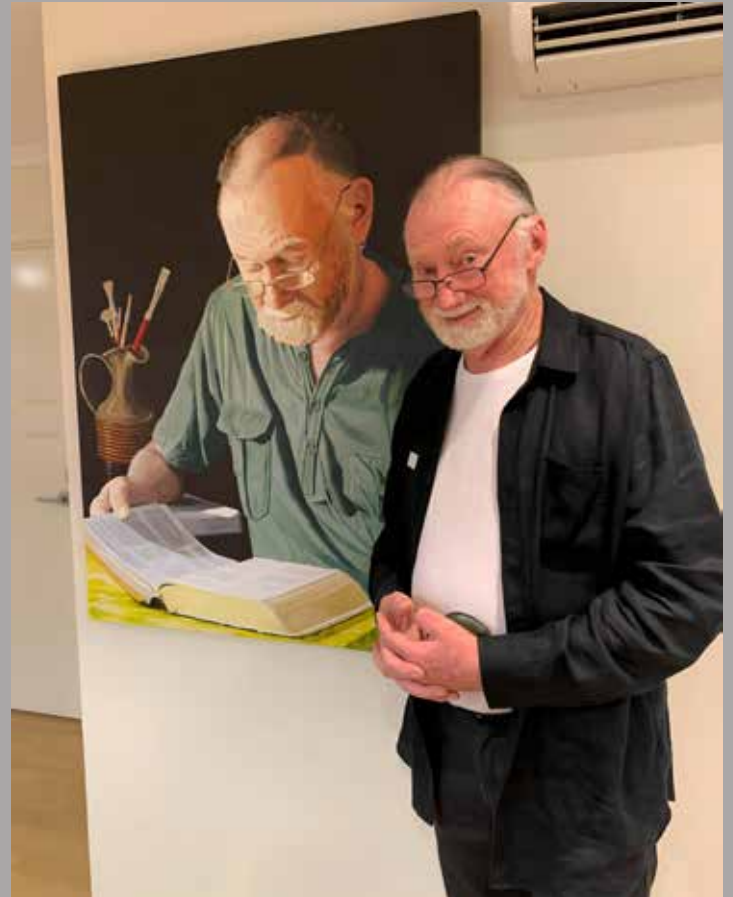
Graham has painted many self-portraits and often profiles his wife in his work.

"I try to get the eyes right, then everything else follows," he says.

He also uses the Bribie Island bushland setting as a creative stimulus.

"I like the green of the bush and I've noticed every tree has a different shade," he says.

"Being here at Bongaree on the edge of Bribie is inspiring."



AUTHOR GARY CREW NOMINATE FOR PRESTIGIOUS 2024 HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN AWARD

GARY CREW, ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST AWARDED AUTHORS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN AWARD FOR 2024.

Gary Crew, author of acclaimed books such as *The Watertower* and *Strange Objects*, has received a nomination for the 2024 Hans Christian Andersen Award.

Crew has been recognised for his experimentation in genre and format, as well as how these innovations convey his desire to create a fascinating experience for readers. Crew has been either won, been shortlisted, or been nominated for over 50 literary awards both within Australia and internationally. As stated in the nomination announcement, "the breadth of topics, styles, formats, and genres he has tackled provide ample evidence that he is one of Australia's most influential and significant wordsmiths."

The Australian division of IBBY (The International Board on Books for Young People) nominated Crew and the other Australian nominee, illustrator Matt Ottley. The winners of the awards will be announced in 2024 at the Bologna Children's Book Fair.

Gary Crew's latest book, *In the Secret Place*, is scheduled for release in 2023 with Hawkeye Publishing.

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GEM LIFE

A great night was had by all as the local band, the CELTIC MINSTRELS, played up a storm at the St Patrick’s Day celebrations at Gem Life’s Over 50’s, Bribie Island.

Many residents donned the traditional green as they joined in the celebrations. The best costume award went to a German tourist Leprechaun wearing a lime green tutu. However, it was hard to choose the best dressed as many made a special effort for the occasion.

The CELTIC MINSTRELS are a local band that regularly plays for the markets in Brennan Park, U3A and other venues. Members live in Bribie or the nearby Moreton region.

There was a great selection of Irish favourite songs, including singing in Irish Gaelic by Ted Burton, the band’s Bass, Mandolin and Banjo player. Two tables won prizes for enthusiastically joining the chorus of well

know the song, Cockles and Mussels as Bodhran (Irish round drum) player John Boland roamed the floor with his microphone.

The tissues came out for an endearing version of crowd favourite Danny Boy. This was sung by Guitarist and Irish Whistle player, Sarah Harris who was joined by lead players, Mike Watts on Concertina and Mandolin and Maria Boland on fiddle.

Not to be outdone, our Pocket Rocket / Energizer Bunny and talented fiddle player, Beth Sowter leapt from the stage and quickly amassed a crowd of eager dancers who learnt and danced the Circassian Circle and the Galopede. The audience enjoyed the dancing but not as much as those doing the dances - that is when they weren’t laughing.

The CELTIC MINSTRELS are best known for their Bush Dances. They teach Bush Dancing at the U3A where the Band provides live music to dance to. If you want a great time and get fit as a side benefit, then head along

to U3A in First Ave, on a Thursday morning. The Bush Dancing For Fun Class resumes in the 2nd semester on April 20th.

Many grand Irish Jigs and Reels were played to tapping feet. A mesmerizing air (Innisher) from whistle and flute player Kelly Bridgewater and songs sung by Button Accordionist Lindsay Normin showed the depth of this great band.

Not to be outdone, singer and fiddler Laura Campbell sang a tongue-twisting folk song that was enjoyed by all.

The whole evening was well run by Gem Life’s Social Club. They always do a great job in organizing events and cleaning up afterwards.

The CELTIC MINSTRELS are available to play at local venues and are only too happy to teach bush dancing at over 50’s resorts within the Morton Bay Regional Council Area. For further information contact John Boland on 0422 770252 or email riaanddah@gmail.com

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A Love-letter to an Island

BY: Elaine Lutton

Arrival

It was late afternoon on a Saturday, around 4:30 pm when I decided that I needed to purchase just a few items. The day had been hot and humid, and I had remained in my home where it was cool and comfortable whilst keeping safe from those dreaded UVA and UVB rays of the sun. I am not quite sure what these are, only that they must be avoided at all costs, or my beloved physician will have no alternative but to continue my weight loss program by excising even more pieces of my flesh. Antonio has nothing on me!

I had used the time to finish an article, which by now my readers will have had the pleasure, I hope, of reading in this (very) esteemed publication, writing a few personal emails to friends, home and abroad, and listening to my much-loved music. However, I was beginning to suffer from that common affliction of the elderly, the Nodding-Off Syndrome. I knew the cure! Not sunshine, but fresh air, was the answer. The sun, at that time, had moderated its intensity, but there was still enough light and cloud cover to make my venturing out to buy the few articles I thought necessary for my shelves, a relatively risk-free adventure. The sea air would surely be sufficient to “blow away the cobwebs” that might be lurking in my constitution and refresh me, ready for an exciting evening of watching television and preparing supper.

I mounted Ferrari, who was as eager for the trip as I was, any excuse for exercising his wheels, and headed down to the local supermarket, bought more than I intended, as you do, and headed back home in a leisurely manner.

Being in no rush, I had time to appreciate the beauty of Pumicestone Passage as the sun began to set, sinking like a fiery orange-red ball slowly into the sea. The whole sky was beginning to turn an ever deeper shade of pink. I admired my yellow-rose trees; I have been told their correct botanical name, but have forgotten it, and anyway, I have always thought of them as yellow-rose trees since my arrival on Bribie, Melbourne Cup Day, 1969. In those days they were host to multicoloured iridescent Christmas Beetles, but I have not seen these for years, only their drab brown cousins. “Where have all the Beetles gone?”, as the song might have said. Perhaps a reader can inform me. The birds of Bribie, the Rainbow lorikeets, the flocks of Corellas and the seabirds never fail to bring pleasure; even the snooty-beaked Ibis amuse me.

Always an additional joy is the people that one meets when out and about, plus of course their dogs. How I love the dogs I encounter, all of them friendly, but ranging in size from those one feels one could saddle up and ride, to the tiniest chihuahua. On this particular evening, everyone looked relaxed and happy, both man

and dog! The temperature had dropped, the tide was in, and many folks, both young and old, were taking the opportunity to go for a swim whilst others were in the process of dressing. So many wet and smiling faces!

Families were having an evening picnic, seated on the grass, the low stone wall, or had managed to ‘bag’ one of the tables along the front. Some had obviously patronised the local “chippies” whilst others were indulging in the manly pursuit of barbecuing, the salads being women’s business.

Ferrari and I paused for a few minutes to watch that well-established Bribie tradition of diving off the roof of the shelter at the end of the jetty. Forty or more years ago, my son and his friends were doing the same thing, the jetty and the shelter may have undergone change, but the tradition remains the same. Of course, neither my husband nor I knew they were risking breaking their necks or backs; we were only enlightened years later that they too had participated in this initiation into male adolescence. Even my daughter had played her part; she later confessed that though agreeing with us that it was dangerous, the depth of the water, and concealed objects were all factors to be considered, and she was not going to be left out! However, at the time, she took what she considered to be the wiser, safer, feminine option, and merely jumped!

A word to parents: if you believe that the life of your

offspring is an open book, one in which you have perused every page, then, sadly, there are only two alternatives. One, that you are fooling yourself, or two, that you have uniquely insensitive children who take little or no consideration of the delicate state of parental nerves. A wise and loving child knows exactly when to leave their parents in a state of blissful ignorance!

After these philosophical musings, Ferrari and I moved on, past the long-established restaurant where my family and I had enjoyed many a special celebration. How big the trees have grown since first Don and I began to patronise this establishment. I noted with interest and approval the couple who were sitting at ‘our’ table; they looked happy together. This restaurant has had many different owners, even different names, but standards have been maintained. Bribie is fortunate to have such a first-class but friendly eating place with such magnificent views.

I was nearly home, just in time to see, silhouetted against the sky, a solitary beach fisherman using an old-fashioned Alvey reel with his rod. I applauded his choice; I have never come to terms with those modern coffee grinders!

A turn of a bend and then I was home, grateful that I live on an Island Paradise and happy to share it with such lovely people.

The Skies Above Bribie

By: Kathy Vincent

On the 20th of April, parts of the southern and northern hemispheres will experience a rare hybrid solar eclipse. Those lucky enough to live near Exmouth, Western Australia will get to see a total eclipse, South-East Queensland will see a partial eclipse with the Moon covering about 16% of the Sun. The eclipse will start at 1:43 PM, maximum coverage will be at 2:45 PM. A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, during this time, the Moon casts a shadow over parts of the Earth. This happens about two to five times each year. There are four main types of solar eclipse depending on the Moon's position and shadow - total, partial, annular and hybrid. A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon completely covers the Sun's disk, as viewed from Earth because the Sun, Earth and Moon are in alignment. This forms a complete circle of darkness. A total solar eclipse occurs roughly every 18 months. When the moon passes between the Sun and Earth, but the Sun, Moon, and Earth are not perfectly aligned, this causes a partial solar eclipse because only a portion of the Sun's disk is covered by the Moon. An annual solar eclipse is much like a total solar eclipse except the Moon is much further away from Earth. Because of this, the Sun shines around the Moon's circle of darkness, causing a 'ring of fire'. A hybrid eclipse is a

rare event, occurring roughly once every ten years. It is both an annual eclipse and a total eclipse depending on where you are viewing the eclipse from because of the curvature of the earth. Viewers may see a disk of darkness during the middle phase or a ring of fire. April's hybrid solar eclipse kicks off what is to be a series of solar eclipses for Australia over the next 15 years. With total solar eclipses occurring in 2023, 2028, 2030, 2037 and 2038, a partial eclipse occurring in 2025 and an annular eclipse occurring in 2031. Do not try to view the Sun, even during an eclipse, with your eyes. This can cause serious damage. The easiest way to watch the eclipse is by using two pieces of cardboard and a piece of foil. Cut a square or circular hole from one piece of cardboard and cover that hole with foil. Using a pin, pierce the centre of the foil. This will allow light through. The other piece of cardboard will function as your screen. With the sun behind you, hold up the piece of cardboard that has the foil to the Sun. Watching the screen, you will see the shadow move across the light. Eclipse glasses are another inexpensive way to view the eclipse. The eclipse can also be seen using number 14 welder glass. Do not use ND filters or polarised sunglasses. Pictured is NGC 3247, one of the largest and brightest nebulae regions within our galaxy and a crescent moon, taken a day before new moon in the early hours of the morning.



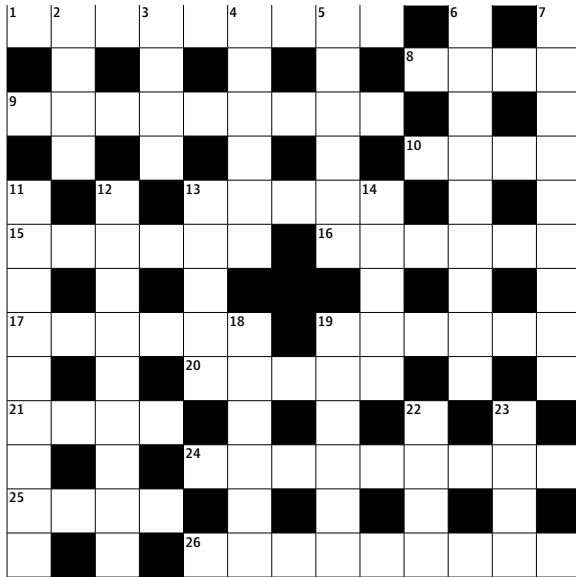
What's up - April 2022

The Lyrids Meteor Shower will be active from April 16th to the 25th. Peaking on the 22nd to the 23rd of April, at a rate of about 20 meteors per hour. The Lyrids Meteor Shower is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher. The moon will not hinder observations. Meteors will appear to radiate from the Lyra constellation but can be seen coming from any direction in the night sky.

A full moon will occur on the 6th of April and the new moon will be on the 20th of April. Around the 16th there will be a conjunction of the Moon and Saturn. On the 23rd of April there is a conjunction of a crescent Moon and Venus. Look about 10-20% above the north-western horizon at dusk. Another conjunction will occur after sunset of Mars and the Moon on the 26th of April.

If you would like to share your images or have any questions, contact me: astrogirl.au@mail.com Clear Skies, Kat

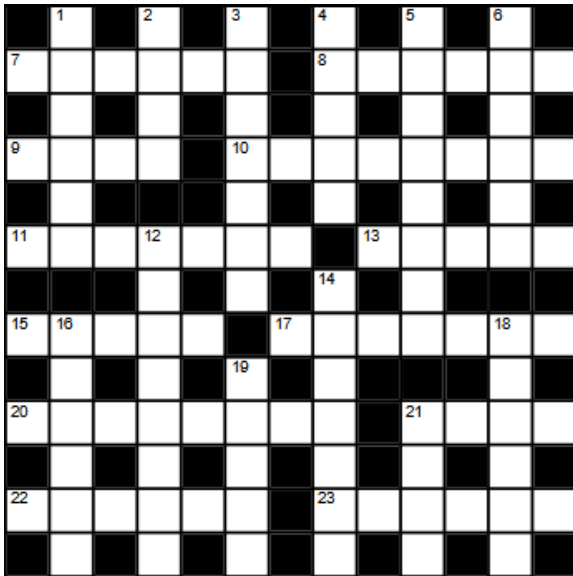
Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



- Across
- 1 Slanted (4-5)
 - 8 Soothsayer (4)
 - 9 In confidence (9)
 - 10 Make up a (political?) story (4)
 - 13 Intense (5)
 - 15 Derivation (6)
 - 16 Coup d'état (6)
 - 17 Severe reprimand (6)
 - 19 City on Lac Léman, headquarters of the Red Cross (6)
 - 20 Weapon with a blade (5)
 - 21 Walk out (4)
 - 24 Post receptacle (9)
 - 25 Leave the stage (4)
 - 26 Bootlicker (9)

- Down
- 2 Stone between pavement and road (4)
 - 3 Hand signal (4)
 - 4 It secures a woman's headgear (6)
 - 5 Shot in the arm (6)
 - 6 One dealing with boring paperwork (3-6)
 - 7 Affecting the windpipe (9)
 - 11 Familiar moniker — quiet orbs (anag) (9)
 - 12 Mark over, under or through a letter (9)
 - 13 Emotional feelings experienced instinctively (5)
 - 14 Fooled (5)
 - 18 Like well-off people in the countryside with an interest in horses, dogs etc? (6)
 - 19 Got rot (anag) (6)
 - 22 Patronising — impish (4)
 - 23 Natural satellite of a planet (4)

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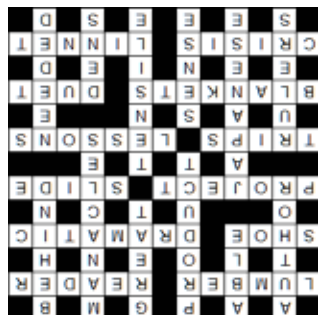


- Across
- 7 Weigh down with timber.. (6)
 - 8 The target of 1d! (6)
 - 9 Moccasin, maybe, put on last at times (4)
 - 10 A snifter with a jerk is rather excessive (8)
 - 11 Plan a piece of work to stand out (7)
 - 13 Children do it on their rears for fun (5)
 - 14 Skips holidays? (5)
 - 17 Class offerings.. (7)
 - 20 Ben talks about comfort in retirement (8)
 - 21 Air from a pair (4)
 - 22 Credit is doubly needed in an emergency (6)
 - 23 Bird allowed to fly around the hotel (6)

- Down
- 1 Creator is gold to the god of thunder (6)
 - 2 Can be adept.. (4)
 - 3 The result of being in favour of a pipeline (7)
 - 4 Inglenook said to be somewhat large (5)
 - 5 Shackles a bloke Alec's wrestling with (8)
 - 6 In support although to the rear (6)
 - 12 A sort of black enamel, see, given the treatment in the orient (8)
 - 14 Flexible steel in production (7)
 - 16 Certain the left and the right will provide the leaders (6)
 - 18 The first two news items two journalists wanted (6)
 - 19 Feeling hearing and smell give nuance (5)
 - 21 Studies taken from a garden supplement (4)

SOLUTIONS

CYRUS
SOLUTION 188



QUICK
SOLUTION 188



Kids Page



Ingredients

- 450 grams pkt Betty Crocker Vanilla Cupcake Mix
- 2 free range eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 60g unsalted butter, melted.
- 800g Betty Crocker Vanilla Frosting
- 1 pkt Dollar Sweets Food Colours
- 3 jumbo marshmallows
- 1/4 cup Dollar Sweets 100s & 1000s



Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan forced. Grease a 12-hole, 1/3-cup capacity muffin pan.

Step 2

Using an electric mixer, beat cupcake mix, eggs, milk and melted butter on low speed for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium and beat for 2 minutes or until mixture is light and fluffy. Divide mixture evenly among prepared pan holes.

Step 3

Bake for 18 minutes or until tops spring back when lightly touched in the centre. Cool for 5 minutes in pan. Gently remove cupcakes from pan and cool completely on a wire rack.

Step 4

Combine frosting sachet from cupcake mix and tubs of frosting. Divide frosting among 4 small bowls. Tint one bowl yellow, one magenta, one teal and one purple. Spoon frosting mixtures into separate piping bags with 1.5cm star nozzle. Pipe icing onto cupcakes.

Step 5

Cut each marshmallow crossways into 4 rounds. Pinch one end of each marshmallow piece to form ear shapes. Place 100s & 1000s in a small shallow dish. Press one cut side of each marshmallow 'ear' to coat, arrange 2 'ears' on each cupcake. Serve.

Happy Easter

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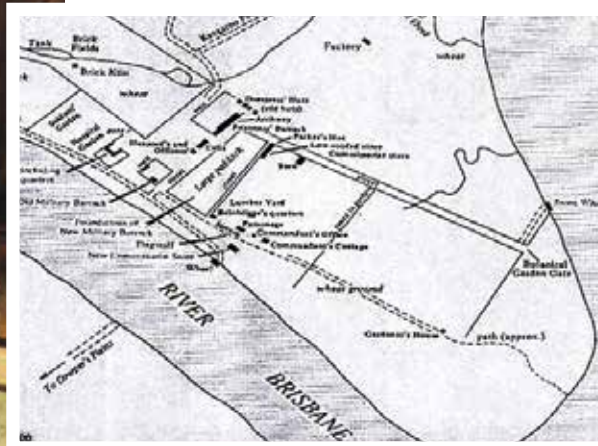
new Commandant to the site he had chosen for the first settlement at Redcliffe. She rounded the south of Bribie Island and dropped anchor in Pumicestone Passage. A lookout on *Mermaid* called out that he could see a white man on shore. It was Parsons, having struggled back to Bribie after returning, once he realised that he was heading the wrong way.

On board *Mermaid* was Oxley's exploration party which, by order of the Governor, included John Finnegan to act as translator and guide. When the truth of his part in the discovery of Brisbane River became known, he was released and appointed to the planning team for the new settlement. *Mermaid* also carried a party of 14 soldiers with their families, 29 convicts, a surgeon, and a storekeeper, all under the command of Lieutenant Henry Miller of the 40th regiment.

reason for establishing a settlement in Moreton Bay, Oxley decided to launch the penal colony some 20km to the north, and on a site with only a meagre water supply and located beside a shallow bay. This questionable decision was to prove a serious mistake in the months to come.

On 16th September, with the convicts already at work building the slab and bark huts that were to be their gaol, Oxley decided it was time to take Allan Cunningham and Lieutenant Butler to make a more thorough examination of the river. Finnegan directed them to the mouth of the Brisbane River and continued to point out the various features and creeks along the banks. After three weeks' exploration of the river, Oxley and his party returned to *Mermaid*, and sailed back to Sydney.

By November 1824, Governor Brisbane was keen to see the much-admired Moreton Bay for himself. He instructed Oxley to prepare for one more voyage to take him on a tour of the new settlement, and the *Brisbane River*. As their faithful *Mermaid* was undergoing maintenance, *Amity*, a 148-ton brig was selected and



THE BIRTH OF BRISBANE CITY

Episode 3 - Settlement

By Al Finegan

In early January 1824, not long after John Finnegan and Thomas Pamphlett were returned to Sydney by Oxley, the truth of the discovery of Brisbane River was published. Overnight Oxley was changed from hero to villain and suffered much derision from his peers. Despite this, Governor Brisbane knew he had to use Oxley to establish the new

settlement in Moreton Bay. It had been a paradise for the peaceful, caring, and friendly people of the Quandamooka for millennia. That was all about to change, and not for the better.

On 11th September 1824, *HMS Mermaid* sailed into Moreton Bay with Oxley, who had been appointed to direct the

The next morning, under the pilotage of Finnegan, *Mermaid* sailed across to Redcliff. Oxley, Finnegan, and Miller went ashore to make a reconnaissance. Immediately on landing, Finnegan searched for and found, his old friend, the Chief of the village. After a friendly welcome, the news he passed on was not good. Later that day a team of soldiers and convicts landed, and a Moreton Bay penal colony was established at Humpybong, Redcliffe, now Humpybong Park.

It could be wondered why, after all the fuss of the discovery of the "noble" Brisbane River as the key

prepared for the vice-regal visit. The Governor insisted that Finnegan should also be part of the party.

On arrival at the Redcliffe settlement, stores were unloaded, while the Governor and his officials remained on board preparing for their excursion up the Brisbane River. Finnegan studied the tidal movements carefully to plan the right time to depart. The next morning, the 4th December 1824, they loaded the whaleboat with provisions and on Finnegan's bidding, the Governor, Oxley, and party rowed off for the Brisbane River. As Finnegan predicted, the tide swept them

around Fishermans Island and into the mouth of the mighty Brisbane River. The Governor was immediately impressed with the size and beauty of the river stating that the scenery on each side was truly picturesque country. The party rowed up the river for about 40 km.

After camping out for one night they caught the ebbing tide and returned to **Amity**. Governor Brisbane expressed a view that the river had met all the high praise that had been lavished upon its might and beauty. He directed Oxley to organise a visit for him to inspect the Redcliff settlement in the morning. Word was sent to Lt Miller to prepare for the vice regal's inspection. Miller ordered his troops to keep the locals at a respectful distance during the Governor's visit. The next morning Miller was pleased that only three natives could be seen, and they were at some distance. A smiling Finnegan commented that they were just lookouts. The Governor and his aides landed to a military salute. This alerted the lookouts who signalled their Chief that someone of obvious importance was coming to visit. As the Governor inspected the troops, a small party came around a point of land led by an imposing native, ceremonially dressed in paint and kangaroo hides. In a few moments the party increased to 15 men, but no females were evident. A wave of tension passed over the Governor and his aides, fearing the intention of the approaching natives. The Chief, scanning the official party, spotted Finnegan, and immediately demonstrated extraordinary pleasure at seeing him again. There were suddenly relieved smiles all round as the Chief and Finnegan embraced. The Governor was later to report that, **"The locals were very friendly, and betrayed no symptom of fear; indeed one was so extraordinarily gratified to meet Finnegan as to roll himself in the sand - from pure pleasure."** Before he left, Governor Brisbane was pleased to congratulate Lieutenant Miller, advising him that he had approved his promotion to Captain. On his return the

Governor was reported in the Gazette as saying, "I am amazingly gratified with the excursion and there can be little doubt, but that Australia will at no distant period, derive considerable and lasting benefit from the new settlement." Prophetic words indeed!

The Governor released a statement to the press, **"Red Cliff Point was deemed peculiarly eligible, from its central situation; the anchorage, however, is not very good off it. The settlement was left in good health and spirits, and they were rapidly proceeding in erecting comfortable huts, and the formation of little gardens. The site of the settlement was dry, and open to the sea breeze - an indispensable advantage in that hot climate"**.

He was wrong. By the beginning of 1825, Redcliffe was struggling. By April, it had become obvious to Miller that his settlement was failing. The land was too harsh for growing crops, the mosquitoes and midges were awfully bad, and the water was even worse. The health of convicts, soldiers and their families was suffering. Redcliff was also difficult to defend. Their relations with the local Aborigines had deteriorated and he felt that they might attack the penal colony in force after already having had to defend against raids on their stores of sugar and flour.

Miller knew he had to act. He made the decision to search for a better place to establish an ever-increasing population before it was too late to move. He had a copy of Oxley's report recommending a spot on the north bank near Frew Park at Milton. On inspection, he noted the signs of widespread flooding in low lying areas that apart from the obvious dangers of inundation, it was a breeding ground for insects. He also ignored another proposed location at Breakfast Creek. In May 1825, after several excursions, he selected a location near the current site of North Quay and William Street. He was attracted by the height offered by the banks at William Street and the elevation offered by

Wickham Terrace. He would be able to see ships coming around the Kangaroo Point reach. Miller's choice was perfect. He marked out the triangle of land bounded on two sides by the Brisbane River conjoined by what is now the Botanic Gardens, and the escarpment which is now Wickham Terrace. He considered the area to be defensible as well as providing a natural barrier against escape by the convict population. It also had a water supply in the form of a now non-existent creek later named Wheat Creek. Most heavy stores were rowed up in the long boat while Miller led the sixty plus members of the settlement on a long slow walk up a marked track to what is now Queen Street. There they started construction, including a commandant's cottage, various bark and timber structures and other canvas tents, and slowly the settlement took shape. Miller dispatched a detailed report on the change of venue via a store ship.

When Governor Brisbane read Miller's report, he was furious. He had already shipped a glowing report on his site selection to London, lauding his choice. Despite the sound reasons for the move detailed by Miller, Brisbane was inconsolable at what would be seen by London as poor judgement. When he was eventually told he was to be fired for disobedience, Miller was shocked and dismayed. Within six months he was replaced by Captain Peter Bishop.

Finnegan continued as an explorer acting as guide and translator during the renowned exploration of the Brisbane and Lockyer valleys by Edmund Lockyer in 1825. On return, undoubtedly with a wry smile, Lockyer expressed the opinion that, **".. it would have been more appropriate to have called the river after the man who really discovered it. Although its discovery is, however, of more importance than whether it is called the Finnegan or the Brisbane River."**

Major General Sir Thomas MacDougall Brisbane, 1st Baronet, GCB, GCH, FRS,

FRSE (1773 - 1860), served as Governor of NSW from December 1821 to December 1825. Before he departed Sydney, he called John Finnegan to his office and issued him a pardon, and the offer of a 3 year contract as a pilot in Moreton Bay. Overwhelmed, Finnegan immediately accepted and subsequently joined the crew of the pilot ship **Regent Bird**, stationed in Moreton Bay. He supervised the laying and on-going maintenance of buoys to mark the safe passage into the bay and river while piloting ships into and out of Brisbane. In a twist of irony, Pamphlett had once again been found guilty of theft and was sentenced to the incredible hardships and floggings of convict life at Moreton Bay penal colony. Meanwhile Finnegan enjoyed a respected and well-paid life in comparative luxury, probably passing within a few 100 metres of Pamphlett on a daily basis. One can easily imagine a smartly uniformed Finnegan on the deck of a ship sailing up the river giving a wave to his old mate Pamphlett sweating in rags on the riverbank. Finnegan continued to work as a pilot and translator for the expanding Brisbane colony until he completed his contract in 1829. The remainder of Finnegan's life went unrecorded, although there is some evidence that he returned to Ireland.

Governor Macquarie, Brisbane's predecessor, had criticized Oxley as being, **"... loose with the facts and dissatisfied."** After the Moreton Bay expeditions, Oxley gradually withdrew from public life still carrying the burden of his shame from his false claim of "discovering" the Brisbane River and died in 1828 when only 44 years old.

Captain Henry Miller left the service and went on to start a new life as a successful businessman. The false narratives that still exist claiming that Oxley is the father of Brisbane City are evidently incorrect. Miller is the true father of our fine city, and it was the three castaways who were the true discoverers of the Brisbane River.

EVENTS THAT MADE BRIBIE HISTORY



"Start of construction Bribie Bridge 1961"



Barry Clark
Bribie Island
Historical
Society

More BRIBIE History

The Historical Society have monthly public meetings at the RSL Club on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 6:30pm. with interesting guest speakers on a wide range of topics, and you can see many more photos and articles on our Blog Site at <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com> or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

For my local History article this Easter week I thought I would show a list of dates of some major events over the last 253 years that have given Bribie the special place in history that it has..

Many places along the Queensland coast have an interesting history, but Bribie Island has long been recognised as a very special place, being the first explored location in what is now Queensland.

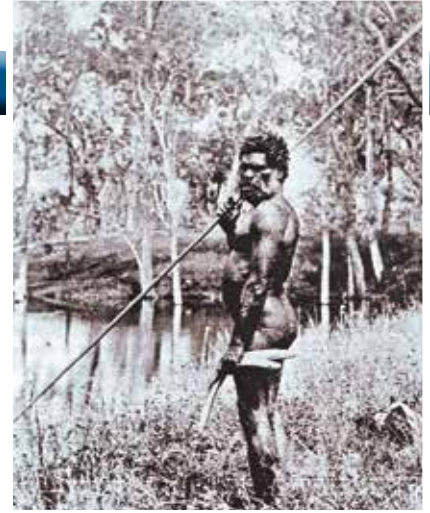
It was just eleven years after the First Fleet brought hundreds of Convicts to establish a Penal Colony in Sydney Harbour, that the first white man set foot on Bribie Island. That was Matthew Flinders with crew of the small Sloop Norfolk, and his aboriginal companion Bongaree in July 1799. They encountered the indigenous Joondobarri people of the island, who had occupied this land for thousands of years. Twenty-four years later the Moreton Bay Penal Colony was established on the Brisbane River, but sadly 100 years later most of the indigenous people were gone. Here is a chronological list of some events that impacted and shaped this island community over the years.

1770 - 1891

- 1770** James Cook on Endeavour sails past and names Glasshouses.
- 1799** Matthew Flinders & Bongaree on Norfolk visit Bribie Island.
- 1823** Three Sydney castaway convicts live with Bribie aborigines.
- 1824** Moreton Bay Penal colony established on Brisbane River.
- 1839** Convict transport to Brisbane ends and free settlers come.
- 1859** Queensland proclaimed a new colony of the British Empire.
- 1867** Caboolture develops as river crossing to Gympie Gold field.
- 1877** Reserve for remaining aborigines established at Whitepatch
- 1886** Proposed new Town of Bribie surveyed at Whitepatch.
- 1890** Oysters, Bees, Fish canning and Cattle grazing on Bribie Island.
- 1891** Aboriginal childrens school briefly operates at Mission Point.

Queensland was proclaimed a new Colony of the British Empire in 1859, when it was separated from New South Wales, as Victoria had also been separated and established as a new Colony in 1851.

All the colonies became States of Australia in 1901 with Federation. At that time there were few permanent residents on Bribie, but several pioneers were running business operations in Timber cutting Fish Canning, Oyster Farming, and Cattle Grazing. Small boats made visits to Bribie Island but it was the Brisbane Tug Company who opened it up for tourists.



1901 - 1937



Ocean Beach Guest House & Surf Club

- 1901** Commonwealth of Australia established by Federation.
- 1903** Brisbane Tug Company develops interest in Bribie Island.
- 1912** Steamship Koopa runs from Brisbane to new Jetty at Bongaree.
- 1918** Hall & Bestmann open first general store near new jetty.
- 1919** First motor car brought to Bribie from Brisbane before any road.
- 1924** First track cleared from Bongaree to Ocean beach and school built.
- 1933** The closest Surf Club to Brisbane established at Woorim beach.
- 1937** Thomas Welsby wrote book of legend "Bribie the Basket Maker".

World War 2 was declared in Europe in 1939 and with the bombing of Pearl Harbour by Japan, America came into the war and had a big impact on Australia. Bribie Island became a significant strategic location for the defence of Brisbane and a large Military training camp was established at Sandstone Point, and submarine defence installations were built at Fort Bribie and Fort Skirmish on the north and south of Bribie Island

1939 - 1963

- 1939** Bribie Hotel built at Woorim used by military in World War 2.
- 1941** Military War defences built at Fort Skirmish and Fort Bribie.
- 1947** Car ferry barge starts run from Toorbul/Sandstone point.
- 1953** Electricity connected and Cinema shown at Church hall.
- 1953** Recluse artist Ian Fairweather comes to live in grass hut on Bribie.
- 1963** Bribie Island Bridge opened with expensive Toll lasting 12 years.

In a few months' time 19th October will be the 60-year anniversary of the opening of the Bridge, and we hope to have a special celebration for that anniversary. Over recent years the Historical Society have erected several plaques and signs on Bribie with details of some of the events listed above

We give presentations to local Clubs & Groups, conduct Heritage Walks and publish several free informative brochures.

The next Bongaree Heritage Walk will be on Thursday 4 MAY and Bribie in World War 2 at Woorim on Thursday 18 MAY. These free guided walks are part of the Council "Healthy & Active" program, but you must book on web site www.mbrc.qld.gov.au/healthy-active to register as numbers are limited.

You can contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com



Bribie Hotel Built 1939



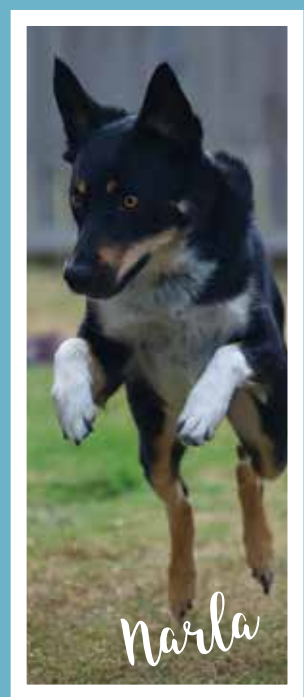
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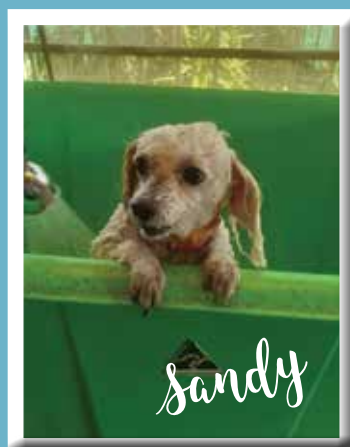
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THE BENEFITS OF SHARING YOUR LIFE WITH ANIMALS

We share our home with two eighteen-year-old, cats and a thirteen old dog, our space would not be home without them. They provide an abundance of positive energy, that we cannot find anywhere else, which I am so grateful for!

Pets are a lifelong commitment of care, time, as well as finances, however, our pets are worth all the love and effort!

I have heard numerous stories, of a pet saving someone's life, not only physically, but mentally as well. They can give hope when sometimes it appears there is not any, giving a purpose to live...

Ways our pets support us.

MENTAL WELL-BEING.

Whatever life throws at you, a pet will be by your side. They can create stability when everything else seems unstable.

They help reduce stress, anxiety, loneliness, and depression, giving you support in moments when everything just seems a bit ordinary, providing unconditional love, entertainment, laughter as well as affection.

Having someone to care for gives you a sense of responsibility, making you feel needed, valuable, and have a life purpose.

A friend to come home to can put a smile on anyone's face, smiling makes you feel better! Pets are carefree, petting, walking, or playing with them can lift your spirits.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

If are walking a dog or have a different kind of pet, they keep you active, getting up to feed them, letting them out or even stroking them creates movement.

Research suggests that kids who grow up around animals develop better immunity.

They can reduce stress, blood pressure and cardiovascular risks.

Studies found that those who own pets, seek less medical care.

People who experience chronic pain, have reported that owning a pet helps them deal with that pain.

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Pets are our best friends. Many people can relate to their pets.

Pets help us make new friends, they are great icebreakers and keep communication flowing.

They can get you meeting other people, you may decide to join a club or group specific to your pet or volunteer at a pet shelter if you haven't got a pet.

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

You know what love is if you have a pet. They do not judge you, or care about your looks, personality, or financial status, they will always love you for being you.

They are a safe, secure place.

Pets teach us to love. If we showed the same love, empathy, and compassion to everyone that our pets show us the world would be a much happier place.

We should have so much gratitude for furry friends, they are priceless!

Need more gratitude and love in your life? Reach out on 0405 361 882 or FB: MariaChristina.Love

Always with love, Maria x

TO PUNISH OR NOT TO PUNISH - BARKING PART 2

It is important to remember that barking is as normal to a dog as it is for us to be talking. It is hardly fair then to reprimand a dog for behaving normally. It would be like punishing your partner or child for speaking.

Rather than trying to train the dog to stop barking it is better to redirect it to another activity. First always check to see what the dog is barking at. They never bark because they like the sound of their voice or bark at nothing. We may investigate and see nothing but dogs are much more alert to their environment than we are. Many dogs have saved their owners life by barking for eg alerting to a suspected prowler, snake or fire.

We may have unintentionally rewarded their barking. When a dog barks many owners yell at their dogs to be quiet but when they are quiet the dog is ignored so some dogs learn to get their owners attention is to bark. Some dogs are territorial and will bark when someone with or without a dog

walks past their property they bark and the reason it works effectively is that the person has walked away. Dog learns that this is appropriate behaviour. Your property to a dog is not the fence line but all their senses come into play, so someone across the road is in their territory. Owners punish their dog and finally the dog is quiet. Why is he quiet? Not because the owner yelled at the dog but because the person has walked away. Then the behaviour keeps repeating. First never allow the dog to have free access in the front yard. Try and contain him either inside or in the backyard. Always investigate. Then if you wish the dog to stop, call him to you reward him with a treat or scatter the treats on the ground or play ball etc. If it's the same time everyday for eg children going to or from school than it is easier to set up a diversion. I had one client that we worked out successfully, was to take the dog out every afternoon. No more problems.

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BOWLS RESULTS

On St Patrick's Day, Friday 17th March, Bongaree Ladies Bowls Club held its annual McKenzie Fours Challenge. 72 bowlers from Bongaree, Bribie Island, Solander Lake, Bramble Bay, Kilcoy, Woombye and Kawana competed for a share of \$700 prize money kindly donated by the sponsor McKenzie Aged Care (Bribie Cove). The luck of the Irish was bestowed on some but not others in the bowls competition as well as the raffles.

Congratulations

Winners: The Cracker Jackers - Errol Fender, David Vaughan, Tracey Pugliano and Kim Hagan
Second: Kill Roy - the Kilcoy team of Marg Worrell, Bill Edwards, Pam Taylor and Jenny Edwards

Third: Along for the Ride - Don Somerville, Ron Corrick, Rhonda Warwick and Ellen Corrick

A huge array of raffle prizes was donated by Wilkies Auto Centre, Wilson & Co, Ali King MP, McKenzie Aged Care, Bowlers Paradise and many more. The craft club ran a stall with many must-have items for sale.

The bowls were fun, the food was delicious and there was much merriment on the green. I swear we even tiny

leprechauns guiding the bowls away from the Jack!

A huge thank you to McKenzie Aged Care for sponsoring the day. Many thanks to all those who generously donated raffle prizes. Also thank you to all who contributed to the success of the day - Games Director and Assistant, umpires, players, catering team, craft team, bar staff, Ladies committee members and all other club members who helped where necessary.



Photo 1 Winner of the McKenzie Aged Care (major sponsor for the day) gift basket - Tracey Pugliano

Photo 2 Winners: Errol Fender, Tracey Pugliano, Kim Hagan, David Vaughan



Congratulations to Ian Patterson and Graham Symonds who def. Gary McCarthy and Col Valentine in the Bongaree Men's pairs club championship final.

BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

Friday 3rd March Winners:

Bob Vonarx, Pam Walker

R/U: Richard Fell, Ellen Fell

Tuesday 7th March Winners:

Bob Vonarx, Lyn Southall

R/U: Ray Broughton, Ron Wilson

Friday 10th March Winners:

Sandra Scott, Imelda Valentine

Tuesday 14th March Winners:

Ritchie Ferguson, Maureen Ferguson

R/U: Bob Vonarx, Sue Francis

On Tuesday 7th March the

final of the Championship Ladies Pairs was held resulting in a win for Sandra Scott and Wendy Rollason with the Runners up being Maureen Ferguson and Margaret McGarry.



BONGAREE LADIES

Tuesday 21st March

Winners: Brenda Hutchinson,

Doreen O'Halloren

R/U: David Hutchinson,

John Park

Ladies Novice Singles

Championship

Winner: Kim Hagan

R/U: Pat Warwick

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

Men's Novice Final

Champion: Brad Jackson

R/U: Terry Nash

Ladies Pairs Final

Champions: Deb Hill & Cheryl Dann

R/U: Terri Curtis & Hollie Taylor

W/E 01/04/2023

Tuesday: Winners: John Harris, Val Paul & Carol Langley. R/U: Merv Boike, R. Boddenberg & B. King.

Wednesday: Winner: A. Wilkie & T. Grimmond.

R/U: S. Sheeran & R. Stumbles.

3rd: J. Kent & B. Kent.

Jackpot (\$82) - No winner.

Thursday: Winners: C. Cummins, K. Reithmuller & D. DeGrono.

R/U: T. Fairman, L. Neilson & J. Oakley.

3rd: B. Power, T. Parker & M. Power.

Jackpot (\$180) - No winner.

Friday: Winners: D. Brown & R. Wales.

R/U: T. Curtis & Barry Curtis.

1st Rnd: N. Andersen & R. Weir.

2nd Rnd: G. Merrin & B. Sellars.

Saturday: Winners NO GAME .

.W/E 25/03/2023

Tuesday: Winners: R. Fitzpatrick, S. Jeffrey & Ib Larsen.

R/U: P. Boulder, R. Chaplin & D. Williams.

Wednesday: Winners B. Wrice & B. Cayley.

R/U A. Ives & S. Hillen.

3rd: D. John & F. Tarry.

Jackpot (\$242) - B. Wrice & B. Cayley.

Thursday: Winners: L. Shorter, G. Jones & B. Hill.

R/U: T. Parker, B. Stuart & P. Evans.

3rd: R. McLean, V. Mitchell & W. Mitchell.

Jackpot (\$105) - No Winner.

Friday: Winners: B.e Hill & I. James.

R/U: A. Wilkie & D. Wilkins.

1st Rnd: T. Phillips & J. Dieben.

2nd Rnd: C. Avenell & P. Ollier.

Saturday: Winners: NO GAME due to GR8 FINALS



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Bribie Bowls Club**Self Select Pairs Fri 10 Mar**

Winners: I McClelland, C Neave
 Runner's Up: T Dean, I Cooper
 Lucky Draw: M Mills, T Bennett
 Lucky Draw: V Lindsay,
 M Andrews

Lucky Draw: S McIntyre, D Kaatz

Lucky Draw: B Ferguson,

K Thornton

Random Select Fours

Saturday 11 March 2023

Lucky Draw: P Gee, J Jamison, J

Murray, M Lyon

Lucky Draw: G Frew, P Lyon, K

Muller, S Williams

Self Selected Triples

Tuesday 14 March 2023

Winners: R Eaton, D Heath,

B J Adams

Runners up: H Groves, M Lowe, D

Groves

Lucky Draw: R Eaton, D Heath,

B J Adams

Lucky Draw: R Ghest, M Andrews,

M Young

Lucky Draw: J Sly, V McDermott,

J Hosie

Lucky Draw: T Dean, J Wallis

D Merrett

Scroungers Wed 15 March

1st: R Eaton

2nd: M Nganeke

3rd: M Roberts

Open Pairs Results Wed 15 March

Highest Score: M Garfield,

E Stacey

Runner's Up: B Turnbull, S Mitchell

Lucky Draw: B Snare, J Mercer

Lucky Draw: G Teakel, I Cooper

Lucky Draw: M Nganeke,

G Hemphil

Lucky Draw: P Patrikeos, S Lobo

Random Select triples

Thursday 16 March 2023

Highest Score: I Gillard, W Follett,

G Hutchinson

Lowest Score: P Ditchburn, R Leth,

G Penbroke

Lucky Draw: P Boyland, J Smith,

R Bickerton

Lucky Draw: A Christie, P Gee,

L Broomhead

Self Select pairs Friday 17 March

Winners: D McMahon, C Wilkie

Runners up: B Pritchard,

W Simmonds

Lucky Draw: K Muller,

G Hazelwood

Lucky Draw: K Taylor, P Hughes

Lucky Draw: J Dunn, G Fowler

Lucky Draw: F Grimsey,

M Andrews

Random Select Fours Sat 18 Mar

Out of Hat Winner: R Follett,

D Groves, W Langford,

S Williamson

Out of Hat Winner: J Dunn, C

Halley, M Lyons

Self Selected Triples Tue 21 Mar

Winners: L Tweddle, M Nganeke,

W Ritchie

Runners up: R Glasser, F Grimsey,

T Phillips

Lucky Draw: L Deakins, E Deakin,

R Brinton

Lucky Draw: D McDougal,

J Glazier, L Wright

Lucky Draw: M Lowe, B Castle, P

Patrikeos

Lucky Draw: T Dean, D Riseman,

E Hookey

Scroungers Wed 22 Mar

1st: K Soens 2nd: I Smith

Open Pairs Results Wed 22 Mar

Winners: E Stacey, I McLaren

Runner's Up: B Krone, N Krone

Lucky Draw: C Thornton,

K Thornton

Lucky Draw: M Garfield, Z Elmore

Lucky Draw: G Hemphill,

W McDougall

Lucky Draw: J Gray, D McDougall

Random Select Triples Thu 23 Mar

Lowest Winning Score:

F Grimsey, R Davenport, M Young

Runners Up: P Ditchburn, D Dodd,

B McEwen

Lucky Draw: G Olsen, W Kelly,

G Mulpeters

Lucky Draw: P Conn, M Wright,

L Mann

Bribie Island Women's Golf - 16 Mar to 28 Mar 14/3/23 - Single Stableford

A Grade Winner: Lyn Ball 39,
 1st R/Up Gaby Bennett 37, 2nd
 Magrit Pearce 36

B Grade Winner: Angela

Claxton 40 ocb, 1st R/Up

Lesley Heap 40, 2nd R/Up Vivi

Lloyd 38 ocb

C Grade Winner: Joan

Osborne 42, 1st R/Up Heather

Croukamp 34, 2nd R/Up Vicki

Butcher 33

NTP's: Hole 4 Gaby Bennett,

Hole 7 Gaby Bennett, Hole

14 Kris Tomalin, Hole 16 (2nd

shot)

Gill Lee, Div 3 2nd shot Hole 7

Joan Osborne

16/3/23 - Irish Fourball Team Stableford

Winners: Debra Dunn, Helena
 Winterflood, Lyn Cockerell &
 Marjorie Sills 84

Runners Up: Maureen Bailey,

Rita de Bondt, Sandra Smith &

Sylvia White 81

NTP's: Hole 4 Abby Driver,

Hole 7 Linda Urquhart, Hole 14

Di Fitzpatrick, Hole 16 (second

shot)

Debra Dunn, Hole 7 (Div 3

second shot) Angela Jordan

21/3/23 - Single Stableford

A Grade Winner: Barbara

Newcomb 38, 1st R/Up Vicki

Jones 37 ocb, 2nd R/Up Ros

Gardiner 37

B Grade Winner: Maree Bailey

37, 1st R/Up Bibby Davies 36

ocb, 2nd R/Up Vivi Lloyd 36

ocb

C Grade Winner: Susan Brown

38, 1st R/Up Jennifer Stafford

35 ocb, 2nd R/Up Angela

Jordan 35

NTP's: Hole 4 Vicki Jones, Hole

7 Diane Fitzpatrick, Hole 14

Helena Winterflood, Hole 16

(second shot) Mary Barbeler

23/3/23 - Single Stroke V Par

Winner: Sue Navie +3, 1st R/

Up Lyn Ball +1 ocb, 2nd R/Up

Angela Jordan +1

NTP's: Hole 4 Vicki Jones, Hole

7 Leonie Buxton, Hole 14 Abby

Driver, Hole 16

(second shot) Di Binghamy,

Hole 7 (Div 3 second shot)

Hazel McDonnell

28/3/23 - Single Stableford

A Grade Winner: Gwen

Clutterbuck 41, 1st R/Up Robyn

Harper 38 ocb, 2nd R/Up

Pauline Grooby 38 ocb

B Grade Winner: Angela

Jordan 40 ocb, 1st R/Up Kate

Brown 40, 2nd R/Up Tricia

Phillips 38

NTP's: Hole 4 Vicki Jones,

Hole 7 Mary Barbeler, Hole 14

Pauline Grooby, Hole 16

(second shot) Gwen

Clutterbuck, Hole 7 (Div 3

second shot) Roslyn Crossley

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2 S Watson & R Sutton 3 L Groves & J

Medhurst

E/W 1 G & S Barnulf 2 J Wright & L Carr 3 R

Medhurst & P Tippingng

Wed 22 Mar

N/S 1 A Jones & D Rubin 2 L Groves & P

Breene 3 M O'Reilly & R King

E/W 1. S Watson & R Sutton 2 L Heap & B

Connell 3 J Wright & L Carr

Sat 25 Mar

N/S 1 H Tyler & J Medhurst 2 N Everson & R

King 3 R Webb & L McLaren

E/W 1 R Deacon & M Courtney 2 Y

Swanson & C McAlister 3 E Seeney & T

Avenia

Wed 29 Mar

N.S 1 A Jones & D Rubin 2 G & D Gibbards 3

D Quinan & F Barkwith

E/W! R Sutton & Y Nakamura 2 Y Swanson

& P Edis 3 R King & M O'Reilly

BICBC: Mon 20 Mar

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Pennington 3 H Brown & U Maffey

E/W 1 J Brazier & M Courtney 2 R Deacon &

L Groves 3 P Tipping & L Wilson

Mon 27 Mar

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NEW HOME TRENDS BECOMING POPULAR

Homeowners in the modern era of social media are scouring the internet for fresh perspectives on their houses and ways to improve them. The rise in popularity of several new house styles spread across social media includes anything from kitchen remodels to bedroom makeovers.

DESIGN WITH BIOPHILIA IN MIND

The practice of “biophilic design” is now popular because of its emphasis on incorporating natural elements into the interiors of buildings. Natural elements like wood, stone, and plants are emphasized in this design style to create a serene atmosphere. Biophilic design’s capacity to produce a lovely and calming setting has made it a hit on social media.

PLANTING VERTICALLY

Vertical gardens are a popular approach for homeowners to incorporate biophilic architecture into their dwellings. These gardens may be mounted on a wall or in a corner, making them ideal for apartments or other tight quarters. The health advantages of vertical gardens include air purification and a decrease in stress, in addition to their aesthetic value.

CONSTITUENTS OF NATURE

Homeowners also adopt biophilic design by using more natural materials in their dwellings. Wood may be used for everything from flooring to worktops to furniture, and Granite and marble are two common types of stone used for accents. In addition, people are using indoor plants to bring the outside in and provide a soothing environment.

THE PRESENCE OF MANY WINDOWS

Big windows are all the rage because they let in plenty of natural light and make you feel more at one with nature. More and more homeowners are upgrading to homes with bigger windows to take advantage of the natural light and the breathtaking scenery outside. The room’s air quality and circulation may benefit from these windows’ design.

Technology for the Intelligent Home Smart home technology has exploded in popularity as people explore methods to save money and time around the house. Social media has played a crucial role in developing smart home technology by presenting the most cutting-edge devices and goods.

VOICE-ACTIVATED ASSISTANTS

Voice-activated assistants like Google Home and Amazon’s Alexa have risen in recent years as more people adopt smart homes. These helpers respond to voice requests and let users manage their home’s lighting, climate, and media. In addition, they may provide you with hints and reminders that you might find useful.

SMART THERMOSTATS

Homeowners concerned about their carbon footprint and utility bills have made smart thermostats a hot commodity. These thermostats may be operated remotely through a smartphone app and are also programmable to respond to changes in occupancy and time of day.

SMART REFRIGERATORS

Smart fridges are all the rage now since they help you keep track of your food and prevent spoilage. These fridges can notify you when certain ingredients are low and recommend meals depending on what you already have. Some people have even opted to start decorating their refrigerators with refrigerator wraps to add a more personal touch of design to their kitchens.

INTERIOR DECORATION WITH A MINIMALIST TOUCH

Recent years have seen a rise in the popularity of minimalist interior design, which may be attributed to the unpretentiousness and functionality of the style. This style promotes the use of fewer pieces of furniture in a room so that the available space may be used more effectively.

TONE-INDEPENDENT HUES

While designing with a minimalist style, it’s standard practice to restrict oneself to decorating with neutral colours like white, beige, and grey. Because of these tones, the room gives off an air of cleanliness and calmness, emphasizing the space’s other characteristics.

FURNISHINGS WITH MANY USES

Convertible coffee tables, ottomans that double as storage space, and a double bed couch are all commonplace in modern minimalist homes. Because of their adaptability, these products make it feasible to make more efficient use of available space.

DECLUTTERING

One of the most important principles of minimalist decor is getting rid of clutter. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to trim their belongings in their houses down to the essential requirements. This not only makes the area seem better, but it also makes people happier and more productive to work there.



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What is a flexi-hose?

Flexi-hoses – also known as flexible braided hoses or flexible plumbing hoses – are a common style of plumbing fitting. They are a rubber hose reinforced externally with stainless steel webbing, fitted with clamped stainless-steel fittings on either end. Used to connect water to taps and fixtures, they are especially common in bathrooms and kitchens – where their flexibility, low cost and ease of installation make them a popular choice for plumbers.

“Burst flexi-hoses are unfortunately a common issue – but they don’t have to be,” “In most cases, a burst flexi-hose and damage caused by them is completely avoidable. Most flexi-hoses burst due to the breakdown of the external braiding material due to rust and corrosion or the effects of twisting, kinking or stretching – things that can all be monitored and prevented with ongoing care and maintenance.”

Licensed plumber Rebecca Senyard, also known by her popular blog ‘The Plumbette’ revealed that ideally, Aussies should be checking under their sinks to check on the condition of their flexi-hoses every six months.

“Due to the fact that flexi-hoses are generally in those high-usage areas of our homes – kitchens, laundries, bathrooms and even inside your toilet – Aussies should really be checking on their flexi-hoses to ensure they are in optimum working order,” she said.

“Some flexi-hoses can work without an issue for 20 years – while others corrode, rust and fail faster – it really is a matter of staying on top of your home maintenance and keeping an eye on them, and getting them checked and/or replaced by a licensed plumber as soon as you notice something isn’t right. “The

damage that can cause internally – to your home, its structure and your contents – is incredible...and not in a good way.”

Turn Off Your Mains To Turn On Your Protection

With the Easter long weekend and school holidays upon us, and many Aussies taking the opportunity for an extended break – now is the time for Aussies to locate the flexi-hoses within their home, check on their condition, and most importantly turn the water off at the mains before heading away. Research reveals that a significant number – seven out of ten Aussies – do not check or ensure their water is turned off at the mains before leaving when going away on holidays, leaving them exposed.

Not maintained? Not covered.

While most Aussies purchase insurance to protect themselves and their belongings in the event of an accident at home, many aren’t aware that ‘wear and tear’ is not covered. Half of Australians incorrectly believe that if their home was flooded or damaged by water as a result of a burst flexi-hose, if the hose wasn’t properly maintained – and showed signs of wear, tear, rust and/or corrosion, that their insurer would still cover the cost of all repairs and replacements. Most insurers will not cover damage caused by burst flexi-hoses that have not been maintained.

All it takes is 10 minutes every six months – pop your head under the sink and check to see if you can spot any fraying, rust, corrosion, kinking or twisting with your flexi-hoses – and if you do, call a licensed plumber immediately... it could not only save you a lot of hassle and heartache, but money too.

Top tips for flexi-hose maintenance

- Check the condition of your flexi-hose every six months. If there are any signs of

deterioration present in the hose, it should be checked and replaced by a licensed plumber asap.

- Turn off water mains properly and appliances at the water stop before heading off on vacation.
- Any household chemicals that are stored under the sink near flexi-hoses should be kept sealed and in their original containers
- Flexi hose replacement is completed by a licensed plumber.
- The fitment of individual ‘stop cocks’ to all flexi-hoses is recommended.
- Flexi-hoses should never be fitted in a way that twisting, kinking or stretching of the hose is present.
- Flexi-hoses should not be loose or over tightened at connection points to ensure hose longevity (use of licensed Plumber recommended for fitment).
- Consider an alternate flexi hose material other than stainless steel.

What to look for when checking the condition of your flexi-hose:

- Connections should be leak free.
- Bulging areas on the pipes (they will look like little black balloons).
- Any twists, kinks, sharp bends or stretching of the hose.
- Discolouration to the hose surface (dark appearance, black, brown or reddish spotting).
- Broken fibres visible.
- Calcification (green or white staining) evident on the hose connections or along the length of the hose.
- Ensure that the hoses are firmly connected, and the connections are also checked during routine inspections.

If a burst flexi-hose can release upwards of 61,000 litres in the space of 24 hours... imagine what it could do if left unnoticed and unattended for longer.

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Privacy: Outdoor curtains can provide privacy when you need it without blocking out natural light or views.

Versatility: Outdoor curtains come in a variety of styles and colours so they can fit any theme or mood desired.

Sun Protection: Outdoor curtains keep the hot summer sun from entering your space while still allowing plenty of

Cost Effective: Outdoor curtains are often cheaper than other window treatments such as blinds or shutters, so they make a great choice if you're on a budget.

Aesthetic Appeal: Outdoor curtains come in a variety of colours and patterns that can add beauty to any outdoor space.

Energy Efficiency: By

curtains will increase the value of your home, as they make it look more attractive and inviting to potential buyers or renters.

Safety: Outdoor curtains act as a barrier between you and the outside world, providing an additional layer of security for your family and possessions.

Eco-Friendly: Outdoor curtains are made from materials

minimal effort required. They typically come with all the necessary hardware including brackets, screws and hooks needed for installation.

Q: How long do outdoor curtains last?

A: Outdoor curtains are usually made with durable materials that will last many years without requiring much maintenance or upkeep. With proper care and



natural light to enter the area during daytime hours, making them an excellent choice for keeping cool on hot days.

Wind Reduction: Outdoor curtains will help to reduce the wind and keep the inside of your home from getting drafty.

Insect Protection: If you live in an area where mosquitos or other bugs are a problem, outdoor curtains can provide protection from these pesky pests.

Easy Installation: Outdoor curtains can be easily installed with minimal effort and time needed for setup.

Durable: Made of durable materials, outdoor curtains will last for many years without requiring much maintenance or upkeep.

blocking out the sun's hot rays, outdoor curtains provide energy savings while still allowing natural light into your home.

Weather Resistant: Outdoor curtains are designed to withstand all sorts of weather conditions, from rain and wind to snow and ice.

Variety: There's an outdoor curtain for every style, so you can easily find one that fits your design aesthetic perfectly.

Easy Maintenance: Unlike many window treatments, outdoor curtains don't require much maintenance or cleaning after they are installed and usually only need the occasional spot-cleaning if something spills on them or if dust builds up.

Increased Value: Outdoor

that are recyclable and biodegradable, so they're better for the environment than other window treatments such as vinyl blinds or shutters.

FAQs: Q: What are the benefits of outdoor curtains?

A: Outdoor curtains can provide privacy, sun protection, wind reduction, insect protection, energy savings and increased value for your home.

Additionally, they come in a variety of styles and colours that can make any outdoor space look more inviting and stylish.

Q: Are outdoor curtains easy to install?

A: Yes, outdoor curtains are usually very easy to install with

cleaning, outdoor curtains can last for years.

Q: Do outdoor curtains provide energy savings?

A: Yes, outdoor curtains can help to reduce the amount of hot summer sun that enters your home while still allowing in plenty of natural light during the day. This can lead to energy savings by reducing the amount of air conditioning needed on hot days.

Conclusion:

Outdoor curtains offer numerous benefits for any home, making them one of the most ideal solutions available for both style and practicality. With their versatility, low maintenance requirements, and energy-saving properties, outdoor curtains are an excellent choice for any home.

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Measure the available space carefully and be sure to pay close attention to the dimensions of the furniture when making a purchase. To get an idea of how the furniture will look in situ, mark out those dimensions in newspaper. Always opt for outdoor furniture made from hardwearing, weatherproof materials. If you expect to use said furniture infrequently, look for low maintenance options like resin wicker chairs with an aluminium frame. Choose furniture that suits the size and layout of your outdoor areas. For example, a bistro table with foldable chairs will be perfect for a small balcony but lost on a large patio. If you plan to store your furniture through the winter, be sure to check you have sufficient space to do so. To reduce your workload, look for lightweight furniture that will be easy to lift and move.

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Outdoor lounges help you enjoy the creature comforts of your living room - outdoors. Durable, comfortable and easy-to-maintain, an outdoor lounge or day bed is essential outdoor furniture.

- Modular outdoor lounges are perfect for tailoring your space to suit your needs as they offer greater flexibility than fixed lounges. Corner lounges help minimise dead space whilst creating a visual break between one outdoor area and another.

- Pay attention to the cushioning on a sofa as this will dictate how comfortable it is to use. Most outdoor lounges lack cushioned arms so if you want to stretch out, look for a chaise lounge or factor the cost of scatter cushions into your budget.

OUTDOOR DINING

Dining al fresco is one of life's great pleasures and Australia is one of the best places to do

it. Consider the following when shopping for outdoor tables and chairs so you can maximise your enjoyment:

- If you have a large outdoor area or enjoy entertaining, opt for a large or extension dining setting, so you are always ready no matter the number of guests.

- Make sure you have enough seats for everyone in your family - and for unexpected visitors. Dining settings that include benches instead of chairs increase your seating options.

- Remember that each individual needs around 55cm at a rectangular table and 75cm at a circular one.

OUTDOOR RECLINERS

Outdoor recliners take chilling under the sun to the next level. Featuring a reclining mechanism and a built-in footrest, these versatile outdoor chairs help you make the most of clement weather.

If you are shopping for a recliner lounge, consider models that boast independent reclining sections. This will enable you to lay back while

anyone you are sharing the sofa with can remain sitting upright. Always check that the back of an outdoor recliner is tall enough to offer you, or anyone else who will use it, head and neck support. Comfort levels will be affected if seat backs are too low.

If possible, check to see the angle of recline before you make a purchase as some chairs go back further than others. Your choice between them should be dictated by preference and how much space you plan to leave behind the seats.

SUNLOUNGERS

Sun-loungers are a staple of any well-conceived outdoor area. Easy-to-set up, move and store, loungers are the perfect accessory for a stress-free day under the sun. For the best value, look for sun-loungers that can be set to recline to a variety of positions. This will help you find the perfect angle for every activity.

Pay attention to the thickness and the type of cushioning featured on any sun-lounger as this will have a direct impact

on comfort levels. Unless the lounging area is suspended, look for a lounger with a thick foam or foam/fibre fill cushion.

FRAME MATERIAL

Outdoor furniture is available in a range of materials. Your choice should be dictated by how much time you can dedicate to maintenance and what you plan to do with it during the winter months off season.

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IMPACT OF BEACH DRIVING ON BRIBIE ISLAND AND BRIBIE ISLANDERS



In November 2021, the Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association (BIEPA) and the School of Earth and Environmental Science at the University of Queensland (UQ) entered into a partnership to study the impacts of Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) driving on Bribie's beaches. The impacts studied have included impacts on First Nations Heritage, impacts on the beach environment above and below high tide, impacts on the local Bribie economy, and social impacts including impacts on the health and lifestyle of affected residents. Articles relating to this study have been previously published in *The Bribie Islander* on Jan 14, 2022 (scope of the project) and on July 29, 2022 (impact on First Nations Heritage and on the environment). This article assesses the impact of beach driving on the local Bribie economy.

Numerous concerns have been raised over many years by concerned Bribie Islanders and visitors to Bribie Island about the negative impacts that beach driving is having on Bribie Island. Numerous representations have been made to Local, State and Federal Government representatives requesting action on this issue. In 2021, a petition to the state minister for Environment calling for some modest restrictions attracted over 28,000 signatures. However, these efforts have resulted in only minimal changes. The petition included a list of nearly 50 research articles from around the world that detail the negative impacts of beach driving. But one of the Minister's senior advisors said this research was irrelevant as it was not conducted on Bribie. As a result, the study with UQ was initiated. Research for this project has been undertaken by a mix of graduate and undergraduate students. The study on economic impacts was undertaken by two master's students who are both graduates in business and economics – one from McGill University and one from Beijing Technology and

Business University. Despite the many claims made that beach driving makes a significant contribution to the local economy, the researchers were unable to find any published reports that would support that claim. If some government department or agency has conducted such a study, it has not been published and/or made available to the UQ researchers for their research. So they had to review various published materials and extract any relevant data, and then supplement that data with some field observations.

A recent State Government study by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) shows that approximately 80% of the visitors to the Moreton Bay area were day visitors. PwC shows that overnight visitors actually stayed for an average of around 4.5 days. MBRC's tourism arm, MBRIT, estimates that around 840,000 visitors came to Bribie in 2021. MBRIT further estimates that each tourist to MBRC spent an average of \$330. But it is not clear what MBRIT includes in those numbers.

The Federal Government's Tourism Research Australia (TRA) estimates the average spend of day tourists at around \$81/day and the average spend of overnight tourists is around \$425. Using these numbers, the estimate of annual tourist spending in Bribie ranges from \$118m (using TRA data) to \$240m (MBRIT).

The methodology used by TRA is open and transparent and disciplined and is probably a better estimate of spending.

At a conference here on Bribie last year, State Department of Environment (DOE) consultants, EarthCheck, estimated that around 85,000 vehicles would travel on Bribie's beaches in 2022. The DOE advises that approximately 15% of the beach permits issued are held by residents of the area. So using estimates by UQ researchers of the number of beach-driving vehicles that stop to purchase goods and services on Bribie, and estimates of the number of people in those

vehicles, the researchers estimated that around 75,000 beach drivers made purchases that contributed to the local economy. This results in an estimate of the contribution to the local economy by beach drivers of around \$6m - \$8m (or around 5% of the total spend by tourists on Bribie using the TRA numbers). While this may seem a sizeable number, there are some costs that have to be taken into account. Taxes have to be paid. MBRC ratepayers have had to install and maintain traffic calming devices along the access streets as a result of this traffic. MBRC ratepayers also have to pay for emptying garbage bins and additional sand removal from the access routes. And there

is extra overtime for QPWS Rangers and for Queensland Police. When all these and other costs are taken into account, there is a strong implication here that beach driving may have no real economic impact on Bribie's economy and may even be a cost to taxpayers. That conclusion is not all that surprising. That was the experience in South Africa where beach driving was banned in 2002. It was found that banning beach driving had a significant positive economic benefit.

Those wishing to obtain further information on this project can contact the co-supervisor Professor Paul Dargusch or John Oxenford at contact@biepa.online

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BUSY FRIDAY

17TH March 2023 - What a day for the Friday callout crew of Ian Grimes, Dale Mullins, and Chris Hadley; they had consecutive assists starting with 2 members on a Jet Ski high and dry at the mouth of Elimbah Creek, this job required about 200m of our special Dyneema rope to reach the ski. After that job was complete, we quickly switched vessels from JB3 to B2 and headed for the Tangalooma wrecks to jump start a flat battery on a non-members vessel, shortly after heading back towards Bribie we got tasked to head South to a members vessel with an accelerator cable breakage and we towed them to Toorbul. Great conditions and another example of why it pays to be a member of VMR. --- Great job team!



Towing the Jet Ski with Jonkers Bribie 3.



After jump-starting the initial vessel, another vessel radioed for help with engine problems just West of Tangalooma, it was towed back to Toorbul Boat Ramp.

FIRE TRAINING WITH QFES

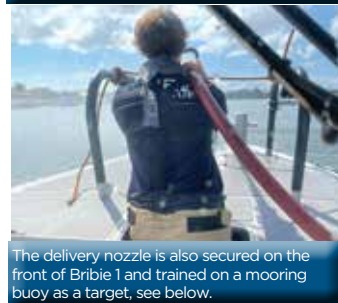
Saturday 18th March 2023 - Green Saturday crew were lucky enough to do some fire pump training on board Bribie 1 with the team from Bribie Island Fire and Emergency Services. It was great experience for everyone involved to understand what happens when we take fires to house boats or hard to reach areas. The scenario went extremely smoothly, and a lot was learnt by all involved.



Bribie Island firemen load the portable pump on Bribie 1.



The fire pump is secured on Bribie 1.



The delivery nozzle is also secured on the front of Bribie 1 and trained on a mooring buoy as a target, see below.



the firemen were also transported to Pacific Harbour Marina to train in reaction to a boat fire.

GREEN SATURDAY ASSISTS

Saturday 18th March 2023 - Well what a day for the Green Saturday crew on top of a morning of training the guys and gals did 2 trips to Moreton Island both to assist vessels with engine issues. Great job everyone!



he first assist from Tangalooma with engine problems a 6m Cuddy Cabin was towed back to Spinnaker Sound Marina.



The second assist from Tangalooma with engine problems for the day an 8m Flybridge Cruiser required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 18th March 2023, Andie from The House of Jade ran a fundraiser for VMR Bribie, with her Asian inspired catering, ably assisted by Tim Settle as MC, 12 teams competed with 6 members per team. The trivia was conducted over 2 series of 3 rounds of questions. There were 6 categories, Biology, Quotes, Sport, Food & Drink, Music, and General. Coin toss events conducted midway offering prizes of a bottle of Gin for the first, and a bottle of Whisky for the second event. There were raffles aplenty with a variety of prizes. The bar was staffed by Vice Commodore Wayne



Slater and Bar Manager Doug Lythgo assisted by Functions Coordinator Kelly Langworthy. Proceeds

from the night will go towards updating the VMR kitchen to commercial standard. Commodore Ces Luscombe welcomed all and gave an overview of VMR's operations

and the work the 140 active volunteers perform. Some teams dressed to a theme associated with their name, but fun was the main theme for the night.



The eventual Trivia winners, the VMR Team Optimistics consisting of Lindsay Crompton, Lee Prescott, Ces and Wendy Luscombe, Sue Sclater, and Colleen Crompton.



Team Tequila Mockingbird from Banksia State School.



Team Superstars from the Banksia State School.



Team Beauty and the Geek Special Ed team from Banksia State School.



Team "Let's get Quizzical" Special Ed Team from Banksia State School.



The Radio Ga Ga Team from VMR, Barb O'Hagan, Tricia and John Rice (Deputy Radio Officer), Chris Beanlands, Brenda Allardyce, and John O'Hagan (Deputy Radio Officer).



Looks like the Yellow marker outside the base near the Bellara Boat Ramp is up to its old tricks again just disappearing in the passage. It has been retrieved but please reference your charts when in the area.

CONGRATULATIONS HOLLY



Holly Darlington our youngest crew member has her crew epaulettes attached by Senior Coxswain Liz Radajewski and Coxswain Wayne Sclater.

2023 YEAR RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 30th March 2023
 4,105 Calls, 1,260 vessels logged on,
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- do you have an appropriate sticker/label showing where the life jackets are stored?

Many boaters have their jackets still in their original packaging – this leads to lack of effective inspection and the deterioration of the straps. This in turn also makes it difficult to fit in an emergency.

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"PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!"

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

MARCH VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 17/03 1032AM – 3.5m Jet Ski member stuck on sandbank at Elimbah Creek, required a tow to Pacific Harbour.

FRI 17/03 1135AM – 4.5m Runabout non-member with a flat battery at Tangalooma Wrecks, required a jump start.

FRI 17/03.1309PM - 5m Runabout member with engine problems, required a tow to Toorbul Boat Ramp.

SAT 18/03 1112AM – 6m Cuddy Cabin member with motor issues, required a tow from South of Bulwer Wrecks to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 18/03 1327PM – 8m Fly Bridge Cruiser member broken down East of M3 requiring a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 19/03 1324PM – 5m Runabout member with fuel pump issues required a tow from South of Sandstone Hotel to Bellara Boat Ramp.

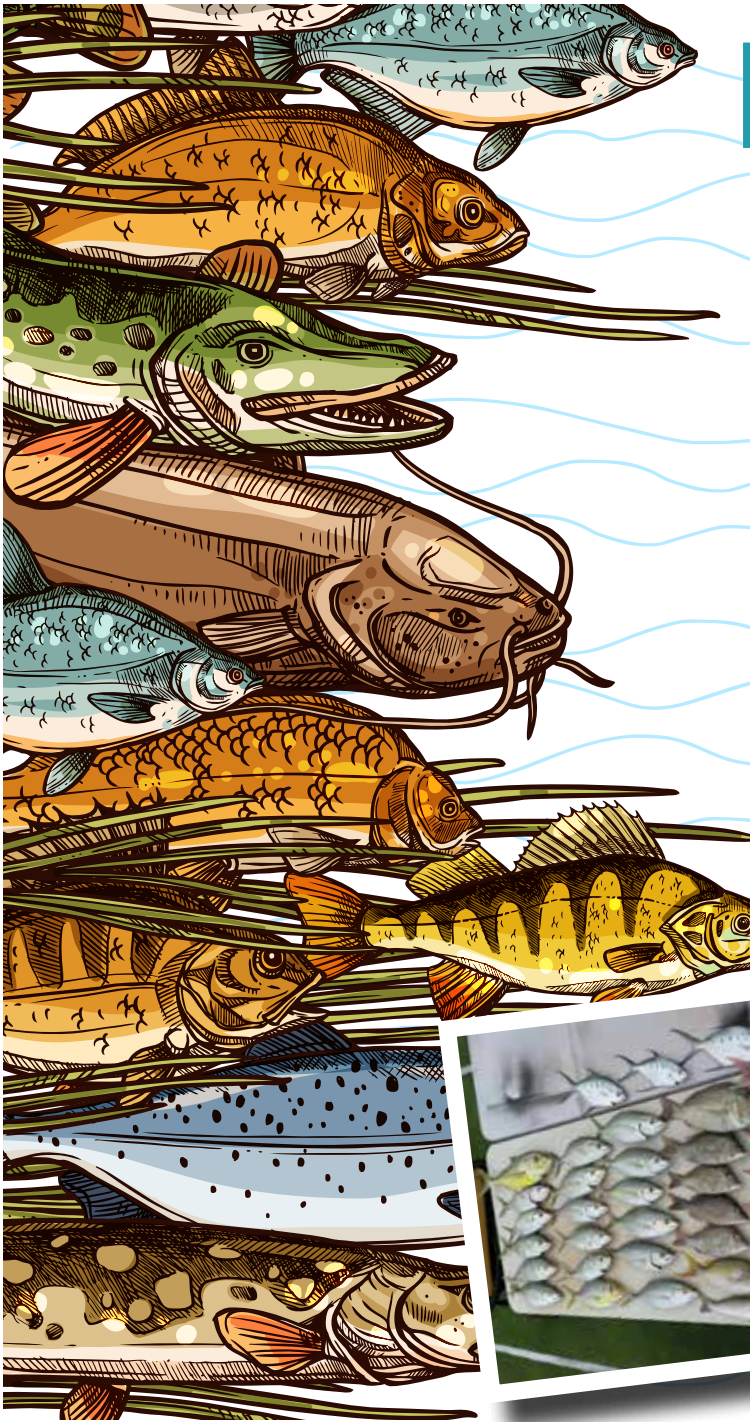
WED 22/03 0739AM – MOP reported an overturned Tinny 100m North of Bribie Bridge – recovered.

Thursday 23/03 1500PM – 7m Bayliner member with engine failure North of Red Beach, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

FRI 24/03 0652AM - 4.6m Tinny member with bad fuel at Outer Freeman channel required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

FRI 24/03 1039AM – MOP reported a Yellow marker drifting near Kakadu Bird Sanctuary – investigate and recover.

FRI 24/03 1056AM – 6m Half Cabin non-member with battery issues NW of Comboyuro Point, required a tow to Bellara Boat Rap



FISHING REPORT

Hi everyone,
I hope your School holidays and Easter with family and friends are a safe and enjoyable time. The fishing has been very good of late. Plenty of School mackerels, long-tail tuna, gold spot cod, grassy sweetlips some snappers and still catching flatheads over 70cm. Angus and his friend caught and released over 20 flatheads in one session last Saturday. Hi everyone,

I will have more to report after Easter. With the low tides at 70cm we have not been able to get good supplies of Cribb Is worms, but we still have plenty of preserved beach worms.

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Fishability QLD formed through a partnership between “Bribie Island Boat Charters” and several smaller Community Groups over the past years, stemming back to 2013. Fishability QLD provide a range of socially inclusive

fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities for people who experience disadvantage, isolation, and marginalisation.

Fishability QLD’s qualified staff and dedicated volunteers, head out into Bribie Island’s Pumicestone Passage and The Runaway Bay Broadwater, on 8-12-seater BBQ boats, and compete in a friendly yearlong fishing competition called “The Boat Charters Challenge”. They also offer Health and Wellbeing Programs at both locations every Wednesday and fortnightly on Mondays. Community onshore fishing and other fishing events in varying accessible locations are also offered to participants, free of charge.

Fishability QLD is a peer driven organisation. They support participants to drive and run their own groups. They support you to drive your own boat and develop your marine safety and fish handling skills.

In this environment there are many opportunities to develop and build on skills and confidence. Outdoor recreation, pathways to employment, health and wellbeing, physical exercise, nature and water, lots of laughter and oh.... yeah fishing! They love to fish together.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. “IS FISHABILITY QLD INC A REGISTERED NDIS PROVIDER?”

A. No – participants need to be self, or plan managed to be eligible for our NDIS Health and Well-being programs. If you are not self or plan managed, please see the free and low-cost events to participate.

Q. “HOW EXACTLY DO BOOKING WORKS?”

A. CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK (NDIS DATES WED weekly and FRI weekly (free and low-cost events land based NO BOOKING REQUIRED, \$20 day Boat Trip (CALL or EMAIL as spaces are limited)

A. Is a service agreement set up with locked in frequency of attendance or can we just schedule a few weeks in advance? Service Agreements are only required when participants choose to participate regularly (weekly, monthly or fortnightly bookings) The intake form is required for anyone accessing the Health and Wellbeing Programs i.e. “Fish and Respect”

Q. DO THEY PROVIDE SUPPORT AND TRANSPORT?

A. This is available depending on capacity/location and referral details.

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in the seagrass offshore and spot shorebirds feasting along the tide line. Look for birds of prey, including sea eagles, and Brahminy and whistling kites, along the coastline.

Getting there and getting around

Lime Pocket camping area is located on the western side of the island, on the shores of Pumicestone Passage, and can be accessed only by boat.

You can't drive your vehicle to Lime Pocket.

- The closest boat ramps are on the mainland at Donnybrook, Toorbul and Coochin Creek.

- Boat ramps are also located at Golden Beach, Bells Creek and Sandstone Point on the mainland.

- You can also launch your boat from the island at Bellara and Bongaree boat ramps.

- There is a relatively sheltered anchorage off the camping area.

- When boating over seagrass beds in Pumicestone Passage, do your best to minimise impacts on dugongs. Take it easy and observe

the go slow area.

- Read boat and fish with care for tips on boating and fishing safety and caring for parks.

Before you visit

Opening hours

Lime Pocket camping area is open 24 hours a day. Check-in to your camp after 2pm and check-out by 11am on the day of departure.

Check park alerts for the latest information on access, closures and conditions. Number of sites: 6 numbered sites.

Camp sites are suitable for: tent camping only. Camp site surface: sand, dirt, grass.

Facilities: none.

Open fires: allowed (except when fire bans or prohibitions apply) in fire rings only, but fuel stoves recommended.

Generators: not permitted. Essentials to bring: water for drinking and cooking; gas stoves (preferable) or firewood (such as untreated mill off-cuts not bush wood); rubbish bags; insect repellent.

Preparation is the key to a safe and enjoyable visit. Make sure that you bring:

- Enough drinking water for your visit as fresh water is not available at any of the camping or day-use areas.
- A fuel stove for cooking or clean milled timber for use in the QPWS provided fire rings.
- Protective clothing, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses to protect yourself from the sun.
- Insect repellent to avoid mosquito and sandfly bites. Mosquitoes are especially prevalent during the warmer months of the year.
- A portable enclosed toilet system if you are camping in areas without toilet facilities.
- Extra tarpaulins to protect tents and vehicles from flying fox droppings—foraging flying foxes may be encountered at certain times of the year.

Notes:

The camp sites here may be closed for bookings at times, due to flooding on very high tides.

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Bribie Island locals Paul Walters - 54, Marc Ward - 47, and Michael Went - 46, are taking on Papua New Guinea's infamous Kokoda Track in Nov 2023, to raise money for mental health. Paul, Marc and Michael will join a team of 15 other fundraisers and commence their Kokoda Trek on Thursday 9th Nov. Over the course of 10 days, they will walk 96 kilometres through Papua New Guinea's Kokoda Track including a memorial service while on the Track on November 12th - Remembrance Day. The team of 18 have a combined fundraising goal of \$195,000. "We chose to support the Black

Dog Institute because we can't express enough how amazing and crucial the work they do is" they said. To find out more about the Black Dog Institute and mental health research in Australia, visit: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/> To kickstart their fundraising, Paul, Marc and Michael, have enlisted the help of local businesses to hold a Car Wash, where they will be washing vehicles with all proceeds will go to the Black Dog Institute





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear editor.

When we start getting our blackouts because all those electric car owners are charging their batteries, I have a hope that one or two of them will pop round and hook up to our domestic supply so that we can watch the telly -
Ruggles

Dear Editor,
Bribie Roads and Byways
Yes, it me again. Just thought I'd comment on some things I've noticed lately regarding traffic and driving on the Island. We have all gotten use to the influx of 4WDs every weekend - flooding the servos and beaches, but my comment is more related to everyday occurrences. It does not relate to just one group either - e.g., "P" platers, the aged, mums, tradies etc. Over the years since our arrival on the Island we've come to accept many of the quirks of local drivers - e.g. signalling right at a roundabout when you intend going straight through - or even not signalling when you intend going right/left. Also, the driver who loves to go 15-20 kph below the limit - but then maintains that speed in the school area - i.e., 50 in a 40 zone. We've even come to accept the driver who stops at roundabouts - and indeed anywhere - for no apparent reason. They sit and stare as

if wishing someone would materialise - then move on. Many seem to also do this when approaching a green traffic light - perhaps in the hope it will go red?

But the latest peculiarity involves parking. So many now don't seem to have the knack of reverse parking - parallel or rear to kerb. They find it easier to roar around and come through one lane over - into the side which you're backing into so as they "face" out. I recently had one such driver abuse me because I was backing into a spot opposite the Woolies Centre. He felt he had the right to come through from the lane across from me and take the spot. Then, I've experienced the driver who can't wait for you to reverse back. They rush around the back of you as you are backing in. I pointed out to one such chap that he could have waited the 5 seconds rather than experience my tow bar in his side panel, to which he abused me and said "it would

have been an accident" if I had hit him. I explained to him it actually wouldn't have been an "accident" as he was driving like a "dickhead".

We're all different and have different ideas on road safety, but perhaps, regardless of what we may think the law may be, and/or, the fact that we may lose that vital 10 seconds in our lives - we could show some politeness and courtesy on the roads, as our first action. Then, slow down at roundabouts, drive closer to the speed limit on fine days, do not just stop in the hope someone might be coming, use your indicators properly (i.e., when you intend turning is a good guide), AND, most importantly, show some patience when in the car. A little wave of thanks when someone does this to you might also be of value.

Thanks again for an awesome magazine.

Michael Matthews

Dear editor,
Here is a simple mathematical problem that will have major consequences for us all in the years to come. Ten times zero is ? Firstly, add this website to your computer or tablet, nem-watch.info. Australia's National Energy Market's (NEM) Supply and Demand Indicator shows in real time the mix of energy sources that are contributing to the energy being provided to all Australian

States right now. If you visit this website at say, midday, you will see that, for Queensland, coal currently provides roughly 50% of our energy, gas 4%, hydro 2%, solar 43%, and wind 1%. Obviously, this varies on a day-to-day basis.

Now visit the website at 9 pm. Not surprisingly, solar drops to 0% and wind also drops to almost 0%. Renewables often contribute ZERO to the energy mix for 12 hours

daily.

When questioned as to how we might overcome this problem our Minister for Energy replies "More Renewables".

Ten times zero is . . . ZERO.

Please explain how, when we eliminate all coal and gas, the lights will go on at the Gabba for Friday night football.

Michael Cavenor



About the Presenter - Dennis Chiron
Dennis Chiron is President at Australasian Institute of Business and Enterprise Facilitators Inc. (AIBEF). He pioneered Business Enterprise Centres (BECs) & Small Business Incubators (SBIs) in Australia in 1984. He was the Chief Executive Officer, Caboolture & Moreton Bay Regional Business Enterprise Centre Board Member at Research & Policy House Inc. Prime Mover in starting up Pixifoto. He has various roles such as an International Speaker, Author. Currently he is Business & Enterprise Facilitator & Mentor, Executive Coach.

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QUEENSLAND POLICE LAUNCH OPERATION VICTOR EASTER

Police Minister Mark Ryan joined Queensland Police Service (QPS) Acting Assistant Commissioner Chris Stream and emergency service representatives to launch the Easter Road Safety campaign, reminding motorists there are no excuses when it comes to road safety during these school holidays. Operation Victor Easter will be conducted from Saturday, April 1 to Sunday, April 16, encompassing the Easter long weekend, in what is expected to be a very busy time on Queensland's road network. Police will conduct targeted operations and maintain a highly visible presence on highways and roads to reduce trauma and fatalities across Queensland. Many Queenslanders will be taking road trips into unfamiliar areas throughout the holiday period and are urged to avoid the fatal five: speeding, drink or drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, driving tired and distracted driving. QPS Acting Assistant Commissioner Chris Stream said the school holiday periods always see increased traffic on the roads with families eager to get to their destinations and travelling in unfamiliar areas. "Day or night, ensure you drive to the conditions. Don't speed or drive affected by drugs or alcohol," Acting Assistant Commissioner Stream said. "We know that we can significantly reduce fatal crashes if motorists avoid the fatal five behaviours: speeding, drink or drug driving, not wearing a seatbelt, driving tired and distracted driving.

"Expect to see police conducting roadside operations and patrolling our roads, doing everything we can to reduce road trauma and keep Queenslanders safe.

"Getting stopped by police might be an inconvenience to you, but for us, it is often the best-case scenario when the alternative is responding to a fatal traffic crash."

Over the Easter long weekend last year, sadly one Queenslanders lost their life, and 60 injury crashes were recorded across the state, often resulting in life altering injuries.

"One life lost is one too many so please be careful. Every decision you make behind the wheel counts," Acting Assistant Commissioner Stream said.

"And remember, there is no second chance if you make a fatal decision behind the wheel."

Police Minister Mark Ryan said the school holidays are a great time to get out and about to explore everything that Queensland has to offer but road safety must come first.

"Police are always doing their part to promote road safety and enforce road rules, and you can expect to see them anywhere, anytime," Minister Ryan said

"It is also critical that motorists prioritise their own safety on the roads.

"Plan your trip, take regular breaks, share the driving, and ensure everyone is buckled up.

"If you see police officers out and about over the break, remember they're sacrificing time with their own families to make sure that you and yours get home safely."

Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) Assistant Commissioner

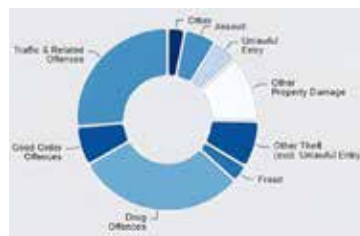
David Hartley said each year paramedics are confronted with traumatic injuries as a result of road traffic crashes over the notorious Easter period.

"Decisions made while behind the wheel don't just affect the driver, but everyone in the vehicle and other road users," Assistant Commissioner Hartley said.

"A split-second crash can result in a life-time of rehabilitation or tragically a life cut short."

Easter long weekend 2022 stats:

- One life lost.
 - 60 injury crashes recorded in Queensland.
 - 3,788 traffic infringements issued.
 - 1,217 infringements issued to speeding drivers.
 - 471 motorists caught while driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Police officers aren't born, they're made, with every challenge or adversity overcome, and their personal values, helping to shape them into great officers who can make a real difference. There is no better time to join the QPS. You're already ready.



74 Offences

3 MAR 2023 — 2 APR 2023

Stolen handbag theft from trolley, Morayfield

A 16-year-old Caboolture boy and a 17-year-old Bellbird Park boy have been charged, following an alleged incident that occurred on March 26 at the Morayfield shopping centre.

It is alleged that around 2.15pm, a 53-year-old Beachmere woman was loading groceries into her vehicle, when one of two boys who were seen nearby, snatched the woman's handbag from the trolley.

It is further alleged that both boys ran towards the Morayfield train station before getting onto a bus. The woman allegedly followed the two boys, who were seen discarding items from the bag, and managed to retrieve some of her property however, her phone, keys and wallet were taken.

Police patrolling the area observed the alleged offenders exit the bus at about 2.50pm on Beerburum Road at the corner of King Street, Caboolture.

The 16-year-old Caboolture boy allegedly ran towards the Caboolture train station where he was apprehended by police.

It is alleged that he was carrying a knife at the time.

Police conducted a search of bushes at the corner of King Street where they located a backpack that was found to contain more of the woman's property.

The 16-year-old Caboolture boy was charged with stealing, obstruct police and possession of a knife in a public place.

He was refused bail and is set to appear in the Caboolture Children's Court.

The 17-year-old Bellbird Park boy was also charged with stealing and is set to appear in the Caboolture Children's Court.



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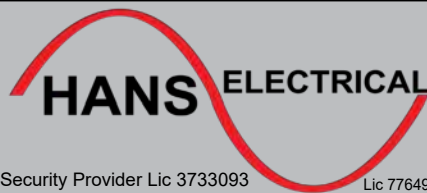
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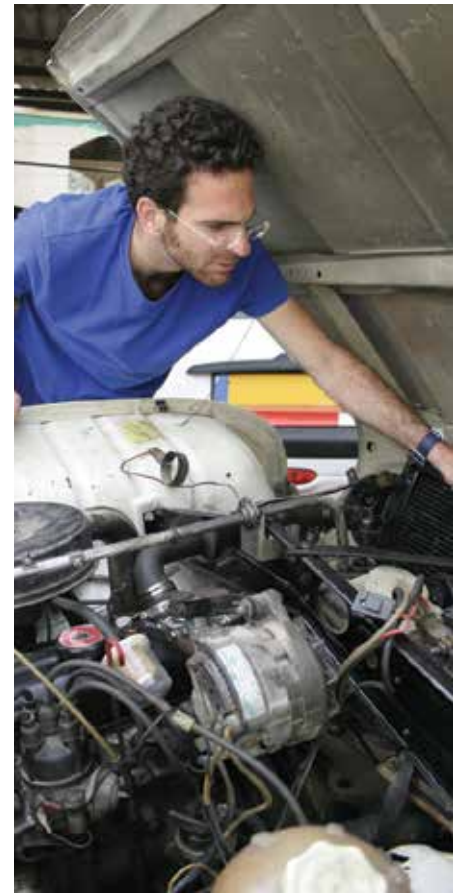
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