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Welcome

Dear Readers,
Welcome to issue 192! We are delighted to feature Beachmere in this issue of the magazine. It was a pleasure to be part of the Beachmere Community Garden Open House on May 20th. This community garden is a great addition to Beachmere in my opinion. This garden creates a real sense of community. Thanks to generous donations of money, supplies and time, this beautiful garden is now available to all to enjoy and use. Although I didn't spend much time in Beachmere, I looked around and was blown away by the beauty of the place. I then decided to come back to Beachmere for an extra day and explore the local shops and businesses. I have to say how graciously I was welcomed. It feels like I've stepped back in time, and everyone was so hospitable. The food

was also fantastic. There were no rushing cars; just a lovely beachside village setting where you could unwind and take it all in. Beachmere is definitely somewhere I'll be visiting frequently, and I wholeheartedly endorse it to all of you. There are some great events coming up in our area, so get out there and enjoy all that our region has to offer. Remember to support your local businesses, they all go above and beyond and count on us to shop locally!

Until next time,
Take care, stay safe,

Cherrie

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Eye Envy Optometrist Raised Awareness of Macular Degeneration in Australia for Macula May

Eye Envy Optometrist is proud to announce its participation in Macula May, an annual awareness campaign focused on raising awareness of macular degeneration in Australia. This year, Eye Envy Optometrist aims to educate and inform the public about the disease, its risk factors, and how to prevent or manage it.

Macular degeneration is a progressive eye disease that affects the macula, the part of the retina responsible for central vision. It is the leading cause of irreversible blindness in Australia, affecting approximately 1 in 7 Australians over the age of 50. While there is no cure for macular degeneration, early detection and treatment can delay its progression and preserve vision.

Throughout May, Eye Envy Optometrist

raised awareness of macular degeneration through various activities and initiatives, including educational materials and social media campaigns. The optometrists at Eye Envy Optometrist are also offering free macular degeneration screenings to eligible patients to ensure early detection of the disease.

"It's essential for Australians to understand the risks and symptoms of macular degeneration," says Justin Gribbin optometrist at Eye Envy Optometrist. "Through our participation in Macula May and our ongoing efforts to educate and inform our patients about the disease, we hope to contribute to the prevention and management of macular degeneration."

How to Prevent DRY Eyes in Winter

As the weather gets colder and the air gets drier, you may experience dry eyes. dry eyes in winter are a common problem that occurs when tear production decreases or tear evaporation increases. symptoms of dry eyes include burning, itching, redness, and a feeling of having something in your eye.

Lubricate Your Eyes with Artificial Tears

Artificial tears in the form of eye drops are a great way to help lubricate your eyes and relieve dryness. They come in various forms, so you can find one that works best for you. You can apply artificial tears 5-6 times a day.

Apply Eye Ointments on Inner Eyelid

Eye ointments are another option for lubricating your eyes. They are usually thicker than artificial tears. So, they provide longer-lasting relief. You can apply these ointments to the inner eyelid.

Use Warm Compresses to Soothe Your Eyes

Warm compresses can help to soothe your eyes and reduce discomfort, inflammation, and redness. It's a known home remedy for many other types of inflammation and pain. The process is simple. Just apply a warm, damp cloth to your eyes for a few minutes at a time.

Make Efforts to Stay Warm

Your dry eyes are worse in winter because the air outside is drier. To help combat this, try to keep yourself warm. When your entire body is warm, you will feel relief from the dryness in your eyes.

Add Moisture to Your Surrounding with the Help of Indoor Humidifiers

The dryness in the air is the primary culprit for causing dry eyes. Indoor humidifiers can help to add moisture to the air, which can help to relieve dry eyes. But remember to clean your humidifiers regularly to avoid spreading bacteria in your home.

Drink a Lot of Water & Healthy Fluids

Staying hydrated is vital for overall health. Thus, hydration is also helpful for relieving painful and uncomfortable

symptoms of dry eyes. A hydrated body can generate a healthy number of natural tears in the eyes. Make sure to drink plenty of water and be healthy throughout the day to keep yourself hydrated.

Avoid Drinking Too Much Coffee

It's not a piece of good news for coffee lovers. But the matter of fact is that coffee is a diuretic. It can contribute to dehydration, which can worsen dry eyes. If you drink coffee, be sure to drink plenty of water to balance the hydration in your body.

Be conscious to Blink More Often

Blinking comes naturally to the eyes. It helps to lubricate your eyes. But when you work on screen, you blink less. That leads to dry eyes because of digital eye strain. So, if you work at a computer all day, make a conscious effort to blink more often.

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- Vanessa is a local resident to Bribie Island, with a love for Health, Lifestyle, and Community.
- Her Lash Lift and Beauty studio is based in Banksia Beach
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what are THE different layers of FRAGRANCE notes in A COLOGNE PART 2

Fragrances are an intricate grooming essential in that they contain many layers (or notes). The notes of a cologne refer to what you smell from the beginning of the application to what you smell hours afterward. Think of fragrance notes like a pyramid, with the top notes being at the peak, heart (or middle) notes in the centre, and the base notes on the bottom. The lower you go on the pyramid, the longer that note is meant to last.

TOP NOTES

Think of the top notes of a fragrance as the topmost layer of the formula. This is what you smell when you first spritz on the product or apply it to a tester. This initial scent is what attracts (or detracts) people from purchasing, as it's like the "first impression" of meeting the fragrance. Top notes have a high level of volatility, meaning they evaporate within the first five to 15 minutes of application.

HEART (OR MIDDLE) NOTES:

Heart notes, often referred to as middle notes, form the centre of the pyramid. This layer usually lasts 30 to 60 minutes on the wearer, and it makes up the guts of the fragrance as it presents new notes to deepen the fragrance. Base notes: Like heart notes, base notes offer a depth to the fragrance and form the longest-lasting layer of the fragrance—7 hours or more. This is the layer of the cologne that lingers the longest, and these notes tend to be richer as they sink into the skin.

WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON NOTES IN A COLOGNE?

While every cologne formula is different, there are a few common notes that make up each layer of a cologne.

TOP NOTES:

That first impression you get with a top note can either make you fall in love with a cologne or deter you from it completely. Common top notes include lemon, basil, lavender, rose and orange. These notes are often lighter

and fresher than the others, and typically have a citrus, floral or fruit component.

•HEART (OR MIDDLE)

notes: Heart notes give off the truest scent of a cologne. The most common heart notes include cinnamon, cardamom, geranium and jasmine. This layer gives off a spice, wood or musk note depending on the cologne.

BASE NOTES: Because base notes last longest on the skin, choosing a cologne that contains the one that suits your preferences is key. Popular base notes in a cologne can include sandalwood, cedarwood, musk, patchouli and vanilla. These notes tend to be full-bodied and can vary from herbal (by way of rosemary and basil) to woody (with earthier notes like sandalwood).

HOW DO I LAYER FRAGRANCES?

Layering fragrances can be seen as an art form. Layering is not to be confused with over-applying—it simply adds more depth and richness to the fragrance by way of using body wash, body lotion and cologne. This can ultimately make for a much longer lasting scent and can help you create the signature scent people will know you by. Ultimately, this fragrance cocktail— or custom blending—tells those around you about your unique personality or your current emotional state. It's like a mood ring, but with fragrances.

Layering your fragrances doesn't have to mean spritzing on more than one cologne. If you're looking to layer your fragrance, first choose your base layer. This includes a scented body wash that will provide the faintest aroma as you build up your layers. Next, use a hydrating body lotion to seal in your scent. This will also make for a longer staying power.



THE
**BLOODY
LONG
WALK**

I'M WALKING 35KM TO CURE MITO IN THE BLOODY LONG WALK!

By Cindy Bareham

I'm walking 35km in The Bloody Long Walk to help Australians living with mitochondrial disease. That's 46,200 steps in one day! I know I'll cross the finish line exhausted and blistered, but that's nothing compared to what people with mitochondrial disease (mito) go through every day of their lives.

Mito robs the body's cells of energy, causing multiple organ dysfunction or failure. It can affect anyone at any age. Mitochondria are the power houses of the cell providing the body with over 90% of the energy it needs to sustain life. Mitochondria take in sugars and proteins from the food we eat and produce energy called ATP that our bodies use to function properly. Mitochondrial disease (mito) is a debilitating and potentially fatal disease that reduces the ability of the mitochondria to produce this energy. When the mitochondria are not working properly, cells begin to die until eventually whole organ systems fail and the patient's life itself is compromised. When we think of the symptoms that might present in mitochondrial disease, we need to think of the organ systems that work the hardest and the longest and so require the most energy. Also, the complex specialisation of mitochondria within each cell causes a dizzying array of symptoms that mitochondrial specialists have come to recognise as characteristic of this illness.

Symptoms may be absent in healthy people who have silent genetic defects or can be complex and multiple in a person with advanced disease. Many combinations of symptoms are also possible, even in those people with the same genetic defect!

Therefore, with so many illnesses looking like mitochondrial disease and mitochondrial disease looking like so many illnesses, how do we know which is which?

Firstly, we must suspect mitochondrial disease when:

- a 'common disease' has atypical features; and/or
- three or more organ systems are involved; and/or
- recurrent setbacks or flare-ups occur with infections in a 'normal' chronic illness.

The most common symptom is fatigue. This is not the type of fatigue one experiences after a busy day. Rather it feels like 'hitting the wall'. Often when mitochondria are well rested, a person can achieve what they want and appear 'normal'. However, in times of excess energy loss, high physical stresses or poor energy input, the person may feel extremely fatigued and often struggles to simply get out of bed.

These energy level fluctuations can make it difficult for a person to present their case to a practitioner. Overall, like most mitochondrial symptoms, the fatigue will progress over time, although at vastly different rates for different people.

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Bribie Simply HEALTHY

By Heenam Kim

Cough & Lung, Respiratory Issues, Power of Mullein, Nature's Medicinal Marvel

Mullein tincture has demonstrated remarkable effectiveness in addressing respiratory issues. Recently, an elderly woman who had been suffering from sleep disturbances for the past seven years due to relentless coughing at night, and had been told by doctor that there was nothing they could do for her, came to the shop seeking relief for her symptoms. I provided her with a mixture of liquid herbs with the main ingredient being Mullein tincture combined with Ginseng, Ginger and Ashwagandha. Two weeks later she returned with her husband and shared that both of them had been sleeping better since her coughing ceased. Although I was already aware of Mullein's efficacy in treating cough, the feedback I received was quite impressive.

Mullein (*Verbascum Thapsus*) has long been revered for its soothing effects on various ailments, ranging from respiratory issues to skin condition. The healing properties of mullein have been cherished since ancient times, particularly for respiratory ailments such as coughs, bronchitis, and asthma.

Mullein is renowned for its expectorant and antispasmodic properties, making it highly beneficial for respiratory health. This herb aids in the breakup of congestion, soothes inflammation, and facilitates the expulsion of mucus from the lungs. Mullein tea, made by

infusing dried leaves in hot water is a popular remedy for coughs, colds and bronchial congestion.

In addition to its respiratory benefits, Mullein possesses natural anti-inflammatory and analgesic properties, providing relief from pain and inflammation. It also exhibits antiviral properties, which can be useful in combating certain viral infections. Mullein has even been used as a natural diuretic, promoting healthy kidney function and aiding in the elimination of toxins from the body.

Furthermore, Mullein oil is widely used for ear health and has been a traditional remedy for earaches, ear infections and excess earwax. Applying a few drops of mullein oil in the affected ear can help reduce pain and inflammation.

Mullein's versatility and numerous therapeutic properties make it a true nature's medicinal marvel, offering a holistic approach to respiratory health and beyond.

Clinical Hypnotherapy, Stop Smoking.

A woman came to the shop and said that she was moving back to New Zealand where cigarettes are very expensive. She wanted to quit smoking, so I suggested trying hypnosis. She believed she wasn't addicted to cigarettes because she didn't smoke when she was out and about, but when she was at home, she smokes about 10 cigarettes a day.

During discussion, it became clear that she was quite stressed about her daughter's situation in NZ. The idea of living closer to her daughter caused her concern, and she

anticipated potential stress in her life. It seemed that this stress was more troublesome for her than her cigarette habit. I understand that behind any addiction, there are often underlying issues of stress and anxiety.

I usually recommend clients to attend at least three sessions so that we can address and break the behavioural patterns associated with smoking. In the first session, we focus was on reducing her stress and anxiety. When she returned for the second session, she reported smoking less. Surprisingly, by simply reducing her stress levels, she had already experienced a decrease in her smoking habit.

After the second session, she expressed confidence that she could quit smoking without any issues. She even admitted feeling foolish for being dependent on cigarettes. Unfortunately, she couldn't make it to the third session as she was busy preparing for her departure.

Clinical hypnosis can be a valuable tool in helping



individuals to reduce their stress levels, modify behaviours, such as breaking patterns and enhance motivation.

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For those who enjoy the hospitality at Community owned Boronia Cottage on Bribie Island, the cottage is more than a respite facility. With its spacious living areas and light and airy bedrooms with all-ability ensuite bathrooms, it is the staff that truly makes it 'Home away from home'.

"If I can make a client smile and laugh and make their day better, I have bought sunshine to someone who needs it," says Boronia Cottage Manager, Nikki. The mum of two has worked in the Health and Aged Care sectors for over 28 years. 'Work fills a large part of your life; to be great at what you do, you must love what you do. And I love being part of the team at the Cottage.'

Her crew of support workers are equally dedicated. Marcelle, who made Queensland her home in 2000, is passionate about her customers, especially those with dementia. "There is still joy to be had if dementia is in your life," says Marcelle. Having been a flight attendant for 13 years, Marcelle loves spending time with her customers, sharing in their stories and journeys.



Leanne recently celebrated 10 years with Suncare. The quote she lives by is "Never judge... just be kind to everybody" and this she does every day. Leanne enjoys providing guidance and support to the newer and younger staff and on a personal note, is looking forward to welcoming a new grandchild to the family soon. Bribie Island is a naturally beautiful location surrounded by pristine coastline. And it is home for Danielle. "The fact that I come to work each day and feel like I have walked in the front door of home is something I am so grateful for. The clients become part of your extended family and the fact that I am lucky enough to spend quality time getting to know them is very special to me."

The youngest in the team is Emily. Having grown up in NSW, she applies her motto

"Live for each second without hesitation" to her private life and her work at Boronia Cottage. "Connecting with our customers is really rewarding and I am learning so much about the Aged Care sector." And Bribie Island is perfect for her love of water sports too!

With such a dedicated team, who all love what they do and start each day wanting to make a difference in their customers' lives, it is clear to see why Boronia Cottage is fondly known by all who visit it as 'home away from home'. The Cottage is owned by the Bribie-Moreton Hospice Health Services Inc and is supported by the wonderful community of Bribie Island. For more information Boronia Cottage, please contact Suncare on 1800 786 227 or visit Community Connections - Suncare Community Services

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Each year, Brisbane North District (RSL Queensland) provides funds to be distributed to the various Cadet Units in our region, with the object of supporting units with their cadet development projects to meet the needs of the local youth community. Beachmere RSL sub branch has been allocated the 10 Battalion Cadet Headquarters (which is based in Caboolture) to support with funding provided by Brisbane District North (RSL Queensland) to the amount of \$2,250. The Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Major Geoffrey Wight, approached the Beachmere sub branch with a request for the funding of computer tablets to be used to support the training of the

cadets who aspire to be promoted to more senior positions within their unit.

Major Wight explained the cadets undertake training to develop and enhance their skills in leadership and team building, which provides them with the confidence to apply those skills to all facets of their life and future careers, along with the building of a solid foundation of the values of courage, respect and integrity, to achieve their personal best in their service to others. Beachmere RSL through RSL Queensland is proud to support the development of our younger members of our community who are the leaders of our tomorrow. For further information on what cadets do and which cadet units are available in the area for young people to join, go to <https://www.defenceyouth.gov.au/programs/adf-cadets>

Photo: Major Geoffrey Wight briefs the Beachmere RSL Cadet Liaison Officer, Ross Konowalenko on the training benefits that cadets will achieve through the valued and ongoing support of the RSL to his unit.

“Dr Ensieh Madhkhanehahani (Dr Ensi), has joined the team at Elysian Medical Centre. Dr Ensi is available Monday - Friday. She is currently taking new patients

Dr Ensieh has many years experience. She graduated from Medical school in 2009 in Iran. She moved to Australia with her family in 2019 and commenced practice.

Working in different fields such as - Emergency department - Geriatric acute care - Endocrinology department - Opioid dependency therapy - Cosmetic dermatology, she has great knowledge and skill for managing various medical conditions in General Practice.

Dr Ensi speaks English and Farsi/Persian.

She has keen interest in

- ✓ Geriatric Medicine : Chronic conditions management including hypertension, kidney disease, cognition disorders, asthma, COPD, etc.
- ✓ Endocrinology : thyroid disease, diabetes mellitus, osteoporosis.
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Dr Mike Esmailzadeh has joined the team here at Bribie Island Medical Centre. Dr Mike will be available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

He is also taking on new patients.

Dr Mike, who graduated in 1996, has many years' experience in General Practice as well as teaching. He has commenced his practice in Australia in 2019.

Dr Mike is a driven GP who enjoys all aspect of General practice and has an appreciation for the complexities of Chronic Conditions Management such as Diabetes, Cardiovascular disease, Chronic Kidney Disease, Asthma and COPD as well as Mental Health.

Areas of interest:

- ✓ Chronic disease management; Diabetes, IHD, Asthma, COPD, CKD.
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Bribie Little Athletics

Recently Bribie District Little Athletics celebrated their season and the achievements of the athletes at their trophy presentations held at their grounds at Sandstone Point. Throughout the season the 180 athletes achieved 1941 new personal best performances and 209 new Centre records, the most ever in a season. There were also a record number of athletes who qualified for the State Championships bringing home a total of 4 Gold medals and 2 silver medals.

The day started with 3 hours of giant inflatable jumping castles and obstacle courses for all athletes and family members to enjoy, followed by a free lunch and then it was on to the trophy presentations. The trophies were generously



donated by The Bribie Island Community Nursery with David and Alex delighted with the opportunity to present some of the trophies to the athletes.

Congratulations to all award winners with a special mention to the major award winners including the Age Champions, Junior and Senior Award



Winners, Most Improved Athlete and Athlete of the Year winner. The athletes who qualified for the State Championships were rewarded with personalised bags. During the presentations the coaches were acknowledged, Parent Volunteer of the Year Awarded and the Little Athletics Committee Volunteer Member of the Year nominees announced. This award will be decided by the Little Athletics Queensland Board and the winner announced at the State Conference in June.

Congratulations and thank you to the Little Athletics Committee for their efforts throughout the season and for organising a family fun day to celebrate the season.



Dr Lalit Mohan, has joined Elysian Medical Centre. He is taking new patients, and is available Monday to Friday.

Dr Lalit Mohan has experience in Cardiology, Accident and Emergency medicine and General practice. Dr Lalit is passionate about all areas of General Practice with special interest in chronic condition management and preventative health. Lalit enjoys watching cricket, movies and travelling. He also speaks Hindi and Russian.



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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT BANKSIA BEACH INCLUDING 5G

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The proposed 5G upgrade will consist of:

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- Other associated equipment, and works within the existing equipment shelter

Optus regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on description above.

In accordance with Section 7 of *C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2020*, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Vanessa Wan at Service Stream Limited, 0447 240 015, Optus.Submissions@servicestream.com.au or Zenith Tower B, Level 3, 821 Pacific Hwy, Chatswood NSW 2067 by 5pm, Tuesday 20 June 2023.

If you would like to know more about this site, further information can be obtained from www.rfnsa.com.au/4507007



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TRACK YOUR SPENDING

Probably the most effective way to stay on budget (but definitely not the most fun one) requires you to track your spending. Most people find this very exhausting, but if you want to start paying attention to your money and saving up, this is a sure way to see results. There's no problem when you spend money on groceries and bills, but the budgeting issues start when you splurge on things you don't need. Well, tracking your spending helps with the second category of expenses. It allows you to pay more attention to where your money is going, but just be honest to yourself and make sure to write down every little expense.

MAKE A LIST WHEN SHOPPING

If you're not already doing this, it's high time you started. When you're shopping without a list, you're much more likely to stray and spend money on things you don't need. With a list, you're more focused on what's important for your household and you will avoid many unnecessary purchases that will do nothing but break your budget and create buyer's remorse. And make sure to leave for grocery shopping after a meal so you don't go shopping with your stomach but with your head.

REDUCE YOUR TRANSPORTATION COSTS

If you don't need to use it every day, having a car can be a serious expense. You need to pay for insurance and registration every year, then repairs and maintenance, and let's not even talk about gas prices that are constantly rising. Therefore, it might be smarter to rely on your feet, your bike or public transport when you need to go somewhere.

WAIT WITH UPGRADES

One of the biggest money grabs today is the vicious technological upgrade cycle. It seems that every year, there is a new iPhone out or a new laptop, with your old one getting obsolete. To stay on budget,



make sure to resist these upgrades, and wait until there's something actually wrong with your tech. These upgrades are more or less barely noticeable, so it all comes down to taking your money to maintain appearances. And after you make your upgrades, make sure to either sell your old devices or recycle them, but don't let them waste space in your drawers.

CHECK FOR DISCOUNT COUPONS

If you have access to coupons or discount codes, use them. Sometimes, this only means a few dollars of savings, but sometimes you can save up a serious amount. And coupons and discount codes can be found online, in catalogues and promo e-mails, so make sure to check them out. There are even apps and websites dedicated to coupons to make it easier for you to organize and store your scores.

USE CASH

If you have any daily expenses, especially those that you didn't plan on having, use cash

instead of your cards. When using cards, we lose the sense of paying and spending money, but with cash, this act of spending money and watching them go away is much more visceral. Having cash is often enough to deter people from making purchases and saying goodbye to it. It might be impractical to carry cash in this day and age, but if you're trying to save up, it's a very good choice.

GIVE YOURSELF TIME

Every time you want to make a big purchase, don't automatically say 'no'. Sometimes, it's necessary to spend money and sometimes it's not, so give yourself time to think about your expenses. Sleep on every more serious purchase and see how you feel about it in the morning. If you're still excited about it and sure you're going to benefit from this new thing, go for it—it will be money well spent. But if you no longer feel this purchase is necessary, you just managed to save yourself some money and stay on budget!



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- Restricting annual site rent increases, by having a maximum limit
- Prohibiting market rent reviews
- Requiring park comparisons to be publicly available online
- Simplifying the process of buying a pre-owned manufactured home and entering site agreements.

Now, we want to hear from owners of manufactured homes and residential park operators.

You can have your say now online by following the link: <https://yoursay.chde.qld.gov.au/hub-page/manufactured-homes>, or calling 13 74 68.

Lots of community members have raised issues around manufactured home parks with me, and I want you to make your voice heard on these important changes.

If your park's resident committee would like to hear more about the changes or get involved in the community consultation, please contact my office. I'd be happy to visit your community to hold an information morning tea, or arrange a get together at another location.

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We want to know whether free kindy would help your family. That's why I am asking everyone in Pumicestone to have their say.

Have your say now online: www.qld.gov.au/kindy

As always, if you have any questions or State Government issues I can help with, please email my office at pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au or call 3474 2100.

Kindly



Ali King MP



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What an amazing weekend we had bringing our show "STAY FOREVER YOUNG" to our community on behalf of Bribie Moreton Hospice.

These photos of our very large cast show the fun, enjoyment and sense of community that singing together can bring. Thank you to all of our performers for making these shows such a success. Marree Cunningham, (Bribie Island Hospice) was present at both performances and was blown away when gifted with the donation of \$3000 raised by this event to benefit their Hospice Suite.

"Thank you Jenda Jacobs and the entire **Voices Choir**, the **MC**, many helpers with stage props, sound and lights, raffle tickets sellers and entry door, the **Bribie Island Lions Club** for the catering and many local businesses for the great raffle prizes. It's difficult to adequately describe the gratitude and relief of families when they learn that they are able to bring their loved one home to the peace and quiet of Bribie Island for their last weeks of life. They are cared for in quite surroundings by their own GP and by the caring nurses, all the while being wrapped in the loving arms of family and friends. Thank you to everyone who supported the Voices Choir concert this weekend. You made a difference".

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The elements of this place are elegant and welcoming... shade cloths sailing between a most magnificent arbour, watched over by a mural featuring a black cockatoo nibbling on Banksia blossoms. Water features, wicking beds, shade house, and hanging pots will soon be supplemented by seating, a drinking fountain and more native trees and shrubs. It's a work in progress, as all gardens are! It is a place to come together, to learn and exchange ideas, and to encourage the community to use their available garden space, or pots on the veranda, to add to their food source and to just delight in what the natural world has to offer. It would be impossible to thank everyone involved in this enterprise. To all those who sizzled sausages, planted pots for our market stall, wielded paintbrushes, carted

around plants, assembled wicking beds, site managed, sewed, sourced supplies, filled flooring with pebbles, added artistic touches and a myriad of other tasks... thank you! It has been a model for community participation and will be a great asset for the Beachmere Community for many years to come. We look forward to seeing you there soon! While the community garden is now officially open, there is still a lot of work to be done before we can open the gates to the public. We are hoping to have this ready for a garden festival in Spring. Until then we will be holding an "arvo in the garden" on the 4th Sunday of each month from 3 pm. Please drop down and say hi. Otherwise, check our Facebook page and website for updates about the garden.




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A LOVELY VILLAGE BY THE SEA

Tucked away at the northern end of Moreton Bay, between Deception Bay and Sandstone Point, is a quiet hideaway just right for a bayside nature getaway! The quiet coastal township of Beachmere is also a haven for marine life and is known for its stunning sunsets and relaxed atmosphere. The town is surrounded by lush green hills and offers many activities for visitors, from swimming and fishing to kayaking and bushwalking.

This unique seaside village lies on Moreton Bay's shores, near the Caboolture River estuary where it enters Deception Bay. It is 38 km north of Brisbane. Positioned on a small peninsula formed by the river and the bay. Back in the day, Beachmere was somewhat inaccessible, and was mainly a fishing community, as the access road could be impassable during flood times. When the Beachmere district was settled by Europeans between 1893 and 1967, much of the land was owned by the Baker family.

The suburb's name comes from an early residence owned by Thomas Edwin Bonney called "Beachmere" meaning a beach on marshy ground. Bonney is believed to be the first European Australian settler in the area, arriving in 1870. It is thought that the area's name, given by a European settler, arose from a strip of sandy beach set among the marshy countryside.

Did you know that Beachmere is the birthplace of renowned Australian author, Colleen McCullough, who wrote the novel, The Thorn Birds?

Beachmere is now a picturesque coastal town with a low crime rate, well-developed infrastructure, and historic buildings, parks, and recreational facilities. There is a wonderful selection of places to eat, dine in or takeaway. You are certainly spoilt for choice! Beachmere appeals to residents and tourists alike. The scenery, the bay, the shopping centre, medical facilities, school, kindy, real estate, bus services, and the tavern are all near the main street. Beachmere is the most ideal spot to relax, enjoy all it has to offer and take a step back in time. Customer service is exceptional, with a relaxed atmosphere and quiet hideaway appropriate for families and those looking for beach and water fun or a bayside nature reprieve.

If you're a keen fisherman or boat enthusiast there is a two-lane boat ramp and pontoon with plenty of parking, toilets and water available at the end of Saint Smith Road. The ramp leads directly into the Caboolture River. You then have the choice of heading upriver or out to the bay. This will take you into Pumicestone Passage or Burpengary Creek, or towards Deception Bay, Scarborough and Moreton Island. While exploring the district you can find coral reefs, rocky outcrops, seagrass meadows, mangrove forests and mudflats. It has such an abundance of marine life including thousands of fish species that share the waters with seven species of marine turtles, dolphins, whales on migration and dugongs, you are bound to have a wonderful day on the water.

If boating is not your thing, enjoy a day trip to Beachmere with the family, where you can watch the kids play on the beach - making sandcastles, splashing in the shallow waters

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flats at low tide. There is an undercover picnic area in Moreton Terrace Park. If your family includes the furry kind, there are on-leash dog-friendly areas around Beachmere that include the foreshore area between Biggs Street and Louise Drive. You can also walk dogs on a leash on the foreshore parkland adjacent to Timothy Esplanade and Bakers Flat Road.

If you feel like a hike in the Beachmere area located along the Moreton Bay Marine Park waterfront between Sandstone Point and Beachmere, the Godwin Beach Environmental Reserve is a wonderfully quiet place for a leisurely walk-through various vegetation habits including mangroves, melaleuca, woodlands and open forest. Your most convenient entry point to access the main walking circuit is at the eastern end of the Godwin Beach Esplanade.

Beachmere is a 'hidden gem' that started as a small village but is now growing into a thriving community. Do yourself a favour and visit and enjoy a sleepy village township with a positive community environment. This township is welcoming, looks out for its elderly and allows individuals to feel more connected and have a sense of purpose. Beachmere is that thriving community, with a sense of kinship, camaraderie and connectedness.

I would highly recommend spending a day at Beachmere. I bought some delicious meat from the butchers and dined in a couple of eateries which did not disappoint with fresh and tasty produce. I also enjoyed meeting and speaking to many local businesses, all with warm and welcoming smiles and happy dispositions. I will definitely make it a regular event; I fell in love with Beachmere and the people in it.



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Today's article concentrates on Treasury Wine Estates, their brands and what's in the future as Australian wines once again find their way back into the Chinese market after suffering three years of punitive tariffs brought about after questions were asked with regards to the source of Covid. Treasury is the pinnacle of wine production in Australia as several of the wine labels are iconic but in reality their market share certainly doesn't show the strength they could have with the brands they have purchased over the last forty years. The company began with Penfolds, a winery that was officially established in 1844 when the winery was expanded to produce table wines instead of just fortified wines and they started producing Claret and Riesling.



Fast forward to 1976 when the Penfold Family was sold to Tooth and Co a brewer based in New South Wales, then in 1982 ownership passed to The Adelaide Steamship Company and the Penfolds Brand was merged with Kaiser Stuhl, the term merged gives a warm fuzzy feeling of comradeship and cooperation in the growing of two of the mega companies in the Australian wine industry, however in reality the Penfolds staff really let the Kaiser Stuhl people know this was a takeover not a merger, I know because I worked for Kaiser Stuhl at the time!. In actual fact the two brands actually complimented each other with the premium Penfolds red wines, Minchinbury Champagne (as it was called those days), fortified wines such as Club Port being supported by the Kaiser Stuhl sparkling Summer Wine, four litre casks, flagons and fluffy table wines such as Black Forest Moselle and Gold Medal Rose which were very popular wines.

Soon Wynns Wines were added to the stable along with Seaview, Killawarra and Tollana and once again no sales were affected as it was manageable, the Seaview Champagne was considered a step up from Minchinbury and Killawarra a step up again and the Seaview range of table wines offered outstanding value, overall

I reckon the company now had in excess of 40% of the Australian wine market but this was about to change with more takeovers which started to make the customers uncomfortable with dealing with one company who seemed determined to force any competition into the ground.

Seppelt Wines, Lindemans/Leo Buring Wolf Blass Wines were taken over and the company was acquired in 1990 by SA Brewing and subsequently the company divided their business into three separate entities, the brewing assets retained the S.A. Brewing name, the wine assets were named Southcorp Wines and the 'white goods' and other manufacturing interests became Southcorp an Australian conglomerate with Rothbury Estate and Rosemount were added, the company should now have control well in excess of 60% of the Australian wine market but was probably closer to 40% and Dean de Bortoli when asked whether the merges affected his business claimed after each takeover his business grew by at least 5%!

In 2005 Southcorp Wines became a part of The Fosters Group and 2011 when it was obvious the match of combining beer and wine wasn't the marriage that was expected and so in 2011 Fosters

demerged the wine operation and it became Treasury Wine Estates (TWE) is headquartered in Melbourne and listed on the stock exchange.

In 2013 Penfolds was awarded "New World Winery of the year" by the American wine industry publication Wine Enthusiast Magazine, in 2016 the Most Admired Wine Brand by Drinks International. In 2017 Penfolds Grange was classified as a First Growth in Liv-er's recreation of the Bordeaux 1855 classification and the only Australian winery to receive a perfect 100 points for the Grange 2008 from both The Wine Spectator and Wine Advocate, also Grange 1955 vintage was named one of the top 12 wines of the 20th century by The Wine Spectator what could possible go wrong.?

Treasury Estate Wines certainly suffered badly when the Chinese introduced 250% tariffs on Australian wines but this may be about to change as the Chinese consider removing them, it was reported several years ago Treasury were considering making Penfolds a stand-alone brand because of the profitability of the brand and rumours are circulating that there is about to be a very large product cull at the lower end of their priced products and concentrate on the higher more profitable wines which

would improve the bottom line but probably lead to large layoffs and certainly improve the stock market price.

Along the way many of the wines and wineries that 'merged' with the company have vanished, Kaiser Stuhl, Tollana, Seaview (apart from the Sparkling wine) most of Seppelts labels, Leo Buring, most of Lindemans brands, and Rosemount is a shell of its former self and Rothbury Estate of Len Evans fame became a restaurant own label wine.

After last month's article on Prosecco it was revealed the Italians are very much trying to close down the Australian version of the product, quite timely don't you think.

Cheers
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Benjamin Franklin enjoyed a drop or two.

"Wine is a constant proof that God loves us and likes to see us happy"

George Saintsbury took a swipe at the temperance movement in the 1920's

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If you venture inside our indoor dining room, you will see our history wall dedicated to the History of Beachmere. With thanks to Karen Wallwork from The History of Beachmere group for your continued support. Having a look around our café, you will also find artwork from local artists like, Michelle Boobie who makes wonderful sculptures from recycled materials. Have a look for the Big Red Fish made from a wine glass.

When deciding on a coffee date or lunch with family, friends, or the Fur kids, all of us at the Beach Shak café look forward to welcoming you down. Our staff really have so much fun and love what they do, why not come and say hi next time you are on Biggs Avenue, just look for the blue road. **(Bookings recommended Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays PH 07 3117 2511)**



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Queensland bakery Beefy's has proudly pulled on the maroon again, ready to kick off Pie of Origin for another year in 2023. "NSW's Glenorie Bakery has put out the challenge, and we've said yes," says Beefy's Mark Hobbs. "That means it's state against state as we out-fundraise one another and help the sick kids for our state-wide children's hospitals." "There can only be one winner, and I'm backing Queensland!"

Footy legend and Pie of Origin ambassador Kerrod Walters is backing Queensland too. "We claimed the trophy last year and I know we've got another win in us," says Kerrod. "C'mon Queensland. All you need to do is get into Beefy's and make it a Big Queensland Pie - it's that easy." Beefy's will donate \$1 from every Big Queensland Pie sold during the Pie of Origin series to the Children's Hospital Foundation and overall fundraising tally. "The Big Queensland Pie is a

Limited-Edition Pie baked just for this contest," says Mark. "It's bigger than our traditional Lunch Size Pie and it's crammed with our award-winning, melt-in-your-mouth Signature Steak Pie filling." 2023 marks the eighth year that Beefy's has been raising funds for the Children's Hospital Foundation. "Every year, our success comes back to the generous support of our loyal customers," says Mark. "During the time we've been involved in Pie of Origin, they've helped us raise almost \$125,000 to help sick kids across the state. No matter how you look at that, it's been a mighty Queensland effort." "We can't thank our customers enough." Children's Hospital Foundation CEO, Lyndsey Rice is thrilled to see the return of Pie of Origin, to make a difference in the lives of kids across the state. "Every dollar raised through this year's Pie of Origin plays a vital role in helping Queensland's sickest kids and their families through the toughest of times - we're incredibly humbled to have the support of the Beefy's

community." This year, Beefy's and their customers will raise funds for cutting-edge equipment, vital research and on-the-ground support for sick and injured kids, just like Harley. Harley was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome - one of the rarest and most severe heart defects. At two years old, Harley has already undergone two open-heart surgeries for his condition. To help kids like Harley, simply make it a Beefy's Big Queensland Pie every time you're in store to support the Children's Hospital Foundation. A Beefy's Big Queensland Pie makes a great choice for lunchtime, dinner time and for footy times with your mates. They're available in all Beefy's stores. You have until the whistle blows to signal the end of the State of Origin Game 3 on 12 July to get your hands on one, and be the difference every kid deserves. For more information contact Mark Hobbs - Beefy's Managing Director mark@beefys.com.au Ph: 0415 719 500

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INGREDIENTS

400 g linguini
500 g chicken breasts chopped or chicken stir fry strips.
300 ml tub cream
1/4 cup basil pesto
*Serving size calculator is approximate, feel free to adjust by adding a pinch here and there as needed

METHOD

In a large pot of boiling, salted water, cook the linguini according to packet directions. Meanwhile, in a non-stick frying pan, sauté the chicken until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Add the cream and reduce heat, add basil pesto and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add the linguini and toss to coat in the yummy sauce.

TOP TIPS

Optional: Add a punnet of cherry tomatoes when you add the basil pesto for colour and a fresh burst of goodness. Sprinkle with fresh basil and Parmesan to serve.



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THE GROWING POPULARITY OF CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

You could be encountering the word 'charcuterie' for the first time and be wondering why it is popular, as odd and novel as it sounds. And spare the usual pronunciation struggles many people face with this word. Replace everything else you've been mumbling with "shaar-koo-tr-ee," and you are good to go. Charcuterie has a long history linked to ancient Roman cuisines and has been popularized by the French in modern times.

A charcuterie board is a meat and cheese board or antipasti platter, often served before the main meal at an exquisite restaurant, cocktail parties, and various get-togethers. For the longest time, charcuterie has been loved by most people, laid on wooden boards, but there are many new trends, including being laid on a platter. The great selling point of charcuterie is maintaining its appeal to the eyes and the nose, with cured meat being the star of the show and everything else remaining an enhancer. Charcuterie has lately surged in popularity.

Has a powerful Appeal

One powerful reason why the charcuterie board remains popular is that it fits well in the basic trains of every good food—it looks great and tastes great. By setting your eyes on a board of Charcuterie with all its noble and sumptuous accompaniments, you can't wait to have the first bite. Outside of the aesthetics, the aroma will captivate you. A charcuterie board gives the best-case study where food and art are perfectly combined to bring a powerful effect and elevate the sales pitch and appeal.

The powerful appeal serves the great purpose of commanding visits to popular outlets. It remains a great driver of online engagement in social media and a powerful booster of social media marketing. The powerful appeal of charcuterie boards in photography makes it a popular goal and everyone's dream.

Can Be Done In Multiple Ways

There will always be beauty in diversity. There is no single standard way of setting up a charcuterie table. Even if you give two people the same ingredients and accompaniments, the resulting board would be dissimilar, making Charcuterie Boards exceptional. The list becomes endless when considering items and styles for arranging a Charcuterie Board. There is a novelty in every attempt.

Sometimes, your board will look good with meats, including prosciutto, salami, pepperoni, sausage, and pate. But a careful artisan would give you a different touch with cheeses, including chevre, cheddar, and

muenster. But this is not all, as your Charcuterie Board can still accommodate dried and fresh fruits, such as figs, apricots, and sliced apples. What about making it greener and multi-coloured with vegetables like olives, capsicum, and carrots? You can crown it all with a touch of pickles, nuts, seeds, honey, preserves, spreads, bread, and crackers.

CHARCUTERIE BOARDS BRING US TOGETHER

If you think meeting friends and families, nothing can make it more memorable than sharing a board loaded with Charcuterie. It is shareable and easy to set up without the challenge of providing much more utensils and cutlery. You can have safe conversations while keeping eye contact and enjoying your board's yummy and sweet offers. And can there be any waste? If you don't want to eat those nuts or crackers, somebody else will find them a favourite. Charcuterie Boards bring us together, and we love it that way.

HAS LONG HISTORY OF USE

Charcuterie has a long history from ancient Roman cuisine, where it was prepared from slaughtered pigs. In the Middle Ages, the Germans diversified it into sausage making before the French charcuteries captured the tradition and revolutionized it into an art form—giving it the name "charcuterie." The Pre-Industrialization Charcuterie Board (the 1400s - 1900s) displayed an assortment of meat based on availability. For those who love history, a great munch around a Charcuterie Board gives a nostalgic attachment to the past. It remains a remembrance of ancient cultures and cuisines and evokes an appreciation of the diversity of cultures it has passed through to the current trends we create daily. The Influx of New Trends Charcuterie has taken a new turn running beyond the traditional known boards or platters. The trends go beyond the simple food trend

to ingredients used and methods of serving. Here are some of the tastes of the day: Vegan Charcuterie Board A vegan Charcuterie Board takes care of those who don't do flesh foods. Every non-flesh component, like crackers, honey, fruits, etc., remains. The only assignment is to find a perfect replacement for meat and dairy cheese. You can do vegan meat substitutes like mushroom jerky, soy foods, eggplant bacon, and roasted chickpeas.

CHARCUTERIE CONES

Serving Charcuterie in cones can be efficient when you want to enjoy your favourite snack outside the restaurant. It is a serving idea; you can choose content based on your tastes, including vegan or non-vegan.

JARCUTERIE

Like Charcuterie cones, Jarcuterie is not an ingredient idea but a serving trend where charcuterie is served in disposable jars. Jarcuterie became popular during the

pandemic to limit human interaction.

DESSERT CHARCUTERIE

Dessert Charcuterie is technically not charcuterie since there are no meats or their respective alternatives on the board. It borrows the ideas of traditional Charcuterie Boards to serve sweets and other condiments.

SEAFOOD CHARCUTERIE

Seafood remains on the bucket list of many people. What is a better way to enjoy seafood than arranging it nicely on a Charcuterie Board? You easily set it by replacing meat with your favourite seafood like clams and oysters.

Charcuterie Boards have withstood the test of time from the days of Ancient Rome to the current art-oriented French cuisine. Despite the growth in modern cuisines, a tasty and yummy board of charcuteries remains many people's favourite.

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Pickleball

Have you heard of Pickleball? Pickleball is touted as the fastest growing game in the world, with more than three million devotees in the US alone (where it started many years ago), and it is proving just as popular in Australia. Pickleball is a sport for all ages, and it is recognized that sports such as this help to improve the physical and mental well-being of those playing. We have been playing Pickleball on Bribie Island for five years now, and our club membership and enthusiasm is growing rapidly! Currently, we are playing on courts we have marked out on Sunderland Drive near the skateboard park, but we are working closely with the Moreton Bay Regional Council to secure land to build purpose-built Pickleball courts since our club is gaining new keen members weekly, and Pickleball is here to stay! The huge costs associated with building our new courts will be mostly be supplied by our club so we are ramping up our fundraising efforts to earn the funds

we will need. For more information about our club, please contact our President Bob Skinner boblinsk@gmail.com, 0429122757, or Vice-President, Wayne Kelly w_kelly55@hotmail.com, 0403594029 Please meet Judy Wood, our Fundraising Sub-Committee Chair, and her fund-raising sub-committee members, Nigel and Cathie Gouldsbrough! They have some wonderful ideas and we appreciate anything you might be able to do to help us reach our goals! Some ideas are Sponsorship, Monetary donations, Vouchers or Items to be raffled, but we are open to any suggestions. **Bribie Island Pickleball Club Inc**
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Bribie Island VIEW celebrates 27 YEARS!

On the 24th May the Bribie Island **VIEW Club** celebrated their 27th birthday at the Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club Banksia Beach.

A lovely lunch was enjoyed by all and we were entertained by Cathy Drummond who is the daughter of one of our members.

The lunch was also an opportunity to recognise President Kay's 20 years membership as well as welcoming 3 new members to the Club. Another member to be recognised for their commitment to **VIEW** was Stella who received the "Making a Difference Award". Stella's name will be added to the National Honour Roll at the next National Convention. Stella is the Program Officer and Learning For Life student Co-ordinator for the club's 6 sponsored students.

VIEW, which stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, is a network of close to 300 clubs and over 14,000 women throughout Australia. It provides a place for women to connect in the community, enjoy social activities, and develop lasting friendships – all while supporting the work of The Smith Family's Learning for Life children's education program. This program provides children with financial assistance for essential school supplies, access to out of school tutoring and mentoring programs, and a Smith Family team member connected to the family who is on hand to support the child's specific needs and interests.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Kay **3408 1058** or **0410653628** or visit **www.view.org.au** for further information.



Our Communities Biggest Heroes: Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a Not-For-Profit organisation that dedicates its service to the most vulnerable and elderly patrons in Australia. For over 65 years, they have supported the nutritional wellbeing of 200,000 older Australians through supplying, cooking, and delivering local meals.

Bribie Island's Meals on Wheels, situated in Woorim, provide extremely low-cost meals for seniors from Woorim to Beachmere. As a result of being a Not-For-Profit organisation, Meals on Wheels are always in need for a helping-hand – whether this may be chopping vegetables, preparing a salad, or delivering meals to homes. Volunteers are Centrelink approved at Meals on Wheels. Remember, one act of kindness and assistance can go a long way. My Grandparents volunteer for Meals on Wheels twice a week. Their experience at the organisation is always positive, especially since they volunteer with other like-minded people wanting to help the

vulnerable in any way they can. They tell me how they work as a team to pump out nutritious, delicious meals – sometimes hundreds in a just a week! My Grandparents' stories about Meals on Wheels are incredibly inspiring.

However, the most motivating part about volunteering for this organisation is the fulfilment garnered from every meal that gets delivered. As a youth citizen, I sometimes wonder who will look after me when I become too vulnerable to look after myself. This thought encourages me to support Meals on Wheels in any way I can. It is important to try our best to eradicate the chance of malnutrition that older Australians may experience in difficult times.

Caring for our community's seniors is one of the greatest responsibilities we have. Every volunteer at Meals on Wheels has heroically saved hundreds of thousands of lives – perhaps you could call yourself a hero too.

MARKETS

Beachmere District Community

The B.D.M.S. Community Markets are held at the Men's Shed 53 Rogers Street Beachmere, every 1st Saturday of the month 7.30am - 12 Noon.

Bribie Island BICA Markets

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

Bribie Rotary Markets

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

Queensland Cancer Council

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

The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets (Farmers Market)

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

Banksia Beach Market

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

The Bribie Island Comm Plant Nursery

The Bribie Island Community Plant Nursery is open Tues to Sat 8 am to 12 pm

The Bribie Island Lions Market

2nd Sat of the month at Tintookie Park Woorim 7am - 1pm.

Bribie & District Woodcrafters Assoc

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Horoscope

Some people love drama. But while intriguing plot lines are entertaining on the TV, they're far less enjoyable when they occur in real life - especially when it comes to our personal relationships. In the legacy of this week's Full Moon, the arrival of Venus in Leo (linked with mysterious Pluto) calls us to question everyday narratives. Yet, as long as we tread softly, we can avoid turning molehills into mountains. The more optimistic we feel about our individual storylines, the more we'll enjoy the twists and turns ahead.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

You could sit and talk about a certain situation forever. But, no matter what you hear, nothing's going to change your mind or alter your standpoint. Nor will there be much movement in another person's attitude. Yet, although there's disagreement in the air, there's no need for an argument. Acceptance is key. This week calls for a statement of your position, followed by a negotiation. Full agreement might be impossible. But, if a difference of opinion is carefully managed, you'll be delighted by what becomes possible. Oscar's gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

When they tell us that 'patience is a virtue' it's as if they're trying to convince us that it's okay to be easygoing. Yet patience is more than an optional add on. It's an essential requirement. Without it, we can't achieve much, and we're unlikely to get much enjoyment out of our lives. Maybe we'd find it easier if it were portrayed as being a vice. We tend to be much more attracted to naughty things than things that are good for us! Go gently this week. There's no need to expend huge amounts of energy. Good things are naturally unfolding. Unmissable gift... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

We enjoy telling other folk how to live because it's much easier to criticise someone than to admit to our own mistakes. And it's much easier to give advice than to take it. Which is why we're surrounded by experts. We all want to be expert! And we all want to receive expert advice! Yet real experts know that no matter how much knowledge they have, they'll never understand everything. Be cautious of anyone who sees things in black and white this week. The grey space might not look exciting, but it's where real possibilities can be found. Right here, right now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

How valued are you? How much do you matter? I'm not asking because you need to compare the amount of gratitude other people are showing somebody else with the amount they're giving you. It's about how much you appreciate yourself and your achievements. We all doubt ourselves sometimes. And because we all need (and deserve) to feel good about who we are, it helps when others show their appreciation. When events, this week, help boost your self-esteem and self-confidence, enjoy the feeling. You deserve it! There's more... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

Suppose you've misjudged something? What if you're misinterpreting the signs and adding layers of inappropriate understanding? After all, we're all capable of deceiving ourselves and getting the wrong end of the stick. Should you be taking care that you're not confusing fact with fiction? Yes! But some facts are comforting and some fictions are unnecessarily harsh. This week, you might well turn out to be wrong about what seems to be wrong! With the Full Moon in your sign, your outlook is much more positive than you expect. Don't miss out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

We tend to think that if we feel good about something, it must be the 'right' thing to do. And, if we have a negative reaction, it's a sign that there's a hidden downside to a person or a situation. But is it really that simple? Children, for example, are excited about chocolate and hate the idea of going to bed. And we all have an inner child in us, affecting our decisions and life-choices. Are we in danger of encouraging our bad habits and moving away from good ideas? Events, this week, cause you to benefit from questioning an assumption. Try this out... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

You've been through a tough time recently. And the story is still unfolding. Soon, you'll have a chance to digest the significance of everything you've experienced and learned. But right now, you're still in the midst of the action. There are challenges to meet and tricky questions to respond to. You've got needs that can't be ignored and chances you can't turn your back on. Slowly but surely you'll realise which of these matter (and which don't). This week brings more than fresh perspective. It brings you a highly deserved opportunity. Our gift to you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

Can you predict what's going to happen right now? You can! You're going to read the rest of your forecast! It's easy to work out what's going to happen when it's that close. But what does your week ahead have in store? Is a lottery win on the cards? Will a miraculous solution appear that makes your worries disappear? Will you be able to deal with any tricky issues? The last question is the most valid. It contains the words 'will you be able?' And the answer's yes! You just need to believe that what will happen next is good! A brilliant offer... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Can you remember playing 'pass the parcel'? Some people think this kid's party game is a metaphor for life. It relates to responsibility. No one wants the blame to land in their lap, so they pass it on, as quickly as they can, to the next person. If we're left holding the parcel, we have to deal with whatever is hiding between the layers. Even when it contains opportunities we don't always want to seize them. Sometimes, it's easier to sit back and let someone else deal with them. But this week, the music stops when the power is in your hands. An amazing service... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

We all know we shouldn't fight fire with fire. Or lower our standards just because other people are lowering theirs. This week you need to defend the integrity of your beliefs and your ideas. Be as calm and regal as you can be. Act as if you have right and might on your side (even if you're not completely confident about what's right). By acting with assurance, and being direct, you'll encourage a surprising, welcome change in someone's attitude. With their support, you can transform a tricky situation into a successful one. Especially for you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

If you speed-read your way through this forecast, it won't be long before you get back to doing what you 'should' be doing. But, are you putting yourself under unreasonable pressure? Are you allowing someone to set an unfairly demanding agenda? Is there a reason why you've got to rush? Yes, Mars is in your sign, and Venus is arriving, but you don't need to fulfil ridiculous deadlines. You can do great things this week. If you stand your ground, and state your limits, you can focus on your needs. And achieve them. Ready now... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

You've got this! Your plan is feasible. Success, this week, can bring the warm glow of contentment into your world. Yet... there's something I need to add. Every upside has a downside and, as a sensitive Scorpio, you're realistic enough to understand that. Yet the truth is that the downside isn't anything worth worrying about. It's more that, with your ruler, Pluto, linking with Venus, the planet of love, you've got the right to be choosy. Don't just do what seems easiest and simplest. Go for what feels most deeply right. Discover the inner you... completely free audio and video forecasts. Go to ozfree.cainer.com



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With the help of our supporters and the many customers that come through the shop we have been able to assist many associations on the island this month including 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. We also were able to assist the Woodcrafters Association with some new trestle tables, the Bribie Cove Residents Social Group asked for assistance in getting a coffee machine for their clubhouse. MELSA required a new mower and BIEPA needed some small items also. We helped the Bribie Kindy obtain a Rickshaw for use when visiting the Church of Christ Aged Care each week with the kids. We thank all our customers and those who donate their preloved possessions without you we would not be able to assist these associations. Please be aware that we only assist Island associations, we do not assist individuals and we do not get involved with sponsorships at all.

NO TOLERANCE POLICY

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PURCHASING

On many occasions customers are going to the back of the building trying to search through the donation area, the truck or even in the back garage looking to see if they can get things that haven't been put into the shop yet. These areas are not for the public and should not be entered as we have many trolleys, and items piled up that you could fall over, we have a duty of care to not only our staff but also the public, we do not want to see anyone hurt.

POLICY All donations have to be checked to ensure they are in good condition, clean and safe for sale, they are then priced and put into the shop for sale for all our customers to see.

VOLUNTEERS

We always welcome new volunteers, so if you have a few hours spare please give us a call at 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 the residents.



REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

If you are a member of an island club or association and require assistance, please let us know. We try to assist all not-for-profit associations and sporting clubs, we also assist the Police, SES, VMR and the BI Hospice. Our President Pauline is quite happy to come along to your club and present our aims and goals and how your club can apply for assistance. Please call 3410 1920 or email busyfingers1@bigpond.com if you wish to have a presentation or if you wish to apply for a grant of assistance.

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

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





Why do we write?

To entertain, record special events, explore the unknown, to educate.

There is real joy in giving free rein to our imagination.

In writing a memoir, we already have a clear vision of the people connected with specific events. Writing fiction, however, challenges us to expand our imagination to create characters intended to bring our story to life.

Assigning specific attributes/traits to each character allows us to explore their complexity.

Primarily, we think of characterisation in terms of physical attributes but creating imaginative personas reflecting your character's behaviour, passion, talents, secrets and flaws is integral to your story's success in presenting a 'well-rounded' character. Your aim is for authenticity, choosing the appropriate 'voice', habits and actions to match their personality.

You must 'know' your character before bringing them to life. Scribble a brief back story and give them a history. Where were they born? How old are they? Imagine what they might look like, their gait.

Don't forget other senses, such as smell. Does your character have a particular odour? What does your character want? What motivates them? Do they have internal struggles that might prevent them from achieving their goals?

You are subtly trying to make your character larger than life while remembering to match the mannerisms, voice tone, attitude, emotions, behaviour and body language of the character you've created to fit the storyline.

The better you know your main characters, the richer your story will be. The challenge is to create feelings that resonate with the reader and allows them to identify with and empathise with the characters' conflict or challenge.

To 'live', your character must 'do' something, 'say' something (not necessarily verbal), 'think' something, and 'change' something (elicit an outcome). You must demonstrate how your character evolves, either meeting or being defeated by the 'conflict'. A convincing character is three-dimensional. Before writing each scene or chapter, think about what each character wants at that

moment; are they in conflict with themselves or somebody else? In conflict with nature (such as in Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and The Sea*), with the establishment (Police/Authority), or with a higher power (Religion/Culture). Your character must be believable.

The characters' names should not be too similar or highly unusual. You may want to choose names that have special significance or meaning. Another aspect might relate to the ethnicity of your characters. In my recent debut novel, *The Long Road into Hell*, set in Argentina, I used names predominantly Spanish or Portuguese in origin to add

authenticity.

Everyone has a story to tell. You only need a little courage to bring your dream of writing to life. I cannot stress enough the need to research every aspect of your story and character.

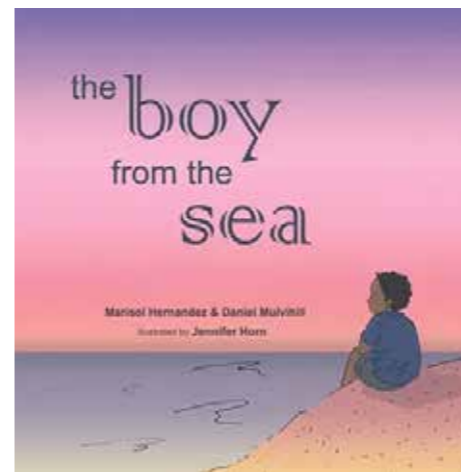
For anyone interested, my book launch is at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre on Friday, 23rd of June at 5.30 pm. Numbers are limited; an RSVP to confirm is necessary. Please email byo65257@bigpond.net.au

All inquiries will receive a response.

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New Book Helps Young Children Learn the Magic of Belonging

U3A

U3A OFFERS NEW CLASSES THIS WINTER

Bribie residents are lucky to have wonderful facilities and many different classes on offer at Bribie U3A. (University of the Third Age) There is something for everyone, whatever your interest or ability, and of the 37 U3A's throughout Queensland at the National Conference in Rockhampton in early May, it was clear that Bribie was one of the best in Australia.

Bribie U3A has about 2000 senior students attending 140 different weekly classes. The current Term 2 ends on June 23 with a holiday break before Term 3 starts on 10 July.

There are vacancies in many of the continuing classes and most new classes. Existing and new members can enrol in any Term 3 classes with vacancies.

ENROLMENT

Enrolment days are June 12 to 16 and June 19 to 22 between 8:30am and 3 pm at the U3A Centre on First Avenue. The full range of daily classes is on the Term 3 timetable which can be

Marisol Hernandez and Daniel Mulvihill launch their first picture book, *The Boy From The Sea*. Marisol and Daniel's story helps young children understand the magic of connection, and the sense of belonging that comes from family.

"Can I tell you a secret, though? I lost my family too, but I carry them in here. The ocean connects us all."

The Boy From The Sea, penned by Bribie Island based authors Marisol Hernandez and Daniel Mulvihill and illustrated by Brisbane based Jennifer Horn, celebrates and empowers children's understanding and acceptance of difference, demonstrating that even though we have our own identities, we can create family and belonging again.

Sophia protected Lazaro at school from kids who saw him as different. It was important to Mia and Alex that Lazaro and Sophia were not only kind but treated everyone they met as equal. "You love with your heart not with your eyes."

Lazaro finds himself displaced in another country, with a new family, whilst healing his past trauma.

Inspired by her father's story, Marisol, along with Daniel, share with children that love, and kindness can help heal and bring new beginnings.

The Boy From The Sea is available for purchase from June 2023 from all online retailers.

RRP \$19.95 (soft cover) and \$26.95 (hard cover)

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Marisol Hernandez writes stories that reflect and represent the sacrifice, love, and strength it took for her parents to rebuild in a foreign country...for all the families who can now call Australia home.

Marisol is passionate about telling stories that are meaningful to her culture and its traditions.

Daniel Mulvihill is a professional film, tv & literary writer/producer based in Southeast Queensland.

Daniel grew up in Toowoomba, QLD, where he studied his creative fine arts degree at USQ. Daniel has collaborated with many artists on socially and culturally poignant stories.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR:

With a background in Architecture, Jennifer Horn draws on her love of travel, stories and adventure

to create whimsical illustrations. She has also been a part of Art Department teams on several Brisbane-based films. Jen enjoys reading books over local community station Reading Radio and playing accordion in the eclectic and diverse ensemble Matt Hsu's *Obscure Orchestra*.

picked up at U3A, the Library and Visitor Centre and viewed in detail on www.u3abribie.org.au.

To become a financial member is just \$10 a year by visiting U3A during office hours, plus term fees to enrol in classes with vacancies. Some new classes offered in Term 3 include Genealogy both Advanced and Family History, Understanding How Computers work, Protecting you Family Technology, Practical Philosophy, Poetry Writing workshops, basic Maths and English in daily life, Advanced Ukelele, Geography of Australia, the Australian Constitution and Australia in 12 Wars.

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If you can't find at least one class at U3A that is right for you, you're missing a great opportunity to meet new people and expand your interests

EPISODE 1

By: Al Finegan



Before the 1400s, Europeans were afraid to sail far away from their lands. They believed the earth was flat and that they might topple over the edge if they sailed too far. Most people in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Australia drifted on in their own little worlds, untouched by external forces, or worse, diseases. Then in the mid-1400s, driven by their European monarchs, intrepid sailors began probing down the west coast of Africa providing wide-scale observational evidence of Earth's sphericity. It slowly dawned on them that there was no danger of falling off the edge of the world. This

revelation began the 15th century's "Age of Discovery". The race was on.

South and west went the sailors of Belgium, Portugal, Holland, Britain, and Spain as they raced to be the first to colonise lands, both known, and unknown across Africa, Asia, and North and South America. Their motivations for the colonial expansion can be summed up as God, Gold, and Glory. God, because they felt it was their moral duty to spread Christianity. Gold, because colonisers aimed to exploit the resources of other countries to swell their own treasuries. Glory, as European monarchs richly rewarded their successful

explorers with money, honours, and parades.

European governments had agreed that a "new land" did not exist until their explorers had seen it and mapped it. It wasn't "owned" until they established a presence, a colony, by their government agencies, backed by soldiers. These new lands were mostly conquered by violence and genocide. The human race was at the beginning of monumental changes that would impact the lives and cultures of millions of people, and in many cases their very existence.

In May 1488, the race for the Indian Ocean was won by Portuguese explorer Bartolomeu Dias, when he sailed around the Cape of Good Hope. His voyage discredited the long-held belief that the Indian Ocean was landlocked. He had revealed that the Atlantic and Indian Oceans flowed into each other. Dias' discovery paved the way for fellow Portuguese Vasco da Gama's voyage to India. Over the course of two voyages, beginning in 1497 and 1502, da Gama landed and traded in locales along the coast of southern Africa before reaching India in May 1498. In the following years, sailors discovered they could sail around the Cape of Good Hope, across the Indian Ocean, then north to a group of islands where they could take on board rich cargoes of spices. They called these islands, "The Spice Islands". Today we know them as Indonesia.

As soon as the merchants of Holland learned of the riches of the Spice Islands, their ships were soon rushing to the Cape of Good Hope, then setting all sails for the strong westerlies to push them to the Spice Islands. Leaving the Portuguese in their wake, the Dutch soon established colonial rule in the coastal areas of South Africa and by the early 1600s, the Dutch had built a rich trading empire for themselves in the Islands of Spices.

The Spanish decided against competing for the Indian Ocean and instead, headed west. Between 1492 and 1504, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus led four Spanish transatlantic maritime expeditions of discovery to the

Americas. Columbus thought he was on his way to Asia but found himself in the Caribbean instead, landing on the island of Hispaniola (now Haiti and the Dominican Republic). It was the home of the Taino, who had a highly evolved and complex culture. Columbus claimed the island and its inhabitants for Spain. It wasn't long before the once thriving culture and community was destroyed by European diseases and the brutality of a newly instated slave economy. The Spanish poured in and, starting in 1513, the conquistadores swept across Central and South America, establishing an incredibly wealthy empire for Spain, plundering the gold rich countries.

By 1600, the Dutch had established dominance over the entirety of the Spice Islands, building a capital at Batavia (now Jakarta) in Java. The French had seized lands in what are now Canada, Africa, and southern parts of North America. In 1607, the English began arriving in North America, creating colonies in Newfoundland and Virginia, and began to spread colonists all over the east coast. The following year they landed in India and established the British East India Company, to become one of the biggest "trading" companies in the world.

The first inkling of the existence of what was to become Australia emerged when the Dutch were occasionally blown off course when sailing to the Spice Islands. It soon became general knowledge for sailors to beware of a large landmass in the southeast of the Indian Ocean, generally referred to as "Southland". As all reports of sightings or landings were negative, stating that there was nothing of interest there, no captain bothered trying to map the barren coast. This changed in 1606 when Willem Janszoon captain of the Dutch East India Company ship, *Duyfken*, became the first European to make recorded contact with, and map part of Southland. The natives, he said, were, "... wild, cruel, black savages, and the land was barren and useless."

10 years after Jansz, Dirk Hartog, another Dutchman, sailed his ship, *Eendracht* to land



(accidentally) on Australian soil. Leaving Capetown, he cruised too far before turning north and sailed into the entrance of a bay now known as Shark Bay. On landing, the Dutch captain nailed a pewter dish to a tree scratched with the name of his ship, and her officers, so that any future visitors would know Hartog had visited in 1616. 80 years later, another Dutchman, William Fleming landed on the same island, left another pewter plate, and took Hartog's plate back to Holland. It is now on display in the Amsterdam Museum. Other Dutch ships began to make deliberate landings on Southland for a brief respite and as a known starting point to begin the northern route to Batavia.

In 1640, the Governor of Batavia was Anthony Van Diemen, an ambitious man determined to be rewarded for expanding Holland's rich empire of colonies. He believed that the reported land to the southeast of the Spice Islands had to be the rim of a great southern continent. This continent, he hoped, would be very wealthy. He decided to send someone to look for it, then explore it. The man he chose for the task was Abel Tasman. He was given two small ships for the expedition, his flagship, *Heemskerck*, and an armed transport ship, *Zeehaen*. On 14th August 1642, Tasman sailed deep to the southwest then was blown steadily along by the westerlies until, on 24th November, his lookout sighted the rocky western coast of an uncharted land. Imagine the excitement of the sailors. Was this a great new country they were discovering? Were there any great cities to be seen? Would they be able to trade with

the people? Would they all be very rich?

As the ships sailed around the rocky coast, the sailors' excitement waned. No great cities were seen, and it appeared that there would not be any rich spices either. The coastline was barren, and some rugged mountains could be seen in the background. He wrote in 1642, "This land being the first land we have met within the South Sea and not known to any European nation, we have confirmed on it the name of Van Diemen's Land in honour of our Governor." This name was later changed to Tasmania. After following along the south coast of Van Diemen's Land and halfway along its east coast, Tasman dropped anchor in a bay now known as Blackman Bay. In drawing his map, he was the first to refer to Southland as "New Holland".

After a brief futile trip to shore, they sailed away to the east for about a week before sighting



more land. Tasman thought he had found the western side of the long-imagined Terra Australis that stretched across the Pacific to near the southern tip of South America. After

following the coast north for five days, Tasman anchored off the northwest tip of South Island in what is now named Golden Bay. A group of Māori paddled out in a huge canoe and attacked some sailors who were rowing between Tasman's ships. Four sailors were clubbed to death. Despite the tragic encounter, Tasman was impressed by the new country. He wrote that the place was, "A very fine land". Tasman named his find "Nieuw Zeeland" (New Zealand), after the Dutch maritime province of Zeeland. Afraid to venture ashore, he sailed north, unaware that he had missed the strait between the north and south islands. A few days later, a lack of food and water forced him to head north back to Batavia. Thus the people on the eastern side of Australia lived happily on, untouched and unseen by Europeans for another 127 years, while the rest of the world's indigenous populations were being overrun by voracious white men.

In January 1688, a ship named *Cygnnet*, flying the "skull and crossbones", needing to be careened and cleaned, beached at a lonely, hidden place on the west coast of New Holland, now called Cygnet Bay. On board was William Dampier, the first Englishman to step foot on Australia. As a young man, he had joined *Cygnnet* having decided it was the easiest, cheapest, and most exciting way to see the world. It was here that Dampier decided

that it was time to end the pirating life. He had enjoyed several adventurous years, including the circumnavigation of the world. At the first opportunity, he deserted and

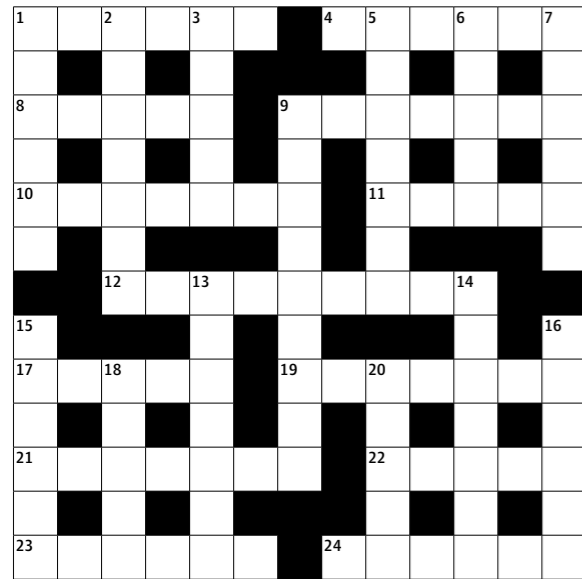
returned to England where he wrote a journal about his escapades. So interesting was this journal that the Admiralty gave him command of an old fifth-rate warship, *Roebuck*, for him to pay another visit to the mysterious land in the south. Dampier welcomed the opportunity. He knew that the Dutch had already explored the western part of New Holland, but where, and what, was on the other side?

In early 1699, *Roebuck* rounded the Cape of Good Hope and driven by the westerlies, landed at Shark Bay in New Holland. After a brief respite, Dampier sailed a coastal route mapping the north-west coast as far as Roebuck Bay. By early 1700, Dampier was on the north coast of New Guinea where he sighted and named New Britain, his only major discovery of the voyage. The old *Roebuck* was worn ridden forcing the crew into a constant battle to stay afloat. Eventually Dampier realised that he had no choice but to abandon his original plan of examining the seas east and south of New Guinea, and head home. A frustrated Dampier was thus deprived of the honour of discovering the east coast of Australia, struggling back to Ascension Island where *Roebuck* foundered.

You might be wondering why these trips of Dampier are worth mentioning. He certainly did not discover anything new about New Holland. What was important was the "best seller" he wrote about his journey that delivered an unintended reprieve for the Aborigines. In his book he described them as, "... poor, miserable creatures who, setting aside their human shape, differ little from the brutes." He described the land as, "... barren and worthless." Of course, we know today that Dampier did not give a true picture of either the natives, or the land, but people in England at the time did not know this, and once they had read his words, it was no wonder that no one was in a hurry to settle New Holland.

Thus in 1700, Australia continued to remain the only continent free of rapacious European settlement. The only question was not "if", but "who", and "when", would they come.

Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



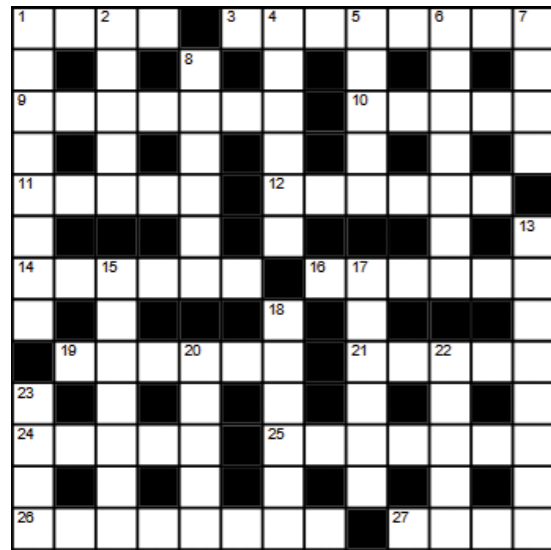
Across

- 1 Martial art (4,2)
- 4 Clear and bright (6)
- 8 Not as many (5)
- 9 Small vegetable, pickled whole (7)
- 10 State of heightened activity (7)
- 11 Iconic mental representation (sometimes spitting?) (5)
- 12 Excessively critical person (3-6)
- 17 Manufacturer (5)
- 19 To be played quickly and with liveliness (7)
- 21 Merciful — net line (anag) (7)
- 22 Adjust a little bit (5)
- 23 To tape (anag) (6)
- 24 Elegant and formal (6)

Down

- 1 Garment with sleeves reaching down to the ankles, worn by men in the Middle East (6)
- 2 Stevenage, Crawley or Hatfield, for example (3,4)
- 3 School classes (5)
- 5 Pointed tool (which killed Trotsky) (3,4)
- 6 Indian word for proper or genuine (5)
- 7 US Democrat Party symbol (6)
- 9 Gad about (9)
- 13 Underwater weapon (7)
- 14 Go backwards (7)
- 15 Talisman (6)
- 16 Game played with sticks (6)
- 18 African country, independent since 1963, with Swahili and English as its official languages (5)
- 20 Afterwards (5)

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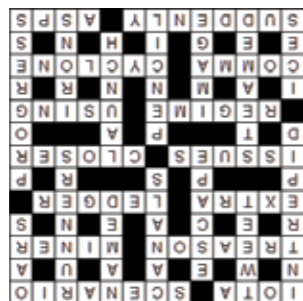
- 1 A bit of physio attention finds the answer (4)
- 3 A censor has personal involvement spilling the plot (8)
- 9 The leading rationale for duplicity (7)
- 10 A key player in the underground (5)
- 11 Performance involves him but often given no credit (5)
- 12 A famous, talented German holds the record? (6)
- 14 Some newspapers raise questions (6)
- 16 Certainly not far from the man who did the deal (6)
- 19 A Government somewhat regimented (6)
- 21 Enjoying American gin sling (5)
- 24 Some hesitation seen in commander's actions (5)
- 25 Storm city limits with a duplication (7)
- 26 Duly send out without notice (8)
- 27 Donkey swallows apple core - They're poisonous (4)

Down

- 1 Bold, trendy and warm - that's about right (8)
- 2 A flyer's comment on social media? (5)
- 4 Waterways that can often be locked.. (6)
- 5 Title given to mend a relationship (5)
- 6 Messengers full of beans? (7)
- 7 It usually takes, at least, two to row (4)
- 8 No notice of shocking escapade - get away! (6)
- 13 Scary woman uses public relations as the beginnings of growth (8)
- 15 Cooked me instead? (7)
- 17 Start with one afloat (6)
- 18 A writer said see! I get left making impressions with it (6)
- 20 Picture a portrayal of a bust (5)
- 22 Great for getting rid of the wrinkles (5)
- 23 Freezes when caught in a police sting (4)

SOLUTIONS

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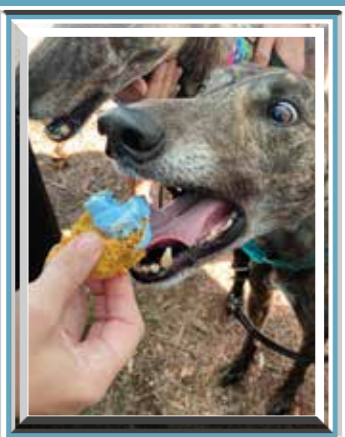
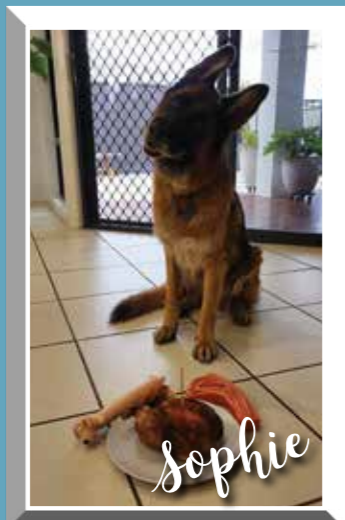
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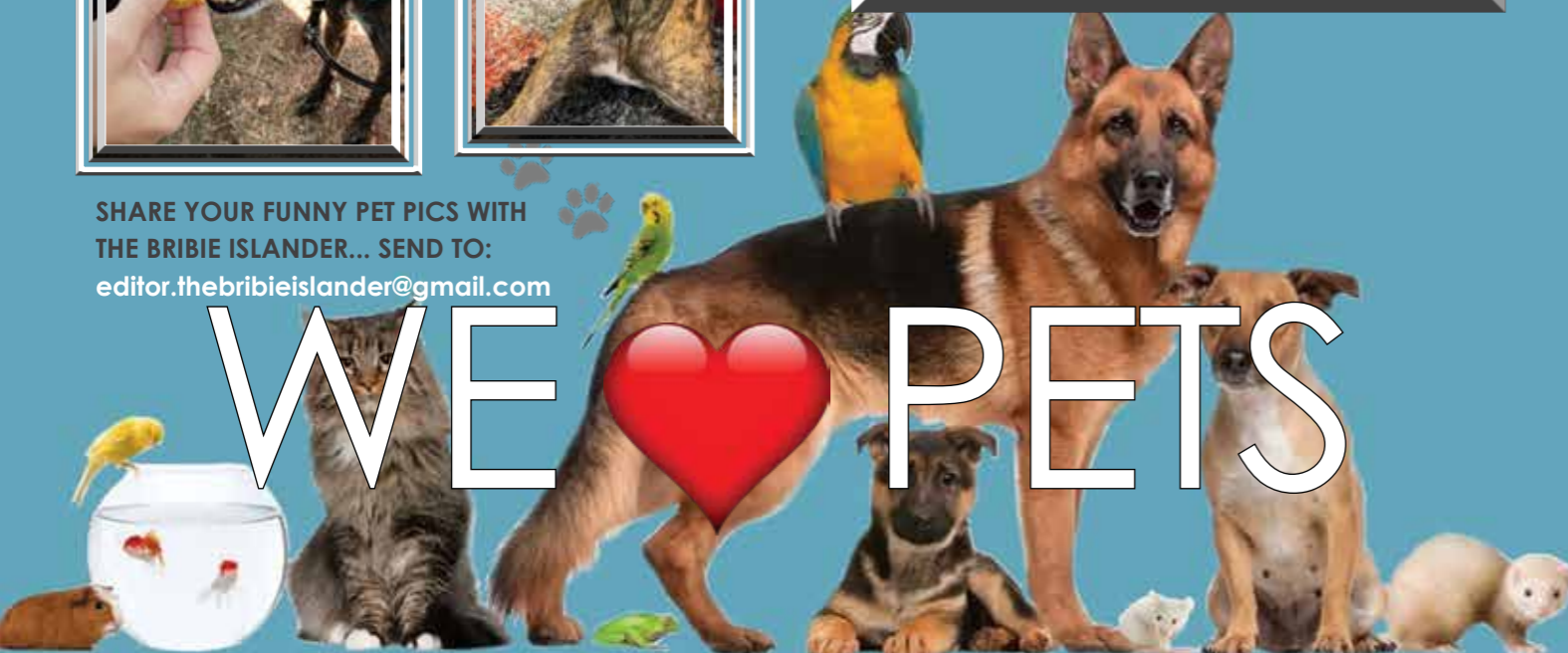


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Council's Systematic Inspection Program of unregistered cats and dogs will continue next financial year, with Council today approving four more inspection programs through to June 2024.

In just this current financial year alone, 17,317 new cats and dogs were registered between 1 July 2022 and 22 March 2023. This is a 55% increase when compared to registrations for the same period in 2021/22. Acting Mayor Jodie Shipway said the results speak for themselves.



"While the majority of cat and dog owners in Moreton Bay are responsible for their pets, there is a likelihood of a significant number of owners across the region who have not registered their cat and/or dog at all," she said.

"It's important that we closely monitor our cat population and ensure people take responsibility for their pets, so they don't escape and become a threat to native animals. "That's why we need a programmed approach to the registration of cats and dogs to ensure pet owners don't become complacent - this would diminish Council's

capacity to address issues relating to the keeping of cat and dogs in our region." There are many benefits of cat and dog registration including:

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- Proof of ownership identification system.
- Assists in the resolution of nuisances from cats and dogs

as Council Officers can identify owners.

Acting Mayor Shipway said the biggest help of all Council gets is from all the wonderful pet owners out there who are doing the right thing. "So, I want to thank you for doing your part," she said. There will be four inspection programs which will start, and finish as follows:

- Program 1: 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.
- Program 2: 1 October 2023 to 15 December 2023.
- Program 3: 8 January 2024 to 31 March 2024; and
- Program 4: 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024.

TO PUNISH OR NOT TO PUNISH - Anti Bark Collars

The question many people ask is do anti bark collars work and the answer is yes. The real question to ask HOW do they work and WHY do they work. When buying them, you'll often be told or see written that they are harmless. If they're harmless then why don't normal flat collars work? The truth is they are not harmless. RSPCA has quoted - these devices are inhumane as they are designed to deliberately cause suffering. Electric shock collars are banned in some Australian states such as New South Wales, South Australia and ACT. The following countries have banned them - Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Slovenia, Germany, and Canada. UK is in the process of having them banned.

What are they and how do they work? There are three main types of anti bark collars 1. Citronella collar, 2. electric shock collar and 3. ultrasonic collar.

1. Citronella collars have a small microphone in the collar to sense barking. Once detected it releases a

citronella smell into the air. This causes physical discomfort in the dog including head shaking, sneezing, nausea and irritation to the eyes.

2. Electric shock collars deliberately causes physical harm such as discomfort, pain and injury and mental harm, fear, anxiety, and learned helplessness.

3. Ultrasonic collars creates a high pitch sound that we can't hear it but dogs can and it causes harm and hurts their ears.

Why do they work? In all these collars they cause great harm, discomfort and pain to the dogs. Dogs have been seen whilst wearing these collars to tremble and hide. It also can damage the human animal bond.

It is cruel to use these collars to an animal that is only doing what is natural to them. The previous three articles are written about how to manage your dog's barking.

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THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING AN AUTOMATIC POOL CLEANER

Buying an automatic pool cleaner is not a matter of how cheap or attractive a machine looks. A good automatic pool cleaner should be able to meet all your pool's needs. Hence, you need to take time to do your research on the various brands available in the



market so that you choose the right type of automatic pool cleaner.

Pool size - The size of a pool is one of the most important features to look at when choosing an automatic pool cleaner. The reason behind this is that different automatic pool cleaners come with different maximum pool sizes and varying cord lengths. You should also factor in the distance between your pool and the cleaner's power supply. Your aim should be to buy an automatic pool cleaner that can reach all corners of the pool.

Style - Depending on the manufacturer's design, an automatic pool cleaner

may or may not be able to clean and scrub your pool's vertical surface. If your pool has irregular steps, curved walls, and other sophisticated features, you may need to shop around to ensure that you find a pool cleaner that is designed to match your pool's design as well as your specific needs.

Debris type - This is another key feature to consider when buying an automatic pool cleaner. You have to take into consideration the amount of debris to be removed and its form. Some automatic pool cleaners such as solar-powered ones are built to eliminate anything on the surface of the pool but are unable to remove the dirt on the sides or the bottom. Still, large quantities of dust and leaves can also be a problem for the smaller, simpler automatic pool cleaners. However, they are highly recommended for cleaning pools with finer particles and sand.

Maintenance - An automatic pool cleaner is supposed to make the job much easier. However, there are times that you may encounter hidden problems in the setup of either your pool or the cleaner. Hence, you need to take some time to check out the different brands to see if they have any hidden needs and flaws in their set-up. The best way to check for this is by looking at the online reviews of the different machines from clients who have bought and used them before. It is also recommendable to invest in an automatic cleaner whose parts are readily available. This way, you will be able to access them easily, just in case you need to replace some parts.

Cost - The cost of the device is also a significant aspect that you should put into consideration when choosing the right automatic pool cleaner. This is a crucial factor as it determines the simplicity and sophistication of the robotic pool cleaner that you intend to purchase. Remember, the more high-tech a cleaner is, the more you might have to pay for it.

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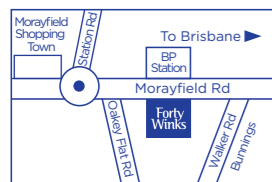
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SET A COMPETITIVE PRICE

If you want to sell your property quickly, you must price it competitively. Avoid setting either an excessively high or low price. Find out how much other houses like yours are selling for by doing some market research. A real estate agent can help you assess a property's market value by considering its location, size, and condition.

MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS

If you want to get the most money out of selling your property, you should fix up any problems it has before you list it. Inspect your house for broken taps, scuffed walls, and worn-out furniture and appliances. You should get an expert inspection and a list of needed repairs from a specialist. Once you've completed the necessary repairs, prospective buyers can rest assured knowing that your house is in excellent shape.

UTILIZE MARKETING

It is essential to have a robust internet presence since most

homebuyers now begin their search online. Put your property up for sale on all major real estate websites. Please make a video or virtual tour of your house to highlight its greatest aspects. Use sites like Facebook and Instagram to advertise your house to a wider audience.

HOLD AN OPEN HOUSE

If you want to sell your property fast and to more people, hosting an open house is a fantastic idea. You should clean, tidy, and prepare your house before guests arrive. If you want to maximize your house's selling potential, you may hire a professional home stager or interior designer. At the open house, greet visitors warmly and be ready to answer any questions.

NAVIGATING THE INS AND OUTS OF HOME SELLING

Taxes
Capital gains taxes might apply to the money you generate from selling your house. Several variables will determine your tax liability, including the time you've been

a homeowner and the size of your profit. Contact a tax expert to learn more about your tax responsibilities and options for reducing your bill.

MOVING COSTS

The cost of moving should be considered with other selling expenses. Hiring professional movers or renting a truck might be necessary if you have a lot of stuff to transport across a long distance. Storage costs and other fees may also be incurred. Think about these expenses when calculating your sale's final profit.

FUTURE HOUSING PLANS

Selling your house fast might be a huge relief, but it's still crucial to have a strategy for what to do afterward. Consider whether you want to rent or purchase and investigate the local real estate market. While looking for a permanent place to live, you may also want to investigate short-term housing solutions like living with relatives or friends. investigate short-term housing solutions like living with relatives or friends.

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TEN CREATIVE Garden Ideas to Brighten YOUR Home



Secret Garden Nook: Create a hidden nook in your garden where you can escape and relax. Use tall plants, trellises, or a canopy to create a secluded area. Add cosy seating, soft lighting, and fragrant flowers to create a peaceful retreat within your own garden.

Before closing on a property, every home buyer carefully inspects the backyard. This area might be useful for including a stunning outdoor décor piece in your home. A well-kept garden is

typically the go-to option for using a backyard. So, here are 10 imaginative garden ideas for tiny spaces for you if you're wondering how to add elegance and appeal to your backyard:

Vertical Herb Garden:

Utilize a wall or fence to create a vertical herb garden. Hang small planters or use a trellis with built-in pockets to grow a variety of herbs, adding a functional and visually appealing element to your garden.



Garden Mosaic:

Add an artistic touch to your garden by creating a mosaic. Use colourful broken tiles, glass, or pottery to design patterns or pictures on stepping stones, walls, or tabletops. It's a great way to showcase your creativity and personalize your garden.



Living Wall Art:

Transform a plain wall into a living work of art by creating a living wall. Attach vertical planters or use a trellis system to grow a variety of plants and create a stunning focal point in your garden.



Reflective Garden Ornaments:

Add a touch of sparkle and light to your garden by incorporating reflective ornaments. Hang mirrors or small reflective objects in strategic spots to catch and reflect sunlight, creating interesting patterns and a sense of enchantment

Fairy Garden:

Create a miniature world by designing a fairy garden. Use small plants, fairy figurines, and tiny accessories like miniature houses, bridges, and ponds to bring a touch of magic to your outdoor space.



Upcycled Garden Sculptures:

Turn old or unwanted items into eye-catching garden sculptures. Use recycled metal, wood, or other materials to create unique pieces of art such as a metal bird sculpture, a whimsical wind chime, or a repurposed bicycle planter.



Colourful Tire Planters:

Paint old tires in bright colours and use them as planters. Stack them to create a tiered garden or hang them on a wall for a unique vertical display. Fill them with soil and plant colourful flowers or cascading vines for a playful touch.



Hanging Basket Chandelier:

Create a hanging basket chandelier by suspending a cluster of hanging baskets at different heights from a sturdy tree branch or pergola. Fill the baskets with colourful flowers, trailing vines, or cascading foliage to create a stunning hanging centrepiece.



Recycled Container Garden:

Repurpose old containers like buckets, crates, or even an old bathtub to create a unique container garden. Paint them in vibrant colours or patterns to add a pop of creativity and grow your favourite plants and flowers inside.

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RACE TO 40,000 MEALS FOR CHARITY.

The Mini Farm Project is taking a firm stance against food insecurity by establishing a new charity farm in Wamuran at LuvaBerry and will be able to grow up to 40,000 meals a year. The produce will then be distributed at no charge to local charities like Global Care, Freedom Church and Breakfast Club Redcliffe.

Founder Nick Steiner says, "We plan to create a number of charity farms in the Moreton Bay Region to help fight hunger and feed people in need."

"With the rising cost of living the need for our farms is more urgent than ever." Nick said.

Apart from selling coffee online, to help fund this new charity farm Nick and the team have come up with a unique online fundraiser.

"Nourishing Hope, Faith, and Charity in Uncertain Times," which promises to be a transformative event featuring a panel of distinguished guest speakers. These esteemed speakers, including Councillor Brooke Savige, Von Barnes from Pinnacle Properties, Pastor Matt Prater from New

Hope Church, Pastor Phil Cutcliffe from Springfield Christian Family Church, and Joshua Plumb from Nexus Care, will share their insights on cultivating hope, nurturing faith, and fostering charity within our community.

The event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and will provide invaluable knowledge on maintaining positivity and staying on the right path, even in the face of daunting challenges. Drawing from their personal experiences, the panellist's will offer guidance on sustaining faith and hope while actively supporting this worthy cause.

"The best thing is that the event is online so there is no need to travel, park or get out in the cold" Nick said.

By participating in this event, you will not only gain valuable insights but also contribute to this essential cause.

"If 10,000 people join our online event we can fund this farm the very next day" Nick said.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to join forces with The Mini Farm Project and make a positive impact in the

world. Register now for their fundraising event and become an advocate for a future where hunger is eradicated, and communities thrive.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, June 7th
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

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MATERIALS THAT CAN'T GO INTO THE RECYCLING BIN INCLUDE:

- garden waste
- food waste
- disposable paper such as soiled tissues and wipes
- polystyrene
- compostable packaging (look like plastic) that are usually single use i.e., plates, cups, single-use coffee lids, cutlery, toothbrushes etc.
- soft plastics such as plastic bags, chip packets and zip lock bags
- wood
- medical waste or nappies
- polystyrene

- light bulbs
- household glass, e.g., mirrors, windows or drinking glasses
- ceramic items, e.g., coffee mugs and cookware
- scrap metal
- clothing, manchester, curtains, pillows
- batteries
- e-waste, including printer cartridges
- motor oil containers
- hazardous materials

Search the waste database to find out where you can take materials that aren't accepted in the kerbside recycling bin to be recovered.

HAZARDOUS ITEMS THAT

CANNOT GO INTO YOUR HOUSEHOLD BINS

These items are considered hazardous and cannot go into your household bins, but you can dispose or recycle them at some facilities. Search where to recycle or dispose for options.

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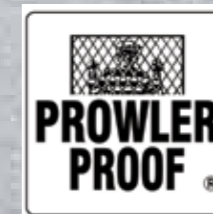
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HIGH TEA

2PM Saturday 13th May 2023 – 70 members and guests enjoyed the fine fare offered by the VMR Social Committee and the wonderful fashion parade provided by Bernie from Pina Colada/Mojito and modelled by our VMR ladies: - Barbara Gilmore, Colleen Beros, Gail Tranter, Cheryl Robinson, and Kaye Hammond. Among the attendees were the Federal Member for Longman Terry Young MP, the State Member for Pumicestone Ali King MP, and Division 1 Councillor Brooke Savage from Moreton Bay Regional Council.

The Menu for the afternoon was: - A glass of bubbly on arrival with our bar staff for the day Tim and Pauline Amourous attending to everybody's requirements from Prosecco to Bundy with Ginger Beer, with tea and coffee in constant supply. Savoury chicken and egg and lettuce sandwiches, triple decker salmon & cucumber with cream cheese finger sandwiches, salmon mouse vol au vents, pork and beef and chicken sausage rolls, zucchini & mushroom slice, and mini quiches. Some gluten free options were also available.

After the fashion parade sweets were served consisting of: - Mini pink lamingtons, mini scones jam and cream, match sticks, mini chocolate cupcakes, various gluten free friands and slices.

There were prizes for the Best Dressed (Autumn Theme) and a lucky door prize. There were many raffle prizes with donations from: - Woolworths Banksia Beach, Priceline Pharmacy Bribie Island, Pebble Beach Craft Ladies,

Beach Hair Woorim, Brooke Savage, Terry Young, and Ali King; also, donations from our VMR members Kaye Hammond, Lyn Boucaut, Sheryl & John Traill, and Colleen Crompton



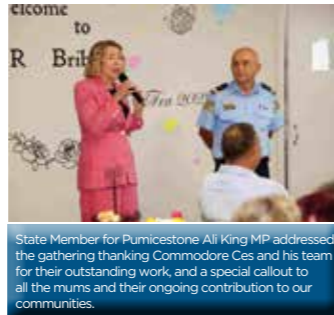
The Function Room set up for the event.



The Social Committee working on the day: - Colleen Beros, Gail Tranter, John Traill, Leona Patrick, Kaye Hammond, Sheryl Traill, Carol Pobar Robyn Young, Cheryl Robinson, and Kelly Langworthy.



Federal Member for Longman Terry Young MP being the only male guest commented that this was a first for him, but seeing the quality of the food and decoration wondered why it took him so long to attend a high tea! Terry then congratulated all involved and a special thanks to Commodore Ces and his volunteers for a wonderful job in keeping our community safe.



State Member for Pumicestone Ali King MP addressed the gathering thanking Commodore Ces and his team for their outstanding work, and a special callout to all the mums and their ongoing contribution to our communities.



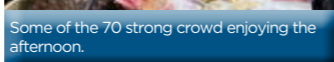
Division 1 Councillor for MBRC Brooke Savage reiterated comments from both Terry and Ali, thanked Commodore Ces and all his volunteers for their wonderful contribution to our community. Brooke also mentioning all the mums out there for their contribution and for their special day tomorrow.



Commodore Ces Luscombe introduced VMR Functions and Social Coordinator Kelly Langworthy who thanked all for attending and mentioned the donations from our politicians and the many generous others from our community.



Sheryl Traill and Robyn Young ensure sweets are ready once the fashion parade is finished.



Some of the 70 strong crowd enjoying the afternoon.



Barbara Gilmore Colleen Beros Kaye Hammond



Cheryl Robinson Gail Tranter



Bernie the owner of Pina Colada and Mojito introduces the models from VMR: - Colleen Beros, Gail Tranter, Kaye Hammond, Cheryl Robinson, and Barbara Gilmore.



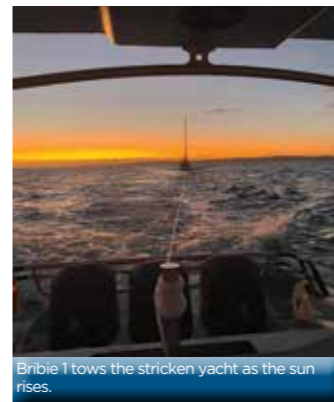
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Kate Brown won the Best Dressed with an Autumn theme above with Commodore Ces Luscombe.

NIGHT ASSIST

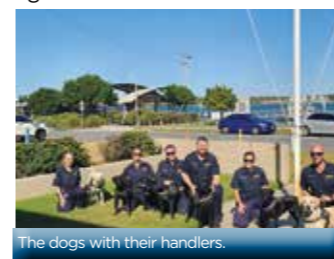
Night crew were tasked by Water Police to a muffled Pan Pan call at 23:15 last night, (possible people in the water and vessel sinking) distressed vessel approximate location was offshore from Moreton Island near Flat Rock, Bribie 1, VMR North Stradbroke's vessel Deranji, assisted Police Vessel Brett T Handran, The Rescue 500 Helicopter and one of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority Challenger Jets, the distressed vessel had lost a lot of communication electronics, phones and engine after almost capsizing by a rogue wave in an already rough ocean. Once located B1 took the vessel under a steady tow and moored the 12-15mt sailing vessel on the VMR Bribie Island emergency mooring in the Pumicestone Passage, with assistance from the day call out crew on Bribie 2 by 7am. A great job by all involved!



Bribie 1 tows the stricken yacht as the sun rises.

BORDER FORCE VISIT VMR

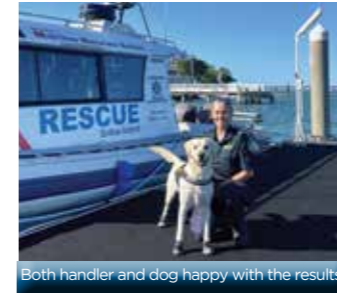
Marine Rescue Bribie Island hosted members from the Border Force Dog Enforcement Squad. The dogs were put to task on our vessels and building. The dogs passed 100% finding an assortment of hidden items. Just another way we work with all other enforcement agencies.



The dogs with their handlers.



The dog check inside Bribie 1 for contraband!



Both handler and dog happy with the results!

RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY TOORBUL - Sat 20th May 2023

VMR Bribie was requested to provide a display for the Toorbul Rural Fire Service Open Day and as we are neighbours (across the Passage), and we built our Events Trailer with a donation from the Toorbul Community we happily accepted. Secretary and Commercial Coxswain Gary Voss, Radio Officer Peter McNamara, Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes, Coxswain Gary Bunker, and Public Relation Officer and Senior Radio Operator John Traill attended the Open Day held in front of the Toorbul Fire Station. Although a relatively quiet Open Day, largely due to the Classic Boat Regatta which was held concurrently on the foreshore it was still a worthwhile exercise as many locals dropped in for a chat, some were also members of VMR Bribie. VMR had on display our Jonkers Motors sponsored HiLux 4X4 with our new Events Trailer which was setup with current information on safety equipment requirements and handouts along with merchandise for sale. A sausage sizzle and coffee van were available for a gold coin donation.



VMR Events Trailer built with the proceeds from the Toorbul Community donation to VMR Bribie proudly displayed in the front of the Toorbul RFS Station.



VMR Bribie and RFS Toorbul got together for a chat and a photo, VMR Bribie's Peter McNamara behind the lens!

MAY VESSEL ASSISTS:

WED 17/05 2345PM – Activated by Water Police to attend a 12m yacht that was reported capsized off Flat Rock.
THU 18/05 0700AM - Bribie 2 assisted with mooring disabled yacht.
FRI 19/05 1322PM – 7m Half Cabin non-member with motor overheated opposite entrance to Spinnaker required a tow into Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SAT 20/05 1343PM – 5.8m Centre

Console member lost power North of White Patch required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.
SUN 21/05 0913 PM – 5m Runabout Redcliffe member with mechanical issues off the entrance to Pacific Harbour required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 21/05 1215PM – Requested by Water Police to investigate paddle boarder clinging to buoy off Woorim – Investigated found windsurfer, instructed to search for paddle boarder – not found.

2023 YEAR RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 25th May 2023
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FISHING REPORT

BY: Claude Trabelsi From Bribie Bait Tackle And Bikes



The past weeks have seen one of the earliest runs of tailor that I can remember, with lots of anglers bagging out on tailor, with catches from boats and land.

Skirmish Point is the pick for land-based spots. Watson leaping bonito and dart have also been plentiful off the beaches, with so much bait in the water.

Big shout out to the parents that managed to take their kids for a fish, With Tyler and sister Charlotte landed some nice tailor, and Myles managed to hold onto an absolute monster going 60cm and was an awesome fight.

As our fish cycles seem to be a couple of months early with floods having a lot to do with it, the flathead has headed up on the shallows to clean up bait fish that the tailor left behind. Editor (Claude) bagging out in under an hour with shallow running lures.

Bream is growing in numbers every week with more migrating into the passage and upper regions. Snapper is starting to be caught regularly with good numbers boated.

An early run of mullet is seeing the commercial boys working the nets of Woorim, be mindful to give them room to work!

Light lines will see the best results. A 4 to 6-lb line on a 1000-size reel is my favourite. Fished with a long leader and size 1 or 2 long shank hook. Prawns are the flavour of the month with fresh prawns available by the Kilo from Bribie Bait Tackle & Bikes.

Offshore the trail boat anglers have been wrestling with marlin, weather permitting. Tom Caville managed a nice Blue Marlin, (GPS spots provided). With Josh Plover (known as one of Bribie's best Marlin Fishos) privileged to be on the legendary Keli Pepene's boat, the Ikanui, Josh was put on his first striped Marlin, tagged and released!



TIDE TIMES

Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

FRI 2 Jun 2:21 am 0.57m 8:07 am 1.64m 2:12 pm 0.27m 8:59 pm 2.04m	SAT 3 Jun 3:10 am 0.51m 8:51 am 1.61m 2:48 pm 0.24m 9:38 pm 2.14m	SUN 4 Jun 3:58 am 0.47m 9:35 am 1.56m 3:25 pm 0.24m 10:19 pm 2.19m	MON 5 Jun 4:46 am 0.46m 10:21 am 1.49m 4:03 pm 0.26m 11:02 pm 2.21m	TUE 6 Jun 5:36 am 0.47m 11:08 am 1.43m 4:45 pm 0.31m 11:47 pm 2.18m	WED 7 Jun 6:28 am 0.49m 11:59 am 1.38m 5:32 pm 0.37m	THU 8 Jun 12:34 am 2.12m 7:20 am 0.51m 12:52 pm 1.35m 6:24 pm 0.44m
FRI 9 Jun 1:25 am 2.04m 8:15 am 0.52m 1:51 pm 1.36m 7:22 pm 0.51m	SAT 10 Jun 2:17 am 1.94m 9:09 am 0.52m 2:58 pm 1.41m 8:30 pm 0.59m	SUN 11 Jun 3:15 am 1.83m 10:02 am 0.49m 4:10 pm 1.49m 9:48 pm 0.65m	MON 12 Jun 4:16 am 1.72m 10:55 am 0.46m 5:22 pm 1.62m 11:10 pm 0.68m	TUE 13 Jun 5:21 am 1.62m 11:46 am 0.41m 6:28 pm 1.76m	WED 14 Jun 12:28 am 0.66m 6:25 am 1.55m 12:36 pm 0.36m 7:25 pm 1.91m	THU 15 Jun 1:38 am 0.61m 7:24 am 1.51m 1:24 pm 0.31m 8:16 pm 2.03m

RECREATIONAL FISHING RULES

Fishing gear restrictions apply to fishing gear to prevent overfishing.

PROHIBITED FISHING METHODS. JAGGING OR FOUL HOOKING.

Using underwater breathing apparatus (other than a snorkel) to catch fish.

USING A CRAB HOOK.

Using fishing gear (including nets) across a waterway or navigation channel if it makes more than half its width impassable to a boat or fish.

RESPONSIBLE CRABBING - DO

Make sure your crab pot/dilly is heavy enough and has enough rope attached to the float, so it's not lost in strong tidal currents. Lost crabbing gear can harm marine animals and becomes marine litter.

It's best practice to make sure your pots/dillies are in water deep enough at all stages of the tide so marine animals caught in the gear are not exposed to the sun and unwanted crabs can be released alive.

Sort your crabs on a pot-by-pot basis to remove any no-take crabs before moving on. If you don't, any illegal catch in your pot is considered to be in your possession.

Check your pots/dillies regularly to ensure any bycatch or no-take crabs can be released unharmed. Ideally, you should not leave gear unattended for more than 7 days. If you're not sure when you'll be back, take it with you.

DON'T HOOK CRABS - HOOKING CRABS IS ILLEGAL.

Interfere with another person's crabbing gear - this is a serious

offence that carries heavy penalties. Stealing crabs or crab pots is a criminal offence. If you're caught you will be reported to the police.

CAST NETS.

Maximum net size is 3.7m - measured from the point of attachment of the cord or rope to the rest of the net, the net leadline or the bottom of the lowest pocket of the net (whichever is greater). Maximum mesh size is 28mm.

CRAB POTS AND DILLIES

You can use up to 4 crab pots or dillies (or a combination of these) per person.

You can't have more than 4 pots or dillies per person on a boat in the water.

A pot or dilly must have a tag attached with the surname and address (number, street, town, state and postcode) of the person using the pot/dilly - this information must be clearly visible, legible and in English.

The pot or dilly must be attached by a rope to either a: solid, light-coloured float at least 15cm in all its dimensions and marked with the user's surname, fixed object above high water (e.g., a jetty or tree) - the rope must have a tag attached to it above the high-water mark with the user's surname on it (sunken and unmarked pots are illegal).

You can't use inverted dillies (witches' hats).

FISHING LINES

You can use up to 3 fishing lines with up to 6 hooks in total (in any configuration).

An artificial fly, lure, bait jig or gang hook is counted as 1 hook. A fishing line may be handheld or attached to a rod or reel, but you can't use a cross line, drum line, free-floating line or set line. You must stay with all your fishing lines at all times.

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THE BRIBIE ISLAND Classic Boat Regatta 2023

By Cecilia (CC) Wilson
President BACE (Bribie Aquatic
Community Events Inc)

Island and the Pumicestone Passage like no other Moreton Bay event. The regatta participants alighted all along Toorbul Foreshore to a warm welcome from the Toorbul and Donnybrook Community Association who served lunch, which was sponsored by our local Councillor Brooke Savige and Moreton Bay Regional Council.

The afternoon saw all the colourful boats once again grace the Pumicestone Passage to alight at Pacific Harbour Marina, where carparks and side roads were overflowing as large crowds gathered to view and share a tall tale or two with the delighted boat owners sharing their beautiful boats with pride and joy. All of this was accompanied by the dulcet tones of a local legend saxophone player Leigh Thirlwell, accompanied by his talented nine-year-old granddaughter Lotus, who is a star in the making and commanded the stage with her impressive singing voice.

The Grand Parade, always the regatta highlight on Sunday morning, was a magnificent spectacle enjoyed by vast crowds lined up along the foreshores, as the boats made their way to the Sylvan Beach esplanade to be displayed amidst the happy hustle and bustle of classic cars, model boat displays, pop-up stalls, food and live entertainment

The 3 independent judges had been busy during the regatta deciding on who should be the winners this year of the beautiful hand-crafted perpetual trophies.

The 'Pride of Fleet' trophy went to Cairns for a boat named 'Iona' owned by Tom Sparks and Rodger Fryer and lovingly built by members of the Wooden Boat Association of Cairns between 2015 and 2021. The boat was designed by John Welsford, a New Zealander. The boat design is known as a Navigator and is a centre-board yawl day cruiser - simply a beauty.

Best Classic Sailboat 2023 named 'Mary Rose' was won by a Brisbane boat builder Simon Paroz. It was a Clem Masters design and build in 1966 and is a timber-planked Carvel Sailing Sloop. The Best Classic Motorboat named "Moreton Maid" was also coincidentally a Clem Masters design built in 1964 and known as a Masters 31-footer.

This year for the first time we had a 'People's Choice Award' This trophy was initiated and sponsored by the Member for Pumicestone Ms Ali King. Voting cards were given to the public and they responded in their droves. The boat that won known as 'Baby Dolphin' was built by the owner Geoff Tyler from Wynnum and based on a 1928 American Hacker Craft. It's a 22-footer made from

beautiful Brazilian Mahogany wood and was built in 2013. Three Swans a Green Island 15, designed by Mike Robers and built in 2005 got 2nd place. It is owned by Sandy Pegg here on Bribie and Sandy and their family enjoy our many beach camping opportunities, made easy because Three Swans is 'Gunter rigged which allows for the mast and rigging to fit into the length of the hull for trailering.

In 3rd place was a classic boat with beautiful lines simply known as 'A Classic' and owned and designed by Alan Graham from Toorbul, who built it in his 80th year. This year also for the first time, we raffled off a new Joey Sailing dinghy made as a fundraiser for BACE by the Wooden Boat Association of Qld. It was won by a local from Bribie. He and his partner were thrilled. Having never owned a boat before, he said 'We never win anything, this is amazing. Now I have something to do with the grandkids when they come to Bribie'.

Based on our counts a record 3000 people plus attended the regatta. This event has become a signature event for Bribie Island and Moreton Bay. It brought much-needed business and tourism dollars to Bribie and was enjoyed by the community who can take real pride and ownership of a Classic Bribie Island Event.

Classic Boats Regatta And Bribie Pink Dragons Training

We, at **BRIBIE PINK DRAGONS**, thank the Bribie Classic Boats for inviting us to join their flotilla and parade on Sunday 21st May. The Bribie Pink Dragons is a breast cancer survivors club. Our participants, all in their trademark pink, have been paddling on the beautiful Pumicestone Passage since 2008. This year we are celebrating our 15th anniversary with many past and present survivors and their supporters, families, and friends. Snug in the bow of our boat, "Moor-a-Moor"; thumping the drum to maintain timing to communicate pace and technique with the crew, is 89 years young, Joyce. Joyce had her birthday while competing as

the drummer, at a very recent International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission Participatory Festival in New Zealand. She has been paddling for the past 12 years. Joyce is a continuing inspiration to all our members, and she and all our paddlers are proof, that dragon boat paddling is a perfect means of rehabilitation for breast cancer survivors. In the Classic Boats regatta, **BRIBIE PINK DRAGONS** performed a "PADDLE TAP". This is a ceremonial salute paddle, carried out on special occasions as a sign of respect. The Sweep, Helm or Steer, is standing at the back of the boat with the oar. The sweep's role is to control the movement of the boat

and is deemed the "Captain of the Boat". Therefore, the sweep has responsibility for the safety of their boat, their crew and the boats around them. Bribie Pink Dragons are on the water three times a week - amongst dolphins, dugong and turtles- on Saturdays and Mondays mornings, and Thursday afternoons. They are always looking for new members. So, if you are a breast cancer survivor or a man or woman who has been in close contact with a breast cancer patient, a family member, or a person with a like-minded ethos, then this is the club for you. **For further information, contact President, Maree, 0405550960.**



When you bring together 91 beautiful classic boats from near and far, it can only be described as spectacular and with postcard-perfect weather in S.E. Queensland the weekend of the Bribie Island Classic Boat Regatta with brilliant blue skies, glistening water, small boats, big boats and great old wooden cruisers, a blaze of colourful flags, polished teak, the shining heads of copper nails, joy on faces, children laughing, sounds of animated discussions you've got something very special indeed.

As the boats cruised along the Pumicestone Passage to Toorbul and Donnybrook it evoked memories of a rich maritime recreational past and truly showcased Bribie

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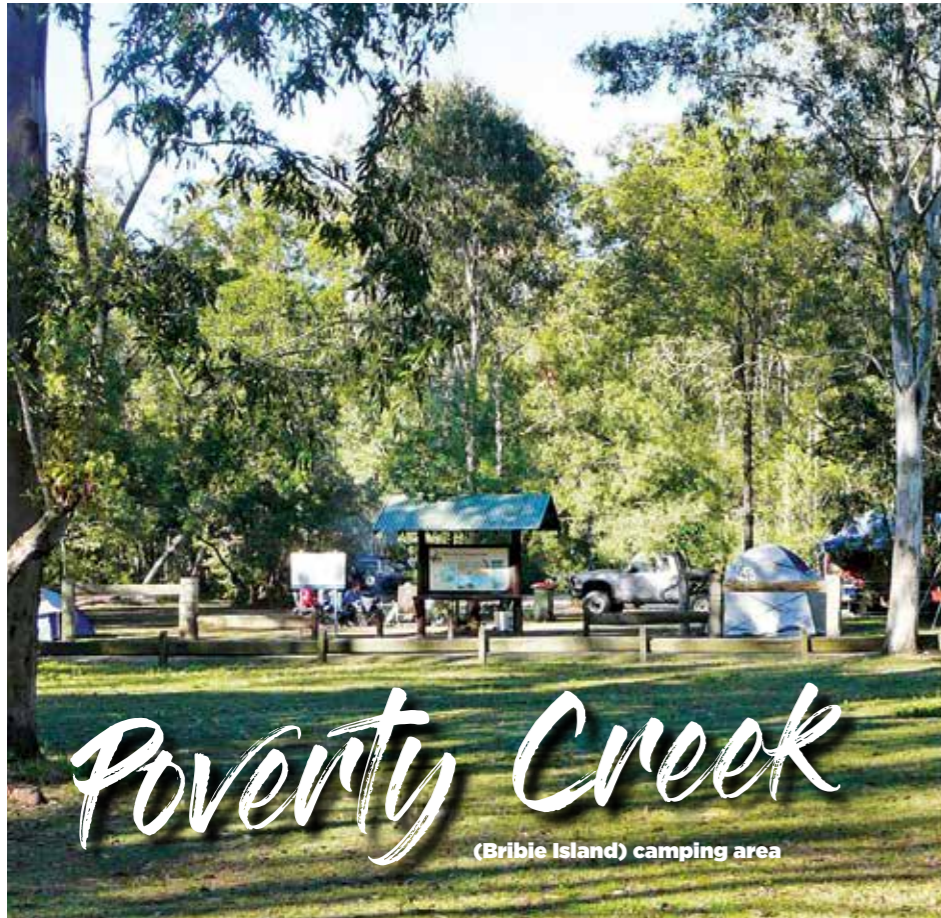
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Poverty Creek

(Bribie Island) camping area

Camp in this wide grassy area with shady trees that is ideal for groups and camper trailers. Relax against a scenic backdrop of the Glasshouse Mountains and Donnybrook across Pumicestone Passage. If you're keen on fishing, wet a line and catch a flathead, whiting, tailor and mangrove jack for dinner—fish from the beach or your boat. If fishing's not your thing, bring your canoe or kayak for a paddle around the sheltered waters of Pumicestone Passage. At low tide, take a peaceful stroll along the water's edge or, if you're after some adventure, head off in your 4WD (along one of the drives you can access from here) to explore greater Bribie Island. Getting there and getting around

- The camping area is on the western side of the island, on the shores of Pumicestone Passage and can be accessed by high clearance 4WD with low range capability, or by boat.

ROAD ACCESS

- From the bridge, drive north along Sunderland Drive and continue along White Patch Esplanade.
- At White Patch, follow the main track north, passing the turn-off to Gallagher Point camping area.
- At the next track intersection, veer left and continue to the Poverty Creek camping area.
- A vehicle access permit must be purchased. Display the permit on your windscreen before driving in the recreation area. 24hr number plate surveillance cameras in use. Please ensure vehicle registration details are correct on your permit. For more information see:
 - Two-wheel-drive (2WD) vehicles, trail bikes and motorbikes are prohibited from obtaining a vehicle access permit and entering the Bribie Island Recreation Area.

BOAT ACCESS

- The closest boat ramps are on the mainland at Donnybrook, Toorbul and Sandstone Point.

- Boat ramps are also located at Golden Beach, Bells Creek and Coochin Creek on the mainland.
- You can also launch your boat from the island at Bellara and Bongaree boat ramps.
- When boating over seagrass beds in Pumicestone Passage, do your best to minimise impacts on dugongs. Take it easy and observe the go slow areas (PDF, 793KB).

Before you visit

OPENING HOURS

Poverty Creek 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.

Camping area features: this is a large camping area that has open grassy sites and shady trees. It is situated on land that was once a cattle property. Location: on the western side of Bribie Island. The adjoining picnic area overlooks the Pumicestone Passage and

has views to the Glass House Mountains and Donnybrook. Access: the camping area can be reached by 4WD and boat. There are no boat launching or recovery facilities.

Number of sites: 14 numbered sites plus one large group and/or trailer area.

Camp sites are suitable for: tent camping beside your 4WD and walk-in camping. There is also an area designated for camper trailers or large groups.

Camp site surface: sand, dirt, grass.

Facilities: micro-flush toilets, portable toilet dump point, screened cold showers, water taps (not suitable for drinking), picnic tables and fire rings. Open fires: allowed (except when fire bans or prohibitions apply) in provided fire rings only, but fuel stoves recommended.

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Dear Editor,
I am responding to Peter Bradley's recent letter and am respectfully suggesting an alternate solution. Why don't we leave 'ADVANCE AUSTRALIA' where it is - keep that for formal occasions other than sporting events - Anzac Day, Australia Day, opening of Parliaments, royal visits etc. Sport in Australia is KING - it deserves its own anthem. Let's adopt a separate 'anthem' for major sporting occasions that deserves an anthem being played. We don't have to look far to see how multi-national Australia has become - just have a look at some of the names of the members of all our sporting teams at state and national level. My alternate proposal is the adoption of Judith Durham's hit 'WE ARE ONE' as Australia's Sporting Anthem - to be sung at Olympic and Commonwealth Games when Australians of many races are receiving Gold Medals, at the commencement of International Sporting

Dear Editor,
Insurance for e-bikes - I recently renewed my household insurance policy. I had some queries about the renewal, so I contacted the insurer's HELP DESK to clarify matters. In the course of that conversation, I was advised that my e-bike is not insured under the policy. Bicycles are covered. But not e-bikes. I asked if I could take out a separate policy for just the e-bike but was advised that was not possible. The

Dear Editor,
I wanted to send you three superstars a huge thank you for producing, every fortnight, a most amazing magazine, which you then deliver to my driveway free of charge. How wonderful. We are happy to support all the advertisers in there and thank you for highlighting all new businesses- and the current ones too of course- which make Bribie and surrounds their place of business. Don't be discouraged by those very few minorities who will always find something to complain about. The great majority of us are IMMENSELY grateful for the HUGE and eclectic range of topics covered. Well done you three. Kind regards and keep up the fabulous work!! **L.D Evans.**

events involving Australia and opponents from overseas, Grand Finals and so on. We are soon to be hosting a number of international sporting world cup events - culminating in the 2032 OLYMPICS. We would not be inventing the wheel - Ireland has a sporting anthem - 'IRELAND CALLS'. In 1995 the Irish Rugby Football Union commissioned this song as an alternate to the then republic's anthem 'THE SOLDIER'S SONG. Since then, Irish athletes and sports fans have showed great affection for the song. People at sporting occasions are voting with their larynx!! I totally agree with Peter's comment about 'dry eyes in the house'. It is always played when our Wallabies play Ireland. It was played when Ireland played during the recent cricket world cup as well as when they played the All Blacks during their recent tour of New Zealand. I agree that some of the words would have to be modernised/updated - retain the chorus but rewrite two verses. **Grae Britt**

sympathetic HELP DESK person advised that he understood this was the position for other household insurers. He knew of no insurer that covered e-bikes under their general household policy and knew of no insurer who could provide coverage through a separate policy. What is the experience of other The Bribie Island readers? Is your e-bike covered by your household policy? If so, who is your insurer? **John Oxenford**

Dear Editor,
I agree with Peter Bradley, that our current National Anthem should be replaced with the Seekers' great song. But why have three verses, when most people can't remember more than one. My suggested verse acknowledges all the people who have contributed to our nation, though admittedly it doesn't say as much about the land itself. "Our founders came in ancient times, thousands of years ago. While others came in prison ships, and helped Australia grow. Now many seek their freedom here, beneath the southern sun - We all combine, in this great land, to be Australian." It leads into the original chorus with its aspirations, to make a great anthem. **H.Beneke**

CRIME REPORT

BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP

MAY 2023

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STOLEN CAMPERVAN
Police are investigating the theft of an A'Van Sportliner 1998 camper from a Foley Street Bongaree address at Bribie Island, between May 19 and 20. It is alleged a padlock was cut from the tow ball, allowing offenders to steal the vehicle. At the time, the van was bearing Queensland registration AY3434. Stolen boat, Beachmere Police are investigating the theft of a boat from an Egan Avenue, Beachmere address between 10.30am and 2pm on May 23. It is alleged a chain was cut and a fence around the property was damaged, in order to gain entry and steal the boat. CCTV footage shows a grey Ssangyong Musso four-wheel drive towing the boat in the vicinity of Bribie Island Road at about 3pm on May 23. It is alleged that this vehicle

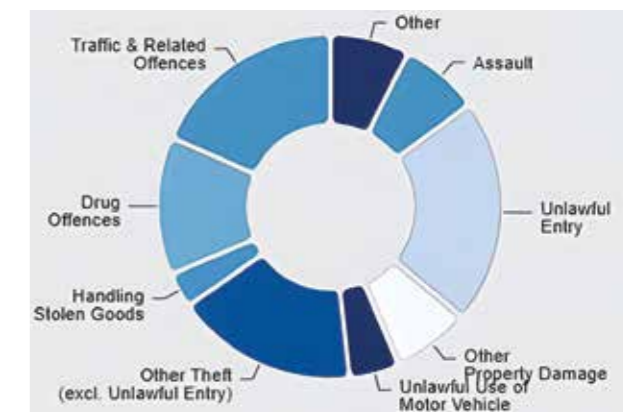
was stolen from a Cronin Street, Morayfield address between 5.30pm on May 19 and 7.20am on May 20. It was located at a Wilton Street, Wooloongabba address at 1.20pm on May 24. It is further alleged that the stolen vehicle has been involved in multiple offences across Brisbane including Deception Bay, Windsor, Rothwell, Dakabin, Narangba and Scarborough. If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting. Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers. Call 1800 333 000 or report online at www.crimestoppersqld.com.au. Quote this reference number: QP2300849494



Bribie Island police have charged a 28-year-old Bongaree man with fifteen property offences committed on the Island.

On May 15, it is alleged a Dux Drive, Bongaree residence was broken into and camera equipment was stolen. It is alleged that entry was gained through an unlocked rear sliding door. The resident later found that the alleged offender accidentally took a video of himself on a phone which belonged to the home owner. Between May 16 and 17, it is alleged that three houses

in a housing complex at Goodwin Drive, Bongaree were damaged due to attempted entry and property, including jewellery and cash, were stolen. Between May 15 and 17, similar types of offences occurred at nine units at a complex on Foley Street, Bongaree. It is alleged the following items were stolen from the properties: meat, cash, photographic equipment, and a portable refrigerator. On May 24, the alleged offender was located at a Kingfisher Drive, Bongaree address when police executed a search warrant. The 28 year-old Bongaree man was arrested and charged with break and enter and drug offences. He is set to appear in the Caboolture Magistrates court on May 31.



69 Offences
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- Other 5
- Assault 5
- Unlawful Entry 15
- Other Property Damage 5
- Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle 3
- Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry) 2
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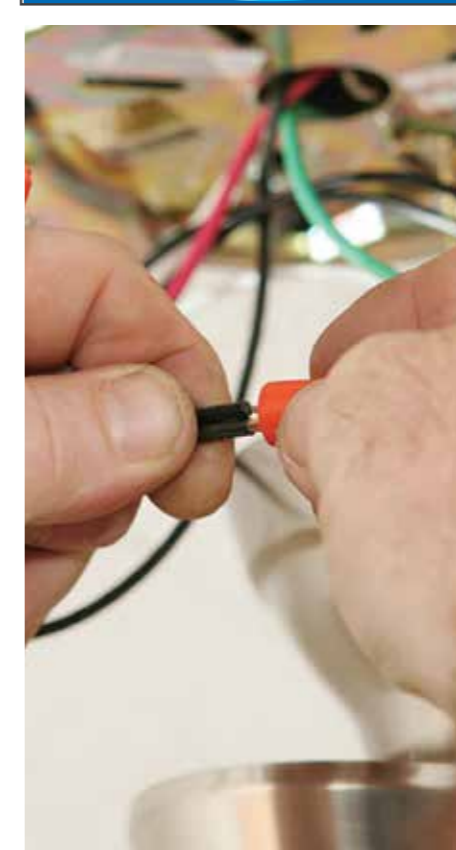
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