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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Country across our region. We also acknowledge and pay our respects to the Kabi Kabi, Jinibara and Turrbal Traditional Custodians, and their elders past, present and emerging of the lands, winds and waters where we live, learn and work. We pay our respects and acknowledge the important role of Elders past and present, for they hold the memories of the traditions, cultures and aspirations of Australia's First Nations peoples, and have taken on the responsibility to protect and promote their culture and leave a legacy for future Elders and leaders.

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Welcome



Welcome to edition 205! As the year progresses and we come to the Christmas and holiday period, we will be putting our last magazine out for the year, and it will be a bumper edition with not

only more pages but extra magazines being printed! We are taking bookings now, so contact us about how we can help showcase your business to our locals and holidaymakers.

There are so many Christmas events coming up; check them out in this magazine; I am sure you and your family will find something to help celebrate the holiday season! Between markets, carols and lots of Christmas shows, we are a very lucky community to have such a selection to choose from or go and see them all!

On another note, our lawn thieves are still at it, targeting different areas around the Island, so keep an eye out for these Christmas grinchers and report any suspicious

behaviour you see. I hope they get coal in their stockings this year! It cannot get any lower than stealing from charities organisations!

On the topic of charities, we all need to acknowledge the sensational organisations we have supporting our residents. Without them, there would be a lot fewer people, clubs and groups who would miss out on sorely needed funds. They are our Santa Claus daily, bringing hope to otherwise dire situations. So, a big round of applause to you all!

Until next time,
Take care, stay safe



Cherrie



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SHARON FROM ECO VILLAGE HAIR CARES FOR PEOPLE FROM THE INSIDE TO THE OUTSIDE!

On 28 April 1996, Alannah and Madeline Mikac, aged six and three, were tragically killed alongside their mother and 32 others at Port Arthur in Tasmania. One year later, the Alannah & Madeline Foundation was launched in the girls' honour by their father Walter Mikac AM and a small group of volunteers, driven by the belief that all children and young people should be able to live a happy and safe life, free from violence and trauma.

Today, their mission continues through care, prevention and advocacy – from supporting children experiencing family violence to online bullying and fighting for the rights of young people everywhere. After 25 years, the fight continues. The challenges facing children and young people may have changed, but the mission has not.

Every year, around 13,000 children and young people across Australia are taken into the care of child protection authorities because they are at serious risk of harm or have no other safe place to live. And many more experience trauma in the face of natural disasters and other hardships.

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The Alannah & Madeline Foundation provide Buddy Bags to these children and young people, to help meet their immediate material and personal care needs and to give them a sense of security and comfort as the first step on their journey to safety and recovery.

For children in need, one backpack can mean the world. Buddy Bags are filled with carefully selected items that focus on children and young people's physical, emotional, and mental well-being.

THE BUDDY BAG BACKPACKS INCLUDE:

- new pyjamas, socks and underwear so that they can dress in clean clothes
- a toothbrush, toothpaste, face washer and hairbrush to attend to their personal care needs

- a book to relax the mind, a trauma-informed toy for healing play – and an all-important teddy bear to

cuddle for emotional comfort. A Buddy Bag is something tangible a child or young person can call their own,

helping to meet their immediate need – while showing them they are special, that people care for them, and that they matter. Donations help to reduce costs, meaning they can provide even more Buddy Bags for children and young people in need.

Items that can be donated include backpacks, teddy bears, pyjamas, socks, underwear, personal care items (such as toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap), books, toys and stationery. Sharon from Eco Village Hair said, "Imagine being a little person and being immediately removed from your home, without anything, only the clothes on your back; this is a beautiful way to show and share the love as the best community I know we are."

For information or to donate to the Buddy Bags, pop in and have a chat with Sharon.



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In times where all we hear is bad news its nice to hear a good news story. **Pina Colada** is a local business started in covid times and is such a good news story.

Pina Colada was started just over 3 years ago when Bernie the owner purchased and existing business on Benabrow avenue. Its been a great journey to where we it is today. **Pina Colada** Bribie now is one of the biggest privately owned boutiques in Queensland with a huge range of clothing and a very impressive range of shoes including the ever popular Turkish made leather Cabello and the beautiful, comfortable Spanish made Zeta sandals, as well as old favourites like Bare Traps!

What's different about **Pina Colada** is not only the huge range of clothing on offer, attentive and friendly customer service but the fact that Pina Colada has their own exclusive labels made exclusively for them. These include Sea of love, Memento and Mojito brands. Isn't it great when you can buy something different and don't see yourself everywhere!

Pina Colada has also expanded with new locations and now has 4 locations. One other on the island called Mojito which is at the front of Target, Gympie and just opened a brand new store at Burpengary shopping centre in front of Woolworths.

The team too has grown too and now **Pina Colada** employs a total of 9 ladies.

Pina Colada sells a beautiful range of clothing that suits our lifestyles in easy to wear cool fabrics. If you haven't already visited then it is definitely worth visiting both stores on the island which keep different ranges of clothing and footwear to keep the ladies of Bribie and Surrounds happy and well dressed!!



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HAVE TENNIS OR GOLFER'S ELBOW?

Though elbow pain is common in athletes - and we do see our fair share of tennis players, golfers, pickleball players, and lawn bowlers - it is also common in those that perform repetitive tasks, such as avid gardeners. Tennis elbow refers to the inflammation of the tendons where they attach on the lateral (thumb side) of the elbow, whereas golfer's elbow refers to the tendons on the medial (pinkie side) of the elbow. They are also known as lateral epicondylitis and medial epicondylitis, respectively. The pain can vary from a burning sensation at the elbow to shooting pains down the forearm. When impacted, lifting minor objects, even as light as a coffee cup, can cause severe pain.

Other common symptoms include:

- Tenderness on the lateral or medial side of the elbow
 - Pain when opening the hand (tennis elbow) or pain when making a fist (golfer's elbow)
 - Difficulty holding, pinching, or gripping objects
- When addressing tennis or golfer's elbow, it is important to also assess the affected muscles in the forearm - which are often tight - in addition to the tendons themselves. Affected muscles often have become shortened/ tightened with overuse, and therefore put increased strain on the tendons and compound the pain.

ACUPUNCTURE FOR ELBOW PAIN

Typical treatments for elbow pain include over-the-counter pain relievers and cortisone injections, however acupuncture is commonly used as an

effective, minimally invasive treatment to restore pain-free movement. There are several acupuncture techniques that may be used when treating elbow injuries, depending on each individual case. All of the techniques however, stimulate healing by bringing oxygenated blood to the injured area to flush out toxins and lactic acid, and to reduce inflammation.

The techniques include:

- **Electroacupuncture:** with acupuncture needles inserted at targeted areas of your elbow and forearm, a device is connected to the needles to deliver an electrical pulse. The stimulation relaxes the muscles, increases blood flow, and stimulates endogenous opioid endorphins, the body's natural pain-relieving chemicals.
- **Motor point acupuncture:** motor points are specific locations in the muscles where the motor nerve can be easily stimulated. When an acupuncture needle is used on a motor point with an electric impulse, it creates a contraction and relaxation which releases tight contracted bands of muscle. This is like hitting a muscle reset button which provides pain relief and improved muscle contractibility and mobility.
- **Gua Sha** is a type of friction massage that is used to stimulate circulation of oxygenated blood, remove scar tissue, and increase collagen production to promote healing.
- **Moxibustion** involves external use of the herb mugwort (also known as moxa), which facilitates



bribie acupuncture

healing by reducing inflammation and increasing blood circulation.

We see elbow pain regularly in our clinic - both acute and chronic cases. The number of treatments needed varies with each person, however fewer treatments are typically required if the injury has just recently occurred. On average, patients with elbow injuries receive six treatments over three weeks. Treatment plans vary depending on the severity of the injury and individual.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ACUPUNCTURE

Recently the world commemorated World Acupuncture Day on 16th November to raise awareness of our proud profession which has been recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Human Cultural Treasure. The heritage of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine as a complete medical system has a rich and varied history. The below is a brief summary of the origins, evolution and advances in the development and migration of Acupuncture to become a system contributing to our wellbeing.

6000 BCE - Sharp bone and stone instruments are discovered in China, described as 'pieces of stone used for treating illness by pricking the body'.

198 BCE - Burial tombs, amongst other artifacts unearthed in 1973, depict a medical practice related to acupuncture meridian systems.

552 AD - Acupuncture begins its migration from China to Japan and Korea.

1368-1600 - Acupuncture becomes one of the primary care systems used in China, alongside herbs, massage, diet, and moxibustion.

1500-1700 - The Dutch East India Company introduces acupuncture to Europe.

1822 - Acupuncture suffers a decline in China.

1880 - Acupuncture is introduced in Australia during the gold rush period by Chinese gold diggers.

1949 - Following the installation of the Communist government in China, all traditional forms of medicine are re-established

and encouraged, including acupuncture.

1971 - In preparation for the unprecedented visit to China by US President Nixon, a US press corps member is treated with acupuncture following an emergency appendectomy. He describes his experience in the New York Times and as a result, teams of US physicians tour China to assess acupuncture's therapeutic applications.

1979 - The World Health Organisation conducts a symposium on acupuncture in China.

1997 - The National Institute of Health in the United States declares there is sufficient evidence of acupuncture's value to expand its use into conventional medicine.

2000 - Research into acupuncture as a medical treatment grows exponentially, increasing at twice the rate of research into conventional biomedicine. From 2000-2020, there have been over 13,000 studies conducted in 60 countries, including hundreds of meta-analyses.

2012 - Mandatory national registration of acupuncturists with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, under the governance of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, a government body that manages the registration of all health practitioners.

2017 - The Acupuncture Evidence Project reviewed the effectiveness of acupuncture for 122 treatments over 14 clinical areas. Evidence of effect was found for 117 conditions, including knee osteoarthritis, lower back pain, and headache.

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

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Vanessa is a Fully Qualified "Yumician" (Lash Lift Technician qualified with YUMI™), and has years of experience in her profession, with lots of happy, repeat clients. Her aim, apart from making lashes beautiful, is to give a place of peace and tranquillity, allowing clients

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BROTHER BEARS NEED YOUR HELP!!!



Brother Bears

Brother Bears is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to support young children who experience the death of a sibling. Brother Bears was founded in 2016 in memory of Shay James Dowling. At the time, his mum, Katie, realised no support services for his older brother Kieran were available, so they began Brother Bears. His little sister Chloe then joined the team, and since then, they have supported young children throughout Australia with the sibling sack project. Brother Bears operates from Beachmere and is the only organisation in Australia dedicated to supporting bereaved siblings.

The packages are designed to provide some comfort to siblings, help with memory creation and assist them with understanding what has happened. Sibling Sacks are designed to help young children understand what has happened, create memories and provide comfort. Brother Bears' support packs contain special books and a bear for each sibling. Three book options are available for the packs to best suit the child's circumstances. All the bears in the packs are handmade, ensuring they are filled with love from the beginning and are as unique as each child.

WHAT BROTHER BEARS NEED FROM THE COMMUNITY:

- 750 handmade bears over the next couple of months -they accept donations of sewn, crocheted, and knitted bears- Sewing pattern suggestions and guidelines can be found on the website

- Donations of money, which are used to purchase books and send the packs to hospitals.

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In addition to the sibling sack project, they donated Cuddle Cot packages to Beaudesert (QLD) and Calvary Bruce (ACT) hospitals and sibling memory boxes.

BROTHER BEARS CONTACT DETAILS

- website is www.brotherbears.com.au
- Facebook at Brother Bears
- Email brotherbears@outlook.com.au

Brother Bears is proudly run from Beachmere, Queensland, Australia

Chloe and Kieran said..
"We use handmade bears because they are full of love"
- Chloe

"On behalf of all bereaved siblings, thank you for your support" - Kieran



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GET READY TO LEVEL UP YOUR FASHION GAME WITH THE TRENDIEST LEATHER GOODS

There is a talented cobbler on Bribie Island, hiding in a workshop down on Armitage Street, behind the cinema, making a whole range of exquisite, handcrafted leather goods, using only Australian products. They are locals Steve,

who did his apprenticeship as a Cobbler, and his wife Julie, who are the proud owners and craftsmen of Bangee Leather.

All their materials are high quality and sourced from within southeast Queensland, and they make everything here in their warehouse workshop on Bribie Island.

Bangee Leather has a wide range of high-quality, handmade leather goods, including a wonderful range of women's and men's thongs and sandals, which are cut out by hand, stitched and handcrafted in the traditional way so they are comfortable and made to last. Bangee Leather custom orders sandals for men and women so that everyone can have a comfortable fit, whatever their individual needs are. They can accommodate all sizes, even made to measure. No size too large or small!

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pouches, phone pouches, and dog collars, you can dive into a world of high-quality, handmade leather goods that will make you stand out from the crowd.

Looking for a stylish upgrade or a unique gift? Look no further because Bangee Leather has got you covered! From chic wallets to stylish accessories, they have it all! Including Gift Certificates!

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Don't miss the chance to explore Bangee's exquisite collection and discover your new favourite statement piece!

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Time to clean up your act?

Now that we are well into Summer and winter is well behind us, many view this time of year as a time of new growth and shedding things way us down. Many of us look at leaving behind things that we may have gathered during the cooler months and reevaluate what is needed for the months ahead; it's a time of year that we may look at cleaning up our act in all aspects of our lives. I find that when my life is in order around me, I feel lighter, more productive, and more focused, which creates a greater sense of peace and happiness! Spring is the perfect time to shed everything weighing you down and start fresh, preparing yourself for a lightened

load for the new year...I know it seems ages away, though it is just around the corner. So, when we talk about spring cleaning our life, how do we start and what sort of things do we look at? Look at different areas of your life that you are not happy with. This can include: Relationships: This one is an important one, and one perhaps that we do not give enough importance to, this means not only our relationships with others but also our relationships with self. Are the people in your life supportive, or do they drain your energy? You should align yourself with those that make you feel good, and it is okay to cut or limit yourself with people that are not lifting



you up. Are you speaking to yourself with love and kindness? If you are not, then it's time to make that a priority as the relationship we have with ourselves is the most important. Look at your health and diet: What elements could be improved upon? Small changes can make some big impacts. It may even be that you start to focus on drinking enough water or cutting out the caffeine in your diet. Declutter: This can include your wardrobe, that pile of paperwork you have sitting there

for ages, your emails, your phone, and your home. Make new friends: By starting a new hobby or taking that class you always wanted to do. Take some time to sit down and evaluate what areas of your life that need some sprucing up, write a list and set up a plan. Please give yourself a start and end date and make it happen! Do you need some help and support in setting goals or loving yourself and your life? I assist people in transforming themselves and their lives. Reach out and give me a call: 0405 361 882 or FB Messenger: MariaChristina.Love Always with love, Maria Christina x



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Bribie Island Calendars

2024

The Bribie Island Calendar for 2024 is just sunsets, with one foggy sunrise, that I took in September. Our sunsets at Bribie have been pretty spectacular on many occasions, and I am lucky enough to own a camera and live here. There is always something special about the colours bouncing off the clouds and mirroring that on the water. This is my hobby, and I love to share our Island paradise. A great community spirit and a beautiful Island is hard not to love and enjoy.

Available in 2 sizes, the large is an A4 size photo and calendar below, and the small is an A5 sold with its own envelope. Both in packaging, but a display calendar provided at all the venues so that the customer can peruse the images first.

Bellara News. Seaside Museum. Robbie's Crystal Cauldron. WWBribie Stationery & Supplies.



BEST PRICE GOLD BUYERS

Director Richard Macdonald has arrived in Bribie Island and said, “he will buy and sell exquisite estate jewellery, coins, stamps, collectibles, and other antiques.”

Richard will be in front of Woolworths at the Bongaree Shopping Centre from Monday 4th to Saturday 9th December 2023.

Richard hopes to replenish his stock as the largest buyer and seller of estate gold and silver jewellery in Australia. “We buy and sell unique coins, jewellery, stamps banknotes and other collectable items. We sell unique jewellery, so to sell it, we need to buy it,” Mr Macdonald said. He also said he has run out of gold chains, rings and coins, including pre-decimal silver, and would love to buy more to sell more. “We buy, but we also offer free appraisals for people wanting to know what something is worth,” he said.

Mr Macdonald will offer appraisals for jewellery, watches, all coins and banknotes, stamps, medals and military items. He said recycling is close to his heart, and all items sold to him, whether it's broken or not, are lovingly restored and then reappear ‘born new’ for a new owner to love and cherish. His shop always looks for more broken gold in all colours, whether yellow, white, or rose gold. “There is not a single piece of gold I refuse to buy, including old gold nuggets, old wedding and dress rings, single earrings, broken chains and yes, yucky but true, even old gold teeth

and fillings, and we are paying top dollars,” he said”.

They buy all of these in any condition, even small tins of coins. “A very old lady brought in a medium-sized tin of coins, found after her husband died,” Among the mix of pennies, pre-decimal silver and common coins, I found a gold half-sovereign. She cried when we told her the tin's value was \$400”. She had no idea it was even there. It was a wonderful moment to be able to help this lovely lady find some undiscovered wealth,” he said”.

A woman from Brisbane, who is said to be the daughter of a Spanish princess, handed him two of her mother's necklaces. “Spain got rid of their monarchy in 1931, so the princess fled Spain and moved to Australia. When she died, her daughter got all her jewellery and other belongings. This lady had shown other people the necklaces but decided we were the ones to sell them to because she knew we would look after them,” Mr Macdonald said. She said I don't need the money; ‘I'm fed up with talking about how my mum was a princess and want to move on. We are in a different country now.”

Mr Macdonald said he was happy she wanted to pass it on to him and is delighted to own it. One necklace features malachite individually carved cameos set in gold frames on a 1600s style frame and chain. The second necklace is a matching Citrine set with a handmade 1800s-style chain. “Back in the 1700s, royalty gave gifts to each other,” he said. “There weren't cameras back then, so it was like a photograph—it reminded

them who they had met. One necklace features a royal gift from the Russian, Swedish and Austrian crowns.” Mr Macdonald said the necklaces were worth about \$ 250,000 but not for sale.

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

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



Selling Collectables Made Easy



Best price gold buyers director, Richard Macdonald has arrived in Bribie Island and said he will be buying and selling exquisite and estate jewellery, as well as coins, stamps, collectibles and other antiques.

He will be out the front of Woolworths Bongaree Monday 4th to Saturday 9th December 2023



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BACK OFF OUR OLDER GENERATIONS.

By Colin Walker



It is becoming fashionable these days for apologists for the generational faults and failures of today's "modern" society to blame our elderly "baby boomers" (post WW2 Aussies) for many, if not most, of the ills confronting all of us today. The post-war "Boomers" are blamed for everything from climate change to our recurring economic crises and even our degenerating moral and ethical standards in public and private life.

The latest anti-Boomers attack blasts our elderly for using savings built up over decades to undertake extensive tours within Australia and overseas in their twilight years..... spending the kids' potential inheritances, some say.

This is an absurd, unwarranted and grossly biased view that does our Baby Boomer

generations a great disservice in failing to recognise what the Boomers HAVE actually achieved.... often under the harshest of conditions in their lifetimes.

My response to the anti-Boomer knockers is very clear and simple: "Back off...and take a good look in the mirror!".

Most so-called Baby Boomers had few (if any!) of the benefits and advantages of today's modern society they helped to build.....no superannuation(universal or private), no income they didn't work for, no daily child care support, no paid parental leave (for mums or dads), no "free" public funds(thousands of dollars) to kick start home purchases (at low-interest rates), no penalty rates for wage/salary earners, no "kid gloves" treatment for juvenile criminals, no special education benefits based on

financial need (or disadvantage, or race), no work-from-home options in health or other emergencies.....the list goes on and on, today.

The Boomers had to contend with home (and car) interest rates up to 20% (some even above that!) with a one-third-up-front commitment before loans were even considered, in most cases.

Despite all this, the Boomers paid hefty personal and corporate taxes (for decades) and risked all their assets, dollars and abilities to contribute to building MOST of the network of roads, bridges, airports and other transport networks, dams, hospitals and other public assets still in service today.

And the Boomers are still doing their bit, daily, in various roles as volunteers, community workers and carers, to

"fill in the gaps" that public funding either doesn't cover or can't cover, totally, without cuts in other basic public services and facilities.

Indeed, it is generally accepted that governments don't have the "spare" funds to cover the cost of many services handled by Boomers (and others) in meeting the growing social, physical, medical and emotional needs of our society, which is growing older (in years), year by year. Even government spokesmen at the three levels of government are on record as conceding this.

So, our Baby Boomers aren't a spent force, not just yet just getting a bit more tired, day by day – and tiring, especially, of all the criticisms directed at them, too often, by people who should know better.



LET'S GO TRAVEL: December Meeting 3 pm 10th December, Outside in the Social

WOW, the meeting held on 12th November was a huge success. I think there were over 20 new faces, and everyone had a great chat about TRAVEL of course.

I had so many telephone calls during the week after the mention in the Bribie Islander, that I knew we would have a great group of Travellers arrive.

We have Ladies and Men wanting to travel to:

- The Kimberley's
- Croatia-Greek Isles

- Vietnam
- Japan
- NZ Cruise
- China
- Alaska
- Switzerland
- Cruise anywhere out of Brisbane

One lady would like to take the train to Longreach before Xmas if anyone is interested, and they are looking for a Travel Buddy, so they don't have to pay the single supplement and have company on the trip. I think we all agreed that it's nice to have someone with you even if you do separate things during the day.

You don't need to be a member (there is no Membership as such), and you can simply turn up at the RSL Social Outside area (I will try and have a signup, but, in the wind, can be an Issue) and we get to have a cuppa, a meal, afternoon Tea, cold drink etc. and a great chat.

Our Next Meeting will be held on 10th December 2023 @ 3 pm in the Outside area of the Social at the RSL. Big table booked (20+), so it should be easy to find. We will be trying to have the January Meeting in the Auditorium as it can be a little noisy outside, but with Christmas Bookings in December, the room is already taken.

Hope to see everyone at the next Meeting. Roslyn 0401 078 187

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Bribie Central 9th Dec – 13th Dec**

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Whether you're an elderly resident needing to get to a doctor's appointment, or a young person travelling to your part-time job, public transport matters.

I've heard from so many locals that our local public transport could work better for them. That's why I worked hard to get our very own Bribie and Surrounds Transport Study.

Whether you catch the bus, ride a bike, drive or walk, have your say now to improve local transport.

Did you know some communities in Queensland, including Hervey Bay, Logan and the Northern Gold Coast, have small on-demand electric buses that take locals where they need to go?

Wouldn't this be amazing for our local community?

This study is a chance for locals to ask for what you need to improve local transport. It could be anything from better bike paths to on-demand transport options.

I'll keep working hard to improve local transport for our community.

DON'T GET SCAMMED BY MISINFORMATION

From better public transport to getting chemo in our satellite hospital, I'm focused on what matters to people in Pumicestone.

That's why the recent desalination scams and scare campaigns targeted at Bribie locals are so disappointing.

Together with Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk, the Queensland Government has completely ruled out Bribie Island as a potential site for a future desalination plant.

As Deputy Premier Steven Miles said,

"The Palaszczuk government will not build a desalination plant on Bribie Island. We have no plans to do so. It is not amongst the sites being considered and it will not be."

As your local MP, I would never allow a desalination plant on Bribie Island.

In fact, Bribie is completely unsuited to a modern desalination plant. We are too far away from the water grid and couldn't supply the electricity desalination would need.

Our government has repeatedly ruled out desalination on Bribie, but we keep seeing public money wasted to shove this misinformation into our newspapers and mailboxes and down our throats.

While others are busy spreading untruths to scare locals, I'll keep working hard to deliver for Bribie and all our Pumicestone communities.

Warmly

Ali King
State Member for Pumicestone



Prison chaplains celebrate 50 years inside

IT TAKES A SPECIAL SORT OF PERSON TO ENTER A PRISON - BY CHOICE - TO SUPPORT CONVICTED CRIMINALS. SUE COLLIER HAS BEEN DOING IT FOR SIX YEARS.

The Moreton Bay resident is a volunteer prison chaplain with Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy, which is celebrating 50 years of supporting people in Queensland correctional centres. Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy, operated by Brisbane-based not-for-profit Carinity, recently held its 50th anniversary celebration, with the gathering attended by guests from as far away as Cairns. The event included presentations from past and current chaplains, Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy coordinators, and former prisoners whose lives have been transformed thanks to prison chaplains. Sue says prison chaplains help incarcerated people to realise that "they are not forgotten".

"Some inmates have no family, friends or anyone else to visit them during the months and years of imprisonment. Prison chaplains can often be the only link between the inside and the outside world," Sue said.

"We are here to show the love and forgiveness of God through pastoral care. Visiting chaplains often strengthen the faith of the Christians inside ... and may lead others to find a meaningful relationship with God for themselves."

Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy currently has around 30 volunteer chaplains providing pastoral care to men and women in 14

correctional centres around Queensland.

Sue has worked in men's and women's prisons in three locations around south-east Queensland. She enjoys using her love of music to sing at church services inside correctional centres.

"I look forward to visits and listening to the inmates telling their stories. It is a privilege to be able to pray with people of faith and, when asked, to pray for those searching for meaning in their lives." You can support Inside Out Prison Chaplaincy to place more chaplains into Queensland prisons by donating online at www.insideoutchaplaincy.org.au.



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The Lions Club of Bribie Island



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THE LIONS CLUB OF BRIBIE ISLAND,

IN ASSOCIATION WITH DISTRICT LIONS CLUBS, HELD THEIR CAMP QUALITY ANNUAL PICNIC DAY AT SYLVAN BEACH ON SUNDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2023.

CAMP QUALITY BRINGS POSITIVITY, FUN AND LAUGHTER BACK INTO THE LIVES OF KIDS FACING CANCER. THEY ARE THERE FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, FROM THE HEARTBREAKING NEWS OF A CANCER DIAGNOSIS THROUGH EVERY STEP OF THE EXPERIENCE.

Lions Clubs are honoured to be a part of this amazing organisation. We want to thank all of the organisations and individuals who assisted us at this year's picnic and fun day.

- Bribie Island Bowls Club
- Browns Mitre 10
- Gemlife Bribie Island
- IGA North Lakes
- Bribie RSL
- Ali King MP Busy Fingers
- Tilayla Keys (Specialised Foods)
- Trevor Keys (Sound)
- Sandstone Point Lions
- Bunya Lions Club
- Deception Bay Lions Club
- Esk Lions Club
- Morayfield Lions Club
- Larrikin Puppets
- The Ferryman Cruises
- P&C Amusements Cup Saucer Ride & Trackless Train
- Miss Donna “Be Amazed Entertainment”
- Mr Whippy
- Jaz ‘n’ Gaz Coffee Van



Family Fun Days allow families to have a much-needed break from cancer and enjoy special time together, free of charge. These planned events, such as a day in the bush or a trip to the zoo, allow our kids and families to bond, make new friends and take a breather from all the stresses of hospital and treatment.

And again, this year, **Bribie Island**

Community Nursery facilitated that. With balloon art, face painting, ferry and train trips, all the kids and parents seemed to have a great day; food and drink flowed, and face paintings and balloon art were a hit—The ferry & train trips were enjoyed by many.

Of course, Santa was the hit of the day; it's the first time some of the lovely ladies from **Bribie Island Community Nursery** have had their photo taken with the big guy. As you can see by their faces, it was a fun experience.

But on a serious note, **Bribie Island**

Community Nursery was delighted to have been able to donate \$20,000 to this wonderful cause. What would we do without these guys? They certainly are one of our district's most valuable assets! Hats off to the whole team.

Bribie Island Community Nursery and Camp Quality understands the importance of bringing positivity, fun and laughter back into the lives of families dealing with the trauma of cancer. Family Fun Days support kids impacted by the diagnosis of a parent or carer, who sometimes miss out on the simple, carefree fun of childhood.

It is also an opportunity to support siblings, as their needs can become overlooked if another child in the family is facing cancer. A fun day out allows siblings to reconnect with their parents, as well as forge new friendships with other kids in a similar situation.

IMPACTS OF FAMILY FUN DAYS

The benefits of taking time out from cancer

as a family cannot be overstated. **CAMP QUALITY FAMILY FUN DAYS:**

- Help children build confidence by taking part in fun and challenging activities and experiences
 - Give families impacted by cancer the opportunity to meet others going through similar experiences and build support networks
 - Create positive new memories together that are not centred on sickness
 - Facilitate fun for the whole family without financial stress or the need to organise an event themselves
 - Bring smiles and laughter to families struggling with the gravity of a cancer diagnosis – after all, laughter is the best medicine!
- So, let's all put our hands together and give these fantastic organisations a huge round of applause. They certainly deserve it!

Bribie VIEW Club

urges the community to get behind **THE SMITH FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Bribie Island VIEW Club is calling on the community to help raise funds for The Smith Family's Christmas Appeal to ensure thousands of students experiencing disadvantage can be supported with their education in 2024.

The charity aims to raise \$5.3 million nationally through the appeal, providing more than 12,600 children access to critical learning and mentoring programs to help them stay engaged and motivated at school. This includes programs like student2student, which pairs younger students with young reading buddies, and after-school Learning Clubs, where students get support with their homework from trained volunteers – many of whom are VIEW Club members.

For families already doing it tough, the rising cost of living means having to make tough choices between everyday bills and being able to support their children's education.



All funds raised through donations to the Christmas Appeal will ensure students can participate in The Smith Family's evidence-based numeracy, literacy, tutoring, digital and mentoring programs to help them catch up and keep up at school.

Nationally, VIEW Clubs currently support more than 1700 students in the charity's flagship Learning for Life program, which provides educational, personal and financial support.

For more information on the appeal, go to www.the-smithfamily.com.au or call 1800 024 069.

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ENTERTAINING PUMICESTONE PASSAGE PROBUS

BY: Kathy Vincent

We know how to have fun at Pumicestone Passage Probus. Something is happening all the time. One week, a coffee morning and chat, one week, a dinner evening or lunch, a fishing and BBQ group, a book club, as well as our monthly meeting. At the meeting, we have a thumbnail speaker who is one of the members talking for 5 or 10 minutes about a recent trip, holiday or hobby. This month, Judith entertained us with a talk on hats with a model (Well, one of the men, actually!) who kept popping different hats on to accompany the talk.

We would usually have an interesting speaker after a coffee break, but this month, we had something different. The Young at Heart choir came to entertain us. They took us back to our misspent youth with songs from the 60s: the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly and many more. I must confess I knew all the words, so I must be giving my age away.

Oh well, not to worry looking forward to our Christmas lunch now. Why don't you have a New Year's resolution or 2024 to come along and join us at the RSL every second Tuesday at 9.30? See you there!!



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I have now returned to duty after taking a break over in Europe for a few weeks, and with the advent of Christmas around the corner, I will start fresh with one of my favourite drinks, and that is Champagne, which we were fortunate to consume a few bottles on our recent cruise and Monopole Champagne is one I can certainly recommend. Monopole is a Champagne produced by the Heidsieck company, and I noticed that Dan Murphy's has a member special at the moment for \$55 a bottle, which, if bought for a special occasion such as Christmas, would certainly be a very thoughtful gift.

Sparkling wine has been around since the 1500s and was probably the result of an accident, perhaps the making of a still wine left before the fermentation had finished in a cold environment and when the weather warmed up, the fermentation process restarted and the carbon dioxide produced turned the wine fizzy, probably leading to an exploded bottle as pressurised bottles hadn't been invented then. It was another hundred years before Christopher Merret found that by adding sugar and yeast to a still wine, secondary fermentation could be deliberately started, and with the development of stronger bottles by the glass manufacturers in England and also the invention of the Muselet, a cork fixed to the bottle by a wire basket, sparkling wine could be deliberately made and the term 'Methode Traditional' created.

In France, sparkling wine was considered faulty as the bottles would be blowing up all the time. It was known as the 'Devils Wine', but a certain winemaker called Dom Perignon recognised the potential of this wine and, with the help of the stronger bottles and fixed cork, began making what we now call Champagne, named after the region of France, where it was

being produced.

Early Champagnes were a lot sweeter but found a market amongst the Lords and ladies in England and soon became a favourite of the royalty of the day. In 1800, 300,000 bottles were produced, and Champagne Houses started popping up all around the region, however, some producers were bringing in cheaper grapes from other regions so rules and regulations were introduced to protect the quality and price of this exciting new style of wine and also the area where the grapes could be grown, the grape varieties chosen where Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier.

Today, the term champagne is used to celebrate special occasions. It is used quite loosely as many venues will use the word for any sparkling wine, terms such as champagne breakfast are popular, winning a special event will call for a glass or bottle of champagne, even the loss of someone dear or a wedding will call for a glass of champagne, it is probably the most used wine in the world and in 2007 over three hundred million bottles were sold worldwide. Today, the use of the word on sparkling wine outside the region of Champagne is pretty well prohibited; forty years ago, almost every bottle of sparkling wine was referred to as champagne, but the French put pressure on countries to drop this title.

Champagne starts life as a plain table wine, but the secret of a good champagne belongs to the art of blending the grape varieties, which gives the wine its balance, freshness, fruit and body, delicacy and length on the palate. The grapes are all handpicked, and mechanical harvesters are not allowed in the Champagne region; this is because so many champagnes use black grapes that the skins could be damaged using a harvester.

Once the juice has been clarified, it is now ready for the first fermentation, mainly in stainless steel tanks, but there are a few vineyards that still ferment in wooden barrels; the champagne houses use their own cultured yeasts, which give each champagne house its own distinctive character. The first fermentation is carried out between 18 and 20 degrees C takes around ten days and contains a minimum of 9-9.5 per cent of alcohol. It is then necessary to add sugar to the must as it is fermenting to bring the alcohol level up to 10.5%, and the tirage liqueur (a mixture of wine sugar and yeast) is added which will then start the fermentation process a second time and this will take place in the bottle it will eventually be sold in, however, the seal will be a crown seal not a cork at this stage. The wines can be quite thin and it is the skills of the winemaker and the blending that will transform the final product into the final wine, Chardonnay for example can add aroma and earthiness, Pinot Noir adds good length on

the palate, Pinot Meunier the smell of warm bread and can add something to the blend of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The bottles are stored in a rack and the riddling will begin, that is the turning of the bottle at an angle either by hand or machine sometimes several times a day and eventually, as the yeast cells die, having done their job in creating the bubbles the dead cells will finish up in the neck of the bottle, depending on whether it is by hand or machine this process can take between a week or two to three months. The wine is then stored with the dead yeast to mature, which can be for months or years, and this will affect the price paid for the finished product.

When it is time to disgorge the dead cells, the necks of the bottles are passed through a tank of freezing brine, the caps removed, and pressure pushes the dead cells out, the wine is then topped up with wine that is the same or similar to that in the bottle and may even contain some cane sugar, the

wine is then corked and the wire basket and foil put on. Most Champagnes that are sold are a blend of different vintages and are known as non-vintage, which allows the wine company to produce a constant style every year, whilst in exceptional vintages, a single vintage wine will be produced and sold for a much higher price.

I hope this explanation will explain why champagne is more expensive than ordinary sparkling wines, which can be made in the same way as a soft drink, the time it takes to produce a high quality product, the skills of the winemakers have to be taken into consideration and depending on the grapes used the style that is consistent year after year.

There is a choice of prices ranging from the mid \$30 up to hundreds of dollars a bottle which is exactly the same for premium wines, so choose a wine that suits the occasion. The more commercial brands include Mumm, Piper Heidsieck, Tattinger, Pol Roger, Monopole,

Roederer, Lanson, Pommery and Laurent-Perrier, more expensive wines include Moët and Chandon, Veuve Cliquot, Bollinger, Henriot, Deutz and Perrier-Jouët, Premium Champagnes include Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque (with the flowers on the bottle), Billecart-Salmon, Krug, Ruinart to name a few, personally I have never found a bad champagne regardless of price

Cheers

Philip Arlidge
arlidge@bigpond.com.au

These have been used regularly; however, with the champagne theme, it is worth repeating them.

Mark Twain

Too much of anything is bad, but too much Champagne is just right.

Bette Davis

There comes a time in every woman's life when the only thing that helps is a glass of champagne

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Enough is enough - no more Temu, Shein and Ali Express. Stop with the mass-produced throwaways for Christmas this year. Instead, thousands of farmers across Queensland - the people who grow the food and flavours we all need - are calling on Queenslanders to give presents that matter and make it **#agrownandgatheredxmas**

On National Agriculture Day, the farmers of Queensland have something to say - rather than buying from international online stores or shops that stock imports, this year, give something grown or gathered by the farmers of Queensland.

This year, make your presents matter, whether a Secret Santa or a jaw-dropper that embarrasses Santa. Source your gifts from our farmers, producers and growers who create everything from the world's best cheeses, relishes, chocolates, gin, beer, wines, vodkas, meat products, eggs, the brightest festive vegetables, flowers, floral teas, ice creams, honey, cotton and woollen fashions, wooden artisan products, stone fruit, citrus ranges, finger limes, bespoke flavour experiences and more.

Kay Tommerup best says it from the 6th generation Tommerup's Dairy Farm and Australian Farmer of the Year winner for

Innovation: "Today is a day to celebrate the amazing farmers and producers who provide us all with the best quality produce in the world. But it's not just today that we should be celebrating that. I heard a breakfast radio team discussing their Secret Santa plans recently, and they were encouraging everyone to buy something from an overseas online store. I couldn't believe what I was hearing! Such a missed opportunity when it's so easy to gift beautiful produce, grown with passion and pride - right here on our doorstep. And it doesn't need to break the bank."

"Whether you choose to duck down to the local shops that stock local produce, order from a farmer's direct delivery service, or immerse yourself completely in the experience of gathering from your local farmers and producers, you'll be gifting so much more than the pleasure of enjoying something local and delicious. You're gifting something that comes with the heart and soul of a local farmer and producer. Something that tells the story of the farm, the family, the passion for producing the best we can for your family and friends to enjoy. You'll be giving something that truly embraces the spirit of a Christmas gift and supports your local community."

It makes sense, doesn't it?

So, let's embrace #agrownandgatheredxmas this year.

At a time when the cost of living is top-of-mind, and many outlets champion 'cheap food', #agrownandgatheredxmas aims to highlight the importance of supporting local food producers this Christmas. Consumers can feel good about their gift choices by choosing meaningful gifts rather than buying online supporting overseas companies. The Queensland Farmers Federation represents over 13,000 primary producers across the state; that's one huge shopping centre!



Traditional Butcher Shop In-House Smoked Smallgoods Restaurant Quality Steaks.



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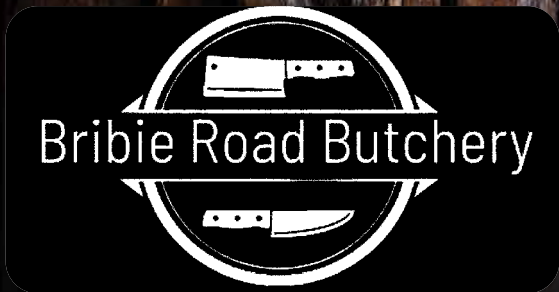
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Corned Beef with Cauliflower Cheese



FOR A SIMPLE, COST-EFFECTIVE AND UNDOUBTEDLY DELICIOUS TASTE OF NOSTALGIA, THIS CORNED BEEF WITH CREAMY CAULIFLOWER CHEESE IS A SUREFIRE HIT. SILVERSIDE IS THE TRADITIONAL NAME FOR THE CUT OF BEEF USED TO MAKE CORNED BEEF. ONCE THE MEAT HAS BEEN BRINED AND COOKED, IT'S REFERRED TO AS "CORNED BEEF".

Ingredients

1.7kg corned beef silverside
 1/4 bunch of continental parsley
 1 brown onion, coarsely chopped
 2 carrots, thickly sliced
 2 celery sticks, thickly sliced
 6 whole dried cloves
 2 cinnamon sticks
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
 1/2 cauliflower, cut into florets
 300g broccoli, cut into florets
 40g salted butter
 1/3 cup plain flour
 3 cups milk, warmed
 1/3 cup Dijon mustard
 1 cup shredded tasty cheese
 120g baby spinach leaves

Method

Step 1 of 4

Rinse the silverside under cold water. Place in a large heavy-based saucepan, then cover with cold water. Bring to the boil over high heat. Once the water reaches boiling point, remove the saucepan from the heat, then drain the liquid from the meat.

Step 2 of 4

Trim stalks from parsley, reserving parsley leaves. In the same drained saucepan, add stalks to the silverside along with onion, carrot, celery, cloves, cinnamon, sugar and vinegar. Cover with cold water, then bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Adjust heat and maintain a simmer so small bubbles occasionally rise to the surface throughout the cooking time. Allow 25-30 minutes for each 500 g of beef. Reduce heat to low and simmer, partially covered, for 21/2 hours or until silverside is tender and a fork inserted into the meat slides out easily. Remove from heat. Cool slightly in the cooking liquid.

Step 3 of 4

Meanwhile, preheat oven to 200°C/180°C fan forced. Cook cauliflower in a large saucepan of boiling water for 8 minutes, adding broccoli in the last 3 minutes of cooking. Drain well. Transfer to a 2L (8-cup) ovenproof dish. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour, then cook, stirring, until mixture thickens. Gradually whisk in milk, allowing the mixture to thicken between each addition, until smooth and combined. Whisk in mustard. Increase heat and bring to the boil, stirring. Remove from heat, then stir in half of the cheese. Pour sauce over cauliflower into the dish. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden and bubbling. Remove from the oven. Stand for 5 minutes.

Step 4 of 4

Sprinkle half of the reserved parsley leaves over the cauliflower. Slice corned beef and serve with cauliflower, spinach and remaining Dijon mustard. Sprinkle with remaining parsley leaves.

HOW TO CARVE CORNED BEEF Place beef fat side up on the carving board, with the tip to the carver's right. Begin at the tip, slicing across the grain.

As the grain changes, turn beef so you're always cutting across the grain for maximum tenderness.

THE TOP 10 HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH

If health is a priority for you, especially as we enter the colder winter months, seafood should be a staple in your diet.

Whether it be to top up on much-needed vitamins, prevent illness, or manage your weight, here are ten solid reasons why seafood should be your star protein this summer!

1. VITAMIN D

Winter inevitably means being out in the sunshine much less, which means that you may end up deficient in one of the most important vitamins – D! The good news is that many seafood species are chock-full of vitamin D. Some of the best species to eat more of in winter to top

yourself up are Salmon, Mackerel, Tuna, and Sardines. This is because they're fattier species, and vitamin D is fat-soluble! The more you know.

2. HEART HEALTH

Fish is considered one of the best foods to eat to improve your heart health; many studies show that people who eat fish regularly have a lower risk of strokes, heart disease, and heart attacks. This is due to seafood's high omega-3 fatty acid content.

3. OMEGA-3

Speaking of omega-3... Omega-3 fatty acids are especially important for health, as they are essential fats, but they cannot be produced by the body, so they must be derived from the foods we eat. The Heart Foundation recommends that all Australians include 2-3 serves of fish (including oily fish) per week as part of a healthy diet. This provides around 250-500 milligrams (mg) of marine-sourced omega-3s daily.

Some of the Australian species that are highest in omega-3 are Sardines, Blue Mackerel, Sea Mullet, Longnose Trevally, and Barcoo Grunter.

4. IRON

Many of us need an iron boost, especially women, who are more likely to be iron deficient. Interestingly, the iron found

in shellfish (like oysters and clams) is heme iron, which the human body absorbs more easily than plants.

5. LOW FAT CONTENT

Seafood is particularly low in saturated fat – which we all know we should avoid – but high in healthy polyunsaturated fat (like omega-3 fatty acids). As we've

already mentioned, these fats are great for preventing heart problems; they also reduce triglyceride levels and slow the growth rate of atherosclerotic plaque (both of which thicken artery walls).

6. HIGH PROTEIN

Fish and shellfish are particularly high in protein, which is useful in weight loss, critical in maintaining healthy muscles, organs and blood vessels, and helps to support cell division, hair growth, and even hormone signalling!

Basically, protein is important to the functioning of every system in the body, so you must keep your intake up.

7. IODINE

Seafood (especially oysters) is also rich in iodine, another vital

mineral that can only be derived from our food. Iodine is particularly important to your thyroid function, which controls things like your appetite and your immune system – therefore, getting enough of it is key for weight loss!

9. VISION

It's strongly suggested that eating a good amount of seafood can decrease age-related macular

degeneration, which is the highest cause of vision impairment and blindness in older adults. So, forget the carrots and pick up a fish fillet if you want to see better for longer!

10. IMPROVED IMMUNE SYSTEM

Aside from vitamin D, seafood is high in many other vitamins and minerals that are key in fighting off winter colds. Shellfish such as clams and oysters are a particularly good source of iron, zinc, magnesium, copper, and other trace minerals that help boost overall health and immunity.



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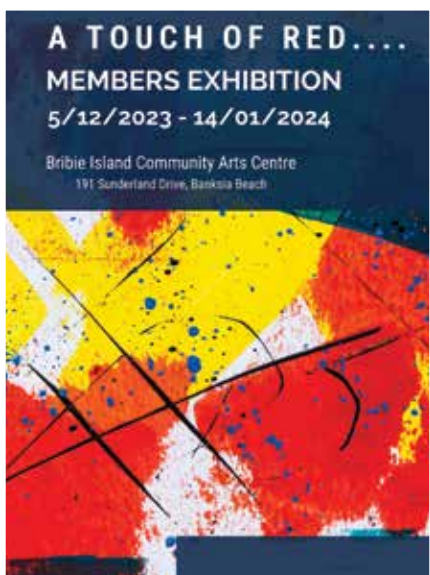
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RED LETTER DAY FOR BICAS MEMBERS



The annual Bribie Island Community Arts Society members' exhibition, **A Touch of Red, opens December 5...** and promises to be a bright note to end the year.

The exhibition will feature works from all of the creative groups who meet and work at the Arts Centre, from painters to potters, stitchers,

patchworkers, leadlight and glass artists, printmakers, textile artists and jewellers.

It runs til January 14, 2024.

The Centre will close for business from Wednesday December 20 and reopen Tuesday January 9.

Painting by artist Sabine Von Graz

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• Saturday DECEMBER 16, 3:30pm

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Good genes, future focus secrets to Bill's 100 years



According to the Bribie local, good genes and a little luck are the secrets to Albert Ian 'Bill' Eaton's longevity.

Bill will celebrate his 100th birthday on 1 December at his home at Bolton Clarke's Bongaree retirement village, where he was one of the original residents.

Born in Melbourne in 1923, he grew up in the suburbs of Clayton and Oakleigh East and completed his motor mechanic apprenticeship before enlisting in the Australian Military Forces (AMF) at 19.

He served as a Sapper in the Royal Australian Engineers in Borneo for just under three years.

"I enjoyed working the heavy machinery associated with railway construction," Bill said.

"And I made life-long friends during the war."

After he was discharged, Bill returned to his job as a motor mechanic specialising in tractors, trucks and farm machinery. He met his first wife, Margery, at a dance, and the two were married in 1948.

It was the promise of escape from the Melbourne weather and the encouragement of his son that inspired Bill to move north to Bongaree in his retirement. He made the move

in 1982 and has not looked back since.

By then, a widower, Bill married his second wife, Daphne, in 1987, and they lived together at Bolton Clarke Bongaree for 35 years until Daphne's death earlier this year.

Son Steve says stoicism and resilience have been hallmarks of Bill's attitude to life.

"He has always been fit, healthy and active, and like many of his generation who grew up in the Great Depression and served in World War II," he said. "He is mentally very resilient and copes with adversity by looking forwards rather than backwards."

"He is a very decent man who believes in living life with minimal fuss and not worrying about things beyond his control. He is a wonderful bloke and my best friend."

With a younger sister who is still well at 96 and parents who lived well into their 90s, Bill is setting the example for his two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom admire him very much.

"He will turn 100 with his mind still very sharp or, as his generation likes to say, 'he has all of his marbles!'" son Steve laughed.

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

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

Contact president: 0415 237 167 Bribie Island Gem Club Open Day & Markets on the last Sunday every month 8am -12pm At 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach.

"The Bribie Bowls Euchre Club

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Horoscope

With Venus (love) opposite Jupiter (luck) linking to Mercury (communication), which turns retrograde this week, there's a possibility that good intentions might be misconstrued. So, to banish any doubts (and in fitting with the spirit of the festive season) we need to be as kind and generous as possible. With the New Moon awakening our spirit of adventure, and encouraging us to socialise, there will be plenty of opportunities to be convivial and kind-hearted. Make the most of the cosmic invitation... and have fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)



Life always gets more frenetic and demanding at this time of year. But just because other people are feeling stressed doesn't mean you need to respond/react to the pressure they're putting you under. It would be easy to waste your time trying to solve problems that can't be satisfactorily resolved. Don't do that. Instead, why not choose to remove yourself from the struggles and pursue a more rewarding objective? You might ruffle a few feathers, but if you model calmness, and joy, you'll encourage more of it. And everyone will profit. The New Moon brings the key to the future you dream of. For info you need, visit ozfree.cainer.com

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar20)



It seems that you can always do better/more. There are always wiser ways. Smarter options. Things you could (or should) have done. This is particularly true when there are people who like to criticise you around. They're pragmatic. But not especially sensitive. Which means they easily undermine your confidence. It would be better if they kept their views to themselves. You can turn down the volume on any unhelpful critiques this week. Don't allow anyone to dampen your spirits. Trust yourself. Your instincts are spot on. The New Moon brings positive change! Find out more! Visit ozfree.cainer.com

GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)



Life, on planet Earth can feel so ordinary. Yet, when you consider the fact that we're living on a ball of rock, that's spinning at phenomenal speeds around the Sun, it's anything but! Not to mention the miracle of life, in all its diverse forms. We're extraordinarily blessed to be here! Despite the seasonal tinsel and sparkly lights, we often fail to appreciate the magic that surrounds us. Yet without some recognition of it, how can we expect anything to feel 'special'? This week, brings you a gift. A tangible sense of fresh inspiration. The New Moon highlights dynamic changes. Your future has huge potential. Visit ozfree.cainer.com

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)



To get from position A to position B, you have to recognise that you're at A, and that B is your preferred destination. I know I'm stating the obvious. But sometimes, we'd rather be anywhere else but the position we find ourselves in. And our refusal to accept where we are makes it impossible to move somewhere else. You can make significant progress this week. But only if you see the truth about where you are, and look for a way to move on. As your ruler turns retrograde, a clue from the past will show you the way ahead. How will the New Moon transform your life? There's inspiring news when you visit ozfree.cainer.com

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)



Is there something you're regretting? Are you feeling guilty about a recent decision? I hope not. Although you're not perfect (who is?) this week, with your ruler, Jupiter (linking with the Sun, you've got every reason to hold your head high and walk with a spring in your step. If something isn't working, it's not your fault. And if someone tries to tell you otherwise, they're wrong! Your birthday season is full of promise. Trust that you're on the right track, and making excellent progress, and this week will bring evidence that you are. Discover why this week's New Moon is so magical for you. Visit ozfree.cainer.com

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)



You're twiddling your thumbs waiting for something to happen (but you fear it won't happen in a hurry). So, you're filling your time with all the usual festive activities. Yet assuming that you need to wait for the right circumstances means you're putting off doing something important. You don't want to look silly. Or waste your energy. Or risk being disappointed. But none of these are likely. This week's New Moon indicates that by being bold and decisive (and not hanging around waiting) you'll achieve what you want to achieve. The New Moon can transform your world. For valuable keys to the week visit ozfree.cainer.com

CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)



Are some people naturally entitled to have more than you? Are you supposed to be satisfied with 'second-best'? There are times when you wonder how much you deserve, and how much the universe cares for you. But the celestial forces never waver in their support. And this week, as your ruler forms a crescent in the sky, you start to see reasons to feel hopeful. You just need to have some faith and find some enthusiasm. With these qualities, you'll be able to recognise (and enjoy) the delightful developments you deserve. Wonderful opportunities arise as the New Moon energises your life. Visit ozfree.cainer.com

LIBRA (Sept24 - Oct23)



Opportunities can be unsettling. Especially for Librans. Life's so much easier when there are no choices to make: there's no chance of choosing the 'wrong' thing. Which, since this week brings lots of options and alternatives, makes your life er... interesting! The New Moon brings new options. But before you start worrying that you'll make unwise decisions, know that you won't. Your intuition is honed to perfection. As long as you trust your instincts, and don't let your head get in the way, your choices will be life-changingly good. The New Moon brings powerful positive change! For great news about your future visit ozfree.cainer.com

AQUARIUS (Jan21 - Feb 19)



Even if we seek perfection, we'll never find it. There's always something that's 'not quite right'. I bet angels sometimes struggle to tune their harps. Or misjudge their landings! The goal isn't to make our life perfect. It's to learn to make the most of it, despite its imperfections. How can you, this week, appreciate all that's magical, wonderful and rare? Actually, the New Moon indicates that it will be surprisingly easy. Although there will be issues to deal with, you're becoming more aware of how blessed you are.

Maximise the New Moon energy! For your latest forecasts visit ozfree.cainer.com

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



It's as if you're wondering, lost, through an arid desert, and have run out of water. You come across a small pool of murky looking liquid. What should you do? Is it safe to drink? Working on the assumption that it has got to be better than nothing, you take a sip, to quench your thirst. With a bit more energy to continue onwards, five minutes later you spy a sparkling fresh lake in the distance. Don't be tempted to give up too easily this week. A satisfying, definitive solution is making its way into your world. Keep going... and trust. Be ready for a special time! The New Moon brings exciting opportunities. Visit ozfree.cainer.com

LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)



When you're dealing with so many extra festive pressures, surely you're not supposed to be feeling as good as you do? Of course you are! That's how we're all supposed to feel. None of us are meant to be constantly stressed out and time-stretched. I can see that with all that you're facing, it might be surprising that you're coping so well. But rather than waiting for something to go wrong, why not enjoy the experience? And maximise the energy available by doing as much as you can. Opportunities to rest will come when you need them. This week brings a powerful New Moon. To create the change you wish for, visit ozfree.cainer.com

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)



Venus (love and abundance) is settling into your sign for the duration of the festive season. Which doesn't mean you're infallible. There's no surefire guarantee you'll be successful in all your undertakings. You're not in possession of a magic wand. But... you're being blessed with an easy, attractive air. You're more creative, more relaxed and inspired... which makes you good company to be around. It will help you find ways to bring greater wealth into your world. And it will attract attention and affection your way. What's not to like? The New Moon suggests good times are on the way. To find out more visit ozfree.cainer.com

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We would love to meet you – just drop in to Bribie Neighbourhood Centre, 50 Verdoni Street on Wednesday mornings – EARLY ☺

The Neighbourhood Centre is funded by the Queensland Government's Department of Communities.

BRIBIE ISLAND CHURCHES PRESENTS

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BRENNAN PARK**

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4.15pm - Entertainment by Dan Warlow
5pm - Entertainment by The Bribie Gleemen
5.45pm - Entertainment by Island Dance
6.30pm - Carols Concert by local Churches
7.30pm - Fireworks






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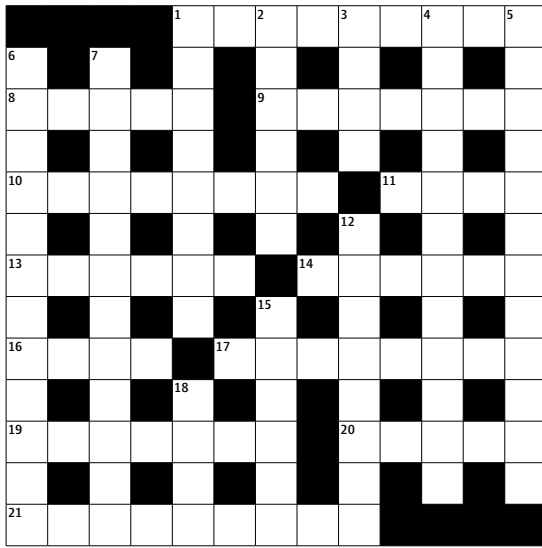
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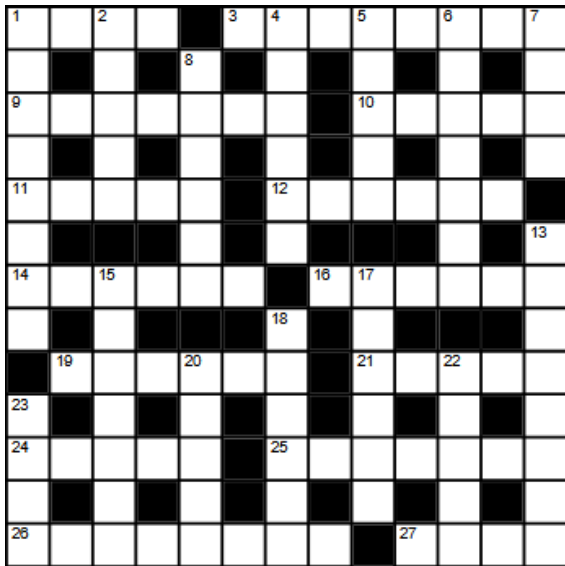
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- 8 From an ancient Peruvian empire (5)
- 9 Strait of water (7)
- 10 Ennobled (8)
- 11 Persian's utterance? (4)
- 13 Country (6)
- 14 Physician who discovered blood circulation, d. 1657 (6)
- 16 Djokovic, say (4)
- 17 In the open air (8)
- 19 Enter uninvited (7)
- 20 Between miffed and irate (5)
- 21 Irritability (9)

Down

- 1 Midday repast (8)
- 2 Mug (6)
- 3 'Wee' drop of alcohol (4)
- 4 Excessively narrow view of things (6,6)
- 5 Compromise (7,5)
- 6 Anticipate something with relish (4,4,4)
- 7 Worker in TV / film (12)
- 12 Military accommodation (8)
- 15 Assert without proof (6)
- 18 German car-maker (4)

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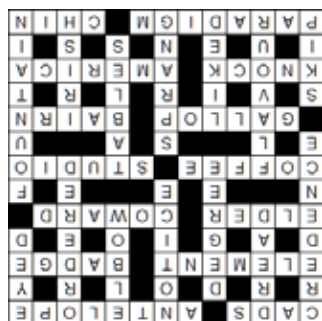
- 1 Swindlers found in arcades, strangely, with no listening devices (4)
- 3 Run away after worker finds springbok (8)
- 9 Factor sees the Spanish and French hold forces (7)
- 10 Emblem for fighting brigades? - No sir! (5)
- 11 The German follows the Spanish to plant a tree (5)
- 12 Afraid chicken is for the playwright, possibly (6)
- 14 Time out found Joe in Java (6)
- 16 Environment dedicated to the arts..? (6)
- 19 The temerity to have surgery in a hurry (6)
- 21 A child born to Brian? (5)
- 24 Criticise a batsman's innings? (5)
- 25 If I care to move, by morning I'll have found land (7)
- 26 For example see standard notice before beginning initial general meeting (8)
- 27 A feature you shouldn't lead with (4)

Down

- 1 Credit church with holding garden in trust (8)
- 2 Didn't at first, dare stir apprehension (5)
- 4 Watch flyer.. (6)
- 5 Kept at arm's length? - Not quite! (5)
- 6 Given to understand that it's not a choice (7)
- 7 I would be heard and observed (4)
- 8 A measure, after qualifying? (6)
- 13 Aunt, if on therapy, finds water feature fitting (8)
- 15 Approve of involving apprentice, in essence (7)
- 17 They may be turned or set (6)
- 18 Appeared unexpectedly as bookie made a call (6)
- 20 Didn't tell the truth about Monarch - appreciated? (5)
- 22 Inherits net loss - Upset those of the Emerald Isle (5)
- 23 Do without rubbish container (4)

SOLUTIONS

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Kids Page

CHILDRENS' FREE
CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING
WORKSHOP



Monday 11 December
Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre
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12.00pm – 3.00pm

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by Friday 8 December



The Lion King

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"The Many Clarks of Pumicestone Passage."



Town of Bribie - Whitepatch 1910

THIS ARTICLE IS ABOUT SOME UNRELATED FAMILIES WITH THE SURNAME **CLARK**, WHO ARE ALL LINKED TO BRIBIE ISLAND, SANDSTONE POINT AND PUMICESTONE PASSAGE OVER THE LAST 150 YEARS. I AM A TOTALLY UNRELATED BARRY CLARK WRITING THIS ARTICLE ABOUT SEVERAL DIFFERENT CLARKS, A CLARKE WITH AN E, AND EVEN ANOTHER BARRY CLARK.

JAMES CLARK- The Pearl King

James Clark was born in Hunter River, NSW, in 1857. His father died when he was just 3, and at age 14, with just two years of elementary education, he worked as Plasterer's boy for James Campbell & Co. in Brisbane. Campbells had many businesses, including a Timber Mill at Campbellville up Pumicestone Passage. By age 24, James had gained great commercial acumen, setting him on a road to his own business success.

He formed James Clark & Co. and had a fleet of Pearling boats at Cape York and Broome, earning him a fortune and the title "**The Pearl King**". To

diversify after losses in an 1899 cyclone, he set up **Toorbul Fish Co.** with extensive Oyster leases in Pumicestone Passage. He owned the entire headland of **Toorbul Point**, now the Sandstone Point Hotel and surrounding areas.



James Clark - Pearl King

For many years, Oyster farming was a very profitable business for James Clark and others, including the Moreton Bay Oyster Co, employing South Sea

Islanders (Kanaka) before mud worm infestation ended the Oyster business. At peak, 300 bags of Oysters were harvested each week using sophisticated loading docks onto ships carrying Oysters all around Australia, selling at \$1000 a bag in today's money.

James Clark had a large Pearl collection and good business contacts and was on the Board of the Wool and Graziers Assoc. and Queensland Turf Club. He was a wealthy and respected man who died in 1933 at age 66.



Oyster Dock

Whitepatch

This area of Bribie on the passage known as Whitepatch was named by Matthew Flinders in 1799 when he first landed on what is now Queensland with the crew of the **Norfolk** and his Sydney aboriginal friend and guide **Bongaree**.

It became the site of the first short-lived Aboriginal Reserve in 1877 and a few years later was planned to be the first Government settlement on Bribie Island to be called the **Town of Bribie**. That did not happen because the Moreton Bay Tug Co. beat them to it, building a Jetty and creating a settlement further down the passage, later called **Bongaree**.

When Oystering ended, the wooden cottages were no longer used, and the Whitepatch area remained undeveloped for many years until a causeway was built from Banksia Beach over Wrights Creek in 1971.

GEORGE CLARK- RACQ Patrolman

In 1932, an unrelated George Clark of Brisbane purchased an old cottage at Whitepatch from



George Clark RACQ Patrolman late 1920's

the Moreton Bay Oyster Co. as a holiday home. George Clark married a girl with almost the same maiden name, Annie Clarke (with an E), in 1934 when he was a volunteer RACQ motorcycle Patrolman. When they came for holidays, there were only three others (Chester, Decker, and Bill & Molly Dick), and the only access was by boat from Toorbul across the passage.

During World War 2 (1939-45), public access to Bribie was limited, and the area that is now Sandstone Point was a

and his brother Bert for 20 Pounds ((\$40) each. They later demolished the old beach cottage and built a new home at 62 Whitepatch Esplanade.

George and Annie Clark had a son they also named George, who in 1955 met and soon married Beverly Skuce. George Junior was a marine mechanic and ran George Clark & Co. at North Quay in Brisbane, and his wife Bev was a teacher before they had two children, Allan and Barry Clark.

When the Bribie Island Bridge opened in 1963, access was



Clark house built 1948

training camp for thousands of American and Australian troops. George and Annie Clark both enlisted in the Army.

After the War in 1948 half acre blocks at Whitepatch Esplanade were offered for sale, and a Clark family friend purchased two adjacent blocks (No 60 & 62) for 10 Pound each (\$20) and sold them to George Clark

much improved, but getting to Whitepatch still involved a long and difficult drive on bush tracks before a causeway was built over Wrights Creek in 1971. There was no electricity at Whitepatch until 1985 and no mains water until 1992.

George Junior and his wife Bev later built their home at No 60 Whitepatch in 1982 and moved to Bribie, setting up **Clarks**

Marine Services behind the Caltex Garage on First Avenue.

BEV CLARK- Whitepatch Resident

Last month, I met and interviewed Bev Clark at her Whitepatch home, where she showed photos and shared her memories of her early visits to Bribie Island. Here are some of her memories.

The first time I came to Bribie Island was on the Steamship "Kooopa" about 1949 with my mother and family, and I remember many people were seasick on the return trip across Moreton Bay, and the toilets were in a disgusting state.

My next visit to Bribie Island was in 1955, travelling from Brisbane with my future mother-in-law Annie Clark in her 1940 Chevrolet

about 800 Pounds (\$1600). Being newlyweds, we could not afford to buy as we had bought a house at The Gap in Brisbane.

The following Christmas, a cyclone hit the Island, and our boat was blown far out from the beach. At the Police Station, Sergeant Pickup told us he had our boat which had been picked up by Todkill, the diver, who did not know anyone lived at White Patch.

Uncle Bert Clark sold us his block in 1966 as he could not afford rates in Brisbane and Bribie, and my husband George Clark built our house at No. 60 in 1982. My son Barry Clark went to Bribie Island State School and the High School, and I was on the teaching staff of Banksia Beach State School when it opened in 1992. We had our business, Clark's Marine Service, in a shed behind the Caltex Garage.



Bev Clark Nov 2023

to Toorbul. My boyfriend and future husband George and his Uncle Bert Clark took us across the passage to their holiday house at 62 White Patch Esplanade. The only access to the house was by boat, as a causeway over Wrights Creek at Banksia Beach was not built until 1971.

I spent many holidays at White Patch, and after we married in 1960, I remember hearing a distant bulldozer on Christmas holidays. We rowed across Wrights Creek to where Mrs Phyllis Sunderland lived in an old army hut on the foreshore at Banksia Beach. Her husband Harry Sunderland, after whom Sunderland Drive was named, was away shearing. A bulldozer was clearing a road from Bellara across Dux Creek to Banksia Beach.

As I remember, blocks at the corner of Sunderland Drive were sold for 1,000 Pounds (\$2000), and blocks facing the water were



Barry Clark

Bribie Island Historical Society

More Bribie History

Historical Society meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the RSL Club, and visitors are always welcome. See more stories and photos of Bribie's history on the Site bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au and Blog <http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com> or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com

BOWLS RESULTS

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS CLUB

WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS - W/E 18/11/2023
 Tuesday Winners: Bill Dobe, Betty Rudd & Judy Pursehouse.
 R/U: Dudley McKenzie, Ann Larsen & Raie Stuart.
 Wednesday Winners: Tony Miguel & Bob Smith.
 R/U: Tom Paekau & Hollie Taylor.
 3rd: Steve Hamblin & Tony Grimmond.
 Jackpot (\$466) – No winner.
 Thursday Winners: Ann Larsen,

Judy Pursehouse, Ralph Chaplin & Bruce Pursehouse.
 R/U: Darryl Wilkins, Andrew Wilkie, John Gemmell & Anthony McGregor.
 3rd: Lyn Shorter, Marie Bonello, Bruce Hill & Ian Carr.
 Jackpot – No winner.
 Friday Winners: Rob Horsfall & Eric Holliday.
 R/U: Peter Hodgson & Ian James.
 3rd: Vicki Mitchell & Robyn McLean.
 Saturday Winners: Ray O'Brien, Jenni Cummins & Rosa McLeod.
 R/U: Allan Clavell Pearson, Chris

Cummins & Brian Craitem.
WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS - W/E 25/11/2023
 Tuesday Winners: Ted Fairman, Mike Jones & Stan Barringhouse.
 R/U: John Harris, Bruce Crawford, Janelle Day & Barry King.
 Wednesday Winners: Peter Hourigan & Steve Ross.
 R/U: Nelson Lopez & Stuart.
 3rd: Doug Whitehorn & Peter McDonald.
 Jackpot (\$500) – Not won.
 Thursday Winners: Paul Coxhead, Raie Stuart & Tony

Grimmond.
 R/U: Ted Fairman, Jeff Farmer, Ray Griffin & Kev Zipf.
 3rd: Ann Larsen, Judy Pursehouse, Ralph Chaplin & Bruce Pursehouse.
 Jackpot (\$600) – Robert James & Merv Adams.
 Friday Winners: Richard Wales & Ian Boast.
 R/U: Brian Harris & Ian James.
 3rd: Paul Dixon & Ian James.
 Saturday Winners: Julie Watson, Chris Cummins & Gary Winton.
 R/U: Rob Clavell-Pearson, Mike Jones & Allan Matheson.

BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB

Self Select Fours Friday 10 Nov
 Winners: L Savige, M Durham, G Teakel, I Cooper
 Runners up: J Dunn, B Hosie, T Dean
 Lucky draw: A Sturm, S Chandler, L Mather, E Sharp
 Lucky draw: G Reilly, B Lamb, V Adams, F Crockett
Random Select fours Sat 11 Nov
 Highest margin: C Stroud, L Tebbutt, T Martin, R Bickerton
 Lowest margin: J Muller, K Sparks, D Neumann, K Mulpeter
 Out of hat winner: C Halley, J Neill, P Gee, F Crockett
Self Select Fours Tue 14 Nov
 Winners: M Andrews, T Erfurth, D Cherry, J Smith
 2nd: W Ryan, K Perkins, E Stacey, M McIntyre
 3rd: J Noonan, G Ackroyd, L Godfrey, L Gilmour
 Lucky draw: L Mather, K Smith, G Mac I Smith
 Lucky draw: C Christiansen, T Sutherland, N Ramage, G Bentzen
 Lucky draw: J Oliver, B Castle, T Hudson, P Patrikeo
Scroungers Wed 15 Nov
 1st: R Eaton
 2nd: K Thornton
 3rd: C Stroud
 4th: J Muller
Self Select Fours Wed 15 Nov
 Winners: C Hayles, M Lowry, W Broad, S Chandler
 2nd: J Hosie, B Snare, V McDermott, D Gibson
 3rd: L Murphy, G McEniery, A Sharp, E Sharp
 Lucky draw: D Bishop, T Bishop, A Sturm, J Mercer
 Lucky draw: P Campbell, P Patrikeos, S Lobo, T Smith
 Lucky draw: C Thornton, B Meek, K Thornton, B Ferguson

Random Select triples Thu 16 Nov
 Lowest winning score: G Frew, R Leth, S Williamson, J Hilliar
 Runners up: T Richardson, W Hoelscher, A Riley
 Lucky draw: C Sambaher, T Phillips, C Hamilton, J Paskin
Self Select Fours Fri 17 Nov
 Winners: C Perkins, R Glasser, K Taylor, P Hughes
 Second: J Falvey, w McDougall, D Ackeroyd, P Gray
 Third: W Broad, D Rischam, T Smith, C Hayles
 Lucky draw: T Bennett, M Mills, J Hattie, G Duncan
 Lucky draw: K Thornton, T Erfurth, C Chidgey, B Meek
 Lucky draw: M Cullen, T Turnbull, J Howarth, Z Elmore
Random Select Fours Sat 18 Nov
 Highest margin: B Castle, P Neumann, W Gilbert, M Littleboy
 Lowest margin: C Brayley, M Thompson, L Edwards
 Out of hat winner: K Mulpeter, T Hudson, R Board
Self Select Fours Results Tuesday 21 November 2023
 Winners: P Andrews, K Muller, M Gittins, M MacGregor
 Runners up: R Eaton, D Heath, F Crockett, BJ Adams
 Lucky draw: L Deakins, E Deakins, M Nganeko, R Brinton
Scroungers Results Wed 22 Nov
 1st: L Hackwood
 2nd: J Muller
 3rd: P Brown
Self Select Fours Wed 22 Nov
 Winners: M Garfield, I McClelland, E Bateman, Z Elmore
 Runners up: J Mewett, D McDougall, G Mewett, W McDougall
 Lucky draw: L Gilmour, M Gittins, Y Ackroyd, L Godfrey
 Lucky draw: G McEniery, K

Vardy, J Oliver, H Anderson
Random Select Triples Thu 23 Nov
 Highest margin: P Ditchburn, B Hamer, J Lonsdale
 Runners up: W Gilbert, R Leith, L Broomhead
 Lucky Draw: P Gee, A Cooke, J Downey
 Lucky Draw: M Cole, J Hilliar, C Sambaher

BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S

Scroungers Nov 11th
 1st John McNeven, 2nd, Di Neumann, 3rd Paul Neumann, Mike Flint
 Wed 4's Nov 15th
 Winners Roger Parker, Russell Guymer, Col Hodges, Peter Thatcher
 Runners Up Jan Dixon, Lynn Bell, Marty Hall, Brian Reed
 Thurs Jackpot pairs Nov 16th
 Winners Mike Hansen, Judy Hansen
 Runners Up Butch, Paul Neumann Smith, Merv Miles.
 Scroungers Nov 18th
 1st Trevor Mallouk, Paul Neumann, 3rd Yuki King, 4th Eric Thean, 5th Tim Brain
 Wed 4's Nov 22nd Winners John Bell, Steve Mogan
 Runners Up Allan Kenning, Robin Maffey, Graeme Hanlin, Peter Vlajic.
 Thurs Jackpot pairs
 Winners Richie Ferguson, Darryl Rowlingson,
 Runners Up Peter McQueen, Col Valentine

BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

Despite early morning rain on Friday, 10th November, the social bowls for The President's At Home took place with 80 bowlers from Bongaree, MBDLBA, Bribie Island, Solander Lake, Kawana, Woodford, Kilcoy, Woombye, Bramble Bay and Nerangba. What a wonderful response from our neighbouring clubs to honour Wendy on her special day!
 Our president, Wendy Rollason, welcomed the guests at morning tea. A fun, friendly game of fours and a delicious lunch followed this. Special guests were Representatives from MBDLBA, Matriarch - Rose Smith, Life Members - Doreen Pennery and Honey O'Neill, Board Chairman - Ian Paterson and Patroness Joy Lambie.
 Many thanks to our Sponsors for the day - BRIBIE ISLAND SKIN CANCER CLINIC.
 Also, thank you to all who donated prizes for the multi-affle.



WOW HOW GOOD ARE BRIBIE CROQUET PLAYERS !

Kathy Vincent

You probably noticed there were no players on the courts for a few weeks, and we wondered what had happened to the croquet players.

Well, they are back. The grounds have been closed for a few weeks to work on the courts to improve the quality of the turf. But it is back to normal now, just in time for the charity event on the 25th of November, when the general public is invited to have a go and join in the fun and games for a good cause.

To celebrate the re-opening of the courts, the club held a Gala Day for the members. This is a competition between two teams. Players start the games at 8 am and complete six 45-minute games with breaks for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. It was a great way to reopen the courts. What a perfect day, blue skies, sunshine, not too hot and no wind; everyone had a good time.

At the end of the day, the winners were grinners.

The Red Team winners were Kathy Vincent first, Dick Byres second and John Pyatt third.

The Blue Team winners Arthur Heathwood first, Shelley Moar second and Sue Green third.

But some players were away in Windsor playing in a Doubles competition, playing 6 one one-hour games, and the Bribie players were simply amazing. Team A was won by Dennis Green from Bribie with his partner from another club. Team B was won by Maggie Lawson and Dolly Taylor, who outclassed everyone.

It is true winners were certainly wearing smiles all around. Go Bribie, well done.



Results for Bongaree Ladies Bowls

Tuesday 14th November

Winners: Elna Jensen, Errol Fender

R/U: David Hutchinson, John Park

Bonus Draw: David Vaughan, Don Somerfield, Peter McQueen, Col Erhardt

Friday 17th November

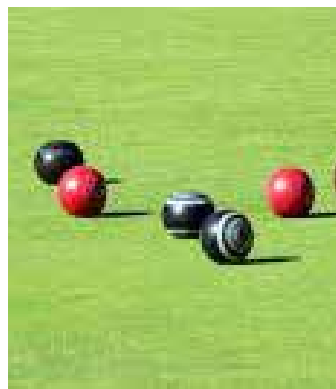
Winners: Sandra Scott, Brenda Hutchinson

R/U: Ian Gillies, Diana Stowers

Tuesday 21st November

Winners: Richie Ferguson, Maureen Ferguson

R/U: Errol Fender, Arne Jensen



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BRIBIE ISLANDER: RESULTS FOR BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

9 NOV TO 21 NOVEMBER 2023

9/11/23 - Single Stroke

A Grade Winner: Jennifer De Ruyter 72, 2nd Myra Thomsen 73 cb, 3rd Kris Tomalin 73

B Grade Winner: Jude Dorhauer 69, 2nd Hazel McDonnell 70, 3rd Marjorie Sills 71

NTP's: Hole 4 Gill Lee, Hole 7 Helena Winterflood, Hole 14 Ros Gardiner, Hole 16 (2nd shot) Ros Gardiner, Hole 4 (Div 3 2nd shot) Sonia Ferrante

Medal of Medals - A Grade

Winner: Toni Grossmann 74

B Grade Winner: Sue Navie 71

C Grade Winner: Wendy Robinson 75

14/11/23 - Single Stableford

A Grade Winner: Gwen Clutterbuck 40, 2nd Barbara Newcomb 37, 3rd Carole Watson 36

B Grade Winner: Lulu Drew 41, 2nd Lyn Cockerell 38 cb, 3rd Suzanne Peet 38

C Grade Winner: Jody Bedson 40, 2nd Denise Shearer 39, 3rd Roslyn Crossley 37

NTP's: Hole 4 Suzanne Peet, Hole 7 Gwen Clutterbuck, Hole 14 Sue Navie, Hole 16 (2nd shot)

Janet McGowan, Hole 14 (Div 3 2nd shot) Yvonne Nicklin 16/11/23 - 4BBB Stableford Overall Winners: Kate Brown & Desley Neilson 46, 2nd Vivi Lloyd & Angela Jordan 45 cb, 3rd Angela Roberts & Margaret Peterson 45, 4th Kris Tomalin & Jo McCowan 44 cb

NTP's: Hole 4 Diane Fitzpatrick, Hole 7 Marjorie Sills, Hole 14 Susie Smith, Hole 16 (2nd shot) Ann Rogers, Hole 4 (Div 3 2nd shot) Anne Carmody

21/11/23 - Single Stableford

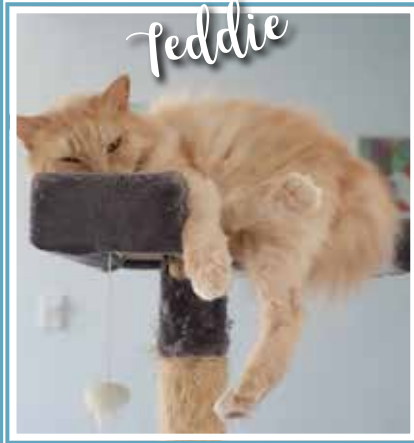
Overall Winner: Pauline Grooby 39, 2nd Tina Hando 37 cb, 3rd Jo McCowan 37

NTP's: Hole 4 Tina Hando, Hole 7 Gaby Bennett, Hole 14 Vicki Jones, Hole 16 (2nd shot) Tina Hando

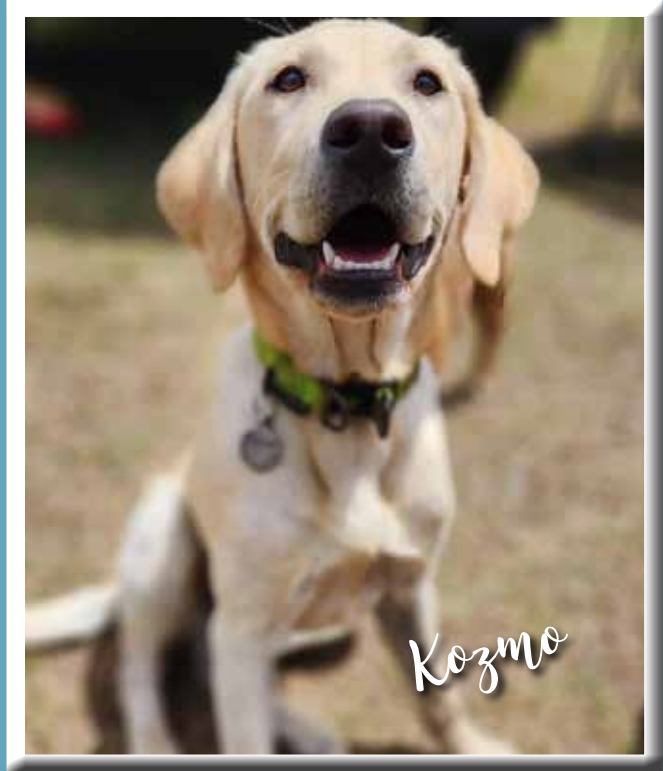




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Beau



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Peddy & Teddy




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Daisy

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 Poor Beau had his head chopped off in our lat issue so had to show hou how handsome he is in this one

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CAT HEALTH ESSENTIALS: PART 2

How to Keep Them Happy and Healthy

MAINTAINING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

To your feline companion, your home is both a sanctuary and an adventure waiting to unfold. Cats' boundless curiosity often leads them into unforeseen situations, necessitating your diligence in ensuring their safe environment. Regular inspections are vital; toxic plants must be banished, windows and balconies secured, and harmful substances kept out of reach. Your attention to these details creates a haven where your cat can explore and play without encountering hazards, fostering their trust and well-

being. GROOMING AND PERSONAL CARE

Beyond the playful antics and the comforting purrs lies the realm of grooming, a practice that extends far beyond aesthetic concerns. Regular grooming sessions are pivotal for your cat's health. Brushing removes loose fur, preventing the formation of hairballs, and reduces shedding, keeping their coats gleaming. Moreover, these sessions allow you to conduct essential health checks,

scanning for skin issues, lumps, or the presence of unwelcome parasites. Trimming your cat's nails is not just a matter of aesthetics; it prevents

overgrowth, ensuring they do not face discomfort or potential injuries. Scheduled baths, though met with varying degrees of feline enthusiasm, maintain their coat's cleanliness, promoting overall well-being.

PROPER LITTER BOX CARE

The significance of a clean litter box cannot be overstated in feline hygiene. Cats are fastidious creatures, and a pristine bathroom is paramount to their happiness and hygiene. This is where the choice of the litter box plays a pivotal role. Investing in a quality litter box like a top-entry litter box provides much-needed privacy and contains odours effectively, creating a more pleasant environment for your cat. The design

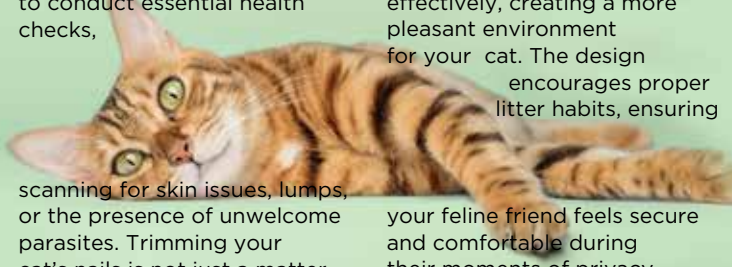
encourages proper litter habits, ensuring

your feline friend feels secure and comfortable during their moments of privacy. To maintain this sanctity,

regular scooping to remove waste, thorough cleaning, and replenishing with fresh litter are essential rituals that underscore your dedication to their well-being.

CONCLUSION

Caring for a cat goes beyond the basics of food and shelter; it encompasses understanding their unique needs and catering to their distinct behaviours. By comprehending their dietary requirements, providing regular veterinary care, engaging them in physical and mental activities, ensuring proper hydration, maintaining a secure environment, and prioritising grooming and personal care, you are not just a caregiver but a custodian of their happiness. Every whisker twitch and contented stretch is a testament to your dedication, filling your shared journey with boundless affection and unparalleled joy. Remember, in the tapestry of your life, your feline companion weaves threads of companionship, loyalty, and love, making your world infinitely richer.



SEPARATION ANXIETY - Part 3

In the last issue how to prevent separation anxiety. This article is about treating separation anxiety. This may or may not work on all dogs, it depends on their level of anxiety. The most important thing is never punish the dog, even when you come home and find your sofa torn to shreds. Dogs do not know that they have done anything wrong. They react to your tone of voice and body language and so the next time you go out they will expect you to come home yelling at them and their anxiety level will increase.

Set up a desensitization programme. This is where you go through the process of leaving

without actually going out and rewarding baby steps. We all have a routine to getting ready to going out. Dogs know the routine and at some point there is a trigger where he will become anxious. It could be from the moment you have a shower or it could be when you pick up the keys. Learn what his trigger point is. For eg it may be picking up the keys, so practice picking it up half a dozen times throughout the day without going anywhere. If he doesn't react, reward him. If he reacts, ignore him. Once he doesn't appear anxious go to the next step and so on.

If he appears calm whilst you go through your routine without

leaving the house then the next step is to go to the door, practice opening and shutting without leaving. The last step is actually leaving the house only for a few minutes, just walk a couple of houses down and return. Reward calm behaviour. The reward needs to be the best such as cheese or cooked chicken rather than kibble.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Yvonne



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SINGLE MOTHERS AND CHILDREN BEAR THE BRUNT OF RISING LIVING COSTS

Single mothers and children bear the brunt of rising living costs. Despite being well-educated and employed, more than half of single mothers recently surveyed by the Council of Single Mothers and their Children (CSMC) are living below the poverty line.

In the second CSMC National Survey and “Navigating Turbulence” Report, 1168 single mums from around Australia answered questions on housing, income levels, employment status, education, family violence, family law, disability and the impact of Covid.

DESPITE BEING WELL-EDUCATED AND EMPLOYED, MORE THAN HALF OF SINGLE MOTHERS RECENTLY SURVEYED BY THE COUNCIL OF SINGLE MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN (CSMC) ARE LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE.

While 78 per cent of survey respondents were in paid employment, 61 per cent (with 1,143 children) supported a family on less than \$60,000 a year (median Australian income is \$65,000 a year). The data from the survey, the largest of its kind in Australia, reveals that contrary to the popular stereotype, employment amongst single mothers is on par with partnered parents. “Sadly, for single mothers, a job and higher education is no protection against financial insecurity,” says Council of Single Mothers and their Children CEO Jenny Davidson.

According to the report, 67 per cent of single mothers surveyed experienced family violence, increasing to 78 per cent in families with a mother living with a disability. “Family violence in all its forms is a significant issue for single mothers,” Ms Davidson says. “Our society needs to address this outrage. Perpetrators go on with their lives while women are left struggling to protect their children and provide them with essentials like a roof over their heads. Our survey reveals family violence impacts future employment, health and financial security and needs to be taken into account by policymakers.”

Safe and affordable housing was the main concern for survey respondents, with nearly half (49%) not feeling confident about their long-term housing. Single mothers from all income brackets were represented in all housing types – a fifth reporting they live in insecure housing, a third living in private rental and a small number earning over \$100,000 living in tents or caravan parks, unable to secure rentals.

Respondents experienced homelessness and marginal housing at almost four times the national average (1.9 per cent compared with 0.5 per cent), which applied to the broader population would equate to 12,500 mothers with 22,500 children homeless.

Women reported applying for more than 100 rental properties and being rejected from all of them; having to sleep in their car; escaping violence and having to pay more for their transitional housing than they would in equivalent private rental; being assaulted at a motel where they were housed temporarily; waiting more than four years for priority housing and having to give up their children to a family member because of homelessness.

“Discrimination concerning housing is most prevalent in the rental market,” Ms Davidson says. “Some algorithms used by real estate agents instantly reject single mothers; and in most cases, preference is given to two-income families.”

Council for Single Mothers and their Children (CSMC) supports single-mother families with resources and advice and advocates on their behalf.

“We are struggling to provide viable solutions to these families,” she says.

“We need financial investment in affordable, appropriate and secure rental housing for single mother families, mortgage assistance akin to rental assistance, an extension of the Family Home Guarantee Scheme and financial institutions to provide mortgages to women with the financial capacity to service them, including those over 50 years of age.”

Census data reveals there are 864,000 single-mother families in Australia, heading 12.7% of families with dependent children, and single mothers work more hours a week than other Australian women. However, they are vulnerable because of the casualisation of the workforce, and many lost their jobs during COVID-19.

“It’s time to end the stigma and recognise how courageous and resilient single mothers are and how hard they work,” says Ms Davidson. “Many single mums are employed, and they are studying. Most have their children 12 days a fortnight – they are full-time primary carers while holding down a job. But employment is no guarantee of a liveable income.”

RED & GREEN THINGS For Christmas!

Peter Schinkel



Seen and heard enough about Christmas yet? No?

Fabulous - here's a special article about plants to adorn the common areas of your home at this festive time of year. Red, green and also white (for that snowy effect) look beautiful alongside the other decorations in and around the home.

Starting with an old-time favourite – the poinsettia (pictured here). Most nurseries will be selling them this time of year because they are super popular and grow so well indoors. Once you put them outside, their interesting foliage will turn green and the red flower bracts will reappear every winter. A lovely addition to a partly shady spot in the garden.

Non-climbing Mandevillas are fantastic. They flower all-year round, are very hardy, will be fine indoors for Christmas, and then beautiful when planted in a sunny spot in the garden. They stay small (50cm), with their tendrils dancing in the breeze, and if you want the climbing variety, they're usually easy to find too.

For snow-lovers, Euphorbia leucocephalas (aka snow bush, snowflake, Christmas flower and many other names) are ideal.

Again, they're fine indoors for Christmas and then love a sunny spot in the garden

Another old-time favourite are geraniums – most small (non-bushy) varieties are so easy to care for and they give you flowers all year round.

There are many more Christmassy plants to choose from. Check out the markets, plant suppliers and nurseries for the colours you want, and if you can find the following, they are popular at Christmas time too –

RED FLOWERS

ROSES ~ unlike decades ago, the small hybrids around these days are so easy to grow in Queensland and usually flower all year-round. And with so little maintenance, roses are the new magic plant that anyone can grow.

ANTHURIUMS ~ another plant that anyone can grow and they can stay indoors all year-round.

ORCHIDS ~ always a stunning plant that loves the indoors. So easy to care for and of course, there's plenty of white ones too.

WHITE FLOWERS

CYCLAMEN ~ beautiful, come in red or white, among other colours.

POINSETTIAS ~ Yes, there are white ones

as well as red..

DUSTY MILLER ~ whitish grey, their foliage even looks like giant snowflakes and they look great in a sunny spot in the garden later.

OTHER FESTIVE FLOWERS and party plants include – anything you love the look of but here's a few more to choose from - Christmas bells (*Blandiflora nobilis*), Christmas Lily (or November Lily – with its delightful perfume and trumpet flowers), Christmas orchid with its white blooms, Hippeastrum (nice big flowers, many different colours).

Finally and thanks very much to Jenny from Beachmere for this tip – red and white Christmas decorations dangling around the top of a terrarium look very festive indeed. Alternatively, creating your own terrarium like the one pictured here (with white pebbles, succulent, holly decoration and ribbon). Looks just the part!

Thanks for reading, everyone

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

See you in 2024



Maintain hardy gardens on Bribie Island's west coast.

By Grow Nursery

Has the warmer-than-usual weather got your plants hot under the collar this 2023 summer season on Bribie Island's west coast? It is time to strengthen your plant's environment and provide improved resilience against the summer heat.

Firstly, choose the right location for your plant. Most plants will cope with both the eastern & midday sunshine, but come the afternoon, they may battle to thrive in the burning western sun. Survey your garden for beds & patches where there is likely to be shade in the afternoons. Use both naturally occurring barriers such as hills & sandstone rocks and shade provided by established trees.

Secondly, dig into your soil with lots of organic matter and use certified soil microbiome enhancers. Grow Plant Nursery Bribie uses the eco-friendly GROW Bio Organic Fertiliser on all their garden centre plants and also sells this vital soil enhancer in take-home, refillable bottles. Ask the staff for an easy-to-understand explanation of how this pH-neutral additive is ideal for all types of plants. No run-off issues into local waterways either, as Grow Organically is basically a natural probiotic for your garden's soil.

Next, ensure you use a good quality bark chip on the soil's surface in your garden beds and pots/planters. Grow Plant Nursery is your local Bribie Island stockist of Katek's Not Just Mulch, perfect for keeping the moisture in your soil longer between waterings and further improving your soil's essential nutrients. Ask us for more advice.

Another consideration is the time of day when you water your plants. Do you get up early, go out into the garden and give your plants a drink before the summer sun's heat kicks in? Like us, most plants like a drink of water to keep moist & healthy during the hot summer days. If you water in the late afternoon, perhaps try morning watering instead.

And for those days when the hot westerly winds spring up and quickly dry out your lawns and gardens, water both first up in the morning and then again later in the afternoon to reduce the chance of them becoming part of the great Aussie bake-off.

Visit the inspiring gardens of Grow Plant Nursery in Bongaree Village, just up the hill from the MBRC Bribie Island library on First Avenue Bongaree. Our garden nursery is behind Inner Room Bribie home decor store & Village Deli Bongaree Bribie Island food shop in Bongaree Village retail precinct, a Bribie Island shopping centre in Bongaree near the library. Find us in the street-side shops adjoining the intersection of Queen Street & 17 First Avenue Bongaree 4507.



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Farmers for Climate Action opposes coal waste injection into Australia's largest underground water supply

Farmers for Climate Action

• Farm groups oppose US coal giant Glencore's plan to inject 110,000 tonnes of coal mine waste into Australia's biggest underground water supply

• We need farmers' water protected from polluters to keep farmers farming

• Farmers for Climate Action represents 8000 farmers
Farmers For Climate Action has backed farmers opposing

a carbon capture and storage project that aims to inject coal mine waste into Australia's biggest underground water source.

US coal giant Glencore's proposal to inject 110,000 tonnes of liquified carbon waste from the Millmerran coal-fired power station into the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) has been met with serious opposition from farm groups.

"Putting coal mine waste into our Great Artesian Basin is a reckless experiment with agricultural water," Ms Collard said.

"The threat to farmers' water security from this carbon capture and storage project, from other coal and gas proposals across the nation, and climate change are real and must be taken seriously to keep farmers farming. Polluters cannot be allowed to put their toxic waste in farmers' water supplies.

"It's time we hold polluters accountable and prioritise water security and food

security, which are key planks of national security. Having a stable, locally-grown food supply is not optional

The GAB is an underground water formation that spans a fifth of the nation's area and is worth \$13 billion to the national economy. The proposal would put the coal waste directly into the Precipice Sandstone aquifer from which local farmers and towns source water.

Those having expressed serious concern about the proposal include local farmers, the Queensland Farmers Federation, Queensland farmer group AgForce, the Murweh Shire Council Mayor who says the GAB should be given the same protections as the Great Barrier Reef, politicians from the Federal Nationals and Queensland State Government, and a hydrologist who said it would increase acidification of the water by 10,000 times, dissolving the rock and putting lead and arsenic into other parts of the GAB as well as the aquifer it is injected into.

"It's fantastic to see MPs from both sides of politics speaking out about this proposal - Federal Nationals MP Colin Boyce and Queensland state Labor Water Minister Glenn Butcher. We hope Water Minister Tanya Plibersek explores her Ministerial powers to veto this proposal." Ms Collard said.

"American-owned coal giant Glencore calls this a 'trial'. Lead and arsenic can't be removed from an underground lake once it's in there. Asking polluters whether they think their projects will cause harm is not doing due diligence. This proposal should be refused now, and all future projects planning on injecting heavy metals into farming water should be rejected.."

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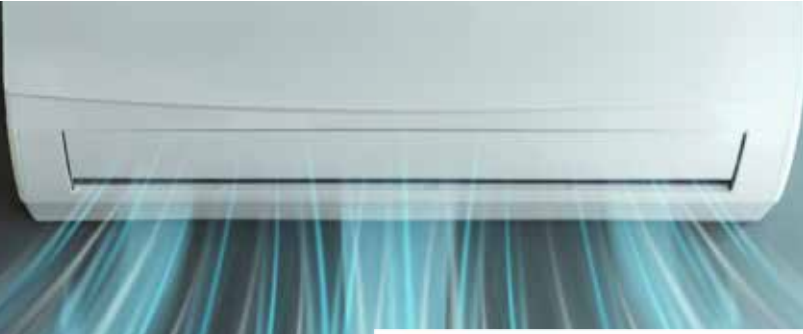
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Before the holiday period, experts urge AUSTRALIANS to do these simple steps in the home to keep their FAMILIES SAFE.



B-CYCLE

New research released today by B-cycle, Australia's government-backed battery recycling scheme, shows millions of Australians are unaware of the simple safety measure of taping used batteries. Used batteries must be covered with clear sticky tape and never be put in general waste and recycling bins for fire prevention and child safety.

Currently, an estimated 5.7 million used batteries are in homes across Australia. With thousands of battery-powered products expected to be purchased in the coming weeks during Black Friday and the Christmas giving period, there are concerns this number will grow. Experts are warning these batteries are a danger to young children, vulnerable groups, and waste collection providers.

The new data reveals a worrying trend in how people across the country are disposing of used batteries with:

- More than half (55%) of Australians surveyed still incorrectly disposing of batteries in regular waste or recycling bins.¹
- 79% of Australians are unaware of the important safety step of taping their used batteries.²
- Just 12% say they immediately tape the exposed terminals when replacing a used household battery.³

Experts are reminding Australians of the dangers of handheld batteries. Button batteries, in particular, are a huge safety issue. They power many devices in our homes and lives, from remote controls, car keys, children's toys, bathroom scales, and many other devices that flash, glow or make noise. While button batteries appear harmless, they can have a devastating impact when ingested or inserted by small children or thrown in general waste and recycling bins which causes fires and harms the environment.

- Child safety hazard: Button batteries

can cause severe internal caustic burns and death. In Australia, an estimated 20 children per week present to a hospital emergency department suspected of having ingested or inserted a button battery, and of those, one child per month will sustain serious injuries.⁴

- Fire risk: Even when a battery appears to have lost its charge, it can short-circuit when it comes into contact with other batteries or metal objects, causing dangerous fires.

- Environmental risk: Batteries going into landfills leach toxic materials into the environment. Those materials could be salvaged for reuse by recyclers.

B-cycle CEO Libby Chaplin said, "Since the launch of B-cycle, we've seen a positive shift, and more people are recycling their used batteries, but there remains a substantial number who aren't. Millions of batteries are sitting in our homes with the potential to cause serious harm if not disposed of correctly. We are asking Australians to protect their families and communities by simply taping used batteries with clear sticky tape and taking them to their local B-cycle drop-off point."

HOW TAPING AND RECYCLING HELP KEEP AUSSIES SAFE:

- Taping used batteries makes them harder to swallow or insert.
- If ingested, the tape limits the caustic burn and gives health staff more time to save the child's life.
- Taping over the terminals of batteries helps prevent them from short-circuiting.
- Keeping batteries out of general waste and recycling bins helps prevent fires in the waste stream and stops batteries going to landfills.
- Recycling gets used batteries out of our homes and into safe hands so they can be made into something new.

Emergency paediatrician and Director of the Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit, Dr Ruth Barker, said, "We are surrounded by batteries in our homes, and

often parents won't know until it's too late that their child has ingested or inserted a battery. These incidents are hard to recognise, challenging to treat, and fatal if not correctly diagnosed quickly. Risk mitigation by taping batteries and keeping them out of reach of children is essential to keeping children safe."

Chaplin added, "We are seeing an increase in battery-related fires across the country, and this will only continue to grow as batteries remain an integral part of our day-to-day lives. By recycling them, we can ensure they are handled safely by accredited collectors and keep our communities safe."

Batteries are made of highly recyclable and valuable materials. Since the launch of B-cycle in 2021, collections of used batteries for recycling have almost doubled, ultimately protecting our people and our planet and helping grow Australia's onshore recycling industry capability for a secure and greener future.

Together, we can make a real impact by simply taping our used batteries with clear sticky tape and taking them to a local B-cycle drop-off point.

B-cycle has over 4,000 easily accessible Drop-off points across the country in retail stores such as ALDI, Bunnings, Battery World, Coles, Officeworks and Woolworths.

To find your local B-cycle drop-off point and for more battery safety information, go to bcycle.com.au

BATTERY SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Don't toss them: never put used batteries in your regular waste and recycling bins
- Tape them: cover the battery terminals (the battery ends) with clear sticky tape
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**More pain for
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National Shelter / SGS Economics and Planning

Regional Queensland is now the most unaffordable place in Australia to rent a home, with low-income households bearing the brunt of the crisis, according to the annual National Shelter-SGS Economics and Planning Rental Affordability Index.

The index - which cross references median rents with average incomes - shows that affordability in Queensland, excluding Greater Brisbane, has dropped seven per cent in the past year.

For the first time ever, the median regional Qld rental at \$553 a week now costs 30 per cent of the average annual rental household income of \$96,033, up from \$493 and 29 per cent last year.

This record high meets the rental stress threshold and exceeds all other regions and capital cities.

This drop has the biggest impact on low-income households. A single person on JobSeeker would now have to spend 98 per cent of their entire income to rent a median one-bedroom home, up from 94 per cent last year.

A single pensioner would have to spend 59 per cent of their income to rent a median one-bedroom home, up from 56 per cent last year.

National Shelter CEO Emma Greenhalgh said: "It's deeply troubling to see that average regional Queensland renters have to put themselves in rental stress just to keep a roof over their head.

"The situation is even worse for low-income households, many of whom simply cannot afford to rent safely in the private market.

"From the Gold Coast to Townsville, the shocking plunge in affordability is stark and widespread across the state.

"Regional Queensland is now categorised as unaffordable, a significant shift from just three years ago when it was categorised as acceptable."

The least affordable suburb in regional Queensland is Eumundi on the Sunshine Coast, where a median rental of \$1,050 per week costs 58 per cent of the average regional Queensland rental household income.

Nearby areas Wurtulla Beach, Coolum Beach, Tewantin, Cooroy, and Noosa Heads have all been classified as severely unaffordable, down from moderately unaffordable or acceptable back in 2020.

Much of the Gold Coast, including Surfers' Paradise, Broadbeach and Burleigh Heads, has become even less affordable and remains categorised as severely unaffordable.

Regional hubs such as Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, and Townsville, which were praised for their affordable to very affordable rent listings in 2020, have slid to acceptable status, and the surrounding regions are generally moderately unaffordable to unaffordable.

"This is concerning because it indicates that residents priced out of the Greater Brisbane rental market would still struggle to find affordable rental housing in other cities throughout Queensland," said SGS Economics and Planning Principal Ellen Witte.

"Unaffordability is hurting the economy too. Households will have to live further away from where the jobs are to access affordable rents, and businesses are struggling to find workers.

"Governments must urgently address this worsening affordability crisis by building more homes and better regulating renting."



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Tuesday the 14th of November at 7PM VMR Bribe Island Inc. held their annual general meeting where the new committee was elected, and many awards given to our amazing volunteers. Around 60 members attended, there was only one nomination for each of the executive positions, and 7 nominations for the remaining 5 committee positions. Also attending the meeting were three members of the Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation Team, who gave a talk on the transition process, where we are currently at, and answered questions about the new Rescue Service. They also put up a QR code so members could keep up to date with progress from here on.



VMR Commodore Ces Luscombe giving his yearly report to the attendees at the VMR Bribe Island Inc. AGM.



Commodore Ces Luscombe presents a Special Commendation Award to Coxswain Jim Brown who has been a very active member of the squadron across a range of fronts. This year however, he has taken on the particularly challenging role of managing our major fundraising activity - the car parking at Sandstone Point. He has also taken on the organisation of our Annual Golf Day. At the same time, he has continued in his key role as a rescue skipper and SAR trainer.



Commodore Ces presents Wayne Robinson with a Special Commendation Award. Wayne has taken on the very challenging role of our IT go-to person, this relies on particular expertise, and also has to deal with a wide range of issues faced by a wide range of people! While dealing with this challenging role Wayne also maintains his role as vessel crew and always with a smile on his face!



Special Commendation was presented by our Commodore Ces Luscombe to Ross Jones who has this year taken on a vital squadron role, requiring a lot of dedication. Ross has served as a radio operator since 2009, but lately has opted to step back from this role, instead taking on the role of Unit Resource Controller - or URC for short. For those who don't know, the URC is the person who coordinates after hours emergency responses - carrying the afterhours phone every night and calling out the crews and radio operator when required. He is working when others are asleep! Our recipient is not new to the role having been URC for 5 years previously between 2013 and 2018!



Commodore Ces Luscombe presents a Commodores Award to our Membership Secretary Rosemary Blythe who has worked tirelessly for over 7 years in one of the key roles in our squadron. Starting as a radio operator about 10 years ago, Rosemary took over the role of Membership Secretary in 2016 and continues in that role today. In that time, membership numbers have increased dramatically, but Rosemary and her team have kept us running smoothly the whole time.



John and Sheryl Traill with their Commodores Award for their combined outstanding service to VMR Bribe. They were nominated as a couple, for their longstanding, continuing and apparently untiring efforts in working for our squadron. John and Sheryl have contributed to the life of the squadron for over a decade, including over 10 years in the radio room & the public relations role, 10 years on the social committee, and innumerable hours doing whatever needs to be done - whether operationally, socially, or in our community.



Commodores Awards presented to John O'Hagan and Wayne Slater by Commodore Ces Luscombe for their tireless effort in trying to get our building renovations underway. Both Wayne and John have independently provided conspicuous service to the squadron, but most recently as a double act, they have worked above and beyond the call of duty.

Members might not be aware that there has been an enormous amount of work done to prepare the way for our soon-to-be-started building upgrades - undertaken mainly by a small core of people. Wayne and John have had to deal with designers, engineers, builders, certifiers, disability consultants, and council - often in seemingly infinite loops - with no apparent solutions offered by any of them! They have come out the other side with a great plan, which we hope to implement as soon as a couple of small issues are ironed out. John O'Hagan also received a separate Dunny Award for his conspicuous contribution to the design of the toilet facilities in our building upgrade.



Commodores Award is presented to Garry Bunker by Commodore Ces Luscombe. Garry was recognised for his longstanding and continuing dedication to making sure our base and vessel maintenance stays up to scratch. Garry puts in many hours of work, and not just on Maintenance Mondays, you can generally find him here at the base, fixing or coordinating something. Garry is also a willing helper for any fundraising or community events we are involved with. He is also on vessel crew and can be called upon reliably if extra crew are required. Congratulations Garry Bunker!

2023 YEAR RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 23rd November 2023

- 13,985 Calls, 4,045 vessels logged on,
- 221 Vessel Assists, 1,396 Sitreps, 1,202 Requests,
- 60 overdue vessels, 18 Vessel Tracking,
- 1,484 Radio Checks, 11 Weather Broadcasts,
- 3 Securite Broadcasts, 1 Pan Pan, 0 Mayday.
- VHF 59.3%, 27MHz 4.4%, Phone 17.9%. GWN 1.9%



Commodores Award presented to Kelly Langworthy by Commodore Ces Luscombe. Kelly is a relative newcomer to our squadron but has hit the ground running and contributed enormously. Kelly has worked tirelessly with the "post-Covid" Social Committee to deliver fabulous social functions for both our members and for our community. She has also taken on the role of Human Resources officer and offers support and guidance to all our members when they are in need of support. She cares deeply about the wellbeing of all our people. Kelly has also taken on a key role in our fundraising, organising and overhauling the 'money gathering' process. Kelly has now put her hand up to take over as our Treasurer. A number of members, in their nominations, noted Kelly's unfailingly positive attitude and friendly disposition as being a great asset to our squadron.



Commodore Ces Luscombe presents Function Coordinator Kelly Langworthy, Linda Burdinat, Brenda Allardyce, Barbara Gillmore, Carol Pobar, Leona Patrick, John Traill, Cheryl Robinson, Sheryl Traill, and Gail Tranter (unable to attend were Colleen Beros, Sharyn Giles, Kaye Hamond, Betty Snell and Robyn Young) with a Commodores Award. This Social Committee makes our squadron more than a rescue unit - they make it a community. It is worth recalling that VMR Bribie actually originated as the 'Bribie Island boating and fishing club', formed over 50 years ago. It was not until a decade later that we became an official air-sea rescue unit! For over 50 years, there has been a small team of people who have organised our community and social events. They host our twice monthly social events, along with lots of traditional celebrations like Christmas, a High Tea, and Melbourne Cup Day. They organise fashion parades and parties for our sponsors, and they cater for our community engagement events like our recent Expo. We expect that the plaque will live here in the function room, but for each of the team we have a certificate to put on the shelf at home, in recognition of their receipt of this award.



Three members from the Marine Rescue Queensland Implementation team attended the VMR Bribie AGM and gave a talk on the transition process and answered questions about the new Rescue Service. From left: Marc Bradley - Organisational Change Management MRIP, Greg Ringuet - Business Reform Coordinator MRIP and Craig Lunn - EM, Capability and Performance MRIP.



The John Burdge Training Award this year was presented to Coxswain Ian Grimes. Ian also received a separate award for his rope training skills. This award was inaugurated by John Burdge, who is a life member of VMR Bribie. John was a skipper here for almost 30 years, and during that time was heavily involved in the development and delivery of training. The criteria for the John Burdge training award is a person who has made an outstanding achievement in the field of marine training at VMR Bribie. As the recipient Ian Grimes has invested a lot of time and effort in support of crew training. He joined VMR 12 years ago as crew and has been a Coxswain for 8 years. He has been involved in the operational training of crew throughout this time, particularly in the area of Seamanship. Most recently, seeing a need for new training aids, Ian has designed and constructed new training boards in his garage at home - one for knots, and one for vessel lights. The crew have found these boards to be invaluable in their practical training.



Special Commendation presented Lee Prescott our retiring Treasurer by Commodore Ces Luscombe. Lee joined VMR Bribie as crew in 2020, and in 2021 took up the role of Treasurer. In this role, Lee has upgraded our accounting systems and automated a range of functions to improve the efficiency and accuracy of our systems. She has also contributed strongly as a member of the committee, and we will be sorry to see her leave her role and the committee.



Our Commodore Ces Luscombe was presented with his National Medal by Vice Commodore Wayne Sclater. Seen above with his wife Wendy. The National Medal recognises service across multiple organisations, including VMR but also other rescue organisations and the Australian Defence Force. Ces has served in the ADF and many years with VMR for a total of 15-year service to the community.



The Commodore Ces Luscombe also presented a Special Award to VMR Secretary Gary Voss for his outstanding service to VMR Bribie and to all of the general Boating public. Gary joined as trainee crew in 2013. Since then, he has worked tirelessly for the betterment of this squadron and also the wider Volunteer Marine Rescue Service. Gary was responsible for most of the training crew material undertaken both here and in squadrons and states around Australia. He has served as Treasurer at VMRAQ this year and has been on working groups with the Marine Rescue Implementation Program for a couple of years now. He has been on the management committee in 2015 and 2016 and has been our Secretary at VMR Bribie since 2018. He has also been one of our Zone representatives since 2021. All this time he also is a commercial coxswain, crew leader and one of our trainer assessors. He is also famous for his air guitar and his Nutbush dancing instruction!



Two new Honorary Life Members were voted in last night - Radio Operator Mary Brown and Coxswain John Burdinat for their many years of outstanding service to VMR Bribie in many roles. Mary Brown started as a radio operator almost 20 years ago and is our longest serving active radio operator. A few years later Mary joined the management committee as Treasurer, a role she held for four years until 2011. In 2013 Mary re-joined the management committee, again as Treasurer, for a further 3 years. Along the way, Mary also acted as a Duty Officer, Zone Delegate, and Baywatch Editor! Mary continues to this day as a radio operator and is very much engaged with the life of the squadron.

John Burdinat has been a member of VMR Bribie for over 25 years. He is currently our longest serving active crew member. Starting as crew in 1998, this member has worked continuously and diligently through the ranks and achieved Coxswain qualifications in 2018. During his time with VMR Bribie, he has been committed to his role on crew, forming part of the emergency callout crew from 2001 until that crew was disbanded in 2013. John has been a keen participant in the life of the squadron throughout his tenure - involved in fundraising, community events and of course social events. Regrettably, he is a Blues supporter, but that just gives us someone to pity during State of Origin functions, at which he is a regular and a good sport. As John has now had 25 years of service to VMR Bribie he was also presented with the 25-Year Clasp to his National Medal presented to him some years ago.

NOV VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 10/11 1554P – 4.6m Cuddy Cabin non-member with motor issues, required a tow from off Bongaree Jetty to Bongaree Boat Ramp.

SUN 12/11 0514AM – 5m Cuddy Cabin member with engine issues, required a tow from off Base Pontoon to Bribie Gardens Canals.

SUN 12/11 1230PM – 8.4m Cruiser member with an electrical problem, required a tow from Bongaree Jetty to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 12/11 1244PM – 7.3m Cruiser member with starting issues, required a tow from Tangalooma Wrecks to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 12/11 1641PM – 14m Ketch non-member with disabled engine required a tow from 6NM North of Woorim to Pumicestone Passage.

SUN 12/11 1832PM – 14m Ketch non-member, 2nd crew called out to assist to moor the Ketch.

TUE 14/11 0647AM – 9m Vessel non-member required a tow from near Western Banks to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

TUE 14/11 1127AM – MOP reported a drifting blow up "Tinny" with motor tilted up. Investigated - tender is tied up to mooring.

FRI 17/11 1651PM – MOP reported a drifting Yacht off IGA Bongaree. Owner noticed our vessel checking on it, Bribie 1 transported owner +1 to secure vessel.

SUN 19/11 0541AM – 5m Centre Console member with a flat battery required a jump start near M4.

SUN 19/11 0825AM – 4.7m Runabout non-member required a tow from Tangalooma Wrecks to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 19/11 1130AM – 3.2m Jet Ski non-member broken down at Mission Point required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.

THU 23/11 1726PM – 5m Runabout member required a tow from Pacific Harbour Canals back to pontoon.

BY: Robyn
Bribie Island Boat Charters

FISHING REPORT

November Fishing Report

Fishing success around Bribie Island has picked up a little in the past couple of weeks. Recent bad weather and the windy days have settled, and we've also seen an increase in bait-fish numbers - so everything is lining up for some good fishing ahead.

It should be a decent time for bream, and we're certainly seeing plenty of them 25-30cm, but the bigger ones are keeping clear of the hook lately. The best bream has been found near Turner's camp, using squid on a falling tide. That's where most of the Everton Park Fishing Club members headed for the last comp. of the year, and there were a few bream in their buckets. Carmen brought some bream in from Gallagher's, one 29cm; Karl did the same a couple of days later, but just no real biggies. Squid was the best bait for Karl - worms were not much good at all.

There has been more luck with grunters and tarwhine in and around Ningi Creek and the other creeks up the Passage. Terry was fishing up past Mission Point on an early



morning rising tide, where he caught over thirty barred grunters, a couple of spotted grunters, three tarwhines and a few small bream. Before his fishing trip, Terry pumped a nice lot of yabbies and also caught a longtom, which he used for bait. He says the longtom caught the biggest

grunter, but the fresh yabbies also worked a treat.

Flathead are showing up along the mainland side sandbanks and on the weed-beds south of the bridge, but again, not always in big sizes. Squid, prawns and pilchards are all working on the flathead. Oliver

and Sam were out on a joint birthday trip and had to throw back a couple of not-quite-big-enough flathead. Sam lost a really big one at the side of the boat - prawns were the bait for all of them. Logan's 69cm flattie was caught on a gang-hooked pilly. We occasionally see under-sized flathead

TIDE TIMES

Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

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FRI 8 Dec 6:42 am 1.53m 12:21 pm 0.73m 6:12 pm 1.48m	SAT 9 Dec 12:35 am 0.39m 7:26 am 1.66m 1:18 pm 0.67m 7:00 pm 1.48m	SUN 10 Dec 1:14 am 0.32m 8:05 am 1.8m 2:09 pm 0.6m 7:45 pm 1.48m	MON 11 Dec 1:50 am 0.26m 8:43 am 1.93m 2:57 pm 0.53m 8:30 pm 1.47m	TUE 12 Dec 2:27 am 0.22m 9:21 am 2.03m 3:42 pm 0.47m 9:15 pm 1.45m	WED 13 Dec 3:04 am 0.21m 10:00 am 2.1m 4:28 pm 0.44m 10:00 pm 1.42m	THU 14 Dec 3:44 am 0.21m 10:42 am 2.14m 5:15 pm 0.43m 10:45 pm 1.39m



brought in, usually because the fisher can't differentiate between different species. The best way is to fan out the tail. A black splotch indicates a mud flathead, also called a dusky, which needs to be 40cm. Black bars on the tail belong to sand and bar-tailed flathead, which can be kept from 30cm. Of course, there's a great fish ID resource on the Qld Fisheries site - very handy for identifying all our fish species.

Killy said there is lots of sand whiting 30cm and over, coming off the sandbanks near Turner's. Whiting has been plentiful and sizeable and found almost anywhere. Emma was pretty impressed with her 40cm whiting, big and fat, caught "somewhere in the Passage" on pilchard. At this time of year, the best whiting fishing is often up around Poverty Creek or Mission Point, but I reckon that Emma wasn't that far north.

White Patch has been a great place for fishing lately - lots of bites and a fair amount of action up there. Drifting between

Pacific Harbour and White Patch is a pleasant day out, which covers the ripples, the oyster regeneration project and the Banksia Beach sandflats - which all hold a fantastic variety of fish; you'll usually come home with a keeper of some sort. Matt loves fishing that area - on his latest trip, he and Belinda caught sweetlips, flounder, flathead, snapper and about 15 undersized Moses perch, all about 20cm in size.

If you'd like to go further afield, Paul could recommend going to the "12 mile". Some undersized snapper and pearl perch had to go back in, but he did get onto quite a few tusk fish and Moses perch, which made it into the esky. Paul did say the sharks were a menace out there - they kept showing up, and the fishing would go quiet. He and his mate hooked up a couple of bronze whalers and had to cut them loose at the side of the boat - still a good day out, even if I don't exactly know where the "12 mile" is!



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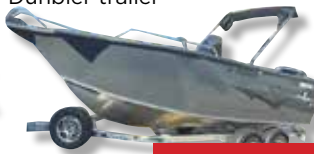
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The first thing on your list when choosing a fishing tackle backpack should be the type. Fishermen going on longer trips should purchase a traditional model equipped with two shoulder straps on one's back. These models are larger than the other types, excellent for fishermen carrying plenty of gear on their trips.

Moreover, sling backpacks are another popular model that is much smaller. Instead of two shoulder straps, these models have only one crossed over one's chest. Given the small size, sling models aren't recommended for storing much gear.

Consequently, fishermen enjoying short trips would find them perfect. Although these models are considered more convenient, weight is better distributed in the case of traditional rucksacks. However, most sling fishing backpacks have an extra strap if the user wants to wear it traditionally.

CONSIDER STORAGE SPACE

Once you've chosen the right type, it's time to consider the storage space amount. It will largely depend on the length of your trips and the gear and supplies you carry with you. As a result, fishermen fond of weekend trips would benefit from a model with large capacity, unlike those keen on one-day adventures.

Nevertheless, the best alternative would be to purchase a tackle box backpack equipped with multiple tackle boxes on the inside. Models with tackle boxes are perfect for anglers carrying a myriad of baits, hooks, and other supplies on their adventures. Instead of purchasing separate tackle boxes, find a fishing backpack containing such storage boxes.

CONSIDER DURABILITY

A crucial aspect for fishermen to consider when shopping for a fishing backpack is durability. These rucksacks are designed to carry a lot of weight without tearing apart.

Hence, one should be looking for a model made from sturdy, high-quality materials capable of withstanding the weight of fishing gear.

DON'T FORGET COMFORT

Comfort is one of the essential aspects to consider, particularly when going on long fishing trips. The straps are most important for providing comfort, so they must be padded. Also, high-end models are designed with a mesh back panel to prevent back pain when carrying heavy gear and provide better breathability. Unless the straps are padded, they are capable of causing skin rashes when the rucksack is heavy. Always opt for a model with two shoulder straps for better weight distribution. If possible, pack only the most necessary items to reduce the weight.

CHECK WATER RESISTANCE

Water resistance is of tremendous importance when buying a fishing backpack. Fishermen who spend plenty of time on the water, especially

saltwater, need a water-resistant model to prevent deterioration and corrosion. These rucksacks are exposed to various weather elements, such as heavy rain, snow, wind, or hail, all of which cause damage to the material and the zippers.

CHECK ORGANISATIONAL FEATURES

Keeping your fishing rucksack organised is important when going on your adventures to find your fishing gear easily. These features are helpful not only when looking for items but when packing as well. It's paramount for fishermen not to forget anything before heading on their adventures in order not to ruin the trip. Therefore, anglers are advised to look for rucksacks with multiple compartments to find their gear quickly. Models with tackle boxes are especially convenient for fly anglers, as these individuals need a convenient method to sort their flies. Also, many rucksacks are designed with multiple pockets placed conveniently for users to access.



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TOOTHY FACTS ABOUT THE MOVIE JAWS

“Jaws” is a classic 1975 thriller film that has captured the imagination of audiences for decades. Directed by Steven Spielberg and based on the novel by Peter Benchley, the film tells the story of a great white shark that terrorises a beach community and the efforts of a police chief, a marine biologist, and a fisherman to hunt and kill the shark.

The film was shot in Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was one of the first major Hollywood productions to be filmed outside of a studio. Most fans know that the famed New England Island, with its deep offshore waters and sandy beaches, was the real-life version of novelist Peter Benchley’s fictional Amity Island from the book. What they might not know is that the location scout planned to check out nearby Nantucket Island instead, but stormy weather forced his ferry to Martha’s Vineyard, where he discovered the many natural features that lured the production there.

The shark in “Jaws” was famously portrayed by a mechanical puppet designed and built by special effects artist Robert A. Mattey. The story’s nemesis — a great white shark that attacks and terrorises the fictional community of Amity Island — doesn’t appear on screen until one hour and 21 minutes into the two-hour movie. The shark puppet, nicknamed “Bruce” after Steven Spielberg’s lawyer, was notoriously

difficult to operate and often malfunctioned during filming. Most Jaws aficionados might already know there were three versions of the 1.2-ton, mechanically powered predator created for the film (this was long before computer-generated imagery, or CGI, remember.) Before filming began on Martha’s Vineyard, Spielberg invited industry friends (including Martin Scorsese, George Lucas and screenwriter John Milius) to check out the mechanical shark in development. When Lucas playfully stuck his head in the shark’s mouth, Milius and Spielberg grabbed the controls and clamped the jaw shut. And it stuck, trapping the rising-star director. After prying Lucas loose, the guys snuck out of the workshop, afraid they’d broken the contraption.

Who can forget the shark’s first victim, the poor girl who gets dragged back and forth in the water? To make that violent action look real, Spielberg rigged underwater cables to drag actor Susan Backlinie turbulently through the water. (Further, the actor wasn’t warned when the jerking would begin, so her onscreen surprise is genuine.) To get the sound of her drowning to add to the audio postproduction, Backlinie was placed in front of a microphone with her head turned up to the ceiling and water was poured down her throat from above.

The film’s score, composed by John Williams, became iconic and is still widely recognised today.

“Jaws” was a massive commercial and critical success, becoming the highest-grossing film in history at its release and winning three Academy Awards. The film’s success spawned three sequels, “Jaws 2,” “Jaws 3-D,” and “Jaws: The Revenge.” The less said about the last entry, the better, I think...

“Jaws” has had a lasting cultural impact and is widely considered a classic of the thriller genre. It is also credited with popularising the idea of the summer blockbuster movie.

“You’re gonna need a bigger boat,” uttered unforgettably by Roy Scheider, was improvised by the actor on the day of shooting.

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When it comes to fishing, our son Brayden loves to offer advice. We have bait, tackle, rods, reels and everything in between; we especially love the new range of fishing shirts that can be a little cheeky! The outdoor range, which is ever-growing, includes surfboards, boogie boards, skateboards and snorkels. It doesn't get much better than this.



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this, and as a complete start-up, we are elated to have so many regulars that pop in to get all their supplies and advice for fishing spots, etc. So, we would love to celebrate our 1st Birthday with you all with a sausage sizzle in a great atmosphere; make sure you come down and enjoy our little piece of paradise on Saturday, the 9th of December, for our birthday festivities!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor

Governing vis a vis Grandstanding!

With "Airbus Albo" off again on his umpteenth overseas junket, leaving the country to lurch into yet another crisis, and our very own "Stacia" more involved in her pet project – the Olympics – than in governing the state, you understand why the country is in the mess it's in.

Roads in bad need of repair. Energy prices are going through the roof. Interest rates spiralling. Spending on infrastructure, e.g., dams, hospitals and schools, is virtually non-existent. While the only real money earner for the country – mining – is demonised, attacked, and smothered in bureaucratic red tape. All we get from the left is ideological claptrap. For a country that produces less than 1% of the world's emissions, we sure do carry on a lot about such things. The left would have us cripple the country's economy to appease its ideological masters.

While they spout this ideological nonsense, they don't appear to understand that practicality doesn't answer to theories and beliefs. They appear to believe, for example, that handing out energy rebates to the plebs (i.e., giving us back our own money), and subsidising the renewable industry (again, with our money), means our energy costs are falling. When, in fact, they are rising exponentially vis a vis the system we had. Artificially reducing costs does not mean they are truly falling, or indeed, cheaper. However, Stacia and "AirBus" believe that burying their collective heads in the sand, à la the ostrich, and ignoring the viable alternatives, e.g., Nuclear, really works.

Stacia and "Airbus" need to understand that common sense always trumps (no pun intended) ideology.

It surely is time our politicians accepted that we need more Governing and less Grandstanding!

Cheers

Dear Editor,
The Arts Centre (BICAS) has been a centre of activities where I have attended Banksia Garden Club meetings since 2005 and enjoyed other groups and exhibitions. Over the years, it has been getting busier, and recently, MBRC has made it very difficult in terms of parking by erecting bollards. One can understand the difficulties of special events such as the Gem Show when visitors must park alongside the busy thoroughfare. But the council shows little foresight if it cannot provide for

everyday activities within the centre grounds.


The Garden Club has been told to reschedule at a less busy time, which is unfair considering their long history within the Centre. Many members, including office holders, have other commitments which will prevent their attendance. Surely the council should be able to remedy the situation, or another group could be asked to re-schedule for the four hours on the eight days a year when the Garden Club uses the premises.

Dear Editor,

C'mon, Bribie Islanders, don't miss this chance to give your opinion to the Dept. of Transport & Main Roads on the future of public transport, roading and mobility on the Island and surrounding areas. It can be done online at www.yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au/bribie-island-surrounds-transport-mobility-study or it may be easier for you to get a hard copy from Ali King's office in Benabrow Ave. The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete, and you can return it to Ali's office, but it must be completed by December 17th. Your feedback will help shape the area's future transport system. Remember that if you don't do the survey, you are in no position to whinge at a later stage.


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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) wants to reassure all Queenslanders that no specific legislation states that autistic people cannot drive.

While it is a legal requirement that all drivers in Queensland be medically fit to drive, TMR can clarify to autistic Queenslanders that no recent changes have impacted their driving eligibility.

If any Queenslanders is uncertain about a medical condition and its impact on their ability to drive safely, TMR recommends that they consult their health professional.

Joanna Robinson, TMR General Manager, Safety and Regulation: "Everyone driving in Queensland is legally obligated to notify TMR about a permanent or long-term medical condition or a change or increase in an existing medical condition that will likely impact their ability to drive safely."

"While autism may impact a person's ability to drive safely, only long-term or permanent medical conditions likely to affect a person's ability to drive safely adversely must be reported to TMR and require a medical certificate to confirm

they are fit to drive.

"If a person is unsure about whether their medical condition is likely to affect their ability to drive safely adversely, they are encouraged to seek medical advice about their specific condition."

"Relevant medical conditions are listed in the national Assessing Fitness to Drive (AFTD) publication. It is the treating doctor's responsibility to assess medical fitness in accordance with the medical standards, principles and guidelines provided in the AFTD."

Pam Macrossan, CEO, Autism Queensland: "Autism Queensland welcomes TMR's clarification that there is no specific legislation stating autistic people cannot drive or automatic requirement for a medical assessment to confirm they are fit to drive."

"All Queenslanders have a duty of care to seek the opinion of a medical professional if we are concerned that any aspect of our health or functioning may affect our ability to drive safely. This is not specific to or different for autistic people."

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Part 1

TED BUNDY

Ted Bundy, one of the most infamous serial killers, was a law student and worked at a suicide hotline. Bundy often used a fake cast or crutches to gain the sympathy and trust of his victims. Bundy escaped from jail twice before his final capture in 1978.

A group of women, known as "Bundyphiles," were fascinated by Bundy during his trial and sent him love letters.



JOHN WAYNE GACY

John Wayne Gacy, known as the "Killer Clown," was a well-respected member of his community and often volunteered at local children's parties as "Pogo the Clown."

Before being discovered, Gacy took a photo with the first lady Rosalynn Carter in 1978.



JEFFREY DAHMER

Jeffrey Dahmer, the "Milwaukee Cannibal," kept the skulls of his victims as trophies.

Dahmer was eventually caught when one of his intended victims managed to escape and flagged down two police officers.

A&E's documentary about Dahmer, "The Jeffrey Dahmer Files," includes interviews with the detective who worked on his case.

A fellow inmate killed Dahmer at the Columbia Correctional Institute.



GARY RIDGWAY

Gary Ridgway, known as the "Green River Killer," has the most confirmed kills in U.S. history, with 49 victims. Ridgway passed a polygraph test in 1984, allowing him to evade capture for almost 20 years. Ridgway was a Vietnam War veteran and a truck painter by profession.



ALBERT FISH

Albert Fish, known as the "Gray Man," was a child killer and cannibal active in the early 20th century.

Fish once sent a letter to the mother of one of his victims, describing in detail how he killed and ate her daughter.



DAVID BERKOWITZ

David Berkowitz, known as the "Son of Sam," claimed a demonic dog instructed him to commit his crimes. Berkowitz's crimes spurred one of the largest manhunts in New York City history.

After his arrest, Berkowitz became a born-again Christian and has since expressed remorse for his crimes.



AILEEN WUORNOS

Aileen Wuornos was one of the most notorious female serial killers, murdering seven men in Florida.

Wuornos' life was the basis of the 2003 movie "Monster," for which Charlize Theron won an Oscar.

Wuornos claimed that her murders were in self-defence against men who tried to sexually assault her while she was working as a prostitute.

RICHARD RAMIREZ

Richard Ramirez, known as the "Night Stalker," terrorised Los Angeles in the mid-1980s. Ramirez was a Satanist and often left occult symbols at his crime scenes. Ramirez was eventually captured by residents in East Los Angeles who recognised him from his mug shot in the news.



CHARLES MANSON

Charles Manson was not a serial killer himself, but he led the Manson Family cult, whose members committed nine murders at his instruction.

Manson was an aspiring musician and even recorded an album titled "Lie: The Love and Terror Cult."

Manson and his followers believed in an apocalyptic race war called "Helter Skelter," which was inspired by a song of the same name by The Beatles.

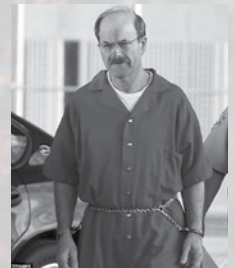


DENNIS RADER

Dennis Rader, known as the "BTK Killer" (Bind, Torture, Kill), sent taunting letters to the police and newspapers describing his crimes.

Rader was a city worker, a married father of two, and a president of his local church.

Rader was eventually caught when he sent a floppy disk to the police, which they traced back to his church.



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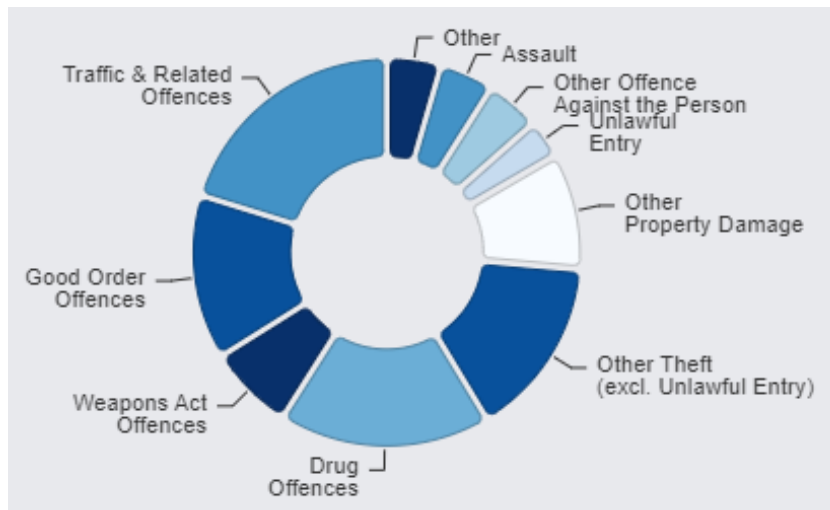
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Rescue chopper airlifts man to hospital from head-on collision

The Sunshine Coast-based RACQ LifeFlight Rescue helicopter crew has airlifted a seriously injured man to hospital after a car and truck collided in the Moreton Bay region.

The rescue aircraft was tasked to the scene at around 8 am. It's believed the man, aged in his 20s, was driving the car when it collided with a truck on a highway. The pilot landed the helicopter on the road, which had been closed off by Queensland Police Service (QPS) officers. Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) personnel had to free the man from his vehicle. The aeromedical crew then worked with Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) paramedics to treat the patient on the scene for multiple injuries. He was flown to Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in a serious condition.



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