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Welcome



Welcome to our bumper edition 206! I sometimes didn't think we would make it. But here we are, due to the following wonderful people....

Pauline, our wonderfully talented magazine owner who also works full-time in another company, is an Accredited

Level 1 Coach (Ice Skating) who coaches weekly, and she is the designer and manufacturer of Spin Point off-ice training aid. Jenda, our accounts manager, is also the Lions Club president and Voices Choral president, and she organises and plays in performances and multiple other community organisations. How does she fit it all in?

Pete, our part-time sales representative, who is our latest staff member, is also an extremely talented man; he is the artist, teacher and owner at Drawing Inspiration, owner of Island Gardens, which you might know from his Island Garden articles, as well as a published author of Twisted Planet Book One - An anthology of science fiction short stories.

Last but certainly not least. Debbie, our graphic designer extraordinaire. Deb and I started working for the magazine

simultaneously, and together, we made the magazine what it is today. Something we are both very proud of. She doesn't like to be in the spotlight and will permanently hide away in the background, but she truly deserves acknowledgement in her role here. Deb has been working days, nights and weekends to make sure we are in time for print. She lives and breathes this magazine and puts her heart and soul into it. Deb is also highly talented; she owns 2 Dog Graphics & Design, runs paint classes and has many talents in anything crafty.

We have a great team and will add another in the New Year when we return.

A massive thank you to all our contributors, advertisers and readers; you drive us to continue putting out our beloved community magazine.!

We wish you all a very merry Christmas with your loved ones and a safe and happy New Year.

Until next time,
Take care, stay safe

Cherrie



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EASY HOLIDAY HAIRSTYLES TO HAVE YOU FEELING EXTRA FESTIVE THIS CHRISTMAS

There's no better time than the holiday season to try out a festive new look that you would not necessarily wear the



rest of the year. With countless Yuletide photo opportunities and much quality time spent with your family, a holiday hairstyle is just what the elves ordered. Whether you're in the mood for a retro ponytail, classic chignon bun, or effortless half-up style, there is a Christmas look for you—and don't worry, all of these dos are doable.

BALLERINA BUN -

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CLASSIC TOPKNOT BUN -

This hairstyle never fails to polish off any ensemble, and a bow is just the added touch that feels right for Christmas.

CHIC CHIGNON

Sometimes you need something traditional to get the job done on Christmas Eve, and you can look no further than this classic chignon.

Braided Bun - A simple braid is all it takes to master this casual bun that feels more festive than your usual throw-together.

SHORT BOUFFANT HALF-UP

Get your vintage vibes going with a doubled bouffant half-up style, with each layer cinched with sumptuous skinny velvet ribbons.

Easy Half-Up Style - We'll never get tired of the trusty half-up hairstyle, mainly because it only takes two minutes to master. Simply twist two pieces of hair from each side and secure them with a clear elastic. Finish it off with a ribbon to match your holiday outfit.

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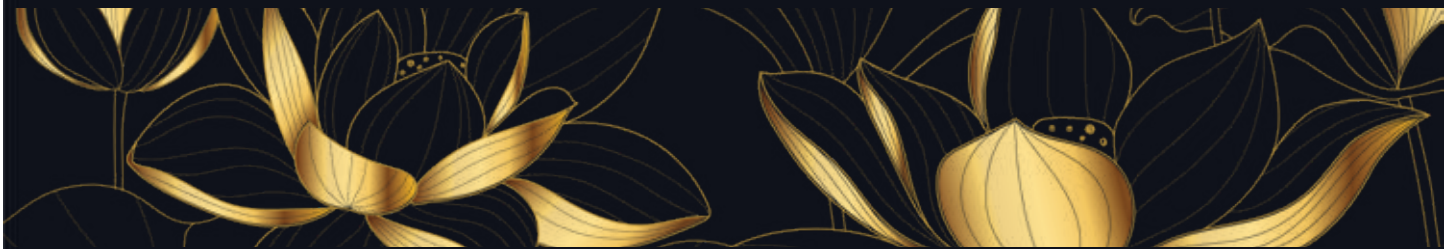
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equipment, Reiki, Kinesiology Healers, and much much more. Our readers are some of the best and there will be new faces not seen on Bribie before. Last year was such a success, reader bookings were in demand. This year we advise pre booking your preferred Reader to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you all there, please tell all your friends; better still bring them with you for an enjoyable and

informative day.

I've just heard a whisper that there will be a SUPER raffle to start the year off.

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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 to come to relax whilst being pampered.



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- Vanessa is a local resident to Bribie Island, with a love for Health, Lifestyle, and Community.
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It's Christmas Day & you want to enjoy yourself that's only natural.

Christmas does not need to overturn healthful living completely. The holiday period is commonly a time of overindulgence. With almost infinite food at our fingertips, it can be difficult not to go overboard on the cheeseboard. Studies have found that people usually put on a little extra weight during the holiday season.

How to stay healthy on Christmas Day



This finding is no surprise, but research has also shown that

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

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

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

Dr Ensi speaks English and Farsi/Persian.

She has keen interest in

- ✓ Geriatric Medicine : Chronic conditions management including hypertension, kidney disease, cognition disorders, asthma, COPD, etc.
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- ✓ Women's health : contraception, antenatal care, abnormal bleeding and infection.
- ✓ Paediatrics health : immunisation, regular growth checks, infections, behavioural problems.
- ✓ Preventative health: cancer screening, immunisation
- ✓ Mental health : depression, anxiety, sleep disorders.
- ✓ Dermatology : acne, eczema.,

Also she is interested in weight management, iron deficiency management and arranging advanced care directive.



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

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



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people typically don't shift that weight before the next holiday season rolls around.

Of course, eating poorly is not the only seasonal hazard that we face. During the Christmas period, there is often more alcohol in the home than usual, which can increase the temptation to indulge. At this time of year, people also tend to socialise more, providing a spike in the number of opportunities to drink alcohol. Although taking it easy can be challenging, moderation will make Christmas Day more pleasant. Here are some quick alcohol-related tips:

- at parties, intersperse alcoholic drinks with soft drinks
- eat before you drink and avoid salty snacks as they make you thirsty
- refrain from starting to drink early in the day
- remember that you are not under any obligation to accept every single party invitation
- bear in mind that you do not need to stay until the bitter end of every event
- remember that it is not

necessary to accept every offer of a free drink

- assign yourself as the designated driver and stick to soft drinks
- stay hydrated
- add more mixer to your glass so that your drink lasts longer
- try non-alcoholic beers
- choose drinks with lower levels of alcohol
- drink slowly
- avoid rounds and drink at your own pace

On Christmas Day, it can be tempting to stay sitting on the couch for most of your time, other than the hour or two you spend sitting at the dining table. Of course, there is nothing wrong with indulging in some sofa time, but it will benefit your general sense of well-being if you also get up and move around now and again. A quick walk in the park, a game of frisbee, or even some star jumps in the middle of the lounge will suffice.

For many of us, Christmas Day is the most gluttonous day of

the year. Dinner is vast, and there is an accompanying array of biscuits, cheeses, chocolates, and snacks to choose from throughout the day. If you are tempted to go in for a second helping of dinner, force yourself to wait 20 minutes and then assess whether you truly need any more. Once your meal has had time to reach your stomach, you might realise that you are not actually hungry and that the additional calories are not in your best interest.

As we have established, Christmas Day is bursting at the seams with sinful cuisine, but that doesn't mean that you can't opt for a little light relief. Perhaps try to replace a few calorific snacks with a piece of fruit or two. Alongside the obvious benefits of taking in more vitamins and minerals, you might find that you will be fuller and, therefore, more unlikely to tuck into the less healthful options surrounding you.

When you are shopping for the holiday season, make sure to add some healthful food items to your list. Some people find starting Christmas Day with a

large, healthful breakfast helpful. It means that you are less inclined to begin snacking early and that you have had a good dose of nutrients before the onslaught begins.

Remember, accidents do happen, and they often happen around the holidays. Alcohol and a hot stove do not mix. Then, there are batteries for children to swallow, Christmas trees the cat can pull down, and sharp knives cutting through lumps of meat. Make sure that toys are age-appropriate and that children remain under supervision. Turn off all of your lights before you turn in for the night. Santa always carries a torch so that he won't need your tree lights.

And finally, although leftovers are a delicious treat, make sure that you refrigerate them as soon as possible and reheat them thoroughly before eating them.

People often view the holiday season as an open invitation to do whatever they please. Instead, this year, consider it an invitation to be good for your mental and physical health.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service

Dr Mike Esmailzadeh has joined the team here at Bribie Island Medical Centre. Dr Mike will be available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

He is also taking on new patients.

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

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

Areas of interest:

- ✓ Chronic disease management; Diabetes, IHD, Asthma, COPD, CKD.
- ✓ Weight Management
- ✓ Men's health
- ✓ Mental Health
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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.

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place had a lot of space; I think what they meant was my place looked rather sparse, and it appeared I had minimal.... I thought that too and liked it that way... well, that was until I started packing. Boy, was I surprised about how much stuff I had lurking in the cupboards! I realised like many of us, I have more than what I need. Most have a hard time admitting we have too much stuff, though the moment of truth comes when we come to

move. It is then we find out what we really have gathered around the home. So, how do we really define what we need? Here are some strategies to start emptying your space:

- When did you last use it?
- What does it cost, and how easy is it to replace?
- What does it cost to move or store it?
- Does the item evoke good, happy memories or sad ones?

- Do you need it, really want it, or love it?
- How much do you want to have freedom from your stuff?
- What is the reason for keeping it?
- Are you procrastinating or delaying deciding regarding a particular item?
- Can you gift it to someone who may use it?

My favourite question is, does this represent who I am today, and would I buy it today, being the person I am?

Whilst it can be hard to answer some of these questions, it is important to focus on the goal of wanting to live with less. Not only does it take less time when it comes to moving, but it can save us a lot of time and energy by not having to clean, maintain, or repair the things we do not really need, as well as saving time going through things.

Material things offer short-term happiness in this journey called life. Happiness does not come from what you have; it is something within you. Real happiness is having nothing and feeling full.

If you want more happiness in your life or are looking at setting some goals, and want some help in achieving them, reach out and give me a call. I can help you work out how to obtain your aspirations, whether it is decluttering, releasing weight, or a new life direction.

Always with love, Maria Christina
FB: MariaChristina.Love or 0405 361 882

TIME TO DECLUTTER?

Recently, I had to move, and those who know me know I am constantly getting rid of things. My mother often asks have you got anything left to get rid of? I always laugh and say, yes, I still have a few things. At a glance, it looked like I did not have a lot; friends often commented how my



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Bribie Island Bridge

Earlier this year we had the community consultation for our next Bribie Bridge. And there was a huge response, with 3,000 people having their say on what our next Bridge needs.

In good news, concept designs for our next Bribie Bridge will be released before the end of the year.

and we will be able to see what our next bridge may look like! I'm just as excited as you to see the designs and make sure our community can give their feedback on our next Bribie Island Bridge! If you sign up here I'll email you the designs as soon as they are released: <https://www.aliking.org/what-ali-s-working-on/bribie-island-bridge/>

CHEMO added to our Bribie Island Satellite Hospital!

Work has skyrocketed on our Bribie Island Satellite Hospital. Since this time last year, the

site has gone from a concrete slab to an almost completed building.

Bribie's Satellite Hospital will provide 100% FREE public healthcare in the heart of our Bribie community from mid-2024, including:

- Minor Injury and Illness Centre, open 8am until 10pm
- 6 renal dialysis chairs
- Day medical chairs for infusions, transfusions and IV medications
- Mental health
- Oral health
- Geriatric health and assessment
- Rehabilitation gym and more!

In more exciting news, our Bribie Island Satellite Hospital will also have CHEMO!

By late next year, locals won't have to travel long distances for chemotherapy - instead they'll be able to get treatment in the heart of our Bribie community. Locals told me how important it was to have chemotherapy services close to home - so I worked hard to make it happen.

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Improving transport for Bribie Locals

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That's why I got a Transport Study for Bribie and Surround, to take the first step to improving transport options.

Whether you're an older resident off to the doctor or a teenager needing to be on time for your part-time job, I believe we can make our local public transport better for us all.

Time is running out to have your say. Complete the survey now before 17 December: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/>

I want to thank our Pumicestone community for being such a special place. I'm grateful everyday to work hard for you.

Wishing young and old a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy 2024!

Warmly,

Ali King MP



Jill looks forward to attending the Suncare outings, often bringing along some of her home-cooked goods. "I love to bake and enjoy meeting up at the Social Support outings. It's a win-win".

Jill grew up in a home filled with a love of cooking. Her Dad, in particular, taught Jill to create delicious goodies. Everything that the family used to prepare the food was grown in their own backyard. From chooks to a veggie patch, ingredients at home were always fresh and wholesome. So, it came naturally to open a bakery in Wynnum Plaza with her husband Gary - and the Pink Pantry was born! Jill and Gary juggled work-filled days of activity, starting at the crack of dawn and then well into the night, while raising their two children. "We cooked everything at home and the children loved to help ice the cakes and sweet treats. It really was a family affair."

The popular bakery went from strength to strength, from biscuits and pastries to veggie sticks and quiche. Christmas time was the busiest for the business. Jill would work tirelessly through the day and through the night, working on and taking new orders for glazed fruit cakes, plum puddings and cheese balls. "And despite it never stopping, I loved every minute," says Jill.

Today, life is quieter, and Jill has time to enjoy an Art Class at Boronia Cottage on Bribie Island. "The Suncare staff are so caring and helpful. And we have a lot of fun." Jill attends Suncare's Bribie/Caboolture Social Support Group. The group meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a local outing and social connection. From lunch overlooking the ocean to a visit to the Caboolture Historical Village, friendships are formed, and memories are created.

For more information on how you can be part of the Social Support outings or how Suncare can assist you by providing the support you need to stay in your home, connected with your local community and in control of your life, don't hesitate to get in touch with 1800 786 227 or visit suncare.org.au.



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Empowering Women Photo Session

Picture this: the dawn of 2024—a year where we collectively redefine bravery, strength, and womanhood. Envision a sunrise on the horizon, the symphony of the ocean, and a tribe of incredible women, each embodying a unique story of resilience. Picture yourself surrounded by a circle of amazing women, basking in the glow of natural beauty. In a world that often dictates standards, this session is your opportunity to reclaim the narrative, embracing the unfiltered beauty that makes you uniquely you.

This isn't just a photoshoot; it's a once-in-a-lifetime invitation to join a movement that celebrates YOUR bravery and strength. Standing amongst our sisters, friends, mothers, and daughters, let's redefine beauty standards and embrace the unfiltered essence of womanhood.

Why This Year Matters?

This transcends mere imagery; it's about crafting a legacy. Imagine standing shoulder to shoulder with women from every stage of life—a diverse sisterhood linked by the courage to embrace their authentic selves. Let 2024 be the year where we collectively redefine what it means to be brave and strong. I am especially seeking the wisdom and bravery of mature and elderly women who, like all, are warmly welcomed, regardless of shape or size. Let this be the year where every woman, regardless of age or appearance, contributes to a narrative that celebrates the unfiltered essence of womanhood.



Please Join this Unforgettable Journey

Envision yourself amidst a gathering of inspiring women, waves crashing in the background. This is more than a photoshoot; it's an opportunity to be a part of something extraordinary—a movement that reshapes the narrative of beauty and strength—a moment in history, right here in Bribie Island.

Be a Trailblazer in 2024

Yes, it might feel nerve-racking; you may have never done anything like this before, but also, imagine the impact when women stand united. This is about capturing the essence of a movement that begins with YOU. Here are what women just like you have said once they have done a shoot like this:

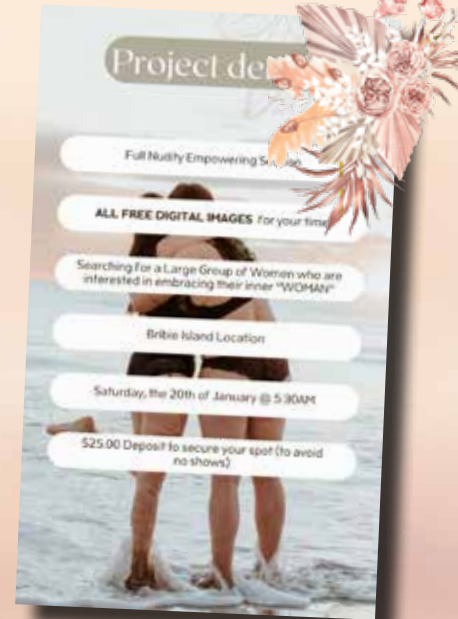
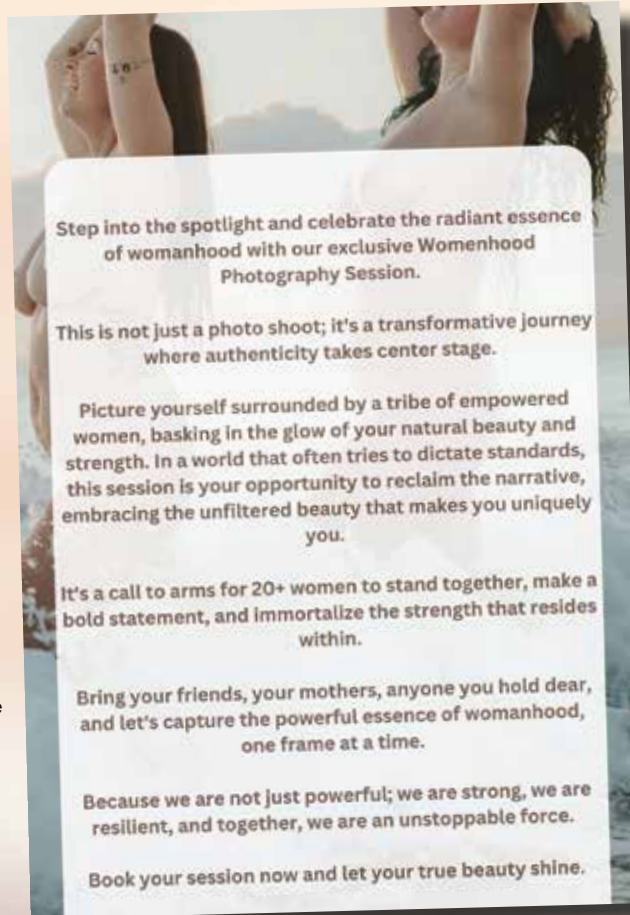
"My experience with Zoe Witham Photography was nothing short of transformative. Participating in a nude empowering women's photo session felt like stepping into a realm of liberation. Zoe's professionalism and guidance created a safe space, making me feel powerful and confident.

The sunrise setting, coupled with the sounds of the ocean, set the tone for a truly empowering experience. The diversity among the women present added to the sense of unity and sisterhood.

Zoe's skill in capturing raw, unfiltered beauty resulted in images that spoke volumes about strength and vulnerability. Viewing the final photos, I saw a celebration of womanhood and a narrative of empowerment.

This session has shifted my perspective on self-acceptance, and I feel more connected to my own strength and to the incredible community of women who shared in this journey.

If you're considering embracing your true self, I highly recommend Zoe Witham Photography. It's more than just photos; it's an exploration of newfound power within."



DETAILS:

- Date: 20th of January 2024
- Location: Bribie Island,
- Full Nudity Empowering Session (Non-sexual), you are welcome to attend covering yourself with your hands
- Contact: @
zoewithamphotography on Facebook/Instagram or visit our website using the provided barcode..

WHAT AWAITS YOU:

- Connect with a community of resilient women
- Experience an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime sunrise photoshoot by the ocean
- \$25.00 Booking Retainer (to avoid no-shows)
- Receive a collection of images capturing your unique essence—yours, absolutely **FREE!**

Let 2024 Be YOUR Year; we need you, Bribie Island Women. Imagine the stories, the connections, and the strength that will emanate from this shared experience. Let's make 2024 the year we redefine beauty and strength, not just for us but for future generations.

For More Information:

- Facebook/Instagram: @
zoewithamphotography
- Website: <https://zoewithamphotography.mypixieset.com/>

Embrace your bravery. Ignite your strength. Join us in rewriting the story of womanhood.

All my love, Zoe x

Busy Fingers...



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OUR SUPPORTERS THROUGH THE YEAR

We have many tradies on the island who help us keep the shop open and safe for our team and many customers. I want to thank them all sincerely for their help this year and in previous years. Firstly, a very special thank you to the wonderful Cherrie and her team at the Bribie Islander, who not only assisted us with our advertising needs but also made room for our article each month in the even-numbered editions. With their support, we are able to let you know what is happening at the shop and also the grants that you make happen.

DONATIONS THIS MONTH

With the help of our supporters and the many customers that come through the shop, we have been able to assist many associations on the island this month, including our permanent assistance to VMR for fuel, Hospice for the Palliative Care Suite, and the monthly assistance with Foodbank and Fuel for BI Global Care. The BI Men's Shed needed a Cigweld Welder for their new Steel Work Area. They are now open 3 days a week and always welcome new members. BI SES needs to renovate their current one-bay shed for better storage capabilities, ensuring they can keep the island and its residents safe. BI Scouts asked for some canoes for camping activities, BI Netball Club has requested some new Club Shirts as their numbers are growing, and RSL Fishing Club asked for assistance obtaining a new banner. BIKES (BI Kids Educational Support) need assistance with books, stationery and other items. We will be giving them yearly support. We thank you for your continued support which in turn allows us to support the residents on our island.

Other Supporters:

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Electrician Ron of RJB Electrical Services 0422448141,

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Joel of Bribie Air Conditioning 0409483796

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Les Struthers Architect 0428746458,

Ian at the Ink Shop 34086421,

REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

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

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

Derek of Leading Appliances 34089200

Mark of Bribie Island Stationery & Office Supplies 34086333

David of Mawson's Mowing & Yard Maintenance 0427828897.

David of Renomate our Handyman who also services our roof cooling systems 0412734003.

John of Ultimate Screen Solutions 0457161571

Jacqui Embroidery 0408002383

Rodney at Island Signs 34081151

I must also mention **Derek and the Men's Shed**, who helped

us this year by building a set of tables for our outside donation area; they were much appreciated.

Some of these businesses, such as **Leading Appliances, Virtue IT, Bribie Air Conditioning and the Ink Shop**, often supply the equipment or goods we give as grants. Busy Fingers prefers to use our funds to assist our island businesses as much as possible. If available, we ask the groups who apply for a grant to try to get their equipment on the island. Thank you to all these businesses who continue to support us throughout the year, and we hope you will continue in the future; I certainly hope I haven't missed anyone; apologies if I have.

OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Busy Fingers would not be able to continue to support the island and its residents without the support we receive from not only our staff - our new manager, Stacey, our Saturday manager, Judy and her righthand man, Michael, our new relief manager, Jacki, our two cashiers Barbara and Meryl, and our truck drivers Darin and Mitchell and their relief Jim. They, in turn, have the backing of our many volunteers, who give us some of their free time; without their generosity, we would not be able to continue. On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank you for your support and work over the last year, and I hope we will see you all again in the new year. Please have a wonderful break, a very Merry Christmas, and a SAFE and Happy New Year.

VOLUNTEERS

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

OUR CUSTOMERS, DONATORS AND FRIENDS

Thank you all for your continued support of Busy Fingers. Without you, we would not be able to support our island and residents; we aim to enhance the quality of life of all islanders through our support of the schools, police, volunteer organisations such as SES and VMR and the many clubs and associations. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year, and I hope to see you in January. Sandra



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LIST OF DONATIONS GIVEN DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022 -2023

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 Materials & Equipment
 Port-a-loos & Shuttle Bus for Regatta
 Assistance with Bongaree Sculpture at Museum
 Lawn Mower
 New Trestle tables
 100 Chairs
 Defibrillator, iPad and charger, 100 Balls
 Planting Protector Shed for Garden Group
 Artificial Grass along the Footpath for safety
 Bus Hire for Trophy Night
 Bus for Nippers still to be received and paid for
 Defibrillator
 Coffee Machine
 Carpets, Cabinets, Whiteboards and markers
 Samsung Reader for EFTPOS
 Speaker System
 Trailer for storage.
 Team Clothing Kits



Bribie Island RSL Sub-Branch

The Bribie Island RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service commemorating the 105th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was held, as usual, on

the grounds of the Bribie RSL. Morning showers and the threat of more rain did not affect the crowd numbers, which appeared to be normal. The Catafalque Party was provided by

B Squadron, 12/16th Hunter Rivers Lancers. The Bribie Island Men's Shed placed their "Ghost Soldiers" to form a guard of honour for the mounting of the Catafalque Party. The Banksia Beach State School provided the music for the service, plus the three young trumpeters who played the Last Post. The band from Banksia Beach State School performed the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems. The Bribie Island State School choir sang hymns.

The attached photographs show the Catafalque Party marching through the "Ghost Soldiers" guard and the two rows of "Ghost Soldiers" leading to the dais.



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*Butterfly House
open Saturdays
during school
holidays*

Throughout the year the Butterfly House is open Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am-4pm, including:

- Sunday 24 December
- Wednesday 27 December
- Sunday 31 December

Additionally, we will open on the following Saturdays from 10am-4pm to cater for increased visitor numbers during the December and January school holidays:

- 16, 23, 30 December
- 6, 13, 20 January 2024

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206B First Ave, Bongaree
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- Plant foster carer
- Front office assistant
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We are an approved organisation for Centrelink Jobseeker volunteers.

For more information visit our website
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BUSINESS IS FOR SALE



We wish to advise the residents of the island and its environs that the business “**Bribie Island Stationery & Office Supplies**” will close its doors for the last time on Wednesday, 31st January 2024.

After 24 years of operating their stationery, office supplies, and services business, Kim and Mark Roberts plan to retire.

The business will cease trading on that date unless someone perusing this edict finds themselves interested in operating a stationery shop.

The business is for sale, the price being the value of the stock on hand; a recent stock take valued the stock at \$31,000. However, an updated stock take will be commissioned should there be interest in purchasing the business.

The business offers services such as printing, emailing, scanning, faxing, laminating, binding and typing, a crucial part of the business with growth potential and rapid population growth.

The business also provides a wide variety of office furniture and equipment

The purchase price includes:

- shop fittings
- fixtures and equipment including shelving, display stands
- poster size trimmer
- poster size laminator
- A3 laminator
- cash register
- microwave, jug, sandwich toaster, bar fridge
- miscellaneous office and kitchen items

A purchaser would be provided with a 3 to 5-year lease. This has been a long-term business (three decades) on the island with regular long-term clientele, and the owners would welcome anyone interested in continuing to provide these services to their many customers and take the opportunities to grow the business, especially in the office services area.

Anyone interested is welcome to call into the business located in Shop 3/2 Eucalypt Street, Bellara or call on 0418 154 245.





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5PM

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B.I.K.E.S. program brings the community together in support of Bribie kids.

On Saturday the 10th of December, I attended the Annual Family Fun Day, held at Melsa Park. The joy and happiness were clearly evident for all to see with both kids and adults having a wonderful time. The team from Melsa provided free train rides all day, Bribie Island Bowls Club staff (who are amazing and consistently raise money for a variety of charities) cooked up a BBQ and Andrew from Cornetts handed out ice blocks, drinks and lolly's, to some very happy kids! Andrew, who likes to keep a low profile I have noticed, is a huge supporter and contributor to an astounding amount of local charity events. Without his and Bribie Island Bowls Clubs support, I can guarantee there would be a lot less events happening around the traps!

However, the thing that stood out the most to me

was how all the organisations and people involved came together to ensure these families had at least one special day this season. Which, from my perspective of the day, they certainly did!!!

Here is some information that the wonderful Paul from St Vincent de Paul Society Bribie Island has provided me with...

The St Vincent de Paul Society Bribie Island is helping local children prepare to return to school in 2024, thanks to the generous support of the Bribie Island community.

The Society's Bribie Island President, Ken Piva, said the B.I.K.E.S. (Bribie Island Kids Education Support) program supported 119 families in 2023 to get the textbooks, uniforms, and other essentials needed to educate 179 children.

"The education and development of a child through Prep to year 12 is not cheap, and these added costs can place a huge and unrealistic financial burden upon families. No child should be disadvantaged at school because of a financial situation," Mr P said. The B.I.K.E.S. program can assist families in many aspects of a child's education and development. It may also extend outside of the classroom to the sporting field, the yearly school camp or excursion, swimming lessons, tutoring and after-school



care. "We work closely with families, schools, chaplains, and community to identify need and provide a helping hand".

"The B.I.K.E.S. program is 100% community funded, and all donations go directly to assist our kids. We are so grateful to the Bribie Island Park community for their support, which allows this assistance to be provided."

Mr Piva said a highlight of 2023 was again the B.I.K.E.S. Family Fun Day in December, held at Melsa Park and hosted by the Bribie Island Bowls Club. The day was attended by approximately 170 children, most of whom benefited from B.I.K.E.S. support provided during the year.

It was a fantastic community effort which the Bowls Club hosted. The Melsa Park Steam Train Group provided train rides for the children, and other fun activities included face painting and a jumping castle. Andrew Cornett from IGA Sandstone Point provided for the days catering and Bribie Island Bowls Club staff and members cooked up a Sausages Sizzle and kept energy levels rampant as kids (and many of the more senior imposters) queued for an abundant supply of ice-creams, drinks, and lolly packs.

The Melsa Park Steam Train Group delighted every child who attended by arranging a special visit by Santa and the joy and delight on the faces of the children as Santa arrived by steam train, through the tunnel was magical. The generosity of Bribie Island Bowls Club members and friends provided an abundance of toys for Santa's sack. At the conclusion of the day the General Manager of the Bribie Island Bowls Club made a donation to Melsa Park Steam Train Group in appreciation of their support in hosting the day and Mr Andrew Cornett, of IGA Sandstone Point, made a (Community Chess) donation to B.I.K.E.S. to provide for the continuing support of education within our community.





BRIBIE MASTERS & APPRENTICES SHOW

Barry Clark- U3A Public Relations

Bribie Island University of the Third Age (U3A) offers many different ways to learn or enhance the artistic skills of Senior people.

Every day of the week, at different times and for different art forms, tutors help students at all skill levels create personal artworks in a wide range of artistic media. U3A holds a two-week public exhibition of inspiring art each year to showcase some of the amazing creations by both new and experienced artists.

The display of works from 16 different U3A art classes will be held at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre (BICAC) during January. The colorful exhibition is titled

MASTERS AND APPRENTICES

and represents the work of 16 groups, and for some students, it is particularly significant as they are exhibiting in public for the first time. The free exhibition includes works in pen and pencil, oil, acrylic, watercolour and silk painting.

Everyone is encouraged to come and be inspired by the exhibition from; **January 16th to January 28th**

Come with your friends and family over the holidays to enjoy a varied display by volunteer U3A tutors (Masters) and their class students (Apprentices).

The Art Centre gallery at 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, is open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 9 to 4 pm and Sundays from 9 to 1 pm. (Closed Mondays & Australia Day)

Come along to enjoy the U3A Master & Apprentices Exhibition and the Centre's other great Art and Craft displays, including coffee and food in the shady garden Café.

BRIBIE ISLAND RSL WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Bribie Island RSL Women's Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 12th February 2024, commencing at 9.30 am.

All Financial Members are invited to attend. Only financial members are entitled to vote, and no subscriptions will be taken at the meeting.

Nominations are invited for all positions:

President

Vice Presidents (2)

Hon. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer

Committee Members (2)

Nomination forms can be picked up from outside the Sub branch Office next to the Ballot Box from 9.00 am 11 December 2023. Please fill them out and return them to the Ballot Box. Nominations close at 9.00 am Monday, 22 January 2024.

**All inquiries: Acting Secretary,
Gayle Bradshaw 0408 018 629.**

RED LETTER DAY FOR BICAS MEMBERS



A TOUCH OF RED.... MEMBERS EXHIBITION
 5/12/2023 - 14/01/2024
 Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach



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

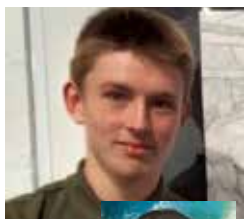
*Arts Centre closes December 20, re opens Tuesday Jan 9, 2024.
 Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas*

ARTIST of the MONTH

December 2023 & January 2024

Hell Yeah!

When 15-year-old Magnus Dreyer, a section winner in the BICAS 2023 Next Generation Art Prize was offered a part in the Artist of the Month for December/January, his response was "Hell Yeah!" Magnus is one of three inspiring young artists who'll be featured over these two months at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre. It's a first for the Centre.



The other youngsters are Olya Ignatovich, 16, and Nicole Gulwell, 18. Come in and be amazed at their works. These teenagers are incredibly competent artists already and appear to have a great creative future assured.



Saturday December 9 at 10.30am. RSVP please on 3408 9288 as places are limited.

Will you be impressed?

Hell yeah!!

For further information contact Bribie Island Community Arts Centre Venue Manager, Julie Thomson on 07 3408 9288. venuemanager@bribieartscentre



ARTIST of the MONTH

DECEMBER & JANUARY

Meet the three young creatives over FREE morning tea at the Arts Centre Saturday December 9 at 10.30am
 Book please as places are limited, on 3408 9288.

Olya Ignatovich

Nicole Gulwell

Magnus Dreyer

started drawing from the age of 2.

PLEASE NOTE:
 BICAS will be closed
 for Christmas/New Year
 from 20/12/23 - 9/1/2024

An Indigenous Christmas Story:

"Christmas Tree and Animals"



This year, celebrate Christmas with Indigenous languages. Through the Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages (LAAL), you can access a selection of Christmas-themed stories written in Kriol and Pitjantjatjara. The Living Archive of Aboriginal Languages is a digital archive of literature written in Australian Indigenous languages of the Northern Territory. This archive is a necessary tool for preserving endangered literature through a process of collecting, recording, and translating a range of Indigenous stories written in language. Many of these stories were written over 30 years ago by children who were learning to read and write in their own languages and English. Language and art are essential to preserving culture. LAAL is a living archive with connections to the people and communities where these books were created. Readers gain a deeper insight and appreciation of First Nations language and culture through the respectful use of these resources.

We have included the story *Kulilypuru* (Christmas Tree and Animals), written in Pitjantjatjara with the English translation. This story was written by Judy and Margaret Ampi in Areyonga in 1988.

Kulilypuru



Kanyalanya pula kurparunya anu punu kulilypuru ngurilkitja.
Munu pula ma-pitjala nyangu punu wirunya mulapa ngaranyangka.
Ka kurparulu ankula altingu tjikamatanya, mingkirinya, mulumarunya munu wankanya.
Wankanya punu kulilypurungka kalpangu munu para ngarala walka wirunya palyaningi.
Ka kuparulu ankula angura tjuta mantjira katingi ka tjilkamatalu pula mingkirilu piinta piranpangka unyara waralytjunu kulilypurungka.
Munuya wiyaringkula patanangi walawurulu kililpi katira punungka katu tjunkunytjaku.
Putu pataraya kunkunaringu ka walawurulu kililpi katira tjunu kulilypurungka katu.
Kaya wankaringkula nyangu punu wirunya mulapa ngaranyangka munuya pulkara pukularira inma christmas pukulpatjara waranangi.

Christmas Tree and Animals (English Translation)



Kangaroo and magpie went looking for a native cypress pine.
They went and found a really good tree.

Magpie went and called echidna, mouse, black goanna and spider.
Spider climbed the tree and made a beautiful design with his web.
Magpie went and picked some bush coconut and brought them back and echidna and mouse peeled them smeared them with white paint and hung the fruit on the tree.

Finally When they'd finished they waited for the wedge-tailed eagle brought to bring a star to sit and set it on top.

But they were waiting so long they went to sleep and then the eagle brought a star and placed it on top of the cypress pine.

When they awoke they saw the tree beautifully decorated and with great joy they all enjoyed this beautiful tree and sang joyful Christmas carols.

Three must-try Christmas Dinner Recipes with an Indigenous twist



Want some added culture in your Christmas spread? Add some First Nations flavour and style. From holiday favourites like mince pies and pavlova with a native twist to a bush food-flavoured take on a classic prawn cocktail, we have put together a selection of recipes to get you inspired to add bushfood flavours to your Christmas dinner this year.

QUANDONG AND FINGER LIME PRAWN COCKTAIL BY WARNDU

This is the perfect dish for the summer festive season. It's a 14-ingredient invention that heroes the rarest of flavours: bush tomato (ground and powdered). The recipe is simple. You'll serve a tastebud-tingling twist on a classic in just a few steps. First, whip together the sauce—next, layer in a few leaves of freshly washed cos and radicchio to your best serving glasses. Then, hold the shell of the tail and dunk the prawns into your sauce, coating generously. Next, gently place onto your crisp bed of lettuce and radicchio. Finish off the prawns by sprinkling a pinch of bush tomato or Davidson plum and tossing some chopped chives to complete the garnish. Place in the fridge until ready to be demolished.

Ingredients

Main

600g cooked prawns with tail
1 baby cos lettuce
Tabasco to taste
A squeeze of lemon juice
Aalt and pepper to taste

Sauce

4 tablespoons of aioli
3 tablespoons of quandong chutney
1 teaspoon bush tomato, ground
3 teaspoons of Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons of creamy horseradish
3 finger limes, the caviar pearls

Garnish

Davidson plum
Bush tomato
Small handful of chives, chopped
Aalt and pepper to taste
2 teaspoons of creamy horseradish



WATTLESEED PAVLOVA WITH STRAWBERRY GUM CREAM BY MABU MABU

Sorry, but it's not actually Christmas until the Pavlova shows up for dessert. To make it one to remember, take note of this ingenious Mabu Mabu twist on this famous classic, with wattle seed and strawberry gum.

This dessert is all about whisking and folding the egg whites until fluffy and silky and then folding in the other ingredients until combined. It's easy to create with just a 1hr and 15mins in the oven to set. Don't forget to pair it with your favourite seasonal fruit.

Ingredients

Pavlova mixture
6 egg whites
1 ½ cups caster sugar
80g chopped chocolate
1 teaspoon white vinegar
2 teaspoons wattleseed
Strawberry gum cream
600mls whipped cream
60g icing sugar, sifted
1 tsp strawberry gum



NATIVE SPICED FRUIT MINCE PIES BY WARNDU

This recipe has a few very special native spices that will be a smash hit at Christmas lunch: native apples (muntries), ground cinnamon myrtle, anise myrtle, lemon myrtle powder, wattle seed powder and Applewood Okar (native liquor). The prep time for the mince takes a while, so be sure to allow a few hours to set and then 3-4 hours to bake.

Serve them with a confident suggestion of icing sugar and a generous dollop of cream, ice cream or brandy custard. They will keep for three to four days in an airtight container if you want to hide them away for later.

NATIVE SPICED FRUIT MIXTURE

400g raisins
400g dried muscatels
100g candied orange rind
100g candied ginger
3 Granny Smith apples
200g riberries
500g brown sugar
150g macadamias
1 tblspn wattleseed powder
100ml Applewood Okar
1 cup muntries
2 lemons

2 oranges
4 finger limes
1 tsp ground cloves
1 tspn cinnamon myrtle
1 tspn anise myrtle
2 tspn lemon myrtle powder
1 tspn ground nutmeg
125ml brandy

PASTRY

225g cold butter, grated
350g plain flour
100g raw caster sugar
1 tablespoon wattleseed powder
280g 'mincemeat'
1 small egg
Icing sugar, to dust



To find the full recipes and discover more ways you can add First Nations flavours to your Christmas holidays or even gift of delicious Indigenous-inspired recipes, why not pick up Mabu Mabu - An Australian Kitchen Cookbook or Warndu Mai (Good Food) Cookbook, both available now at Welcome to Country.

Welcome to Country also stocks all the essential bush food ingredients from ground wattle seed to dried bush tomatoes and finger limes.

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If there is anything more enlivening and heart-warming than a school concert, I can't think of what it might be.

There was drama, dance, a choir, a percussion act, an orchestra, and an hour full of talent from the Beachmere State School 2023 Arts Showcase, held at the school to thank volunteers for their support throughout the year. Beachmere Community Garden was invited, as we have been helping the children with their school garden, which, I must say, is an impressive and bountiful tribute to all involved.

The enthusiasm and joy of the performers set toes tapping and smiles beaming as pupils of all ages demonstrated their skill in various art forms. The orchestra was most impressive, featuring clarinet, saxophone, trombone, flute, trumpet, drum, and bass guitar in a programme culminating in Beethoven's Ode to Joy. Ludwig would have been delighted!

The energy of the dancers filled the stage. And their teamwork was a treat, working together to create an eruption of happy, confident self-expression.

I loved The Banana Boat Song.... The percussion, rhythm and voice were used to great effect in a most unusual way.

Grades 5 and 6 created a lively film of students having fun in the school grounds and playing to the camera in a goofy

light hearted way. I'm sure it will be a great memory in future years of friendships formed and the joy of just being kids together.

So much was happening, with contributions from all the primary school grades, including a cartoon with cut-out characters and a storyline devised by Grades 1 and 2 ... such imaginative use of technology. And drama is not only enjoyable for the children, but is a great way of acting out issues in a safe setting. Top marks to the teachers!



Was there a dry eye in the house when the entire ensemble sang "Better Together"? I found it incredibly moving.

A performer's first responsibility is to reach their audience, and all of you did just that. Bravo!

The teachers at this school should be celebrated for their commitment to encouraging confidence and promoting character development in their charges. That old 1970s song - "Teach Your Children Well", comes to mind.

Nourish their hopes and dreams, celebrate life, encourage togetherness and friendships, and remember that children also teach us, so listen, learn and... just love them! And thanks again from all of us at Beachmere Community Garden for the honour of being part of your garden.

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SANDSTONE POINT CAROLS ON THE OVAL



COMMUNITY CHURCH

Congratulations and compliments flowed at the end of the Sandstone Point Carols on the Oval last Saturday night, 9th December. The crowd of 600 enjoyed the balmy night and community spirit while soaking up the Christmas atmosphere. Families came early, picnicked and chatted with friends and neighbours. The Carols sing-a-long Concert had them waving their free candles and glowsticks, as they swayed and sang Away in a Manger, Silent Night and many of their favourite Christmas Carols. Some comments included: "I loved the relaxed community atmosphere; The best Carols I've been to; Great to see the children up the front enjoying themselves; I've been to many carols around QLD, but this is the best so far; Best fireworks display I have ever seen; So thankful for all you do as a church for the community; A fantastic family friendly event; Weren't the fireworks great?"

Dan Warlow & his special guest, Jed, entertained both children and adults as Dan got everyone involved with actions to his songs. Children and energetic adults danced along at the front to Dan's music as well as to community carols including Jingle Bell Rock and Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree.

The joyful enthusiasm and skill of the Island Dancers delighted the crowd, including the Daddy/Daughter Dance Cinderella which brought a tear to a few eyes.

The volunteer band and singers came from as far afield as Beerwah and set toes tapping.

Pastor Steven Pretsel of the Sandstone Community Church shared how the chorus of the Carol O Come All Ye Faithful - "O come let us adore Him" now had special meaning for him because he understood why we can celebrate the birth of Jesus. Steven thanked the community for coming and shared how the Church loves to serve the community. He also thanked the generous sponsors of the event, including the City of Moreton Bay for their grant, and the 40 volunteers who decorated the venue, baked and packed the free biscuits distributed as everyone was leaving. The night concluded with an amazing fireworks display sponsored by IGA Sandstone Point.

Sandstone Community Church meets each Sunday at 3pm in the Ningi Community Hall, 1320 Bribie Island Road. There will be a special Carols Service on Christmas Eve at 3pm, Christmas Day Worship at 8:30am and on New Year's Eve, a Café Church at 3pm. All are welcome.

For further information, contact Pastor Steven Pretsel Ph 0493 267 654.



Exciting New Chapter For Bowls Club

Looking back, 2023 has been a big year for Bribie Island Bowls Club, and the new year is set to be even bigger with the opening of two all-weather covered synthetic greens, which will provide players with almost 3,500m² of shaded playing surface.

Bribie Island Bowls Club General Manager Kevin Bertwistle said the new greens would provide members with the chance to play bowls day or night while still protecting them from the elements.

“While we do lose out on a lot of game time due to rain, it’s the sun exposure that we are more concerned about, given that, at the moment, many of our games start in the middle of the day when UV is at its strongest,” Mr Bertwistle said.

“It’s not just a fabulous development for the Club, but it will be fantastic for the local community as our bowling tournaments will become a major drawcard on the playing calendar.”

The club keeps one green as a

traditional ‘real grass’ playing surface, while the rest of the back area will become a carpark. It is expected that the new greens will be fully operational and ready to play the first games after the official opening in mid-January. As well as the greens, part of the new construction will include a bowls viewing section and a new contemporary alfresco dining and bar area. The outdoor kitchen and barbeque area is also undergoing renovation to provide greater capacity for bowl events and community fundraising activities. The project’s total cost is just under \$3 million and will be completed without any government financial aid. This year, the Club trialled a new initiative - Charity Month - to raise money and awareness about some of the major cancers and diseases that seem to impact all our lives.

Five foundations were selected by the Club that directly fund medical research and clinical trials. Each week in September, the Club focussed on a different foundation to increase awareness

about their cause and the cancer or illness they are doing their best to combat. All money raised was then equally divided between the five foundations. The Club donated the green fees from each Wednesday bowls game. Additionally, donation buckets were stationed throughout the Club premises, while volunteers actively sold tickets for a Mega Raffle boasting more than 30 prizes. The Club also organised a sporting memorabilia auction. Once again, our big-hearted local Bribie Island community rallied together to raise more than \$17,500, which meant the Club was able to donate \$3,500 each to Shake It Up Australia Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Leukaemia Foundation, ANZUP - Below the Belt Foundation (prostate and testicular cancer, and Peace of Mind Foundation (brain cancer) all for medical research.

Given the success of Charity Month, planning has already begun on the next fundraising

project and the Club is determined to set an even higher benchmark for our fundraising levels.



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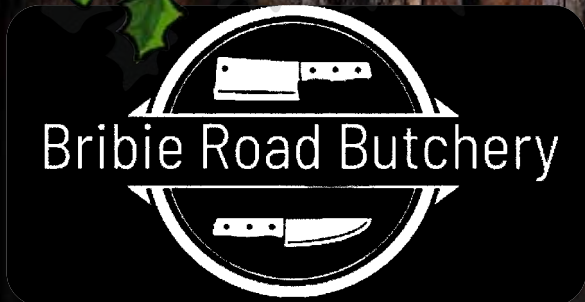
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 1 tbs Masterfoods ground cinnamon 1 tablespoon Masterfoods ground cinnamon
 1 tbs Masterfoods Ground Cardamom 1 tablespoon Masterfoods Ground Cardamom
 7kg whole leg ham 7 kilograms whole leg ham
 250ml orange juice 250 millilitres orange juice
 3/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed 3 quarters cup brown sugar, firmly packed
 1/2 cup honey 1 half cup honey

METHOD

Step 1 of 4

Preheat oven to 180°C. Using a knife, cut the skin around the joint end of ham in a zigzag pattern. Carefully run knife under the skin and gently lift off by running your fingers between the skin and the fat. Discard skin.

Step 2 of 4

Using a knife, score the fat in a diamond pattern. Place a whole clove into the centre of each diamond, pushing in well. Pour 1/2 cup (125ml) water in a large roasting pan. Place a wire rack in the pan and place ham on rack.

Step 3 of 4

Combine orange juice, sugar, mustard, honey and spices in a small bowl. Brush the glaze over the ham. Bake for 1 hour until golden brown, brushing with glaze every 20 minutes.

Step 4 of 4

Remove from oven. Rest for 15 minutes, loosely covered with foil, before carving into slices.

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Proof in the pudding

by Sue Wighton Accidental Writer
Website & blog: suewightonaccidentalwriter.com

Sometimes, I'm slow to learn life's lessons. Never take an antibiotic on an empty stomach. Alternate water with wine if you don't want a hangover. Keep a spare battery in my guitar case. How to get to Camp Hill (or anywhere on the south-side really).

But I've finally learnt that I am wasting my time making a Christmas pudding.

Somehow at this time of the year, we become overwhelmed with the urge to buy ten kilos of mixed fruit, a gallon of strong drink and start going all Nigella Lawson.

Some background. For years, I made the family Christmas pudding. It was a beauty too. You know the one – masses of mixed fruit, slivered almonds, lemon rind, stout, brandy – the

works. This pudding was solid. If you had the misfortune of being shipwrecked on a desert island with no provisions, this pudding would sustain you for years. It had the heft of a medicine ball and the richness of caviar, and I was always inordinately proud to turn it out of its calico cloth at Christmas lunch. It was usually accompanied by custard, cream and ice cream, of course.

So, I'm not sure why I never noticed that no one ever ate it. Well, I did (because I loved it). And usually that year's random guest at Christmas lunch (niece's long-forgotten boyfriend, stranded business associate, homeless person) ate it out of gratitude and obligation.

The pudding (sans two portions) would then sit in my fridge till around August when

I would sorrowfully consign it to the bin.

A few years ago, I took an unofficial poll of my family to discover that none of them actually liked the traditional Christmas pudding. Thanks for telling me, people. I worked it out – all up, that's about 4 years, 8 months, two days and six and a half hours of my life I'll never get back. Not to mention I would routinely spend the equivalent of the GDP of The Federation of St Christopher and Nevis on the ingredients.

So I asked them what they would like instead. The unanimous answer came back: Nana's custard slice. This is a family favourite my lovely Mum used to make.

So there will be no randoms at the Wighton Christmas lunch

this Christmas. (Am I allowed to be secretly glad?) And there will be no Christmas pudding. I'm seriously thinking about dropping the obligatory Christmas cake too (the Wightons don't seem to do 'fruit').

Be assured, we'll have lots of Christmas fare – ham, roast meat, maybe prawns, 'special' salads. There'll be bonbons, of course (my daughter and I make them out of toilet rolls. This is a shared activity we discovered a couple of years ago when we forgot to buy bonbons. Such fun!), secret Santa, lashings of wine and merriment.

But at the end of the lunch, when people are clutching their stomachs and groaning with satisfaction, instead of the plum pudding, I'll proudly produce Nana's custard slice.

I've finally learnt my lesson.

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BANOFFEE BISCUIT BALLS

Ingredients

200 g wheat biscuits, extra crushed biscuits for topping
1/4 cup caramel
1 medium ripe banana, peeled
100 g dark chocolate, melted (optional)

Method

Add the biscuits, caramel and banana in a food processor and pulse until biscuits are crushed and mixture comes together. Using clean hands and a tablespoon measure, form the mixture into balls and place on a lined tray. Roll each ball in the extra crushed wheat biscuits and refrigerate for 15-20 minutes until firm. Alternatively, if using chocolate, dip each ball in the melted chocolate and let it set over a wire rack.



THE BEST GINGERBREAD

Ingredients

20 Makes*Gingerbread
125 g Western Star Chef's Choice Unsalted Butter, chopped
1/3 cup (60 g) brown sugar
1/3 cup (80 ml) golden syrup
1 egg
2 and 1/2 cups plain flour
1 tbsp ginger, ground
2 tsp cinnamon, ground
1/4 tsp cloves, ground
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

Icing

1 egg white
2 cups (approx.) pure icing sugar, sifted
Gold dragees, to decorate (gold decorating sugar balls)

Method

Pre heat oven to 180°C / 160°C fan forced. Line baking trays with baking paper. Melt butter, brown sugar and golden syrup together in a saucepan, stirring until smooth. Cool slightly. Whisk egg and butter mixture in a large bowl. Sift flour, spices and bicarbonate of soda over the butter mixture and mix until combined into a smooth dough. Flatten into a disc shape, cover with cling wrap and refrigerate for 30 - 40 minutes or until just firm. Roll out the dough on a floured surface to ½ cm thickness. Cut into shapes using chosen cookie cutters and use a lifter to transfer onto lightly buttered trays. Bake for 8 - 10 minutes or until cooked and lightly browned. Cool for 5 minutes on trays before transferring to a wire rack to



CHRISTMAS SUMMER TRIFLE

Ingredients 6 Serves*

600 mL Bulla Double Cream
2 tbsp icing sugar, sifted
4 x 85g packs strawberry jelly
1 large punnet strawberries
1 madeira cake, broken into bite size pieces
1 punnet blueberries
1 punnet raspberries

Method

Sift the icing sugar into a small bowl. Add the Bulla Double Cream and gently mix together. Prepare the jelly to packet instructions and pour into a large jug. Pour the jelly evenly amongst 6 serving glasses, place 4-6 pieces of cut strawberry into each glass and refrigerate until the jelly has set - approximately 2 hours. Place a layer of cream into each glass on top of the jelly, followed by a layer of sponge cake, another small layer of cream and then a layer of mixed berries. Lastly, place a generous portion of cream on top of the mixed berries. Serve immediately.



Choc Raspberry Ripple Wreath

Ingredients

900 ml Western Star Thickened Cream
2x 250 g packets of Chocolate ripple biscuits
3/4 cup raspberry jam
Cherries, raspberries and blueberries, to serve

Method

Pour 600 ml of Western Star Thickened Cream into the bowl of an electric mixer and whisk until stiff peaks form. Alternatively use a large bowl and whisk by hand. Spread 1 side of each biscuit with 1 teaspoon of jam followed by 2 tablespoons of whipped cream and stand upright onto a round serving plate. Sandwich with another biscuit spread with jam and cream. Repeat until you have a row of 5 biscuits. Repeat with remaining biscuits, jam and cream until there are 7 rows of biscuits arranged around the edge of the plate to form a wreath shape.



NUTELLA AND SNICKERS PAVLOVA

Ingredients

300ml double cream
100g Nutella (or other hazelnut chocolate spread)
500g Country Chef Pavlova Base
2 Snickers bars
Fairy floss for decoration

Method

Whisk the cream and Nutella in a bowl for 5 minutes until the mixture clings to the whisk but drops off when given a sharp tap on the side of the bowl. Chop the Snickers bars into rustic chunks. Spread the delicious Nutella cream over the top of the Pavlova and scatter the Snickers pieces over the top, creating height toward the centre. Chill in the fridge for an hour.

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By: John Boland

ST ANDREW'S DAY

No doubt you've heard of Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th. Historically playing in a Celtic Band this day has been a day in which I've had loads of fun over many years. With St Andrews Day coming up on 30th November, the Celtic Minstrels decided to celebrate in a big way in conjunction with the residents of Solana over 50's Resort and the Bush Dancing for fun U3A group with a musical extravaganza on the day.

The hall was filled to capacity, and a grand entrance was made with guest Piper Brendan Williams (from Blarney Stone) and Bodhran player John Boland making an entrance to the tunes of a Scottish Soldier and Scotland the Brave, much to the delight of the enthusiastic crowd. It was the first time we'd witnessed a standing ovation at the beginning of a gig and something that will be stored in the memory banks for a long time.

The residents and guests enjoyed hours of traditional bush dancing with expert calling from our dance caller Beth Sowter, who also plays the fiddle ably accompanied on fiddles by Maria Boland and Laura Campbell. Many lively tunes were accompanied by concertina and mandolin player Mike Watts. Ted Burton keeps the beat going on the bass and also contributed with mandolin and banjo.

Sarah Harris, who plays Rhythm Guitar and vocals, is the glue that keeps the band together. Kelly Bridgewater played many beautiful tunes on the whistle and flute, and Lindsey Normin highly entertained all on the accordion and mouth organ. No doubt the night's highlight was a flashing version of "Donald Where's Your Trousers" by Lindsey.

Bring on Saint Patrick's Day and Saint Andrew's Day in 2024, as we will be bigger and better.





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IS IT THAT MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR, OR IS IT? WHEN IT COMES TO FOOD AND WINE, I'M PRETTY SURE IT CAN ALSO BE THE MOST STRESSFUL TIME, SO HERE IS MY TAKE ON ENJOYING THIS SPECIAL OCCASION.

Firstly, don't overpower the food with big, bold wines, or don't overpower the wine with big, bold flavours; try to match both. For example, a full-bodied red with a bit of age will probably suit a hunk of beef off the barbie served medium rare. And a serving of prawns or oysters with a squeeze of lemon would prefer a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, or my preference, a fresh young Clare Valley Riesling from Jim Barry would do the trick.

On arrival, nothing beats a chilled sparkling wine, and of course, there is a mind-blowing selection to choose from. Champagne is a popular choice, and all the regular favourites will be pushed up front again, Mumm, Moet and Chandon, Piper Heidsieck, Tattinger and Pommery, to name a few; Liquorland sell a very pleasant Charles de Cazanove for \$40 and for something different Royal Montcourt Brut Rose for around \$35. Supporting the local industry, Tasmania is producing outstanding sparkling wines, none better than Arras, made by Ed Carr, who is making wines in a Champagne style; Mumm is also supporting the local industry and New Zealand with Mumm Tasmania and Mumm New Zealand. On the mainland, Chandon is always a reliable sparkler, and again, a major Champagne house supports wine-growing countries around the planet; there is a Napa Valley Chandon and even an Argentinian Chandon. If Prosecco is your thing, Sensi or Brilla, not only do they deliver a good selection but also in very attractive bottles; I am on the side of the Italians here, Prosecco should be Italian. For something different, have a look at the Spanish sparkling wine Cava, and for a very refreshing drink, blend a

bit of Sangria with it; I have never seen that before the other week, and it works.

We have covered the oysters and prawns, so onto the turkey and ham, and I would be looking at a good Chardonnay; this is still the most planted white grape variety in Australia, and no one does a better job than the Taylor Family from The Clare Valley. Jaraman is a consistent medal winner, but One Step is also very good. Sisters Run from the Barossa drinks very well. For something different with Turkey and Cranberry sauce, try a wine that was invented here in Australia by a Frenchman, of course, and that is a chilled sparkling Shiraz, which, if the day is a warm one, would be just the ticket. The benchmark for this style is the Seppelt Sparkling Shiraz, but there are several to choose from, including the Peter Rumball.

Other white wine styles to go with the main course include Semillon, Pinot Grigio, Verdelho (I see BWS are stocking Tulloch's (which I think is an excellent wine), Yalumba do Vermentino well, and Tyrell's always produce the goods with Chardonnay and Semillon from The Hunter Valley.

Although Shiraz is Australia's favourite drinking red wine, I have to admit my favourite variety is Cabernet Sauvignon, and no one does it better than the Coonawarra and Margaret River. St. Hugo has produced classic Cabernet Sauvignon with blackcurrant aromas for many years,

but Wynns, Zema Estate, Parkers and a fairly new arrival, Little Giant, are worth a place at the dinner table. Margaret River Leeuwin Estate, Voyager Estate, and the popular Houghton's always produce great wines, but Deep Woods is worth trying if you can find it.

Shiraz grows everywhere around Australia regardless of the soil or climate, but The Barossa Valley, The Hunter Valley, The Yarra Valley, and The Pyrenees regions produce excellent wines. St. Hallet's, Sisters Run, Yalumba and Mt. Pleasant Wines are good value, but again, Taylor's and Wynns also produce terrific Shiraz.

Like the white wines, there is also a great selection of grape varieties out there, including Pinot Noir, Merlot, Zinfandel and one I found the other week in Switzerland, a Spanish Rioja 2017 vintage Campo Viejo, which was on the shelf at Liquorland Sylvan Beach, a terrific wine, something different but you will need a corkscrew. Suppose you are looking to try different wines. In that case, Liquorland has expanded its imported section and now sells Maretti Barolo, made from the Nebbiolo grape, a grape variety making a classic Italian red wine.

With dessert, go for a sweeter style, a late-picked wine, a Spumante, or Moscato, even a Botrytis-affected wine such as 'The Noble One' from De Bortoli, although if you have blue cheese, this style of wine is without question the wine to serve and will be the

pick of the day.

To finish the day, remember the Port; only nowadays, Australian wine companies can't use that term, so let's just say remember the Tawny fortified wine. There is no better way to conclude a great day, and we do it as well as any country on earth. Galway Pipe, Grant Burge, and McWilliams have well-aged Tawnies on the shelves, and of course, Penfold's Club is always popular. Australia also produces great Muscat and fine sherries, but again, we can't use that name but seek out Seppelt fortified Apera or Tokay. Bullers of Rutherglen probably make the finest range of fortified in the country; their aged Muscat is an absolute gem; I found the range in Dan Murphy's, a great end to a great day.

See you all in the New Year.

Cheers Philip Arlidge

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George Carlin

"Wine a little and you'll feel better"

Neel Burton

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CHRISTMAS TABLE DECORATIONS

When you're celebrating together with your loved ones, beautiful surroundings just increases the pleasure of the day. Of course, beautiful means different things to different people. You can go all-out and deck your Christmas table with garlands, lights, and candles, or keep it simple with just a few adornments - and both can be just as lovely, in very different ways. Whichever suits your interior design style, and your guests better, there are quite literally thousands of ideas to be found - but these ideas should get you started.

LIGHT UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

Tall, tapered candles in candlesticks are a quick and easy way to ramp up the festive factor, and don't take up valuable space where you want to place a serving dish - not to mention that they're pretty inexpensive too. Even the vegan soy wax ones are very affordable, and you can find candlesticks almost everywhere at this time of year, in pretty much any colour to suit your Christmas decoration colour scheme. Tea lights in tiny glasses can look lovely too, if a guest likes to talk with their hands a lot and you need to keep the decorations closer to the table - or you might incorporate both tea lights and tapered candles for a beautiful glow at different levels.

CHRISTMAS TABLE CENTREPIECE

Depending on how big your table is - and how many people you're having for dinner, you might be thinking there isn't space for a centrepiece once the food is on the table! But your centrepiece doesn't have to be huge to show that this is special occasion with your loved ones. Whatever shape or size your table is, feel free to take creative license with these ideas - most of them can be adapted to suit your space, simply by adding more, or using less. Whether you're going to be using a festive table cloth, or you prefer a bare wood table, using a table runner along the length of the table is a great way to set the scene for your Christmas table centrepiece, as well as providing additional protection. Once you've got the table runner in place, then you can place your centrepiece and lay the table around it.

USE GREENERY TO SET THE FESTIVE SCENE

If you're going all out, it is traditional to use a garland along your table as your centrepiece. Either real or faux is fine, but a point to note - if you're using real greenery, be certain to protect your table from any potential damage. Once you've placed it how you want it, you can add further decoration. Baubles can add extra pizzazz if you have spares, or you can add seasonal fruits alongside other natural pieces like pine cones.

Get creative with flowers or foliage. Fill glass vases with cranberries, then arrange foliage and fill the vases with water. If there's a more festive colour combination than red and green, we've not discovered it yet! If you don't have vases, large jars with their labels removed can look just as good - and are easily recycled after Christmas.

LAYING YOUR CHRISTMAS TABLE

If you're one of those people who saves certain cutlery and glasses for a special occasion, Christmas is one of them! Even if you're sharing the table with children, get those crystal wine glasses, and the best crockery out - where children are sitting, you can always substitute with inexpensive Christmas glassware that you can bring out for them each year. Where you're using regular tableware, you can still make the place settings feel special - and it doesn't need to take a lot of effort, or cost a lot either.



Table Ideas

NAME TAGS

Even if you're all going to sit at the table in exactly the same places that you always do, use name tags as part of your Christmas table decorations. There are so many placeholder tag ideas online, but we love the ideas of wedging small name cards into pine cones, using wooden clothes pegs to hold each name card against their napkin, or tying the name card to candy canes.

GLASSWARE

Have you chosen a signature cocktail for this Christmas? There's a huge trend in cocktail bars to serve drinks in unusual glassware – so whether you've got a collection of vintage cocktail glasses, or simply a few old jam jars, they can be dressed up easily. If you fancy a project, wine glass marker pens or Sharpies make it easy to draw festive designs, or keep it simple by adding a sugar rim to each glass, and a sprig of rosemary. If you're using your usual glasses for drinks, a simple ribbon tied around the stem can take them from 'normal' into something more festive.

TABLEWARE

Make sure you've got the right number of plates, bowls, and cutlery for each course. While it is nice to have exactly the right cutlery and so on, it doesn't really matter if you're using dessert spoons for your soup course (or the other way around!) but you don't want to have to do a round of washing up before you can move onto the next course. If you need to, buy an additional set so that you can relax and enjoy the meal – even if you're cooking. When you're laying your table, stack your soup bowls on top of the dinner plates, so that the table looks more formal than usual, and the overall effect is much more Instagram-worthy – just be sure to get your photos before everyone sits down!

SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS TABLE IDEAS

Napkins over Paper

Use cloth napkins, rather than paper – if you buy a set you love, with a quick wash, you'll look forward to bringing them out each year. If you don't want to buy new ones, make your regular cloth napkins look a bit more special by tying them with a bit of leftover ribbon, or folding them differently. There are some great napkin folding tutorials here.

Natural Items

Use natural items to decorate your table – pop out to the garden or along a country lane and snip a few sprigs of holly, or finding natural items that have already fallen. The great thing about this is that children can get involved too, collecting twigs, pinecones, and acorns, and they'll be excited to help.

Reusable Decorations

Use food items to decorate your table – we know, you'll have dishes full of roast potatoes and sprouts, but you can add colour to your table using food too. A few cranberries on a wooden toothpick in a champagne (or water!) glass, creating a Christmas tree effect with piles of olives, or making a wreath effect with a mixture of seasonal fruits – they're all zero waste ways to bring colour to the table.



Local Dining Guide

BONGAREE | BELLARA | BANKSIA BEACH | NING | BEACHMERE | WOORIM | SANDSTONE POINT



Bribie Island has some fantastic cafes and restaurants offering you a diverse range of foods and locations.

From fresh fish straight off the trawlers to local produce and fantastic hospitality, your choices are plentiful.

Sunset Pier and Serenity Cafe overlook Pumicestone Passage with views of the Yachts moored in the passage. Start your day with breakfast and a stunning view.

If you are chasing a big breakfast, fish and chips, ice cream, cakes, drinks, or snacks, they are all found at Scoopy's Cafe, which offers an extensive menu with something to suit everyone, including a stunning view of the Jetty.

Cafes in Bongaree also have waterfront views and offer a variety of breakfast and lunch menus, including great coffee and yummy cakes.

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Ingredients
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Does it work?
This is dangerous as it could potentially introduce parasites, bacteria and disease into the body. Brandy will simply postpone alcohol withdrawal symptoms.

ITALY (SICILY)

"PIZZLE" (English term)

Ingredients
Dried bull penis.

Does it work?
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USA

"PRAIRIE OYSTER"

Ingredients
Tomato juice with one raw egg, a tablespoon of Worcestershire Sauce, salt, black pepper, two dashes of Tabasco

Does it work?
Tomato juice is rich in vitamin C and fructose. The egg contains protein, cysteine and taurine—an amino acid that steps up liver function and allows your body to break down remaining toxins faster.

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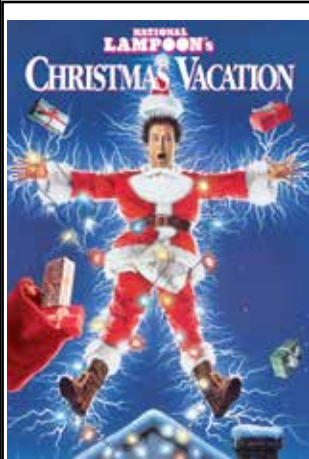
Ingredients
Made with instead of water.

Does it work?
Probably better for preventing a hangover, since fatty foods cling to the stomach lining longer, slowing down the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.





Best Christmas



National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 1989

Okay, so it's not the best installment in the Griswold family saga. Still, Christmas Vacation is worth watching alone for Randy Quaid's Cousin Eddie and Chevy Chase's fumbling encounter with a buxom department store salesperson. "I was just blousing... uh, browsing! It's a bit nippy out...I mean, nippy!"



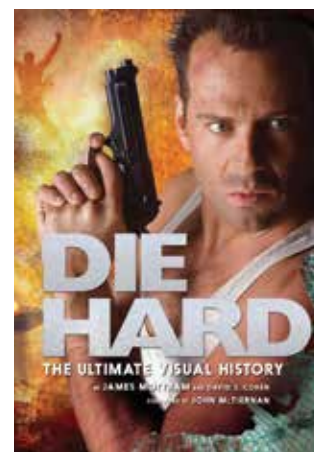
THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL 1992

The Muppets and Jim Henson's workshop take on Dickens in this fur-and-felt adaptation of A Christmas Carol, with Kermit as Bob Cratchit, Miss Piggy as Mrs. Cratchit, and Michael Caine as Ebenezer Scrooge. Who do we petition to get this one aired on TV more often?



HOME ALONE 1990

Writer John Hughes added heart to Thanksgiving with Planes, Trains and Automobiles. In Home Alone, he takes a less sentimental approach to the holidays with the tale of 8-year-old Kevin McCallister (the adorable Macaulay Culkin), who's left alone by his family only to face down — and outwit — a pair of bungling burglars. Let's be honest, you can enjoy this one any time of the year.



DIE HARD 1998

New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) heads to L.A. to see his wife (Bonnie Bedelia) and winds up attending the Christmas office party from hell, thanks to Alan Rickman's memorable Teutonic baddie Hans Gruber (who finds a one-man killing machine along with a lump of coal in his stocking!). Who needs "Ho, ho, ho!" when you can have "Yippee ki-yay, motherf***er!"?



MIRACLE ON 34th STREET

An older man working as a Macy's department store Santa (Edmund Gwenn) claims to be Kris Kringle, and he convinces innocent kids — and even the most cynical adults — that he's the real deal. There's something undeniably sweet about this perennial classic, despite that, if it were made today, he'd be handcuffed and thrown in the slammer.



LOVE ACTUALLY 2003

A roundelay of lump-in-your-throat London love during the holiday season from the confectioners behind Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) and Notting Hill (1999). You could fill a stocking with all of the terrific moments in the film. But none is better than when a group of kids brings down the house with their rendition of Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas Is You."

Christmas Movies



IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE 1946

If you think Frank Capra's holiday staple is feel-good hokey, watch it again. It's funny, heartwarming, profound, and an annual reminder that the holidays are about more than presents, thanks to Jimmy Stewart's turn as George Bailey. If you don't have a sugar-plum in your throat by the end credits, you need to come in from the cold.



THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tim Burton and Henry Selick may seem more of a natural fit for Halloween than Christmas, but the maestros of the macabre's stop-motion holiday fable crafted pure eye candy.



WHITE CHRISTMAS 1954

Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney deck the halls in this Yuletide classic. Who cares if the movie's as syrupy as a Vermont maple? The Irving Berlin songs are timeless.



ELF 2003

The best Christmas flick of the century. Granted, the century hasn't been that long, but still. Will Ferrell is priceless as the oversized elf who ventures far away from the North Pole to search for his father. I have a niece who was so obsessed with this movie that, one December, she made me watch it three times in a row. I didn't mind a bit.



HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

"The Grinch hated Christmas — the whole Christmas season. Now, please don't ask why; no one quite knows the reason. It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight. Or it could be that his head wasn't screwed on just right. But I think that the most likely reason of all may have been that his heart was two sizes too small."



JOIN THE FUN AND LOVE CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS GROUP

GET ORGANISED FOR CHRISTMAS
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Every Tuesday
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Have a chat with other people in the community that are excited about getting ready for Christmas or just want to be more organised and don't want to leave everything till last minute or even if you just want a bit of chin wag and be sociable




Everybody is welcome to join the new **Early Risers Tea and Bikkie Club**

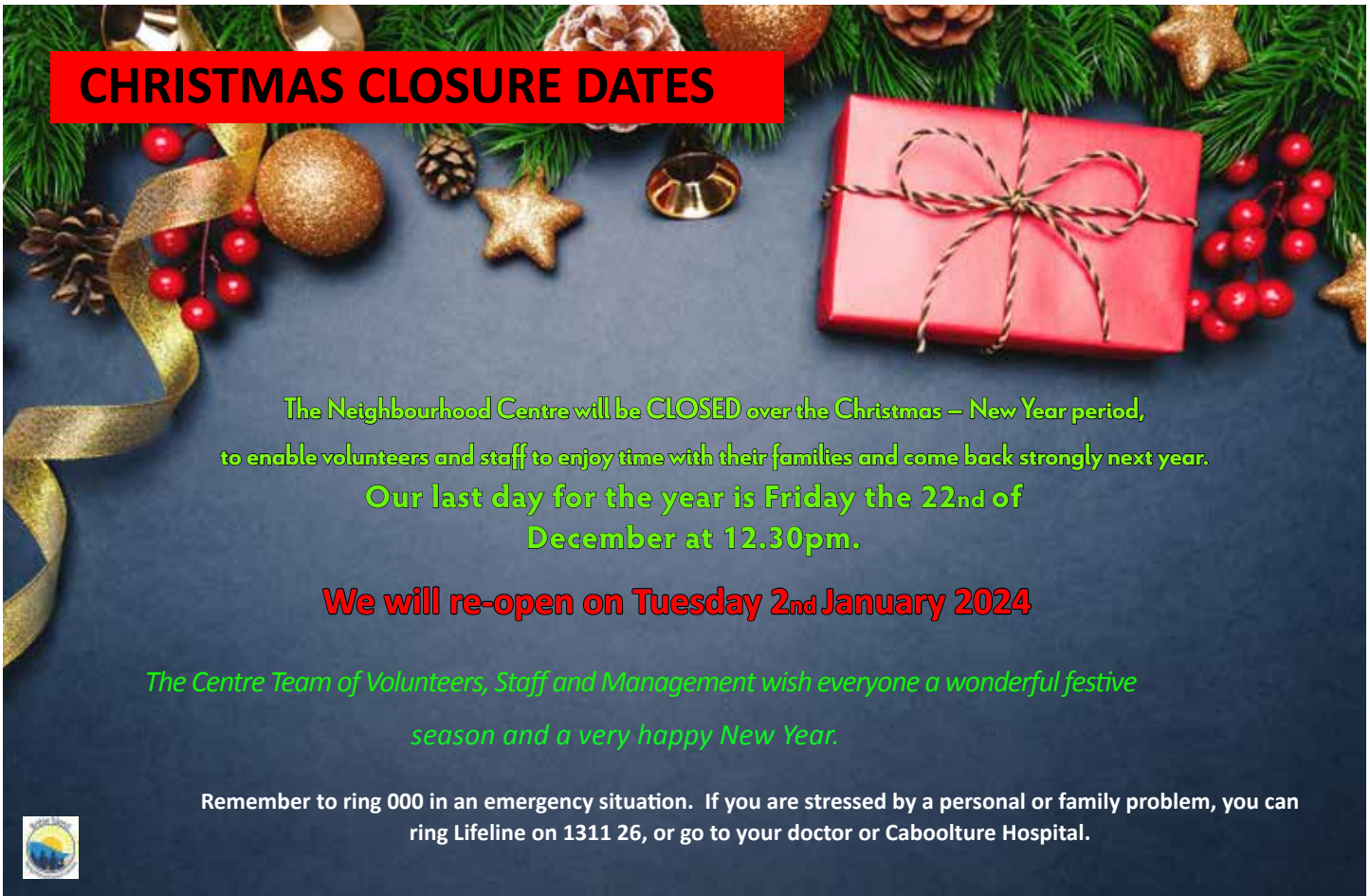
Come along from 7.45 am- 9 am each Wednesday to our free (very) early morning tea!

Why?

- Make great new friends
- Have a hot cuppa' (tea or coffee) – or water 😊
- We have lots of yummy snacks – biscuits, little cakes, fruit, even sausage rolls!

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.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES


The Neighbourhood Centre will be **CLOSED** over the Christmas – New Year period, to enable volunteers and staff to enjoy time with their families and come back strongly next year.

Our last day for the year is Friday the 22nd of December at 12.30pm.

We will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2024

The Centre Team of Volunteers, Staff and Management wish everyone a wonderful festive season and a very happy New Year.

Remember to ring 000 in an emergency situation. If you are stressed by a personal or family problem, you can ring Lifeline on 1311 26, or go to your doctor or Caboolture Hospital.



MARKETS

Bribie Island Seventh-day Adventist Church Presents

**The Christmas Story
At Uniting Church
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Sat 23/12/2023**

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Morning Tea**

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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

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

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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.

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Writer's Corner

By Tofan Saheli



What A Novelist Must Bring to The Page

How does a writer bring the right attitude to a session? I can think of no better profession to steal an answer from than the Astronaut.

Astronauts and Artists are kindred spirits, separated only by the direction of their wonder and travel. While Astronauts explore outer space, Artists explore the inner. And when you consider how much dynamism it takes to get a rocket into space, you get an idea of what it takes to journey into the human heart—which is where all great fiction must go.

Yet too many times writers show up to their desks with energy that couldn't fly a kite. The problem isn't physical. Unfortunately for the Artist, all the rocket-fuel (or coffee) in the world isn't going to drive this type of journey. The problem is a lack of emotion.

And it's no wonder.

You spend all day putting out fires. At work. In your relationships, both personal and professional. Hell, with the rise of mental health issues, even our own mind can create phantom flames

we must rush to extinguish. And then you sit in front of a blank page, and you struggle to find interesting conflicts and plot twists. You know you must put your characters into a pressure cooker, and you're trying your best, but the temperature just won't rise.

That's because you haven't made the switch, from firefighter to arsonist. You haven't shifted into a state of bad intentions, where you seek ways to endanger people (characters) who you consider good, where you find genius ways of starting unstoppable fires. What a glorious sadist you must become, in the hours in which you write. A challenge on its own, but even harder if you've spent all day solving problems, not creating them.

What if you're writing Fantasy or Romance, you may ask? I'd say go read *Wuthering Heights* or *Lord of The Rings* or any other great fiction in those genres, and you'll find the main characters facing a nightmare cruelly customised for them. Of all the experienced warriors of middle-earth, the burden of the ring falls on a gentle

hobbit who hasn't a clue about the dangers of power. It would have been a calmer tale if the damn thing just went to Legolas or Aragorn.

And when you write your novel, you'll have to do the same. It can't just be bad events. Or even terrible ones. It must be the worst thing for that specific person. If it makes you feel better, realise that this is all for art. We can't get to the human heart any other way.

Make sure you bring enough heat to make the trip.

My name is Tofan Saheli. I'm a full-time freelance writer, and although my clients have been diverse, they've always been unified by one desire: strong storytelling. When I'm not serving clients, I study the craft of fiction writing, work on my own novels, and publish posts to my newsletter. If you've found this article valuable, or interesting, you can find more like it in my publication @ writestrongerfiction.substack.com



Sally-ann was born and grew up in a small town in South West Wales Called Llanelli. She was one of three children with two younger brothers. She had always dreamed of living in Australia, so in 1978, she packed her bags and landed in Sydney.

She resumed her studies and eventually, with the support of her husband, opened her own consultancy, where she worked for some years. In 1998, she retired and moved with her husband to Bribie Island.

Sometime later, she decided she would like to write children's stories for her great-grandchildren, and so she started her next adventure.

She first attended U3A as a student in February 2020 on a course entitled 'Creative Writing,' the tutor was Warwick Hill, who, as it happened, was also a published author.

She envisioned writing these stories for her grandchildren, and any assistance she could get would be wonderful.

She had written a short story about a little girl the story was called

'Itty Bitty Me and the Bee.' She had no idea what she was doing and only knew she enjoyed writing for children; it allowed an escape into a world where you could do and be anything.

She was, she had to admit, a little apprehensive about her ability to write, so she asked Warwick if he would be so kind as to have a look at the story and make any comments he felt would be of some assistance. Warwick agreed.

The following week, when she was expecting to receive her story with relevant corrections, she was quite disappointed when there were no corrections on receiving the manuscript back. Sally-ann assumed Warwick must have been too busy and had no time.

At the end of the lesson, Warwick called her over and told her that the reason he had not marked it was that, in his eyes, it was perfect. Sally-ann felt he was being very kind. However, he had enjoyed it so much that he had called his publisher and told her about Itty Bitty Me and The Bee. He then said his publisher was waiting to hear from her.

She was so happy, which is putting it mildly, and that afternoon she sent an e-mail containing the story. As a result, within 48 hours, she was sent a five-year contract. Could not believe it she was so happy. Sally-ann could not believe that by attending a U3A course, she had been literally thrown into the writing world.

Covid then arrived, and she continued to write about Itty Bitty Me and her friends, ending up with 10 stories, all of which were sent to the American publisher.

Sadly, they did not seem as interested as she was initially led to believe, and they unfortunately parted company. She still attended U3A as she found the environment supportive and encouraging. Being disappointed with how things had turned out, she decided that if one publisher was interested, then maybe there were more out there; all the while, she was encouraged by her class and tutor at U3A.

She did find a publisher, and her first book, 'Ickle Pickle,' was officially released on November 10th. Her second book, 'The Adventures of Itty Bitty Me and Her Friends,' will be coming out next year. If it wasn't for U3A, Sally-ann felt she would never have been able to call herself a published Author. U3A offers so much talent in the people who volunteer to teach retirees new skills.

Many people think they have left it too late because they are over sixty, not only learning new skills but also thinking about developing a new career. Sally-ann cannot thank U3A enough for what they have done for her.

Because she feels so strongly about U3A, she decided she wanted to pay them back for helping to get her where she is today, so she offered her tutoring services, calling on her years of adult education experience. She runs a class called "Writing Children's Stories."

Now, many might have thought she was stretching herself a little, but she has always believed that "you teach best what you need to learn most," which has certainly proven to be true. Sally-ann has completed extensive research into the skills involved in writing and was amazed as there are many.

Thanks to U3A, she has had students (some of whom may have never written anything before) who have submitted their work to publishers and been accepted by two different publishers. Another who has self-published, and yet another with poetry that has

won awards. One student is actively looking for a literary agent. Next year, she will be offering the course yet again, and she has to say that owing to a course at U3A starting her off on this road, she too has learned immeasurably and is continuing to learn.

On the 9th of December, there will be a book launch of her first book, 'Ickle Pickle,' which will be held at U3A in the hall. Sally-ann would like to show people what can be achieved by attending courses run in U3A by the many talented tutors who give up their time to pass on their knowledge to the people of Bribie who want to continue to learn, regardless of their age.

She would like to invite you to this book launch to see for yourselves what amazing achievements can be found in Bribie Islands U3A.

She has included the book blurb for you all to read. Hopefully, it will pique your interest.

The children in James new school in Little Tooting, have been terrorised by the local bully, Roger Grimes and his gang of troublemakers ever since Roger started school. As the newest arrival, James has a whole new set of problems devised by Roger Grimes, which inevitably land him in trouble.

The last straw comes when his art teacher has blue paint poured down the back of her shirt, and yet again, James is blamed. Roger has most of the children terrified, so no one will stand up to him when he and his friend Edward blame it all on James.

This is also the last straw for the headmistress, who calls James' mother. He is suspended for one week. While suspended, James meets some very special friends. Bella and Old Fella are two very special dogs. James is shocked to discover that they understand him and he can talk to them. Between them, they hatch more than one plan to put a stop to Roger Grimes's reign of terror over the schoolyard, with the most unexpected consequences.'

The Quandamooka

By Al Finegan

THIS ARTICLE IS AN EDITED EXTRACT FROM MY BOOK, "THE FORGOTTEN EXPLORER", THAT I WROTE AFTER DETAILED RESEARCH OF ORIGINAL REPORTS AND DIARIES WRITTEN AT THE TIME. FINNEGAN'S QUOTES WERE RECORDED BY JOHN UNIACKE, OXLEY'S SCRIBE ON THEIR RETURN VOYAGE TO SYDNEY DIRECTLY AFTER RESCUE.



The first residents of Moreton Bay were the Quandamooka people. They were divided into subtribes living as neighbours on the mainland shore, and the islands of Moreton and Stradbroke. They had lived around the Bay for about 25,000 years uninterrupted by any external nation, living in ignorance of the greater world. The first recorded European to pass near their bay was Captain Cook in 1770. Due to the weather, Captain Cook remained well out to sea and made several observations. He thought he could see a bay, named it Glasshouse Bay after the Glasshouse Mountains, which he also named, then sailed on. It wasn't until the end of the 18th century that Captain Matthew Flinders became the first European to enter the Bay and land on Bribie. The permanent residents watched on, shrugged, threw a few spears at the strange intruders, and went back to fishing.

The beginning of the end of their paradise occurred in April 1823 when three lost convicts deliberately crash landed their boat on the eastern side of Moreton Island. Nearly dead from thirst, Thomas Pamphlett, Richard Parsons and John Finnegan, swept up by an east coast low had survived a harrowing sea voyage from Sydney. Parsons and Pamphlett were ticket-of-leave convict businessmen, while Finnegan was an indentured convict, under the control of Parsons. From April to July the three survived the rigors of the bay due to the kindness of the residents. Finnegan relished the adventure, learning the local language and customs, while the other two mumbled and grumbled about their fate and were simply determined to get back to Sydney. Finnegan did not want to return, as it would mean going back to the chain gang. They worked their way around the bay, eventually being adopted by the people of Redcliffe.

From August to November, the three castaways settled into an easy relationship with the natives, each in his own way. Pamphlett sat around broodily watching the routines of fishing, hunting and gathering fern roots, while being waited on by their hosts. Parsons spent much time alone wallowing in self-pity at his fate and his lost business venture, one he had expected to make him wealthy. In contrast, Finnegan mixed easily with the Chief and the young men, enthusiastically participating in their activities, revelling in the lifestyle and gaining an understanding of the social customs and interactions of the various family members.

When Uniacke asked about the native villages and their huts, Finnegan replied that, *"Some of them are of great length, extending 25 metres, and covering a considerable space of ground. One of them was in the form of a passage, with two apartments at the end. The arches were beautifully turned and executed with a degree of skill which would not have disgraced a European architect. They were strongly interwoven with wickerwork, and the whole was covered with tea tree bark in such a way as to be quite waterproof. This spacious and comfortable hut could hold ten to twelve people comfortably."*

When asked about the chief, he said that, *"He appeared to possess an unlimited authority over the tribe. He was a tall middle-aged man with two wives, one of whom had the role of collecting food from the others in the group. He owned nets but seldom used them except for his amusement. His head wife had privileges and was not required to gather fern-root with the rest of the women. The women specialised in gathering fern roots, which they carried in their woven string nets."* Finnegan's account was glowing in its estimation of the women and their position in Aboriginal society.

He said that, *"Everyone in the tribe over the age of about six had the cartilage of their nose perforated, the operation*

being performed by a “Doctor” whose office was hereditary, and conferred some privileges, such as receiving fish while the women, once “married”, had the first two joints of the little finger amputated like those of the old Sydney tribe. Both sexes remained entirely naked. While they wore no clothing, the clans were distinguished by different body paint. Those on the north side blackened themselves with charcoal and beeswax, those on the south side wore red, and other groups daubed white over black”.

As the castaways became more integrated with the Redcliff tribe and were accepted as their own, they were regularly painted in the tribe’s red and white colours, sometimes twice a day. They were frequently asked to allow themselves to be further ornamented by scarifying the body and boring the nose, but on their signifying that they did not wish it, the natives always desisted which was accepted, yet disappointing to their “tribe”.

Finnegan said that he never saw a woman struck or ill-used in any way and that, “... all Moreton Bay men were tall, graceful, athletic, and powerful,” adding, “... the women were far superior in personal beauty to the men, or indeed to any native I saw in Port Jackson. Many of them are tall, straight and well-formed and whose shape and features were such as no white woman need have been ashamed”.

Finnegan practiced the native language every day, demanding correction or advice until he eventually became quite fluent. He learned that the locals had no concept of time as in the 24-hour clock that governed the lives of Europeans. They lived and worked by the movements of the sun, the moon and mostly by the tides. They studied the moon and understood its control of the tidal movements, vital in making their daily harvesting plans, using the flooding and ebbing tides to carry their canoes to their planned destination. Finnegan rapidly learnt these arts and enjoyed the excursions in and around the Bay and the rivers. He particularly enjoyed the trips into what is now known as the Brisbane River, which provided

an abundant supply of food including fish, shellfish, crabs, and prawns. On one excursion, he, with two tribal friends, paddled in a canoe up the river as far as the current location of the Indooroopilly Bridge. Good fishing places became campsites and the focus of group activities. The district



was defined by open woodlands with rainforest in some pockets or bends of the Brisbane River. Finnegan had many discussions with the tribal Chief who told him that the Bay’s islands and surrounding lands have always been inhabited by his people. Their culture and social rules were strict as it made the economy rich, protecting the plentiful supply of edible natural resources. One day the chief took Finnegan to the top of the Red Cliffs. He looked out over the bay and after a solemn moment he made a grand sweep of his arm and said, “This is Quandamooka, and we are the people of Quandamooka. We live here, and on Mulgumpin (Moreton Island) and Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island)”. The chief paused and using a stick, drew a map on the red ground showing the lands and islands of the bay. He said, “The Quandamooka is the southern area of the Bay, the waters, islands and nearby coastal areas of the mainland. We are the Ningy. Ningy, the Nunukul and Goenpul tribes live on Stradbroke Island, while the Ngugi tribe live on Moreton Island. The Nunukul, Goenpul and Ngugi tribes together

with us are the Quandamooka people”.

Indicating Yarun (Bribie Island), the chief went on, “The Joondaburri people live there. They are different to us and have camps on both sides of the passage. They are camped at the southern end of Yarun with another group at Taranggeer (White Patch), and a few more groups camped at the northern end, all belonging to the Joondaburri tribe. The people who live on Yarun have always been a bit of a problem to a lot of people as they don’t work well with our tribes and are far more warlike. They look different to our people. The Gubbi Gubbi live further north on the coast and inland”.

The chief loved to teach a willing student and he spent much time instructing Finnegan on the culture and traditions of tribal life. He learned of the importance for the intertribal trade and ceremonial life, controlling the massive oyster beds, annual mullet catches, and bunya nut harvesting on the coast and inland, which led to annual migrations of tribes either way to enjoy the abundance of the respective tribal group’s territory.

Finnegan became an active member of the group catching fish. He was later to relate, “At times they created rocky pools that flooded at high tide which they sometimes littered with debris from previous catches. As the tide receded it left the feeding fish stranded then beached. At other times all the men carried a pair of hoop nets which they had woven from the kurrajong shrub and walked along the shoreline looking for fish. Once they had spotted some, a little boy crawled on his hands and knees into the water while the party divided into two lines one on each side of him. As soon as the fish were near enough to the boy, he would throw a handful of sand to distract their attention. The men rushed into the water, formed a semi-circle around the fish and drew their nets close together. They were seldom unsuccessful, and frequently caught more than they could consume. They never travelled without fire so the moment the fish were out of the water, they commenced roasting and eating them, which they did without cleaning or any other preparation. When they

had satisfied themselves, they carried the remainder home for their women and children, who had been employed during the day in collecting dingowa and a part of which they gave to the men in exchange for fish”.

As the months passed, the castaways were invited on more and more excursions where they stayed in different villages along the coast and onto the nearby Island, Yarun. They were welcomed into small fishing settlements composed of large huts and travelled from place to place in “well-defined watercraft”. Finnegan had by now developed another close relationship this time with the Chief of the Joondaburri tribe on Yarun and as time passed spent more time there than on the mainland.

Finnegan realised one day that the natives had no idea that water could be made hot and boiled. Filling the tin-pot that they had saved when wrecked, he placed it on the fire and called for those nearby to come and watch. Curious, the whole tribe began to gather round and watch the pot. Suddenly the water began to boil and bubble furiously. Shouting and screaming, they all bolted in fear. They couldn’t be persuaded to return till they saw him pour the water out and wipe the pot dry. After a while they slowly ventured back, and using sand, carefully covered the place where the water had been spilt.

In December of that same year, 1823, John Oxley arrived on an exploratory venture and returned Finnegan and Pamphlett to Sydney. Parsons had disappeared to the north searching for Sydney. In December 1825, Governor Brisbane awarded Finnegan a full pardon then offered him a well-paid three-year contract as one of the appointed Pilots for ships entering and leaving the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay. After successfully completing his contract, John Finnegan returned to his homeland in Ireland.

If you liked this story, you can purchase a copy of my book at the Bribie Island Seaside Museum.

Kids Page

What is black and white and red all over? A zebra with a sunburn.

Which animal makes the best pet? A cat, because it's purr-fect.

What do you get from a pampered cow? Spoiled milk!

What was the first animal in space? The cow who jumped over the moon.

Why do cows go to New York? To see the moo-sicals!

Why did the pig have ink all over his face? Because he just came out of the pen.

What do you get when you cross a fish with an elephant? Swimming trunks!

What sound do porcupines make when they kiss? "Ouch!"

What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo? A pouch potato.

Where do cows go on Friday nights? To the moo-vies.

If a seagull flies over the sea, what flies over the bay? A bagel.

Why couldn't the pony talk? Because she was just a little hoarse.

What is a bat's favorite sport? Baseball.

How do you make an octopus laugh? With ten-tickles.



COCONUT ICE

6 INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/3 cups gluten-free pure icing sugar, sifted
- 1/4 tsp cream of tartar
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 3 1/2 cups desiccated coconut
- 2 tsp vanilla essence
- Rose-pink food colouring

METHOD

Step 1

Grease a 6cm-deep, 20cm square cake pan. Line the base and sides with baking paper, extending the paper 2cm above the edges of the pan.

Step 2

Sift icing sugar and cream of tartar together into a large bowl. Add sweetened condensed milk, coconut and vanilla. Mix until well combined. Divide the mixture in half. Tint 1 portion of mixture pink with food colouring. Leave the remaining portion plain.

Step 3

Press the plain mixture over the base of the prepared pan, levelling the top with the back of a spoon. Press pink mixture over plain mixture, levelling the top with a spoon. Cover. Chill for 3 hours or until set.

Step 4

Cut coconut ice into 2.5cm squares. Serve.



Can you spot the 10 differences?



Christmas

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CANDY CANES
TREES
JACK FROST
GINGERBREAD
SNOWFLAKE

CRACKERS
MANGER
CHRISTMAS
MERRY
FRIENDS

DECORATIONS
NATIVITY
SANTA CLAUS
GIFTS
FAMILY ANGEL



Knock Knock. Who's there?
Etch. Etch who?
Bless you!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Tank. Tank Who?
You're welcome!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Boo. Boo who?
Don't cry, I'm only joking!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Norma Lee. Norma Lee who?
Normally I ring the doorbell.

Knock knock. Who's there?
Annie. Annie who?
Is Annie body home?

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Wa. Wa who?
What are you so excited about?!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Lettuce. Lettuce who?
Lettuce in.

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Leon. Leon who?
Leon me when you're not strong!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Adore. Adore who?
Adore is between us, so please open up!

Knock knock. Who's there?
A little old lady. A little old lady who?
Wow, I didn't know you could yodel!

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Lena. Lena who?
Lena a little closer, and I'll tell you another joke!

Knock knock. Who's there?
Candice. Candice who?
Candice joke get any worse

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Goliath. Goliath who?
Goliath down, you look-eth tired!

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Broccoli? Broccoli who?
Broccoli doesn't have a last name, silly.

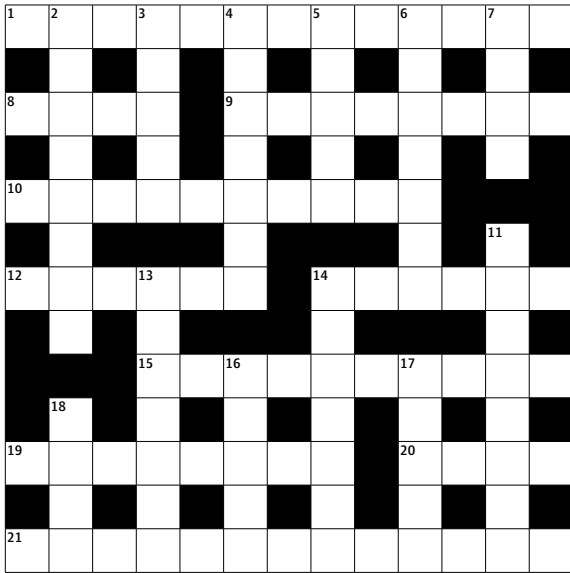
Knock, knock. Who's there?
Wooden shoe. Wooden shoe who?
Wooden shoe like to hear another joke?

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Cows go. Cows go who?
No silly, cows go MOO!

Knock, knock. Who's there?
Harry. Harry who?
Harry up and answer the door!



Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



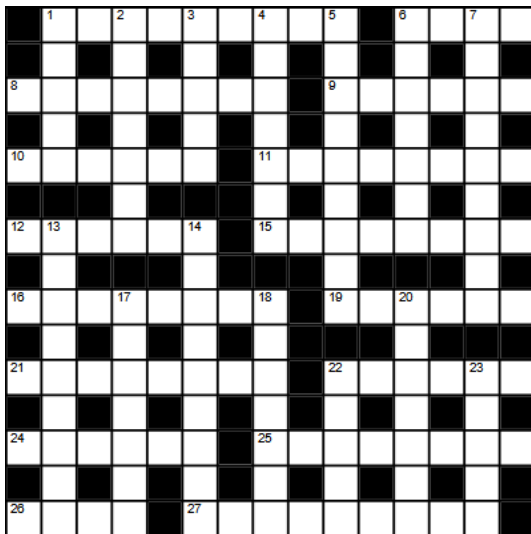
Across

- 1 Royal 'we', in the Queen's Speech? (2,7,3,1)
- 8 Ancient Roman garb (4)
- 9 Rum, lime juice (and sugar) (8)
- 10 Great read (4-6)
- 12 Type of malware; hard worker (6)
- 14 Donnybrook (6)
- 15 Tchaikovsky's Suite (10)
- 19 21 x 2 (5-3)
- 20 Custom (4)
- 21 Rate of progress when picking up a skill (8,5)

Down

- 2 Ray money (anag.) (8)
- 3 Agues (anag.) (5)
- 4 Nomadic Arab of the desert (7)
- 5 Royal burgh in the Highlands (5)
- 6 Fish tanks (7)
- 7 Small dagger (4)
- 11 Good luck (at a wedding?) (5,3)
- 13 Caretaker (7)
- 14 Racecourse distance (7)
- 16 All must play (5)
- 17 Island setting of My Family and Other Animals (5)
- 18 Manage (4)

CRYPTIC



Across

- 1 Degree of titillation, gossip-wise (9)
- 6 Cut - The point being an easy run (4)
- 8 Tithes given to the Church collection are pleasing (8)
- 9 See 1d (6)
- 10 A Blues fan fit for service (6)
- 11 Some reluctance to recognise an interpretation (8)
- 12 See 1d (3,3)
- 15 Cease outrage - union a threat? (8)
- 16 It's in the way of course, sometimes (8)
- 19 Distinction about having put favourite last (6)
- 21 Many, including beginner, fail, unfortunately, as they join up at sea (8)
- 22 See 1d (6) (6)
- 24 Swallow humorously by the sound of it (6)
- 25 Lettered - acclaimed, strangely left out (8)
- 26 They come out as teenagers (4)
- 27 The first lady in Dorset going out with a docker? (9)

Down

- 1 As to why Christmas is a celebration? 1d,3d,6a,12a,22a (5,2,3,6,3,3,6)
- 2 Said to occupy uniform? (7)
- 3 See 1d (2,3)
- 4 State of manufactured valence (7)
- 5 Submission on French supply (9)
- 6 As in oil production, mediator is needed (7)
- 7 Advocate is a supporter on x somehow (9)
- 13 All in all maybe, ABC lean on sympathetic treatment (2,7)
- 14 Gets out of control? - Select as a problem (9)
- 17 They give in faith - theirs at last a contradiction (7)
- 18 Emerge as English bloke brews tea (7)
- 20 Psychologically, a measure prescribed to satisfy a perceived problem put first (7)
- 22 The extent of dandruff, for example (5)
- 23 Put off for the moment as there is nothing decent here (2,3)

SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC SOLUTION 206



QUICK SOLUTION 206



CHRISTMAS

Word Search Puzzle



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BOWLS RESULTS

BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS

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Round two winner Team Steve Horn
Round three winner Team Jim Warwick

The event concluded with a BBQ and the prize presentations. Snooker Club representative Colin Thomas and LJ Hooker representative Gary Houghton presented prizes.

The club would like to thank everyone involved in making this such a successful event, from the ground staff, event administrators, umpires, bar staff, catering staff and all volunteers. Let's do it again in 2024!

BONGAREE BOWLS MEN'S RESULTS

Scroungers Nov 25th
Winners Peter Brown, 2nd Keith McLeod, 3rd Di Smith
Wed 4's Nov 29th Winners Alistair Wright, Doreen Pennery, Jim Warwick, Wayne Baker Runners Up Ron Carruthers, Greg Hemphill, Robin Maffey, Peter Vlajic
Scroungers Dec 2nd 1st Sheena Bath, 2nd Bob Connor 3rd Eric Thean, 4th Judi Irvine, 5th Yuki King Wed 4's Dec 6th Winners Allan Kenning, Robin Maffey, Graeme Hanlin, Peter Vlajic Runners Up Ernie Connolly, Sandi Hodges, Ellen Corrick, Ron Corrick Thurs Jackpot pairs Dec 7th Winners Gary McCarthy, Ian Paterson Runners Up Col Erhardt, John Park.

BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB**Self Select Fours Friday 24 Nov**

Winners: C Perkins, K Taylor, R Glasser, P Hughes

Runners up: P Campbell, T Turnbull, J Howard, Michael

Lucky draw: M Ball, J Prowle, K Vardy, H Henderson

Random Select fours Sat 25 Nov

Highest margin: S Toomey, P Bannerman, s Hamilton, L MacKenzie

Lowest margin: K Smith, P Patrikeos, L Wright, D Bishop
Out of hat winner: T Murphy, T Burgess, M Catchpole, S Harrison

Out of hat winner: R Williams, d Lyons, V Williams, J Newlove

Out of hat winner: N Bromlsy, H Haines, L Burgess, G Herbert

Scroungers Results Wednesday 29 November 2023

1st: P Brown

2nd: C stroud

3rd: F Ferguson

Self Select Fours Wed 29 Nov

Winners: M Prewett, D Lindsay, V Lindsay, M Andrews

Runners Up: L Godfrey, Y Ackroyd, C Smith, L Gilmore

Lucky draw: P Gray, J Oliver, A Sharp, J Gray

Lucky draw: T Smith, S Lobo, P Patrikeos, K Piva

Random Select Triples Thu 30 Nov

Highest score: G Frew, L Stanford, W Hoelscher

Runners up: D Cherry, A Riley

Lucky draw: A Christie, F Grimsey, M Hogan

Lucky draw: G Riley, P Neumann, T Paskin

Self Select Fours Fri 1 Dec

Winners: B Meek, C Chidley, K Thornton, T Erfurth

Runners up: B Lingley, J Morgan, s Root, K Burton

Lucky draw: M Andrews, V Lindsay, D Lindsay, M Prewitt

Lucky draw: R Brinton, E Deakins, B Hoffman, L Deakins

Random Select fours Sat 2 Dec

Highest margin: S Lonsdale, L Wright, I Smith, S Cook

Lowest margin: P Andrews, W Langford, G McEniery, K Langford

Self Select Fours Tue 5 Dec

Winners: R McDermott, P Andrews, K Muller, M MacGregor

Second: J Oliver, B Castle, T Hudson, P Patrikeos

Third: L Deakins, E Deakins, M Nganeko, R Britton

Lucky draw: S Cook, J Muller, R Leth, D Groves

Lucky draw: P Gray, A Sharp, E Sharp, J Gray

Lucky draw: J McDougall, L Wright, J Brazier, J Mewett

Scroungers Wed 6 Dec

1st: C Stroud

2nd: W Ryan

3rd: J Smith

4th: B Doe

Self Select Fours Wed 4 Dec

Winners: L Gilmore, M Gittens, L Godfrey, J Noonan

Second: C Barklay, I McClelland, M Garfield, E Bateman

Third: M Thompson, J Leys, K Burdon, F Grimsey

Lucky draw: T Dean, V Lindsay, M Andrews, M Prewett

Lucky draw: W Kelly, C Thornton, K Thornton, G Duncan

Lucky draw: l Williams, D Cherry, M Cherry, N Bolton

BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

23 November 2023 to 5 December 23/11/23 – Single Stableford

Div 1 Winner: Di Benghamy 39 cb, 2nd Ann Rogers 39
Div 2 Winner: Judith Umlauf 42, 2nd Toni Grossmann 41 cb
Div 3 Winner: Roslyn Crossley 41, 2nd Kerryn Keys 39

Div 4 Winner: Joan Osborne 38, 2nd Jennifer Stafford 31
NTP's: Hole 4 Desley Neilson, Hole 7 Gaby Bennett, Hole 14 Di Benghamy, Hole 16 (2nd shot) Di Croft, Hole 4 (Div ¾ 2nd shot) Jennifer Mckay

30/11/23 – Single Stroke
A Grade Winner: Abby Driver 73 cb, 2nd Yuko Nakamura 73, Myra Thomsen 74
B Grade Winner: Sue Navie

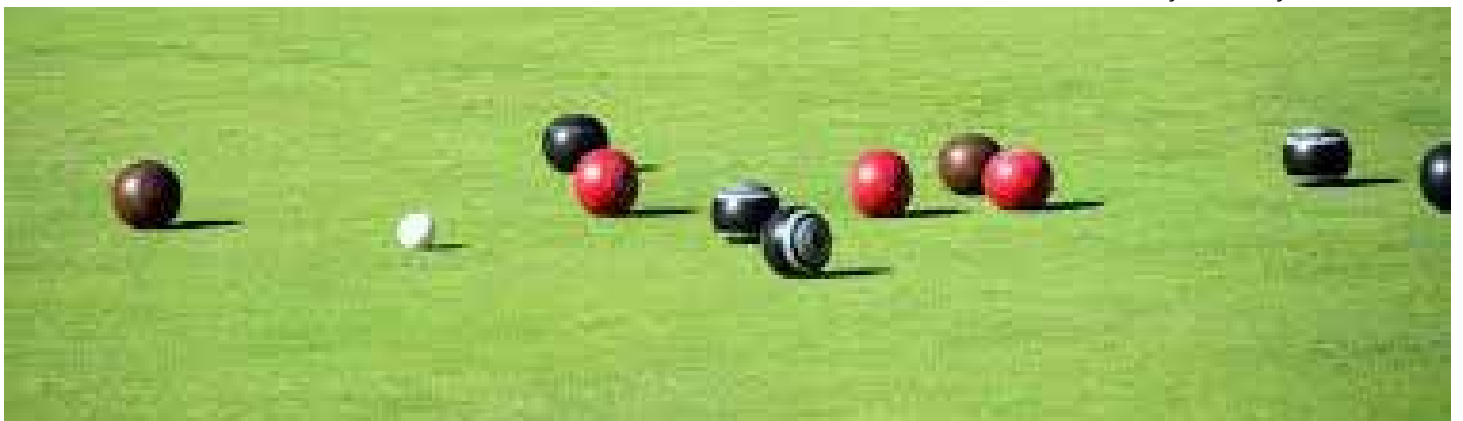
72, 2nd Jude Dorhauer 74, 3rd Maureen Bailey 75 cb

C Grade Winner: Roslyn Crossley 72, 2nd Kerryn Keys 74, 3rd Mary Carruthers 75 cb
NTP's: Hole 4 Mary Barbeler, Hole 7 Wendy Robinson, Hole 14 Maureen Bailey, Hole 16 (2nd shot) Linda Urquhart, Hole 4 (Div 3 2nd shot) Nadia Aylott

5/12/23 – 4Ball Women's Team Stableford

Winners: Sylvia White, Kerryn Keys, Kate Wesener & Yuko Nakamura 53 points

Runners Up: Magrit Pearce, Carole Watson, Vivi Lloyd & Angela Jordan 50 points
NTP's: Hole 4 Roslyn Crossley, Hole 11a Ros Gardiner, Hole 14 Gay Burnham, Hole 16 (2ns shot) Kerryn Keys



BACK ON THE COURTS AT LAST

KATHY VINCENT

I wrote recently that the Bribie Island Croquet Club courts were closed so that work could be done on the courts. The dry weeks had taken their toll on the turf, but the club are happier now that we have had some rain. All the players had gone to play in other clubs. Caloundra kindly offered court time and some members accepted an invitation from Eildon Club to play there so no one forgot how to play while the courts were closed!!

What better way to celebrate re-opening the courts than to hold a Gala Day? Lynne Mellors and Libby did an excellent job organising the event, and it was great just playing our own members.

Two teams were playing six forty-five-

minute games during the day. There was some strong competition, but the winners were:

Red Team 1st Kathy Vincent 2nd Dick Byres

3rd John Pyatt

Blue Team 1st Arthur Heathwood 2nd

Shelly Moar

3rd Sue Green

Meanwhile, some players entered a doubles competition at Windsor, and the competition was tough, but Bribie once again came out on top.

Maggie and Dolly from Bribie came first in their team.

Dennis from Bribie and his partner from another team came first in their team.

Winners were certainly grinners !! Well done everyone



A Happy Christmas from the Bribie Pink Dragons

2023 has been a successful year for the Bribie Pink Dragons. Our club wishes to convey our sincere good wishes to you all. We are grateful for the wonderful support from our community groups and businesses.

Our enthusiastic new members have been ready to give paddling a fun-go and those who have continued their quest for wellness, also have contributed this past month to competing within the Croquet Club fundraiser; and we won!

We had great fun, on many of those steamy days, selling raffle tickets, for the exquisite creations at the Arts Tarts Exhibition at Banksia.

wrapped presents for the shoppers at the Zonta stall in Morayfield, managed to slip in a trip out on "The Ferryman", attended the Pickleball Fashion Parade, tested our brains at Rotary Trivia and competed in "Christmas on the Creek" at Currumbin in five categories and achieved a Third in the Breast Cancer Survivors' Final!

Have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and a Healthy and Safe New Year.; and may the season fill your home with joy, your hearts with love and your life with laughter.



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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

WE ♥ PETS



Christmas...

and what to do if there is an emergency.



With the festive season in full swing, I wanted to take a moment to remind you of a few important tips to ensure the safety and well-being of your pets during the holiday celebrations.

Festive Foods: As we enjoy holiday feasts, let's be mindful of what our pets consume. Some foods, like chocolate, onions, garlic, and certain fruits, can be harmful to them. Please avoid leaving food within their reach, and kindly remind family and friends not to share their plate with our pets. While a small amount of chocolate is safe, the sugar and milk content may still cause an upset tummy.

Decorations and Ornaments: While decorating our homes is a cherished tradition, it's crucial to be aware of decorations and ornaments that could pose a threat to our pets. Tinsel, ribbons, and certain plants can be tempting but may lead to digestive issues if ingested. Let's keep a close eye on our decorations and consider pet-friendly alternatives.

Christmas Trees: If you have a Christmas tree, make sure it's securely anchored to prevent accidental toppling. Be cautious of water additives

in the tree stand, as they can be harmful to pets. Consider using pet-friendly ornaments and avoid decorating with small, easily ingestible items. **Holiday Parties:** If you're hosting gatherings, create a quiet and safe space for our pets away from the festivities. Inform guests about our pets and any house rules regarding their well-being. The noise, unfamiliar faces, and holiday decorations can be overwhelming for them.

Gift Wrappings: The joy of unwrapping gifts is contagious, but let's keep an eye on the wrappings. Ribbons, bows, and paper can be enticing for pets but may pose a choking hazard or cause digestive issues if ingested.

What to do if your furry friend has a case of "dietary indiscretion" ...

Fast them; if your pet has overindulged in rich food the best thing to do is not to feed them any more food. It is safe to fast dogs for up to 3 days. Cats and puppies are best only fasted for 12 hours.

Feed bone broth at 50% dilution or less (to make it less rich) in warm water to help keep them hydrated. The more water the better to flush out any toxins.

If your pet has one or two vomits or loose stools but

are otherwise well then there may be no need to take them to a vet. However, if your pet is lethargic and continues to vomit or have loose stools then they are in danger of dehydration and will need to be seen by a vet asap.

Wishing you and your furry friends a joyful and safe holiday season.

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Birthday Buddy Bag

Activity Bag are bags created to uplift a child, show them love, and allow the child to experience a collection of different items for themselves to enjoy on their birthday whilst living through hardship/undesirable conditions, experiencing trauma or illness.

ITEMS INCLUDED – Colouring-in activities, selected essential items as requested, appropriate games, books, puzzles, stickers, age appropriate items.

Hygiene Buddy Bag

Hygiene Buddy Bags are created for essential hygiene – can be kept at schools/day care centres, can be added as a toiletry bag to Essential Buddy Bag, or packed and distributed as needed.

ITEMS INCLUDED – Toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush/comb, washer, soap/body wash, ear buds, nail brush, shampoo, hair ties, tissues and age appropriate items as requested.

Who are we reaching out to and working with?

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STAY SAFE FROM SMOKE AND FIRE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON



A QUARTER OF FIRES START IN THE KITCHEN, WITH RESEARCH REVEALING ONE IN TWO AUSSIE PARENTS HAVE LEFT COOKING ON THE STOVE UNATTENDED.

The absence of working smoke alarms can increase the possibility of a fatal fire by 60%

Ahead of the holiday period, Brooks Australia is urging Aussies to be careful about the fire risks around their home and how to prevent a fire with the help of their Brooks Christmas Fire Safety Checklist

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is a time for joy, family reunions, gifts and feasts.

However, it also comes with a unique fire risk, with Christmas trees and lights, cooking equipment and candles all potential hazards around the home.

The most common fire dangers in homes are often found in the kitchen, sleeping areas, and lounge areas, with new research from Brooks Australia revealing one in two (48%) Aussie parents have left cooking on the stove

unattended, while four in ten (40%) have left an electrical appliance on.

In fact, 40% of house fires are caused by electrical appliances and electrical faults. With decorative lights around the house and new devices or gadgets being charged at Christmas, it's even more important for families to look for potential hazards.

Cathy Brand, CEO of Brooks Australia, says there are plenty of fire risks to be aware of heading into the holiday season.

"Christmas trees, decorative lights, candles, excited kids and pets, and overworked power boards could all be potential fire hazards Australian families overlook. It's important to be prepared, aware of fire dangers in the home, and ensure you're protected if something goes wrong," Brand says.

"Lights need to be checked for faults or fraying in the wiring before being plugged in and turned off before bed. Power boards are also a concern as they can be easily overloaded with gadgets and appliances. Furthermore, never leave cooking unattended or close by to anything

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flammable, which is an easy mistake to make when a lot is going on.”

Sadly, more Australians are killed in residential fires each year than through other natural hazards - floods, storms and bushfires – combined, and the heart-breaking truth is that the vast majority of fatal house fires are preventable.

Brand says while accidents happen, the absence of working smoke alarms can increase the possibility of a fatal fire by 60%.

“It only takes three minutes for a fire to take hold in your home, and when you’re asleep, you will not smell smoke - in fact, it will put you into a deeper sleep. Therefore, working smoke alarms are critical,” Brand says.

“A smoke alarm provides a critical early warning to give you and your loved one time to escape and safeguard your home against devastating fire damage. That includes installing interconnected photoelectric smoke alarms on every level of your home, and it’s

recommended they are also in bedrooms, then testing monthly, then cleaning every six months.”

Australians are encouraged to take precautions this holiday to stay fire safe; check out Brooks Christmas Fire Safety Checklist to keep you and your family safe.

Proactive measures should be taken to mitigate the risk of house fires this holiday season, which can be done by implementing preventive strategies and remaining attentive to potential hazards. Smoke alarms are one of the best ways to keep your loved ones safe.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The festive season is a time of celebration but also brings its own dangers. With the festive season upon us, this is a timely reminder to check if your Christmas decorations are fire-safe.

Fairy lights are a common decoration used around the home and on Christmas trees but are often a culprit behind house fires in December. So, it’s vital to;

- Check the lights comply with the Australian Standard
- Check that the lights aren’t fraying or the plug is worn
- Keep them away from flammable material

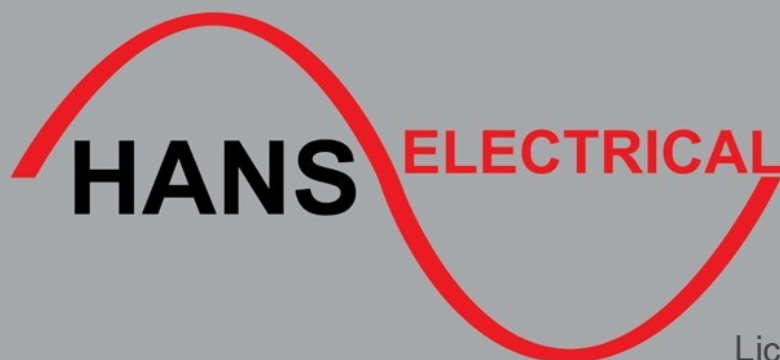
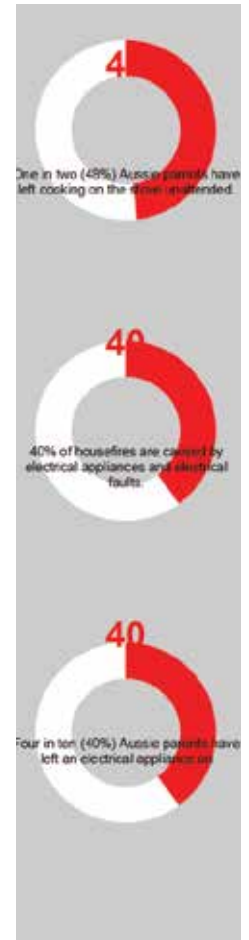
Turn lights off before going to sleep or if not at home
Kids are also more susceptible during a house fire, with the 0-4 age group having high fatality rates. So, during the Christmas season, it’s important to keep an eye on the little ones by;

- Keep them away from decorative lights that could become too hot to touch.
- Keep open flames and the matches out of reach.

Fires aren’t the only thing to be aware of this festive season, with barbeques often going hand in hand with gatherings, but risks can be involved.

So, before you unleash your inner MasterChef, ensure your barbeque is on a level base in a ventilated area sheltered from the wind. Keep matches and children well away, and have a water source or, even better, a fire extinguisher nearby. Also, before you light up, clean the BBQ, taking care to remove excess fat that could cause flare-ups. When you finish cooking, turn off the gas firmly.

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Looking through the photos and stories since the beginning of this year, it is a small miracle as to how much has been achieved in establishing the Beachmere Community Garden. From bare concrete, posts, a container, and a much-handled plan of the ultimate vision, the site has become a landmark in Beachmere, its grace and beauty springing from hundreds (thousands?) of hours of work selflessly given by volunteers, tradespeople, and community members. And a thousand thanks to all levels of government, community groups, and the business community for their generous financial support.

The garden was launched in May and has since been visited by groups and individuals who all express admiration for the project, which is progressing towards completion sometime in the New Year.

Watched over by the black cockatoo, the garden continues to surprise us all as it moves through the seasons, responds to the climate, and produces a vibrant landscape of possibilities for growing wholesome

food in an urban setting. Space is not an issue when you have pots and wicking beds to work with... our members can advise on what you can do with your patch, no matter how small.

It has been an absolute pleasure for our members to guide the young gardeners at Beachmere State School in learning about the natural world. We will continue to assist the school gardener with maintenance throughout the school holidays and keep it looking good for their return next year.

As the climate challenges us all, we continue to learn from each other, sharing our triumphs and disappointments, enjoying friendship and discussion at our Arvo in the Garden on the last Sunday of the month. Next year will see us completing current projects and venturing into new areas of involvement with Inclusion as our core value.

And that's what it's all about... apart from being a fine example of people working together towards a shared goal, we see the garden as a meeting place, a place of learning, a hub of conversation, and a source of energy and achievement for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this venture, including the lovely Cherrie and the Bribie Islander staff. We look forward to welcoming you to the Beachmere Community Garden early in the New Year when the work is fully completed. Watch this space (or our Facebook page) and have a blooming lovely Christmas!



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WHAT IS A DIVIDING FENCE?

A fence does not just mean a line of posts, wire or panels; rather, it is anything that encloses an area of land—

including a ditch, embankment, a hedge or even a creek—and does not have to extend along the whole boundary. It also includes gates, cattle grids, or anything else that forms part of the enclosure. A dividing fence is normally constructed on the common boundary line between two properties. However, it may be built off the boundary line when the physical features of the land prevent it. This, however, has ownership implications. Disputes about dividing fences are covered by the Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011.

WHO OWNS A FENCE?

If it is built on the common boundary line, a dividing fence is owned equally by the adjoining neighbours. However, a fence, or part of a fence, built on one neighbour's land is owned by that neighbour, even if the other neighbour helped pay for the fence. You should be careful to build your fence on the boundary if you are paying half the cost.

WHO CAN HELP RESOLVE A FENCE DISPUTE?

Whenever possible, you should solve any dispute directly with your neighbour. It is always better to reach an agreement with your neighbour and avoid any possibility of a legal dispute.

MEDIATION

Mediation offers an alternative way of settling disputes without legal action. Mediation is cheaper and quicker than going to a court or tribunal. We have dispute resolution centres throughout Queensland that may be able to help. Find out more about dispute resolution.

Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT)

QCAT can help resolve neighbourhood fence disputes—valued up to and including \$25,000. QCAT can make a legally enforceable decision on the matter. Going to QCAT should be seen as a last resort. It's much better to resolve the problem together and stay on good terms with

your neighbour.

BASIC RULES FOR DIVIDING FENCES

1. There should be a 'sufficient' dividing fence between properties if an adjoining owner requests one—even if one or both pieces of land are empty.

2. Usually, neighbours must contribute equally to the cost of building and maintaining a dividing fence.

3. You should not attach anything to a dividing fence that could damage it.

4. In most cases, issues about dividing fences need to be solved by the owners of the properties. If you are a tenant, unless you have a long-term lease on the land, you should refer queries over a dividing fence to the property owner or agent.

WHAT IS A SUFFICIENT DIVIDING FENCE?

A dividing fence is considered 'sufficient' if the fence:

- is between 0.5 metres and 1.8 metres high

• is constructed mainly of 'prescribed material'. This can be:

- wood, including timber palings and lattice panels
 - chain wire
 - metal panels or rods
 - bricks
 - rendered cement
 - concrete blocks
 - hedge or other barrier made from vegetation
 - other material
- that fences are ordinarily constructed from

• can restrain the type of livestock grazed on either neighbour's adjoining pastoral land.

It is also 'sufficient' if you and your neighbour agree it is or QCAT decides it is sufficient. (QCAT considers specific factors such as the types of fences found in the neighbourhood.) To work out what makes a sufficient fence for your circumstances, start with what you need to divide the properties—for example, a short chain wire fence may be sufficient, but if one owner wants more, they pay the difference.

WHERE YOU DO NOT

NEED A DIVIDING FENCE

You do not need a dividing fence if:

- you and your neighbour agree you do not want one
- either property is outside the scope of the Act e.g. public land or a stock route
- both properties are classed as agricultural land
- there is no owner of the land e.g. land under the Nature Conservation Act 1992 is not subject to a lease or stock grazing permit.

WHEN YOU BUILD A FENCE, WHO PAYS?

If you are going to build a fence between your and your neighbour's property, you should give your neighbour a letter telling them about the fence, how it will be built and the estimated cost—including their contribution. This is called a notice to fence. You must get at least one quote, but as a matter of courtesy, you should supply 2. If your neighbour thinks the quotes are too high, they can obtain their own quote.

Each neighbour is liable for half the cost of fencing work. However, where one neighbour

wants more work done than is necessary for a 'sufficient dividing fence' they pay the extra cost.

For example, if your neighbour needs a higher fence to keep their dog from getting out, they should pay the extra cost or provide extra materials and labour to build the fence to the height they need above what is 'sufficient' for your needs.

DAMAGE TO A FENCE

If an owner or someone they have allowed onto their property damages a fence (e.g. people working on their property), they must restore the dividing fence to a reasonable standard, taking into consideration the state of the fence before it was damaged. If they do not restore the fence, you can send them a notice to contribute to fencing work or get them to pay for urgent fencing work if necessary.

RETAINING WALLS

Retaining walls are not classed as fences under the Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011. Retaining walls are built to support built

up or excavated earth. They are normally not a matter of joint responsibility for neighbours as they usually benefit one neighbour more than the other. However, QCAT can make orders about fencing disputes that includes work on a retaining wall if the repair of the fence will also require work on the retaining wall.

SWIMMING POOL FENCES

There are very specific requirements for pool fences. The laws and regulations for dividing fences, therefore, do not apply. The responsibility to build and maintain a pool fence is on the pool owner. Get information about regulated pool barriers.

GET LEGAL ADVICE

You may need legal advice if you can't solve the dispute with your neighbour. Community Legal Centres Queensland provide a directory of local community legal centres that can help you, or the Queensland Law Society can refer you to a private lawyer.



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By John Boland

The tradition of adding cheerful lights to dark winter nights began in ancient times when people gathered around fires or decorated their homes with candles. Considering holiday lights can be traced to ancient winter solstice celebrations, it may come as a surprise to learn holiday lighting as we know it is a fairly recent development. It all began in 1882 when Edward Johnson created the first strand of electric holiday lights and installed them in his window for everyone to enjoy. The strand was made up of 80 red and blue lights, which were powered by a generator.

It's very cathartic to drive around Bribie Island at Christmas to see the time and effort that people take to help celebrate Christmas, as many Baby Boomers have moved away from their families. We moved here 16 years ago, and this will be the second Christmas that we have been away from our children and grandchildren. I thought that it was something that I would sadly miss having moved into and Over 50's Resort. What a great surprise when we saw the time and effort made by residents to bring in the Christmas spirit every year which is done with a labour of love for their fellow residents. The collection has taken many years to create and their skill and dedication is to be admired.

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Australian Red Cross is urging Queensland residents to take action and make an Emergency RediPlan in the face of forecast weather events across the state.

With active severe heatwave warnings from the Bureau of Meteorology for Peninsula, Gulf Country, Channel Country,

Maranoa and Warrego and Darling Downs and Granite Belt Districts, alongside the risk of Tropical Cyclone Jasper escalating, now is the time to get prepared.

Australian Red Cross State Director for Queensland, Garry Page, said the better prepared we are for disaster, the better we can cope and recover.

"When it comes to natural disasters, Australians have a growing sentiment that anything could happen in the next 12 months, but we

know that only 10 per cent are actively getting prepared," Mr Page said.

"Importantly, the more prepared you are physically and psychologically, the lower the post-disaster emotional impact.

"We urge every Australian to adopt an emergency RediPlan or a strategy to equip yourself and your family to face emergencies head-on.

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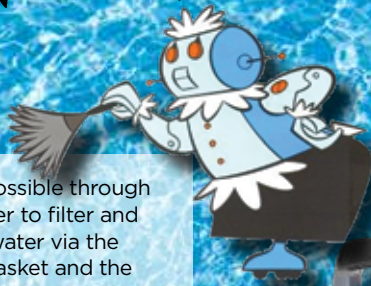
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A Robot To Clean Your Pool?



An old joke was - What's the best Pool Cleaner? - The one you married! (Now ... that's not gender indicative)

However, until approximately 50 years ago, that's all there was really until the invention of the Kreepy Krauly. When the Kreepy Krauly came out, it revolutionised Pool Cleaning, albeit that it also diminished the results of the skimmer box by taking away a lot of its functionality.

Today, there are many different types of "Suction" cleaners on the market rivaling and outperforming the original Kreepy Krauly.

However, the preferred cleaning system that has hit the market in the last 10 years or so is Robots.

Robotic Pool Cleaners have become the main pool cleaner to buy. What has caused this change?

Where suction cleaners use the existing Pool pump and filter system to operate the cleaner, robots have their own motor/pump and filtration system.

And as we just mentioned, because suction cleaners hook up to the skimmer box, they diminish the performance of the first primary cleaning apparatus of the pool - the skimmer box.

Because robots run independent, they allow the skimmer box, pool pump and filtration system to do what they're designed to do - skim the surface of the pool and draw as much

water as possible through the skimmer to filter and clean the water via the skimmer basket and the main filtration system.

The robotic pool cleaner runs on a DC voltage similar to a pool light. It has its own transformer which plugs into the power and has a light waterproof cable which runs from the transformer to the cleaner.

Depending on the type of cleaner and brand, some have timers - some don't.

Others have options of cleaning styles, cycle times, and Bluetooth or Wi-Fi functionality.

Advantages of a robotic pool cleaner are:

- The cleaner runs independent of the rest of the system
- The skimmer system works correctly - free of a suction cleaner hose
- The cleaner is much easier to put in and take out - there's no hose and you don't have to fill and prime the hoses / pump etc. It's simply a low voltage cable
- You can run energy efficient pumps at peak efficiency as you're not using the pool pump to run the cleaner
- They never get stuck and are much faster at cleaning the pool.
- They are silent. You don't hear the "ticking" or workings of the suction cleaner.

Good quality units:

- Have a processor that



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ensures the whole pool is covered systematically rather than just random movements

- Have brushes which gently rub the surface to help clean.
- Clean the walls and water line
- Can turn around in and cover the surface in any size or shaped pool
- Have cartridges that give fine filtration to remove fine particles

Disadvantages? It's difficult to come up with a disadvantage, but if you really want one, in comparison to a suction cleaner, the robotic pool cleaner requires that you regularly turn it on or set it on a weekly timer. But that's as simple as the push of a button. Some robots have timers which run the cleaner every second or third day, but only for a period of a week or so many hours in the case of

a battery-operated cordless unit. The reason is, depending on the amount of rubbish in your pool, you must clean out the filter bag or cartridges in the cleaner regularly. Being Aussies if it was on a constant timer - we'd forget about it. However, remember - even with a suction cleaner, rubbish still collects in the skimmer basket and needs to be cleaned out regularly for it to function properly also.

And now that the skimmer functions correctly with a robot, not as much rubbish drifts through the pool to the bottom anyway.

COSTS:

Robotic Pool Cleaners commonly range in price between around \$900.00 for the "elcheapo's" (Chinese made) which tend to come

and go, to around \$3600.00 for good quality cordless units with full functionality including remote controls or I Phone control. The most common units we sell are between \$1600.00 and \$3100.00.

THE BEST?

Arguably the best robotic pool cleaners to date have been the Maytronics Dolphin. And there's nothing that suggests that they won't continue so. However, Zodiac have improved significantly in the market and are bringing out new models with features and functionality that compares.

Another brand that has hit the market in Cordless Cleaners is Madimack.

This brand is fast becoming a well-known and popular brand in the pool industry and the cleaner itself is proving to be

well liked.

HOME DEMO'S:

An advantage when considering a Robotic Pool Cleaner is that if you are serious about purchasing a good wall climbing unit, you can book a free home demonstration to be sure that the cleaner works as you'd expect in your pool. To do so, you can contact Waterama Bribie on 07 3408 6246 or book through Wateramas web site.

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EXERCISE DEBRIEF

Training never stops at VMR Bribie and today (9/11) we had a debrief with Rural Fire Fighters bosses about a recent exercise we did with them taking firefighters over to Moreton Island. Today was the first chance they had for a debrief as their time has been taken up with the recent Bush fires around the Darling Downs area. Some positive improvements were discussed which will make all parties better prepared for an actual fire on Moreton Island in the future.



Vessel taken through the lock to the Bribie Gardens Estate.



White Sunday's crew assisted another member with engine issues. Towed from Bongaree to Spinnaker, rafted him up and berthed him into single spot pen in Spinnaker.



Left to Right Inspector Mark Saunders, Alan Britcliffe, Coxswain Liz Radajewski, VMR Emergency Services Liaison Officer Graham Gibb and VMR Commodore Ces Luscombe. Also in attendance was VMR Radio Officer Peter McNamara who took the photo.

BUSY SUNDAY

WOW what a busy Sunday for our White Sunday Crew - great job everyone. The first call out was at 5:20am before crew day had even started. A couple with their poodle, members from Bribie Gardens in their 5m Cuddy Cabin. They had left an hour before for a day's fishing, but their motor failed near Spinnaker. We took them back through the lock & safely back to their pontoon. They were very happy and impressed as they have been members for years but have never needed our assistance before.



The third callout was for a member with a 7.3m Cruiser with starting issues at the Tangalooma Wrecks, requiring a tow back to the Spinnaker Sound Marina.



14m Ketch non-member with a disabled engine required a tow from some 15m North of back to Pumicestone Passage.



The new 2023-2024 Committee – Peter McNamara, Gary Voss (Secretary), John Rice, Liz Radajewski, Wayne Sclater (Vice Commodore), Ces Luscombe (Commodore), Allan Tranter, John O'Hagan, and Kelly Langworthy (Treasurer).

SUNSET DRINKS

Friday 24th November 2023

70 Active Members and partners attended this Christmas themed and last Sunset Drinks for 2023. Kelly Langworthy and her Social Committee Team decorated the Function Room beautifully and provided a magnificent spread of double smoked ham, roast chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, and garden salad, followed by mini pavlovas or mini plum puddings with cream, custard, and/or ice-cream. Music and entertainment was provided by our own Gary Voss ably assisted by Peter McNamara – which also included a brief visit from Santa! The usual raffles were held, and the bar was manned by Karen Llewellyn and Ian Thomas.



Cheryl Robinson, Sheryl Traill, and Kelly Langworthy in the Busyfingers kitchen.



Nia Brice and Gwen McNamara at the buffet.



Life Members Leona Patrick and Betty Snell welcome everyone at the door and sell meal vouchers and raffle tickets.



Great to see Ingrid and Ray Fox "on deck"!



Cheryl Robinson, Sheryl Traill, and Kelly Langworthy in the Busyfingers kitchen.



Santa visits Karen Llewellyn at the bar.



Winner of the first raffle Lyn Boucaut receives her "ham" prize from Santa and Commodore Ces.



Winner of the second raffle Ron Burrett receives his "ham" prize from Santa and Commodore Ces.



Another raffle winner Cecilia Wilson receives her prize from Santa and Commodore Ces.



Another raffle winner Cheryl Robinson receives her prize from Santa and Commodore Ces.



Another raffle winner Allan Davey receives his prize from Santa and Commodore Ces.



The Nutbush competition begins!



MC Peter McNamara announces Myles Robinson as our unanimous winner of the "Nutmash" competition!

CONGRATULATIONS MIKE HENSON



Commodore Ces Luscombe and Vice Commodore Wayne Sclater present Mike Henson with his Senior Crew Epaulettes, Sunday 26th November 2023.



The call out crew on Saturday night assisted a 7m Yellowfin with a 225hp Yamaha that had motor issues, just on the other side of Gilligans, then towed the vessel to Caboolture River, Beachmere Boat Ramp.

HOW TO USE A MARINE RADIO

VMR Bribe ran two How to use a Marine Radio Information sessions on Sunday the 26th of November with 52 attendees including a group from The Moreton Region S.E.S team.

The information session was conducted by Deputy Radio Officers John Rice, John O'Hagan and Radio Officer Peter McNamara, the information session covered all aspects of using a marine radio, how to Log on and Log Off properly and showed a video of a real Mayday Call.



Deputy Radio Officer John Rice and John O'Hagan



Deputy Radio Officer John Rice runs through issues about why we cannot hear your radio transmissions.



The team from Moreton Region S.E.S lead by Ron Aquilina standing next to Radio Officer Peter McNamara holding the handheld radio. Peter said, "It was great to have the team along from the SES it is all about working together for the benefit of our communities on land and sea".

2023 YEAR RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Thursday 8th December 2023

14,667 Calls, 4,236 vessels logged on,
232 Vessel Assists, 1,471 Sitreps, 1,273 Requests, 69 overdue vessels, 19 Vessel

Tracking,
1,551 Radio Checks, 11 Weather Broadcasts,
3 Secure Broadcasts, 1 Pan Pan, 2 Mayday.

VHF 59.2%, 27MHz 4.2%,
Phone 18.2%. GWN 2.6%

NOV/DEC VESSEL ASSISTS:

FRI 24/11 0925AM – 4.5m Half Cabin member with fouled propeller and drifting on outgoing tide. Crew eventually found vessel who has fixed issue and continued under own power.

SAT 25/11 1840PM – 7m Cruiser non-member with engine issues, required a tow from Mouth of Passage to Beachmere Boat Ramp.

MON 27/11 0815AM – Tasked by Water Police to collect Vessel at Skirmish Point that was found drifting off Comboyuro Point, and tow back to VMR Base.

MON 27/11 0815AM – B1 tasked by water Police to join SAR for missing fisherman, Search called off at 1830. B1 returned after refuelling at 2013PM.

SUN 03/12 1017AM – 5.3m Cuddy Cabin non-member with an electrical problem required a tow from South Bulwer to Uhlmann Road Boat Ramp.

SUN 03/12 1434PM – 4.4m Tinny non-member motor has fallen off stern of boat just off Red Beach required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

MON 04/12 0833AM – 5m Tinny member required a tow from Banksia Beach canals to Bellara Boat Ramp.

TUE 05/12 2100PM – Tasked by Water Police to recover skipper from Trawler on fire and sinking east of Moreton Island.

WED 06/12 1140AM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 ambulance officers to Tangalooma and retrieve 8-yr old suffering seizures.

WED 06/12 1313PM – 5.2m Cuddy Cabin non-member with motor issues required a tow from Pearl Channel to Scarborough Harbour.

THU 07/12 0744AM – 5.2m Centre Console member hit by a wave near Gilligan's cannot restart motor, required a tow to Pacific Harbour canals.

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<https://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Safety/Smooth-and-partially-smooth-water-limits/Swlb-brisbane>

Safety Dave the Frenchie says you must also keep safety equipment in date, in good repair and everyone on board must know where it is stored.

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Blackbeard, also known as Edward Teach, was one of the most feared pirates. His ship was called the Queen Anne's Revenge. Blackbeard was known to light fuses in his beard to create a terrifying image. Blackbeard only pirated for two years before his death. Pirates did keep parrots as pets, as they were valuable and easy to sell. Bartholomew Roberts, also known as Black Bart, was the most successful pirate of the golden age, capturing or looting over 400 ships. Black Bart's real name was John Roberts; he took on a pseudonym when he became a pirate. Bartholomew Roberts died in a battle at sea when grapeshot struck his throat during a confrontation with a Royal Navy ship. Many pirates had their own flags to identify their ships. The iconic "Jolly Roger" flag – a skull with crossbones – became universally known. Calico Jack, known for his distinctive coat, created the popular "Jolly Roger" flag design of a skull with crossed swords. John Rackham, also known as Calico Jack, was the first to have a female crew member, Anne Bonny. Anne Bonny was one of the most famous female pirates. She operated in the Caribbean during the early 18th century. Fanny Campbell became a pirate to rescue her kidnapped lover and later became a ship captain herself.

Mary Read was another infamous female pirate. She often disguised herself as a man. Grace O'Malley, also known as Gráinne Mhaol, was an Irish pirate queen who stood against the English rule of Ireland. Pirates often carried musicians on board to play songs for their entertainment. Pirates practiced a form of workers' compensation. A pirate who lost a limb in the course of duty would receive a set amount of compensation. The notion of pirates burying their treasure is largely a myth. Most pirates spent their loot quickly after getting it. Pirate codes or "articles" were rules set out by each captain, including how to divide loot and settle disputes. "Walking the plank" was actually quite rare. This form of marooning was popularized by fictional works. Pirate punishments could be brutal. Marooning was common – leaving the offender alone on a deserted island or a remote sandbar. The notorious pirate Charles Vane was known for his cruelty. He even marooned his own crew members. Pirates did wear eye patches but not because they were missing an eye. It was to keep one eye adjusted to the dark for seeing below deck. Pirates did have a language or "pirate

speech", much of which has been popularized by Hollywood, with phrases like "shiver me timbers" and "yo ho ho." Pirates often stole more than gold and jewels. They often raided for rum, spices, and anything else that could be sold. Some pirates became so by mutiny, overthrowing cruel captains of merchant and naval ships. Benjamin Hornigold once raided a ship just to steal the crew's hats because he and his crew had partied too hard the night before and thrown theirs overboard. Some pirates were known to keep quiet during attacks by putting a dagger between their teeth, which is likely where the phrase "to fight tooth and nail" came from. "Doubloons" are associated with pirates – these are a type of Spanish gold coin. Pirates would often create alliances, forming a "Pirate Confederation" to coordinate their efforts and share intelligence. Pirate crews were often multi-cultural and could include escaped slaves, local tribesmen, and willing (or unwilling) members from raided ships. Some pirates were believed to have practiced voodoo to protect themselves from harm and to curse their enemies. Pirates were known to use various types of ships, but the preferred type was the swift and agile schooner.



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FISHING REPORT

Today's report is a general guide to fishing over the coming holidays, here in the Pumicestone Passage.

The waters of the Passage are already warming up, as we head into summer, and there should be opportunities to fish for estuary cod and mangrove jacks, as well as some good flathead, in the creeks and around the mangroves and oyster leases. Ningi Creek is the first one on the mainland side as you travel north from Bribie Island bridge. The creek is much loved by the locals, because it shelters boats from a southerly breeze and holds a good variety of fish - especially in summer, when they're hiding in the deep holes or in the shade of the mangroves. Just be careful not to get stuck on any of the sandbanks! The entrance to Ningi Creek is marked by a yellow cross beacon 2km north of the bridge. Around that yellow marker and into the creek mouth is a popular area for flathead, and this year was one of the best flathead winters we have seen in a long time. The warm weather will drive the flathead further into the creek or into the deeper (and cooler) water, venturing out to the sandbanks for an opportunistic feed during the evening and early morning. A sunrise falling tide should give you the best chance of a good flathead. If you don't have a boat, head to Turner's Camp (off Bribie Island Road) - it's a great spot to spend the whole day. The kids can run around, chase the soldier crabs, have a paddle, while you fish.

The deep water in the middle of the Passage between the mouth of Ningi Creek and the bridge holds lots of grassy sweetlip and Moses perch over the summer. The tidal run through there is strong,



especially during December-early January, so you might have to fish on the drift. If you want to anchor, try to choose a period over the change of tide.

Just north-west of Pacific Harbour is the Avon Wreck, which is most visible during low tide, before it becomes partly submerged. It is home

to some decent whiting and bream. Shag Island lies behind the wreck looking northward and the relatively deep channel between them is known to hold good fish, although it can leave you in shallow water with no obvious exit if you don't watch the tide.

The Pumicestone Passage's

mudflats and protected wetlands support many species of wading birds. During summer, huge numbers of migratory birds use Bribie Island and the Pumicestone Passage as their nesting-place; others use the area as a resting-place on their migratory path. Be aware of the no-go zone known as Kakadu bird-

roost, on the north side of Pacific Harbour. It is not permitted to anchor near the shore or to pull up onto the beach - look for the signs. Not being allowed to anchor here shouldn't be a hindrance, because the 3km drift between Pacific Harbour and White Patch holds snapper, bream, Moses perch, grassy sweetlip, tuskfish, occasional trevally and mulloway, as well as a good variety of leatherjackets. Offshore from Kakadu beach is the oyster regeneration project. This project is working to improve the passage environment, but it's also attracting lots of fish! Don't anchor near the project, but drifting is fine, and you're sure to get a bit of action.

White Patch is nicely protected from northerlies and northeast/easterlies. Anchoring in towards Wright's Creek can also offer shelter from the regular south-easterlies, but the boat trip home might be a little bumpy! The northern end of the White Patch gutter narrows and drops out quickly, so be careful of the tide, but there are good catches possible from this area. It is up that way, that I've heard about a couple of recent catches of barramundi, which is becoming a more common occurrence. (There have also been small schools of juvenile barramundi sighted in the Bongaree canals.)

You have to veer towards Toorbul after White Patch, to go any further up the



FISHING, BOATING AND ADVENTURES

Passage, then either continue north to the mouths of Elimbah or Bullock Creeks or head east towards Gallaghers Point, where you can try out the gutter nearby. The 112s near Poverty Point is a drop-off that works well over the summer.

On the south side of the bridge, morning or evening sessions around Air Force Park and near Buckley's Hole should be a good bet, and don't dismiss the fun, jostling and camaraderie of a night fish at Bongaree Jetty!

I can't finish without mentioning crabbing. Right now, we've seen an explosion in sand crab hauls - so it should be a great summer for putting out the crabpots. Just remember the BIG summer tides, especially around January 10 -15. If your rope isn't long enough and your pot weighted down with a brick (or whatever), you will probably never see it again - not good for you or for the turtles!

Happy fishing - hope you have a great summer!

Photo 1: Some more nice snapper, again caught (just as this report was being put together) by Richard, who is a font of "local knowledge". They were taken from the ripples around 5pm in the middle of a rising tide, outside Pacific Harbour.

Photo 2: Take the kids fishing and make some great memories!

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BEACH CAMPING

When you get it right, beach camping is rewarding, but it isn't always easy. If it's too windy, you will get sandblasted. If it's too cold, the beach is often just unpleasant. Too rough? You won't be able to fish, swim, or do other water-based activities. Make sure you're aware of the laws surrounding beach camping. In many places in Australia, you can only stay at a dedicated camping ground located a small distance from the beach.

STAYING IN A CARAVAN PARK

Those with pets, mobility issues, or who simply don't have much camping experience might prefer to stay in a caravan park. Caravan parks are also great for the yearly family camping trip. When you stay in them, you will benefit from the comforts of civilisation - like hot showers, toilets, and, in most cases, easy access to some sort of shop.

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT GEAR

With the right gear, your trip will likely be easy and enjoyable. Without it, you could end up wet, cold, hungry, miserable, or any combination of these. Make a list of the things you need before you even start packing. It's often useful to categorise your equipment to ensure you don't miss anything. Ensure you have plenty of drinking water and basic comforts such as toilet paper, camping chairs, and snacks. Also, nothing is worse than stumbling around in the dark while trying to set up camp or get ready for bed. There are countless rechargeable and battery-powered lighting options on the market these days. Portable lights like headlamps are also important when you want to venture off to the toilet or for a midnight walk.

MOSQUITO AND BUG REPELLENTS

From mozzies and march flies in the south to sandflies and the little black bush flies in the north, something always wants to annoy or bite you. And trust me, you don't want to be attacked by a swarm of mozzies or sandflies. You will come out covered in bites that can quickly become infected, itchy, and uncomfortable in general. Sandfly bites can even leave scars in bad cases. Luckily, there's a solution! Always pack some sort of mosquito repellent or bug spray. The cheap supermarket ones won't work if the bugs are bad, so head to your local camping shop and ask for advice on the best options on the market.



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Caravan Safety Checklist



WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED CARAVANNER OR A NEWBIE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONDUCT NECESSARY CHECKS OF YOUR CARAVAN AND TOWING VEHICLE BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD TO ENSURE THEY MEET SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

We suggest stopping within the first 20 km of the trip for a safety inspection; that way, if you notice that something is missing, you are not too far from home. After the first inspection, an inspection should be done each time you stop. It only takes a few minutes; after all, you are on holiday. What's the rush??

What to check:

- **OVERHEATING:** The brake will always get heated, but make sure that your brakes & bearings are not excessively hot.
- **COUPLING:** Is your tow ball still secure within the coupling? Are your safety chains still attached & done up tight?
- **TYRES:** Have your tyres started to deflate?
- **LIGHTS:** Check over your brake & indicator lights; are they still working?
- **ACCESSORIES:** Check that the doors, windows & hatches remain closed.
- **GAS:** Check all gas lines for leaks & make sure all gas cylinders are tightly switched off.
- **INSIDE:** Quickly look inside to ensure all your belongings are still securely stored. Also, check major appliances like the fridge & microwave have stayed in place and the doors haven't opened.

Towing capacity

TOWING VEHICLES MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH:

- Towbars and couplings suitable to type and capacity
- Electrical sockets for lighting
- Brake connections
- Safety chains if driving in snow or icy

conditions

- If you have a large caravan, you may also be required to have extra mirrors.
- While not essential, it is recommended to install a 'trailer sway control', which is an electronic safety feature that helps reduce dangerous swaying of the caravan.

YOUR CARAVAN'S TOTAL LOADED MASS ALSO MUST NOT EXCEED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Rated capacity of the towbar and tow coupling
- Maximum towing capacity of the vehicle (GCM)
- Maximum fully loaded carrying capacity of the caravan (ATM)
- Maximum-rated carrying capacity of the tyres.

These capacities will be specified by your towing vehicle manufacturer, towbar manufacturer (if made by a different manufacturer to the vehicle), and the caravan manufacturer.

These capacities can vary significantly, so if you change your towing vehicle, towbar, or caravan (or never checked these before), take the time to do so before your next trip. Not complying with these requirements could cause an accident, injury, or worse.

Weighing your caravan

Overweight caravans are extremely unsafe on the road. It's vitally important to understand your max weights for your caravan, tow bar, and towing vehicle to make sure that you aren't breaking the law, putting too much strain on your chassis and running gear, breaching your insurance, and risking a hefty fine.

Your towing vehicle, tow ball and caravan

will each have their own weights that must be measured before you depart on your journey. You can weigh these components either using a public weighbridge or using a mobile weighing service that comes to you.

ATM – caravan tare mass – tow ball mass = maximum caravan payload

Weight can add up quickly, so it's important to weigh each individual item you intend to pack (including optional extras to the caravan such as awning, air-conditioning unit, spare tyre, gas bottle, and water) and make sure the total is under your maximum caravan payload.

Ensure the heaviest items are packed low and over the caravan's wheel axles and the lightest items are up high and distributed across the caravan. This will help prevent any snaking or swaying while driving.

All vehicles and caravans must comply with your state or territory's registration and roadworthy requirements. This will include rear number plates, and lights must be visible on the trailer and on the towing vehicle when not connected (not blocked by the towbar).

If the combined length of the caravan and towing vehicle is 7.5m or greater, a 'DO NOT OVERTAKE TURNING VEHICLE' sign must be attached to the rear of the caravan.

Safety checklist

Before you head on a road trip, use this safety checklist to check you're ready to go. Do this ahead of time in case any repairs are needed.

BRAKES AND TYRES:

- Does the caravan tyre pressure meet

the manufacturer's specifications?

- Do you have a spare wheel packed, and is it operational?
- Have the wheel nuts been tightened to the manufacturer's specifications?
- Are wheel chocks and jack stands working? This is in case a tyre change is needed.
- Are caravan wheel bearings correctly adjusted and lubricated?
- Do the caravan tyres have the legal tread depth?
- Are the tyre casings cracked or perished?
- Are the brakes operating correctly on all axles of the caravan?
- If electric brakes are fitted, are they charged and is the charging system working?

LIGHTS

- Are the caravan lights, number plate and registration clearly visible?
- Are the caravan light connections secure, and are all the lights working?

TOWING

- Are all the towing components in good condition (i.e. no cracks or large dents) ?
- Are the safety chains correctly connected?
- Are the front and rear corner stabilisers in the up position?
- Do the coupling socket and ball

match each other?

- Is the coupling correctly and securely fastened?
- Are towing mirrors correctly fitted and adjusted? You should be able to see clearly down both sides of the caravan as well as behind it.

LOAD

- Have you checked the loaded mass does not exceed the below:
 - Rated capacity of the towbar and tow coupling
 - Maximum towing capacity of the vehicle (GCM)
 - Maximum fully loaded carrying capacity of the caravan (ATM)
 - Maximum fully rated carrying capacity of the tyres

LAST CHECKS

- Are gas taps and cylinders switched off?
- Is the fridge door closed and locked, set to 12V mode and travel catch engaged?
- Are all lights off at their switch and all appliances unplugged and secured in travel position?
- Are taps and shower control switched off?
- Has the mains power been isolated?
- Has the water system been drained? If so, disconnect it now.
- Are all waste tanks empty and water

pumps turned off?

- Are the awnings stowed away and locked in a travel position?
- Have the entrance step and stabiliser legs been retracted and in the travel position?
- Are roof hatches, windows, doors, cupboards, and stone shields secure?
- Are all power cords, water hoses and other cords disconnected and securely packed away?
- Is the TV antenna in a travel position?
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- Has the jockey wheel been removed from the clamp and stored in the boot of the car or caravan? Or if it's in a swivel mount, is it locked in the travel position?
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Ensure you are prepared before setting off on a holiday road trip to avoid unwanted disruptions. As Queenslanders continue to feel the pressure of the cost-of-living squeeze, the humble road trip will be the holiday of choice for many this year. Follow these tips to help avoid any unwanted disruptions that could spoil the fun.

CHECK YOUR VEHICLE

As the maxim goes, "prevention is better than cure", so do a basic check of your car before heading off. Ensure your oil and coolant levels are right, and give your tyres a once-over. Look for foreign objects in the tyre rubber, and make sure the treads are in good condition (at least 1.5mm of tread depth all over), and the air pressure is correct (check the tyre placard or owner's handbook). Don't forget to check the spare as well. You never know if you might need it.

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To avoid draining your car's battery, don't leave your lights or any vehicle accessories on when the engine is off. If your car feels sluggish to start, it could be a sign your battery needs replacing, so consider replacement before you head off. If you need a battery on the road, delivery and installation are included in your

Roadside Assistance cover. If you don't feel confident checking the car, book it with a mechanic or RACQ for an inspection. If a scheduled service date is approaching, do that before your trip and carry out any necessary repairs before hitting the road.

You should also check that your window wiper blades are in good condition, your windscreen washer fluid is topped up, and all your lights are working. Check your windscreen for chips and cracks.

CHECK YOUR ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE COVERAGE

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CHECK YOUR INSURANCE

RACQ offers a range of car insurance options so you can drive with confidence knowing your are covered if involved in an accident.

PACK FOR SAFETY

Overpacking for a trip is something that befalls even the most experienced travellers. Loose items can become missiles in a crash so only pack what you need and ensure all items are securely stowed. Read your owner's manual to find out the maximum weight of the car when fully loaded with passengers and luggage. If you're concerned your vehicle may be overweight when fully packed, visit a weighbridge.

If you are towing, then have the laden van and vehicle combination weighed to ensure you are not exceeding the maximum specified weight

limits, including the ball load. If you are heading off-road, then make sure you carry suitable recovery gear, such as snatch straps, in case of a mishap. It is also a good idea to carry a first-aid kit and high-vis vest in case of an emergency.

CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS

Before heading off, check road conditions for closures and traffic updates using the Qld Traffic map. It will help you avoid any unnecessary delays that can be frustrating and potentially ruin your trip. And remember: If it's flooded, forget it.

PLAN YOUR STOPS

If you're sticking to major roads, plan to stop to take a break and stretch your legs every two hours - this is also a great excuse to explore towns, museums and natural landmarks on the way. Visitor Information Centres are a great source of local knowledge to make the most of your pit-stop in town.

If you're travelling in rural areas or outback where fuel stations are few and far between, you'll need to carefully plan your stops to ensure you have enough fuel, water and food to reach your next destination.

DOWNLOAD THE FUEL MAP

app for a crowd-sourced database of petrol stations across Australia, and if you're travelling in Queensland, find the cheapest petrol with the RACQ's Fair Fuel app. Check where you can recharge your vehicle on the route if driving an electric car.




If travelling in remote areas, it is a good idea to let someone know of your travel route and the estimated time of arrival. This will be helpful if you break down in an area with limited or no phone coverage.

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