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# Welcome



Welcome to edition 208. February is the month of love. With Valentine's Day on the 14th, as they say, "love is in the air!" So now is the time to book into your favourite café or restaurant to celebrate the day with your loved ones. That doesn't mean it has to be your wife or husband. It can be simply doing something with your mum, dad, family

member or friend, show them some love!

In our food and wine section, you will see some of our fantastic local eateries, give them a call now and book a spot! Each of these food outlets has some amazing and beautifully cooked cuisine that will tempt even the fussiest of eaters! I should know, I've tried them all!

So with that said, I will leave you with a poem from our team to our readers!

Cherrie

## If Valentine's Day Did Not Exist

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But Valentine's Day is here again,  
So we send this poem to say:  
You're extraordinary, special, rare;  
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By Joanna Fuchs



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### 2. CHOOSE THE PERFECT SUNGLASSES SIZE FOR YOUR FACE

It's crucial to get the right size of sunglasses that fit your face. Wrap-around sunglasses are suitable for people with specific facial shapes. For instance, diamond-shaped faces look great with softly curved wrap-around sunglasses, while oblong faces look best

with large, wrapped-around sunglasses. Oval-faced people can wear any style of sunglasses they like, while round faces benefit from angular shields that enhance their curves.

### 3. NEVER SETTLE FOR UNCOMFORTABLE SUNGLASSES

Comfort is essential when it comes to sunglasses. If your sunglasses are uncomfortable, you'll stop wearing them soon, regardless of how good they look. Make sure you get comfortable sunglasses that fit your face well.

### 4. THE PERFECT SHADES DON'T HAVE TO COST A FORTUNE

You don't have to spend much money to get stylish, comfortable, wrap-around sunglasses. Nowadays, many affordable options are available that cost less than \$50. You can even get more than one pair if you like to have different styles of sunglasses.

### 5. CONSIDER COLOUR

Choose the colour of your sunglasses based on your skin's undertones. For instance, you can opt for warm tones in plastic, gold, or copper metals if you have yellow undertones. Grey or amber lenses offer a versatile colour option that performs best under the brightest lighting. If you're wearing your sunglasses only for style and not because you generally drive or walk outside in the sun, various fashionable lenses are available.

In conclusion, deciding what qualities you want in your sunglasses is up to you. However, following these tips will help you make an informed decision and find the perfect pair of wrap-around sunglasses that suit your style and facial structure.



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# Youth Justice Reform Select Committee

**Chair: Sandy Bolton MP**  
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## YOUTH CRIME COMMITTEE RE-OPENS SUBMISSIONS AND CONFIRMS SUNSHINE COAST HEARING.

The Queensland Parliament's Youth Justice Reform Select Committee has re-opened its call for submissions and confirmed plans to hold a public hearing on the Sunshine Coast.

Committee Chair and Member for Noosa, Ms. Sandy Bolton MP, explained, "Next week, the committee will hold the first of its regional hearings in Townsville, Cairns and Mount Isa."

"Many have already registered their interest in coming to a hearing. However, we appreciate that not everyone will have the opportunity to speak to us in person. The committee wants to make sure everyone in regional Queensland has an opportunity to share their views with us. That's why we have re-opened submissions to the inquiry."

In addition to the committee's terms of reference, the committee is interested in hearing feedback from the community regarding the seven priority areas

endorsed by the committee in December. These include whether changes are needed to the Youth Justice Act 1992, including the sentencing principles, and developing a long-term strategy for youth justice in Queensland.

Ms. Bolton explained, "We need to know what regional Queenslanders think about the priority areas arising from the hearings and submissions to date, including around youth justice infrastructure and better support for victims of crime. However, everyone is welcome to make submissions on any issue that falls within the committee's terms of reference."

"The best way to submit is via the committee's website. It's a quick and easy process, and submitters can request confidentiality."

The committee has confirmed that it will hold a public hearing on the Sunshine Coast on Friday, 23 February 2023. The committee also hopes to hold a public hearing in Central Queensland before the end of February.

For more information about the committee's inquiry, including details of the committee's terms of reference and priority areas, and times and locations of the regional hearings, please refer to the inquiry webpage at [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/youthjustice](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/youthjustice).

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Pictured are the 2024 Bribie Island VIEW Club Committee who were inducted on the 24th of January. Bribie Island VIEW Club is looking for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area. We welcome women of all backgrounds and ages to join us and look forward to welcoming new faces at our next monthly meeting. VIEW, which stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, is a network of close to 300 clubs and over 14,000 women throughout Australia. It provides a place for women to connect in the community, enjoy social activities, and develop lasting friendships – all while supporting the work of The Smith Family's Learning for Life children's education program. This program provides children with financial

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## A SAD GOODBYE

We received some very sad news last week: we lost our dear friend Trisha (Patricia Sellwood), who joined the Busy Fingers family in 2017 and became our Treasurer in 2019, working with me and the rest of the committee until late 2022 when she had to leave to concentrate on her health. I am afraid Trisha lost her battle, certainly not through the lack of trying, I might add, as she fought all the way. Throughout her treatment, she kept a smile on her face and continued to assure us she was doing well so as not to worry us. Trisha made some good friends at Busys and on the island; she will be missed by many. During this very sad time, our condolences go to her husband, Neville, their two children, Candice and Michael and the rest of the family. RIP Trisha

## DONATIONS

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. During our last meeting of the year, we assisted many associations on the island, such as The Voices Choral Group, which desperately needed to replace all the drapes around and on the stage in the hall. The Bribie High School needed a portable PA system that could be used at many venues and outside of buildings; the Arts Centre asked for help to replace the dirt floor area and patio roof around the Café, which caters for many visitors and volunteers. BIEPA needed an iPad to record their sales at their market stall to raise funds. The BI Potters old kiln is starting to cause problems with sections collapsing due to old age and needs replacing.

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In the world of fashion, colours play a crucial role in expressing individuality and personality. Orange stands out among the spectrum of colours for its vibrancy, energy, and allure. When it comes to dresses, the colour orange offers a captivating charm that can transform any outfit into a statement piece. This article explores the world of orange dresses, delving into their versatility, trends, and how they can be styled for various occasions. Whether you're a fan of orange or looking to add some zest to your wardrobe, read on to discover the captivating world of orange dresses.

Orange is a colour that radiates warmth, enthusiasm, and creativity. It combines the fiery energy of red with the cheerfulness of yellow, creating a hue that exudes positivity and happiness. When incorporated into dresses, orange makes a bold and confident fashion statement, perfect for those who love to stand out in a crowd. Orange dresses hold a unique charm that effortlessly catches the eye. Whether it's a soft peach tone or a fiery tangerine shade, orange adds an element of excitement and liveliness to any outfit. It's a colour that embraces femininity and strength, making it an excellent choice for women who want to make a lasting impression.

Orange dresses come in various styles and designs, suitable for various occasions.

From elegant evening gowns to casual sundresses, there's an orange dress for every taste and preference. Moreover, orange has been a recurring trend on fashion runways, making it a must-have colour for fashion-forward individuals.

The beauty of orange dresses lies in their diverse range of shades. The spectrum includes soft pastels like peach and coral and bold and vibrant tones like pumpkin and burnt orange. Depending on your mood and the occasion, you can choose the perfect shade to suit your style.

Orange dresses come in many styles, allowing you to express your personality freely. You can opt for A-line dresses, bodycon fits, flowy maxi dresses, or structured formal dresses. Whether you prefer simplicity or intricate details, the orange dress collection has something for everyone. One of the best aspects of orange dresses is their versatility. Opt for a breezy orange sundress paired with sandals for a chic and relaxed look for casual outings. Dress it up with heels and statement accessories for formal events or go for a midi dress with wedges for a classy summer wedding attire.

While orange is a universally flattering colour, different shades may complement certain skin tones better than others. Fair skin tones can rock bold oranges, while soft pastels complement medium skin tones. For darker

skin tones, deep oranges and earthy terracotta shades work beautifully.

When accessorising an orange dress, choose complementary colours that enhance its beauty. Gold and bronze accessories add a touch of elegance, while turquoise or emerald jewellery creates a stunning contrast. Don't be afraid to mix and match to find the perfect balance. Pairing your orange dress with the right makeup is essential for a polished look. Opt for warm, earthy eyeshadows, and consider a peachy blush for a natural glow. A classic red-orange lipstick can add the finishing touch for a bold and sophisticated appearance.

Orange dresses are ideal for spring and summer, as they effortlessly mirror the warmth and vibrancy of the seasons. Light and airy fabrics like cotton and chiffon offer comfort during hot days, while playful

floral patterns add a touch of whimsy.

As the leaves change colour and temperatures drop, you can still incorporate orange dresses into your autumn and winter wardrobe. Choose dresses with long sleeves and thicker fabrics like velvet or wool to stay cozy and stylish—layer with scarves or jackets in complementary hues for added warmth.

When shopping for an orange dress, consider your body shape and find a style that accentuates your best features whether it's a fitted silhouette or a flowing design, the right fit can make all the difference in highlighting your curves.

The length of your dress can create different aesthetics. Mini dresses exude youthfulness, while midi and maxi lengths offer elegance and sophistication. Consider the occasion and your personal style when choosing the perfect dress length.

The fabric and texture of your orange dress can significantly impact its overall look and feel. Lighter fabrics work well for casual and daytime events, while heavier fabrics lend themselves to more formal occasions.

In conclusion, orange dresses add a burst of vibrant charm to any wardrobe. With their versatility, trendiness, and range of shades, orange dresses have become a staple in modern fashion. Whether you prefer casual or formal wear, there's an orange dress that suits your style and occasion.



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# The SECRETS TO LASTING & GENUINE Relationships



Relationships are an essential part of our lives, and we all desire to have long-lasting and genuine relationships that can stand the test of time. But what are the secrets to creating such relationships? Is it all about finding the perfect person or something else entirely? Let's explore the factors that contribute to lasting and genuine relationships. We will discuss the importance of accepting each other's imperfections, effective communication, trust, honesty, individual growth, and constructive conflict resolution. If you want to build a solid and healthy relationship that lasts for a lifetime, read on for some valuable insights.

## UNDERSTANDING THE IMPERFECTIONS IN A RELATIONSHIP

Accepting the flaws and imperfections within a relationship is vital for fostering genuine growth and connection. Imperfect individuals can complement each other, creating balance and harmony. Embracing each other's flaws promotes deep understanding and empathy, strengthening the bond between partners. Moreover, the unique imperfections make a relationship truly authentic and meaningful. By appreciating these imperfections, couples can enhance their emotional connection and build a resilient foundation for their partnership.

## EMBRACING YOUR PARTNER'S FLAWS

Embracing your partner's

imperfections is vital in fostering a genuine and lasting connection. Rather than trying to change each other, accepting and embracing flaws leads to authentic relationship growth. Imperfect people complement one another, creating a balanced and deeply connected partnership. Embracing imperfections enriches the relationship, creating genuine bonds based on acceptance and understanding. It's through accepting each other's flaws that a couple can experience authentic and meaningful relationship development.

## THE ROLE OF ACCEPTANCE IN GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS

Accepting each other's imperfections creates understanding and strengthens bonds in genuine relationships. Embracing flaws fosters authentic connections, allowing imperfect individuals to complement each other and grow together. Proper relationship development occurs through acceptance and nurturing a unique and genuine connection. Imperfect people refusing to give up on each other contribute to the growth of a lasting and meaningful relationship. Embracing imperfections is critical to fostering empathy, patience, and consistency in a relationship, thus creating a positive environment for growth.

## PERSISTENCE: THE KEY TO A LASTING RELATIONSHIP

Persistence plays a pivotal role in nurturing and sustaining

genuine relationships. Overcoming challenges fosters actual relationship growth and strengthens the bond between imperfect individuals. Perseverance during tough times is essential for developing lasting relationships, as it allows partners to face adversity together, ultimately leading to deepening their connection. Enduring hardships creates profound and authentic connections in relationships, solidifying the foundation of a lasting and genuine bond.

## REFUSING TO GIVE UP DURING TOUGH TIMES

During challenging times, persevering together strengthens the bonds of a genuine relationship. Overcoming obstacles as a team fosters growth and resilience in a genuine relationship. Enduring hardships leads to lasting connections and a deepened sense of understanding between imperfect partners. The refusal to give up during tough times is a testament to the unwavering commitment to each other, reinforcing the authenticity of the relationship. Weathering storms hand in hand not only build trust but also solidifies the foundation of a genuine and enduring partnership.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY AND PATIENCE

Nurturing lasting relationship bonds requires consistent efforts and patience to overcome obstacles. Genuine connections are strengthened when partners persistently

work towards growth and development, refusing to give up during tough times. Consistency in actions and patience in facing challenges foster authentic relationship connections, creating a solid foundation for a fulfilling bond. Patiently weathering adversities together leads to meaningful and lasting relationship bonds.

## THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING IN RELATIONSHIPS

Positive thinking plays a crucial role in fostering genuine connections within relationships. It nurtures optimism, which in turn strengthens the bonds of lasting relationships. Creating a positive environment contributes to the growth and development of genuine relationships. Individuals can actively contribute to nurturing and enhancing real relationship connections by maintaining positive thoughts. Embracing positivity not only influences the individuals involved but also positively impacts the relationship as a whole, leading to a more fulfilling and lasting bond.

## How Positive Thoughts Influence Your Relationship

Embracing a positive mindset is crucial in nurturing genuine relationship connections. Optimism strengthens the true bond of lasting relationships, fostering natural relationship bonds and undeniably making them more fulfilling.



# SORRY



**S**orry!.. it can sometimes seem like the hardest words... Remember when you were a kid, and you argued with a sibling or a friend about something, then you would hear one of your parents intervene, saying that you must share or get on with others and be nice, then they would ask you to apologise and say sorry? We often said "Sorry" in a whisper, without eye contact or considering our actions. Is it possible that a lot of adults still walk around with that same mentality?

Sorry, can be hard words to say if meant with any sincerity. Apologising is one way to try to make amends, but it is not always enough, especially when it is done without any real remorse for an action that has taken place. People fling the word sorry around lavishly, but how often does it mean anything? How often does a person stop and consider their actions and how the other person felt and may feel now or real remorse? How often does one think about changing their actions so the situation does not take

place again? When a person says "Sorry" but nothing changes, is the apology about others, or making themselves feel better and letting themselves off the hook? A person really wanting to make up for a mistake or hurt they have caused may include:

- Taking ownership of their actions and acknowledging their impact on others.
- Listening to and understanding the perspectives of those who have been hurt. I mean really listening, not just hearing.
- Make eye contact and

speak from the heart.

- Make an effort to change the behaviour and avoid making the same mistake again.
- Learn from the experience.
- Being patient and understanding that it may take time for the person who has been hurt to forgive.

• Return or replace something, if appropriate. Ultimately, the best way to make amends will depend on the situation and the people involved. It is important to communicate openly and honestly and be willing to make the effort to make things right. Forgiveness is also a big key to any healing journey, whether you choose to allow a person back into your life or not, do it for yourself, let it go and be free of any negative feelings. Need help in letting go of unresolved issues? Reach out and call me at 0405 361 882 or message me via FB messenger: MariaChristina.Love Always with love,  
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# Dear Pumicestone

Have you seen the concept design for our next Bribie Island Bridge?

Take a look at what our next Bribie Island Bridge will look like:



The Bribie Bridge is a big deal for Bribie locals.

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Consultation is open now for you to give your feedback about the concept design. You can have your say online, on paper or in-person.

Drop-in sessions are happening on Bribie during February:

- Sunday 18 February (10am-2pm) at Sylvan Beach Esplanade (next to the Bribie Bridge)
- Thursday 22 February (10am-2pm) at the Bribie Island RSL (registration required to 1800 783 016)
- Sunday 25 February (10am-2pm) at the Bongaree Jetty

I will be hosting a special Bribie Bridge Mobile Offices for the community to ask any questions they may have about the next Bribie Bridge, on:

- Wednesday 21 February (10-10:45am) at PigFace Café, Woorim
- Thursday 29 February (9:30-10:15am) at the Sandstone Point IGA

Hard copies of the survey will be mailed out to you, or you can collect one from my office at 1/43 Benabrow Avenue, Bellara.

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I know housing is tough right now. In Pumicestone, people tell me loud and clear that they are under pressure when it comes to housing.

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Our Homes for Queenslanders plan delivers on all fronts.

1. Building more homes, faster.
2. Supporting Queensland renters.
3. Helping first homeowners into the market.
4. Boosting our social housing Big Build.
5. Working towards ending homelessness.

Since releasing the plan last week, we

have already taken some huge steps.

We've boosted funding to homelessness organisations by an additional 20% funding per year.

We're setting up new teams and funds to open up access to more land and surplus government land so we can increase housing supply and build more affordable housing faster.

We've introduced huge rental reform, by:

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Stay tuned with local issues and everything I'm working on by following me on Facebook – @AliForPumicestone.

As always, if you have any State Government questions, please email my office [pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au) or call 07 3474 2100.

Warmly



Ali King  
State Member for Pumicestone

## Designs released for our next Bribie Bridge!

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Member for Pumicestone







# MUSICAL MAYHEM.

By David Horrocks

Bloopers – you know, the programs you sometimes see on TV where they show all the ‘outtakes’ of scenes where it somehow all went wrong. They are often far more amusing than the original program material because when ‘bloops’ happen, all pretence of seriousness is gone, especially more so when the original is of a serious nature. The people involved in the event often lose control and break into hysterics of laughter as the tension collapses.

I offer a few offerings from my own past experiences in musical productions and those of friends who also love to talk about their blooper experiences. These events often stay in the memory long after all recollection of the actual planned performances have faded.

I was with Sydney’s Gilbert and Sullivan Society for a few years. I enjoyed doing many of the light operas we mostly performed in the Opera House, a delightful venue. My Blooper occurred during a performance of ‘Iolanthe’, a comic opera involving the cast dressed as medieval lords and Ladies. The costumes are outlandish, as befits the story. To best describe my own outfit, imagine a bright yellow concoction starting at the top with a floppy, feathered hat, a yellow jacket affair and below the hips, the type of exaggerated pantaloons as seen on characters in films set in the Elizabethan era. Below were

yellow tights and matching footwear – a very yellow affair indeed. Talk about suffering for one’s art, I tell you! In the opening scene, I had to promenade the stage in this outfit and then start singing. Now, I should tell those readers who’ve never watched G and S performed that audience involvement is welcomed mostly in the way of hisses at the villains and cheers for the heroes, but I got something different.

Just as the orchestra grew silent and I took a breath, ready to hold forth, my good friend John, seated in the front stalls, loudly bellowed out, “Good on yer Big Bird”.

I then missed the cue and tried unsuccessfully to catch up with the music; all went wrong, and the rest of the cast got the giggles. I honestly can’t remember how we got it back together, but we did. The audience got in on the fun and cheered – they’d seen a ‘live’ blooper, and it all made for entertainment. Can’t tell you what I said to my mate after the show.

A good friend, Penny, with whom I sang more serious music in the Philharmonic choir in Sydney, related her favorite blooper, which happened in London. The story goes that the choir she was with had to perform a classical piece in a famous venue.

An instruction in a part of the score noted a sound of angels in the distance. This was a part to be sung by a small number of women, sopranos and altos. Well, try as they might, they couldn’t get it to sound right, and the conductor wasn’t very happy. Then, a brain-wave, one of the choir members had sung there before, knew the building well, and put forward a suggestion. Just off stage, down a few steps, there was a toilet. Now, anyone who has ever sung in the shower will tell you that the acoustics in a tiled bathroom are very helpful. So, the singers went into the toilet, left the door open, of course, and tried the piece. With someone at the door and another at the head of the stairs to relay the conductor’s instructions, it went like a dream. A lovely, ethereal, distant sound was produced. After a couple of rehearsals, all was ready.

When the time for the ‘special effects’ came, a small group left the stage and entered the ‘sound box’. The conductor raised his baton; the heavenly voices floated in the air. Then catastrophe struck. No one had taken much notice that the loo was a men’s convenience. It didn’t matter as it was closed for its normal purpose during the performance; however, what did matter was that the urinal had an automatic flush facility, and you guessed it – it went off at the wrong time and completely drowned out the angelic voices. First horror, then shock, then the giggles started, the choir started it, and then the audience realised something had gone awry, so they joined in.

Another story is from a different friend who sang with the Australian Opera chorus. They once performed Boris Godunov, a Russian opera written by Mussorgsky. One scene features a farmhouse and farmyard. Well, the very pedantic director wanted authenticity, so he used some real farm animals.

All went well until the finale of the farmyard scene when the music started to soar, and the singing reached its fullest heights. It seems the chickens were either not enamoured of Russian music or were taken aback at the rising crescendo of dozens of people in full-throated output, but anyway, the chooks got spooked and took off in panicked flight into first the orchestra pit, then into the front rows of the stalls. As you may know, these posh seats are very expensive at opera productions. There’s an old joke about expressing your opinions at opera events – “Those at the back, please applaud; those in the front rows just rattle your jewellery”.

You can imagine the pandemonium as the bejewelled fled in disarray whilst the rest of the audience erupted in convulsive laughter. It fair brought the performance to an early shutdown.

But the story doesn’t end there. At the next performance, which the new audience who had all read the news and reviews of the ‘Chooks in flight’ event all waited in anticipation as the curtain rose. The place then erupted as the opera chorus and lead singers walked onto the stage – all carrying boxes of Red Rooster chicken.

See, there is always humour, even at classical music performances.





# An Inspirational Woman

Suzanne Bowen OAM



men, who have been diagnosed with the disease. During this time, she raised three children to successful careers, while continuing her profession as an accountant. She rose to prominence in the sport of dragon boating, racing in national and global competitions, setting standards for other survivors to

aspire, all the time encouraging and supporting others suffering and surviving the disease. Sue said when told of her award, "I am overwhelmed and honoured that I have been nominated for this award. I have loved what I do, primarily as an advocate for the benefits dragon boating can provide to those going through a diagnosis. I personally have benefited from the tremendous support I have received, and friendships made, over many years through the sport of dragon boating". Congratulations are well deserved, Sue.

On Australia Day, Suzanne Bowen of Bribie Island was awarded the prestigious honour, The Order Of Australia Medal. Sue was diagnosed with breast cancer when only 47 and has battled the disease on and off for 24 years, undergoing several debilitating drug treatments, and operations. Sue has been inspirational to countless women with her drive, wisdom, and leadership, as a pioneer in a number of clubs established to support women, and occasionally

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# Develop or Revisit your Estate Plan –

AN EARLIER ARTICLE UPDATED AND REPUBLISHED.

Creating an estate plan provides an opportunity to think about what happens when your time is up. Young or old, the unexpected can happen and someone else may have to take care of you and or your estate. Issues to consider in preparing a plan include capital gains taxes on assets to be sold, taxes on superannuation benefits left to a non-beneficiary and the possibility of some form of death duty being introduced to help offset some of our ever-increasing government debt.

A basic estate plan includes an Enduring Power of Attorney and a Will. A more comprehensive plan Will also include a superannuation binding death benefit nomination, age care accommodation arrangements, funeral arrangements and an end-of-life statement that Will, in turn, include an Advance Health Directive.

Each part of a plan Will be covered in future issues. You are starting with the key document in a plan – a Will. A Will allows you to document how you want your assets to be shared when you die. If you die without a Will, the Court may appoint an Administrator, and a predetermined formula Will distribute your estate. This may not be in accord with your wishes.

Listing beneficiaries in a Will does not necessarily mean that they will share the estate proceeds following your wishes. A disgruntled sibling receiving a lesser share than the others, an ex-partner or the like can contest the Will, which can be expensive to settle—something to be mindful of when nominating beneficiaries and their share of your estate.

When making a Will, you need to nominate an executor who Will be responsible for selling assets to pay debts and expenses and distribute the remaining proceeds in accordance with the Will. The executor should be a trusted family member, a friend, a solicitor, or the Public Trustee. Being an executor can be difficult to play when there is a conflict between beneficiaries, and someone decides to contest the Will. Taking on the role of executor is not something to take on without understanding the responsibilities and implications of the role. Also, as an executor, administering a Will can be more complex where a grant of probate is required. This can include situations where an organisation holding an asset of the deceased Will not release the asset to the administrator before they are authorised to do so by the Supreme Court by obtaining a grant of probate.

Suppose you would like to protect your assets, reduce tax paid by beneficiaries and provide increased flexibility over the management of your estate. In that case, a Testamentary Trust or a Special Disability Trust where a disabled beneficiary is involved may be appropriate. A Will creates these trusts and takes effect on your passing. A Trustee, who is appointed in the Will, would administer the trust. There are several issues to be considered before establishing a testamentary or special disability trust, so it is best to seek legal and financial advice.

So, what may seem like a straightforward process to prepare a Will can have wide-ranging ramifications. It is best to have a Will but have it prepared by a solicitor or the Public Trustee.

I have only scratched the surface of this important part of an estate plan. For further information, see the Public Trustee Website [pt.qld.gov.au](http://pt.qld.gov.au). Comprehensive estate planning information is also available on [moneysmoneysmart.gov.au](http://moneysmoneysmart.gov.au).

Peter Dallimore is a qualified and registered Financial Counsellor at the Sandstone Point Community Association. He holds a Diploma of Community Services - Financial Counselling and is an Accredited Member of the Financial Counsellors Association

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By Herlinde Cayzer

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# FOODS

## YOU SHOULD NEVER EAT RAW

Raw foods get a lot of hype for their nutritional power, and it's deserved in many cases. While a 100 per cent raw diet's health value is questionable, cooking or overcooking does destroy some of the vitamin content in certain foods.

There are some foods that you should never eat raw.

Many compounds that make foods on this list too toxic to eat raw are part of their defence mechanisms. Toxins, like deadly ricin in castor beans or hydrogen cyanide in almonds, are designed to deter pests. Humans can be as much of a pest for plants trying to survive as slugs or aphids.

Some of the other foods on this

list are just poisonous if they're not cooked properly, while others will give you a wretched belly ache.

### RAW POTATOES

Have you ever wondered why raw foodies don't eat potatoes? It's not because of an aversion to carbs; it's for safety reasons. Raw potatoes are potentially toxic because of a solanine compound.

Not every potato contains enough solanine to be deadly, but the risk is high enough that it's not really worth taking. Green potatoes — even ones just a little green near the skin — or ones that are starting to sprout eyes have a higher solanine content. Symptoms

of potato poisoning include stomach pain, headache and paralysis. Potatoes with the highest concentration of solanine will have some green discoloration when you cut into them and should be tossed. Even if a raw potato doesn't contain much solanine, you're better off cooking it before eating it. Uncooked potatoes also contain resistant starch. While some resistant starch can be good for your gut, the amount in raw potatoes is enough to give most people unpleasant side effects like severe gas and bloating.

### RAW FLOUR

You shouldn't eat any food containing raw flour, as it can contain things like *E. coli* and phytates, which can make you very sick. We hate to bust your bubble, but you shouldn't eat raw flour. That means you have to stop eating raw cookie dough, too. We should avoid any food that could contain uncooked flour. That's because raw flour has high amounts of phytates, which can bind to minerals like iron, zinc and calcium and prevent our bodies from absorbing them. Just

cook flour well before using it in a roux and avoid the cookie dough.

### WILD MUSHROOMS

Some wild mushrooms are inedible, while some are edible, but none should be eaten raw. There are two main reasons to



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cook wild mushrooms rather than eating them raw. Wild mushrooms can be tough to digest, so cooking them helps avoid gastrointestinal distress. But many wild mushrooms also are toxic and potentially deadly. Cooking breaks down the harmful compounds, leaving you with a bowlful of mushroomy goodness. While many raw foods can be hard to digest, wild mushrooms are especially difficult. Mushrooms' cell walls differ from those of fruits and veggies, and cooking breaks those down so our bodies can handle processing the tough fungal cells. Breaking down those cell walls with cooking also helps you get more of their nutritional value. Your best bet with wild mushrooms is to do your research to ensure you cook them safely and buy wild mushrooms only from trusted, reliable purveyors. It's literally a life-and-death issue.

### RAW PORK

Though your risk of contracting trichinosis from eating raw pork has diminished over the years, it still exists. Pigs are raised much differently than they used to be, but there's still a risk that you'll contract one of two nasty parasites from eating pork: trichinosis or pork tapeworm. Trichinosis is a parasite that takes up residence in your small intestine after you eat infected meat.

The first signs of trichinosis are stomach issues like nausea and vomiting. The parasites reproduce the week after infection, and their babies enter your bloodstream. You can show symptoms from muscle pain to pink eye when this happens. Very severe cases can lead to death, though it's rare. Trichinosis cases have decreased drastically as the pork industry has made systemic safety changes, and awareness of proper cooking has increased.

Pork tapeworm is actually worse than trichinosis. An infected person can range from having no symptoms at all to having seizures. In fact, pork tapeworm is one of the top causes of seizures worldwide.

The good news is that it's not hard to cook pork safely. Cook ground pork until there is no pink flesh inside at all.

Pork and poultry are very risky to eat raw. Poultry is often teeming with microorganisms that have the potential to make you sick. Common pathogens include salmonella and campylobacter. Staphylococcus aureus, E. coli, Enterococcus, and Klebsiella are other less common but still risky pathogens found in poultry.

**We will take a look at some more foods that should never be eaten raw in part 2!**



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# PRAWN SUMMER ROLLS WITH PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE

Avoid cooking on a hot day with these easy, colourful summer rice paper rolls filled with cooked prawns, rice vermicelli noodles, vegetables and mint. The classic peanut dipping sauce is the perfect accompaniment.

## INGREDIENTS

- 125g dried rice vermicelli noodles 125 grams dried rice vermicelli noodles
- 150g rice paper sheets 150 grams rice paper sheets
- 1 bunch mint, leaves picked 1 bunch mint, leaves picked
- 600g cooked prawns, peeled and deveined 600 grams cooked prawns, peeled and deveined
- 1 avocado, thinly sliced 1 avocado, thinly sliced
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded, thinly sliced lengthways 1 red capsicum, deseeded, thinly sliced lengthways
- 2 carrots, cut into thin matchsticks 2 carrots, cut into thin matchsticks
- 250g Qukes® baby cucumbers, quartered lengthways 250 grams Qukes® baby cucumbers, quartered lengthways
- 1/4 cup Macro almond spread 1 quarter cup Macro almond spread
- 1 tbs honey 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup salt-reduced soy sauce 1 quarter cup salt-reduced soy sauce
- 1 lime, juiced 1 lime, juiced
- 1/4 cup roasted peanuts, roughly chopped 1 quarter cup roasted peanuts, roughly chopped

## Method

### Step 1 of 5

Place noodles in a large heatproof bowl. Cover with boiling water. Set aside for 10 minutes or until noodles have softened. Drain well. Using kitchen scissors, cut noodles into shorter lengths.

### Step 2 of 5

Fill a shallow bowl with water. Dip 1 sheet in water and leave submerged for 1 minute or until softened.

### Step 3 of 5

Place the softened sheet on a clean surface. Working 4cm from the bottom edge, arrange 3-4 mint leaves, slightly overlapping, onto sheet. Top with some noodles, prawns, avocado, capsicum, carrot and cucumber.

### Step 4 of 5

Fold up the bottom edge and sides to enclose the filling, then roll up to close. Repeat with remaining sheets and fillings.

### Step 5 of 5

To make the dipping sauce, combine spread, honey, soy, lime juice and 1/4 cup warm water. Whisk to combine. Scatter rolls with peanuts and any remaining mint leaves. Serve with dipping sauce.



# Local Dining Guide

## STEAKOUT PIZZERIA

Steakout Pizzeria is where Italy's tantalising taste meets the sea's soothing sounds! Nestled along the picturesque shoreline, the charming Italian pizza restaurant offers an unforgettable dining experience that captures the essence of coastal bliss.

At Steakout, they believe that dining is not just about nourishment; it's an experience to be cherished. The friendly and attentive staff will ensure your visit is nothing short of extraordinary, providing personalised service and recommendations tailored to your preferences.

Whether you are looking for a romantic evening with your loved one, a memorable gathering with friends, or a delightful family outing, this Italian pizza restaurant by the sea promises to be the perfect destination. So, embark on a culinary journey where Italy's flavours meet the ocean's beauty, leaving you with cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

They also do home delivery, and I can personally say the pizzas are amazing! The toppings are fresh and plentiful, and you are definitely getting your money's worth!



## IKIGAI Café & Workshop.

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**7 Toorbul Street, Bongaree. Check out ikigaibribie on Instagram**



## STEAKOUT PIZZERIA

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9/11 Spinnaker Drive, Sandstone Point - 07 5360 1094  
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2/83 Welsby Parade, Bongaree, 4507. Phone: 0466 221992.  
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First Avenue, Woorim PH: (07) 3408 2141  
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# Local Dining Guide



## Annie Lane

Annie Lane is an all-day brunch restaurant that supports local farmers and pushes the boundaries on all things breakfast and lunch. From nourishing plant-based items to over-the-top freak-shakes we have something for everyone. We are fully licensed and have a delicious cocktail, wine, and local craft beer menu. The team at Annie Lane would like to thank the community for their wonderful support in 2023. All our awards and success could not have been possible without our beautiful customers.

5/1 Toorbul Street, Bongaree  
For Bookings, please phone (07) 3408 1679



## SCOOPYS

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**Shop 7-9 Banksia Beach Shopping Centre  
Sunderland Dve, Banksia Beach 3410 7142**



## J&J JAVA CAFE

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**Phone: 3408 1430**

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# KIANI

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Kiani has played at multiple festivals with her chill and groovy sounds. This Moreton Bay local is no stranger to the Queensland music scene, with many performances under her belt. Kiani's amazing vocals will have you singing along and enjoying every minute of her performance.

Good luck, Kiani; we all wish you well!

Music has the ability to deeply affect our mental states and raise our mood. When we need it, music gives us energy and motivation. When we're worried, it can soothe us; when we're weary, it can encourage us; and when we're feeling deflated, it can re-inspire us.

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mornings – **EARLY** ☺

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

# The 'Straight Up' History of the Iconic Martini Glass

**T**he martini glass is one of the most iconic designs in barware and maybe one of the most iconic designs of anything ever. Its sloped sides, wide rim, spindly stem and round base are immediately recognisable. The martini glass is about as iconic as the cocktail itself. The history of the glass, though, is a little murky.

You, of course, can drink anything at all out of it if you want to, but most people know that one thing belongs in such a striking glass: a martini.

## WHICH CAME FIRST: THE DRINK OR THE GLASS?

Though its origins are murky, the martini cocktail was invented in the late 1800s. There's one theory about the drink being invented in the Occidental Hotel bar in San Francisco, where guests would enjoy a beverage before taking a ferry to nearby Martinez. But it's far more likely that it was called a martini because the first version used Martini vermouth.

Martini is still one of the most popular vermouths for making martinis, even 150 years after the company was founded.

On the other hand, the martini glass debuted at the 1925 International Exhibition of Modern Decorative Arts in Paris.

The design movement that came to be known as Art Deco was the theme of the expo that year.

The martini glass was intended to replace the Champagne coupe, which has a stem and a shallow, rounded bowl.

Martinis and other cocktails like it were served in coupes for decades before the new glass arrived on the scene.

## THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

The distinctive shape of the martini glass truly serves one purpose: to look amazing. There are some side benefits of a good-looking glass, though.

The stem is longer than you'll find on most coupes or other wine glasses, which keeps the heat of your hand far from the drink itself. Martinis are "shaken, not stirred," as James Bond insisted, with ice, and you want the vodka or gin and vermouth to stay cold as long as possible.

You can stir the ingredients with ice and then strain the cocktail into the glass, but if you can shake it like Polaroid picture, why wouldn't you?

The wide-open rim also allows more of the drink to come into contact with the air so it can "breathe," allowing its flavours to open up. Many other cocktail and wineglasses curve in at the rim, at least a little, reducing that aeration effect.

There's also a rumour floating that back during Prohibition, it was easier to toss the contents of a martini glass during raids on speakeasies. But if you toss a drink yourself, you'll realise how fast you can get rid of just about any liquid from any glass when you're trying not to get caught by the police.

## NOW THAT'S TIPSY

Martini glasses have fallen out of favour with a lot of bartenders lately. Sure, they look great, but they are tippy. Those long stems and huge bowls (some martini glasses can hold as much as 12 ounces/0.35 litres!) are pretty precarious. Servers carrying trays of martini glasses will slosh the contents no matter how carefully they walk. And even the gentle brush of a sleeve with a martini glass can send the drink toppling over.







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Friday 9th February 2024  
4 pm-7 pm

### WHERE:

Bribie Island RSL, outside the Social Café, on the McDonald Street side of the venue.

We are helping to bring some custom to the wonderful RSL who have supported us and our Mojo Mama purpose from its inception. We are always deeply grateful for their support before, during and after our events.

Shoppers, Community Officials, Diners and Passersby were stopping and commenting to us last time about:

- How "electric the air felt"
- How our beautiful community "felt like it was buzzing with life"
- How the beauty and vibe of the market was "exactly what the island needs"

Don't miss out on more of this fun action!

Bring the whole family. This is a family-friendly event, and there will be fun things available for the kids:

- Face-painting
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- Live entertainment

Why not, stay after you've shopped and eat dinner in the Social Café afterwards.

*We hope to see you there!*

# MARKETS

## Beachmere District Community

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

## Bribie Island BICA Markets

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

## Bribie Rotary Markets

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

## Queensland Cancer Council

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

## The Sylvan Beach Munch Markets (Farmers Market)

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

## Banksia Beach Market

Bribie Harbour Shopping Village is held on the last Saturday of each month 8am to 12pm

## 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

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## 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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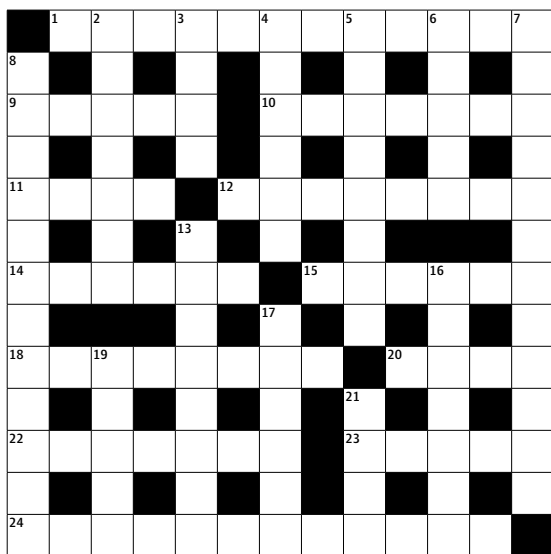
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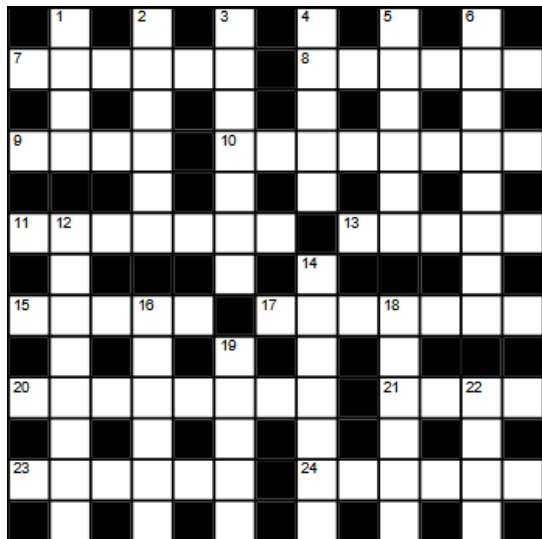
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 20 Bollinger, say (4)  
 22 Indiscretion (4,3)  
 23 Cloth with woven, sloping lines (5) 24 Freedom to do as one wishes (5,7)

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- 2 Aptitude (7)  
 3 Leap (anag.) (4)  
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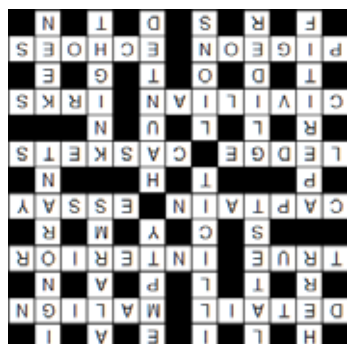
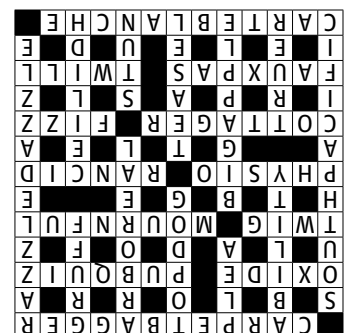
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 10 Non coastal region.. (8)  
 11 Old murderer accepts suitable leader (7)  
 13 Endeavour to produce an article (5)  
 15 Left journalist for example back on the shelf (5)  
 17 The one thing you can take with you in passing (7)  
 20 Polite Scot - not is service, though (8)  
 21 Such a risk aggravates (4)  
 23 Sporting flyer can be hard to give away (6)  
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- 1 His formal address in Hamburg, (4)  
 2 The French try out state of the art (6)  
 3 Sick in charge - it suggests it's not lawful.. (7)  
 4 Clear out drain.. (8)  
 5 Fears set in as the French back members (6)  
 6 Mixed gin an alternative - a worker lacking awareness (8)  
 12 A set of dentures suggests a drink before dinner?? (8)  
 14 Possessed frisky basset hound after the master left (7)  
 16 Soldier takes apprentice on the German aircraft (6)  
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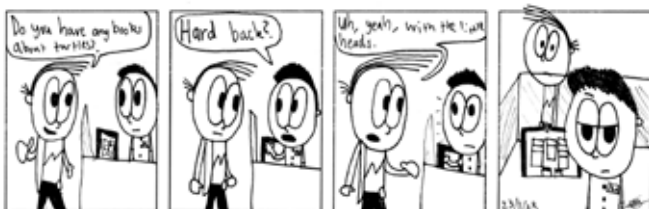


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By Joe Bee



## Tater Tot Casserole

### INGREDIENTS

2 tbsp. olive oil  
1/2 yellow onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, chopped  
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper  
1 lb. ground beef  
1 (10/5-ounce) condensed mushroom soup  
1/3 c. ketchup  
1 tbsp. Worcestershire  
1 c. frozen cut green beans  
3/4 c. frozen peas  
1/2 c. frozen corn  
4 oz. cheddar cheese, grated (about 1 cup)  
1 Parmesan cheese, grated (about 1/4 cup)  
3 1/2 c. frozen tater tots

### DIRECTIONS

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 450°F. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Add beef and cook, breaking it up with a spoon, until no longer pink, 4 to 5 minutes. Add soup, ketchup, and Worcestershire and cook, stirring occasionally, until warmed through, about 1 minute. Add green beans, peas, and corn. Cook, stirring occasionally, until warmed through about 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir in cheddar until melted.

#### Step 2

Transfer mixture to an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Cover with tater tots then sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake, on a rimmed baking sheet, until tater tots are crispy, 30 to 35 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

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our apologies to Harvey who had his head chopped off in our last issue!... here he is in ALL his glory sorry Harvey



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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



# Keeping Your Pet Clean



**W**e love our furry roommates, but they generally have different hygiene habits than we do. Sure, your dog and cat buddies are great snugglers, but they sometimes indulge in rolling around on the remains of a dead animal, and, as we all know, licking their own butts is a perennial favourite pastime. Also, they have a lot of furs, which can harbour fleas and ticks and often create fluffy little hair mounds under the furniture.

So, how do we keep the house clean when our pets seem bent on making it grimy and pest-ridden? Here are some tips for keeping your house fresh and clean despite your best friends' efforts.

## CLEANING UP PET HAIR

Pet hair can be a real nuisance — especially if you have allergies. Vacuuming is the most effective method of managing the problem — you can even vacuum your pet! — dust wipes are great for quickly and efficiently cleaning hair from hard surfaces.

But there are other ways to

keep pet hair from having to be vacuumed or dusted at all. Covering furniture and floors with machine-washable covers and rugs can be a big help, as well as choosing furniture made out of leather (fake or real), canvas or Ultrasuede, all of which are easy to wipe down.

## KEEPING YOUR PET CLEAN

Regular grooming and bathing of your pet can really cut down on the amount of housework your dog or cat creates. While cats and dogs groom themselves, some pets occasionally need a little human help keeping clean — for your sake as well as theirs.

Depending on the breed and lifestyle of your dog, they might only need to be bathed once every three months or so.

And don't forget about your dog's oral hygiene. Regularly brushing your dog's teeth is a must for the dog's health and longevity, as well as for your nose.

## KEEPING FLEAS OFF YOUR DOGS AND CATS

Fleas are not only unpleasant houseguests, but they're also terrible for your dog. These

fur-infesting pests set up shop sucking Fido's blood, but some dogs even have an allergic reaction to flea saliva, making for one miserable canine. In addition to all this unpleasantness, fleas can cause tapeworm and anaemia in dogs.

Your best bet is to prevent your dog from getting them in the first place. Flea and tick preventatives prescribed by your veterinarian are very effective, but there are all kinds of products, from shampoos to collars, that can be used to combat fleas.

Keeping your cats and dogs free of fleas will make them happier and your home a cleaner and healthier place to live.

As with dogs, cats are vulnerable to fleas. It's more difficult to bathe a cat covered in insects, but fortunately, the veterinarian-prescribed topical medications work as well for them

as they do for dogs. Cats often don't like the smell of flea collars, but if you try one, vets most often recommend ones containing insect growth regulators (IGRs), which prevent larval fleas from maturing.

## KEEPING FLEAS OUT OF YOUR HOUSE

Killing the fleas on your pet only takes care of part of the problem — once fleas have set up shop in your home, it can take three to four months to eradicate them because the existing eggs you don't find and clean up must cycle through all their life stages.

That said, the vacuum and washing machine are your friends — vacuum all furniture and wash all pet beds, blankets and rugs. Fumigate your house yourself or invite a pest control service to treat your house and yard. Most importantly, be patient!

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# The KELLY SAGA INTRODUCTION

by Al Finegan

## Ned Kelly

is Australia's most famous outlaw. Why has this legend developed into one of mythological proportions? Why do the career, capture, and execution of this man continue to stir the imagination of generations of Australians?

From 1869 to 1910, Ned Kelly's bushranging exploits were the biggest news story in the country. Each article gives a remarkable insight into the world of Ned Kelly and the enduring impact of his exploits. Since then, numerous books, films, and reports have been released, all giving a differing story on the events of the time. The courage of the man won him great admiration among the rural poor in Victoria and NSW, where the expression, "*As game as Ned Kelly*", passed into common usage. But his enduring fame can only be properly explained by recognising that Ned and his gang reflected something deep in the Australian psyche, and that the tale of the Kelly gang touched and vibrated a deeper chord in frontier society than that superficially represented by the story of a group of violent criminals at odds with the police. This is my story of the Kelly saga, researched from numerous original reports from police, media, hostages, and the Royal Commission held after the Glenrowan siege.

## Part 1 – Rough Justice

Edward (Ned) Kelly was born in 1854 in Victoria, the first-born of twelve children to Ellen and James "*Red*" Kelly. Ned grew up in the atmosphere of clan-like Irish Australian families, the Kellys, Quinns and Lloyds. Each of these families had their own extensive histories of trouble with the Victorian and other police forces. They survived by a combination of legal pastoral activities and stock stealing, or "duffing". The Kellys and their relations were by no means the only

ones involved in this business. This was the normal means of existence for most free settlers at the time.

By 1860, nearly all rural land in Victoria had been occupied by rich pastoralists, who were making a fortune off the sheep's backs as the wool trade flourished. It left little land available for small crop farming, thus creating a shortage of small farm goods. The Victorian Government passed the "Selection Act" allowing "Selectors" to be granted a small holding to produce wheat, oats, hay, and potatoes for market. This brought a rapid growth of population in the northeastern region of the colony. The district of Benalla in which the Kelly's lived had doubled the number of its residents so that by the early 1870s, the population stood at over 10,000. The downside of the selection process was the creation of deep social antagonisms. The wealthy pastoralists had previously enjoyed uninterrupted possession of their land and had run their livestock without hindrance. The arrival of a community of impoverished small farmers left the pastoralist feeling resentful and angry. When these farmers sometimes stole a sheep to feed themselves, the pastoralist argued that the selectors were a criminal class with no respect for the law - a criminal class who would respond only to tough and aggressive treatment from the authorities.

The pastoralists paid the police rewards for arrests of selectors on charges of stock theft. The armed police reminded the largely Irish selectors of the hated Royal Irish Constabulary which acted as an army of occupation back home in Ireland. The links between pastoralists and the police were so close at this time that the police were little more than the agents of the large landholders. The selectors found that they obtained rough justice when they came before the local magistrates who uncritically accepted perjured evidence from the police witnesses.



From his early teens, Ned was on the fringes of the rural underworld. He partnered a bushranger named Harry Power until Power's capture. He then joined the flourishing trade in stolen livestock with his uncles from the Quinn family. He developed into a tall and well-built young man who became a formidable bare-knuckle fighter. He had also been recognised by the police as a "flash" type who needed to be brought down a peg or two. In 1871, after minor brushes with the law involving obscene language and assault on a constable, Ned was imprisoned for horse stealing on evidence sworn by a corrupt local policeman. The 16-year-old was sentenced to three years hard labour in Melbourne's Pentridge prison. It was here where his smouldering sense of injustice undoubtedly originated.

Ned went straight for a while, working as a timber getter in the Wombat Ranges, and generally keeping out of trouble. Then in September 1877, he was arrested for drunkenness and held overnight in the local police station. The next morning, he was being escorted by Constables Fitzpatrick and Lonigan to the courthouse. Ned wandered off home after flattening them both and leaving them semi-conscious, bruised, bleeding, and deeply humiliated. It also left them vengeful. This was to play a significant role in the coming Kelly drama.

Fitzpatrick was the first to seek revenge. Seven months after the fight with Ned, the inebriated constable rode up to the Kelly homestead near Greta, alone and against orders, to arrest Ned's younger brother Dan on a fabricated charge of horse stealing. Fitzpatrick broke into the home finding only Ned's 15 years old sister Kate and their mother, Ellen Kelly. Fitzpatrick knocked Ellen down and began to sexually assault young Kate. At the same time, Ned and Dan were working on the farm when they heard the screams from their home. They rushed to the house and severely beat Fitzpatrick (again) and threw him out. On return to the

police station, a battered and bleeding Fitzpatrick claimed that while attempting to arrest Dan Kelly, he was assaulted and shot at by the Kelly lads, egged on by Mrs Ellen Kelly. The police returned in force to the Kelly home, and, finding no sign of Ned or Dan, arrested Ellen. Six months later, at a brief trial, Ellen Kelly swore on oath that Fitzpatrick had assaulted her, and her daughter, Kate, and that the actions of her sons had been justified. Judge Redmond Barry did not agree and sent Mrs Kelly to gaol for three years, saying that he would have given Ned and Dan 15 years each if they could have been found.

Of course, they could not be found. They were safely hidden in the rugged Wombat Ranges where Ned had worked for many years. They were soon joined by two young friends, Joe Byrne, and Steve Hart. In October 1878, a party of four policemen were sent to the Ranges to hunt the Kellys down. In charge was Sergeant Kennedy, aided by constables Scanlon, McIntyre, and Lonigan, the same Lonigan who had been flattened by Ned the year before. They made it known that they intended to find the Kellys ... and kill Ned.

Meanwhile, the "selection" community kept Ned informed of all police movements and provided the gang with food and supplies. The bushmanship of the outlaws was superb, and being in their own local terrain, the gang proved far too adept for parties of mounted troopers. On the night of the 25th October, the Police camped along the edge of a creek known as Stringybark. Unbeknownst to them they had been tracked by the Kelly gang. The following evening, they surprised Lonigan and McIntyre, who were minding the camp while Kennedy and Scanlon scoured the bush in search of the outlaws. McIntyre surrendered immediately, saving his life. But Lonigan was brave, or foolish enough, to reach for his revolver. Ned shot him dead. On their return to their camp, a startled Kennedy and Scanlon were suddenly surrounded and called upon

to surrender. They stupidly went for their pistols. In a brief gunfight, Ned killed them both. Hidden a distance from the camp, a terrified McIntyre managed to free himself, clamber onto a stray horse and ride for his life.

The Victorian newspapers reacted angrily to the shocking news, enabling the Parliament to rush through the "Felon's Apprehension Act". It rendered those persons pronounced outlaws as, "... totally outside the law." All their property was forfeit and the outlaw was liable to be killed on sight by any citizen. Harbourers and sympathisers were liable to 15 years imprisonment with hard labour and the loss of all their goods.

Six weeks after the Stringybark Creek ambush, Ned struck again. This time they robbed the bank at Euroa, a busy town about 160km north of Melbourne. The bushrangers escaped with around £2000 in gold and cash. Ned also took all the mortgage deeds held in the bank safe, and in front of a large town crowd, started a bonfire, burning the lot. This action endeared him forever to the struggling selectors. Over the next few months, many previously impoverished selectors also managed to pay off their debts, usually with crisp, new banknotes.

On 5th February 1879, the gang appeared at Jerilderie, about 70 km across the NSW border. They bailed up the two local policemen, stripped them naked, and left them locked in their own cells. The Kelly's then spent that night and most of the next day in the town, masquerading as police officers in their stolen uniforms, having a jolly good time. They robbed the bank, then took control of the Royal Mail Hotel. There they counted their loot, about £2000, and shouted the pub patrons well into the evening. The next day they produced all the bank's mortgage documents and burned the lot to great cheers from the assembled town crowd. Ned also left a 10,000-word statement detailing the injustices he had suffered at the hands of the police, the government, and the pastoralists. In this letter Ned

wrote that the police were: **"A parcel of big ugly fat necked wombat headed, big-bellied magpie legged narrow hipped splay footed sons of Irish bailiffs or English landlords."**

It was widely reported that the gang's behaviour was always gentlemanly, and that they treated everyone they encountered with courtesy and good humour, while their continued humiliation of the troopers in the bush made them heroes in the eyes of their peers. For the next 16 months, the gang hid in the Strathbogie Ranges in northern Victoria. Their popularity increased as they continued to elude all police attempts to find them.

Ned felt the need to escalate their conflict with the police and their backers. He decided to plan an attack on the authorities with such force that he would be able to declare an independent Republic of Northern Victoria, then assemble an army of supporters to defend the new country. He began a plan to take the initiative and create a situation where he would lure a trainload of troopers from Melbourne, derail their train, and kill the survivors.

In a means to limit the impact of police weapons, Ned had come up with a cunning plan. For months, plough-shears and quantities of cast iron began to disappear throughout the Kelly Country. The gang then began work on their collection of iron and built four rough suits of armour, consisting of back plates, breastplates, helmet, and an adjustable metal apron to protect the groin.

The gang carefully selected the site for the attack. They chose Glenrowan, a small town in the Warby Ranges. It was the ideal location as the railway line passed through the town. The Glenrowan Pub would also provide a suitable location to wait for battle. Their plan was now complete. Its execution would leave an enduring footnote in Australian history.

**Next episode, Part 2 – Glenrowan.**



THERE ARE MANY THINGS I CAN WRITE ABOUT BRIBIE'S REMARKABLE HISTORY THAT INTEREST READERS. EVERYONE APPRECIATES THE WONDERFUL LIFESTYLE HERE WITHOUT MUCH THOUGHT FOR THE PEOPLE AND EVENTS THAT SHAPED IT OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS. THIS ARTICLE COVERS A FEW THINGS ABOUT BRIBIE THAT MAY SURPRISE YOU.

**MORETON BAY** – 10,000 years ago, there was no Moreton Bay or any islands; the ocean and coastline were 50 kms from here, east of Moreton Island, and the entire Bay was dry land. Over thousands of years, the sea level slowly rose more than 120 metres, progressively flooding Moreton Bay and creating many islands, including Bribie. The sea level at its peak was several metres higher than it is now before going down slightly.

When James Cook sailed this coast aboard the Endeavour in 1770, he did not see the main Moreton Bay. But, he did name a small inlet, MORTON Bay, after Lord Morton, the President of the Royal Society who had sponsored his voyage of discovery. The letter E in Moreton Bay was

a transcription error inserted sometime later when his logs and charts were drawn up, which was never corrected.

**ABORIGINAL SITES** – Many Aboriginal sites have been identified and gazetted, indicating occupation of the area of Pumicestone Passage and Bribie Island over many thousands of years. The Water Tower in Bongaree Caravan Park is on a large Aboriginal shell midden site, known by early settlers as The Hill before it was levelled to fill the Bowling Greens and Caravan Park, which were low-lying swamps.

**TOWN OF BRIBIE** – The area initially surveyed by the Government in 1887 and planned to be the first development on Bribie Island was to be called Town of Bribie, at what is now Whitepatch. The area had previously been a short-lived Aboriginal reserve back in 1877 for the few remaining indigenous people of the area. The planned Town of Bribie did not even-tuate because the Brisbane Tug Company beat them to it by leasing land, developing a settlement at Bongaree, and building a Jetty in 1912.

**RED BEACH** – the area known as Red Beach is a name carried over from the Second World War when thousands of US

and Australian soldiers were based on and near Bribie.

A large Military Training camp was built at Toorbul Point, where the Sandstone Point Hotel stands today, and troops practised beach landing craft training at various ocean beaches on Bribie Island. Different sections of Bribie's long ocean beach were given colour codes, with the southernmost being named Red Beach. Being closest to the settlement of Bongaree, the Red Beach name was used after the War and remains in use today,



**AUSTRALIAN OPERA** – Emily Coungeau wrote the first Opera written and performed in Australia in her grand home on Banya Street, Bribie Island. The magnificent



Coungau house, built in 1916, still stands today, owned by the Toc H organisation and used for many functions by clubs and organisations.

**ANZAC DAY** -the initial concept of an Australian ANZAC day commemoration for those who gave their lives and served in World War 1 was initiated through Brisbane's Mayor after prominent Brisbane businessmen stayed and talked at the Amateur Fisherman's Association cottage on Bribie during a fishing trip to Bongaree in January 1916

Research Centre on Bribie Island to study the behaviour of Radio signals in the upper atmosphere. For this ground-breaking research, an Atomic Clock was required to monitor precise signal timing, and a laboratory was built behind where the Community Arts Centre stands today. This eventually led to the development of the mobile phones we all use today.


**BRIBIE SUCCESSION** -Three times over the years the residents of Bribie Island have made unsuccessful attempts to break away from what was the



Caboorture Shire Council and establish Bribie Island with its own Council. These attempts at secession were made in 1914, 1932, and 1967, reflecting periods of significant growth and change.

**FIRST CAR & ROAD** -the first Motor car was floated to Bribie Island from Godwin Beach in 1919. The first dirt road was not built on the island until 1924, from Bongaree to Ocean Beach, 12 years after the Jetty was constructed. A temporary Jetty was built beside the main jetty to bring road-making material to the island.


**The Local Historians' Story**



"Bill Stewart built this aquarium in 1962. It was in response to the Queensland Government offering inducements for tourism ventures before the Bribie Island bridge opened. The aquarium was operated on a 2 acre peppercorn lease. Bill spent much of his time diving off Flinders Reef for the fish, and for prawns to feed the fish. He employed a local pensioner to collect the two shilling (20 cents) entry fee. The building wasn't completed and the venture failed due to a lack of tourists. The aquariums were surrounded by lawn and gardens which have now become a major weed problem.

The technology for keeping marine fish in aquariums was new at the time and was developed by Keith Inglis, a pet shop owner in Sydney and a member of the "Sydney Marine Research Group".

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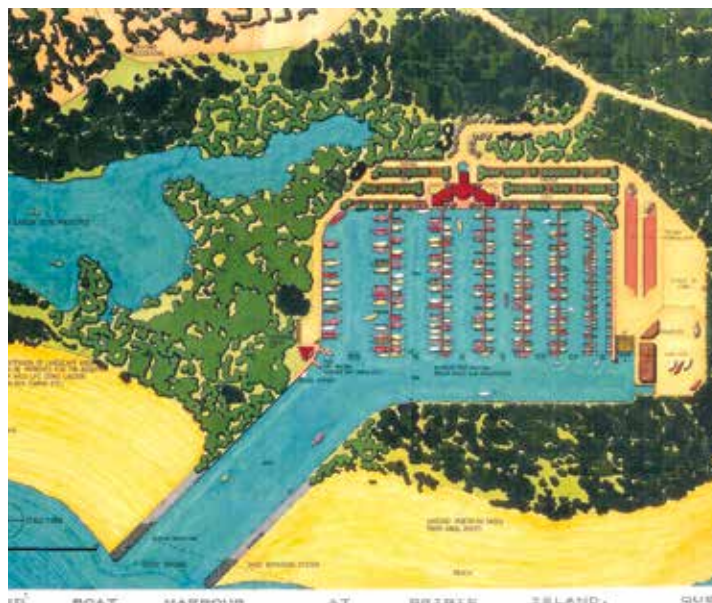


**TOURIST AQUARIUM** -A private seawater aquarium was constructed as a tourist attraction at Red Beach in 1961. It was never successful as people did not want to pay to see fish in tanks, but the remains of some concrete tanks are still visible in the bush today.

#### RED BEACH MARINA

In the 1970s, there was a proposal to construct a large boat marina where the aquarium had been built at Red Beach close to what is now Buckley's Hole. Fortunately, that did not eventuate, nor did a proposed Airfield on Bribie.

**ATOMIC CLOCK** -In the 1960s, Queensland University established an Ionospheric



**Barry Clark**

Bribie Island Historical Society

#### MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

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

## BOWLS RESULTS

**BONGAREE LADIES  
BOWLS RESULTS****Friday 19th January 2-4-2**

Winners: Sandra Scott, Brenda Hutchinson

R/U: Wendy Rollason, Frank Levey

Tuesday 23rd January Turkey  
Pairs Winners: Arne Jensen, Errol Fender

R/U: Sue Francis, Elna Jensen

Friday 26th January: NO BOWLS

Tuesday 30th January RAIN NO BOWLS

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**Self Select Fours results**

Friday 12 January 2024

Winners: C Perkins, R Glasser,

K Taylor, P Hughes

Runners up: M Andrews, V

Lindsey, D Lindsey, M Prewett

Lucky draw: D Bowers, P

Patrikeos, B Castle, W Ebert

**Random Select Fours Results**

Saturday 13 January 2024

Highest margin: G Woollett, C

Halley, L Mather, S Cook

Lowest margin: P Gray, W

Gilbert, C Thornton, D Gilbert

Out of hat winner: P Andrews,

J Hattie, G Hartley, F Crockett

Out of hat winner: R Glasser,

S Brown, C Turner, K Fuller

Out of hat winner: M

Andrews, G Mulpeter, D

McDougall, G Low

Jackpot winners: B Kinnear,

L Tebbutt, K Muller, M

Thompson

**Self Select Triples results**

Tuesday 16 January 2024

Winners: R Eaton, F Crockett,

BJ Adams

Runners up: W Ryan, T

Hudson, P Patrikeos

Lucky draw: D Healing, K

Atkinson, D Wormald

Lucky draw: D McDougall, J

Brazier, L Wright

Lucky draw: J Oliver, M

Andrews, D Cherry

Lucky draw: T Smith, W Kelly,

C Kelly

**Scroungers Results**

Wednesday 17 January 2024

1st: D Heath

2nd: L Gilmour

3rd: J Smith

**Self Select pairs results**

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Winners: S Cook, B Kinnear

Runners up: B Svenson, G

Hartley

Lucky draw: N Gray, L Mather

Lucky draw: K Smith, T Dean

Lucky draw: T Phillips, R

Glasser

Lucky draw: W Kelly, L Mather

**Random Select Triples Results**

Thursday 18 January 2024

Winners: A Christie, J Wallis,

G Gunter

Runners up: P Ditchburn, B

Hamer, L Broomhead

Lucky draw: G Frew, T Phillips,

W Follett

Lucky draw: G Riley, G Gawron,

G Hutchison

**Self Select pairs results Friday**

19 January 2024

Winners: C Perkins, R Glasser

Runners up: B Hosie, M Beutel

Lucky draw: G Steele, D

Beadman

Lucky draw: G Hazelwood, T

Ridley

Lucky draw: M Mills, T Bennett

Lucky draw: K Thornton, B

Ferguson

**Random select fours results**

Saturday 20 January 2024

Highest margin: BJ Adams, D

Gilbert, L Hackwood

Lowest margin: D Neumann,

T Richards, P Neumann, A

Pinzler

Out of hat winner: H Groves,

W Follett, S Brown, J Teakle

**Self Select Triples results**

Tuesday 23 January 2024

Winners: T Turnbull, B

Turnbull, S Mitchell

Runners up: L Godfrey, C

Smith, C Hayles

Lucky draw: J Noonan, M

Gittens, L Gilmore

Lucky draw: G Skoien, H

Groves, D Groves

Lucky draw: T Dean, C Dean,

D Gray

**Scroungers Results**

Wednesday 24 January 2024

1st: F Grimsey

2nd: K Norton

3rd: D Meikel

**Self Select Triples results**

Wednesday 24 January 2024

Winners: BJ Adams, J Noonan

Runners up: B Ferguson, E

Sharp, W Jones

Lucky draw: E Stacey, I

McLaren, M Andrews

Lucky draw: G Reily, D

McMahon, F Crocket

Lucky draw: T Phillips, S Root,

R Glasser

**Random Select Triples results**

Thursday 25 January 2024

Winners: B Kelly, F Grimsey, S

Dobson

Runners up: R Ward, L

Hackwood, G Hutchison

Lucky draw: G Hemphill, L

Broomhead, J Murray, L Kurtz,

I Teakel

**Random Select fours results**

Friday 26 January 2024

Winners: M Weston, L Mather,

T Phillips, P Gee

Runners up: S Mitchell, L

Savage, R Brinton

Lucky draw: D McDougall, L

Wright, C Kelly, K Soens

Lucky draw: B Kinnear, P

Neumann, J Adams

**MORETON BRIBIE  
BRIDGE CLUB:**

Sat 20 Jan N/S 1 L Carr & J  
Wright 2 K Cohen & P Breene 3

S Watson & R Sutton

E/W 1 M Hardy & R King 2

C & S Watson 3 R Webb & L

McLaren

Wed 24 Jan N/S 1 K Cohen &

J Hays 2 L Carr & J Wright 3 J

Easey & L McLaren

E/W C & S Watson 2 D &

G Gibbards 3 R Floquet & J

Kinross

Sat 27 Jan N/S 1 H Tyler &

J Medhurst 2 L Groves & A

Fielding 2 S Watson & R Sutton

E/W 1 M Hardy & R King 2 C &

S Watson 3 R Medhurst & M

O'Reilly

Wed 31 Jan N/S 1 J Kinross

& R Floquet 2 J Budgeon & J

Kennedy 3 J Hays & K Cohen

E/W 1 R King & M O'Reilly 2 R

Medhurst & P Breene 3 L Heap

& B Connell

BICBC: Mon 22 Jan N/S 1 D

Quinan & J Brazier 2 J Easey & F

McLaren 3 F & B Van Dongen

E/W 1 M Hardy & L Wilson 2

D Dowling & C Browne 3 R

Deacon & L Groves

Mon 29 Jan N/S 1 M Arthur & R

King 2 J Easey & A Fielding 3 H

Browne & U Maffey

E/W 1 I Best & B Moxham

2 S Smith & M O'Reilly 3 C

McAlister & J Brazier

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25 January 2024 to 30 January 2024

25/1/24 – Season Opening Day – 4 Person Ambrose

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Desley Neilson

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Winner: Maureen Bailey +2 cb

NTP's: Hole 4 Nikki Hyde, Hole 11A Nikki Hyde, Hole 16 Nikki  
Hyde

30/1/24 – Single Stroke



## CROQUET

# HAPPY NEW CROQUET YEAR KATHY VINCENT.

Well, another year of croquet 2024, and what a year! The National Competition will hold some games at the Bribie Croquet Club which is very exciting. Players from all corners of Australia enjoy our fabulous club. But more of that another time.

Some people loved the rain, some people hated the rain, but the croquet courts LOVED the rain. The turf was ready for a good drink, and now they look a beautiful shade of green and are in excellent condition for play. So, everyone is back after the Christmas and New Year break, ready to have some fun croquet games.

That is not restricted to Bribie; you can't hold the croquet players down. They are always off somewhere, ready to play. Members often join the Eildon club players for a change. Six members were off to Wynnum on the 5th of February to play in a big competition there. A few members are off to play in Toowoomba in February, and 10 members are off to New Zealand on the 12th of February to cruise around different towns to play croquet. Then there is the competition in Hervey Bay in August. So, you can see how much fun the croquet club members have! Why not come and join us it is great for your physical and mental health, and that would be a good New Year Resolution



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# HOW TO WASH YOUR PILLOWS CORRECTLY



Shockingly, very few people wash their pillows regularly despite spending hours in close contact with them every night. Human beings shed bacteria, dead skin cells, and other unpleasant substances, which end up on the pillow. Studies have shown that after two years of use, 30% of a pillow's weight comprises dead skin, bacteria, and faeces from dust mites. This can cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.

Moreover, drool, sweat, and hair/body oils can soak into the pillow, causing skin breakouts or rashes. Repeated exposure to these substances can irritate sensitive skin. So, it's essential to learn how to wash pillows.

Don't put them in the washing machine if you need to wash memory foam pillows. Instead, sprinkle baking soda on the pillow to freshen it and vacuum it with a hand vac or upholstery attachment. Dip a cloth in warm water mixed with mild detergent to remove stains, and then use another cloth dipped in plain water to remove the soap. Allow the pillow to air dry.

It's recommended to wash pillows at least twice a year. However, washing down pillows can be tricky as the feathers' natural oils are destroyed by repeated washing. Therefore, it's best to cover them with a pillow protector and wash them as needed.

## HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN WASHING YOUR PILLOWS:

- 1.** Check the pillow's tags to see if it's machine washable or dry-clean only.
- 2.** Use hot water to kill germs, viruses, and bacteria.
- 3.** Use the gentle cycle to avoid damaging the pillows.
- 4.** Add an extra rinse to ensure all detergent is washed out.
- 5.** Wash two pillows at once to keep the machine balanced.
- 6.** Dry the pillows entirely on low heat with tennis or dryer balls to fluff them up.



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# Easy Medicinal Herbs

## You Should Know and Grow

Before humans had pharmaceuticals, we depended on plant remedies to cure and treat our ailments. Archaeologists have found evidence of herbal medicine practice from as far back as 60,000 years ago. Now, of course, we have the wonders of modern medicine. But knowledge of plant remedies persists; according to the World Health Organization, 75 per cent of the world's population uses herbal remedies for basic health needs.



### Peppermint

Fresh peppermint from the garden can help with minor maladies, such as fevers and headaches. It's also great in teas and salads.

"Peppermint's good for nausea, belly aches, headaches, fevers and, in some instances, pain," says Schaffer. "It is also a wonderful-tasting herb that anyone can enjoy."

Peppermint grows best in partial shade, where it has some protection from the midday sun of hot summer days. The plant needs frequent watering, but it doesn't need much encouragement to grow. In fact, because it grows like a weed, it's not a great idea to plant peppermint too close to other herbs or vegetables because it can easily crowd them out.



### Chamomile

Chamomile has a long history of being grown and used all over the world by the ancient Egyptians, Romans and others. It's a sweet little herb, with a hint of apple, that's so good for nervousness and sleeplessness, both common problems. Chamomile is a long-standing remedy for tired minds and bodies and has a long and safe usage history." To grow the leafy plant, which blooms prolifically with small white and yellow flowers, direct seed or plant seedlings in the spring after the threat of frost has passed. Chamomile appreciates cool conditions and is drought-tolerant, but too much fertiliser will cause it to grow fewer flowers. Use it as a companion plant alongside cucumbers: The strong scent of the herb will keep pests off the cucumbers, and the vegetable's large leaves will shade the delicate chamomile.



### Echinacea

Another garden addition with both medicinal and aesthetic value, the most recognisable part of the echinacea plant is its bright purple, cone-shaped flower head. Echinacea is gorgeous in the garden. This herb is a flower, and the root is also very powerful and used to make many cold and flu remedies. Echinacea may stabilise blood sugar and shorten sickness, and the Native American Indians used it as a remedy for poisonous snakebites. This plant is a must, in my opinion, for every home garden.

Choose the echinacea's place in your garden carefully; they're hardy perennials that will spring back up year after year. Echinacea needs little care besides the occasional watering if the spring and summer are especially dry. Cut the stems back to the soil line once the blooms fade and frost sets in.



### Yarrow

Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*) was commonly used by Native American tribes to stop bleeding and control infection in wounds.

This herb, the scientific name *Achillea millefolium*, has a serious reputation. In Greek mythology, there is an old story that Achilles got his name and strength from this plant. Some stories say his mother dipped him in yarrow water, holding him by the ankle. Thus, his entire body was protected, but the 'Achilles heel,' so to speak."

Yarrow is a great garden addition, attracting beneficial insects and repelling pests. And, of course, it's got major medicinal benefits. As a poultice, it can be used to calm inflammation and bruising and heal rashes, bug bites and stings.

Yarrow is a styptic and can stop bleeding. Soldiers have been known to use this plant for wounds, both for the styptic purpose and antiseptic properties."



### Catnip

Catnip (*Nepeta racemosa*) will make your feline friends happy and is also great for the human nervous system. You're probably at least a little familiar with this one, the famous herb that cats go nuts over, but catnip does much more than make your furry friends happy. Catnip is the herb for balancing the entire body. It is rich in B vitamins and will soothe a stubborn nervous system. Catnip is also safe for many people, including children. There is not a parent who wouldn't appreciate some soothing catnip for teething or fussy children." Catnip grows best in full sun and, like many other herbs on this list, can be a great pest repellent when planted alongside vegetables. But be aware: Catnip is a member of the mint family, and it'll spread fast. It's best planted in raised beds or containers to avoid overrunning other plants.



### Dandelion

Dandelion is one of the most maligned medicinal herbs out there. It is treated as a weed and destroyed when it can be used to detoxify the liver and gallbladder and keep the kidneys functioning correctly. It is also an immune system booster and has great antioxidant properties. Please don't kill it, eat it!

The world of plant-based medicine is vast, but you may be surprised at the health benefits just a few common herbs could provide. No one's suggesting you stop seeing your doctor (definitely don't do that!), but with immune-boosting plants and herbal remedies for minor ailments, you may visit them a little less.

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# How Greenhouses Work



**G**reenhouses have a long and rich history, initially being the exclusive domain of wealthy individuals to cultivate exotic fruits and vegetables. The first greenhouses were built in Roman times. In the first century, Pliny the Elder referred to the emperor Tiberius as having a portable greenhouse made of transparent stone to cultivate his favourite vegetable, the cucumber.

In the 17th century, entire buildings were built to house and propagate oranges and pineapples, and they were called specularia, orangeries, and pineries. Reproducing plants out of season gave people a measure of control over nature, inspiring new methods for building structures devoted to plants. Greenhouses began to use precious glass for construction to cultivate beneficial, exotic species.

Greenhouses are now essential in how we feed hungry populations worldwide, cultivate plants for medical research, and preserve plants for future generations to

enjoy. Greenhouses can extend a plant's growing season by a few weeks or create a complete microclimate that can replace the plant's native environment. Since World War II, there has been a significant increase in the commercial use of greenhouses to feed the world's population.

Universities and research facilities worldwide use the controlled environments in greenhouses to better understand plants. Greenhouses are even being used to preserve plant species whose natural habitat is threatened. They create a sheltered environment for plants by using solar radiation to trap heat. This heating and circulating system helps create an artificial environment in a greenhouse that can sustain plants when the outdoor temperature is too cool or variable.

Heat enters the greenhouse through its glass or plastic covering and starts to warm the objects, soil, and plants inside. The warmed air near the soil rises and is immediately replaced with cooler

surrounding air that starts to heat up. This cycle raises the temperature inside the greenhouse more rapidly than the air outside, creating a sheltered, warmer microclimate.

In temperate climates, the sun might do all the heating in the greenhouse, but where the temperatures plummet, artificial heat may be necessary to maintain temperatures above freezing. Some greenhouses have access to central heating from the main building, while others rely on natural or bottled gas, heating coils, or heating fans. These usually work in conjunction with a thermostat.

To keep plants from getting too hot, some method of heat control is necessary. Vents that allow lighter, hotter air to escape and cooler air to enter can help control the temperature inside the greenhouse. Greenhouses are constantly evolving, and new energy sources, like solar batteries or animals as heat sources, are being explored to reduce heating expenses.





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### 1. BROWN PATCHES IN YOUR LAWN

Lawn grubs feed off the root system of your turf, this prevents all the nutrients in your soil getting to the turf leaf so brown patches in your lawn can indicate that grubs are present. .

### 2. WASP ACTIVITY

If Army Worm are attacking your lawn, you will notice large orange wasps start to hover around your turf. They are looking for the Army Worm & Army Worm Pupa to lay their egg's in.

### 3. MOTH ACTIVITY

When Army Worm mature they turn into moths, these moths then lay eggs in your turf, under your gutters and in every corner of your property, starting the life cycle starts all over again. If you see lots of moths hovering above your lawn it's likely you have had or will have lawn grubs soon.

### 4. INCREASED BIRD ACTIVITY ON YOUR LAWN

If birds are pecking at your lawn a lot more lately, it's likely there's some juicy grubs in your turf that they're snacking on.

### HOW TO STOP LAWN GRUBS

Jack says "This has been the worst Lawn Grub season that we have experienced in over a decade. The last season this bad was in 2011 around the time of the last floods. People should know that we are not out of the grub season yet, and given the recent rain and humidity that we have had, we may yet see another surge of lawn grubs this season". The best way to deal with Lawn Grubs is to apply preventative treatments every 8-10 weeks during the grub season.

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What are some tips for when you're viewing a house?

# HOUSING MARKET CHANGES

After viewing a dozen or more homes while shopping around for the perfect house, it's hard to remember the details about each property. Therefore, it's important to maintain a system for categorising each place so you can quickly retrieve the information later and compare the properties effectively. When compiling information, don't forget to find out what hidden costs are associated with the property.

Some methods for remembering the features of each particular house include photographing each room (with the owner's permission, of course), sketching out a layout of each floor or taking detailed notes as you walk through the property. When you take notes, make sure to include the small deficiencies that can't be seen in photographs, such as a leaky faucet or a chipped banister.

Try to visit the property that you're inclined to purchase at different times of the day and different days of the week. Some qualities that appealed to you about the house in the morning could turn you off in the evening, and vice versa. For example, you might like the idea of conveniently living across the street from your child's school; however, the traffic this location causes in the early morning might dissuade you from purchasing. It's also possible that your initial visit to the house was during a quiet morning midweek, but little could you have known that the corner near the house becomes a noisy teen hangout on the weekends.

Find out from the prospective sellers about other mandatory home-related expenses, such as elevator fees, cleaning fees or joint fence repairs. Ask for a copy of the neighbourhood's restrictive covenants and determine the homeowner's association dues. These additional hidden expenses could make the cost of the property inhibitive. Besides, it may force you to participate in a neighbourhood expense even if you don't gain any benefit from it.



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# EMPTY PILLBOTTLES PILING UP?

## Here Are Some Great Ways to Reuse Them



**P**ill containers are typically made of number five plastic, which is polypropylene or PP. These are similar to the type of plastic that yogurt containers and many reusable food-safe containers are made of. To identify a number five recyclable plastic, look for the chasing arrows with the number 5 in the middle at the bottom of the container. These plastics are lightweight and robust, can handle various temperatures, and keep contents dry. However, they take years to break down in the environment and release toxic chemicals and methane, a dangerous greenhouse gas, as they age.

If you have empty pill bottles lying around your home, you may be wondering what to do with them.

**1. One great thing about pill bottles is that they were specifically designed to keep little kids out. That means you can fill them with things you want to make it difficult for kids to get to — razor blades, thumb-tacks, supplements or even your secret glove compartment stash of M&Ms.**

**2. Another great aspect of pill bottles is that they're designed to keep prescription drugs dry. If you're a gardener, these containers make great, moisture-proof storage containers so your dried seeds can overwinter**

**in a place where they won't be likely to rot. Consider pill containers for any small stuff you want to keep dry.**

**3. Bobby pins, barrettes and hair ties tend to get scattered all around your house, car and handbag. All these little hair doodahs are exactly the right size for a pill bottle, and that means you don't necessarily have to live amongst a pile of discarded barrettes and hair ties anymore.**

**4. Pill bottles are discreet and tinted and can be stashed in any little hidey-hole. If you want to stuff a rolled-up wad of cash in a pill bottle, that will fit, too.**

**5. The key to your front door will fit in a prescription bottle hidden in nooks and crannies outside your house. If you want to get fancy, you can hot glue a small rock to the bottle's lid and bury it in the landscaping somewhere inconspicuous. Who says you need to buy a key-hiding rock?**

**6. Nobody's planning to get lost in the woods, even briefly, but sometimes your phone battery runs out, and you have to get yourself to safety. A pill bottle survival kit can be thrown into a daypack and could be useful. Stuff it with a button compass, needle and thread, some Band-Aids, a few matches and a razor blade. Wind three-stranded twine or duct tape around the outside of the bottle.**

**7. Use them as a mini first-aid**

**kit by filling them with band-aids, over-the-counter drugs, or small packets of hydrocortisone.**

**8. Got earrings, necklaces and rings to keep track of on your vacation? Your old prescription bottles work perfectly to keep all your jewels in one place.**

**9. If you do any craft, from**

**sewing to woodworking to beading, pill bottles make great containers for your workbench. Fill them with pins, screws, beads or any other tiny material or tool you need to keep organised. can even hot glue the lids to a shelf at eye level for easy viewing and access**

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# How House Flipping Works

## PART 1

**F**ixing up and flipping a house can be risky, especially in a flat real estate market.

House flipping is, essentially, buying a house or property to sell it for a profit. But the logistics can get pretty complicated. There are a lot of decisions to make from the beginning. Where should you buy it? If you purchase a house in an up-and-coming neighbourhood, you're banking on the neighbourhood increasing in value. If you buy in a new development, you'll want to attract higher-end home buyers who want the luxury features and space offered in the suburbs. If all goes well, you could make a nice profit. But if something goes wrong -- faulty budgeting, timing issues, a crime spike in that up-and-coming neighbourhood -- you could be stuck with a house you can't get rid of. Many are curious about how much it costs to build a house versus repair; both can be done smart or cost you in the long run.

So much in house-flipping depends on the real estate market, which we all know is cyclical. Flippers have the upper hand during a boom and can almost name their price in some areas. But during a slow period, many of these fixed-up homes can sit on the market for months.

Once you know where you want to buy, the next step is deciding what property you want to purchase. If you go for a fixer-upper, you commit to

improving the home, which takes time and money. If you buy a foreclosed property in an auction or from a bank, you could get a bargain on a vastly underpriced house. But remember that if the previous owners couldn't pay the mortgage, they probably couldn't pay for the upkeep, so you might have to deal with a rodent infestation or a leaky roof.

Fixer-uppers and foreclosures are what most people think of when flipping comes to mind. But it is possible to flip a house without doing any work on it at all. During the real-estate boom of the early to mid-2000s, flippers could buy new construction homes, hold on to them for a few months, and then sell them at a profit.

So why do people flip houses? And what does the average buyer -- and seller -- need to know about flipping before investing? How much money can be made by flipping a house? And what kind of moral line do you walk by paying bottom dollar to people who have lost their homes?

### **One of the biggest questions when flipping a house: Do I hire help or do it all myself?**

If you watch home-and-garden cable channels, it looks like everyone is flipping houses. "Flip This House" and "Flipping Out" are just a couple of the many cable offerings that sing the praises of buying a house and quickly selling it at a substantially higher price. But house-flipping is like a basic investing lesson: Buy

low, sell high. You want to find an undervalued property or in bad enough shape that you can invest minimal time and money in it before selling it. Some people have made careers by buying distressed properties and quickly turning them around for a profit. However, things aren't quite easy in a real estate bust.

The first piece of advice that most flipping experts give is: Make a budget. While finding the perfect place and knowing your skill set (or having friends with skill sets) is important, budgeting is where new flippers often fail.

### **So, where to start? We'll look at how to budget.**

Budgeting can be simple if you're planning to buy a new-construction home. It's just like buying a home you actually plan to live in -- you need to cover the mortgage, insurance, taxes, real-estate agent and lawyer's fees, and that's about it. However, in a softening market, the supply of houses is much greater than demand, so you may own that property for longer than you plan to.

If you're working on a fixer-upper, the budget starts growing when you consider the renovations you'll need. According to most experts, you should add 20 per cent to your estimate for the final cost. If you overestimate, you get a surprise windfall -- but if you underestimate, you get stuck with unexpected bills.

**Structural improvements** -- like plumbing, electrical, insulation and pest control -- are typically

the least sexy but most important improvements a flipper can make. New hardwood floors and a coat of paint may get buyers in the door, but a termite problem can kill a deal quickly. If your technical skills are lacking here, you'll have to figure in the labour cost, too (that includes the time and money lost if you're waiting on your brother-in-law to finish the electrical wiring).

Most real-estate agents advise fixing the kitchen and bathrooms for the best return on your investment. In addition to the structural changes, it can include new cabinetry, counters, hardware, sinks, backsplashes, appliances, floors and lighting. Kitchen upgrades can be expensive, but they make a big impression (granite countertops and wine storage). Obviously, you'll keep costs down if the house is in good structural shape and needs updated paint and carpets -- but things can quickly get pricey, especially if you're using contractors and outside labour.

Another aspect to consider is curb appeal -- the outside of the house. You might need to paint, landscape and fix the driveway, which adds to the budget. If you've bought in a pricey neighbourhood, mowing the lawn and repairing the fence may not be enough -- there could be homeowners' association fees. In up-and-coming neighbourhoods, you might have to budget for security measures.





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### SANTA VISITS BUSY FINGERS

Friday 20th December 2023  
 SANTA (a.k.a. Radio Officer Peter McNamara), Deputy Radio Officer John Rice, Treasurer Kelly Langworthy, and Public Relations Officer John Traill visited Busy Fingers at their Cotterill Avenue address and delivered gifts for some 90 volunteers. Those volunteers present on the day were gifted presents from Santa or his helpers, other presents were left for the volunteers not rostered on for the day



Santa with his helpers arrive at Busy Fingers in the martin Jonkers Motors "Hilux Chariot"



Maria, Roslyn with Santa and another volunteer.



Santa also came across a familiar face in Jeanette.



Busy Fingers Manager Stacey Wood with Santa.



Busy Fingers Secretary Sandra gets a hug from Santa.

### SUNSET DRINKS - Friday 22nd December 2023

45 Active Members and partners attended the last function for the 2023 year. With a fare of hot finger food including party pies and sausage rolls, chicken chips and nuggets, mini spring rolls, spinach and feta triangles and pizza squares. With our drinks at our usual great prices served by Mike Lucas it all led to an enjoyable evening.



Sheryl Traill, Natalie Hill, Mike Looney, Nia Brice, Jon Brice (mostly obscured), Ian Grimes (standing) Wayne Beeton, Graham and Kerrie Parker, Dale Mullins, Liz Radajewski, and Sharon Grimes.



Mike Phillips, Garry and Debbie Comerford, and Marg Phillips enjoy the evening.



Three new crew members, Louis Mifsud, Henry Graffen, and Allen Davey.



Peter McNamara receives a gift bag of supplies for our boats from Nia Brice on behalf of the Awesome Bribie Island Church Bongaree.



Peter McNamara presented Sharyn Giles her Commodore's Award as she was not able to make the AGM where the other Social Committee Members received their awards.

### BRIBIE GARDENS LOLLY DROP

Santa took time out from his busy Christmas preparations to spread some Christmas cheer as well as bags of lollies around the Bribie Gardens Waterway canals! The Bribie Island Bowls Club was proud to again be supporting this fantastic local tradition by supplying the lollies. Santa started his trip near the lock gates at 4pm and travelled clockwise along the canals. The round trip got them back to the gates by 6pm. There were many great vantage points along the way including the Godwin Drive Bridge and parkland on Protea Drive.



Mary Christmas (a.k.a. Kelly Langworthy) with Skipper Lindsay Crompton and Senior Crew Noel Wendt.



Above and below residents await the arrival of Santa



**BLEAK START TO NEW YEAR**  
 New Year assist tally started this morning with skipper Liz

and crew Dale and Paul in lovely wet weather to help stranded 14m sports cruiser with battery problems. Bribie 2 to the rescue, successfully jump started, anchor retrieved and vessel underway under own steam, then back home - all in pouring rain.



Liz Radajewski and Dale Mullins in their wet weather gear.



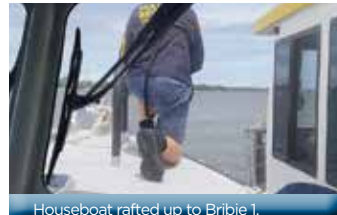
Bribie 2 off to Bulwer Wrecks to assist vessel that had lost power.



Bribie 1 assist a boat in the Passage.

### HOUSEBOAT ASSIST

Last Friday's call out crew were kept busy all day finishing with assisting a houseboat back to its berth at Spinnaker Marina, good crew make the task easy and here they are - Andy pleased with the rope work in rafting Bribie 1 to the houseboat and Mark on the bow being Skipper Liz's eyes for the tow into the marina. Great work team.



Houseboat rafted up to Bribie 1.



**FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024**

Well, what a day! We got a call today for a sinking vessel and people in the water within the Passage. The Call-out crew of Coxswain Gary Voss and crew Dale Mullins had Jonkers Bribie 3 underway in 8 minutes of that first call from the public. That includes coming in from their respective homes!

This timeframe is testament to the commitment, training and procedures put in place by VMR Bribie Island. We thank the young men in the BBQ Hire boat for retrieving a person from the water, Jonkers Bribie 3 retrieved the other person from in the water, all ended safely, and the crew were able to get their small boat ashore.

This was just one of the jobs today, all our vessels got wet today helping people on the water. Massive shout out to the radio team who had a big day looking after everyone, we couldn't do it without those calm voices on the radios.

**FIRST AID TRAINING**

Saturday 13th January 2024 - Training never stops at VMR Bribie and our First Aid and CPR Trainer Karen Llewellyn was putting some of our team members through their First Aid and CPR certificates today.



Karen explains how to put a patient in the recovery position, John O'Hagan was the patient and Noel Wendt the rescuer, while Radio Operator Charles Guesdon watches on.



Knowing how to do CPR on infants is very important. Our First Aid and CPR Trainer Karen Llewellyn timing Noel Wendt and Mike Looney.



Gavin Wright and John O'Hagan practice CPR.



Mike Looney performs CPR on infant dummy.



Peter McNamara wondering if he'll need CPR before getting back up!

**JANUARY VESSEL****JANUARY VESSEL ASSISTS:**

WED 10/01 0841AM – MOP reported log floating in Bribie Gardens entrance canal – Investigated and not found.  
WED 10/01 1537PM – 7m Sports Cruiser out of fuel at South Point, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.  
THU 11/01 1407PM – MOP reported a large tree in the Bongaree Canal System, removed to beach near IGA for Council to collect.  
THU 11/01 1429PM – 4m Jet Ski x4 have run aground on sand bank 3km North of Bribie Bridge required refloating.  
FRI 12/01 0943AM – MOP reported a Kayak with 2POB waving drifting North off Kakadu Bird Sanctuary.  
FRI 12/01 1000AM – MOP reported floating Tinny with no one on board near Avon Wreck  
FRI 12/01 1122AM – 5.5m Half Cabin non-member with engine issues required a tow from Pacific Harbour canals to Bellara Boat Ramp.  
FRI 12/01 1406PM – 6.7m Half Cabin member with water in fuel required a tow from Mission Point to Spinnaker Sound Marina.  
SAT 13/01 0913AM – Water Police activated SAR for possible man overboard, boat found washed up at Beachmere, Rescue 500 Helicopter, Water

Police, Coast Guard Redcliffe, Police on shore and VMR Bribie also - nothing found stood down around 1230.

SUN 14/01 0654AM – MOP called to say Jet Ski was stuck on sand opposite Turners Camp calling for help, investigated – nothing found.

SUN 14/01 0743AM – 7m Plate Boat with fuel issues required a tow from Woorim to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 14/01 1627PM – MOP reported 3 persons drifting out with tide – investigated all OK.  
TUE 16/01 1559PM – Collision between moored vessel and Catamaran, 1 person suffered severe crush injury requiring QAS attendance.

WED 17/01 1436PM – QPS advise that 3m Tinny non-member out of fuel at Green Marker off Banksia Beach, required a tow to Banksia Beach.  
WED 17/01 2111PM – 4.8m Centre Console non-member had lost power near Comboyuro Point required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

THU 18/01 1149AM – 3m Jet Ski non-member flipped on beach required a tow from Bulwer to Bellara Ramp,  
THU 18/01 1436PM – 4.75m Half Cabin non-member out of fuel at Skirmish Point, required a tow to Bellara Boat Ramp.

FRI 19/01 1056AM – 9m Cruiser member with starter issues, required a tow from off Cape Moreton to Pacific Harbour.  
SAT 20/01 1031 AM – Tasked by Water Police to conduct SAR in vicinity of Woorim and South end of Bribie Island – investigating distress call.

SAT 20/01 1644PM – 14m Cruiser member with drive shaft issues – was able to make own way back to Pumicestone Passage.

SUN 21/01 0732AM – MOP reported vessel dragging anchor at Banksia Beach - investigated and contacted owner.

SUN 21/01 0812AM – 3m Jet Ski non-member broken down in Moreton Bay required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 21/01 0923AM – 5m Runabout non-member with gearbox issues, required a tow

from the Bridge to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

MON 22/01 1656PM – 13.5m Yacht stuck mid channel off Donnybrook, anchor winch not working. Investigated and required both B1 & B2 to relocate vessel to Bullock Creek.

MON 22/01 1958PM – 10m Cruiser non-member reported by MOP as drifting off Pirate Park – Investigate.

TUE 23/01 1132AM – MOP reported drifting Kayak South of the Jetty – investigated not found.

TUE 23/01 1631PM – 14m Yacht member tender missing opposite IGA Bongaree and required a lift ashore.

FRI 26/01 0028AM – Medevac requested by QAS to transport 2 QAS officers from Bribie Jetty to Tangalooma pick up patient and transport to Redcliffe.

FRI 26/01 1357PM – 4m Tinny non-member with motor issues required a tow from entrance to Passage to Bongaree Boat Ramp.  
SAT 27/01 1311PM – 7m Inboard non-member broken down whilst towing Houseboat opposite Bongaree Water Tower - both required towing to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 27/01 1552PM – 7m Half Cabin non-member stuck on sandbank West of Avon Wreck. Required a tow to deep water, B2 unable to tow off, will wait for high tide!

MON 29/01 1137AM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 x QAS officers and medevac patient from Tangalooma back to Base Pontoon & ambulance.

WED 31/01 1124AM – MOP reported Yacht broken off mooring and hitting the Bridge. Owner unavailable put vessel on our VMR Mooring.

WED 31/01 1321PM – 11m Yacht person has fallen into water for 2 hours, very weak and unable to get on board, retrieved person near IGA and arranged ambulance.

WED 31/01 1615PM – 12m Catamaran non-member required relocation of vessel from off Sandstone Point to safe mooring. Put on our South Mooring.





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Safety Dave says for this coming holiday period check your LIFE JACKETS:

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- are the jackets in good condition and correctly labelled?
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- do you have an

appropriate sticker/label showing where the life jackets are stored?

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

The bottom line – life jackets should not be stowed and forgotten. They are difficult for a novice to put on in an

emergency, and then it's too late to realise they are inappropriate for the intended person in that emergency. Skippers should inspect each before each trip, show all passengers how to wear and have them easily accessible for use, preferably worn.  
"BUT importantly – Always remember if you are heading out on the water LOG ON with your local VMR or Coast Guard, its a free service for everyone, so why wouldn't you! - It just may save your life!"

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Anthony manages the floor and three marine mechanics, whilst Wendye and a part-time staff member take care of the administrative side of the business, completing the team at Southern Fish Marine. The team may be small, but their service is second to none.

"Having a small team allows for great customer service and one-on-one communication," Anthony explained. "Every time customers come in; they talk to the same person. They're not getting passed around like you expect in a larger company."

On top of this, Anthony brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in all aspects of the marine repair industry. Originally from Tasmania, Anthony holds diesel, auto electrical, automotive, and marine trades qualifications.

Anthony and Wendye own commercial fishing licences in Tasmania, but Anthony relocated to sunny Queensland to settle in Wendye's hometown. "I moved here because this is Wendye's home," Anthony said. "I love it here, although I miss the colder temperatures back in Tassie." Despite missing the cold, Anthony said that Southern Fish Marine is centrally located in the heart of the Marina at Sandstone Point, allowing for easy access for all marine vessels.

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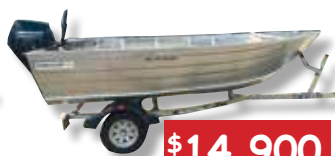
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# FISHING REPORT

**T**he wet and windy summer weather has come as a surprise after BOM had been forecasting dry El Nino conditions for months.

Who knew that El Nino weather could look like this?! There has been a fair bit of "ordinary" weather, mostly in the late afternoon. The big drop of rain just after Australia Day has left the water brown and a little too fresh.

Rick spent maybe a couple of weeks anchored up around Poverty Creek - he said he got lots of good fishing in and plenty of big crabs as well. But three times, after each bout of rain, he saw a brown tide crawl up the Passage and all the fishing went quiet for a day or so.

Bream, however, continues to be hungry, no matter what the weather is or what the water looks like! There have been quite a few big ones, but also plenty of under-sized fish, which kept a lot of kids excited over the holidays.

Ben, Ruby and friends caught four bream in Ningi Creek - only 26-28cm but enough to make them happy. Another time, casting out from Airforce Park on a night-time rising tide, they landed a couple of flat-heads, a Moses perch and another bream. Usually, Ben does better than that, but he was still happy enough.

Tony was a little cross that his mates all wanted to return early when he thought he was just getting started! They'd already caught 4 keeper bream up in Ningi Creek, one of them over 40cm (all taken on prawns), but they were as wet as shags, so they called it a day.



Terrible weather, but still worth it for Tony.

There have been lots of bream and grunt-er bream up in the Pacific Harbour Canals. One friend said the bream have been really going for freshly netted herring, when he's fished from his canal pontoon.

Even though summer really isn't prime-time for those huge flathead, it's still possible to find decent ones in the deep gutters. There have been a few just lately - Jake dragged in a nice one on a very wet



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A bloody insane catch – it hit me like a freight train, then I just had to hold on!". Shane with his mangrove jack.



The length of two thongs – mangrove jack from the Lock fishing hole.

day at Turner's Camp. On her fishing day, Chelsea had better weather and a bigger flathead, caught at the Avon wreck on a falling tide, using pilchards, "it was the first and the best fish all day!". Erik too, caught a 55cm flathead in the deeper water to the west of the Avon, also on the falling tide.

Fishability Qld have started their 2024 program with a couple of good flathead as well as a lovely bream, from north of the Ningi Creek marker. They also enjoyed the company of a dugong – you can see some footage on their Facebook page!

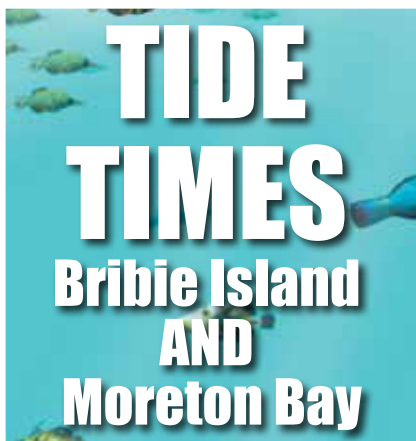
Drifting on the falling tide on the south side of the bridge, from the lock

entrance towards Bongaree Jetty, often yields a good catch. Usually, it's more successful if you try a neap tide and float along about 100m off the beach. There are good numbers of young snappers all along that ledge and north of the bridge through White Patch. While on the drift, look for a rocky patch near the first yellow marker at VMR – Rob swears it's the place to find the best grunters.

Shane sent me some photos after a recent night at the Lock fishing hole. Casting out from the walkway after 11 pm on a rising tide, he caught himself a fat 65cm mangrove jack – 5.3kg! Prawns have been building in numbers in the past couple of weeks – the trawlers

have been bringing good loads of prawns from Moreton Bay, but you could always net some yourself in the Passage. Schools can be seen skipping over the water in the early mornings – the recent rains are growing them and drawing them out from the creeks, which all hold prawns at this time of year.

Generally, the best time to cast your net is about halfway through the falling tide, when they start to school up in the sections of deeper water. There's usually only a short window of opportunity – the prawns often disappear when the tide drops right out of the creeks and spread out again when the tide comes back in. It is worth having a go...



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# WHY IS IT BAD LUCK TO CHANGE THE NAME OF A SHIP?

**T**hink deeply about your ship's name; you could be putting your life at risk by changing it after the fact. There are so many superstitions related to water, boating and ships in general. One of the most well-known ones relates to the naming of a vessel. But why is it bad luck to rename a boat? Superstitions abound in all cultures, but you probably won't encounter a more superstitious group of people than sailors. Why is this? Most psychologists believe that superstitions evolve from feeling a lack of control. Writer and psychology professor Stuart Vyse states, "When something important is at stake yet the outcome is uncertain, then superstitions are likely to be used to fill the gap and make us feel more confident." Because so much about taking a boat or ship out on the water relies on

things beyond our control — the weather, the state of the ocean, the mechanics of the vessel — sailors have a lot to worry about. It makes sense, then, that so many superstitions revolve around sailing, boating and fishing.

## COMMON SUPERSTITIOUS BELIEFS

Just a few examples of these long-held beliefs include:

- Whistling on a boat is bad luck.
- Bringing bananas on a boat is bad luck.
- Never sail on a Thursday or Friday.
- If you see a redhead before boarding a ship, it's bad luck.
- Dolphins swimming alongside a ship is good luck.
- Changing the name of a ship or boat is very bad luck.
- Not naming a boat at all is bad luck.

## WHY IS RENAMING A BOAT BAD LUCK?

Why is it bad luck to rename a boat? Vessels always change hands, and what was a perfect name for one owner can't possibly be the perfect name for you. Many boaters and sailors, though, insist renaming a boat brings bad luck. If you must change it, you should first perform a Christening or renaming ceremony to ensure good fortune. This superstition goes back a long time and is even mentioned in the classic novel "Treasure Island," in which Long John Silver says, "What a ship was christened, so let her stay." Tales abound of captains renaming their ships in a moment of hubris, only to be met with a tragic, watery end. Legend says that when every ship is christened, its name goes into a "Ledger of the Deep" maintained by Neptune (or Poseidon) himself. Renaming a ship or boat means you're trying to slip



something past the gods, and you will be punished for your deviousness.

Another more practical explanation is that back in the day when most boats were used to transport cargo, each vessel had its own reputation, good or bad, in ports of call worldwide. A sudden name change would render a boat and its reputation unrecognisable and likely cause many problems for the captain and crew.

Whether or not you're superstitious, if you decide to change the name of your boat, fellow sailors consider it good form to perform a purging ceremony and re-naming ritual. A boat re-naming ceremony makes the sea gods aware that you're re-naming your boat, showing them you have no underhanded motives.

### CEREMONIES FOR RENAMING A BOAT

There are many different ceremonies for re-naming your boat — you can look

them up online or ask your local boating community which they prefer. Typically, you must first remove all traces of the old name. This means removing the name from the hull, burning the old logbooks and paperwork, and requesting that the gods forget the old name. Then, you re-christen the boat with alcohol, normally good champagne. First, offer half to the water, from east to west, then some to the boat, and some for you and your first mate to toast the new vessel. Another less desirable option is to have a virgin urinate over the bow.

In the new naming ceremony, sailors are to address Poseidon, God of the sea, who supposedly holds the name of every vessel ever launched recorded in the Ledger of the Deep. In this ceremony, ask for safe passage, fair winds and calm seas for your future voyages. One common script goes like this.

*"Oh mighty and great ruler of the seas and oceans, to*

*whom all ships and we who venture upon your vast domain are required to pay homage, I implore you in your graciousness to take unto your records and recollection this worthy vessel hereafter and for all time known as "(vessel's new name)", guarding her with your mighty arm and trident and ensuring her of safe and rapid passage throughout her journeys within your realm. In appreciation of your munificence, dispensation, and in honour of your greatness, we offer these libations to your majesty and your court."*

You are also to address the mighty powers of the four wind gods - the great Boreas, Zephyrus, Eurus, and Notus - pouring champagne out as you face each of them: north wind, west wind, east wind, and then south wind.

*"Oh, mighty rulers of the winds, through whose power our frail vessels traverse the wild and faceless deep, we implore you to grant this worthy vessel (vessel's new name) the benefits and pleasures of your bounty, ensuring us of your gentle ministration according to our needs."* According to the superstition and lore of the boating world, there's a lot that goes into renaming a boat if you want to ensure good luck and avoid ending up at the bottom of the ocean. It is better to be safe than sorry, in our opinion.



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,  
According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the word “woke”, in its modern sense, means “being aware” or “well-informed”. However, the word has been hijacked and weaponised by uneducated conservatives so that they can get up to their usual tricks of slinging mud. Their targets are anyone who promotes empathy, compassion and social justice, to improve the living standards of fellow Australians. Alternatively, the mud is aimed at those who want to respond to the current crises of global warming, pollution and biodiversity by consciously changing their destructive lifestyles. I am reminded of the old saying that “sticks and stones will break my bones...etc”, but it is not true that words can’t hurt. Words have the power to change a person’s life. You should use your words to inspire people to make this world a better place.

H.Beneke

Dear Editor,  
I wonder at the incredible short-sightedness of the proposal for the second Bribie Island Bridge. Firstly, I consider this proposal a huge waste of five million dollars when looking at the artist’s drawings. The reasons, one, it is only a “two lane” structure. So, what happens when the old bridge becomes time life expired? Do we go back to one bridge and two lanes? Those suggesting that it can be widened to four lanes in the future, have you thought about the cost and future disruption to complete this. Also, there was talk about a toll; well, they cannot hold an entire population to ransom. Ms Ali King assured me via local Facebook that there will be, No Toll. My next point is most likely the current Labour government will not be in power when and if the bridge ever becomes a reality. Can you imagine the Coalition government running with a Labour proposal and giving them bragging rights? My third and last point regarding the bridge is, Why not build a bridge that will cater for present and future needs? Let’s get a four-lane bridge first up. Overall a better, far more practical and economic outcome. Build it once, build it right!

Dear Editor,  
Cracker Edition!  
Well – what a cracker of an edition to start the New Year. So many top articles. I must say the Bridge design left me a tad gob-smacked. As I understand it, Ali proposes replacing the old 2-lane bridge with a new – wait for it - 2-lane bridge! What will happen in the near future when the old bridge is “retired” is anyone’s guess. Do we then build another two-lane bridge? Surely, this goes against common sense – logic - and all previous discussions? Still, if we get the 4-metre sea rise predicted by Ali, we might not have to

worry about a bridge anyway. Bribie – or most of it – will be underwater. Perhaps this is the long-term plan? I believe we should keep the old bridge, but just for walking, cycling and fishing. Its life would then be prolonged. But, if we are serious, we must have a new 4-lane bridge. Thank goodness Lisa France organised the purchase of that land on the Bribie side, or we’d have nothing at all – but Ali’s pipe dreams.

I enjoyed the read on conscription. Who amongst us who lived through that era doesn’t remember a young mate who “lost” that lottery (and perhaps his life) and ended up fighting a war in a foreign country? While I was in favour of conscription, I was never in favour of young Aussies being sent to a foreign war because they were unlucky enough to have the wrong birthday. I am very proud of our services and their history, but young, innocent men should not have been sent overseas in this way. Al’s article on the Catalpa was a beauty, as was “Snakes Alive”. Who doesn’t enjoy seeing a green snake glide by – the beautiful colours and movement?

The “Letters” section is always a favourite. The letters on Australia day were quite telling. Having just been to the cricket I saw the reaction to the “Welcome” ceremony vis a vis the Anthem and Qantas Choir’s other songs. The “Welcome” did not fare too well with the crowd (little more than a polite handclap compared to the rapturous cheering and applause for the choir and anthem). I can understand why “Bee in Bonnet” kept their name off their letter. My old Dad used to say, “People with a good knowledge of history are lucky – those with a little knowledge are dangerous”. I wonder who the Romans thought they were fighting (and often losing too) in Judea some 2,000 years ago if it wasn’t the Jews?

While the Palestinians do deserve a homeland, saying the Jewish state only existed from the 1940s is just nonsense.

Being an Aquarian, I also looked in on my stars. That \$200 million seems to have alluded me again. Keep up the great work.

Cheers - Michael Matthews

Dear Supporters and Generous Donors  
On behalf of the club and the fundraising committee, we are very grateful for your support in conducting our Christmas raffle. It was very successful, and the proceeds will be used wisely. We know we are fortunate to live in such a generous community with diverse opportunities. We will continue as the original Dragons Abreast Bribie Island team, from 2008, and now, self-managed Bribie Dragons since 2022, to promote the message of breast cancer awareness and education”, to dragon boat paddle and pursue our ethos in assisting breast cancer survivors, their families, supporters and those like-minded, to wellness through the camaraderie and fun of paddling. With three training times, we prove every week “that the human spirit can overcome anything with resilience, determination and a dash of pink”. Paddles Up, And thank you again. Joie Scheinpflug  
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We aim to promote breast cancer awareness and a return to an active lifestyle after treatment through the sport of dragon boating.

Dear Editor,

We undertake official turtle monitoring along a 16km-long stretch of the Bribie Island National Park, between Welsby Lagoon to the new “Bribie Breakthrough”. This part of the Bribie Island turtle rookery is known as Bribie (North).



We would appreciate the opportunity to clarify a statement made by the author of an article published in your Issue 207 (Page 61) titled "The Turtle Nesting Season on Bribie Island has Started. We all Need to be Aware".

The statement in question: "This area, and other

difficult-to-access Sunshine Coast beaches, can now be monitored safely for turtle nesting activity by volunteers using e-bikes funded by a State Government grant."

To clarify, whilst a 2022 government grant was previously used to purchase e-bikes for use by Bribie Island Turtle

Trackers and by Sunshine Coast Regional Council's Turtle Care program volunteers, no bikes have been made available to us as the lead volunteers monitoring the Bribie (North) Sector (beyond Welsby Lagoon) for the 2023/24 Turtle Season. Instead, we are monitoring Bribie (North) using

e-bikes--and a few extra batteries-- that we personally funded for the task. We are in no way beneficiaries of any State Government grants or any other grant funding for this purpose. Thanks for the opportunity to clarify the situation.

Darren Jew & Deirdre Reynolds

Dear Editor

I read with interest the article on the turtle nesting season, featured in issue 207 January 26, and share the author's passion for the protection of the Island beaches. The work of the committed volunteers who monitor the nesting and safety of the endangered loggerhead is to be admired. It should certainly receive the support of the authorities responsible for beach usage.

For more than 10 years, the Bribie Island Primary School held yearly camps at what was known as Second Lagoon. The camps were designed to have the children understand, appreciate and care for their Island environment. This included planting literally hundreds of trees to protect the dunes at the lagoon entrance. During the final years of the camp, the staff were required to transport all food scraps daily, washing up water and night soil. It appears from the article, which refers to predators being "attracted to the foreshore by food scraps left by visitors", that the same expectations do not apply to casual beach users.

As a long-term resident, I have seen the changes that have occurred to the Island dune system. Mother nature will have her way, but does she really need assistance from the hundreds of vehicles that travel the beach? The photos in the article indicate how some drivers use the beach as a raceway with little respect for the dune vegetation or protected turtle nests. Public reaction was incredibly successful in having the pelican resting perches returned to the bridge. Surely, the time has come for a similar outcry concerning how your beach is being abused.

Chris Clark

Dear Editor,  
The media recently announced that more than a hundred Police Officers from foreign countries were sworn in as Queensland Police Officers. The agreement allows the QPS to recruit international police officers without being required to be Australian citizens or permanent residents. As an Australian-born citizen, self-protection in my own home is not a valid reason to own a firearm. Under federal law, it is illegal for me to have in my possession a Taser or capsicum spray. These foreign nationals openly carry in public all of the lethal and non-lethal weapons that Australian citizens would be prosecuted for if they had them in their own homes for self-protection. This new Police do not have the right to vote in elections that determine the next government, and the laws passed that they will enforce.

Someone wrote a letter to this paper late last year that displayed detailed knowledge of the Australian Constitution. I want that person, if they can spare the time, to have a look at the constitutional principle of legality of foreign citizens having the right to carry lethal weapons, question, search and arrest Australian citizens in their own country.

Regards E. Adams

Letter to the Editor  
Subject: Ratepayer ignored.

"I sent an email to Mayor Peter Flannery on 11 July 23 with details from the Mayor of the Broken Hill Council advising they had ceased PAYMENT for "Smoking Ceremonies." (invented in 1976 at costs ranging from \$125 to \$300 - advised those rates were hundreds and possibly thousands below rates in larger cities.)

As a ratepayer, I asked the following questions:

"Does the MBRC pay for "welcome to Country"? Broken Hill has stopped the rot. If the answer is "Yes" - what action will you take?

The usual reply of receipt: request for name, address, phone

and emails (details supplied), plus "we received your email and will get back to you as soon as possible.

"No reply was received by 3 September 23. I sent another email to Mayor Flannery asking for "the courtesy of a reply." on 9 December, 23 and 21 January 24.

NO RESPONSE.

ARE RATEPAYERS

SATISFIED WITH THIS

ARROGANCE, OR SHOULD WE SELECT ANOTHER PERSON AT THE NEXT ELECTION?

THOMAS J MAHON JP Bcs

Bribie Island University of the Third Age Inc.  
PO Box 440, Bribie Island, Qld. 4507



## Annual General Meeting

Bribie Island U3A (University of the Third Age Inc.)  
will be held at 1.00 pm Friday, 22 March 2024  
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Friday, 15 March



## CITY OF MORETON BAY FLOOD RECOVERY ATTRIBUTED TO MAYOR PETER FLANNERY

The city of Moreton Bay Council continues to assist the community in its recovery from this major weather event.

Residents can go to Flood Recovery Resources - City of Moreton Bay for the most up-to-date details on flood recovery resources, including:

- how to submit a damage assessment report
- free flood waste disposal details
- Requesting a skip bin for your flood-impacted area
- Financial and support services, including hotlines and a list of grant funding options.

Residents can also seek assistance through the Queensland Government's Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349. Eligible residents can now apply for Personal Hardship Assistance grants, with \$180 for individuals and up to \$900 available for a family of five or more to cover the costs of essentials such as food, clothing, and medicine.

Residents impacted by natural disasters can also take advantage of free legal advice and other services, such as birth and marriage certificate replacements, by

contacting the disaster legal helpline (1300 527 700) operated by Legal Aid Queensland. Free disposal of flood waste is now currently available across our 12 sites. Locations here: Find a waste and recycling facility - City of Moreton Bay

A community recovery hub staffed by community recovery workers has been set up at Bray Park for residents who are experiencing hardship. They can receive support with grant funding and emotional and well-being support here. The Bray Park Community Recovery Hub is based at Encircle Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre, 865 Gympie Road, Lawnton.

If your home has experienced flooding across habitable indoor areas due to the recent weather event, you can request a skip bin by calling the council at (07) 3205 0555. This can be done until March 8, 2024. Skip bins will be placed in an approved central location to serve all affected residents best. The city of Moreton Bay is asking residents to submit a damage assessment report if their home or property was damaged during the recent flood event. This information is vital for the Council to understand where support is most required and will help inform State and Federal Government assessment for funding eligibility. Should community members have information about the flood, the City of Moreton Bay would be grateful if they could share that information via the Share Your Flood Data page. Mosquito management continued with spraying yesterday and today the southern areas include Rothwell, Clontarf, Kippa-Ring, Griffin, Mango Hill, Lawnton and Deception Bay, and the northern areas include Uhlmann Rd, Burpengary East, Beachmere, Ningi, Donnybrook, Toorbul,

Elimbah and Bribie Island.

People wanting to support flood-impacted residents in this disaster can donate money, items and services via GIVIT, with 100% of financial donations received used to purchase essential items and services for those who need them.

As at 9.30 am 2 February, QFES has undertaken 420 assessments of flood-damaged properties:

- 26 Severe
- 91 Moderate
- 91 Minor.

QFES will complete the remaining assessments in Caboolture and Caboolture South today.

As of 9.30 am on 2 February, council crews have recorded 89 assessments.

- 1 Severe
- 4 Minor
- 2 Moderate.

This week's flooding was severe in some areas, with record rainfall experienced in places like Samford and Bray Park, exceeded only by the huge flood event of February 2022. With such significant rainfall, the unfortunate outcome is flooding in many of our neighbourhoods.

We appreciate this situation has been and continues to be extremely challenging for people. Residents can seek assistance through the Queensland Government's Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349. Alternatively, they can phone the Council's Call Centre for flood-related assistance at (07) 3205 0555.

Thank you to the many volunteers and government agencies who have readily supported City of Moreton Bay residents during this severe weather event.



# CRIME REPORT BRIBIE ISLAND WRAP

## JANUARY 2023



[www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton](http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/moreton)

### New first-year constables arrive at Moreton Senior Constable Jo Arthur

On Thursday, January 25, the Moreton District welcomed 88 new officers who were sworn into the Queensland Police Service in Brisbane.

There are 592 recruits in training at the Brisbane and Townsville academies, with over 2,000 applicants in the pipeline.

On Monday, January 29, Acting Chief Superintendent Anne Vogler and Superintendent Adam Guild welcomed seven of those recruits to the Moreton Police District.

After two days of orientation, the recruits commenced their first shift at their respective stations, where they will undertake 12 months of station-based training, which assesses them on their management of a range of real-world policing scenarios as First Year Constables (FYCs).

The officers will be stationed at Redcliffe, Bribie Island, Burpengary, Petrie and Caboolture.

With so many recruits at our academies, we will receive new officers monthly for most of the year.

"Keeping our community safe is our priority, that includes home safety, public safety, road safety and during disasters, all of which you may experience in one shift", Acting Chief Superintendent Vogler said.

The officers come from varied employment, including mechanics, members of the Australian Defence Force, aged care workers, social workers, and flight attendants, before embarking on a career with the QPS.

We wish them all the best and welcome them to our Moreton policing family and the Moreton community.

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### Homicide investigation, Morayfield

Police have begun a homicide investigation after a woman in her 20s died in Morayfield on January 28. Emergency services were called to the Grant Road property just after midnight following reports a woman had been shot.

Emergency services attempted to assist the woman; however, she died at the scene. The property and a related vehicle have been declared crime scenes as investigations into the incident's circumstances continue.

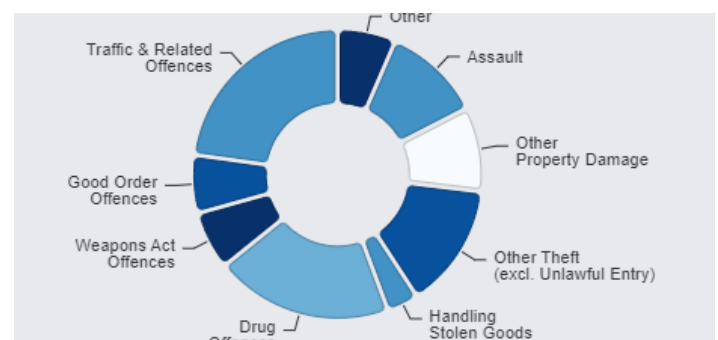
An 18-year-old Morayfield man is currently assisting police with enquiries.

Anyone with information that could assist investigations is urged to contact police.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24 hours per day at [www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting) or call 131 444. Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers.

**Call 1800 333 000 or report online at [www.crimestoppersqld.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersqld.com.au).**

**Quote this reference number: QP2400155979.**



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6 JAN 2024 — 5 FEB 2024

Other 4	Drug Offences 13
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# How Often Should You Wash Your Car

**Y**our car is a major investment, and you spend a ton of money maintaining it — oil changes, tyre rotations, brake pads. But have you ever considered something as simple as washing your car as an investment? How often do you need to do it, and how important is it?

Sometimes, it's obvious when your car needs a wash. For example, after a long day of driving down a dusty, gravel road. Or when that flock of birds aims your car's hood while you're parked under what you think is an ideal shade tree.

But what about washing your car as part of its general maintenance schedule? Whether you do it to protect the paint and minimise rust so you can drive it forever or to keep the car in pristine condition for higher resale value later, there are several reasons to wash your car regularly.

How Often Is Enough?

Generally, most experts recommend washing your car every two weeks or so throughout the year. If you live in an area with a lot of salt, you probably should wash it more, as salt can corrode the metal and cause rust.

Those who spend a lot of time driving through the backcountry should also give their car a little more TLC. The bird business is acidic enough to eat through your car's paint job if left too long.

The same goes for dead bugs and tree sap, so they should be washed off as necessary.

Of course, your car's interior is exposed to less salt and fewer dead bugs, but it still needs to be cleaned. Use a vacuum hose to remove any particles (dog hair, dry cereal, bits of dried leaves) from the seat crevices and off the floor mats. If you find any stains during the vacuuming process, you can use an upholstery spot cleaner to remove them. Dingy seats can be cleaned with a simple solution of warm water and mild detergent.

Leather seats must be cleaned and conditioned at least every three months to keep the leather from cracking and aging. If you drive a lot (say for a living) or your car's interior is exposed to the sun, condition the leather every two months.

Waxing and Detailing

Most cars need a good application of wax at least twice a year. You can test whether you need a new coat by splashing a bit of water on your car. If it beads up, you're good. If it doesn't, your car needs a good waxing.




Wax does more than make your vehicle shiny and pretty. It also helps those corrosive substances we've discussed — salt, sap, bugs, bird business and more — slide right off your paint. If they don't, the wax provides an extra layer of protection between the offending dirt and junk and the paint job.

Finally, one of the best things you can do for yourself (and your car) is get it detailed. Think of it like a meticulous spring cleaning for your car, inside and out. Most detailing jobs cover everything from vacuuming every last inch of the interior to cleaning your car's grille with a toothbrush. Tons of businesses offer this service, and the prices vary.



While your car might feel and smell clean after a good detailing, it isn't something you have to do very often. A simple wash every two weeks, a wax at least every six months and a basic interior clean-out every few months should keep your car (and investment) in top-notch shape.


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