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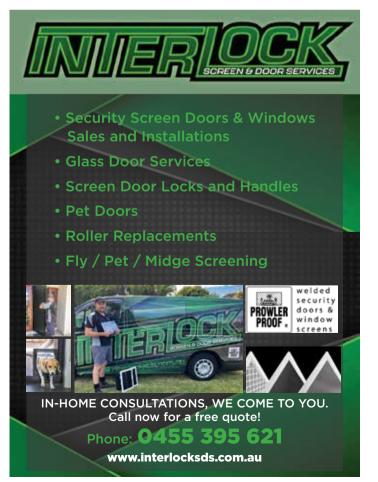
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### CLEAN OUT YOUR MAKE UP



### PRINCIPALS OF ETIQUETTE



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Dear Readers, Welcome to edition 209. It is two months into the new year already! Time seems to fly by. I made a promise not to let Janet Guthrie be forgotten a year ago when her life was tragically taken by domestic violence on February 15th, 2023. Domestic violence can affect

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anyone in the community. This is regardless of their level of income, status, sex, gender, age, race, or culture and can include many different forms of abuse. These include physical violence, emotional abuse, sexual abuse and financial abuse. The abuse may involve:

- A partner or ex-partner.
- A carer or guardian.
- A family member.
- Anyone who is in close contact with another person.

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If you have a friend or relative who's in an abusive relationship, get some advice if you need to on what to do. Talk to the person gently and let them know that you are worried. Don't push the person into talking if they are uncomfortable but let them know you're available if they need help.

Janet, as I promised a year ago, you will not be forgotten; we will fight to make changes and make a difference to ensure no one must tolerate domestic and family violence under any circumstances. It is up to our community to learn about the signs and effects of domestic violence and abusive relationships.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, please seek help now!

In loving memory of Janet Guthrie.

Take Care..stay safe



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hen your hair changes, it's probably because something is different about your environment. Did vou move somewhere with hard water? Start or stop working out? Is it winter, when indoor air is heated and dry, or summer when you're all sweaty? All these things will change your hair, and then yeah. You need to change shampoo, but not because your hair is "immune" to your old shampoo.

But if you seem to have clumpy dandruff that you can scratch off your scalp, that could be buildup. Styling products, dry shampoo and even your trusty old shampoo and conditioner, can build up on your scalp and hair if they're not thoroughly rinsed out.

If that's the case, there are a few easy fixes:

• Use a clarifying shampoo once or twice a month.

• If you have braids, a weave or locs, dilute the clarifying shampoo for easier rinsing.

• Do a DIY apple cider

vinegar rinse once every other month: 1 part vinegar to 4 parts water.

• Avoid parabens, sulphates and silicones in your hair products since they cause the most buildup.

• If hard water is the issue, find a chelating shampoo to remove the mineral buildup from your hair.

If you're using a shampoo and conditioner that works for your hair, whether oily, dry, curly, or flat, they should work for a long time. With all this buildup from products, you may be tempted to ditch the whole thing and join the "no-poo" movement. No shampoo, no conditioner, no styling gunk. Just the occasional cider vinegar rinse. Many people report loving their hair after ditching the products, but if you're not ready to go pro-no-poo, try washing less often, maybe once or twice a week, with your regular shampoo and conditioner. This may make enough of a difference, especially for dyed, dry or super curly hair, without skipping shampoo entirely.

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### To Shampoo or Not to Shampoo?

Even among medical professionals who specialise in the skin, hair and scalp -dermatologists and trichologists -- there's disagreement about the usefulness of shampooing and how frequently one should use shampoo, if at all. Some advise against frequent shampooing, pointing out it leads to overproduction of sebum to compensate for its constant removal. Others say shampooing is necessary to prevent sebum from collecting in the pores and hair follicles, leading to skin problems like acne. You've had your sebaceous glands for some time now -- for your entire life, actually. They begin to appear beneath your skin during your fourth month in the womb and are found in their highest concentration along your scalp and face, although they are found everywhere on your body except for the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet. These glands are usually

connected to an individual hair follicle (except on hairless

places like your eyelids and lips, where they work alone). Now that you know what they are and how they formed, you might want to know what they do. Sebaceous glands are responsible for secreting sebum, the natural oils that moisturise and waterproof your skin and hair. Deep in the skin's dermal layer, specialised secretory cells that absorb fats from the body enter the sebaceous gland and disintegrate. At this point, these cells become sebum. The sebum is expressed into the lumen (shaft) of the hair follicle, where it's excreted up to the skin's outer laver, the stratum corneum. In other words, your body burps excreted fats and cellular debris onto your skin and hair

As gross as it sounds, it provides a necessary function. As we've seen, sebum waterproofs and moisturises your skin and hair. Without this stuff, the skin can dry and shed prematurely, exposing thriving cells to the elements. But isn't allowing sebum to accumulate on our hair and skin the same as being unwashed and oily? In modern Western culture, it certainly is.

The concept of daily home shampooing is a relatively new one. Back in the 1950s, it was common for women to have their hair washed and styled at the hairdresser. Around the turn of the 20th century, women tended to go for about a month between salon visits. An uncontrolled and impromptu study of the effects of going without shampoo was inadvertently launched in 2007 when a guest on an Australian radio show mentioned he hadn't washed his hair in a decade. After calls to the show came in, a six-week challenge was issued, and 500 listeners participated. After six weeks of going without shampoo, 86 per cent of the respondents reported their hair was no worse or better than when they used it regularly. Others use different means to keep their hair clean. Dry powder products that absorb some natural oils are available on the market. The remnants are removed by blotting with

cheesecloth and combed out. Baking soda also serves a similar purpose. Coupled with a raw egg and a final rinse with lemon juice, it provides an allnatural hair-cleaning regimen. Our bathing and hair washing routines are based on a strange system of depleting the skin and hair of their natural oils by lathering up with soap and shampoo and then replenishing them with moisturisers and conditioners. We carry out this (usually) daily ritual for a couple of reasons: By Western standards, the appearance of oily, unwashed hair is generally unacceptable -- and it just feels gross to go without a bath or shower for more than a couple of days. Secondly, these natural oils can lead to skin conditions like acne vulgaris, where sebum becomes backed up in the hair follicles, creating an array of bacteria that break the fats into fatty acids. These create an allergic reaction that presents itself as acne. But if there are benefits and

drawbacks to both washing and not washing your hair, it seems like there's a balance to be struck. How often should you wash your hair? It turns out the answer to that question is based on personal preference.



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### CLEAN Out Your Makeup, Like RIGHT NOW!

manufacturers aren't required by law to put expiration dates on their products, makeup does not last forever. In a world of endless YouTube tutorials, celebrity-endorsed lip kits, and candy-coloured shimmers and sheens as far as the eye can see, makeup has never felt more glamorous, accessible ... or prone to improper use and bacterial overgrowth. OK, so it's the less-than-sexy secret no one likes to talk about, but it's true: Cosmetics can go from super sexy to straight-up disgusting really quick if you're not swapping out your old makeup for fresh products regularly. It may be the last thing you look for when scrutinising the label of a foundation, gloss or shadow, but many makeup products have best-used-by dates. And if you swear up and down you've never seen one, you probably haven't: cosmetics manufacturers aren't required by law to provide those dates. But even in the absence of printed expiration dates, your cosmetics do have a shelf life. So, while concealing your dark circles may get you carded at the bar, you can't cheat time regarding your beauty arsenal. HOW OFTEN SHOULD WE TOSS OUT AND REPLACE **OUR MAKEUP?** 

A good overall rule to go by is

if it's a creamy formula and has been open for a year or longer, toss it. Chances are, it's bad.

#### WHAT ARE THE BIG DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PRODUCTS?

Mascaras have a much shorter lifespan because you add oxygen, debris and bacteria to the formula every time you use it, and this formula goes on one of the most sensitive parts of the body, your eyes. I recommend throwing away mascaras after about four months or when the formula fails. Generally, powders last quite a while longer because they aren't as likely to contain agents for bacteria to cling onto and don't provide the environment that bacteria prefer to thrive in. Lipsticks are interesting because they can generally

last a bit longer despite being a cream. Keep the lid on it, clean it off occasionally, and unless it starts to smell strange or have inconsistent texture, they can typically last about a year-and-a-half to two years.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS OF USING MAKEUP PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE?

The risks of letting your makeup live past its expiration include majorly blocked pores, breakouts, cold sores, eye infections and exacerbated skin conditions. The primary cause of all of these is the introduction of bacteria to your skin.

What's a good way to ensure we don't keep products too long?

While not all cosmetics are required to have expiration dates, a good indicator of how long you should be keeping and using the particular item is by looking for a jar symbol with a number on the packaging. This is how long after opening until the product is no longer recommended to be used. These expiration dates vary by product type, so a good way to track when you bought an item is to use a permanent marker to write the month or date of purchase. Using common sense with your products is

also important. If you notice a change in texture, scent, colour, or the way it applies, or have had unusual breakouts or an eye infection, definitely throw them away!

### WHAT ABOUT BRUSHES AND APPLICATORS?

Cleaning the tools you use for your beauty routine is important to prevent product buildup. Both brushes and sponges are porous and can harbour bacteria, oil and debris. Keeping your brushes clean can ensure a longer lifespan, as well as a cleaner, more consistent makeup application.

Generally, I recommend complexion brushes be washed at least twice a month and all other makeup brushes monthly. A good way to keep up with cleanliness is to use a brush cleanser between monthly deep cleanings.

The best way to wash brushes is by wetting the bristles with lukewarm water, spraying a brush cleanser onto the bristles, and then massaging a baby shampoo into the bristles until they are clean. Squeeze out the excess water, reshape the brush, then leave it to air dry.

Beauty blenders should be cleaned after every use or at

the very least once a week due to the buildup of makeup products, skin, oil and bacteria. These reusable sponges can last about three to four months if you care for them and keep them clean. If you notice any dark spots on them, throw them away immediately. What else should we know about keeping our products (and faces) in good shape?

If you use a compact powder for touch-ups, please change your sponge! Not only will the sponge harbour bacteria, but you can also transfer oil to the powder, which will create a hard film over the product. You can buy virtually any size replacement for the compact.

If you have had pink eye or a cold sore, I recommend throwing away any products you may have used on these areas during this time. Once the cosmetic product has been contaminated, the products will continuously spread this infection.

#### NOW THAT'S INTERESTING

Bacteria may pose a risk to modern-day makeup wearers, but 16th-century nobles like Queen Elizabeth I exposed themselves to potentially scarier stuff by using something called Venetian ceruse (or Spirits of Saturn), a combination of vinegar and ... lead! It supposedly smoothed the

complexion but came with the nasty side effects of hair loss, skin discolouration and rotting teeth. Pretty!

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Acupuncturists Wendy Ryan BHSc. Acup. (left) and Jessica Yung BHSc. Acup (centre) and Receptionist Katherine Williamson (right).

### **HIP PAIN & BURSITIS**

Hip pain and bursitis can significantly impact one's quality of life, limiting mobility and causing discomfort. We often see people whose hip pain prevents them from enjoying their usual activities, such as walking their dogs, gardening, and socialising; sleep quality also tends to suffer.

Hip pain can stem from various causes, including injury, overuse, arthritis, or inflammation of the bursae - small, fluid-filled sacs that cushion the joints. Bursitis, specifically, occurs when these sacs become inflamed, leading to pain, swelling, and stiffness around the hip joint. Hip pain can also stem from the back, known as referred pain, where pain is felt in a different part of the body than where the actual cause of the pain is located. This occurs because the nerves responsible for transmitting pain signals from an area of the body can sometimes overlap with or share pathways with nerves from another area.

One of the most common causes of hip pain referred from the back is sciatica. Sciatica occurs when the sciatic nerve, which runs from the lower back down through the hips and into the legs, becomes irritated or compressed. This can cause pain that radiates from the lower back through the hip and buttock and down the leg. Muscles in the lower back can become strained or spasmed due to injury or overuse, leading to pain that can be referred to the hip area. Sometimes, pain originating from the



back can be referred to the hip region due to the nerve pathways.

Conventional treatments for hip pain often involve medications, physical therapy, or, in severe cases, surgery. However, for those seeking alternative options, acupuncture and Chinese medicine can often provide relief.

### ACUPUNCTURE FOR HIP PAIN

Acupuncture may help alleviate hip pain and bursitis through several mechanisms:

• Anti-inflammatory effects: acupuncture provides an antiinflammatory effect by modulating the release of inflammatory markers and cytokines in the body. By reducing inflammation in the hip joint and surrounding tissues, acupuncture helps alleviate pain and swelling associated with bursitis.

• Improved blood circulation: acupuncture improves blood circulation to the affected area, promoting the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to injured tissues and facilitating the removal of metabolic waste products. Enhanced blood flow supports the healing process and reduces pain and stiffness in the hip joint.

• Muscle relaxation: acupuncture relaxes tight or spasming muscles around the hip joint, which can contribute to hip pain and stiffness. By promoting muscle relaxation, acupuncture improves flexibility and range of motion in the hip joint.

• Pain relief: acupuncture stimulates the release of endorphins, which are natural pain-relieving chemicals produced by the body. By increasing



endorphin levels, acupuncture helps reduce pain and discomfort associated with hip pain and bursitis.

Several studies have explored the efficacy of acupuncture in managing hip pain and bursitis. A systematic review published in the Journal of Pain Research found that acupuncture significantly reduced pain intensity and improved physical function in patients with hip osteoarthritis. Another study published in Acupuncture in Medicine demonstrated the effectiveness of acupuncture in relieving pain and improving hip joint function in patients with hip bursitis.

Clinical guidelines for low back pain in the United States are now almost universally recommending acupuncture for low back pain over previouslyfavoured pharmaceutical and surgical options. The American College of Physicians, Medicare/Medicaid and the Joint Commission (which establishes criteria for hospital accreditation) have all recommended acupuncture for low back pain.

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y name is Susan Sheward. I came up with the concept of having an artisan gift shop, having experience in tourism and community-type shops in the past.

I wanted to bring together likeminded artisans like myself. So, about nine months ago, I came up with the idea. My vision was to bring all different types of artisans using various mediums, which comes from my love of art, and to create things and bring joy to others. Many people with at-home studios have beautiful products and pieces but need to be seen,

so with this in mind. I wanted to create an attractive shop where all this could be beautifully displayed.

The opportunity came up with talks from the Beach Shak Cafe to take the shop and fit it out. I had a clear mind and vision of how I thought it should look. With that in mind, I painted all the walls white, brought in a beautiful, smoky oak light grey floor, and installed beautiful white shelving with accents of black shelving and accessories, intending to bring bright colours and happy vibes from all the artists themselves, so that they would be the showcase and the fit-out would be the canvas.

With over 24 members, building to around 30 to 35 members, mostly with one-off pieces, we expect the shop to be exciting, vibrant and full of new and interesting things each week!

I want to invite you all to our opening on March 2, where we will be offering a wide variety of products and pieces from artisans from our region, with a few artists from within Queensland as well.

We like to showcase what these beautiful artists have created to enjoy and share with your friends and family. Pop in next door for food and drinks at the Beach Shak Cafe, which always has a great selection of enticing foods. After the opening weekend, we will offer complimentary gift wrapping, gift certificates, eftpos and afterpay.













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Lets start with insulin. Insulin is made by the pancreas and helps regulate blood sugar. It allows cells to store glucose as energy to be used later. Type 2 diabetics struggle with blood sugar control. When food is eaten it's converted to sugar in the blood. This is then unable to be stored by the cell and it remains in the blood. Think of insulin like a front door key to let the glucose into the cell.

Hyperglycemia, high blood sugar, can lead to various side effects including; increased thirst, frequent urination, fatigue and blurred vision. Over time, persistent hyperglycemia can contribute to more serious complications such as; cardiovascular disease, kidney damage, nerve damage (neuropathy) and eye problems.

### So what should diabetics be doing?

It's essential for diabetics to manage their blood sugar levels through lifestyle changes, medication, and regular monitoring to prevent or minimize these potential side effects. Benefits of exercise for diabetes management include; blood

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glucose control, weight management, improved insulin sensitivity (makes your body more effective in regulating blood sugar) and improved cardiovascular health. Some types of exercise that would be recommended for diabetics include; aerobic exercise (walking, swimming etc), strength training, balance training, stretching and breathing. Hydration and nutrition, this is a leading contributing factor to blood sugar levels and should be carefully monitored with the help of your GP or a Dietitian. Exercise, beginning with short sessions of 30 minutes gradually progressing as experience increases.

### Some common barriers to exercise;

1. Worrying about low blood sugar - If you are concerned about low blood glucose keep some quick snacks handy such as small fruit, nuts or jellybeans.

2. Time Constraints - Incorporating short, frequent bouts of exercise can be as beneficial as longer sessions. As little as 10 minutes at a time can help to improve the condition.

3. Physical Limitations - Individuals with diabetes may need to modify exercises based on their physical abilities and any complications related to the condition. Listen to your body and if something does not feel right, take it slow. Remember it is not a race - it is about feeling good and enjoying the journey.

Regular exercise is essential for diabetes management. Combing exercise with education around management of the condition helps our client's make huge progress in reducing the negative effects. This is what we cover in our group classes tailored to helping type 2 diabetics manage their condition through exercise. If you are unsure of where to begin your exercise journey, see our Exercise Physiologist who help provide exercise recommendations and tailored exercise programs as well as education on how to manage Diabetes.

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### EMBRACING THE PRINCIPLES OF ETIQUETE By Cherrie Wilson

hen I was growing up, my parents always had a "code of conduct," I call it, and we were to abide by the code or suffer the consequences. That usually being some household chore like cleaning out all the window tracks or something just as mundane. My rebellious nature, of course, earned me regular "attitude adjustments," my word for chores, as I was an extremely strong-willed, stubborn, and adventurous child. When I was a teenager, I attended a beauty, grooming and deportment school to learn the finer points of etiquette and hated every minute of it as I had many more exciting things to do. I am forever grateful for the education I received from my long-suffering parents and the course, as it has held me in good stead, saving me from embarrassment on a few occasions. Etiquette rules are good to know and may help get someone out of a tough spot in an unusual situation. I understand that

some people will read this article and think, here we go, catch up with the times, things have changed. Don't get me wrong, some absurd etiquette rules are in place, but there are also some really useful ones as well. Etiquette is composed of two parts: manners and the principles of etiquette. Manners are the observable behaviours that are culturally specific, whereas the principles of etiquette are timeless and universal. However, the principles of etiquette, such as consideration, respect, and honesty, are the foundation of all manners. These qualities transcend cultures and time and make our interactions meaningful, respectful, and dignified. While customs such as handshakes, bows, or grasping forearms may differ across cultures, the underlying idea of showing respect and welcome is universal. **MANNERS INCLUDE:** 

• Saying "please" and "thank

you". • Holding doors open for others.

- Dressing appropriately.
- Shaking hands.

They guide our expectations of others and promote a sense of civility and courtesy. Manners may vary over time and across cultures, but the principles of etiquette serve as a universal guide to our interactions. Good etiquette is all about making others feel comfortable and respected. It's a set of social norms that guides our behaviour in various situations and helps us interact with others politely and respectfully. You will become the epitome of good etiquette by starting with these three principles. **RESPECT** - Respect is a complex concept that involves both feelings and actions. As human beings, we demonstrate our respect for others by recognising and acknowledging their

worth, irrespective of their background, race, or beliefs. This recognition manifests in our daily interactions, such as avoiding belittling others for their opinions or ideas, rejecting racist or sexist humour, setting aside prejudices, and keeping an open mind. Moreover, respect is not just about what we don't do but also about what we do, such as punctuality, appropriate dressing, and actively listening to those around us. Just as respect for others is fundamental, so is self-respect. People who respect themselves are not arrogant or overbearing but are confident in a way that inspires trust in those around them. They value themselves regardless of physical appearance or personal skills, recognising that integrity and character are essential qualities.

#### **CONSIDERATION** -

Consideration involves putting yourself in another person's shoes and understanding their feelings. It is all about being thoughtful and acting with care. Thoughtful behaviour means thinking about how your actions can impact those around you and what you can do to help them. Consideration motivates us to assist a friend or stranger in need, to offer expressions of gratitude, or to give praise when deserved. **HOWNESTY** -

Honesty is a powerful virtue that demands both

truth-telling and sincerity. Etiquette requires benevolent honesty as it is superior to brutal honesty. It requires empathising with others to understand the positive truth and communicating or acting on it without causing discomfort or harm. Authenticity is another critical aspect of honesty; insincere politeness is just as damaging as outright rudeness. When you embrace honesty, you can confidently speak and act with integrity, knowing you are always doing the right thing.

#### TO WRAP IT ALL UP

Always treat others respectfully, regardless of background, beliefs, or opinions, even if you disagree with them. Be considerate of others' feelings and needs. Avoid actions or words that might cause offence or discomfort. Show gratitude and appreciation for others' contributions and efforts. Whether it's a small gesture or a significant accomplishment, acknowledge and celebrate their achievements. By embracing the principles of etiquette, we can build better relationships, enhance our social skills, and create a more harmonious society. Etiquette is an essential aspect that governs our social interactions, but sadly seems to be going by the wayside. For the next issue, let's delve into the intricacies of the rules of etiquette, some helpful and some things that are just comical, to say the least!

n the 6th of October, Edward was given the opportunity to attend his daughter's wedding thanks to our very own support worker here at Suncare, Daniel. Ted, who was navigating hospital and respite care, faced the challenge of making it to the Sunshine Coast for the joyous occasion. Thankfully, one of Suncare's dedicated support workers, Daniel, whose recent move to the Sunshine Coast became one very lucky coincidence. Daniels's commitment to our customers was nothing short of extraordinary, dedicating hours to ensure that Ted not only made it to his daughter's wedding but also enjoyed his time without worry. Paula, Ted's partner, recalls, 'It was extremely important for us to have that support. Danny is one who fits in wherever he goes; he is always there. Ted Trusts him, so it really helped me out.'

On the wedding day, Daniel's role extended beyond a social. Ensuring Ted was showered, shaved and impeccably dressed. He integrated himself into the different dynamics, becoming more than just a support worker but a cherished companion throughout the whole celebration. 'It was important to me because. I had promised Ted and Paula I would do it, and I wanted to help out and make the family's day more enjoyable by getting Ted ready and helping him walk his daughter down the aisle. The day was fantastic. It was very relaxing, and everyone had a great time. Ted has really bad dementia. But I could tell in his eyes that he knew everything happening around him. The best part of the day was when Ted walked his daughter down the aisle. Everyone cried. It was amazing,' says Daniel. In Paula and Edward's household, they



follow a 3 C policy – care, concern and compassion; coupled with Daniel's sense of humour, his presence was both professional and personal. Feedback from the family poured in, expressing extreme gratitude for Daniel's calming influence and exceptional care.



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In an era where inclusivity and accessibility are paramount, the allure of destinations that cater to all individuals, regardless of their abilities, is undeniable. One such gem that embodies this ethos is Bribie Island. This picturesque island not only captivates visitors with its stunning landscapes but also sets a shining example of the importance of accessibility in travel and tourism.

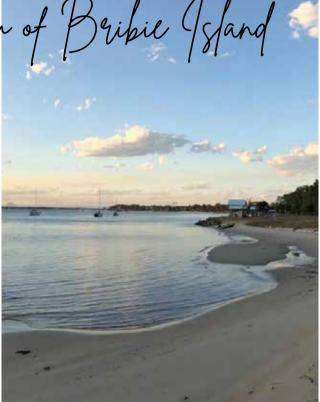
Accessibility goes beyond mere convenience; it is a fundamental aspect of ensuring that everyone, regardless of physical limitations, can fully partake in the joys of exploration and discovery. Bribie Island, with its commitment to inclusivity, stands as a beacon of this principle.

One of the most striking features of Bribie Island is its dedication to making its natural wonders accessible to all. The wide paths along the Pumicestone Passage cater to all assistive technology and allow the community to easily navigate the island, thanks to well-maintained pathways and ramps.

I encourage all individuals with a physical impairment to engage in the services of an Occupational Therapist to assist in prescribing a safe and comfortable mobility device to explore the Island on the accessible paths. The dynamics of the beautiful island will improve your physical and mental well-being.

In essence, Bribie Island serves as a shining example of the transformative power of accessibility in enriching lives and forging meaningful connections.

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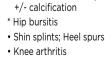
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Compression wear has gained popularity among athletes and is now becoming more popular for mainstream use. The tight-fitting garments are designed to enhance blood circulation and provide support to various parts of the body. This post will discuss the top five health advantages of compression clothing. By promoting better oxygenation to muscles, reducing muscle soreness, and aiding in faster recovery, compression wear has become a go-to choice for individuals seeking not only performance enhancement during physical activities but also improved comfort and well-being in their daily lives.

Improved Blood Circulation Improved blood circulation stands out as a key advantage of compression wear. These garments are designed with a graduated pressure profile, meaning they exert the highest pressure at the extremities and gradually decrease as they move toward the body's core. Because of its distinctive architecture, blood flows back to the heart more effectively by facilitating venous return. Compression wear minimises discomfort and addresses issues such as swelling by reducing the likelihood of blood pooling in the legs or other extremities. Enhanced circulation can positively affect various aspects of health, promoting oxygen delivery to tissues, aiding in recovery after physical activity, and potentially reducing the risk of certain circulatory issues. Whether worn during athletic performance, long flights, or for medical reasons, the ability of compression wear to optimise blood circulation is a valuable feature for individuals seeking to support their overall well-being. **MUSCLE SUPPORT AND** 

### RECOVERY

Muscle support and recovery stand as significant advantages offered by compression wear. These garments are engineered to deliver targeted support to muscles

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

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

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

Dr Ensi speaks English and Farsi/Persian.

#### She has keen interest in

Geriatric Medicine : Chronic conditions management Including hypertension, kidney disease, cognition disorders, asthma, COPD, etc.

# Preventative health : infindination, regular growth checks, infections, behavioural problems. Preventative health: cancer screening, immunisation Mental health : depression, anxiety, sleep disorders. Dermatology : acne, eczama., Also she is interested in weight management, iron deficiency management and arranging advanced care directive.



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

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



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and joints, particularly during intense physical activities. By minimising muscle vibration, compression wear helps reduce the risk of microtears in muscle fibres that often lead to soreness and fatigue. Athletes, in particular, find this feature valuable as it promotes quicker recovery between workouts and competitions. By applying compression to specific muscle groups, one can increase coordination and stability by improving proprioception, or the body's understanding of its location in space. Whether you're engaged in high-impact sports, endurance training, or even recovery after injury, the muscle support provided by compression wear can be instrumental in optimising performance and promoting a faster return to peak physical condition.

#### **REDUCED SWELLING AND** INFLAMMATION

Compression wear offers a notable advantage in reducing swelling and inflammation. The graduated pressure exerted by these garments promotes efficient fluid drainage, particularly in areas prone to swelling. This

may be helpful for people with edema or lymphedema, among other ailments. Additionally, compression garments lessen the edema that frequently develops in the ankles and legs in people who spend a lot of time standing or sitting. Compression garments provide a practical solution for managing swelling and inflammation by enhancing blood circulation and preventing excess fluid accumulation, contributing to comfort and overall well-being. It's crucial to remember that before adding compression gear into their regimen, anyone with particular medical problems should speak with healthcare providers.

#### **PREVENTION OF DEEP VEIN THROMBOSIS (DVT)**

The use of compression clothing, such as compression hoses, is essential in the fight against deep vein thrombosis (DVT). This condition, characterised by the formation of blood clots in deep veins, is often associated with factors like prolonged immobility during travel or certain medical conditions. Gradient pressure applied to the legs by compression socks improves

Dr Mike Esmailzadeh has joined the team here at Bribie Island Medical Centre. Dr Mike will be available Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He is also taking on new patients.

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

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

#### Areas of interest:

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blood circulation and lowers the chance of clot formation. Particularly for individuals at risk of DVT, such as frequent travellers or those recovering from surgery, compression hoses offer a preventive solution by promoting healthy blood flow and mitigating the factors that contribute to clot development. Compression hoses contribute to overall vascular health as a non-invasive and proactive measure, aligning with the goal of preventing DVT and enhancing the well-being of individuals susceptible to this condition.

### JOINT STABILITY

Joint stability is a key advantage of compression wear, especially for individuals dealing with joint-related concerns or engaging in activities that exert stress on the joints. The supportive nature of compression garments contributes to better joint alignment and stability during movement. People with ailments like arthritis or athletes participating in high-impact sports may find this especially helpful. By minimising excessive motions and vibrations, the compression placed on the

ioints lowers their risk of injury and improves the general health of the joints. Compression wear offers a proactive approach to maintaining joint stability and supporting individuals with specific orthopaedic needs during workouts, daily activities, or recovery periods. As with any health-related consideration, individuals should seek advice from healthcare professionals to determine the most suitable use of compression wear based on their unique circumstances.

### CONCLUSION

Many health advantages of compression garments include better circulation, stronger muscles, less edema, and increased joint stability. Including these clothes in your routine may improve general well-being, even though selecting the appropriate compression degree and fit is crucial. Compression gear may be used for daily activities, exercises, or recovery. It benefits your health and wellness routine since it is comfortable and may have therapeutic advantages for various lifestyle demands.

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### **PEASONS WLY BUYING** SECOND-LIAND CLOTLIES IS AWESOME....

ou should buy secondhand clothing for many reasons, many of which benefit you personally, no matter your lifestyle. Buying second-hand clothes also benefits the environment in a big way, making it a win-win. Whether you're unsure if buying used clothing is for you or want to educate yourself about the perks, this article will open your mind to second-hand shopping. Let's get to it! Here are some reasons why you should buy second-hand clothing.

### BUYING SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SAVES MONEY

You can save an incredible amount of money shopping for second-hand clothes. You'll never pay anywhere near retail price, which is great for finding high-quality clothing from brands you know and trust. The savings will depend on the thrift stores near you – they're all different. So, explore the second-hand shops in your area to see who has the best clothes/ deals, or find other spots to get second-hand items.

### YOU EXTEND A GARMENT'S LIFE CYCLE

### Think about this:

Do you have unwanted clothes in your wardrobe that are in great condition, but you don't wear them for whatever reason? Or maybe something that you wore often but is no longer your style, no longer fits, or you don't love it anymore? You wouldn't just throw away something in perfectly good condition because you don't wear it anymore, right? Someone should get some use out of it. And chances are, this person will fall in love with it, just like you did.

### BUYING USED PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE FASHION

Another reason you should buy second-hand clothing is that it promotes sustainable fashion. Buying second-hand clothing is a big part of the slow fashion movement and a key factor when creating a sustainable wardrobe. Sustainable fashion is all about slowing down regarding fashion.

It means wearing used clothing, buying clothing that was made sustainably and/or ethically, and with fabrics made from ecomaterials like organic cotton, Tencel and hemp. It means saying goodbye to fast fashion. In other words, a sustainable wardrobe is filled with secondhand clothing and/or clothing made by slow fashion brands, which do wonders for the environment.

### SECOND-HAND CLOTHING IS UNIQUE

The majority of second-hand clothing that you will find in thrift stores is completely unique and sold at extremely low prices. The chances of two of the same items in the same thrift store or other thrift stores are slim to none. And chances are, you won't be able to find the same piece again because they're probably no longer being made, especially vintage clothing. So, if you want oneof-a-kind clothing, shopping second-hand is a great way to get them.

### BUYING USED CLOTHING SAVES RESOURCES

When shopping for secondhand clothing, you save resources and do the environment a solid favour. This is because the resources have already been used to make the piece of clothing. Instead of buying a new shirt or pair of pants that consumes resources to make and distribute to a store near you, buying used clothing doesn't deplete any more resources. Because of this, wearing secondhand clothing positively impacts the environment and is a great idea for anyone who wants to reduce their environmental impact.

### REDUCES FAST FASHION DEMAND

When you purchase secondhand clothing from thrift

shops instead of new clothes from retailers, you reduce the demand for fast fashion and support ethical fashion. These days, fast fashion brands are just spitting out new, cheap clothing because many people have adopted the mentality that clothes are easily discarded. But imagine if everyone started purchasing second-hand clothing or shopped slowly. These fast fashion companies would cease to exist or have to conform to the new norm. That's why saying no to fast fashion and building a more sustainable wardrobe is so important. As consumers, we help drive change!

### ANOTHER MAN'S TRASH...

It is another man's treasure. This saying holds true for second-hand clothing as well. Sometimes old clothes need a new life.

I've come across countless pieces of clothing at secondhand stores where my eyes pop open when finding something amazing. And then at a huge discount? It's a great feeling. Sometimes, searching for second-hand clothing that you love will feel like finding a needle in a haystack, but that needle will turn out to be a diamond.

### IT'S EASIER TO SHOP SECOND-HAND

In second-hand clothing stores, everything is usually sorted by size, making it a breeze when searching for clothes. However, not all clothes fit equally; you should still look at other sizes. I wouldn't recommend trying clothes on at all thrift stores, just in case they weren't washed especially if you're unfamiliar with your thrift store's practices. Spotting a washer and dryer in a separate room in the store is usually a good indication that the clothes have been washed, and then I feel comfortable trying on the clothes. If you don't want to try on clothes, take measurements like the shoulder width of a shirt you

already have and use it as a guideline for shopping.

### SECOND-HAND FASHION LASTS LONGER

This may sound untrue but look at it this way. You can find a lot of clothes that are years old in thrift stores, especially if you're in a vintage store. Some of these clothes were created before fast fashion started becoming so widespread. Since they are pre-fast fashion, they are better made and meant to stand the test of time. Of course, you still have to know how to take care of your clothes to ensure their longevity, but these clothes are so well made makes clothes maintenance a lot easier. Second-hand clothing lasts longer because used clothing has usually been washed a couple of times, if not dozens of times already. That means that any shrinking and fading that would have occurred has already occurred. How many times have you purchased retail clothing, washed it, and it shrunk or faded, completely changing or ruining it? With second-hand clothing, what you see is what you get.

### FINAL THOUGHTS ON WHY BUYING SECOND-HAND CLOTHING IS AWESOME

So now you know the many benefits of buying secondhand clothing, both personal and environmental. It's a great feeling shopping second-hand, knowing that you're helping the environment and practising slow fashion while also simplifying your life! If you need ideas for places to buy second-hand clothing, check out your local thrift shops, garage sales, or an online marketplace like Facebook.

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One is a high-profile and an OAM awarded painter, the other an internationally awarded and exhibited photographer. Together they present

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### **THEIR GENRES FEBRUARY 20 - MARCH 10**

This exhibition features the works of artist Donald James Waters OAM and photographer Wayne Budge, and shows how their individual styles have evolved over the years.

Friends for more than 25 years, Donald and Wayne hope that this will be the first of many exciting and unusual collaboration.

To Don, art must always remain an adventure. He says it's spiritual, always beautiful and somewhat naive.

Born in Sydney, Donald's 40+ year career has taken his art to every corner of the globe and his distinctive style is now in many private and corporate collectors alike, including that of the late Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's art collection, now passed down to King Charles III. He has also taught and judged major art shows in Australia and overseas.

In 2016 Donald was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to the Community and the Arts and in 2022 he also received the Rotary International PHF (Paul Harris Fellow Award). Donald loves people – their movement and energy. This is eloquently expressed through in his colourful depictions in his emotive art-work.

Wayne Budge is an Internationally awarded and exhibited Australian photographer now residing on Bribie Island.

Wayne is identified through his stunning landscape images from around the world, as well as his critically acclaimed portraits of Australian and International music icons.

An artist in his own right, the late Andrew "Greedy" Smith, from Australian band "Mental as Anything" once said:

"Budge has a way of drawing drama from his subjects. He captures how nature paints with light and he concentrates our focus letting us take a glimpse into Wayne's world. His images can be delicate but usually possess a lyrical strength that mark them out from the ordinary."

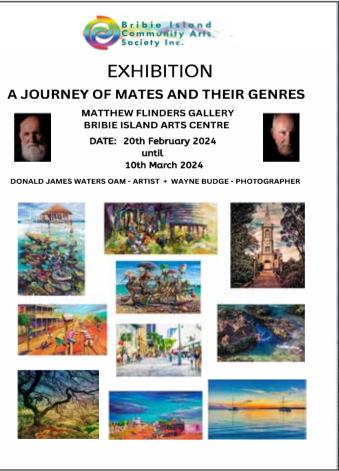
Photography has been in Wayne's blood since he was a child. When he started attending concerts and gigs, he used photography to cement his experience.

Now, he's invited into the homes of many of Australia's legendary

music icons, capturing their images for posterity.

Wayne's love of freezing a moment in time has led him to hike the lava fields of Kilauea to document the flow of lava as it spews into the ocean. He has felt the inhumane violation of Hiroshima and has walked the natural destruction of Pompeii. These are places that need to be experienced - and image captured!

Wayne's work, whether portraits, landscapes, or abstracts, is most successful when it speaks to celebrating the richness of life.



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### WE'RE MAKING RENTING FAIRER AND EASIER

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That's why our Miles Government is doing absolutely everything we can to build more houses and reduce housing pressures.

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Plus we're doubling the number of RentConnect Officers in local Housing Service Centres to make sure people can access help like rental grants when they need it most.

Every Queenslander deserves a safe and secure place to call home and I won't stop working to make that happen.

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 or call 07 3474 2100.

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### **BEING** Overwhelmed by Debt – Get Back in Control

Do you use credit cards without paying the balance off every month? Have you exhausted your credit limits? Do you miss bill payments? Are you borrowing from one lender to pay off another? If yes, you may be caught in a cycle of debt, which is unlikely to have a happy ending. Highinterest charges – 12% plus for a credit card and 48% plus for a payday loan - may mean that your payments barely cover interest costs, so your debts continue to grow.

So, while mounting debt can be distressing, and rebuilding your finances can feel overwhelming, it is important to act sooner rather than later to get debt under control. Acknowledging that you're trapped in a cycle of debt is the first step toward finding a solution. Next, know what you owe. Make a list of each debt, noting the amount owed. Prioritise critical debts. A critical debt is a debt that must be paid to keep a roof over your head, like rent or mortgage repayments, and access to utilities like electricity and water.

Critical debts also include those secured by an asset – like your home or car. Failure to repay these debts may result in the loss of the asset through a "distress" sale, typically at a lower price than what you owe. This leaves you without the asset but still accountable for the debt.

If your debt problems result from a shortterm issue, such as the loss of a job, but you expect to find work again within the near future, then you may be able to make hardship arrangements with your creditors. These may include a moratorium on repayments and charges, reduced payments and even a debt waiver in certain circumstances.

However, if you don't see any "light at the end of the tunnel", a more long-term arrangement may be appropriate. This could include a Debt Agreement or Bankruptcy as a last resort - but an option for a fresh start. You should fully inform yourself about these options before locking yourself into a particular course of action and cost.

Whatever, avoid commercial operators

offering "quick fix" solutions. They may well cost you more money and land you deeper in debt. Instead, use the free and impartial services referred to below. The National Debt Helpline website https://ndh.org.au/about-national-debt-helpline/ provides comprehensive information on all aspects of money management, including managing debts. You can also call the NDH on 1800 007 007 for advice on how best to regain control. The Australian Financial Security Authority's (AFSA) website, I can't pay my debts | Australian Financial Security Authority (afsa.gov.au), lists extensive information on debt management, and AFSA's video on how to avoid untrustworthy debt advisers is well worth viewing.

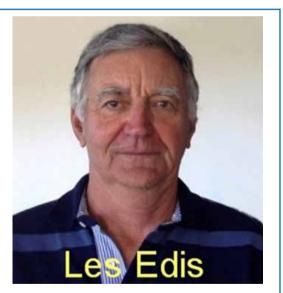
If you would like help from me, you can book an appointment to meet face to face on a Monday between 1 pm and 4 pm at the Sandstone Point Community and Sporting Complex, 204 Bestman Rd East Sandstone Point. To book, email me at spcafc23@gmail.com and provide a contact phone number. If you cannot meet in person, I will help via email and/or video conference.

Peter Dallimore is a qualified and registered Financial Counsellor at the Sandstone Point Community Association Inc.

## Hard act to follow

After 22 years of dedicated service to The Probus Club of Bribie Island, Les has decided to step back from the Management Committee allowing other interested members to take on roles within the club. Over the years, Les has been a stalwart of our Probus club. He has held numerous positions, including Publicity Officer, saw Les behind the microphone of local radio, manning a booth at the Seniors Expo as well as writing numerous articles for





various publications, including, of course, the Bribie Islander. As Publicity Officer, Les saw his role in promoting Probus as a great way for the retired and semi-retired to connect with like-minded people from all walks of life.

Thank you, Les, for all that you have done for our beloved Probus. You're a hard act to follow! Enjoy your well-deserved extra leisure time, but somehow, I feel you won't be staying away for long. If you like meeting new friends, enjoying social events, listening to interesting guest speakers and or participating in tours and trips, then come along for a couple of hours at 9.00 AM on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bribie Island RSL. If you would like more information, call up our website by Googling 'Probus Bribie' or phone Gabrielle (0407341074 or Dave (0408453086)

### PROBUS, NEARLY AUSTRALIA DAY KATHY VINCENT

Well, a new year for Pumicestone Passage Probus, and what a good start to the year. In January, we saw 8 new members ready to enjoy some fun friendship and fellowship here on this beautiful island.

To start off the fun, we held the "Nearly Australia Day"event. We met by the passage, and everyone brought a dish to share, and there were some very delicious goodies to eat. It was also an opportunity to show our new sign, which you can see in the photo: fun and games.

Then, before sunset, drinks. First of all, there was the famous thong-throwing contest to see who won the coveted trophy. Then, the hard-fought battle of Kubb. It looks so easy. All we have to do is throw the baton and knock over the wooden blocks!! Well, let me tell you, it is not easy. You line up your aim and throw straight, but it bounces to the right, left, or over the top rather than hit the target. It was very close, but the chaps won ---again!!!

So, this was not on Australia Day; there was no controversy about our fun day. If you think this club sounds like the right club for you, come and join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at the RSL Garden, room 9, at 9.30. We may see you there.



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### BRISBANE CRUISES The Difference Between A Good Cruise & A Great Cruise'

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Enjoy a relaxing lunch time cruise while we prepare a delicious BBQ lunch onboard the Lady Brisbane. The cruise towards Skirmish Point, Gilligan's Island and Deception Bay is always a magical experience. Cruise route is weather dependent. Buy a GIFT CARD or BOOK Online now at

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<u>T: 07 3630 2666</u>

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If you have missed the beautiful singing and delicious afternoon tea of Bribie's own "Good Company", take heart, the girls will be performing and hosting an afternoon tea on Saturday, 16 March 2024, at Bribie Community Hall, Woorim.

The girls sing the 60s and 70s songs from well-known artists such as The Seekers, Abba, The Carpenters, Cliff Richard and many more.

Come along and enjoy a delightful, toe-tapping afternoon of good music and afternoon tea.

It's still the best value on Bribie at \$15 per person.

'Make Your Own Kind of Music' Saturday, 16 March, 2024, at 2:30 pm Bribie Community Hall 96 Arcadia Street (cnr Golf Drive), Woorim

Tickets available from The Ink Shop 17 Benabrow Avenue, Bellara (cash only, please).

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THINKING OF **DE-CLUTTERING?** 

### **DE-CLUTTER AND DE-STRESS**



Fridays 10.30 til 12.00pm

Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre 50 Verdoni Street Bellara

Ph: 3408 8440 to book a space Starting Friday the 2nd February 2024



You are very welcome to

join our fun, supportive

group to get encouragement, advice, motivation & ideas to help you to free your





### THURSDAY Thursday Ipm

First Thursday of the Month

Bribie Island & District Neighbourhood Centre 50 Verdoni Street Bellara Ph: 3408 8440







### SEPENITY CAFE

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2/83 Welsby Parade, Bongaree, 4507. Phone: 0466 221992. Email: allan@serenitycafebribie.com Find us on Facebook





### **THE SURF CLUB**

Open for lunch and dinner seven days a week, our casual bistro boasts a bar and gaming area as well as mesmerizing ocean views. Explore our diverse menu, offering a little something for everyone. It's the perfect place to unwind, indulge in good food, and enjoy the laidback friendly atmosphere. Whether you're a local or just passing through, you'll enjoy a memorable visit at The Surf Club Bribie Island. Come for the food, stay for the view!

First Avenue, Woorim PH: (07) 3408 2141 www.thesurfclubbribieisland.com.au



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9/11 Spinnaker Drive, Sandstone Point - 07 5360 1094 LUNCH Thu to Sun 11:30 - 2:30 DINNER Tue to Sun 4:30 - 8:30

### **SCOOPYS**

Located by the jetty on beautiful Bribie Island, Scoopy's Family Cafe is all about the family vibes, great food and coffee, fantastic service and all the ice cream you can eat! Enjoy our friendly hospitality with barista-made coffee, amazing burgers, and a tempting array of ice cream choices to impress the pickiest connoisseurs. Our massive range of cakes and famous fish and chips make it well worth the hour's drive north of Brisbane.

Shop 2/2 Toorbul Street, Bongaree 07 3410 1791



FAMILY CAFE



### **J&J JAVA CAFE**

Carlie, Taylah, Skye and Hayley look forward to meeting you at our friendly Woorim café. Come in and try our delicious Tiempo Seasonal Fair-trade Blend coffee. Enjoy our all-day breakfast and be sure to ask for our tasty smokey tomato relish.

### Shop 3, 2 Jacana Avenue Woorim. 0468 477 380



### IKIGAI CAFE AND WORKSHOP

### IKIGAI Café & Workshop.

Making friends one cup of coffee at a time. Oscar and Keahni welcome all locals and holidaymakers. Pop in and have a chat over a delicious coffee and experience our fresh take on making simple food taste amazing.

7 Toorbul Street, Bongaree. Check out ikigaibribie on Instagram



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### PIGFACE

Pigface Seafood (named after the flowers that cover the dunes of Woorim beach) is a well known and award winning dine in and take away cafe. Not only do we offer fresh seafood, we also have a comprehensive menu to suit all tastes. Check out our GF options.

4/4 Rickman Parade, Woorim, QLD, Australia. (07) 3408 4282





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Friday

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Take your tastebuds on a direct flight to Mexico with this speedy dish that combines fresh Australian beef with tasty, spicy flavours.

# Burrito Bowl

### Ingredients

• 1 red onion

• 2 tsp extra virgin olive oil 2 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil

- 500g Woolworths beef mince
- 35g Woolworths taco seasoning
- 420g black beans, rinsed, drained

• 450g Woolworths white long-grain microwave rice

• 115g Woolworths white corn tortilla strips

• 1/3 cup sour cream 1 third cup sour cream

- 1 small avocado, sliced
- 1 gourmet tomato, diced

• 1/2 bunch coriander, sprigs picked 1 half bunch coriander, sprigs picked

### Method

Step 1 of 3

Finely chop half of the onion. Heat oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and cook for 4 minutes or until softened. Add mince. Cook, breaking up with a wooden spoon, for 5 minutes or until browned. Add seasoning, beans and 3/4 cup water. Stir to combine and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low. Simmer for 15 minutes to thicken.

Step 2 of 3

Meanwhile, heat rice according to packet instructions.

#### Step 3 of 3

Thinly slice the remaining onion. Divide rice among bowls. Top with mince, chips, sour cream, avocado, tomato, onion and coriander. Season with black pepper. Serve.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

When you're climbing the ladder to success, there are always supportive people around. If they're already on the ladder, they'll shift

over, so there's enough space for you to continue your climb. Other folk, who are below you, will shout words of encouragement. There will also, of course, be some people who don't have your best interests at heart. But you'll be able to deal with them. It's only when you get near the top that some folk start wanting you to fail. So you'll need to be discreet in March. You're going to do well!

March is going to be amazing! For inspiring insight, visit: ozfree.cainer.com

#### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar20)

Do you know how special you are? Has anyone ever expressed their admiration in a way that totally convinces you that they mean what

they say? When praise comes from someone we trust, it empowers us with the confidence to make bold changes happen. This month, with the New Moon in your sign, and (later) Venus moving in, appreciation (for who you truly are) is heading your way. For a while to come, you'll get plenty of help and support. With this kind of cosmic and worldly encouragement, there are positive times ahead. For news you need to hear about March, visit: ozfree. cainer.com

#### GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

When we receive a gift, we're supposed to be grateful. Even if it's not quite what we were hoping for, or doesn't turn out to be as generous as it seemed, we're not meant to be critical. Yet although looking a gift horse in the mouth is considered to be bad manners, it's worth assessing the gifts March brings your way. Just because you sense that a certain scenario is complicated, (there are some obvious drawbacks) doesn't mean to say it doesn't have the potential to transform your world. Look beyond the obvious this month.

Be ready for March! It's going to be action-packed! Visit ozfree.cainer.com

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

We can find clues, even to well-kept secrets. If we want to get to the bottom of something, we just have to dig around

to uncover traces of information. But we often prefer sticking our heads in the sand. We don't want to find something that makes us question our beliefs. Even if a truth is obvious, if it doesn't fit with our idea of how things 'should be', we ignore it. But you're a Virgo... and March brings the desire and ability to make a discovery that will alter your approach. It has the potential to change everything. And improve your world

March brings potential for positive change. Find out more! Visit ozfree.cainer.com

I see all sorts of events on the London street where I live. Recently, I peeked from behind the curtains as someone was arrested. Later, I spied a Rolls Royce with a film crew capturing a bride and groom returning from their wedding. March's eclectic cosmic climate reminds me of my road. As Venus' affections shift from Uranus to Jupiter, rebellious hearts grow more affectionate. And dynamic Mars, plus the Lunar Eclipse, indicate that it's worth shattering the peace to fight for our dreams.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

It's easy to look at what's going on here on planet Earth, and think that it's all a giant mess. But there's another way of looking at it. Despite all the challenges, if you're in the right mood, it's still a glorious place. Similarly, you could view your personal world as a sequence of never-ending problems. Or as a series of successes. It depends on how you choose to view it. What does March bring your way? You've got the power to turn a tricky situation around. But it won't be what you do that makes the difference. It will be what you think! For uplifting news about March, check out your forecasts at ozfree.cainer.com

#### **ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**

The Equinox month highlights honest conversations. But it's always difficult to tell someone the truth when you're worried they're not going to like hearing what you say. Or if you think your honesty will get you into trouble. To take advantage of the cosmic opportunities you need to be confident about what you want to say. Just because someone needs to know something doesn't mean you have to tell everyone everything! You need to hear something too. If you encourage a spirit of cooperation. March can be very special. March's cosmic events could transform your life! Find out how! Visit ozfree.cainer.com

#### CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

Even though we're adults, we tend to think of 'grown-ups' as being serious and sorted. Yet in truth, we're all big kids! Even people who look like they've got everything under control suffer from self-doubt. You don't need to be more grown-up this month. You need to embrace the cosmic energies coming your way. With a Super Moon, The Equinox and a Lunar Eclipse, your confidence is reaching new heights. Use it, and you'll be the envy of those people you put on a pedestal. There's lots to enjoy in March. Don't cramp your own style. It's March! For uplifting news on the opportunities ahead, visit ozfree.cainer.com



#### AQUARIUS (Jan21 - Feb 19)

The pace accelerates, the energy increases and the intensity ratchets up in



March. But that's good news. You don't want things to stay the same. And the ongoing energy of Mars/Venus insists that change is on its way. Will it be to your pleasing? Is it going to bring improvements to your relationships? Your material wellbeing? If you accept that what's happening is happening and that, even if (at times) you feel discombobulated, try to go with the flow. Some of what unfolds this month is out of your control. But it's still good.

You're going to enjoy March. Find out why! Visit ozfree.cainer.com

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The start of 2024 has been full of unpredictability. Circumstances have contrived to turn you in one direction then, just

when you're getting comfortable about the route, something happens that forces you to reset your course. No wonder you feel dizzy. And it seems you're still in a spin. It's all well and good (you feel) as long as you're getting somewhere. But it would be difficult if you felt that you'd been wasting your time. Fear not. March brings signs that prove your choices have been inspired. The road ahead looks good!

Make March a month to remember! For valuable news, visit ozfree.cainer.com

### LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

Leos are famously good at asking difficult questions. But you're not always so great at answering them! And at

the moment, you're looking for an answer that is proving frustratingly hard to find. On the surface, it should be simple enough. But hiding beneath the obvious lies important information, which you're struggling to make sense of. This month, if you stay focused, you'll gain the knowledge you seek. It involves sorting out a few challenges. But in the course of dealing with them, you'll set an important

process in motion. For inspiring predictions to take you through the coming month, visit ozfree.cainer.com

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Imagine falling in head-over-heels in love with a fictional character. Then rejecting any real-life relationship offers because none of them stand a chance of living up to your ideal. Crazy right? Wanting the best is one thing; but to turn away from a possibility because you're focusing on an impossible fantasy is... well. ridiculous. The problem, is that we can't always tell if we're chasing rainbows. Is there a chance your dream will come true? If you're prepared to adapt as you go along, March brings encouraging signs. Take full advantage of March's opportunities! Visit ozfree.cainer.com



#### LIBRA (Sept24 - Oct23) If you're feeling further (rather than

closer) to what you desire, March brings a welcome change. I'm not talking about physical distance, which never reduces the connection between people, ideas or things that belong together. And emotional/psychological distances are equally irrelevant. This is a division between yourself and a dream. It's been frustrating, but necessary. It's part of a process that brings a deeper, more satisfying reward. Focus on what's going right this month, and you'll get closer to achieving what you want. Make March special! For inspiring forecasts and great news, visit ozfree.cainer.com











### LET'S GO TRAVEL 11TH FEB MEETING

We had a fantastic turnout today for our February Meeting with 20+ attendees, and we were able to be inside the Auditorium with Aircon. Hooray!!!. We even had 2 girls from Kingaroy who decided to stay an extra night on Bribie, just to attend the meeting. It was great to meet Lyn & Shirley, I hope they had a safe trip home.

We had a great many discussions about trips, travel buddies and Travel Insurance today, with a lot of input into the conversation had by all.

We also had the pleasure of a Local Travel Agent attending our Meeting who was able to give some helpful information on the Travel Insurance conversations; and describe some Solo travel options for people to consider (2 people might want to do the same trip but don't want to share a room necessarily, you can both be booked with your own rooms etc) So there was quite a bit of discussion on that front.

Our next meeting will be on 17th March @3pm at the RSL. We could be in the Outside Social area, but if available we will be in the Auditorium in the Aircon. Until then, Roslyn.



### Bribie Island RSL Sub-Branch

Will be holding its Annual General Meeting At the RSL & Citizens Club, In the auditorium 99 Toorbul St Bongaree Qld On the 10 Mar 2024,

> **Commencing at 10 am** All members are welcome.

Thank you, Graham Seymour Deputy President BI RSLSub-branch



### **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 from7am 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 VIIlage is held on the last Saturday of each month 8am to 12pm

### The Bribie Island Comm Plant Nursery

The Bribielsland Community Plant Nursery is openTues to Sat 8 am to 12 pm

### The Bribie Island Lions Market

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

### **Bribie & District Woodcrafters Assoc**

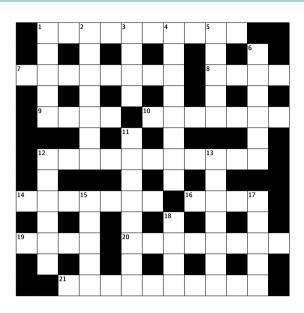
Contact president: 0415 237 167Bribie Island Gem Club Open Day & Markets on the last Sunday every month 8am -12pmAt 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach.

#### "The Bribie Bowls Euchre Club

meets at the club each Monday at 12 Noon. Fun afternoon. Contact Lorraine on 0414802733."



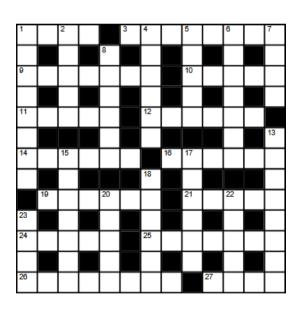
### Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



#### Across

- Regard Nato mid-air (anag) (10)
   Island nation southeast of India (3,5)
   Vichyssoise vegetable (4)
   Irritating buzzer? (4)
   The B of GB (7)
   Foreign policy of Ancient Rome (11)
   Throw off course (7)
   Slide (out of control) (4)
   Lazy, unkempt individual (4)
   Twilight hours (8)
   One will create drama (10)
- 2 He's a weakling (7)
  3 Sounded (true) (4)
  4 Time for elevenses? (3,5)
  5 Young bird of prey (5)
  6 Average means (6)
  11 China (8)
  12 Standards one aspires to live up to (6)
  13 The least idea (7)
  15 Defamatory comments in print (5)
  17 Number (between zero and nine) (5)
  18 Rip (4)

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- Across 1 Herb a Fool! (4)
- 3 Rummage around for a popular game (8)
- 9 Suits for ascot in the making (7) 10 A light cat - in fact, a contradiction (5)
- 11 Dine with the King? Splendid! (5)
- 12 Summing up explains it (6)
- 14 Unusual thirst for casual wear (1-5)
- 16 Relative from America is after some company at home (6)
- 19 This London arch is just that.. (6)
- 21 Bird the French rank (5)
- 24 Errors seen at the SCG in the field? (5) 25 Somehow bribed a novice to run the ball (7)
- 26 Trooper follows a good man most unusual (8)
- 27 After review, saint gets attention (4)

SOLUTIONS

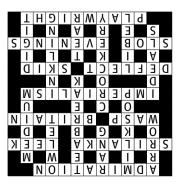
#### Down

- 1 Played with the windows open? (8) 2 Graceful and bright he is (5) 4 Offhand, a Lucas production.. (6) 5 Enthusiastic about nothing? - ignore (5)
- 6 Mad about fruit? (7)
- 7 Regarded as being a bit hackneyed, perhaps (4)
- 8 He doesn't treat anyone well (6) 13 Resent it giving one an income (8) 15 Hear I've found something more substantial (7)
- 17 Get on a bit, perhaps (6)
- 18 Stir one up that's the point (6)
- 20 Graduate takes to vice and goes to pot (5)
- 22 Going down these suggests trouble (5)
- 23 Manipulates us to end hostilities (4)

CRYPTIC SOLUTION 209



QUICK SOLUTION 209







LONG JUMP CRULING ATHLETICS BADMINGTON CYCLING SWIMMING GYMNASTICS

OLYMPICS SUMMER WINTER ICE HOCKEY SKI JUMP VOLLEY BALL FOOTBALL GOLF LLUGE BASKETBALL HANDBALL HIGH JUMP TENNIS





# **CINNAMON DUFF PASTRY TWISTS**

# INOPEDIENTS

• 1/2 package of frozen puff pastry sheets

- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

• 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted at room temperature

1. Thaw the puff pastry sheet according to package directions,

keeping it very cold, and store it in the refrigerator until ready to use. 2. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C—line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper.

3. Combine brown sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.

4. Unfold the cold puff pastry sheet and place it on a lightly floured surface. Use a rolling pin to gently roll the creases into a 12-inch-wide rectangle, about 1/8-inch thick.

5. Use a pastry brush to brush melted (room temperature) butter evenly over the pastry sheet (if butter is too hot, it will soften the pastry). Sprinkle with cinnamon sugar and lightly press down, ensuring it has been absorbed into the buttered surface. The butter moistens the sugar.

6. Use a sharp knife or pizza cutter to cut the pastry sheet from top to bottom into 12 1-inch-wide strips. Chill in the refrigerator for 10 minutes. The pastry needs to be cold to twist the strips.

7. Twist each strip 5 or 6 times with the cinnamon layer facing inward and the plain pastry on the outside; work quickly so the pastry stays cold. Chill in the refrigerator for 10 minutes. Chilling is important—it will keep the twists from spreading and unravelling while baking.

8. Arrange strips on the prepared baking sheets, lining them up about 2 inches apart.

9. Bake in the preheated oven until puffed and a light golden brown, 14 to 15 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature. Cook's Note

A little bit of a learning curve is involved, but when working with puff pastry, the faster you can work, the better. The most important thing to remember when making these twists is that the pastry must be cold throughout this process.



# **REGULAR FEATURES**



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SHARE YOUR FUNNY PET PICS WITH THE BRIBIE ISLANDER... SEND TO: editor.thebribieislander@gmail.com

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

## **REGULAR FEATURES**



You may have seen a little op shop opposite the petrol station, just outside Bribie Island Central shopping centre in Bongaree. Yet, behind the scenes of this traditional op shop, a myriad of activities occurs. Supported by around 40 volunteers, our focus is caring for cats and dogs in our community, and we do this in many ways.

Firstly, we have foster carers who look after unwanted cats or dogs until a forever home is found... you can check out animals currently in our care at petrescue.com.au. Or perhaps you would like to be a foster carer yourself? We supply everything including transport, food, bedding etc.

We also support other organisations in our community who work with animals or people in need. For example, we have recently supported Peninsula Animal Aid and Chihuahua Rescue with assistance with vet bills, and we also provide support for organisations such as the Centre Against Domestic Abuse, the Neighbourhood Centre, as well as communities in crisis – such as those affected by the Tara bushfires.

Members of our community who are on a pension or are concession card holders can access subsidised desexing and some vet bills. Desexing your pet can prevent unplanned pregnancies and save unwanted offspring from potential euthanasia. Desexing also keeps your best furry friend around for longer, reduces marking, spraying or aggression, and reduces your pet's desire to roam - which in turn protects native wildlife at risk of predation. Caboolture and District Animal Welfare Inc (CADAWI) is coordinated by a volunteer Management Committee. For only \$10 a year, you could become a member of this organisation and help support our work with animals and communities in need. We rely on your donation of items to our op shop- so please keep them coming! While you are there, you might be lucky enough to meet some of our regular doggy visitors who pop in for a treat or a drink and a loving welcome.

Or perhaps you would like to volunteer? We have many different roles, from working in the op shop to fostering an animal, transporting food or supplies to carers, to sorting out our storage facility. To find out more drop us a line at secretary@caboolturebribieanimalwelfare.org.au.

By Deb Miles Secretary/Vice President CADAWI



# To Punish or not to Punish – CHEWING

Chewing is a natural behaviour but if left unchecked it can be habit forming that may be costly and frustrating to the owner.

There are many reasons why puppies/dogs chew. Between 2 – 6 months puppies are a chewing machine. They will pick anything up and chew it. First before you bring puppy home, go around and puppy proof your home. If you feel you cannot supervise your puppy purchase a large playpen and provide plenty of good quality chew toys and a Kong filled with puppy kibble. The playpen should never be used to punish the puppy but a fun place and to be used as a quiet resting place as well.

The two main reasons they chew at this stage is curiosity such as is it edible or it can feel good in his mouth. The other reason is they're teething and need things to chew. It is soothing on sore gums.

Adult dogs have a natural urge to chew. Other main reasons are boredom and stress. Rather than punishing them it is more important to meet their needs.

If its boredom then ensure the dog has sufficient daily exercise such as going for walks, taking them to off lead areas so they can run around and play ball etc. Give them mental stimulation such as instead of bowl feeding, use enrichment feeders such as Kong toys or snuffle mats. Another great way of feeding them kibble is scatter the food throughout the backyard. Dogs' greatest love is to sniff. Provide plenty of chew toys, bones etc. and supervise.

If the dog is chewing excessively and injuring themselves consult a vet to rule out any physical problems especially if they have teething issues.

If chewing is stress related for eg separation anxiety (see previous articles), than you may need to consult first a dog behavioural trainer and/ or a vet behaviourist to address the problem.

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# **RED-BACKED Fairy-Wren**

MALURUS MELANOCEPHALUS

ed-backed Fairywrens are commonly found on Bribie Island in undergrowth in open forests, grassy areas, wallum heathland, and parks and gardens with low shrubby patches.

They are the smallest of the fairy-wrens in Australia, being only 12-13 cm long and weighing just 6-10 g. Males are striking red and black with some brownish flight feathers on their wings during the breeding season, while females and male juveniles are brownish-grey in colour. After breeding, males shed their colourful plumage and become little brown birds similar to the females for about six months. They are the only fairy-wrens in Australia with no blue plumage. Their upright, wagging tails, being about 6 cm long, are a prominent feature. Females' tails are a little longer and pointed at the ends.

Red-backed Fairy Wrens are endemic to Australia. They mostly move around in family groups and are found in tropical and subtropical forests with grass and low understory in the north and eastern Australia from Western Australia, across the north of Northern Territory and down the east coast of Queensland to New South Wales to about Port Stevens. They are not found in arid areas. In extreme circumstances such as drought or bushfires, they will move but are usually sedentary.

Fairy-wrens are seldom still and flit hurriedly through the undergrowth in short, energetic flights while searching for food. Insects and insect larvae are their main diet, but they will sometimes eat small fruit and seeds. Most of their food is obtained on or near the ground, in low shrubs, but occasionally, they fly into trees.

In July, males begin moulting back into their red and black plumage, ready for the breeding season, which usually begins in August and runs through till about January. It is very important for them to have brilliant plumage, as females are impressed by the most colourful males. They are promiscuous and may find several partners during the breeding season. Successful males woo prospective females by plucking a red petal from a flower and presenting it to

them. Unsuccessful males with duller colouring will often then help with the rearing of the young birds within the group. Nests are neat domes of grass, thin bark strips, cobwebs and lined with soft grasses and hidden in low shrubs or grasses. Three or four white eggs with reddish-brown spots and sploshes are laid and incubated mainly by females for about 14 days. Fathers and unsuccessful males then help with feeding, tending to the young and keeping the nest tidy and clean. This continues for about a month. Males are quite aggressive towards rivals during breeding and flaunt their red patches, hoping to scare them off.

The main threats to eggs, young and adults are feral cats, foxes, reptiles and birds such as kookaburras, butcherbirds, and crows. Bushfires can play havoc with nests and young birds.

Red-backed Fairy-wrens were first collected near Pt Stevens NSW and described by John Latham in 1801.

Recent conservation status is "of Least Concern".

### **REGULAR FEATURES**

# TURTLES ARE HATCHING ON BRIBIE ISLAND. BUT ARE THEY MAKING IT TO THE OCEAN?

# John Oxenford

Edition 207 of the Bribie Islander (Jan 26, 2024) carried a story about the first turtle for the season that came in to nest on Bribie Island on November 21, 2023. This was a Southern Pacific Loggerhead turtle, and those females will typically lay 120 – 150 eggs in a single nest. Nests on Bribie Island have a successful incubation rate of 90% – 95%, so it would be reasonable to expect that around 110 – 130 hatchlings would emerge from that first nest.

The story in Edition 207 highlighted some of the threats that these nests face during incubation and the threats the hatchlings face when they emerge. These threats include predation by foxes and goannas that are increasingly attracted to the beach areas by the scraps left by beach visitors. But the biggest threats to these nests come from actions by 4WD'ers, such as driving over the turtle nesting habitat at the toe of the dunes. Not only do those beach drivers put the nests at risk by driving over them, but the deep ruts they leave in the soft sand make it difficult, if not impossible, for the hatchlings to climb out of those ruts and make it to the ocean.

The first nest referred to in Edition 207 hatched on January 29. This incubation period of 70 days is about the norm for nests on Bribie Island. The slightly cooler temperatures on Bribie Island mean that nests take a little longer to hatch here than they do at the larger rookery at Mon Repos near Bundaberg. Volunteers from the Bribie Island Turtle Trackers had placed protective mesh over this nest and this protection is normally successful in protecting nests from predators such as foxes. However, the emerging hatchlings had difficulty reaching the ocean when the nest hatched. The hatchlings' footprints in the sand showed a number that could not cross the deep ruts created by 4WD'ers. Volunteers found some trapped in those ruts more than 500 metres from the nest site. Normally, hatchlings emerge at night, reducing their exposure to birds and other daytime predators. But because these hatchlings were trapped in the ruts, they were unable to get to the ocean before sunrise. A number were found that had been predated by foxes. And presumably, gulls and other birds would have taken many of the trapped hatchlings. It is not known how many, if any, of the hatchlings from this nest made it to the ocean.

Rangers from Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services (QPWS) have been working with the turtle volunteers to help address many of these issues. They have assisted in transporting and installing the protective cages to help keep goannas out of the nests during incubation. They have been helping smooth out the sand adjacent to nests around hatching time to remove the deep ruts and make it possible for hatchlings to make it to the ocean. However, on some occasions, no sooner have the ruts been removed than new ruts are created. And Rangers have been taking steps to deter and/or remove predators. The turtle rookery on Bribie Island is one of the largest rookeries on the Sunshine Coast and the assistance of the QPWS Rangers in helping protect the turtles in this rookery has been much appreciated. "The assistance of the Rangers in helping us protect this critically endangered turtle population has been most welcome", said one of the grateful volunteers.



Turtle hatchling caught in tyre rut and unable to get out. This turtle was around 500 metres from its nest. Note the footprints of other hatchlings

Turtles killed by foxes after being trapped in tyre ruts. Note the fox footprints





Destroyed Nest



n the first half of 1880, Ned Kelly finalised his plan for a major attack on the Victorian Police. He decided to lure them in force on a train to pass through Glenrowan. Just short of the town, they would sabotage the railway line on a bend over a ravine and shoot any survivors from above while wearing their suits of armour, shielding them from any police fire from below. It also meant that their legs would be out of sight from any surviving police sharpshooters, negating the need for leg protection.

Ned needed a significant event to provoke the police into an urgent response. Aaron Sherritt had been a close friend of Joe Byrne. Sherritt lived about 5km from Joe in the Woolshed Valley, near Beechworth. He went to school with Joe, who later became engaged to Sherritt's sister.

There were no secrets in the selector community. It became known that Sherritt was a police informer. Ned passed the word for a friend to whisper to Sherritt that the Kelly gang intended to rob banks along the Benalla railway to the northeast. Sherritt went to the police station at Benalla and passed on his information, for which he was paid £2. Sherritt also demanded protection until the Kellys were eliminated. Four police officers moved into his home. Word soon passed back to Ned that, as planned, Sherritt had informed on the gang.

Late at night on Saturday, 26 June 1880, Joe and Dan reined in at Sherritt's house. Sherritt heard the horses and opened the door. Without warning, Joe shot him dead. The police did not come out of the house. Two dived under a bed while the other two cowered behind Sherritt's family. They remained hidden there, not game to come out until the next day. Joe and Dan casually rode off across the country to Glenrowan.

While Joe and Dan were dealing with Sherritt, Ned and Steve were trying, but failing, to damage the track at Glenrowan. They forced two local platelayers and some labourers camped nearby to finish the job. Ned selected a sharp curve in the line that ran across a deep ravine and told their captives that they were going to "send the train and its occupants to hell".

Ned estimated that the policemen inside Sherritt's hut would relay news of his murder to Beechworth by early Sunday morning, prompting a special police train to be sent up from Melbourne. They also surmised that the train would collect reinforcements in Benalla before continuing on through Glenrowan. There, the gang planned to derail the train and shoot dead any survivors. Benalla would be unpoliced, giving them free rein to rob the banks, burn the courthouse, blow up the police barracks, release all gaoled prisoners, and "generally play havoc with the entire town" before returning to the bush.

By early Sunday morning, Joe and Dan had arrived at Glenrowan and the gang took over the railway station, the stationmaster's home, and Ann Jones' Glenrowan Inn, opposite the railway station. The gang used the hotel to hold the rail workers, passers-by, and other male hostages they had gathered to clear the town. The women and children were held at the stationmaster's home. With the assistance of hostage Thomas Curnow, the local schoolmaster, Joe captured Glenrowan's lone constable, Hugh Bracken.

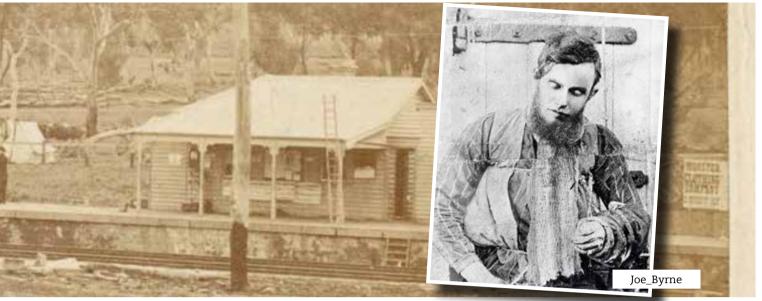
All day, and into the evening of Sunday, the outlaws and townspeople anxiously waited. Ned decided to move the women and children to the Glenrowan Inn. There were now sixty-two hostages, including many gang sympathisers, who helped control the situation. As the hours passed without any sight of the train, the gang plied the hostages with drink and organised music, singing, dancing, and games. One hostage later testified, "Ned did not treat us badly - not at all; we had a ball. Ned even played hopscotch with the children." Late into the evening, Ned allowed 21 tired women with children to return to their homes. Believing that schoolteacher Curnow was a sympathiser, Ned let him and his wife return home but warned them to "... go quietly to bed and not to dream too loud."

The police train Ned had been expecting on Sunday finally left Benalla at about 2 am on Monday. The train carried seven regular troopers under Superintendent Hare, five Queensland Aboriginal Troopers under sub-Inspector O'Connor, four journalists, and several other civilians. Wary that the tracks may be sabotaged, Hare ordered a pilot engine to travel ahead of the police train. When the pilot train was not far from Glenrowan, the driver was suddenly startled to see a man running towards him, frantically waving a red lantern. It was Curnow signalling the train to stop. On hearing his news, Hare immediately told his detachment of police to dismount and march quickly towards the hotel while the main body of troopers prepared the horses and equipment.

Meanwhile, in Glenrowan Inn. Kelly had decided to let more of the hostages return home - not before delivering them a lecture about the grim fate of police informers. Suddenly, Joe came rushing in to announce that a police troop was approaching. The gang immediately began donning their armour and loading and checking all weapons in preparation for the inevitable battle. Ned was the only gang member strong enough to wear both armour and helmet and still manage a gun. Unfortunately, the armour only extended to the upper thighs and did not cover their arms or lower legs. Bracken told the hostages to take cover as best they could, then stealthily slipped out the back to find the police to explain the situation.

The outlaws all agreed that, if necessary, they would fight

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to the death. They hid in the shadow of the veranda in the front of the hotel. The police advanced eerily in the moonlight till about thirty metres away. The gang fired a barrage. Diving for cover, the police returned fire. Both sides blazed away non-stop. Hare screamed in pain as a bullet passed through his left wrist. Ned lurched on receiving a severe wound to his right hand and elbow, followed by a bullet tearing through his big toe and out the back of his right heel. Inside the pub, more screams were heard as three hostages, George Metcalf, 13-year-old John Jones, and a railway worker Martin Cherry, were fatally wounded by police bullets smashing through the thin weatherboard walls.

The gang retreated into the hotel, and a full-scale siege ensued. The legend of Ned's bravery gained further lustre during the siege as he slipped out of the hotel to warn his supporters not to come to his aid and to disperse before the authorities recognised any of them. He then passed out in the bush from loss of blood. When he came to, the fight was still raging. Ned lurched out of the bush to the rear of the attackers, looking like an apparition from hell, wreathed in the smoke of battle. His armour was covered with a cloak, and he banged a pistol on the breastplate of his armour, challenging the police to come and fight him. He staggered towards the police lines and directly into a hail of

gunfire. One policeman said later that, "A strange apparition appeared out of the mist-shrouded bush, clad in a long cloak." The bewildered policemen took him to be a ghost, a bunyip, or "Old Nick himself". Other eyewitnesses variously compared the figure moving in the early morning mist to the devil, or a ghost. Journalist Tom Carrington wrote, "With the steam rising from the ground, it looked for all the world like the ghost of Hamlet's father with no head, only a very long thick neck ... It was the most extraordinary sight I ever saw or read of in my life, and I felt fairly spellbound with fear, that I could not stir or speak."

Police returned fire as Ned staggered towards them, stumbling from his injuries, the weight of his armour, and the impact of bullets on the plate iron, which he later described as "... like blows from a man's fist." He had difficulty aiming, firing, and reloading his weapons due to his injuries and limited vision through his helmet. Ned's horse, a grey mare named Music, of which he was enormously fond, and which was also devoted to him, galloped into the gunfire to look for him. He could have mounted her and escaped. But as Music galloped towards him, Ned waved her away until a police marksman shot her down. She struggled up and galloped toward Ned again until he waved her away once more to disappear into legend. Inevitably, Ned was brought down by shotgun blasts to the legs and was swarmed by

policemen. He was carried to the railway station, where a doctor attended him. He had been shot 28 times.

Throughout the night, police reinforcements began arriving. Sergeant Steele and Superintendent Sadleir arrived from Wangaratta and Benalla, taking the police contingent to about forty. Police now surrounded the hotel. The exchange of fire continued intermittently. At about 5 am, Joe was making yet another toast to the Kelly gang when a bullet smashed through the weatherboard wall and hit him in the groin, severing his femoral artery. Blood spurted out, and he died a few minutes later.

In the meantime, the siege continued. Around 10 am, a ceasefire was called, and the remaining thirty hostages left the hotel. The police ordered them to lie down while they were checked to ensure that the outlaws were not among them. Two of the hostages were arrested for being known Kelly sympathisers.

By Monday afternoon, a crowd of some 600 spectators had gathered at Glenrowan. Despite gunfire from the pub having ceased, Sadleir was reluctant to allow his men to storm the inn; instead, he decided to burn them out. At about 3 pm, a constable crept forward and set it on fire. As the fire took hold, Matthew Gibney, a Catholic priest, rushed into the building in an attempt to rescue anyone inside. He noted the bodies of Joe, Dan and Steve and rescued the dying hostage, Martin Cherry. Police followed and pulled the body of Joe from the hotel bar. Later, the police recovered the severely burnt bodies of Dan and Steve. Their bodies were unrecognisable, identified only from their personal weapons found next to them. The exact circumstances of the deaths of Dan and Steve remain a mystery. Curiously, they were the only bodies burnt beyond recognition.

The death toll at Glenrowan included the three members of the Kelly gang and the three hostages. Ann Jones' sister Jane received a head wound during the siege from a stray bullet and died two years later from an infection that her mother believed was hastened by the injury. Others wounded were hostages Michael Reardon and his baby sister Bridget, Superintendent Hare, and an unnamed Aboriginal trooper.

The following day, the police tied Joe's body to the door of the Benalla lockup to be photographed. His family asked for the body, but the police instead arranged a hasty inquiry and burial in a pauper's grave in Benalla Cemetery. The charred remains of Dan and Steve were taken to Greta and buried by their families in unmarked graves in the local cemetery.

This was not to be the end of it. The echoes of the battle at Glenrowan would resonate for years, with many changes to occur.

### Next Episode, "The Aftermath"

# BOWLS RESULTS

## **BONGAREE LADIES BOWLS RESULTS** Friday 2nd Feb 2024

Friday 2nd February 2-4-2 Winners: Bev Birt, Darryl Birt R/U: Jacque Murdoch, Dee Morrison Tuesday 6th February Turkey Pairs Winners: Col Erhardt, Helen Murphy R/U: Peter McQueen, Gary Ryan Friday 9th February 2-4-2 Winners: Bob Vonarx, Pam Walker R/U: Richard Fell, Mike Flint Tuesday 13th February Turkey Pairs Winners: Diana Stowers, Ian Gillies R/U: Paul Hill, Don Somerville Bonus draw: Trevor Mallouk, Chris McMillan

## **MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB:**

Sat 3 Feb 1 J Kinross & J Reiter 2 S Watson & J Kennedy 3 C &S Wagg Wed 7Feb N/S 1 S & C Watson 2 J Easey & L Groves 3 J Budgeon & J Kennedy E/W D Dowling & H Browne 2 M Arthur & P Edis 3 L Heap & B Connell Sat 10 Feb N/S 1 S Watson & R Sutton 2 L Carr & J Wright 3 J Van Vugt & D Quinan E/W 1M Courtney &M O'Reilly 2 M Hardy & R King 3 B Moxham &L Chapman Wed 14 Feb N/S 1 L Carr & J Wright 2 J Kinross & R Floquet 3 S & C Watson E/W 1 J Hays & K Cohen 2 I Newton & D Scown 3 R Medhurst & P Breene BICBC Mon 5 Feb N/S 1 D Quinan & M Peart 2 M Peterson & D Quinan 3 H Browne & U Maffey E/W 1 M O'Reilly & S Smith 2 I Best & B Moxham 3 M Hardy & L Wilson Mon 12 Feb N/S 1 P Edis

& C McAlister 2 M Arthur & J Lawson 3 M Peart & D Quinan E/W L Hutton & L Chapman 2 M O'Reilly & S Smith 3 D Dowling & C Browne

## **BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB**

Random Select Fours Sat 27 January 2024 Highest margin: C Sheppard, K Vardy, S Priest, L Sheppard Lowest margin: D Neumann, W Langford, P Neumann, K Langford Out of hat winner: N Gray, B Hamer, C Halley, D Bishop Out of hat winner: H Groves, F Crockett, G Low, A Pinzger Self Select Triples Tue 30 Jan Winners: B Smith, V Adams, B Lamb Runners up: L Godfrey, C Smith, Y Ackrovd Lucky draw: R Eaton, F Crockett, BJ Adams Lucky draw: J Noonan, M Gittens, L Gilmour Lucky draw: T Smith, W Kelly, C Kelly Scroungers Results Wednesday 31 January 2024 1st: F Ferguson-Smith 2nd: G Jackson 3rd: S Kurtz 4th: W Kelly Self Select Pairs Wed 31 Jan 24 Winners: R Glasser, T Phillips Runners up: Cullen, D Gibson Lucky draw: D McDougall, W McDougall Lucky draw: D McMahon, G Duncan Lucky draw: P Adams, BJ Adams Lucky draw; M Cullen, W Gilbert Random Select triples Thu1 Feb Winners: P Gee, A Cooke, G Hutchison Runners up: G Frew, G Riley, L Broomhead Lucky draw: b Russell, H Taylor, K Langford Lucky draw: P Conn, K Kajewski Self Select pairs Fri 2 Feb 2024 Winners: a Sturm, J Mercer Runners up: N Croker, D Kaatz Lucky draw: I McLelland, M Beutel Lucky draw: J Cullen, B Svenson Lucky draw: M Johnston, B Pritchard Lucky draw: P Gray, D Ackroyd Random Select Fours Sat 3 Feb Highest margin: L Mather, K Brown, J Adams Lowest margin: G Low, J Laidlaw, M Wright, L Gilmou Self Select Triples Tue 6 Feb Winners: R Eaton, F Crockett, BJ Adams Runners up: T Ridley, L Luscomb, B Lindsay Lucky draw: E Bateman,B Garfield, Chopper

1st: M Cullinan 2nd: R Eaton 3rd: G Hemphill 4th: M Roberts Self Select Triples Wed 7 Feb Winners: B Meek, B Hosie, B Svenson

Scroungers Wed 7 Feb 2024

Runners up: T Hudson, G Denkel, R Avern Lucky draw: S Chandler, L Williams, M Cherry Lucky draw: P Hughes, G

Duncan, K Taylor Lucky draw: T Ridley, L Mather, W Broa Random Select Triples Thu 8 Feb Winners: P Boyland, R Bickerton, **B** Watkins Runners up: P Conn, B Hamer, S Priest Lucky draw: J Neill, T Bones, D Davis Lucky draw: M Hogan, L Hackwood, G Riley

# **BONGAREE BOWLS** MEN

Scroungers Feb 3rd 1st Anne Clark, 2nd Yuki King, 3rd Chris McMillan Wed 4's Feb 7th Winners Alistair Wright, Morris Huddleston, Jim Warwick, Wayne Baker Runners Up Rose Marie Dimino, Barb Garvey, Imelda Valentine Thurs Jackpot pairs Winners Dave Dixon, Brian Reed.

Runners Up Adam Veen, Darryl

# **Nipples on Ripple Regatta at Lake Barrington TAS**

14 Bribie Dragons had a wonderfully inspiring weekend at the Dragons Abreast Devonport (Nipples on Ripples) Lake Barrington regatta. The temperature was 9 degrees on rising but levelled out to a beautifully tolerable 20 degrees once the fog lifted. We were accompanied by several Tasmanian teams and Melbourne Dam Dragons, with whom we paddled in the NZ IBCPC Regatta last year. The hydro lake was an interesting and serene body of dark water with massive trees lining the bank's edge. It seemed to be the perfectly peaceful backdrop for the "Flowers on the Water "ceremony, significantly poignant in commemorating our Angels who no longer are with us. It was a time for renewing friendships, great connection, laughter, camaraderie and pride, and especially, our winning the "Race to Paradise" 250 metre 10s!

Bribie Pink Dragons are on the water three times a week -amongst dolphins, pelicans,

Rowlingson Wed 4's Feb 14th Alistair Wright, Morris Huddleston, Jim Warwick, Peter Vlajic Runners Up Tony Jericevich, Robin Maffey, Graeme Hanlin, Peter Vlajic Thurs Jackpot pairs Feb 15th Winners Ian Gillies, Peter Vlajic, Mike Hansen Runners Up Noela Gray, Doug Meikle

dugongs and turtles, on Saturdays and Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. So, if you are a breast cancer survivor or a man or woman who has been in close contact with a breast cancer patient, a family member, or a person with a like-minded ethos, then this is the club for you. For further information, contact President 0499990352





Lucky draw: L Wright, D

Lucky draw: M Andrews, J

McDougall, J Herbert

Oliver, S Dobson

# SOLANDER LAKE **BOWLS CLUB** WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS W/E

17/02/2024

Tuesday Winners: Bill Taylor, Rob Horsfall & Allan Matheson. R/U: John Harris, McLeod Wednesday Winners: Stan Hillen, Maggie Zahl R/U: Ralph Chapman & Bruce Hill 3rd: Julie and Brian Kent Jackpot (\$500) – No winner. Thursday Winners: Marieke Moore, Chris Cummins & Neil Feazev R/U: Carmel Sorenson, Ib Larsen & Steve Jameson. 3rd: Greg Cusbert, Marg & Jim McKenzie Jackpot (\$135) – No Winner. Friday: Washed Out Saturday Winners: WASHED OUT.

WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS - W/E 10/02/2024 Tuesday Winners: Betty Rudd, Val Paul & Rosa McLeod.

R/U: Dianne Nock, Mike Jones & Allan Matheson. 3rd: Shiela Jeffrey & Carol Langley. Wednesday: WASHED OUT. Jackpot (\$500) – No winner. Thursday Winners: Steve Todd, Kev Moore & Geoff Sorenson. R/U: Carmel Sorenson, Ib Larsen & Steve Jameson. 3rd: Mitch Magnussen, Ross Luscombe & Wayne Stuart. Jackpot (\$135) - No Winner. Friday Winners: Ralph Chaplin & Glenn McCarthy. R/U: Robert Stumbles & Rob Dickson. 1st Rnd: Cheryl Dann & John Dann. 2nd Rnd: Maggie Zahl & Deb Hill.

WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS RESULTS - W/E 03/02/2024 Tuesday: WASHED OUT. Wednesday Winners: Peter Hourigan & Steve Ross. R/U: Allen Lavender & Richard

Saturday Winners: WASHED OUT.

# **BRIBIE ISLAND** WOMEN'S GOLF

## 1 February 2024 to 13 February 2024

1/2/24 - Monthly Medal - sponsor - Churches of Christ Old A Grade Winners: Ros Gardiner 71, R/Up Gill Lee 75 cb, 3rd Gwen Clutterbuck 75 NTP's: Hole 4 Val Phinn, Hole 7 Suzanne Vallely, Hole 16 Ros



B Grade Winner 

### Gardiner Best Gross: Ros Gardiner 84 B Grade Winners: Jennifer Warburton 69. R/Up Diane Fitzpatrick 73, 3rd Lulu Drew 74 NTP's: Hole 4 Jennifer Warburton, Hole 7 Sue Graham, Hole 14 Leonie Buxton, Hole 16 Roslyn

Crossley Best Gross: Diane Fitzpatrick 96 C Grade Winners: Sonia Ferrante



Wales.

3rd: Brian Harris & Peter Evans. Jackpot (\$500) - Not won. Thursday Winners: Jeff Farmer, Ray Griffin & Kev Zipf. R/U: Stuart Ager, Marg Hopper & Anne Ager. 3rd: Jenni Cummins, Ann Boast & Ron Boddenberg. Jackpot (\$102) - Not won. Friday Winners: Brian Kent & Steve Ross. R/U: Tony Ollier & Richard Wales. 1st Rnd: Alan Albury & Ian Carr. 2nd Rnd: John Gemmell & Peter McCarthy. Saturday Winners: Robert Clavell-Pearson, Beryl Cowperthwaite & Carol Langley. R/U: Kev Norton & David Harris.

# WEEKLY SOCIAL BOWLS

RESULTS - W/E 27/01/2024 Tuesday Winners: Diane Nock, Jenni Cummins & Stuart Ager. R/U: Sheila Jeffries, Val Paul & Allan Matheson. 3rd: Marieka Moore, B Cowlings &

74, R/Up Carol Lobegeiger 75, 3rd Cathy Cooke 76

NTP's: Hole 4 Vicki Butcher, Hole 7 Cathy Cooke, Hole 14 Jennifer Mckay, Hole 16 Anne Carmody Best Gross: Carol Lobegeiger 103 6/2/24 - Single Stroke Div 1 Winners: Desley Neilson 74

cb, R/Up Robyn Colbran 74, 3rd Sandy Smith 75 cb Div 2 Winners: Leonie Buxton 77, R/Up Heather Croukamp 78 cb, 3rd Rae Clarke 78 Div 3 Winners: Kerryn Keys 79, R/Up Susan Brown 81, 3rd Sonia Ferrante 82

NTP's: Hole 4 Rae Clarke, Hole 7 Pauline Grooby, Hole 14 Robyn Colbran, Hole 16 Gwen Clutterbuck

8/2/24 - Single Stableford Div 1 Winners: Ailsa Lauchlan 36, R/Up Gay Burnham 35, 3rd Gwen Clutterbuck 34

Wednesday Winners: John Dann, Rod Reilly, Deb Hill & Cheryl Dann. R/U: Krys Henshaw, Terri Curtis, Rob Henshaw & Barry Curtis. Jackpot (\$500) No winner. Thursday Winners: Ross Luscombe, Geoff Cusbert, Marie Torrington & Jim McKenzie. R/U: Carmel Sorrenson, Barry King, Ib Larsen & Steve Jameson. 3rd: Ann Larsen, Judy Pursehouse, Ralph Chaplin & Bruce Pursehouse. Jackpot (\$52) No winner. Friday: AUSTRALIA DAY - No

Robert James.

Competition. Saturday Winners: Marieke Moore, Bill Taylor & Doug Hogan. R/U: Mitch Magnussen, Dave Thomas & Ross Luscombe.



Div 2 Winners: Charmaine Price 32 cb, R/Up Kerryn Keys 32 cb, 3rd Jan Jennings 32 NTP's: Hole 4 Debra McCowan. Hole 7 Carol McKenzie. Hole 14 Val Phinn, Hole 16 Di Benghamy, Hole 4 (Div 3 2nd shot) Sonia Ferrante 13/2/24 - Single Stableford Div 1 Winners: Sue Navie 37, R/ Up Carol McKenzie 36, 3rd Yuko Nakamura 35 cb

Div 2 Winners: Lyn Cockerell 37, R/Up Jasmin Tamayao 36, 3rd Suzanne Fowler 34 cb Div 3 Winners: Tricia Phillips 38 cb, R/Up Carol Lobegeiger 38, 3rd Claudia Lutgemeier 35 NTP's: Hole 4 Claudia Lutgemeier, Hole 7 Tricia Phillips, Hole 14 Tanya Zanow, Hole 16 Abby Driver, Hole 7 (Div 3 2nd shot) Joan Osborne

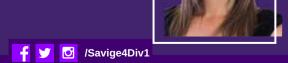


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### LONGEVITY AND SUSTAINABILITY:

While shopping for duvets, the aspect of durability matters. It tells you about the value you

FEATURE	SYNTHETIC DUVETS	GOOSE DUVETS		
Material	Man made product	Natural product		
Insulation	Offer less insulation	Offers more		
Weight	Lighter	Relatively heavier		
Breathability	Less	More		
Hypoallergenic	Often no	It may reduce allergies in some		
Price	More affordable	More expensive but quality speaks volumes		

### ALLERGIES AND HYPOALLERGENIC PROPERTIES:

A big problem that may deter one from choosing a goosedown duvet is the thought of allergies. Goose-down duvet has been linked with allergies for so long. But what if I tell you it's not entirely true? A high-quality one is treated carefully to remove the allergenic elements. Also, many manufacturers in the will get in return. A quality one can give you the same warmth and feel for years without losing the charm. Did you know the use of down for duvets has been in contention for long enough? This is focused on the method by which the manufacturers harvest them. A non-humane way of treating the birds for the down has deterred many from going for the down option. But with the coming of Are Goose Down Duvets the Secret to a Healthier Sleep Routine?

sustainability of duvets, many now exercise a more ethical approach for the down. When buying for goose-down duvets, look for certification that ensures the birds were treated humanely for the down.

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE:

Proper care and maintenance are crucial to maintaining your duvets' long life. As opposed to the notion of many, you can actually wash and clean your down duvets. The wisest approach is to follow the guidelines when buying the product. Follow the directions to preserve the softness and fluffiness of your bedding product.

# **FINAL WORDS!!**

In the end, know that a goose down-duvet can be the bridge between you and your dream sleep. Before shopping for the same, it becomes critical to know them holistically. This article has tried to educate you about the different aspects of goose down duvets, which you will require to make a wise decision. So, what are you waiting for? Visit shops near you or explore online and select one that meets your unique needs. Happy Sleeping!



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# HOW TO CLEAN SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES

he little machines that line up along our kitchen countertops or park themselves in appliance corrals save us time and effort when we cook. Most small kitchen appliances are designed to be easy to clean but still require work. This article provides excellent suggestions and guidelines for cleaning these small kitchen appliances. BLENDERS

Most blender jars can be washed in your dishwasher; some cannot. Some blades are dulled by repeated exposure to the dishwasher detergents; some are not. Always read and follow the manufacturer's cleaning instructions. If you wipe the base of a blender after each use, you rarely have to scrub it. To clean the blender jar, fill it with a warm detergent solution and run it at high speed for about 15 seconds. Rinse well and dry. To retain the sharpness of the blades, do not wash the blender's assembly in the dishwasher. Glass cleaner is excellent for cleaning stainless-steel blender bases and trim. Spray it on and buff it with a soft cloth. An all-purpose cleaner or a baking soda and water solution cleans plastic blender bases.

### DRIP COFFEEMAKERS

Drip coffeemakers are easy to clean -- all you have to do is change the filter, wash the pot, lid, and basket in a detergent solution, and quickly wipe the base with a cloth. Percolators, on the other hand, need a thorough, occasional cleaning to get rid of oil buildup that can affect the taste of the coffee.

Remove coffee and mineral stains from the glass pot of an automatic drip coffeemaker by adding 1 cup crushed ice, 1 tablespoon water, and 4 teaspoons salt to carafe when it is at room temperature. Gently swirl the mixture, rinse it, and then wash it as usual. Allow a heated percolator to cool before cleaning. Clean the spout and tubes of a percolator with a special percolator brush and sudsy warm water. Use a synthetic scouring pad -- never harsh abrasives or steel wool -- to remove stubborn soil from percolator parts. If the surface becomes scratched, oil and other coffee residues will accumulate in the scratches.

### TOASTERS

Toasters are crumb catchers and smudge collectors. They need regular attention to keep them clean, shiny, and crumb-free. Here's what you should do:

Remember to unplug the toaster and let it cool before cleaning it. Never immerse the toaster in water. Wipe the exterior of the toaster regularly. Remove the crumb tray at the base of the toaster and shake out accumulated crumbs; wash the tray in warm, soapy water. Remove crumbs by cleaning the crumb tray at the base of the toaster. If your toaster has no crumb tray, turn it upside down and shake it over the sink or a large garbage can.

Use a thin, soft brush to remove crumbs from the interior. Metal utensils should not be used to clean the inside of the toaster.



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# Embracing the Serene Lifestyle:

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the Pumicestone Passage and Moreton Bay waterways for people who love the water. Meanwhile, the parklands and bike pathways offer leisurely walks and bike ride opportunities. The friendly atmosphere and thriving local businesses add to the charm, making it a place where community spirit thrives.

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# HISTORICALLY, HOUSEPLANTS WERE FOR THE RICH.....

WE TAKE IT SO MUCH FOR GRANTED NOW; IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THAT THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN HOUSEPLANTS WERE A STATUS SYMBOL RESERVED FOR THOSE WITH LOTS OF EXPENDABLE INCOME. IN WESTERN CULTURE, WHEN EUROPEANS STARTED EXPLORING THE GLOBE AND BRINGING BACK PLANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD [THE 1600S], THE ELITE BEGAN BUILDING CONSERVATORIES (ORANGERIES) TO SHOW OFF THESE PLANTS ... AND PROBABLY THEIR WEALTH. BEFORE THAT, PEOPLE NEEDED TO BE TOO PRACTICAL TO ALLOW FOR LUXURIES THAT OFFERED NOTHING OF TANGIBLE USE. ast forward to the Victorian age. Ferns, palms and other 'exotics' were a big deal for the wealthy class, if you had plants, it meant you were a person of means, so it was something to aspire to.

Not many indoor plants could withstand the fumes from coal fires and gas lanterns, so the Aspidistraelatior (which could) was extremely popular with Victorian households. No wonder people nicknamed it the "cast iron plant."

The modern houseplant era really began to boom in the 1970s; indoor plants fit in with the whole back-to-nature décor ethos of the time. Growers responded by making new varieties of plants available to the masses; however, the 80s saw a big decline in live plants — people started using faux foliage more and focused on other areas of décor. Since about 2005, we've started to see a big resurgence of interest."

Indeed, indoor plant popularity has typically waxed and waned with the economy. Until recently, the popularity of plants has slowly grown as prosperity and security grew in society – two steps forward, one step back as economies went through boomand-bust cycles – as we felt we could afford to invest in luxury.

But as any seasoned gardener knows, you only need a little money to buy a houseplant. You can always get a cheap or free cutting from a friend. So, even in an economic downtime, many people will turn to indoor plants to reconnect with nature.

# THE EASIEST HOUSEPLANTS TO GROW

Nearly impossible to mess up: People who travel frequently or tend to forget about their floral friends for long periods might opt for low-maintenance varieties, Chinese evergreen



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or ficus tree all attractive but easy to care for, the alii fig (ficus alii) tree and mentioned above the cast iron plant, noting that these two are "practically bomb-proof."

Exotic but affordable: Moth orchids have recently exploded in popularity because they've become far more affordable (breeders have figured out how to produce them in mass quantities). Hardier than many other breeds of orchid, they're known for their unique, colourful blooms. Although you hardly need to be a master gardener to get them to bloom again, they are not as easy to care for as other houseplant options.

Old faithful: If you're looking to dip your toe in the houseplant pond, you might want to stick with some of the most popular types, which are the spider plant, peace lily, rubber tree, bamboo palm, herbs and aloe plant. "These plants are all easy to care for, do not require constant sunlight, have great health benefits, and can purify and oxygenate the air.

Research has shown substantial health benefits from indoor plants. Plants can remove pollutants from the air and filter out toxins like formaldehyde (found in laundry detergent and carpet cleaner). benzene (found in cigarette smoke and plastics), and carbon monoxide. Plants can also reduce stress and improve mental focus.



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# 65 Relesah Drive, Ningi

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- Separate independent Studio/Rumpus room with air-conditioning and a separate toilet.
- Large colour-bond shed with 3m high roller
- door. 10kw solar system.
- 5000-litre in ground water tank
- 6000-litre water tank.
- Luxury swimming pool.



5 BED | 2 BATH | 3 CAR

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# Things You Muss Know Before Hiring & ROOF Company

roof is the most essential element of our house. It is the first line of protection

from rain, wind, hail, and other elements that can damage and harm your house.

Here, we discuss all the steps you should consider before hiring a roofing company so you can avoid hiring ruthless contractors by considering the following points. Check License

The first point to look at when hiring a contractor is the license. This document is optional in most states, but hiring a professional contractor with this document is mandatory. The license ensures roofing contractors have the right skills, knowledge, and ability to handle this project and work with state or local authorities and legal requirements. Moreover, the license offers a layer of protection for the customers and can protect you from liability claims if something goes wrong with the roof during or after the installation. Insurance

The professional roofing company needs to be insured. Dealing with roofing is a dangerous project with high levels of risk involved, so many accidents happen when handling these kinds of projects. Proper insurance policies are essential in roofing companies because they can save you money and financial losses in case some workers get serious injuries. Insurance policies can also cover the cost of roof repair service, replacement, and other kinds of damages like tools and equipment.

### **PAST EXPERIENCE**

Before hiring a roofing contractor, determine their experience and knowledge because a roofing job requires unique skills and expertise to handle efficiently.

The skilled and experienced workers have the knowledge and technical skills to ensure that the roof remains in good condition for a long time. Professional workers have handled many installations before and have been trained enough to spot the issues and the roofing problems.

If you hire an experienced worker, this is the best way to guarantee quality work. Skilled workers can save you money and do the project quickly without any damage during the repair or replacement.

# LOCAL PHYSICAL OFFICE

Check whether the roofing contractor has a physical office in your area, as they know all the local rules and regulations for roofing, use the best material for your roof and are not just travelling from town to town doing shoddy work.

### WARRANTY

If you hire a roofing company, the most important thing you should consider is whether they provide a roofing warranty or not. The roofing warranty typically lasts a year, or some companies offer more extended warranties.

The warranty covers the materials or any defect during or after the installation. A roofing warranty is significant to protect your investment. The professional roofer provides a warranty in case of defective material components and offers comprehensive protection for the roofing system.

# CHECK THEIR CONTRACT AND CERTIFICATIONS

When looking for a roofing contractor, ensure the contractor has the proper contract or certificate. So, the contract should include the agreement and have details like name, address, scope of work, insurance, pricing, warranty project deadline, and a timeline. A well-written contract protects the customer and contractor from any misinterpretation. **Request price Estimates** Refrain from settling for the cheapest price and the deals, which may indicate that the contractor may offer incomplete services. Instead, go for the reasonable price range that provides the average roof replacement, repair, and installation to certify high-quality services within your budget.

### **CLIENT REVIEWS**

The internet has made it easy for customers to check roofing companies' reviews by simply typing the roofing company name and seeing the online customer's reviews. Reviews are essential for roofing companies to attract new buyers and customers. Reviews are critical for the company's reputation. The previous customer experience helps the company to grow faster if they have positive reviews and have a greater chance of getting more customers. Thus, reviews are the first introduction to how they handle the business and treat their customers.

# **PAYMENT DETAILS**

The last step you must consider is the payment procedure. Ask the roofing company if they will charge extra for the service of taking the old roof materials or other kinds of waste. Discussing all the matters before starting the project will help you efficiently go through the process without incurring any extra charges. So, the corresponding paperwork is essential for transparent and fair financial exchanges.

# CONCLUSION

Hiring a roofing company might seem challenging initially because there are many factors to consider. Make a proper list before hiring, like checking the roofing company license, insurance, experience, whether they offer a warranty, checking their contract and certificates, and seeing client reviews. You can search for a roofing company in your area and do a quick phone interview with each contractor if it is appropriate and convenient for you.

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# How HOUSE Flipping Works part 2

Budgets can balloon quickly on fixer-uppers. If you decide to invest in one, you need a high tolerance for risk -- and an exit strategy. The consensus from most home remodelling experts is this:

You can make more money on a really cheap house that you turn into a nice house than a nice one that you turn into a premium one. All those expensive upgrades don't offer nearly as much return on your investment as fixing a cracked foundation does. For most people, this means hiring workers or having a lot of help.

The more people you get involved; the more coordination is required. You'll have to keep very close tabs on plumbers, electricians, and handymen, or you'll have to hire a general contractor (which means a big increase in your budget). Think local. If you're remodelling a house the closer to home you stick for materials, the more experts you'll be able to find to help you install them.

Don't overestimate your work. Sure, that paint job looks nice but is it really worth a \$20,000 markup on the property? Overpricing your property could leave you with a house that people are wary of because it's been on the market too long. Don't get ahead of yourself. First-time flippers may see dollar signs when they think about buying multiple properties. Still, problems can quickly turn into bankruptcy if you're using one house's equity to pay for another's repairs. Plus, each home requires attention, and unless you're quitting your day job -- which the experts also don't recommend for newbies -- vou will probably have plenty to do for one house without thinking about your next flip.

However long you think the renovation will take and whatever you estimate it will cost, understand that it will probably be much costlier and more time-consuming. Nearly every upgrade you skimp on will haunt you, remodelers warn. From cheap carpets to cheap electricians, quality of workmanship is something that flippers cannot fake in a softening market.

Depending on your goals and the extent of the renovations, fixer-uppers can take a few months (or less, if you're really lucky) or years to turn around. If you want to live in your investment as you're working on it, remember that there may be a lot of sawdust in your future. And while up-and-coming neighbourhoods can explode overnight, there will also be fluctuations in crime rates. local business booms and school improvements, all of which can affect your property's value. Patience is key when waiting for a neighbourhood to take off.

Flipping House FAQ Can you flip houses with no cash? You can get into flipping houses without cash, but it's riskier and generally takes more work upfront. Some ways to get started include partnering with an investor, getting a loan from a hard money or private lender, or even crowdfunding your first flip. If you've got a good relationship with your bank, you may also be able to approach them to see if they will fund your investment, though it's not likely they'll give you a loan if you have absolutely no money. Is it better to flip houses or rent them? If you're looking for a short-term investment,

flipping houses may be a better option for you. If you want to earn passive income, renovating a house and turning it into a rental property may be a better option. Both have unique pros and cons, so it's best to do your research before making a final decision. Is it profitable to flip houses?

It can be very profitable to flip houses if you follow the buy low, sell high model and can stick to a strict budget, including having a contingency budget for any surprises that crop up during a renovation. What are the drawbacks of flipping houses?

A major drawback to flipping a house is that you won't be able to turn a significant (or any) profit if something goes wrong. Buying an undervalued home increases your chances of turning a profit, but fixer-uppers and foreclosed homes may have expensive problems like foundation. structural. electrical, or plumbing issues. These unexpected issues can eat into your budget and shrink your profit margin, potentially to a point where the flip wasn't actually worthwhile.

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### CONGRATULATIONS MIKE LOONEY

A MASSIVE shout out to White Sunday's Mike Looney who was awarded his Restricted Coxswain rank this Weekend, after a lot of hard work and dedication.

Mike joined VMR Bribie in November 2017, became a trainee Crew in April 2019, gained Crew qualifications in July 2019, Competent Crew in October 2021, Senior Crew in June 2022 and Restricted Coxswain in December 2023. -Congratulations Mike!



Commodore Ces Luscombe officially hands Mike Looney his Restricted Coxswains letter of approval.

### **TRAINING WEEKEND**

It has been a big weekend at VMR Bribie with several rescues including a Police Activation for a mystery tinny found abandoned at Beachmere, plus weekend courses for First Aid and CPR being held. VMR Bribie was also host to trainees from VMR Raby Bay and VMR Brisbane as well as our own latest intake of trainees and put them all through the Shipboard Skills Safety Set under the watchful eyes of VMR Bribie's Unit Training Officer Allan Tranter and Deputy Training Officer Liz Radajewski. UTC Allan said, "It's all part of all the various VMR Squadrons working together." The water was warm the wind and current strong but none of the trainees complained.

of the trainees complained. Putting out fires, letting off flares, and the on-water training was all part of the morning session.

This all helps to make these trainees skilled crewmembers on one of our Rescue vessels that might lead to them coming to help save your life one day. Our training never stops. Pictures by Radio Officer Peter McNamara











Skipper Mike Looney with Mike Lucas tow he life raft into place with Bribie 2.





Group huddle and staying afloat is also one of the requirements for all trainees.







Selection and use of fire extinguishers is all part of the training.

# FREQUENTIS VISIT

Tuesday 16th January 2024, we had a visit from VMR Southport and the team from Frequentis looking at VMR Bribie's Frequentis system. Operational discussions were held.



Ken Rogers Radio Operator, VMR Commodore Ces Luscombe, Peter Bell from VMR Southport, Director Global Marketing Marcel Haar, Deputy Radio Officer John Rice, Managing director Martin Rampl, Deputy Radio Officer John O'Hagan and Mehmet Asku from Frequentis. Picture by Radio Officer Peter McNamara.

### RAMP DAY

Bellara Boat Ramp this morning offering advice on Log On procedures, Life Jackets and answering all questions on Boating Safety and local knowledge questions.

Ċoxswain Liz Radajewski said, "It was the first one for the year with many more planned just part of VMR's Bribie Commitment to foster boating safety in our Community." Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details of the next planned boat ramp information morning.



Coxswain Liz Radajewski displays some of the safety advice on offer to boaties.



VMR contingent at the Ramp Day: - Wayne Hook, Doug Wilson, Liz Radajewski, Graham Parker, Lindsay Crompton, Karen Darlington, Mark Purtell, Ian Grimes, Noel Wendt, and Garry Howell, with Peter McNamara behind the camera.

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# SUNSET DRINKS - Friday 26th January 2024

77 Active members and partners attended the Australia Day Sunset Drinks our first for the year! Kelly Langworthy and her Social Committee and BBQ Chefs provided another outstanding meal with a build your own burger with options of: - beef patty, fried onions, egg, bacon, cheese, pineapple, beetroot, tomato, lettuce, and a variety of sauces. Sweets consisted of those Aussie favourites' pavlova and lamingtons, which set the flavour for the night. A thong tossing contest was held, a prize for best dressed and there were many raffles. Our capable bar staff, Karen Llewellyn and Stewart Bell, served drinks at our usual great prices.

Commodore Ces Luscombe welcomed all and thanked everyone for putting on a great evening!



arry and Pam Bunker.





Colleen and Gary Beros, Dale Mullins, with Allan & Gail Tranter.



Armani and Pete from Florist Café Banksia Beach presented Commodore Ces with a Cheque for \$728, being proceeds from the Café's promotion to support VMR Bribie, \$1 from each egg & bacon burger with coffee sold.











Peter McNamara declares the winners of the Thong Toss - Lindsay Crompton and



Public Relations Officer John Traill shows his delight at having a hip replacement 8



inda and John Burdinat give the thumbs



ohn and Barb O'Hagan in the spirit!



from Kelly Langworthy and Commodore Ces.

# **FEBRUARY VESSEL**

FEBRUARY VESSEL ASSISTS: THU 01/02 0914AM – MOP reported drifting vessel near White Patch – Investigated owner was securing.

SAT 03/02 0831AM – Water Police requested VMR to investigate Tinny at anchor displaying V Sheet, 10-12 North West Beacons. Investigated CG Redcliffe towing 4.5m Tinny advised Water Police stood down.

SAT 03/02 0932AM – 4.2m Side Console non-member with motor issues required a tow from Red Beach to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 03/02 1144AM – 5.2m Half Cabin non-member with motor/ fuel issue required a tow from Spitfire Channel to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 03/02 1156AM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 x Ambulance officers to Tangalooma for medevac back to ambulance at VMR Base.

SAT 03/02 1726PM – 5.8m Centre Console non-member has run aground at Gallagher's Gutter required a tow to deeper water.

SUN 04/02 0746AM – 8.6m Cruiser member with starting problems required a tow from 2

# km off Redcliffe to Scarborough Harbor.

SUN 04/02 0809AM – 5.95m Pontoon Boat member lost power required a tow from Gallaghers Point to Banksia Beach.

MON 05/02 1105AM – 12m Catamaran member with rope entangled around propellor, required assistance to secure vessel to pontoon in Pacific Harbour.

### MON 05/02 2013PM -

Medevac tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and return with 18-month-old with injuries.

TUE 06/02 0829AM – Medevac tasked by QAS to transport 2 QAS Officers to retrieve 86-year-old from Cowan Cowan to awaiting ambulance at VMR Base.

THU 08/02 1245PM – MOP reported what looked like a person being swept out to sea South of IGA Bongaree – Investigated possible red buoy.

FRI 09/02 0546AM – 12m Yacht non-member broken away from mooring and drifting – towed to VMR Mooring to be moved within 24 hours.

SAT 10/02 1315PM – 12m Yacht non-member stuck in sandbar near Buckley's Hole, investigated transported owner and will wait for tide to sail free.

MON 12/02 0919AM – MOP reported unoccupied Tinny drifting off Toorbul. Investigated, Houseboat in vicinity had lost tender recovered OK.

TUE 13/02 0808AM – Activated by Water Police to investigate overturned vessel in Deception Bay with person clinging to vessel. Arrived stood by whilst CG Redcliff retrieved person – VMR Bribie stood down.

WED 14/02 1750PM – Activated by Water Police to bring vessel back from North Point on Moreton Island to VMR Base.

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# FETY DAVE THE FRENCHIE'S MESSAGE:

Safety Dave says "Check your safety gear, ensure your flares are in date and dry, that you have a fire extinguisher, torch, v-sheet, Check the life jacket for life jackets; and that they are easily accessible. We talk a lot about servicing inflatable Life Jackets but there are also the old faithful foam filled life Jackets that we see a lot of on vessels.

A lot of the time these are stashed away in the boat they get wet and sun damaged and forgotten about, these need to be checked annually too. signs of:

- Sun Damage
- Fading
- Rips

• Check the buckle works • Inspect straps for any

deterioration • If reflective strips are

attached make sure they are clean and undamaged.

• Make sure the whistle works.

"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!"

### 2024 YEAR RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

To Wednesday 14th February 2024 2,190 Calls, 549 vessels logged on, 62 Vessel Assists, 260 Sitreps, 348 Requests,

9 Overdue vessels, 2 Vessel Tracking, 173 Radio Checks, 3 Weather Forecasts 3 Securite Broadcasts. 1 Pan Pan, 0 Mayday

VHF calls 47.9%, - 27MHz calls 0.2% -Phone 30.7% GWN 5.3%, OTHER 3.6%t





# ALLILL SEC. MALE SEAHOPSES DO GIVE PIPTH! HEPE'S HOW

Normally, female animals give birth to young — not males. It's just the way animals have always done it. However, the rule is almost always proven by its exception, and seahorses are the lucky winners of this particular exception. Seahorse men are the mamas. Seahorses, seadragons and pipefishes are small marine fishes in the family Syngnathidae that have the unusual habit of leaving the gestation of their young to the males. They do this in a uterus-like pouch — complete with a placenta! found in their tails.

You might be wondering why a male seahorse is male if he has a uterus and placenta. He might be an anomaly, but like other male animals on planet Earth, male seahorses produce sperm instead of eggs. The female seahorse impregnates the male by inserting her eggs into a pouch on the front of his tail, into which he releases sperm to fertilise the eggs and incubate the babies for 24 days. Researchers have found they even provide them with oxygen and nutrients during this time, not unlike mammalian and some reptilian mothers. An Australian research team has discovered the mechanism that allows male mothers to trigger the process of labour and birth. In a September 2022 study published in the journal Placenta, researchers from the University of Sydney and the University of Newcastle reported that Syngnathid dads labour and give birth in a way that's very different from other mums.

Female labour and birth are driven primarily by the hormone oxytocin, which contracts the smooth muscles of the uterus to push the babies out. Smooth muscle tissue works involuntarily, while skeletal muscles can flex and relax when the brain tells them to, which is why you can flex your calf muscle on command, but women go into labour without trving. The research team found that the muscle tissue of the seahorse brood pouch did not respond to the fish version of oxytocin and that the pouch itself contained very little smooth muscle tissue. Instead, they found the male seahorse has three small bones at the opening of the brood pouch where the anal fin attaches to skeletal muscles. Female seahorses have very small or non-existent anal fins, but they're more prominent in males.

It turns out the anal fin and skeletal muscles that power it is a key to the mystery of seahorse birth, as they play a role in both mating and labour for the seahorse. During courtship, the male

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seahorse does a little sit-up-style dance, crunching and expanding his abdomen to let water into his brood pouch. He does the same thing when he goes into labour, pressing and relaxing his abdomen until his thousands of babies spew forth. Instead of smooth muscle running the seahorse birthing show, it's the skeletal muscles of the anal fin that contract to open the brood pouch of

the male seahorse. More study is required to test whether the fathers consciously make the contractions happen or if the skeletal muscles somehow override their normal rules and contract on their own. A seahorse father can give birth to as many as 2,000 babies at a time. Scientists think the reason the males give birth instead of the females is because seahorse babies are often eaten by prey, and so having the male give birth allows the female to create more eggs to be fertilised without having to wait to give birth herself. Sharing the labour ensures the

survival of the species.



# FISHING REPORT

Heavy rains have turned the passage water brown, with so much fresh in the passage some of our favourite fish didn't make it; Flatheads up to 70 cm, And Queen fish over a meter were found on the shores and floating out into the bay. As upsetting as this is, they are part of the food chain and will be devoured by crabs, prawns and other fish.



Bream didn't seem to mind the fresh and were ever present, with good catches up to 40cm reported. Silver and Barred Javelin fish are being caught in the higher reaches of the passage in dirty water, along with a lot of Catfish. Over December, Garfish showed up in big numbers and will hang around for a couple of months.



BY: Claude Trabelsi cisdemo@hotmail.com

Light lines 4lb are preferred with bread, prawns or yabbies on a size 8 hook under a float, or just a floating line will get you a nice feed of garfish. Use breadcrumbs or the crust of the bread as burly to attract them to you. One hour before and after the top of the tide is prime time.



	FRI 23 Feb	SAT 24 Feb	SUN 25 Feb	MON 26 Feb	TUE 27 Feb	WED 28 Feb	THU 29 Feb
17 States	3:04 am	3:41 am	4:13 am	4:42 am	5:13 am	5:45 am	12:26 am
	0.36m	0.34m	0.35m	0.38m	0.43m	0.5m	1.64m
	9:45 am	10:18 am	10:45 am	11:09 am	11:31 am	11:57 am	6:21 am
	2.03m	2.02m	1.98m	1.93m	1.88m	1.8m	0.58m
	4:13 pm	4:41 pm	5:05 pm	5:28 pm	5:51 pm	6:15 pm	12:25 pm
	0.46m	0.46m	0.47m	0.47m	0.46m	0.46m	1.71m
	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	10:59 pm	11:25 pm	11:54 pm		6:40 pm
	1.56m	1.59m	1.6m	1.61m	1.63m		0.47m
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Bribie Island	1.64m	1.63m	1.61m	1.61m	1.68m	1.82m	0.48m
	7:02 am	7:54 am	9:10 am	10:47 am	12:17 pm	1:28 pm	7:42 am
	0.68m	0.78m	0.86m	0.88m	0.8m	0.66m	2m
	12:58 pm	1:37 pm	2:31 pm	3:53 pm	5:33 pm	6:57 pm	2:19 pm
	1.59m	1.45m	1.31m	1.22m	1.22m	1.32m	0.51m
Moreton Bay	7:07 pm	7:41 pm	8:31 pm	10:00 pm	11:28 pm		7:57 pm
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Weather permitting, fishing in the bay is as usual: clean water with good clarity. Prawns have been pushed out of the creeks and rivers, with the trawlers finding good numbers. Dart has been schooling up and enjoying the bay prawns. Using a floating line of 6lb and a size 2 Aberdeen hook, I found a peeled prawn was too hard to resist and managed a nice feed of dart inside the bay. Fresh Bay prawns are available by the kilo at Bribie Bait and Cycle. With a nice by-catch of Grassies and Trevally with a 70cm Flathead, which was an awesome fight on light line.



Baitfish are returning to the passage followed closely by some nice size Spotted Mackerel, Spotted Mackerel have a minimum size limit of 60cm and are caught with 30 and 40gram chrome Halco twisty lures around the shipping markers cast the lure past the marker allowing them to hit the bottom then wind fast back to the boat, you can also cast some weighted 3/0 ganged pilchards in front of the channel markers allow to sink then wind back slowly.

The surprise catch has been Cobia with reports from the mouth of Caboolture River all the way north of Cape Moreton, its fighting habits are fast and strong, runs after hookup, so I recommend backing off the drag to minimise bust offs. Cobia generally stay close to the surface of the water swimming in big arches after the initial run.

Sarkis with a nice 80cm just on dark using whole squid for bait







IF YOU DRIVE, YOU NEED TO KNOW HOW TO JUMP-START A CAR BECAUSE SURELY, AT SOME POINT, YOU'LL HAVE A DEAD BATTERY.

IF IT HASN'T HAPPENED TO YOU ALREADY, IT LIKELY WILL SOMEDAY: YOUR CAR STALLS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, AND YOU SUSPECT YOU'VE GOT A DEAD BATTERY. THIS CAN HAPPEN FOR LOTS OF REASONS.

common culprit is a weak battery, a bad alternator or a wornout alternator belt that must be replaced or repaired. But it also can be as simple as headlights or an interior light left on that causes the battery to drain overnight. Whatever the case, you need to jump-start the battery to get your car to a safe spot for further examination. Here's what you need to know about how to jump-start a car. One of the first lessons is to carry jumper cables. One of the second lessons is to know how to use them. A portable jump starter is also a good option. When you get a new car, make sure your battery cables get transferred to the trunk. When your kids learn to drive, teach them this stuff.

While you're at it, you should be able to pop the hood of your car and identify the engine and the battery so you know what to touch and what not to touch. Some cars have their batteries somewhere else, like in the trunk. Knowing this now is better than being caught offguard in a stressful emergency situation.

**Step 1.** Prep Both Cars So now you're on the side of the road with a dead battery, but you're not flying totally blind. You'll get through this, and you have a friend or a generous stranger ready and willing to help.

First, park the car with the dead battery close enough to a working car (booster car) so the jumper cables can reach both batteries. Turn off the ignitions and set the parking brake on both cars. Turn the lights, radio, and other accessories off in both cars. You don't want either car's battery sending any power to anything.

**Step 2.** Connect the Jumper Cables

Connecting the correct cable end to the correct battery terminal is critical when jump-starting a car. Open the hood of each car to locate each battery and

its terminals. Locate the positive terminal and negative terminal on your car battery. The positive post is often red, but it's not always, so look for the plus or minus sign to determine the battery post's polarity. Jumper cables are also red and black (or positive and negative). The red clamps attach to the positive battery terminals, and the black clamps attach to the negative battery terminals. Touching the wrong cable to the wrong battery terminal could create a spark, or you could get a nasty electrical shock, so be sure to connect the cables in the proper order:

• Connect one end of the red positive jumper cable to the dead battery's positive terminal.

• Connect the other end of the red positive jumper cable to the positive terminal of the good battery of the booster car.

• Connect the black negative jumper cable to the good battery's negative terminal in the booster car.

• Connect the other end of the black negative jumper cable to an unpainted metal surface like a bolt or bracket at least a few inches away from the battery of the dead battery.

Double-check Everything Given the potential for injury to you and your car, glance over your setup and ensure the jumper cables are properly secured and away from moving engine parts. If so, it's time to jump-start the dead car battery safely.

**Step 3.** Jump Start the Cars First, start the booster car and let it idle for several minutes. Next, start the car with the dead battery and let it idle so the battery can recharge. If the car doesn't start immediately, you may need to wait a few minutes until the battery is fully charged.

Finally, once the dead car is running and the battery has a sufficient charge, disconnect the jumper cables in the reverse order you connected them. It's essential to be careful here since the car is still running. Don't let the cable ends touch anything, especially metal or the other clamps.

Drive the car for at least 20 minutes to allow the alternator to recharge the battery. Don't turn the car off until you're somewhere safe if the charge doesn't hold. If your battery is over a few years old, you might want to have it tested or replaced.



The answer to this question depends on several factors, such as battery age, the climate where the battery is stored and the car owner's driving habits. While some generalizations can be made about average lifespan, no two batteries will perform exactly the same.

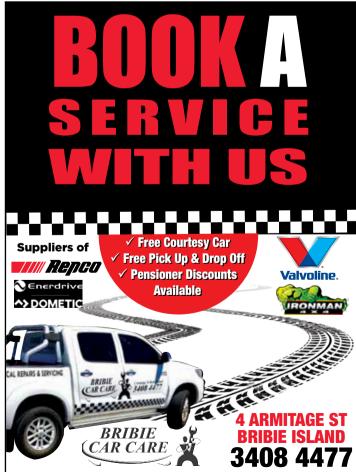
To get the most out of your car battery, whether it is old or new, it's helpful to understand how different variables will affect your car battery's life. This can lead to significant improvements in the overall lifespan and better performance.

When you turn the key in your ignition, the car battery sends a strong, brief jolt of electricity to the starter motor. This allows the internal combustion engine to begin operating. The alternator, an electric generator powered by the now-firing engine, sends electricity back into the battery, recharging it while you drive.

# What Is the Average Lifespan of a Car Battery?

The average car battery life is about three to five years. However, some batteries can last significantly longer if treated well and kept in a relatively stable environment. Many batteries sold today will include a three-year or 36-month warranty, although some will have warranties lasting significantly longer, such as 80 months.

While it can be worth it to pay for the battery with a longer warranty, with the right care, you can increase your chances of getting your car's battery to live longer and perform better before having to replace it.



# **What Shortens Car Battery Life?**

Several factors determine the lifespan of a car battery. The four most important elements in knowing when to replace a car battery are time, usage, temperature and vibration.

# 1. Time

This refers not just to the age of the battery but also to how much time it spends powering the car. All batteries will degrade with age, but sitting inert for long periods will significantly diminish their lifespan. When the car is operated regularly, it keeps the charge full and prevents the battery from going completely dead, ensuring that it works optimally.

# 2. Usage

Running the air conditioning, radio, or lights while the car engine is switched off creates a strain on the battery. Moreover, modern cars tend to have a lot of extra electronics, all of which draw power. If the engine isn't running enough to charge the battery each time it's being used fully, this can lead to battery degradation over time.

# **3. Temperature**

Excessive heat can degrade the battery, leading to a shorter life and poorer overall quality. However, too much cold isn't good either; it will create more of a burden for your battery when it comes time to start the car, and it can also lead to faster discharge.

# 4. Vibration

Too much vibration isn't good for a car battery since the agitation of the internal components can cause corrosion and gradual decay.



# Neighbourhood Watch

# **BRIBIE ONE NHW - NEWSLETTER**

# FEB 2024

# LECTRIC BIKES AND SCOOTERS.

A number of youngsters (and some not so young) will have bought, or been given, an electric bike or scooter over the holidays. These are easily stolen, so be prepared!

The smaller size and weight of electric scooters and bicycles make them easy targets for

offenders as they are easy to pick up and ride away, or to throw in the back of a ute!

Thieves often carry cutting implements to remove security chains, so be proactive about security.

• Store your e-scooter or e-bike in a secure place in your home.

• Take note of the serial number and record it – it may be the only way it can be identified.

• Take a photo of it so you have a clear shot of any distinguishing characteristics,

accessories, etc.

• Give thought to a GPS tracker.

• Many do not have a key start - consider retro fitting one.

Remember. thieves cannot

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steal things they cannot access. Be careful, even if only leaving it a short time. For preference, keep it in view.

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Justice Connect and Telstra have developed a "self help" tool so you can store important

documents electronically and safely. https://prepare.apps. justiceconnect.org.au/

The easy-to-follow instructions show various scenarios to make sure your identity and your personal information remain secure, yet are readily accessible to you.

Be Connected, an Australian Government website aimed at helping all Australians get online, is also an important community resource, providing all information needed to help everyone from total beginners through to the most competent. https:// beconnected.esafety.gov.au

# Facebook

Keep up-to-date with issues and events on the Island by accessing our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/ bongareenhw/ You can also get a regular report on crime within the Moreton Police District by registering for daily, weekly, monthly or quarterly statistics at the NHW Queensland website.

Detroiting older doesn't always mean that one must consider giving up your car keys. Have a look at the RACQ website "Tips for Older Drivers" to see what you can do to stay on the road.

Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 19 th . We will again have an interesting speaker, following on from the VMR Commodore Cec Luscombe in January, and the Mayor of the Moreton Bay City Council, Peter Flannery, in February.

Peter Barrett Co-ordinator, Bribie Island 1 NHW 0408 841 306

> NEXT BRIBIE ONE NHW MEETING IS ON TUE 19TH MAR AT BRIBIE RSL ANZAC ROOM

All visitors are invited to attend. Next meeting 19TH MAR, 2024 - ANZAC Room Bribie RSL or Contact Peter PH: 0408 841 306.

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# LETS MAKE CRIME PREVENTION A PRIORITY

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# CRIME REPORT BRIBIE ISLAND WRAF

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### **BRIBIE ISLAND ARREST - PROPERTY OFFENCES**

Police have arrested a 28-year-old Sandstone Point man in relation to alleged offences that occurred on Bribie Island between February 8 and 11.

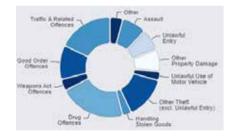
Police will allege that at about 4.42 am on February 8, the Sandstone Point man entered a residence at Cosmos Avenue, Banksia Beach and stole a Ford Ranger from the garage using the keys taken from the house. The vehicle was located bogged in the pine plantation off McGarry Road, Caboolture, later that day at 9.30 am.

At about 3 am on February 11, it is alleged that the Sandstone Point man stole a fuel card from a vehicle parked at a Fairway Avenue, Woorim address. At about 12.30 pm on February 11, it is further alleged that the Sandstone Point man entered two vehicles at an Eden Crescent, Woorim address and stole cash, identification, cigarettes and sunglasses.

Shortly after, police patrolling at Woorim located the Sandstone Point man. It is alleged that, at the time, he was in possession of stolen property. The Sandstone Point man was charged with one count each of unlawful entry to a dwelling, unlawful entry to a premises, receiving tainted property, unlawful use of a motor vehicle and wilful damage. He was scheduled to appear in the Caboolture Magistrates Court on February 13. 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.

Report crime information anonymously via Crime Stoppers. Call 1800 333 000 or report online at www.crimestoppersqld.com.au. PIC 1 - Police believe the persons pictured in these images may be able to assist officers with the investigation into a recent Shop steal – (Female) unlawfully take away goods which occurred on Friday, January 12 2024, at approximately 9:04 AM and (Male) unlawfully take away goods which occurred on Saturday, January 27 2024, at approximately 10:00 AM.





206 Offences 19 NOV 2023 — 18 FEB 2024 Other 8 Assault 16 Unlawful Entry 14 Other Property Damage 15 Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle 5 Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry) 29 Handling Stolen Goods 5 Drug Offences 46 Weapons Act Offences 7 Good Order Offences 23 Traffic & Related Offences 38





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# HOW TO PICK A GOOD TRADIE Whether you are in the market for a large-scale renovation or some smaller jobs around the house, selecting the right tradesperson can be a difficult and stressful experience. For every positive encounter, many people have had or IN EASY know someone who has had a negative experience with a tradesperson. The good news is that there are several things you can do before you commit your job to somebody, which will TEPS ultimately help to ensure it is completed on time, on

budget and to the right standard.

# Step 1:

# SHOP AROUND BEFORE YOU COMMIT

Treat choosing a tradesperson as you would treat buying a car. It's unlikely you would ever purchase the first car you inspected, and likewise there is no obligation to give your job to the first tradesperson vou call.

There are several websites offering instant quotes from multiple companies, but it is always best to go directly to the tradesperson. These websites typically charge tradespeople to have their services featured and pass these costs to the customers and speaking to somebody directly will allow you to ask follow-up questions.

# Step 2: LISTEN TO WORD OF MOUTH

The internet age means that anybody with a smartphone has access to a myriad review. But while online review can be handy, they aren't the be all and end all. If you have family members, friends or colleagues who have recently had work done around the house, ask them questions about the tradespeople they used. you can't beat oldfashioned word-of-mouth. You are more likely to get an honest answer from somebody you know rather than relying on stranger's opinions online.

# Step 3: CHECK ON THEIR CREDENTIALS

Each state and territory have its own laws about licensing. A quick way to ensure the tradesperson you've been speaking with has the right accreditation is to visit licensedtrades. com.au. Australia's only comprehensive licensechecking site features an easy-to-use database of more than 1.2 million trade professionals across the country. Another good sign is if your tradesperson is a member of their peak organisation such as the Masters Building Association or Master Plumbers. By going to these peak organisations directly, you will be able to obtain a list of credentialed professionals in your local area.

# Step 4: GET A DETAILED QUOTE

It is important that you get a quote with a breakdown of the total figure – how much of the cost relates to materials and relates to labour. All quotes should feature the ABN and/ or license number of the tradesperson. The best way to avoid 'bill shock' at the end of the job is to be up-front with your tradesperson throughout the process and ask questions in advance about how they will handle and communicate any unexpected changes to the quote or the timeframe of the job.

Communication is key. A lot of the stress involved in hiring a tradesperson can be alleviated if you ask plenty of questions, get everything in writing and make sure your tradesperson knows you expect to be informed as soon as anything changes."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### Dear Editor,

I am very surprised to see TMR's new bridge concept; I still intend to use the old bridge for vehicular traffic. What's the point of a new bridge? I would have thought that 2 east and 2 westbound lanes on the new bridge would be the logical way to go and save the old bridge for pedestrians, bicycles, mobility and EV hybrids.

The reduced stresses of daily vehicular tonnage on the old bridge would, with minimal maintenance, give it another 60 years of life.

With TMR's current plan, at some time, all vehicular traffic on the old bridge will have to be diverted to the new bridge anyway while serious maintenance, or worse, is performed on the old bridge. Sorry, it doesn't make sense to me. The decision must have been the government's cheapest option. Oh well, I prob won't be around to see it anyway. Cheers Gaz.

### Dear Editor,

I recently returned to Bribie from Canberra, our nation's capital. During my time there, I was particularly struck by the hundreds of flags flying from prominent buildings in Canberra, especially in the Parliamentary Triangle. The flags always appeared in groups of three, of apparently equal importance. There was our national flag, representing 100% of the Australian population; the Aboriginal flag, representing 3.8% of our population; and the flag of the Torres Strait Islanders, representing 0.15% of our population.

When and by whom was it decided that our national flag must always be accompanied by flags representing only a tiny proportion of the Australian population? I don't remember being consulted on this matter. It seems to me that the latter two flags have been foisted upon us by stealth. One minute, we had a single flag representing a united Australian population, and then, almost overnight, we saw three flags. The result of the recent 'Voice to Parliament' referendum suggested that the majority of the population wished to be treated as a single entity with no special benefits for any minority groups. Should we not respect that decision by flying only our national flag, signifying one united nation? Michael Cavenor

### Dear Editor,

Thank you for providing a platform for readers to express their views. I'd like to address some points raised by E. Adams in their recent letter regarding recruiting police officers from overseas.

1. Recruitment Success: The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has successfully attracted highly experienced police officers from abroad. This program has been ongoing for years and continues to contribute significantly to our policing force. As someone recruited from the Met Police in London in 1977, I can attest to its effectiveness.

2. Weapons Licensing: E. Adams questions the legality of police officers carrying weapons after training and being sworn in. It's essential to clarify that foreign nationals recruited by the QPS are sworn police officers. They hold valid entry visas and are authorised to carry weapons while on duty. Possession of such weapons without proper licensing is illegal for anyone, including E. Adams.

3. Exemptions for Police Officers: In Queensland, all police officers are granted an exemption from the requirement to carry firearms, as defined in the Weapons Act Regulation 2016. The Commissioner of Police has the authority to issue these exemptions under Section 2(1)(m) of the Weapons Act 1990. E. Adams may want to verify this information if they have any doubts.

4. Citizenship Choice: While migrants to Australia are not compelled to become Australian citizens upon qualification, it is a personal choice. I, for one, proudly became a naturalised Australian citizen. Our free and democratic country allows individuals to make such decisions.

5. Freedom of Expression: In their letter, E. Adams exercised their right to express an opinion, albeit misguided. As the editor, you chose to publish it, recognising that everyone is entitled to their viewpoint—even when we disagree. Sincerely, A Proud Naturalized Australian Citizen

### Dear Editor,

I am writing to congratulate H. Beneke on his/her informative letter of the 9th of February. Yes, the degeneration of the term "woke "has certainly become of great concern. It is often used to spread disinformation. as demonstrated by the anonymous columnist, "Gecko Cheerps", who writes in the rival monthly publication. These fortnightly articles would suggest that this person is more likely to be an invasive house gecko, not a true Australian. These columns certainly do NOT " inspire people to make this world a better place."

S. Gerdsen

### Dear Editor,

Surgery in 2000 has seen many follow-ups, meaning many visits to various hospitals, since - the latest by ambulance last week. The health department receives much criticism, much of it no doubt warranted but it is certainly not evident in the care of patients. From the paramedics and all the staff the care/treatment/attitude contradicts the bad press, and I express my admiration and appreciation from one on the receiving end – they are special people. So, my thanks and may God bless them all. Ruggles

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