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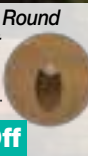


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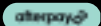
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Welcome

Dear Readers,  
Welcome to our latest edition! With spring now upon us, we're excited to embrace this lively season filled with new beginnings and fresh ideas. In this issue, we focus on community projects and initiatives that are growing and thriving all around us. We have our spring "FEATURE FROM THE GROUND UP" to give you some inspiration in your garden as well!

We are also looking forward to the Bribie Island Nature Festival! This exciting event includes fun activities like guided nature walks, discussions about local wildlife, and some fantastic concerts. It's a great chance to connect with nature and learn about the beautiful ecosystem we have right in our backyard.

We're thrilled to introduce our new contributor, Brooke Nunn. She has written a delightful article about ibises, sharing both interesting facts and a bit of humour that makes it a pleasure to read.

This edition is packed with inspiring stories and highlights of amazing events happening in our community. We hope you take some time to enjoy the content and explore all the wonderful things our community has to offer this spring!

Until next time,  
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**M**any people today find it hard to get a good night's sleep. With all the noise, light, and distractions around, it can be challenging to unwind and relax.

Among the various sleep aids out there, one simple tool that has won many hearts is the fan.

For countless individuals, falling asleep often depends on having a fan nearby. Let's explore why a fan is so comforting for some people.

## The Comfort of Sound

One of the main reasons people love to sleep with a fan on is the soothing sound it makes.

A fan creates a soft, consistent noise that can cover up other disruptive sounds, like traffic or a barking dog.

This background noise helps many people relax, making it easier for them to drift off to sleep.

For those who live in busy neighbourhoods or share a room with light sleepers, the gentle hum of a fan can be a lifesaver.

## Keeping Cool

Another reason fans are popular is their ability to keep us cool. Many people struggle to sleep when it's too hot, often waking up uncomfortable or sweaty.

A fan provides a refreshing breeze, making the sleeping environment more pleasant. Feeling cool can signal to your body that it's time to sleep, helping people settle in for the night.

## A Sense of Comfort

There's also a psychological aspect to needing a fan. Many individuals develop habits in childhood that carry into adulthood.

For some, the steady noise of a fan as they fall asleep brings back fond memories of bedtime routines.

This comforting sound can create a sense of safety, helping them feel cozy and relaxed, much like a warm blanket. The familiar noise of a fan can become a calming signal for sleep.

## The Importance of Routines

Routines are important in our lives, especially when it comes to bedtime. Simple actions, like turning on a fan, can signal to our brains that it's time to wind down.

For many, this small ritual can spark nostalgia—reminding them of their childhood nights spent with the comforting whirr of a fan in the background, bringing peace during hot summer evenings.

Basically, needing a fan to sleep is about comfort, both in sound and sensation. In today's hectic world, the gentle noise and breeze of a fan provide a familiar refuge, allowing many people to find the restful sleep they need.

For these individuals, a fan is more than just a household appliance; it's a source of peace and a faithful companion on their nightly journey to slumber.

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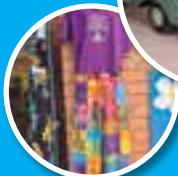
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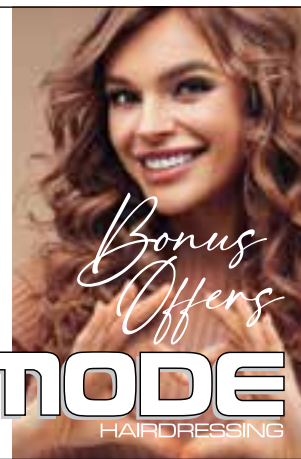
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# Morning vs. Evening Showers

**W**hen it comes to your skincare routine, one thing that people often don't think about is when they take their showers. Morning and evening showers both have their perks, but which one is better really depends on your personal vibe and skin type.

Let's break down the benefits of each.

## Morning Showers: The Energizing Boost

Starting your day with a morning shower can be a great way to wake up and get your day rolling. The warm water can really help you shake off the sleepiness and get into gear.

Plus, morning showers are a nice little ritual that can prep your mind for what's ahead. But there's more to it for your skin, too.

A morning shower is like a fresh start, washing away all the stuff your skin produces overnight, like dead cells and oils. This helps you show off a more radiant look. Plus, a morning shower can boost blood circulation, giving your skin that nice, natural glow.

The warm water opens up your pores, which is fantastic for soaking in moisturizers and sunscreen—these are key for keeping your skin protected all day long.

Just a heads up for those with sensitive skin: hot water might make things a bit red or irritated, so find a comfy temperature and go for gentle, hydrating cleansers to keep your natural oils in check.

## Evening Showers: The Relaxing Ritual

On the flip side, evening showers come with their own set of benefits, especially when it comes to your skin and unwinding after a long day.

Washing up before bed is super important because it gets rid of all the

dirt, sweat, and makeup that can clog your pores and cause breakouts. An evening shower cleanses your skin, allowing it to breathe and recharge overnight. Also, taking a shower in the evening can be a nice way to relax and tell your body it's time to wind down.

The warm water eases tension and helps you feel calm, making it easier to drift off to sleep. And since good sleep is crucial for skin health, that's a big plus.

Your body works on repairing and regenerating skin cells while you snooze, so you wake up looking refreshed.

If you struggle with body acne or have oily skin, an evening shower can really help keep things in check. It gives you a clean slate for your nighttime skincare routine, letting those nighttime products work their magic while you catch some Z's.

## Finding Your Balance

In the end, whether you go for morning or evening showers comes down to what works for you.

Early birds might love the pick-me-up of a morning shower, while night owls might prefer the cleansing and relaxation of an evening wash.

You might even find that a mix of both works best. A refreshing shower in the morning followed by a chill evening routine can offer the balance your skin needs.

The key is to pay attention to how your skin feels and adjust your routine accordingly. So, whether you're all about that morning energy or love winding down in the evening, both options have their advantages for your skin.

Just remember to stay hydrated, choose gentle products, and don't be afraid to switch things up as your skin changes.

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Today, Mobi-Mats are used worldwide to provide safe, portable, and eco-friendly access to beaches, parks, and outdoor spaces for people using wheelchairs, mobility aids, and those with physical impairments.

For locals using walkers, wheelchairs, prosthetics, or other assistive equipment, the mat must extend across the soft sand and reach the hard sand.

If mats fall short, sand can become lodged in the axles or mechanisms of mobility equipment, causing damage or rendering devices unusable.

It is also a significant safety hazard—support people cannot push wheelchairs across soft sand, as this can easily result in injury for both the user and the assistant. Properly designed access ensures mobility devices function safely and reliably while reducing the risk of accidents.

I began researching and discovered the U-BEACH Study, a collaborative project led by CQUniversity, known as the Universal Beach Accessibility Hub (U-BEACH).

This initiative aims to enhance beach access for individuals with disabilities and mobility limitations, thereby creating pathways to increased physical activity, greater inclusion, and improved health benefits.

The research was led by Sasha Job, Dr Steven Obst and Dr Luke Heales. Led by CQUniversity neurological physiotherapy and research higher degree candidate, Sasha Job, the project will

contribute to her PhD research thesis under the supervision of Dr Steven Obst and Dr Luke Heales.

As a practising physiotherapist, Ms Job initially identified the need to develop and evaluate a collaborative and community-driven model of accessibility for beach environments.

"With one in five Australians living with some form of disability, there are a significant number of people who experience terrain and facility challenges when accessing the beach environments," says Ms Job.

"Some challenges people face include moving through the soft sand and a lack of mobility equipment," explains Ms Job. Not everyone needs or wants a beach wheelchair to access the water.

Many simply want to reach the hard sand to enjoy the sunshine, hear the waves, and spend time with family and friends. Studies have shown that just being near the ocean promotes well-being and supports mental health.

Feeling included and being able to access the beach without barriers fosters a sense of community and belonging.

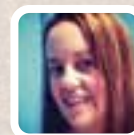
Access has many boxes to tick, and I believe Bribie can become a beach where people of all abilities can safely experience the outdoors and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of our coastline.

Yours in Health and Wellness,  
Kind regards,

**Tracey Blinco**

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# WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST?

Occupational therapists (OTs) are important professionals who help people regain their independence and improve their quality of life through meaningful activities.

Their work goes beyond just traditional rehabilitation; they focus on a holistic approach, assisting individuals in engaging with daily tasks, whether they are recovering from an injury, dealing with an illness, facing a disability, or navigating developmental challenges.

At the heart of occupational therapy is the concept of "occupations"—the everyday activities that contribute to a person's identity and well-being.

This can include basic self-care tasks like dressing and bathing, activities related to work, or hobbies and leisure pursuits. OTs create personalised plans that cater to each person's unique situation, interests, and goals.

They consider not only physical abilities but also emotional, social, and environmental factors that might affect someone's ability to carry out tasks.

For instance, if someone is recovering from a stroke, an occupational therapist will assess their movement and cognitive skills to identify potential challenges.

They might recommend exercises to improve hand movements, suggest strategies for everyday living, and educate family members on how to support the person's recovery at home. By employing various tools, ranging from exercises to specialised equipment, OTs assist their clients in regaining control over their lives.

OTs work in diverse settings, including hospitals, rehabilitation centres, schools, and even at clients' homes, providing support to people of all ages, from children to the elderly. Their impact is significant, as they help individuals build resilience and engage in activities that matter to them.

In a constantly evolving healthcare environment, the work of occupational therapists is essential.

They advocate for their clients not just to restore skills but also to understand their health and promote overall well-being. Supporting the vital role of OTs is crucial for improving the lives of those they assist.

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# Bribie Simply HEALTHY

By Heenam Kim

## VERTIGO - Gumbi Gumbi, Aboriginal Medicine and HYPNOSIS (Emotional Freedom Technique)

Vertigo can be unsettling, leaving people feeling off-balance, fearful, and vulnerable in everyday life. While medical evaluation is essential, *sometimes a holistic approach can complement care, addressing both the physical and emotional aspects of dizziness.*

*Gumbi Gumbi (Pittosporum angustifolium) is a revered Aboriginal traditional medicine, long used to support balance, vitality, and overall wellbeing. Many people find it helpful for energy support, which can assist with issues such as dizziness or instability.*

Gumbi Gold is a biofermented Gumbi Gumbi leaf liquid extract, considered one of the most effective forms for easy absorption because it is taken as a liquid. Being naturally fermented, it also contains a high level of probiotics, which can help support a healthy

digestive system. One of my clients has been buying *Gumbi Gold for vertigo and improved his vertigo dramatically and has personally found it supportive for his general wellbeing and his prostate problem.*

An elderly lady recently came to the shop seeking help for VERTIGO. She wanted to try hypnosis, though I felt she might need extra energy support rather than hypnosis, so I suggested she try Gumbi Gold first, asked her to come back if Gumbi Gold didn't work. And she came back to the shop a few weeks later and said it hadn't helped.

I might have been in my own preconception to think perhaps she was too frail to walk without walking stick. *Sometimes we underestimate the power of the mind.* This

time she was determined to try hypnosis. Hypnosis can be effective when the symptoms related to emotional blocks. For example, *in this case she was scared of falling over and her husband believed the issue was mostly mental and emotional.*

He said that she had been fine until about six weeks prior, with no falls or injuries, but had suddenly refused to walk without the stick. I could see his frustration and concern over his wife's unexplainable sudden change.

During the hypnosis session, communication was challenging. She had hearing difficulties, and I have somewhat distinctive Korean accent, so some words were hard for her to understand. Even I asked her husband repeating after me since he understood me better than her. And it was difficult, and I nearly considered giving up. When I said it's not going to work, her husband was upset and frustrated.

*He had hoped after the session his wife would walk independently, so they could return to ballroom dancing.*

*As a final attempt, instead of hypnosis I decided to use EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique, tapping) on her.* I had nothing to lose, and to our surprise, she responded remarkably well. After the session, she was able



to walk without her stick, even twirled around (slowly) while holding her husband's hand.

The session gave her confidence back, not fearful of falling over. It seemed like her husband was happier about the result than his wife. Obviously dancing with his wife was one of his pleasures in life.

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## From Bribie Island to the National Stage

# LARRIKIN PUPPETS TO KEYNOTE AT NEIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

This November, the PARKROYAL Darling Harbour ballroom in Sydney will host an extraordinary celebration - and at the heart of it are Bribie Island's own Larrikin Puppets. Puppeteers Brett Hansen and his wife Elissa Jenkins have been invited to be keynote speakers at the 40th Anniversary Gala of the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) and Self-Employment Assistance.

What began in 2012 as a small idea has grown into a national success story in live theatre, television, and music - and it all started with a blue puppet.

### Small Beginnings

Larrikin Puppets' first year was spent performing at backyard birthday parties, before expanding into schools, childcare centres, libraries, and festivals. Brett even began puppeteering in short

films, and on Briz 31 TV shows, gaining early screen experience.

His signature character, "Trogg" the Blue Monster (spelt with three Gs - the middle G is silent), became an instant crowd favourite, soon landing MC gigs at festivals, launch events, and even wedding receptions.

### Music, TV, and National Exposure

After writing and releasing their own original songs for their puppet shows (which can be heard on Spotify and Apple Music), Larrikin Puppets caught the eye of the music industry, performing puppetry in a music video by Aussie rock legends Regurgitator, and later performing those same Regurgitator puppet caricatures live on stage with the band, as well as performing their regular Larrikin Puppets show as the opening support act. More similar projects came

up for the duo, including music videos with prominent Melbourne-based hip hop artist Illy (a duet with Brisbane band WAAX), Mackay-based pop sensation Tia Gostelow, local Brisbane rockers Gutterfire, and New Zealand children's artist Miss Nicky.

They were also invited to appear on a range of television programs, including:

- Totally Wild (kids edu-tainment series)
- Shake Takes (kids magazine series)
- The Bureau of Magical Things (kids drama series)
- Todd Sampson's Mirror Mirror (documentary series)
- A new TV series pilot starring celebrity Chef Jason Roberts from Studio 10 and Ready Steady Cook.
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agricultural shows and Christmas carol events across Queensland.

**Coming Full Circle**

For Brett and Elissa, the invitation to keynote at the NEIS Gala in Sydney is more than recognition. It's a celebration of the program that made Brett's dream possible.

"From our little Bribie Island home studio to the stages of Sydney, it's been an incredible journey," Brett says. "And it shows that creativity, persistence, and a little larrikin spirit can take you anywhere."

**HEALTH, WEALTH & COMMUNITY**

This November, when they step onto the Sydney stage with Trogg the blue monster by their side, it won't just be a speech. It will be a moment of pride for Bribie Island, and a celebration of the magic of puppetry.

You can find Larrikin Puppets on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, their popular YouTube channel, and all of their songs on Spotify and Apple Music.

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VIEW, Voice, Interests and Education of Women and is a national organisation of local Clubs that connect women in their community through the shared purpose of supporting national children's education charity, The Smith Family.

In 2025 VIEW is celebrating 65 years of connecting in communities, advocating for women and children, supporting education, volunteering, making lasting connections and making a difference.

Over the three-day National Convention, a stellar line-up of guest speakers included Beth Harvey, former Animation Director of Bluey; Detective Chief Inspector Melissa Anderson BM APM, Queensland Police Service (a VIEW member herself); and Professor Margaret Sheil AO, Vice-Chancellor and President of Queensland University of Technology.

Attendees were also treated to a writers' festival panel of Queensland authors and a special panel on The Smith Family.

Delegates heard from young Karingbal woman, Faith Kayrooz about her life experiences and a first-hand account of the impact VIEW has on the lives of young Australians.

Faith is a former recipient of a The Smith Family's Learning for Life scholarship and is now an award-winning singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, composer, and producer who performed

two original songs for attendees. Three themed dinners had the VIEW members on their feet, dancing the night away as they enjoyed local entertainers at Shake, Rattle 'N' Roll, Welcome to Bris-Vegas and the Black, Gold and Bold Gala Dinner.

To close out a wonderful few days, on Sunday Brisbane VIEW Club members, friends and family led the Community Walk with VIEW proudly sponsored by Brisbane City Council.

The walk showcased all the best of what Brisbane City has to offer through vibrant public spaces and reverent cultural history, with the VIEW members and friends wearing purple VIEW bucket hats.

After a welcome to National Convention from Brisbane City Councillor Vicki Howard, Councillor Tracy Davis farewelled attendees on Sunday with a message from the Lord Mayor, Adrian Schrinner.

***“As Australia’s lifestyle capital, we were delighted to welcome the VIEW National Convention 2025 to Brisbane.*”**

This event is about bringing people together, building connections and celebrating the incredible work of VIEW Clubs of Australia and The Smith Family in supporting families and young people.

***“We also hope visitors enjoyed exploring Brisbane’s world-class lifestyle precincts while sharing ideas on how we can make our communities even better places to live.”***

There are 39 VIEW Clubs in Queensland and 14 in Brisbane City. New members are always welcome.

To find out more about joining VIEW, visit [view.org.au](http://view.org.au) or call **1800 805 366**.

To sponsor a child or donate to The Smith Family, visit [thesmithfamily.com.au](http://thesmithfamily.com.au) or call **1800 633 622**.

#### **About VIEW Clubs of Australia**

VIEW is a national women's organisation with over 13,000 members in close to 270 communities exclusively supporting children's education charity The Smith Family.

Members sponsor students, volunteer, fundraise and advocate to improve the life outcomes of Australian children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

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Using a lawn care service saves you both time and effort. Rather than spending your weekends working hard in the garden, you can relax and enjoy the pleasant weather.

Preparing your lawn for spring requires various tasks, such as aerating the soil, removing thatch, and spreading new grass seeds.

While these tasks can be complex, professionals possess the right tools and expertise to complete them efficiently and effectively.

A well-maintained lawn can also increase the value of your home. A beautiful, green yard creates a lasting first impression and adds charm to your property. Whether you are considering selling your home or simply want to enjoy a lovely outdoor space, investing in professional lawn care can deliver excellent returns.

As spring approaches, consider the numerous benefits of hiring a professional lawn service. You'll receive expert care, save time, and enhance your home's value—all contributing to a beautiful and healthy lawn throughout the season.

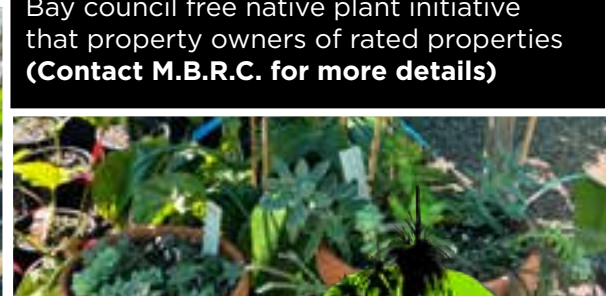
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**S**pring has arrived on Bribie Island, and with it comes the perfect season to refresh your garden, reconnect with nature, and enjoy some more time outdoors.

## SPRING GARDENING TIPS FOR THE BRIBIE REGION

### Soil Prep & Health

- Add organic matter: Mix in compost, aged manure, or other fertiliser(s) to improve nutrient content.
- Clearing weeds reduces pest habitats and competition for nutrients.

### Mulching & Moisture

- Mulch generously: Use sugarcane, lucerne, or bark chips to retain moisture, suppress weeds, and regulate soil temperature.
- Water deeply and early: Morning watering reduces evaporation and helps plants absorb moisture before the heat kicks in.

### What to Plant Now

- Almost any plants can be added to your garden at any time of

year, providing they have the right soil, and are watered more often when the weather is warm or hot.

Below ground, the soil temperature remains a fairly constant 27 degrees Celsius, making it easier than expected for new plants to flourish in the warmer months.

- And while so many plants thrive all-year round, thanks to our mild winter nights, here are some especially great choices for spring colour:
- Alyssum, angelonia, calibrachoa, cosmos, dianthus, geranium, hibiscus, sun-loving impatiens, lavender, lobelia, osteospermum (African Daisy), pentas, petunia, rose, salvia, and so many more (research, or ask your local nurseries and market plant sellers).
- \* These plants thrive in full sun and add vibrant hues to garden beds and pots.

**Vegetables:** Beans, beetroot, capsicum, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, lettuce, melons, tomatoes, and more.

**Herbs:** Basil, coriander, dill, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, thyme, and more.

### Tip:

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- If choosing natives: Wildflowers and shrubs are adapted to the climate and support biodiversity.
- Create stepping stones for wildlife: Group native plants to form mini habitats for bees, butterflies, and birds.

### Pruning & Maintenance

**Deadhead spent flowers:** This encourages new blooms and prevents energy waste.

**Trim/Prune:** Most plants respond well to pruning and will regrow quickly (research pruning tips for each specific plant).

- Watch for pests and diseases: As temperatures rise, aphids, caterpillars, and other insects, and diseases may appear. Use insect nets or traps early, check online, or seek advice from your local nurseries and market plant sellers.

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**Jenny H**

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**Deb B**

Jack, is a master at his trade, he provides an excellent service and his visits are always educational. He takes the extra time to fully explain everything and his knowledge is second to none. Would highly recommend his services.



**Liana L**

Jack was extremely professional and helped educate me on how to get the garden of my dreams. My yard has never looked so lush and my children are loving being outside again definitely recommend.



**Irene M**

Jack has our lawn looking the best it has in years, we were using every weed killer we could get our hands on, trying every fertiliser spending 100's of dollars yearly and the lawn was always a mess full of weeds, since using Jack we save a fortune paying the bi-monthly bill and our lawn looks fantastic, so green and thick and FINALLY weed free.



**Kevin R**

Jack has been treating our lawn for several years now and taken it from basically weed, to a lush spongy green lawn all year round. The regular fertilising and weed treatment is fundamental to this result but equally important is his advice and ongoing support that allows us to keep it this way.

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# BUSY FINGERS

## BUSY FINGERS DRIVER CHANGES

Firstly, I would like to say farewell to our driver Eli who has left the family to pursue other adventures and we wish him all the best for the future. We welcome our new driver Matthew to the family, we are sure Matt and our other driver Dave will work well together and assist our customers to the best of their ability.



## SUMMER APPROACHING

Or should I say we hope it is coming after all the cold and windy weather we have suffered this winter. We are changing over from winter to summer clothing now and will continue our \$1 per item days as the need arises. We will continue to have cold water available at the front door for those hot and steamy days and our extractor fans will be operating.

## DUMPING

We had a visit from a lady who dumped a dirty, smelly stained mattress at the gate in the dark, it obviously cannot be sold in the shop due to its disgusting state. It has been reported to the council as it was left on the footpath which is council land and they will have to pick it up. Please be aware that if you are identified by cameras, the council will fine you. The waste transfer station is just over the bridge, please use it as Busy Fingers is not a dump.

## DONATIONS GIVEN

As VMR has now become Marine Rescue Queensland, a government funded volunteer marine rescue managed by the Queensland Police Service, we no longer support them with monthly fuel. We continue to support Global Care with their Foodbank account. The other donations we have given this month is Buses for the transporting of Anticipated Needs primary school children in grade 6 to the high school for an introduction to the High School environment to prepare them for new school processes and routines.

Also, the BI Veterans Assn (Nashos) would like a Bus to take the group on a day outing to Australia Zoo and a day on the water using some of Stu's Bribie Island BBQ boats. We will also assist them to raise funds with

their Christmas raffle, they will be selling tickets in the shopping centre in November, please support them as they support the island Veterans and their families. New members are always welcome to join this wonderful association.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Next month we will once again have Christmas Hampers on display, customers will be able to get a free ticket when purchasing over \$10 in the shop. We will be drawing it during the first week of December, so don't forget to get your tickets in October/November.

We will also start putting out the Christmas Decorations next month, both the stock on hand and any incoming until sold out. We will be closing as usual over the Christmas period, our doors will close at 3.30 on Tuesday 23rd December and we will re-open on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

## REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

If you are a member of an island club or association and require assistance, please let us know. We try to assist all non-for-profit associations and sporting clubs, we also assist the Police, SES, VMR and the BI Hospice. Our President Pauline is quite happy to come along to your club and

present our aims and goals and how your club can apply for assistance. Please call 3410 1920 or email busyfingers1@bigpond.com if you wish to have a presentation or if you wish to apply for a grant of assistance.

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

## VOLUNTEERS

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

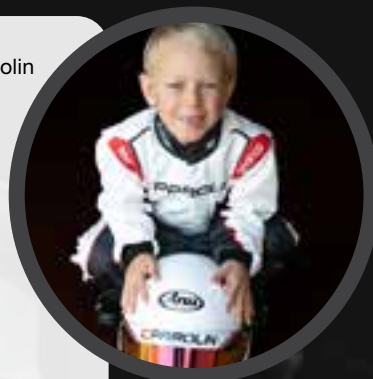
*I would like to thank all our supporters and customers, and a very special thank you to the Bribie Islander and staff for their continuing support. I hope to see you in the shop soon. Sandra*

# Leo Melia

## BECOMES YOUNGEST DRIVER TO JOIN PAROLIN AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



**Redland bay, QLD – September 2025** – Parolin Australia is proud to announce that 5-year-old Irish-Australian kart racer **Leo Melia** has been announced as a **Factory Development Driver** for the 2026 season under a multi-year agreement, making him the youngest driver to join the program in Australia.



Leo, a 3rd-generation racer from Beachmere, Queensland, has already displayed rapid progression in Cadet competition in Regional Queensland, demonstrating smooth racecraft, technical feedback, and a calm, focused approach on and off the track.

Leo will be supported by a dedicated training and development schedule designed in collaboration with Parolin Australia.

Under this development role, Leo will:

- **Compete in regional rounds.**
- **Undertake testing.**
- **Take part in Parolin training camps and technical development sessions.**
- **Assist with chassis and component testing for Australian conditions.**
- **Represent Parolin Australia through on- and off-track appearances and a growing social media presence.**

Parolin Australia Team Owner Kris Walton said:

*“Leo represents exactly the kind of talent and dedication we want to nurture at Parolin Australia. Our team is committed to help young drivers grow, improve and succeed on and off the track.*”

Leo’s father, Paddy Melia, added:

*“This is such a special opportunity for Leo at this stage of his life. Parolin Australia’s high-performance caring culture feels like the perfect place for him to grow both as a driver and as a young person.*”

We look forward to building a lasting partnership where Leo can learn, develop and thrive with the team in the years ahead.

The program will see Leo equipped with the latest Parolin Cadet chassis and factory development components, while receiving technical support at key events.

For updates on Leo’s progress, see;

**Website:** <https://www.leomelia.racing>

**Facebook:** Patrick.melia14

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/leomelia.racing/>

### **About Parolin Australia**

Parolin Australia is the exclusive Australian importer of Parolin Racing Karts, delivering world-class chassis and technical expertise to drivers across all levels of karting.

Known for its innovation, performance, and supportive team culture, Parolin Australia has helped drivers achieve championship success nationally and internationally.





# A Commitment to Excellence & Community

I am always busy, so I don't have the time to give my car the attention to detail it needs. As you may know, bats and birds around here love to leave their mark, decorating cars with paint-removing artwork. It cannot be left sitting there without doing significant damage to the car's paintwork. I recently met the Managing Director, Aaron Slater, and sat down to discuss the business and its direction with him. Firstly, Aaron is a down-to-earth, honest and easy-to-talk-to man.

I had a lovely time chatting with him. I was impressed with his dedication to making his business not only successful but also a valuable service to the community, which he clearly loves and shows through his support of the community. Aaron and I also had a conversation about the safety of his staff, and it was clear to me that he deeply values his team and talks highly of them all.

## Here is a bit about Bribie Carwash and Dog Wash....

Located in the heart of our community, Bribie Carwash & Dog Wash is a true gem in the car wash industry. Managing Director Aaron Slater, who has over 2 years of experience in the car-wash industry and 20 years in Electrical Operations within the Australian energy sector and operates electrical contracting entity PowerPro Dynamics.

Aaron comes from a family who has over 15 years of being car wash experts, this business is dedicated to providing exceptional service while supporting the local community.

Bribie Carwash & Dog Wash is known for its reliability and outstanding customer service. Aaron leverages his maintenance background to ensure

that every visit is quick and enjoyable for customers. This year alone, they have invested over \$50,000 in site improvements, demonstrating their commitment to offering high-quality services and continuous growth. Exciting new features are a brand-new dog wash unit will be installed to make it easier for pet owners to care for their beloved pets. With a high-performance vacuum which will soon be imported from the United States, enhancing speed, convenience, and cleaning power for everyone. By the end of October 2025, they will also introduce a new wax polish service in the self-serve bays, providing customers with an upgraded detailing experience.

Their commitment to the community extends beyond excellent service. Bribie Carwash & Dog Wash actively supports local sports teams and makes donations to non-profit organisations to help improve the area. They also prioritise responsible growth by following Australian regulations and maintaining strong ethical standards.

The hardworking team at Bribie Carwash & Dog Wash is a crucial part of their success. The well-being of their staff is paramount which they show through organised schedules, thorough training, and stringent safety protocols. This dedication not only helps their employees grow professionally but also results in excellent service for their customers.

At Bribie Carwash & Dog Wash, they are more than just another car wash; they are a committed partner in the community. With strong relationships with local suppliers and a vision for future improvements, they aim to deliver exceptional service while supporting local businesses. As they continue to grow and innovate, they welcome everyone to join them on this journey.

*Experience the Bribie difference—where quality, reliability, and community spirit come together!*



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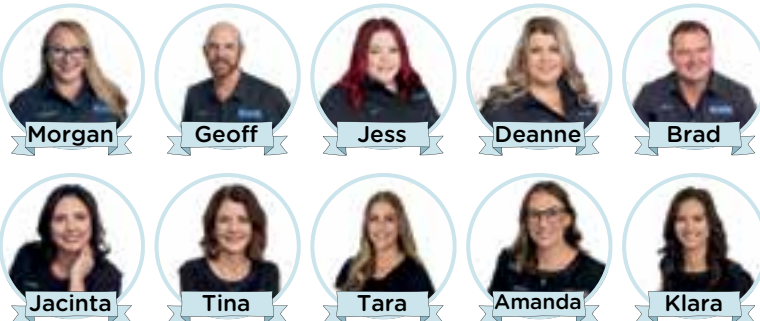
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# Good Company Benefit Concert

**Good Company** welcome and invite you to “An Afternoon Of Song” with an included afternoon tea.

Special guests, “**The Wondering Minstrels**” will add to the enjoyment of the afternoon.

Proceeds from the afternoon will benefit the wonderful work of our Bribie Island School Chaplains in their endeavours to encourage and support our children on Bribie.

An afternoon of fellowship and songs from the 60s and 70s is sure to delight all who attend.

Make a note of the venue:

**Bribie Baptist Church, 7-9 Cotterill Avenue, Bongaree**

**Tickets Only \$15**

available from The Ink Shop  
17 Benabrow Ave, (cnr Warana Ave), Bellara



**Saturday 11 October, 2025, 2:30pm**

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## GLEEMEN “TRANSPORTS OF DELIGHT” CONCERT RAISES \$1000 FOR BIEPA!!

**Interested men contact Alan Blackman 0438 618 073**

The Bribie Gleemen (with the much appreciated and able assistance from the U3A Sundown Singers) turned on a great concert recently. In the end, the result was a donation of \$ 1,000 to the very worthy cause, The Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association Inc., also known as BIEPA. But more of that later.

The concert featured songs about various modes of transport—trains, planes, automobiles, ships, bicycles, roller skates, and even hovercrafts! With special appearances from several soloists and the “Wondering Minstrels”, a harmonious group formed from within the ranks of the Gleemen.

The blended sounds of the Gleemen and the Sundown Singers worked really well. The audience loved the quirky mix of tunes dreamt up by the inventive Musical Director, Trevor Vincent. The performers also thoroughly enjoyed the concert, almost as much as the audience. All in all, it was a fun-filled event which raised money for the above worthy cause.

Many people went home happier as recipients of the lucky door prizes and multiple raffles, thanks to Banksia Fruit and Juice Barn, Savige's Seafoods, and Kenilworth Bakery for their generous prizes. (Shop local, everybody!)

A representative from BIEPA, Mr Paul O'Donohue, received the donation of \$ 1,000 on the day from Glenn Telford, President of Bribie Gleemen. In his speech, Paul acknowledged, “This is a good example of Community groups co-operating to protect and restore the environmental values that are precious on Bribie, and co-operation IS necessary, because it is a huge task”.

Keep your eyes peeled for the men's next big concert in November. Watch This Space! Rehearsals are already underway.  
**NEW MEN INTERESTED IN SINGING ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!**

The Bribie Gleemen rehearse at the BIRV Independent Residents' **Community Clubhouse (near the duck pond), Foley St, Bongaree, nearly every Monday, 3.30 pm to 5 pm.**

# Local Dining Guide



## 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



## THE DECK RESTAURANT

With its spacious, relaxed ambiance, The Deck Restaurant offers casual dining indoors or alfresco on the deck overlooking the golf course, lake and lush gardens. Enjoy modern cuisine with locally sourced ingredients, open 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch, and dinner on Friday and Saturdays. Perfect for any occasion!

Pacific Harbour Golf & Country Club, 141-159 Avon Avenue, Banksia Beach

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## Sunsets On Bribie

Experience our new menu, with classics you'll love and the new favourites you'll crave.

We've also added mouth-watering Gourmet Pizzas, which are a must-try.

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LUNCH: 12PM - 2PM - DINNER: 5PM - 8PM

Call our restaurant on 07 3408 1018 to book

Bribie Island Bowls Club 11-23 Welsby Parade, Bongaree



# Foodie

# Easy Apricot Chicken



## Ingredients

- 6 chicken thigh cutlets on the bone
- ½ cup plain flour
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 can Ardmona Apricot Nectar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 40 grams French onion soup mix
- 1 tablespoon cornflour
- Handful slivered almonds, lightly toasted

*\* Serving size calculator is approximate, feel free to adjust by adding a pinch here and there as needed*

## Method

- Pre-heat oven to 200°C.
- Lightly toast slivered almonds, put aside
- Add salt and pepper to flour and then coat the cutlets in the flour mixture.
- Heat oil in a trypan and cook the cutlets skin side first until a little browned.
- Place the cutlets in a baking dish.
- Combine nectar, soy sauce, cornflour and soup mix and whisk to combine. Pour over the chicken.
- Bake for 40 minutes.
- Sprinkle shredded almonds on top.
- Serve with rice and vegetables.
- Grilled Peach Salad
- 4 Serves
- 10 minutes



# Grilled Apricot Salad

This salad has it all – soft sweet apricots, creamy mozzarella, crunchy toasted walnuts, fresh basil and tomatoes topped with a tangy balsamic dressing. It will be your new summer favourite.

## Ingredients

- 4 Serves\*
- 4 fresh apricots, deseeded and quartered
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large tomatoes, sliced
- 1 buffalo mozzarella or ricotta, sliced
- 1/4 cup walnut, toasted
- 1/2 bunch basil, picked

*\*Serving size calculator is approximate, feel free to adjust by adding a pinch here and there as needed*

## Method

Preheat a chargrill over medium high heat. When smoking, sear the apricots on the grill for 1-2 minutes on each side.

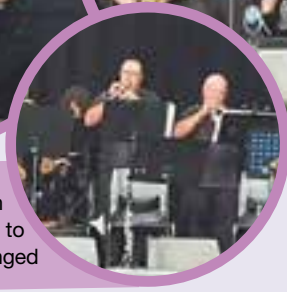
To make the dressing add the balsamic vinegar, olive oil in a bowl and season with salt and pepper.

Arrange the sliced tomatoes, buffalo mozzarella and apricots on a large platter. Scatter the toasted walnuts and basil. When ready to serve, drizzle the salad with the balsamic dressing.

## Easy Swap

Use peaches or nectarines if you don't have any apricots

# Getting to know the Bribie Island Big Band



## Why?

The Bribie Island Big Band brings together keen local musicians to share the joy and fun of live music with the Bribie and district community—senior and experienced members of the band support junior members to continue their love of music performance. We continue to play in honour of the late Jeff Thorpe, who arranged and/or composed the music we play.

## Who?

We are a diverse and inclusive family of usually about 20 players, with ages ranging from Primary School to 90+, including people still learning alongside music teachers, and former professional musicians.

More than 50 people have been in the band in the past two decades. We are a not-for-profit group with a strong commitment to supporting our community through our performances for various charities.

## When?

Our band was formed in 2005 when Richard Miller teamed up with high school music teachers Jeff and Debbie Thorpe to gather other instrumentalists. Since then, we have played continuously, and in 2019, JT's PumiceTones was formed in honour of Jeff, who passed away with Cancer.

## What?

The band showcases many eras and types of music across its 115-song Big Band repertoire. Most of the music played was arranged or composed by the late Jeff Thorpe.

## Where?

Where Can You See Us? You can enjoy the band playing sometimes on the first Sunday of the month at Brennan Park, Bongaree, as part of the Cancer Council markets. Our performances are lively and engaging, featuring a variety of musical styles and talented musicians.

Other performances include community events and a special concert every few years to raise funds for the Cancer Council Qld, through the Bribie Island Cancer Council.

**Big Band. Big Birthday. Big Cause.**

**Bribie Island BIG BAND**

Come help fight Cancer while enjoying toe tapping live music at Bribie Island Big Band's 20th birthday concert.

We'll see you at Banksia Beach State School Hall 1:30pm, Saturday 18th October.

Tickets \$20 each, purchase from Cancer Council Markets or Debbie Thorpe 0450957636

All proceeds to go to Cancer Council QLD

Yummy afternoon tea and lucky door prizes included!

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# GAME NIGHTS!

## ON BRIBIE

### MONDAY EUCHRE

Bribie Bowls Club 12.00pm  
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### TRIVA

Bribie Island Hotel 6.30pm  
Bribie Island R.S.L 7.00pm

### TUESDAY

#### BINGO

Bribie Island R.S.L 9.00am

#### POKER

Bribie Island Hotel 6.30pm

#### TRIVA

Bribie Island Bowls Club 7.00pm

### WEDNESDAY MUSIC BINGO

Bribie Island Hotel 6.30pm  
Bribie Island R.S.L 7.00pm

#### RAFFLES

Solander Lakes Bowls Club - 6.30pm  
(tickets on sale from 5:30pm)

### THURSDAY BINGO

Bribie Island R.S.L 7.30pm

#### RAFFLES

Bribie Island R.S.L Fishing Club 4.30pm  
Every Thursday at the RSL prizes are  
Meat Vouchers from Avondale Meats and  
Seafood Vouchers from Saviges.

### FRIDAY

#### MEAT TRAY RAFFLES

Bribie Island Bowls Club 5.30pm  
Bribie Island Golf Club 5.30  
Blue Pacific Hotel (from) 3.00pm  
Solander Lakes Bowls Club - 6.30pm  
(tickets on sale from 5:30pm)

### Enjoy playing 500 Cards?

Join a like-minded group who meet on Monday afternoons at the RSL Anzac Room from 1-4pm.  
\$5 which includes raffle prize.

Please arrive 10mins before play starts at 1pm  
Further information please ring  
Carole **0438 713 663**.

# MARKETS

### Beachmere District Community

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

### Bribie Island BIDCA Markets

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

### Bribie Rotary Markets

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

### Queensland Cancer Council

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

### LUNCH MARKETS - Sylvan Beach (Farmers Market)

First Saturday of each month from 8am to 1pm held in the park opposite the Bribie Island Hotel. Funds raised to E.P.C.S, Ass, 0417629957

### Banksia Beach Market

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

### The Bribie Island Lions Market

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

### Bribie Woodcrafters & Bribie Island Gem Club

Open day, Demonstrations & Sales - last Sunday of each month

8am to 12noon Held at Bribie Art Centre  
191 Sunderland Dr, Banksia Beach

### Mystic Journey Markets Saturday's 10-3pm

11th Oct ~ Ningi Community Hall  
25th Oct ~ Bribie Recreation Hall  
15th Nov ~ Bribie Recreation Hall  
6th Dec ~ Bribie Recreation Hall  
20th Dec ~ Bribie Recreation Hall



# ABBHEY MUSEUM OF ART & ARCHAEOLOGY

## *Winner at State Awards*

The Winners, Highly Commended and Finalists of the **2025 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards** (GAMAA) were proudly announced by Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) on Tuesday 9 September, at a special awards presentation hosted by Museum of Brisbane.

Special guest, **Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education and the Arts**, congratulated this year's recipients and presented the winners with individually crafted trophies by artists Vanessa Cannon, Laurence Gibson, Gregory Salt, and Lorna Shuan, from the Yalanji Arts Collective, Kuku Yalanji Country, Mossman Gorge, Far North Queensland.

The **Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology** was announced as the **Winner** in the category of **Sustainable Practices (Open)** for their transformative **Abbey Museum Art Gallery & Café Extension Project**.

This project saw the Abbey Museum complete its building extension, comprising a new Art Gallery, Reception Area, Café and Shop, delivering much-needed exhibition space, inclusive access and enhanced amenities for visitors.

Standing at the entrance of the building is Acknowledgement to Kabi Kabi Country by Kabi Kabi traditional custodian and artist, Lyndon Davis.

This specially commissioned sculpture was unveiled on 28 February 2025, honouring First Nations heritage and the traditional lands upon which the Museum stands.

Over 1,800 school students have started their museum visit at the Acknowledgement to Kabi Kabi Country sculpture, increasing awareness and respect for First Nations culture and custodianship of Country.

The inaugural exhibition, *Inspired Images: The Art of Faiths*, opened by Hon Andrew

Powell MP, showcases the Museum's internationally significant collection.

Here, Renaissance and Baroque art are thoughtfully displayed alongside Aboriginal spirit figures and other sacred works from diverse cultures and faiths, curated to foster intercultural understanding.

Audiovisuals and interactives are integrated in the exhibition to deepen audience engagement.

The accompanying catalogue, launched by Philip Bacon AO, and supported by the Gordon Darling Foundation, features scholarly essays by Michael Strong and Julia Jackson, contextualising the 61 artworks displayed across the exhibition's eight themes.

The Abbey Museum's outstanding achievements were made possible through the vision and determination of their Board's Art Gallery Sub Committee, effective strategic planning, collaboration with industry experts—many of whom contributed their time pro bono—and successful funding acquisition, including \$1.7M from the State Government and support from the

Federal Government, Creative Australia, Copland Foundation, Moreton Bay Regional Council and others.

The 2025 GAMAA judging panel applauded the Abbey Museum for its outstanding achievement, commending the Abbey Museum's efforts in delivering on the organisation's ambitious 2021-2024 Strategic Plan key priorities.

**Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) Executive Director, Rebekah Butler**, said, "Several years in the making, this inspiring project exemplifies innovation, inclusivity, and cultural stewardship, and it is a credit to the Abbey Museum of Art & Archaeology's staff, volunteers and

supporters."

Ms Butler continued, "This year, we undertook a comprehensive review of the award categories and introduced several new ones, which led to an unexpectedly high number of nominations.

This response is a testament to the remarkable work being done by museums and galleries of all sizes throughout Queensland. It is a privilege to shine a spotlight on the achievements of so many deserving individuals and organisations."

**Minister for the Arts, John-Paul Langbroek**, said, "Queensland has more than 400 museums and galleries, all of which play an important role in sharing our stories, activating and connecting communities and attracting visitors to our regions."

*"Congratulations to everyone who has taken part in this year's Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards, which celebrate individuals and organisations who support community and visitor engagement with arts and cultural experiences."*

*"The Crisafulli Government is proud to invest in Museums & Galleries Queensland through the Organisations Fund 2026-29, which supports delivery of our 10-year arts and culture strategy, Queensland's Time to Shine and its vision for a thriving creative sector supporting a statewide vibrant arts scene."*

Now in its twenty-first year, the GAMAA were established by Museums & Galleries Queensland (M&G QLD) to honour the achievements of our State's individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence.

The 2025 GAMAA are proudly supported by the **Museum of Brisbane** and sponsored by **Public Galleries Queensland and Australian Museums and Galleries Association Queensland**.



# Weaving Water @ Yarun

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# Don't Miss BRIBIE ISLAND NATURE FESTIVAL

17-19 October 2025

**F**rom Friday 17h to Sunday 19 October Bribie Island will be abuzz with a fantastic range of events celebrating our beautiful Bribie Island.

This festival is for residents and visitors to experience and learn more about Bribie Island - its diverse habitats and wildlife, its important cultural heritage and its creative people.

Bribie Island community organisations, artists and nature lovers have joined together to highlight our unique culture, flora, fauna - our place and our people.

Bribie Island Environmental Protection Association (BIEPA), Pumicestone Indigenous Education and Employment Council, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, Bribie Island Library, CSIRO are hosting events and activities over the weekend.

In 2025, the spotlight will be on Bribie's most famous artist Ian Fairweather with an art workshop on the site of his former home, as well as a special concert paying tribute to his life and art on Saturday 18 October.

Festival Producer Libby Anstis, a local Bribie resident, advises people to book early for events and activities.

"The Bribie Island Nature Festival is dispersed throughout the island, and many events and activities have limited capacities - last year some people were disappointed to find sold out events and activities".

The program this year sees the return of popular free activities such as the Pumicestone Piano, and Wings Over the World, plus new events and activities that encourage residents to see corners of the island from a new perspective.

## Key events include:

- **A Conversation of Hope: Opening night discussion on the possibility of bringing back emus to the island.**
- **Bribie Jazz: A concert featuring the JMI ensemble on October 18 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$25.**
- **Fairweather: A Musical Journey: A concert on October 18 at 6 pm with original music and artwork. Tickets are also \$25.**
- **Tree Trail: Yarun's Woodland Heritage: A guided tour of important trees on October 19 at 11 am, including lunch. Tickets cost \$55.**

Festival Producer Libby Anstis advises everyone to book tickets early, as many events have limited space.

For tickets, visit [www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au](http://www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au).

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**OCTOBER  
17 | 18 | 19**



# PRESIDENTS CUP 2025

On Saturday, July 19th, BITC held its annual Presidents Cup shield. Another social event ran successfully on a glorious winter afternoon. Followed by a BBQ up at the Clubhouse. Congratulations to the winners and runners-up (see below) and to all club members who participated in this fun event.

**Men's Winner -**  
David Hando - Runner up Kevin Webster

**Ladies Winner -**  
Betsy Kocsis - Runner up Jeannine Remme



## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Annual Tennis Club Championships took place over the weekend of August 16th & August 17th, blessed with spectacular weather and impressive performances from all participants on court!

Congratulations to the winners, runners-up, and all participants. The club extends its gratitude to Bribie Island Bowls Club, Island Pools and Sandstone Point Bakehouse for their sponsorship.

Also, a huge Thank you to ROD COE for taking on the role of Tournament organiser with input from GREG BEH. Additionally, the BBQ cooks, Mark K, Peter M & the lovely people who contributed sweet treats over the weekend.

## RESULTS

**Men's Singles** Rod Coe (6-2,6-3) D Scott Thackeray  
**Ladies Singles** Debra Horsfield (6-2,6-3) D Betsey Kocsis

**Men's Doubles**  
Bill Quigley & Rod Coe (3-3) D Ed Lepou (retired injured) & Scott Thackeray

**Ladies Doubles**  
Debra Horsford & Robyn Musgrove (7-6,6-0) D Betsey Kocsis and Bron Coe

**Mixed Doubles A Final**  
Debra Horsfield & Scott Thackeray (6-2,6-2) D Betsey & Mark Kocsis

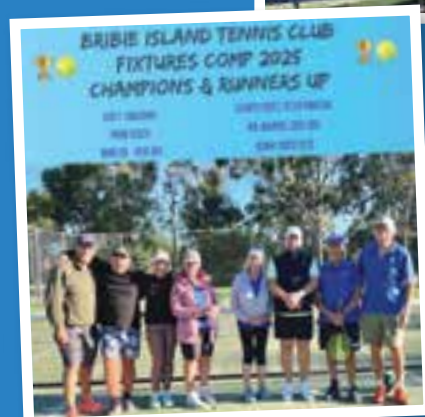
**Mixed Doubles B Final**  
Glenys Frost & Peter Martini (2-6, 6-3, 6-4) D Vicki and Greg

## CLUB FIXTURES

Saturday Doubles Fixtures final was played on Saturday in windy conditions. The result from the Final was Bron's D Peter's 28-20.  
Bron's Team - Scott Thackeray, Mark Kocsis, Bronwyn Coe & Vicky Beh

Peter's Team - Nik Naumov (standing in for Deborah Horsfield), Greg Beh, Peter Martini & Glenys Frost

Thanks to Dan Heffey (Island Pools) for donating the prizes for the Double's Fixtures competition which will be presented at the Xmas Party.



# PINK IT AND PRANCE IT

TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH THIS 5TH OCTOBER



**B**ribie Pink Dragons always have fun on and off the water. Whether you are after fitness, fun, or friendship, the thrill of dragon boating has something for everyone.

This past month, we have promoted our Fathers' Day Raffle and Breast Cancer Awareness by wearing decorated bras on the outside of our uniforms!

In our AGM, we nominated two new life members, Joyce Thomas and Bronwyn Pawley to our hall of fame!

Joie has just reported back from participating in the Inaugural Ballina Dragon Boating Regatta on the River Moy, County Mayo in Ireland. She confirms the camaraderie, of worldwide sisterhood in Breast Cancer Survivors and their Supporters, is alive and well.



**October 5th, Sunday**, we invite all to join us in a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk from the VMR carpark at 9a.m. to the Cancer Council's market at the Jetty Precinct, Bongaree.

For information to begin your dragon boating experience, contact **President Charlie Marie 0499990352**.

**Maybe just do it!** You could discover your next great journey becomes part of something truly passionate and somewhat epic!



## PINKABOUTIT



### WALK FOR BREAST CANCER

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**JOIN US ON SUNDAY THE 5<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER - FREE TO ALL. DRESS IN PINK IF YOU LIKE**



STARTING AT VMR 9AM WALKING TO THE JETTY - REMEMBER WATER

x x x x

# SPORTS PAGES

## SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS SATURDAY 30/08/25

Winners: Doug Hogan, Bruce Crawford, Greg Hemphill  
2nd: Cheryl Crawford, Brad Storey, Ricci Harris

### W/E 2/9/25

#### Tuesday Club Select Triples

**Winners:** Val Foley, Mitch Magnussen, Judy Pursehouse  
2nd: Sheila Jeffrey, Paul Bavage, Leonie Schmidt  
3rd: Rufino, Trevor Rennick, Merv Adams

#### Wednesday Self Select Pairs

**Winners:** Pat Samuelson, Deb Hill  
2nd: Tony Ollier, Bob Smith  
3rd: Paul Dixon, Robert Stumbles

Thursday Self Select Triples  
**Winners:** Mitch Magnussen, Deb Jackson, Robyn McLean  
2nd: Wayne Shackle, Daryl Wilkins, Wayne Mitchell  
3rd: Geoff Cusbert, Margaret McKenzie, Jim McKenzie

#### Friday Self Select Pairs

**Winners** Group A: Cheryl Dann, John Dann  
2nd Group A: Brad Jackson,

Allen Lavender  
**Winners** Group B: Chris Hayes, Ted Smith  
2nd Group B: Vicki Mitchell, Robyn McLean  
Saturday Club Select Triples  
**Winners:** Allan Clavell-Pearson, Tony Grimmond  
2nd: Alex Carr, John Dann, Cheryl Dann  
3rd: Des Stuart, John Sly, Brian Craitem

### W/E /13/9/25

#### Tuesday Club Select Triples

**Winners:** Darren Jones, Brad Lawler, Ricci Harris  
2nd: Ted Fairman, Darryl Heilig, Andy Ives  
3rd: Bill Dobe, Ted Parker, Jeff Niblett

Wednesday Self Select Pairs  
**Winners:** Brad Jackson, Peter Nixon

2nd: Rick Steven, Wally Schmidt  
3rd: Lesley McKay, Cheryl Dann

#### Thursday Self Select Triples

**Winners:** Jeff Farmer, Ray Griffin, Vicki Mitchell  
2nd: Bev Power, Pat Samuelson, Deb Hill  
3rd: Jenny Jameson, Andy

### Ives, Steve Jameson Friday Self Select Pairs

**Winners** Pool A: Peter Neilsen, Peter Evans  
2nd Pool A: Guests from Tasmania John, John  
**Winners** Pool B: Neil Lethlean, Peter Nixon  
2nd Pool B: Tony Miguel, Andy Dehnert  
**Saturday Club Select Triples**

**Winners:** Mitch Msagnussen, Rosa McLeod, Michael Whiteside  
2nd: Sheila Jeffrey, Beryl Cowperthwaite, Robert James

## BONGAREE BOWLS RESULTS

### Bongaree Bowling Club Results 29/8/2025 to 11/9/2025

Results of Friday Paddle Pop Draw 29/8/2025  
**Winners:** Leonie Timmerman, Noela Gray, Beryl Moor  
R/UP: Darryl Birt, Ernie Connolly, Bob Vonarx  
Shopper Docket Winner: Gail Parker

### Results of Tuesday Turkey Pairs 2/9/2025

#### Bonus Draw: Jackpot Results of Wednesday Fours 3/9/2025

**Winners:** Mary Doorley, Garry McCarthy, Graham Symonds, Ian Paterson  
R/Up: Ron Carruthers, Terry Keatch, Doreen Pennerly, Jim Warwick

#### Results of Thursday Jackpot Pairs 4/9/2025

**Winners:** Graham Symonds, Ian Paterson  
R/Up: Tim Carlton, Jaarpung Blundell

#### Results of Saturday Scroungers 6/9/2025

1st: Trevor Mallouk, 2nd: Chris McMillan, Peter Szepes  
**Results of Tuesday Turkey Pairs 9/9/2025**

#### Bonus Draw: Jackpot Results of Wednesday Fours 10/9/2025

**Winners:** Richard Fell, John Bell, Gideon Croucamp, Steve Mogan  
R/Up: Rachael Mills, Maureen Potts, Lorraine Clark, Imelda Valentine

# Bongaree Bowls Club Is Still Open



The Bongaree Bowls Club, located at 54 Toorbul Street, Bongaree, is currently refurbishing one of its greens following a Ground Pearl Infestation.

The rebuild of the Green is currently in its early stages, and it will be several months before it is ready for bowling.

It is a challenging time for the club and its members as we are limited to one Green. This, in turn, has an impact on the competitions we participate in throughout the year.

Games directors and selectors are working hard to make adjustments to events and weekly bowling days to accommodate as many players as possible with only one Green.

Eventually, it will be worth the effort when both Greens are back in play.

Bowlers can still come along and have a roll up when our Green is not in full use, and we encourage bowlers new and old to come along, put your name down and have a great game of bowls at our friendly club, or just come along and watch friends or fellow bowlers enjoy a game of bowls.

For any enquiries, please email:  
secretary@bongareebowls.com.au

*Everyone is welcome.*

## BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

02 Sept to 11 Sept 2025

### 02/09/25 SINGLE STABLEFORD

DIV 1 WINNER Pauline Grooby 35. 2nd Kris Tomalin 34 c/b. 3rd Gill Lee 34  
 DIV 2 WINNER Suzanne Peet 39. 2nd Rae Clarke 34 c/b. 3rd Bev Isaksen 34  
 DIV 3 WINNER Roslyn Crossley 34. 2nd Wendy Robinson 32 c/b. 3rd Jennifer Mckay 32  
 NTP. Hole 4 Kate Wilson. Hole 7 Sue Navie. Hole 14 Abby Driver. Hole 16 2nd shot Christine Pronk. Hole 14 Div 3 2nd shot Roslyn Crossley

### 04/09/25 SINGLE STROKE - MONTHLY MEDAL

DIV 1 WINNER Di Binghamy 73. 2nd Pauline Grooby 75 c/b. 3rd Myra Thomsen 75.  
 NTP. Hole 7 Gwen Clutterbuck. Hole 14 Kris Tomalin. Hole 16 2nd shot Abby Driver  
 BEST GROSS Di Binghamy 79

DIV 2 WINNER Bev Isaksen 70. 2nd Lulu Drew 73. 3rd Tanya Zanow 78  
 NTP. Hole 4 Judy Umlauf. Hole 16 2nd shot Sally Warburton (Hamilton GC)  
 BEST GROSS Bev Isaksen 99

DIV 3 WINNER Carol Lobegeiger 73. 2nd Jennifer Warburton 74 c/b. 3rd Wendy Robinson 74  
 NTP Hole 4 Nadia Aylott. Hole 7 Carol Lobegeiger. Hole 14 Jennifer Mckay. Hole 16 2nd shot Jennifer Stafford

BEST GROSS Jennifer Warburton 103

**Bribie Ladies with Annie from Churches of Christ, our Monthly Medal Sponsor** (See pic below)

### 09/09/25 SINGLE STABLEFORD

DIV 1 WINNER Sheena Bath 36. 2nd Desley Neilson 35. 3rd Abby Driver 34 c/b.  
 DIV 2 WINNER Lenore Wilson 35. 2nd Bev Isaksen 33. 3rd Debbie McCowan 32 c/b  
 NTP. Hole 4 Debra Dunn. Hole 7 Lauren McDonald. Hole 14 Leanne Skeggs. Hole 16 2nd shot Carole Watson. Hole 14 (Div 3 2nd shot) Claudia Lutgemeier

### 11/09/25 4BBB STROKE OVERALL WINNERS

Toni Grossman & Stina Barnulf 66 c/b. 2nd Jan Jennings & Maureen Bailey 66. 3rd Sandra Power & Kathy Sankey  
 NTP Hole 4 Gwen Clutterbuck. Hole 7 Di Binghamy. Hole 14 Tricia Brown. Hole 16 2nd shot Di Binghamy. Hole 14 (Div 3 2nd shot) Suzanne Fowler



11/9 WINNERS Stina & Toni



11/9 2nd place Jan & Maureen



11/9 3rd place Kathy & Sandra



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## MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB

**Sat 30 Aug** N/S 1 M & L  
 Dawson 2 S Watson & M Bailey 2 L Carr & J Wright  
 E/W 1 G & S Barnulf 2 J Reiter & B Connell 2 D Scown & J Easey

**Wed 3 Sep** N/S 1 S & C  
 Watson 2 M & L Dawson 3 M Bailey & R Sutton E/W 1 J Hays & J Budgen 2 I Best & L Wilson 3 G & S Barnulf

**Sat 6 Sep** N/S 1M & L  
 Dawson 2 L Carr & J Wright 3 R Webb & L McLaren E/W 1 J Medhurst & P Breene 2 L Gadsby & J Fitzgerald 3 G & S Barnulf

**BICBC:** Mon 1 Sep N/S 1  
 H Browne & U Maffey 2  
 L Wilson & J Brazier 3 D Quinan & M Courtney E/W 1  
 J Fitzgerald & M Bailey 2 P Hexel & C Browne 3 J Easey & N Denvir

**Mon 8 Sep** N/S 1 M Peterson & D Quinan 2 M Peart & D Quinan 3 R Webb & J Kennedy E/W 1 I Best & B Moxham 2 J Fitzgerald & M Bailey 3 J Day & S McCulloch

**The Club welcomes visitors and new players.**

For information phone **Ruth 0417656 693.**

Lessons and refresher classes available, phone **Helen 0427 567 670**

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# THE LIFE OF BOBBY SANDS

By Al Finegan

I loved my grandmother Alice Finegan as much as any grandson has ever loved their grandmother. She was a strong and independent woman. She was incredibly proud of her father, John Sands. In 1881, at just 18 years of age, John was arrested in Dublin on some dodgy explosives charge.

He escaped custody and fled Ireland having been smuggled as a stowaway by the IRA on a ship heading to Australia. At sea he was discovered, and indentured to the shipping company. He "jumped ship" at Rockhampton and eventually became the explosives officer for a company building a railway line from Cairns to the Atherton Tableland.

In 1913, his daughter, Alice Sands, married John Patrick Finegan, the grandson of an Irish convict, transported in 1839. Their son, my father, would regale me with some terrible stories handed down of the horrors suffered by the Irish Catholics at the hands of the English.

The 1970s were a particularly torrid time for the Irish during the hunger strikes and blanket wearing protest of inmates in the Maze Prison. Bobby Sands became our much-admired hero.

On 9th March 1954, Robert (Bobby) Gerard Sands was born in Dunmurry to John and Rosaleen Sands. They relocated to the new development of Abbots Cross, outside North Belfast. Bobby became the oldest of four children. His younger siblings were Marcella, Bernadette, and John.

In 1961, after experiencing harassment and intimidation from their neighbours, the family abandoned the development and moved in with friends for six months before being granted housing in the nearby Rathcoole development.

Rathcoole was 30% Catholic and featured Catholic schools as well as a nominally Catholic, but religiously mixed, youth football club. Sands was a member of this club and played left-back.



By 1966, sectarian violence in Rathcoole, along with the rest of the Belfast metropolitan area, had considerably worsened, and the minority Catholic population there found itself under siege. Despite always having had

Protestant friends, Sands suddenly found that none of them would even speak to him, and he quickly learned to associate only with Catholics.

At age 15, he left school and enrolled in Newtownabbey Technical College. After graduation in 1970, he began an apprenticeship as a coach builder at Alexander's Coach Works.

He worked there for less than a year, all the while suffering constant harassment from his Protestant co-workers, which he reportedly ignored as he was determined to learn a meaningful trade. His ambition ended when he was confronted by a group of his co-workers wearing the armbands of the local Ulster loyalist tartan gang.

He was held at gunpoint and told that Alexander's was off-limits to "Fenian scum" and never to come back if he valued his life. He later said that this event was the point at which he decided that militancy was his only solution.

In late 1971, while working as a barman at the Glen Inn, a pub in Glengormley, Sands approached a man who he knew to be connected to the IRA, and told him he would like to join. The man told Bobby to think it over as things in Rathcoole were bad, and Catholics in the area were very isolated.

Later that year, the same man from the pub found Bobby playing football on a pitch near the Sands' house. As an initiation, he asked Sands if he would discreetly transport a gun from Rathcoole to Glengormley and hand it on to the local IRA volunteer. Bobby left the game on the spot, changed clothes and took the gun. Bobby's involvement with the IRA had begun in earnest.

Bobby soon recruited some of his mates into a small auxiliary unit of seven volunteers with Bobby as the section leader. The section provided mainly logistical services, moving weapons and messages between IRA units in the surrounding districts.

In June 1972, the Sands' family home was attacked and damaged by a loyalist mob and they were again forced to move, this time to the West Belfast Catholic area of Twinbrook, where Bobby, now thoroughly embittered, rejoined them.

By 1973, almost every Catholic family had been driven out of Rathcoole by violence and intimidation. Bobby became more active in the

IRA, leading to his arrest in October 1972.

Charged with possession of four handguns found in his house, he was convicted and sentenced to five years imprisonment. While in prison Bobby married Geraldine Noade. His son, Gerard, was born 8th May 1973. Geraldine soon left with Gerard to live in England. Bobby was released in April 1976, leaving him a committed member of the IRA. He returned to his family home in West Belfast where he was trained, and then promoted, to a permanent senior role in the Provisional IRA.

Bobby began terrorist activities, attacking and bombing Ulster targets. In October 1976, he led a team of nine IRA members to bomb the English owned Balmoral Furniture Company in Dunmurry. They held up a security guard and escorted customers into the basement. The showroom was destroyed in a spectacular explosion.

No one was injured, but as they fled the scene, a gun battle with the Royal Ulster Constabulary erupted. Two IRA men were wounded and left behind, while three others scattered. The remaining four, including Bobby, escaped in a car. They hadn't gone far when they ran into a heavily armed road block and had no choice but to surrender.

A revolver used in the attack was found in the car. On 7th September 1977, all four were sentenced to 14 years for possession of the revolver. They were not charged with explosive offences. Immediately after his sentencing, Sands attacked his guards, dropping one, but was quickly swarmed over by others. After being badly beaten, he was sent to the punishment block in Crumlin Road Prison.

The cell contained a bed, a chamber pot and a water container. He was denied books, radios or any personal items, although he was given a Bible. Bobby refused to wear a prison uniform, so his bed was removed and he was kept naked in his cell for 22 days. He was then transported to the Maze Prison.

A natural leader, Bobby soon organised a series of protests seeking to regain their previous Special Category Status as recognized Prisoners of War (PoWs), which would free

them from some ordinary prison regulations. This began with the "blanket protest" in 1976, in which the prisoners refused to wear prison uniforms and wore blankets instead.

In 1978, after a number of attacks on prisoners leaving their cells to empty their chamber pots, the prisoners began their "dirty protest". They refused to empty the chamber pots and smeared the walls of their cells with their excrement.

The screws decided to punish the prisoners' leader. Sands wrote later, *"The screws removed me from my cell naked and I was conveyed to the punishment block in a blacked out van. As I stepped out of the van on arrival there they grabbed me from all sides and began punching and kicking me to the ground ... they dragged me by the hair across a stretch of hard core rubble to the gate of the punishment block. The full weight of my body recoiled forward again, smashing my head against the corrugated iron covering around the gate."*

From his prison cell, Sands had several letters and articles published in the Republican paper *An Phoblacht* under the pseudonym "Marcella" (his sister's name). More of his writings later published are, "Skylark Sing Your Lonely Song" (1989), and "One Day in My Life" (1983).

Bobby also wrote the lyrics of "Back Home in Derry", "McIlhatton", both recorded by Christy Moore, and "Sad Song for Susie" recorded by Bic McFarland. The melody of "Back Home in Derry" was borrowed from Gordon Lightfoot's 1976 song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald". The song is about the penal transportation of Irishmen in the 19th century to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania).

In 1980, Sands was elected the Officer Commanding IRA PoWs in the Maze Prison. He told his fellow prisoners that they needed to define exactly what they wanted. It came down to the "Five Demands".

### H-Block song

"I'll wear no convict's uniform.  
'Nor meekly serve my time,  
That Britain might call Ireland's fight  
Eight hundred years of crime."

Bobby passed these demands to the authorities, "The right not to wear a prison uniform, and not to do prison work. The right of free association with other prisoners, and the right to organise educational and recreational pursuits. The right to one visit, one letter, and one parcel per week, and the full restoration of remission lost through the protest."

The English sat on their hands and refused to take any action on the demands. In an incredibly brave decision, Bobby decided to escalate. He announced that he would be refusing food, beginning 1st March 1981. He told other prisoners that they should join the strike at staggered intervals to maximise publicity.

The hunger strike had the desired effect. News outlets around the world began to follow the



protest. The Washington Post, in a headline article reported that the primary aim of the hunger strike was to generate international publicity.

Shortly after the beginning of the strike, Frank Maguire, the Independent Republican MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, died suddenly of a heart attack, precipitating a by-election. The sudden vacancy in a seat with a nationalist majority of about 5,000 was a valuable opportunity for Sands' supporters "to raise public consciousness".

Pressure not to split the vote led other nationalist parties, notably the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to withdraw. Bobby Sands was nominated on the label, "Anti H-Block/Armagh Political Prisoner".

On 9th April 1981, he narrowly won the seat, with 30,493 votes to 29,046, 10,000 more than British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in her London constituency of Finchley, and with a majority twice as large. He became the youngest MP at the time.

Less than a month later, at 27 years old, Bobby Sands died in prison without ever having taken his seat in the Commons. He passed away in the Maze's prison hospital after 66 days of hunger. Bobby's favourite quote was, "No part is too great or too small, no one is too old or too young to do something." His last words were "Tíocfaidh ár lá" ("Our day will come"). He was one of 22 Irish republicans who died on hunger strike in the 20th century.



5th May 1981 is one of the most defining days in Irish history. It will always be remembered as the day that Bobby Sands, the 27-year-old Member of Parliament for Fermanagh/South Tyrone, died on a hunger strike in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh as part of the republican prisoners' campaign for the restoration of political status for Irish Catholics.

The announcement of his death prompted several days of rioting in nationalist areas of Northern Ireland. More than 100,000 people lined the route of Sands' funeral from St. Luke's Catholic Church in Twinbrook, and he was buried in the 'New Republican Plot' alongside 76 others.

Bobby was the first of ten hunger strikers to give their lives in the centuries-old fight against Britain's attempted criminalisation of the struggle for freedom in its first and nearest colony.

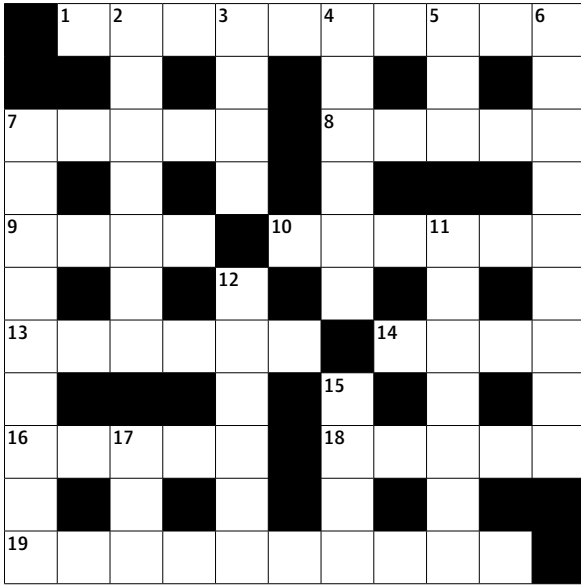
The "Iron Lady" and The "Mother of Parliaments" turned their backs on the just demand for the restoration of the political status the British Government had previously granted.

Almost all the British MPs coldly stood and watched as their fellow elected Member of Parliament and nine of his comrades laid down their lives in a selfless act of heroism that inspired millions across the world and amongst generations to come.

Today, Bobby Sands is still mourned in Ireland as a martyr and symbol of resistance against the unjust British rule.

**In the next edition -  
the worldwide impact  
of Bobby Sands' death.**

# Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



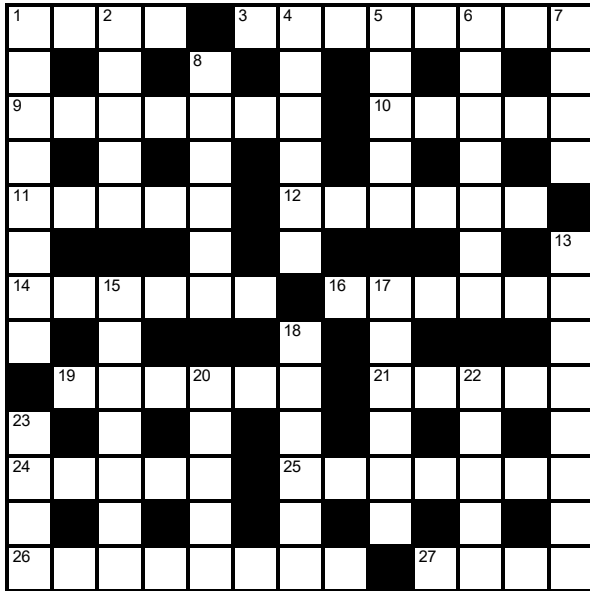
**Across**

- 1 Unexpectedly find one cat as trusted friend (10)
- 7 Follow Tesla drivers' club, Kelvin (5)
- 8 Drew extract from mosquito we dissected (5)
- 9 A grand old German – on the edge of her seat? (4)
- 10 In position to stop train, having more muscles (6)
- 13 Inside there's a loo near bar (6)
- 14 Selfish aim (4)
- 16 Over 100 college and university runs take place (5)
- 18 Use a pick up line? That's one way to look at it (5)
- 19 Move bloody obstruction husband, put it out in dining room? (10)

**Down**

- 2 LOL! Nora playing; winning constantly (2,1,4)
- 3 Sporting body with bit of kickass energy – unreal! (4)
- 4 Go long way round, hiding in shade to urinate (6)
- 5 Immediately own up (3)
- 6 Patience cured Anne, surprisingly (9)
- 7 Move among Sumatran sportswomen (9)
- 11 Fighter refurbished carriage? (7)
- 12 Channel psychic our seminar covers (6)
- 15 Train runs over this bird (4)
- 17 Taxi's place to get expert advice familiarly? (3)

## CRYPTIC



**Across**

- 1 Mickey forgets his last dance with a wry face (4)
- 3 Disaster with a student having the morning in, say, London (8)
- 9 A sparkle from Gary - note rubbish, too (7)
- 10 Subsidise what was once owned (5)
- 11 Boredom obviously arising from a drunken nuisance (5)
- 12 Activity seen at the front.. (6)
- 14 At home, enter receipts (6)
- 16 In occupation but no ownership rights (6)
- 19 Seeing the relationship in casual work (6)
- 21 Discovered nothing in the kitty (5)
- 24 Find it the way to contribute (5)
- 25 Ring now to fix nail problem (7)
- 26 Legacy - the woman has it on time (8)
- 27 Remain or holiday? (4)

**Down**

- 1 Me acting foolishly but attractive in a way (8)
- 2 Marriage in another joint? (5)
- 4 Sailor hits the road on foreign shores (6)
- 5 Prevent a green connection (5)
- 6 Within the walls (7)
- 7 Scream from an unknown bird (4)
- 8 Panel removed in rebuilding planetarium entrance (6)
- 13 A penchant toward working contentedly - but not a lot (8)
- 15 Plot with the Queen for permission (7)
- 17 This dummy holds a fig (6)
- 18 Working steadily or quietly reclining (6)
- 20 It's all gone and I'm tired (5)
- 22 Sinking vessel about to explode (1-4)
- 23 Impress with some tomato ketchup (4)

## SOLUTIONS

CRYPTIC SOLUTION



QUICK SOLUTION





# Sudoku

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9.

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## SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES



## FIND A WORD

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# For the love of an ibis: beaks, Thoth and sticking up for the little guy

By Brooke Nunn



If anyone should refer to the Australian white Ibis as a “b\*n ch\*ck\*n” in my presence, they get a right royal telling off.

They are also informed of the bird’s new title, the noble Ibis, and given a full brief as to why the ibises don’t deserve a degrading nickname.

So why do I think the Ibis deserves better? They’re native birds (they were here first), because they’re native, they’re crucial to Australia’s biodiversity (we need them),

they’re foragers, and if there’s food in the rubbish to go after, then dump diving it is (a meal is a meal). It’s not their fault anyway that they’ve been pushed out of their natural habitat (humans strike again).

All very concrete, justified reasons to respect Australia’s long-necked nobility, but why am I so invested in the status of the Ibis, and why do I get so defensive on their behalf?

That’s a multi-beaked answer. Let’s start with why I like the Ibis.

Their beak. I think it’s cool. Just look at it. The way it curves, how slender it is, how it’s used as a tool by the bird, and most importantly, how impressive it is to transport food and water all the way from the tip of the beak to their mouth.

If I had a dollar for every time I’ve dropped food from my fork on the way to my mouth, I’d have some serious cash coming my way.

They also remind me of the Ancient Egyptian god Thoth. Most of the time, Thoth was depicted with the head of an ibis (sometimes a baboon) and was the god of wisdom who created writing.

I have always loved Egypt and everything Egyptian. I took Ancient History as a class in High School just to study Egypt. I visited Egypt in my 20s and it’s my all-time #1 favourite country I’ve been to.

I wear my cartouche on a necklace almost every day and have been doing so since my trip. I visit every museum or event I know of that has anything to do with Egypt.

And I like to write.

So, Thoth ... Ancient Egyptian god of wisdom, inventor of writing, head of an ibis ... I’m a big fan.

My obsession with all things Egyptian crosses into ibises’ territory on a visit to the Discovering Ancient Egypt exhibition at the Queensland Museum in Brisbane (items on loan from the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities [Rijksmuseum van Oudheden]) (Chooke, 2025).

But the biggest reason why I throw my support behind the Ibis is because I want to stand up for the little guy who’s getting picked on.

The Ibis didn’t choose to be an indiscriminate eater, and I think it’s unfair to judge an ibis based on a trait that’s (to a slighter lesser extent) desirable in people

because come on, how many of us would love it if our family, friends and children were a little less fussy?

And living arrangements? Pretty sure the Ibis would prefer their natural wetlands too, but when that’s not available, they have to make do. And they do damn well at it.

Ibises can’t stand up for themselves. They’re not in any way aggressive or dominating (ok, except if someone has chips), and I think that’s something that we can mistake for weakness and take advantage of.

No one thinks they’re hurting the Ibis by talking trash about them, and the Ibis doesn’t get upset, but that doesn’t make it ok.

They don’t hurt anyone, they make use of our waste, and they ask for nothing (like seriously, have you heard them call out?).

They deserve to be here just as much as anyone, and more than that, they deserve our respect.

Education can help people understand the significance of these birds, and perhaps by correcting the negative attitude towards ibises, we can all challenge the assumptions and negative opinions we have on other topics or people.

So, please, look after the Ibis, our Australian long-beaked nobility. We need them, and they need us.

# IT'S 'PAW-EFFICIAL'

– the **BORDER COLLIE** is **TOP DOG** in the City of Moreton Bay.

**C**ity of Moreton Bay has unleashed dog registration data on International Dog Day that reveals the Border Collie is the City's most popular breed. The data from the 66,844 dogs currently registered has also uncovered the City's top dog names, with Bella coming in at number one.

Mayor Peter Flannery, a proud Miniature Smooth Haired Dachshund owner, is urging the City's residents, new and old, to ensure their dogs are registered to ensure a quick reunion if their pet is ever lost

Council data released on International Dog Day has revealed the top 10 breeds registered in the city, with the Border Collie coming in at number one with 4674 registrations. Moreton Bay residents are also barking mad for the Labrador Retriever, Maltese and Staffordshire Bull Terrier, with each breed having in excess of 4000 registrations.

The Australian Kelpie, Australian Cattle Dog, German Shepherd, Jack Russel Terrier, Cavoodle and Cavalier King Charles Spaniel rounded out the top 10 dog breeds.

Dog registration data has also uncovered that Bella, Charlie, Luna, Molly, Ruby, Buddy, Daisy, Coco, Max and Rosie are the names that lead the pack in the City.

There are 66,844 dogs currently registered – and that figure is steadily increasing as the City welcomes an average of 240 new residents each week. Mayor and proud canine owner Peter Flannery is urging residents, new and old, to 'paws' this International Dog Day and ensure their dogs are registered with Council.

"Dog registration helps Council quickly reunite you with your pet if they ever get lost and also supports our responsible pet ownership programs," he said.

"Both dog and cat registration renewals are currently being sent out and are due on 30 September, so we are reminding residents to ensure their pet's details are up to scratch. "Every lost pet deserves to come home, and registration is what helps make this happen."



## TOP 10 DOG BREEDS REGISTERED IN CITY OF MORETON BAY:

### AMOUNT PRIMARY BREED

4764	BORDER COLLIE
4060	LABRADOR RETRIEVER
4032	MALTESE
4009	STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
3041	AUSTRALIAN KELPIE
2576	AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG
2211	GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
2036	JACK RUSSELL TERRIER
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## TOP 10 DOG NAMES REGISTERED IN CITY OF MORETON BAY:

### AMOUNT NAME

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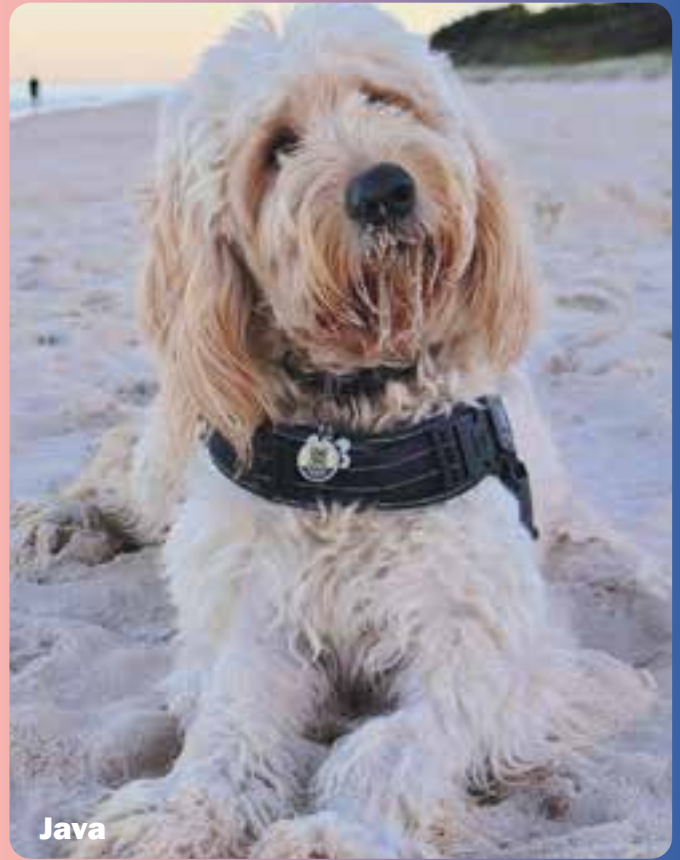
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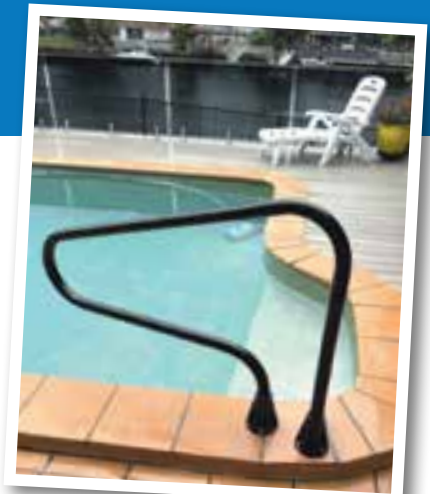
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### The new allocation includes:

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## Luxury Appliances Enhance Your Kitchen Experience



Modern kitchens have evolved beyond just being places to cook—they're now more comfortable, stylish, and efficient. The right appliances can greatly improve both the look and functionality of your kitchen.

Here are five ways that high-quality kitchen tools can enhance your cooking experience.

### 1. Makes Cooking Faster and Easier

High-end appliances are designed to save you time and effort. For instance, ovens, stoves, and microwaves heat up evenly, meaning your food cooks faster and there's less need to keep an eye on it constantly.

With these tools, you can enjoy your meals with less waiting, and cooking becomes less stressful and more fun. When everything is at the right temperature, you can also experiment with new recipes more confidently.

### 2. Helps Keep Things Organized

A tidy kitchen is a more enjoyable kitchen. High-quality refrigerators often come with adjustable shelves and compartments that make it easy to keep your ingredients visible and fresh.

Dishwashers are also designed to simplify cleanup. When everything is in its place, your kitchen feels less chaotic and more user-friendly, leading to better safety and hygiene while cooking.

### 3. Enhances the Kitchen's Looks

Luxury appliances often feature sleek designs that can become focal points in your kitchen.

With thoughtful arrangements and good lighting, these appliances make your kitchen feel harmonious and inviting. A beautifully designed kitchen not only boosts your pride in your



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home but also attracts guests, encouraging you to spend more time cooking and socializing.

### 4. Offers Useful Features for Day-to-Day Life

Luxury kitchen tools come with advanced features that can make every day cooking easier. Imagine smart ovens that adjust their temperature automatically, or refrigerators that let you know when the door is open or when food is about to expire.

These conveniences simplify your daily tasks and create a more comfortable kitchen atmosphere, allowing you to enjoy multitasking without worry.

### 5. Adds Value to Your Home Over Time

Investing in quality appliances can pay off in the long run. They are usually more durable and perform better, which means fewer repairs and replacements.

Good appliances also tend to increase your home's overall value, making it more appealing to potential buyers in the future. Plus, energy-efficient options help you save on bills and contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle.

Investing in high-quality kitchen appliances can lead to a more efficient, well-organised, and attractive space.

These modern tools make cooking easier and can even increase your home's value over time. By choosing the right appliances, you create a kitchen that's not just functional but also a pleasant place to spend time.



# The Importance of Holding an **Open House:**

In the competitive world of real estate, an open house remains one of the most effective tools for showcasing properties to potential buyers.

While digital listings, social media promotions, and virtual tours have become popular, the traditional open house offers unique benefits

that can significantly impact a sale. This editorial explores the importance of holding an open house and provides practical tips to ensure it's a success.

An open house is more than just a marketing strategy; it serves as a tangible opportunity for

buyers to connect emotionally with a property.

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# Tips for Success

impression greater than any photograph or video could convey.

Touching surfaces, gazing out of windows, and experiencing the flow of the space offers potential buyers an immersive experience that photographs can't replicate.

Open houses foster a social environment that facilitates networking, not just between agents and buyers but also among potential buyers themselves.

They can interact, discuss their opinions on the property, and share their thoughts, which can help generate buzz about the listing.

This environment allows agents to gauge interest levels and gather feedback on the property, informing how to strategize future showings and marketing efforts.

To maximise the effectiveness of an open house, several key strategies can be employed:

### 1. Choose the Right Timing:

Timing can be crucial. Hosting an open house on weekends or during prime hours after work can attract a larger audience. Avoiding holiday weekends or local events that might draw potential buyers away is important.

### 2. Market Effectively:

While word of mouth can be useful, effective digital marketing can significantly enhance reach. Utilise social media platforms, email newsletters, and real estate websites to promote the open house well in advance. Eye-catching posts with high-quality images of the property can help generate interest.

### 3. Create an Inviting Atmosphere:

First impressions matter. Ensure that the property is clean, decluttered, and staged to highlight its best features.

Consider lighting: a well-lit space feels

welcoming and spacious. Warm scents, like freshly baked biscuits or brewed coffee, can evoke feelings of home.

### 4. Be Prepared with Information:

Have brochures, property facts, and neighbourhood information readily available for visitors.

Providing insights into local schools, parks, and amenities can enhance the buying experience.

Being knowledgeable about the property and neighbourhood also allows you to address any questions that may arise.

### 5. Engage with Visitors:

Whether you are the owner or an agent, engage with visitors in a friendly and approachable manner.

Avoid being overly intrusive but offer to help with any questions they may have.

Listening to their feedback can provide valuable insights into their preferences.

### 6. Follow Up:

After the open house, don't forget to follow up with those who attended. A simple thank-you

email is courteous and shows professionalism, and it can also reinforce interest in the property.

Hosting an open house remains a vital strategy in real estate marketing, capable of sparking interest and facilitating connections.

By employing strategic planning and execution, sellers and agents can create an inviting environment that not only showcases a property but also enhances the overall buying experience.

With the right preparation, an open house can be a pivotal moment leading to a successful sale.



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## Palm Springs Living in Queensland



**A** Palm Springs Interior is a blend of sophisticated luxury and relaxed glamour, characterised by mid-century modern design. Keeping your home timeless and chic.

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It is perfect for our Queensland indoor-outdoor living, connecting us with nature to bring peace and tranquillity. The open plan living with the use of large Windows and Sliding Doors helps with this seamless introduction, and ideal for our sunny warm weather.

To achieve a Palm Springs interior in Queensland, consider the following ideas:

Design an open floor plan to create a sense of spaciousness and allow for effortless indoor-outdoor living. The pool and entertaining area often serve as the heart of the home.

Large, floor-to-ceiling windows connect the interior with the exterior, creating an effortless flow between indoor and outdoor living spaces. It's a great connection to nature. It's also provides natural lighting for ambience.

Using decorative and patterned concrete blocks "breezblocks" provides privacy and allows for natural airflow. It adds a distinct visual element and architectural interest.

The use of terrazzo or concrete flooring adds a timeless, retro touch. Wooden features in the ceiling, floor or walls will bring warmth and tactile appeal.

Embrace colours like sand, terracotta, soft beige, and warm whites as a calming backdrop. Whilst using feature colours like turquoise, baby blue, or earthy rust and brown to break up the neutral scheme.

Incorporating pops of colour and geometric patterns will bring a sense of playfulness and add unique character.

Retro and vintage pieces, along with tropical-inspired motifs, are

often incorporated to add to the eclectic and glamorous feel. You can achieve this by introducing smaller personal pieces or look at Artwork or Wallpapers and Wall Murals.

Nothing makes more of an impact than a feature wall of Wallpaper or Wall Mural. Bringing the outside in with a Tropical Theme or keeping it Retro with funky geometrics.

Keep your furniture simple, low-profile with clean and sleek lines. The use of wood and leather is in keeping with the Mid-Century Modernism and minimalist approach.

Having a chair in a warm timer with leather or natural fibres works nicely with a coordinated sofa also in a natural fabric. Low lying TV Coffee Tables, TV Unit and Side Tables are in keeping with the style but again keep their look simple. The use of Warm Woods or as a Metal Framework piece will help to simplify the look.

A faux fur or hide contributes to the style. Be it on the chair or floor. But to each their own. You can also add a rug with depth of texture and geometric design for interest.

Add playful accessories like vintage glass jars or a retro clock. Or and a retro bar cart which can be wheeled around for your indoor and outdoor entertaining. But remember to keep all areas uncluttered and everything must have a function.

Window Treatments need to be simple and soft. Simple in colour and design works best, and having a simple sheer curtain in neutral tones will sit back nicely and sway beautifully in the smallest of breezes.

Lastly, plants give life to any home and Palm Springs Living would not be complete without at least one or two potted cactus or succulents. But consider adding Palms, Banana Trees or Monstera's. After all, they all live beautifully with us in Queensland.

The Palm Springs Design Style has been adopted in Queensland for its emphasis on simple form and function, creating a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor living spaces.

This approach allows us to easily share these areas with family and friends.

# FISHING REPORT

by Robyn & Brendon, Bribie Island Charters

Ah, Spring – when fishing becomes less predictable and more easily affected by weather – which just makes it more interesting! There have been lots of happy fishing stories over the past couple of weeks, with generally good catches.

Flathead have been regular take-home meals from creek mouths right through the Passage. Troy brought in four keeper flathead from near Turner's Camp on a rising tide.

He tried prawns and pilchards but hooked them all on pillies. Dennis' 60cm flathead, also caught at Turner's Camp, took a prawn.

Yet another Turner's Camp flathead, a biggie at 73cm, took a blue soft-plastic cast by Richard on the turn of a very low tide. Tess said the 55cm flatty she caught at White Patch over the top of the tide was taken with a blue/black squid lure.

Nate's flathead wasn't huge, at 45cm, but he was still happy to take it home after he caught it on pilchard while just drifting past the marina.

Cameron and Tiana were out at the first green marker south of the bridge, having a great time with a big flathead, a 35cm bream and some big whiting as well – "it was all good until we got stuck on the sandbar!"

Coming up to breeding season for the flathead, there'll be small schools



Dave's mudcrab, one of a many coming from Mission Point.

of them, with usually a couple of breeding females among them – remember the bigger ones might be in roe, so it wouldn't hurt to do them a favour and drop them back into the Passage.

You'll be pleased you did it, when there is still flathead to catch in a few years' time!

The tailor is still abundant. In just an hour's drift from the bridge to the Avon wreck, Aiden brought in eight big tailor, as well as ten bream, two box toadfish and a few grinnners (yum!). Stafford and Jacob got a tailor each, near Pacific Harbour, on pilchards.



Wil and his dad caught this school mackerel at Buckley's Hole at the top of the tide, using a Halco silver hard-body lure. They also caught tailor (to crumb and fry in butter) and even kept a shovelnose, because it's Mum's favourite!

Wes and his mates sat near a school of them off Sandstone Point. Every cast was a catch, except for two casts that each lost Wes a lure (he reckons he was in too much hurry to get another tailor and didn't check the knots).

The last lure he cast out was a big one, which caught two tailor at once! Ethan tells me there are lots of good snapper, and jewies too, at Mission Point. Dave and Kelly got two big snapper, two tailor and a very nice bream from Mission, all on pillies. Wayne and Ann Marie caught two snapper at the bridge, one on pilchard, one on prawns.

Good sizes in bream are being picked up right through the Passage. Jenelle's favourite bream bait is yabby, but frozen rather than live. She's a bit squeamish about live yabbies, so she pops them in the freezer, to send them to sleep, then adds a bit of methylated spirits to the bag and back into the freezer. She reckons the metho helps the yabby hold together longer on the hook, as well.

Reports of good mudcrab catches are coming in from Poverty Creek and further north. Dave and Kelly had their pots out overnight at Mission Point, keeping 7 "crackers!" and taking them home to a big family dinner.

Ron found four legal bucks in his pots, and "kept one – it's all I really need and I figured I'd leave the rest to keep breeding". Steve had less success putting his pots up in the creeks – lots of almost big enough, but only one keeper.

## BIG, FLASH VESSELS AND SMALL, MODEST ONES CAN ALL ENJOY THIS LITTLE BIT OF PARADISE



Jackson caught this flathead on the falling tide, drifting past Spinnaker Sound Marina, using pilchard for bait.

It was good to see Fisheries Qld out on the Passage over the weekend. A couple of our customers were pulled up; it only took a few minutes, then they happily went on their way.

A Fisheries team approached Kelly's boat up near Mission Point at 6.30 in the evening! The catch on board was checked and there was a friendly chat about safety equipment – all good!

Knowing the authorities are on the water is reassuring, especially in the light of some worrying incidents we've heard recently about dangerous and malicious behaviour on the Passage.

Big, flash vessels and small, modest ones can all enjoy this little bit of paradise.



These young blokes Aiden, Zeke and Nathan only kept one tailor; there were lots on the bite, but it was very windy and cold, so it was hard to hook up any others.

# TIDE TIMES

## Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

<b>Fri 19 Sep</b> 2:28 am 0.39m 8:20 am 1.47m 2:08 pm 0.3m 8:42 pm 1.89m	<b>Sat 20 Sep</b> 3:09 am 0.31m 9:06 am 1.59m 2:57 pm 0.23m 9:24 pm 1.9m	<b>Sun 21 Sep</b> 3:45 am 0.27m 9:47 am 1.67m 3:39 pm 0.22m 10:00 pm 1.86m	<b>Mon 22 Sep</b> 4:15 am 0.25m 10:25 am 1.71m 4:16 pm 0.25m 10:32 pm 1.79m	<b>Tue 23 Sep</b> 4:43 am 0.27m 10:59 am 1.72m 4:51 pm 0.32m 11:00 pm 1.69m	<b>Wed 24 Sep</b> 5:07 am 0.29m 11:30 am 1.72m 5:27 pm 0.39m 11:26 pm 1.58m	<b>Thu 25 Sep</b> 5:31 am 0.32m 12:01 pm 1.7m 6:05 pm 0.47m 11:54 pm 1.47m
<b>Fri 26 Sep</b> 5:58 am 0.37m 12:33 pm 1.67m 6:48 pm 0.55m	<b>Sat 27 Sep</b> 12:26 am 1.35m 6:27 am 0.43m 1:11 pm 1.63m 7:38 pm 0.64m	<b>Sun 28 Sep</b> 1:05 am 1.23m 7:01 am 0.52m 1:55 pm 1.56m 8:41 pm 0.71m	<b>Mon 29 Sep</b> 1:54 am 1.13m 7:46 am 0.61m 2:53 pm 1.5m 10:01 pm 0.75m	<b>Tue 30 Sep</b> 3:01 am 1.05m 8:57 am 0.67m 4:11 pm 1.47m 11:25 pm 0.72m	<b>Wed 1 Oct</b> 4:39 am 1.04m 10:22 am 0.68m 5:32 pm 1.52m	<b>Thu 2 Oct</b> 12:30 am 0.64m 6:06 am 1.12m 11:34 am 0.6m 6:32 pm 1.63m



**MRQ BRIBIE ISLAND LAUNCH CELEBRATION**

3pm Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at our base at 4 Marine Parade, Bellara. MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff along with MRQ Bribie Island Unit Commander Ces Luscombe hosted dignitaries from State Parliament, QPS, QAS, QFD, and representatives from our major sponsors Busyfingers Fundraisers, Martin Jonkers Motors, and the Comiskey Group.

MC for the day was MRQ Bribie Island's Unit Support & Operations Coordinator Gary Voss who introduced the guest speakers: MRQ Chief officer Tony Wulff, and MRQ Bribie Island Unit Commander Ces Luscombe. This was followed by presentations of Unit Citation Badges to all members present who had transitioned to MRQ by Chief Officer Tony Wulff, were congratulated by Ces Luscombe and presented with an MRQ "merchandise" by State Member for Pumicestone Ariana Doolan MP.

MRQ Bribie Island Radio Officer Peter McNamara took copious photos of the day's proceedings, which was followed by a marvellous spread of mini quiches, sausage rolls and party pies, coupled with salad rolls from Subway and an amazing sponge cake and cupcakes all supplied by MRQ to give our Social Committee a rest and be able to enjoy the ceremony.



Each volunteer receives a citation recognising their part in creating Queensland's first single, integrated volunteer marine rescue service — and honouring their dedication to keeping our communities safe on the water.



The MRQ Celebratory Cake & Cupcakes.



MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff addresses the gathering, thanking everyone, especially our committee for the endless work they have contributed both to the MRQ Bribie Island and the process as a whole.



Unit Commander Ces Luscombe responded to Chief Officer Tony Wulff's welcome and outlined and thanked the dedication, commitment, and endurance his committee, active members and families have displayed to reach this point.



MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff congratulates and presents Unit Commander & Commercial Coxswain Ces Luscombe with his Unit Citation.



Chief Officer Tony Wulff congratulates and presents Deputy Unit Commander & Commercial Coxswain Allan Tranter with his Unit Citation.



Chief Officer Tony Wulff congratulates and presents Unit Finance Coordinator, HR Facilitator, & Social Committee Coordinator Kelly Langworthy with her Unit Citation.



MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff congratulates and presents Unit Assets Coordinator & Senior Radio Operator John O'Hagan with his Unit Citation.



MRQ Chief Officer Tony Wulff congratulates and presents Unit Support & Operations Coordinator & Commercial Coxswain Gary Voss with his Unit Citation with Ariana Doolan MP on hand to present the MRQ merchandise bag.



Crew Observer Dean Barnett receives his Unit Citation from Chief Officer Tony Wulff, witnessed by Unit Commander Ces Luscombe and Ariana Doolan MP.



Social Committee/Fundraiser Lindsay Paterson receives her Unit Citation from Chief Officer Tony Wulff, witnessed by Unit Commander Ces Luscombe and Ariana Doolan MP.



Group photo of members and guests attending the ceremony.

**UNMANNED BOAT OUT-OF-CONTROL**

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 - Today's callout crew attended an unmanned out of control boat doing dangerous donuts in the passage near IGA. Coxswain Wayne Sclater, Crew Day Coxswain Gary Beros and Senior Crew Paul Gillmore along with 2 local Police officers and Brisbane Water Police attended in their vessel. Bribie 2 conveyed the 2 occupants of the vessel back to the base pontoon to be checked out by QAS. Then boat was towed to MRQ Bribie pontoon by Bribie 2 - All ended well.



The out-of-control vessel.



Brisbane Water Police and Bribie 2 with the vessel safely at rest between them.

**TOW FROM EAST OF CAPE MORETON**

10:45 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Radio Operator Ian McKay took a call from a stricken 7m Cuddy Cabin that had lost power with 2 persons aboard. They radioed for assistance from East of Cape Moreton on repeater channel VHF21. The signal was very patchy and there was no mobile coverage. Coxswain Garry Bunker in Bribie 1 with crew of Crew Day Coxswain Garry Beros, and Competent Crew Paul Gillmore took almost 2 hours to reach the stricken vessel, and having the vessel under tow for Spinnaker Sound Marina at 12:55 arriving at 14:43 and after refuelling was back at base by 15:16.



The track for Bribie 1 some 22 miles East of Cape Moreton.

**UNIT COMMANDER CES' SAFETY MESSAGE:**



"With the weather improving check that your boat is in good order, check that you have all your safety gear and everyone on board knows its location, ensure it is easy to get at

in an emergency, ensure your flares are in date, that your torch works, check your battery and your fuel.

Ensure you let someone know of your plans, who is with you, where you are leaving from, where you are going, what time you are returning.

Make sure you have either a fully charged mobile phone, a VHF or a 27Mhz marine radio on board, and that it works."

**"Look after the equipment that will look after you!"**

**AUG/SEP ASSISTS**

**FRI 29/08 1512PM** – 5.5m Half Cabin 2POB non-member with a broken steering rod required a tow from just South of the Bridge to Pacific Harbour.

**SUN 31/08 1606PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to medevac a patient back to MRQ Bribie Island to their waiting ambulance and transport to hospital.

**MON 01/09 1029AM** – 4.5m Tinny 1POB non-member with u/s battery, required a tow from South of Bongaree Jetty to Bellara Boat Ramp.

**WED 03/09 1121AM** – MOP reported 2 persons in the water in front of IGA, have fallen out of their out-of-control boat. 2 Non-member Persons retrieved, and Water Police assisted in recovering vessel.

**WED 03/09 1210PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to medevac a patient back to MRQ Bribie Island to their waiting ambulance and transport to hospital.

**WED 03/09 1610PM** – 6m Runabout 2POB non-member lost power near Little Goat Island, required a tow to Donnybrook Boat Ramp.

**THU 04/09 11/10AM** – 3m Jet Ski 1POB non-member aground North of Toorbul, required a tow to Sylvan Beach Boat Ramp.

**FRI 05/09 1045AM** – 7m Cuddy Cabin 2POB non-member with failed gearbox some 22 miles East of Cape Moreton with very weak comms, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

**THU 11/09 1453PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 paramedics to Tangalooma to medevac a patient back to MRQ Bribie Island to their waiting ambulance. Medevac was aborted due to large swell/waves at Tangalooma Jetty – patient OK.

**YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS**

<b>CALLS</b>	<b>11,076</b>
<b>VESSELS LOG ONS</b>	<b>3,304</b>
<b>VESSEL ASSISTS</b>	<b>188</b>
<b>SITREPS</b>	<b>1,054</b>
<b>REQUESTS</b>	<b>1,019</b>
<b>OVERDUE VESSELS</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>VESSEL TRACKING</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>RADIO CHECKS</b>	<b>984</b>
<b>WEATHER BROADCASTS</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SECURITE BROADCASTS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PAN PAN CALLS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MAYDAY CALLS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PERSONS ASSISTED</b>	<b>383</b>
<b>VHF CALLS</b>	<b>56.5%</b>
<b>27MHZ CALLS</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>PHONE CALLS</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
<b>GWN CALLS</b>	<b>1.9%</b>

**"PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!"**

**"BUT importantly – Always remember if you are heading out on the water LOG ON with your local MRQ. VMR or Coast Guard, it's a free service for everyone, so why wouldn't you! It just may save your life!"**

## Letters to the editor



The comments and opinions on these pages are not those of The Bribie Islander, but those of our residents.

Dear Editor,  
Thank you, thank you, thank you, Lyn Rushby for your magnificent letter in Issue No. 247. You have certainly summed up the situation brilliantly and you have said everything that so many of us have been thinking and feeling for so long.

We totally support and will act upon all your suggestions and hope that many others will as well. There is a quote often attributed to Irish philosopher Edmund Burke which sums up the present situation in Gaza. "Evil triumphs when good people do nothing."

Annette & Chris Schnack

Dear Editor,  
Who's sick of those wretched surveys that we're all asked to complete after we receive a parcel? Or buy something? Or book a hotel? Or actually receive some Customer Service on a phone call that we've waited an hour before being answered? (Ha. Customer Service! That's an oxymoron these days isn't?).

I believe it all goes back to when little Johnny came last in his running race at school and cried at not receiving a ribbon so the school said "Oh, we can't have any child disappointed.

We'll give him a Participation Certificate." And the 'do-gooders' stepped in with agreement, and the government made it law that Little Johnny can't be sad. And there you have it.

The companies who ask us for surveys are actually in need of a Participation Certificate saying how wonderful they are, just for doing THE JOB THAT THEY GET PAID TO DO!!

Losing is a big part of life. Everyone suffers loss of some kind at some stage in life and without it we don't grow. Loss strengthens us. We don't LOSE – we LEARN!

What have we done and what are we still doing to our children? We need to toughen up.

Name Withheld

Dear Editor,  
More and more E-bikes, E-scooters and carts are finding their way as a convenient and cheap option of transport almost everywhere, but where and how they are ridden doesn't seem to have many clear guidelines. Upon investigation, I found there is a speed limit of 25kph, and above this the motor must disengage.

There is no age restriction on their use, and the term 'young children' as being restricted from using them, does not define an actual age bracket. There are no courses or requirements for riding, no matter what age or ability.

On any day you can see e-vehicles racing along footpaths, bicycle lanes and on the road at speeds that compare with the cars around them. Often, riders do not dismount and push their vehicles across a crossing as is the rule, or stop to check it's safe to do so, or use hand signals.

The vehicles can be modified to go faster than their factory settings, making them as dangerous as a car but with more freedom and a bit of devil may care. There have been many cases of carts using the roads, sometimes pulling out from the bike lanes to go around parked cars without indicating, slowing or disrupting the flow of general traffic.

Last year I was told that a trialling for bicycles to run against traffic in bicycle lanes was under consideration, so I suspect this will open up to these E-transporters as well. As a cyclist, I feel unnerved at the thought of riding towards traffic in these narrow lanes, but that's just me.

It does seem that we need to consider registration, identification plates and insurance be attached to these new modes of transport, in case of accidents they may cause, just as other motor vehicles do.

Some have access to roadside assist, so it makes sense to insure and register them too as a matter of general public safety and responsibility.

P Robinson

Dear Editor,  
The Pumicestone Passage in Queensland has been recognized by the Commonwealth Government as an area of biological importance. It spans 35 kilometres from Caloundra to Deception Bay and is part of the Moreton Bay Marine Park. This ecological marvel is home to the oldest registered fish habitat in Australia and serves as a critical bird and marine habitat. Additionally, it is an integral part of the Moreton Bay Marine Park, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, and is subject to migratory bird treaties with China, Japan and Korea, emphasizing its role in global biodiversity maintenance. Human activities, such as habitat loss, catchment runoff, and fishing, impact the marine ecosystems in this passage, affecting fish abundance and diversity. My question is why, given the above information, does the Qld Department of Environment and the Qld Marine Safety Department consider it appropriate to turn the Pumicestone Passage into a speedway for jet skis and speeding watercraft to decimate the turtles, dugongs and dolphins who need a safe Passage as a breeding, feeding and resting area.

Carol Wood

## Letters to the editor



# GREYHOUND DEATH TRACK

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### Greyhound Racing is **NOT** vital to Queenslanders

The Greyhound Racetrack in Ipswich named “The Q” was intended to serve as a safer, modern replacement for the former Ipswich greyhound track—a venue where, between 2020 and 2025, 41 greyhounds lost their lives and over 2,500 were injured, with 453 of those injuries classified as “major.”

The construction of this new facility came at a significant public expense: \$85 million in total, with Queensland taxpayers contributing \$44.15 million. Many in our community believe these funds could have been better spent on critical areas of need such as healthcare, education, and addressing the urgent homelessness crisis.

And even though Racing Queensland and the Crisafulli state government has boasted that this new “world-class” venue has numerous safety improvements, more dogs than ever are dying. At last count, 14 dogs have died in the 2 months it has been open.

However, this issue is not isolated to the Q. Greyhound deaths are occurring at tracks across Australia. As of 8 September 2025, Racing Stewards from the Greyhound Racing Industry have reported 23 deaths and 1179 injuries in Queensland alone this year. The numbers reported for Australia overall for 2005 are 83 deaths and 7,376 injuries.

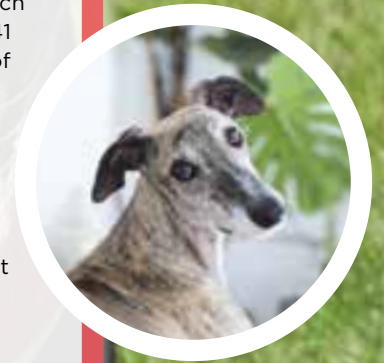
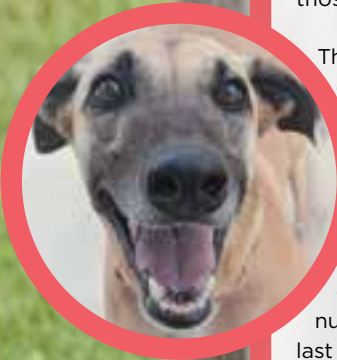
Greyhound racing has lost its social license. Increasingly, the public is recognising the industry’s inherent cruelty, and it is likely that, in time, greyhound racing will be regarded alongside dog fighting: a barbaric and outdated practice that persists only for the entertainment of those indifferent to animal suffering.

If you feel these kind, gentle dogs deserve to live a life where they are treated as pets and not disposable gambling commodities, please call or send a note to the Premier and the racing minister to share your thoughts:

**Queensland Premier David Crisafulli:** [premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au)  
**Minister for Sport and Racing Tim Mander:** [sport@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:sport@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

If you’re in the Bribie area, you can contact our rep, **Ariana Doolan, Member for Pumicestone:** [Pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au)

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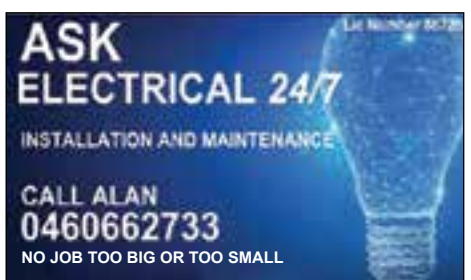
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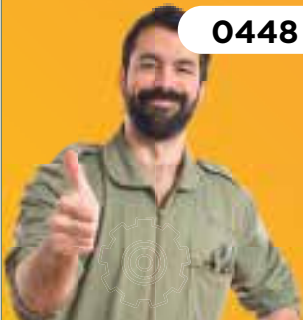
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