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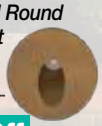

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Welcome

Dear Readers,

Welcome to Edition 247, our first issue of spring! This Sunday also marks Father's Day, and I'd like to extend a heartfelt shoutout to all the dads, grandpas, and father figures out there. Wishing you all a wonderful day!

It has come to my attention that an elderly couple who are avid readers of the magazine were upset by the article written by Al Finegan in the previous issue. I want to clarify that this magazine does not aim to distress any of our readers. The article presented a historical account of a prison break from one person's perspective, and its inclusion does not signify that we accept or condone the actions of the escapees or the organisation they represented, along with its actions or ideology.

It can be challenging for us to know what might upset readers; however, I strive to avoid intentionally disturbing content.
We chose to include part two of the article as it is a part of history and necessary to complete the narrative for other readers. I sincerely apologise to the couple who expressed that it brings back painful memories and trauma and advise you to skip that article.

This edition features a variety of excellent articles, covering a bit of everything. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Happy Father's Day!
Take care, stay safe,

Cherrie

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Antique Buyers in the Area

Scrap Gold

In today's trend of downsizing and decluttering our homes, it's the perfect time to go through those drawers and cupboards and turn those unwanted items into cash.

Antique Buyers, and father-son duo, Mike and Nate, will be at **Bribie Island RSL Club on Friday, 19th September, from 9am to 1pm. See page 12 for full details**.

"We are enthusiastic buyers, particularly interested in gold jewellery, whether broken or intact, antique jewellery, gold and silver coins, collectibles including military medals, and banknotes, as well as mechanical watches."

"Everyone has something we want to buy, and nothing is too small for our consideration.

We are just as happy to buy one item, as we are buying 10,000!" says Mike Cornish, the company's chief buyer.

If you are in doubt about any items you wish to sell, take them in for an instant appraisal. No appointment is needed.

Gold and Silver still at high prices

With the gold price still at higher than traditional levels, right now is an opportune time to explore your jewellery box and dig out those old gold chains, rings, and brooches, to turn them into cash.

Mike emphasizes,

"This is an ideal time to sell. We will buy anything made of gold – old jewellery, coins, virtually

anything, even gold teeth!

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Old coins can toss up a rarity

Check those drawers and cupboards, you may have a rarity lurking amongst your coins.

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Rolex and mechanical watches wanted

Mechanical watches are needed urgently by the buyers.

"Collectors at this stage want brands such as Rolex, Omega, Patek Philippe, Longines, and Seiko, just to mention some.

These brands can command good prices depending on the model and condition." Mike explains.

Misc World Coins

"If you are unsure, bring your watches in for an appraisal."

Rolex Submariner Blusey

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Mike

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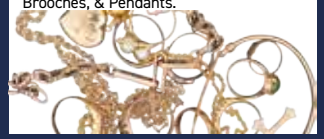

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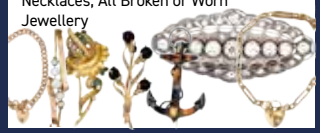

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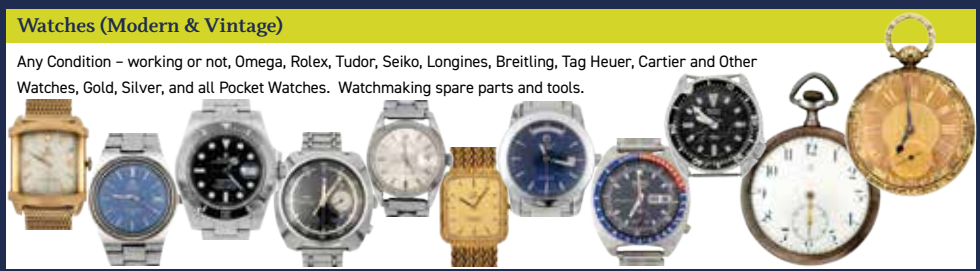

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Normally, hair loses some moisture into the air, but in humid conditions, it absorbs too much water vapor. This extra moisture causes the hair strands to swell, which can make them feel rough and look frizzy.

The type of hair you have also affects how it reacts to humidity. Curly and wavy hair, for example, tends to be more porous, meaning it lets moisture in more easily.

This can lead to more frizz. Straight hair might not frizz as easily, but it can still lose its smoothness and shine.

To fight against humidity, there are some helpful tips. Using anti-frizz serums or styling creams can help protect your hair and keep it looking nice. Choosing styles like braids or updos can also keep your hair away from the humid air and reduce frizz.

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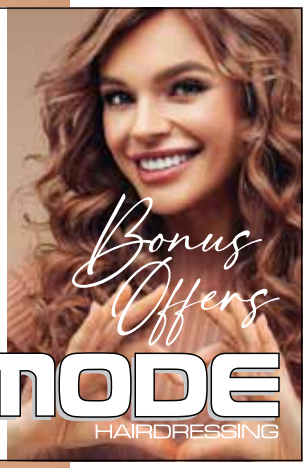

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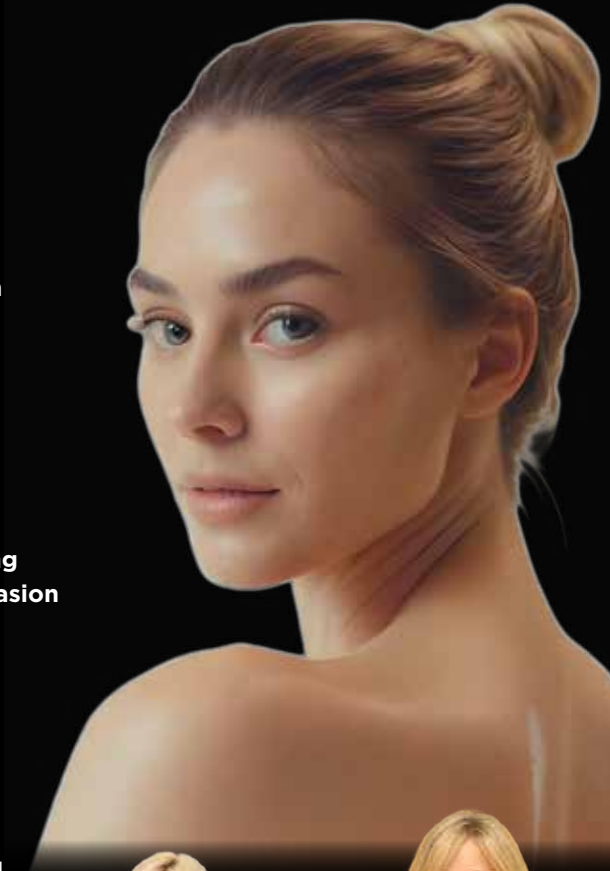

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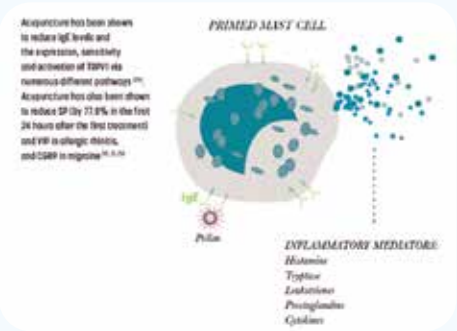
Acupuncturists Wendy (left) and Jessica (centre) and Receptionist Katherine (right).

ACUPUNCTURE FOR HAY FEVER
As winter winds down and the warm spring air arrives, many of us look forward to the change in season. But for some, this shift also signals the return of hay fever and allergies. Allergic rhinitis — commonly known as hay fever — affects nearly 1 in 5 Australians. It can be seasonal, triggered by pollens, grasses, and weeds, or persistent, caused by dust mites, pet dander, and other allergens. Typical symptoms include sneezing, runny or blocked nose, itchy eyes, and disturbed sleep, which can lead to snoring, fatigue, and difficulty concentrating. For many, hay fever significantly impacts daily life.

Conventional treatments usually involve avoiding triggers, taking antihistamines or nasal sprays, and sometimes immunotherapy. However, these approaches don't always work for everyone, and some people experience unwanted side effects. This is where acupuncture offers a natural, well-studied alternative.

HOW ACUPUNCTURE HELPS HAY FEVER
Acupuncture works by modulating the immune system, calming the allergic inflammatory response, and improving tolerance to allergens — thereby reducing symptoms. Unlike some complementary therapies, acupuncture for allergic rhinitis has been widely researched. The Acupuncture Evidence Project — a major review of clinical studies — found that in some cases acupuncture was even more effective than medication, with benefits lasting up to three months after a course of treatment.

Further recognition comes from international guidelines: the American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery includes acupuncture as a recommended treatment option for hay fever, particularly for those seeking non-pharmacological approaches.



ACUPUNCTURE RESEARCH
The earlier mentioned Acupuncture Evidence Project was published in 2016, was recently updated and published in a new report called: 'The state of evidence in acupuncture: A review of metaanalyses and systematic reviews of acupuncture evidence (update 2017-2022)'. The intent of the report is to inform the public, researchers, health departments, and other health providers that acupuncture has a valuable contribution to make to global healthcare and to assist in reducing the global burden of disease.

The review confirms evidence of acupuncture's positive effect for the following conditions:

- Chronic pain
- Postoperative nausea
- Low back pain
- Knee osteoarthritis
- Migraine prophylaxis
- Tension-type headache
- Cancer-related fatigue
- Chronic prostatitis
- Menopause
- Female infertility

It also confirms acupuncture's evidence of potential positive effect for EIGHTY-TWO other conditions, including:

- Bell's palsy
- Fibromyalgia
- Hormone therapy-related effects
- Insomnia
- Postoperative pain
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Sciatica
- Urinary incontinence
- Breech presentation

To see the full list of conditions and to read the report: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ctim.2025.103149

ACUPUNCTURE & HOME CARE PACKAGES
Many of our clients are pleasantly surprised to discover that their Home Care Package can cover acupuncture treatments. If you are eligible, have your provider contact Bribie Acupuncture to register us as an approved vendor (if we aren't already in their system). They will typically first approve an initial consultation which you will attend at our clinic, then using this information we will provide a treatment plan outlining the recommended treatment frequency and time period, and submit it to your provider for additional approval. Once approved, Bribie Acupuncture invoices your home care provider directly for the duration of the treatment plan. While eligibility and conditions can vary, it may be worth asking your provider whether acupuncture can be included in your package.

If you'd like to make a booking or if you'd like to discuss whether acupuncture and Chinese medicine is right for you, please contact us - Jessica, Wendy, and Katherine - via our website www.bribieacupuncture.com or call 0423 160 228.

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Womb Hara Massage not only helps on a physical level but helps clear generations of trauma that lay stagnant in our womb and body, including:

- Painful periods, endometriosis, PCOS, fibroids
- Birth trauma (stillbirth/ miscarriage)
- Gut issues (gas, bloating, constipation)
- Prolapse
- Perimenopause/menopause
- Fertility issues
- Disconnection to self
- Ancestral healing

Your Womb Hara Massage therapist Tamika: "My inspiration for this work is my angel Jakita, my daughter who was born sleeping in 2022.

After enduring my own trauma and witnessing countless women around me suffer, I knew I had to find a way to support women who face these challenges every day."

Tamika graciously shares her skills with us at Bribie Acupuncture on Wednesday & Saturday mornings.
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The Importance of the NDIS for Australians

Living with Disability and Their Unpaid Caregivers

We often hear in the news that the NDIS is a "huge investment." And it is — but what is sometimes overlooked is that this investment is not just about dollars and figures.

It is about delivering dignity, safety, and opportunity to Australians living with disability, and to the unpaid caregivers who support them.

Unpaid caregivers are the backbone of disability care in this country. Every day, they give up careers, superannuation, sick leave, and the security of paid employment to care for their loved ones.

They coordinate NDIS plans, organise vital equipment, and provide daily support. And yet, when the public conversation turns to the NDIS, caregivers are too often invisible.

The focus tends to be on cost, rather than on the lives saved, the independence built, and the billions of dollars that caregivers save the government each year through their unpaid work.

Prior to the NDIS, Australians with disability were often left without the right equipment,

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without meaningful support, and with very limited opportunities.

The NDIS has changed that. It has saved lives, enhanced dignity, and allowed people with disability to live with respect and choice. Importantly, it has also given caregivers the chance to take a break from what is, in truth, a 24/7 role.

Many caregivers work the equivalent of 150+ hours a week — without pay, without recognition, and without rest. They do this not for money, but for love.

Unpaid Australian caregivers provide care valued at AU$77.9 billion per year. This figure represents the cost of replacing the care provided by informal caregivers with paid services.

The value is substantial because it highlights the significant financial contribution unpaid carers make to the economy by filling the gap in formal care services, such as those through My Aged Care or the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

It is critical that formal care and support systems be designed to effectively support informal carers as well as improve outcomes for the people needing care and support.

For example, respite, which gives carers important breaks from caring, must be available, high quality and support smooth transitions in order to provide its intended benefits of restoring the unpaid caregivers.

Many families are denied critical care and left with no choice but to advocate through the ART - Administrative Review Tribunal, where the NDIS often engages lawyers to oppose essential supports.

If the NDIS invested in more skilled planners who create plans aligned with participants' actual needs, the number of ART cases would significantly decrease, ultimately reducing costs to the system.

Families should not have to fight for the most basic supports.

For example, I assisted in preparing advocacy for a case where a participant who cannot walk was denied a wheelchair—an outcome that shows how broken the process can be.

The NDIS is not a luxury. It is a human right — a system designed to give people with disability the same opportunities and respect as any other Australian.

It is also a recognition, however incomplete, of the extraordinary role unpaid caregivers play.

These caregivers don't simply step back once NDIS supports are in place. They continue to care, to advocate, and to carry the daily load — silently, and with little recognition.

The next time you hear a negative spin on the NDIS, I urge you to look deeper.

For genuine families with complex needs, this system has kept young people out of hospitals, prevented families from breaking apart, and provided opportunities that were once unthinkable.

It has shown, finally, some of the work unpaid caregivers have carried for decades.

Just as we see hospitals and education as essential pillars of society, the NDIS must also be understood as essential. It is not about handouts — it is about rights, dignity, and equality.

And behind every participant, there is often a caregiver who continues to give everything, in silence.

I honour them.
Yours in Health and Wellness,

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Know Your Credit Score

By Peter Dallimore

Credit reports and scores can have a significant impact on your ability to obtain finance and on the interest rates that you will have to pay. A good credit score can lead to lower interest rates, higher credit limits, and more favourable loan terms.

Conversely, a poor credit score may result in higher interest rates or the denial of credit applications. How the system operates:

Credit Reporting Agencies

In Australia, three main credit bureaus, collect and maintain credit information: Equifax, Experian, and illion.

These agencies compile credit reports based on data provided by various credit providers.

Credit Providers

Credit providers include banks, credit unions, utility companies, and other financial institutions that offer credit products such as loans, credit cards, and mortgages.

These providers regularly supply information on an individual's credit activities to the credit reporting agencies.

Credit Reports

A credit report is a detailed record of an individual's credit history and includes information such as:

- Personal details: Name, date of birth, address, and employment history.
- Credit accounts: Details of current and past credit accounts, including the credit limit, account balance, and repayment history.
- Credit inquiries: Records of inquiries made by credit providers when individuals apply for credit.
- Defaults and negative listings: Information on overdue debts, defaults, bankruptcies, and court judgments.

Credit Scores

A credit score is a numerical representation of an individual's creditworthiness based on their credit report.

The credit score in Australia typically ranges from 0 to 1200. The higher the score, the more creditworthy an individual is considered.

Credit scores are calculated using complex algorithms that consider factors listed above.

When you apply for credit

The lender requests your credit report from one or more CRBs. The CRB provides: your credit history (positive + negative events) and a numerical rating of your creditworthiness - a credit score.

Lenders combine this with their own internal criteria such as income and existing debts to approve, decline, or set loan terms.

Accessing Credit Reports

Individuals in Australia are entitled to access their credit reports for free once a year from each of the major credit reporting agencies.

Additionally, they can request a free credit report if a credit application has been denied in the past 90 days or if a correction has been made to their credit report.

Correcting Errors

If individuals find errors in their credit reports, they have the right to request corrections.

They can contact the credit reporting agency or the credit provider responsible for the incorrect information to have it rectified. If the dispute is not resolved, they may escalate the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA).

So, by understanding how the credit reporting system works, individuals can take proactive steps to make informed financial decisions and maintain a healthy credit history.

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

Face to face appointments are available at St Vincent de Paul Society meeting rooms 47a First Avenue Bribie Island. Phone **5459 5265 Mon, Wed and Fri 830am to 12pm to book**.

Or **email spcafc23@gmail.com** and detail what assistance you need. The service is free.

GREY TECH GURUS – SUBSIDISED TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR SENIORS BY DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

This month saw the launch of a much-needed community service providing Technology Support for seniors at very low costs, and we are lucky enough to have Bribie Island as the initial service area.
Called the Grey Tech Gurus, the group is an Australian-based network of retired IT experts and business professionals who now volunteer their expertise and time to provide IT support, Computer Training, and Tech Workshops to Seniors.

Services include a vast array of technology assistance, from basic tasks such as setting up Smart TVs, Phones, Computers, Printers, and WiFi to dealing with PC hardware problems, cybersecurity, scam email checking, Assistive Technologies, and duress alarms.

Wayne Robinson, former Chief Technology Officer of Pulse International, founded Grey Tech Gurus.

Wayne has over 40 years of Tech experience, having worked in technology roles at several large corporate organisations and says, "Staying connected with technology is crucial for older adults as it can significantly enhance their well-being by reducing social isolation, improving communication and improving their overall quality of life.

All of our Guru volunteers have seen firsthand the Tech-struggles that our older friends in the Bribie District are experiencing, and our goal is to eliminate this technical divide and help keep us all Cyber-Safe."

Apart from their Tech Support and One-on-One Training, the team is now finalising their 2026 series of educational lectures and workshops, which will be held on Bribie Island. The schedule will cover topics such as Phishing emails, how to spot scams, staying safe on social media and Video conferencing.

The team also undertakes longer-term, strategic projects, with six projects now underway that address issues ranging from the high cost of internet to running public information campaigns to dispel myths surrounding the upcoming Windows 10 End-of-Support.

Full details can be found on the PROJECTS page of their website.

For more information, you can visit the **Grey Tech Gurus** website at www.greytechgurus.com.au or call them on **0491 775 853**.

Grief

– a reminder of love's echo....

Often, we associate grief with death, though it arrives in many forms: the passing of a loved one, the ending of a relationship, the loss of a job, or even a dream that never had the chance to come alive.
The circumstances may differ, yet grief often leads us through the same landscape of feelings—sadness, emptiness, and the deep ache for something that no longer exists.

Grief is not something we move past quickly. It is a journey. A journey of loss, of missed expectations, of dreams that did not unfold, and sometimes of parts of ourselves we believed would always remain.

Yet within this journey also lies a quiet gift. As painful as it may feel, grief has the power to stretch us, to show us corners of our heart we had not yet discovered, and to remind us of just how deeply we can grow and love.
It is true when they say nothing stays the same. Life is always moving. Change is inevitable. Some changes we welcome with joy; others arrive like unwelcome guests at our door. What if, when life brought us these challenges, we chose to look at them differently? What if we allowed ourselves to meet them with open eyes and curious hearts?

Grief is not only about what we have lost—it is also about what remains. The love, the memories, the lessons, and the ways we are reshaped by the experience. In time, many people find that grief softens. It becomes less of a sharp pain and more of a tender echo, reminding us of the beauty of what was and guiding us to create meaning in what is.

Rather than seeing grief as something to "get over," perhaps it can be seen as something to walk with. Each step may be slow, and some days heavier than others, yet with time, grief can become a teacher.

It teaches us to cherish the present moment, to value the people and experiences we hold dear, and to honour our own capacity to keep moving forward.

So, the next time life shifts and we find ourselves facing change we did not ask for, may we allow both the tears and the beauty to flow. For grief, at its core, is love transformed. It is the echo of the bonds, the dreams, and the connections that touched us so deeply that they left a lasting imprint on our soul.

…and in that echo, we find not only sorrow, but also love, growth, and hope. If you are walking through grief and longing for support, I offer a safe and confidential space where your heart is welcomed just as it is.

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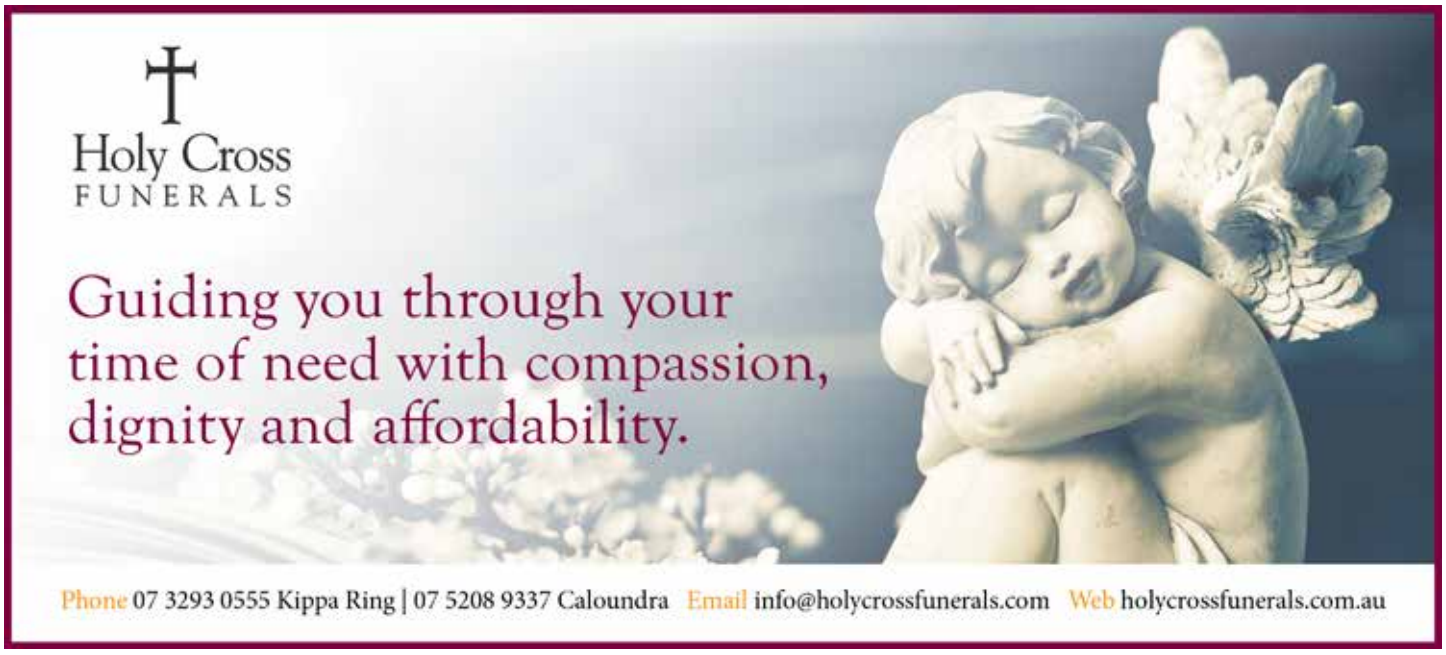


LONG TAN DAY 2025

L-R – John Price, Gareth Cotter, Ray Kriedemann, Patrick Richardson, wearing the D Coy 6RAR US Presidential Unit Citation and Long Tan battle honour, and Brian Cole.

On Monday 18th August, Bribie Island National Service Assoc. paused to reflect upon the service of those who forged our countries reputation, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice 59 years ago in the Battle of Long Tan.

We remember them and those who fell or were wounded in the Vietnam War. A contingent of our members attended the commemorative service held at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Bribie Island.

On 18th August 1966, in the rain-soaked rubber plantations of Phuoc Tuy Province, just over 100 men of D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment faced overwhelming odds in what would become one of Australia's most iconic battles.

The battle began in the late afternoon and was fought in driving rain, which limited visibility and prevented effective air support.

D Coy faced wave after wave of assault from a force of more than 2,000 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops. As ammunition ran dangerously low, two resupply missions were carried out by RAAF No. 9 Squadron Iroquois helicopters under fire.

Late in the battle, Armoured Personnel Carriers carrying reinforcements from A Coy, 6RAR broke through to D Coy's position, forcing the enemy to withdraw.

By the time the fighting ended, 18 Australian were killed and 24 wounded. The VC left at least 245 bodies on the battlefield, with many more estimated to have been wounded or killed.
The courage, endurance, and teamwork shown by Delta Company and the supporting elements ensured the survival of the outnumbered Australians and cements Long Tan's place in Australian military history.

For their actions, Delta Company, 6RAR, was awarded the US Presidential Unit Citation, and the battle honour "LONG TAN" – proudly carried on the unit's colours to this day.

The Bribie Island National Service Assoc. was represented by our President, John Price, a proud Nasho, Brian Cole who served as a Nasho with A Coy, 6RAR in Long Tan, Patrick Richardson, currently serving with D Coy, 6RAR at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera, Ray Kriedemann a Nasho who served as a radio operator with signals units in Vietnam, and Gareth Cotter who served with C Squadron, 2nd Cavalry Regiment in Afghanistan wearing his own medals and his grandfather, Clive Cotter's medals. Clive Cotter served with RAAF No. 9 Squadron in Vietnam.

Our association is a newly formed ex-service organisation which has been established this year, to relieve mental health issues and isolation experienced by past and present members of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) and encourage their transition to civilian life by:

(a) facilitating fellowship and camaraderie between members.
(b) maintaining a proper standard of dignity and honour among all past and present members of the ADF and to set an example of public spirit and noble hearted endeavour.
(c) educating the general community about the aims and activities of the Association and to otherwise promote the good name and objects of the Association.
(d) encouraging Members, as citizens, to serve Australia with that spirit of self-sacrifice and loyalty with which they served as members of the ADF; and
(e) encouraging continued loyalty to Australia and secure patriotic service in the interests of Australia.

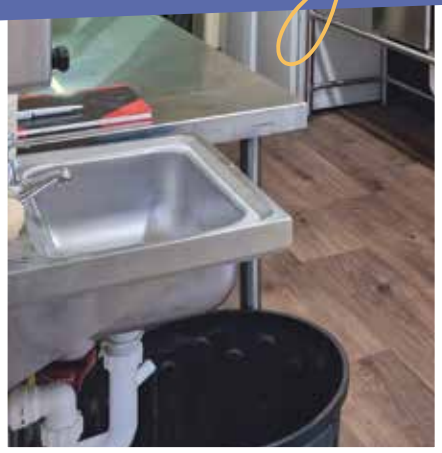
The new Association has been founded by members of the Bribie Island National Servicemen's Assoc. (Bribie Nashos) who saw a need in our community to support younger veterans and their families.

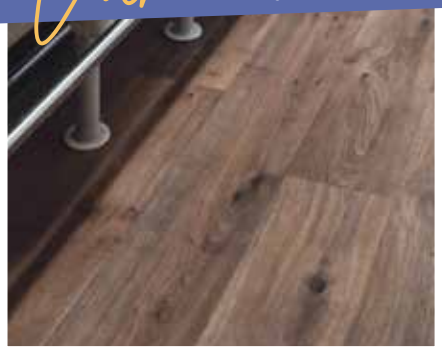
Our members range in age from 22 to 92 years and includes currently serving and ex-serving Defence members, their widows and families. We welcome new members.

To find out more about the Bribie Island National Service Assoc. contact our President, John Price on 0439 282640 or email bribienashos@hotmail.com.

2025 Year of the Guards Van

By Les Young





The old QR Guards Van at MELSA PARK needed some help. It was full of junk, and we were about to discover it was hiding some unpleasant surprises.

Around six years ago, we removed rust from the exterior skin, welded patches over the holes, sanded back the roof, and then repainted the exterior.

We then erected a cover to protect the Guards Van from further deterioration.

In early 2025, the MELSA Members decided to name 2025 the Year of the Guard's Van. The first task was to remove the junk we had painstakingly collected over the past 6 years, and that's when the unpleasant surprises were discovered.

One of the large cupboards had been supported by junk and collapsed when everything around it was removed.

Holes began to appear in the floor as the floor covering was removed, exposing the subframe of the Van. Just as railway men would have done many years ago, we boiled the billy and had a chat about the problem, finally deciding that the task for us was a bridge too far. We needed help.

Enter James (Jim) Benham from COBI Constructions, a Bribie Island local, who had helped us on a previous project to install a shipping container for storing steam locomotives.

Jim brought his building and design skills, along with a refreshingly positive attitude, and explained how we could refurbish the interior of the Guards Van to achieve our intended outcome.

Jim also suggested Dave Coonan, from Under the Sun Electrical P/L, another local, could help us with many electrical issues, such as if we were welding and grinding on track repair, we would lose power if we boiled the billy (we often boil the billy). Dave immediately identified both the problem and the solution. It makes a huge difference when you are working with such experienced people as Jim and Dave.

After discussion with Busy Fingers Fundraising Inc. and the Community Plant Nursery, we applied for financial support and explained that we needed a hand-up to achieve our goal of being financially self-supportive.

Both Busy Fingers Fundraising Inc. and the Community Nursery accepted our requests for help, and the work on the Guards Van began in earnest.

Jim and Dave have worked really hard in completing the project, and we are most certainly indebted to their skills, knowledge and determination.

The finished product is fantastic, far better than our expectations. The project was completed in mid-August, and we have been busy obtaining the equipment to fit out the Guards Van. As a Club, we see many organisations on the Island thriving on handouts from various local charities. We are a bunch of determined old men who don't want handouts.

We want to pay our own way and eventually support other community groups to achieve the same status. We aren't financially self-supported yet, but we are very close.

We remain indebted to the 80 + volunteers at Busy Fingers Fundraising Inc. and the 35 + volunteers at the Community Plant Nursery who work hard to generate the funds that are used to help various organisations, such as ours, on Bribie Island. We sincerely thank you for the help.

OUR STORY IS NOT YET FINISHED.

We are working hard to complete the new storage area for steam locomotives, we are building new track to replace track that has met its used-by date, we are busy maintaining the grounds, we are constantly maintaining locomotives and carriages, we are always taking on new projects such as the 14 metre inclined track to give steam locomotives access to the loco storage shed, and we are always looking for new members with or without train experience, with or without mechanical skills, but who are interested in being involved in ground keeping through to operating locomotives and everything in between.

2025 – YEAR OF THE GUARDS VAN

WATCH THIS SPACE

HOT FOOD IS COMING

Dear Pumicestone...

Every Queenslander deserves to feel safe in their home, on their street, and in their community. That's why the Crisafulli Government is taking real action to turn the tide on the Youth Crime Crisis.

After more than a decade of weakened youth justice laws, our Making Queensland Safer laws are delivering results.

In just the first six months since their introduction, the number of Serious Repeat Offenders recorded across Queensland fell by 17.5%.

In the first six months of this year, the number of crime victims per capita fell 5.7% statewide. Break-ins dropped by 12%, 6.4%, and robbery is down 13.2%, all compared to the same period last year and adjusted for population.

We've given police the tools they need through policies like Adult Crime, Adult Time, boosted frontline resources, and rolled out new early intervention programs that aim to stop crime before it starts.

While these results are encouraging, we know the job isn't done. Jack's Law, named in honour of Jack Beasley, whose life was tragically taken in a knife attack, gives police enhanced powers to stop and scan for knives in public spaces. It's a practical, common-sense measure to help prevent further tragedy.

And for the first time ever, Queenslanders can now access up-to-date crime victim numbers on the QPS website: police.qld.gov.au/maps-and-statistics.

This transparency is key; we want you to hold us to account.

Locally, I'll continue fighting to ensure Pumicestone gets its fair share of resources and that our police have the support they need to keep our communities safe.

Over the past couple of weeks, I've thoroughly enjoyed getting out and about across the electorate celebrating everything from the Abbey Medieval Festival to Toorbul's Christmas in July, Sandstone Point's 10th Birthday, Beachmere's Phoudini Great Gift Giveaway, and the Bribie Rotary Changeover Dinner.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make these fantastic local events possible!

On a personal note, I've recently graduated with a dual degree in Environmental Science and Business. I'm excited to put my skills into practice! Bribie Island and the Pumicestone region are incredibly special places.

I want to make sure we're protecting what we love about our community.

Our beaches, bushland and wildlife must remain protected for future generations.

Ariana Doolan

As always, if you ever need help with a government matter, my details are below. We're here to help.

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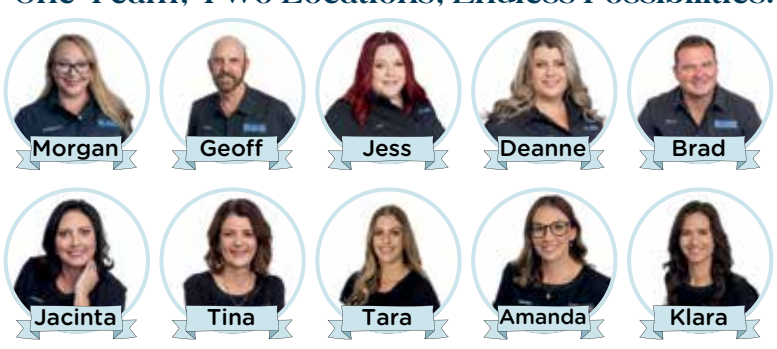

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LET'S GO TRAVEL

Let's Go Travel had a great turn up on the **24th of August** with another couple of new faces. Some had purchased printed articles from newspapers to discuss, and others were interested in travel insurance information.

There does appear to be some issues with phone technology, which can be very Hard when you're older and don't understand or know how to use your phone.

If anyone asked, there would be someone who could assist and offer help with their issues.

Some are already booking trips into next year, so get in early and secure a spot if there is a **"Tour"** or **"Cruise"** you are interested in.

Our next meeting will be on 28th September at 3 pm in the Social Area of the RSL. Please ask at the social desk, and they will direct you to our table.

Note: We are not a travel agent, consultant, or travel booking group.

We are a group of people who love travel and are happy to discuss our trips, offer advice if we can, or if you're looking for a Travel Buddy, you might well meet someone in this group.

We have a wealth of information here on the island from previous Travellers, and we also have information sheets that you may find helpful in some way.

Best Regards

Roslyn Sanderson
0401078187

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Local Dining Guide

SCOOPYS

Scoopy's FAMILY CAFE

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

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the deck

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!

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

OPEN 7 DAYS

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

Call our restaurant on **07 3408 1018** to book

Bribie Island Bowls Club 11-23 Welsby Parade, Bongaree

You may have noticed on the shelves at your local liquor outlet a rising number of grape varieties appearing and have been reluctant to switch from your favourite tipple to trying something new, however remember that New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc was new thirty years ago when you fell in love with it, probably at a BBQ somewhere, and the Chardonnay you had always relied on became your second fave.

The reason for the emergence of these new varieties is quite simple 'Climate Change' you see the change doesn't necessary agree with our traditional varieties such as Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Riesling and even New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc.

Remember grapes weren't natural to Australia and as more Europeans arrived so did various varieties of grapes. Our wine industry was created initially to supply fortified wines to the UK before our population grew and developed a liking for locally produced wine, and we eventually started to make inroads around the world in the early 1990's.

Now with many of Australia's wine regions experiencing not only warmer and drier conditions but also the growing seasons are becoming shorter and quality conscious winemakers are exploring alternative varieties that are more suitable to these changes. Winemakers are looking for varieties that need less water when years ago it was common in areas such as The Riverina and The Riverland's to pump huge quantities of water onto the vines as this produces quantity not quality to fill our thirst for cask and flagon wine which have now been replaced with drip irrigation which has seen a huge improvement in quality and even in these areas top quality wine is being made, it also reduces the quantity of water used as droughts become more common.

Australia has one of the most diverse wines scenes in the world with over 100 grape varieties now being planted grown across 65 wine regions however the new varieties are beginning to make an impact, varieties such as Fiano, Nero d'Avola, Sangiovese and Tempranillo many of which come from the Southern Mediterranean and whilst these only account for a small percentage of Australian wine producing vineyards the number is increasing due to how well suited they are to the countries lifestyle, food and climate, and the new varieties are being embraced in all wine growing districts even here in Queensland in the Granite Belt.

Introducing new varieties however is not without risk. In the 1880s when the quarantine rules were very lacks, a disease called phylloxera which affected the roots of the vines killing them and spreading quickly was brought in, probably from France, this just about destroyed the Victorian wine industry.

The only State which escaped this terrible disease was Western Australia where there was a stricter quarantine control in place and still is in place to this day. Nowadays once a variety is introduced into Australia it firstly has to go into quarantine in isolation and undergoes several years of tests and trials before planting takes place in any real quantity.

The cuttings are planted in a vineyard, usually a specially created nursery style zone where these young vines can establish themselves before bearing fruit and capable of bearing fruit of use in winemaking trials.

What is not known by many wine drinkers is that there are varieties of grapes out there that were developed here in Australia by our own research body the CSIRO. Several were quite successful others not so. Cienna, Tarrango, Mystique, Rubienne, Taminga, and Tyrian were grown but only Cienna and Tarrango were popular being grown and sold by Brown Brothers.

However success, in this case, can be measured in the science of developing these new varieties and in particular how most of them were resistant to powdery and downy mildew, a costly and widespread problem for the wine industry.

In McLaren Vale in South Australia success has been found in grape varieties such as Vermentino, Tempranillo, Nero d'Avola, Fiano and Sangiovese, in The King Valley Victoria, the home to several immigrant winemaking families Nebbiolo and Sangiovese are proving very popular, here in the Granite Belt Gewurztraminer, Seperavi and Tempranillo are proving popular whilst the Adelaide Hills are making wine from Grunter Vetliner and Sangiovese grapes.

Zinfandel, one of my favourite wines which has been produced in California for many years, is now being planted again here in Australia hopefully this time with more success, Cape Mentelle In Margaret River made a very good one several years ago, however I think there wasn't the desire then to try something new, but now more wine drinkers are searching for something different and have now realised the exciting flavours and aromas different grape varieties offer.

Cheers

Philip Arlidge
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Drinking good wine, with good food, and in the company of good friends is one of life's civilized pleasures - Michael Broadbent and Philip Arlidge

Wine cheers the sad, revives the old, inspires Wine cheers the sad, revives the old, inspires the young and make weariness forget his toil. - Lord Byron

Bribie Arts Centre salutes young creatives

Next Generation Art Prize August 20 – September 7

Before a crowd of more than 200 excited family, friends, well wishers and sponsors, the **2025 Next Generation Art Prize award winners** just had their glorious moment in the spotlight at the Bribie Community Arts Centre.

Now in its eighth year, the event is a salute to the young creatives in the district, and testimony to the Arts Centre's commitment to developing emerging talent.

Organising committee coordinator of the Next Gen Art Prize, Sarah Cave, said each year the event attracted more and better entries from youngsters aged 7 to 18. This year, more than 191 entries of 2D and 3D art graced the walls of the beautiful Matthew Flinders Gallery at the Centre.

The Arts Centre venue manager Julie Thomson said the thrill for the young artists was seeing their works displayed in a top class gallery, where several thousand visitors visit to peruse them over the period of the exhibition, which runs up to and including Sunday September 7. She said seeing the looks of pride and achievement on their faces was a reward for all involved.

Judges Danielle Hastie and Trinity Cory paid tribute to the young artists originality, skill and courage to try new and different techniques and content to convey their ideas.

Be sure to catch this exhibition before it comes down Sunday afternoon September 7. Vote for your favourite in the People's Choice.

There's also a great raffle of three different prize hauls.

TICKETS 3 FOR ONLY $5

NEXT GENERATION ART 2025 WINNERS

Hannah Mullins 16 & winning work Contrition

Gabriel McGruddy 7 & winning work Parrotfish

Keahi Seni 14 & winning work X-ray of an Australian Easter Bunny

BICAS mentorship winner Joseph Bullock & Self Portrait

Charlie Jennings 14 & winning work Charlie's Tulip

Marlie Lawson 11 & winning work This Girl Really Likes Ducks

Lavender Trabelsi 16 & The Storm of the Sea Retold

Owen Haggerty 7, 3D winner for Beach Clean-Up

Lynton Godwin 12 & winning work A Bug's Life

7-8 years
2D Winner -Gabriel McGruddy - 7 - 'Parrotfish'
3D Winner -Owen Haggerty - 7 - 'Beach clean up '
Highly Commended - Joy Phillips - 8 - 'Magical World'

9-11 years
2D Winner -Marlie Lawson -11 - 'This Girl really likes Ducks'
3D Winner -Alex Kerr -10 - 'Falcon Head Canopic Jar'
Highly Commended - 'Luther McGruddy -10 - 'Galaxy'

12-13 years
2D Winner Lynton Godwin - 12 - 'A Bugs Life'
3D Winner Charlotte Holloway -12 - 'Bottle of the Sea'
Highly Commended - Eva Dioth - 13 - 'Rural Dreaming'

14-15 years
2D Winner - Keahi Seni -14 - 'X-Ray of an Australian Easter Bunny'
3D Winner - Charlotte Sanders -14 - 'Clay Charcuterie Board'
Highly Commended - Charlie Jennings -14 - 'Charlie's Tulip'

16-18 years
2D Winner - Hannah Mullins - 16 - 'Contrition'
3D Winner - Claire Szczodruch - 16 -'Shaped by the Tides'
Highly Commended -Hannah Munro - 16 - 'Floral Contingency'

Flair Jewellery Award - Ayva Ciaralli

BICAS Mentorship Award - Joseph Bullock 'Self Portrait'

Pacific Harbour Golf Club Awards
Marlie Lawson - 'This Girl really likes Ducks'
Charlie Jennings -14 - 'Charlie's Tulip'
Lavender Trabelsi - 16 - 'The Storm of the Sea -Retold'

State Parliament Award
Winner- Lauren Dally - 16 - 'Le Coeur de Jeanne d'Arc'

BIEPA Award
Winner- Gnarly Art - 9-11 year old students from Banksia Beach Primary School

What a fantastic outing, made even better by three Probus clubs coming together.

On 19 August, 49 members from the Bribie Island, Pumicestone, and Burpengary Probus Clubs joined forces for the very first time for a special outing.

The group travelled to Pomona's historic Majestic Theatre for a silent movie experience.

After an engaging presentation about the theatre's history from one of its dedicated volunteers, the theatre's organ was cranked up to accompany the 1926 Buster Keaton classic Battling Butler, based on the musical of the same name. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the nostalgic performance.

There was also time to view some of the theatre's fascinating historical items before the group continued on to Cooroy for a delicious lunch at the RSL.

It was a truly delightful day, enjoyed by all.

Want to learn more about our club?

- Find us on Facebook
- Google 'Probus Club of Bribie Island'
- Contact Gabrielle **(0407 341 074)** or Don **(0455968388)**

Horoscope

It's time for some magic! This week offers moments of deep reflection and unexpected awakenings as two major celestial events shake up the cosmic weather. Uranus, planet of surprise, innovation, and liberation, begins its annual retrograde journey, while the powerful Full Moon Eclipse takes place in dreamy, intuitive Pisces. It's a time when the seen and unseen converge. If we're ready to release, realign, and reimagine our lives, we can access hidden possibilities, and start manifesting them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

There are times when it's better not to know what lies ahead. This isn't (just in case you're worried) that you need protecting from difficult news. No. But just as kids who don't like broccoli acquire a taste for it, even if we don't like the look of what's on our plate, with time, we learn to appreciate it. What's unfolding might look more challenging than promising. But that's because it's taking you into new territory. If you approach any problems knowing they're leading to something good, this week has the potential to be life-changing.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

You don't need to travel to a distant destination to venture into new territory. Actually, you don't have to go anywhere at all. With a slight alteration to the way you're looking at life, you can do a lot to change your perspective. This week, innovative Uranus turning retrograde offers you a chance to reflect, observe and regard the wider picture. If you change your expectations of what you're seeing, you'll realise it holds more potential than you think. And with the Lunar Eclipse focusing your energy, if you take action, you'll get results.

AQUARIUS (Jan21 - Feb 19)

Of course, the little things in life need to be appreciated. But we often place too much significance on trivial issues. We forget that even if we add a million different tiny things together, they won't necessarily create anything significant. And if we're overly focused on details, we can forget to appreciate the big things in our lives. This week, with your ruler turning retrograde, it might be easy to exaggerate a minor setback. But don't. Focus on a little source of inspiration. It will grow into something tangible and delightful.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar20)

When you're dealing with a great deal of responsibility and there's a big decision to make, you're bound to find it hard to focus on anything else. With the Full Moon Eclipse in your sign, the pressure is on. A lot hangs on the choice you make this week. If you get it right, you'll stop a difficult situation in its tracks. If you get it wrong... well, it's not worth thinking about. Or so it seems. Yet could you have things slightly out of proportion? By taking the pressure off, you'll see you've got much less to lose than you think.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

You've made up your mind. You're clear about what you need to make happen. Even if you're not sure you're going to be able to achieve everything you want to achieve, you're determined to give it your best shot. And, with that kind of mindset, you're confident that the route ahead will unfold and the best path will become obvious. With the Full Moon Eclipse offering inspiration, stay focused and you'll make an excellent start. They say that 'where there's a will there's a way'. And you're on your way to something great.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Your naturally grounded perspective on life gives you a wisdom which enables you to appreciate the status quo. Unless there's a real need for change, you're happy to go along with whatever unfolds. With your ruler, Venus, in playful Leo, you seem to be effortlessly drawing people towards you. Even if you're unaware of the influence you're having, it's important to recognise the power at your disposal. If you want to make changes, you'll find you've got encouraging support. You'll make great choices this week.

GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

Social media encourages us to compare ourselves with other people. And these days everyone seems to have a point of view which they don't hesitate to share online. Whether it's their ideas or their lifestyle, it's easy to feel as if we're coming up short. But no one on planet Earth is better than you. We're all unique; with our own talents, skills, challenges and triumphs. As long as you remember that, this Eclipse week, you'll be able to take advantage of the powerful cosmic climate and be a talisman for positive change.

CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

You've been investing lots of energy into sorting someone's problems. But do you really need to be taking so much on your shoulders? Is there a chance you've taken on more than you can carry because you're feeling partly to blame for the challenge they're dealing with - and are trying to make amends? Whether that's true or not, we're all ultimately responsible for our choices. Encouraged by the Full Moon Eclipse, it's time to let go of a sense of obligation and focus on what makes you happy. You've done more than enough.

LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)

Someone needs help. And you're ready to leap to the rescue. But before you change into your lycra suit, take a moment to think about the amount of energy you're prepared to invest in dealing with their issues. It's particularly important because developments unfolding in your world deserve your attention. As long as you don't lose sight of your own needs, you can be generous with your time. The Full Moon Eclipse brings the insight you need so that you can prioritise in a way that honours both you, and the person you support.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

An aspect of your world has radically altered. If you haven't noticed yet, it's because you're still looking at it through an old lens. And because you're anticipating having to deal with a historic problem, you're not allowing yourself to appreciate the change that's taken place. But you will. This week, which starts with a Full Moon Eclipse in your opposite sign, encourages you to assess and reflect. When you look back at your achievements, you'll see the progress you've made. You'll find that a source of worry has been replaced by hope.

LIBRA (Sept24 - Oct23)

We act as if we own planet Earth. Even when nature shows us its powers, we hold onto our sense of superiority. We're aware of our fragility, but we struggle to admit to it. And so we feel empowered to judge, and make assumptions about what's right and what's not. Someone in your world is behaving in an antagonistic way because they're feeling vulnerable. Under this week's powerful cosmic climate, if you respond with kindness, you'll help them find a way forward that brings balance to both your worlds.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Where do ideas come from? And when one pops into your head, what are you supposed to do with it? Leap into action? Or question its relevance? Work with it? Or ignore it? The influence of the Lunar Eclipse in creative Pisces enables you to appreciate an idea you might otherwise dismiss as irrelevant. And with innovative Uranus in retrograde motion, don't be surprised if an option from the past reappears. You're capable of taking a rough diamond of an idea and polishing it so that it transforms into something precious.

GAME NIGHTS! ON BRIBIE

MONDAY
EUCHRE
Bribie Bowls Club 12.00pm
Contact Annette on 0414622490
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

Bribie Art Trail

Open Studio Event

13 - 14 Sept. 2025

10am – 4pm

Bribie Art Trail

Please check website for all event and individual studio details, or to book a viewing outside of Open Studio weekend.

www.bribie-art-trail.org

WE INVITE YOU

Bribie Art Trail
Open Studio Event
13 - 14 Sept. 10am – 4pm

WE INVITE YOU TO A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE— THE 'BRIBIE ART TRAIL.'

Join us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and more information.

THIS SEPTEMBER

On the 13th and 14th of September 2025, local artists from Bribie, Beachmere, and surrounding areas will open their studios to provide you with a rare opportunity to step into their creative spaces.

This event is not just about viewing their artwork; it's also a chance to meet the artists in person and learn about their unique artistic processes.

The Bribie Art Trail celebrates diversity in art, featuring a variety of artists and styles, including pottery, jewellery, sculpture, ceramics, surrealism, abstraction, and impressionism.

There's something for everyone! You can explore a list of participating artists and their work on our website, bribieartrail.com.

Make a weekend of it by visiting all the private studios tucked away in the beautiful corners of our island and its surroundings.

For your convenience, you can start the trail at any location. However, be sure to include the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre and Café 191—they provide the perfect spot to grab a hard copy of the Art Trail map and plan your journey or to conclude your day with some reflection over coffee and cake.

Visiting the art trail is an excellent opportunity to support local artists and engage with your community.

STUDIO ADDRESSES

Banksia Beach

- **Bribie Island Community Arts Centre**
  191 Sunderland Drive, *0734089288*
- **Rebecca Thompson**
  Intuitive Painting/ Watercolour/Acrylics
  6 Whitehaven Place, *0468832193*
- **Molly Galpin**
  Multidisciplinary, Textiles, Glass,Acrylic
  18 Green Street , *0400931279*
- **Kathrin Dierich**
  Photography/ Multidisciplinary Artist
  23 Beagle Avenue, *0416463530*

Bellara

- **Corinne Purcell Art Studio**
  Mixed Media
  133 Sylvan Beach Esp, *0438185173*
- **Studio 511**
  Pottery/ Ceramic/Sculpture/ Mosaic
  5 Banksia Street, *0423866825*
- **Treecreate Studio**
  Interdisciplinary Art/ Design
  5 Banksia Street,, *0473380363*

Bongaree

- **Glenda Charles**
  Earthy Abstract Oil Paintings
  28 Spowers Street, *0432854378*
- **Geoff Ginn**
  Steam Punk Sculpture Contraptions
  28 Spowers Street, *0421724441*
- **Sueramics / Sue Harrison**
  Ceramics/Pottery
  5 Nulu Lane, *0407158784*

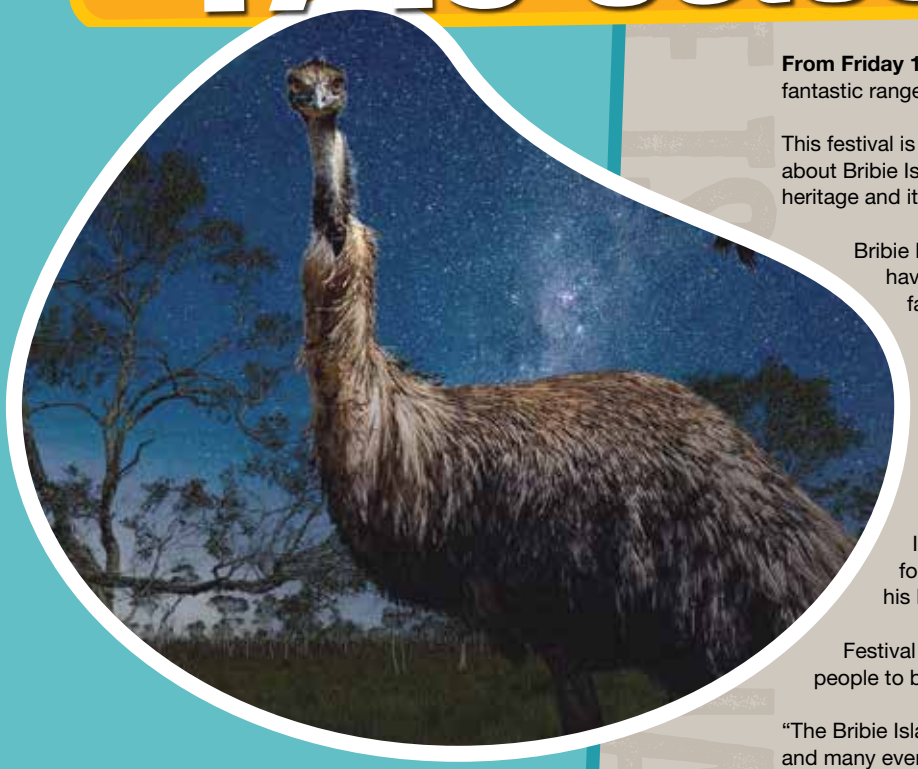
Woorim

- **Studio Alice/ Sabine Von Graz**
  Painting/ Mosaic/ Interior
  12 Bracken Street, *0414872118*
- **Sue Gardner**
  Acrylic & mixed media painting
  7Longland Crt, *0403466123*

Beachmere

- **Wisteria Fine Art Studio/ Ron Bryant**
  Landscape paintings in oils & acrylic
  38 First Avenue, *0408884346*
- **Tricia Taylor**
  Pastels and Oil
  94 Bishop Road, *0419 176 986*

Don't Miss Bribie Island Nature Festival 17-19 October 2025



From Friday 17 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.

Bribie Jazz

The JMI ensemble, from the internationally renowned jazz institute, JMI, will be back in 2025 for an afternoon of jazz greats and new songs, and feature singer and trumpeter Alyssa Sinclair.

The Bribie Jazz concerts for the past two years have been sell-out successes, as those in the know have moved quickly to purchase tickets to see the stars of the future.

This year, Bribie Jazz will be in the Bribie Island Recreation Hall to provide some additional capacity for cabaret style seating. Guests can purchase a glass (or bottle) of wine at the bar and settle in for an afternoon of quality music.

The JMI is an opportunity to see some of the country's finest musicians at the start of the careers, performing jazz standards showcasing soloists from within the orchestra.

Tickets $25.
Sunday 18 October at 4pm
For bookings visit www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

Fairweather: A Musical Journey

Local artist Geoff Ginn has childhood memories of Bribie's famous artist Ian Fairweather, and he opens an exclusive event on Saturday 18 October at the Bribie Island Recreation Hall.

The concert features original music by Queensland composer Erik Griswold, and is written and narrated by award-winning writer Rodney Hall.

The music is performed by a string quartet, and Japanese koto instrument, and features original artwork by Glen Henderson.

This work, has only been performed once previously, and this project will also involve the artists getting together in the lead-up to the performance, to record the work.

This exclusive event is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

Tickets: $25
Saturday 18 October at 6pm.
For bookings visit www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

A Conversation of Hope

The Bribie Island Nature Festival opens on Friday 17 October at a special event at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre.

Long term residents may remember a time when Eric the Emu wandered the streets and the sad ending of the last of our coastal emus, whose habitat was replaced with pine plantations.

The opening night event A Conversation of Hope, asks a panel of experts to imagine what it might take to reintroduce the emus back to our island, replacing harvested pine plantation with the original woodland habitat.

After the panel discussion, guests are invited to stay for a post-show function, and continue the lively debate.

Tickets $20
For bookings visit www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

Tree Trail: Yarun's Woodland Heritage

Do you have a favourite tree on Bribie Island?

In 2025, we invite guests on a tour of Bribie Island to discover some of our most significant trees - those ancient sentinels that provide homes to many species, the towering trees that hold the stories of our First Nations people, and those local favourites that provide respite from heat on a summer's day.

This half day tour, in partnership with BIEPA and Pumicestone Indigenous Education and Employment Council, will have you looking at our trees with a whole new lens.

Tickets: $55 including lunch
Sunday 19 October at 11am
For bookings visit www.bribieislandnaturefestival.com.au

MAZE PRISON ESCAPE

PART TWO

By Al Finegan

It was a quiet peaceful Sunday afternoon on the 25th September 1983 at "Her Majesty's Prison Maze" in Northern Ireland. This prison complex was widely alleged to be escape-proof. It housed nearly 2000 inmates, almost all Irish Catholics, many of whom were members of the IRA.

The guards were all taking it easy, relaxing at their posts, happy that there were no activities, like football games, to disturb the peace. On a Sunday afternoon, the inmates would all doze in their barracks.

What they didn't know was that inmate McFarlane was covertly taking the names of all the officers in H7 Block. The prisoners needed 12 officers' uniforms to pull off the escape attempt and needed to match the prisoner with the officer whose clothes they would steal. Six teams had been briefed, each with one revolver of the six smuggled into the prison. The code word for the beginning of the escape operation was 'Bumper'. The sleepy afternoon was about to be shattered.

At exactly 2.30pm, McFarlane shouted, "Bumper!" This cry was repeated throughout the block. Bobby Storey burst into the H7 Block Office where four prison officers sat idly chatting. Storey cocked his gun to prove it was real. The officers sat frozen as they suddenly had a gun pointed at their heads, together with a snarled command to remain quiet and to get down on the ground. There were still 17 more officers scattered around H7 Block that needed to be restrained … and they all had to be taken simultaneously, or as close as possible.

The teams leapfrogged the captures, operating by line of sight until all guards had been secured and restrained. The most important job of all was getting to the officer in the H7 Block control room. Officer John Adams was the duty officer.

He sat at the controls beside an intercom, a panic button, a radio, and a telephone. This was a problem for the inmates, as Adams was one of the officers they believed would create difficulty if they tried to overpower him. Another problem was that there was a barred metal door between the prisoners and Adams.

Gerry Kelly approached Adams and pointed a gun through the bars at him and said: "Don't move. Get on the ground. This is an IRA operation. If you move I'll shoot. If you do what I tell, you won't be hurt. If anybody phones here you ask him what the problem is, you then take 30 seconds and whatever the problem is you go back to him and say, 'look that's been sorted'." Adams replied, "What if they don't believe me?" To which Kelly responded, "You make them believe you."

Unexpectedly, Gerry Kelly was surprised by a prison officer who suddenly emerged from the ladies' toilets, next to the control room. He was quickly overpowered, but Adams used this distraction to reach for the alarm. Kelly immediately fired two shots at Adams to stop him setting it off. One of them hit him above the eye and knocked him unconscious. He woke up 30 seconds later and looked up at Kelly who said, "What did you do that for?" A dazed Adams mumbled, "I don't know." Adams was bleeding heavily at this point but ultimately survived the attack.

All the officers who were captured were then brought into a classroom, with their hands tied behind their backs and pillowcases placed on their heads. 12 of them were stripped and the prisoners put on their uniforms. The prisoners then read a statement saying: "This is an IRA operation. We're not here for revenge or to punish you over the hunger strikes but if you interfere with the escape, you will be dealt with swiftly."

At 2.50pm, the prison remained quiet, with all the other blocks unaware that H7 was firmly under the control of the IRA. It had been a well-coordinated operation that

took just 20 minutes. But they were not free yet. They still had a long way to go to get out of Maze Prison, but at this point, all was going to plan. They waited in tense silence for David McLoughlin to arrive in his food delivery truck at the H7 block Office. Nerves were on edge, the truck was already 30 minutes late.

To great relief, it finally arrived. Bobby glared at McLoughlin saying: “This block is now in the hands of the IRA. All screws who obeyed our orders are safe. One who didn’t was shot in the head. We will shoot anyone who endangers our planned escape, including you." 37 of the intended escapees and the 12 disguised as guards packed themselves shoulder to shoulder into the back of the enclosed food truck. Kelly crouched into the footwell beside the driver keeping a gun pointed at him. The lorry drove from H7 Block along the exit route of the prison through the gates of three other blocks without stopping as the guards recognized the driver.

But to get out of the prison, they had to take over the control room at the main gate, known as the tally lodge. It was here that McLoughlin would have needed to sign out. It was also where officers clocked in and out of their shifts. Their plan was simple. The prisoners dressed as guards would overwhelm those on duty and open the gate to allow the van to drive off. They would remain behind to watch their captives until the van had disappeared.

The 12 disguised prisoners walked into the tally lodge and began restraining the startled guards. The phone rang. They all froze. With a gun to his head, the senior officer was ordered to, “Answer the phone. One wrong word, it will be your last word.” It was The Prison Master Control Room calling to say an alarm had been triggered in the tally lodge, and they wanted to make sure everything was ok.

The prisoners had missed a hidden alarm button that one of their hostages had managed to press. The senior officer said it was just a mistake. He was told, “Stop messing about and reset the alarm.” The escapees were now well behind schedule. The delay had encroached on a shift change. Fresh officers began to arrive, while others arrived to clock out. Each new arrival was arrested and tied up. Soon they were overwhelmed by 24 officers who had wandered in with only 12 prisoners to hold them. It wasn’t long before the officers began fighting back and the prisoners began to lose control of the tally lodge. At last, one prisoner managed to hit the button to open the main gate.

As the main gate was opening, two officers arriving for duty were on the outside waiting to enter. Seeing a brawl burst from the tally room, they wedged their cars in the gate, blocking the lorry from escaping. Realising that all was no longer going to plan, the back of the lorry burst open and the prisoners flooded out and began fighting with officers who had freed themselves. It was a full-on donnybrook with no quarter given. Five officers were stabbed.

Staring down from the guard tower the armed British Soldier was utterly confused as he knew something bad was in progress, but didn’t know who to shoot, as many of the prisoners were dressed as officers. He said later that he thought prison staff were fighting each other. The prisoners from the van broke loose and bolted through the main gate to freedom. Some of the officers chased after them, until an escapee started shooting, hitting one officer in the leg.

By 4.18, it was all over. The prison was secured. But 38 prisoners had escaped, leaving behind 20 seriously injured prison officers. Of the 20, 13 were badly beaten, five stabbed, and two suffered gunshot wounds. One stabbing victim, James Ferris, died from a resultant heart attack. The IRA had a plan to meet and collect the escapees, but due to the delay, they left thinking the escape was aborted. So the prisoners just fled across fields, or hijacked passing cars - anything to make it to the Republic of Ireland. The Army was quick to respond and established roadblocks around the prison and on some of the major roads. Storey and a group of prisoners were eventually caught while hiding in a river and returned to the Maze. Kelly and his group went cross country 20km to a safe house in Lurgan. Here they hid for over 2 weeks before the IRA quietly moved them to the Irish Republic.

McFarlane and his group broke into a nearby house to hide out. They held a family hostage for a few days. Before McFarlane’s group left, the entire captive family agreed to swear on a bible that they would not call the police until 72 hours after the men left. They didn’t. The group walked through fields to an IRA stronghold in South Armagh, where the IRA took charge and smuggled them across the border. Once in The Republic of Ireland, all IRA escapees were given the option to move to America and assume new identities, or to resume paramilitary activity. Kelly and McFarlane flew to Europe using false passports. They then continued their work with the IRA, under these new identities, in Europe. In 1986, they were arrested in the Netherlands and extradited back to the Maze.

Though mastermind Larry Marley planned the escape, he stayed behind on the day, as his release date was almost due. After his release, less than a year later, he was shot dead by the UVF. Of the 38 escapees, 19 were recaptured in the following days, but the other 19 were never recaptured, at least not in the next few years.

The escape made headlines around the world and was a major security embarrassment for the British Army. Leading unionist politician Ian Paisley called on Nicholas Scott, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to resign. The British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, made a statement in Ottawa during a visit to Canada, saying "It is the gravest [breakout] in our present history, and there must be a very deep inquiry".

The day after the escape, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland James Prior announced an inquiry would be headed by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons, James Hennessy. His Report was published on 26th January 1984 placing most of the blame for the escape on prison staff, and made recommendations to improve security at the prison. The report also placed blame with the designers of the prison, the Northern Ireland Office, and successive prison governors who had failed to improve security. The prison's governor resigned. Despite many demands, there were no ministerial resignations as a result of the report's findings.

Four days after the Hennessy Report was published, Nicholas Scott dismissed allegations from the Prison Governors’ Association and the Prison Officers’ Association, that the escape was due to political interference in the running of the prison. In 1998, peace was finally achieved.

The “Good Friday Agreement”, also known as the “Belfast Agreement”, established a framework for power-sharing, the IRA's decommissioning of weapons, and the formal end to its armed campaign. Maze Prison closed its doors, and the remaining 428 prisoners were released. Now the site lies derelict.

It was the biggest prison breakout in British and Irish history, and the biggest in Europe since World War Two. The Irish Republicans refer to the escape as the Great Escape and still revel in the major morale boost it became for the IRA at the time.

DISCOVERING BRIBIE ISLAND

Barry Clark - Bribie Island Historical Society

.....according to Archibald Meston

WHO WAS ARCHIBALD MESTON

In 2009 I installed the above bronze plaque near the Jetty at Bongaree to mark the Bicentenary of Queensland, Thousands of people have read it over the last 16 years and seem amused by the interesting quote by Archibald Meston after he spent a few days on the island in 1891.

Archibald Meston was one of Queensland's most colourful personalities of his day, described variously as a journalist, historian, politician, protector, ethnologist, orator, naturalist, athlete, performer and explorer.

Born in Scotland in 1851, he emigrated with his parents as a child and spent his early life in NSW and then settled in Queensland, indulging his passion for exploration, shooting and documenting Aboriginal language. He worked as a journalist and newspaper editor before being elected in 1878 to the colonial parliament as member for Rosewood and held the seat until 1882.

He moved to Cairns where he managed a sugar plantation until bankruptcy forced his return south. In 1889 he led a government-sponsored scientific expedition to the Bellenden-Ker Range, south of Cairns, followed by other expeditions in 1891 and 1904 earning him membership of the Royal Society of Queensland in 1892.

In 1895, he produced his ***Geographic History of Queensland*** and in1909 became director of the Queensland Government Tourist Bureau in Sydney. **Meston was a complex character.**

The following is an extract from a Brisbane Daily Mail article dated 22 June 1919, apparently written by Archibald Meston, just few years after Bribie was opened up to visitors, giving a romantic view of the island and its early explorers.

DAILY MAIL 22 JUNE 1919

Bribie Island is coming rapidly into the limelight in recent years, and emulating Venice in rising like another Sea Cybele fresh from the Ocean, not with a tiara of proud towers and gorgeous palaces, but with dainty cottages and proud villas, and the quaint romantic cubby houses and architectural cosies of those who escape from the madding crowds.

In my many interviews with Tom Petrie, he did not mention the origin of the name Bribie, but he discussed freely the days when he endeavored to establish an aboriginal settlement at the "White Patch".

Petrie could not induce the blacks to stay there and finally threw

over the whole business as the Colonial Secretary of the day treated the blacks too meanly, and Tom was always a loyal friend to the aboriginal.

Bribie, in addition to the aboriginals, was chiefly inhabited by wallabies, kangaroos, snakes, and five varieties of frogs, estimated at ten million.

The aboriginals belonged to a tribe called Joondobarri and when Flinders landed there in July 1779, there would be about 600 on the island. They were a fine athletic and warlike race, and terror to the mainland blacks.

From the sea they drew unlimited supplies of fish, dugong, turtles, crabs and oysters, the chief vegetable supply coming from lily roots, and seeds, yams, and the bulbs of orchids.

Bribie Island, emerged into the light of history in that memorable July of 1799, when Flinders, the immortal navigator, rowed up in his whale boat to the part now known as "Skirmish Point."

Taking Flinders' own report, the transaction there was not creditable to himself and party. Some misunderstanding arose, although the blacks were friendly, and the boat backed out from the beach.

The blacks ran out in the surf to try to induce them to return, and were fired at, the first Queensland aboriginals ever shot by white men, though Cook fired some small shot at a couple of Cooktown blacks.

Flinders went over to the island of St. Helena, landed there, went across to the mouth of the Brisbane River, named the Fishermen's Islands, missed the river, went back to Bribie Passage, which he called the Pumice Stone River, and beached his sloop to be cleaned on the beach of the White Patch.

While this was being done, he went away with some of his men and landed near the site of the present Donnybrook, walked across to Beerburrum, ascended that historic mount, and was, therefore, the first white man who ever ascended one of Cook's Glass House Mountains, named by Cook in 1770, or 29 years before Flinders.

In Bribie Passage, he shot 18 swans, and saw his first dugong, which he took to be a species of sea lion, and saw a dugong net with strands an inch in circumference.

He fired three musket balls at one, and Bungaree, a Sydney black, who accompanied him, threw his woomera spear at another. The old spherical musket ball of those days would not have gone through the hide of a dugong.

MORE THOUGHTS FROM MESTON

Published in the Brisbane Courier & The Queenslander in September 1891 Meston made the following comments.

Historically, Bribie Island is the most interesting on the Queensland coast. Apart from history it is one of the meanest pieces of country in Australia.

There is not an acre of useful soil on the whole island. It consists chiefly of tea-tree swamps, salt flats, low sea sand ridges, and slightly raised patches timbered by bloodwood, grey gums, and turpentine.

On the sand ridges are cypress pines and honeysuckles. It is inhabited principally by snakes and kangaroos. I spent five days on Bribie, crossed it in two places and traversed it for 14 miles. To any one desirous of emulating my example, I have simply to say "You better stay at home!"

PROTECTOR OF ABORIGINES

Meston was interested in the Australian Aborigines and their myths and legends. Through his association with them he learned some Aboriginal language and a knowledge of Aboriginal dialect. He published a vocabulary which was later used by historians.

He was considered an authority on tribal customs and the Bora Rings and their ceremonies in various districts which were to instruct youths in the laws and observances which were to regulate their lives. He wrote hundreds of poems, stories and articles, many dealing with Aboriginal issues.

In 1894 he was appointed a Special Commissioner of Police with the brief to visit and inquire into the conditions and necessities of the Aborigines in Queensland. In 1897 Meston was appointed Protector of Aborigines for South Queensland and. areas were reserved in nineteen locations in Queensland—a total of 535,279 acres.

In 1891, following his visit to Bribie Island he wrote the following.
Silent the songs when hearts were light, Gone are the dance, the hunt, the fight In darkness of eternal night, ... Lost Jindoobarrie.

MORE BRIBIE HISTORY

Historical Society meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month at 6;30pm at the RSL Club and visitors are always welcome. See more stories & photos of Bribie history on Web site Bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au and Blog http://bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com or contact us on bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

SPORTS PAGES

BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB

Self select pairs results Friday 15 August 2025
Winners: M Cherry, L Willams
Runners up: M Aubin, D Cherry
Lucky draw: D Bishop, M James
Lucky draw: D Handcock, R Reilly
Self select pairs night results Friday 15 August 2025
Winners: F Barklay, A Feichter
Runners up: K Burdon, J Mercer
Lucky draw: D Ackroyd, G Gunther
Lucky draw: G Kirby, A Legosz
Lucky draw: C Chidgey, B Meek
Lucky draw: J Tennant, D Coulthard
Random fours results Saturday 16 August 2025
Highest margin: H Groves, D Charlwood, G Geisler, J Teakle
Lowest margin: K Muller, M Brown, D Draper, K Henry
O of H winner: C Sambaher, R Follett, T Charlwood, I Teakle
O of H winner: W Manson, T Comacchio, G Hutchison, C Brayley
Self select triples Tuesday 19 August 2025
Highest winning score: I Smith, K Smith, T Dean
Runners up: P McQueen, F Bingham, G Pincott
Lucky draw: R Ghuest, L Kurtz, M Young
Lucky draw: D Coulthard, K Tennant, S Tennant
Lucky draw: S Jackson, G Paekau, T Paekau
Lucky draw:
Scroungers results Wednesday August 2025
1st: G Jackson
2nd: R Eaton
3rd: C Wilson
Self select open pairs results Wednesday 20 August 2025
Winners: G Gunnter, G McKeown
Runners up: J Oliver, P Gray
Lucky draw: D Bisop, J Tennam, M James
Lucky draw: Maurie, N Terry
Lucky draw: S Cook, E Stacey
Lucky draw: B Snare, S Chandler
Random triples results Thursday 21 August 2025
Winners: D Neumann, B Hameer, A Wells
Runners up: M Gaggiano, J Muller, D Bignell
O of H winner: G Frew, I Gillard, W MEvla
O of H winner: G Coleman, A Christie, T Charlwood
Self select pairs results Friday 22 August 2025
Winners: G Jackson, J Falvey
Runners up: A Sturm, G Skoien
Self select pairs night results Friday 22 August 2025
Winners: M Andrews, C Perkins
Runners up: T Turnbull, R Turnbull
Lucky draw: R Black, G Small
Lucky draw: M Lee, B Meek
Encouragement: D Gibson, A Feitcher
Self select random fours results Saturday 23 August 2025
Highest margin: L Beaven, G Geisler, K Mulpeter, E thean
Lowest margin: W Mason, D Draper, J Teakle, R Cross
O of H Winner: G Low, A Pinzger, D Puls
O of H Winner:
Self select triples results Tuesday 26 August 2025
Highest winning score: P McQueen, F Bagham, G Pincott
Runners up: D Davis, F Grimsey, G Olson
Lucky draw: V McDermott, G Hull, H Groves
Lucky draw: W McDougall, L Wright, D McDougall
Lucky draw: H Taylor, C Smith, A Sturm
Lucky draw:
Scroungers results Wednesday 27 August 2025
1st: T Morris
2nd: R Eaton
3rd: J Coleman
4th: C Stroud
Self select open pairs results Wednesday 27 August 2025
Winners: K Perkins, C Perkins
Runners up: G Teakel, T Erfurth
Lucky draw: N Kelly, G Olson
Lucky draw: C Barclay, A Feitcher
Lucky draw: M Andrews, M Prewett
Encouragement: G Geisler, J Teakle
Self select Random Triples results Thursday 28 July 2025
Winners: D Charlwood, S Hancox, C Hamilton
Runners up: C Christiansen, G Mellors, J Muller, J Neill
Winning draw: B Doe, I Smith, R Cross
Winning draw:J Dugdale, P Newman, K Brown

SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS SATURDAY 16/08/25

Winners: Paddy McMullan, Paul Bottger
2nd: Debbie Jackson, David Dodd
W/E 23/8/25
PATRONS DAY BEV STAFFORD
Wednesday Self Select Pairs RAIND OFF
Thursday Self Select Triples RAIND OFF
Friday Self Select Pairs
Winners Pool A: Greg Caplick, Peter Nixon
2nd Pool A: Cheryl Dann, John Dann
Winners Pool B: Sue Lupi, Raie Stuart
2nd Pool B: Declan Dawson, Ray Zahl
Saturday Club Select Triples
Winners: Mitch Msagnussen, Rosa McLeod, Michael Whiteside
2nd: Sheila Jeffrey, Beryl Cowperthwaite, Robert James
W/E 29/8/25
Tuesday 26/8/25
Winners: Paul Coxhead, Rufino, Ralph Chaplin
2nd: Judy Pursehouse, Brad Lawler, Julie Watson
3rd: Ron Schulz, Cheryl Crawford, Des Stewart
Wednesday 27/8/25
Winners: Raie Stuart, Peter Nixon
2nd: Bob Stuart, Greg Caplick
3rd: John Dann, Cheryl Dann
Thursday 28/8/25
Winners: Jenny Cummins, Leonie Schmidt, Carol Langley
2nd: Jenny Jameson, Andy Ives, Steve Jameson
3rd: Bev Power, Pat Samuelson, Debra Hill
Friday 29/8/25
Winners Group A: Chris Monk, Sandra Monk
2nd Group A: Vicki Mitchell, Robyn McLean
Winners Group B: John Dann, Cheryl Dann
2nd Group B: Deb Hill, Maggie Zahl

BONGAREE BOWLS RESULTS

Results for Bongaree Bowls Club 15/8 to 28/8/2025
Results of Saturday Scroungers 16/8/2025
1st: Trevor Mallouk, 2nd: Jim Warwick: Martin Jones
Results of Friday 2-4-2 22/8/2025
Winners: David Vaughan, Sue Francis
R/Up: Wendy Rollason, Bev Montgomery
Results of Saturday Scroungers 23/8/2025
1st: Lidija Patching. 2nd: Yuki King. 3rd: Peter Blake
Results of Tuesday Turkey Pairs 26/8/2025
Winners: Maureen and Richie Ferguson
R/Up: Bob Vonarx, Janice Mason
Bonus Draw winners: Graeme Hanlin, Peter Vlajic
Results of Wednesday Fours 27/8/2025
Winners: Adam Veen, Greg Sibthorpe, Andrea Pike
R/UP: Maureen Potts, Rachel Mills, Lyn Southall, Imelda Valentine

BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

19 August 2025 to 28August 2025

19/08/25 SINGLE STROKE - Sponsored by Woorim Pharmacy

DIV 1 WINNER Vicki Jones 71. 2nd Barbara Newcomb 72. 3rd Ros Gardiner 74.

DIV 2 WINNER Ailsa Lachlan 73. 2nd Lyn Cockerell 74 c/b. 3rd Lauren McDonald 74.

DIV 3 WINNER Carol Lobegeiger 69. 2nd Penny Brittain 74. 3rd Jude Dorhauer 77.

DIV 1 WINNER Vicki Jones with Lyn

NTP. Hole 4 Jo Malone. Hole 7 Vicki Jones. Hole 14 Ann Squires. Hole 16 2nd shot Barbara Newcomb.

BEST GROSS DIV 1
Di Benghamy 80

BEST GROSS DIV
2 Ailsa Lachlan 98

BEST GROSS DIV 3
Carol Lobegeiger 106 c/b

DIV 2 WINNER Ailsa Lachlan with Lyn

DIV 3 WINNER Carol Lobegeiger with Lyn

2025 CLUB CHAMPION Di Benghamy

DIV 2 CHAMPION Diane Fitzpatrick

DIV 3 CHAMPION Rae Clarke

VETERANS CHAMPION Judy Graham with Club Captain Ailsa Lachlan

MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB

Sat 16 August N/S 1 S Watson & R Sutton 2 L Carr & J Wright 3 R King & J Fitzgerald E/W 1. E Hutton & T Avenia 2 I Best & L Wilson 3 M Courtney & R Deacon
Wed 20 August (Winter Pairs) N.S 1 S & C Watson 2 H Tyler & J Medhurst 3 D Brady & L Groves E/W 1 L Heap & P Edis 2 D Scown & J Easey 3 G & S Barnulf
Sat 23 August N/S M & L Dawson 2 H Tyler & L Heap 3 D Quinan & D Brady E/W H Ryan & T Avenia 2 R Medhurst & M O'Reilly 3 L Manson & P Swan
Wed 27 August (Aust Wide Pairs) N.S 1 J Wright & L Carr 2 S & C Watson 3 C & H Browne E/W 1 L Heap & B Connell 2 D Scown & J Easey 3 G & S Barnulf
BICBC: Mon 18 Aug N/S =1 J Easey & R King =1 C Page & J Kennedy 3 P Edis & C McAlister E/W 1 I Best & B Moxham 2 L Hutton & L Chapman 3 L Manson & P Swan
Mon 25 August N/S 1 M Arthur & R King 2 L Wilson & J Brazier 3 C Page & J Kennedy E/W 1 J Fitzgerald & M Bailey 2 S Smith & M O'Reilly 3 L Groves & S Khe

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Lessons and refresher classes available, phone Helen **0427 567 670**
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Moreton Bay athletes in their 50s to 80s Step up GemLife Games

Burpengary's Geoff and Narelle Wakely and Bribie Island's Peter and Judy Dinka are among a 112-strong group of Moreton Bay athletes, volunteers and spectators in their 50s to 80s proving age is just a number at the third annual GemLife Games on the Sunshine Coast.

More than 740 over-50s from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria will go head-to-head in the spirited two-day competition, on September 11 and 12 at GemLife Palmwoods.

An initiative of lifestyle developer GemLife, the inter-resort event champions fitness, fun and friendship among older Australians, and welcomes lifelong competitors, weekend warriors and those new to their sport.

Eight events will be contested, including lawn bowls, pickleball, ten-pin bowling, tennis, table tennis, eight-ball pool, virtual golf and swimming.

Geoff, 76, and Narelle, 71, who have just moved to GemLife Moreton Bay, are competing in the event for the first time, both joining the mixed ten-pin bowling team.

Each has an impressive average of 155, and brings decades of bowling experience, but has never competed in an event like the GemLife Games before.

"We were probably at our competitive peak a few years ago," laughed Geoff.

"It is our way of life to be sporty and active, and we're looking forward to the social part of the Games — and the free t-shirt. We enjoy our bowling and pickleball and are in a position where we're wanting to meet new people."

Peter, 74, and Judy, 70, residents of GemLife Bribie Island, are competing for the second time. Peter is leading the table tennis team, while Judy, who is Bribie's coordinator for the Games, will take on the 25-metre freestyle and join the resort's cheer squad.

"If you win, that's great, but the focus is on participation and enjoying the event," said Judy. "It was good fun last year, meeting people from different resorts and forming new friendships.

"The participation from the team leaders for each sport has been great. They're all keen to take part, have a friendly rivalry and have been fabulous at getting their teams ready."

GemLife Managing Director and Group CEO Adrian Puljich said the GemLife Games had become legendary across its communities, with competitor numbers growing every year.

"That's what it is all about; encouraging over 50s to stay active and healthy, try new things, set new goals, and come together in a fun, supportive environment," he said.

"In the lead up to the Games, all our facilities, including our lawn bowls greens, pickleball and tennis courts, and swimming pools, are buzzing with residents training for the big day.

"Some pick up a new sport for the first time just to compete. While lawn bowls remains ever popular, it's exciting to see newer sports like pickleball among the most hotly contested.

"It's also incredibly rewarding to see the new friendships formed — from residents opening their homes to billet athletes travelling for the competition to cheering each other from the sidelines."

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BRIBIE CROQUET MEETS HERVEY BAY

by Kathy Vincent.

One thing you can always say about Bribie Island Croquet players – they are always ready to travel for croquet. I have written before about players travelling to Tasmania to play at Easter. There are state players in the club who travel throughout Australia.

There are competitions both north and south of Bribie and off go the Bribie bunch playing in competitions as well as club competitions. It may be Ricochet or Association, or Golf croquet players, but off they go.

Have mallet, will travel. August, the next trip was to Hervey Bay to join players from far and wide for both singles and doubles golf croquet competitions.

On Tuesday, the 19th of August, Shelly Moar, Maggie Lawson, Kathy Vincent, Lyn and David Kruger set off.

Shelly, Maggie and Kathy played in the singles games. Kathy Vincent winning her set (I can't usually write about me winning because I never do, so it was an exciting trip for me!), Lyn and David, Maggie and I played doubles, and Shelly played with a partner from another club. Shelly and her partner, Maggie and I only lost 1 game, but Shelly piped us to the play-off, having made more hoops than us.

A great show from the Bribie players

So, you see, croquet is not only great fun, but you can fit a bit of travel in too. We played in glorious blue skies and sunshine, how good is that?

It was actually pouring with rain in Bribie, so we were extra lucky. So why not give croquet a go? It is good for your health too!

Give Jan a ring on **0437 008 042** And come and have a go, see you there.

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:
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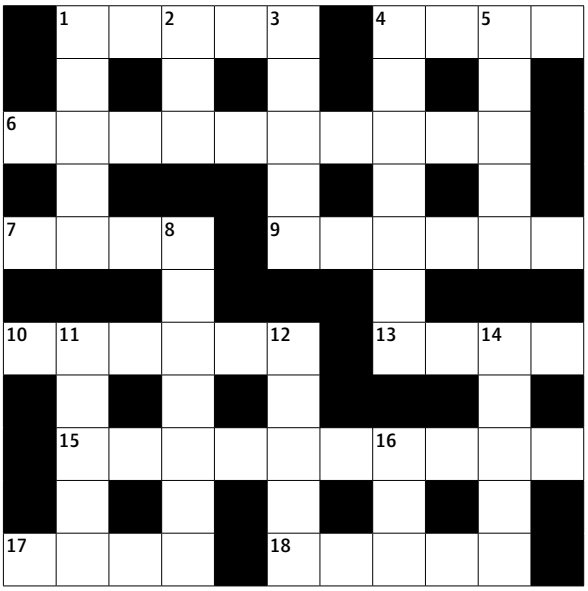

Across

1 In intros, Coleman Hawkins energetically earned rapturous acclaim (5)

4 Wedding attendant's quiet time (4)

6 Australian bird damaged our oak bark (10)

7 Cannes cat to chew the fat (4)

9 More agreeable children in Berlin (6)

10 In Seville, 15 fruit (6)

13 French bread? Bother! (4)

15 Sadly intermixes as a last resort (2,8)

17 Pass twisty snakes (4)

18 Condescending in upper storey – and yard (5)

Down

1 Idiot given hot fabric (5)

2 At first, earless lizard kisses deer (3)

3 Leading characters from redbrick university buy in Kenyan toymaker (5)

4 Golfer's target: cut root vegetable (7)

5 Good, party is solemn (5)

8 Stinker clumsily interferes (7)

11 Apartments in Tunis resort (5)

12 Praise exotic xylophone that's often loud in openings (5)

14 Introductions to Italo Calvino impenetrable, leaving you without warmth (5)

16 In Hamburg, supernatural creature is 11 (3)

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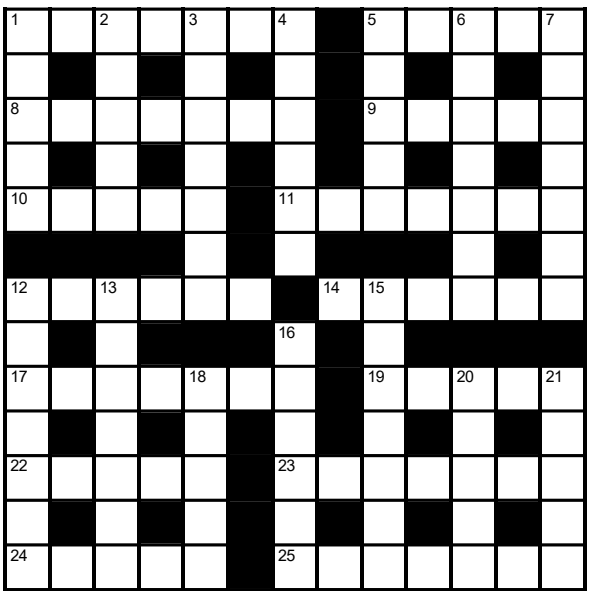

Across

1 Puts one and one together (7)

5 Officers with a lot of nerve (5)

8 Retrial ordered in preview (7)

9 Inappropriate for a young lady (5)

10 Machine the French and the English manufacture (5)

11 Progress as pages are turned (7)

12 Complain about game? - after all, it is the object of the shoot (6)

14 Hospitality beneficiaries (6)

17 Banned redhead reversed - crashed and get what's coming (7)

19 Castles are forever? (5)

22 Relay run in good time (5)

23 Nearing a hundred - but not the first to get there (7)

24 Just take a bargain (5)

25 Suspends summary justice out west (7)

Down

1 Accommodation for crazy Tom, the Mexican (5)

2 Ridicule unhappy organist losing spirit (5)

3 Bad head ailment (7)

4 Tears off after good man undresses (6)

5 Tolerates animals in Serbia without me worrying (5)

6 5d categorised, in general (7)

7 Procedures unknown in street mess to be solved (7)

12 Items badly tagged and useless finally (7)

13 Watch old boys start playing at Wimbledon (7)

15 Not familiar and unspecified - like x and y (7)

16 Cheap pen, Cilla held, to make notes (6)

18 Princely and grand (5)

20 Credit historian with entertaining her (5)

21 Hints as to directions? (5)

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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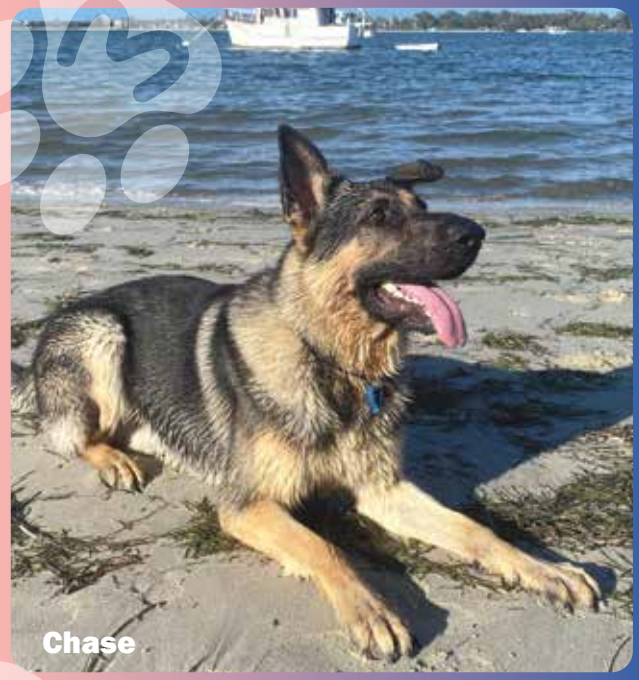
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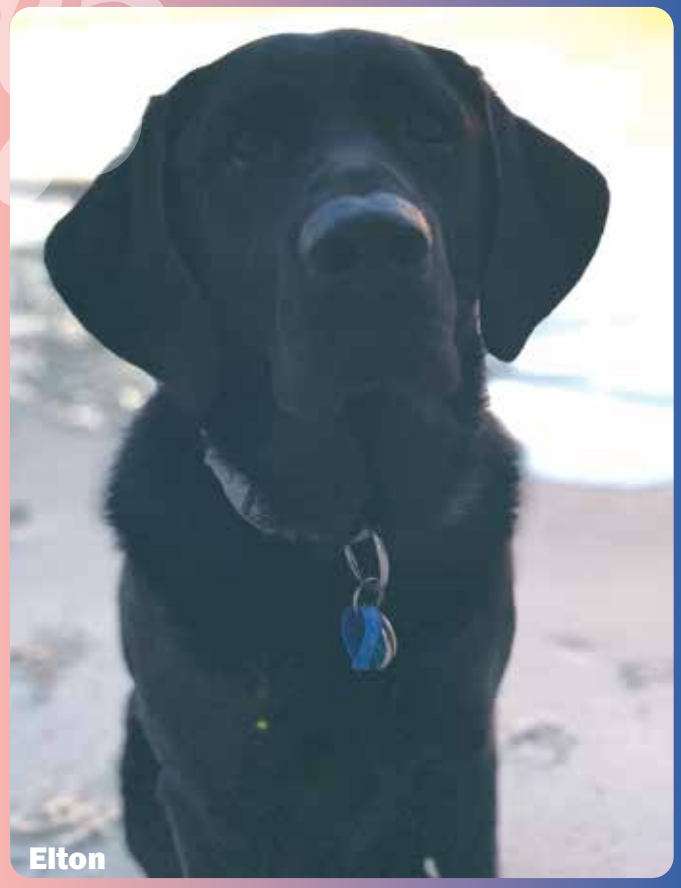
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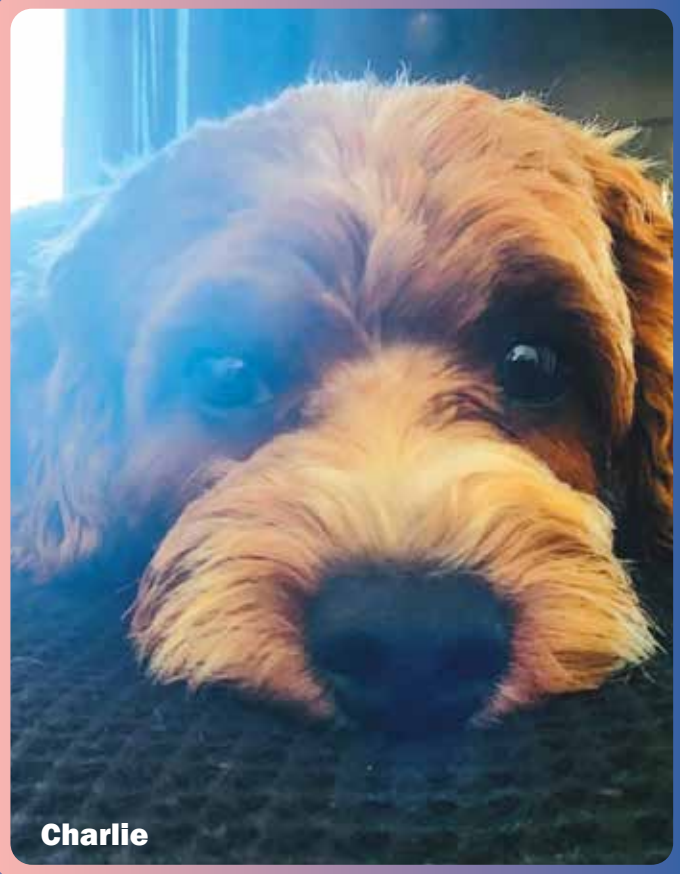

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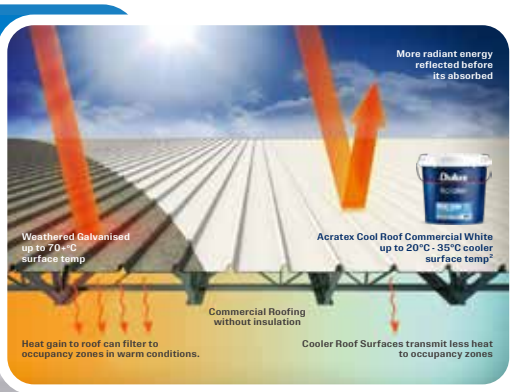

Why TSR Matters

when it comes to Roof painting

Did you know that every paint has a TSR rating?

And that every colour has its own TSR rating for that same paint? This simple number can make a huge difference in how your roof performs over time.

When it comes to protecting your roof, TSR — Total Solar Reflection — is one of the most important factors to consider.

TSR measures how well a coating reflects the sun's energy, including UV light, which is the main cause of surface and substrate breakdown.

Why UV Reflection Matters

UV radiation penetrates coatings and degrades the material beneath — whether concrete tiles, terracotta, or metal.

Over time, this causes chalking, fading, and brittleness.

A higher TSR reflects more UV before it can do damage — keeping your roof in better condition for longer and reducing the frequency of repaints.

Proven Performance

It has been observed and documented that a roof painted with a TSR rating of around 50% can look almost brand-new after a professional roof wash — even 10 years later.

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Dulux Acratex Cool Roof – High TSR, Real Benefits

Dulux Acratex Cool Roof is one of the highest-performing roof membranes on the market, with exceptional TSR ratings.

- Can keep homes up to 10°C cooler inside, reducing air-conditioning demand and potentially saving thousands of dollars in running costs over the life of the coating.
- Cooler roof surfaces also mean better solar panel efficiency — as roof temperatures over 35°C can cause a 1% efficiency drop for every degree. If your roof reaches 70°C, that's up to a 35% loss in solar output.
- Environmental benefit — Higher TSR coatings reduce the contribution to the urban heat island effect. This is why some local councils are nowrestricting or even banning dark-coloured roofs in new developments, as they absorb far more heat and increase urban temperatures.

Preparation and Application – The Key to Lasting Results

Even the best roof membrane needs the right foundation:

- Clean thoroughly to remove dirt, lichen, and chalking.
- Repair damage — broken tiles, loose ridge capping, rust spots.
- Prime correctly for the substrate: acrylic sealers for concrete, specialist primers for terracotta, anti-corrosive primers for metal.
- Apply the correct quantity — one bucket per 50 m² per coat, with a full system (primer plus two topcoats) to achieve proper mem brane thickness.

Bottom line:

A high-TSR coating like Dulux Acratex Cool Roof, applied with correct preparation and film build, not only protects your roof from UV damage — it can keep your home cooler, cut energy costs, improve solar efficiency, reduce environmental heat buildup, and keep your roof looking fresh for a decade or more.

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Can improve occupancy comfort

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Make the Shower Sparkle

Toothpaste can help clean soap scum in your shower. Apply some toothpaste to a clean washcloth and scrub the shower door or tub to remove buildup.

Refresh Your Hair Care Tools

Hair tools like curling irons and straighteners often collect buildup from styling products. To clean them, unplug and cool the tools first.

Then, use a soft cloth to rub in some toothpaste. Wipe down with a clean cloth and water if needed. This should help remove hairspray and other residues.

Use as a De-stinker

Many toothpastes contain baking soda, which is a great deodorizer. If you chop onions or have a container that smells, scrub some toothpaste into the area. Rinse and repeat as necessary.

Patch Holes

You can use toothpaste to fill small holes when you're out of spackle or caulk. Use a cotton swab to apply some toothpaste into the hole until it is full. For tiny holes, use a toothpick to pack the paste in. Smooth it out with a flat tool. Let it dry for several hours, then paint over it if needed.

Buff Out Scratches in Car Paint

Toothpaste can help reduce the appearance of scratches on your car. First, wash the area with soap and water and dry it with a soft towel.

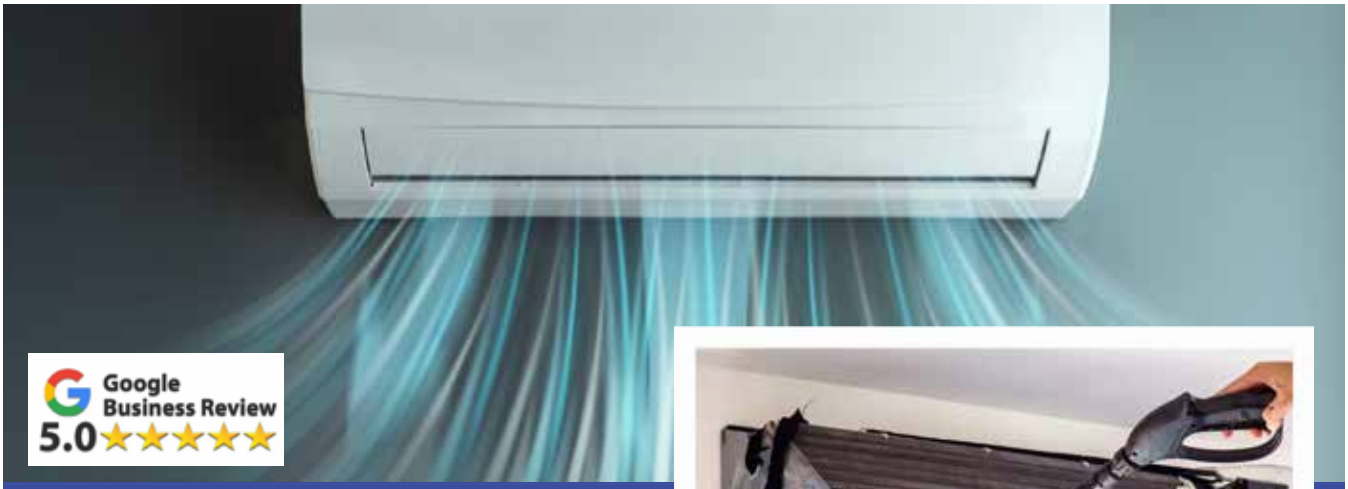
Then, rub toothpaste into the scratch. Let it sit for about 10 minutes.

Wipe the toothpaste off with a clean towel. Hopefully, the scratch will be less noticeable.

Now That's Important

Do not use toothpaste to clean jewellery; it can damage metals and gemstones.

Instead, mix a few drops of dish soap in warm water to clean your jewellery safely.



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RICH LOCAL HISTORY IN GOOD HANDS

The Bribie Island Historical Society was established 17 years ago and has done much to preserve and raise awareness of the significant history of the island. Bribie is unique in so many ways.

The first white foot on what is now Queensland was placed on the island in 1799 when Matthew Flinders and Bongaree came here.

The next were castaway convicts who found the Brisbane River and there were significant Oyster farms in the Passage in the late 1800's before becoming the first island Tourist destination when steamships came to the new jetty at Bongaree in 1912.

At the recent Annual General Meeting the President thanked the active Committee of 5 ladies and 3 men, who have achieved so much.

The current executive of President Barry Clark, Secretary Lynne Hooper and Treasurer Ellen Beechey were reelected together with Greg Carson and Brian Russell.

President Barry Clark writes regular Bribie History articles for this Bribie Islander magazine, and readers have come to appreciate some amazing people who have gone before to made Bribie what it is today, and some special features of the island that need to be recognized and preserved.

Secretary Lynne Hooper, President Barry Clark, Treasurer Ellen Beechey

The oldest building on the island now known as Bongaree Meeting place in Banya Street, is over150 years old, but it was not built here.
It was brought to Bribie in 1929 to be the Methodist Church after several previous moves having been at Enoggera, Deception Bay and Narangba over 50 years. It was the Church for 57 years when it became the Freemasons Lodge in 1986.

The Bribie Historical Society urged Council to acquire the building when the freemasons closed a few years ago to prevent it being demolished. The Historical Society recently held its monthly meeting in the historic building which requires further work to ensure its survival and ongoing use.

There are several historic buildings, and military remains on the island that are not well understood or protected in terms Australia's historic past. The late Sunshine Coast historian Stan Tutt spent much of his 95-year life researching the heritage of this area and in1981 he said …

"It might not be too much to claim, Pumicestone Passage and Bribie Island contain more history, written and unwritten, than any other place in Queensland."

Bribie Historical Society membership was impacted during Covid and is recovering with new members and visitors attracted by remarkable guest speakers. Recent guest speakers were from Maritime Museum, Australia State Survey, Beachmere and Invasive Australian Pests.

Members are invited to present on special Bribie topics and are invited guest speakers to many other Bribie Clubs and Groups, other Historical Societies and Moreton Bay History Seminars.

Members have had recent field trips to Pine Rivers Village, Abbey Art Gallery, and Chenrezig Buddhist park, and a book of Barry Clark's Bribie History articles has recently been published.

The Historical Society has conducted regular guided Heritage Walks around Bongaree and about World War 2 on Bribie over many years, which introduces hundreds of people to local history via the Councils *Healthy & Active program.*

They have installed many informative plaques and signs around the island and offer free brochures about Bribie history.

Bribie Historical Society meets on second Wednesday of each month at 6;30pm at RSL Club and visitors are always welcome.

Come and see what we do and see much more on Web site **bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au** and Blog site **http//bribieislandhistory.blogspot.com** or contact us on **bribiehistoricalsociety@gmail.com**

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Budget for the Butler's Pantry

Far from an oversized dumping ground for spice racks and tinned tomatoes, a well-planned butler's pantry is the key to a spacious and minimalist kitchen.

"If you're into baking or entertaining, a butler's pantry can be your food prep powerhouse. Rather than simply storing bulky appliances (like toasters and coffee machines), you can add a dishwasher drawer, a second sink and even a fridge into your butler's pantry."

But if a butlers isn't going to work, Paul recommends an island bench that doubles as a dining space for 2-4 people. Including a thoughtfully placed wine fridge will amp up easy entertaining.

Get Practical about Placement

Kitchens are getting bigger with a tendency to flow into entertaining spaces. "A second concealed sink in an island bench or two ovens, skews the 'triangle rule' for sink, oven and fridge placement. Practicality is all in the placement and design of YOUR unique kitchen."

Paul emphasises that layouts which include modifications like a designated oil cupboard, a second (or third!) utensil drawer or a hidden coffee nook if there's no room for a butler's pantry – will create overall harmony and functionality, beyond the triangle rule.

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Discussing the pros and cons of even the smallest kitchen finishes is a huge part of what Paul does with every client.

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- Finger pulls and cupboard recesses are a sleek alternative to traditional handles, with new materials like fingerprint-resistant laminates making cleaning easier
- Tile splashbacks offer unlimited customisation and cost flexibility (as opposed to glass or stone) – plus grout can be sealed for easier maintenance.

"From contemporary to shaker style, there are countless ways to keep costs down while maximising the design, functionality and easy-cleaning of your dream kitchen design!"

Paul Popham is the eclectic mind and style sensation behind Popham Interiors (est. 1996). With formal Visual Arts & Interior Design qualifications in one hand and a sketchbook in the other – Paul is expressive, approachable and committed to personalising every single project.

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Cushions, Cushions, Cushions and so much more

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Have you ever looked at your living room and thought it was missing something or maybe needed a little warmth and softening.Consider enhancing your space by introducing new cushions.

Arranging them thoughtfully on your sofa can create a welcoming atmosphere for your guests.

It is advisable to allocate time to thoughtfully update your living environment and understand the value of cushions in your home's décor.

Your homes cushions enhance a space by adding comfort, support, and personalized style to your furniture and room.

Cushions make it simple to refresh a room's look with new colours, textures, or patterns that unify the space and show personal style.

Replacing cushion covers is a cost-effective and straightforward method for updating an interior space, allowing for seamless adaptation to evolving trends and or seasonal changes.

Cushion Comfort and Support

Cushions add padding and support, making sofas and chairs more comfortable for long sitting. They provide lumbar, back, or neck support, which can contribute to reduced strain on the body and improved posture.

Cushion Design and Appeal

Large and soft cushions can create comfortable lounging areas for relaxation.

Cushions enhance interior spaces by introducing colour, texture, and dimension, thereby elevating the overall aesthetic of a room.

Selecting appropriate cushions serves as an effective means of reflecting individual style preferences, ranging from refined to playful themes. By mirroring hues or patterns found in other design elements within the room, cushions contribute to a cohesive and well-coordinated environment.

What to Consider When Choosing Cushions

When selecting cushions, it is important to consider the style, size, and material of your sofa.

Larger couches can accommodate bigger cushions, whereas smaller couches require proportionally smaller cushions to prevent an overcrowded appearance. Also overcrowding will leave no room for comfortable seating.

I prefer to incorporate a variety of sizes, shapes, and textures—such as velvet, linen, or wool—to introduce depth and visual interest and a tactiles dimension to your couch.

It is important to consider the season; velvet and wool are most suitable for winter, while cotton and linen are ideal choices for warmer months.

It is important to select colours and patterns that harmonise with your room's existing design elements.

Choose cushion colours that either seamlessly integrate with the overall colour palette to achieve a cohesive aesthetic or offer a contrasting accent to serve as an eye-catching focal point within the space.

Different patterns, including florals, geometrics, or stripes, can be combined as long as they share a similar colour palette to create a cohesive appearance. Pair patterned cushions with solid-coloured cushions that match a colour present in the pattern.

When arranging cushions in a lounge, I prefer a layered approach, typically placing larger cushions at the back and smaller ones in front, or combining different shapes to achieve visual interest.

Which Way to Go - Feather or Polyfill (Fibrefill)

Poly Fill is spongy and more supportive but only when filled densely. It has a consistent feel to its body as it holds its shape well. Not need to plump it back into shape like feather. For those with allergies it is a great option as it is Hypoallergenic. Being synthetic it is also economical.

However, if you are wanting that soft and sinking feeling, then feather is the way to go. It moldes beautifully, but it does require regular fluffing as the feathers compact, collect and sink.

If you have allergies this can cause a reaction due to its microbes, dander and dust. Also, more in price than Poly Fill

Final Note

It is advisable to update cushions and interior aesthetics according to the season. Select lighter colours and fabrics for spring and summer, and transition to richer, deeper hues and heavier textures during autumn and winter. This will keep your interiors fresh and on trend.

So how did you go, are you ready to present a warm and welcoming home for family and guests?

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PROTECTING COASTAL VEGETATION AND SAND DUNES

Our coastal landscape is rich in cultural history and the backdrop to life in Moreton Bay. Our extensive network of sand dunes provides nesting habitats for sea turtles and birdlife like the rainbow bee-eater.

Why protecting dunes and vegetation is important

Most of our coastline forms part of the Moreton Bay Marine Park. The marine park is internationally recognised and protected.

Native vegetation plays an important role in our coastal ecosystems, it:

- stabilises our coastal landscapes
- protects sand dunes from wind erosion
- builds up the dunes by trapping windblown sand
- provides food and habitat for native animals and migratory birds.
- Impacts of damaged vegetation and environmental vandalism

Damaging coastal vegetation is environmental vandalism. Damaged vegetation impacts the stability of sand dunes, making that area more susceptible to erosion. This can lead to gaps in the dune. These gaps grow and erode the rest of the dune system, impacting nearby properties and infrastructure.

Environmental vandalism includes:

- cutting trees off at the base of the trunk
- cutting or breaking off branches
- breaking the tops off younger trees
- pulling out, drilling into, mowing over, clearing, and poisoning trees.
- Damaging coastal vegetation affects the habitat of native animals and migratory birds. It can also increase the impact of light pollution on nesting turtles.

How you can help protect vegetation and coastlines

There are things we can all do to help protect our coastal landscapes. If you are visiting our coastal areas, you should:

- leave driftwood and fallen branches where you find them
- never light fires on beaches and near dune vegetation
- stick to designated beach access tracks
- not drive on dunes and dune vegetation
- consider becoming a volunteer with a Bushcare group.

If you own property on the Moreton Bay coastline, you can:

- plant appropriate native vegetation to help stabilise dune areas
- avoid planting turf in the dune area
- plant only native trees and shrubs in your garden
- dispose of garden waste properly
- maintain trees and shrubs in foredune areas.
- Report an issue

To report an issue on our coastline, submit a request to Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIBIE ISLAND EMERGENCY WORKS

DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND | Queensland Government

Preparations are underway for the Bribie Island emergency works with the establishment of a contractor site compound in Woorim Park, Golden Beach.

The Coordinator-General is undertaking the works to address the southern breakthroughs and buffering of Bribie Island to enhance protection of Golden Beach and Pumicestone Passage during the upcoming storm season.

Site mobilisation:
from 29 August 2025

Site demobilisation:
April 2026

We thank residents and visitors for their patience and understanding while these critical works are underway.

For information:

PHONE: 1800 316 378 (Freecall Monday-Friday. 8.30am-5.00pm)
EMAIL: bribieisres@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au
WEB: www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/BribieEmergencyWorks

FISHING REPORT

FISHING WITH "YAWK YAWK"

The big snapper is biting hard right now, this beauty was hooked on the very first drop!

Fishing has been firing in the Passage recently, with plenty of action as the weather warms up heading into spring. On Sunday, I headed out with some visiting friends, and we had a session to remember; landing 20 tailor in under an hour, all between 40–55cm. Most fish came trolling the shallow flats in 0.4–3m of water.

Since we were fishing in the middle of the day, we found the deeper water (around 2m) held more fish, as tailor often sit deeper in daylight for protection. As the sun sets, however, they'll push up onto the shallow flats to hunt.

We fished on the new moon, meaning the nights were pitch black, so the tailor bite was strong during the day, especially around sunrise and sunset. Our setup included three rods trolling lures between 4–11km/h: metal slugs/slices (10–40g) and an 80mm popper in the middle.

We used 3000–6000 size spinning reels, 15–40lb braid, and 20–40lb leaders. The water clarity was excellent, letting us watch tailor chase lures right to the boat before striking. An awesome sight.

Once hooked, we'd quickly dehook and fire a few casts behind the boat, as tailor school up and triple hook-ups were common. If you only hook up on one rod, keep trolling or cast back toward the strike zone, chances are the school is still there.

Tide also plays a role: tailor often push into very shallow water (0.4–1m) on high tide to chase bait, then move back to sandbank edges (1.2–3m) as the tide drops. For catch-and-release, I recommend swapping treble hooks for singles to reduce damage to the fish.

Flathead are scattered throughout the passage as they always are.

Snapper are also still showing up in the Passage. Focus on rubble, reef, or structure in 2m+ of water. While there are plenty of undersized fish around, there are also quality keepers.

My biggest Passage snapper measured 75cm, caught on 6lb leader, a 1000-size reel, and a 1–2kg rod using a 2.5" grub on a 1/20oz jig head in just 3m of water. Generally, I run 6–15lb leader with 2–5" soft plastics, with the Dirty Tackle prawn being a standout for larger snapper and the Dirty Tackle Squirt 25g jig also producing. High tide tends to fish best as snapper move in from the Bay onto rubble patches and ledges in the Passage.

Flathead are ever reliable in the Passage year-round. I usually target them on lures and trolling when bites are slow.

Recently, while chasing mangrove jack in the canals, I picked up several big flathead between 70–80cm trolling 100mm hardbodies on 40lb leader. When specifically chasing flathead, I drop to 10lb leader with a 50mm hardbody, trolling slowly along mangrove edges or sandbank drop-offs in 0.4–2m make sure your lure is constantly bumping on the bottom, that's the strike zone.

For more fishing tips and videos from the Passage, Bay, and beyond, check out my YouTube channel **"YAWK YAWK"**

GOOD LUCK OUT THERE, AND I HOPE YOU GET ONTO SOME QUALITY FISH!

Second drop, second big snapper, and there's plenty more where that came from!

Young Fletcher getting stuck into the passage tailor, making the trip all the way from NSW!

A WORD FROM ROBYN AND BRENDON BRIBIE ISLAND BOAT CHARTERS

In the last Bribie Islander, a letter to the editor expressed serious concern about the proposed closure of the Spinnaker Sound Marina dry-boat storage, boat-lift and boat maintenance yard. I'm always reluctant to buy into arguments, but I have to say this "Concerned Resident" is absolutely right.

In South-East Queensland, where we have a boat in almost every second front yard, it would be completely crazy to remove vital marine infrastructure. How do all these boats get serviced? How do they get cleaned and anti-fouled? Where can they be lifted out in an emergency – breakdown, fuel problem, at risk of sinking??

When our beautiful Moreton Bay Marine Park is littered with the "dead bodies" of boats that couldn't make it to Scarborough and black with scraped-off antifoul and waste oil, it'll be too late. Once the Spinnaker Sound Marina facility is built over, it will be gone forever and our beautiful environment, with its precious creatures, will pay for this misguided venture.

TIDE TIMES

Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

Fri 5 Sep	Sat 6 Sep	Sun 7 Sep	Mon 8 Sep	Tue 9 Sep	Wed 10 Sep	Thu 11 Sep
2:42 am	3:11 am	3:42 am	4:15 am	4:47 am	5:20 am	5:51 am
0.46m	0.36m	0.26m	0.2m	0.17m	0.18m	0.22m
8:15 am	8:52 am	9:30 am	10:09 am	10:50 am	11:32 am	12:15 pm
1.33m	1.45m	1.57m	1.66m	1.73m	1.78m	1.8m
1:54 pm	2:36 pm	3:16 pm	3:59 pm	4:43 pm	5:29 pm	6:17 pm
0.31m	0.19m	0.12m	0.1m	0.15m	0.24m	0.36m
8:42 pm	9:17 pm	9:53 pm	10:30 pm	11:06 pm	11:44 pm	
1.93m	2.03m	2.07m	2.04m	1.93m	1.76m	

Fri 12 Sep	Sat 13 Sep	Sun 14 Sep	Mon 15 Sep	Tue 16 Sep	Wed 17 Sep	Thu 18 Sep
12:21 am	1:01 am	1:49 am	2:56 am	4:34 am	12:40 am	1:41 am
1.57m	1.38m	1.21m	1.09m	1.06m	0.59m	0.49m
6:22 am	6:55 am	7:38 am	8:41 am	10:13 am	6:17 am	7:27 am
0.28m	0.34m	0.42m	0.5m	0.54m	1.15m	1.31m
1:00 pm	1:51 pm	2:51 pm	4:06 pm	5:34 pm	11:46 am	1:06 pm
1.79m	1.77m	1.72m	1.68m	1.68m	0.51m	0.4m
7:11 pm	8:16 pm	9:42 pm	11:16 pm		6:51 pm	7:52 pm
0.49m	0.61m	0.67m	0.67m		1.74m	1.83m

GREEN SUNDAY ASSIST M5

Sunday 17th August Green Sunday Crew: - Skipper Steve Parry with Crew Liz Radajewski, and Henry Graffen were called out to an assist near the M5 off Cowan Cowan.

Onboard Bribie 1 Liz Radajewski and Steve Parry.

ActivateMRQ UAT SESSION 4

Tuesday 19th August 2025 – Session 4 of the ActivateMRQ User Acceptance Testing was held at the Royal Hotel Conference Centre at Nundah from 0700 to 1600. ActivateMRQ is our new crew, activation, and reporting system. The ActivateMRQ platform is designed to reduce the admin burden on volunteers, so they can focus on what they do best — keeping Queenslanders safe on the water. It followed the same format as the previous 3 sessions

Yesterday's test scenarios included.

1. Public user and vessel profile creation in ActivateMRQ.
2. Vessel log on for known and unknown vessel.
3. Activation based on a vessel logged on.
4. Activation based on a unknown vessel.
5. Linking ActivateMRQ with Offshore SMS.

In regard to ActivateMRQ - Noggin the next step is to perform the latest upgrade with the suggestions from session 4 and then pilot field testing at a couple of bases.

During the lunch break a tour of the MRQ Head Quarters was taken which was in the building next door to the Royal Hotel. Mark Anderson, Director of Operations MRQ gave a narrative as we walked around the floor which is shared with SES. Mark made a point taking us into one of the conference rooms where they have a blue and an orange chair, so at meetings they have a volunteer from MRQ and SES to be represented so they get the volunteers perspective

They have a bell there which is rung every time a new squadron joins MRQ, they normally have someone from the squadron there for such event!

Radio Officer Peter McNamara attended from MRQ Bribie Island, as he walked around the corner there was the cardboard cutout of Kelly Langworthy, our Unit Finance Coordinator! She is everywhere!

Peter McNamara with Cardboard Kelly!

WHITTLEY OWNERS CLUB

Saturday 23rd August 2025 – MRQ Bribie Island Marine Operations Officer Liz Radajewski ran an information session for the Whittley boat owners club.

Liz talked about boating safety, navigation and other helpfully boating hints. After the information session a group of five Whittley Boats headed off to Mission Point for an overnight stay.

CPR TRAINING

Monday 25th August 2025 – Our First Aid and CPR Trainer Karen Llewellyn delivered CPR Training for the first time as MRQ Bribie Island.

Gary Howell and Phil Hagen practice CPR utilising the training defibrillator.

MEDEVAC FROM TANGALOOMA

10:32 am Wednesday 27th August 2025 - Bribie 1 was tasked to transport 2 Ambulance Officers and medivac a sick patient from the cruise ship Carnival Adventure off Tangalooma.

On route to the vessel, Bribie 1 was rerouted to pick up the patient from the Tangalooma jetty and not the ship and required to use the northern side of the jetty under very trying conditions. With Skipper Ian Grimes, Crew Phil Hagen, and Senior Crew Lindsay Crompton doing a great job on the helm for the complete task, considering Lindsay has only recently returned back onto boat crew.

Lindsay Crompton at the helm of Bribie 1.

After Bribie 1 reached the jetty, we were then advised that the passenger was still onboard the vessel. Getting away from the jetty under the conditions was also challenging and then to manoeuvre over to the ship.

On arrival the cruise ship she was using her thrusters to give its tender vessel some shelter from the winds and providing Bribie 1 some calmer conditions near the forward loading area to extract the patient.

Overall, a challenging task well handled by the crew onboard Bribie 1.

Crew Phil Hagen aboard Bribie 1 docked next to the cruise ship Carnival Adventure.

UNIT COMMANDER CES' SAFETY MESSAGE:

Commodore Ces reminds everyone to "Check your safety gear, ensure your flares are in date and dry, that you have a fire extinguisher, torch, v-sheet, life jackets; and that they are easily accessible. We talk a lot about servicing inflatable Life Jackets but there are also the old faithful foam filled life Jackets that we see a lot of on vessels.
A lot of the time these are stashed away in the boat, they get wet, and sun damaged and forgotten about, these need to be checked annually too.
Check the life jacket for signs of:

- Sun Damage
- Fading
- Rips
- Check the buckle works
- Inspect straps for any deterioration
- If reflective strips are attached make sure they are clean and undamaged.
- Make sure the whistle works.

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

AUGUST ASSISTS

SAT 16/08 1135AM – Jet Ski 1POB non-member taking on water near Coochin Creek, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 17/08 0852AM - 4.5m Centre Console 2POB non-member with motor issues at Curtain Reef required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.
SUN 17/08 1413PM – Jet Ski 1POB member taking on water in Skippers Canal required a tow to the Bellara Boat Ramp.
MON 18/08 1247PM - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to medevac a patient back to Bribie to their waiting ambulance.
SAT 23/08 1254PM – BBQ Boat 10POB non-member with broken steering, required a tow from White Patch to Kalmakuta Ramp.
MON 25/08 1512PM – 4.6m Runabout 2POB non-member stuck on mud bank at entrance to Ningi Creek, required a tow to deeper water. Investigated and vessel will wait for high tide.
WED 27/08 1032AM - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to medevac a patient back to Bribie to their waiting ambulance.
WED 27/08 1044AM – MOP reported drifting Yacht had collided with a moored vessel adjacent to IGA Bongaree. Investigated and moored drifting vessel to MSQ mooring.

YEAR TO DATE RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

CALLS	10,464
VESSELS LOG ONS	3,116
VESSEL ASSISTS	179
SITREPS	1,010
REQUESTS	966
OVERDUE VESSELS	30
VESSEL TRACKING	22
RADIO CHECKS	929
WEATHER BROADCASTS	6
SECURITE BROADCASTS	2
PAN PAN CALLS	0
MAYDAY CALLS	0
PERSONS ASSISTED	370
VHF CALLS	56.5%
27MHz CALLS	0.1%
PHONE CALLS	27.5%
GWN CALLS	1.9%

"PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!"

"BUT importantly – Always remember if you are heading out on the water **LOG ON** with your local **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,
Famine as a weapon of war

How would you feel if Australia's children were deliberately starved and if Australian families were forced to choose between food and survival under siege?

The world would erupt in outrage. Leaders would demand urgent intervention, news outlets would run nonstop coverage, and humanitarian aid would flow without obstruction.

No government would accept famine being used as a tool of war against their own people.

That is why the silence and delay in responding to Gaza is so shocking.

The double standards reveal whose lives are deemed valuable and whose suffering is ignored. If we would never accept our own children starving, then we must refuse to accept it for Palestinian children.

Humanity is not negotiable—it cannot be applied selectively. The true test of our moral courage is whether we act when it is hardest, when those suffering are not our own but our brothers and sisters in humanity.

An individual may feel powerless in the face of such vast suffering, but history shows that change often begins with ordinary people who refuse to stay silent.

Donate to trusted humanitarian organisations delivering food and medical aid; support boycotts, divestments or sanctions campaigns that call out corporations complicit in the siege; and link arms with groups working for justice and peace.

Even small acts—a letter, a donation, a conversation—can ripple outward. Above all, refuse to look away.

Refuse to accept that starving children is the price of politics.

An individual cannot solve the crisis alone, but together, millions of individual acts form a movement that can shift governments, break blockades and keep hope alive.

Lyn Rushby

Dear Editor,
I would like to congratulate Al Finegan on his article on the troubles in Northern Ireland.

I have been a big fan of the songs and poems of Bobbie Sands, and this was the first time I have been confronted with his stay in Haze Prison.

I never did understand why he chose to die by starvation, but I also never fully understood the politics of Northern Ireland.

Thank you for your graphic but balanced writing.

I'll revisit his song "I wish I was Home in Derry"

Mike Watts

Dear Editor,
The presence of an extreme right-wing newspaper on the lunch-table at U3A today warned me that so-called "Sovereign Citizens" may be closer than we think.

While the term "Sovereign" may apply to them, as they must feel supreme, and independent of the rest of society, they are certainly NOT citizens.

The media would be better off labelling them as what they are: outlaws. They don't respect the law.

So how about using the term "Sovereign Outlaws".

H.Beneke

Dear Editor,
Being Father's Day weekend, I wanted to share what a wonderful dad really looks like.

I was fortunate to grow up with a great dad, and I know not everyone gets to be so lucky, so I feel very lucky to also see it every day in my husband and the way he is with his children—present, involved, and always putting them first.

My husband isn't just a "weekend dad".

He has his kids 50/50 and takes that responsibility with love and pride.

He makes the most of every moment—teaching them about the universe, doing art and creative activities, or simply sitting down to watch a movie together.

He tucks them in each night and even makes up silly songs about unicorns being seven when they were born—the kind of memories that will stay with them forever.

What makes him wonderful isn't just that he cares but that he chooses to be fully present.

This Father's Day, dads like him deserve to be celebrated—for embracing the joy, responsibility, and everyday magic of raising their children.

Nina

letters to the editor

City of Moreton Bay leads with new thunderstorm tracking on Disaster Dashboard

- City of Moreton Bay leads the way with advanced thunderstorm risk information now available on its Disaster Dashboard
- Severe thunderstorms are now visibly mapped and updated regularly
- The new tool is designed to complement official warnings, giving residents the most complete picture during severe weather season

City of Moreton Bay has become the first local government in Queensland to integrate advanced thunderstorm tracking features from WeatherWatch into its Disaster Dashboard.

Recent unseasonal thunderstorm activity is serving as a timely reminder of the importance of staying informed with real-time weather updates. Mayor Peter Flannery said the update is a significant step forward in keeping the community safe and informed during the upcoming severe weather season. “In partnership with WeatherWatch, we’re proud to be the first Council to introduce real-time thunderstorm risk information into our Disaster Dashboard,” Mayor Flannery said.

“This new feature clearly shows which areas are most at risk from current thunderstorm activity, helping residents prepare for potential impacts. “The system highlights severe thunderstorms and updates every five minutes using radar imagery from the Bureau of Meteorology's Mt Stapylton station in Brisbane.”

Local Disaster Management Group Chair and Division 10 Councillor Matthew Constance said the new feature ensured residents have the best information at their fingertips when it mattered most. “Residents can now simply click on individual storm cells to see their severity and potential impacts at a glance,” he said.

“In a disaster, it’s vital to know where to turn for reliable information. We encourage everyone to monitor the Bureau of Meteorology’s website and app for official warnings alongside Council’s Disaster Dashboard for local updates on severe weather, road closures, power outages, evacuation centres and more.”

WeatherWatch Meteorologist and Managing Director Anthony Cornelius said having this information publicly available will help the community to plan and prepare.

"Our Storm Intensity mapping combines advanced three-dimensional radar analysis with atmospheric data to identify storms that display the telling signs of severe conditions,” Mr Cornelius said.

“Our goal is to make severe weather information accessible and easy to understand. Partnering with City of Moreton Bay puts information in the community’s hands, helping people make informed decisions and stay safe when storms strike.

“Like any weather analysis tool, it's not a one-size-fits-all solution, which is why we recommend using it alongside official weather warnings for the most complete picture."

The City of Moreton Bay Disaster Dashboard can be accessed at **https://disaster.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/**

To understand your risks and plan for severe weather season visit: https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/Services/Disaster-Management
The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) is Australia’s official source of weather warnings. For more information on weather warnings visit: **https://www.bom.gov.au/**

Bribie Island, it’s time to prepare for extreme weather.

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You’re invited to attend a FREE community workshop delivered by Australian Red Cross.

This workshop will help you to prepare for emergencies. It provides you with an introduction to emergency preparedness, helps you start your own emergency RediPlan and gives you the information and tools to continue preparing yourself, and those you care about, for emergencies. As part of Help Nation, an NRMA Insurance initiative, this workshop will also help you learn about your local risks.

Upcoming Workshop

Date:
Tuesday, 16th September 2025
Time: 1pm – 2:30pm
Location:
Lions Club Community Centre,
Sunderland Drive, Bellara QLD 4507
Contact:
QLDEmergencyRedi@redcross.org.au

To book your spot, contact us or scan here

Neighbourhood Watch

BRIBIE ONE NHW - NEWSLETTER

SEPT 2025

BANKSIA BEACH - BELLARA - WOORIM - BONGAREE - SANDSTONE POINT - NINGI

SHREDDING DAY

We held this on Saturday, 23rd August in the car park of Bribie Central. A very successful morning, with many residents taking advantage of the service to dispose of old tax records, correspondence, bank statements and other personal papers in a secure environment. We filled over 40 wheelie bins with paper documents, and half of one with x-rays.

This service is arranged by your local NHW group, and provided by Shred-X – a disposal company which recycles the material into computer paper. They provide this service as part of their commitment to communities. This is the second year we have undertaken this project on Bribie. It is available to all and we will take any quantity, all for a gold coin donation. One real advantage of this service is that it provides an opportunity for secure disposal of material which could be used to steal your identity. Other advantages include de-cluttering – thus making space at your place for more stuff!

SEPTEMBER MEETING

This will be our AGM, and we need to decide whether we discontinue our regular monthly meetings and go completely electronic. Attendance at our Tuesday meetings has gradually fallen away over the past few years. We have tried evening meetings without any improvement. All new groups forming since Covid have been electronic. We have an active Facebook presence and it would be a simple process to expand that and maintain it as a NHW group. Another disadvantage of diminishing numbers is that our guest speakers have so few in their audience. We have had excellent guests who have given a lot of very valuable information, and it is disappointing that so few have taken advantage of these free occasions.

OCTOBER MEETING

To be held on the 21st, this meeting is sponsored by "Be Connected" and will have a professional presenter who will speak about, and demonstrate, the use of AI in our communication, and how we can take advantage of it with our phone and/or tablet. It is available to anyone – just come along at 9.30 on the Tuesday, bring your phone and/or tablet, and learn how to make better use of them in your everyday life. And there is more – a free morning tea will be provided. It will all be over by 11.30.

ELDER ABUSE

Any act which results in harm to an older person. Usually occurring within a relationship of trust – it mostly occurs within a family - and can be emotional, psychological, financial, physical or sexual abuse; – or neglect. I have an elderly friend who is in nursing home care. When he first was admitted, his family visited very regularly. Then it became once a week, then once a month. Now he rarely sees them. Special occasion days only – "inheritance days" as they are called!

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Just what is it?:- We endeavour to create and maintain a safe and connected community. We do this by raising community awareness about safety and security issues, enabling residents to identify and put in place local crime prevention solutions. Much of what we do is just plain common sense.

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Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, at 9.30 in the ANZAC Room of the RSL.

More information on your local Neighbourhood Watch:- Ring Peter on 0408 841 306

LETS MAKE CRIME PREVENTION A PRIORITY

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO END KNIFE VIOLENCE

37 Offences
1 AUG 2025 — 31 AUG 2025

The Queensland Government has introduced new knife laws, banning the sale of knives to minors and requiring retailers to securely store controlled items.

The new laws are designed to reduce the accessibility of certain items to young people, disrupt and deter violent offences while enhancing community safety.

What do the new laws mean?

The new laws came into effect and penalties apply from September 1, 2024. Businesses are encouraged to start making changes immediately.

While the Queensland Government will pursue an education-first approach to enforcement, penalties of up to $6000 per offence apply.

The Queensland Police Service will be vigorously enforcing these new laws, by conducting in-store visits for compliance checks and expanding wanding operations.

Under the new law...

- It is an offence to sell knives and particular controlled items to minors.
- It is an offence to use false identification to purchase these items.
- It is an offence to advertise these items as 'suitable for combat'.
- Retailers are required to securely store particular controlled items before sale.
- Retailers are required to display signage regarding age restriction for sales.
- New laws are enforceable from 1 September 2024.

What items are affected?

Knives, daggers with a double-edged blade, knives with blades at both ends, swords, machetes, axes, sickles, scythes, spear guns, spears, replica firearms including gel blasters that are also replica firearms, and any other bladed item prescribed by regulation.

Are all knives restricted?
No. Plastic or wooden knives designed to be used for eating, knives with a rounded or dull edge such as a butter knife, and knives designed for use as a cheese knife are not restricted.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink by providing information using the online suspicious activity form 24hrs per day at **www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting**.

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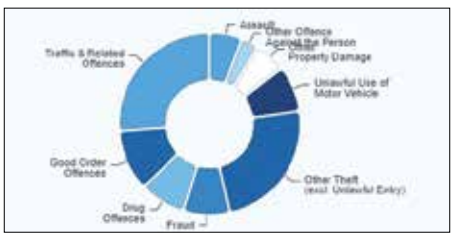

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