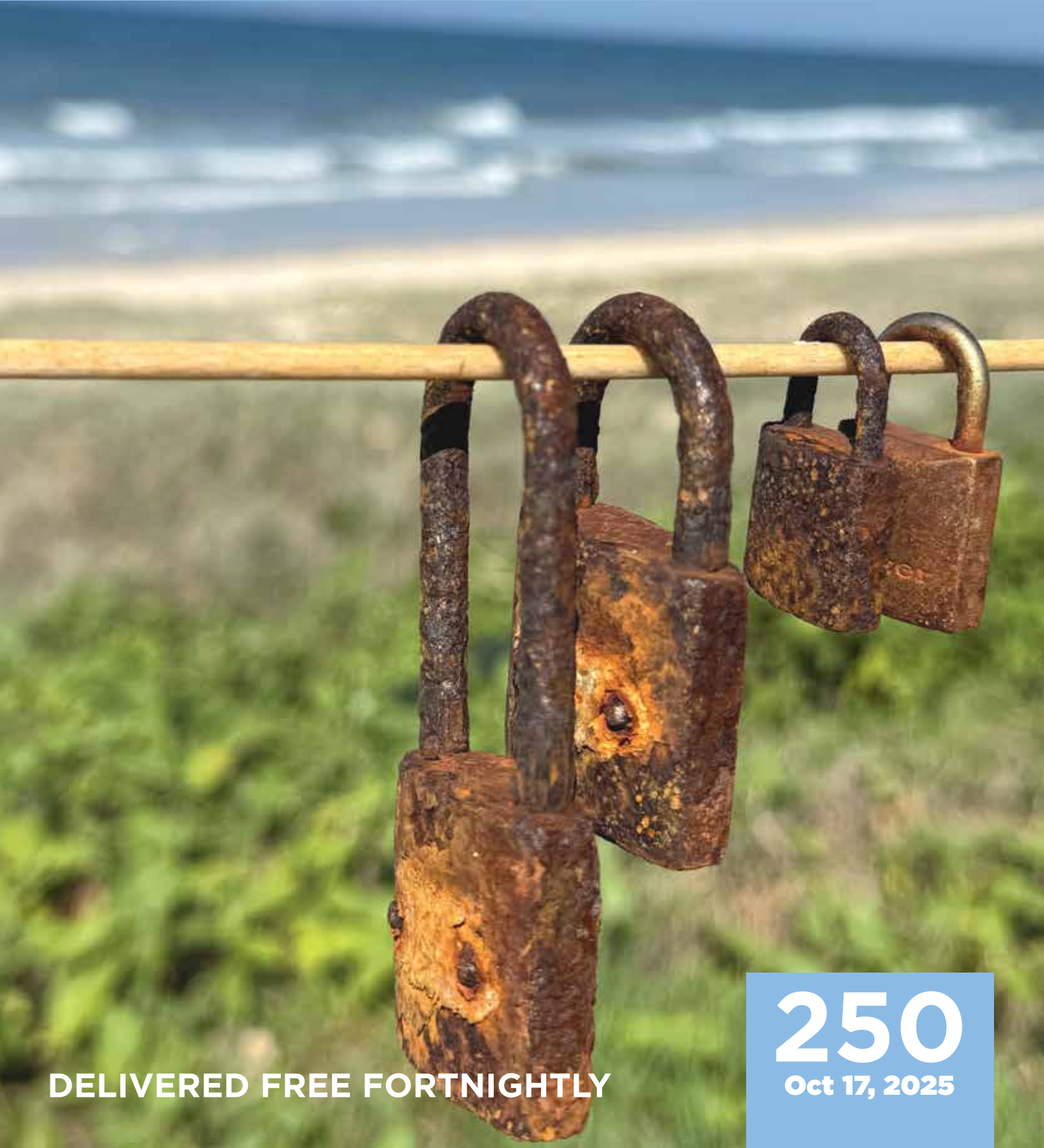


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Welcome

Dear Readers,

Welcome to edition 250! It's hard to believe how quickly this year has gone by, and with Christmas approaching, activities on the Island are ramping up. We have some fantastic things planned!

I want to give you a quick update: Char's Travelling Turtles have changed their location. The event will now take place at the Bribie Bulldogs AFL Club, located on 1st Avenue. Please note this change, and we look forward to seeing you there!

We have some exciting events lined up for you! Join us for the Bribie and Districts Woodcrafters Annual Exhibition and Competition from October 25th to November 2nd, the Bribie Gleeman Pick' N' Mix on November 8th, the Bribie Croquet Club's Morning Tea on October 25th, and the Quilts in the Garden Show on November 29th and 30th. There are many other activities happening around the area, so be sure to check them out!

As we prepare for summer, we've created an exciting feature on pools and spas, filled with innovative ideas to transform your backyard into a summer paradise. Don't miss it!

If you're looking for a more fulfilling life and want to make a difference in our community, Busy Fingers needs you! Volunteering is one of the best ways to give back, and Busy Fingers is the perfect place for you to get involved and lend a hand.

Finally, we have included an article on Elder Abuse and the support available if you or someone you know needs help. Please take a moment to read this important article, as this issue is becoming increasingly prevalent. These grubs committing these horrendous acts to our most vulnerable community members are worthy of nothing short of a bullet. We must look after our elderly, do not prey on them.

Until next time,
Take care, Stay safe,

Cherrie

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Humans Have Five Senses
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But if you believe these are the only five ways you can detect information about your environment or alterations to your person, we're going to punch you in the face. There. Boom. You will feel it thanks to nociception, the ability to sense pain.

There are lots more, too, although the lists vary and the final number-of-senses tally is in great dispute. There are several boring ones that your body does without you knowing it.

So, let's skip those. More interesting is proprioception, which helps you pass the "close your eyes and touch your nose" test.

Basically, it's what lets two parts of your body connect without visual confirmation. If you're (successfully) rubbing your eyes in disbelief, you used proprioception to do it.

If you accidentally smacked yourself in the forehead instead, you experienced a proprioception fail.

Apart from those, hunger and thirst can count according to some, as can feelings of hot and cold. Itch, interestingly, is apparently independent from both touch and pain. It's annoying on so many levels!

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Recent research has shown that all parts of the tongue can detect all flavours, although some areas might be more sensitive than others.

Body Heat Dissipates Mainly Through the Head

You lose most of your body heat through your head because there are so many blood vessels in your scalp. Or because there's not a lot of fat between your scalp and your skull.

Or because there's a lot of circulation keeping your brain warm. Or something.

At least, that's what we've all heard. That's why you need to wear a hat in the winter: Otherwise, you'll catch cold.

But the sad truth is, you lose just as much heat per square inch through your head as you do through the rest of the body.

So, if you're out on a wintry day and you notice that your head seems to be particularly cold compared to the rest of your body, it's probably because your head is bare, and everything else is sensibly bundled up.

Putting on a hat will fix that problem. It's less likely to keep you from catching a cold, though.

Deoxygenated Blood Is Blue

Everybody has veins snaking up and down their bodies, and those veins are blue.

So, it stands to reason that whatever magical and mysterious substance courses through those veins (all right, fine, it's just boring, old blood) is, as a matter of course, blue.

But no! Once your blood has stopped by your lungs and picked up a withdrawal of oxygen it's flush with bright red blood.

Once it's circulated through your body, it returns, and the blood has turned dark red and takes another pass through the heart.

Basically, the veins are blue thanks to a trick of the light, not the colour of what's inside them.

Different Parts of Your Tongue Detect Different Tastes

The belief that different areas of the tongue are responsible for tasting different flavours is mostly a myth.

While there are specific taste buds for sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and savory (umami) flavours, these taste buds are spread throughout the entire tongue, not isolated to certain sections. This idea of having distinct regions on the tongue for each flavour comes from an

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In fact, looking at the large audience demographic, grey hair, willy walkers, bald heads, retirees living their best life on this beautiful island of ours.....the song choices from the **GOOD COMPANY** girls, Teri, Lyn, and Claire, were just what the doctor ordered!!

Every time the next song was mentioned, an appreciative sigh was heard from the audience!

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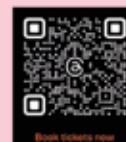
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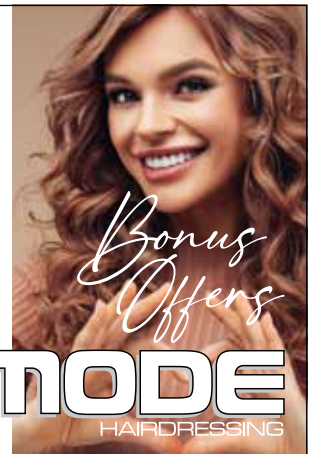
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What makes sandals so appealing is their simplicity and the wide variety available. Whether you prefer flip-flops or fancy strappy styles, there's a sandal out there that fits your vibe.

Recently, we've seen some stylish designs pop up that use high-quality materials and innovative tech, showing that sandals can look great while being functional too.

Plus, many brands are now offering options made from sustainable materials for those who care about eco-friendliness without sacrificing style.

But picking the right sandals isn't just about looks. It's crucial to find a good fit and enough support to keep your feet happy, especially if you'll be wearing them for a long time. Many folks don't think about arch support and cushioning, which can lead to foot pain later on.

So, it's wise to invest in quality sandals that meet your foot's needs, especially if you're gearing up for those long walks or outdoor adventures.

As we dive into a season perfect for exploring and enjoying the outdoors, it's time to shine a light on sandals. Whether you're relaxing by the pool or enjoying a casual city stroll, the right sandals can jazz up any outfit while keeping your feet comfy.

Let's celebrate this classic footwear choice and the freedom that comes with every step in our favorite pair of sandals.



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TYPES OF DOCTORS WITH DIFFERENT SPECIALTIES

Understanding the various types of doctors is essential for receiving timely and appropriate medical care. Each physician specialises in different areas of medicine, allowing them to diagnose and treat a wide array of health conditions effectively. All medical doctors complete medical school and undergo additional training in specific fields to enhance their skill set for treating patients and developing tailored treatment plans. Here is an in-depth guide to some of the most common and critical types of doctors:

1. Primary Care Physicians (PCPs)

Primary care physicians serve as the cornerstone of healthcare for many individuals. They excel in preventive care, conducting routine health assessments, managing chronic illnesses, and coordinating overall patient care. This group includes family medicine doctors, who offer holistic care for patients of all ages, and internal medicine specialists, who focus specifically on adult health issues, diagnosing and managing complex diseases and multi-system disorders.

2. Paediatricians

Paediatricians are dedicated to the health and well-being of infants, children, and adolescents. They track developmental milestones, provide essential vaccinations, and manage chronic conditions specific to the paediatric population such as asthma and diabetes.

Their training equips them to recognise and address health issues at an early stage, ensuring the best outcomes for young patients.

3. Emergency Medicine Physicians

Emergency medicine specialists are critical in acute care settings, primarily found in emergency departments. They are trained to handle life-threatening conditions, such as trauma, heart attacks, strokes, and severe infections. Their expertise in quick patient assessment and rapid intervention is crucial for stabilising patients, offering immediate pain relief, and initiating treatment protocols for a wide range of emergencies.

4. Orthopaedic Surgeons

Orthopaedic surgeons specialise in the surgical and non-surgical treatment of the musculoskeletal system, which includes bones, joints, ligaments, and tendons. They commonly treat sports-related injuries, fractures, and degenerative conditions such as arthritis. Their surgical skills are vital for performing complex procedures, such as joint replacements, arthroscopies, and spinal surgeries that restore mobility and alleviate pain.

5. Neurologists

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6. Rheumatologists

Rheumatologists specialise in autoimmune diseases and disorders that affect the joints and connective tissues, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and gout. They are instrumental in providing long-term management strategies that may include medication, lifestyle changes, and physical therapy to help patients maintain mobility and reduce inflammation.

7. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Doctors (Physiatrists)

Physiatrists focus on enhancing recovery and improving function among patients with physical impairments due to injury or illness. They utilise a holistic approach, incorporating physical therapy, exercise, and rehabilitation techniques tailored to individual recovery goals. Their expertise is vital for patients recovering from strokes, spinal cord injuries, and chronic pain conditions.

8. Obstetrician-Gynaecologists (OB-GYNs)

OB-GYNs specialise in women's reproductive health, managing care throughout different stages of life, including pregnancy, childbirth, and menopause. They perform routine gynaecological exams, prenatal care, and surgical interventions such as caesarean sections and hysterectomies.

Their comprehensive approach ensures that women receive the necessary medical care for both reproductive health and general wellness.

9. Dermatologists

Dermatologists specialise in skin health, diagnosing and treating various skin conditions ranging from acne and eczema to skin cancer. They employ both medical and surgical treatments, including cosmetic procedures like laser therapy and chemical peels. Their knowledge in dermatology is crucial for addressing aesthetic concerns while ensuring skin health.

10. Urologists

Urologists focus on the urinary tract system and male reproductive health. They diagnose and treat conditions such as urinary incontinence, kidney stones, urinary tract infections, and prostate disorders. Urologists often perform diagnostic procedures like cystoscopies as well as surgical interventions to correct anatomical abnormalities.

11. Cardiologists

Cardiologists specialise in diseases of the heart and blood vessels. They utilise diagnostic tests such as echocardiograms and

stress tests to evaluate cardiac function and identify underlying problems. Their role is critical in preventing, diagnosing, and managing cardiovascular diseases, recommending lifestyle changes, medications, and procedures as necessary to improve patient outcomes.

12. Oncologists

Oncologists dedicate their practice to cancer diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing management. This specialty includes various subspecialties such as medical oncologists, who administer chemotherapy, radiation oncologists, who focus on radiation therapy, and surgical oncologists, who perform cancer surgeries. They collaborate closely with other healthcare professionals to provide a multidisciplinary approach to cancer care.

13. Infectious Disease Specialists

These specialists focus on the diagnosis and management of complex infections. They are crucial for treating rare and severe infections such as HIV, tuberculosis, and other challenging diseases that may not respond to initial treatments. Their expertise in epidemiology and public health is instrumental in controlling infection outbreaks and implementing preventive measures.

14. Geriatricians

Geriatricians are experts in the healthcare of elderly patients, addressing the unique medical needs that come with ageing. They provide comprehensive assessments, manage multiple chronic conditions, and focus on enhancing quality of life. Their goal is to help older adults maintain independence while coordinating care across various specialties.

15. Preventive Medicine Specialists

Preventive medicine specialists emphasise the importance of health promotion and disease prevention. They engage in public health initiatives, conduct screenings for early disease detection, and encourage lifestyle modifications to mitigate risks associated with chronic health conditions. Their proactive approach aims to enhance wellness and reduce the incidence of preventable diseases.

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The Illusion

of Lasting Happiness in Things

Often, we fill our lives with things, things that we feel will make us happy. Some are led to believe that happiness is purchased. A new outfit, a beautiful piece of furniture, the latest phone, or even a holiday, each brings a burst of joy, a spark of excitement, and a sense of fulfillment.

Yet, as time passes, the shimmer fades. The new clothes lose their freshness, the phone becomes outdated, and the holiday becomes a memory. We find ourselves once again searching for the next thing that will make us feel whole.

This cycle is not wrong; it is part of being human. It is natural to enjoy beauty, comfort, and experiences. Though when we lean on them as our source of happiness, we quickly discover that the joy is fleeting. Things outside of us were never designed to bring lasting peace. They can only ever provide moments, not the foundation.

True happiness, the kind that settles deeply into our bones and fills us with contentment, cannot be purchased. It is born from within. It arises when we allow ourselves to connect with who we truly are, beyond roles, beyond possessions, beyond expectations. This inner joy does not fade with time, because it is not dependent on circumstance - it is simply the essence of our being.

When we quiet the noise of “not enough” and “I will be happy when...,” we begin to see that everything we seek is already here. Inner stillness,

gratitude for the present moment, and a heart open to love create a happiness that no object can give and no one can take away.

This is not to say we should deny ourselves the enjoyment of the material world. Rather, it is about shifting perspective, seeing that the true source of happiness is not the new dress, but the joy within us that makes the dress feel beautiful when we wear it. Not the home itself, but the peace and love we cultivate inside it.

When we return to ourselves, our breath, our heart, our spirit, we tap into a well of joy that is infinite. No purchase can give us this, and no loss can take it away.

Everything you are searching for is already within you. If you would like guidance in finding peace and joy that lasts, reach out and give me a call. Together, we can nurture the light within you.

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MICHELLE MCCARRON - ELDER ABUSE SUPPORT

Michelle McCarron - Advocate & Support Against Elder Abuse My Story

As the details are unpleasant and disturbing, only the outline facts have been written.

On **31/1/24**, I was admitted to the hospital. Whilst I was in emergency, very ill and vulnerable, I was sexually assaulted by an employee of the hospital. He had worked there for six months and sexually assaulted multiple women; he was charged, has a criminal record and is on probation.

I had no support during this ordeal.

A police report was completed, and then I had no idea what to do next.

I am 67 years old. I was frightened, vulnerable and in pain and had no support. I am now public speaking to support older Australians who, like myself, have been through trauma.

If this is you or someone you know, please get in touch with me to stop elder abuse. I am an advocate, sharing my perspective with a wider audience.

I want to raise awareness, support, inform and protect the older population who are being mistreated.

Elder abuse is a pervasive issue that often goes unreported, with 1 in 6 older people in the community falling victim to it, sadly, often by family members. This alarming statistic underscores the urgent need for action and awareness.

The types of abuse are:

- **Neglect/domestic violence**
- **Physical and verbal abuse**
- **Psychological and emotional abuse**
- **Financial abuse**
- **Sexual**
- **Control and manipulation**

As a community, we hold the power to recognize, respect, and refer. It's crucial to understand that some victims may experience more than one type of abuse.

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I am available for further speaking (no cost) to all community organisations.

WHAT ARE THE 3 R'S OF ELDER ABUSE?

Bystanders should remember the three "Rs." This stands for recognize, respond and refer. The first step in helping to break the cycle of abuse is recognizing the signs and behaviors. Abuse can be physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, financial, digital or resource restrictive.

What is the legal definition of elder abuse in Australia?

Elder abuse is a single or repeated act or lack of appropriate action, occurring within any relationship where there is an expectation of trust, which causes harm or distress to an older person **Michelle McCarron** has been a victim of abuse herself and now works hard to help other victims who don't know how to report abuse or where to turn.

She is available 24/7 and will guide you through the first stages of police reporting and support you.

Please contact **Michelle** on **0428 900 767**

Why You Should Become a Volunteer:

The Humorous Take

So, you're sitting there scrolling through your social media feed, watching cat videos and reality TV stars living their best lives. But have you ever considered trading in one of those mind-numbing hours for something a bit more fulfilling—like volunteering?

Yes, I know what you're thinking: "Who has time for that?" Well, let me break it down for

you. Here are a few hilarious reasons why you should leap off the couch and into the world of volunteering.

1. Free Therapy Sessions!

Let's face it: life can be a bit overwhelming.

But volunteering is like free therapy, minus the hefty copay. Instead of spilling your guts to a therapist about why your avocado toast didn't toast correctly this morning, you can vent about your love for stray cats—or maybe just offer a helping hand to people who actually need it.

Plus, you'll get to look like a saint while doing it. Who wouldn't want that halo of goodness hovering above their head?

2. Master the Art of "I'm Busy" Without Actually Working!

In today's society, if you're not "busy," you're basically a ghost. Volunteering provides the perfect excuse for when Aunt Gertrude asks why you haven't shown your face at family functions.

Just smile and say, "Oh, I'm busy doing community service." You'll not only sound impressive, but you can also watch as they nod



in appreciation while you secretly binge-watch that new series on Netflix later. Double win!

3. Snack Attack!

We all know that one of life's greatest pleasures is food. When volunteering, you often get free snacks. Whether it's those stale bikkies from the markets or pizza leftovers from that charity event, there's almost always something to nibble on.

Just think of it as your personal buffet, but you get to feel virtuous while munching on slightly expired donuts. Who knows, maybe you'll be the next donut connoisseur in your volunteer circle!

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4. Make Friends – Even the Weird Ones!

Tired of your same old group of friends who insist on going to that one incredibly boring brunch place? Volunteering opens up a treasure trove of interesting characters!

You'll meet quirky individuals with fascinating stories. From the grandma who knits sweaters for parrots to the eccentric artist who thinks we can all telepathically communicate; your new friend group will never be boring.

Plus, you'll have endless stories to tell at your next awkward social gathering!



5. You Get to Wear Magnificent Name Tags!

Ah, the name tag. The ultimate accessory. But forget about the classic black or beige.

You'll be donning some truly fabulous name tags that scream "Look at me, I'm saving the world!"

Just imagine the possibilities: "Super Volunteer" or even "The Cookie Fairy." Who wouldn't want to sport one of those bad boys?

6. It's a Legit Excuse for Avoiding Adulting!

Have you been trying to dodge doing your laundry or cleaning your room? Well, volunteering can be your perfect cover! "Oh, I can't go do my chores today; I have an important meeting at the animal shelter to save puppies."

You'll feel like an adult who is making a difference in the world while simultaneously sidestepping your responsibilities. Win-win! In conclusion, volunteering is not just about

giving back; it's about gaining a little joy (and possibly some free snacks) along the way. So, step away from that unproductive scrolling, grab a friend, and find a cause that tickles your fancy. Who knows?

You might even end up discovering your unique talent for organizing craft supplies or befriending every pet in the neighbourhood.

Your future self will thank you, and you might just have a few laughs in the process. So put on that "Super Volunteer" cape, and let's save the world, one awkward encounter at a time!

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By Heenam Kim

Depression and Anxiety Psychotherapy & Hypnosis

Recently, a man in his 60s visited my shop who had suffered from depression for his entire life. He told me he had tried everything, psychologists, psychiatrists, hypnotherapy, even travelling to Thailand to see a spiritual guru, yet nothing really helped him. I take my hat off to him, because despite all his past disappointments, he still had the hope and determination to get better.

After only two sessions with me, he was finally free from his old pattern of depression. I didn't need to know every detail of his story. What mattered was helping him recognise that he had been stuck in his conditional mind. He had been living as though trapped in the cage, blaming the cage itself, without realising that the door was never closed. He just needed to open his wings and fly away to freedom, like his own poem.

Once his old, conditional, and

limiting beliefs were disrupted and replaced with healthier ways of thinking, he began to embrace the world as it is, rather than having harsh judgements. His emotional state transformed, his anger dissolved, his self-judgment softened, and he found a deep sense of peace within himself.

Depression often keeps people trapped in a cycle of self-focus and self-criticism. They believe they are not good enough, that the world is unfair, or that life has given them a bad deal. They become caught in a victim mentality, unable to see that the real issue lies not in the world around them. The good news is that these patterns can be broken.

Strategic Psychotherapy is a results oriented, solution focused approach that differs from traditional psychology. Rather than focusing on diagnosis or lengthy analysis,

it looks at how people create and maintain their problems through repetitive patterns of thought and behaviour. For example, anxiety and depression often stem from habits such as overthinking, catastrophising, perfectionism, or people-pleasing. These are not character flaws, they are simply ineffective strategies the mind has adopted to cope with stress or uncertainty.

Once these patterns are identified, the therapist helps the client build new, more functional strategies through psycho education, reframing, and experiential learning. Clients begin to understand how their mind works and discover that they have far more control than they ever realised.

When combined with Clinical Hypnotherapy, change can happen even faster. Hypnosis allows clients to access the subconscious mind—the part responsible for automatic thoughts and emotional responses. In this deeply relaxed, focused state, old programming can be replaced with new, empowering beliefs. The subconscious mind accepts positive suggestions more easily, helping clients embody change rather than just intellectually understand it.

The process is gentle, brief, and highly targeted. Clients often experience profound relief within a few sessions because

the therapy focuses on creating change, not merely analysing the problem.

Depression and anxiety are not lifelong conditions, they are patterns that can be rewired. With the right guidance, people can learn to think differently, feel differently, and ultimately live freely, just like the man who walked into my shop burdened by decades of despair and walked out with peace in his heart. He returned to the shop a few times afterwards, amazed at how much better he felt. When I asked if he would be open to giving me a testimonial and recording his experience about the sessions, he gladly agreed. People don't really believe that it is possible they can also change to live happier life.

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Walking on grass



The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.
The instructor said, "Ladies, remember - Exercise is good for you."

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"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It won't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?", said the Instructor.

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It was a truly delightful experience enjoyed by all — just another example of the **fun and friendship** our members share.



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The program will help businesses grow customers, boost profits, and strengthen cash flow with digital tools, training, and tailored support Initiative could deliver up to \$14 million in benefits by increasing sales, reducing lead generation costs, and improving invoice payment times

City of Moreton Bay, in partnership with Constant Contact and Xero, has launched the Business Boost Tech Essentials Program to give up to 1,000 local small businesses free access to digital tools and training to help them grow and manage finances.

City of Moreton Bay Mayor Peter Flannery said efficiency was critical to small business success. "This program is about helping local businesses grow, streamline processes and improve cash flow," he said.

"Just one extra weekly sale from existing customers could save \$5.1 million in lead generation costs across our business community. Altogether, this initiative has the potential to deliver up to \$14 million in benefits for local businesses."

The program supports Council's commitment as a Queensland Small Business Friendly Council to ease pressure on business owners and build capacity.

Queensland Small Business Commissioner, Dominique Lamb, welcomed the initiative. "If a business understands its financial position, it is 80 per

cent less likely to become insolvent. That's why programs like this are so important. City of Moreton Bay continues to show it understands its small business community and delivers practical initiatives to help them thrive, not just survive," she said.

Constant Contact Vice President Asia Pacific, Renee Chaplin, said time-poor small businesses often struggled to keep up with marketing while juggling tax and cash flow.

"Leveraging technology to drive growth and customer loyalty not only works, it's good business. Through this partnership, small and medium businesses now have six months of free access to marketing and finance tools that support scalable, sustainable growth."

Small Business Association of Australia Founder and CEO, Anne Nalder, said the program came at a critical time. "To survive in a constantly shifting economy, small businesses must focus on sales, cost savings and profitability. This initiative provides valuable, free access to the finance and marketing tools needed to do just that."

Business Boost Tech Essentials Program details:

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CALLING ALL IBIS SERVANTS

People are inherently good, mostly. There are some rotten eggs, I grant you, but for the most part, most of us are trying to be good people.

We don't take action or think certain ways without good reason, and it's understanding what goes on in that thought process that allows us to see the perspective where the good intention lies.

We sometimes do not so good things, meaning to do well, based on how we internally frame a situation, event, action etc.

Let me give an example to explain (and then I'll get to the bit where this has anything to do with ibises).

You're driving a car, and you get to a pedestrian crossing. There's a person standing at the crossing waiting to go across. You slow down, then stop. The person waves you through.

Now what? Do you break the rules and drive through, and hope no one makes a mad dash across? Most drivers would accept the gesture and drive through, wouldn't they?

Or do you refuse to go through and wave your arm back? What if they refuse to move? How long do you hold your standoff?

Both people are trying to be nice, but it is quite clearly stated in Queensland road rules that vehicles must give way to pedestrians on, or about to be on, the crossing.

The pedestrian could be thinking, "Hey, I'm slower than you, you should go", or "I'm waiting for my friend to catch up, you should go". They're not trying to be difficult or to cause a disruption.

Their intentions are good, but maybe they're doing something annoying by not just crossing the road (or maybe they should get off the bloody thing if they're not going to cross).

So ... ibises.

I know, right ... you were thinking "how on earth does this swing back to ibises?" Hold on to your seats, folks, because I'm about to hit you with a doozy. Ibises do not eat deep-fried potatoes in the wild.

I KNOW! Mind-blowing. And, completely unrelated, but stay with me.

How many people have I seen feeding

ibises chips down by the water ... too many. Or bits of their crumbed fish, or cheese and crackers. And for an ibis ... what a feast! And I've judged those people as doing something bad.

I saw an ibis hovering around a table with a chip in its beak, and I looked up to see a woman at the table eating fish and chips, wiping her hands on her shorts and scrunching together the leftovers of the meal in the butcher's paper.

"Doesn't that woman know you shouldn't feed ibises, let alone any wild animals, let alone feed them chips?"

A patient ibis inconspicuously paces around a picnic table, waiting for the unsuspecting humans to leave their food unattended, or to throw out some crumbs; it's not fussy.

Surely everyone knows that the natural diet of an ibis does not include chips, bread, ice cream, ham, cheese or deep-fried anything. And this goes for any bird, mind you. One quick search online will render up heaps of sources that state why bread is bad for birds and why hand feeding any wild animal is discouraged.

Ok, so people feeding ibises chips are doing something bad. My feelings have been validated, and my argument justified. Except ... I listened to a podcast the other day that challenged my thinking here.

Wily cockatoos, bin chickens and spangled drongos - an interview with Darryl Jones by Sarah Kanowski on ABC's Conversations podcast.

In this podcast, Darryl talks about a range of Australian birds and how they've come to interact with humans in urban areas. And the bit that particularly grabbed my attention was why people feel the need to feed birds.

It's because they care.

They feel sorry for the birds. They think that the birds are hungry, and are not sure that they'll get food (it's a hard life for animals in the wild). The people want to help, and they can, so they do. I realised that I, perhaps unfairly, judged the woman who fed the ibis the chip, but that's just



- begin the refusal of deep-fried potatoes.

By Brooke Nunn

because I care too. I want to help. I want them to stop feeding the ibises so that the birds don't eat human garbage and stink and get called horrible names.

I want them to eat insects and crabs and be healthy.

So, both sides are just trying to do what they think is right based on what we instinctively feel. They see an animal they think is in need, and they try to help it, and there's something so beautiful about that.

We care so much for our animals; they keep us company, give us purpose, make us laugh, and we appreciate how amazing they are. They also keep us fed, provide transport and are vital to the health of the planet.

So, I get it. But we have to help in other ways that don't include feeding ibis's chips. Sorry.

I'm not sure what the answer is here because I think people will always want to feed wild animals. Look at the dolphins feeding in Monkey Mia and Tin Can Bay, which are both popular tourist attractions and cause debate.

Perhaps more education, signage in areas where bird feeding is common, or everyone gets a link to my blog with their tax return (or perhaps a link to the podcast with the expert).

In the podcast, Darryl mentions that although we've been told never to feed wild animals, maybe there's a way we can, but we need to do it differently; we need to do it better.

Will you help?

Listen to the podcast, share the information and don't feed human food to ibises. Merely bow before the noble ibis if they care to grant you an audience.

CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

by Kathy Vincent

It has been a very busy year, with new members, numerous competitions, and players participating in many different clubs across various away competitions.

However, the highlight of the year is the presentation of awards to the members who have competed and won in the Club Championships.

Well, to have a successful celebration, there is usually food! So, of course, the tables were set outside in the glorious spring sunshine, and caterers provided a BBQ while members sat and chatted and enjoyed the ambience.

So good to celebrate a successful year of croquet. Winners were certainly gridders! I can't list all the winners' names, but the photos show the winners from each group.

If you enjoy some fun, a sausage sizzle, a free morning tea and prizes, why not come down to the Croquet Club on,

Saturday the 25th of October

There were three different disciplines of croquet

- Association
- Ricochet
- Golf

The winners of each discipline are smiling happily in the photos!



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I am sure that was a Cliff Richard song, but it is very appropriate for this article about the Bribie Island Croquet Club!



Golf croquet winners



Ricochet winners



Association winners

Hope to see you on the 25th

LET'S GO TRAVEL

Exciting Announcement for Our Next Meeting on October 26th at the RSL at 3 PM!



We have four, possibly five, individuals interested in a trip to England, Ireland, and Scotland in September 2027. We plan to share more information about this at the October meeting, so we encourage anyone who might be interested to join us.

Please note that everyone will need to make their own travel bookings, as we will not be doing the bookings for everyone. However, we will all be on the same tour, so if you decide to join, we will be together.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the fantastic weather we've been having, and I'm looking forward to our next meeting where we can discuss all things travel. Many members are set to embark on their journeys soon, with trips to Croatia, Greece, Japan, and more.

I can't wait to hear all the details and stories when they return!
Safe Travels
Regards

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The Bombora Outrigger Canoe Club recently held their Annual General Meeting and the Incoming Committee for the 2025/26 year are:

Beverley Gray, President
Christine Knowles, Secretary
Eleanor Beard, Treasurer.

The outgoing Committee of Min River, Cathy Collinson and Eleanor Beard were sincerely thanked for their dedication to the Club over the past 12 months. Many goals were achieved under their guidance.

The new Committee wish to extend a warm welcome to any new paddler who would like to come and try this amazing, fast-growing sport.

There is no better way to start the day then with an early morning paddle on the stunning Pumicestone Passage amongst the amazing sea-life that greets us regularly.

So don't hesitate! Telephone and speak with Gillian on Mobile **0493 075 698** we would love to meet you.



Photo L-R
Christine Knowles, Secretary - Beverley Gray, President - Eleanor Beard, Treasurer.

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Local Dining Guide



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Recently, a think tank comprising several of the wine industry's prominent movers and shakers from high-profile wine companies convened to discuss the challenges facing Australian wine in the current environment. Earlier this year, the International Vine and Wine Organisation reported that global wine consumption had reached a new 64-year low, dropping a further 3.3 per cent year-on-year, which is causing concern among wine producers worldwide who are competing for sales in a smaller market.

Although Australia has seen a relatively stable market over the last 15 years, analysis from the IWSR suggests that Australia has been one of the hardest hit by the growth of 'Ready to Drink' (RTDs) over the last 6 years, which is mainly driven by younger alcohol drinkers.

Despite China's removal of tariffs last year, the last three vintages have been the smallest in more than a decade. While the 2025 vintage crush was 11% greater than in 2024, it was 140,000 tonnes below the 10-year average.

As a result Australian producers have been spearheading innovation in a number of different ways, from format, to flavour, packaging and more and the think tank was invited to comment on the biggest challenges for Australian wine over the next five years and whilst the answers were broad and

focused on standing out and connecting meaningfully. It's about meeting people where they are, with products that excite and narratives that inspire, something that I was aware of in most of my career in the industry, spending many hours out in the field talking about wine, showing the different styles, and chatting with consumers. It served me well, and I still enjoy this one-to-one contact.

Another problem facing the industry in today's environment is the shrinking of available funds due to high interest rates and inflation, which has resulted in higher mortgages for younger wine buyers who must then buy what they can afford.

A segment that has seen enormous growth in the last ten years is Prosecco, and Yellow Tail, regarded as Australia's most valuable wine brand in worldwide sales, has partnered with Australian singer and TV personality Sophie Monk on their latest campaign, Easy to Love.

Coming on board as the brand's first Australian ambassador, Yellow Tail believes that Monk shares the brand's life-loving spirit and optimistic, down-to-earth nature.

Monk who has been sipping on Yellow Tail Chardonnay and Yellow Tail bubbles for a long time was thrilled to be invited to be an official partner of

Making good wine is a skill, making fine wine is an art.

- Robert Mondavi

reflected the size of the wineries involved it showed that Australia's wine industry has to adapt if it is to remain relevant to the next generation.

Compared to other categories, such as spirits, RTD, and beer, wine has been slow and resistant to change, which is necessary to future-proof the category and reimagine wine in today's modern lifestyles.

Such changing conditions include climate change, which we have discussed in length in recent articles, changing consumer drinking habits, such as the non-alcoholic section and health factors; however, we continue to make wine that is as good as any wine producing country in the world, which is shown in International Wine Shows where our wines scoop many of the top awards on display.

As Cameron Macfarlane, CEO at Brown Family Group, put forward, recruiting the next generation into wine has been a major challenge, and this comes back to relevance.

Today's consumers are looking for products that reflect their values and lifestyles, so we're reimagining wine through innovation, flavours, formats, and storytelling. With a growing spectrum of choices from alcoholic to non-alcoholic, Browns is

Yellow Tail, and one which doesn't take itself too seriously, as she reports wine has always been about sharing a few laughs with friends or making special moments with family and doesn't need to be stuffy and complicated, just delicious.

The new wine is set to be launched sometime in October, and a new campaign will be activated across various platforms. Monk will be the face of a Yellow Tail product launch ahead of the key selling period.

The new Prosecco is being released in two styles, including a rosé, and the packaging is outstanding. The retail price should be around \$19.

From my perspective whilst I think this is the type of innovation the above article relates to with Australian wineries having to innovate to continue to remain relevant, I hope using the Prosecco name isn't going to be a problem going forward because the Italian Wine Industry is still looking at ways to restrict the term to only being used by Italian Wine producers, watch this space.

Cheers,

Philip Arlidge
arlidge@bigpond.com.au

I cook with wine sometimes I even add it to the food. - W.C. Fields

LOCOMOTIVE STORAGE

FOR THE BRIBIE ISLAND TRAIN LINE

Following eight months of meetings, discussions, engineers' calculations and drawings, site inspections for cultural and ecological issues, and identifying a suitable location amongst the trees, not to mention a fair degree of frustration, we obtained building approval to install a shipping container to store additional locomotives.

A local builder, Jimmy Benham from COBI Constructions, offered to inspect the foundations and complete the Final Inspection documentation, which saved us a considerable amount of money. A short time later, Jimmy Benham helped us with the refurbishment of the Guards Van.

The Community Plant Nursery covered the costs to purchase, transport to the site, crane hire to lift the container onto the foundations, and the costs of sand, gravel, and cement for the foundations.

We remain indebted to the Community Plant Nursery volunteers for all their hard work at the Nursery, which has culminated in the help and support they have given us.

Members took on the job of digging the foundation holes that were half a metre square by 60 cm deep, mixing and pouring the concrete, and sitting back with a cuppa, telling each other what a grand job we had done. We then designed and built an inclined track to provide access to the container for steam locomotives.

Many local businesses and charity organisations support numerous community groups, including ours.

These supporters include Busy Fingers Fundraisers Inc., Community Plant Nursery, The Bribie Islander Magazine, Cobi Constructions, Bribie Signs, and Hans Electrical.

We are all so fortunate to live in a community that has so much internal support. Maybe our Island community has adopted the sentiment contained in a quote from William Penn circa 1680, which says:

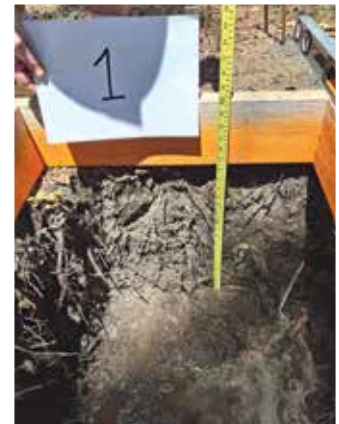
I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.

We only have two additional needs at MELSA Park. One is a 48-volt electric loco that can pull two carriages on our Run Days and a few more members to help us operate locos, signals, track preparation, safety and numerous other tasks required for safe and fun-filled monthly Run Days held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. If you've ever wanted to be part of something special, now's your chance!

No previous experience with trains, steam, electrical, or mechanical work is required—just a passion for contributing to an incredible cause.

Whether you're assisting with track preparation, managing signals, or ensuring safety during our thrilling Run Days every 3rd Sunday of the month, your involvement will make a huge impact!

Let's work together to create unforgettable experiences for our community. Come be a part of this rewarding journey, and help us keep the spirit of the railroad alive!





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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
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Enjoy playing 500 Cards?

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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
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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 Arts Centre

October & November Workshops

There's a wealth of fun workshops happening in the coming weeks at the **Bribie Community Arts Centre - 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach.**

All classes are run by dedicated and skilled tutors and held in the airy, light-filled studios at the Centre.

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Saturday 25 October 2:00pm - 4:30pm



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Join Yvette for a fun day of colourful, textured mixed media fun.

You'll start with the basics and complete a couple of finished art pieces, learning the steps to Yvette's unique style.

Price \$120; includes all art supplies.

Bring your lunch/snacks or visit the onsite Cafe (open 9-2pm)

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Yvette also offers 15% off any of her art on the day.



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For further details, requirements list, or to book, contact
Robin Jensen: j-robin@aapt.net.au phone 0421043924

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, 191 Sunderland Drive Banksia Beach, QLD 4507

Bribie and District Woodcrafters Annual Exhibition and Competition is being held in October 2025

The theme for this year's competition and exhibition is "Introducing our Timber Treasures".

You are warmly invited to attend this year's exhibition held at the Bribie Island Community Art Centre, Mathew Flinders Gallery, 191 Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach, from October 25, 2025, to November 1, 2025, from 9 am to 3.30 pm daily and on November 2, 2025, from 9 am to 11.30 am. The exhibition will showcase work created by some of our 180-plus members in various aspects of woodcrafting and wood art.

During the exhibition, we will be presenting Memory Boxes made by our members to the Advanced Breast Care Group.

Members will have a variety of items for sale during the exhibition, making this a great opportunity to shop for a special occasion and/or Christmas. Three raffle prizes have been generously donated by our members, with tickets available for purchase at the exhibition. The raffle will be drawn after 11:30 am on November 2, 2025. We also have a lucky door prize, which will be drawn after the raffle.

There will be a "People's Choice Award" for which you are encouraged to vote.

During the exhibition, some demonstrations will be conducted at our clubhouse, behind the Art Centre. Mark the dates in your diary and join us for this celebration of creativity and craftsmanship.

Come along and enjoy.

Any enquiries, please phone our president on **0415 237 167** or email president@bribiewoodies.org.au

Bribie & District Woodcrafters
EXHIBITION 2025

Matthew Flinders Gallery, Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

25th October – 1st November
9am – 3.30pm
2nd Nov 9am – 11.30am
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- Lucky Door Prize
- Visitor's nomination for People's Choice Award

• There may be daily demonstrations in the Woodies sheds at the back of the Arts Centre.

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9am - 2pm Sat 29th & Sun 30th November

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Studio 3,
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QUILTS IN THE GARDEN

Beautiful quilts and craft items will be on display at Quilts in the Garden at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November 2025.



Island Quilters President, Margaret Klatt, said that there will be many wonderful quilts on display, including a special showcase celebrating International Women's Day.

"The trading table will be stocked with many handmade items carefully crafted by very talented members. Perfect for unique Christmas gifts.

There will also be vendors with quilting and sewing supplies for sale. "Island Quilters have been established on Bribie for 35 years, with currently over 40 members.

New members are always welcome. We love a chat, to share our creations, learn something new and contribute to our community by donating quilts, and other handmade items, to local charitable groups and aged care facilities."

The inaugural Quilts in the Garden weekend will be held in the garden and surrounds of Studio 3 at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, Sunderland Drive. The Show will be open from 9am to 2pm and admission is free.



A warm welcome awaits.
Enquiries to bribieislandquilters@gmail.com



Understanding the Distinct Roles of Pools and Spas

As the warmth of summer draws near, countless individuals begin to ponder ways to engage with water, seeking refreshing escapes that facilitate relaxation and rejuvenation. While both pools and spas offer enjoyable retreats, they serve distinct purposes and cater to a variety of experiences.

This overview aims to elucidate these differences to help you determine which option aligns more closely with your lifestyle and desires.

The Versatility of Pools

Swimming pools are quintessential representations of summer enjoyment. Their expansive, glistening surfaces not only create inviting spaces for social interaction but also enhance opportunities for leisure activities.

Imagine sun-drenched afternoons filled with spirited games, leisurely laps, or simply lounging in a float while soaking up the sun's rays.

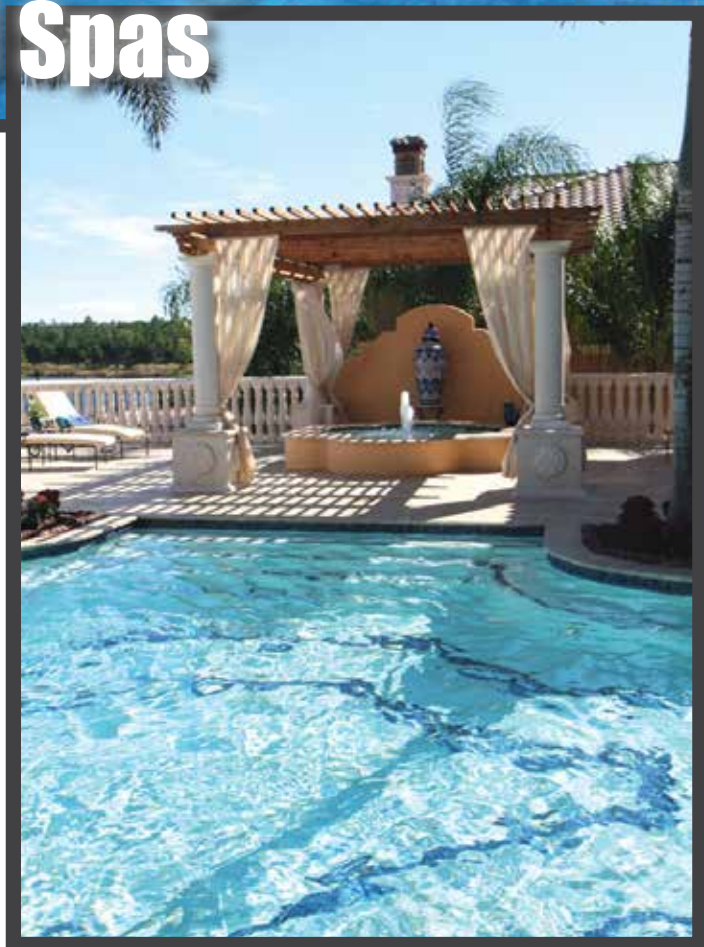
The vibrant social atmosphere of a pool is invaluable; it often becomes a central hub for creating cherished memories during gatherings, festive barbecues, and celebratory events.

Pools come in myriad styles and designs, ranging from budget-friendly above-ground models ideal for smaller or uneven yards to luxurious inground varieties boasting elaborate features such as shimmering waterfalls, customizable LED lighting, and stunning infinity edges that create a seamless horizon line.

This extensive variety enables pools to cater to an array of aesthetic preferences and financial considerations.

Beyond leisure, pools also promote physical fitness, providing exceptional opportunities for exercise through swimming laps, engaging in water aerobics, or hosting dynamic poolside workouts.

These activities contribute significantly to cardiovascular health, muscle strength, and overall well-being.



The Tranquility of Spas

In contrast, hot tubs and spa pools are crafted specifically for a more intimate, serene experience. Renowned for their therapeutic advantages, spas foster soothing environments that encourage relaxation and self-

Evaluating Your Options

When deliberating between a pool and a spa, it is essential to reflect on your lifestyle, priorities, and envisioned use of your outdoor area. If your predominant interest lies in hosting lively gatherings and engaging in energetic leisure activities with family and friends, a pool may prove to be the most fitting addition to your space. Conversely, if you are in search of a peaceful retreat aimed at relaxation and self-renewal, a spa could offer just the solitude you desire.

Some homeowners find the ideal solution in a combination of both, integrating the ample features of a pool with the soothing charm of a spa. This dual approach creates a dynamic outdoor environment that allows for spirited social activities during sunlit days while providing a tranquil escape under the serene night sky, maximizing the benefits of your outdoor space.

Both pools and spas significantly enhance the quality of life by providing refreshing escapes from the daily stresses we encounter.

They serve as catalysts for reconnections—with ourselves, nature, and our loved ones. Whether you ultimately choose a pool or a spa, each presents its unique advantages and avenues for savouring the revitalizing benefits of water—an indispensable element of relaxation and rejuvenation.

In the end, the choice should truly reflect your personal preferences, lifestyle needs, and the type of experience you wish to cultivate in your outdoor oasis.



care. The warm, bubbling water envelops you in a cocoon of tranquillity, relieving physical tension and offering gentle massages through strategically arranged jets. This transforms your backyard into a rejuvenating sanctuary focused on holistic wellness, both physically and mentally.

Spas are often envisioned as private havens of renewal, ideal for quiet evenings shared with loved ones or tranquil moments of solitude under a starlit sky.

Their compact size allows them to seamlessly fit into smaller outdoor spaces, making them accessible to a diverse range of homeowners.

With a plethora of design options—ranging from sleek, modern looks to rustic, natural finishes—spas can significantly elevate the aesthetic appeal of any outdoor environment, adding a touch of elegance and style.



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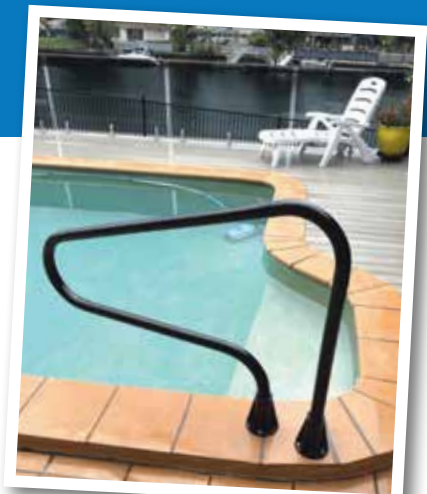


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As the summer season approaches, homeowners are increasingly focused on upgrading their outdoor spaces, with the pool area often becoming a central hub for relaxation, recreation, and social gatherings.

One highly effective yet frequently overlooked feature that can significantly enhance your outdoor experience is the addition of stylish shutters.

Shutters are a multifunctional enhancement designed to elevate your pool area into a serene oasis. One of their most significant advantages is the privacy they provide.

With strategically placed shutters, you can create a secluded environment, allowing you and your family to enjoy the pool without feeling exposed to the eyes of neighbours or passersby.

This enhanced sense of seclusion can transform your pool area into a tranquil retreat, perfect for unwinding after a long day or enjoying intimate gatherings with friends.

In addition to providing privacy, shutters also offer practical protection from the elements. On scorching summer days, they can effectively lower the temperature of your pool area by blocking direct sunlight and reducing glare, which can enhance your overall comfort.

Many modern shutters are equipped with adjustable slats, allowing you to customize the amount of light that filters in while also ensuring proper airflow.

This flexibility is particularly beneficial during those sweltering afternoons when the sun is at its peak, enabling you to maintain a pleasant swimming environment.

Aesthetically, shutters bring a touch of sophistication and style to your pool area. Available in a diverse range of materials—including

classic hardwood, durable vinyl, and sleek aluminium—shutters come in various colours and designs, making it easy to select an option that aligns with your home's architectural style and landscape.

Whether you prefer the rustic charm of stained wooden shutters or the modern elegance of powder-coated metal options, the right choice can significantly enhance the visual appeal of your outdoor space.

The installation of shutters can serve not only as a functional feature but also as a striking design element that creates an inviting atmosphere for your gatherings.

Shutters also play a crucial role in enhancing safety—an essential aspect for families with children and pets. When installed correctly, shutters can act as a physical barrier, helping to deter unsupervised access to the pool area.

This added layer of security can provide peace of mind for parents, allowing them to enjoy their outdoor oasis while knowing that their loved ones are safe.

Finally, when considering outdoor enhancements, maintenance is a critical factor. Fortunately, modern shutters are engineered to resist the effects of various weather conditions, including UV rays, moisture, and temperature fluctuations.

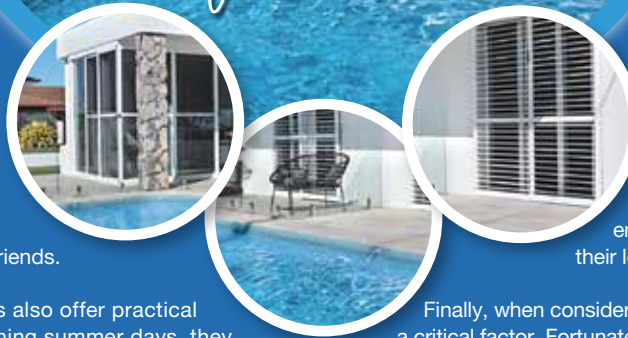
This ensures longevity with minimal upkeep, so you can devote more time to enjoying your pool and less time on maintenance chores.

If you're aiming to elevate your pool area this summer, consider the impactful addition of stylish shutters. Offering an exceptional combination of privacy, comfort, aesthetic appeal, and safety, shutters are a valuable investment for enhancing your outdoor living space.

By incorporating this versatile feature, you can create a beautiful and functional sanctuary that caters to your family's recreational needs while providing a perfect backdrop for leisurely summer days.

Enhancing Your Pool Area

with Stylish Shutters



Residents urged to check pool compliance as data shows fence failures

- Newly released data reveals a concerning number of Moreton Bay residents are failing to meet pool fencing standards
- Between 2021 and 2025, City of Moreton Bay investigated 274 backyard swimming pools and found two-thirds of those were non-compliant mostly due to fencing failures
- As the weather heats up, Moreton Bay residents are being urged to check whether their pool meets building and fencing requirements

A concerning number of Moreton Bay residents aren't meeting pool fencing standards, with DIY jobs, maintenance issues and portable pools the major failings.

As the arrival of warmer weather heralds the beginning of the backyard pool season, City of Moreton Bay has released data that reveals general complacency and misunderstanding around pool safety requirements.

From 2021 to 2025, Council investigated 274 pool compliance complaints, with two-thirds of pools found to be non-compliant and a large number of residents required to fix fencing or remove inflatable and above-ground pools.

And since 2018, Council received 67 notifications of pool immersions – half appeared to be due to a lack of fencing maintenance or failure to keep non-climbable zones clear, while the remaining half was attributed to a lack of parental supervision. Tragically, the immersions included four fatalities.

Mayor Peter Flannery said the statistics were a sobering reminder of the need for residents to check whether their pools, spas and portable wading pools were compliant.

"While residents generally believe they have done the right thing, the unfortunate reality is their pool may not comply with pool safety laws," he said.

"There are rules around the required height and strength of pool fencing, self-latching requirements for gates and the need to ensure non-climbable zones.

"Most non-compliance occurs years after the pool was installed, as gardens and trees have grown and encroached on the non-climbable zone, fencing has deteriorated, or the original gate has been replaced with a DIY gate that isn't up to scratch.

"With this in mind, we are reminding residents to

take the time to properly check their pools to ensure compliance."

Of the 274 complaints investigated by Council, 52 involved properties where there was a swimming pool with no fencing at all.

This included 34 properties with either an inflatable or temporary pool, underscoring a lack of understanding around when fencing needs to be erected.

"Many inflatable and portable pools need building approval and fencing that meets the pool barriers safety standard, which many people don't realise," Mayor Flannery said.

"All swimming pools and spas, including blow-up ones, that can be filled with water to a depth of more than 300 millimetres need a building permit and a complying pool barrier (safety fencing)."

"We've had instances where residents have bought a portable pool for Christmas but end up pulling it down because the cost of fencing it is more than the pool itself.

Or they get an inflatable pool or spa and don't realise they need to fence it. While these situations can be quite upsetting, the bottom line is that safety standards exist to keep people safe."

Portable wading pools, however, don't trigger the requirement for a complying barrier as long as they meet the following criteria: (a) is capable of being filled with water to a depth of no more than 300mm; and (b) has a volume of no more than 2,000L; and has no filtration system.

Mayor Flannery said while compliant fencing restricts entry to a pool, it wasn't enough on its own to prevent a tragic incident.

"Active and constant adult supervision is critical to prevent drownings and near drownings. It only takes a matter of seconds and a small

amount of water for a child to drown," he said. In addition to meeting safety standards for pool barriers, there are several regulations pool owners and tenants need to adhere to.

Owners must follow the state's safety standard when building and maintaining their pool and register their pool with the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC).

Owners and tenants must keep pool gates closed and keep the pool area clear of objects that children use to enter the pool.

QBCC Commissioner and CEO, Angelo Lambrinos, said pool safety certificates played an important role in ensuring a pool was compliant.

"You will need a pool safety certificate if you are selling, buying or leasing a property with a pool, but for peace of mind, pool owners and tenants can also engage a QBCC-licensed pool safety inspector to ensure their pool meets the safety standards," Mr Lambrinos said.

Pool safety certificates are valid for:

- **One year for shared pools**
- **Two years for non-shared pools.**

Mr Lambrinos also reminded pool owners who needed to replace a pool barrier, that they must engage a QBCC-licensed pool safety inspector to inspect the barrier.

"The pool safety inspector will then detail what needs to be done to ensure the barrier is compliant and provide certainty that pool safety standards are met," he said.

For more information about swimming pool regulations, visit [Swimming pools | Queensland Building and Construction Commission](#)

Council's website also has information about swimming, spas and portable wading: [Swimming pools, spas and portable wading pools - City of Moreton Bay](#)



Between 2021 and 2025, Council audited 274 complaints regarding pool compliance. Of these complaints:

- 131 voluntarily complied by taking necessary action to ensure their pools met safety standards
- 125 were found to have been compliant, 2 were issued with a show cause notice, while another 6 were issued with an enforcement notice
- 52 had pools with no fencing, with 34 of the pools either inflatable or temporary pools
- 44 had gaps in the fencing larger than the specified limit
- 26 had objects within the non-climbable zone, while another 20 had fences that weren't the required height
- 9 had gates that weren't self-closing, while another 9 had gates that weren't self-latching
- 3 had a door or window providing direct access from their home to the pool



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When thinking about landscaping options for a pool, it's crucial to balance beauty with practicality. Plants should look good but also be able to thrive in a poolside setting.

Choosing plants that are native to the area can be especially helpful since they are accustomed to the local weather and don't need much maintenance.

These plants often bring bright colours and interesting textures throughout the year.

Picking the right plants can help reduce the number of debris that falls into the pool.

It's smart to steer clear of trees that drop lots of leaves or fruit and instead go for easy-to-care-for shrubs and ornamental grasses that stay neat and tidy.

Many people find that evergreens, which stay green all year, create a lush backdrop that complements the sparkling water nicely.

Landscaping around a pool can also improve safety and accessibility. Clear pathways made with durable ground cover or decking can help guide guests safely around the area. Placing plants strategically can provide shade, creating cool spots to relax on hot summer days.

Groups of ferns, colourful flowering plants, or even tropical

varieties can define poolside spaces, making them feel cozy and inviting. Adding water features like small waterfalls or ponds can enhance the landscape even more, providing soothing sounds and visual appeal.

The gentle sound of flowing water can help drown out outside noise, making it easier to enjoy peaceful moments by the pool. Using natural stones and decorative boulders in the design can enhance the look, giving a more organic feel.

Sustainability is another important aspect when landscaping around pools. Choosing drought-resistant plants means less need for constant watering, which is better for the environment and helps save resources.

Using mulch and native plants can help keep the soil moist and reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, making the area healthier for people and wildlife.

As more homeowners focus on outdoor living spaces, the importance of thoughtful landscaping around pools grows. It's a chance to connect nature with relaxation, ensuring the pool area is useful, safe, and inviting.

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BONGAREE BOWLS RESULTS

Bongaree Bowling Club Results 26/9/2025 to 9/10/2025

Results of Friday Paddle Pop Draw 26/9/2025

Winners: Pam Walker, Beryl Moor, Margaret McGarry
Billy Moor, Di Drew, Bev Montgomery, Peter Caruso

Results of Saturday Scroungers 27/9/2025

1st: Roland Harvey. 2nd: Sheena Bath. 3rd: Gideon Croukamp

Results of Tuesday Turkey Pairs 30/9/2025

Winners: Ken Kajewski, Jacque Murdoch
R/Up: Maureen and Richie Ferguson

Results of Wednesday Fours 1/10/2025

Winners: Noni Jordan, Lynn Hocking, Marty Hall, Jan Dixon
R/Up: Val Smith, Imelda Valentine, Pam Walker, Bob Vonarx

Again, Ray White Real Estate sponsored our Wednesday Fours on 1/10/2025. Thanks so much for your ongoing support of our great club. Seen here they were presenting the Runners Up for the day with their winnings. Well done.

Results of Thursday Jackpot Pairs 2/10/2025

Winners: Mick McHenry, Noela Gray
R/Up: Arne Jensen, Errol Fender.

Results of Friday 2-4-2 3/10/2025

Winners: Sue Francis, Richard Fell
R/Up: Di Drew, Bev Montgomery

Results of Saturday Scroungers 4/10/2025

1st: Yuki King, 2nd: Sheena Bath. 3rd: Adrian Taylor
On Saturday 7/10/2025 the final of the Mixed Pairs was played on a sunny afternoon. As usual there was a good following of club members watching the game between 2 very strong teams. Players were Dee and John Morrison and Claire and Garry McCarthy. Both teams played a great game but there can only be one winner and with a score of 21-17 Dee and John Morrison were the winners of the Mixed Finals for 2025. Well done both teams for a great final and congratulations to Dee and John.

Results of Tuesday Turkey Pairs 7/10/2025

Bonus Draw: Jackpot

Results of Wednesday Fours 8/10/2025

Winners: Peter Szepes, Rachael Mills, Maureen Potts, Imelda Valentine
R/Up: Ron Carruthers, Terry Leach, Doreen Pennery, Jim Warrick



SOLANDER LAKE BOWLS SATURDAY 27/9/25

Saturday 27/9/25 Club Select Triples

Winners: Ricci Harris, Kevin Zipf, Ray O'Brien
2nd: Des Stewart, Beryl Cowperthwaite, Ian Jackson
W/E 30/9/25

Tuesday Club Select Triples
Winners: John Harris, Paul Bavage, Janelle Day

2nd: Debbie Jackson, Michael Whiteside, Ron Schulze

3rd: Ian Jackson, Beryl Cowperthwaite, Ricci Harris

Wednesday Club Select Triples

Winners: Dennis John, Peter Nixon

2nd: Tony Miguel, Chris Jenkins, Ray Zahl

3rd: Not Available

Thursday Self Select Fours

Winners: Chris Cummins, Jennie Cummins, Andy Wilkie, Ian Boast

2nd: Tony Ollier, Wayne Shackell, Daryl Wilkins, Ray Zahl

3rd: Jenny Jameson, Keith Riethmuller, Andy Ives, Steve Jameson

Friday Self Select Triples

Winners: Debbie Jackson, Brad Lawler, Steve Jameson

2nd: Vernon Dean, Russell Symon

Saturday Club Select Triples

Winners: Ron Boddenberg, Bruce Crawford
2nd: Ian Jackson, Dave Dodd, Allan Matheson

W/E 12/10/25

Tuesday Club Select Triples

Winners: Hester Poulos, Paul Bavage, Graham Hubbard

2nd: Bill Dobey, Rosa McLeod, Paul Boldero, Ron Schulze

3rd: Sheila Jeffrey, Bruce Crawford, Diane Nock, Robert James

Wednesday Random Club Select 2 Bowl Triples

Winners: Julie Sargent, Vicki Mitchell, Peter Nixon

2nd: Brad Lawler, Brian Cayley, Steve Jameson

3rd: Maurie Bonollo, Raie Stuart, Wally Schmidt

Thursday Self Select Fours

Winners: Bill Taylor, Kevin Moore, Ralph Chaplin, Steve Todd

2nd: Chris Cummins, Jennie Cummins, Andy Wilkie, Ian Boast

3rd: Ted Fairman, Mike Whiteside, Val Paul, Merv Adams

Friday Random Club Select Pairs

Winners: Denis John, Alex Kinnear

2nd: Des Stewart, Glenn McCarthy

Saturday Club Select Triples

Winners: Grant Riley, Rosa McLeod, Robert James

2nd: Bill Cameron, Jeff Wall, Allan Matheson

BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

30 Sept to 9 Oct 2025

30/09/25 SINGLE STABLEFORD

DIV 1 WINNER Robyn Harper
35. 2nd Toni Grossman 34 c/b.
3rd Linda Urquhart 34
DIV 2 WINNER Maureen Bailey
36. 2nd Heather Croukamp 35
c/b. 3rd Maree Bailey 35 c/b
DIV 3 WINNER Stina Barnulf
34. 2nd Judy Bedson 34 c/b.
3rd Jan Jennings 34 c/b
NTP. Hole 4 Jody Bedson.
Hole 7 Sue Navie. Hole 14 Stina
Barnulf HOLE IN ONE
Hole 16 2nd shot Debbie
McCowan. Hole 14 (Div 3 2nd
shot) Carol Lobegeiger

02/10/25 SINGLE STABLEFORD

DIV 1 WINNER Di Binghamy
40. 2nd Val Phinn 37. 3rd Carol
McKenzie 33 c/b
DIV 2 WINNER Ailsa Lauchlan
39. 2nd Tanya Zanow 35
c/b. 3rd Dianne Williams
(Leongatha GC) 35
DIV 3 WINNER Jan Jennings
35. 2nd Margaret McDonald 34.
3rd Heather Croukamp 32
NTP. Hole 4 Di Binghamy. Hole
7 Judy Graham. Hole 14 Kate
Wesener. Hole 16 2nd shot
Carol McKenzie. Hole 7 (Div 3
2nd shot) Carol Lobegeiger.

07/10/25 SINGLE STABLEFORD

DIV 1 WINNER Pauline Grooby
40. 2nd Barbara Newcomb 37
c/b. 3rd Ros Gardiner 37 c/b
DIV 2 WINNER Dianne Williams
(Leongatha GC) 40. 2nd
Christine Pronk 37 c/b. 3rd
Myra Dickson 37 c/b
DIV 3 WINNER Jude Dorhauer

38. 2nd Susan Brown 37 c/b.
3rd Nadia Aylott 37
NTP. Hole 4 Sue Navie. Hole 7
Carol McKenzie. Hole 14 Kate
Wilson. Hole 16k 2nd shot
Lesley Heap. Hole 7 (Div 3 2nd
shot) Heather Croukamp

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Christine Pronk 62
2nd Runner up Sharon Blundell
and Kathy Sankey 61

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Nadia Aylott and Lesley Foran
(Caboolture GC) 61
1st Runner up Magrit Pearce
and Linda Wright (Redcliffe
GC) 56
2nd Runner up Fizzie Jackson
and Paula O'Reilly (Redcliffe
GC) 55

ACCURACY DRIVE -

DIV 1 Gill Lee. DIV 2 Charmaine
Price. DIV 3 Marj Sills
NTP. Hole 4 Sharon Blundell.
Hole 7 Kate Wesener. Hole
14 Desley Neilson. Hole 16
Christine Pronk
PRO PIN 3rd shot 18th Lorna
Burns

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9 Oct Sharon Fizzie Heather and Paula



9 Oct Sharon Lesley Nadia and Heather



9 Oct Sharon Sharon Kathy and
Heather

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Medhurst & P Breene

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J Wright 2 J Borowski & J
Easey 3 H Tyler & J Medhurst
E/W 1 J Hays & K Cohen 2
G & S Barnulf 3 L Heap & B
Connell

Fri 3 Oct N/S 1 L Groves & T
Avenia 2 P Hexel & L Kane 3
E Viney & J Greet E/W 1 J
Hays & H Tyler 2 B Moxham
& L Chapman 3 C & R
Perrott

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& L McLaren 2 S Watson
& R Sutton 3 D Quinan &
D Brady E/W 1 J Wright
& L Carr 2 D Scown & J
Borowski 3 S McCulloch & L
Groves

Wed 8 Oct N/S 1 S Watson
& L McLaren 2 D & G
Gibbards 3 H Standfast & J
Budgeon E/W 1 R Sutton
& M Bailey 2 G & S Barnulf 3
E Viney & L Wilson

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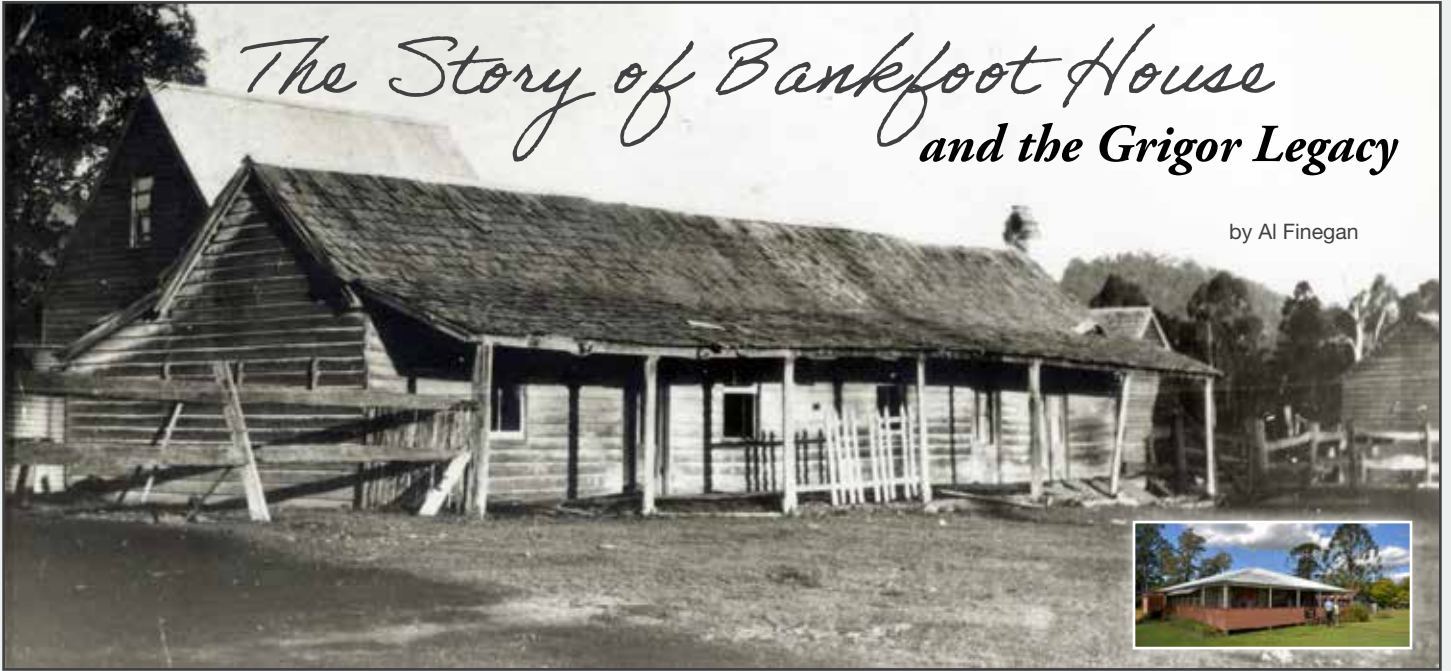
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The Story of Bankfoot House and the Grigor Legacy

by Al Finegan



The Glass House Mountains were named by Captain Cook in 1770, but it was to be almost another century before Europeans actually settled near the iconic volcanic plugs. The area between the Mooloolah and Maroochy Rivers was closed to settlement prior to 1860 as part of a Reserve proclaimed by New South Wales Governor George Gipps in 1842.

The aim of the reserve was to protect the bunya trees that were highly valued as a food source by the Aboriginal people. After the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859, Gipps' proclamation was rescinded by the Crown Lands Alienation Act 1860, which allowed for post-survey selection, and timber-getting licenses. This led to the first white settlement in the Glasshouse Mountains district.

William Grigor and Mary Fenwick both arrived at Moreton Bay on 19th January 1855, on the sailing ship William Miles. Mary had been born in Bankfoot, Perthshire, Scotland in 1834, and had met William, also from Scotland, during her voyage to Australia. They had become close friends, a true shipboard romance, which continued after their arrival in Australia. In August 1863, Mary married William Grigor.

In the mid-nineteenth century, the Queensland frontier was still primitive. Brisbane was a modest township, Ipswich a growing settlement, and the lands further north largely accessible only to those willing to tackle creeks, scrub, and the thick jungle-like bush. Cobb & Co had established its famous coaching service, linking outlying districts with Brisbane. But to travel too far north from Brisbane was out of the question.

The Queensland Treasury officially began with nine pence, when the state was formed. They desperately needed funds. In October 1867, their prayers were answered when James Nash discovered gold in what was to be called "Nashville", later changed to Gympie. It became

known as, "... the trigger of the rush that saved Queensland."

The financially fragile colony suddenly had a lifeline. Prospectors, businessmen, families, and drifters all headed north, and with them came a need for food, rest, and shelter. While William Grigor was not interested in gold mining, he saw opportunity in the new road, really just a dirt track, that was the new link between Brisbane and the Gympie goldfields.

William chose a parcel of land on which to start a new family and his planned career near the southern base of Mount Coonowrin, known locally as "Crookneck". In late 1868, William, with the help of a ship's carpenter, built a house with timber and shingles. It was simple in form, but sturdy.



After completing the building of their new home they christened it Bankfoot House, after Mary's home town in Scotland.

This was not intended to be a grand residence in the style of Brisbane's wealthy elite, but a practical homestead and, most importantly, a staging post. He was right.

It quickly became known as a welcoming stop for weary travellers, and diggers (miners) moving both ways between Brisbane and Gympie. Cobb & Co was suddenly able to offer a service to Gympie, using Bankfoot House as their overnight respite. The Grigors offered meals, beds, and fresh horses for the Cobb & Co coachmen and their passengers. Within a few years, Bankfoot House was not just a home, it was a landmark, etched into the memory of every person that travelled the Gympie Road.

The Grigors were more than innkeepers. They were part of the growing society in their district. William was a sawmiller and timber-getter, taking advantage of the vast forests that covered the hinterland slopes. His work supplied the very materials that built houses and towns across southeast Queensland.

Mary, meanwhile, raised their children and kept the heart of Bankfoot House alive with her hospitality. Mary, practical and compassionate, knew how to run a household that could double as a business and a refuge. Their home served not only as their family home and wayside inn, it was also a post office, store, butcher, and community hub.

There are many stories recorded in diaries and notebooks of their life at Bankfoot House in the early 1870s. Here is one interpretation I have written from a diary in the house: "When the sharp crack of whips and the rattle of wheels would echo up Old Gympie Road, dust could be seen rising as a Cobb & Co coach appeared on the horizon.

Mary Grigor would wipe her flour-dusted hands on her apron and step out to the veranda. Beside her, one of the older children would swing the heavy post office ledger closed, for the travellers will soon expect their dinner and news from the north. "Another full load," William would stride in from the yard where

he had been tending the horses. His sleeves were rolled up, his face lined by sun and sweat. "They'll need fresh teams. I'll see to it."



Within moments the yard became alive, horses led out, steaming and restless. Fresh mounts brought in from the paddock, children scurrying with water buckets. The coach driver, hungry and tired, slaps the reins into William's hands and makes for the kitchen door where Mary has already set bread, salted beef, and tankards of tea upon the table. "Dinner's a shilling, bed's another if you're staying," she calls briskly. "And mind you don't block the veranda with your boots."

The diggers laugh, but they do as she says. Few argued with Mrs Grigor.

Life at Bankfoot was a ceaseless cycle of work. William and Mary raised nine children between 1864 and 1878, though three were lost in infancy and childhood - a sorrow all too common in colonial Queensland. William also expanded his holdings to several adjoining selections, using the land for dairying and crops.

A decade later, as business grew, they constructed a larger timber home behind it, the one that still stands today. From 1868 until 1907, the Bankfoot Post Office operated from their residence, with William as postmaster. Mary was more than hostess and housekeeper. She became the district's unofficial midwife, tending women in labour when no doctor could be found. Her practical knowledge, gathered through experience and necessity, saved lives and made her respected far beyond her home.

Here is another story I have written from diaries of the time. "One night, a rider galloped up in the dark, lantern swinging, calling for Mrs Grigor. His wife, he gasped, was labouring early and dangerously. Without hesitation Mary wrapped a shawl about her shoulders, fetched her small basket of cloths and remedies, and mounted behind him.

She was gone until dawn". By the time she returned, weary but smiling, another child had been safely brought into the world. For the settlers scattered across the Glass House district, Mary was not only an innkeeper but a valuable mid-wife.

Education was difficult. With no local school until 1906, the Grigor children had to travel long distances. For a time, two of the boys lodged in a small hut by the Caboolture River throughout

the week, returning home only on weekends. Such arrangements were harsh but common in pioneering families.

Daily survival meant not only coping with isolation from civilisation, but continuous tasks, which included carrying water from creeks, and maintaining livestock. Yet the Grigors persevered, their home becoming synonymous with hospitality and resilience. In the evenings, when the last travellers had eaten and the horses were stabled, the Grigor family gathered by lamplight. Mary mended clothes while William read aloud from a newspaper weeks old, its edges smudged from many hands.

The children listened to stories from the guests, wide-eyed, hearing tales of gold strikes, floods, and new ships arriving from Britain. Sometimes, a digger would play a fiddle, or a coach driver would recount adventures on the road - hold-ups, storms, or the treacherous crossings of the Mary River. Bankfoot House was more than a roof and meal - it was a meeting place of stories, laughter, and survival.

Due to an increased demand for accommodation, a second dwelling was built in 1878. The original house was demolished in 1930 and the timber recycled and used in refurbishments on the 1878 building which was constructed behind the original Bankfoot House

Mary Grigor died in 1900, mourned as a pillar of her community. William continued as postmaster until his own death in 1907. Their youngest daughter Clementina, who had married James Burgess, inherited the house,



William and Mary Grigor

James and Mary continued to operate Bankfoot House as a farm, adapting to the shifting rhythms of rural life. The staging post era was ending, but Bankfoot House remained a hub of activity. The

Burgess family raised cattle, grew crops, and maintained orchards.

They became deeply involved in the local community, contributing to schools, churches, and civic organisations. Their children grew up beneath the shadow of the Glass House Mountains, walking the same dirt tracks once travelled by gold prospectors and coachmen. The Burgess presence lasted for decades. Bankfoot House witnessed the turn of the century, the Federation of Australia in 1901, and the upheaval of two world wars. Through it all, the family preserved the property, repairing, extending, and maintaining the old homestead while continuing to call it home.

In the mid-twentieth century, Bankfoot House became the home of Jack and Mary Ferris, descendants of the

Burgess line. Jack and Mary Ferris moved into Bankfoot House a few years after WW2. They continued the traditions of farming and hospitality, welcoming visitors who wandered through the Glass House Mountains. Jack became a local figure of note, known for his storytelling and his deep knowledge of the region's history. Jack, a timber-getter and bullocky lived a long, meaningful life and died aged 101 in 2002. At Jack's request, the Caloundra City Council purchased the house and contents from the Ferris family in 2004, and it is now managed by Sunshine Coast Council.

By the time Jack Ferris died, Bankfoot House had sheltered three generations of one family across more than 134 years. Today, as a museum and heritage-listed property, it stands as the oldest surviving residence in the Glass House Mountains district.

The Grigors had built more than a homestead. They laid the foundations for a community. Through their post office, they connected settlers with the wider world. Through their inn, they provided safety and sustenance on a dangerous road. Through Mary's care, they safeguarded mothers and children.

In the late 1950's, I stayed there overnight with a small group of Boy Scouts, to climb Crookneck the next day. I still remember the night I spent there. It is a deep poignant memory of wonder at the atmosphere and welcome I felt. We listened to Jack's stories in wonderment. While we were served strawberry milk, I played the piano and everyone sang along to my Aussie bush songs. On a recent visit, I stopped when I saw the same piano exactly where it was when I was a lad. It brought back deep memories.

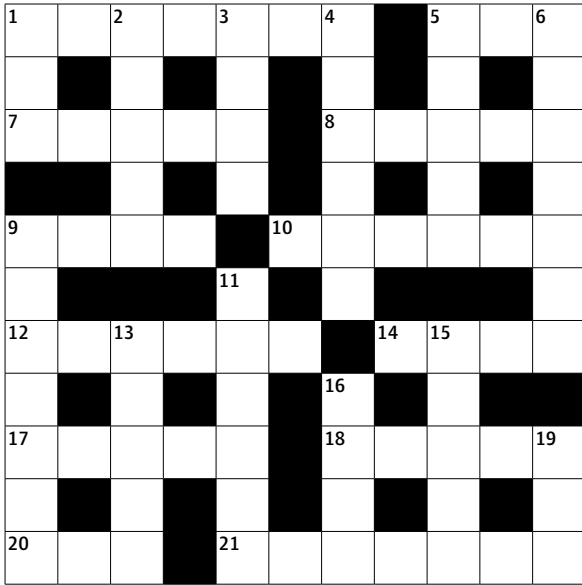
On walking the veranda and halls, I could imagine the Grigors on any given day - William leading teams of horses beneath the fierce Queensland sun, Mary serving steaming tea to weary travellers while cradling her youngest on her hip, the sound of boots on veranda boards, the clatter of dishes, the murmur of prayers at night.

Bankfoot House endures as a testament to Australian pioneering families. It tells us not only about timber and coaches, about goldfields and roads, but also about the intimate rhythms of colonial life - births and deaths, meals shared with strangers, letters sorted and delivered, and the daily courage of a woman and her man building a future in an untamed land.

Their graves are still tended under the gum trees behind Bankfoot House and still protected by the silent mountains that will forever watch over them.



Crosswords - QUICK & CRYPTIC



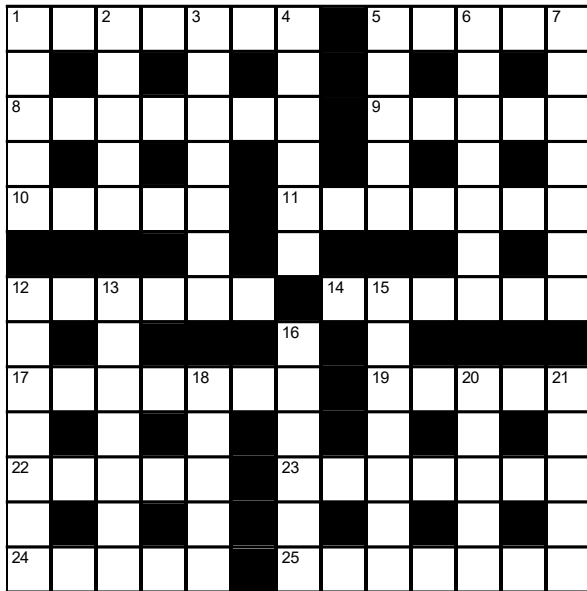
Across

- 1 Thinks a lot of redesigned sidearm (7)
- 5 Fool heads for absolutely stupid situation (3)
- 7 Person in authority, not old, primarily upright? (5)
- 8 Shadow concealed within aluminium bracket (5)
- 9 Look embarrassed disposing of large shrub (4)
- 10 Televisive swinging censer (6)
- 12 Reflecting some perverse choices (6)
- 14 Benefactor overlooking new opening (4)
- 17 Non-mainstream component of vitamin diet (5)
- 18 Stenches from small streams emitting carbon (5)
- 20 Chap's seen heading up heavy industry sector (3)
- 21 Took exercise under stress, wasting seconds (7)

Down

- 1 Venomous flying creature not with venomous crawling creature (3)
- 2 Quantity of time also required for breakfast and lunch? (5)
- 3 Disturbance initiated by rebellious idiots or thugs (4)
- 4 Original point in changing course (6)
- 5 Risk missing good stroll (5)
- 6 Dye worker upset retsina (7)
- 9 Mark of damage in emblem is horrible (7)
- 11 Tinsel fluttering without sound (6)
- 13 Underworld leaders in Houston are discussing extra sabotage (5)
- 15 Canoe capsized in body of water (5)
- 16 Region in Near East (4)
- 19 Blue skies are due at the outset (3)

CRYPTIC



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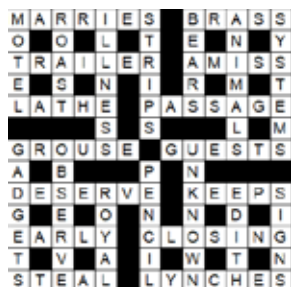
- 1 Puts one and one together (7)
- 5 Officers with a lot of nerve (5)
- 8 Retrial ordered in preview (7)
- 9 Inappropriate for a young lady (5)
- 10 Machine the French and the English manufacture (5)
- 11 Progress as pages are turned (7)
- 12 Complain about game? - after all, it is the object of the 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)
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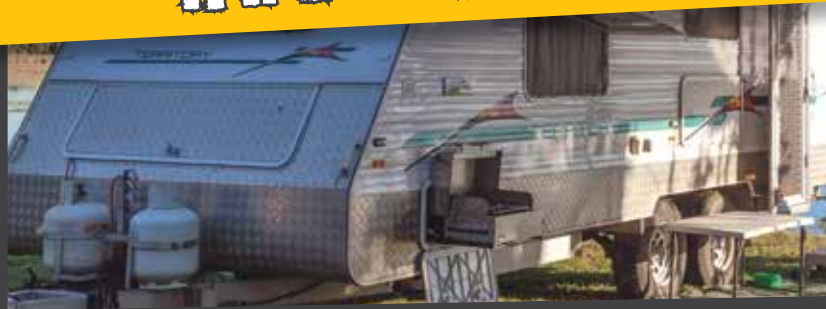
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One of the most effective ways to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience is through professional regular safety checks for your boats, caravans, and camping gear.

These checks are essential in maintaining equipment integrity and providing peace of mind for adventurers.

Boats and Jet Skis

Professional safety checks for boats and jet skis are critical in preventing accidents on the water. These checks involve thorough inspections of key components such as the engine, fuel system, and safety equipment.

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Knowing that your gear has been professionally inspected allows you to relax and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature without unnecessary worry.

Community Benefits

The importance of professional safety checks extends beyond individual safety; it benefits the entire outdoor community. By prioritizing safety through professional inspections, you help reduce the burden on emergency services that often respond to accidents that could have been prevented.

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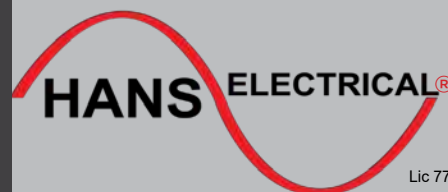


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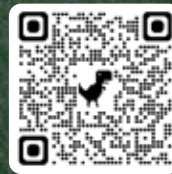
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Barriers and a Community Approach to Inclusive Housing

We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the world, and it's heartening to see initiatives like the First Homeowner Grant helping more people achieve the dream of homeownership.

However, I remain deeply concerned that too little attention is being given to a significant portion of our community: people who require adaptive spaces to live safely, comfortably, and independently.

There is an urgent need to prioritise homes that include accessible features — such as step-free entryways, wider hallways and doorways, step-free showers, and spacious layouts.

These design elements are not just “nice to have” — they are essential for people living with disabilities, older Australians, and anyone who may experience reduced mobility at any point in life.

The reality is the housing market as it stands places people with disabilities at a significant disadvantage.

The barriers they face in daily life are only compounded by a built environment that wasn't designed with them in mind. But we have the opportunity — and the responsibility — to change that.

Inclusive housing design doesn't just benefit those with current physical challenges — it benefits everyone. A step-free shower, for example, can be safer for children, parents, older adults, and people recovering from injury.

Building homes that are accessible from the start helps create a more equitable, resilient, and future-focused community.

Since October 2023, all new homes built in Queensland must comply with the **Livable Housing Design Standards**. These standards introduce simple but impactful features, such as:

- Step-free entry into the home
- Wider internal doorways and hallways
- Reinforced bathroom walls to allow future installation of grab rails
- Clear Circulation Space:

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These design changes are cost-effective, adding less than 1% to the total build cost when included from the outset.

Yet, they offer significant long-term savings by reducing the need for costly home modifications, hospital admissions, and aged care placements.

These guidelines, part of the National Construction Code (NCC)2022 in Australia, are based on the Livable Housing Design Standard (LHDS) and are designed to reduce the need for costly future adaptations by incorporating these features during construction.

It's time we engaged builders, developers, occupational therapists, and local councils to work together on inclusive housing solutions and continue to follow the Livable Building Guidelines.

The bathroom is a key area where thoughtful design can have a massive impact, but the whole layout matters. Let's stop seeing accessibility as a specialist feature and instead treat it as a **standard of good design**.

People with adaptive needs are often long-term tenants and motivated buyers. They deserve

the same opportunity to live, thrive, and invest in our communities as anyone else.

Let's build a future that welcomes everyone — because anything less is not just short-sighted, it's discriminatory.

More than **1.2 million Queenslanders** live with disability — yet despite this, the **Queensland Productivity Commission** has recommended that the government opt out of the **mandatory Livable Housing Design Standards**, unless further “net benefits” can be demonstrated.

If this recommendation is accepted, it would **reverse the progress** Queensland has already made and place us **out of step** with five other states and territories that have committed to these nationally consistent standards.

We must not let this happen. Accessible, livable homes should remain a **top priority** in Queensland's building future — because a home that works for everyone is a home worth building.

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Calls for homelessness education in schools as new research reveals widespread misconceptions

Only one in ten Australians feel very confident they can correctly define homelessness, despite three in five (61%) being able to identify at least one element of the official ABS definition. Concerningly, almost half (48%) of Australians admit they're only somewhat confident they are able to correctly describe who is officially defined as homeless.

Despite this uncertainty, Australians are clear on the solution, with three quarters (74%) believing more education is needed about what homelessness is and how it affects individuals and families. Australians aged 18-24, renters and people with lived experience of homelessness are especially strong in their call for schools and education settings to cover this issue.

This World Homeless Day, Orange Sky launches new education resources for schools to foster empathy, challenge stereotypes, and improve understanding of homelessness, resulting in a strong call to address this issue through education, particularly in schools.

Lucas Patchett OAM, Co-Founder and CEO of

Orange Sky, stresses that classrooms provide a powerful opportunity to change the conversation. "Homelessness in Australia doesn't discriminate and is often hidden," says Lucas.

"It's stereotyped as someone who is sleeping rough, but the reality is it's impacts people in a variety of ways; families in overcrowded housing, young people couch surfing and people cycling through insecure, short-term accommodation just to name a few.

"That's why we've developed new resources for schools – to help students understand that reality early. If we can equip classrooms with the right tools, we don't just challenge misconceptions, we build empathy in our future leaders and ensure that they see people first, not stereotypes."

Nic Marchesi OAM, Co-Founder of Orange Sky, emphasises that young people are already asking questions about homelessness and schools need to be equipped to answer them. "Kids notice when someone is sleeping rough or doing it tough, and a lot of them want to understand why.

Giving them clear, compassionate education helps them develop empathy rather than judgment," says Nic. "If we can start that conversation in our schools, we'll start to see change in how homelessness is spoken about at home and on the playground."

Orange Sky has long championed connection through its free mobile laundry and shower services, "Through our work, we know that understanding is as impactful as clean clothes and a hot shower," continues Nic.

"This World Homeless Day, we're inviting Australians and schools to help build a more informed and compassionate community, because education is one of the most powerful tools to reduce stigma and create a future where kindness leads the way."

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This competitive vibe encourages buyers to spend a little more than they originally planned in the heat of the moment, which is great news for sellers hoping to make more money as this means the potential for a significantly more lucrative sale, maximizing profits as bidders outpace one another and drive-up prices.

1. Bidding Competition Can Increase Prices

One of the biggest benefits of an auction is the excitement of bidding. When several people want the same item, they start to bid against each other, which can drive the price up higher than it would be in a regular sale.

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6. Exciting Atmosphere

The energy at an auction can be thrilling, whether held in person or online. Participating in a bidding war adds excitement, making the buying experience feel rewarding.

This emotional engagement can deepen buyers' attachment to the items they win.

7. Expert Help is Often Available

Many auctions are run by experienced professionals who know a lot about the items being sold.

Their expertise can be helpful for both buyers and sellers—sellers receive advice on pricing, while buyers get insights on the quality and history of the items. This expert guidance can lead to smarter choices and better results for everyone involved.

Auctions offer many benefits that can make buying and selling more enjoyable and effective. They create a competitive environment that can raise prices, encourage transparency, and provide a fun experience for participants.

Whether you're looking to sell something at its best price or hunt for unique items, auctions present an exciting alternative to traditional sales methods.

this means they can be confident their item will be sold for its true value because of the competitive bidding, ensuring that the final sale price accurately reflects the item's worth.

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Taking good care of your home's soft furnishings is crucial. Routine cleaning and

attention help to prevent premature deterioration, ensuring that items such as cushions, curtains and rugs remain in excellent condition.

Frequent cleaning particularly through vacuuming and targeted spot treatments removes dust, allergens, and bacteria, thereby providing a healthier environment for all household members, especially those with asthma or allergies.

FABRIC CURTAINS AND SHEERS

It is easier these days to wash Sheer Curtains yourself. If washable my recommendation is a warm hand wash with a mild detergent. Avoid bleach and fabric softeners. Do not soak, wring, or rub the fabric.

When it comes to drying, they can be re hung, but please remember to place towels below to catch excess dripping. Regularly check and replace the towels as needed. You don't want water damage on the floor.

Consider professional cleaning for delicate fabrics, velvet, silk, or intricately designed curtains. Curtains have a lot of fabric and wet weight, so it's advised to use a professional cleaner. It will save you energy and time.

WINDOW SEATS AND CUSHIONS

Rotate your Seat and Cushions for even distribution from the Sun's rays. Fabric protectors can't replace regular vacuuming, cleaning, or good care.

However, they do help make spot cleaning and vacuuming faster and easier between professional cleanings, keeping your fabric looking cleaner for longer and helping it last.



Use a Repellent Treatment if advised to do so. Always pre-test a fabric before applying. Patch test on left over fabric or a hidden away spot. (Read and follow instructions carefully) NOT advised for Velvets or Pocket Weave Jacquards as may be altered

OUTDOOR SEATS AND CUSHIONS

Follow fabric care instructions. Generally, when it comes to caring for your Outdoor Seats and Cushions its best to brush off loose dirt and swiftly wipe up spills before they become embedded in the fabric.

Wipe down with a clean damp cloth to remove residue. If further attention is needed, clean with a mild soap and water solution and allow to dry naturally.

No fabric is totally sun proof, and it is recommended to remove the fabric seats and cushions from exposure when not in use. This will give you greater longevity.

MOULD AND HUMIDITY

If you decide to store your Curtains or Cushions make sure they are completely clean and dry before storing. Store them in a place that is free from damp and humidity.

Mould can occur on fabrics exposed to the outdoors and high humidity. Even mould resistant fabrics can suffer from mould if the seats and cushions are not cleaned regularly.

Mould will grow on generally soiling/dirt sitting on the surface of the fabric. Keeping your furnishings clean will minimise any occurrence.

SUN DAMAGE AND FADING

The Sun will cause damage and fading when fabrics are constantly exposed and will find their way into your home. There are steps you can take to minimise and prolong the damage from both UVA & B Rays.

Window Treatments will take the brunt of the exposure for your home's furnishings and flooring. You will need to consider your Curtains Fabric Content and Colourway. Having a Polyester content or blend will provide better longevity.

Curtains can be rotated from side to side to help with exposure on its opening side seams if they are centre opened. And Sheer Curtains have their benefits in being on the front line to diffuse the sunlight into the room.

Window Shutters and Roller Blinds help to cut the sun. But sunlight still comes through the Shutters blades. It's best to direct the blades to the ceiling. And the Roller Blinds will allow sunlight either side.

FINAL NOTE

Always check your fabric's Care Label, as each fabric varies in colour, weight, and fibre content, affecting how it should be cleaned. Furnishing fabrics will include a Care Label with their care instructions.

Your label may be attached to the Furniture / Furnishings or provided by the retailer. Otherwise consult with your Decorator or Professional Cleaning Specialist.

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FISHING REPORT

SE Qld is still in the shoulder season, in the lull between the joy of winter's clear water and summer's real fishing action. The windy days we've seen over the past week have made getting out on a boat a lot less fun than usual as well.

Prior to the weekend, there were plenty of flathead for the taking, right through the Passage. Soft plastics have been a good idea with the flathead, especially drifting alongside sandbanks and casting across.

A keen young fisherman, Max took three of his mates south of the bridge, to his favourite spot – the first green marker. Using only soft plastics, they had six big flathead to show for their efforts. Another one, 65cm was released to keep breeding.

Two days later, Max was back, with his mum this time! Still using just soft plastics, and at the green marker again, he brought another two flathead in. Stuart also scored three flatties and a few sand whiting on the south side of the bridge, on the public holiday Monday, using pillies and worms.

The shoreline between Banksia Beach and White Patch has been a favourite spot during those gusty afternoons, with some decent flathead being caught.

It calmed down a lot today (Monday), so Ron and a friend headed that way on his boat. Ronnie's favourite bait lately is garfish, and I disappointed him because I had none left in the freezer to sell him, so I'm not sure what bait he took.

Anyway, he had no luck at all – lovely weather but hardly a bite. Someone else over there he was chatting with, said that for the past three days there'd been nothing exciting being caught.

On the other side of the Passage, however, near the mangroves of Turner's Camp, Haylee and Mick were much luckier, with two sand flathead and one mud flathead caught on a rising tide, using squid.

Bream have been getting bigger and pretty hungry too, taking just about any bait – but mullet is always a good start.

The best way to use mullet for bait is as a strip fillet. Mullet is great because it's so oily - the fillet attracts fish by the scent and movement in the water.



Sarah, from Fishability Qld, has been catching flathead too!



Max and his mates with a lovely haul of flathead.

Unlike with pilchards, it is best to scale the fish first. Then cut a strip and hook it through the tail-end of the fillet, where the skin is toughest, to keep it on the hook longer.

Don't forget to make the most of the mullet gut at the same time. It makes a great burley! Just popping it into a burley bag and hanging it from the front of your boat will really bring the bream in.

A tried-and-true recipe for burley bombs is to mix bread, wet sand, mullet gut and pillies.

Press into fist-sized balls and drop gently into the water or pop into the burley bag. Magic!!

The dredge pipe is still causing a bit of confusion, especially when it decides to lift and wander at the entrance to Ningi Creek.

A little meeting with the project officers resulted in their suggestion that the entry into Ningi Creek is best negotiated by taking the path usually used to go towards Pacific Harbour between the temporary red/green buoys.

Then they think we should turn due west, following the pipeline and passing the booster-pump pontoon (on our south), then turning into Ningi Creek at the first permanent set of green and red markers.

Not everyone is convinced that this a safe option – there's a lot of sand, rock and oyster banks to get past.

I think however you negotiate your path into and out of Ningi Creek, it's wise to travel very cautiously until this project is done and dusted!

TIDE TIMES

Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

Fri 17 Oct 1:04 am 0.45m 7:09 am 1.43m 12:53 pm 0.48m 7:21 pm 1.7m	Sat 18 Oct 1:50 am 0.37m 8:00 am 1.58m 1:53 pm 0.41m 8:10 pm 1.72m	Sun 19 Oct 2:30 am 0.3m 8:45 am 1.71m 2:42 pm 0.36m 8:50 pm 1.71m	Mon 20 Oct 3:03 am 0.26m 9:24 am 1.79m 3:22 pm 0.35m 9:26 pm 1.66m	Tue 21 Oct 3:31 am 0.25m 9:59 am 1.83m 4:00 pm 0.37m 9:56 pm 1.6m	Wed 22 Oct 3:57 am 0.26m 10:30 am 1.85m 4:34 pm 0.41m 10:24 pm 1.52m	Thu 23 Oct 4:21 am 0.29m 11:00 am 1.84m 5:10 pm 0.45m 10:51 pm 1.44m
Fri 24 Oct 4:46 am 0.33m 11:29 am 1.82m 5:47 pm 0.5m 11:22 pm 1.36m	Sat 25 Oct 5:15 am 0.38m 12:00 pm 1.78m 6:29 pm 0.55m 11:58 pm 1.28m	Sun 26 Oct 5:45 am 0.45m 12:34 pm 1.73m 7:15 pm 0.61m	Mon 27 Oct 12:39 am 1.21m 6:21 am 0.52m 1:15 pm 1.67m 8:08 pm 0.65m	Tue 28 Oct 1:27 am 1.15m 7:05 am 0.58m 2:03 pm 1.62m 9:12 pm 0.66m	Wed 29 Oct 2:27 am 1.12m 8:05 am 0.64m 3:03 pm 1.6m 10:17 pm 0.63m	Thu 30 Oct 3:43 am 1.13m 9:23 am 0.65m 4:13 pm 1.61m 11:15 pm 0.56m



ES CADETS VISIT

This year the majority of the 25 cadets were from far north Queensland including: - Cairns, Childers, Roma The Tablelands, Hinchinbrook, Lucinda, Harvey Bay, Charters Towers, Beaudesert, South Brisbane, Murgon, Highfields, Toowoomba and Oxley. MRQ Bribie Island Emergency Services Liaison Officer Graham Gibb arranged a full afternoon of activities for the Emergency Services Cadets including learning about Marine Radio Operations, performing abandon ship drills, including swimming to a life raft, and how to safely use an emergency marine flare. Off duty volunteers came in to help with all of the afternoon exercises with the Emergency Services Cadets.

It was a slow start to the day, with flight delays and traffic chaos for the bus, then a Moreton Island medivac, but thank you to Blue Sunday Skipper Graham Parker and crew Lloyd Clark, Wayne Robinson, David Dodsworth, Kevin Fraser, and Mark Vickerman for the setup and life raft, and along with Commercial Coxswains Ian Grimes and Liz Radajewski, Competent Crew Denise Inggs, and Radio Officer Peter McNamara for his presentation and the great pics. and Liz for the flares and paperwork. The day went off really well and "we didn't lose a cadet". MRQ Bribie Island was the first stop for the Emergency Services Cadets who will spend a week in Brisbane visiting all of the Emergency services training centres.



Cadets practice abandon ship drills.



Swimming to the life raft after abandoning ship.



Cadets practice using marine flares.



Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes instructs the cadets on procedures for abandon ship drills.

RADIO ROOM NEAR COMPLETION

MRQ Bribie Island Assets Coordinator & Deputy Radio Officer John O'Hagan has had the arduous and unenviable task of overseeing the building renovations but has also been very much hands on as well. Particularly with the new radio room, now the tedious task of connecting computer, monitors, and security screens. Great job John!



John O'Hagan in the radio room with the cabinetry now in place – not long now for our best view on the Island.

2 MEDEVACS FROM TANGALOOMA

Tuesday 23rd September 2025 – MRQ Bribie Island was tasked by QAS to transport Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and perform 2 medevacs starting at 07.15 am. The call-out crew: - Commercial Coxswain Wayne Sclater, Restricted Coxswain Stephen Parry, Competent Crew Wayne Robinson and Paul Gilmore were called in by Radio Operator Ian McKay. A female patient needed to be transported back to the waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie Base. 2 Paramedics were transported to Tangalooma returning with the female passenger, Bribie 1 having to slow several times to avoid whales.

After refuelling, Bribie 1 received a second call from Radio Operator Dave Smith at approximately 12.30 pm requesting a second medevac from Tangalooma of a male patient. With the same crew, Bribie 1 departed Bellara with a couple of new Paramedics and headed back to Tangalooma only to find the sea conditions had deteriorated since the morning trip. Bribie 1 made it there without incident, but had to tie up to the Tangalooma Flyer, loading the patient on board and returned slowly home. Having to slow down on both trips for very active whales - much to the patients and ambos delight.

Whilst on the second trip Bribie 2 with Commercial Coxswain Liz Radijewki and Competent Crew Scott Normile were called in for another assist in the Pumicestone Passage.



Wayne Sclater, and Paul Gillmore with Stephen Parry at the helm of Bribie 1.



Ambulance Officers enjoying the ride to Tangalooma.

MEDEVAC FROM CRUISE SHIP

Wednesday 24th September 2025 – Radio Operator Denny Freeman received a call from QAS to transport ambulance officers to the Cruise ship Carnival Adventure and medevac multiple patients back to their waiting ambulances at MRQ Bribie Island. The Carnival Adventure (formerly Golden Princess) has a gross tonnage of 108,865 tonnes, has 1,100 crew and caters for 2,636 passengers.

At 11:36 am Bribie 1 with Commercial Coxswain Ian Grimes, Restricted Coxswain Stephen Parry, Crew Day Coxswain Lindsay Crompton, and Competent Crew David Logie and 2 Ambulance Officers left for Tangalooma in calm conditions. Once along the cruise ship the ambulance officers went onboard to assess the patients. They then transferred 2 passengers (1 in a wheelchair, 1 in a stretcher), 1 injured crewman, and 2 family members of the passengers and their holiday luggage to Bribie 1 arriving back at MRQ Bribie at 14:34 pm. 2 further ambulances arrived to transport the 3 patients to hospital.

After returning to base, the patients and family members were disembarked from Bribie 1, the crew then carried out refuelling, restowing and washing the vessel and departed for their homes at approximately 15:45 pm.



Bribie 1 departs the Carnival Adventure as one of its tenders arrives to load passengers for transfer to Tangalooma.

UNIT COMMANDER CES' SAFETY MESSAGE:



"Having the right safety equipment on your boat and knowing how to use it is essential. This could save your life in an emergency. The safety equipment you're required to carry depends on the

size of your boat, whether the boat needs to be registered and where you're operating, you must also keep safety equipment in date, in good repair and everyone on board must know where it is stored."

Minimum Safety Equipment in Pumicestone Passage: -

Firefighting equipment, signalling device, life jacket Anchor and cable, Drinking water, Oars or paddles for boats under 6m, Bailing/pumping equipment.

Minimum Safety Equipment in Moreton Bay: -

All the above plus Flares & V Sheet, Chart & Compass

Beyond Moreton Bay an EPIRB is also required. For full details visit the MSQ.qld.gov.au Website:

SEP/OCT ASSISTS

FRI 26/09 2226PM - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to medevac a young patient her mother back to MRQ Bribie Island to their waiting ambulance and transport to them to hospital.

SAT 27/09 1329PM – 8.4m Cruiser 4POB member with motor issues required a tow from NW Cape Moreton to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SAT 27/09 1400PM – MOP advised his wife had fallen out of Kayak North of Sylvan Beach and having difficulty getting back in. Investigated but she had made it to shore okay.

TUE 30/09 0633AM – 13m Yacht 2POB non-member required a jump start at Bongaree.

WED 01/10 1147AM – 5.9m Cuddy Cabin 3POB non-member with wiring issues required a tow from Tangalooma to Bellara Boat Ramp.

WED 01/10 1535PM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

THU 02/10 13166PM – 3.5m Jet Ski 4 POB member modified to propel small vessel with broken steering cable at Mission Point, required a tow to Sylvan Beach Ramp.

SAT 04/10 10913AM – 4.2m Tinny 1POB member with engine issues at Tangalooma required a tow to Bongaree boat ramp.

SAT 04/10 1930PM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma to be on stand-by for the current bush fire on Moreton Island.

SUN 05/10 0124AM – 4.2m Tinny 2POB non-member with motor issues required a tow from Little Goat Island to Donnybrook boat ramp.

SUN 05/10 0303AM – Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers back from Tangalooma.

SUN 05/10 0909AM – 4.5m Runabout 3POB member with engine issues at the Ripples required a tow to Bellara boat ramp.

SUN 05/10 1344PM – 4.8m Tinny 2POB non-member with starting issues required a tow from 2km East of Cape Moreton to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

SUN 05/10 1352PM – 5m Runabout 2POB non-member with burnt wiring, could not start at Cook's Rocks. Managed to start – not required.

SUN 05/10 1411PM – 5m Half Cabin 2 POB member with starting issues at Cook's Rocks, required a tow to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

MON 06/10 1246PM - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

MON 06/10 1436PM – 4m Tinny 2POB member with motor issues, required a tow from Bribie Bridge to Bellara boat ramp.

“PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS!”

YTD RADIO ROOM STATISTICS

CALLS	12,430
VESSELS LOG ONS	3,718
VESSEL ASSISTS	219
SITREPS	1,199
REQUESTS	1,108
OVERDUE VESSELS	37
VESSEL TRACKING	29
RADIO CHECKS	1,109
WEATHER BROADCASTS	6
SECURITE BROADCASTS	2
PAN PAN CALLS	0
MAYDAY CALLS	0
PERSONS ASSISTED	441
VHF CALLS	56.6%
27MHz CALLS	0.1%
PHONE CALLS	27.6%
GWN CALLS	2.0%

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

Letters to the editor



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

Dear Editor,
P Robinson and P Garrett raised and replied to concerns about e-bikes and e-scooters. In 248 and 249.

I agree that they can be high speed and dangerous.

I would also add that in terms of day-to-day contact and risk of injury it is high speed e- mobility scooters we need to consider deeply. They are everywhere, they are more dangerous due to their size and frequency of occurrence.

Some are of reasonable speed, most now, are not. These "e-SUV's", the RAM cars of sidewalks, are terrifying. You can't hear them, I am deaf in one ear, and they just zoom. The high-speed ones are so entitled they almost never ring a bell or beep until they are right up you. There assumption is that due to the association of mobility scooters with age or disability, they can get away with anything.

And let's be honest...half the people using them don't need them for the mobility purposes they purport to use them for. That portion uses them because they are lazy malingerers. This cohort purchases them primarily via government funds. Suckling at the governments teat then endlessly complaining they don't get enough and they deserve everything. As much as e-bikes and e-scooters should be prohibited above a certain speed, they at least pay for them with their own money.

This behaviour by the malingerers takes away from, and gives a bad name to those who genuinely need mobility scooters and genuinely need support to buy them.

They are the magpies of our sidewalks. Constantly swooping past. At least magpies swoop to protect. The true terrorists of our pathways are the "e" mobility scooters.

Regards

SI Johnson.

Dear Editor,
After receiving notice that our solar electricity feed-in tariff was being reduced on a 'new plan', we shopped for a better deal, coming back to our provider, Origin, using this knowledge as leverage, to negotiate a better deal since we were long term customers. BTW, we are CUSTOMERS NOT CONSUMERS - a term I find reductive and offensive to those of us who keep them in business, thanks very much.

We made it clear we would leave, stating respectfully that we were 'fed up with the gouging of big companies' - and were instantly offered a 'retention' price, 2c pkw better than our current one, and 4c pkw better than the new one they were, so benevolently, offering us to renew on. An interesting about-face. We went further and were offered a \$38 per cylinder reduction on our gas.

Overall, we came away feeling very satisfied with the savings and our nous.

The question is: Why do we the customer have to shop around in the first place? Why do companies have the right to rip us off in the first instance, pretending they are doing us a favour? Once upon a time a business appreciated its customers, and loyalty was a two-way street. Since being labelled 'consumers', we are treated like the vermin the word indicates. Since the inception of big business and privatisation en masse, people have been treated with a kind of contempt and only seen for what can be gleaned from their pockets to serve shareholders and the exorbitant CEO pay checks, that are completely out of control.

Every time I hear of the federal government cracking down on big business, I feel encouraged to stand up more for myself and help them.

Big business, you're on notice.
P Robinson

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CHANGING LIVES ONE AT A TIME

BUSY FINGERS

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School holidays are over now, it was certainly a busy time for us, we thank all our wonderful customers who came in with grandchildren assisting us to sell many toys, puzzles and clothing. The kids seemed to enjoy going through the store, seeing how they could spend their moneybox or grandma and granddad's money.

FREE RAFFLE

We have 9 Christmas hampers available this year, to have a chance to win one, just spend \$10 or more in the shop and make sure you put your Name and phone number on the ticket, it will be drawn first week of December. First prize is worth \$300, followed by many goodies in the other hampers.

Last year's winners were very happy with their prizes. Just a



reminder that we are closing the shop early this Christmas, our doors will close at 3.30 on Tuesday 23rd December and we will re-open on Wednesday 7th January 2026.

VOLUTEERS

We always welcome new volunteers, we have several areas that you can work in, such as if you have had experience with register work or would like to learn you can assist our cashier when needed, there is Linen and Clothing room and also the Bric a Brac Room, where we sort donated items, price them and put them into the shop, books need checking and putting on the bookshelves.

We have a group outside receiving donations being dropped off and people who like to mix with the customers while placing items on shelves and keeping them tidy.

Maybe some mums who have school age children may like to come in 10 to 2, one of more days a week all help is gratefully received.

We have a variety of positions available so if you have a few hours to spare please give us a call on 3408 1014 or pop into the shop and speak to Jacki, we are also registered with Centrelink for Job Seeker requirements. Newcomers to the island can easily make new friends as

we have an excellent group of volunteers working with us, it is also a wonderful way of supporting our beautiful island and its residents.

DONATIONS GIVEN

We continue to support Global Care with their Foodbank account. Due to the fact that this month's meeting has not occurred before this article had to be sent in, I will let you know what donations we have given in next month's magazine.

CAR PARK

The re-marking of the carpark is completed and we have a new disabled carpark towards the back of the driveway. The new marking will assist parking and also safety while walking and loading cars.

REQUEST FOR PRESENTATIONS AND DONATIONS

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

Our President Pauline is quite happy to come along to your club and present our aims and goals and how your club can apply for assistance.

Please call **3410 1920** or email **busyfingers1@bigpond.com** if you wish to have a presentation

or if you wish to apply for a grant of assistance.

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

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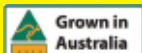


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