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In a bowl, whisk all the ingredients together. Make sure everything is nice and smooth and evenly combined.

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*Bon appetit*



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# Welcome

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our final edition of the year, Edition 254! This issue is filled with stories, Christmas wishes, and a feature piece about the recent storm that impacted our community. Although the storm was devastating, it brought out the best in our community, as people and businesses came together to support those in need.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support this year: our advertisers, readers, and contributors. Without you, we would not have such a fantastic community magazine. I also want to express my gratitude to our staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Most importantly, I want to thank Pauline Wharton, the owner of this magazine. Pauline has generously supported numerous charities, events, and organizations this year. If you knew the full extent of her contributions, you would be amazed. We are incredibly fortunate to have this magazine in our community, and none of it would be possible without Pauline. Thank you, Pauline, for providing such an integral part of our community.

We hope you enjoy this bumper edition!

From all of us at the Bribie Islander, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please as always,  
Take care, Stay safe,



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# *A Last Look at Bribies*

## *\$2.6 Million Masterpiece*

It is the final weeks to see this Bribie Island Lifestyle prize home in person before the lottery closes, so now is the time to visit.

These are the last weeks to experience the Bribie Island Lifestyle. Do not miss your chance to see it, feel it and imagine your life here while supporting Surf Life Saving.

At 40 Emilia Close, Banksia Beach, this coastal haven blends modern luxury with the easy-going charm Bribie is known for. Explore a master retreat with balcony, four ensuite bedrooms, living areas, a media room and a home office.

The gourmet kitchen and butler's pantry open onto indoor and outdoor entertaining spaces that connect to the pool and landscaped gardens, with a private lift completing the design.

With the lottery open throughout the Christmas school holidays (see website for public holiday closures), it is the perfect moment to step inside today, feel the lifestyle and spark those "new year, new you" dreams.

We are open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am-4pm, with complimentary coffee on Sunday 21 December from 10am-2pm. See the home everyone is talking about, experience the coastal lifestyle and take your time exploring, or take a virtual tour and secure your tickets at [surflottery.com.au](http://surflottery.com.au).

The \$2.6 million first prize package includes the luxury home, an interior design and furniture package valued at \$422,020, a brand-new Isuzu MU-X SUV and \$10,000 in gold.



# Merry Xmas & Happy New Year



From our Bribie Realty family to yours, we wish you a magical Christmas filled with joy, laughter, and beautiful moments at home — the place where all the best memories are made.

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# Why You Need a Daily Dose of Honey

by Himanshu Singh

**H**oney is a syrup-like substance produced by bees using the nectar of flowering plants. You can find different types of honey based on the extraction method, plant source, and whether it is pasteurised or raw.

For many years, people have been consuming honey because of its sweet taste. But researchers say that this substance may have some health benefits. Here are seven reasons why you need a daily dose of honey; see it here.

## 1. Boost your immune system

Staying healthy is a dream for everyone. How would it feel if your body could fight diseases? It is the best experience ever. Fortunately, honey is a good antioxidant and has antibacterial properties that help your body fight infections caused by fungi and viruses.

Natural honey contains a high number of antioxidants. That's why it is the best immunity-boosting substance. You can take it every

morning or after exercise to get extra energy.

## 2. Vital in weight management

A weight management expert might recommend excluding all sugar-based substances if you want to lose weight. But honey can help in weight management. The type of sugar in honey differs from that in other sweeteners. Honey can help you burn fat quickly. Consuming this substance every morning can increase your metabolism, which can help in weight loss.

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Besides, honey contains components that help in lowering the level of cholesterol in your body.

### 3. Better memory

Memory plays an essential role in our lives. In every situation, you will need to remember things to make the right decision. But how can you manage your brain? Honey can strengthen your mental health.

It can boost memory, helping sustain you in your old age. Consuming a spoonful of honey every morning or before bed can help soothe the brain and reduce stress.

Also, the antioxidants and therapeutic properties of honey can help boost the cholinergic system in the brain, which is impaired in memory loss.

### 4. Honey acts as a sleeping aid

Your body needs sleep to recharge for the next day. That's why consuming a little natural raw honey before bed is vital. Honey produces melatonin, a vital hormone that supports sleep.

Also, this product prevents midnight hangers. Have you ever felt hungry in the middle of the night? It is the worst experience. Most people eat dinner early and go to bed late.

Thus, before they go to bed, their bodies have

used up all the glycogen stored from dinner. But honey will restore your body's glycogen to help you sleep all night.

### 5. Healthy heart

A healthy heart will pump hormones and blood to different parts of the body. But a minor heart issue can affect your overall health. That's why you need to manage the way your heart functions. Incorporating honey in your diet is essential for strengthening the heart.

Antioxidants, which are found in honey, can help prevent the narrowing of your arteries. Arteries play a vital role in delivering oxygen-rich blood from the heart to the body tissues.

But if they fail to function well, you may experience issues such as cardiac failure, memory loss, or headaches. But a little honey can prevent this from happening.

### 6. Healthy stomach

Pure organic honey is the best to include in your diet because of its nutritional value. It is enriched with nutrients, including levulose and glucose, which can help prevent nausea and aid digestion. Also, honey is a remedy for diarrhea and vomiting.

These conditions usually occur when bacteria attach to mucosal epithelial cells.

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Honey helps block attachment, thereby lowering the risk of infection. When honey passes through the stomach, it kills germs and heals wounds that might be in the mucous membrane.

So, having a daily dose of honey can help prevent digestive tract-related diseases.

### 7. Relieve tension

Honey contains glucose, which helps neurons function correctly. It can be absorbed into the bloodstream, which helps soothe nerves and relieve fatigue. Pure honey is a good remedy for improving your overall health because it is 100% natural. Also, it does not contain additives or preservatives.

However, consuming too much honey can cause health issues. It can raise your blood sugar and lower your blood pressure.

Also, it can lead to stomach issues, especially if you suffer from constipation. That's why it's best to consume only a small amount. You can add honey to your diet as a daily dose, either in the morning or at night before you go to bed.



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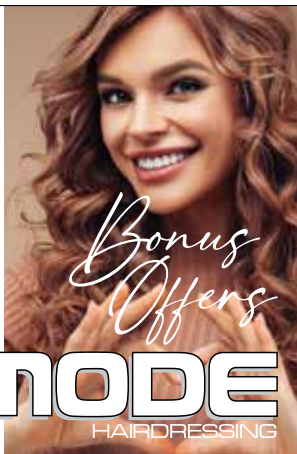
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# Honouring Our Journey

As we come to the end of another year, we are invited into a sacred pause, a moment to breathe and look back on the journey we have walked. Too often, we measure our lives only by what we have acquired or what still feels unfinished, though true growth lives in the quiet shifts: the moments we held ourselves together, the boundaries we set, the healing we allowed, the parts of ourselves we reclaimed.

This year may not have looked the way we imagined, yet we navigated through every challenge that asked us to rise. We showed up on days when our hearts felt heavy.

We took steps, even small ones, toward healing wounds. Perhaps we learnt to listen more closely to our inner voice, the one that whispers when everything else feels loud. These are victories, too, often the ones that reshape us the most.

Take some time to honour what you have achieved. Perhaps you became more patient with yourself, learnt to say “no” without guilt, you forgave someone, or, even more importantly, you forgave yourself. Maybe you have made healthier choices for your body, mind, or spirit, or you survived something that felt impossible. All of it counts. All of this deserves recognition.

As we look toward the coming year, we are invited to set intentions not rooted in pressure, but in possibility. Instead of resolutions that demand perfection, we can choose gentle commitments that expand our well-being.

What would it feel like to welcome more peace into your life? More connection? More self-trust? What inner qualities would you love to strengthen? Self-love, compassion, resilience, courage?

The new year is not asking you to become someone else. It is offering you a space to become more you. To realign with what matters and create a life that feels nourishing, steady, and true. Let your intentions come from the heart, not the ego. Allow them to be about how you want to feel, how you want to show up, and how you want to honour your unique journey.

As you step into the year ahead, remember you are evolving, growing, and deepening in ways you may not realise yet. Trust your path, the timing and that every small act of self-love shapes the life you are meant to live.

If you need support in setting nurturing intentions or creating more balance in the year ahead, please reach out.  
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Wishing you all the best.  
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Maria Christina x  
Holistic Counsellor, Life & Wellness Guide

# The Heartfelt Message Behind "Christmas Shoes"

As the holiday season approaches, we often find ourselves caught up in shopping, parties, and festive events. Yet, amidst all the joy and excitement, there's a powerful reminder of what Christmas really means.

The song "Christmas Shoes" by NewSong beautifully captures the spirit of giving and love that defines this time of year.

"The Christmas Shoes" is a heartwarming story about a special Christmas Eve, told from the perspective of a man who, despite currently doing his Christmas shopping, is not really getting into the "Christmas mood."

A young boy in line in front of him spends all his money to get his dying mother a present yet still doesn't have enough. His story of his mother softens the heart of the narrator, who gives the boy the rest of the money.

The boy's reaction to his generosity reminds the narrator of the real meaning of Christmas.

The emotions in the song highlight the selfless love we have for our family and friends, reminding us that Christmas is not just about receiving gifts, but about sharing kindness and love.

The song carries an urgent message, encouraging us to appreciate our loved ones and understand that life is precious.

While the festive aspects of Christmas can sometimes distract us from the reality of loss and sadness, "Christmas Shoes" reminds us to think about those who might be suffering during the holidays.

It calls on us to offer help, whether through charitable actions or simply by being there for someone who needs support.



# The Christmas Shoes Lyrics

[Verse 1]

It was almost Christmas time  
And there I stood in another line  
Trying to buy that last gift or two  
Not really in the Christmas mood  
Standing right in front of me  
Was a little boy waiting anxiously  
Pacing 'round like little boys do  
And in his hands, he held a pair of shoes  
And his clothes were worn and old  
He was dirty from head to toe  
And when it came his time to pay  
I couldn't believe what I heard him say

[Chorus]

Sir, I want to buy these shoes for my Mama, please  
It's Christmas Eve and these shoes are just her size  
Could you hurry, sir, Daddy says there's not much time  
You see, she's been sick for quite awhile  
And I know these shoes would make her smile  
And I want her to look beautiful if Mama meets Jesus  
tonight

[Verse 2]

He counted pennies for what seemed like years  
Then the Cashier said, "Son, there's not enough here"  
He searched his pockets frantically  
Then he turned and he looked at me  
He said, "Mama made Christmas good at our house  
Though most years she just did without"  
"Tell me, sir, what am I going to do  
Somehow I've got to buy her these Christmas shoes"

So I laid the money down, I just had to help him out  
And I'll never forget the look on his face when he said  
"Mama's gonna look so great"

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

I knew I'd caught a glimpse of Heaven's love  
As he thanked me and ran out  
I knew that God had sent that little boy  
To remind me, what Christmas is all about

[Chorus]

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[Outro]

And I want her to look beautiful if Mama meets Jesus  
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# A Comprehensive Beauty Guide

## Event-Ready Elegance:

In glamour and sophistication, one thing reigns supreme – the flawless beauty accompanying an event-ready look. Whether attending a glamorous gala, a high-profile wedding, or a prestigious award ceremony, achieving elegance and confidence is crucial.

From expert skin care tips to intricate makeup techniques, you are equipped with the tools and knowledge to ensure you are event-ready and exude glamour from head to toe.

### The Magic of Illumination Using Liquid Highlighter

Illumination is an essential element for achieving an event-ready look that exudes elegance and sophistication. Liquid highlighter is a magical product that strategically enhances your features and adds a subtle yet stunning glow to your overall look.

When applied correctly, it can transform your complexion, giving you a radiant and flawless finish perfect for any special occasion.

To strategically apply liquid highlighter, choose a shade that complements your skin tone and the overall theme of your event look. Apply a small amount of highlighter on the high points of your face, such as the cheekbones, brow bone, and the bridge of your nose.

Blend it gently with a beauty sponge or fingertips to ensure a seamless, natural-looking finish. Remember, less is more with liquid highlighter: the goal is to create a subtle glow that enhances your features without overpowering your makeup.

Whether attending a glamorous gala or a high-profile wedding, mastering the art of applying liquid highlighter can take your event-ready look to the next level. It adds the perfect touch of radiance and luminosity, ensuring you exude confidence and sophistication throughout the entire event.

So, embrace the magic of illumination and let your natural beauty shine through with the strategic application of liquid highlighter.

### Building a Beauty Regimen

Building a beauty regimen is an essential step in achieving event-ready elegance. It is crucial to start with a solid skincare routine. This includes cleansing, exfoliating, and moisturising your skin regularly.

Investing in high-quality skincare products suited to your skin type will significantly affect your skin's overall appearance and health.

Regular facial treatments, such as masks and serums, can also help target specific skin concerns and enhance the natural glow.

In addition to skincare, mastering makeup techniques is essential for achieving a polished, sophisticated look. Start with a smooth, even base by applying a primer, then a foundation that matches your skin tone.

Enhance your features with neutral eyeshadow shades to create a subtle, elegant eye look. Completing the look with well-defined eyebrows, a blush, and a classic red lip will elevate your overall appearance and exude confidence.

To truly achieve event-ready elegance, paying attention to the finer details is crucial. Grooming your nails, styling your hair, and selecting the perfect outfit and accessories can enhance your overall look and leave a lasting impression.

Consider professional manicures and hairstyling to ensure your nails and hair are perfectly polished and styled to complement your event ensemble.

By following these steps and building a comprehensive beauty regimen, you will be well-prepared to exude radiance, poise, and sophistication at any event.

### Choosing the Right Outfit

Choosing the right outfit is essential to creating an event-ready look that exudes elegance and sophistication. When selecting the perfect ensemble, several factors should be considered.

First, consider the event's dress code. A black-tie affair may require a floor-length gown or a tailored tuxedo, while a cocktail party may call for a chic cocktail dress or a sharp suit. Understanding the dress code will ensure that you are appropriately attired and help you make a good impression.

Secondly, consider the event's theme or location. If you attend a beach wedding, opt for a light, flowy dress and sandals rather than a heavy, formal gown.

Similarly, if the event has a specific theme, such as a 1920s-inspired party, embrace the theme by selecting a dress with flapper-style details and accessorising accordingly.

By considering the event's theme or location, you can choose an outfit that not only adheres to the dress code but also complements the overall ambience.

Finally, consider your style and comfort. While adhering to the event's dress code and theme is important, feeling confident and comfortable in your outfit is equally crucial.

Select a style that enhances your best features and choose fabrics that feel good against your skin. Remember, your outfit should reflect your unique personality and sense of style.

Considering these factors, you can choose the right outfit that exudes elegance while allowing you to feel your best and radiate confidence at any event.

# What is the History of the WREATH?

Wreaths have a rich and interesting history that goes back to ancient times, with deep meanings across different cultures. One of the earliest known groups to use wreaths were the Druids, who held strong beliefs about nature. They loved the holly plant because it stays green all year and has bright red berries. To the Druids, holly represented special powers, showing that life can be beautiful even in the coldest winters. This respect for holly was important in their rituals and celebrations, emphasising the bond between people and nature.



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The round shape of wreaths is significant, too. It symbolizes eternity, representing a never-ending cycle and how life continues over time. This idea became even more important in Christianity when Jesus wore a crown of thorns, which, although painful, symbolises sacrifice and the hope of eternal life. This mix of meanings gives wreaths a deeper significance than just decoration.

During the time of Julius Caesar, wreaths were more than just pretty items; they showcased status and achievement. Wealthy Romans and prominent figures wore laurel wreaths as a sign of honour and glory. The Greeks also used wreaths to celebrate winners in the first Olympic Games, honouring their accomplishments and creating a tradition that inspires athletes even today.

Hanging wreaths on doors also has ancient roots. The practice began as a way to celebrate personal and community victories, connecting us to a history filled with success and joy. Over the years, wreaths have come to symbolize welcome and hospitality, making them a beloved decoration in homes around the world.

While many people think of wreaths primarily during Christmas, they can be used for various occasions throughout the year. From colourful autumn leaves to bright spring flowers, wreaths can be made to reflect any holiday or season. With options to decorate with dried flowers, ribbons, and more, wreaths are a timeless addition to any home.

Today, wreaths inspire creativity and self-expression. Many people enjoy making their own wreaths using natural items like pinecones, twigs, and seasonal flowers. This hands-on activity not only gives a sense of accomplishment but also connects us to the traditions of the past. Whether hung on a door to welcome guests or displayed as a piece of art, wreaths remain a cherished symbol of life, celebration, and the beauty of nature through all the seasons.

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You can uncover these unconscious patterns,

reconnect with your true-self and begin seeing life from a fresh perspective. This process helps you rediscover your worth, your strength, and your personal agency.

And from there, you can start rebuilding a healthier, more empowered version of yourself.

*Anxiety is a mental habit.* It's the automatic creation of the worst-case scenario and then suffering from your own imagination. People may feel that worrying is the same as taking action, but worry only drains energy and often manifests into physical symptoms. I believe no one is genuinely happy yet chronically unwell.

I often ask my clients, *"Is what you're worrying about actually within your control?"*

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no, which means the worry is wasting of your time, harmful and draining your energy level which wukk affect your health. When I suggest them letting go of the worry, their reply is usually, "But how?" Their mind chatters endlessly, and they believe they can't stop it.

I wonder, "Is the dog wagging the tail, or is the tail wagging the dog?" Are you in charge, or are your thoughts controlling you? If you're ready to break this cycle and ease your anxiety, visit Bribie Simply Healthy.

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Mornings are better off with a cup of warm tea and the breathtaking view of the sunrise. Herbal remedies can be the sole source of holistic wellness and incorporate healing. Also, you might experience a sense of comfort after sipping teas infused with therapeutic herbs. If you wish to adopt a stress-free, salubrious lifestyle, herbal teas can be a great way to start the journey. All you need to do is find the right tea blends that soothe your mind and help you let go of unnecessary anxious thoughts.

Here are the top herbal tea variants that boost your immunity and strengthen the mental pathways.

### 1. CHAMOMILE

*Matricaria chamomilla* is one of the most potent herbs known to induce anxiolytic effects. It possesses daisy-like flowers and chemical components such as quercetin and apigenin. Also, the herbal extracts help stimulate your brain and induce a sense of well-being. You might consider the herbal tea for psychological disorders like anxiety, stress, or even depressive episodes. Additionally, the herbal tea increases neurotransmitters, such as serotonin, helping you feel relaxed in the long run. It soothes muscle aches and, in the long run, slows down your neurological firing rate.

### 2. MAGIC MUSHROOM

*Psilocybe cubensis* is one of the most common varieties of psychedelic mushrooms available. It can alter your sensory perception and incorporate creativity. Additionally, you can get your hands on shroom capsules and make a healthy shroom tea in the morning. Starting your day with a cup of shroom tea can do wonders for your mental health. It contains chemicals like psilocybin that can enhance cognition and help you relax for a while. Also, you are less likely to experience troublesome thoughts and to experience significant mental calm. Make sure to find out the ideal dosage to curb the side effects like excessive drowsiness and mental instability.

### 3. LAVENDER

Another herb with an attractive aroma that relaxes your mind is *Lavandula officinalis*. You must try the herbal tea blends infused with lavender extracts to help you maintain a stable state of mind. Also, it contains potent chemical constituents, including linalool, linalyl acetate, and 1,8-cineole. These chemicals aid muscle relaxation and boost cognitive abilities. With the stimulation of the emotional centre, it reduces excessive oxidative stress and curbs anxiety issues. You can also try out the lavender aromatherapy to experience additional relief from psychological problems.

### 4. PEPPERMINT

Here's the popular plant that's used as a garnishing agent and a flavour-inducing herb. *Mentha piperita* is another herb that induces a sense of calm and tranquillity. It contains potent chemicals such as menthone, menthol, and menthyl acetate that induce long-term mental relaxation. It also helps you manage frustration and motivates you for the long day ahead. You can consider the herbal blends for your morning tea and daytime aromatherapy. With these herbal teas, you can enhance your professional and personal life without any hassles.

### 5. KRATOM

Are you fond of herbal extracts from the kratom plant? If so, use the herb as your go-to morning tea. Kratom may help relieve insomnia and stimulate your neurological processes. Also, it alleviates muscle aches and migraines and promotes physical well-being. When it comes to the herb's mental benefits, you are likely to experience a sense of calm, comfort, and a pain-free state. All you need to do is add some red vein kratom to your tea to eliminate the sleep issues. Additionally, it helps promote an anxiolytic effect in your brain.

### BOTTOM LINE

Holistic wellness is all about the well-being of both the body and the mind. You must stick to restorative practices that enhance your quality of life and bring in healthy experiences. One of the best ways to achieve stable health is through herbal teas and supplements. Also, it stabilises your mind and incorporates a sense of well-being. Some common herbal tea blends to consider include hemp, peppermint, chamomile, and valerian. Apart from this, try out the shroom and lavender tea for better cognition and a peaceful state of mind. Speak with your doctor to ensure your safety first.

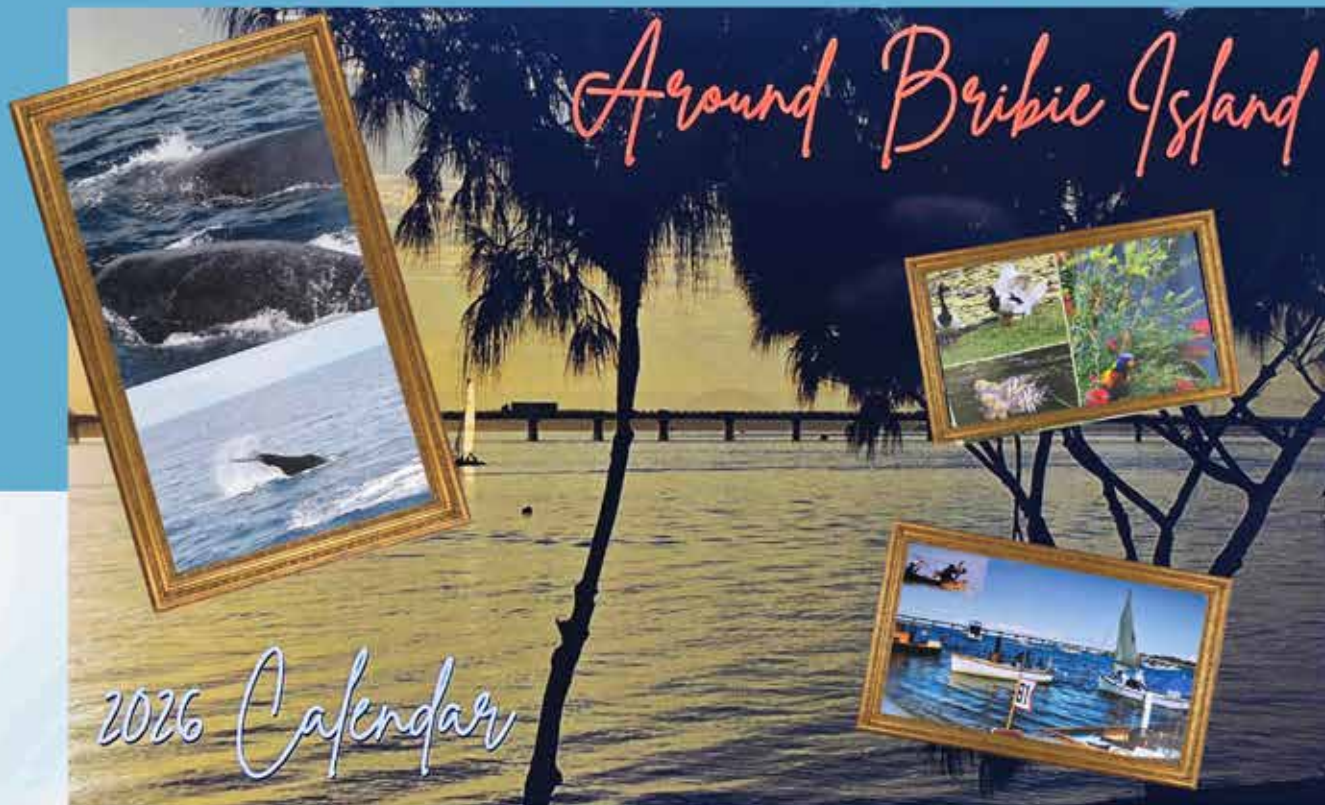
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# BRIBIE ISLAND 2026 CALENDAR



Bribie Island is not just a place; it is our cherished home, and I take great pride in living amidst its natural beauty. Every day, I strive to capture the essence of the island through my photography, focusing on spontaneous moments in nature while enhancing them slightly to preserve their authenticity.

Our island boasts breathtaking scenery, where radiant sunrises and magnificent sunsets illuminate the skies over the sparkling waters. This stunning view continually leaves me in awe, as the blend of colours creates a beautiful backdrop for both locals and tourists alike.

Throughout the year, we are visited by migratory birds from the Northern Hemisphere, whose arrival enriches the diverse wildlife that flourishes here. Additionally, majestic whales pass by our shores each year, providing spectacular displays that mesmerize us.

The rich marine life surrounding Bribie, along with our unspoiled beaches and the lush areas of the National Park, vividly illustrates the island's ecological wealth. This calendar highlights that diversity, offering just a small glimpse of the island's charm and allure.

As you turn the pages of this 2026 calendar, I hope you find joy in the vibrant images and feel inspired to explore the many captivating aspects of our beautiful Bribie Island.

## AVAILABLE AT :

- Robbie's Crystal Connections
- The Bribie Garden Centre



# SPREADING JOY:

## *The Gift of Connection During the Holidays*

As the holiday season approaches, many of us eagerly anticipate festive gatherings with family and friends. However, it's important to think about those who might not find the same joy—especially our elderly neighbours who live in care homes. Visiting these places during Christmas can be a deeply meaningful experience for both the residents and those who come to see them.

For many seniors, the holidays can feel lonely. Family members and friends might live far away or have other commitments, leaving these individuals without the company they desire. By spending time with them, we can brighten their days. Simple acts like sharing stories, singing Christmas carols, or even just sitting down to talk can create heartwarming connections and show them they are not forgotten. These visits are a great way for

different generations to bond. Younger visitors can learn valuable life lessons from the experiences of older adults, which can help them understand life better. In return, seniors often enjoy the laughter and companionship that come with having visitors, lifting their spirits during the holiday season.

As we plan our holiday activities, let's make it a priority to visit these care homes. Whether it's organising a small party to bring some cheer or just taking the time to listen to a resident's stories, every small act of kindness can have a big impact. This Christmas, let's share love and friendship beyond our usual circles and reach out to the wider community. After all, the true spirit of the season is about connecting, showing compassion, and creating special memories—no matter how old we are.



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# Great Christmas Gift Ideas for Men

As Christmas approaches, many of us begin the annual quest for the perfect gift to show appreciation for the special men in our lives. Whether it's for a dad, husband, brother, or mate, finding a thoughtful, practical gift can feel like searching for a needle in a haystack.

With so many options available, it's easy to get overwhelmed. This year let's aim for gifts that are not only enjoyable but also genuinely helpful. Here are some straightforward suggestions that combine practicality with a dash of fun.

One great idea that often goes overlooked is a car wash voucher. Many blokes consider cleaning their car a monumental task, often putting it on par with cleaning out the garage. It's one of those chores that keeps getting pushed to the bottom of the to-do list.

A car wash voucher encourages them to take care of their vehicle and gives their car the thorough clean it definitely deserves!

Plus, with all the holiday travel and outdoor adventures that take place during this season, starting the new year with a sparkling clean car is a fantastic way to roll into 2026—preferably without the leftover chips from last road trip!

Another practical—and slightly less intimidating—option is a high-quality multi-tool. This handy gadget is perfect for anyone who likes to be prepared for anything, whether it's camping, tackling home repairs, or simply MacGyvering their way out of a sticky situation.

A good multi-tool is compact and easy to carry, making it the trusty sidekick that every bloke secretly desires.

With various functionalities, from screwdrivers to can openers and even pliers, he'll be ready to tackle any DIY disaster—or impress his mates by fixing the barbecue mid-cookout.

Imagine a camping trip where your guy is the hero simply because he has the right tool on hand: "Oh, you need a screwdriver? I got one right here!"

For anglers in your life, personalised fishing gear is a fantastic choice. Whether it's a custom lure with his name engraved on it or a high-quality tackle bag designed to organise all his fishing essentials, a tailored gift will undoubtedly make his time on the water more enjoyable.

Consider also a new fishing rod or a set of premium fishing reels that fits his favourite fishing style. A portable fish finder or a fishing smartwatch could enhance his fishing experience.

These gadgets help anglers find the best spots to catch fish, turning every fishing trip from "I've been here for

hours and caught nothing" to "Look at me; I'm basically Poseidon!" Along with the practical aspect, they add an element of fun and excitement, igniting the thrill of the catch.

Every time he heads out to fish, he'll appreciate your thoughtful input—until he spends all day trying to catch "the big one" and ends up with a cold sandwich instead.

If he enjoys relaxing evenings at home or weekend treats, consider a subscription box tailored to his interests. There's an incredible variety of subscription boxes available to fit different tastes and hobbies. If he's a foodie, he might love exploring new flavours through a gourmet snack box.



If he enjoys reading, a literary subscription box could introduce him to new authors or genres he hasn't yet discovered (and a funny new bookmark that he will promptly lose).

For the beer enthusiast, a craft beer subscription could provide unique brews that he'll look forward to sampling each month.

And for a fishing fanatic, why not surprise him with a fishing tackle subscription box that sends him new lures, baits, and gadgets regularly?

Tailoring this gift to his interests makes it not only fun but incredibly thoughtful.

In addition to these fun and practical gifts, consider health and wellness-focused options. A fitness tracker can be an excellent gift, especially if he's shown interest in monitoring his health or setting personal fitness goals.

These devices can track steps, heart rate, and even sleep patterns. Helping him stay fit can be one of the best gifts; it might even inspire him to tackle that New Year's resolution—because who doesn't want to look good while eating Christmas leftovers and pondering life choices?

Another option to consider is a gym membership or classes relevant to his interests. Whether he's into yoga or cycling, a trial pass to a local fitness studio can be a fantastic way to encourage him to get out there and try something new.

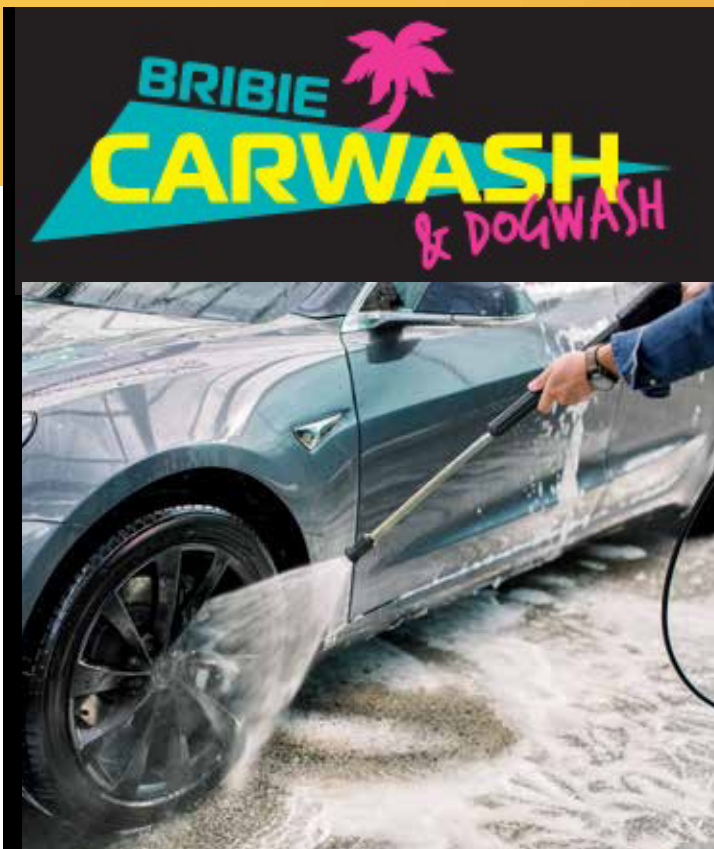
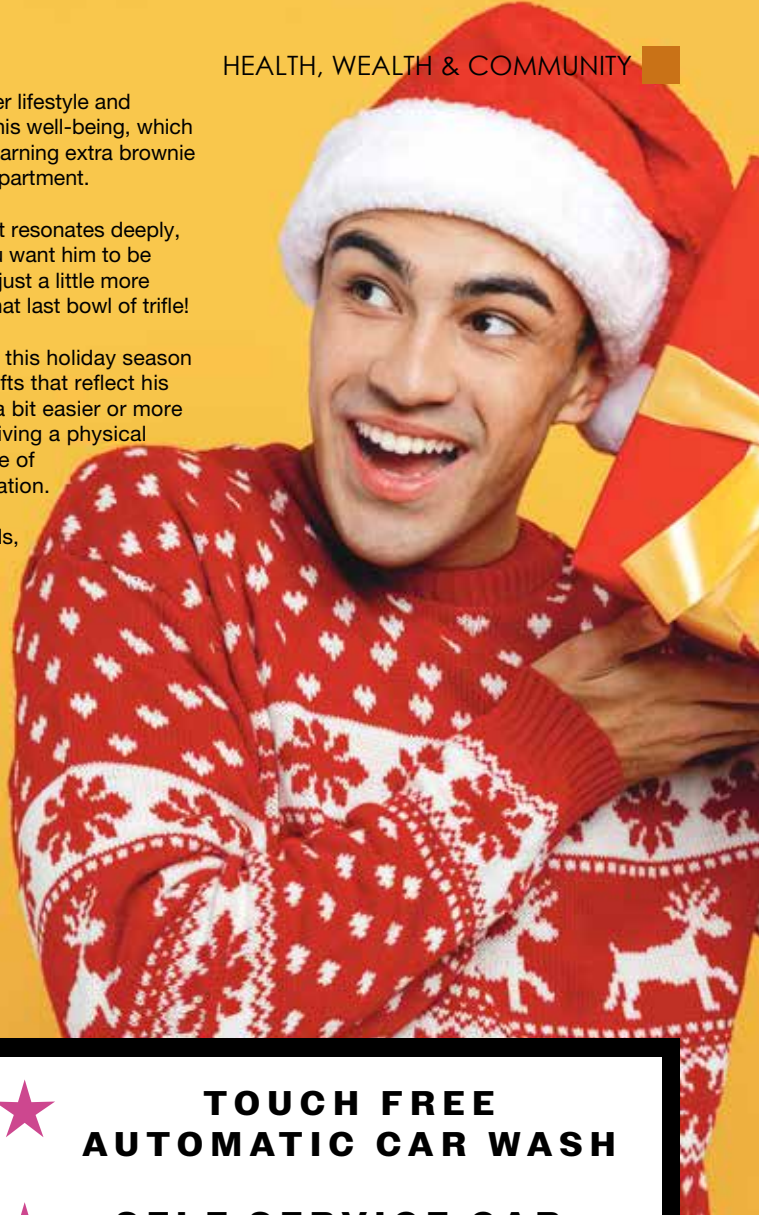
This gift promotes a healthier lifestyle and shows that you care about his well-being, which is the secret ingredient for earning extra brownie points in the relationship department.

The thoughtfulness behind it resonates deeply, as it communicates that you want him to be happy, healthy, and maybe just a little more flexible when reaching for that last bowl of trifle!

Overall, the goal is to make this holiday season memorable. By choosing gifts that reflect his interests and make his life a bit easier or more enjoyable, you're not just giving a physical item; you're giving a gesture of understanding and appreciation.

As the festive season unfolds, take time to enjoy moments together, create lasting memories, and celebrate the joy of giving.

*Happy gift-giving!*



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## CLOSING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

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## DONATIONS OVER CHRISTMAS BREAK

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS ON FOOTPATH - IT IS COUNCIL LAND AND THEY WILL FINE YOU AS THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING ITEMS AND TAKING TO THE DUMP.

## HAMPERS - FREE RAFFLE

The hampers were drawn last week, congratulations to the 9 lucky winners.

## PICK-UPS AND DELIVERIES - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We will not be doing any pick-ups on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd of this month as we are having work completed during our break and wish to minimise the furniture left on the shop floor.

Deliveries will continue until Tuesday afternoon for items purchased by NOON on Tuesday.

Anything purchased after that time will have to be taken with you or wait until 7th January when we re-open.

Our staff will be unable to change these arrangements, so please do not approach them and put them in an awkward position. They have been instructed to advise the 12pm closure for deliveries is definite, so we thank you for your co-operation dealing with this situation. Our drivers will be needed at the shop to secure and prepare for closure, so the 12pm delivery time will be the last for the year.

## BARGAINS

During the last week, if we have an abundance of certain items, we will have bargains available. It will be as needs arise so there may not be

time for any media notice, so please check the blackboard as you come in. This could include 50% off or \$1 items. During these last few weeks, we ask for patience and courtesy when dealing with our staff and volunteers, they are there to assist but not be abused.

## DONATIONS GIVEN

We continue to support Global Care with their Foodbank account. Due to the generosity of our donors and customers we were able to also support the following associations. Bribie Legacy Ladies with their Christmas Lunch; once again we will be supporting Bribie Kindy with hats and t-shirts next year and also replace their wet area in their garden. Bribie Rotary needs assistance with funding controllers for road closures and permits for the NY family carnival. Treecreate asked for assistance to conduct open day workshops. Our Bribie Primary School required padding for their AFL goal posts to minimize injuries, and Marine Rescue BI (previously VMR) needs rust proof heavy-duty furniture for their new renovated verandah. The retirement village requires some renovations to increase carers presence in needed areas.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:busyfingers1@bigpond.com) Please be aware we only support Bribie Island associations and groups, not individuals.

## THANK YOU

I would like to finish the year with a huge thank you to all our wonderful supporters who assist us throughout the year with their donations and visits to our shop. Without you there would be no Busy Fingers supporting our beautiful island and residents.

To the Bribie Islander and their staff, a special thank you for your continued support, which has been ongoing since your first publication.

To our team of Volunteers, a big thank you for your continued dedication to our mission of supporting the island, we would not be able to continue without your help.

A sincere Thank you to our great members of staff, our managers Jacki and Judy and their relief Marcella, who keep the shop moving in the right direction. Our two hardworking cashiers Leanne and Meryl and the many ladies who assist them when needed in busy times.

Our 2 drivers Dave and new member Matt for their hard work collecting donations and delivering purchased items and also assisting in the shop when needed and Michael for assisting Judy on Saturday mornings.

To our committee, thank you for assisting our staff and President Pauline, Treasurer Fitzie and myself as Secretary.

I wish all our staff, volunteers, committee, Tradies, supporters and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year, with family and friends. Please stay safe and I hope to see you in the New Year

Sandra (Secretary).





# Donations Given During 2025

**BIRV** - Over bed tables, Ice cream Trolley, Mini Golf Course with shade sails and spectator area. Renovations in Lounge area.

**AFL JUNIORS** - Coach & Committee Jackets, new Spectator Tables & Benches, New security Camera

**BI LITTLE ATHLETICS** - BBQ for fundraising and Family Nights

**BAPTIST HALL** - Defibrillator

**BI CROQUET** - Fridge, raffle prizes

**BI STATE SCHOOL** - Ute for school grounds, C2 reader pens for special needs classes. Goal Post Padding for AFL.

**BB SCHOOL** - New Band Uniforms

**BI HIGH** - Guitars for band and Buses for Intro to High School days for grade 6 students

**MEN'S SHED** - Dust Extractor and Mitre Saw

**WOODCRAFTS** - Heavy Log Lifter

**PICKLEBALL** - New Shed for new venue

**VMR (MRQ)** - Heavy & rustproof Furniture for the new outdoor entertainment patio.

**BI WILDLIFE** - Defibrillator for new 4x4

**RSL GOLF CLUB** - Bus for Annual tournament

**BI LEGACY** - Mother's Day Morning Tea and Christmas Lunch

**BACE** - Portable toilets for Regatta and Christmas Lights Parade

**BI NASHOS** - BBQ Boats hire, buses for outings and purchase of Raffle Prizes.

**BIEPA** - Foreign Myna Bird Flyers

**BONGAREE BOWLS** - A Green replacement

**MELSA** - Renovation of Carriage into a Kitchen for fundraising & Figurines for walk paths.

**BI SCOUTS** - New Canoe Trailer

**BI WARRIGALS** - 26 Player Kits

**BI PROBUS** - 2 Laptops and Room Hire

**BI DARTS** - New Dart Boards

**SOCIAL SENIORS** - Bus Hire

**ANGLICAN HALL** - Projector and 3D Screen.

**CREATIVE COLLECTIVES** - Start up Equipment.

**BI OWN NETWORK** - Annual Conference Assistance

**BI POLICE** - DV Coasters & ATV plus service

**BI KINDY** - New Shirts & Hats, Table around Mango Tree for Activities & New Garden Wet Area

**BI ROTARY** - NY Celebrations assistance with traffic controls for road closures and Permits.

**DRAGONS ABREAST** - Shirts

**BI TENNIS** - 3 Laptops for Committee

**BB GARDEN CLUB** - Laptops

**BI GEM CLUB** - Banners and BBQ

**BI ARTS CENTRE** - Solar Panels

**HOUSE OF HAPPINESS** - Renovate Men's Bathroom

**TRI SPORTS** - Storage Boxes

**COOLAMON SOCIAL** - Bingo Wheel Cage

**BI TURTLE TRACKERS** - Electric Bike for finding Rookeries.

**BI SWIMMING CLUB** - Portable Shade

**EPSCA (HOMELESS & DV)** - Assistant with dangerous trees at HQ

**TREECREATE** - Assistance with the Open Day & workshop weekend.

Busy Fingers would like to sincerely thank all our supporters for their donations given and also the hundreds of customers who frequent the shop throughout the year. We would not be able to support all our schools, Associations and clubs without the help of our island residents.

## OUR SUPPORTERS

We are also assisted throughout the year by the following Tradies, most have assisted us for years and we have added a couple of new ones. All of them come to our aid as soon as they possibly can to ensure the shop stays open.

New to the fold is **Paul and Shannon of Morayfield Used Cars** 10 Gaffield St Morayfield **0419519150** came to the rescue this year finding us a great utility for the Primary School to assist them with the grounds work.

Also, **Bryce Wilson Mowing**, with the assistance of Blair, are now attending to our front garden which is always looking great **0434402649**.

**Vaughan Coulston of Javcino Line Marking** upgraded our carpark **0409574998**

Richard To the Rescue who did our new fencing, irrigation and rear gravel and paving **0410265595**

The tradesman who have looked after us for many years include:- **Ron Bawtell of RJB Electrical** continues to keep our lights on **0422448141**.

**Scott Baden Plumber** continues to keep the water flowing **0419677264**.

**Rodney Fuller of Bribie Signs** and **Altitude Flooring** - Rodney continues to supply all our signage including the signage and marquees for our grants. He also looks after our flooring. **0407323992**.

**Thomas of Virtue IT** supplies our computers and cameras and also assists us in obtaining IT equipment for associations who approach us for grants **0468926452**.

**Shayne of LAW** ensures our aerial and security system are working **0421216174**.

**Wayne of Unit Plaques and Trophies** supplies all our badges and plaques **34082444**

**Joel of Bribie Air Conditioning** for our cooling and also for grants **0409483796**

**Victory Press** has been supplying all our printing for many years now **54084767**.

The guys at the **Bribie Men's Shed** do a lot of work for us when we need wood items or repairs done, they are a great bunch of guys and open 3 mornings a week now, so guys if you want to make friends give them a ring **0458594734**.

**Thank you all so much for coming to our aid throughout the year guys, have a great Festive Season and stay safe.**

# VALE GREG ROLLASON OAM



## WE SERVE

It is with great sadness that the Lions Club of Sandstone Point advises of the passing of our member, Past District Governor, **Greg Rollason OAM**, after a battle with cancer on Friday, 14th November 2025.

Greg has left behind a loving wife, Wendy, and three daughters and grandchildren. The passing of Greg is a mammoth loss to the local area, which has lost a true campaigner for anyone in need in our community.

Greg's humanity and generosity of spirit spread far and wide through his involvement in Lions International, where he was a current member of the Lions Club of Sandstone Point and a former member of the Lions Club of Bribie Island.

Greg was a Past District Governor of Lions District 201Q3, where he oversaw more than 70 Lions Clubs from Bribie Island to Quilpie. Greg was a passionate Lion and travelled to support various Lions Projects and Foundations in Australia and overseas.

Locally, Greg was dedicated to helping the homeless and those affected by domestic violence and was a leader in setting up the East Pumicestone Support Association (EPCSA), which was established for that purpose.

He also had current or past involvement with The Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre, TOC H, Bribie Island Hospice fundraising, and the organisation of Bribie Island's annual Christmas Carols at Brennan Park. And so many more organisations.

He was also an Elder at St Peter's Anglican Church, Bribie Island and ran the Bongaree Neighbourhood Watch for many years.

Whenever there was a call for help, Greg would be there, whether it be cooking a sausage, moving someone into accommodation, moving furniture or whatever else was needed at the time.

We know that Greg will be remembered by all who knew him, or knew him by reputation, as a very kind, considerate and compassionate man. His legacy will continue with others making an effort to support those in need in our community.

For his community and charitable work, Greg was awarded the OAM in this year's King's Birthday Awards. An award he was proud of, although humbled by it.

If you wish to make a donation in Greg's memory, you can do so to The Lions Medical Research Foundation at:  
**[www.lionsmedicalresearchfoundation.org.au/support-us#donation](http://www.lionsmedicalresearchfoundation.org.au/support-us#donation)**



# CELEBRATING THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY - BUSY FINGERS OP SHOP

In an era where sustainable shopping is becoming increasingly important, Busy Fingers Op Shop on Bribie Island stands out as a remarkable example of how local efforts can create significant positive change. This treasure trove of preloved clothing, books, furniture, and more not only provides savvy shoppers with bargains galore but also plays a pivotal role in supporting our community.

What makes Busy Fingers truly special is its unwavering commitment to giving back. The op shop thrives on the generosity of residents who donate items, and in turn, the organisation generously shares the proceeds with various local groups and not-for-profit organisations. This intricate cycle of support ensures that the money raised directly benefits residents, bolstering community spirit and fostering a sense of belonging.

Each year, Busy Fingers has expanded the number of community groups it assists, demonstrating their dedication to not only promoting sustainable shopping but also enhancing the well-being of those living on Bribie Island. Their efforts are crucial, particularly in times of need, and they embody the true essence of community spirit. By supporting locals, they are not just selling second-hand goods; they are investing in the heart of our community.

We should all take a moment to appreciate the valuable contributions that Busy Fingers Op Shop makes. Whether you're on the lookout for unique finds or simply want to support a worthy cause, this op shop is more than just a store; it is a beacon of hope and connection for Bribie Island. Let us continue to support this incredible organisation, ensuring that their impact only grows stronger in the years to come.






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MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Bribie Island RSL Women's Auxiliary will be held on  
**Monday 9th February 2026**  
**commencing at 9.30am.**

All Financial Members are invited to attend. Only financial members are entitled to vote, and no subscriptions will be taken at the meeting.  
**Nominations are invited for all positions:**

- President
- Vice Presidents (2)
- Hon. Secretary
- Hon. Treasurer
- Committee Members (2)

Nomination forms can be picked up from the table outside the RSL Sub Branch Office on Level 1 of the Bribie Island RSL from 9th December 2025.  
Please fill them out and return them to the Ballot Box. Nominations close at 9.30am Monday 30th January 2025.

All inquiries: Secretary, Margie Gadd 0438 376 963

# Where Play Never Goes Out of Style: Inside Bribie Island's Treasure Trove of Fun



For over 13 years, **Who's On First** has been the heart of family entertainment on Bribie Island

When families stroll along Toorbul Street in Bongaree, drawn by the promise of ice cream from Scoopy's, a leisurely afternoon by the jetty or a play on the swings at Brennan Park, they often discover something unexpected: a shop so packed with possibilities it has become a beloved institution on Bribie Island. This is **Who's On First**, where 7,500 items transform a simple shopping trip into an adventure.

The name itself is a playful nod to the classic Abbott and Costello comedy routine, and this sense of fun permeates every corner of this family-run store. For more than thirteen years, **Who's On First** has been serving the Bribie Island community with an unwavering commitment: bring back the joy of unplugged family time.



## A LOCAL TRADITION BUILT ON PLAY

Walk into **Who's On First** and you'll be delighted by over 2,000 board and card games, from timeless classics like Monopoly, Scrabble, and Uno to exciting new releases challenging players of all ages. There are more than 750 jigsaw puzzles ranging from 30 pieces for little hands to intricate 13,200-piece challenges for dedicated enthusiasts.

With over 1,500 toys for children, and more than 1,500 beach and outdoor items, the shop has become Bribie Island's one-stop destination for family entertainment. For the collector, the store boasts an impressive collection of Pokémon products.

"We're not just selling products," explains Mark, the owner of **Who's On First**. "We're helping families create memories. When someone comes in looking for a birthday gift, something to do on a rainy day or the holidays, we're giving them the tools to bring everyone together."

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## BRINGING FAMILIES BACK TOGETHER

In an age where screens dominate family time, **Who's On First** champions a different approach: flick off the television, step away from social media, and rediscover the magic of face-to-face fun. The store's carefully curated selection includes STEM educational games which make learning exciting, trivia games sparking friendly competition, and strategy games challenging players to think creatively.

The classics are all here—Snakes and Ladders, Marbles, Chess sets, and Chinese Checkers —but so are hundreds of games most customers have never encountered. From Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza to Codenames, the selection invites exploration and discovery. Mark is always ready to recommend games based on age, skill level, and family preferences, turning each visit into a personalized experience.

For beach days, **Who's On First** has become an essential stop. Buckets, spades, beach towels, kites, and balls ensure days spent on the beautiful shores are filled with activity and laughter.

Mark makes his own very popular 3D printed range of products 24/7 - from dragons to fidgets and other game accessories.



**PERFECTLY POSITIONED IN THE HEART OF BONGAREE**

Location matters, and **Who's On First** couldn't have chosen better next to the beach. Situated at Shop 2, 1 Toorbul Street, right next to the The Book Bucket, Robbie's Crystal Caudron, and opposite the iconic Scoopy's Family Cafe, the shop is part of a destination drawing locals and visitors alike.

The store is located on the same site as the very first Bribie retail store in 1923. **Who's On First** has woven itself into the fabric of the island. Whether you're a long-time resident or a first-time visitor, the friendly atmosphere and comprehensive selection make everyone feel welcome.

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**Who's On First** opens its doors seven days a week. The store welcomes visitors from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



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As a major sponsor for the Next Generation Art prize at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, customers can donate their discount vouchers at the bottom of every receipt into the donation bin in store and **Who's on First** will donate cash prizes to this annual event supporting local children.

**Who's On First** is the perfect place to buy a Christmas gift this year.

**TOP 10 XMAS STAFF PICKS FOR TOYS AND GAMES UNDER \$40**

1. Five Crowns
2. Nee Doh Nice Cube
3. 3D printed Twistmas Tree
4. Wasgij Christmas 21: A Very Merry Makeover!
5. Pokemon Phantasmal Flames
6. Uno Show No Mercy
7. Yahtzee Score Pads
8. Playing Cards
9. Space Wonder Gyroscope
10. Fluorescent Beach Ball

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# Bribie's Day of Fury:

## A Call to Protect Our Vulnerable in Extreme Weather



**O**n Monday, 24 November, Bribie Island faced a weather event unlike anything most locals have ever witnessed — and I say that as someone who has spent years watching and photographing storms. What tore across our island was not just another severe thunderstorm.

With **category-three force winds**, blinding rain, and a ferocity more reminiscent of a **cyclone or tornado**, Bribie truly found itself in the firing line.

Within minutes, the island was plunged into chaos. **Power went out. Phone reception vanished. Internet disappeared.** And all of this unfolded in the middle of an intense **heatwave** — the worst possible combination, and a recipe for a disaster that could easily have been far more tragic.

### The Hidden Crisis: Our Vulnerable Community Members

Extreme weather exposes a truth we don't talk about enough: **vulnerability is not limited to age.**

Yes, many elderly residents rely on community support, but so do:

- People living with cancer
- Those with chronic illness
- Residents with physical disabilities
- Caregivers supporting high-needs family members
- Young people dependent on assistive technologies
- Anyone requiring powered medical equipment, such as adjustable beds, oxygen machines, or powered wheelchairs

Many Bribie residents are also on **priority assistance lists** with electricity providers due to life-support needs — but in destructive storm conditions, even priority systems cannot restore power fast enough.

When electricity, phones and internet all fail at once, these individuals and their caregivers are thrust into a secondary crisis, one that happens quietly behind closed doors.

- Heat-sensitive medical conditions worsen.
- Mobility becomes limited.
- Communication becomes impossible.

### Why We Need a Local 'Recovery Support in Weather Events' Program

Storms of this intensity are no longer rare. What we experienced on the 24th proves that Bribie needs stronger community-level disaster protections — especially for those who cannot simply “wait it out.”

I propose the establishment of a local initiative I call:

### Storm Vulnerability Assistance Program (SVAP)

This program will allow residents to register if they meet certain criteria for vulnerability. During extreme weather, trained volunteers or SES-supported community responders would:

- Conduct welfare checks at homes when safe
- Ensure individuals have food and water
- Assist with generator access where appropriate



Storm Watcher &amp; Photographer

- Help maintain thermoregulation needs for those who rely on air-conditioning
- Provide a communication link when normal systems fail
- Offer short-term in-person support until power and services are restored

Human life is precious. In disaster recovery, no one should be left to struggle alone simply because they lack nearby family or the physical ability to self-evacuate.

### Safe Spaces for Recovery

I also call on our local MP and council to establish two designated meeting locations during major outages — ideally in fully equipped, air-conditioned venues such as the RSL conference rooms. It's a location that has a back-up generator. These spaces would be earmarked specifically for:

- Caregivers
- Families with high-needs members
- People with disabilities
- Those requiring a quiet, safe, cool environment

They would be staffed with trained support workers or vetted volunteers able to assist until home conditions become safe again.

### A Community That Shows Up

The SES already plays a heroic and essential role after storms — clearing debris, assessing damage, and restoring basic safety. But what we

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# Bribie'

urgently need in addition is a face-to-face, person-to-person support team focused solely on the wellbeing of vulnerable residents.

- We have the community spirit.
- We have the volunteers.
- We simply need the structure.

## Moving Forward Together

What happened on November 24 was a wake-up call. Bribie Island is strong — but strength isn't just about surviving the storm. It's about protecting every member of our community, especially those who can't protect themselves.

As weather events grow more severe, we must grow more connected.

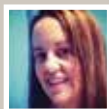
- Preparedness saves structures.
- Community saves lives.

If you think a **Storm Vulnerability Assistance Program (SVAP)** would be a good program, please write to the local MP and council.

Yours in Health and Wellness,

**Tracey Blinco**

**Volunteer:**  
Law and Access Consultant  
Human Rights Advocate  
NDIS Psychosocial Recovery Coach  
Health Coach  
Caregiver





# A Day of Fury:



Moreton Bay  
**Buckleys Hole  
Conservation Park**  
(Moreton Bay Regional Council as Trustee)

# STORM ON BRIBIE

By Al Finegan



In the days before Monday 25th November 2025, the BoM had issued broad warnings of unstable weather across southeast Queensland. Meteorologists had cautioned of "... large amounts of instability and moisture in the atmosphere", meaning much of the state - from the southeast all the way to the Gulf Country - was at risk of thunderstorms. They specifically forecast a likelihood of heavy rainfall, large hailstones and damaging winds affecting parts of southeast Queensland, a region that includes Bribie Island.

So, while the warnings existed in a general sense for the broader region, for many Bribie Islanders it was just another late hot humid spring day with the usual possibility of a thunderstorm. The alerts did not sufficiently convey the severity of what was to come for places like Bribie Island.

With little warning, either physically or from the BoM, it defied all expectations. The winds roared in at cyclonic strength bearing torrential rain. Hailstones, some reaching up to 11 cm in diameter, hammered buildings and vehicles. Hundreds of thousands of lightning strikes lit the sky - a dramatic signal of the storm's intensity.

The fallout was substantial, causing widespread damage to homes, infrastructure, and the natural environment. Many homes and buildings had roofs stripped off entirely. At least one block of units became uninhabitable, while snapped trees blocked people exiting their homes, or dragged electric wires across driveways. Some massive tree or their huge branches crushed cars parked beneath them.

The Bribie Island Caravan Park suffered huge damage both in infrastructure and human suffering. Their caravans and cars were flung over and wrecked, tents torn away, their precious belongs smashed or simply blown away to heaven knows where. Boats were damaged, or sunk, and a catamaran was torn from its mooring at Bongaree.

Power and communications infrastructure suffered severely. Across the City of Moreton Bay which includes Bribie Island, thousands of powerlines were knocked down, leading to widespread blackouts.

This included the loss of all phone and internet services. Bribie was a disaster zone. Nearly all of Bribie and nearby districts lost power. Most roads and access ways were blocked by fallen trees and downed lines, denying any movement.

Emergency services and council crews were inundated with calls for help, and that was only from those who could call. Public Emergency services including the Bribie Satellite Hospital, were in darkness. Apart from fallen powerlines, blocked roads, and debris, many emergency services employees simply could not get to their work-place.

As the storm passed, the scale of the damage became clearer - and overwhelming. Despite the impact of this destruction, one of the most striking responses was community solidarity. Neighbours checked on each other, and our people began organizing cleanup efforts - almost immediately. People began to spontaneously appear with chainsaws and tools to clear roads and others to allow access to their homes.

The authorities mobilised hundreds of emergency crews and utility workers from outside the damaged region to help clear fallen trees, repair lines, and restore power. Priority was given to critical infrastructure such as hospitals and schools.

The damage was so extensive that the Insurance Council of Australia declared the event an "insurance catastrophe." By late November, more than 27,000 insurance claims had been lodged across the 4507 postcode.

For many of our Bribie Islanders, life is slowly getting back to normal - but the scars remain. Rebuilding roofs, repairing homes, replacing damaged vehicles and for some, waiting for full restoration of power and services is likely to take time. A drive around our Island reveals the massive amount of cleanup needed. While the roads have been cleared there are mountains of uprooted trees and branches lining roads all over Bribie.

When reflecting on the storm we need to examine what went wrong, and how it was beyond our expectations. That mismatch between "statewide risk alert" and "island-level catastrophe" - may have contributed to residents underestimating the danger, leaving no time to prepare. Time to secure loose items, board windows, recharge batteries in phones, torches, laptops and battery lamps.

As the cleanup continues and rebuilding begins, the hope must be that lessons learned from this event will lead to stronger preparedness. Better BoM warnings would be a start, so that next time - and there will be a next time - the people of Bribie Island will be ready.

# FROM THE HEART

*There are some wonderful people in our community! You make us proud.*

## Congratulations Bribie Islanders, you are exceptional people!

With the recent storms and damage to our property (mainly in the yard), our special thanks go out to neighbours and friends who went above and beyond to help us.

We were so grateful as now we are getting older, a lot of things we found difficult but without hesitation, they came to our assistance as too with kind offers for any other needs.

Thank you to all for your generosity to help - it was so appreciated.

Merv & Barb Britton, Ningi.

A big thumbs up to the team at Bribie Island Mitre 10. No power so no lights no eftpos but have the doors open helping out the local community. That was a hot rough week losing everything, but we want to give back. If you are still without power, come down to Annie Lane, sit in the air con and we will shout you a free cuppa.

I just wanted to thank everyone in the community who is helping to clean up. All of the SES, emergency services, Energex crews, tree and debris removal crews and individuals out there making sure our island home comes back stronger.

Thank you to the hard-working lines men and women and everyone working to return our paradise back to its best. There is lots of community outreach and support in the meantime. The SES, Energex, and support services are doing their best, they are facing extremely difficult circumstances and pressures, and they are doing a great job. "I see your chainsaw and raise you a ladder" - SES & RFS in action!

A big shout out to the RFS crews who have been out supporting storm jobs this week - and doing it in 36-degree heat. Your hard work has made a big difference to the community. And to our incredible SES volunteers - thank you for pushing through the extreme conditions, tackling the big workload and showing the grit and dedication you're known for. RFS and SES volunteers have been working side by side, pushing through community requests for assistance - even when the weather turns it up to 36°.

Jim Durand put out a message to everyone...Just offering help. I live off Peel Road Have power back so don't need the 4 bags of ice I bought yesterday. Also, can assist anybody that desperately needs help. Have tools trailer, some rechargeable lighting. PM me if you need something.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the amazing ladies who have gone above and beyond.

It has been an absolute pleasure collaborating with crews from across the south-east coast, spanning the Sunshine Coast to Samford, with Gold Coast crews joining in. Thanks again everyone

It is truly heartening to witness the outpouring of support and gratitude on Facebook, demonstrating that even small gestures can have a profound impact.

Thank you to the family from Banya Street Bongaree who helped us and other families.

So much love for my friend Ashlee who went out to all the communities out there to make sure our older generation is looked after. She spent over \$300 of her own money as a single mother to go out and do it. Big shout out to her!

What an amazing community we are fortunate to live in! These past few days have been difficult for many and continuing for many also, however, to see the kindness and care people have given to others has been beautiful. The sharing of power, ice, eskies, generators, portable cookers, portable lights, checking in on neighbours, helping each other out - it has all been incredible!

They came to our home and cut down two x big branches, one that had landed on our veranda roof and blocked Banya lane. What a fantastic community we have. If we ever see you at the RSL or the pub, we'll gladly buy you a beer or three, Thanks guys.

If anyone has food they need to cook we have a BBQ and stove top and microwave available at our station come on down we are open. Toorbul Rural Fire Brigade, If anyone around has lost power, please feel free to pop into the shop. We've got air-con, a comfy spot to cool down, and tea & coffee ready to go. Don't sit at home in the heat - come in, recharge, and take a breather. We are here for you. Celina's Beauty & Wellness.

Honestly, I have never known such a wonderful community. From neighbours checking in, removing branches, clearing debris out of pool & bringing hot water over (heated on BBQ). Everyone doing a bit, really helps a lot.

A great big Thank you to everyone involved for all that you have done and do in emergency. Our beautiful Island copped a beating, and you are doing an amazing job putting everything back together. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

I drove to Caboolture via Bestmann Rd East and the Energex guys hard out working clearing trees out of power lines there also. These guys have been amazing working hard in these conditions. Very grateful.

Toorbul fire would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our supporters for their invaluable assistance at the station, ensuring its continued operation despite the community-wide power outage.

# Storm Comments

I just want to take a moment to appreciate the incredible effort going into cleaning up Ningi and Bribie Island after that horrific storm. The damage was huge, but you can already see such a difference especially around Ningi before the 7/11.

What was a complete mess is slowly starting to look like home again. The Council crews have been out there with chainsaws, chippers, trucks and gear, working long hours to make our community safe.

But it's not just them the volunteers and everyday locals who have stepped in to help deserve just as much recognition.

So many people have rolled up their sleeves, checked on neighbours, cleared branches, and done what they can to support each other. People love to complain about what doesn't get done, but right now we're seeing the absolute best of our community.

Everyone working together Council, volunteers, and the general public is what's helping Bribie Island get back on its feet. So, thank you to every single person out there helping with the clean-up.

If you see any of these hardworking people around, a simple thank you or even shouting them a cold drink goes a long way. A little kindness really does matter in times like this.

I want to vote for Rob "Robbo" Mitchell as our local hero. He has helped so many people after the cyclone and is known as the "Bri-Bee" man.

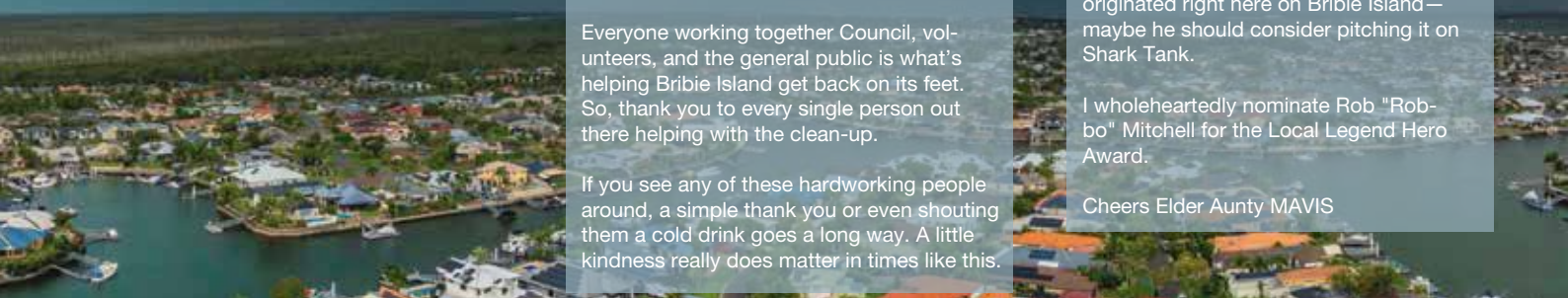
He rescues animals, deals with bees, and sells beehives. He also runs a scooter service that allows people to drive their cars home safely, reducing drink driving on the island.

This round, he has made an even greater impact. Rob has rescued animals and saved five beehives from large trees that fell during the storm, doing so without a protective suit. He continues to provide chainsaw assistance to those in need. Without me even asking, he came to my house and cleared a large, broken tree in my yard. He didn't damage my fence or shed and took the entire tree away at no cost.

His scooter business idea is amazing and originated right here on Bribie Island—maybe he should consider pitching it on Shark Tank.

I wholeheartedly nominate Rob "Robbo" Mitchell for the Local Legend Hero Award.

Cheers Elder Aunty MAVIS



## A Heartfelt Thank You to Tom Thumbs Tree Works: Champions of Community Service

**T**om Thumbs Tree Works truly embodies the spirit of community service, and they deserve an enormous thank you! Their unwavering commitment to lending a helping hand in times of need is nothing short of inspiring. They've generously dedicated their time to support countless individuals, ensuring safety in the wake of storms.

Our beloved Melsa Park will be on the receiving end of their generosity which I plan to highlight their incredible work on that further in an upcoming article, but I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to Tom and his team right now for their unwavering embrace of the Christmas spirit and their invaluable role in our community. Their contributions also extend to our local Woodies, providing immense support that truly uplifts us all.

### Here's a glimpse into what they do...

Tom Thumbs Tree Works offers expert arborist services specifically designed for the unique needs of properties on Bribie Island. Their services include tree removal, stump grinding, palm tree removal, and bushfire protection.

Whether it's tackling hazardous trees, removing unsightly stumps, or preparing for the bushfire season, their skilled team delivers reliable solutions tailored to your individual

needs. Maintaining outdoor spaces in our distinct climate can be quite challenging. Tom Thumbs Tree Works excels at clearing overgrown areas, creating defensible firebreaks, and managing storm debris to ensure your property remains safe and well-maintained. Their eco-conscious methods minimise environmental impact while ensuring your outdoor areas not only function well but also look beautiful.

Using state-of-the-art equipment and eco-friendly practices, Tom Thumbs Tree Works provides safe and efficient solutions designed for you.

With extensive industry experience, they take great pride in offering high-quality, reliable services that address the unique needs of every client, all aimed at keeping your outdoor spaces safe, functional, and stunning. Thank you, Tom and team, for your tireless efforts and dedication to our community!



# JUST HOW STUPID CAN YOU BE?

By Cherrie Wilson



I felt pretty stupid, and here's why. For the past six years, I've been stressing the importance of being storm-ready, having a backup plan, and keeping a checklist of essential items. I always remind everyone in the magazine to prepare for the worst.

Well, I thought I was storm-ready. I have a generator, lots of camp cooking equipment, lanterns, eskies—if you name it, I probably have two of each! So, I figured I wouldn't stress about losing power; I was all set! Or so I thought. The embarrassing part? All those items are packed in my shed, ready to go when needed. That's great—if you have a key to unlock your electric shed! Unfortunately, the shed was locked. I've always used the remote to open the door and never considered that it relied on power. I also had no idea where the key was!

Then I had the bright idea of just breaking into the shed through the side. But wait—where are my tools? That's right, they're in the shed!

Next, I decided to jump in my car and head to a friend's place to borrow an esky. The only problem? My car was behind an electric gate, which I didn't know how to open manually until my son came by and showed me the little orange gadget needed to unlock it. Great, I could finally get moving! If I had the sense to keep my tank full, then the fuel indicator wouldn't be flashing red and off I would go. But no, another stupid move, having an empty tank and there were no service stations open to fill up.

At this point, I threw in the towel. Luckily, I'm an avid candle collector and had the house lit and smelling beautifully. Day 2 passed, then Day 3, and by Day 4, things in the fridge and freezer started to get pretty bad as you know, it was sweltering. No candle could cover that smell! For context, my partner loves to fish, so we had a chest freezer full of fish that was slowly rotting. I've now made a rule: eat the fish that night, or it's catch-and-release!

In this heatwave with no air conditioning, I thought I would melt. Fortunately, we have a pool! However, we had just ripped up the deck to replace it, turning the area into a construction site where the pool was off-limits. The pool itself was fine, but I wasn't about to start moving all the builder's stuff to access it!

Speaking of renovations, our roof has to be replaced because it has been leaking, but the work hasn't started yet. So, we had a nice steady drip, drip, drip in the hallway, caught by a bucket. Navigating through the dark with only a candle for light made for an interesting walk to the toilet—literally kicking the bucket!

Phone service was non-existent, so my son and daughter drove to Caboolture to call family and let them know we were okay. While they were out, my daughter downloaded a movie for us to watch that night. I was excited until I realized it was a musical, a genre I'm not particularly fond of. But with no other options, I was stuck watching it. Surprisingly, I ended up enjoying it—maybe the heat had affected my judgment!

And remember how I tell you to make sure you have spare batteries for everything? Especially a radio so you can hear what is going on at least and keep updated on the weather and emergency services. Yeah, massive fail there as well.

Despite all the chaos, I really cherished the quiet moments spent with my daughter, doing arts and crafts by candlelight, laughing about our situation, reminiscing about past blackouts, and bonding together. Moments like these remind us of the importance of family and how fortunate we are to be safe, with no injuries or significant damage to our home—unlike some who were not as lucky.

So yes, I'll admit it: I'm a total idiot. I completely failed at being storm ready, but I'll consider this a learning lesson I won't forget!

# Dear Pumicestone...



**A**s another year concludes, I want to extend warm wishes to everyone in Pumicestone for a joyful and safe festive season, celebrating our community's resilience and kindness that make this region special.

The festive season is a time to reconnect with loved ones, celebrate our shared achievements, and feel proud of our community's resilience and kindness.

I'm proud of what we have achieved together this year and look forward to continuing to work hard for our region in the year ahead.

My team and I will be closing our office for a short period over the break. Our office will be closed from **Friday, 19 December 2025, reopening on Monday, 5 January.**

During this time, emails will be monitored, so if you have any urgent matters, please email me at

**pumicestone@parliament.qld.gov.au.**

This is just to let you know that support remains available if needed.

Many of us were impacted by the severe weather at the end of November.

If you haven't already, disaster assistance is available, including grants of \$180 for individuals and up to \$900 for families of 5 or more to help with essentials like food, clothing, and medicine.

For more info, visit [www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp](http://www.qld.gov.au/disasterhelp) and consider how you can support neighbours in need.

Finally, from my family to yours, I wish you a safe and Merry Christmas, and I look forward to seeing you in 2026.

*Ariana Doolan*



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The ministry of the Ensemble has always aimed to bring honour and glory to God. To further this goal, over the last few years, the ensemble has conducted a series of programs where music is interlinked with scripture to provide a message of joy and hope for the future.

Join members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church as we celebrate the birth of Jesus on Saturday 20th December.

Sing traditional carols and meet over a dozen talented musicians with mastery in a range of instruments including keyboard, saxophone, violin, mandolin, guitar to name just a few.



Be uplifted by the beautiful music and join in singing favourite carols performed by the Maranatha Ensemble at the **Uniting Church, 82 Webster Street, Bongaree.**

Mingle with a cuppa from 10.15 – 10.45 then relax and enjoy the concert starting at 11.00. A free lunch will be provided in the hall, following the completion of this special event.

**RSVP Ruth 0429 998 744**



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**Did you know that carols can be traced back to as early as 1350, but most of today's Christmas carols were written during the 18th century**

## What is the Origin of Holiday Carols?

In 1847, the music for "O Holy Night" was written by French composer Adolphe-Charles Adam, who also wrote the ballet *Giselle*. Now a mainstay for church celebrations and carolers, the song was first denounced by church authorities for its "lack of musical taste and total absence of the spirit of religion." The English words to the song were translated from French by American clergyman John Sullivan Dwight.

In 1857, James Pierpont, musical director at his brother's Unitarian church, was inspired to write a song about the rollicking sleigh races he watched as a young man. "Jingle Bells" was first published as "One Horse Open Sleigh," and though it was well liked from the beginning, it really took off when the Hayden Quartet recorded it in 1902.

Pastor Phillips Brooks wrote the words to "O Little Town of Bethlehem" in 1867, recalling the view of Bethlehem from the hills of Palestine at night. His church organist, Lewis Redner, added the music so that the children's choir could sing the song. The song "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" is usually considered anonymous, but some people claim that it was written by Wilf Carter, also known as country singer Montana Slim.

## What is the Biggest Selling Christmas Song of all time?

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, "White Christmas" has sold more than 100 million copies around the world. The song was written by Irving Berlin and recorded by Bing Crosby for the 1942 musical *Holiday Inn*.

The song appeared again in the 1954 film *White Christmas*, which starred Crosby. According to the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP), there are more than 500 versions of "White Christmas" in dozens of languages, making it the most recorded holiday song. Released annually since 1942, the song's last chart appearance was in 1998, when it reached number 29 in the United Kingdom.

In what year did the World's Largest Caroling Service take place?  
The world's largest caroling service took place December 20, 2003, as recorded by the Guinness Book of World Records. Organised by the City of Cambridge in Ontario, Canada, 1,175 carolers sang Christmas songs in the Civic Square for 28 minutes.

## What is The Vienna Boys' Choir?

Giving voice to the holidays, the Vienna Boys' Choir is one of the oldest boys' choirs in the world. According to founding documents, the choir has roots as far back as 1498, when Maximilian I brought a dozen boys together to form the court music band.

As expected, the choir has produced many musicians that shaped the musical history of the 19th and 20th centuries, including composers Joseph and Michael Haydn. Franz Schubert wrote his first compositions as a court choirboy, and although he was considered a musical genius, he was not a favourite of his teachers since he was more interested in writing music than in getting good grades for his schoolwork.

In 1924, the choir began singing in concert halls around the world. Since then, the Vienna Boys' Choir has performed concerts under many great conductors, including Leonard Bernstein. Yet, in keeping with a tradition dating back to 1498, the choir sings solemn mass in Vienna's Hofburg Chapel every Sunday.

## What is the Top 20 Christmas Songs?

- "The Christmas Song" (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) (Mel Tormé, Robert Wells)
- "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" (J. Fred Coots, Haven Gillespie)
- "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" (Ralph Blane, Hugh Martin)
- "Winter Wonderland" (Felix Bernard, Richard B. Smith)
- "White Christmas" (Irving Berlin)
- "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" (Sammy Cahn, Jule Styne)
- "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (Johnny Marks)
- "Jingle Bell Rock" (Joseph Carleton Beal, James Ross Boothe)
- "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (Walter Kent, Kim Gannon, Buck Ram)
- "Little Drummer Boy" (Katherine K. Davis, Henry V. Onorati, Harry Simeone)
- "Sleigh Ride" (Leroy Anderson, Mitchell Parish)
- "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" (Edward Pola, George Wyle)
- "Silver Bells" (Jay Livingston, Ray Evans)
- "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" (Johnny Marks)
- "Feliz Navidad" (José Feliciano)
- "Blue Christmas" (Billy Hayes, Jay W. Johnson)
- "Frosty the Snowman" (Steve Nelson, Walter E. Rollins)
- "A Holly Jolly Christmas" (Johnny Marks)
- "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" (Tommie Connor)
- "Here Comes Santa Claus" (Gene Autry, Oakley Haldeman)



*How do you say*  
**"Merry Christmas"**  
*around the World?*

Glædelig Jul -- Danish

Joyeux Noel -- French

Nadolig Llawen -- Welsh

Mitho Makosi Kesikansi -- Cree

Buon Natale -- Italian

Kala Christouyenna! -- Greek

Nollaig Shona Dhuit -- Gaelic (Irish)

Shub Naya Baras -- Hindi

Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan -- Chinese, Mandarin

God Jul -- Swedish

Boldog Karacsonyit -- Hungarian

Feliz Navidad -- Spanish

Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva i s Novim Godom -- Russian

Sung Tan Chuk Ha -- Korean

Frohliche Weihnachten -- German

Gesëende Kersfees -- Afrikaans

Hyvaa Joulua -- Finnish

Kurisumasu omedeto -- Japanese

Mele Kalikimaka -- Hawaiian

Suksun Wan Christmas -- Thai

Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia -- Polish

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# Do You Believe in Santa Claus?

## Test Your Santa Knowledge with These Fun Facts!

### What is Santa Claus?

For a long time, people have celebrated St. Nicholas, a kind bishop from Turkey known for his generosity towards children and the needy. He lived in the fourth century, and over time, stories grew around him. According to Dutch tradition, Sinter Klaas (which means St. Nicholas) would deliver gifts around Christmas, either through an open window or down a chimney. This idea eventually evolved into the Santa Claus we know and love today.

Long ago, gifts were exchanged on December 6, during the feast of St. Nicholas. But in the 16th century, German Protestants started celebrating Christmas on December 25, which honours the Christ Child. Over time, the two celebrations merged. Interestingly, some European countries still observe both days. The name "St. A Claus" was first printed as early as 1773.

Americans didn't have a clear picture of St. Nicholas until 1809 when Washington Irving published a book that included a drawing of him. Then, in 1823, Clement Clarke Moore wrote a famous poem called 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, which portrayed Santa as a cheerful old man who rides a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer and comes down chimneys to deliver gifts.

### Who Tracks Santa Claus?

Every year, NORAD (the North American Aerospace Defense Command) keeps an eye on Santa's journey around the world on Christmas Eve. Using special radar and satellites, they start tracking Santa's sleigh at 5:00 a.m. MST and provide updates online, by email, and even on television in several different languages.

### Does Santa Really Exist?

Yes, Santa Claus is said to live in Rovaniemi, Finland! At Santa's Village, you can meet Santa in his workshop, watch elves make toys, and even shop for some tasty Finnish treats or holiday gifts. This magical village is located in the Finnish Lapland, a beautiful area above the Arctic Circle where the sun behaves differently in winter and summer.

### What Does Santa Like to Read?

Some of Santa's favourite books include:

- \*Olive, the Other Reindeer\* by J. Otto Seibold and Vivian Walsh
- \*How the Grinch Stole Christmas\* by Dr. Seuss
- \*A Christmas Carol\* by Charles Dickens
- \*The Polar Express\* by Chris Van Allsburg

### What Are Santa's Other Names?

Many places have their own gift-givers. In France, he is called Père Noël; in the Netherlands, he is St. Nicholas or Sinterklaas; in England, he is Father Christmas; and in some Latin American countries, he is part of the Three Kings tradition. In Germany, kids await Christkind, a messenger from Jesus.

In certain cultures, different figures bring gifts: in Russia, a kind grandmother named Babouschka delivers presents; in Sweden, it's Jultomten, a gnome on a sleigh; and in Syria, children receive gifts from the smallest camel of the Three Wise Men. In Italy, it's La Befana, a friendly old witch who brings gifts to children.

Santa is loved by many, and his spirit brings joy to children throughout the world!

### Can you Name any Reindeer Facts?

Reindeer are one of several subspecies of caribou found around the world. Reindeer are herbivores, which means they eat vegetation. In the summer, they eat leaves and herbs. In the winter, they eat lichen and moss. Reindeer generally don't run very fast. In fact, a white-tailed deer could outrun a reindeer. Reindeer use their antlers like a shovel to break through the crust of snow to reach the vegetation underneath.

Reindeer are various colours, including white, dark grey, and brown. Males can have light-coloured manes, necks, and shoulders.

The only female deer to grow antlers are reindeer. Each summer, both males and females grow their wonderful racks, but males usually shed theirs in late November to mid-December. Females keep their antlers until spring. Because all of Santa's reindeer are depicted with antlers, one might conclude that every one of them, including Rudolph, is female.




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# CHRISTMAS 2025



By Michael Matthews

**W**e put our Christmas Tree up last week. Then got Santa out. He's about a metre tall and ½ metre wide and sits on a lounge chair for the duration – overseeing all the fun. He's been with us now for many, many years. As usual he was pleased to be out of his box and back in charge.

It's such a busy day putting the tree up and often hard work getting all the boxes of decorations down and checking/untangling the lights. But at the end of the day it's so wonderful seeing the lights twinkling as the sun goes down.

I remember my Mum saying, "If Christmas isn't found in your heart you won't find it under a Tree". While I smile at the memory, I still love our tree.

Our tree is made up of many things – lights and tinsel of course – but many ornaments we've gained as we've travelled around the world. A clay cross from Santa Fe. Baseball style ornaments from many USA Cities.

Ornaments from London, Helsinki, Rome, Paris, Athens, Istanbul, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo. Others from Ireland, Spain, Germany, Canada, Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Austria, etc. So many from around Australia. So – it's made up really of memories.

Perhaps amongst favourites are the ones that include our dogs. One for Tee Jay – such a gentle boy. Charlie – the wild one. And Archie – the current (spoilt) one. Our three Golden Retrievers. Such beautiful dogs. Over 40 years of love and enjoyment.

Putting up the outside lights is next. A tad sad as I can still see the fallen trees in our street and the damage from the storm. But Christmas must go on. All the memories – happy and sad are all part of it.

The wonderful times and the not so – the loss of those

close to us. Anne's Mum died a few days short of Christmas some time back. But Tee Jay arrived on a Christmas Day – for a very happy little boy (see picture).

Once, in Canberra, it actually snowed on Christmas Day. Talk about global warming.

Then the day itself. Not one of presents anymore, although some always manage to appear. Thankyou Santa. We love the "feeling" more than anything – "it's the vibe" – as Dennis said in The Castle. An early Mass at the Little Flower, then champagne, cake (home-made of course) and presents.

Followed by preparing the meal. Yes, we still do roast turkey and veges – with some friendly wines.

Followed by pudding and brandy custard (again home-made) – no threepences anymore though. Then the clean-up, followed by a well-deserved rest.

Boxing Day is one of leftovers as we watch the Test and the Yacht Race – and relax. A safe haven from the hectic pace the Island seems to adopt at this time of year. The packed roads, the packed beaches. The jostling for car parks. The stampede at Woolies. The lines for seafood.

The days after Christmas tend to race by until it's soon time to take it all down and pack it away for yet another year.

As I tenderly pack Santa away in his container, with a tear in my eye, I give him one last hug and a kiss, for good luck, and promise he'll be back out next year.

All the Christmases past seem to come to mind and the many bitter sweet memories. Our parents, brothers, friends and family. The bike I got when I was 10. That cricket bat. Wonderful times.

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# WHAT ARE THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS?

**D**uring the holiday season, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is heard everywhere from shopping centres to television commercials to church functions. Everywhere you go, you can hear about Two Turtle Doves, Seven Swans-a-Swimming and Eleven Pipers Piping. But what does any of this mean? What does a song about doves, hens and geese have to do with Christmas?

The carol has its roots in 18th-century England, as a memory-and-forfeit game sung by British children. In the game, players had to remember all of the previous verses and add a new verse at the end. Those unable to remember a verse paid a forfeit, in the form of a kiss or a piece of candy, to the others.

One theory, however, connects the carol to the era when Catholicism was outlawed in England, from 1558 to 1829. The carol, it is said, was a catechism song for Catholics to learn "the tenets of their faith," as they could not openly practice in Anglican society [source: Snopes.com].

While many still hold the idea of a coded hymn to be true, there's no substantive evidence that this was the case, nor is there any evidence that the verses contain anything uniquely Catholic.

## Here are the verses of the song, along with their supposed symbolism:

- A Partridge in a Pear Tree - Jesus Christ**
- Two Turtle Doves - The Old and New Testaments**
- Three French Hens - The three virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity**
- Four Calling/Collie Birds - Four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**
- Five Golden Rings - First five books of the Old Testament**
- Six Geese-a-Laying - Six days of creation before God's rest on the seventh day**
- Seven Swans-a-Swimming - Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit**
- Eight Maids-a-Milking - Eight Beatitudes**
- Nine Ladies Dancing - Nine fruits of the Holy Spirit**
- Ten Lords-a-Leaping - Ten Commandments**
- Eleven Pipers Piping - Eleven faithful disciples**
- Twelve Drummers Drumming - Twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed**

While these verses are what most of us associate with the "Twelve Days of Christmas," the phrase refers to an actual 12-day period. The 12 days of Christmas, in fact, are the days from December 25, celebrated as the birth of Jesus Christ, to the Epiphany, celebrated on January 6 as the day

when the manifestation of Christ's glory was realised.

While sects of Christianity celebrate the 12 days of Christmas differently, some, such as the Eastern Orthodox Church, consider the Epiphany the most important day of the Christmas season. Some exchange gifts on each of the 12 days, rather than just on Christmas Day.

## The Meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas

Christmas Day is the first of the 12 days of Christmas. Christians view the period as the amount of time it took the three magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus Christ as the saviour and the son of God ("epiphany" is from the Greek word for "revelation").

While there's consensus on what Christmas commemorates, what the Epiphany honours varies across churches and cultures; some churches believe it's the day of Christ's baptism. In contrast, others celebrate it as the day the three magi visited Jesus with gifts.

But there are also differences in when the 12 days are celebrated. Western churches, for example, celebrate Christmas on December 25, the Epiphany on January 6, and the period in between as the 12 days and nights of Christmas. Other cultures, however, have different customs.

Although most in the Eastern Orthodox Church now use the Western calendar, those in the Greek Orthodox Church still follow a different religious calendar, celebrating Christmas on January 7 and the Epiphany on January 19.

Some Latin-American cultures celebrate the Epiphany as Three Kings Day, giving gifts on January 6 instead of Christmas. In other cultures, one gift is given per day from Christmas to the Epiphany. This tradition has never really caught on in Australia, where Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are most commonly celebrated.

The Twelfth Night, often celebrated on the night of January 5, marks the end of the Christmas season before the Epiphany the following day. The Twelfth Night was a time for feasting in England (partly inspired by Shakespeare's play of the same name) in centuries past.

Some cultures, like the French and Spanish, celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with a king cake, a coffee cake with purple, green and yellow icing to commemorate the visit by the magi to the Christ child. In Western cultures, the king cake is associated with Mardi Gras and the Carnival season.

Churches also vary in how they celebrate the Epiphany; some Protestant churches observe it for an entire season, lasting until Lent, while many Catholics celebrate it as a single day. But just because the song is associated with the holiday season, that doesn't mean you can't sing it the rest of the year.



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The tradition of the Christmas tree goes back to the Middle Ages and is full of meaning. It represents joy, family togetherness, and the holiday spirit. Many of us enjoy these themes during the festive season.

The idea of the Christmas tree is believed to have come from a play that was performed during the Advent season a long time ago. This play was inspired by the story of Adam and Eve and featured a tree in the Garden of Eden, decorated with apples to represent temptation. The evergreen tree used in the play symbolized fertility and renewal, connecting us to ideas of hope and new beginnings.

While the Christmas tree became popular in the Middle Ages, it slowly spread across Europe and eventually to America, thanks in part to German immigrants and royal figures like Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.

In 16th-century Germany, people began decorating their trees with apples, shiny candies, coloured paper, and flowers. Martin Luther, moved by the sight of stars shining through the branches of a fir tree, is said to be the first person to add lighted candles to a Christmas tree.

Some say that King George, who was from Germany, introduced the custom of decorating Christmas trees in England. Others believe it was Queen Victoria who helped bring this beautiful tradition to England, influenced by her husband Prince Albert's German roots.

An illustration of the British royal family gathered around a Christmas tree at Windsor Castle in 1848 was key in spreading this lovely decoration throughout Victorian England. German immigrants in Pennsylvania later brought the tradition to the United States, continuing to celebrate by decorating trees just as they did back home, sharing a universal symbol of joy across different cultures.





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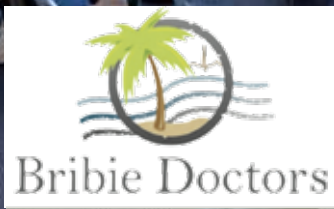
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This year, we’re excited to bring the community together again. Held at the Uniting Church on Bribie Island, the morning tea will offer a festive selection of food, friendly faces, and a safe, inclusive environment for everyone. Whether you’re new to the island, spending the day on your own, or simply wishing to share in a community celebration, you are warmly invited to join us. Bribie Doctors, a trusted healthcare

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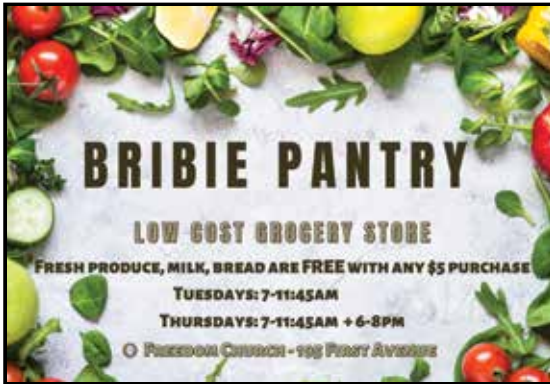
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If you've ever looked at the lyrics to the popular carol "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," you might have noticed that carolers insist on getting figgy pudding: "We won't go until we get some / We won't go until we get some / Now bring it right here." So, what exactly are these cheerful folks threatening to linger on your doorstep for? Figgy pudding is a beloved British dessert that symbolises holiday tradition and cultural history. It is famously served by Mary Cratchit in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Often compared to a cross between carrot cake and custard, figgy pudding contains eggs, cream, sugar, spices, and chopped figs, among

other ingredients. While recipes can vary, this dessert has a unique texture and flavour, making it worth the wait during the Victorian era. This figgy pudding recipe brings centuries of Christmas tradition right into your kitchen, with rich flavours that only improve over time. There is something magical about preparing a dessert weeks before Christmas, knowing it's quietly maturing in the pantry, getting richer and more flavourful with each passing day. In some traditions, people would each take a turn stirring the mixture from east to west, honouring the journey of the Wise Men, while making a secret wish.



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- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup herbs like rosemary, thyme, parsley or sage; roughly chopped
- 1 egg

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

### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 200°C.

In a frypan over medium heat, add the butter and bacon. Sauté the bacon until golden then add the onions and mushrooms. Cook for 3-4 minutes until softened.

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"This year we celebrate the freedom and adventure of reading anywhere," Mayor Flannery said. "Last summer, more than 8,500 kids and adults took part in the program, turning pages and sharing stories across the city and this year, Council is aiming to make the program even bigger.

"We know that the 'summer slide' sees literacy levels drop by 20% as kids take the long holiday break. "It's a simple, free and fun way to spend the summer

holidays, boost literacy, and enjoy some quality screen-free time together. "With thousands of books, magazines and comics waiting to be explored, our libraries are ready to help you find your next great read."

Free to join, participants log their reading hours in-branch or online to go in the draw for weekly prizes such as book vouchers. Every three hours of reading counts and includes novels, magazines and comics and also audiobooks.

Readers can also support their local school by nominating them when signing up, helping schools compete for the coveted Summer Reading Club trophy.

Mayor Peter Flannery encouraged people to take their Summer Reading Club postcard or book-

mark with them as they explore the City.

"Reading happens everywhere, not just in books. Whether checking out the new menu at your favourite café, reading local stories online or if you notice a new billboard around town", he said.

"Every word you see adds to your adventure and your reading hours."

So, this summer, grab your book, buckle up, and start your reading adventure.

To join, sign up online Summer Reading Club - Moreton Bay Libraries or visit your nearest library Plan your visit - Moreton Bay Libraries

## CHRISTMAS Ham Raffle

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# Bribie Arts Centre

## Hot & Cold BICAS MEMBERS EXHIBITION December 2 - January 11, 2026

As our membership of the **Bribie Island Community Arts Society** grows, so too does the variety and extent of the creativity it attracts and shows across all mediums.

Each year, the BICAS Members exhibition serves to show the amazing range of talent and ideas forthcoming from local and nearby artists.

This year, “**Hot & Cold**” promises to stay on theme; a study of the “full steam ahead” style of art, with ideas boiling over, mixed with chill-out versions of life and ways of seeing & being.

There are so many ways of interpreting this brief; come see the imaginative minds of our clever members at work.

And meanwhile on the Artist of the Month wall, three young celebrated entrants in 2025 Next Generation Art Prize are on show under the title “**Hell Yeah**”.

Joseph Bullock, 17, who won the Next Gen mentorship prize, Savannah Ashcroft, 16, and Kara Bradley, 16, feature here from December 1 until January 31.

**Arts Centre opens Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 4pm; Sundays 9am to 1pm.**

**Cafe 191, serving delicious treats and refreshments every day; 9 - 2 Tuesday to Saturday, 9-1 Sundays.**



### Some of the BICAS creatives featuring in Hot & Cold exhibition...



**The Arts Centre will close for Christmas break from 4pm Saturday December 20 and reopen 9am Tuesday January 6.  
Cafe 191 will close 2pm Saturday December 13 and reopen 9am Tuesday January 6.**



# Time Detectives:

## MARVELLOUS MINIATURES



The Abbey Museum houses some truly breathtaking objects- from ancient Greek armour and medieval swords to ancient Egyptian funerary masks and Renaissance paintings that rival those in the grand institutions of Europe. But hidden among these treasures is something tiny, yet no less magnificent. When we ask the more than 10,000 annual school-age visitors to the Museum which artefact they liked the most, one of the standouts is a miniscule late 19th Century tea set. It truly is tiny - the largest pieces measure barely three centimetres, while the smallest are less than one centimetre.

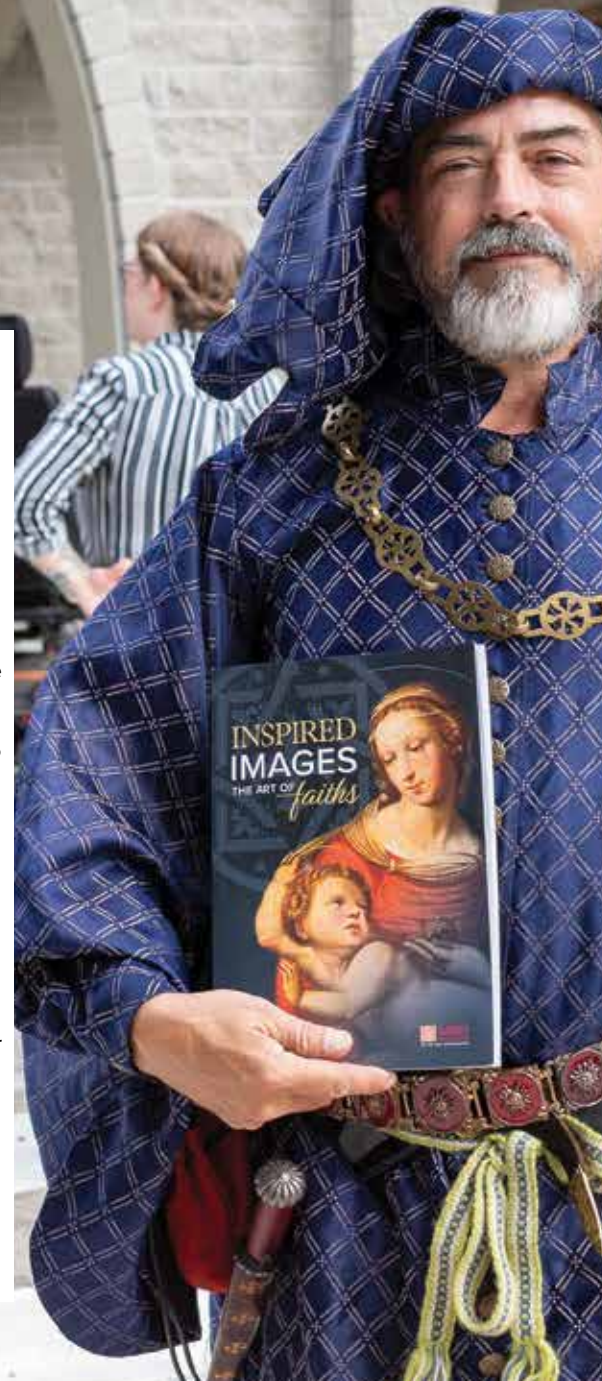
There is something people find truly delightful about everyday objects in miniature, and this is far from a new phenomenon. As far back as the 16th Century, the creation and furnishing of dollhouses was a particularly popular hobby throughout Europe. But unlike the child-like association dollhouses may have today, in the past they were largely curated by adults. They were used as displays of wealth, custom-made to the specifications of their owners, and in a pre-industrialised world, every element was handmade. They were sometimes replicas of the owner's home, other times an idealised stately home, but the goal was always the same: to mimic, in painstaking detail, a household in perfect miniature.

Mary of Teck, the great-grandmother of the current English Commonwealth

monarch Charles III, even notably had an incredibly detailed dollhouse made in the early 1920's- a perfect miniature replica complete with running water and working elevators, still on display at Windsor Castle.

The Abbey Museum holds in its collection a large number of dollhouse miniatures, including cutlery, pewter plates and wine bottles with their paper labels still attached. Yet this beautiful tea set with its delicate hand-painted floral designs, hair-thin spouts and handles, and intricate scalloped rims, is perhaps the most eye-catching. Each piece highlights the skill and attention to detail of the artisans who made them nearly 150 years ago. While they look porcelain from a distance, are actually a type of translucent white glass called milk glass.

This collection has also been on quite the journey to reach us here in Queensland - originally produced in France near the start of the Third Republic (c. 1870s - 1890s), they made their way over to England, then to Cyprus, before travelling halfway across the world to Australia after World War II. Having survived a journey of at least 20,000 kilometres over more than a century, you can see them in all their miniature glory, here at the Abbey Museum in Caboolture. If this sounds like your cup of tea, perhaps consider stopping in for a full-size beverage at our new café before perusing the Museum and Art Gallery.



# Horoscope

The festive week begins with a whoosh of Sagittarian New Moon energy swiftly followed by the Solstice - that powerful yearly pivot when the light shifts in both hemispheres, reminding us of the deep rhythms affecting us all. And just in time for Christmas, Venus glides into steady Capricorn, bringing a touch of elegance, loyalty, and long-game love. It's perfect timing for the season of hope and goodwill. And ideal for ending 2025 with heartfelt connections and shared good times.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)



Are you ready for an early festive gift? With the New Moon in your sign, and the Solstice, the cosmos is bestowing you with a generous present. It's not wrapped in shiny paper, but it's something that will make your heart sing. It involves the ability to solve a stressful situation that's long been a source of worry. Once this lifts from your shoulders, the change in your mood will surprise you. You're so used to carrying this problem you've adapted to its weight. Get ready to be at your brightest, Sagittarian best this festive week. Yay!

## PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



You've done your utmost to think of everything. You've considered all possible options and, even though you haven't ticked everything off your to-do list, you've got a plan. Soon, energised by the New Moon and the Solstice, it's action time. Just because, in an ideal world, you'd have everything in place before initiating your move, doesn't mean you need to wait. With Venus moving into Capricorn, as long as you put your heart and your soul into what you want to achieve this Christmas, whatever unfolds will be enjoyable.

## GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)



The satisfying sensation of things falling into place is hard to beat. And unfortunately, it's also difficult to manifest. With so much going on in your world, you could do with that kind of feeling right now. And although it's impossible to conjure up serendipity, you can create conditions that make you more receptive to surprising, positive developments. This week, following the New Moon, which takes place in your opposite sign, and the Solstice, if you think of yourself as being the recipient of lucky cosmic gifts, that's what you'll be.

## VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)



Sometimes, we cope with life's stresses and strains with ease. Sometimes, we feel so weighed down, all we want to do is get under the duvet and wait for everything to calm down. In an ideal world, you'd be full of dynamic energy and able to juggle all your current challenges and demands with aplomb. And that's what's going to happen this festive week. The Solstice brings a welcome change of mindset that makes you feel more optimistic. The side-effect will be the motivation you need to make this Christmas week special.

## CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)



Welcome to a new year! Although we haven't reached the end of 2025, with the Sun moving into your sign at the Solstice, and the arrival of your birthday season, the cosmos is gifting you with the motivation to implement changes that will improve your future. And the arrival of Venus, the planet of love and pleasure, adds extra inspiration, and a touch of star dust. Over the course of this festive week, make a note of any ideas (however fantastical they might appear to be). You're moving into a phase where you can make magic happen.

## ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)



Life is so frantic in the build-up to the festivities, no wonder you feel as if you're the victim of circumstances rather than the person who's in control of your life choices. The good news is that this weekend's New Moon, and the Solstice, remind you of your power. You'll find it easier to express your needs and define your limits, in ways that encourage others to take more responsibility. Which means with more help, and more collaboration, you'll be able to cope more easily. The Christmas week holds more time for fun than you think..

## CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)



It's as if you're heading towards a destination (Christmas), but are caught in traffic, with no alternative routes available. You've got no choice but to wait for this invisible blockage, which has brought progress to a halt, to be sorted. Meanwhile you're powerless. But although this enforced motionless is frustrating, it holds potential. In the stillness, with your ruler playing a key role in the New Moon and the Solstice, an idea is forming. You'll be able to implement a change that enables you to deal with the usual Christmas stresses with ease.

## LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)



What does the festive week hold for you? Is it going to be filled with troublesome moments which you'll have to sort out? Are your diplomatic skills going to be needed in order for everything to pass smoothly? Well... there will be moments when you're required to use your talents. But you'll be in your stride. With your ruler, Venus, moving into earthy Capricorn, your ability to influence people and situations will be extra effective, and long lasting. Which means the pressure will be off, and you'll be able to relax and have fun.

## AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)



Although a festive tune would be appropriate this week, there's another song lyric that fits your current situation: 'I'm just a soul whose intentions are good. Oh Lord, please don't let me be misunderstood.' Despite your efforts to work out the best way to deal with different people's demands, not only are you struggling, you're receiving unfair criticism. Luckily, that's about to change. The Solstice alters the dynamic in a way that benefits you. Your efforts are about to be recognised, just in time for a harmonious, delightful Christmas.

## TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)



Inflatable fancy dress costumes are all the rage... and metaphorically at least, if you had one in the wardrobe, wearing it would offer some kind of protection from the bumps and knocks you're anticipating dealing with this week. In some ways, we're all obliged to wrap ourselves in psychological padding in order to deal with the emotions and memories of the festive season. But don't forget, there are positive moments too. This year, with your ruler, Venus, moving into earthy Capricorn, there will be more of those than you expect.

## LEO (Jul 24 - Aug 23)



We're bombarded with so much information, if we didn't filter it, we'd be overwhelmed. That's where selective memory comes in. It allows us to hold onto the facts we need to remember, and overlook anything unnecessary. We do this with our emotions too; remembering positive experiences rather than negative ones, is a useful coping strategy. The Solstice, which stars your ruler, the Sun, and heralds its arrival in Capricorn, reminds you of a reality you've put to the back of your mind. It holds the key to a very special Christmas.

## SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)



It's hard to immerse yourself in the festive spirit when there's a big decision looming - especially when it involves making a big commitment. No wonder it's hard to focus on all the frenetic festive preparations - you're mulling the pros and cons over and over in your mind. Fortunately, the arrival of the Solstice brings a welcome change of perspective. The good news is that you already know the answer you're seeking. You just need to recognise that you know it! Then, what you really want for Christmas can be yours.



GAME  
NIGHTS!

## ON BRIBIE

### MONDAY EUCHRE

Bribie Bowls Club 12.00pm  
Contact Annette on 0414622490

### TRIVA

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

### TUESDAY

#### BINGO

Bribie Island R.S.L 9.00am

#### POKER

Bribie Island Hotel 6.30pm

### 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 4.30pm  
Bribie Island Golf Club 5.30  
Blue Pacific Hotel (from) 3.00pm  
Solander Lakes Bowls Club - 6.30pm  
(tickets on sale from 5:30pm)

### Enjoy playing 500 Cards?

Join a like-minded group who meet on Monday  
afternoons at the RSL Anzac Room from 1-4pm.

\$5 which includes raffle prize.

Please arrive 10mins before play starts at 1pm

Further information please ring

Carole **0438 713 663**.

# MARKETS

### Beachmere District Community

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

### Bribie Island BIDCA Markets

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

### Bribie Rotary Markets

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

### Queensland Cancer Council

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

### LUNCH MARKETS - Sylvan Beach

(Farmers Market)

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

### Banksia Beach Market

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

### The Bribie Island Lions Market

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

### Bribie Woodcrafters & Bribie Island Gem Club

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

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

### Mystic Journey Markets change of location

Saturday December 20th ~

9am ~ 2m

4pm ~ 8pm

There is also an outdoor market to run alongside  
indoor market called This 'n' That

## SPORTS PAGES

**BRIBIE ISLAND BOWLS CLUB****Self select pairs results Friday  
Self select AM pairs results  
Friday 14 November**

Winners: P Andrews, E Hookey  
Runners up: A Sturm, G Skoein  
Lucky draw: T O'Loughlin, P Nelson  
Encouragement: L Tait, M Brunner

**Self select PM pairs results  
Friday 14 November**

Winners: D Bowers, W Holscher, S Lobo  
Runners up: D Beadman, G Fowler  
Lucky draw: W Gilbert, M Cullinan  
Lucky draw: F Crockett, B Lamb  
Lucky draw: J Mercer, K Burdon  
Encouragement: K Laverty, J Oliver

**Self select random fours  
results Sat 15 November**

Highest margin: L Savage, I Smith, P Newman, J Coleman  
Lowest margin: L Beaven, L Stone, G Hutchinson, F Grimsey  
O of H Winner: M Gaggiano, R Follett, T Newstead  
O of H Winner: P Gee, J Lonsdale, W Ryan, F Moses

**Self select triples results  
Tuesday 18 November**

Winning score: W Baker, J Warwick, K Kajewski  
Runners up: L Tweddle, S Hose, G McInerney  
Lucky draw: R Eaton, BJ Adams, F Crockett  
Lucky draw: L Stone, Y McDonald, C Gray  
Lucky draw: K Piva, W Kelly, C Kelly  
Encouragement: T Turnbull, S Mitchell, A Riseham

**Scroungers results  
Wednesday 19 November**

1st: D Heath  
2nd: J Falvey  
3rd: G Mulpeter  
4th: N Hoelscher

**Self select open AM pairs  
results Wed 19 November**

Winners: R Stuart, B Stuart  
Runners up: S Grasby, P Mann

Lucky draw: A Riseham, B Riseham

**Self select open PM pairs  
results Wed 19 November**

Winners: M Cullinan, W Gilbert  
Runners up: G Kirby, A Buckmaster, D Draper  
Lucky draw: M Cherry, L Williams  
Lucky draw: S Hose, N Gray  
Lucky draw: K Burton, K Smith  
Lucky draw: A Lavender, R Wales

**Self select Random Triples  
results Thu 20 November**

Winners: G Frew, I Smith, J Park  
Runners up: C Brayley, T Phillips, C Hamilton  
Lucky draw: W Manson, D Davis, Y Charter  
Encouragement: P Conn, M Brown, J Brown

**Self select AM pairs results  
Friday 21 November 2025**

Winners: G Skoein, A Sturm  
Runners up: M Brennan, L Tait  
Lucky draw: T Ridley, D Merrett  
Lucky draw: M Gittens, V McDermott  
Encouragement: S O'Neil, J Coleman

**Self select PM pairs results  
Friday 21 November 2025**

Winners: M Durham, M Prewett  
Runners up: T Bennett, T Smith  
Lucky draw: K Laverty, J Oliver  
Lucky draw: G Reilly, J Hattie  
Lucky draw: W Broad, C Hayles  
Encouragement award: A Buckmaster, K Thornton

**Self select random fours  
results Sat 22 November**

Highest margin: A Mann, G Hutchison, E Johnson, L Comacchio  
Lowest margin: I Gillard, A Russell, M Brown, S Barringhaus  
O of H Winner: N Johnson, P Neumann, J Brown, C Draper  
O of H Winner: R Hoelscher, R Bickerton, T Phillips, E Polloi  
O of H Winner: L Stone, A Buckmaster, A Campbell, G Winter

**Self Select Pairs Fri 28 Nov**

Winners: S Muller, K Muller  
Runners up: D Hill, C Dann  
Winning draw: K Brown, G

Lucas  
Encouragement: S Hancox, D Hancox  
**Self Select pairs results Friday (PM) 28 November 2025**  
Winners: T Bishop, W Simmonds  
Runners up: M Relhford, T Smith  
Winning draw: C Chidley, B Kinnear  
Winning draw: W Ogrodniczek, C Wilkie  
Winning draw: B Castle, D Bowers  
Encouragement award: T Bennett, C Trevina

**BONGAREE BOWLS RESULTS****Bongaree Bowls club results  
21.11.205 TO 4.12.25**

**Results of Saturday  
Scroungers 22/11/2025**  
1st: John Bell 2nd: David Vaughan 3rd: Glyn Hughes  
4th: Bob Hall 5th: Adrian Taylor

**Results of Friday 28/11/2025  
Shopper Docket winner:  
Maureen Ferguson**

**Results of Tuesday Triples  
Paddle Pop Draw 2/12/2025**  
Winner: Gary Pincott,  
Maureen Ferguson, Andrea Pike  
R/Up: Lisa Pemberton, Clare O'Donohue, David Vaughan  
Boys Draw: Jackpot

**Results of Wednesday 4's  
3/12/2025**  
Winners: Roger Parker, Frank Denham, Ken Wales, Colin Hodges  
R/Up: Ernie Connolly, Ellen Corrick, Gaynor Johnson, Ron Corrick.

**Firstly, we must again thank  
Ray White Real Estate for  
sponsoring our Wednesday  
bowls on 3rd December. We  
thank Bryce, Jahann, Rodney,  
Tahlia and Kirsty for coming  
along to present the prizes  
for the winners and runners  
up on the day.**

**Results of Thursday Jackpot  
Pairs 4/12/2025**  
Winners: Ian Gillies, Darryl Rowlingson  
R/Up: Mike & Judy Hansen

**Sports results -  
Solander Lake  
Bowls Club**

**Tuesday 25 November 2025  
- washed out**

**Wednesday 26 November  
2025 - washed out**

**Thursday 27 November 2025**

- Self select fours -  
Winners - Sue Lupi, Merv Boike, Raie Stuart, Janelle Day.  
2nd - Brad Storey, Des Stewart, Keith Tucker, Graham Hubbard.  
3rd - Dale Hanco, Wayne Shackle, Ted Parker, Daryl Wilkins  
Jackpot - no winner

**Friday 28 November 2025**

- Self select triples -  
Winners - Eric Halliday, Arne Jensen, Alex Kinnear  
2nd - Steve Jameson, Robert Stumbles, Andy Ives  
Saturday 29 November 2025  
- washed out  
Tuesday 2 December 2025 -  
Club select triples/fours -  
Winners - Mike Jones, Marty Brenner, Gary Podosky.  
2nd - Ted Fairman, David Draper, Merv Boike, Ross Luscombe

3rd - Merv Adams, Val Paul, Marg Hopper, Kerry Flint.

**Wednesday 3 December**

2025 - Self Select Triples -  
Winners - Neil Feazey, Mark Wendt, Vernon Dean.  
2nd - Tony Ollier, Ian Boast, Brad Jackson.

3rd - Brad Lawler, Chris Avenell, Rod Reilly.

**Thursday 4 December 2025**

- Self Select Fours -  
Winners - Marieke Moore, Daryl Wilkins, Wayne Shackall, Ted Parker.  
2nd - Ann Larsen, Barry King, Judy Pursehouse, Bruce Pursehouse.

3rd - Jackie Player, Sue Lupi, Raie Stuart, Janelle Day.

**Friday 5 December 2025 -**

Self Select Triples -  
Winners - Andy Ives, Robert Stumbles, Steve Jameson.  
2nd - Des Stewart, Stephen O'Grady, John Sly.

3rd - Debbie Jackson, Marieke Moore, Neil Feazey.

**Saturday 6 December 2025**

- Club Select Triples -  
Winners - Manny Kegan, Robert James, Brian Craitem.  
2nd - Paul Bottger, Rosa McLeod, Alan Matheson.



## RESULTS FOR BRIBIE ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF

25 Nov to 04 Dec 2025

**25/11/25 and 27/11/25 No play due to storm damage**

**02/12/25** 4 Ball Team Stableford

WINNERS Gill Lee, Rae Clarke, Nadia Aylott, Vivi Lloyd 55

RUNNER UP Joanne McCoombes, Jody Bedson, Sandra Power,  
Louise Keleher 54

**04/12/25** Xmas breakup

We had a wonderful dress up day - 9 hole competitions, 3 clubs  
and a putter handicap!

Our theme was CHRISTMAS BELLES

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors throughout the year and  
to our retiring captain Ailsa Lauchlan - an absolute champion and  
asset to the club.



### MORETON BRIBIE BRIDGE CLUB

CLUB: Sat 22 Nov N/S 1 L  
Carr & Wright 2 J Kinross  
& R Floquet 3 R Sutton & J  
Kennedy E/W 1 L Gadsby &  
J Fitzgerald 2 D Scown & J  
Borowski 3 G & S Barnulf

Sat 29 Nov N/S 1 K Cohen  
& J Hays 2 R Sutton & J  
Kennedy 3 J Kinross & R  
Floquet E/W 1 J Reiter &  
B Connell 2 J Medhurst & P  
Breene 3 D Scown & J Easey

Wed 3 Nov N/S 1 H Browne  
& J Kennedy 2 L Carr & J  
Wright 3 P Edis & M Arthur  
E/W 1 B Connell & K Cohen  
2 R King & M O'Reilly 3 G &  
S Barnulf

BICBC: Mon 24 Nov N/S  
1 M Arthur & R King 2  
A Fielding & J Easey 3 J  
Kennedy & D Quinan E/W  
1 G Lock & N Denvir 2 S  
McCulloch & J Day 3 C & R  
Perrott

Mon 1 Dec N/S 1 G Lock & N  
Denvir 2 L Groves & P Lynch  
3 A Fielding & J Easey E/W  
1 M Bailey & J Fitzgerald 2 P  
Edis & R Sutton 3 L Games  
& L Kane



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# Christmas - The Australian Way

By Al Finegan

As Christmas Day approaches, it conjures images of long summer days, backyard bar-b-ques under the shade of gum trees, extended family gatherings, laughter - lots of laughter, while prawns sizzle on the grill, and children of all ages frolic in the backyard swimming pool. Yet behind the holiday traditions lies a lesser-known truth. Christmas Day in Australia has also been a stage for some of the nation's most dramatic, tragic, and defining events.

From the first tentative Christmas celebrated by the First Fleet through to natural disasters, wartime messages, bushranger raids, and cultural quirks, the day has often been marked not only by joy, but also by struggle, resilience, and tragedy. This is my story of Christmas Day in Australia, told through big and small events that have occurred across more than two centuries.

The very first Christmas for Europeans in Australia occurred before the colony of New South Wales had even been founded. On 25th December 1787, a month before the First Fleet began landings at Port Jackson, convicts were allowed a small ration of plum pudding and a small sip of rum. It was a bittersweet gesture for the hundreds of convicts crammed into the holds of ships, chained and seasick, hearing the sailors on decks marking the holiday with songs, rum, and cake. In his journal, Surgeon Arthur Bowes Smyth noted that despite rough conditions, efforts were made to preserve the spirit of Christmas.

That first Christmas foreshadowed how Australians would continue to celebrate the day - far from the snow and churches of Europe, but with determination to hold on to familiar rituals, even in alien and unforgiving surroundings. Throughout the 19th century, Christmas in Australia was to be a blend of hardship and festivity.

During the gold rush of the 1850s, miners often paused their digging on Christmas Day. Diaries

from Ballarat describe men roasting wild birds, drinking cheap grog, and gathering in tents for carols. Churches held Eventide Prayers beneath gum trees, with the Southern Cross overhead. For many, it was the only day of respite in months.

Christmas did not always avoid misfortune for some. Near Goulburn NSW on 25th December 1863, the notorious bushranger Ben Hall and his gang decided to celebrate the festive season by bailing up travellers, stripping them of valuables and presents, and leaving them stranded and befuddled by the roadside. Newspapers condemned the act as sacrilegious, robbing on the holiest day of the year. Hall was pleased - it added to his infamy.

Australia's natural volatility has long made Christmas a dangerous time. In 1882, catastrophic bushfires swept through Gippsland, Victoria, on Christmas Day. Families fled homes mid-feast as flames consumed farms, churches, and entire settlements. Survivors recalled tables left set with roasts and puddings, reduced to ash within minutes. These scenes foreshadowed a pattern - time and time again, bushfires would claim Christmas as their own.

On Christmas Day 1914, Australian troops newly arrived in Egypt, enjoyed a rare day of cheer. Soldiers decorated tents with palm fronds, sang carols, and feasted on roast beef and plum pudding supplied by the Red Cross. Letters home described the bittersweet nature of the day - joyful camaraderie fore-shadowed by the knowledge that they were preparing for battle. In later years of the war, Australians on the Western Front marked Christmas in freezing trenches. Some received parcels from home filled with tobacco, tinned fruit, and knitted socks. The stark contrast between European winters and memories of hot Australian Decembers haunted many.

On Christmas Day 1941, while many Australians



prepared modest celebrations under newly introduced wartime rationing, news arrived that Hong Kong had fallen to Japanese forces. Sadness overcame festivities as the news reported that Australian nurses and civilians had been captured. They were to endure years of brutal captivity. Families gathered around radios to hear Prime Minister John Curtin deliver a sombre Christmas message, warning that Australia now faced a direct threat from Japan.

No Christmas in Australian history is more infamous than 25th December 1974, when Cyclone Tracy destroyed Darwin. In the early hours of Christmas morning, winds of over 200 kph struck. Entire suburbs were flattened. 71 people were killed, thousands injured, and more than 30,000 were left homeless.

On Christmas Day 2001, bushfires erupted across NSW, fanned by scorching winds and drought conditions. By the time they were contained, weeks later, they had consumed more than 750,000 ha. Families were forced to abandon lunches and gifts as flames bore down on suburbs from Wollongong to the Blue Mountains. Churches doubled as evacuation centres. Firefighters ate hastily prepared Christmas dinners in smoke filled sheds before returning to the frontlines. Though miraculously, no lives were lost on the day itself. The bushfires became known as the "Black Christmas," searing into memory the vulnerability of celebrating in our land of extremes.

Regardless of the disasters, Christmas in our

land has mainly been defined by family rituals and sport. The Boxing Day Test, beginning on 26th December at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, has become synonymous with the season. In earlier years for the cricketers, Christmas Day was often spent in hotels or on team buses, away from family. Christmas has not only become the prelude of this annual cricketing drama, but also of the big Sydney to Hobart yacht race. Families stay overnight to gather around television sets the next day while blokes hold their stobbies and the ladies clutch their Chablis'.

Australian leaders have long used Christmas Day for messages of unity and hope. In 1942, John Curtin told Australians, "We face this Christmas with fortitude, because our cause is just."

In 1991, Paul Keating reflected on troops returning from the Gulf War, urging Australians to embrace peace.

For Indigenous Australians, Christmas has carried complex and sometimes painful meanings. In missions of the 19th and 20th centuries, Christmas was often imposed with European rituals, sometimes suppressing Indigenous customs. Yet many communities reshaped it into their own. In Arnhem Land, corroborees were held on Christmas night, blending Christian hymns with ancestral songlines. On Christmas Day 1988, during Australia's Bicentenary year, Aboriginal leaders used the holiday to call for reflection on dispossession, urging non-Indigenous Australians to see Christmas as not only a time of festivity but also of truth-telling. Today, Indigenous communities continue to celebrate Christmas in uniquely local ways, combining church services, traditional dance, and communal feasts.

Not all Christmas Day events have been tragic or solemn. Some stand out for their uniqueness. In 1938, a heatwave saw Bondi Beach record its largest crowd on Christmas Day. Lifesavers reported dozens of rescues as thousands crammed the surf to escape the heat. Newspapers joked that, "The Australian snow is surf foam." In the late 1930s, Sydney department stores hired men in full Santa suits despite the scorching heat. On Christmas Eve 1938, one Santa fainted in front of a crowd of children at Wynyard Station. The newspaper quipped that the "North Pole costume was unsuited to southern temperatures" and that



the poor fellow had been "roasted alive in his own red suit." From then on, "Summer Santas" started to appear in lighter outfits.

On Christmas morning 1989, on a veranda of a shack in outback Qld, where the closest town was 100 km away, the only company Matt the jackaroo had for weeks were the kangaroos that lingered near the water tank. He raised his first stubby toward the wide, empty sky. "Merry Christmas," he called to the kangaroos. Then, just as he took his first sip, a battered old ute rattled up the track. Dust billowed, and the neighbour, Margaret from the next station over, some 50 km away, pulled up. As the dust cleared, Matt saw she was wearing a Santa hat. Her two children, dressed like elves, jumped out waving boxes wrapped in butcher's paper. "Couldn't let you have Christmas all on your own, mate", she said with a grin. Even out here, in the loneliest of places, Christmas had a way of finding you.

In 2015, In Adelaide, a family came home one December evening to find their Christmas lights tangled, baubles knocked to the floor, and the tinsel looking strangely out of place. At first, they thought their dog or cat had gone rogue. But when they looked closer at the tree, they saw a live koala sitting right in the middle of it, clinging to the branches like it belonged there. The bewildered family called a local wildlife rescue group, who thought it was a prank. But when rescuers arrived, they found the koala nestled among the decorations, wide-eyed and looking perfectly at home beside the plastic candy canes and fairy lights. The rescuers gently removed the marsupial, later nicknamed "Daphne", and released her safely outside. Photos of the koala in the tree quickly went viral, with people around the world laughing that Australians even get wildlife turning up to celebrate Christmas indoors.

Such stories remind us that Christmas in Australia often carries a touch of eccentricity, reflecting the land itself. The Covid pandemic profoundly reshaped Christmas in Australia. On 25th December 2020, families were separated by state border closures and gathering restrictions. For many, it was the loneliest Christmas of their lives. Churches live-streamed services, grandparents waved at grandchildren over Zoom, and the absence of physical contact reminded Australians how fragile normality could be. Prime Minister Scott Morrison delivered a Christmas message acknowledging separation and loss as families were kept apart by border closures. The experience reframed Christmas, not as a guarantee of togetherness, but as a reminder of the preciousness of family unity.

There are also many Christmas comedies to make the festivities memorable. Countless



Queensland and NT families tell of Christmas pavlovas collapsing into goo because of tropical humidity. More than a few Aussie households have had to eat their dessert with a spoon straight from the tray, laughing that, "It's pav soup this year." Carols by Candlelight in Melbourne's Sidney Myer Music Bowl is usually serene, but in 1952, a sudden gust of hot wind blew hundreds of candles out simultaneously. Choir members tried to keep singing, but one section could not contain their laughter when several hats and wigs were blown across the stage. Newspapers later joked that, "The angels were in a mischievous mood that night."

On Christmas day 2012, after presents were handed out, a Darwin family ran outside for a swim in their backyard pool. Just as the kids were about to jump in, they spotted a large crocodile floating happily among inflatable reindeer and pool noodles. Wildlife rangers removed it safely, but not before the family snapped photos, and sang, "Croc-ing Around the Christmas Tree ...."

In many ways, our informal but ritualistic customs reveal the essence of Australia itself. Despite our land of extremes, where festivity meets hardship, where traditions are replayed under the summer sun, and where history intrudes, even on the most sacred of days. It's not just about prawns and presents - it is about memory, resilience, and the capacity to find joy amid struggles.

So it seems to me that Christmas Day in Australia has never been a simple holiday. It has been a day of strength, from soldiers in foreign trenches to survivors of Cyclone Tracy. We emerge from bushfires and floods and move on, accepting, and occasionally cursing, the harsh land we inhabit. And tradition continues, from cricket to a yacht race, while families enjoy their own customary games played in their own backyards, often after a swim at home or on the beach. Each year, as families gather under gum trees or sit at formal dinner tables, we do so in the shadow of the past, where Christmas has so often been either a celebration or an ordeal.

Let's hope this year it is a celebration.

For we are indeed a lucky country.

*Merry Christmas to  
all my Readers.*

# KIDS

## Easy Christmas Biscuits



This easy biscuit recipe is perfect for getting kids involved in Christmas baking during the festive season. Made with simple storecupboard ingredients, these biscuits are an easy choice for busy families at Christmas time. They are the perfect partner to a cup of tea or hot chocolate, and pair wonderfully with other festive treats like fruit mince pies. There's no cooking involved, it's just a matter of melting chocolate and decorating biscuits! For a fun Christmas tradition, leave a few of these biscuits out for Santa on Christmas Eve. Recruit handy little helpers to make these easy Christmas biscuits.

### Key ingredients in our easy Christmas biscuits recipe:

**Reindeer Biscuits:** for the reindeer biscuits we use mini star-shaped pretzels, red M&M's, candy eyes, Tim Tam biscuits (it's a good idea to pop them in the fridge before starting so they set faster), and dark chocolate.

**Bauble Biscuits:** for our festive baubles, we use dark chocolate, rainbow sour straps, Venetian biscuits and both M&M's and M&M's minis, to decorate.

**Pudding Biscuits:** for picture-perfect puds, you'll need white chocolate, milk chocolate digestive biscuits (again, it's best to pop them in the fridge for faster setting), mini red M&M's and watermelon cloud lollies.



## SPOT THE 10 DIFFERENCES

## Sudoku

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### SANTA TOILET PAPER STATUE

Kids and adults alike will get a good laugh out of this Santa toilet paper statue craft. It's likely you already have toilet paper rolls sitting around your home, so get the cardboard shell, some red paint and markers and transform it into a new holiday decoration for your home.



### DIY Snow Globe

Similar to vignettes, except this version is definitely more appropriate for younger kids. Once you have the jar you want to use, make sure to clean it thoroughly. Then, arrange your scene using bottle brushes and figurines and glue them to the top of the jar. Now it's time to create some sparkle: add 1-2 teaspoons of glitter to the jar. Fill it with distilled water, nearly all the way to the top. Then add a few drops of glycerin and stir. Add some glue to the top of the jar and then place it on the base and once dried, flip it to see some magic.

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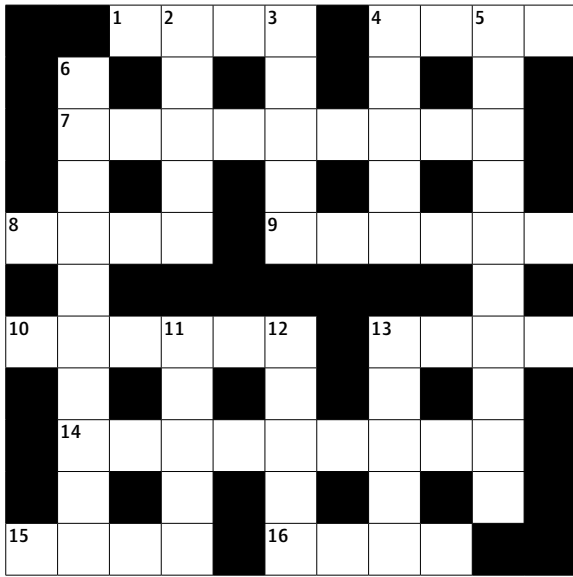


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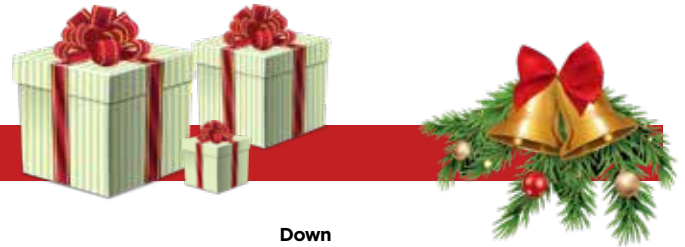


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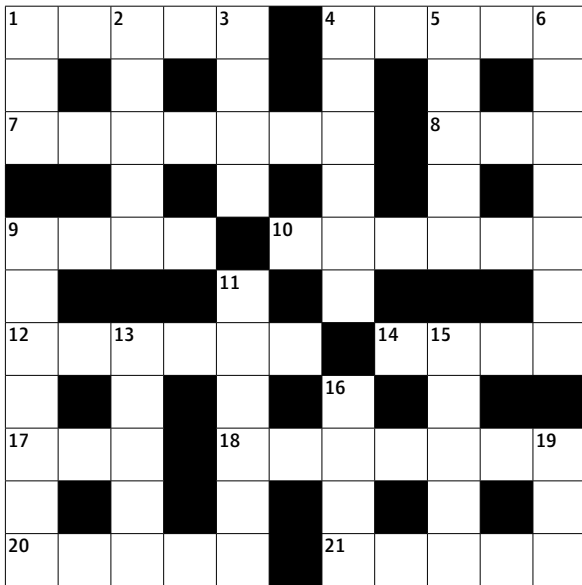
- 1 Box with spring beginning to rust (4)
- 4 Heap of things I left in gym (4)
- 7 Editing - something done by Socialist? (9)
- 8 Sea-girl land is left half-abandoned (4)
- 9 Lives with dean by cathedral city (6)
- 10 Witty remarks in breaks (6)
- 13 Boundary for cricket team? (4)
- 14 Not knowing bliss? (9)
- 15 A good editor no longer young (4)
- 16 Dull doctor meeting a bishop (4)

## Down

- 2 Minister - the old man beginning to direct Religious Education (5)
- 3 Celebrity in middle of little road went quickly (5)
- 4 Lions asleep finally before journey (5)
- 5 Lad's denial set out in letters (10)
- 6 Keeping quiet, holding back (10)
- 11 Beaten, getting dance wrong (5)
- 12 Rag right in the middle of hut (5)
- 13 Social worker in South Africa who makes seasonal visits? (5)



## CRYPTIC



## Across

- 1 Jumped over crushed petal (5)
- 4 Measles, perhaps, comes to an end after setback (5)
- 7 Exclusive period for feathers (7)
- 8 Time to ignore periodic bits of hearsay (3)
- 9 Returning group of hunters to be busy (4)
- 10 Tension in street with wet weather (6)
- 12 Aluminium bottoms in collections of tracks (6)
- 14 Water plant hunted animal turned over (4)
- 17 Draw trike at odd moments (3)
- 18 Creative folk in Dire Straits (7)
- 20 Orders kitchen item to be returned (5)
- 21 Material beam of light working (5)

## Down

- 1 Drink friend knocked over (3)
- 2 Entertain a source of inspiration (5)
- 3 What cafes supply at odd places in the pass (4)
- 4 Detective sorted out hustle (6)
- 5 Couple dream off and on in La Bohème? (5)
- 6 Describing decorative glass broken instead (7)
- 9 Attribute displayed by alternative double-crosser (7)
- 11 Translation of mutual feature of German text (6)
- 13 Fish, amber, at sea (5)
- 15 Regular parts of least scary piece of writing (5)
- 16 Twirling that's annoying lead performer (4)
- 19 Child in swoon intermittently (3)

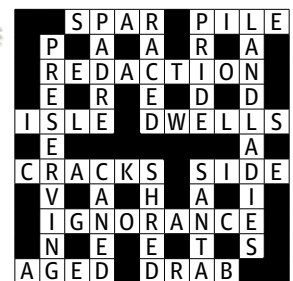
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## CRYPTIC SOLUTION



## QUICK SOLUTION



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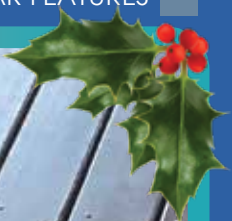
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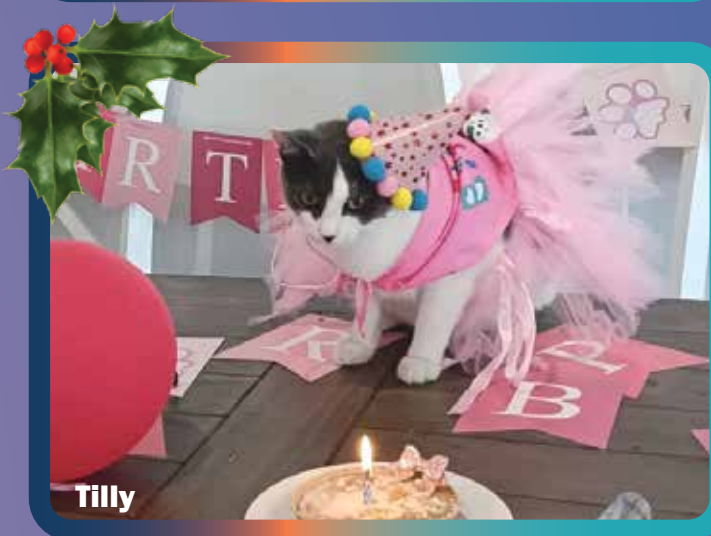
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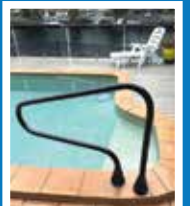
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# Bribie Garden Centre

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### SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Mark your calendars! On Saturday 13th December from 9:30am, the Bribie Men's Shed will be hosting a sausage sizzle right here at the nursery. It's the perfect chance to enjoy a tasty bite and catch up with friends, while supporting a local community group.

### CHRISTMAS and other GIFTS

While you're here, explore our range of unusual and quirky gifts — perfect for those who appreciate something a little different under the tree, or in their home and garden.

### LOCAL ARTIST CREATIONS

Over 20 local artists display their fantastic creations in our air-conditioned gift room. From Christmas cards to sculptures, paintings, children's books, and more, find something truly unique for your loved ones, while supporting our thriving local art community.

### COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

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### MORE SPACES TO REST & RELAX

Whether you're shopping or visiting, we invite you to take a seat and unwind. Inside, you'll find a comfortable lounge area; outside, our gazebo and shady seating are surrounded by lush greenery, with birds and butterflies often making an appearance. It's a tranquil spot to pause, chat, and enjoy nature.

### OTHER GARDENING PRODUCTS

Soils, potting mix, mulches, and more. Our ongoing commitment to supplying high-quality, low-cost gardening products continues, and in the aftermath of the crazy storm on November 24th, we know many locals are redesigning their gardens. To help, we're offering 10% off all pots until Christmas.





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- Water often while plants are establishing, ensuring roots stay hydrated.
- And with the mulch keeping weeds down, your plants will flourish even more, thanks to less competition for moisture and nutrients.

**THE REWARD?** A garden that grows vigorously, filling out faster than you might expect. Planting in summer means you'll see results sooner, and the joy of watching your garden transform is truly special.

### COMMUNITY INVITATION

Finally, we'd love to extend an invitation: if any community groups or individuals would like to hold classes in our gazebo, please contact Pete on the number below. Hire is free for not-for-profit groups, or \$20 otherwise. It's a beautiful space to gather, learn, and share.

### JANUARY SPECIALS

We often shop carefully in January, recouping the cost of Christmas time, so here at Bribie Garden Centre, we'll be running specials throughout the month of January, allowing our customers to continue enjoying gardening while making some great savings.

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# RECYCLING PROPERLY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON: A Christmas Responsibility

**A**S THE FESTIVE SEASON APPROACHES, THE SPIRIT OF GIVING AND JOY PERMEATES OUR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES. CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR CELEBRATION FILLED WITH DECORATIONS, GIFTS, AND DELICIOUS MEALS. HOWEVER, IT IS ALSO A CRUCIAL TIME TO CONSIDER OUR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, PARTICULARLY REGARDING WASTE MANAGEMENT. RECYCLING PROPERLY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON ISN'T JUST A GOOD HABIT; IT'S A RESPONSIBILITY WE ALL SHARE.

## UNDERSTANDING HOLIDAY WASTE

According to various studies, the amount of waste generated during the Christmas period increases significantly compared to other times of the year. From wrapping paper and gift boxes to food scraps and discarded decorations, the holiday rush can lead to a staggering accumulation of waste. Unfortunately, not all of this material is recycled correctly, leading to items ending up in landfills where they contribute to environmental harm.

## THE RECYCLING CHALLENGE OF HOLIDAY MATERIALS

One of the main challenges of recycling during this time is the proliferation of materials that may not be recyclable. For example, glittered or metallic wrapping paper and certain types of gift bags often cannot be processed by recycling facilities. Additionally, many festive decorations, such as plastic ornaments or tinsel, are not recyclable. It's crucial to check the recycling guidelines for your area to ensure you're making eco-friendly choices.

## BEST PRACTICES FOR HOLIDAY RECYCLING

**1. Wrap with Care:** Consider using recyclable or reusable materials for wrapping gifts. Brown paper, fabric scraps, or even old newspapers can be beautiful and environmentally friendly options. If you do use traditional wrapping paper, ensure it is plain and free of non-recyclable embellishments.

**2. Plan Your Meals Wisely:** The food waste generated during the holiday season poses a significant environmental challenge, contributing to increased greenhouse gas emissions and unnecessary strain on landfills. To combat this issue, it's essential to take a proactive approach to meal planning. By creating a detailed menu that accounts for the number of guests and their dietary preferences, you can minimise the risk of over-preparation. Consider making a shopping list that allows you to purchase only what you need, ensuring that ingredients are used effectively. Additionally, be mindful of portion sizes to prevent uneaten leftovers. Should any food scraps remain, explore options for composting them instead of discarding them. Composting not only reduces waste but also enriches the soil, promoting a more sustainable way to manage food resources. By approaching your holiday meals with careful planning, you can significantly reduce food waste and contribute positively to the environment.

**3. Get Creative with Decorations:** Instead of purchasing new decorations each year, consider crafting handmade items from recycled materials. This not only reduces waste but can also be a fun activity to engage in with family and friends.

**4. Educate and Collaborate:** Share recycling information with family and friends during holiday gatherings. Encourage everyone to make a conscious effort to recycle properly. Together, we can create a greater impact.

**5. Know Your Local Guidelines:** Recycling regulations can vary significantly from one community to another, impacting what materials are accepted in the recycling stream. Take the time to research and familiarise yourself with your local recycling rules, which can often be found on your municipality's official website or by contacting your local waste management authority. This knowledge is crucial to ensure that you do not inadvertently contaminate the recycling stream; contamination occurs when non-recyclable materials are mixed in, which can lead to whole batches of recyclable materials being sent to the landfill. By being well-informed about which items are eligible for recycling, including specific types of plastics, metals, and paper products, you can actively contribute to a more efficient and effective recycling programme in your community.

## A COLLECTIVE EFFORT

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate this joyous occasion, let's remember that our choices have a lasting impact on the environment. By making an effort to recycle properly during the holiday season, we can contribute to a healthier planet for future generations. Christmas is a time of giving, and what better gift can we offer than a commitment to sustainability?

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## AUSTRALIANS URGED TO LEVEL UP POOL SAFETY, AS NEW RESEARCH REVEALS WIDESPREAD COMPLACENCY

- Almost half (49%) of Australian pool owners are unsure if their pool gate would pass a safety inspection
- In fact, almost three-quarters (70%) of pool owners admit they haven't checked their pool gate latch or hinges in the past six months or more
- This Check Your Pool Gate Month (December), D&D Technologies and Kids Alive are urging Australians to take a few minutes to inspect their gates to keep their families safe

Almost half (49%) of Australian pool owners are unsure if their pool gate would pass a safety inspection, with new research revealing widespread complacency as the peak drowning season approaches.

The latest MagnaLatch® Pool Safety Report shows a worrying decline in vigilance, with close to three quarters (70%) of pool owners admitting they hadn't checked their pool gate in the past six months or more. 41% admitted they simply don't think about it, while 21% are unsure what to look for and almost a quarter (24%) claim to not have the time.

The data released in a partnership between D&D Technologies and Kids Alive as part of

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Check Your Pool Gate Month, reveals that almost half (45%) of pool owners would feel extremely worried and unsafe if they discovered their pool gate wasn't protecting their family properly. Yet, close to a third (30%) of families have left their pool gate open when cleaning it.

Laurie Lawrence, founder of Kids Alive and Check Your Pool Gate Month Ambassador, stresses that the findings show too many Australians are putting lives at risk through inaction and misplaced confidence.

"This report is a real wake-up call," says Laurie. "We've made significant progress in drowning prevention over the years, but we can't afford to relax. Pool gates save lives yet too many people assume theirs is working fine without ever checking. That kind of complacency is dangerous."

The call comes as more than a third (33%) of pool owners do not remember when they had last gained a recent safety compliance certificate, with 13% admitting they hadn't had one since the pool was first installed. Furthermore, 69% of Australians wouldn't know how to fix or upgrade their pool gate or fence if it didn't meet the safety standards and only 15% talk about pool safety regularly with family or friends.

The leading reason for not checking or repairing gates was forgetfulness (41%), followed by lack of time (24%) and uncertainty about what to look for (21%). Australians are also underestimating the risk

of minor faults or delays in fixing latches, with a third (36%) admitting they would rely on someone else to notice or fix the issue.

"It only takes a moment for tragedy to strike," continues Laurie. "A faulty gate can be just as dangerous as leaving a child unsupervised in the pool. It's not just a gate, it's a lifesaver."

Emma Lawrence, Operations Director of Kids Alive and Check Your Pool Gate Month Ambassador, says she feared pool owners were not aware of the immediate danger of leaving a pool gate propped open.

"Although most families admitted they would feel very concerned if they discovered their gate wasn't protecting their families; nearly a third are still propping it open when they are cleaning the pool, or most concerningly when a lot of people were using it," says Emma.

"We want people to understand there is never a time when it is okay to leave a pool gate open because it is the immediate first line of defence for protecting little ones from drowning. If they can't get in, you diminish the risk.

"The reality is most drownings occur in back yard pools, so we need to be most vigilant at home," adds Emma.

With summer around the corner, Check Your Pool Gate Month is reminding all Australians to take a few minutes to inspect their gates. Pool owners can provide the utmost safety for their families by upgrading the security

of their gate hardware and ensuring they work properly.

"One in three families believe pool owners should get an official safety inspection and while we applaud and certainly encourage that sentiment there are still things people can do themselves to make their pool gates safer. Checking the gate works properly only takes a few minutes but it can mean the difference between life and death. Let's make sure our kids are safe before they swim," concludes Laurie.

A comprehensive pool safety checklist is available at [www.checkyourpoolgate.com.au](http://www.checkyourpoolgate.com.au), offering essential tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for all.

#### MORWELL, VICTORIA

In 2024, in Morwell, Victoria, 4.5-year-old Ivy unfortunately got access to a neighbour's pool and tragically drowned. The family had recently moved into a rental home and shared a boundary fence with the neighbouring property which has a pool. The fence was apparently deemed compliant after an inspection earlier that year in February. However, a missing paling on the boundary fence created a small access point to the pool later that year in December providing immediate access to the pool. Ivy unfortunately drowned in December 2024. Ivy's family have since petitioned the government to change the rules around boundary fences as part of pool fence standards and legislation.

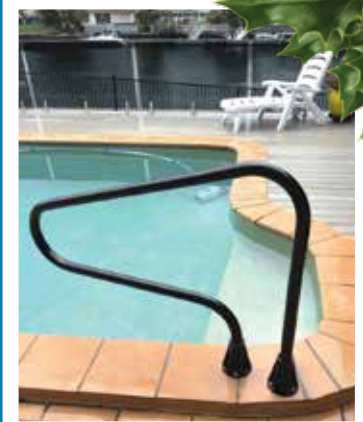


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# WHERE AND HOW to Store Your Christmas TREE AFTER THE HOLIDAYS



Once the holiday season wraps up and the last decoration is tucked away, the Christmas tree remains as the final reminder of the festivities. Whether you have a real tree or a fake one, knowing how to take care of it after the holidays can be a bit tricky. While many people just toss their tree into the garage or cram it into a closet, there are better ways to make sure it stays safe, clean, and ready for next year.

**Timing Is Key** - Most folks keep their Christmas trees up until New Year's, but some take them down a bit earlier. If you can, try to act quickly when you're ready to take it down. A dried-out real tree can become a fire hazard, while an artificial one can just take up space if not dealt with soon. Plus, if you take it down early, it's easier. Waiting too long might lead to tangled lights, missing decorations, and more dust to clean.

**Removing the Decorations** - Before you store the tree, everything needs to come off—ornaments, garlands, ribbons, and lights. It's tempting to leave the lights on the tree since putting them on can be a hassle, but this can lead to broken lights or tangled wires. Instead, take the time to wrap them around a piece of cardboard or use a special storage reel. Make sure to label each string and store them properly.

For ornaments, it's a good idea to sort them. Fragile glass ornaments can go back into their original boxes if you have them. If not, wrapping them in tissue paper or bubble wrap (or even clean socks!) helps protect them. Using plastic containers with dividers can make it easier to keep everything organised.

**Getting the Tree Ready** - If your tree is artificial, you'll need to clean it a bit before packing it away. Make sure to dust off any branches and check for anything stuck in the needles. If your tree comes apart in sections, label them so next year's setup is quicker. If it's a pre-lit tree, check the wires for any damage. Fixing small problems now can save you trouble later on.

If you have a real tree, it needs special care since it won't go into storage. Most communities offer services to pick up or drop off trees for recycling. They can turn them into mulch or use them to create habitats for wildlife. Check with your local waste service for options.

## **Finding the Right Storage Spot**

- For storing an artificial tree, look for a spot that is cool, dry, and not in direct sunlight. Excessive heat and moisture can ruin the materials. While attics and basements might not be ideal due to temperatures and humidity, a well-ventilated garage can work. However, the best places are usually inside the home, like a closet or storage room. Spaces under stairs are great because they tend to stay dry.

If you don't have much indoor space, use a sturdy, well-sealed container. Plastic bins are better than cardboard, which can attract bugs or get damp.

**Storing Your Tree Safely** - When storing your Christmas tree, don't just shove it back into the cheap box it came in; those don't last long. A good storage bag, especially one with wheels and handles, makes it easier to move. They come in different sizes to fit either sectioned trees or those that stand upright.

Some people choose to keep their trees fully set up and covered, which is fine if you have enough space. Just know that this works best for artificial trees and you need a clean area without pests.

Always label your storage container clearly. This simple step can save you from digging through multiple boxes next year.

The end of the holidays doesn't have to be stressful. By taking a little time to plan how you store your Christmas tree, you can keep it looking great for years to come. Whether you store it in a closet or a corner of the garage, how you pack it and where you keep it can make next year's holiday season much easier to start!

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# Elevate Your Christmas Decor

## Ways to Elevate Your Christmas Décor with Natural Garlands

The festive season in Australia is a lively time filled with joy, kindness, and celebration. With warm summer weather, people love to gather outdoors and enjoy the holiday spirit. One popular tradition is decorating homes to showcase the Christmas cheer. Using natural garlands is a great way to bring the beauty of the outdoors inside, adding texture and a lovely scent to your home.

## Make Your Entryway Shine

The entrance of your home is the first thing guests see, so decorating it with natural garlands is a wonderful way to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. You can drape garlands around your front door, allowing them to hang down beautifully. Consider adding local elements like eucalyptus leaves or colourful Australian flowers. At night, stringing fairy lights through the garland will make the entrance even more magical.

## Dress Up Your Stairs

Staircases are perfect for hanging natural garlands. You can wrap garlands around the banisters, which not only improves their appearance but also adds a festive touch.

Adding local berries or flowers can make it even more beautiful and give it a unique Aussie Christmas vibe.

create a rich, layered look. Adding seasonal touches like holly or colourful fruits can give it a special holiday feel.

Fresh greenery adds a rustic, relaxed charm that pairs well with elegant tableware.

## Add Greenery to Windows and Mirrors

Windows and mirrors can be easily overlooked when it comes to holiday decorations. However, adorning them with natural garlands can make these spaces pop! Hanging garlands over window tops or wrapping them around edges enhances your home's charm and draws attention to the view outside, bringing a bit of the outdoors inside. For mirrors, the garlands can reflect light and brighten up your rooms.

## Add Seasonal Touches to Shelves

Bookshelves and other shelves are great places for festive decorations that can enhance the space without making it cluttered. Adding natural garlands can bring life to these areas. For convenience, choose realistic-looking garlands that won't wilt. You can also add pinecones or seasonal flowers to complete the holiday theme.

These ideas help spread the festive spirit while celebrating the unique elements of an Australian Christmas, blending nature and tradition in a delightful way.



## Make Your Mantel Stand Out

Even though fireplaces are less common in Australia, mantels can still be decorated beautifully for the holidays. You can lay garlands across the mantel and let them hang down a bit. Mixing greens like wattle, banksia, and ferns will

## Create an Inviting Table Setup

Gathering around the dining table for holiday meals is a cherished tradition. Using natural garlands as a centerpiece creates a beautiful and inviting dining atmosphere. Place a garland down the centre of the table to create a nice flow for your decorations.

# Innovative Living Solutions: Embracing Modular Homes on Bribie Island



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An increasing number of Bribie residents are considering secondary dwellings as an innovative, future-proof solution. These are not just simple sheds or temporary cabins;

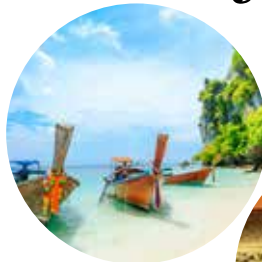
they are fully certified homes that add genuine value and provide peace of mind by meeting all the requirements of a permanent dwelling.

Whether it's a space for kids returning home, accommodations for visiting family, or a bit of independence for growing families, these homes have become one of the most popular upgrades for island properties.

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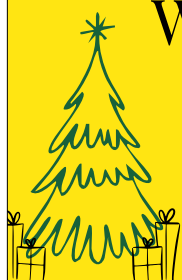
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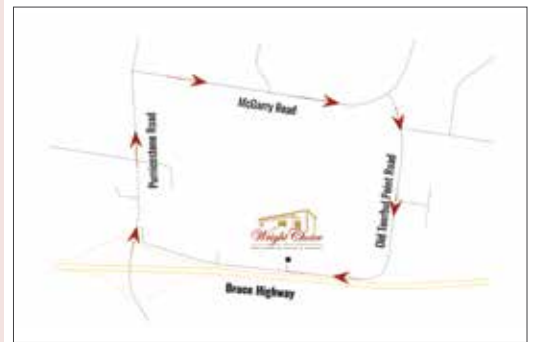
This approach is less disruptive for the neighbourhood and is typically quicker than most people expect, instilling confidence in residents about the process.

There's another advantage that's gaining attention among retirees on Bribie: rental potential.

A modular secondary dwelling is a straightforward way to create an additional income stream, helping residents feel more financially secure without the stress of undertaking a large project. Many locals are choosing to rent their

modular homes to holiday guests or long-term tenants, thereby gaining more financial freedom while still enjoying their beautiful slice of paradise.

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## CREATIVE INTERIORS WITH IVORY T

Fabric & Wallpaper - Wallpaper Versus Wall Mural



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**A**re you living in a big white box and need some colour or design? So many white walls looking clinical and boring. And now your question is what to do. Well of course I am going to say Wallpaper or Wall Mural. What is the difference I hear you ask.

Well, Wallpaper features small to large, repeating patterns that can be used on multiple walls, and is sold by the roll. Roll sizes can vary as do the textures, colours and designs. You will be spoilt for choice.

And a Wall mural is a single image or artistic scene designed by a non-repeating focal point. Typically, on one wall. Murals are often more impactful and can be custom-sized, making them a great choice for a feature wall. Think of it as Giant Artwork.

Both wallpaper and wall murals offer distinct advantages and can significantly enhance the appearance of an interior space. When selecting between these options, it is important to consider factors such as budget, design objectives, and the expected duration of use.

### Key Points - Wallpaper

Designs are repeating and vary from small, medium to larger patterns.

Customisation is not available generally to editing design or colour. But there are thousands of options available.

As Wallpaper is sold by the roll it can be more financially viable, and you won't fall short of the design for your wall.

Wallpaper options can vary from Non-Woven - Vinyl, and you have available across many designs also being Flocked - Beaded - Heavily Textured. Giving you a more 3D effect and feel.

Hopefully you will have a drop or two left over in case of any accidents and can swap out a drop. (tip: any leftover should be kept in a cool dry storage area)

### Wall Mural

Large-scale, unique, often non-repeating images like landscapes or art

Plenty of options available and some companies offer customization to fit your walls dimensions. But can be more expensive due to custom printing and larger scale.

Wall Mural options can vary from Non-Woven - Vinyl, but you will not have the benefit of Flock or Beaded Textures. Certainly, 3D Printing has come a long way and can give you the appearance of text

If there is an accident you cannot just swap out a drop as you can with wallpaper, generally.

You can create a dramatic focal point on a single wall or a serene backdrop to your home's walls.

### Are you still a little undecided

Wallpaper is recommended for its versatility, straightforward installation process, and extensive selection of designs. This option is particularly suitable for renters, individuals seeking cost-effective solutions, or those who wish to update their interior style regularly.

Choose a wall mural for a striking, personalised design that really stands out. Wall murals work especially well on feature walls, in creative areas, and for adding a unique touch to interior spaces.

Regardless of whether you choose a sophisticated wallpaper or a bespoke wall mural, your walls will serve as an impressive focal point that contributes to the overall appeal of your home.

# BRIBIE ISLAND DUGONG DIARIES ENJOY A DAY OUT WITH FISHABILITY QLD:

*"Laughter, fish and a dugong".*



One recent Wednesday, Sherry Bruce, a member and supporter of Bribie Island Dugong Diaries, spent the morning with the crew of Fishability Qld, on one of their regular boat trips in the Pumicestone Passage. Dugong sightings are often enjoyed by Fishability Qld, who then report details to be logged by Bribie Island Dugong Diaries and BIEPA. Sherry came out to share time with FQ fishers and said it was a beautiful day. "Fishability isn't just about casting a line, it's about friendship, fresh air, and the simple happiness that comes from being out on the water together." Sherry was able to chat with them about fishing, life, and the importance of their contributions to the Dugong Diaries.

This community-led citizen science program helps track our local dugong population numbers, their grazing locations within Bribie Island waters, dugong health, and potential hazards. Dugongs are very special local residents - Moreton Bay is the southernmost range of dugongs, and we have a permanent population of these huge but elusive mammals! Counting ourselves lucky to have them is one thing, but counting and monitoring dugongs is a job for all of us.

The easiest way to log a sighting is to go to the Bribie Island Dugong Sightings Facebook page. The information you'll need to post includes: date, time of day, number of and a description of the dugongs, and what the dugongs were up to - grazing, resting, hanging out with their mates, or travelling (which direction). Attach a photo and maybe GPS data, and TA-DAA! - You've become a valuable citizen scientist!

As luck would have it, Sherry left the crew to come ashore - and just minutes later, they spotted the first dugong of the day!

# FISHING REPORT Fishing The Pumicestone Passage Over Summer.

As the waters of Pumicestone Passage warm up towards summer, there'll be opportunities for fishing estuary cod and mangrove jacks, as well as some good flathead, in the creeks and around the mangroves and oyster leases. Ningi Creek is the first creek on the left (mainland) side as you travel north of the bridge.

As you explore the mouth of this creek on a low tide you will soon realise why locals love this area so much but be careful not to get stuck on any of the sandbanks! The entrance is marked by a yellow cross beacon 2km north of Spinnaker Sound Marina. Turner's Camp, just south of Ningi Creek is a popular area for flathead and also sand crabs through the summer months (any month that has an "r" in it, is the usual saying). If you want to take a boat into Ningi Creek over the next few months, you'll have to keep an eye out for the temporary dredge-pipe, which comes out of Pacific Harbour, across the Passage and up into Ningi Creek. There is a set of red and green floating markers, which indicate the way into

Ningi creek. The pipe runs along the south side of the creek, so stay inside the navigation markers. Along the oyster leases in that area is good for bream, grunters and Moses perch but be careful not to interfere with or damage them. Summer whiting also spends the warmer months in the Passage and up the creeks.

The deep water in the middle of the Passage between the mouth of Ningi Creek and the bridge holds lots of grassy sweetlip and Moses perch over the summer. The tidal run through there is strong, especially during December-early January. The full moon is on January 3rd and the difference between the morning high tide and afternoon low tide is well over two metres, so be warned! You might have to fish on the drift, closer to shore or if you want to anchor, try to choose a period over the change of tide, when the flow is slower.

Heading north toward Pacific Harbour, there is another set of floating red and green markers, to guide over the dredge-pipe, then it's business as usual! Just north-west of Pacific Harbour is the Avon Wreck, which is

most visible on the lower part of the tides before it becomes submerged. It is home to some decent whiting and bream. Shag Island lies behind the wreck looking northward and the relatively deep-water channel between them is known to hold good fish, although it can leave you in shallow water with no obvious exit if you don't watch the tide.

The Pumicestone Passage's mudflats and protected wetlands support many species of seabirds. During summer, huge numbers of migratory birds use Bribie Island and the Pumicestone Passage as their nesting-place; others use the area as a resting-place on their migratory path. Be aware of the no-go zone known as Kakadu bird-roost, on the north side of Pacific Harbour and marked on the Bribie Island Boat Charters' chart - we all need to help protect these birds after their long-haul flights from Siberia and other northern climes.

Heading another 2km north of the Pacific Harbour entrance, on the Bribie side of the Pumicestone Passage is White Patch. White Patch is nicely protected from northerlies and

northeast/easterlies and fishing from the shore is just an easy stroll down the wooden steps. This spot holds juvenile snapper, bream, flathead, occasional trevally and mulloway and sand crabs. The northern end of the White Patch gutter narrows and drops out quickly, so be careful of the tide, but there are good catches possible from this area. White Patch, Gallagher's Point and Poverty Creek are also great spots to pull up and give the kids a chance to swim, run about, chase the soldier crabs, but beware the falling tide!



## TIDE TIMES

### Bribie Island AND Moreton Bay

#### Fri 12th Dec 2025 TO Thu 8th Jan 2026

<b>Fri 12 Dec</b> 3:38 am 1.4m 9:09 am 0.64m 3:30 pm 1.64m 10:12 pm 0.46m	<b>Sat 13 Dec</b> 4:46 am 1.48m 10:23 am 0.71m 4:28 pm 1.52m 11:00 pm 0.44m	<b>Sun 14 Dec</b> 5:52 am 1.59m 11:40 am 0.74m 5:28 pm 1.43m 11:48 pm 0.42m	<b>Mon 15 Dec</b> 6:50 am 1.7m 12:56 pm 0.72m 6:28 pm 1.37m	<b>Tue 16 Dec</b> 12:36 am 0.39m 7:42 am 1.81m 2:00 pm 0.66m 7:23 pm 1.34m	<b>Wed 17 Dec</b> 1:20 am 0.37m 8:26 am 1.89m 2:50 pm 0.6m 8:11 pm 1.33m	<b>Thu 18 Dec</b> 2:00 am 0.35m 9:04 am 1.94m 3:30 pm 0.56m 8:51 pm 1.33m
<b>Fri 19 Dec</b> 2:38 am 0.34m 9:39 am 1.97m 4:06 pm 0.54m 9:28 pm 1.34m	<b>Sat 20 Dec</b> 3:13 am 0.33m 10:10 am 1.98m 4:39 pm 0.53m 10:02 pm 1.35m	<b>Sun 21 Dec</b> 3:46 am 0.33m 10:40 am 1.98m 5:11 pm 0.52m 10:37 pm 1.37m	<b>Mon 22 Dec</b> 4:21 am 0.33m 11:12 am 1.98m 5:45 pm 0.51m 11:14 pm 1.38m	<b>Tue 23 Dec</b> 4:58 am 0.34m 11:45 am 1.98m 6:21 pm 0.48m 11:53 pm 1.4m	<b>Wed 24 Dec</b> 5:36 am 0.36m 12:20 pm 1.98m 6:59 pm 0.46m	<b>Thu 25 Dec</b> 12:37 am 1.42m 6:18 am 0.39m 12:59 pm 1.95m 7:38 pm 0.42m
<b>Fri 26 Dec</b> 1:26 am 1.44m 7:05 am 0.45m 1:41 pm 1.9m 8:21 pm 0.39m	<b>Sat 27 Dec</b> 2:21 am 1.49m 8:00 am 0.52m 2:28 pm 1.81m 9:09 pm 0.37m	<b>Sun 28 Dec</b> 3:24 am 1.55m 9:08 am 0.6m 3:23 pm 1.7m 10:00 pm 0.35m	<b>Mon 29 Dec</b> 4:34 am 1.65m 10:30 am 0.65m 4:26 pm 1.57m 10:56 pm 0.32m	<b>Tue 30 Dec</b> 5:45 am 1.78m 11:55 am 0.64m 5:38 pm 1.48m 11:53 pm 0.29m	<b>Wed 31 Dec</b> 6:52 am 1.93m 1:14 pm 0.58m 6:51 pm 1.42m	<b>Thu 1 Jan</b> 12:51 am 0.24m 7:53 am 2.08m 2:23 pm 0.49m 7:59 pm 1.41m
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# PUMICESTONE

## PASSAGE PIRATES'

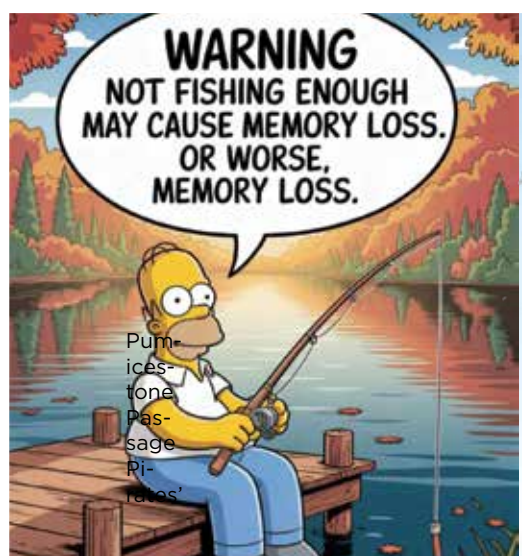


## WOORIM BEACH FISH NEXT WEEKEND!

PUMICESTONE PASSAGE PIRATES ARE HOSTING ANOTHER GREAT EVENT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, FOR LOCAL AND VISITING FAMILIES. THE WOORIM BEACH FISH WILL BE A BIG HIT WITH YOUNG FISHERS, KEEN TO PRACTICE THE FINER SKILLS OF BEACH FISHING.

JOHN AND THE REST OF THE PUMICESTONE PASSAGE PIRATES CREW WILL BE ON HAND FROM 5AM, AT THE 4WD ACCESS CAR PARK, OFF NORTH STREET, WOORIM, AND THEY'RE STAYING ON UNTIL 7PM!

- All you need to do to join is to turn up - no booking is required.
- All you need to bring is your own fishing gear, chairs, hats, drinks, food - and some festive spirit!
- Pumicestone Passage Pirates fishing shirts will be for sale at the marquee, and all kids will get a free Christmas gift.
- At about 11am, there'll be a demonstration of the latest Aeroo Pro Fishing Drone - which should be a real treat!
- At about 3pm, there will be prize giveaways, including **Bribie Hotel** vouchers and a **BBQ boat-hire from Bribie Island Boat Charters** - and much more!!



# THE TIDE'S RIGHT, THE MOON'S RIGHT, SO IT SHOULD BE A FANTASTIC DAY OUT FOR YOU AND THE KIDS!

## TIDE TIMES FOR THE DAY

3:20am 0.42m Low Tide  
 10:01am 2.43m High Tide  
 4:41pm 0.67m Low Tide  
 9:57pm. 1.76m High Tide

Sunrise: 4:48am Sunset: 6:41pm  
 Moon Phase: We are looking at a New Moon Phase with a combination of the low tide at 4:41 that should produce a good evening fish.

Amenities are located 300m South of the 4WD car park on Fifth Av and Rickman Parade  
 (CASH ONLY ON THE DAY)

### A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PUMICESTONE PASSAGE PIRATES

Join the Pumicestone Passage Pirates to share your passion for fishing, crabbing, prawning, 4WD'ing, and camping. Visit their website or social media pages to learn how to become part of their community and start sharing your adventures today. Set sail with Pumicestone Passage Pirates to enjoy activities like fishing, crabbing, prawning, 4WD'ing, and camping, while also learning valuable tips and techniques. This group serves as your guide for sharing stories, gaining support, and participating in shared adventures in the stunning Pumicestone Passage.

It's not just about the catch; it's about building a supportive community where members assist each other through both good times and challenges. Whether you're looking for solace when you're feeling down or a spot on a tinny for the weekend, this is a safe harbor for everyone.

You can trade gear, swap stories, sell your boat, seek maintenance advice, and even explore job opportunities in the industry. The Pumicestone Passage Pirates are committed to fostering entrepreneurship and innovation, as well as celebrating a shared passion for the sea. Together, they support fellow pirates with common interests—no dream is too big for these waters.

Let's also pay homage to the traditional custodians of this land, the Gubbi Gubbi mob, who share these bountiful resources with us.

Pumicestone Passage Pirates invite you to "hoist the sails and remember, kindness is our compass. Welcome to the crew!"



**AGM VMR BRIBIE ISLAND INC**

7 pm Thursday 6th November 2025 - Secretary Gary Voss welcomed everyone, opened the meeting with the usual formalities and introduced Commodore Ces Luscombe for his final address as Commodore to deliver his Commodore's Report.

**COMMODORE'S REPORT**

Commodore Ces commented that it was his pleasure to report the great safety and service record of VMR Bribie including the transition to MRQ on 14th August 2025 and praised our volunteers for their impeccable 366-day 24/7 capability and advised that we were the busiest MRQ Unit with 16,659 calls, 4,773 vessels, thousands of phone calls. Now starting new MRQ logging system, we are the only unit with 24/7 rosters. We had 327 assists, assisting over 600 people safely back home. We performed many medevacs with Coast Guard unable to do them.

Commodore Ces paid tribute to his committee who spent mega hours investigating, consulting, meeting, and researching, back & forth with the transition arrangements to MRQ. He also highlighted individuals who had made significant contributions including our sponsors.

The new Bribie 1 is progressing well with a delivery of Jan/Feb next year.

Commodore Ces announced he was retiring from the role of Commodore and Unit Commander to focus on personal issues and after a 3-month break will return as a coxswain. Ces joined the management committee in his second year with VMR (2017) and took on the role of fund raising to date raising in excess of \$1 million. Ces gave special thanks to Gary Voss for his governance and support, Liz Radajewski for guidance, Peter McNamara for his continual input, Wayne Sclater for his friendship and support as Vice Commodore and many discussions, Kelly Langworthy for her roles as Treasurer, HR, & Social Coordinator, Allan Tranter for stepping up as Vice Commodore and Deputy Unit Commander and his role getting training up and running well.

Commodore Ces also gave a special thanks to all Volunteers and their partners for their commitment and dedication and advised everyone to remember both VMR Bribie Island Inc. and MRQ Bribie Island are Marine Rescue Bribie.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Kelly Langworthy delivered her Treasurer's Report highlighting our financial position. The report was accepted by the meeting as was the appointment of the auditors SMB Accounting.

**SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS**

Secretary Gary Voss delivered an overview of the changes to the Constitution required and then moved on to voting: -

**Motion 1:** "That the name of Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island Inc be changed to Marine Rescue Bribie Island Supporters Association Inc."

**Motion 2:** "That the constitution of Volunteer Marine Rescue Bribie Island Inc be replaced by the proposed Rules for Marine Rescue Bribie Island Supporters Association Inc".

Both motions were passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS** - The office bearers for the 2024/2025 year stood down and as there was one nomination for each available position of the Marine Rescue Bribie Island Supporters Association Inc. a ballot was not required.



The New Committee: - Secretary Mark Horsburgh, Vice President John O'Hagan, Mark Young, President Kelly Langworthy, Cheryl Robinson, Treasurer Karen Arthurs, Lyndsay Paterson (Apology insert top-right).

**CYCLONIC STORM**

Monday 24th November 2025 - Extreme storms with relentless rain and hail battered southeast Queensland, causing cyclonic-level damage on Bribie Island. Cars were flipped, massive trees uprooted and snapped onto local businesses, and roofs ripped from homes, with residents describing tornado-like conditions including a funnel cloud touching down. Thousands were days without power as Council Staff, SES and Energex working extremely hard to clean up debris and bring the community back to business as usual.

The MRQ team was setting up for the

Volunteer Connect Forum at Marine Rescue Bribie Island 445 when the system started to roll in, the event was postponed. The storm brought chaos both on land and out on the water with vessels crashing into the Bribie Bridge and forced aground. Marine Rescue Bribie immediately began responding to calls for assistance. Some volunteers facing damage and/or power outages at home still responded to callouts offering support to our boating community. As quickly as it arrived, the storm cell moved on — leaving behind a stunning sunset amidst the destruction it caused.

Thanks to all our volunteers, Crew, Radio Team, Admin, Maintenance, and Support Teams for your commitment, resilience, and professionalism through this difficult time. We hope everyone is safe and recovering well after this disastrous weather. With storm season now underway, it's a timely reminder to check out the preparation tips from **Get Ready Queensland**.



Above and below photos (from Facebook thanks Shane T Reynolds).



The storm approaching the Bribie Bridge



Photo above and below just after the storm abated.



The "Pirate Ship" and another on Tuesday, without masts.



**A/UNIT COMMANDER ALLAN'S SAFETY MESSAGE:**



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

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

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

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

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

**NOV/DEC ASSISTS**

**THU 20/11 0849AM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

**THU 20/11 1837PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

**FRI 21/11 0759AM** – 5.4m Runabout 1POB member with motor issues required a tow from 1km South of Bridge to Spinnaker Sound Marina.

**FRI 21/11 0844AM** – 9m Catamaran 2POB non-member with motor issues required a tow from Banksia Beach to pontoon in Pacific Harbour.

**SAT 22/11 0701AM** – 2m Jet Ski 1POB non-member with starting issues. Later cancelled.

**SAT 22/11 0941AM** – 4.2m Tinny 4POB non-member out of fuel, required a tow from White Patch to Bongaree boat ramp.

**SAT 22/11 1341PM** – 10m Sports Cruiser 3POB member stuck on sand bar at Mission Point required a tow to deeper water.

**SUN 23/11 1342PM** – 16m Cruiser 3POB non-member with fuel issues, required a tow from SE of Bribie to Pumicestone Passage.

**MON 24/11 0930AM** – 13m Houseboat 6POB Non-member with rope around rudders outside Spinnaker Sound Marina, required relocation into the marina.

**TUE 25/11 0806AM** – 11m Sports Cruiser non-member aground and flooded at White Patch – investigate.

**WED 26/11 1416PM** – 9m Full Cabin non-member aground at Sylvan Beach, commenced tow, taken over by Marine Recovery Services to Pacific Harbour.

**WED 26/11 1424PM** – 12m Yacht 2POB non-member de-masted and steering damage required a tow into Spinnaker Sound Marina.

**WED 26/11 1656PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

**THU 27/11 1607PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

**FRI 28/11 1320PM** – 5.9m Cuddy Cabin 2POB non-member with motor issues, required a tow from North of Bribie Bridge to Bongaree boat ramp.

**MON 01/12 0759AM** - 4.75m Half Cabin 3POB non-member broken down at Toorbul required a tow to Bellara boat ramp.

**MON 01/12 0811AM** – 12m Dragon Boat 20POB member, vessel swamped near Pacific Harbour, required B2 and JB3

**TUE 02/12 0756AM** – 6.25m Catamaran 1POB non-member drifted onto beach at Tangalooma. Investigated, couldn't tow off until high tide

**WED 03/12 0626AM** – 6.25m Catamaran 3POB non-member, towed vessel off beach but taking on water, pumped out water and escorted vessel to Scarborough Harbour.

**WED 03/12 2115PM** - Tasked by QAS to transport 2 Ambulance Officers to Tangalooma and medevac a patient to their waiting ambulance at MRQ Bribie.

**YTD RADIO ROOM STATISTICS**

<b>CALLS</b>	<b>14,879</b>
<b>VESSELS LOG ONS</b>	<b>4,387</b>
<b>VESSEL ASSISTS</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>SITREPS</b>	<b>1,483</b>
<b>REQUESTS</b>	<b>1,338</b>
<b>OVERDUE VESSELS</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>VESSEL TRACKING</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>RADIO CHECKS</b>	<b>1,340</b>
<b>WEATHER BROADCASTS</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>SECURITE BROADCASTS</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>PAN PAN CALLS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MAYDAY CALLS</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PERSONS ASSISTED</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>VHF CALLS</b>	<b>56.6%</b>
<b>27MHZ CALLS</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>PHONE CALLS</b>	<b>27.2%</b>
<b>GWN CALLS</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

**"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!"**

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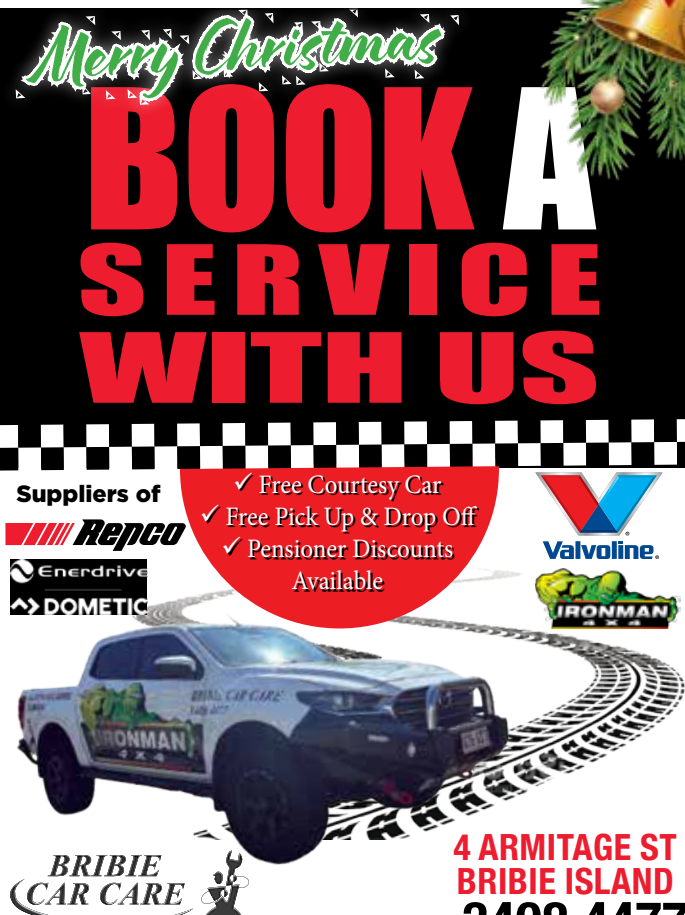
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