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"Our River Community"

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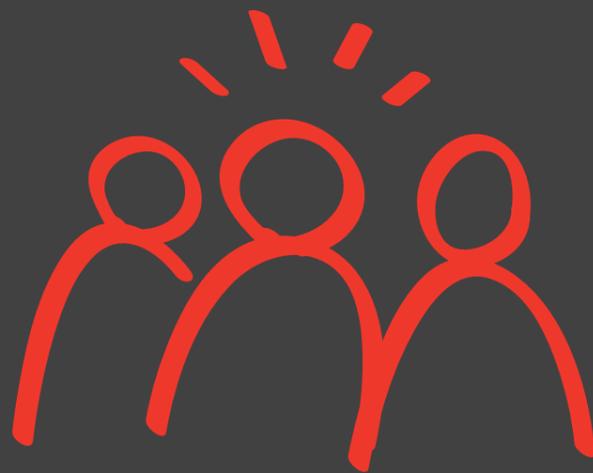
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A MESSAGE FROM

## The Bli Bli Community Association

In this Winter edition, we have showcased some local groups of Bli Bli. You will see from the second last page, a summary of the groups that meet in the Old Hall and Church and you will note that there are a variety of groups that should be able to cater for most interests. If you are involved in a group in Bli Bli and you wish to be included in future editions, then make sure you contact us.

Unfortunately the local branch of the QCWA which started in 1930 has had to wind up and therefore will no longer be meeting. They have been meeting at the Rural Fire Brigade in Sports Rd for some time and over many years have done some wonderful work in our community.

With winter upon us, it means it is strawberry season and our very own local strawberry farm, McMartins, is back open selling strawberries, ice creams, jams, coffee and other goodies. So make sure you take the family out to the farm, pick your own strawberries and treat the kids to a yummy ice cream.

Winter is a great time to get out and about and active in our local parks. In Bli Bli, we have the state forest known as Parklands Conservation Park, which is great for walking, running or riding and may be accessed from various roads in Bli Bli.

Although not in Bli Bli, but it just sits there looking across at Bli Bli, is the picturesque Mt Ninderry. We have included a little teaser for you about Mt Ninderry, so make sure you make the effort to visit and take the walk.

The June meeting of the Community Association will be in the Old Church as usual on Tuesday 18 June from 7.30pm. The July meeting of the Association will be held at the Sunshine Castle from 6pm on Tuesday 16 July. The Community Association looks forward to announcing a new community event for Bli Bli on that occasion.

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*Next edition for Spring closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 12 August with deliveries early September.*

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# A WORD FROM CR STEVE ROBINSON



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## MARCH AGAINST DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

May was Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and I think it's important we continue to raise awareness about this terrible scourge on our society throughout the year.

It was inspiring to see so many supportive community members attend the march and take a proactive stand in stamping out domestic and family violence.

This sent a strong message that we are united in our belief that this type of behavior is unacceptable, won't be tolerated in our community and must stop.

The event included a candlelight vigil on Mooloolaba Beach which was a particularly moving experience for all.

During this vigil numerous pairs of shoes were placed on the sand to represent a person that has died as a result of domestic and family violence – a sobering reminder of the impact it has on our community.

Council is working very closely with the police and other partner organisations to ensure the safety and support of those affected by domestic violence.

Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month is an annual event held each May to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence.

For 24-hour help call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732). If you are in immediate danger please contact Police on triple zero (000).



## MULLER PARK FISH CLEANING TABLE UPGRADE COMPLETE

Those who enjoy casting a line at Muller Park in Bli Bli can now take advantage of improved amenities, with a new fish cleaning table recently installed.

The old fish cleaning table has been replaced with a modern table and an integrated tap. The existing bin has also been upgraded with a concrete pad.

If you haven't visited Muller Park lately, I'd encourage you to consider spending some time there.

Nestled on the Maroochy River the popular fishing and picnicking spot holds great significance to the local Kabi Kabi First Nations People and features a playground which showcases their heritage.

## EXPLORING THE SUNSHINE COAST'S FUTURE

Famed Australian social commentator Bernard Salt recently visited the Sunshine Coast where he was a keynote speaker at the Future Sunshine Coast event.

I was pleased to attend this fascinating presentation which provided a range of statistics and insights that created plenty of food for thought as we collectively chart the future of the Sunshine Coast.

Bernard certainly provided some positive feedback about the recent infrastructure projects that have been built or are underway.

He believes the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, the new Maroochydore CBD, the Sunshine Coast airport runway project, the international broadband submarine cable and the residential developments such as Aura and Harmony are outstanding projects for the region.

He also encouraged the region to continue to advocate for a fast rail connection from Maroochydore to Brisbane, as well as an improved public transport system within the region such as light rail.

From my perspective, I was pleased to hear that he believes the Sunshine Coast to be one of the shining lights of all local government areas in Australia.



# AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL STATE MEMBER, DAN PURDIE MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

## STATE BUDGET

By the time you are reading this, the State Government would have handed down its Budget, and I can almost guarantee that as a region, the Sunshine Coast has once again missed out.

It's simply not good enough that we are missing out on our fair share of funding, particularly when it comes to investing in road infrastructure and essential services such as health. Every week locals are contacting my office concerned about the cost of living, increases in their car registrations and electricity prices, the lack of public transport and long waiting times at our local hospitals.

One of my roles as your local MP is holding the State Labor Government to account, and you can rest assured that I will continue to fight for our fair share, and call out the Government not only for its failure to listen, but for its failure on the economy, and its failure to ensure the community's safety.

## BLI BLI SKATE COMPETITION

A big shout-out to all those involved in the annual Bli Bli Skate Competition that was held recently. Eighty young people aged from 4 to 16 donned their helmets and hit the ramp for the third annual competition, which is an initiative of the Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch designed to teach kids respect.

Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator and President Edith Blanck and her team of volunteers are to be credited for hosting not only a popular social competition for local youth, but one which goes a step further, helping create more positive behaviours and attitudes amongst the regular users of the skate park.

For those who aren't aware, the Skate competition is one of four events hosted by the Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch every year, all of which encourage community participation.

From their popular Fun Run Walk, which raises money for domestic violence victims, to Turning of the Screws, and this year's new event, Dogs on Patrol, the active group are committed to supporting the local community.

It's amazing to think that the group, whose primary objective is to minimise opportunistic crime, has re-invested nearly \$35,000 back into the local community in recent years through fundraising initiatives and events like the skate competition.

More members are always needed, so if you are looking for a way to give back to the local community, check them out on Facebook, or online at <https://blibli.nhwq.org>



Dan with some of the competitors at this year's event at Muller Park.

## WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

Last month, I joined staff, students and families from Bli Bli State School for the 20th annual Walk to School Day. The weather was perfect for the early morning walk, and it was great to see some friendly faces from Queensland Police Service helping out as well. Thank you to everyone involved, especially the students who were super keen to kick start their day.

## BUSY BEE CAFÉ ABUZZ WITH FUNDING SUCCESS

Did you know that the award winning Busy Bee Café' at Bli Bli State School is ranked in the top ten of school canteens across the state? When they are not busy serving up delicious, healthy food, they are busy planning upgrades, thanks to a recent \$33,000 grant from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Well done to the hard working members of the School's P & C Association, who were instrumental in helping secure the funding.

Since last year, local groups across the electorate have benefitted from nearly \$500,000 in Gambling grants. The latest round has just closed, so keep an eye on the website for details of the next round. Check out [www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/grants) for all the details.

*I look forward to hearing from you soon.*

**Dan Purdie MP**  
Member for Ninderry



Dan with tuckshop convenor Leanne (left) and the P&C Operations Manager Clare

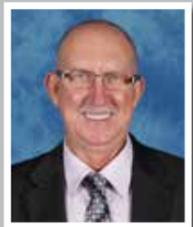


Since 1901 Bli Bli State School has been at the centre of the Bli Bli community and 118 years on we continue to go from strength to strength.

We listened to many members of the Bli Bli School, business and service groups who told us clearly that they wanted Community as one of our four core values. In real terms, this looks like our choirs singing at various community events and our partnership with White's Supa IGA. Ed Hackenberg from Ray White Bli Bli is our School Council Chair, openly representing the wider community. We welcome the community into our school environs for Community Carols, Drive in Movies nights (in partnership with the Bli Bli Community Association), our forthcoming School Musical "Write On", a small army of volunteers and several other community partnership events.

We demonstrate our reciprocity equally by nurturing our students to become future community leaders in events such as fundraising and raising community awareness of a wide range of social projects, guided by our incredibly talented staff. Our strong P & C Association boasts many members and regularly sees 25 or more at our general meetings.

I continue to highly value and to be incredibly proud of our long-held foundational history as well as the collaborative and inclusive relationship we have with our community.



**Gerard Quinn**  
Principal

## BUZZY BEES PLAYGROUP

**Welcome to Bli Bli Buzzy Bees where we come to play, meet new friends, connect with old friends and enjoy a morning of fun and learning.**

Buzzy Bees Playgroup run every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 to 10:30 a.m. during the school term at Bli Bli State School. Each week there will be something different from painting, cooking and craft to building, exploring, using our bodies to move through an obstacle course or play with puzzles. Our program is designed to support early literacy, numeracy and social skills. Every session include sharing and enjoying picture books, and all Buzzy Bees are invited to become members of the Bli Bli State School library.

Children from as young as 2 weeks old right up till they are 5 and ready for prep attend.

We ask that each child pays \$2 to attend to help cover the costs associated with the running of our playgroup.

Each child usually brings along a yummy snack to enjoy throughout their morning and we have tea and coffee making facilities available for your morning cuppa.

There is no need to book or commit to every week. Our Buzzy Bees families come along whenever it best suits – from twice a week to once or twice a term.

Once you become a Buzzy Bee, you are always welcome here at Bli Bli.

**Mrs Amy Martin**  
Buzzy Bees Playgroup Facilitator  
and BBSS Teacher Aide



Bli Bli State School choir singing on ANZAC Day, Mudjimba

## MISSION STATEMENT

Bli Bli State School inspires children to confidently contribute to our dynamic world through strong foundations of commitment, creativity, character and community.

## THE STORM

As lightning struck the water, the rain poured heavily against the tin roof of the shelter. Trees were being swept from their places in the ground. Water levels were rising.

The mainland bridge was no longer. Allie, Eli and Helen were stranded on the mozzie infested island. While Allie and Eli ran into the tin shed, Helen started to swim to the mainland in panic.

The flooding waters engulfed Helen as she was swept down the river, attempting to keep her head above the water. Eli and Allie dived in after her, grabbing a log as they tried to catch up to Helen. The flood waters kept rising.

Eli and Allie pushed the log towards Helen, trying to give her a chance of survival. Helen grabbed onto the log with all her power. The current swept them out to the choppy waters of the ocean. As they floated out to sea, the three fishermen called out for help.

Suddenly a rough, wave crashed against them, launching the log out of their reach. They treaded water for their own survival.

A nearby SES helicopter spotted them trying to keep afloat and let a rope fall down. Even though it was a struggle to climb up, Eli and his friends were saved.

**Authors: Allie and Eli (Year Five)**



## JOIN A PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

EXPERIENCE WHAT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER YOUR CHILDREN ON A TOUR OF OUR BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL.

If you are considering enrolling at Bli Bli State School, we encourage you to visit the school for one of our regular Principal's Tours. After your campus tour, stay for a cup of coffee and chat with our staff.

All tours commence from the Administration Building of the school.  
**Book your spot today by contacting the school on 5458 2111.**

### UPCOMING TOURS

**9.00am**

- Friday 2nd August
- Friday 16th August
- Friday 30th August
- Friday 13th September



## ENROLLING AT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL

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\*Please note that from May 2018, Bli Bli State School must now enact our Enrolment Management Plan. Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at our school will need to demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the school's catchment area, or submit an Expression of Interest to enrol.

**Please check out our website for details on applying for enrolment at Bli Bli State School. [www.blibliss.eq.edu.au](http://www.blibliss.eq.edu.au)**





Little Sprouts Dinosaur Dig



# It's School Time!

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### Let's hear from the community...

"We've been with Bli Bli school for 6 years now and it's awesome. My preppie loves school!" **Holly W**

"My youngest finished last year. Both of my boys and our family had very positive experiences. The teachers are very invested in the children and it was a wonderful community to be a part of. You and your kids will be a part of something very special."

**Rachel J**

"Excellent school. Excellent teachers." **Retta L**

"We are so happy there." **Simone D**

"Excellent. Very happy community and great teachers and support." **Annabel H**

"Absolutely amazing – the teachers are so incredible and communication between parents and staff is really fantastic. They truly value and look after their students so much. Couldn't have chosen a more amazing school." **Angelique F**

Source: Bli Bli Locals, Facebook 18 May 2019



### How you can help your child be 'school-ready': Our Top Tips

#### 1. Encourage your child's excitement about school

- Talk to your child about the learning they will be doing and the new friends they will make.
- Take a special trip to buy the new school uniform and lunchbox.
- If allowed, visit the school in the weekend and over the holidays. At Bli Bli State School, you can join our school community early when you join our Buzzy Bees Playgroup.

#### 2. Help your child build a sense of independence

- Practice opening and closing the new school bag, lunchbox and drink bottle.
- Build self-hygiene independence through toileting, hand washing and nose blowing.
- Help your child feel confident about tying their shoes laces and remember Velcro is your friend!

#### 3. Practice the new routines

- Play 'school' with your child and practice sitting on the rug, lining up and putting up their hand to get attention.
- Practice getting dressed in the full uniform in the morning and packing the school bag.
- Practice eating lunch at set times, especially if your child likes to graze throughout the day.
- Do your best to move past day sleeps before school starts.

#### 4. Read with your child every day

- Share your favourite picture books with your child and talk about the pictures and messages.
- Visit your local Library – you can even join our Bli Bli school library as a playgroup member to borrow out books before school starts – and read, read, read.

#### 5. Connect with your new school

- Attend the Orientation and Transition program – check out Bli Bli's school website for more details.
- Meet the Principal and teachers, and share with us some of the wonderful stories about your child.

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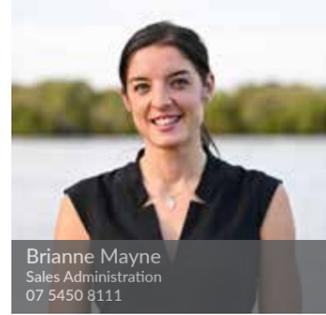
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## Want an added advantage?

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**Saturday 29 June 10am – 12 noon:** How to Play- Guided Walk with #2 in the world ranked expert QuestaGamer Campbell Paine

**Tuesday 2nd July 10am – 12 noon:** Insect walk and survey with Bugs Ed

**Wednesday 10 July 9-11am (TBC):** Guided bird walk with Birdlife Australia

**Friday 12 July 9am -12noon:** Eco-Hunt cruise with Cruise Maroochy  
Bookings essential for additional events through Council's events page <https://events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/>

Find out more <http://questagame.com/2019-maroochy-ecohunt>



# WHAT'S ON IN THE WETLANDS

WITH SO MANY NEW RESIDENTS MOVING TO OUR BEAUTIFUL BLI BLI, THERE MAY BE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE UNAWARE OF THE UNIQUE, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSET WE HAVE ON OUR OWN DOORSTEP.

I refer to the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary situated at the end of Sports Road, just at the entry to McMartin's Strawberry Farm.

It consists of 98 hectares of natural bushland and mangroves, which form a vital role in the breeding cycle and growth of our marine life. It is easily accessible by road and includes a walking track and boardwalk, leading from the Information Centre to the Maroochy River, about a kilometre away. Conversely, if you arrive by boat at our pontoon on the Maroochy River, you can walk the kilometre to the Information Centre.

The next school holidays we will once again be running the ever-popular Quest-a-game Eco Hunt, to which you are all invited. Come along and register, then see what you can photograph with your phone, Ipad or any mobile device, upload the photos and go into the running for some great prizes. Saturday June 29 until Sunday July 14. Mark your calendars now.

The sanctuary was opened in September 1990 as a place where visitors can experience our local flora and fauna. You can see mangrove fern, melaleuca forest, casuarina woodland, salt marsh and mangroves. Birds and butterflies abound, as do crabs and other creatures that make the

wetlands their home. Escape the hectic pace of everyday life and soak up the peace and solitude as you stroll along.

Management of the Sanctuary is shared by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Education Queensland, and the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group, (a community volunteer group).

You are welcome to do the walk at any time, but the Information Centre is open and staffed by a volunteer, every Sunday usually from about 10.00-4.00pm. So, if you'd like to know more, just drop in and say 'hi' on any Sunday.

As with all community groups, we welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, we meet on the second Thursday of every second month, at the Information Centre, at 7.00pm, and would be pleased to see you there.

Please call John on 5448 6723 or email him at [mwssgi@gmail.com](mailto:mwssgi@gmail.com) and he will give you our meeting schedule and answer any questions you may have. You can also check out our website [www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au](http://www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au) and check out our facebook site – Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group.

The sanctuary is a mosquito habitat, so be prepared when visiting and wear the appropriate clothing or carry repellent.

The best time to visit is between May and October, so make the most of this glorious weather and come and check us out as soon as you can.

Debra Wedmaier



**eco-hunt adventure**  
29 June to 14 July 2019  
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**Tuesday 2nd July 10am – 12 noon:** Insect walk and survey with Bugs Ed

**Wednesday 10 July 9 – 11am:** Guided bird walk with Sunshine Coast Chapter of Birdlife Australia

**Friday 12 July 10.30 – 2.30pm:** A special Eco-Hunt cruise with Cruise Maroochy

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The walk from the car park to the top of Mt Ninderry is well worth the effort and with the new route to the top, it makes for a very pleasant mornings walk.

To get there you head over to Yandina and take the Yandina Coolum Road and left into Collins Rd and then right into Ninderry Road and follow the signs to the car park and the start of the walk. From the car park the walk follows a dirt road to start with before you head off on the eastern side with various vantage points to view out to the east. Depending upon your fitness it is about ½ hour to the top and then ½ hour back to the car park.

There are now 2 viewing platforms on the top, with one on the southern side which gives you a great view out to the ocean and back over Bli Bli. The other viewing platform is around to the west where you can see out over the Blackall Range but also over the western part of Bli Bli. These new viewing platforms and the tracks are a great improvement to the park. Dogs are permitted on a leash and so a great place to take them for some exercise.

It is about 2.8km to the top of the 320 metre "Mountain" so make sure you take your time on the way up to the top and back and take in all the great scenery and vegetation. It is worth taking a snack with you and to sit on the viewing platform or nearby and see if you can pick out the landmarks in the distance.

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## MULLER PARK, RUSSELL MULLER AND ROWING... WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

SO MANY TIMES THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN PUT TO THE MAROOCHY RIVER ROWING CLUB'S PRESIDENT, RUSSELL MULLER.

Muller Park was actually named after the Queensland Government Lands and Irrigation Minister, Adolf (Alf) Muller in the late 1950's. Adolf Muller also officially opened the Bli Bli Bridge on 15th August 1959.

While Adolf Muller is not a close relative of Russell Muller, they are both direct descendants from early German settlers to Australia (Kalbar & Boonah townships in the Fassifern Valley) who were given small parcels of farming land to help their transition to Australia and enabling them to return farm produce for regional communities. Adolf Muller ran a dairy farm not far from Russell Muller's parents own dairy farm.

South-east Queensland proved very successful for this Government farming initiative and many descendants from those early families still work that land today. These German settlers quickly gained a reputation for their hard-working and honesty.

Like so many other young children, Russell Muller learnt how to fish off the rock wall at Muller Park and that tradition still stands strong today with our regional families.

After completing a lengthy rowing history (over 30,000 klms) on the Maroochy River, Mr Muller decided it was time to put something back into the sport and he decided the best way to do that was with our youth and as he said **“our children are our future”** and **“rowing is such a wonderful sport to help our children, physically, mentally and academically”**

While supporting youth rowing at regular, pre-sunrise training sessions is a genuine passion for Mr Muller, he has also excelled in his 'day job' of selling local real estate (since 1992) and he actually sold his first Bli Bli property in Espin Road in 1993.

In 2012 with help from our regional politicians, Mr Muller set about the task of building the rowing base at Muller Park. Progressing from such a humble beginning seven years ago with one old boat stored on the river bank, to shipping containers, and finally to a well-structured rowing shed/clubhouse. This is clearly a youth-focused base and it advances the growth of school students in rowing skills from every corner of the Sunshine Coast.

Mr Muller said “This is the only practical base for student rowing on the entire coast and parents simply car pool for efficiency”

Mr Muller firmly believes that their rowing base is envied throughout Queensland because, as well as having a great training river, they also have a superb regatta rowing course right on their doorstep at Lake Kawana and a fabulous, 'multi-million dollar 'High Performance Sports Centre' nearing completion right on that very regatta course.

We asked Mr Muller, where to from here and he replied...

**“We want to produce an Olympic rower from our region, that's our ultimate goal”**

# LOCAL GROUPS OF BLI BLI



## "Our River Community"

**CONTACT:** secretary@bliibli.qld.au

**WEB:** www.bliibli.qld.au

**FACEBOOK:** facebook.com/bliiblicommunity

**WHERE:** 87 Willis Rd, Bli Bli (Old Church)

**WHEN:** Third Tuesday each month from 7.30pm

The Association began back in 1927 when the Hall was first built which held a dance on 19 November 1927. The Association today produces the Bli Bli Bulletin, manages the Old Hall and Old Church for use by various groups, holds monthly meetings bringing together various community groups, conducts the annual Community Carols and plays an active role in the Bli Bli Community. We also welcome residents to attend our monthly meetings and to become involved in the Association.



**Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc**

**PHONE:** 07 5448 6723

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** mwssgi@gmail.com

**WEB:** www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au

**FACEBOOK:** Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group

**WHERE:** Sports Road, Bli Bli, Q, 4560

**WHEN:** The 2nd Thursday of every 2nd month at 7.00pm  
(Call or check online for dates)

The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group is a group of dedicated volunteers who see to the everyday running of this vital and essential environmental resource.

We come from all walks of life but have a common interest of being out and about in nature.

Our members open the Information Centre every Sunday and are always willing to have a chat and answer any questions you may have.

Our members take on various roles including research, tour guide, admin duties or simply talking to visitors.

There is a place for all and we will always welcome new members.



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**WEB:** www.thechurchofunitedspiritualismofaustralia.com

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**FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/ReverendatBliBli/

**WHERE:** Old Church 89 Willis rd Bli Bli

**WHEN:** Every Wednesday evening from 7pm

The congregation attracts those wishing to come together weekly to worship, receive messages, meditate, heal and sing with like minded souls. The energy creates the perfect place for all to enjoy, share and express from their own personal perspective of where they have come from and are present today in their individual journeys.

With compassion for self and others weekly services encourage a place of unconditional love. If you are reading this for the first time we invite you to attend.



## Bli Bli Tennis Club

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** bliblitennis@gmail.com

**WEB:** www.tennis.com.au/bliibli

**WHERE:** McMartins Park, 44 Lefoes Rd Bli Bli

**WHEN:** Tuesday and Thursday mornings mixed senior matches, courts available for hire and for groups to play

The Bli Bli Tennis facility is managed by a dedicated group of volunteers. It is a wonderful facility available for use so why not visit the web site and become a member so you can use the courts on a regular basis or better still get a group together to play.



**EMAIL ADDRESS:** Enquiries@bbli.com.au

**PHONE:** 5451 8793

**WEB:** Bbli.com.au

**FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/BliBliLAC

**WHERE:** McMartins Park, 44 Lefoes Rd Bli Bli

**WHEN:** Saturdays from 2:30pm to 5pm throughout the season (September to March)

Bli Bli Little Athletics Centre is all about fun, family, fitness through athletics. We cater to budding athletes and athletes with disabilities, from 4 to 17 and their families, offering a relaxed family atmosphere with a focus on personal improvement across running, jumping and throwing events. The grounds are nestled beside the Maroochy River Wetland Sanctuary and are blessed with afternoon shade and easterly breezes, while the kids enjoy an offering of runs, sprints, hurdles, walks, long jump, triple jump, high jump, discus, javelin, vortex and shot put. We welcome all who wish to give athletics a go.



**PHONE:** 5493 2340 or 5442 1340

**FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/MaroochyRiverCMC/

**WHERE:** 87 Willis Rd, Bli Bli (Old Hall)

**WHEN:** Second Sunday of each month from 12 noon to 4.30pm

The Maroochy River Country Music Club has been performing for Audiences for more than 25 years. Founded by Mr. Kev Rimmington, and assisted by Lynda and Stephen Brinkley, these three are Life Members, and are still heavily involved in the running of the Club. The Club boasts up to eighty Members at times and have more than thirty Members who perform at our Concerts. We are seeking new Members, specially anyone wishing to perform. We have a very experienced Band, excellent Musicians and will hire out to anyone requiring music for a function. The music is entertaining and we are hopeful of support from the Bli Bli Community.



**PHONE:** 0408 988 119

**EMAIL:** info@mbkdance.com.au

**WEB:** www.mbkdance.com.au

**WHERE & WHEN:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the Bli Bli Community Hall, 87 Willis Rd Bli Bli.

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at the Yandina School of Arts Hall.

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Christian Lutz

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**EMAIL:** info@christianlutzosteopathy.com.au

**BOOKING CAN BE MADE AT** www.christianlutzosteopathy.com.au/qigong

**WHERE:** 87 Willis Rd, Bli Bli (Old Church)

**WHEN:** Each Wednesday

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**PHONE NUMBER:** 5458 2111

**WHERE:** OSHC Room, Bli Bli State School

**WHEN:** Every Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 10.30am

Children aged 12 months to school age are welcome to join our Playgroup Queensland registered playgroup - Bli Bli Buzzy Bees. Hosted by Bli Bli State School trained staff, our playgroup runs every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 10.30am in our OSHC room. All children are invited to attend.

Bli Bli State School has earned a solid and respected reputation for fostering well-rounded, positive and socially responsible children. Our school-based playgroup is a great way to join our school community early.



## CONSTRUCTION STARTED

Construction has started at McMartins Park with a huge facelift to the canteen and amenities building being the home to Bli Bli Little Athletics and Maroochydore Hockey Club. This will be a great addition to Bli Bli once completed.



## WHITE'S SUPA IGA BLI BLI

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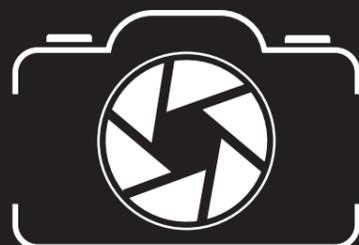
White's IGA are installing a defibrillator at their Bli Bli store from mid-June as a first aid initiative, should a shopper have a cardiac arrest. 30 000 people this year will have a Sudden Cardiac Arrest, some resulting in death, however having a defibrillator close to hand can assist to save lives.

White's Supa IGA Bli Bli owner, Roz White, recently purchased the Semi-Automatic Heartsine 500P defibrillator because of the proprietary CPR coaching. All senior store staff will also undertake training to use the device.

If having a defibrillator saves just one life, it has served us well. Let's hope we are never placed in that situation, but it is important the community is aware of its availability.



## OUT & ABOUT



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## THANK YOU

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## BLACK SPOT FUNDING

I'm also pleased to announce Federal Funding of \$25,000 from the Federal Government's Black Spot Program to upgrade the Intersection at Petrie Creek and Diddillibah roads. The funding will see the installation of an island mid-span on Diddillibah Road and advanced-warning signage along Diddillibah Road. Black Spot projects are only delivered thanks to the community's vital input and I encourage all residents and motorists to continue to nominate projects for future funding rounds.

## SCHOOL VISIT

I was delighted to attend the official opening of the Good Samaritan Catholic College and the blessing by Archbishop Coleridge. I also had the opportunity to meet with some of the staff and students and was incredibly impressed by what has already been achieved in such a short time. Principal Greg Myers is doing a terrific job. Congratulations to all involved.

## GET IN TOUCH

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# TALL TALES FROM THE MAROOCHY RIVER

The Maroochy River has been the source of many a tall fishing tale about "sea monsters" caught from the depths of the river, particularly around the Cod Hole.

For tens of thousands of years, the Maroochy River has been an important source of food for the area, as evidenced by the huge volume of historical middens (debris from shellfish and other food) left behind by the area's Aboriginal inhabitants.

When white settlers arrived in the area, the Maroochy River served as both a means of transport and an important source of food to supplement harvested crops. Many early settlers such as Bugenhagen, Gill, Godfrey, Matthew, Perren, and Richardson and Tatnell would go on to produce professional fishermen based on the Maroochy River and likely benefitted from local knowledge inherited from the area's traditional owners.



**Hauling in the nets on the Maroochy River bank, circa 1918. (Picture Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Council)**

Casting and then hauling in fishing nets, hopefully laden with fish, was a physically demanding task in the days before mechanical aids. It was also an indiscriminate activity which would often yield unexpected "monsters" along with the desired haul. Sometimes these unwanted guests were mere curios, whilst on other occasions they presented a very real danger to the fisherman.

The exploits and adventures of fishermen on the Maroochy River would frequently be reported on by the area's local newspaper – and upon rare occasions, might even find itself shared further afield. The following fishing story is almost entirely true, however the words may have changed slightly with each telling that has transpired over the past 80 or so years, and may have been somewhat exaggerated in the first place.

One such instance occurred in November 1937. In what started as a very run of the mill activity, the Gill brothers Tiny and Ike, along with Ike's son Curly, found themselves casting a net at Parson's Bank approximately one kilometre from Maroochydore. As they hauled in a large catch of tiger mullet fish, they discovered that they had also netted a large eight-foot blue nose shark. The men subdued the unwelcome, though not entirely out of the ordinary, bycatch using batons they kept in the boat for this very purpose. Much to the men's chagrin, upon bringing the catch to shore they discovered that the shark's attempts to escape had torn a large hole in the net, which though unsuccessful

in freeing the shark, had allowed most of the tiger mullet to escape. That's how the fisherman saw the incident anyhow.

However visitors to the area, observing these events from the land, would go on to offer an entirely less mundane account of what had occurred. And while the Gills spent the following three hours on the tedious tasks of repairing the holes in their net, a far more impressive tale would begin to grow. Soon the story of Tiny, Ike and young Curly's harrowing encounter with the blue nose shark would find itself relayed nationally, with dizzying reports appearing in newspapers as far away as Hobart and Perth. The newspaper headlines described the encounter as ...



**1937 Headlines from The Burnie (Tasmania) Advocate and the Brisbane Telegraph**

The story evolved into the tale of a desperate and vicious battle of life and death between man and shark. It detailed how Tiny had found himself inside the net with the shark chasing him through the Maroochy's murky depths. Weighed down by his wet clothing, Tiny had made a frantic scramble to shore, collapsing unscathed yet exhausted on the riverbank. But the shark wasn't done. It was then that in a moment worthy of a Jaws film, that the shark launched itself onto the beach, abandoning its natural environment to settle the score with Tiny.

Heroically, Ike and Curly sprang to Tiny's defence, bravely despatching shark with a hail of shillelagh strikes. Well, at least in some reports. The hero or heroes of the story seemed to vary somewhat from article to article.

A more balanced telling may have recounted accounted that such occurrences were far from uncommon and in fact had been commonplace ever since the method of netting had been developed. Still, balanced facts have no real place in a good fishing story. In many respects these reports just further egged on numerous other "monster in the net" tales which made their way into the folklore of many a Maroochy fishing family. Though less life-threatening (and subsequently unfairly under-reported) another Gill family fishing tale would transpire just three years later. This time shark-duelling brothers Tiny and Ike netted a large sword fish from the Maroochy River. Again the beast had torn large holes in their fishing nets before it was landed. Alas, on this occasion fewer tourists were on hand to assist with the story's embellishment.



**Ike and Tiny Gill inspecting their "swordfish" catch from the Cod Hole, 1940. (Gill Family Collection)**

Ike Gill's grandson, Alan Kelk of Bli Bli recalls his grandfather's warning about swimming in the Cod Hole. "Don't worry about the sharks; it'll be the groper that gets you!" And there were certainly some big gropers lurking in the depths of the Cod Hole.

Years earlier in February 1932, William Bugenhagen and Josh W. Tatnell had caught a 200 kilogram groper near Godfrey's Wharf opposite the Cod Hole. They are reported as saying they knew of another groper which lived at the entrance of Petrie Creek into the Maroochy. Incredibly, two weeks later in the Nambour Chronicle and North Coast Advertiser, it is reported William Bugenhagen, D. Richardson and Josh W. Tatnell caught another huge groper weighing 199 kilograms. Both these gropers would have been cleaned, packed and transported to the Brisbane market, by rail the same day they were caught. These gropers represent the largest recorded fish caught in the Maroochy River.

After the First World War, Maroochydore started promoting itself as an angler's paradise as well as being a scenic area to provide rest and recreation. Regular boat cruises and fishing trips were a feature of the times. The professional fishermen provided regular newspaper updates on what was biting where, to encourage recreational anglers to the area.



**Leslie and Ken Gill with their jewfish catch from the Cod Hole 1941. (Gill Family Collection).**

After the end of the Second World War, the availability of surplus army trucks changed the nature of net fishing in the Maroochy River. Trucks could now replace manpower to haul in the fishing nets. It became more practical and economical to net and haul the migrating fish from the surf beaches before they entered the rivers. As a consequence, fish numbers and the net fishing industry in the Maroochy River declined.

Though the Maroochy area's days as a fishing utopia may be behind it, this past remains memorialised in the names such as Oyster Bank Road and Fishermans Road – named for fish hauling

which occurred on the sandy banks near Eudlo Creek mouth and the Cod Hole. Today, the fishing nets may be gone, but the Maroochy River remains a place for some quiet contemplation and with the decline in fishing, maybe just maybe, some of the monsters have had a chance to return. By the way, have you heard the one about the record-breaking 4 metre long monster eel, caught by William Butt in 1927 from the Cod Hole??



**A moment of quiet reflection with Leslie Gill, 1950 (Gill Family Collection).**

The Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society's local historians encourage and welcome readers to record and share their fishing stories at the first Monday of the month meetings held in the old Bli Bli Church Hall at Willis Road from 9.30am or by forwarding through to [bliblimarhistosoc@gmail.com](mailto:bliblimarhistosoc@gmail.com)

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# GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE



The first semester at Good Samaritan Catholic College finishes at the end of June and it is amazing to see the progress of our students during this time. All schools are primarily places of learning and during this first semester our focus has been on establishing a strong learning culture within our new school community, especially in the area of literacy. Literacy is the key to all subject areas and essential for the development of good learners. Our Preps are all fully engaged in the learning process and are already reaching the benchmarks set in early reading and writing. Years 1, 2 and 3 are focussed on developing their reading and writing skills across all subjects of the curriculum and have achieved some excellent results. Our year 7 students have excelled in their literacy levels and are producing outstanding examples of writing across subject areas. The year 7 cohort of 60 students came from 21 different primary schools at the start of this year, meaning that our teachers needed to focus their work on quickly establishing where our students were in their learning and what they required on an individual basis to develop further. Through clearly defined learning intentions, our students rose to the challenge and we are looking forward to their ongoing development.

Enrolment demand for the College is strong in all areas. We expect classes to be full in 2020 from Prep to year 4 and in years 7 and 8. Due to the demand for places being particularly strong in the year 4 area, we have decided to establish a second class of year four in 2020. Already, this class is filling fast so interested parents are strongly advised to contact the College to enquire about enrolment or complete an online enrolment application at [www.goodsamaritan.qld.edu.au](http://www.goodsamaritan.qld.edu.au). There are also limited vacancies still available in 2020 for years 7 and 8 and extremely limited vacancies in primary classes.

Good Samaritan Catholic College has also made a great start in our sporting endeavours. Please read the following stories of some of the student's success.

I am very proud of what has happened in the first 6 months of our College's life. We are looking forward to building on this success into the future.

Regards,  
Greg Myers  
PRINCIPAL

## ANZAC DAY

It was with great pride that the staff and students of the College participated in the ANZAC Day march and service at Mudjimba. It was really pleasing to see the respect shown by our children and the pride they had marching as Good Sam's! This was the first time as a College that we have been at a community event and it was great that our students looked so good and were in such large numbers, this was a fantastic show of our College spirit.

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS AT GOOD SAM'S

On Wednesday 1 May, twenty-two students from year 7 competed in the North District Cross Country Carnival at the Big Pineapple. The cross country was set on a hilly, muddy and undulating 3km course that tested the student's stamina, grit and determination to complete the race.

In the racing, Good Samaritan achieved a podium finish in the U13 boys with Markos Hondroudakis crossing the line in second place in a time of 13min 2sec. There were also top 20 finishers Lucas Carter, Taylor Bradley, Kiran Bradley, Issa Price and Poppy Tindall. This strong effort and performance combined to place Good Samaritan in 10th Place overall on the day. Congratulations to all the year 7 students who challenged themselves competing in this event.

Good Samaritan swimming team competed in the North District School Sport Championships at Nambour on Wednesday 20 February. The students represented the college with great pride and spirit and achieved some excellent times in their events with numerous personal bests recorded on the day.

An outstanding individual performance on the day from Benjamin Stone saw him achieve the 12-year-old male age champion and break a district record. He has now qualified to go onto the regional trials to be held in March. In the 12-year-old girls, Issa Price had an outstanding swimming day finishing age champion runner up. Congratulations to Issa on a fantastic result.

The Good Sam's junior netball team plays at Fisherman's Road on Monday afternoons. The girls continue to show determination and perseverance and are excellent ambassadors for the college. It has been wonderful to see the team improve in both skills and confidence. Well done, girls!



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# DOG BITES IN THE HOME



40% of households in Australia own dogs. I for one, couldn't imagine a life without them. They give unconditional love and have such a joyous passion for life. In fact, dogs have been part of our human families for over 20,000 years when we first domesticated them for hunting and companionship.

Originally evolved from wolves, dogs' have always retained their natural instinct to guard, herd and hunt. These qualities serve us well and we developed breeds with specific duties in mind - such as rounding up sheep, search and rescue, and guarding our property. But this also means we have developed several breeds where aggression was the desirable quality.

Having said that, breed alone is not an indicator of a dog's ability to attack or bite. Granted, the size of the dog is a significant factor in the potential harm that can be done, but all dogs are capable of biting and causing serious injury, especially to young children. Even your usually calm and friendly family pet can over-react to an unexpected interruption while they're eating, sleeping or just feeling unwell.

Apart from breed, there are many other factors that contribute to the likelihood of an attack - whether your dog is desexed or entire, their sex, age and general health, their early experiences, level of socialization, training, and the behavior of the victim.

Although the media focus attention on dog attacks that happen in public places, the majority of dog bites occur in the home and a large proportion of these are to children under 10. Children are generally shorter, react slower and interact differently with dogs. Also, being smaller, when they are bitten they're more likely to be on the face and head and cause traumatic and disfiguring injuries.

There are three effective ways to prevent dog bites in the home:

- Train and socialise your dog
- Supervising young children playing with dogs
- Teaching children how to behave around dogs

### TRAINING YOUR DOG

The importance of early socialization for puppies between the ages of 3 to 16 weeks should not be underestimated. Introducing them to new experiences and situations during this time greatly reduces the risk of fears and anxieties developing later in their lives. Training and socialising also needs to continue throughout your dog's life, and they will need to be taught to respect commands given by your children as well as yourself. Dogs are born with an instinctive pack mentality and it is a frequent problem that they see themselves as higher in the pack order than small children.

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### SUPERVISING PLAYTIME

Most bites at home occurred when there was no adult supervision. After one year of age, the incidence rate is highest between the ages of five and nine. Children under the age of 10 can be taught to safely handle an already trained dog but it's better to err on the side of caution and supervise them at all times when they are playing around a dog.

If your dog becomes overexcited when children are running and playing loudly - separate them. Take the dog inside or use a leash to prevent undesired chasing and jumping up (the natural instinct to hunt and herd).

### TEACHING CHILDREN

It's also never too early to teach children how to identify a dog's body language - to notice when they're becoming nervous or uncomfortable with a situation. They have less experience than adults, so it's understandable that they don't always predict a dog's response to having their food taken or their tail pulled. Your own dog may also have specific health issues that children should also be aware of. For example, older dogs may have sore joints, poor vision or hearing loss.

Even if you don't own a dog yourself, your children are sure to come into contact with pets at friends' homes, so teaching them how to correctly approach, pat and even hug a dog is recommended. Make them aware that not all dogs like to be touched when they are eating or sleeping, and they should always ask before approaching a dog they don't know.

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