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A MESSAGE FROM THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our final edition of the Bulletin for 2019 which is our Summer edition. Once again we have a variety of stories from our area from our regular contributors. You will have noticed a change to the front cover with a different style which is to coincide with a different delivery method. We are trialling this edition of having central collection points so that people can collect a copy easily, it doesn't rely upon volunteers driving all over the streets of Bli Bli and is not impacted by the weather.

We have had a busy year again as a Community Association with various guests to our monthly meeting and some great information from various local groups. This included a wonderful insight into the Rural Fire Brigades involvement in the recent Peregrine fires.

As part of the Christmas spirit we have expanded the Christmas lights on the 2 buildings and hopefully we can continue to add to some cheer in our community.

We are going to print prior to the Community Christmas Carols this year. The team that puts it together each year have it all organised and so hopefully the weather is kind. So make sure you make your way along to the school oval for what should be another great night.

Just a reminder we invite you along to our monthly Community meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Old Church. Our next meeting now will not be until February.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Association all the very best for the Christmas season, we trust that you have an enjoyable and safe time and rest up for another busy year ahead.

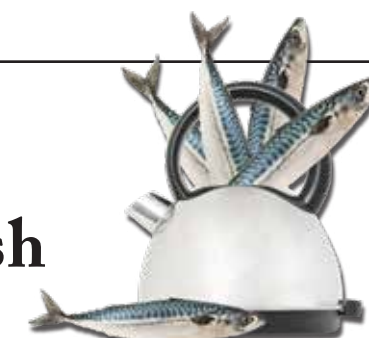
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IMPROVED PLACE FOR PLAY

Well and truly complete in time for the school holidays, I'm delighted to share the playground at Perren Family Park on Parklakes Drive at Bli Bli has been replaced with fresh new equipment.

The project involved the removal of the existing multi-play unit and the installation of a custom timber multi-play unit, double swing set, playmatta wear pads and bark softfall.

I've already received glowing feedback from locals whose children are having plenty of fun exploring the new playground and making the most of the exciting new features.

Perren Family Park is one of many great parks in Division 9 and I encourage you to enjoy all they have to offer this festive season.

You can learn more about park facilities by visiting council's website and exploring the Beaches and Parks Directory.

NEW BOARDWALK PROGRESSING

The long awaited boardwalk project supporting the Descendants of the Australian South Sea Islanders Inc (DASSI) is coming to fruition.

The design will provide a wheelchair accessible, elevated boardwalk along existing cane rail infrastructure in the Maroochy River wetlands area.

Approximately 180 metres of boardwalk will be constructed, providing heritage and environmental interpretive and educational opportunities.

Original South Sea Islanders and their descendants have, since the late 1800s, had a strong physical and spiritual connection to land along the Maroochy River at Bli Bli.

When complete the boardwalk will extend to DASSI cultural land along the river.

Construction is expected to commence in early 2020.

ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY WIFE
JEANNE I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU
ALL A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND
SAFE AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

COUNCIL'S SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY

Council has been on its sustainability journey for many years and transparently reports on its sustainability performance every year.

The Organisational Environmental Sustainability Benchmarking Annual Report is available now via our website.

It documents council's resource usage and sustainability performance, including our greenhouse gas footprint for the past financial year.

Over the past 12 months, we've reduced our reliance on electricity, fuel and water and have reduced the amount of waste council takes to landfill – which is great news.

The Sunshine Coast Solar Farm generated renewable energy and produced cost savings of \$1.7 million in the first year of operations, with savings forecast to continue.

We've also seen an increase in the number of council staff participating in sustainability-focused programs.

This year, we've identified that waste is an area where council and the community need to work together to be more resourceful and less wasteful.

It's important that as our population grows, residents and businesses remember to reduce, reuse and recycle.

For great tips and tricks, check out the LivingSmartQld website, and get on-board the #BYOSunshinecoast campaign.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

On behalf of myself and my wife Jeanne I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

During my travels around Division 9 this year I met with many remarkable community members and groups, and have seen dozens of exciting projects move forward or be completed.

Many of you may not have heard the news that I will not be running for council again at the 2020 local government elections. This is mainly due to some family health challenges which requires more of my time at home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bli Bli community for their incredible support over the last eight years and wish you all the very best in the coming years – please continue to support this amazing community in any way that you can.

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

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

In recent months I have been working closely with the Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch and police in relation to increased levels of anti-social behaviour and opportunistic crime in the local area. I want to assure residents that police are aware of the issue, and have increased patrols in the area accordingly.

Unfortunately, the reality is crime has increased across our region. Over the past four years, more than 25,000 people have moved to the Coast, however in the same time, only 10 new police officers have been appointed. Our police officers are over-worked and under-resourced, and my repeated calls to increase our police resources have fallen on deaf ears. Our police are doing the best they can, but we can all help, by securing our homes and vehicles, and reporting any suspicious activity.

Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch are doing a terrific job helping keep our community safe, and I was pleased to be able to reflect on their efforts in Parliament recently.

Over the past three years, our local Neighbourhood Watch has donated more than \$60,000 back into our local community with cake stalls and sausage sizzles, as well as iconic events such as the annual Unite Fun Run Walk.

Not only are they champion fundraisers; they also have a much more serious role, acting as the eyes and ears for our local police. Their advocacy for change to the youth justice system, which I am also passionate about, is helping shine light on the need for tougher laws for repeat juvenile offenders. Our communities shouldn't be held to ransom by gangs of youths causing mischief, and worse, and I thank them for their ongoing commitment to helping us build a safe, connected community.

NEW TOURISM OFFERING JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

I was delighted to be part of the official opening celebrations for the community's newest recreational offering, Maroochy River Mini Golf. The first of its kind for the Sunshine Coast, I am sure locals will be lining up to experience this family-friendly activity. Congratulations to the team at Maroochy River Golf Club for their vision and investment in our region.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Don't forget to stay safe on our roads over the busy holiday period, and enjoy some quality time with friends and loved ones. Here's to a great 2019!

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Creativity
Character
Commitment
Community

2019 has been another year of positive achievements across our great school.

We have presented our bi-annual locally written, scripted and choreographed musical, "Write On". Over a thousand people came to view this spectacular event which starred 154 of our students. Our next musical, in 2021, will be a highlight held in our own facility. A grant for \$515,000 will allow a hall extension to a total cost of \$1,250,000 - the remainder picked up by the P & C and community donations such as White's Supa IGA and Ray White Real Estate Bli Bli. This work will be completed mid-2020. Our brilliant P & C has also built the first of several new playgrounds for our school, at a cost of over \$60,000. An upgrade to the school tennis court featuring a remarked multicourt, basketball ring, handball courts and rebound wall adds to the list of facilities improvements across the school. Eisteddfod success in the Arts came in many categories, to note the "Bella Voce" vocal group were well-deserved champions in their section.

The annual School Opinion Survey of students, parents and staff highlighted *high expectations of teachers of their students, fair treatment of students and getting a good education* as being standouts at Bli Bli State School.

Our pathway to excellence continues with notable leaps in school performance in key areas, several of which are above state and national standards. Writing will continue to be our Explicit Improvement Agenda across the school and in this, our second year, I have seen significant positive improvements. This assures the two Writing Coaches for teachers and 80 minutes of additional teacher aide time for each class to continue this focus. I implore you to read further the narrative written by Mabel White one of many excellent writers from Bli Bli State School.

I am very much looking towards 2020, which will not only see our excellent academic, social and athletic work continue, but a burgeoning partnership with Dr Lyn Sharratt, world-renown leader in school improvement who will further enhance the work already being done. This partnership, and keeping an eye on what matters most in learning and teaching, will assure the future for students in this great school.



Gerard Quinn
Principal



I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED!

The Prime Minister of Australia sat on his comfy spinning chair sipping his coffee from a non-reusable cup. Tuesday mornings were always busy in Canberra. A new email appeared on his laptop. All the school students of Australia were planning to go on strike next month! "What are the children thinking!" the Prime Minister exclaimed, spilling the coffee down his tie. "They must go to school and study Maths, English, Science and H.A.S.S.," he shouted as he snatched his single-use face wipe and mopped up his tie.

The Prime Minister dialled the line of the Minister of Education. "What's all this nonsense about a strike?" he screeched into the phone. "Children shouldn't interfere with politics." The Minister of Education signed. "Well they do have a point." He replied calmly. "It is their future they're supposed to be learning about."

"Ban the strike!" the Prime Minister snorted. "And let me get on with my job!" He finished his coffee and threw the empty cup in the bin, along with the plastic items from his morning tea, all would go straight to landfill. In went the plastic plate, plastic cutlery, plastic straw and plenty of napkins.

On the other side of Canberra, the Minister of Education felt a sharp pain of sadness in his heart and began to sob for the future generations.

The day of the strike came but all the students of Australia sat glumly at their desk. They wished that they could make an impact on their environmental future. Even the tiniest bit could help make the world brighter and more beautiful than ever. Their teachers droned on and on about a future that might not even happen.

"If only the Prime Minister would listen!" they thought sorrowfully.

Twenty years later the retired Prime Minister sat in his striped deckchair on the veranda of his holiday home in Mooloolaba. He stared at the disastrous mess that lay before him. The beautiful coral reefs were dead. The golden sand was now cluttered with rubbish. There was no way of swimming in the polluted ocean, and nothing could live in it. Even the trees had no leaves but instead were filled with old plastic bags that blocked their oxygen systems. Many animal species had become endangered due to the lack of food and from swallowing plastic items in the ocean. Tourists had stopped visiting Australia. No one wanted to visit a foul smelling dump.

The old Prime Minister took off his glasses and gently wiped the sadness from his squinted eyes. "What a disaster!" he cried regretfully. "I should have listened to the children." The Prime Minister's wrinkly face was now bright red with salty tears. "This is all my fault and now it's too late to do anything!" As the ancient Prime Minister peered guiltily at the faraway horizon he muttered something he should have said twenty years ago.

"Maybe children do know best after all."

By Mabel White, 10 years old

Mabel White, in Year 5, has experienced an exhilarating couple of weeks after her short story 'I Should Have Listened!' won the Overall Winning Story in the Mooloolaba Rotary Club/USC sponsored 2019 'Telling Stories' competition. She was competing against young authors from grades 4 to 9 across over 40 schools.

Mabel was also invited to read her environmentally passionate story to Mayor Mark Jamieson, Rotary members and USC representatives at a recent Rotary dinner. Celebrations continued for this young successful writer when she was asked to read her story aloud on ABC radio. Bli Bli State School wishes to congratulate Mabel on her outstanding writing achievement.



CONGRATULATIONS

The Bli Bli State School community congratulates
the Year 6 Class of 2019 on completing primary school.

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.

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9.15am
Friday 14th February
Friday 27th March



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Please check out our website for details on applying for enrolment at Bli Bli State School. www.blibliss.eq.edu.au



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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



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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.
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**From my Family to yours at Christmas time,
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BLI BLI TEEN WINS GI CHALLENGE

Bli Bli teen Zariah Lamont has taken out Generation Innovation's 2019 GI Challenge with her start-up business venture X&O Media.

The young entrepreneur was ecstatic when she was announced as the winner at the Sunshine Coast Business Awards in November.

Ms Lamont said she would "100 per cent" encourage other young entrepreneurs to get involved in Generation Innovation.

"The Generation Innovation Challenge has really been a life changing experience," she said.

Zariah's business focuses on building young women's self-esteem and safely navigating the pitfalls of social media platforms.

"X&O Media is about helping girls enter social platforms the right way and supporting them to be safe online. I have also held a number of workshops and have more planned, which help girls build their self-confidence through personal branding photoshoots and empowerment fashion shows."

Generation Innovation supports young people aged 15 to 25 to pursue their dreams of starting and owning their own business.

Over a number of months participants attend workshops and take up challenges to help narrow down their business idea, test the market and crowd-fund for seed capital, before the ultimate winner is determined by a people's choice vote.

Federal MP Ted O'Brien founded Generation Innovation before entering politics and remains Chair of the not-for-profit organisation.

"I want to congratulate Zariah for the effort she has put into establishing X&O media. Her determination to succeed and her commitment to supporting young women, is a testament to how far her business can go," Mr O'Brien said.

"I'd also like to congratulate the other entrants in this year's GI Challenge. All of our entrepreneurs were teenagers this year, still completing school, and to see the ability and entrepreneurial passion they all possess is so exciting. Any one of them would have been a worthy winner this year and I am confident their businesses will continue to grow and thrive."

**ZARIAH'S BUSINESS FOCUSES ON BUILDING YOUNG WOMEN'S SELF-ESTEEM
AND SAFELY NAVIGATING THE PITFALLS OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.**



THE WAIT IS OVER... MAROOCHY RIVER MINI GOLF IS OPEN

Maroochy River Golf Club's \$1.25 million 18-hole miniature golf course was officially opened by Dan Purdie, MP for Ninderry, on Sunday 17th November, just in time for the Christmas school holidays.

A steady stream of interested locals and mini golf enthusiasts attended the opening day celebrations to enjoy music, face painting, balloon critters and test out their putting ability on a choice of the easy (yellow) or hard (blue) course.

"Despite the afternoon storms, the Opening was a success", said Charlie McGill, Golf Club Manager. "We're looking forward to providing the community and tourists with many years of enjoyment and a pathway to golf through mini golf and the other golf activities here at the complex".

Designed and built by Mini Golf Creations, Maroochy River Mini Golf offers locals and visitors a unique, fun putting experience with landscaped humps and hollows, beautiful water features and make-shift sand traps. The serene surroundings makes playing putt-putt at Maroochy River a far-cry from the traditional crazy-style

miniature golf courses with loud noises, windmills and scary clowns.

Open 7 days a week, a round of mini golf at Maroochy River Mini Golf is great value at \$15 for adults, \$10 for children or a family pass for \$40. Extra kids on the family package are only \$5 and if you want to play again on the same day, \$5 each is all it costs. And, the Canecutter's Bar and Bistro is fast becoming popular for its cocktails and gourmet pizzas - a great reason to stay after your game.

Maroochy River Mini Golf caters for groups, children and adult parties plus corporate team-building and other events. Vouchers are also available - a great Christmas gift idea.

The next phase for the Maroochy River Golf Complex will be a nine-hole pitch and putt course and a par three nine-hole course, along with club-house extensions. This will no doubt put Maroochy River Golf Complex on the map as Queensland's Premier Golfing Destination... on the Sunshine Coast.

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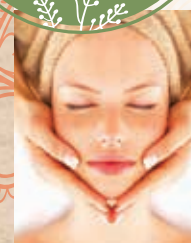
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CALLING BLI BLI LOCALS WHO CAN HELP WITH THE BLI BLI TATTOO

The Community Association is planning to bring a new event to Bli Bli in conjunction with Sunshine Castle. Our plan is to hold it on the weekend of 17 & 18 July 2020 within the Castle's grounds. It will involve a banquet dinner on the Friday night with a traditional Scottish banquet together with entertainment. On the Saturday we are planning on inviting pipe bands from across south east Qld, together with highland dancers, local community dance groups and pipers. It will be our own version of the Tattoo from Edinburgh but of course on a much smaller scale.

It is a very exciting concept and will require a group of dedicated people to make it happen. So we are looking for some local people who maybe interested in being involved in the planning and delivery of the event. We would be interested to hear from you if you would like to become involved in the planning of this event. We will only be able to deliver the event if we do get sufficient volunteers from the community. Please contact via email editor@bllibli.qld.au or 0410 689415 to register your interest.



RURAL FIRE BRIGADES

As a community we see the Rural Fire Brigade trucks and volunteers at various fairs, sausage sizzles, Christmas Carols and its probably fair to say that they have been taken for granted in the past. However the recent Peregian fires have changed that with the public, given the wonderful efforts of our local rural fire brigades. We have a number of local brigades including Bli Bli & Districts Rural Fire Brigade, Maroochy River Rural Fire Brigade and Diddillibah Rural Fire Brigade.

First Officer Todd Filmer of Bli Bli & District Rural Fire Brigade attended a recent Community Association meeting and gave us a great account of the Brigades involvement in the Peregian fires. Todd

told us how the brigade responded within 4 minutes of receiving the first call in respect to the Peregian fires.

It is important to remember that the rural fire brigades are all volunteers unlike the urban brigades and give their time not only to fighting fires, but training and fundraising freely in order to protect the community. So next time you see them fundraising remember they don't get any government assistance and they have to fundraise for everything themselves. On behalf of the Bli Bli Community we say a big thank you to all the rural brigades and we wish them a quite Christmas and hopefully a wet New Year.



**17th & 18th July
2020
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FRIDAY

Banquet Dinner in
'THE GREAT HALL'
Black Tie or Kilt

SATURDAY

Pipe Bands, Celtic Food,
Highland Dancers,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WETLANDS

As another year draws to a close it is time to reflect on what a great year it was.

As well as attending events such as Clean Up Australia Day and the World Environment Day Festival, and co-hosting the ever-popular EcoHunt, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc has continued to showcase this wonderful resource to locals and visitors alike.

Many school, church and common interest groups have attended meetings, talks and guided walks at our centre and these visits have helped spread the word about the importance of the wetland environment.

Our most recent activity was an EcoVenture which entailed mulching and planting the periphery of McMartins Field followed by a guided walk at the wetlands. This was held in conjunction with Bushcare Sunshine Coast and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Finally we, at the wetlands, would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to meeting more of you next year.

Deb Wedmaier

FINALLY WE, AT THE WETLANDS, WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING MORE OF YOU NEXT YEAR.



Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary
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HELP YOUR PETS AVOID HEAT STRESS THIS SUMMER

As the weather warms up once again, it's important to keep in mind the danger our high temperatures and humidity can be for our pets, especially dogs. We are all aware of the risk of leaving our pets in a hot car, but did you know heat stroke is more commonly caused simply by over exercising?

Dogs and cats don't sweat through their skin like we do – they rely mostly on panting to control their body temperature. Unfortunately, this isn't always enough to cool them once they are over-heated; as the humidity rises, panting becomes less effective.

Here are a few tips to keep your pets cool this summer:

- Never leave your pet alone in a car on a warm day, regardless of whether the windows are down.
- Always have fresh, cool drinking water available.
- Monitor your dog during activities - they won't realize they need to rest and cool down, so it's up to you to make sure they take breaks in the shade.
- Avoid strenuous exercise and outdoor activity during the middle of the day. Restrict walks to early morning or late afternoons. (Hot sidewalks and pavement can also burn your pet's paws)
- A kiddie pool or sprinkler are excellent distractions for summer if your dog loves water.
- Brush your pet regularly to remove excess fur.
- If your dog has a thick or long coat, consider getting it cut at the start of the season, but leave enough length to prevent sunburn.
- Keep an especially close eye on brachycephalic breeds (those with short snouts), pets with existing heart conditions, and those that are overweight or old. Have a plan in place in case the power goes off on especially hot days, and cooling devices aren't available.

The early signs of over-heated are easy to spot:

- Vigorous panting
- Rapid heartbeat.
- Lying down and unwilling (or unable) to get up

- Restlessness
- Vocalizing
- Disorientation or confusion

If your pets' temperature cannot be reduced quickly enough or continues to rise, this can lead to a potentially fatal condition called Heat Stroke. This requires immediate medical attention. Once signs of heat stroke become apparent, there is very little time before organ failure, cardiac arrest and even death can occur.

Among the more serious symptoms to be aware of are:

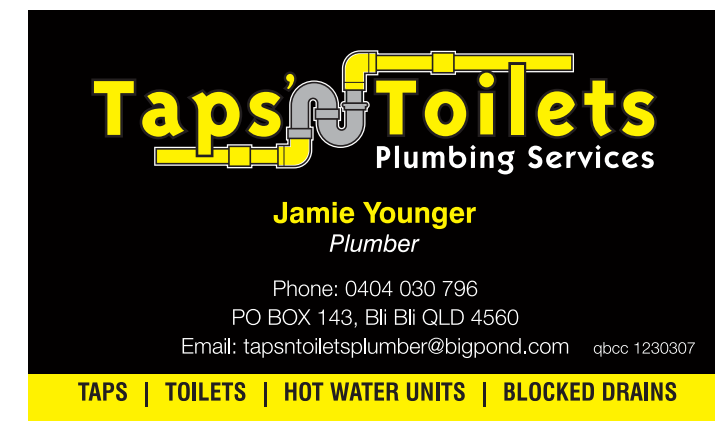
- Dizziness, lack of co-ordination or collapse
- Vomiting & diarrhea
- Convulsions
- Dark red or greyish gums

If you are concerned your pet has become over-heated, take action quickly. Move them to a cool place and run cold water over them with a hose – especially around the head, stomach and footpads. Don't use ice – extreme cold can cause the blood vessels to constrict. Offer them a drink but don't force them; Dehydration is not the same thing as overheating. They should be checked by a Veterinarian immediately – call ahead so they can be ready to take immediate action when you arrive. While some dogs recover fully if it is caught early enough, others suffer permanent organ damage and require lifelong treatment. Sadly, many pets do not survive heat stroke, so prevention is always better than cure!

We hope you enjoy a safe, fun and happy summer with your four-legged friends.

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EDGEWATER SPRING FAIR

You very kindly included a feature in your last magazine advertising our spring fair. It was held on Saturday 19th October and, despite some rain, it was a very successful fair. We had the Bli Bli Primary School Singers, the Rural Fire Brigade running the BBQ and over 34 stallholders selling a variety of goods.

The attached photos I will send as three emails just in case the file is too big and hopefully, if you still have room in the next issue, you might be able to run an article and photos so that we may thank the residents, visitors and local businesses who supported our Spring Fair this year.

Monies raised go to support local programs for the residents of the village and donations are also made to local charities and community groups.

The photos I have added are the school children singing, the fire brigade manning the BBQ, two police officers from the Nambour

police station, a banner showing the date and the committee members, a resident stallholder selling their craft, and Dan Purdie MP with his two daughters and a local stallholder, Joanna Tink who has opened her own travel agency in the new Bli Bli Complex.

We had over 30 prizes donated towards our monster raffle and we would like to thank the local businesses who very kindly donated those prizes.

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BLI BLI UNITE FUN RUN & WALK RAISED MORE THAN \$20,000 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION AND VICTIM SUPPORT

The third annual Bli Bli Unite Fun Run & Walk this year was a huge success breaking records both in terms of the number of participants and the funds raised for domestic violence education and victim support.

The event on Sunday 22nd September, organised by Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch and Bli Bli Little Athletics, attracted 411 participants and raised an enormous \$20,606.19.

Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch president Edith Blanck will present the funds raised to White Ribbon Sunshine Coast, Sonshine Sanctuary & Lilly House Domestic Violence Refuge Homes- IGA Vouchers to Victims of D.V. and Bli Bli Little Athletics on Monday 30th at 1.30pm at the Bli Bli Boardrooms.

Mrs Blanck said \$10,000 would be provided to White Ribbon Sunshine Coast, \$1,000 each to Sonshine Sanctuary & Lilly House Refuge Homes with a further \$4,000 worth of IGA food vouchers to be provided to domestic violence victims through the refuge homes. As part of Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch's Youth in Community Program, \$2500 would be provided to Bli Bli Little Athletics with \$1,500 to be used by BBNW directly for its Skate Park Comp program.

The gorgeous \$12,500 diamond ring, donated by Sunstate Jewellers will also be presented to the winner.

White Ribbon chair and Sunshine Coast Police District Officer Superintendent Darryl Johnson said the event had firmly established itself and was vital for raising awareness about domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is not an issue we are going to arrest our way out of. We need everyone in the community to stand up and MAKE IT STOP and the Bli Bli Unite Fun Run & Walk is proof the community wants to do that."

Mrs Blanck said they were thrilled with the support from the community.

"Every year, the community puts their hands in their pockets and turns out to support this event, shining a light on the problem of domestic violence in our community, standing up and saying together we will stop it," Mrs Blanck said.

"In three years, we have raised more the \$40,000 to raise awareness of the issue and to directly support victims of domestic violence here on the Sunshine Coast.

"It is great to see the community support with families, friends, businesses including people of all ages participating. It is only by having everyone working together, that we will be able to prevent domestic violence from happening.

"We are already planning for our 2020 event, which we hope will be even bigger!"

Superintendent Darryl Johnson said Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch and everyone associated with the running of the event where to be congratulated for the impact they were having.

"Violence occurs right across the community and violence within the home is one issue which is my greatest concern. Domestic and family violence has a significant impact on all involved, whether it be the victim, the family, friends, colleagues and the offender themselves – there is no winner, Superintendent Johnson said.

"We have over 3000 domestic violence orders in place in this area – that is to many. We need to work together as a community to MAKE IT STOP.

"We all have a responsibility – when you see violence of any type, we need to ensure we are playing our part to ensure that the attitude, culture and behaviour of our perpetrators is being changed. This is not a challenge we will arrest our way out of – changing behaviours starts in the home.

"Let's make sure we are role models to our children and ensure they know what is right and what is inappropriate. Violence of any kind is wrong and as a community, we can ensure we are making a difference," Superintendent Johnson said.

"So, whether it be at home, at school, on the sporting field, having a drink with friends or at work, you have the opportunity to correct the behaviour and language of those around you."

Mrs Blanck said Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch was very grateful for the ongoing support of all the sponsors and supporters including Parklakes II, Halcyon, Bli Bli Village, Sunstate Jewellers, Bli Bli Family Medical, Bli Bli Pharmacy, Ray White Bli Bli, Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie, Villa Blanck Quilts First Class Accounts Buderim, Eudomia Group and Reflected Image PProductions.



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About me

For 34 years as a police officer including the National Crime Authority, I have served the community with the highest integrity and acted in the community's best interests to address crime across the Sunshine Coast Region.

I hold an Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management. I am a real supporter of local tradespeople and small businesses as our biggest employers in Australia.

Together with my partner Narelle we have enjoyed living and being part of the Sunshine Coast community for over 15 years and we have been coming to the coast since we were young children.

I am extremely proud of two adult daughters, Kaila and Kelley who have grown into strong independent women. Kaila has a Bachelor of Environmental Science. Kelly is a dental nurse and at university doing dentistry. Very proud of them both!

To represent the community is a great honour and opportunity. Being your voice to guide the future direction of our community, advocating and representing local interests and tackling the diverse range of issues together to make a positive difference, is a responsibility I take very seriously.

Over the coming months I will be doorknocking across the electorate to meet with you and listen to the issues and concerns you and your families would like addressed in our local community.

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CAMPING AT COTTON TREE IN THE EARLY DAYS

The beach has always been a source of attraction for the locals. The only means of transport in the early days was via the river and creeks and by horse and cart.

A Wharf and Water Reserve of 215 acre was gazetted on the southern bank of the Maroochy River near its mouth as early as 1873. The reserve was adjacent to a calm, shallow stretch of the river. Holiday makers camped there informally among the native cotton trees. In the 1890s the Salvation Army began organising activities for locals and South Sea Islanders in the break between Christmas and New Year and these encampments became an annual event. By Christmas 1905 there were 400 people camping on the Reserve. Fresh water was obtained from wells sunk in the sand. The Maroochy Shire Council erected a jetty and bathing sheds.

In 1906 a group from Nambour made their way to the Maroochy River. They camped on Pincushion Island or along the river bank, and their evening menu cooked over the campfire was the fish which they caught, with sweet potatoes. Pincushion Island is not always easy to access. The location of river mouth, (the bar) has changed many times over the years. In 1910, the Edward and Tainton families left their horse and cart at the rafting grounds up Eudlo Creek and travelled in a flat bottom boat to Cotton Tree, to camp at the mouth of the river.

The area was re-gazetted by the Queensland Government in 1916 as a reserve for Camping and Recreation purposes with the future township of Maroochydhore included. That plan led to further indignation among the camping public, who initiated a protest against the sale of the reserve.

On Boxing Day 1914, over 500 people had voiced their opposition at a public meeting held on the reserve in the Salvation Army marquee. It was seen that the pick of the camping ground was being snaffled by the Government who basically ignored the town planning. What was more, they ignored a former promise to the local council.

The campers could not afford holiday homes which would be idle for seven months out of twelve. The auction was delayed for years but finally the town lots were sold. The remaining Reserve is now known as the Cotton Tree Caravan Park, to cater for both tents and caravans.

Seventeen remaining acres of the original reserve was re-gazetted for Camping and Recreation in September 1916. This north-easterly portion of the reserve was not submitted for sale because it was considered tidal. The reserve was also

the site for a series of Aquatic Carnivals as well as swimming races conducted by the Maroochydhore Life Saving and Swimming Club. The first was held on Boxing Day 1916.

Les Ivins was interviewed by the Sunshine Coast Heritage Library and spoke of their annual Christmas holidays at Cotton Tree when he was a child. His father, who was in the Salvation Army, lived at Cooloolabin so they came from Yandina in Coulson's boats the "Irene" and the "Ariel". He said that there wasn't a building anywhere at Cotton Tree. Whalleys had a tin shed that Frank Whalley used to run for his father just on this side of the cotton tree. The Salvation Army had a big marquee there and they used to let the tents out, plus the poles and Les's dad used to go out and help them put their tents up with the tea-tree poles. Tea-trees were plentiful. There was no road connection to Nambour. Les used to buy little penny ice creams from Whalley's "store". Whalley's was near the big cotton tree and Les and his mates would climb all over that big tree. He liked fishing and he said it was easy to catch fish in those days. The Salvation Army Band would put on a concert at Christmas time.

The Maroochy Shire Council's involvement in managing the Cotton Tree reserve gradually increased between the two wars. A new jetty was constructed in 1923 and new bathing sheds were constructed in 1929. Sanitation was an important concern for the increasing number of visitors to the site, with Health Inspector's ensuring the wells and cabinets at Cotton Tree were cleaned before holidays. Under its Seaside Improvement Scheme, the council improved access to the reserve during 1940, with camping fees introduced by this time. By 1940 people were coming by motor transport along Maroochydhore Road. In 1941, the reserve was re-gazetted, with Maroochy Shire Council as trustee.

The accompanying photo shows a typical campsite shared by two young blokes from Bli Bli in the early 1930s. Archie Philbrook was the son of Tom and Sarah Philbrook of Bli Bli. Archie spent his childhood from the age of five not far from the Bli Bli Hall, the Old Church and the old Bli Bli School. The Philbrook house was at the roundabout junction of Willis Road and Bli Bli Road. Sarah Philbrook was the Bli Bli Post-mistress for many years, working from her office at one end of the front verandah. Archie had been cutting cane on his father's farm and at Christmas time went camping at Cotton Tree with a cane-cutting friend, Jack O'Brien. Jack enlisted in the army early in 1941. He was Wounded in Action in Papua New Guinea and subsequently

Died of Wounds on 6 January 1943. A photograph of him, (Private John Lawrence O'Brien) is on the wall of the Bli Bli Community Hall.

Caravans were reported alongside tents at Maroochy seaside camping grounds by the end of 1937, the region's earliest private caravan accommodation. Camping numbers at Cotton Tree steadily increased during the late 1930s, and continued to do so following the end of World War Two. Summer 1945/46 attracted record crowds to Maroochy and by summer 1950/51, an additional water well was necessary for campers. Police were stationed on the reserve during holidays and there was a daily attendance of officers from the Maroochy Shire Health Department.

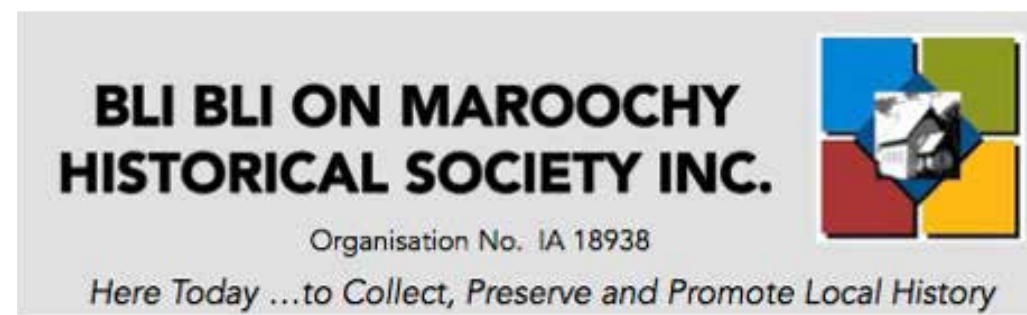
Cotton Tree Caravan Park in the 21st century remains a low scale, relatively affordable option for waterfront tourist accommodation. The park remains a popular destination, especially over traditional holiday periods.

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Cotton Tree 1914

Jack O'Brien & Archie Philbrook at Cotton Tree

River boats at Cotton Tree jetty c 1920



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23 Flooded Gum Court, Bli Bli



3 Wattlebird Close, Bli Bli



2 Treefrog Street, Bli Bli



24 Fairview Close, Bli Bli