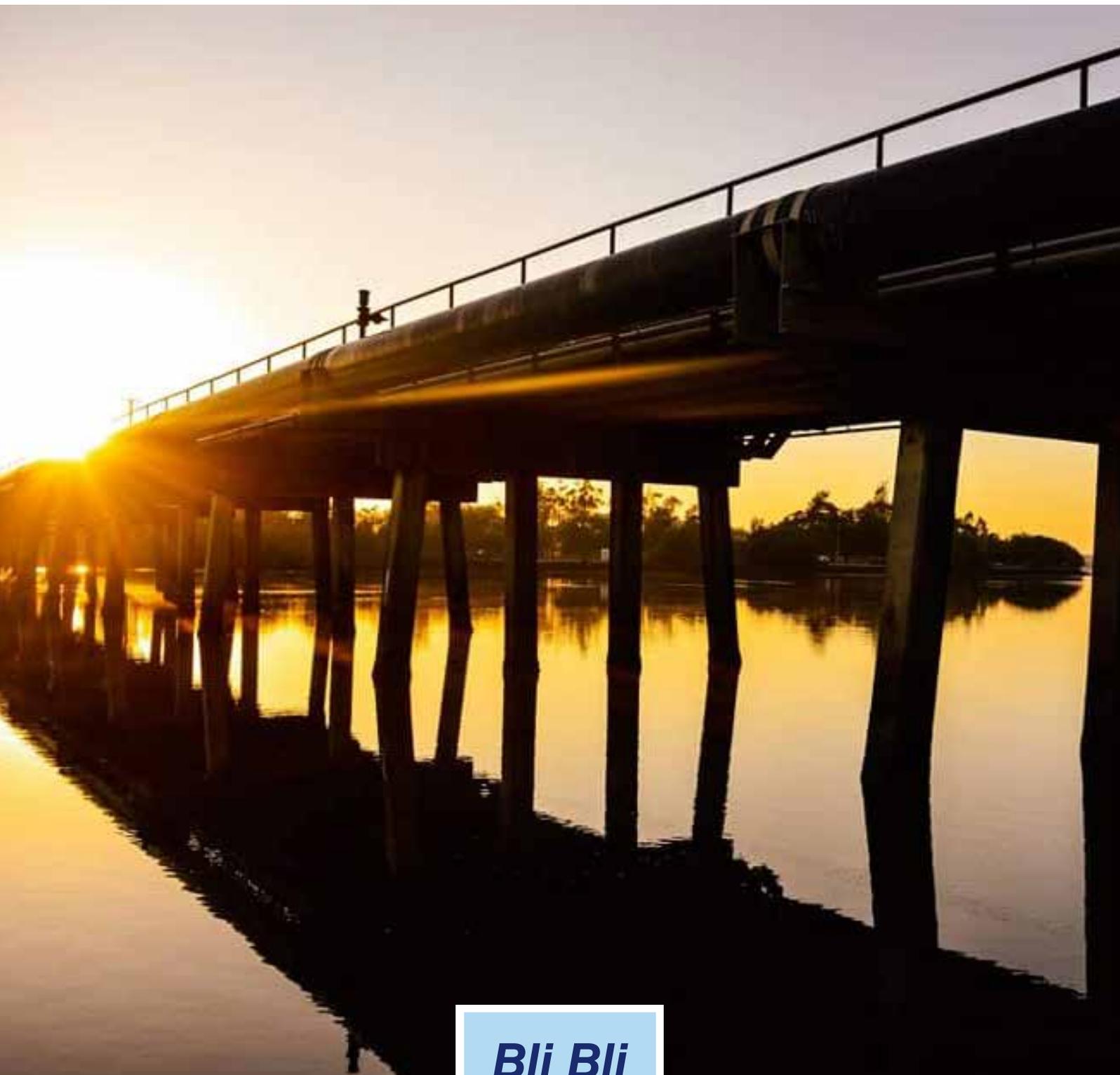


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Roz & Michael

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

What a year it has been for everyone and no doubt the common belief is bring on 2021 it can only be better. Everyone has experienced many challenges this year however we have been pretty lucky on the Sunshine Coast and we are now seeing that play out with unprecedented demands for properties and people relocating in large numbers.

The demand for land and properties is a real challenge. The Bli Bli Community Association held its November meeting at the Bli Bli School Hall with the hot topic being the proposed changes to the town plan which will impact our area as a result of the proposed new housing developments. Invited guests were the Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez and two town planning officers from Council tasked with overseeing the proposed changes. There was a good roll up on the night as clearly the changes touch many people in various ways. Submissions have now closed but no doubt with the little time we had to make people aware of the proposed changes many people will have taken the opportunity to voice their concerns.

The Community Association will continue to challenge Council and the State in respect to traffic issues which are a legacy of the growth and clearly there is no planning for expansion. The bottle neck now created at the town centre and with the bridge highlights the problem and may require a new road system altogether. As maybe seen from a response received from TMR, they have no plans at the moment.

Due to the uncertainty with Covid and the redevelopment at the School, no Community Carols are being held this year. No doubt they will be back next year and with the new stage and extension to the school hall it should be a greatly enhanced event.

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 we wish you the very best for 2021.

Next edition for Autumn closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 15 February 2021

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A WORD FROM CR MARIA SUAREZ DIVISION 9 - SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

It's almost the end of the year and what a year it's been! Under the restrictions COVID has placed upon the community, it's been challenging to meet groups of people. I've been fortunate enough to meet with the school, a few business owners, sporting clubs, environmental clubs and community groups. At the time of writing, I was privileged to walk the Avenue of Honour with ex-service men and women in Parklakes. I look forward to meeting more of you at upcoming consultations and presentations.

CAMP FLAT ROAD, BLI BLI - ROAD WIDENING AND RESEALING

Please come along to an information session where council officers will provide an overview of the road improvement works planned for Camp Flat Road and answer any questions. Find out more on Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 5pm, Bli Bli Uniting Church, 8/10 Lefoes Rd, Bli Bli. Please RSVP via projectdelivery@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY

I encourage you to head to haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au if any of these issues are of interest.

PLANNING scheme amendments for Bli Bli – this latest amendment is proposing to change the zoning and local plan area boundaries for specific sites at Bli Bli, Chevallum, Forest Glen, Landsborough and Yandina. More specifically, the proposal for Bli Bli East (next to Parklakes) is to change zoning from rural to emerging community. Please make a submission that reflects your concerns or support for this change. Closes 5pm, Friday 4 December, 2020.

COUNCIL services and facilities – fill out the online survey for your views on council's service levels for parks and recreational facilities, local roads and pathways, libraries, pest management and the maintenance of our natural environment. Closes 5pm, Friday 4 December, 2020.

DRAFT Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy – Council seeks your feedback on its proactive plan for the future management of our coastal areas to respond to the impacts of a changing climate. This is not only pertinent to our coastline but also our rivers and, specific to Bli Bli, the Maroochy River and surrounds. Closes 5pm Monday December 7, 2020.

DRAFT Sunshine Coast Heritage Plan 2021-2031 – have your say on this plan for the conservation and management of the important things we want to pass on to future generations. Fill out the survey before 13 December 2020 and go in the draw to win an iPad and free tickets to a drive-in movie or Pinocchio.

CREATE Caloundra – a vibrant new Community and Creative Hub is envisioned for Caloundra – a place where arts, community and creativity can come alive. What do you think this should look like? Closes Monday 5pm, 7 December 2020.

BLUE HEART AWARD

Blue Heart Sunshine Coast won the Regional Innovation Project of the Year at the Cities Power Partnership Climate Awards. This national recognition was well deserved and I'm so proud of what this project has already achieved. The land in the Blue Heart is dedicated to conservation, rehabilitating waterways, facilitating a Blue Carbon research forum to investigate economic opportunities for private landholders and creating community spaces like Unitywater's Yandina Creek Wetland. I'm so excited to be able to continue to highlight the benefits of this project as time goes on.

FESTIVE SEASON CELEBRATIONS

Even though we can't all get together to celebrate the year coming to a close, council invites you to join in a wonderful night of Christmas Carols from the comfort of your own home. Get the family together at 6.30pm on Saturday, December 19 and tune into the Sunshine Coast Community Carols. You can watch online via council's YouTube or Facebook. Visit council's website for details.

If you have issues or suggestions to discuss, please contact me on 5475 9810 or maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Cheers,

Cr. Maria Suarez
Division 9 – Sunshine Coast Council

IT'S ALMOST THE END OF THE YEAR AND WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN! UNDER THE RESTRICTIONS COVID HAS PLACED UPON THE COMMUNITY, IT'S BEEN CHALLENGING TO MEET GROUPS OF PEOPLE. I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO MEET WITH THE SCHOOL, A FEW BUSINESS OWNERS, SPORTING CLUBS, ENVIRONMENTAL CLUBS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.



Dan PURDIE MP
Member for **Ninderry**
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AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL STATE MEMBER, DAN PURDIE MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

I am honoured and humbled to have been returned as the Member for Ninderry, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bli Bli community for all your support.

Now the election is behind us, I've hit the ground running to continue to fight for locals and for local issues across the electorate.

I was proud of our local campaign, based on local issues, my track record and our priorities. It was disappointing, however, to see an orchestrated scare campaign from Labor that told voters only a vote for Anastacia Palaszczuk would keep them safe from COVID.

I am re-energised and refocused and its straight back to work on delivering for the electorate and fighting for local issues.

One of my first priorities will be holding the Labor government to account on their election commitments. I was pleased to see Labor finally acknowledge the urgent need to invest in our road infrastructure, with a commitment to duplicate the Sunshine Motorway, and other priority projects I have been fighting for.

I first spoke about my priorities in my maiden speech, and I will continue to loudly advocate for these issues across my electorate, and more broadly.

These priorities include protecting the vulnerable, be they innocent children who have fallen through the cracks of a broken child protection system, or victims of domestic violence or crime.

I'll also continue to be a strong voice for small businesses, who are the lifeblood of our local economy here on the Coast. Our state is made up of tens-of-thousands of small businesses working hard, making sacrifices to improve their lot. To employ people. To give back to the community. And they are going to need all the help they can get as we come out the other side of COVID.

My passion for law and order hasn't changed. We need to give police the laws and resources they need to keep our communities safe. We need to rebalance the scales of justice to ensure the rights of victims are put ahead of criminals, and ensure sentencing meets community expectations.

Once again, thank you for placing your trust in me to represent you for the next four years. I will not let you down.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year, lets bring on 2021!

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry



It was an honour to join the veteran community at Halcyon Lakeside, together with students from Good Samaritan College, for Remembrance Day commemorations last month.



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SPORTS CHAMPS

Firstly I'd like to give a big shout out to two of our up and coming sports stars. Bli Bli's Bonni Buttsworth recently received a Local Sporting Champions award for contesting the Under 14 Basketball State Championships as a member of the Clippers. While Lucy Wolfenden deserves congratulations for competing at the 13-17 Years Water Polo State Championships. I'd certainly encourage any eligible young sports person to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant. The program provides grants of between \$500 and \$750 for competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships. You can find more information at www.sportaus.gov.au/lsc.

ENVIRONMENT GRANTS

The Bli Bli area has also been the recipient of two Communities Environment Program grants this year. I was delighted to officially open the Maroochy Wetlands ClimateWatch Trail with Cr Maria Suarez in September. The Federal Government committed \$5,570 to the project which encourages local families to become 'citizen scientists' by recording environmental changes to flora and fauna on an app. The information goes to the national Atlas of Living Australia database to inform on climate change. The Bunya Bunya Country Aboriginal Corporation also received \$20,000 under the Communities Environment Program. The funding provided resources for Kabi Kabi traditional owners to undertake environmental work on country, including mangrove revegetation, weed control, water mouse monitoring and fox control in and around mangrove and salt marsh fisheries along the Maroochy Estuary Wetlands around Bli Bli and Twin Waters.

HOMEBUILDER

The Morrison Government is extending the HomeBuilder programme from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 which is great news for our local building sector and is protecting jobs through the construction of new homes and home renovations. For all new build contracts signed between 1 January 2021 and 31 March 2021 eligible owner-occupiers will receive a \$15,000 HomeBuilder grant. In addition, the construction commencement deadline will be extended from three months to six months for all eligible contracts signed on or after 4 June 2020. For more information check out www.treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/homebuilder

STATE ELECTION

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Dan Purdie on being re-elected as the State Member for Ninderry. Dan has been a great advocate in Parliament for the local community, he is always out and about meeting with small businesses and different community groups, visiting schools and fighting for funding. I look forward to continuing to work with him.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Finally, I'd just like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. It has certainly been a year which has presented unprecedented challenges. Of course, until we have a safe vaccine this COVID "new normal" will continue, but the resilience and compassion which has been demonstrated in this community and indeed across the Sunshine Coast has been both heart-warming and inspiring.

And as always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can assist you with any Federal issues, concerns or enquiries.



THAT SHOP FOR HER

Since opening in June That Shop For Her continues to go from strength to strength. Owner, operator Anthea Nicholas whose shop was previously located in a pink tin shed in a cow paddock "out West" she said. Finding a suitable location to reintroduce her store took over 12 months to find.

Anthea's family, husband Peter, and son Nick who attends the new Good Sam's Catholic College at Bli Bli have now been locals for the last 2 years. Anthea first fell in love with the area back in 1998 when she purchased a holiday house at Twin Waters Resort.

Immediately upon seeing the vacancy of the Sushi Shop at River Markets Shopping Centre, Anthea said "I knew it was perfect." "it has a great window for displays and being so close to IGA it guaranteed great foot traffic."

Anthea has employed two local women, Sue, who has previously owned a dress shop on the beachfront at Mooloolaba and Fiona who has interior design background. Their goal is to be that "Go to Shop" for ladies. So if you are looking for that little birthday thought or a stunning new outfit That Shop for Her will have what you need. Beautiful cool natural fibre clothing ideal for our warmer weather, designer handbags from the USA and Australian designed shoes made of the finest quality leather from Turkey.

"We believe we offer our customers a unique shopping experience" Anthea says. "We offer personal service and fashion advice and you are welcome to bring that favourite piece and we will help you to give it an up to date look or we can help you with a whole new wardrobe. Catering for size 8 to 24 we can assist most people and can do "one off orders" with most of our suppliers if we don't have your size in store. The nice thing about a boutique is that stock constantly changes so you are unlikely to see yourself coming down the street."

That Shop For Her stocks a lovely range of giftware so whether you are looking for a \$10 stocking filler or a unique piece of jewellery Anthea, Sue and Fiona will be able to assist you and will gift wrap any purchase.

With Christmas just a couple of weeks away, call in and experience the best of local shopping, you will be delighted with the choice and the service. Anthea Sue and Fiona would like to wish all their customers a happy, safe Christmas and a prosperous 2021.



A range of personally chosen fashion and accessories to keep you looking great and feeling comfortable all year round!

Bli Bli Village River Markets



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Bli Bli State School: A GREAT SCHOOL!

At Bli Bli State School, we pride ourselves on our **great kids**. Bli Bli students are resilient and generous, determined and compassionate. Our **great teachers** – experienced, dedicated and hard working – place our students at the heart of everything we do and every decision we make. When planning classroom curriculum and learning, or engaging with the various levels of student support throughout the school, it is the individual needs of each student that remains central.

At Bli Bli State School, our **great programs** are designed to meet the various needs of all students. Our inclusive practices ensure students are supported in their classrooms with their peers by experienced support staff. Support is also offered across break times and before and after school ensuring every part of a student's day is designed to afford optimal success. Students are challenged and extended through high quality teaching practices as well as specialised programs designed to stretch and extend our students further. Digital technologies are present in every classroom, from mobile laptop classrooms in the senior school to iPads in the junior school, and all children engage with our specialised STEM teacher and curriculum. Our performing arts program is second to none, offering children multiple opportunities to engage in the Arts, from our original biennial musicals, our three instrumental music teachers, our performance groups including Rock

Band, Orchestra and competitive group Belle Voce, and our locally recognised Choir.

Our **great grounds** provide rolling grassed ovals, shaded areas for gathering and adventure play spaces for each grade. We have architecturally designed class spaces which will be air-conditioned from 2021, and our newly refurbished performance hall will soon host school and community events proudly.

At Bli Bli State School, we are proud to be an important part of this **great community**. This is one of our core values and one we hold highly. Being a part of a community, a family like ours, means that we share the same core beliefs about family, children and life. We keep sight of these beliefs and make our decisions with them in mind. We work together for the good of our children, and we stand together for them, as well.



Kyla Bonney
Acting Principal

As this unique and challenging year draws to a close, we wish our great community the happiest of holidays. Keep safe, take care and see you in 2021.



CONGRATULATIONS

The Bli Bli State School community congratulates the Year 6 Class of 2020 on completing primary school.



Inclusive practices for all

- Experienced, trained support staff across all year levels
- Dedicated social skills lessons and groups
- Play Menu, Play Plans and Kids Clubs available daily
- Differentiation and individualised support
- Experienced Guidance Officer, Head of Special Education and Student Support Team
- Chaplaincy support and community connections
- Students supported in classrooms with their peers



Academic achievement for all

- Creative and academic writing explicitly taught to all students
- Targeted support for all students
- Age appropriate pedagogies from Prep
- Extension programs, vertical acceleration available
- Links with local University
- Connected, practical and extensive extension programs with our state high schools



Digital technologies for all

- iPads in every classroom, Laptops in Senior school, Whole class computer labs
- Coding
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lessons for every child
- Dedicated STEM room
- STEM Kids Club – weekly
- Creative opportunities through Film and TV creation with access to green screens



Exceptional performing arts program

- Award winning, locally recognised Choir
- Rock Band, Orchestra, Performing Arts groups
- Performance Evenings staged regularly: Winter Warmers, November Notes
- Original Musical staged in 2021
- Instrumental Lessons: Guitar, Strings, Woodwind, Percussion



First class grounds and facilities

- Newly refurbished performance hall, including outdoor theatre facilities
- Purpose built Junior School classrooms
- Established shade and green areas for outdoor learning
- Indigenous bush tucker garden
- Kitchen Garden
- Grassed ovals and play spaces for all grades
- Award winning school cafe / tuckshop



Supportive transitions for all

- Planned transitions at every juncture: encompassing our local Kindergarten programs as well as our local state and private high schools
- Extensive Prep transition program, supporting families and children for successful beginnings
- Planned, committed and structured transitions between year levels
- School-based Playgroup



JOIN A PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

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

Join us on a tour before school starts!
Thursday 21st January at 1.30pm

Term One tours
Friday 12th February at 9.15am
Friday 26th March at 9.15am



ENROLLING AT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL

Join our great school community

We provide a nurturing and supportive environment for your children where their individual needs are respected and personalised learning approaches allow for each child to have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Parents wishing to enrol at Bli Bli State School will need to demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the schools catchment area, or submit an Expression of Interest to enrol. This form can be found on our website.

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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NEW CHIROPRACTIC & REHABILITATION CENTRE OPEN NOW IN THE BLI BLI VILLAGE TOWN CENTRE

Hi my name is Richard. I am a Chiropractor, Acupuncturist and Homeopath. I have been working in the field of health for over 15 years. I was introduced to Chiropractic when I was just 3 years old. I can still remember my first treatment with the chiropractor. I was told he was going to "Crack" my neck. Oh the fear I had. The impression it left on me was one that made me remember to the point that I wanted to be like my chiropractor. As I got older I came to realise there were many forms of treatments and chiropractic. This led me on the discovery of Acupuncture and Homeopathy.

I won't say the C word. I think we have all been saturated by it. However 2020 has been a strange year for a lot of us. I was no exception. In May this year having decided to fix up our house to sell, I had a fall. A 6 metre fall off a ladder that was on the balcony. I know I shouldn't have stood on the last rung, even my wife told me to get down. In short I broke 16 bones including 2 in my neck, 12 ribs, both wrists, punctured lungs and had internal bleeding. I was told I shouldn't have survived. Yet I did. There were a lot of things that were said to me during my stay in hospital. Things like I may not be able to walk, or have the use of my hands, that I should be in a lot more pain than I was, that I would not be returning to my profession for a long time if at all. But this made me put what I have been taught to the test. I was in a Halo - kind of looks like a massive horse shoe that is screwed into your skull and then anchored down to the shoulders and chest to stop any neck movement. It was either the halo or have surgery to fuse it. I chose the halo. I was in it for just over 12 weeks. With limited movement of the upper body I made sure that I walked, stretched and strengthened my lower body and once my wrists came out of the casts, them too (my wrists). I became the patient/client rather than the practitioner. This gave me a first hand experience of what some people go through to get their lives back in order.

As I started to return to work, the practitioners who were/are in charge of my case are amazed at the recovery that I have made. I would say I am back to 95% of my usual self. Sure there are some restrictions in my joints. But I have adapted and continue to adapt to my new norm (which will always be changing).

I believe in the therapy that I have been educated in. I also believe that every therapy should adapt and change to each individual. No two people are the same. We all come from different walks of life and experiences. Just like no two finger prints are the same. Then why not adapt the treatment to each individual.

I have been married for 14 years to one of Australia's musical leading ladies Patrice Tipoki. We have four children Elisabeth 11, Adelaide 8, William 3 and Edward 18 months. Libby, Addy, Will Will and Teddy respectively. They all have been my motivation to get back up and get on with it.

We are so excited to be opening our new clinic "ARC Active Rehabilitation & Chiropractic" in the Bli Bli Village. We look forward to getting to know you and help you with your musculoskeletal conditions.



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Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year for 2021 from First National Riverside

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JUST LEASED
30 Hegarty Circuit, Bli Bli



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UNDER CONTRACT
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4 bed, 1 bath, 1 car



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8 Histed Terrace, Bli Bli



JUST LEASED
65 Grebe Crescent, Bli Bli



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17 Nabal Street, Bli Bli



JUST SOLD
10 Atkinson Road West, Bli Bli
3 bed, 1 bath, 2 car



JUST SOLD
10 Hamia Court, Bli Bli
4 bed, 2 bath, 2 car

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL MAROOCHY RIVER GOLF CLUB!

MINI GOLF: Great news for residents of Bli Bli and nearby suburbs is that the Maroochy River Mini Golf centre is open for business and ready for the influx of visitors and players over the Summer and School holiday period!

The first of its kind on the Sunshine Coast. The mini golf course features landscaped humps & hollows, water features and sand traps, all set amongst landscaped gardens with overhead lighting (for evening games) and huge blue umbrellas for shelter on a sunny day...all creating a happy and inviting atmosphere!

Mini golf is fun for all ages, where players have access to the bar & bistro for food & beverages to suit all players & spectators. Open 7 days a week, you can book a game or find out more by visiting maroochyriverminigolf.com.au

GIFT VOUCHERS: Great Christmas present options are always available and always appreciated! How about a Mini Golf Family Pass (2A2C) for just \$40, or a family meal deal (2A-2C) with game, a jug of Schweppes soft drink, bowl of hot chips and gourmet pizza for just \$65!

PRO SHOP VOUCHERS: For golfers, you can purchase a Driving Range Membership for only \$149 which provides discounts for driving range balls, clubhouse discounts for food and beverages, 6 discounted golf games and a \$50 credit for either driving range balls, or food & beverages.

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ON THE SUNSHINE COAST. THE MINI GOLF COURSE FEATURES LANDSCAPED HUMPS & HOLLOWs, WATER FEATURES AND SAND TRAPS, ALL SET AMONGST LANDSCAPED GARDENS WITH OVERHEAD LIGHTING (FOR EVENING GAMES) AND HUGE BLUE UMBRELLAS FOR SHELTER ON A SUNNY DAY...ALL CREATING A HAPPY AND INVITING ATMOSPHERE!



THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN TO PLAY GOLF OR MINI GOLF OUT IN THE FRESH AIR, WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS, KNOWING THAT EVERYTHING IS COVERED UNDER A COVID-SAFE PLAN FOR YOUR PEACE AND MIND. AFTERWARDS, POP IN FOR A DRINK AT THE BAR, PLAY THE POKIES, OR STAY FOR A MEAL WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY EVENINGS.

Don't forget the Pro Shop also carries a huge range of Christmas gift ideas such as golf clubs, putters, golf shoes and apparel, golf equipment including umbrellas & head gear, and vouchers for golf lessons are always a popular item.

Take advantage of the Summer Sizzler Golf Deals – play as many holes as you like after 3pm for just \$30 (\$20 for 9 holes)!

FOOD & BEVERAGES: How good is it to drop in for a delicious lunch, or just a cup of coffee with family or friends and enjoy the spectacular view across the lakes and course towards Mt Cooloom and Mt Ninderry. Our new delicious food menus are going to tempt mums, dads and the kids, along with the already famous Maroochy River gourmet pizza's.... take one home after your game!

There is nothing better than to play golf or mini golf out in the fresh air, with family or friends, knowing that everything is covered under a Covid-safe plan for your peace and mind. Afterwards, pop in for a drink at the bar, play the pokies, or stay for a meal Wednesday to Saturday evenings.

For full details on what's available, to book a game or table, check out the menu etc, go to the website at maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au, or call 5373 1000 (business hours) for more information. Members, guests and visitors are always welcome!

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TRAFFIC ISSUES IN AND AROUND BLI BLI

The Bli Bli Community Association has for a number of years in conjunction with the local councillor and state member been trying to address with TMR traffic concerns of the residents. Below is an extract of an exchange of correspondence between the Bli Bli Community Association and a response from TMR.

From Bli Bli Community Association to TMR

At our community meeting last night, the main topic of conversation was the traffic congestion in Bli Bli which has become impossible to navigate especially around school time in the afternoon. With a number of further developments yet to come to finalisation and the fact that the Nambour/Bli Bli Road has become a major arterial road, the question the community is asking is what planning has been made for the duplication of the road from Twin Waters exit from the motorway through Bli Bli township and out to Nambour similar to the Maroochydore Rd through Kunda Park.

So I would appreciate if you would provide to me copies of studies, reports etc so I can canvass at our next community meeting or else you are welcome to come to our meeting to explain to the community what TMR's planning is around this road and dealing with the ever increasing demands on this road. There are always road counters on this road at various points so clearly TMR is undertaking studies with this information.

TMR response to the Bli Bli Community Assn

Thank you for your email of 21 October 2020 and your follow up enquiry on 4 November 2020 about traffic congestion in Bli Bli, in particular on Nambour Bli Bli Road. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) appreciates the community's concerns about traffic conditions in and around the Bli Bli township.

As you would be aware, most of the growth in Bli Bli and development of the town centre area is driven by developer works, so you would be best placed to contact Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) in relation to development concerns in the area.

TMR has not recently completed any transport network planning within the Bli Bli area. The traffic counters which have been observed are utilised by TMR as part of routine operations to monitor growth across the state-controlled transport network. TMR will continue to monitor traffic growth in the Bli Bli area.

I can advise however that TMR is investigating potential locations for pedestrian crossings in the vicinity of Sunshine Castle. The outcome of these investigations will be known in the coming months.

There is currently no funding allocated to progress towards further planning or construction on the road network in and around Bli Bli. Funding for further planning and construction will be considered during future program reviews and against other competing priorities across the state.

As can be seen from this exchange, TMR are quick to refer the traffic issues back to Council and yet the roads of concern are state controlled roads and so fall under the responsibility of the state. TMR were challenged when the lights were erected on the School Rd and Lefoes Rd intersection as to the location of the bus stop on the corner and how it could be allowed to be positioned in that spot. TMR engineers were quite happy with its location despite being provided with photos of buses blocking the intersection. Their retort was that is the bus companies fault not TMR in positioning a bus stop so close to an intersection.

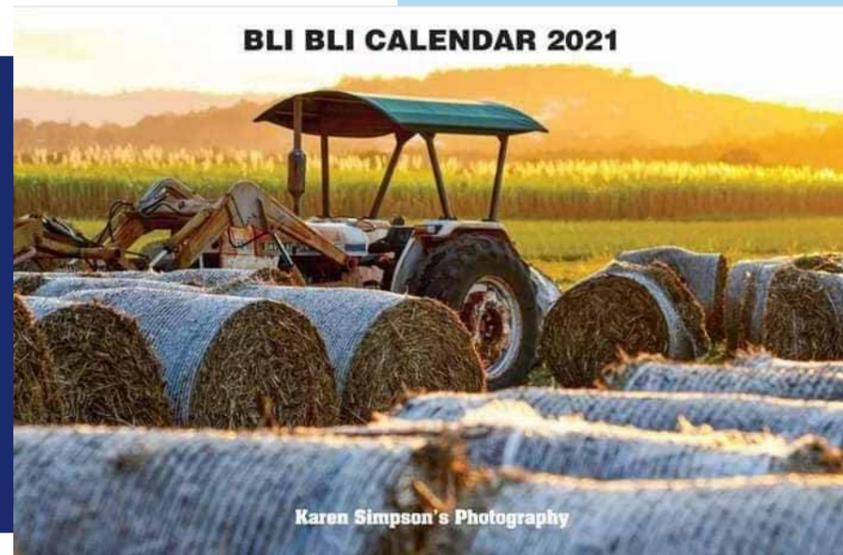
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Blue Heart Sunshine Coast – Factsheet Frequently Asked Questions

What is Blue Heart Sunshine Coast?

Blue Heart Sunshine Coast is a place, a project and a partnership.

Place

The Blue Heart is an area of more than 5,000 hectares on a natural floodplain in the Maroochy River catchment. At its core is about 1,400 hectares of public land (Figure 1). This includes council's Coolum Creek Environment Reserve network, the Queensland Government's Coolum Creek Conservation Park, and Unitywater's Yandina Creek Wetland.

Surrounding this are lands for:

- Rural and agricultural purposes
- Generation of renewable energy
- Open space purposes.

Project

The Blue Heart provides flood storage for the Maroochy River Catchment. Preserving flood storage within the Blue Heart is critical to the ongoing flood management of the catchment and in particular the built environment.

This floodplain area is already impacted by tidal inundation. Over time the area is expected to continue transitioning due to climate change and projected sea level rise. The Blue Heart project seeks to manage the land and water through this transition to provide positive outcomes for our environment, community and economy.

Blue Heart project objectives:

- protect the most critical areas of the floodplain under public ownership
- establish a regionally-significant complex of wetland and floodplain ecosystems
- enhance water quality in the Maroochy River through nutrient management and sediment reduction works
- provide community and recreation opportunities through regional parkland, open space and trails
- establish new uses for existing rural and agricultural lands, including economic opportunities for landowners.

Blue Heart Sunshine Coast is a Transformational Action within Council's [Environment and Liveability Strategy](#) - delivering a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast in 2041.

Partnership

Blue Heart Sunshine Coast is an innovative partnership between Sunshine Coast Council, the Queensland Government's Department of Environment and Science and Unitywater. The partners will proactively work together to achieve the Blue Heart project objectives.

What opportunities does the Blue Heart Sunshine Coasts present?

Many opportunities will emerge as the Blue Heart area transitions over time.

Council hopes to work with landholders and local communities to explore new land-use options. These options would aim to build future economic and environmental resilience, while retaining a focus on flood hazard management and climate change adaptation. This will include leading discussions on funding from new industries, such as blue carbon and environmental offsets.

Throughout the life of the Blue Heart project, council will seek the support of partners, external agencies and major corporations.

It is also council's ambition to:

- strengthen the Maroochy-Noosa Wallum Corridor, an area of high biodiversity values recognised at a state and national level
- provide parkland and open space areas for the community
- attract more visitors to the region
- provide high value ecotourism and cultural tourism opportunities.

How will Blue Heart Sunshine Coast impact on my land?

Landholders within the Blue Heart can continue to use their land for activities that are consistent with the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014. However, it is expected that future conditions, including flooding and increasing tidal inundation, may impact the viability of such activities.

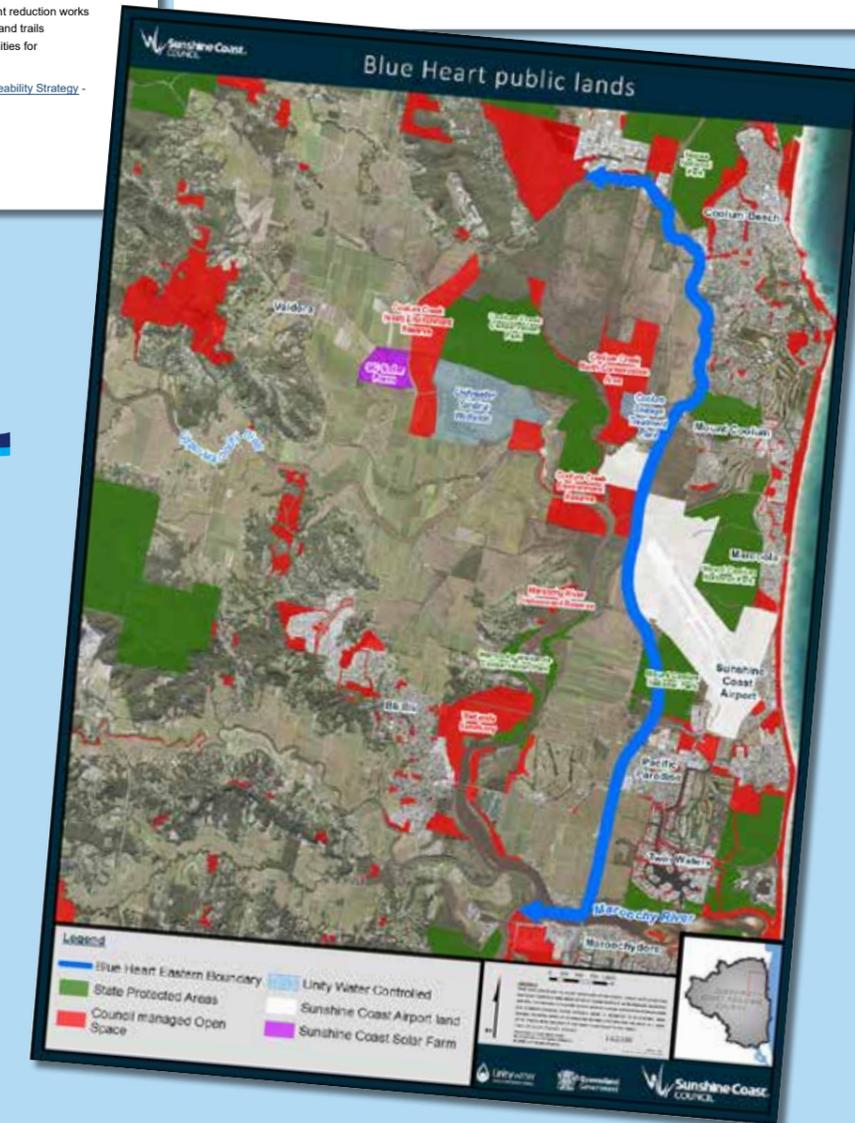
Council is committed to working in partnership with landholders to facilitate agricultural and environmental activities, including landholder access to new land management practices and funding sources (such as carbon farming) that build future economic and environmental resilience, while retaining a focus on flood hazard management.

How will Blue Heart partners engage with landholders and the broader community?

There will be many opportunities to engage with landholders and the broader community through implementation of the Blue Heart Sunshine Coast project. To stay updated on the project's progress visit council's website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au or email BlueHeart@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

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Ear infections are a common health issue for our canine friends, and as the weather warms up problems are even more likely to appear. Those big floppy ears we adore on our Moodles, Cavoodles and Spoodles are particularly prone to ear infections, but even breeds with upright ears can develop issues.

Ear infections can be caused by allergies (to things in the environment or your pets' diet) ear mites, foreign bodies, bacteria, or an underlying medical condition. Excess hair in the ear canal prevents airflow and creates a perfect environment for bacteria and fungus to thrive. Water remaining in the ears after swimming or bathing can also be a contributing factor.

Here's a few tips to make maintaining healthy ears easy:

- Clip the hair from the inner surface of the earflap of dogs with floppy ears. This aids air circulation and decreases humidity.
- Use an ear cleaner weekly or fortnightly to minimise the build-up of excess wax and debris. How often this is required can vary between pets. (Read on for a 'how to')
- Performing ear cleaning after swimming or bathing to minimise excess moisture in the ears.
- Don't use cotton tipped applicators. They tend to push the debris back into the vertical ear canal.
- Always use an ear cleaner that is formulated for your pet - it should be PH balanced and alcohol free.
- Don't overuse ear cleaners without seeking veterinary advice. Extended daily usage can result in tissue overhydration and may damage the eardrum.

Dogs with ear infections are uncomfortable. You may notice they frequently scratch at their ears and shake their heads. Here are some other signs you may notice:

- A foul odour or discharge emanating from the ear canal
- Swelling or redness of the skin lining the ear canal
- Pain when touched around the ears
- Carrying their head on a tilt
- Lack of balance
- Unusual back-and-forth eye movements



If you suspect your pet may be suffering from an ear infection seeking treatment early helps prevent complications from developing. As there are several kinds of bacteria and fungus that may be present a thorough examination will be required to prescribe the correct medication, but the good news is most uncomplicated infections then resolve in 1 to 2 weeks.

Aside from the pain, ear infections left untreated can cause lasting damage or rupture the eardrum leading to an internal infection or hearing loss. And constant shaking of the head can rupture blood vessels in the ear flap, causing a painful swelling (called an 'aural hematoma') that requires surgical treatment.

Here's a simple guide for correctly using ear cleaner. (To avoid a mess, it is best to do this outdoors):

1. Hold the ear flap and lift vertically
2. Apply a liberal amount of cleaner into the ear canal.
3. Keep hold of the ear flap with one hand and gentle massage the base of the ear with the other hand for one minute - use a downward and inward motion. Be gentle as this may be painful for your pet!
4. Let go and stand back. Allow your pet to shake their head.
5. Remove the excess fluid and debris from inside the ear flap with a cotton ball or tissue. Don't use cotton tipped applicators in the ears.

Repeat these steps until the excess fluid no longer looks dirty, then it's time to do the other ear.

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Even though 2020 has been a challenging year for us all the wetlands has continued to add new things to enhance your enjoyment and involvement in the wetlands experience.

The most recent of these being the Climate Watch Trail and next year we urge you to get involved and become a Citizen Scientist.

As I reflect on this year and the problems that were faced at the Wetlands, Bli Bli and indeed in the greater world community, I am reminded of the words of one of our founding members, Wilf Harris.

These words encompass what we have all faced this year and within them, hold hope for the future.

'Adversity introduces man to himself as a challenge. After difficult times we often say I would never have chosen to go through that, but I have learnt a lot from it. It could be a job situation, trouble with the law, fire and rescue or a failed marriage.

When we bump into something hard, something pushes back at us, our strength is tested; forcing us to draw on unknown reserves to meet these challenges.

In many ways, they help us build self-respect.

This difficulty is part of being human and help see more fully who we really are.

I am grateful when I think about the extraordinary people around me and the courage of each one of them. I am grateful to be among them. These are my people.

Make it clear there is within us an enormous reserve of power, the power of wisdom and compassion. If we learn how to use it, it can transform not only ourselves but the world around us.

Has there ever been a time when it was more vital to understand the nature of this power and how to use it for the sake of the world.

Looking back. Problems. There are no problems, only solutions.'

By Wilf 22.11.1915 – 17.07.2016

Thanks Wilf for this insightful perspective of life and may we all ponder these words and work together for a positive future.

As the hot, summer months take over, so do the mosquitoes and despite being a vital and necessary part of the food-chain, they do make visiting the sanctuary quite unpleasant at this time of year.

Therefore if you do come down for a walk be prepared with long pants and shirt, repellent, and a hat with a mosquito veil.

We, the members of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc. would like to acknowledge the Sunshine Coast Council for their continuing support and assistance over this year.

We also thank the willing workers who produce this outstanding publication for the people of Bli Bli and wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2021.

Debra Wedmaier



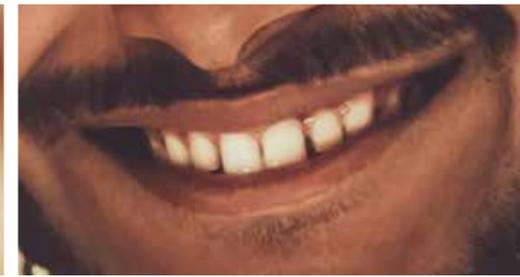
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On that note BBUFC would like to wish all players and parents a Merry Xmas and thank them for their contribution to ensure this challenging 2020 season was such a success and we look forward to seeing everyone back for what we all hope to be a more 'normal' 2021 season.

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On completion of their morning training session, Anna and Andrii have a quick shower, a prepared breakfast and then their dad takes them to school in Gympie.

You have to admire their wonderful dad.

Anna, along with six other Maroochy River Rowing Club athletes have already set their 2021 goals for the long trip to Tasmania for the National Rowing Titles.

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SCHOOL BOAT SERVICES ON THE MAROOCHY RIVER

From 1917 until 1965 a special daily boat service operated on the Maroochy River. It was to ferry pupils to the small Maroochy River School built on a slight hill on the south bank of the river near Dunethin Lake.

In 1915 the Department of Public Instruction was approached by a Maroochy River resident because parents living upstream from Coolum Creek could not send their children to school. The only "road to school" for them was the river.

The head teacher of Yandina School reported to the Department that there were at least 11 children in that situation due to the absence of roads to their homes. In response, the Director, Mr J.D Story and chief clerk Mr. J. Daly visited, travelling down the river from Yandina on Mr Coulson's mail boat. Following their visit, £100 per year was allocated towards running a motor launch, for petrol and oil, to be overseen by the school committee.

By 1917 children were travelling to the Maroochy River School in a boat owned by committee member Andrew Gosper and operated by his son Harry. On each school day, the diesel-powered launch covered 18 miles collecting school children from small jetties at farms, delivering them to school then picking them up to return to their homes in the afternoon. The river boat also delivered mail and freight to various farms along the river.

In 1919 a tragedy occurred with the drowning of a five-year-old boy, William Liecester Burton. The platform on the Golden Valley Wharf was submerged and slippery, owing to a rise in the river.

While the boat was still in the middle of the river, the boy fell into the water. He could not swim. Local farmer, Cyril George Kittle, on the other side of the river, dived in fully clothed and tried valiantly to save Liecester. The strong tide carried the boy away. His body was recovered later in the day by Spencer Browne by diving.

In 1934 P.J. Edwards, then owner of the school boat, wrote in a letter to the Nambour Chronicle that all parents of children using the school boat were paying him for the service. It was not funded by tax-payers. He also said that 72% of the average attendance at the school travelled in the boat.

On Friday 18 March 1949 the Nambour Chronicle reported that on the previous Saturday, a large number of people had witnessed the crossing of the Maroochy River bar by a motor launch, in very heavy seas. The launch was to be used for the transport of children to the school at Dunethin Rock. It had been brought from Brisbane for its owner Mr Taubman, by F.O. Venning (captain) and Doug Cannon as engineer, both residents of Mooloolaba. This was fitting, as Mr Venning, who was living on Maroochy River in 1915, was the very resident who had approached the Department of Public Instruction about the need for a school boat. The new launch was 24 feet in length with safety equipment including lifebuoy, 20 life jackets, fire buckets, etc.

The Trevor family of five children travelled to school on the boat. Beth, the youngest, said that at low tide it was a challenge to get into and out of the boat. The children sang on the boat coming home from school. Beth supplied written words to current songs.

When the boat broke down on occasion, they would walk along the cane train tracks and cross via the lift bridge to reach the other side of the river where the school stood near Dunethin Rock. Today the lift bridge, though Heritage listed, is badly in need of repair.

In 2017 Wendy O'Hanlon, journalist and a past editor of the Nambour Chronicle, wrote a story called "Memories of happy days and a school now gone", about her days at the Maroochy River School. As a little girl of four, she would watch for the school boat. Wendy had been looking forward to starting school the following year by boat. However she "missed the boat", when the school was closed just before she was due to start school. In her

time at school all the children learnt to swim in nearby Dunethin Lake so it was probable that in former years that was the case.

In 1952 a school boat service of the lower reaches of Maroochy River was begun by Joe Suosaari. It was from Bli Bli to Maroochy School. The number of children was smaller than the service to Maroochy River School.

Children have attended school by many different means of transport but the School Boat Service was unique.



Maroochy River School Boat leaving the jetty near the Maroochy River School for its final trip, Aug. 1965. Pictured L to R: Phillip Trevor and boat skipper C. Scott (in boat), Norelle Humphries, Alan O'Rourke, Christine Leis and Alison O'Rourke (all on jetty). Image Credit: Picture Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Council.



Lift bridge over Maroochy River 1930s could be lowered manually for locos to and from the Mill. Image Credit: Picture Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Council



School boat to Maroochy School started 1952 by Joe Suosaari

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- Bli Bli Yoga**
Petra 0409 532 940
- Gentle Dance Class for 50+**
Sandra 0432 980 432
- Bli Bli Quilters & Craft Group**
Dawne 0400 366 616
- Sundance Line Dancers**
Heather 0407 174 591
- Nina Dance Class**
Wendy 0426 214 788
- GKR Karate**
Andrew 0407 695 005
- Maroochy River Country Music Club**
2nd Sunday
Lynda 0409 588 939
- MBK Dance Studios**
Hayley 0408 988 119
- Global Harmonies**
Jo 0403 841 856
- MBK Dance Studios**
Hayley 0408 988 119
- Kelly Karate**
Simon 0408 064 439
- MBK Dance Studios**
Hayley 0408 988 119
- Maroochy River Country Music Club**
Lynda 0409 588 939

OLD CHURCH

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7.00am							
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- Bli Bli Maroochy Historical Society**
1st Monday
Max 0416 169 238
- Sherrelle Dolphin (Yoga)**
Petra 0409 532 940
- Qi Gong**
Christian 5448 4333
- Sherrelle Dolphin (Yoga)**
Saya 0417 448 276
- MBK Dance Studios**
Hayley 0408 988 119
- Saya Yoga**
Saya 0417 448 276
- MBK Dance Studios**
Hayley 0408 988 119
- Martial Art Training**
Mark 0409 271 168
- Trudi Yoga**
Trudi 0421 369 262
- Church of United Spiritualism**
Rosemary 0409 457 352
- Bli Bli Community Association**
3rd Tuesday
Daniel 0427 635 558



RayWhite

Merry Christmas!
From the team at Ray White Bli Bli
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
See you in 2021!



In the past year we have all faced and embraced change.
We have redefined the market and lead the way with outstanding results!

