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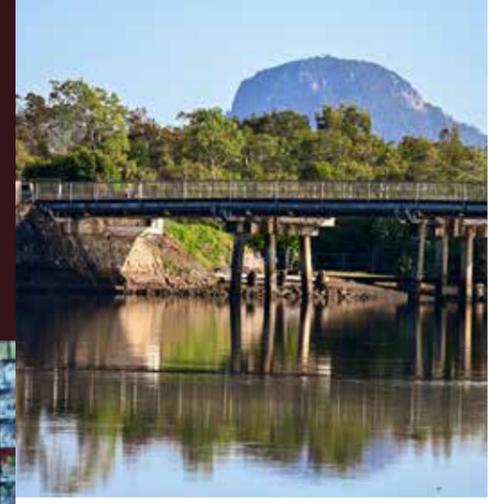
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A MESSAGE FROM
**THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY
 ASSOCIATION**

We are pleased to bring to you another action packed edition of the Bulletin. This edition we are highlighting some of the hall hirers so you have a little more understanding about the diverse range of groups that meet on a regular basis in the hall and church. At the back of the Bulletin there is a weekly calendar with further contact details if you are interested in any of the groups. The hall and church are available for private bookings as well as regular bookings where space is available.

This edition we thought we would also feature Karen Simpson's photography. For those that follow Karen on facebook, she is very busy out and about in our local area taking some wonderful photos. So we thought it might be nice to showcase some of her collection and you may wish to follow her on facebook.

We also have the usual contributions from various sporting group, Bli Bli State School and our local politicians. We have tried to obtain stories from Good Samaritan Catholic College Bli Bli, however with little success.

McMartins Strawberry Farm will remain open until about mid Octobers, so if you haven't treated yourself to one of their icecreams you better hurry. It is one of the few farms that you can pick strawberries at now with the closure of a number of other farms on the coast. Hopefully McMartins can keep going during the strawberry season as it is a great spot tucked away in the heart of Bli Bli next to Maroochy Wetlands.

Please make sure you keep Friday 3 December free for the Community Carols to be held at the Bli Bli State School. With their purpose built hall, the indoor/outdoor stage will be a wonderful addition to the night making it much easier for the performers.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Bulletin which has plenty of great stories from various parts of the community. Make sure you support these groups as well as all of our advertisers as without their support we could not produce the Bulletin.

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

BLI BLI BRIDGE UPDATE

Following months of waiting for answers on the future of Bli Bli bridge, finally I have some information I can share with the community. As locals would be well aware, TMR commenced investigations into the structural integrity of the bridge more than two years ago, and put a 20 tonne load limit in place.

As a result of those investigations and our ongoing lobbying efforts, the State Government has now committed \$800,000 for the future planning of the bridge.

Unfortunately, there's no easy fix, and the upgrade will involve detailed studies that are expected to get underway next year.

In other positive road news, we've also managed to secure funding to commence the planning for the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway. Again, this has been a long running campaign for our region, and I am pleased to see our efforts have paid off, with \$1.75million allocated to commence the planning process. This funding will also include upgrades to the bottleneck at the Yandina Coolum roundabout.

Community consultation is expected to commence later this year, and I will be keen to ensure locals have their say.

There's no doubt our local road network is struggling to cope with the increased population, and securing this funding is a critical first step towards future proofing our community, and an important acknowledgement that the State Government can't continue to ignore the needs of our region.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING

Unfortunately, due to border lockdowns and COVID restrictions, the VAD forum I had planned to host earlier this month was cancelled. My apologies to those residents who had expressed an interest in attending.

There's still time to have your say though – my survey runs until the end of the month. Hard copies are available at my office, or you can complete it online, by visiting <http://www.danpurdie.com.au>. The Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation is due to be debated in Parliament in September, and I encourage everyone share their views on this very important issue.

SINGLE USE PLASTICS BAN

An important reminder for all our community groups about the upcoming ban on single use plastics, which comes into effect from 1 September. The ban includes single use plastic straws, stirrers, plates and bowls, cutlery and polystyrene takeaway containers. An information forum will be held on Monday 6 September for those groups who would like more information. To register, go to www.eventbrite.com.au. For more information on the ban and what's included, visit qldplasticsban.com.au

Upcoming grant opportunities

COVID-10 Business Support Grants – now open, visit www.business.qld.gov.au/supportgrant

Fair Play Vouchers – applications close 29 September

Celebrating Multicultural Queensland grants – close 12 September

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry



Dan recently presented the Good Samaritan College with a new marquee with Principal Greg Myers

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

Earlier this year I got to walk to school with Bli Bli State School students as part of Walk to School Day and so I'm pleased to advise that thanks to funding under the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), Bli Bli State School is set to receive a variety of upgrades to crossings and pathways to help to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe when travelling to and from school.

Fairview Close will receive a raised priority crossing. This was one of the highest-ranking sites for improvement in the community consultation and was also highlighted by the school.

McCall Place will also receive a raised priority crossing, as it's also very congested with vehicles during school drop off and collection times.

The raised crossings will give pedestrians and cyclists a clear line to walk across and also reinforce the need for drivers to give way to our most vulnerable road users, our children.

A continuous pathway will be built along School Road, from Fairview Close to Conway Court so pedestrians can safely travel along School Road, and to avoid unnecessary road crossings.

There will also be new fencing and maintenance works at various locations to also improve safety.

All of these projects are currently in the detailed design phase and due for construction this financial year. Council will advise the local and school community as the project progresses and I'd like to thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

Earlier this year, residents were asked, if they would use a garden waste or a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin service. From 7500 responses, 84 per cent of respondents said council should provide a service to reduce organic waste in landfill and reuse it.

This vital feedback led Council to make the decision to roll out an opt-out garden waste bin service from July 2022. The expanded garden waste service will divert garden clippings, weeds and leaves from landfill and is the first step to transitioning to a FOGO service, which will prevent an estimated one million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions being released into the atmosphere over the next 30-50 years.

This change will mean the current charge will decrease, due to economies of scale. It is likely that the State Levy rebate will be removed in the future, which would have resulted in approximately \$60 charge to residents for no new service at all! So, in the long run there will be financial savings for existing and future users and a big reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Some properties will be exempt, however the conditions of exemption are yet to be finalised. Council will keep residents informed of planned changes which won't start until July 2022.

On 24 June, council adopted its budget for the 2021/22 financial year and it includes the following projects for the local Bli Bli community - \$50,000 for a new trail head signage at Whitecross Environmental Reserve Trail, Bli Bli; \$30,000 to widen part of Godfreys Avenue, Bli Bli; \$10,000 to renew the picnic table at Muller Park, Bli Bli and \$5468 for kerb and channel at Atkinson Road, Bli Bli.

On the second Wednesday of each month I'll be out and about in the community to chat with you – please keep an eye on my Facebook page for dates and locations in case the situation changes due to COVID.

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





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OLYMPIC TASKFORCE

These are exciting times for the areas of the Sunshine Coast and Noosa, as we look forward to the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games on home soil. I convened a meeting of community leaders to discuss the formation of a local Olympic Taskforce recently, with the aim of tapping into the collective brilliance of our region. My aim is to develop ways that we can maximise the benefit to the entire Coast in the lead up to the Games, and well beyond. It is all about working together in pursuit of a shared vision for the future. Olympians, business identities, political representatives from all three tiers of government, and leaders from community and sports groups workshopped ideas at the Maroochy RSL on how we can extract the maximum benefit from the Games. With this collaborative approach, we can all be winners on the journey to 2032.

VACCINE UPDATE

The vaccine uptake locally continues to gain momentum, with local hospitals, GPs and pharmacies doing a terrific job. Many thanks to those who have received the vaccine. Every dose represents a shot of hope along the path back to normality. Now that 16 to 39-year-olds are also able to get the Pfizer vaccine the rollout should continue to gather pace, until we reach our first milestone of 70%.

AFGHANISTAN SITUATION

I was deeply disturbed to see the heartbreaking images from Afghanistan, and the capital Kabul, as the Taliban took control. The swiftness of the takeover and the chaos it caused stunned many observers across the world. I wish to pay tribute to the men and women of the Australian Defence Force for their service during the 20-year conflict. These are difficult times for our veterans, and many vulnerable people in Afghanistan. The members of our Defence Force put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedoms, our way of life and people in need. No matter what your view might be on this tragic conclusion to the campaign of the West in Afghanistan, let us all unite in honouring the fine members of the ADF.

THESE ARE EXCITING TIMES FOR THE AREAS OF THE SUNSHINE COAST AND NOOSA, AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE 2032 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ON HOME SOIL.



Olympians Barry Cheales OAM, Alana Quade, Benny Pyke and Larry Sengstock

MISSION STATEMENT

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

SUCCESS FOR EVERY CHILD, NOW AND IN THEIR FUTURE

OUR MISSION AT BLI BLI STATE SCHOOL IS TO INSPIRE OUR CHILDREN TO BE CONFIDENT GLOBAL CITIZENS, WITH THE SELF-BELIEF THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD.

We do this through strong foundations of commitment, creativity, character and community, with an unrelenting focus on ensuring every child has the opportunity, support and tools they need to succeed.

This year we have steadily pursued academic success for every child specifically within the frame of English. We have used a razor-sharp focus on evidence of learning within student work, clear feedback to show the next steps for growth, and differentiated teaching to support the learning needs of every child.

I am proud to witness the continual growth and learning of every child at our school. At the end of Semester One, 88.5% of all students passed English at Bli Bli State School. More than half of our students received an A or B in English, which is outstanding. Every child who is not yet passing English is being supported by our team in their new unit of work and at their current level to continue to learn and grow.

The teaching staff of Bli Bli State School are exceptional. Committed, passionate and professional, they are driven by our shared mission and core values. Every classroom of our school hums with learning. I'm excited to share a window into one of our classrooms, and to introduce you to one of our amazing teachers, Mrs Kelly McCall.

At Bli Bli State School, we believe that every child can learn and grow with the right support and environment. We are committed to ensuring success for every child on their individual journey, and I invite you to join with us.



Kyla Bonney,
Principal (Acting)

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Percentage of children achieving
A or B in ENGLISH
51.1%

BLI BLI
STATE SCHOOL

Percentage of children achieving
A-C in ENGLISH
88.5%

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 principle 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



LEARNING WITH PURPOSE: WE'RE CHANGING THE WORLD!

IN OUR WILDLIFE WARRIOR CLASSROOM, 4/5MK HAS BEEN IMMERSSED IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY FOCUSED LEARNING. BY ENSURING WE ARE LEARNING WITH PURPOSE, ALL CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN A CREATIVE AND ENGAGING WAYS.

The students have delved into global environmental threats and the impacts these have on ecosystems, proposing real world solutions for future conservation. An educational trip to Australia Zoo allowed the class to meet Robert Irwin and personally deliver to him environmental and conservation posters and letters of appreciation acknowledging the work the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors do.

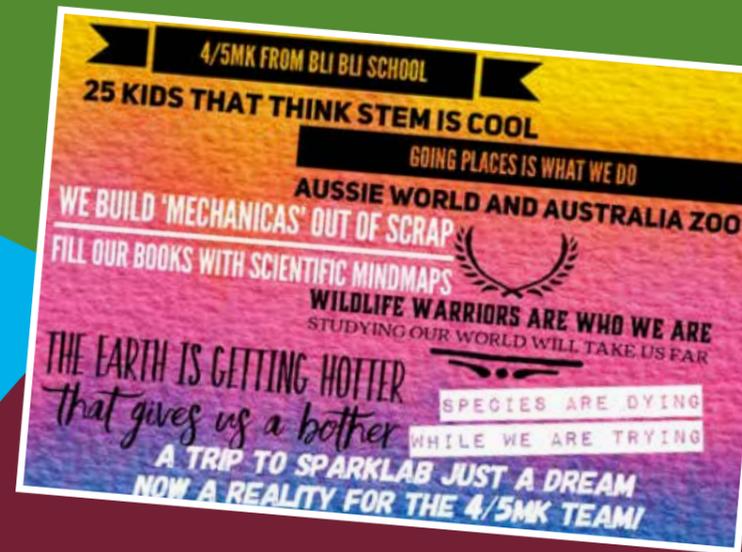
Engaging narratives, passionate persuasions, powerful digital presentations, creative recycled designs, and a classroom expo all contributed to our class's 'Campaign for Change'. By integrating the key learning areas, our students experienced a purposeful journey that connected and deepened their knowledge and enthusiasm.

This semester we will further our understanding of our First Nations People as the original Wildlife Warriors, studying traditional science and sustainability practices including land management, bush tucker, bush medicine and traditional astronomy.

With creative planning, an inviting classroom environment, engaging learning and purposeful assessment tasks our students have the opportunity to take ownership over their learning and become active global citizens.



Kelly McCall,
Teacher



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 you are welcome to stay 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 PRINCIPAL TOURS

Friday, 8 October
at 9.15am

Friday, 22 October
at 9.15am





It's School Time!

Thinking of enrolling at Bli Bli State School in 2022?

- Book into a Principal's tour via our school website.
- Enrolment packs are available now! Copies will be available at your kindy or from our school office.
- Prep orientation days and interviews will be in October/November as part of your enrolment.
- If your child has specialised needs, contact us early so we can work even more closely with you and your kindy.
- If you live in the Bli Bli State School catchment - you will always be welcome to enrol. If you live outside our catchment please contact the office submit an 'Out of Catchment' Expression of Interest.

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

- 1. Encourage your child's excitement about school**
 - Talk to your child about the learning they will be doing and the new friends they will make.
 - Take a special trip to buy the new school uniform and lunchbox.
 - If allowed, visit the school in the weekend and over the holidays. At Bli Bli State School, you can join our school community early when you join our Buzzy Bees Playgroup.
- 2. Help your child build a sense of independence**
 - Practice opening and closing the new school bag, lunchbox and drink bottle.
 - Build self-hygiene independence through toileting, hand washing and nose blowing.
 - Help your child feel confident about tying their shoes laces and remember Velcro is your friend!
- 3. Practice the new routines**
 - Play 'school' with your child and practice sitting on the rug, lining up and putting up their hand to get attention.
 - Practice getting dressed in the full uniform in the morning and packing the school bag.
 - Practice eating lunch at set times, especially if your child likes to graze throughout the day.
 - Do your best to move past day sleeps before school starts.
- 4. Read with your child every day**
 - Share your favourite picture books with your child and talk about the pictures and messages.
 - Visit your local Library - you can even join our Bli Bli school library as a playgroup member to borrow out books before school starts - and read, read, read.
- 5. Connect with your new school**
 - Attend the Orientation and Transition program - check out Bli Bli's school website for more details.
 - Meet the Principal and teachers, and share with us some of the wonderful stories about your child.



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Bli Bli United Football Club would like to congratulate our SCCSA 2021 Premiers: **U11A Bli Bli Archers**.

The Bli Bli Archers were also recognised for their FAIR PLAY in 2021 which is awarded to the team which encourages the positive spirit in which sport should be played – ranked in the top 5 teams for U11 – U18 age group.

2021 Senior Premiers: **Senior Ladies - Bli Bli Bandits**

Also, special mention to our **O'35 Bli Bli Brumbies** team - Runners up for 2021

Congratulations to the following BBUFC teams who have qualified to play in the Preliminary Finals:

U13 Bli Bli Raiders and U16 Bli Bli Jesters

Special mention to Bli Bli's First ALL girls team: **U11 Queens** also making the finals

We wish all our teams good luck as we enter into finals!

The 2021 Soccer season has been greatly improved and although for a number of our teams ended too soon, we were excited to see so many games being enjoyed by our members.

BBUFC would like to sincerely thank all members for their support in 2021 and in particular - especially appreciate the time and effort of all our Coaches and Managers, you have greatly enriched the lives of all our players with your guidance and support this season.

BBUFC would like to make a special mention to Local MP Maria Suarez and her contribution to the BBUFC with a grant enabling us to purchase two new sun smart marquees.



As we draw to a close for this season, we are very pleased to be holding our Trophy presentation and Annual General Meeting (11.40am) at the Bli Bli Aqua Fun Park on the 11th September for all registered members.

The Bli Bli United Football Club is solely run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers who ensure the smooth operation of the club. All positions will be declared vacant as of the 11th September for the 2022 Football season. The following executive positions need to be filled to ensure the continuation of the BBUFC:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Secretary

Additional positions also open include:

- Canteen coordinator x 2
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- Director of Coaching
- Uniform co-ordinator
- Grounds and Maintenance

If you are interested in joining our club committee or would like further information regarding the above positions please email - secretary@bliblisc.org

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With this increase in walking and running, we are seeing a greater number of people complaining of foot pain. Known most commonly as plantar fasciitis, it is simply an irritation or aggravation of the thick band of tissue at the bottom of the foot. Typically, people notice pain at the bottom of the foot. It can be quite painful first thing in the morning, often while taking the first few steps after getting out of bed. Increased loading from long periods of exercise, as well as cold weather, can also contribute to this pain.

So, what causes it?

The foot can take a lot of force, as a general rule. The plantar fascia absorbs the stress of the foot; when the stress is greater than what it can take, it damages or tears the tissue. Excessive load on normal tissue leads to damage, just as normal load on unhealthy tissue leads to damage. The bodies' natural reaction to this type of damage is inflammation. Inflammation leads to swelling in the region, leading to tightness of the foot tissue and a triggering of pain in the bottom of the foot.

Over time, another condition that can develop in association with long term plantar fasciitis are heel spurs. Heel spurs can cause heel pain in and of themselves, however not all heel spurs are a cause of heel or foot pain. Roughly 10% of people are walking around with some form of heel spurring, and only 5% of those people with heel spurring actually feel pain(1).

So how do we treat plantar fasciitis?

90% of plantar fasciitis cases will settle to a manageable level within a 10 month period. As with many other conditions in the body, however, there will still be tightness and compensation patterns in the calf and hamstring muscles at the back of our legs. Taping of the foot has been shown to give some stability and pain relief from this pain and tightness. Acupuncture and dry needling have also been proven to be very helpful.

Another way to manage the pain is to minimise or eliminate the loading on the feet while exercising, either through good quality shoes from a reputable running shoe company, or even changing to stationary bike work or swimming if the pressure and pain is still too much. Ultimately, taking steps to keep healthy and within a good weight range in and of itself will benefit your feet and heels in the long run.

If you have taken up walking/running as your new exercise, fantastic! Keep it up! Make sure you stretch pre- and post-exercise, to help prevent any excess stress on your body.

Dr Vinnie.

IF YOU HAVE TAKEN UP WALKING/RUNNING AS YOUR NEW EXERCISE, FANTASTIC! KEEP IT UP! MAKE SURE YOU STRETCH PRE- AND POST-EXERCISE, TO HELP PREVENT ANY EXCESS STRESS ON YOUR BODY.

(1) <https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/diseases--conditions/plantar-fasciitis-and-bone-spurs>



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

WHEN: Third Tuesday each month from 7.30pm

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



CONTACT: President Darryl Norwood 07 5493 2340

CONTACT: Secretary Lynda Brinkley 0409 588 939

The Maroochy River Country Music Club resides at the Bli Bli Hall Willis Rd Bli Bli. We have done so for the last 28 years.

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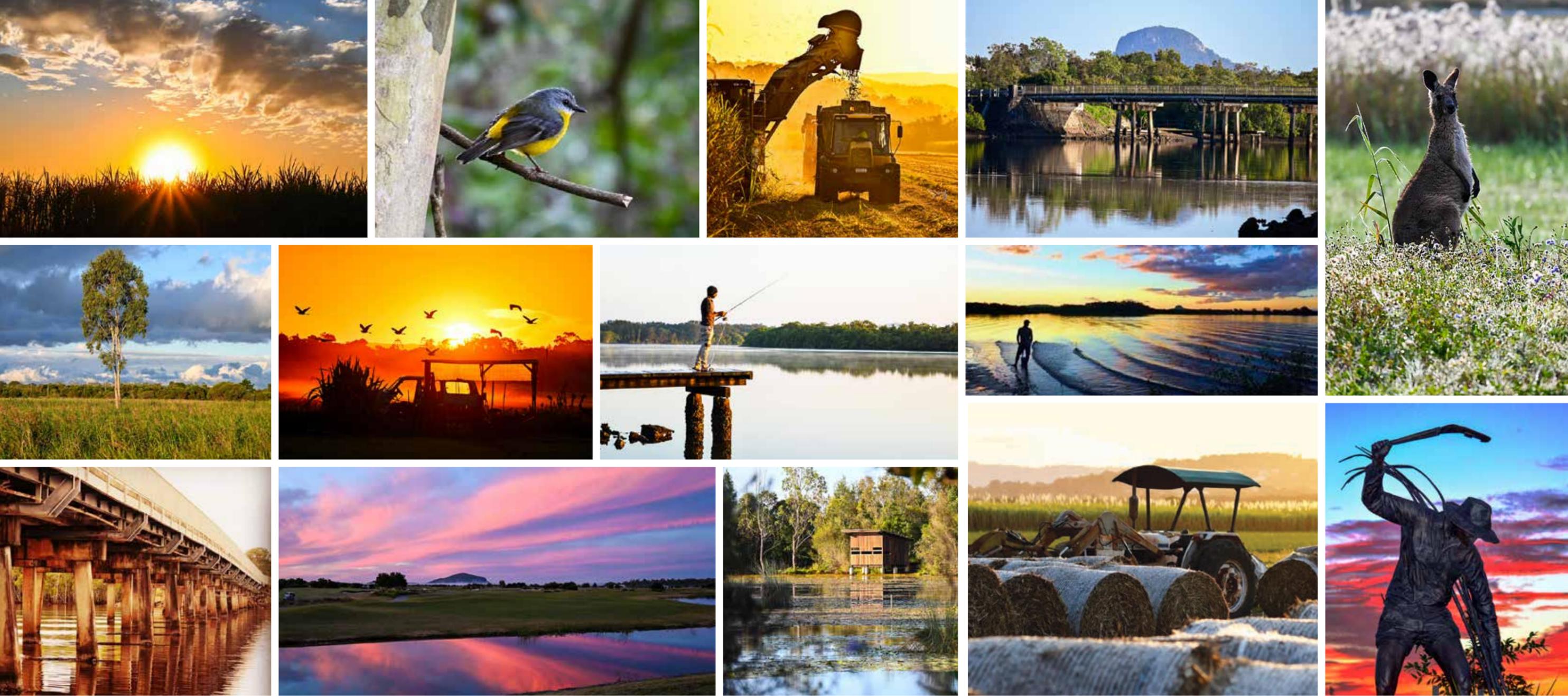


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KAREN SIMPSON'S PHOTOGRAPHY

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I've had an interest in things "nature" for as long as I can remember. My family & kids gifted me my first DSLR for my 50th birthday as I was forever taking photos with my phone. I would see so many things I wanted to capture & portray to others. Photography is my passion, it's a way to connect & I hope to bring joy & to lift people's spirits. To capture & share the beauty around us, that we often miss in our daily lives.

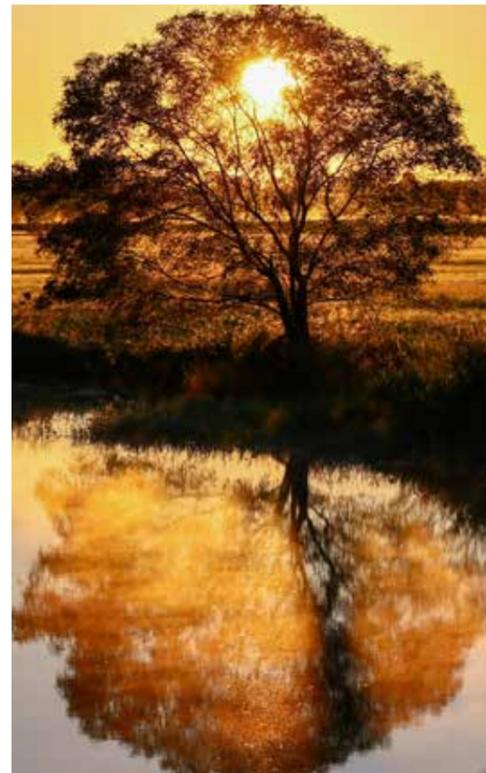
My kids wondered if it was just a passing phase & would I use it much. The joke is now that the camera never leaves my side & goes everywhere with me. The Bli Bli community has been wonderful supportive & encouraging on my photography journey.

Last year I put my photos to print for the first time in the format of "2021 Bli Bli Locals Calender" & the response from both the Bli Bli Community & Businesses was amazing. The Bli Bli Bulletin has also showcased my work in their quarterly magazine.

Recently I sold my first canvas which I hope to be the start of many more. It's an exciting moment to know your hard work is now hanging on the walls in people's home. That's truly a humbling feeling.

I currently have in the works my "2022 Bli Bli Locals Calendar" showcasing my photos taken locally throughout this year. I'm also producing a 2022 Calendar for the "Maroochy River Golf Club" showcasing the golf club & beautiful Mt Coolum. My calendars will be available to preorder around early October & also available to purchase through Bli Bli Post Office & the Local IGA.

 [Karen-Simpsons-Photography](#)



Bli Bli Tennis Club

The Bli Bli Tennis Club has recently had a new artificial grass surface laid over two courts. This was a huge undertaking for the small club but the result is excellent, not only for playing the game, but aesthetically pleasing to members and to people passing by. It is an asset to the local community. The men who did the resurfacing came from the Gold Coast but stayed locally.

The men worked long hours, starting at 7 each morning and working through the weekend to complete the work quickly so that the courts would not be out of use for a long period. It will be sometime before the sand is properly settled into the base fibres, we need lots of players and some showers to press it down and finish them off.

Funding for this project was received from Club funds, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Gambling Community Benefits Fund.

Prior to the resurfacing of the courts, a retaining wall on the eastern side of the courts was replaced, using concrete reinforcements which were needed to replace the old timber struts.

In the past 2 years the club has achieved a lot, purchasing new signage; mesh sight screens for more comfortable hitting; an outdoor all weather blind; timber sunshades on the exterior of the verandah,

also a new concrete pathway from the gate to our Clubhouse which makes the area inclusive for visitors using wheelchairs or walkers.

The work was done using local businesses and organised by the Club executive supported by the committee members, who are all volunteers.

A Defibrillator has been purchased thanks to a Discretionary fund grant from Division 9 Councillor Maria Saurez. This will be available for use within the clubhouse.

The next venture for the club is some to do some alteration to the clubhouse interior, making the space more user friendly.

Last month, Club Secretary June Gray was recognized for her work in leading the club onwards and upwards in the last six years. June was made a Life Member. A surprise presentation and celebration happened recently; as some wag remarked "this is the first time June's been made speechless".

We warmly welcome new members and casual players. The courts have lighting for night tennis. Contact details are on the website BliBli tennis@gmail.com. or 0439 099 692.

June Gray (Treasurer)



Bli Bli Tennis Club

EMAIL ADDRESS: bliblitennis@gmail.com

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Each year, those of us that are more mature (or just don't have time to be sick), make it a priority to get our vaccination booster before the winter flu season. Since the immunity gained from vaccination declines over time, this annual top-up is needed for us to maintain an adequate level of protection.

Like us, the immunity our pets gain from being vaccinated also diminishes with time; their annual boosters are required to ensure they remain protected. But have you ever wondered what your pet is being protected from? And what you are risking if you choose not to vaccinate your pet?

Fortunately, in Australia, there are less highly infectious diseases than are common in other countries, however outbreaks still occur from time to time, and some diseases are present all year round.

On the Sunshine Coast, dogs require protection from the following: (Always check before travelling with your dog, as there are additional vaccinations that will be required for some areas of the country)

- **Canine parvovirus** – this is one of the most common viruses in the world. The main source of Parvovirus is the faeces of infected dogs, where the virus can survive for several months, even during winter. This means it is easily spread via the feet of infected dogs and humans; and direct contact with an infected dog is not required. Outbreaks have occurred in and around South East Queensland in recent times. The virus can damage the heart muscle and cause lifelong cardiac problems.
- **Canine distemper** – this fatal disease is highly contagious. There's no drug available to kill the virus once it's been contracted and this disease may be fatal even with treatment. Distemper attacks a dog's nervous system and can lead to permanent damage, including twitches, seizures and paralysis. Puppies and young dogs are most susceptible. Thanks to increased vaccination, the disease is not as common as it once was, however, outbreaks still occur in areas where vaccination rates are low.
- **Canine adenovirus (Hepatitis)** – this disease affects the liver, eyes and kidneys, and usually results in permanent and irreversible liver damage. It cannot be transmitted to humans but it's a very serious illness for dogs. Hepatitis is now uncommon in areas where dogs are routinely vaccinated.
- **Parainfluenza virus** – this is the viral component of **Canine Cough**. Although also known as kennel cough, it is not just found in boarding kennels. It is usually spread by droplet from an infected dog, but it does not require direct dog-to-dog contact; it may be caught from sharing a water dish. A persistent dry cough with a 'honking' sound in an otherwise healthy dog is the main

sign of this disease. It is not fatal but being vaccinated against this disease can help prevent your dog from getting other related infections.

- **Bordetella bronchiseptica** – this is the bacterial component of **Canine Cough**. It causes a harsh cough and is highly contagious. Like Parainfluenza, it can easily be picked up from other dogs or from shared water bowls. Symptoms gradually decrease and disappear after three weeks, however, a dog may remain infectious long after they appear to have recovered. Although this disease is not usually fatal, it can lead to other fatal diseases. It is highly recommended that the vaccine for canine cough is given annually.

Cats in our region require protection from the following:

- **Feline parvovirus (panleukopenia)** – Also known as feline distemper, this viral disease affects the blood cells in the body that rapidly divide, such as those in the intestinal tract and bone marrow. This then leads to a feline form of anemia, which makes the cat vulnerable to other bacterial or viral illnesses.
- **Feline herpesvirus** – One of the most common causes of upper respiratory infections in cats, herpesvirus in felines can cause sneezing, watery eyes and nose, and congestion.
- **Feline calicivirus** – This is also a common respiratory disease in felines, affecting primarily the lungs, nasal passages, mouth, and occasionally even the intestines and musculoskeletal system.
- **Feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV)** – this virus attacks your cat's immune system. The disease is slow-acting and can be present without symptoms for many years following the initial infection, however, it results in a severely weakened immune system once the disease takes hold, leaving your cat vulnerable to other infections and illnesses that reduce both the quality and length of your cats' life. FIV is spread by saliva; bites received while fighting are the most common method of transmission. 28% of cats in Queensland have this disease. There is no cure.

As caring pet owners, one of our main responsibilities is to defend our pet's health, and vaccination is a great place to start. Protecting them from serious disease is always much more affordable than treatment, and the chance of them developing side effects after vaccination are extremely low. Always ask your Veterinarian if you have any concerns about your pets' individual circumstances.

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The glorious views across the rolling green golf course and bird-filled lakes towards the magnificent Mt Cooloom, remain one of their greatest assets that they want to share with you and your friends & family! Just relaxing in either the refreshing air conditioning, or on one of the open-air deck areas, sipping on a cold drink or a splendid coffee, enjoying a spectacular sunset, you will be saying "how good is this?"

We mustn't forget to mention that a Par 3 golf course and a Pitch'n'Putt course is also on the drawing board – this will mean that MRGC can proudly boast being the premium golfing destination on the Sunshine Coast.... Particularly when you add the 18-hole Graham Marsh designed golf course (which has been rated as one of Australia's top 100 courses) and the spectacular grassed Driving Range and practice areas!

CANE CUTTERS BAR & BISTRO

Come and enjoy a new menu by Chef Jon, in the Canecutters Bar & Bistro! The Club has embarked on renovations and new construction initiatives including alterations inside the clubhouse to the Bar area, Already the second amenities block adjoining the mini golf is up and running and is appreciated by all patrons. Soon they will be upgrading and re-decorating the Cooloom Room, creating a new designated smoking area and some other minor alterations.

In addition to these changes, moves are under way for the construction of a huge multi-sail covered deck area out from the existing building which will expand the available dining/entertaining area. Patrons will delight in the welcoming atmosphere as they overlook the golf course in a covid-safe environment.

MINI GOLF

Fun for the whole family, the Mini Golf Course, is open 7 days from 9am until late. It has been described as one of the best in Australia and has proven to be very popular, particularly with groups and families. This is a great way to let the family have some fun too, the kids will love it. The facility is fully licenced and floodlit for all day play.

If you are thinking of having a party, (children's & adult birthdays, special occasions, work parties, fundraising, corporate events), the Cane Cutters Catering crew can offer all sorts of food options for your mini golf event. With Christmas staff parties starting to roll in, now is a good time to make a booking.

Families, as well as people of all ages, love coming out in the fresh air, having some drinks on the bean bags, staying for a pizza or snack. Game costs are just \$15.00 for adults, children \$10.00. A family of 4 is only \$40.00 7 days a week.

Thursday nights are set to be a hit when Maroochy River Mini Golf introduce their \$30.00 Putt 'n Parmi night, with chips & salad, which includes a round of mini-golf. The family putt 'n pizza deal is still available on Fridays for only \$65.00, so check the website at www.maroochyriverminigolf.com.au for more details.

Maroochy River Golf Club invites locals to come and enjoy their facilities. You won't be disappointed. Let's play!

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Farming, grazing and harvesting oysters were the chief occupations of the first white settlers.

In 1876 a new Land Act was passed enabling settlers by 1884 to take up much of the fertile land along the Maroochy River catchment area. Sugar cane was the main crop.

A few years after Clark left in the early 1870s, Thomas Wells arrived and subdivided Clark's Bli Bli Farm, which by then was in the hands of Henry and Elizabeth Keil. In 1913 Frederick Blanch settled on Portion 7, and he was soon joined by his brother James. They grew sugar cane and pineapples and even built a Pineapple Cannery down by the river.

Pioneer families Nichols, Prentis, Wright, Perren and Suosaari were but a few who settled in Bli Bli.

Meanwhile the Bli Bli Provisional School had opened on 2 April 1901. It stood on what is now Willis Road. For many years the school building was the after-hours hub of community life, where meetings, card evenings and dances were held. Then in 1927 the Bli Bli Community Hall was opened and almost exactly ten years later, the Bli Bli Presbyterian Church. My memories of Bli Bli go back as far as 1935 when I attended that first little school. In 1936 a new school was built in the valley where the much-extended Bli Bli School now stands. Tennis courts (near where the River Markets are now) were a focus of weekend activity. A cricket field was built on Hegartys' farm on Bli Bli Road opposite Camp Flat Road and it became the home ground of the Petrie Creek cricket team.

As time passed, machinery inventions heralded changes on the cane fields. Locomotives still hauled trucks of cane to the sugar mill along the tram lines. On the farms, the tractor replaced the horse. Portable rails were laid in the cane fields by the farmer. Cane cutters then loaded their bundles of cane straight on to the "empties" on the rails. The loaded cane trucks were pulled by tractor along the portable rail to the tram lines which led to the sugar mill in Nambour. The next change was the mechanical cane harvester which replaced the gang of cane cutters. Later still, big trucks hauled the bins to the mill by road. Now, with the closure of the Moreton Central Sugar Mill in Nambour, the landscape has changed once more. No more lush green cane fields! Residential blocks have taken over and a population explosion has followed.

In 1959 the David Low Bridge over the Maroochy River was opened, and a godsend to the folk living between the river and the beach it was, as beforehand their only access to Bli Bli had been by boat and by cane punt. Then came another bridge: Prior to 1961, the journey from Bli Bli to Maroochydoore by road involved going through Nambour, thus making a total trip of almost 20 miles (32 km). When a bridge was finally built over Petrie's Creek, on David Low Way heading south from Bli Bli, residents could travel directly only about 5 miles (8km) to Maroochydoore.

The Sunshine Castle, as it is now known, made an impact not only visually, but on the tourist industry. In 1972 Ian and Marcia Hayne and their two sons began the construction of their "Fairytale Castle". Ian and Marcia were well-known because of their shop on Currie Street in Nambour, "Hayne and Perren Pharmacy". The following year a large crowd witnessed the opening ceremony. The skyline continued to change as additions to the castle took place; and in the eleven years to 1984 over a million people had visited the Castle. Nowadays the Sunshine Castle is a popular venue for weddings and other functions.

The wildflower plains near North Beach (now Mudjimba) provided an ideal site, first for an airstrip, and then the

Sunshine Coast Airport. The wildflowers are but a wistful memory to the few of us left who, in the springtime, walked or went by truck to North Beach, now Mudjimba.

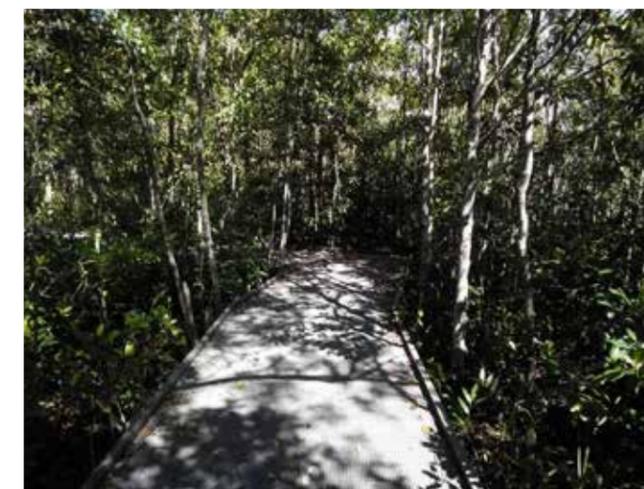
The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary has made a difference to Bli Bli, not because of change, but because it has been allowed to stay the same. In 1974 a canal type estate called Marina Gardens was planned for where the Wetlands Sanctuary is today. A lengthy campaign defeated that project. By 1990 the cane barracks from the Perren farm had become an Information Centre; and a self-guided board walk was in place through the tea tree open forest and the casuarina marshland. The board walk was later extended to the river and a pontoon jetty was built for access from the cruise boat Kilkie. Thanks mainly to the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group, the mangrove habitat remains the fish nursery of the Maroochy River and 108 hectares of coastal wetlands remain the same - "a refuge for flora, fauna and humans".

More recently the Parklakes residential development has arrived, providing local families with new, affordable homes and with sporting and community amenities close by. Parklakes will eventually be home to more than 1200 people. It is noted for its eco-friendly storm water treatment project.

So Bli Bli, as part of a tourist destination, the Sunshine Coast, has become an extremely desirable place to live. It is a far cry from the collection of cane farms where I grew up, with not one shop in the place. But there was a reliable bus service along the gravel road to the busy town of Nambour.

Going back a further 60 years from the birth of the new Bli Bli School in 1936, back to 1876 when that new Land Act came to pass, we can see how Bli Bli has changed. I do not envy the pioneers the challenges they faced, but I honour their memory.

by Betty Garrad (Burne) Secretary of Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society Inc.



Wetlands Sanctuary, courtesy George Cowie



Hauling cane Nichols farm Bli Bli 1920



Miss Australia 1978, Gloria Krope, with Ian & Marcia Hayne and plaque from Old Spastic League

Ian & Marcia Hayne at Fairytale Castle

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Worship Services:
Morning Tea - 10.30am to 11.30am

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