

Bli Bli

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Bli Bli COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS, BUSINESSES AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA



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Roz & Michael



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A MESSAGE FROM THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It's a common saying, but what a year, what big year it has been. At this time of the year we all look forward to the end of the year and a little break but then it goes so quickly. It was great to see the Community Christmas Carols back this Christmas and what a big turn out there was. So many people attended the night which was much bigger than expected. As you drive around the Coast it is great to see so many houses getting into the spirit and decorating their homes. We continue to light up the Old Hall and Church and hopefully next Christmas we will see the tree in the middle of the roundabout near the Castle ablaze in colour.

As many of you will have heard by now the much awaited response by Council in respect to the amendment to the town plan has been released. Council have decided not to proceed with that part of the proposed planning scheme amendment. So it is back to the drawing board.

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 and the AGM in March. We will be looking for new office bearers, to ensure that the Community Association continues its long tradition.

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 2022.

Next edition for Spring closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 14 February 2022

Happy Holidays!

To all the Bli Bli community, we hope you enjoy a safe and happy holiday season. Thanks to all our clients for an AMAZING year and here's to a healthy & prosperous 2022!

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

Last month, I was delighted to be invited to help cut the ribbon on Bli Bli State School's new school hall. This new million dollar facility is a testament to the local community, who helped the P&C raise half the funding needed to bring this ambitious plan to fruition. The school's musical production, 'Shine Your Own Way' was a fitting tribute to everyone who played a part in making this fantastic new hall a reality.

Speaking of community support, congratulations to local retailers Roz and Michael White who were recognized at the recent 2021 Sunshine Coast Business Awards, taking out the for being recognized for their outstanding contribution to the community, taking out the Large Retail award. Roz and Michael are always among the first to put their hand in their pocket to support local worthy causes, particularly our local schools and groups, and on behalf of the community, I would like to acknowledge their ongoing success and pass on our congratulations.

With the concerning increase in knife crime across the state, particularly amongst juveniles, I was pleased to see Queensland Police announce a new initiative, *I Live My Life Without a Knife*, launched recently here on the coast. This statewide initiative has also been welcomed by Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch, who continue to shine a light on community safety in our local area.

ROAD UPDATES

It's great to see work commence on the long overdue resealing works on Yandina-Bli Bli Road.

Locals have been calling for these upgrades for some time, and I am pleased TMR have finally acted on upgrading the road surface, to ensure safer conditions.

Resealing and rehabilitation works will be done over a 3km section of this busy arterial link, from east of the Caboolture Creek Bridge to just before Pearce Drive, Maroochy River. These works are expected to be carried out for the next few months, so please take care when driving in the area, and observe the reduced speed limits.

In other road news, there has also been a change in the speed limit along a small section of the Nambour-Bli Bli Road.

Following a recent speed limit review along the length of the road, from the Bruce Highway to the Bennett Road intersection, TMR determined that a 800m section, from the 60km zone just east of the highway to 520 Nambour Bli Bli Road, be reduced from the previous 80km/hr to 70km/hr. This work was completed earlier this month (November).

COUNTING DOWN TO CHRISTMAS

Only a few more sleeps until we celebrate the return of the annual Bli Bli Community Christmas Carols. I am so happy to see this event return in 2021, and looking forward to what will be a fantastic evening of family fun, including fireworks and a visit from Santa, from 4.30pm, Friday 3 December at Bli Bli State School. A big thank you also to all our amazing sponsors who've made this event possible. I look forward to seeing you there!

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry



Bli Bli State School Hall opening

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

BLI BLI PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT

Council officers reviewed submissions and considered new information regarding the Bli Bli amendment and considered that further investigations are required in relation to cultural heritage and flooding issues. The officer recommendation was to not proceed with the part of the planning scheme amendment relating to land at Bli Bli at this time.

The report also stated that the Bli Bli land remains suitable to be developed for urban purposes in some form, and that the recent decision does not mean that the land will remain undeveloped indefinitely. Thank you to everyone who made a submission regardless if you were for or against. Over the four different sites, council received a total of 678 submissions, with 581 of those relating to the Bli Bli land which shows you are an engaged community.

BLI BLI STATE SCHOOL

Work is moving along on the school travel safety upgrades around Bli Bli State School, thanks to funding under the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS).

In September 2021, fencing was installed at the School Road crossing as well as at the intersection with Willis Road and on Thomas Road. A new pathway was also built on Philbrook Road.

Two raised priority crossings are planned at Fairview Close and McCall Place. The raised crossings will give active transport users a clear line to cross and also reinforce the need for drivers to give way.

A continuous pathway will be built along School Road, from Fairview Close to Conway Court to improve pedestrian safety along School Road, and minimise the need for road crossings.

Survey work to support the final design has started and Council will keep the community informed on the exact timing on the work closer to the start of the summer school holidays. Weather permitting, we hope the works will be completed ready for the start of school in 2022. Thank you in advance for your patience.

CAMP FLAT ROAD

Design is currently ongoing for the remaining four sections of Camp Flat Road, from the end of the recently upgraded section through to Bli Bli Road.

The curves near the Whitecross Road and Francis Road intersections will likely be the next sections of Camp Flat Road to be upgraded. The intersection upgrades will be staged.

The remaining sections of Camp Flat Road will need to be delivered over a number of years in line with budget availability.

In the event of future Commonwealth or State grant or stimulus funding opportunities, it may be possible to nominate one or more sections of Camp Flat Road to accelerate delivery of upgrade works in line with program requirements, for example shovel readiness.

OYSTER BANK ROAD

Construction will begin on November 18, 2021 on the upgrade of Oyster Bank Road from gravel to sealed bitumen. Three drainage structures will also be upgraded. These upgrades will reduce the dust issues and the frequency of maintenance needed.

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.

And finally, I'd like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

Cr. Maria Suarez
Division 9 - Sunshine Coast Council

I'D LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

That Shop for Her

SUMMER AND THE FESTIVE SEASON ARE UPON US! IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS THERE HAVE BEEN ALL SORTS OF CELEBRATIONS; BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ALMOST TWO YEARS AN EXCUSE TO PARTY AND A REASON TO BUY SOMETHING NEW.

The warmer weather, the decrease in Covid restrictions and the frivolities of the Melbourne Cup have been the green light for fashion to find its rightful place again. Yay, let's be playful and let's dress up!

We enjoy giving great service to women of every age, shape and size. Remember we help you choose with industry experience and often hear comments like "I don't normally wear things like that" and that's where the fun begins! Our goal is to help you look your "best YOU" and we are delighted when we see the look of surprise and approval at something different being added to your wardrobe. Likewise, if you have a special occasion or a special piece that you want to match up you are welcome to bring it into our store and we will help you bring your total look together.

We have a following for Orientique and One Summer, sister companies with a colourful range of Brisbane designed clothing. Their garments are made from cool organic cottons and soft sustainable rayon which are lovely to wear particularly in our hot summer months.

Other brands include Gordon Smith, Threadz and Clarity and Sunshine based Red Lotus. Dressing ladies from size 8 through to 24 we can do fun, casual or classy and have a wide range of accessories, designer handbags, from Serenade, through to little cross body bags. Our jewellery range is extensive, beautiful earrings and pendants from Gemstone Jewellery who source natural stones worldwide and new instore is a colourful range of hand painted Kazuri Beads, individual made by disadvantaged women from Kenya, so nice to be able to "give a little back".

So, ladies come and treat yourself or someone you love with something special from That Shop for Her. We enjoy the challenge of finding something nice for everyone and it will be beautifully gift wrapped for you.

Gifts start from as low as \$9.95 so whether it is a little gift for a teacher, a stocking filler, or a Gift Voucher.

On behalf of my staff, Sue, Fiona, Judy and myself we would like to wish all of our customers and their families a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and 2022. We look forward to helping our existing and new customers find their best look.



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FAIRFAX AWARD

Congratulations to this year's Fairfax Award recipients from Bli Bli State School, Keira Staff, Ethan Ryan, Patrick Smith and Maxx Glen who have each been recognised for their enormous contribution to the local community.

RAIL UPDATE

The 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games will provide the Sunshine Coast with a once in a lifetime opportunity – an opportunity to think big and be bold. And that's the approach I've taken recently by publicly announcing the projects I'll be advocating for, in the lead up to the Games. These include full rail duplication – that's two tracks – between Beerwah and Nambour and a new heavy rail connection between Beerwah and the Maroochydore CBD.

Ever since the State Government failed to support Fast Rail to the Sunshine Coast, we've been stuck in a stalemate. To risk a lost decade of political squabbling about Fast Rail, I recently proposed a compromise solution to the State Government whereby a new heavy rail line be built along the CAMCOS corridor to the Maroochydore CBD. To satisfy the State, it could form part of QR's existing network and use the same rolling stock and signalling system. But, it would be designed to accommodate a repurposing of the line to a Fast Rail system in the future.

And we've had a win. Transport Minister Mark Bailey has publicly supported my proposal, in principle, and he has agreed to consider the concept early next year. This is a positive step towards securing the vital Beerwah to Maroochydore rail service, but there is still a lot of work to be done before this project leaves the station. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3FMVygj>



ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

Also in the spirit of using the 2032 Games to think big and be bold, I recently unveiled my vision for a world-class entertainment centre to be built in the heart of the Maroochydore CBD. The idea is to secure a venue to host the Olympic Basketball preliminaries and for that venue to morph into a full blown entertainment centre – the most iconic landmark on the Sunshine Coast with a capacity to host major sporting events, exhibitions and conferences as well as world-class performing arts and theatre. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3FMVygj>

FOOD AND BEVERAGE HUB - AN AUSTRALIAN-FIRST

I recently announced \$8.78 million of Australian Government funding for a food and beverage manufacturing hub to be based at the Sunshine Coast Airport. This Investment will put our food and beverage manufacturers on the Sunshine Coast in a league of their own. The facility is being designed to drive innovation, reduce barriers to scale, increase productivity for food and beverage manufacturers and to open up new national and international export markets.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S FAIRFAX AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM BLI BLI STATE SCHOOL, KEIRA STAFF, ETHAN RYAN, PATRICK SMITH AND MAXX GLEN WHO HAVE EACH BEEN RECOGNISED FOR THEIR ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.



Bli Bli State School: A TRUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY

It is with a great sense of pride that I step into the role of Principal at Bli Bli State School. I have been a long-term principal with Education Queensland, serving across many areas of the state, including Birdsville, Toowoomba, Townsville, Logan and many places in between. Most recently I have had the great pleasure of leading the Burnside State School community for the past seven years.

My family and I have been able to experience many adventures over the years, as a result of my passion and commitment to improving the lives of children throughout Queensland. This has led to my own children developing great friendships, and a commitment to being positive proactive community members within and beyond their own schools.

I have a firm belief in the key role that education plays in setting our children up for a strong and successful future. Our children are certainly living in a world that is consistently changing and evolving and as such we as a school need to ensure that we are doing all we can to support our students, by offering them a strong curriculum and wellbeing based educational program that promotes 21st century learning pedagogies.

Bli Bli is an amazing school, with what can only be described as a 'community heartbeat', not often felt in schools of this size. Whether it is students, staff, parents or local residents

that I talk to, the underlying message is about our school being one of care, and compassion with a clear focus on high expectations for all who are part of our school 'family'.

There is no stronger team than parents and guardians who, we know and value as the experts about their children, working with our staff who are the experts in education. Together we ensure that your children remain 'in focus' every day at Bli Bli State School.

I, along with our leadership team, welcome all community members into our school and encourage you to join with us in the journey of teaching and learning, social emotional development and fun, which we pursue every day.

Monique Pfingst
Principal

AN IMPROMPTU LEADERSHIP PHOTO MOMENT – TAKEN BY OUR YEAR 3K STUDENTS.



MISSION STATEMENT

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



CONGRATULATIONS

The Bli Bli State School community congratulates the Year 6 Class of 2021 on completing primary school.

MISSING

A bulky piece of machinery slowly lowered onto the branch of a eucalyptus tree. Scratches covered the ring surrounding a titanium capsule and a blue fog formed a dome around the primary school.

The lockdown alarm rang and everyone hid in fear. I was alone in the girl's toilet block, my first instinct was to lock the jail cell-like door. My chilly fingers gripped onto the gate and slammed it shut. I jogged to the first toilet and rotated the handle. My throat was dry and I was parched.

Hours passed. Finally, the safe call echoed from the speakers.

I unlocked both doors and immediately bolted for my upstairs classroom. Mr Greenland, my teacher, was doing a role call to see if anyone was missing. We listened to a message reporting the missing students.

Three year 3s, four year 4s and five year 5s gone!

There seemed to be a pattern. Firstly, all the missing children were on one side of the road. That wasn't all. If you were in year 3 three people went missing, year 4 four people and year 5 five kids missing. Thoughts dashed through my head ... why was grade 6 skipped?

The lights flickered, I fell to the ground.

I awoke strapped onto a hospital stretcher in a room that reminded me of an asylum. My hazel eyes scanned the room. There were four rows with six people in my row, five in the next and that's when it clicked.

Had I been kidnapped?

A throne was hanging from the ceiling. Neon orange tentacles dangled from above the glamorous chair. Rusty chains dropped as a bald, devilish looking man rose from the seat. My eyes locked onto his sharp jawline and unique skin colour.

"Master Xornoth, where would you like this ugly species?" one of his many dwarf slaves asked.

"Keep them here," the strange orange man replied.

I thought to myself, his name must be Xornoth and I'm guessing these are the slaves. His slaves started connecting the beds with metal poles. I felt my bed move. We were travelling like a train, all at once. My heart was pounding harder than ever, even harder than when mum said I had to eat my broccoli.

"To the left," indicated Xornoth.

After a while, we stopped. All the workers left the room but one scruffy, dirty and ugly man. Not much later he was out in a dream state. I remembered that I had a bobby pin in my hair to hold my fringe back. I wormed my hand out of the strap and pulled out my pin. There was a lock to my left. It clicked and I was free.

I used the pin to not only my advantage but to help everyone else. "Climb through the vent," I instructed.

Surprisingly they all listened.

One by one they all crawled along the base of the tunnel. I could see the lights. We jumped out and ninja-rolled onto the grass unnoticed. The UFO flew away with the wind yet to figure out their victims were gone.

The blue fog lifted and everyone was sent home like nothing happened. I went back to school the next day. I was questioned that day by everyone and boy, was I a star!

The fame died out in two weeks, but I will never forget that moment.

Written by Keely Willison, Year 6

Bli Bli School 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 TOURS

Join us on a tour before school starts!

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Tuesday, 1 March
Thursday, 24 March**



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

Book your pre-enrolment interview today! Use the QR code to book your interview for the week before school starts.





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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THE THIRD YEAR OF GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE'S HISTORY HAS AGAIN BEEN ONE OF GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT, CELEBRATION, AND SUCCESS. GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE GREW THIS YEAR BY JUST OVER A THIRD IN STUDENT AND STAFF NUMBERS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 630 STUDENTS AND ALMOST 70 STAFF.

The growing College community have embraced the College Identity and the 'Good Sams Way'. Our Catholic Identity is at the forefront of what we do, reminding all students that our College is a place where we strive to be inclusive, compassionate and generous in all we do. This is achieved by digging deeply into the story of The Good Samaritan and ensuring that our actions match our rhetoric. We must 'cross the road' to the needs of others if we are to be a true Catholic College in the Good Samaritan tradition. Each day sees the College community put our promise into practice.

Students have continued to thrive at the College throughout the year. The academic results and improvement seen across cohorts has been extraordinary. Sporting and Arts programs provide students with outstanding opportunities, and we continue to develop new and exciting pathways for students. 2022 will see the completion of our primary section of the College with the introduction of Year 6 classes, and the commencement of senior classes with Year 10, we will continue to expand our offerings to students in all areas of College life. These are certainly exciting times at Good Sams.

2022 sees Good Samaritan Catholic College launch its exciting senior years pathways for our oldest students. Following on from the outstanding NAPLAN results achieved by our Year 9 students in 2021, the College has employed an expert teaching staff to lead 25 different elective courses across the fields of Science and Engineering, Human Movement and Biology, Hospitality, Design and Digital Technologies, The Arts (in all strands), Humanities and Social Sciences, Legal Studies and Business / Economics, Chinese, Advanced Mathematics and more. With state-of-the-art facilities, expert teachers and a proven approach to learning and teaching, our students have an outstanding opportunity to begin their journey into an array of careers.

2022 will see another major building program take place at the College as we continue to grow to meet the needs of our community. This will be the largest project so far in our College development. Construction includes 27 classrooms, 9 specialist rooms, refurbishment of two major buildings and the building of all the associated facilities, carparks, and infrastructure. This major program will take place over the course of the year and will be staged so that students have access to some of the new facilities during the second half of 2022.

Enrolment demand continues to be strong across the College with waiting lists established in all primary year levels, limited places are available in some secondary year levels for the 2022 school year. Enrolments are open for the Prep and Year 7 intakes for 2023, submit your application via our website at www.goodsamaritan.qld.edu.au

2023 ENROLMENT TIMELINE

- February 2022 Open Days & Principal Tour
- Friday 25 February - 2023 Enrolment applications close
- March 2022 - Enrolment interviews for Prep 2023 & Y7 2023 commence
- End of April 2022 - Enrolment offers made for 2023 placements

Fantastic FIRST YEAR

BLI BLI'S NEWEST SPORTING CLUB AND FIRST EVER NETBALL CLUB HAS STARTED OFF WITH A BANG! THE GOOD SAMS NETBALL CLUB ENTERED THE SUNSHINE COAST NETBALL ASSOCIATION FIXTURES IN 2021, WITH 86 PLAYERS AND 9 TEAMS.

Three of our four divisional teams made the finals. Congratulations to Good Sams Spirits (division 10) and Good Sams Strikers (division 16) for winning their grand finals and Good Sams Stars/Seagulls (division 14) for making it to the semi-finals. We are also very proud that two of our players, Maja Tilbrook (Good Sams Spirits) and Asha Oliver (Good Sams Strikers) received the Sunshine Coast Netball Association - Lin Corbett Award for the best and fairest players in their division. These teams and players are setting a high standard and foundation for our club, not only as skilled players but also those who demonstrate great sportsmanship.

We also entered five Net Set Go teams (under 11s) into fixtures. These games are non-competitive and allow the players to develop their netball skills. It was great to see them grow throughout the season, gain a better understanding of the rules and improve their skill level. These awesome kids will be the future of our club!

Our inaugural season in 2021, would not have been possible without the support of our major sponsor Parklakes Central. Their assistance allowed us to purchase our amazing marquee. We would also like to thank all our members, coaches, managers and umpires for their ongoing support in our first year.

A special mention also needs to go to the Good Samaritan Catholic College for allowing us to use their facilities, including their magnificent undercover courts for training. The Good Sams Netball Club is associated with the college but players do not need to attend the school to play with our club.



Congratulations to our Lin Corbett Award Winners Maja Tilbrook and Asha Oliver



Inaugural Good Sams Netball Club 2021

The Sunshine Coast Lightning have also been great supporters of our club in its inaugural year. The Good Sams Netball Club was officially launched in March 2021, where Peace Proscovia from the Sunshine Coast Lightning presented all our players with their uniforms. Lightning player Mahalia Cassidy joined us in September for our presentation evening, to present the players with their participation plaques and our awards trophies. Our players loved being able to talk one-on-one with these inspirational netball stars and get a few selfies, as well.

Overall, it has been an awesome 2021 season and we have already begun to plan for the 2022 season. Our AGM was held in October with the executive committee re-elected from last season. Some new and excited committee members have also joined our team.

If you are interested in playing at our Good Sams Netball Club in 2022, please fill out the 'expressions of interest' form on our Facebook page. For any enquires please email our club President Kirsty Stassen at goodsamsnetball@gmail.com

Note: The Good Sams Netball Club train at the Good Samaritan Catholic College (Parklakes Drive, Bli Bli) and play at the Sunshine Coast Netball Association (Fisherman's Road, Kuluin) on Saturday mornings, same time and venue each week. You don't need to be a student at the Good Samaritan Catholic College to play at our club. The 2022 season accepts players born in 2015 or before.

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MAROOCHY RIVER GOLF CLUB WINS BIG

THE QUEENSLAND GOLF INDUSTRY AWARDS NIGHT WAS HELD RECENTLY AT THE GOLD COAST, AND BROUGHT THE PGA, GOLF AUSTRALIA, GOLF MANAGEMENT AUSTRALIA, AND THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND TOGETHER TO RECOGNISE THOSE INDIVIDUALS, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE EXCELLED OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS.

Maroochy River Golf Club (MRGC) were nominated for a number of awards and were successful in beating many other prestigious clubs for three coveted awards which included Legends Tournament of the Year, Superintendents Achievement Award won by Course Superintendent Stuart Campbell and the big one, 2021 Golf Club of the Year.

“This is a great honour for our club to receive these prestigious awards. This is a team effort, so thanks to all our staff, Bar, Kitchen, Greens, Admin & Pro Shop,” said Charlie McGill, MRGC General Manager.

The Golf Club of the Year award is presented to the club who has performed best, in regard to the following criteria:

- Membership Retention & Growth
- Golf Program & Pathway Development
- Financial Performance
- Governance
- Clubhouse Operations
- Golf Course Operations

“We have been lucky over these years that we had Boards who only had the club at heart and wanted the best possible outcome for the club. Boards who were not afraid to think outside the square, look at diversification strategies, to add additional income streams, and to ensure the financial future of the club. Thank you to all board members over this time,” said Charlie.

“Thanks also to the members, for your support and faith in the various boards and management over the years and your approval to proceed with the mini golf and clubhouse extensions to improve our facility and bottom line and ensure our club has a great future for many years to come,” said Charlie.

PGA organisers were so impressed with the total organisation and feedback from players the club has been chosen to host the Qld Senior PGA Championship for the next 3 years. This is the flagship event of the Legends calendar and is played over 2 days as a Pro Am format, this year’s event will be held on Sunday 12th & Monday 13th December 2021.

The Maroochy River Schweppes Australia Legends Pro-Am is a great opportunity for locals to see some great golfing action. Australia’s Golfing Legends are hitting the fairways, like Peter Senior, Mike Harwood, Terry Price and many others will be there. Tee off is at 7am.

“A big thank you to our Pro Shop Staff and Match Committee for their hard work in bringing the event together,” said Charlie.

Maroochy River Golf Club have more bold plans for the future.

Bar renovations have recently been completed and a large deck overlooking Mount Coolum is already under construction. It is hoped that the new deck will be finished by Christmas 2021.

“We’re also looking at doing a 9-hole Par 3 course and a 9-hole pitch-and-putt course,” Mr McGill said.

“Golf clubs need to start doing these things, because it’s the only way they’re going to survive.

“You just can’t keep going with member subscriptions.

“Golf courses are such expensive places to maintain and unfortunately the number of subscriptions does not pay for it.

“Everybody at the club is thinking outside the square and looking at other revenue streams.”

The Par 3 and pitch-and-putt proposals will be taken to members early next year, with high hopes it will be approved.

The club also offers golf programs and clinics for players of different abilities and ages, with a state-of-the-art driving range.

Corporate events and parties are catered for as well, with the Mini Golf facility proving very popular.

“They come in for mini golf and go to the clubhouse, where the food at the Cane Cutters Bar and Bistro is second to none,” Mr McGill said.

“It’s a golf club but it’s becoming a destination.”

Locals are invited to come and enjoy the facilities at Maroochy River Golf Club. You won’t be disappointed. Let’s play!



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In the US, an estimated 149 million work days are lost every year because of LBP, with total costs estimated to be US\$100 to \$200 billion a year (two-thirds of which is due to lost wages and lower productivity).^{1,2}

Pain can range from mild to severe. In some cases, pain can make it difficult or impossible to walk, sleep, work or do everyday activities.

Hands-on treatments (like osteopathic or chiropractic manipulation) can relieve pain and help the recovery process. Some back injuries and conditions can require cortisone injections or surgical repair, if the damage incurred and chronicity of the condition warrants it.

The World Health Organization (WHO) states "...the major form of treatment for LBP is analgesics (anti-inflammatories). The causes of LBP are rarely addressed. Alternative treatments include Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation and spinal manipulation via chiropractic or osteopathic practitioners. Disc surgery remains the last option when all other strategies have failed, but the outcomes are disappointing"³.

While LBP can affect anyone at any age. There are lifestyle factors that have been known to increase the risk of LBP. People who smoke, drink alcohol in excess or live a sedentary lifestyle are at higher risk for lower back pain. Jobs that require a lot of heavy lifting also increase your risk if poor technique is used. Reducing your risk of LBP, by staying active with exercise and stretching techniques, is a great way to protect yourself against these types of lower back issues.

Walking regularly, strength training at one of the local gyms here in Bli Bli (such as F45), or participating in Yoga or Pilates, are all good ways to help manage or prevent back pain. Speak to your local Chiropractor at ARC Chiropractic about what you can do to help reduce your LBP.

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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 advise. 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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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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