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A MESSAGE FROM

The Bli Bli Community Association

Welcome to our final edition of the Bulletin for 2018 which is our Summer edition. Once again we have a variety of stories from our area from our regular contributors. We would dearly love to receive stories from the public at large as to what they or their families maybe up to. There are so many stories out there that people may share on facebook which could be included in the Bulletin to share with our community. So next year if you have any such stories make sure you send them to us.

At the recent Community Association meeting we heard from our local state member Mr Dan Purdie who gave us a review of his year in Parliament. It certainly is a different life being a state member with the demands and expectations of the public. We also heard from our local Councillor Mr Steve Robinson as to some of the big infrastructure items that Council is currently working on which will be of benefit to the Coast. Some of our local community groups also provided reports as to their happenings. Within our Community there are a large variety of groups that one may become involved in. You just need to read the 2nd back page as to the groups that meet in the Hall and Church each week to get a sense of some of these groups.

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

If you would like to help out with deliveries of the Bulletin then get in contact with us as we can always do with more help with delivering now over 4000 copies around the local area. We also invite you along to our monthly Community meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Old Church. Our next meeting now will not be until February.

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



Next edition for Autumn closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 11 February with deliveries early March.

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A WORD FROM CR STEVE ROBINSON



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A NEW COAT OF PAINT FOR THE SCOUT CAMP

The Nambour and District Scout Association's Dunethin Rock Scout Camp has a much needed fresh coat of paint. We provided funding through council's Mayoral and Councillor Discretionary Funding Program for the exterior painting of the main building. It was a huge project for the club as there was evidence of lead paint on some parts of the building and the original paintwork had failed, but it has turned out to be a fantastic outcome. Thank you to the committee for their work in arranging this for our community.

A STANDOUT PARK

In September, Mayor Mark Jamieson and I attended the official handover for the one hectare central park, Parklakes Community Park, within the Parklakes II estate. This is substantial infrastructure to add to a network of more than 1040 parks and open spaces managed by Sunshine Coast Council.

As many of you will know, the park has a bespoke children's playground with outstanding climbing features located on soft fall pads, great barbecue areas, quality landscaping, pedestrian bridges and open space.

A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING EFFORT

The Bli Bli Unite Family Fun Run/Walk attracted a record crowd with terrific community representation. It was great to see the Bli Bli community and visitors banding together to support this important charity. There was also a good police presence, including a speech by Superintendent Darryl Johnson. As a result of this event, as well as other fundraising activities, \$17,500 was presented to White Ribbon Australia.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

People have been asking me about progress of the major projects so I'm pleased to give an update on these. The airport expansion project, with the new runway, is well on schedule. We recently delivered, via dredge, 1.3 million tonnes of high quality sand to the site, which can be seen when driving north to Coolumb.

The recent announcement of the international broadband submarine cable will really put the Sunshine Coast on the map, giving our region the fastest broadband connection to Asia and the second fastest to America.

And finally, the Maroochydore CBD project is taking shape with many of the roads within Stage 1 constructed, construction on the main canal underway and construction of the first buildings due to start very soon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It has been a big year for Bli Bli with lots of exciting changes but also some disruption and inconvenience. I have really appreciated your patience and support during the construction - I believe that when it is all completed, including the upcoming streetscape, that we will have a town centre that we can all be proud of.

My wife Jeanne and I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We hope you get a chance to enjoy some quality family time and I look forward to working with you in 2019.



AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL STATE MEMBER, DAN PURDIE

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

TOP GONGS FOR BUSY BEE CAFÉ

If you haven't already heard, it's been a very busy and successful year down at the Busy Bee Café. The popular canteen at Bli Bli State School capped off a great year recently, taking home a swag of awards at the annual Queensland Tuckshop of the Year Awards.

A huge congratulations to the convenor, Leanne Hayward and her assistant Cara Sciberras for taking out the Tuckshop Menu of the Year, the Fresh Start Award, and the Top-Ten Tuckshop.

To celebrate National Tuckshop Day, I dropped in to visit the ladies, and they quickly put me to work alongside Mr Quinn, the school's Principal, slicing, dicing and preparing some of the healthy fresh fare that is proving so popular.



BLI BLI UNITES FOR ANNUAL FUN RUN WALK

During the last sitting week for the year, it was a great honour to acknowledge the huge success that was the second annual Bli Bli Unite Fun Run Walk, during a speech in Parliament.

This year, I was fortunate to not only participate, but also help sponsor the event organised by Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch, and very generously supported by a number of familiar names, including community stalwarts Michael and Roz White, Parklakes II, Ed Hackenberg and his team from Ray White Bli Bli, Bli Bli Little Athletics, Sunstate Jewellers and Cr Steve Robinson, among others.

And the results speak for themselves. Thanks to the increased awareness and ever-growing community support, not to mention the tireless efforts of Edith Blanck and her band of volunteers (of which there is too many to individually mention), participation was up 30% on last year, and there was an 80% increase in the total funds raised.

This is a tremendous outcome. It's amazing to think that in the space of two years, this locally run event has not only raised more than \$20,000 for White Ribbon, it has also raised thousands for Sonshine Sanctuary, Lily House, the Queensland Drought Appeal and Bli Bli Little Athletics.

Even more importantly though, as I said in my speech, the event has managed to raise awareness of domestic violence, and goes to show that a small community with a big heart can make a difference. You can check out my speech on Facebook, or contact my office for a copy.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry



MERRY
Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



MISSION STATEMENT

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



Creativity

We develop skilled, resourceful and innovative learners who approach life with creativity.

I am very pleased to inform the community that the skills, passion and standard of writing continues to improve at Bli Bli State School all the way from Prep to Year 6.

There are a range of ways that we are able to measure this progress. As teachers we are trained to measure subtleties such as the selection and development of key ideas however, the reader is the ultimate judge of the work and it is quite obvious when a student produces an idea well. This creativity enables students to generate fresh ideas and plan how these might be portrayed.

It is then crucial for the writer to use appropriate vocabulary, what we term word choice, and describe the ideas to amplify meaning. One of tools we use to measure growth analyses students' pieces of writing and offers a score based on the number of uncommon words that they have used in their writing.

Across this year on average students measured at each year level have drastically improved and in some cases doubled the amount of these words in their writing. This is remarkable to say the least. The effective use of the ideas, in combination with rich, appropriate word choice can place the fingerprints of the writer on their work, their voice.

Voice is the creative expression of the individual character to come forth, perhaps that of the writer or that of the character they are trying to create. I trust that you enjoy some of our student's writing once again.

On behalf of the Bli Bli State School and the P and C, I wish all in the Bli Bli community a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year period.



Gerard Quinn
Principal

THE ANNOYING BEE

I saw a bee in a beautiful tree.
It was next to a flea.
Very hard to see.
The bee stung me
In the ear.
So now I can't hear.

Crafted by Macey A, Year 1



DROUGHT

Drought is hot every day
It makes the sun shout hooray.
The rain has gone away.
Now the farmers have no hay.

Crafted by Ava K, Year 1

AS DARKNESS ARRIVES

As darkness arrives the wind howls
And the wolves moan to the moon.
The crows blend into the background of night
And trees sway to the wind.
Owls fly and hoot and rustle branches
While others survive on the ground.
And the mysteries of Earth lurk there
Nowhere to be found.

Crafted by Amaia, Year 4



DANCE

When I start to dance, I can really be me.
The music starts and I feel so free.
Spinning and turning, listen to the beat.
It's like a spark lights up my feet.
When you dance you can smile
and just go with the flow.
Whether you are by yourself or a part
of a show.
Turn up the music nice and loud.
Twirl faster and faster, listen to the crowd.
When I dance I smile with so much glee,
Because it's the time when I can really be me.

Crafted by Mia L, Year 5



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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

UPCOMING TOURS

9.00am
Friday 8th February
Friday 8th March
Friday 29th March

Join us on a tour
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Tuesday, 22 January
1.30pm



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COUNTRY

MAROOCHY RIVER

MUSIC

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

MEMBERS OF THE MAROOCHY RIVER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB ATTENDED THE ACMA ANNUAL COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL BACKED BY THE MAROOCHY RIVER CONCERT BAND. SIX MEMBERS RECEIVED PLACINGS IN THE COMPETITION.

- Bill Newman** – 1st Senior Male Vocal 2nd Senior Male Gospel
- Darryl Norwood** – 1st Vintage Male Gospel 3rd vintage male vocal
- Joan Hannan** – 1st Vintage Female Vocal 2nd Vintage Female Gospel
- Anne Fitton** – 1st Performers Choice Open
- John Robison** – 2nd Performers Choice Open
- Gary Crompton** – 3rd Song Writers for Best Sentimental Song
- Merv Hannan** – Encouragement Award

Bill Newman also attended the Slim Dusty Festival in Kempsey. Bill was selected to receive one of the three Slim Dusty Memories Song Award and the Slim Dusty Festival People's Choice Buskers Award. Well Deserved.

Pam Clarke, our keyboard player, was guest artist at Northern Suburbs Country Music Club and Blue Denim Country Music Club. Our members are frequently asked to perform at Country Music Clubs as guest artists.

The charity selected for this year by the Maroochy River CMC is the QIMR Berghofer Research Foundation. This was selected because a number of members have been affected by cancer personally, and with friends and family. Through our fundraising throughout the year, a cheque of \$2,000 was presented to a representative of QIMR Berghofer Foundation at our November Concert. This will go towards financing more research. QIMR Berghofer Research is the largest research centre in the southern hemisphere.

The club will be perform at Blue Care in November as part of our community commitment. Our last concert for the year will be held Sunday 9th December and the sound will be from a new speaker system purchased with a grant from the Sunshine Coast Council. Thank you.

We will be taking a break until February 11 for our monthly concert next year.

Merry Christmas to all and we look forward to seeing you all at our concerts.



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Boned & Rolled Lamb Leg

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Bone & Rolled Lamb Shoulder

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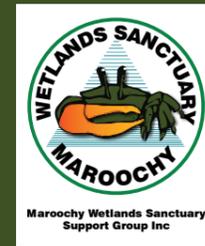
Scotch Fillet Roast

Sirloin Roast

Op Rib Roast (rib fillet on the bone)

Topside Roast

Blade Roast



WHAT'S ON IN THE WETLANDS

As we approach the end of another wonderful year of enjoying and celebrating our unique Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, let's have a look at what's been happening recently.

In September our Bird Observer group had a very enjoyable time away in the Hervey Bay area, visiting places including Teddington Weir, Arkarra Lagoons, Mungomery's Vine Forest Reserve, the Pir'ri Conservation Area and Cheelii Lagoons. Lots of birds were spotted and thanks to Robyn for organizing the excellent program and venues for the trip.

Early November saw some very welcome rainfall which provided much needed water for new growth to occur. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to more summer rain during December to enhance this growth.

The crabs have been very active in the muddy areas and the visiting summer birds are now returning, with the Shining Fly Catcher very active low down in the mangroves. The Forest and Sacred Kingfishers were also spotted recently and in recent months some birds have been heading to the coast to find relief from the inland drought. These include the White-necked Heron and the Black Kite. The latter of which you may see congregating and soaring in large groups.

Also seen were three adult Australian Wood Ducks escorting eleven one or two-day old ducklings along the edge of the road. What a family to care for! You may also have seen the fluffy seeds of Lilly Pilly trees floating around on the breeze.



As the hot, summer months take over, so do the mosquitoes and despite being a vital and necessary link in the food-chain of the Sanctuary, they do make visiting quite unpleasant at this time of the year. Therefore, if you do come down for a walk, please **be prepared** with long pants and shirt, repellent, hats and a fly/mosquito veil for you and any children with you.



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We would like to acknowledge the great work being done by the Council and volunteers of the Community Nature Conservation Program who have been weeding and planting along our western boundary at McMartins Park. This work is valuable to us as it is arresting the spread of weeds into this part of the sanctuary as well as restoring some beneficial species to this vicinity. I'm sure the sporting groups who use the field are supportive and thankful for this as well.

Finally, on behalf of my fellow wetlands support group members, let me take this opportunity to thank the willing workers who produce this outstanding publication and to wish everyone in our River Community of Bli Bli, a very happy and safe Christmas holiday season and a new year full of fun and adventure.

See you back here in 2019.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLI BLI FUN RUN

Increased participation is 30% from last year

Increased No of Stall holders 8 including Bli Bli State School

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\$17,984.93 increase by 80% from last year

\$17,500 will be donated break up is

White Ribbon \$10,000

Lilly House \$1,000

IGA Gift Vouchers Purchased by BBNHW \$1,500

Sunshine Sanctuary \$1,000

IGA Gift Vouchers Purchased by BBNHW \$1,500

Bli Bli Little Athletics \$2,500 and will remain our Fun Run/Walk partners going into the future.

Since 2016 BBNHW has donated in cash a total of \$32,600 to the Sunshine Coast Community, through our Youth Programme- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign and to the Qld Farmers Drought Appeal

Skate Park Comp held in May Annually \$4,000 Skate Aid

Bli Bli Unite Fun Run/Walk in Sept. Annually \$20,100 White Ribbon

Farmers Drought Appeal \$500

Lilly House refuge home for victims of DV \$2,500

Sonshine Sanctuary refuge home for victims of DV \$2,500

Bli Bli Little Athletics partners in FunRun \$2,500

Maroochy Men Shed Support at our events \$500

Total \$32,600

For the 2nd year in a row a member of BBNHW has won Community Member of the Year for Sunshine Coast Region

We thank all our supporters who donated funds, time and effort to making both events an annual gathering for the youth in our community and for families to raise awareness of the Family and Domestic Violence in our own community and help us keep our community safe.

Robert & Gaye Flip and family Parklakes 2, Halcyon Lakeside, Whites Supa IGA, Bli Bli Family Medical Practice, Bli Bli Pharmacy, Ray White Bli Bli, Dan Purdie Mem. for Ninderry, Sunstate Jewellers for the magnificent pieces they have donated the last 2 years. Sunshine Coast Regional Council – Cr Steve Robinson

All the men women and children who have entered in the Skate Park Comp or the Fun Run/Walk to help keep the women and children in our community safe.

Thank you to QPS for their support in helping us to implement the Crime Prevention Programmes and the Officers from Nambour Station for listening to us and respond accordingly to the crime that happens in and around Bli Bli.

As a Neighbourhood Watch we have become more than we thought we could be and more than our community expected of us.

On behalf of Team Bli Bli which are members of BBNHW and our supporters

Thank You

Edith Blanck
Area Coordinator
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BLI BLI COMMUNITY *Christmas Carols*

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HAVE YOUR KIDS BEEN BEGGING FOR PUPPY OR KITTEN THIS YEAR? CERTAINLY, A PET CAN BE A PERFECT CHRISTMAS PRESENT, BUT THIS IS NOT A DECISION TO BE MADE LIGHTLY - NOW IS THE TIME TO REFLECT DEEPLY ON THE PROS AND CONS.

Thinking ahead and considering what type of pet would best suit your lifestyle will prevent a hasty decision when you are captivated by an adorable little bundle of fur. Speak to other pet owners about their experiences, observe dog behaviours at beaches and parks, and speak to local animal professionals – trainers, groomers, shelter operators and veterinarians. Remember this pet may be part of your family for the next 15 years, and an incompatible choice can cause heartache and expense.

Take your current and future lifestyle into account. Are you planning an extended holiday, moving or changing jobs? How will you manage unexpected medical bills? Do you have the time and space for a dog? If not, perhaps a cat is a better choice for your situation.

Whether your new addition will be a dog or a cat, selecting the breed that best suits you should not be just a matter of appearances. Would you like your new friend to share the couch or do you want a jogging partner? How much time do you have to spend on training, and how patient are you? Can you budget for the extra grooming expenses that some breeds will require? There are many websites offering quizzes to help narrow down the daunting choice between breeds. Future temperament may be more predictable in pure bred animals, but assessing the nature of the parents, and early socialisation methods are also important indicators. Always be wary if a breeder discourages you from visiting or meeting the parents.

While there is no denying the cuteness of puppies and kittens, don't rule out an adult adoption. The advantages of a mature

animal are that personality, size and appearance are known, and it's easier to judge if they are good with children or prone to barking. There is an overabundance of abandoned and surrendered animals in shelters that are looking for a family to join, and sadly, most are there through no fault of their own – previous owners moving or with insufficient time or financial means to provide for them. There are also many pure breed rescues if you have your heart set on a particular breed of dog.

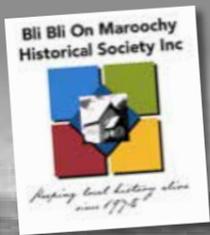
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RECALLING SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPING AT MUDJIMBA BEACH

Aerial View of North Shore, Maroochy River mouth and Maroochydore, 1950s (Courtesy Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Library, Picture Sunshine Coast)



Imagine a hot summer's day during the Christmas school holidays and it's 1932

Speaking recently with the President of the Bli Bli On Maroochy Historical Society Mrs. Betty Garrad (née née Burne) and her sister Mrs. Marie Nevin (née Burne), they shared some of their holiday memories and cherished family photographs. Rediscovering the holidays of the past, they recalled how camping with so many young children created problems for the adults who had to carry all of the fresh food needed for their camping trips. In one family story Betty and Marie's mother, Mrs. Mary Burne told of her "unusual" camping trip to the North Shore in 1932. Being so isolated, there were no shops or delivery services in the early 1930s. Everything had to be well planned and packed ready to be transported to the beach campsites.

Mary Burne talked about one of those camping holidays, in late 1932, at the time when the crowd photo was taken. A month earlier her baby had been stricken with whooping cough. Mary's mother, the big lady in middle of the photo beside Mary and baby, had given up hope. In desperation Mary kept the house cow, Patch, in the yard. At frequent intervals she bottle-fed her sickly baby with warm milk from Patch. It worked. She knew the only way she could take her baby to North Beach was to take the cow as well. Patch went across the river on the punt with the crowd. Mary then walked the cow herself the five kilometres to the beach. As she passed by Katie Wilkins's farm she saw a few cows and a Bull. When the Bull saw Patch he started to follow after them. Mary quickened her pace but finally the Bull lost interest and rejoined his harem.

Recalling the Christmas school holidays in the 1930s

The three Burne sisters - Edna, Betty and Marie, enjoyed the company of their family, their Burne cousins and other farming families like the Espins and Robinsons who also lived of Bli Bli. In this big friendly group, there were sixteen adults and some children who would all camp together at the northern side of the Maroochy River. Their aunt Mrs. Grace Burne wrote of those Christmas camping expeditions: During the hot summer days of January, during the years 1930 to 1940, four Bli Bli families would regularly spend a week or more camping at North Beach - the surfing area, east of where the Maroochy Airport is located today.

Two of the families were cane-growers, that is brothers Edwin and Bert Burne. The Espin and Robinson families grew crops, mainly during the winter months. The menfolk of these four families were all keen card players, and they played Bridge most Saturday nights at their homes. But during the long, wet days of summer rains, when the cyclones came, they could not resist the urge to while away the time, so out came the bridge cards, and the men would play most afternoons and evenings.

Getting to North Beach was not as easy as it is today, for there was no bridge across the Maroochy River, only a punt at the end of Punt Road. Three of the families owned farm trucks, which were used to transport the "entourage", and the fourth was helped by his friends. The children were aged from early teenagers to babies in cots. Tents were used as sleeping accommodation and shelter. Water was obtained from a well dug among the tea trees, with a very limited amount from a small tank brought on one truck from home (only used for drinking). The water from the well was of excellent quality.

One of the campers, Marshall Espin, was a good surf fisherman, and supplied many a breakfast of dart, whiting and the occasional bream. Otherwise

the food came from tins, as there were no refrigerators or ice coolers.

Eugary was dug by using one's feet in the wet sand; and quite good soup was made from these shellfish with added rice and vegetables. Occasionally one family would drive to Nambour for bread and other necessities. We always had a farm lad supplied by the Immigration authorities and he would walk out to the camp leading a house cow, which was then tethered among the tea trees supplying fresh milk for the very young children.

At the beach camps, the women did little "housework", except for drying nappies and washing the small children's clothes in a makeshift laundry and clothes drying on lines strung between she-oak branches. Cooking was done over the campfires and we all used gas lanterns brought from home. No doctor or hospital was needed, and no one ventured into the surf beyond the last breaker. Everyone agreed North Beach was an enjoyable camping holiday.

Joyce Killip (née Bennett) remembers camping at the beach. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Bowda took Gordon and Joyce Bennett, Pat Nichols, and Bowda children Sam, Eddie and Arnold, and they camped under tarpaulins. She said young Sam Bowda had a fine singing voice and could yodel but he was shy, so Mrs Bowda would put him in a chaff bag and hold the top open while he sang. Mr Hans Boysen lived at the beach and would offer them his tomatoes to eat. Mr Boysen walked to "The Corner", near the Bli Bli Hall, to catch the bus to Nambour on pension days and carry his provisions back to the beach in a sugar bag. In the 1940s Mr Venz would take a crowd of locals to North Beach for a day trip.

North Beach crowd 1940s: (back) Olga Suosaari, Alf Wood, Joan Lyell, Roy Walker, Edna Burne, Bernie Nichols, Joan Burne (front) Aileen Burne, Neil Garrett, Marie Burne, Joel Suosaari. (BBOMHS - Burne Family Collection)

Six Miles of Coastal Paradise

The name "The North Shore" originally encompassed only the coast close to the northern mouth of the Maroochy River. Gradually the whole beach became known as "The North Shore", until the name "North Beach" was used only by the Bli Bli locals. By February 1953, the two names selected by the Maroochy Shire Council were Mudjimba and Marcoola. The Council report stated that - "The first is taken from the fact that the island is colloquially known as 'Old Woman Island,' and is immediately opposite one portion of the beach; the other is to typify that the beach is situated between Maroochydore and Coolool. 'Mudjimba' is understood to be an aboriginal name and 'Marcoola' has come from an idea by several persons, who had taken the first syllables of the words Coolool and Maroochydore".

The North Shore of the Maroochy River has long been a favourite place for locals and visitors alike. The old photographs show the ever-changing coastal landscape, which has been enjoyed by many people now and in the past. Further changes will come with the opening of the new Maroochy Airport runway. Many more families will be able to visit and enjoy the wide sandy beaches and low grassy coastal dunes of Mudjimba and Marcoola. Stay safe and swim between the flags. To all our Bli Bli Bulletin readers, have a wonderful festive holiday season from all of us at the Bli Bli On Maroochy Historical Society.



Bli Bli Families Camping at Maroochy North Shore, 1932 (BBOMHS - Burne Family Collection)



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Northery View of Pincushion and Mudjimba Islands from Maroochydore, 1957 (Courtesy - Sunshine Coast Council Heritage Library, Picture Sunshine Coast)

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Nambour Christian College Year 10 Girls Double, Nerice Henning and Megan Webber put in a wonderful effort to qualify for the semi-finals after an outstanding performance in their heat.

Marochydore High School rower Georgia Stoddart and Suncoast Christian College rower, Lucy Hawthorne were the standouts of our senior girls and while our regional girls quad may not have medalled in their 2 kilometre event, they certainly won the best dressed with their brilliant, new regional rowing apparel for the Sunshine Coast region.



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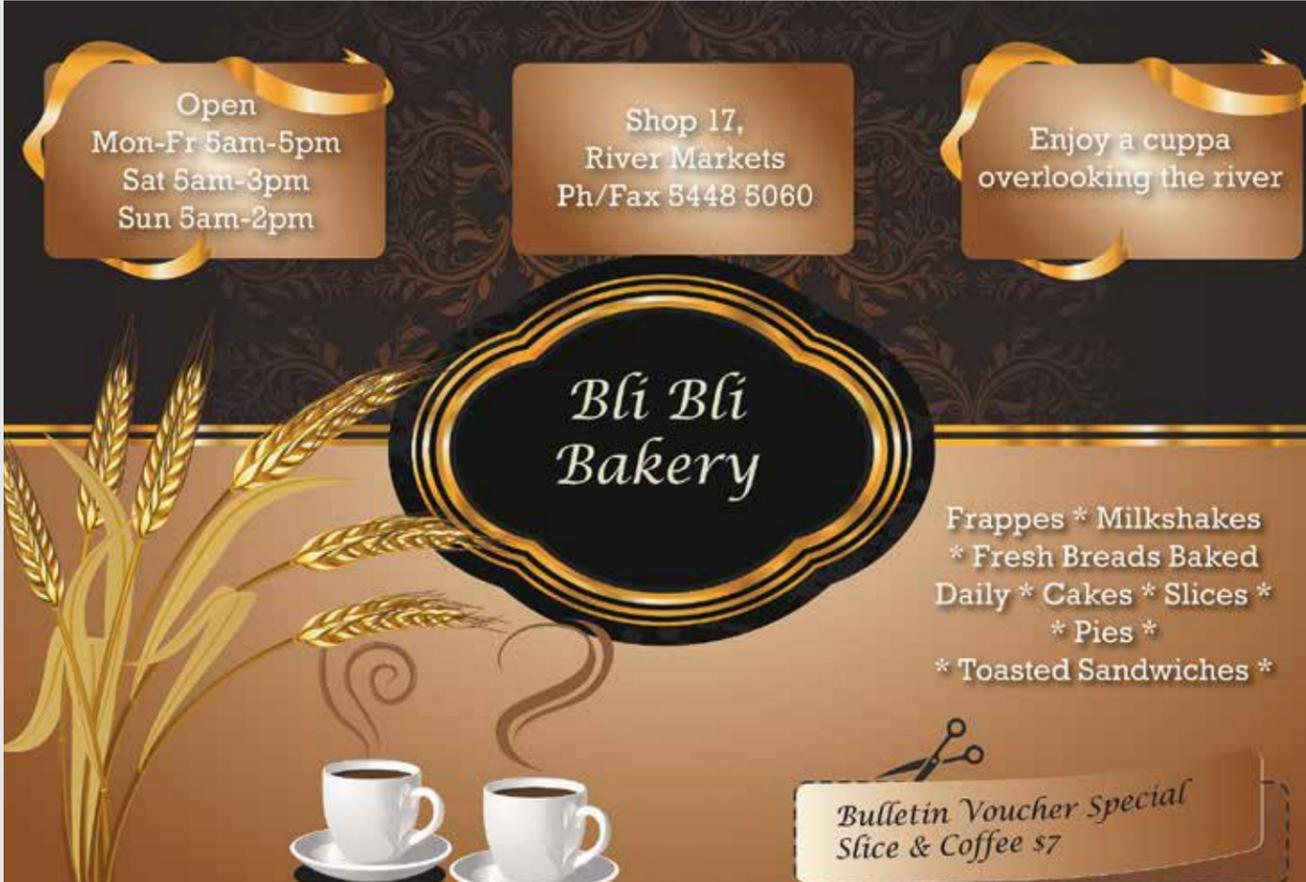
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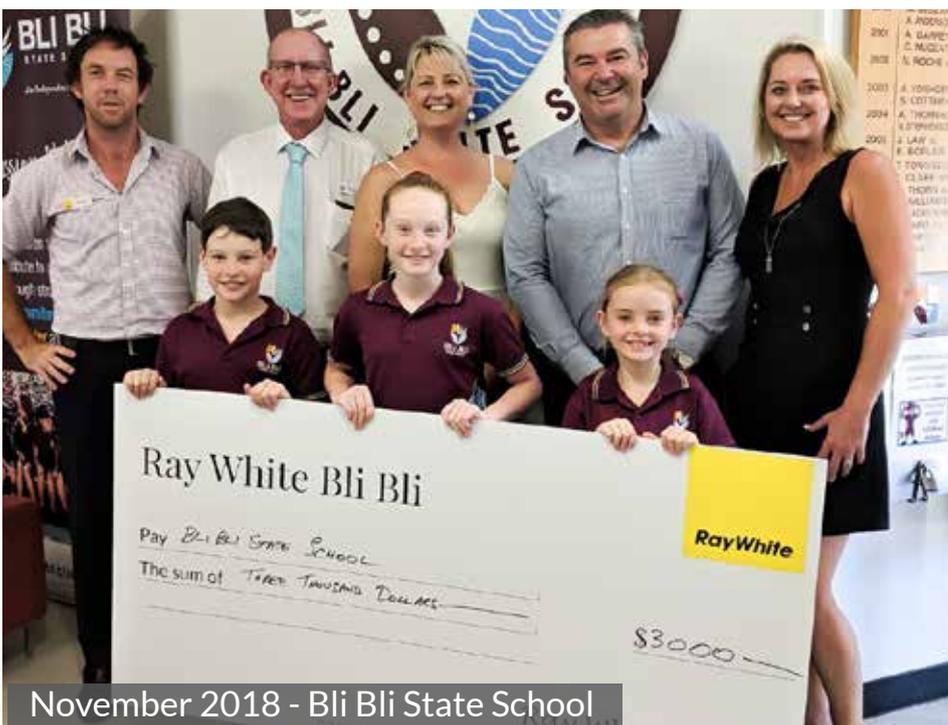
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