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A MESSAGE FROM

The Bli Bli Community Association

If you had come along to the July meeting at the Castle, we announced an exciting new event for July 2020. The first ever Bli Bli Tattoo will be held in July 2020 at the Sunshine Castle. Check out the great video on our facebook page.



At the August Community meeting there were some discussions in respect to an off-leash area in Muller Park. Council is interested in hearing from you.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE POOCH PLANS

Sunshine Coast Council is considering a change to the existing dog off-leash area at Muller Park in Bli Bli.

In order to keep multi-use parks safe for all users, council is developing a number of fully fenced off-leash dog exercise areas within multi-use parks to:

- Assist the community with responsible dog ownership, allowing dog owners to comply with local laws.
- Promote increased physical activity and social interaction of dogs and their owners.
- Provide a safe, free running environment for dogs.
- Enabling other people without dogs (or with a fear of dogs) to enjoy parkland facilities.

Have your say via one or more of the following options by Monday 14 October 2019:

- Come along and chat with council officers at Muller Park from 6am - 10am on Saturday 5 October 2019.
- Fill in the online survey at <https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au>.
- Call council on 07 5475 7272 to request a paper version of the survey.
- Email your feedback to LandscapeDesignandPlanning@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the 'Summer Edition' of the Bulletin, we intend to change the manner of distribution. Instead of home deliveries, we intend on making the edition available from various central locations. This will ensure a timely delivery and easy access to everyone. Some points of collection will be:

- Whites Supa IGA
- Bli Bli State School
- Maroochy River Golf Club
- Bli Bli Village Centre (new building)
- And others to be arranged with Bulletins on easy to see stands.

Next edition for Summer closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 11 November

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STREETSCAPING CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

Extensive streetscaping set to transform the heart of Bli Bli will include new Aboriginal art features, sure to become stand-out attractions.

These impressive works are currently being designed in close consultation with the local First Nations people and I look forward to sharing them with you when the artwork is finalised.

The Aboriginal art features are an important part of the \$1.5 million project which will include new pathways, modern sheltered seating and street furniture that will welcome people into Bli Bli.

The pathway on the south side of David Low Way (in front of the service station) is now complete and I'll continue to share updates with you as these exciting works progress.

A new public park, positioned on the Maroochy River opposite Muller Park, will be another tremendous addition to the community and will provide a scenic spot to relax with your family.

DASSI ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

I was proud to be asked to join in the celebration of 25 years of national recognition of Australian South Sea Islanders in late June.

A special community event was held at Muller Park in Bli Bli, organised by the Descendants of Australian South Sea Islanders Inc (DASSI).

It was a brilliant day which included a historical reenactment, music, dance and a selection of culturally inspired foods.

Congratulations to the organisers for such a wonderful, family-friendly event.

It really reflected the true spirit of the DASSI people and their outstanding contribution to Australian life.

SUPPORTING WELLBEING IN BUSINESS

It was a great privilege to recently help launch B-Well and Prosper, Australia's first free wellbeing program for small and medium-sized businesses.

B-Well and Prosper is an online portal that connects small business owners and their employees to information on how to establish healthy workplaces, looking after yourself, stress in the workplace - including cash flow stress, and how to manage signs of employee burn out.

Caring for our mental health is vital, as often in our busy lives we neglect our wellbeing, so please consider making B-Well and Prosper a core part of your business operations.

You can register or find out more by visiting bwell.mindstar.com.au.

NEW CITY CENTRE OPENS

The first stage of the new Maroochy City Centre recently opened and it was an honour to be part of such a historic event.

There was a sense of great excitement as I joined my fellow councillors and hundreds of community members to be among the first to walk through this region shaping development.

The opening was celebrated with a special People's Day which included the opening of the Aerodrome Road, First Avenue and Maud Street intersections and plenty of entertainment and activities.

If you missed out on exploring your new city centre and want to see it from the comfort of your own home, be sure to download council's app and take a virtual tour of how the site will look in the years to come

By 2030, the Maroochy City Centre is expected to serve a wider catchment of more than two-million people, boasting state-of-the-art technology and commercial, retail, residential and community precincts.



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

ALL ABOARD FOR OUR NEW LOCAL SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

I was absolutely delighted earlier this month to learn that months of lobbying have finally paid off, with a new dedicated school bus service for our rapidly growing community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Good Samaritan Catholic College Principal Greg Myers and Bli Bli State School Principal Gerard Quinn, for initially raising this issue with me, and highlighting the need for a local school bus service.

Given the increase in the local population, and the official opening of the Good Samaritan Catholic College in Parklakes earlier this year, the local community has grown substantially, with more and more families moving into the area to take advantage of the great lifestyle and there was a real need for a school route to accommodate the rapidly growing community.

The new service is expected to commence early this month, and will not only help alleviate congestion during peak periods, but better serve the needs of the hundreds of families in the area.

Thanks also to Buslink and Translink for listening to and responding to the needs of the local community.



UNITE FUN RUN WALK

Time is running out to register for the third annual Bli Bli Unite Fun Run Walk, to be held on Sunday 22 September.

Thanks to the hard work of the organisers, Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch and Bli Bli Little Athletics, the event has developed a well-earned reputation for its strong community focus and family appeal, with hundreds of participants running, walking, and scootering their way around Parklakes II for a good cause.

This popular event raises funds and awareness for White Ribbon and its work in addressing domestic violence. Last year, more than \$10,000 was raised, and the challenge has been set year to improve on that figure this year. As a proud supporter, I look forward to participating again this year, and strongly encourage you to register, if you haven't already done so. For more details, go to www.bbla.com.au/funrun or check out Bli Bli Unite Fun Run/Walk on Facebook.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHERS

With one season about to wrap up, another sports season is about to get underway, and there's never been a better time to get kids active, and thanks to the Fair Play program, that process has been made a little more affordable for some families.

Fair Play, which replaces the popular Get Started vouchers, provides eligible families with a voucher up to \$150 to assist with the cost of enrolling their children in sport and recreation activities.

This is a great way to encourage participation and help reduce financial barriers which can restrict young people's access to club and sports memberships.

One local club registered to accept the Fair Play vouchers is Bli Bli Little Athletics, whose new season is set to kick off soon.

According to Club Registrar Amy Smith, the vouchers are popular with families who may otherwise not be able to afford to sign their kids up for a sport or club activity.

"While we aim to keep our club fees as low as possible, for many, any additional costs can really stretch the family budget, but keeping our kids healthy and active is just so important," Ms Smith said.

"That's why Bli Bli Little Athletics is so pleased to be part of the program, which is giving more children the chance to take part."

Round one of Fair Play is open now, and closes on 9 October. Vouchers must be used by 13 November. For more details, visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay.

Bli Bli Little Athletics new season kicks off with Come and Try Day on September 14. Visit their website at www.bbla.com.au or check them out on Facebook for more details.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry





MISSION STATEMENT

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



This edition I would like to spotlight excellence in our great school. The concept of excellence sits very comfortably with me when contextualised by the following quote:

Excellence is not being the best; it is doing your best. (Anonymous)

Being “the best” in a particular field or criteria has its place, however, this speaks of a fundamental belief that there can be only one “best”. In learning, and general life, I prefer the thinking around students and staff being the best version of themselves and, as such, setting, striving and reaching for their next goal is far more productive and inclusive.

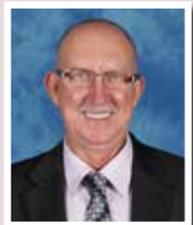


Bli Bli State School is well renowned as being a school of excellence in the performing arts for example and this entails everyone in the School Musical or choir doing their very best performance at a point in time, and this always involves lots of commitment enhancing creativity.

Similarly, the high standard of writing produced across the school almost invariably shows great improvements in the individual student’s skills and craft complemented by high-level teaching, parental support and a strong level of commitment to improve. Students are thus developing their character also by sticking to the task, learning by doing and from their mistakes.

Bli Bli State School prides itself on being a very inclusive learning organisation aiming for students to be the best version of themselves always and this is clear in terms of character and creativity development.

Although we have data that places us at or above State and National achievement in a number of areas, being proud of what we achieve together and with everyone is where our excellence is born.



Gerard Quinn
Principal

THE ARTS: STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

At Bli Bli State School, we strive for excellence in all that we do. We enable students to become persistent, team-oriented problem solvers who are confident and able to think creatively. Our music program is an integral part in the development of skilled, resourceful and innovative learners.

Creativity is clearly evident in our school musical, a much loved and anticipated bi-annual event. “Write On!”, an original script written by staff, is set at the Congress of Young Writers, where they are given a mission to travel the world and open their eyes, ears and hearts to the wonders of other cultures, in the hope that they will find inspiration to use in their writing. The multi-cultural theme allows the children to broaden their repertoire of music and dance styles from different countries, whilst catering for the diverse talents within our school. 154 students in total from year three to six, dance, sing and act their way through 8 different countries. Their non-performing peers are also involved behind the scenes through visual arts and media arts, in creating the backdrops and props, photography and publicity for the show. This production is an example of the wonderful community that we are all a part of.

Our extensive choral and instrumental program also helps to create confidence and life-long learners. Students learn skills in many aspects of music performance through guitar lessons, playing in the school band or singing in one of the choirs. Our extension choral program, Belle Voce vocal group for girls and Rebel Clefs vocal group for boys, gives extra opportunity for students to excel in vocal performance. In the recent Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod, the Belle Voce girls received First Place, with the adjudicator commenting on their confident performance and their beautiful blend of voices.

Bli Bli Music – a program of excellence, helping to develop creative, confident, lifelong learners.

Jenny Aitken



A WISH FOR SOMEONE ELSE

by Sienna W (Year 3, 8 years old)

On a sunny day at Greenbow Cliffs, Alan was going for a walk when something caught his eye. It was an old lamp. He brushed the dirt off the pretty lamp, only to see a flash of light. There floating in front of him was a genie!

“I will grant you any wish you please, only if it’s for somebody else,” the genie announced.

“Whoah!” Alan gasped as he started wondering how he could use it. Maybe for his wife Jemima to have a chest full of jewels or his friend John to have more money.

“Help!” someone yelled.

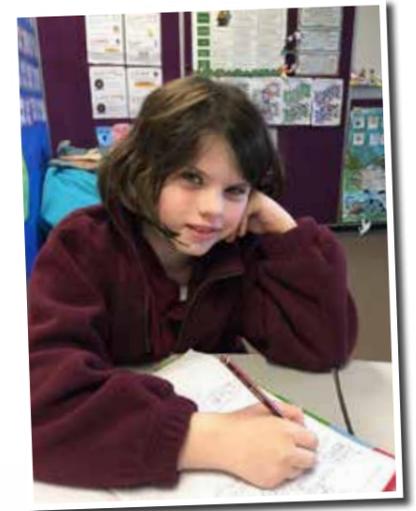
Alan looked down only to see a little girl hanging off the neighbouring cliff. He knew he couldn’t save her. Then an idea popped into his head. He could use his wish to save the girl!

“I wish that little girl was on safe ground.” In a shower of sparks, the young girl was lifted onto the ground.

“Thank you so much!” the little girl cried. “Will you accept this?” the girl added, handing him a gold nugget.

“Yes,” Alan replied happily. Alan knew what he could use it for.

This story won our school’s May Writing Challenge. Well done, Sienna!



JOIN A PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

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

If you are considering enrolling at Bli Bli State School, we encourage you to visit the school for one of our regular Principal’s Tours. After your campus tour, stay for a cup of coffee and chat with our staff.

All tours commence from the Administration Building of the school.
Book your spot today by contacting the school on 5458 2111.

UPCOMING TOURS

- 9.15am**
- Friday 11th October
- Friday 22nd November
- Friday 6th December
- 6.30pm**
- Wednesday 23rd October
- Wednesday 20th November



ENROLLING AT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL

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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.

*Please note that from May 2018, Bli Bli State School must now enact our Enrolment Management Plan. Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at our school will need to demonstrate that the student’s principal place of residence is within the school’s catchment area, or submit an Expression of Interest to enrol.

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



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Let's hear from the community...

"We've been with Bli Bli school for 6 years now and it's awesome. My preppie loves school!" **Holly W**

"My youngest finished last year. Both of my boys and our family had very positive experiences. The teachers are very invested in the children and it was a wonderful community to be a part of. You and your kids will be a part of something very special."

Rachel J

"Excellent school. Excellent teachers." **Retta L**

"We are so happy there." **Simone D**

"Excellent. Very happy community and great teachers and support." **Annabel H**

"Absolutely amazing – the teachers are so incredible and communication between parents and staff is really fantastic. They truly value and look after their students so much. Couldn't have chosen a more amazing school." **Angelique F**

Source: Bli Bli Locals, Facebook 18 May 2019



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

1. Encourage your child's excitement about school

- Talk to your child about the learning they will be doing and the new friends they will make.
 - Take a special trip to buy the new school uniform and lunchbox.
 - If allowed, visit the school in the weekend and over the holidays.
- At Bli Bli State School, you can join our school community early when you join our Buzzy Bees Playgroup.

2. Help your child build a sense of independence

- Practice opening and closing the new school bag, lunchbox and drink bottle.
- Build self-hygiene independence through toileting, hand washing and nose blowing.
- Help your child feel confident about tying their shoes laces and remember Velcro is your friend!

3. Practice the new routines

- Play 'school' with your child and practice sitting on the rug, lining up and putting up their hand to get attention.
- Practice getting dressed in the full uniform in the morning and packing the school bag.
- Practice eating lunch at set times, especially if your child likes to graze throughout the day.
- Do your best to move past day sleeps before school starts.

4. Read with your child every day

- Share your favourite picture books with your child and talk about the pictures and messages.
- Visit your local Library – you can even join our Bli Bli school library as a playgroup member to borrow out books before school starts – and read, read, read.

5. Connect with your new school

- Attend the Orientation and Transition program – check out Bli Bli's school website for more details.
- Meet the Principal and teachers, and share with us some of the wonderful stories about your child.

'BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL AND BE A LEARNER'

'Be Safe, Be respectful and Be a Learner' is Bli Bli Primary State School's motto. A school that is over 100 years old and has seen a significant increase in student numbers due to the huge boom in land sales within Bli Bli. Traffic has also increased as a result of this and a Safe School Travel sub committee has been formed to target the dangerous congestion spots during peak traffic times and to ensure the safety of their students arriving and leaving the campus.

This school subcommittee is driven by four Mum's with children at the school; Carrie Rea, Sam Delaney, Holly Wells and Tanya Cliff. All committed to improving the safety of the surrounding school zone for it's students.

One such hot spot is the McCall Place car park which a number of people access by driving over and parking on grassed zones, increasing chaos and confusion for pedestrians.

The Safe School Travel Committee, in conjunction with the Sunshine Coast Council, has been able to improve safety by planting native trees in this area to provide shade whilst also deterring poor driving behaviour. National Tree Planting day was chosen for this event. Carrie Rea, the committee's founder said "We have collaborated with Council's objective to beautify our suburb with local native shade trees and work this in perfectly on National Tree Planting day to improve the safety of our school zone during peak heavy traffic times".

The committee commented "Our school Principal, the P&C and the Safe School Travel Committee are moving forward in leaps and bounds to improve traffic safety. It just goes to show that parents really can make a difference. We love our school and it's great to be part of a commitment to improving safety for our students".

If any members of our community know of a street in need of new trees or would like to participate in Council's Adopt a Street Tree programme, please contact Council's street tree planting team at adoptastreettree@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au





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VILLAGE

I was delighted to attend the opening of Bli Bli Village Stage 2. What a great community hub for Bli Bli. The vision and leadership of Michael and Roz White is to be commended, and we're lucky to have such a diverse group of retailers and service providers open for business.

GRANT PROGRAMMES

The Morrison Government has the following grant opportunities open to support community groups, schools and businesses in Fairfax.

Stronger Communities Programme - up to \$150,000 will be shared across community projects in Fairfax that bring people together, strengthen social connections, build participation and create vibrant and viable communities into the future. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$20,000. EOI applications close 6 September 2019.

Communities Environment Program - up to \$150,000 will be distributed across environmental priorities of local community and environment groups in Fairfax. Community organisations are invited to apply. Applications close 27 September.

Local Schools Community Fund - up to \$200,000 will be granted across schools in Fairfax to benefit students and assist schools in meeting their priorities through small scale projects and their associated costs. The Fund is open to all schools—government, Catholic and independent for grants between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

For details on any of these programs, visit my website.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any Federal issues, concerns or inquiries please get in touch on 5479 2800, email ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au or visit 17 Southern Drive, Maroochydore.

NEW MINI GOLF COURSE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION!



The big news coming out of Maroochy River Golf Club is that the new mini golf course has started with an anticipated finishing date late October...only just weeks away!

Costing over one million dollars, the mini golf course will be a "world class" facility. Mini Golf is a new phenomenon taking the world by storm. Best described as the old putt-putt on steroids! Designed with 18 individual holes and attractively landscaped with small trees & shrubs, rockeries, and a lovely water feature. The area will have extensive overhead lighting for night games. Young players are guaranteed a fun-filled experience while providing a challenging fun-filled experience for teenagers, mums & dads and older folk.

Visitors will be guided to the Club's eastern car park where they will park virtually at the mini golf front entrance. As they enter the facility, the "WOW!" factor will kick in as they survey the garden-like terrace area with scattered planter boxes, tables & seating, large umbrellas, all with magnificent views over the new course as well as across the lake, golf course proper towards Mt Coolum and Mt Ninderry.

Moving towards the Kiosk, taste buds will be tempted with signage indicating such fare as burgers, chips, pizza, sandwiches, coffee & cake and a host of other snacks for you to enjoy, before and after the game. The full lunch & dining Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro menus are also available!

The Maroochy River Mini Golf course will provide individuals and families with a total fantastic fun-filled affordable experience! Game

time will be usually around one hour. Fees will be under \$20 for adults and even less for kiddies and concession holders (with putter and ball included!).

Bli Bli residents are especially invited to play the new mini golf course, or just partake in our other facilities. It is envisaged the new complex will become a major tourist draw card on the Sunshine Coast – something which our members, local residents and community as a whole should be proud of.

For more information, go to the Maroochy River Golf Club, click on the Mini Golf tab to be kept up-to-date with construction as it occurs and also the eventual opening date.



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TICKS AND YOUR PET



Ticks can be found all year round but now is the height of 'Tick Season' – this is when the toxic adult ticks are active and in search of their next meal, therefore as pet owners from now until March is the time to be especially vigilant.

There are many species of ticks, but the cause of most concern is the Paralysis tick (*Ixodes holocyclus*). They are one of the most dangerous parasites affecting domestic pets, and in South East Queensland nearly all ticks found on our pets will be paralysis ticks.

When it comes to ticks, prevention is better than cure.

Clearing long grasses and removing organic debris around your yard will help reduce the prevalence of ticks, but the only way to keep your pets truly safe is with regular preventative treatments. Bravecto, Nexgard and Simparica provide excellent protection for dogs of all sizes, and Bravecto also comes in a "spot-on" for cats.

Check your pet for ticks daily.

Run your fingers slowly through your pets fur down to the skin. Feel for small lumps and make sure you look in 'hidden' places such as under the collar, between the toes, in the 'armpits', inside the lips, in skin folds and inside their ears. Clipping your pet at the beginning of tick season will make daily searches much easier.

What are the signs that my pet might have a tick?

Symptoms can be varied, depending on where the tick is attached. Most commonly weakness starts in the hindlegs, however, if the tick is attached to the eyelid, you may notice an inability to blink or fully open the eye before other symptoms appear.

Common symptoms are:

- Weak or wobbly hind legs
- An unsteady, staggering walk
- Difficulty getting up
- A dry cough, or even just a change in the animal's bark or meow.
- Panting, loud breathing, grunting noises
- Change in breathing pattern
- Vomiting or regurgitating food
- Difficulty swallowing
- Excessive drooling
- Lack of appetite
- Inability to blink
- They may be just quiet and appear unwell

If your pet shows signs of tick paralysis and is not currently on a preventative, contact the Veterinary Surgery immediately, even if you can't find a tick.

Tick toxin is slow acting, however once signs of poisoning have begun, your pet may quickly deteriorate. Death in untreated animals can follow in as little as 24 hours.

What should I do if my pet has a tick?

If you find a tick on your pet, it is best to remove it as quickly as possible. The best method of removal is with a tick hook. Try not to squeeze the ticks' body - this can cause more toxins to be injected.

Avoid old remedies of Kerosene and Turps as these may irritate the animal's skin, are toxic to cats and may in fact cause the tick to inject more toxin.

As paralysis ticks effect the respiratory system, keep your pet calm, quiet and stress-free. Don't offer food or water as this may lead to choking or pneumonia.

Leaving part of the tick embedded will not cause your pet's condition to worsen after the tick has been removed (though they may cause local infection). Regardless, the symptoms will progress over the next 24 to 48 hours as the slow-acting toxin is absorbed further into the muscles, nervous and respiratory systems. Your pet can deteriorate very quickly, so the sooner treatment is sought the better your pets' chance of recovery will be.

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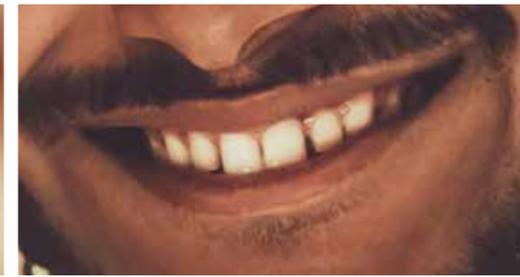
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RECORD NUMBERS OF ECO-HUNTERS ZEROED IN AND SNAPPED AWAY AT HUNDREDS OF FROGS, BIRDS, CRABS, INSECTS AND OTHER EXCITING WILDLIFE DURING THE RECENT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Sunshine Coast Council's Eco-Hunt Adventure at the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary saw visitors record their wildlife finds on the QuestaGame app, with one family even coming every day of the school holidays, except for two days when it was raining.

This year's Eco-Hunt sightings hit more than double last year's and the number of species mapped also rose by more than 60%. Visitors recorded more than 760 sightings of 161 different species.

The most unusual sighting, which received the highest points, was a Naskrecki's katydid insect.

All sightings helped contribute to mapping Australia's biodiversity, with these Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary sightings now to be added to CSIRO's Atlas of Living Australia.

Kids and adult explorers alike competed for prizes donated by local businesses, which were presented today (August 1) by Division 9 Councillor Stephen Robinson at Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary.

Lauren Tomkinson, a 12-year-old student from Tewantin State School, took out the Champion Spotter and Champion Identifier award and was thrilled with her improvement from previous years.

"I can't believe it!" Miss Tomkinson said.

"Last year when I did the Eco-Hunt I was way behind. I think I got about fifth, so this year I tried a lot harder and my parents took me to the Wetlands three times on the holidays so that I could take a lot more photos.

"It was a lot of fun, but Dad and I had to lay down and rest on the boardwalk because I had sore legs from all the walking."

Cr Robinson said the Eco-Hunt was a school holiday activity with a difference and had been a great success.

"Hundreds of people took part in the competition this year, with some coming from outside the Sunshine Coast region to participate," Cr Robinson said.

"We were also pleased to see some of the world's top ranked QuestaGame players come to the Wetlands.

"It encouraged visitors to explore the Wetlands and submit photos of wildlife through an app, and was a wonderful



WHAT'S ON IN THE WETLANDS

THERE HAS BEEN A LOT HAPPENING AT THE WETLANDS OVER THE PAST WEEKS. PERHAPS YOU HAVE BEEN ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS. IF NOT, NOW IS AN EXCELLENT TIME TO VISIT OUR SANCTUARY AND CHECK OUT ITS RICH BIODIVERSITY.

The weather is just perfect, cold enough overnight to have sent the mosquitos elsewhere and beautiful sunny days just perfect for a stroll down the boardwalk.

Maroochy Wetlands Eco-hunt

This is the third year that Sunshine Coast Council together with the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group and QuestaGame have run this programme. Sponsorship and support was provided by several local Bli Bli businesses. These were returning sponsors Cruise Maroochy, Whites IGA Bli Bli and River Shore Resort. This year they were joined by Eco River Rides.

The Eco-hunt is a citizen science project which involves the community in finding and identifying as many fauna species as possible. It was held over the June/ July school holiday period. To assist participants in finding and identifying species the programme provided four guided walk options

As part of the Eco-hunt there was a cruise on the Maroochy River to the Wetlands. Expert guides on the cruise were Penelope Mills, an entomologist at the University of Queensland, together with wetlands member Robyn Howard. They were assisted by wetlands member John Tucker once they arrived at the sanctuary pontoon.

Coolum Coastcare Junior Eco Leaders.

On Sunday 4th August the junior eco leaders held their educational morning at the wetlands sanctuary.

It was a beautiful sunny August morning just perfect for a stroll down the boardwalk to our pontoon and return. Along the way the junior eco leaders pointed out and explained features of interest to their allocated groups. The eco leaders had a focus on the mangroves of which we have five species within our wetlands. However, the crabs were all out and about and these were of particular interest to most participants as well.

Junior eco leader Spencer had a Discovery Table in the Gazebo. On display were photographs of crabs, birds and butterflies that he has recorded in the wetlands sanctuary. It was an excellent display and was of interest to all attendees.

Along the way there was a "treasure hunt" with the participants required to find and correctly identify various trees, animals and plants within the wetlands, and have their sheet stamped for each correct find.

In total there were 60 participants. These included the 28 children, the junior eco leaders, parents and volunteers. Wetlands volunteers who supported the Coolum Coastcare Day were Robin, Robyn and Judith.

So much to see I do hope that you have time to venture down sometime soon.



demonstration of how to combine the technological world with the natural world, encouraging children to get out in nature.

"The annual Eco-Hunt also helps council and the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group as partners in managing the reserve."

The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary is managed by council, Education Queensland and the Maroochy Wetlands Support Group Inc., a community volunteer group.

These wetlands are located within the Australian-first 'blue carbon' project, a joint environmental innovation between council, the State Government and Unitywater.

Cr Robinson highlighted the significance of researching the Wetlands' biodiversity, especially given the start of this collaborative project.

"Through activities like Eco-Hunt, we can better understand the Wetlands' biodiversity, and therefore better manage and protect it for future generations," Cr Robinson said.

"This is particularly timely as council works with the State Government and Unitywater on an area known as the Blue Heart, 5000 hectares of natural flood plain in the Maroochy River Catchment.

"The Blue Heart project will support landholders and local communities to adopt new land management practices that build future economic and environmental resilience, while retaining a focus on flood hazard management."

For more information about the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, please visit council's website (www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) or www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au.

For more information about the Blue Heart project, please visit council's website (www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

NEW LOOK FOR MCMARTIN PARK!



Over the winter period Bli Bli's oldest sporting facility at McMartin Park has transformed into a modern clubhouse facility with All abilities access amenities.

The reopened facilities will be just in time for the summer season with Bli Bli Little Athletics about to start up and may even see an end of season party for the Hockey Club.

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- McMartin Park is home to our local volunteer sports clubs, the Bli Bli Little Athletics Centre and the Maroochydore Hockey Club. Both clubs are keen to get into the new facility over the coming month.

The overhaul has been possible thanks to our local grassroots clubs securing \$271,500 funding through the Qld State Governments Female Facilities Program and supported by 2 separate grants of \$25,000 through Sunshine Coast Councils grants programs, thanks to the support of Cr Stephen Robinson.



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LOCAL KARATE ATHLETES COMPETING ON THE WORLD STAGE



IN JULY, LOCAL KARATE INSTRUCTORS, MARTIN AND SANDRA PHILLIPS, TOOK A TEAM OF 13 STUDENTS TO PENTICTON, BC, CANADA TO COMPETE AT THE WORLD CHITO-RYU KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS ALSO KNOWN AS THE SOKE CUP.

In Penticton, they met up with other Australian Chito-Ryu Karate-Do instructors and competitors from the Gold Coast, Sydney and Blue Mountains. In total, Australia had a small representation of just 40 athletes. Although small in numbers, the Aussie spirit was stronger than ever.

In an interview with Keith Lacey of the Daily Courier, "Martin Phillips, team leader for the Australian contingent, said he is thrilled to return to Canada and B.C. I competed in my first Soke Cup back in 1989 in Vancouver and I haven't missed one since," he said.

"Being able to meet up with old friends from around the world and compete against them is always exciting. Travelling thousands of kilometres to compete in a sport where most are eliminated in two minutes is simply the nature of martial arts," he added. "You have to train incredibly hard to make sure you're better than everyone else over two minutes."

The Soke Cup is the pinnacle event for all Chito-Ryu Karate-Do students to come together from all over the world to test their skills and more importantly come together in the spirit of friendship, peace, and harmony.

Sunshine Coast Karate athletes were on fire with every competitor securing a podium finish. Although Sunshine Coast Karate has produced numerous world champions and top performing teams since the year 2000, this is the first time that all athletes had earned a place on the podium.

In a recent Penticton Now editorial, Gord Goble said, "We sat in on some of the action Saturday and found it riveting. The only problem? The action is so blazing fast that it's hard to keep track of which combatant delivered which blow. But that's okay - several matches run concurrently, and the next one is only a few minutes away."

Medal Tally
5 Gold
6 Silver
15 Bronze

Local Athletes

Keanu Caston, Klaudia Caston, Rosemarie Caston, Patrick Edwards, Jack Graham, Faith Hardy, Miguel Hardy, Sam Hunt, Mahirah Khan, Na'ila Khan, Raiyan Khan, Sam Phillips, Renae Saunders

After the event, Senior Instructor, Michael Noonan, 7th Dan Kyoshi from Sydney shared a few words, "Congratulations on a tremendous effort Sunshine Coast. A brilliant performance. There was a lot of talk about how disproportionate the medals were for Australia compared to our team size."

For our Sunshine Coast Team, it was the culmination of over 12 months commitment, training together, growing skills and preparing to compete in the highest level of competition in the Chito-Ryu world. Nearly half of the team were competing at their very first World Championships.

Sandra says, "it has been a privilege to work with this team. It's been great to watch everyone move through challenges and come out on top with some personal best performances. I hope that we will see many of our athletes step up and challenge themselves on the world stage again in 2022."



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Host club president, Russell Muller from the Maroochy River Rowing Club said Nambour Christian College had taken a very positive approach to supporting their students with rowing and feedback from its students confirmed that NCC is quite proud of the achievement of their rowers.

MRRC supports up to twenty Sunshine Coast Schools under their club umbrella and Mr Muller said their central rowing base at Muller Park, Bli Bli was proving highly successful in nurturing new rowers. Mr Muller said his

youth club committee had set a goal seven years ago to produce an Olympic rower from our region and based on the ever increasing standards of the regional rowers Mr Muller firmly believes that this goal is very achievable.

One particular rower from NCC to draw the attention of coaches is that of Year 6 student, Angus Le Couteur. While Angus started at a younger age than normally accepted at the rowing base Mr Muller said that Angus had never taken a backward step and that he could match it with rowers well above his age. The Le Couteur family has three rowers in training, James, Amelie and Angus. Other promising young NCC rowers include brothers, Joel and Oliver Broderick.



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MAROOCHY RIVER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

The Maroochy River Country Music Club celebrated their 26th Birthday at the August Concert....We had a great crowd, cutting of the cake and presentation of Membership Certificates....Lynda Brinkley celebrated her 25th year with the Club.. She has been a fantastic worker , and is of course a LIFE MEMBER.

President Darryl Norwood also celebrated his 15th year and became a Life Member with Vice President Annette McVeigh doing the presentation. Certificates of 15 years were also presented to Coral Cross, Brenda and Lionel Findlay...Country Music is very strong on the Sunshine Coast....The music is great!

GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE



We are now half way through the third term of the school year and it is hard to believe that Good Samaritan Catholic College is only just over 125 school days old. It has been really pleasing to see the students fully involved in their classes and activities, our staff engaging in professional reflection and planning of lessons and our parents coming together for community engagement events. At the same time, we are deep into the design phase of our next stage of building, the Kindy and OSHC facility is moving ahead and our enrolment processes are occurring. Interschool sport has started for our year 7 students, our music program is starting new ensembles and dance groups and League Stars has a huge following on Wednesday afternoons. Our students have joined with other Nambour Parish schools to celebrate Catholic Education Week, our Good Sams' Rose Garden has come to life and the Catholic Identity of our College continues to develop and become established. After just more than 125 school days since we opened in January, things are really happening!

The College has now finalised the names of our four Houses, that will become features of the new College. All students are in one of the four houses and as the College grows, the Houses will become a focal point for sporting, cultural, wellbeing and spiritual activities. Our students, staff and parents have been part of the process to discern names that will be part of the legacy of our foundation year. The four House names for Good Samaritan Catholic College are:

Dunethin – Named after the important local landmark, with the name meaning swimming trees

Polding – Named after Archbishop Bede Polding, the founder of the Good Samaritan Sisters

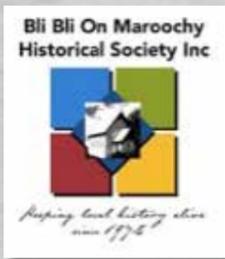
Perren – Named after the Perren family, owners of the cane farm on which Good Samaritan Catholic College now stands

Maroochy – Named after the river that flows through our community and from the indigenous story for this area

We are also very proud that Badge Constructions won the Master Builders Award for Education Facilities over \$10 million for their building of Good Samaritan Catholic College. It is great to see our contractors honoured in such a way and we congratulate all in the Badge Constructions team.

Final enrolments are now open for 2020 in years 7 and 8 and there are extremely limited places in Prep to year 4. Places are filling fast for our exciting secondary school program. Interested families are encouraged to complete the online application form or contact the College on 5374 8800 for more information.





A BOAT TRIP BACK IN TIME ON MAROOCHY RIVER

THE BLI BLI ON MAROOCHY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS UNDERTAKEN A HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROJECT TO RECORD AND DOCUMENT HOW THE RIVER HAS CHANGED DURING THE PAST 150 YEARS. ANNE MARGOC BEGAN BY USING THE SOCIETY'S RESOURCES TO COMPILE A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE RIVER AFTER EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT.

Anne found information in the file "William Pettigrew 1825-1907 Surveyor, Politician and Sawmiller" by Graeme R. Pettigrew, and from a 16 page typed manuscript about Thomas O'Connor (author not listed) in the Maroochy Public Library. Graeme is a member and patron of our society, and a kinsman of William Pettigrew.

William Pettigrew was one of the first pioneers in the Maroochy area. Around 1863 he established a small shipping enterprise between the Mooloolah River and Brisbane. He rafted logs from the Yandina area down to Maroochy where they were taken overland to the Mooloolah River for shipping to Brisbane. He then built a saw mill on the banks of the Maroochy River and the timber was cut and shipped to Brisbane from there. Pettigrew owned a significant amount of land in the area. Thomas O'Connor, a surveyor, purchased the land of William Pettigrew and Son in 1894. O'Connor lived in the original house that stood near the site of the Club Hotel. The only other house in the locality was the one in which John Miller lived at Miller's Crossing on the south bank of Cornmeal Creek. Thomas O'Connor subdivided some of the land along



PADDLE BOAT ON THE RETURN TRIP PASSING STONEY WHARF. IN THE LATE 1800S THERE WAS A WHARF FOR PETTIGREW'S STERN-WHEEL PADDLE STEAMER "TADORNA RAJAH".

the river from Cornmeal Creek to Picnic Point. There were 32 frontage allotments on the river bank. Their prices ranged from 10 pounds to 18 pounds. O'Connor held his first sale of land at Maroochy on 18th July 1908. Picnic Point was named by W.J.Smith. For forty years Thomas O'Connor took a practical interest in the development of the seaside resorts of Maroochy, Alexandra Headlands and Mooloolaba.

Until the 1920s there was no trafficable road to Maroochy, so day trippers and holiday makers travelled by boat down the Maroochy River to Cotton Tree. Some came via Deepwater on Petrie's Creek. A tram brought them from Nambour to The Cedar Tree near Deepwater, where they boarded boats bound for Cotton Tree. Others went via Yandina.

The "Vera", "Clarence" and "Dixie", plied the Maroochy River, three of the many boats built by Charles Deans. Charles came to the area in 1905 from Redcliffe to work the oyster beds in the Maroochy River for James Clark. Deans then began boat-building, a skill he taught himself from books. His boats took visitors down to Cotton Tree before the road was constructed. The "Vera" he ran himself, one of the early participants in the tourist trade.

W.J.Coulson's Maroochy River Mail Boat Service (M-S 248) commenced on 14th July 1909. It serviced the farms on the river between Yandina and Maroochy, including Coolum Creek, bringing mail, groceries, meat and supplies. Percy Evans was another well-known name on the river. The "Alexandra" was one of Percy Evans' boats. He lived at Maroochy and took day trippers up and down the river.

In the 1920s there was a school boat run by Joe Youngerman that went up the river to the Maroochy River State School at Dunethin Rock. This service for the upper part of the river continued until the school closed on 15th December 1972. Children downstream in the Bli Bli area had to row across the river and take a long walk to Bli Bli State School. The children at the bottom end of the river rowed across to Maroochy and went to school there. In 1952 Joe Suosaari started a school boat run that went from Savimaki's wharf, just up river from Stoney Wharf. It went down to Maroochy State School picking up children from the farms on the eastern side of the river. Cane was the main crop grown on the eastern side of the river. There were several approaches on the river bank where a punt collected the cane trucks and transported them to an approach on the western bank, where the Aboriginal Reserve was, up-river from the Bli Bli Wharf. Next to where the Wetlands is now, was the Punt Road, a corduroy road built of horizontally-laid saplings and covered with dirt, where a punt was winched across the river to connect with a bush track to North Beach, now called Mudjimba.



ON BOARD THE "DIXIE" WERE CHARLES DEANS, GEORGE NUTTALL, ROLAND GILL, MARSHALL ESPIN & MIKE ESPIN.

The first shop in Bli Bli was built in 1957 by Doug McBride on the southern side of the Public Wharf. He also hired boats and sold bait. A multi storey building is now under construction on the site of McBride's bait shop. The first permanent access to the eastern side of the river was when the David Low Bridge was built at Bli Bli in 1959 to carry vehicles and cane locos. Hence the end of the cane punts. Land on the eastern side of the river, and the beaches on the North Shore, became accessible.

On 17th September 2012, the "Boat Trip Back in Time" took place. Twenty-two people boarded two boats at Swan Boat Hire near Chambers Island, and headed upstream. There were some aboard who were full of memories of life on the river. Armed with cameras for a comparison of sites, digital recorders for the memories, and walkie talkies for communication between the two boats, we were determined to make the most of the opportunity. Cheryl Petersen brought maps copied courtesy Genealogy Sunshine Coast, showing landmarks and names of early settlers. In bygone days the Petersens, like the Suosaaris, were champion lifesavers, and used the river and its creeks for their training. Wayne Cook brought an album with copies of old photos. Wayne has lived on the river nearly all his life, like his father Stewart and his grandfather John Cook before him. Tommy Godfrey was a mine of information, his farm and that of his parents being right on the river, near the Cod Hole. Anne Margoc and her cousin Sonia were Suosaaris. Sonia and her sister had to row across the river to go to Bli Bli school. Anne's father began the school boat service to Maroochy. Lois Evans had many a tale to tell. Her father Cliff and grandfather Hubert Wells lived on the western side of the river. The Perren "boys", Ken and Max, were our pilots and did a marvellous job. Their brother Bob came up from Brisbane for the

occasion. Their pioneer ancestry and cane farming interests on the river flats provided some more input for the day.

Clearly visible still are the Oyster Banks where John Cook worked in the 1920s for James Clark, "The Pearl King". As the boat made its leisurely way up river we saw the odd post where once had been a jetty, drains that were boundaries of the cane farms of yesteryear, location of the old Punt Road, down river from the pontoon of the present Wetlands Sanctuary. We travelled up Coolum Creek as far as possible before turning back in sight of the old bridge. It was indeed a "boat trip back in time".

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