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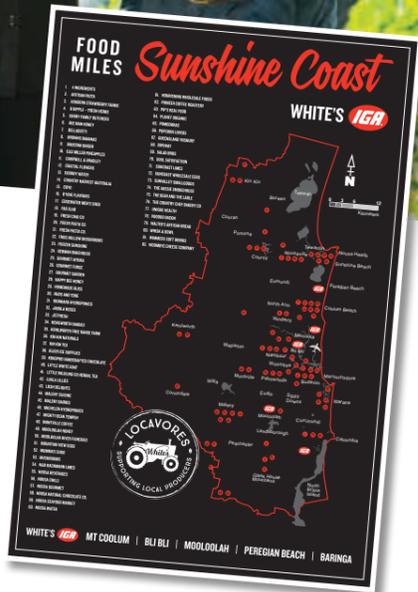
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WHAT IS A LOCAVORE?

The official definition of a locavore is 'a person who makes an effort to eat food that is grown, raised, or produced locally, usually within 150-200 kilometre radius of home'. Locavores are eco-conscious and interested in sustainability.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It would appear that the change we made to the last edition has been well received with various collection points for the Bulletin. With the wild weather we have been receiving from hot and dry days to flooding rain, the collection points means that volunteers are not put at risk and the Bulletin stays nice and dry.

The local Council elections are now upon us and as usual we will be holding a meet the candidate night on Tuesday 10 March from 7.30pm in the Old Church. It is an opportunity to meet all of the candidates that are standing for division 9 and gain an understanding of their platforms.

The election will see the end of the tenure of Cr Steve Robinson as the division 9 Councillor. On behalf of the Association we would like to thank him for his support during the past 8 years. Previously the sitting Councillor rarely attended our monthly meetings, however over the past 8 years Steve would attend as many of the meetings as he could. As a result the opportunity was always there for the local residents to raise any issues with Steve and hear first hand what the Council was doing. So no one can complain that Steve did not make himself available or did not listen to the people.

We invite local groups to submit stories and articles to the Bulletin. The Bulletin is run by volunteers so as to keep the local community informed as to what is happening in Bli Bli. It is a pretty unique magazine and so there is a great opportunity to promote your organisation. We welcome new stories and contributors to the Bulletin.

Next edition for Winter closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 11 May 2020

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A WORD FROM CR STEVE ROBINSON COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION 9

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As this is my last column as your councillor for Division 9 (including Bli Bli), Chris has asked me to briefly reflect on my two terms (8 years) in council as I say goodbye.

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEERISM

It was only when I became a councillor with much closer connections to the community that I had any understanding of the many thousands of residents who selflessly volunteer much of their lives to support their community. It is impossible to put a value on the essential work they do, but every walk of life on the Sunshine Coast has been improved by these passionate, supportive and caring people. It has been an amazing privilege working with this enthusiastic group, so I would like to shine a light on their achievements and wish them continued health and happiness for these people are sorely needed in these challenging times.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT

The councillor role also takes you into a Council organisation and its wide-ranging departments that service our community. With a population of around 320,000 people it is difficult to imagine what it takes to deliver such things as a decent road network, cycle ways and pathways, clean beaches, lakes rivers and canals, libraries, sporting facilities, community venues, waste management services, cemeteries, environmental lands and bushland habitat, recreation parks, trails and facilities, lifeguards, disaster management co-ordination and response and nearly \$6billion of assets to manage on behalf of the community. There is no doubt in my mind that all of those products and services are delivered relatively seamlessly because of the skills and dedication of the staff that work in council. I will say when I was working on the outside of council I didn't hold this view. However, given my personal experiences in the councillor role it became clear to me the vast majority of council staff are here to serve this community to the best of their ability. They may not get everything right, but given the enormity of their task, they do a heck of a job.

COUNCILLOR INFLUENCE

Another factor that surprised me about being a councillor is how significant an influence you can have (with the right skills and experience) in achieving great regional and community outcomes. I was lucky enough to ask for and be given the Economic Development portfolio. Wow, what an honour and a privilege it has been to be closely involved in projects such as the Solar Farm, New Airport Runway, the new Maroochy CBD, the International Broadband Submarine Cable as well as hundreds of community projects that I was able to advocate and eventually deliver. My point here is that in the 'councillor' role, you can genuinely make

a substantial difference to the region and your local communities if you are prepared to step into the role and work collaboratively with the community, council and other key stakeholders.

FUTURE

Although my crystal ball is no better than anyone else's, my role does allow me a little glimpse of what the future might hold. Whether you like it or not, the Sunshine Coast is always going to be a hugely popular destination for families looking for a career with a much better lifestyle. Most of us arrived here for similar reasons. As we can't build a wall across the Bruce Highway (as some would like) we need to find ways to accommodate those new families while maintaining our wonderful lifestyle. This is why there are so many major environmental and community projects on the go to support this region and its residents. In the very near future, all of the projects mentioned above will be delivered while work is continuing on the local projects such as the Bli Bli streetscape and the new river park.

FAREWELL

Well my time in council is now coming to a close. There is no doubt in my mind that this has been the most challenging, exciting but ultimately rewarding role that I have ever undertaken – and that is saying something after a 19yr career in the Airforce. For me the best part has been meeting and working with so many remarkable people from all walks of life. You cannot help but be inspired by these outstanding individuals who go about their chosen profession and/or volunteer work doing their best to make their community and this world a better place. If I can ask one thing of you it is to try your hardest to avoid any of the negative stuff out there and be a part of the positive things that life can offer. I have a fair bit of experience in that space given my higher profile role.

FINALLY, A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE BLI BLI AND SURROUNDING AREA RESIDENTS FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO THIS COMMUNITY. WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY. TAKE CARE AND I WILL SEE YOU AROUND SOMETIME!

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

It's been a busy start to the new year!

I want to start by acknowledging my local government counterpart, Cr Steve Robinson, who will be stepping down from his role at the upcoming Council elections. Steve has been a fantastic advocate for the Bli Bli community, and has been a great source of advice and assistance to me on local issues since my election in late 2017. I know he will be missed, but there's a great field of candidates who've put their hand up, keen to step into his shoes. I wish Steve and his family all the best for the future.

DOORKNOCKING IN YOUR AREA

I will be doorknocking in Bli Bli on Wednesday 25 March, and am looking forward to catching up with residents, and hearing about your local concerns and priorities.

Keep an eye out for me in your area, but if I miss you, please fill in the survey I will leave in your letterbox, and return it to me by SMS, email or Reply Paid. In the lead up to the last State Budget before the next election, we need to keep fighting for our fair share of funding, as well as doing what we can to preserve our natural environment and the quality of life we all enjoy here on the Coast.

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BLI BLI BRIDGE

I've had a number of residents contact me with concerns about the Bli Bli bridge on David Low Way. Last year, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) introduced a 20 tonne load limit, as part of investigations into the structural safety and capacity of the bridge. In recent correspondence with the Department, I've been advised that these investigations are expected to be completed by mid 2020, and that the load limit will remain in place during that time.

With the increased traffic congestion in the local area and safety concerns, I will be closely monitoring the outcomes of the investigation, and look forward to updating residents in due course.

GETTING ACTIVE

Congratulations to Bli Bli United and the Maroochy Sea Serpeants who were among the 13 clubs across the electorate who were successful in the recent Active Clubs funding round. Active Clubs is a new government initiative designed to get more people moving more often, with the grants aimed at helping clubs encourage greater participation.

For more information about Active Clubs and how your club or group could get involved, visit www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/active-clubs

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Dan Purdie MP
Member for Ninderry

Photo Captions:

Welcoming Bli Bli State School's 2020 leaders, captains Oscar and Allie (left photo), and vice-captains Jonathon and Emma, with Principal Gerard Quinn recently (right photo)



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 *Commitment*
Character *Community*

WITH EVERY NEW YEAR, THERE COMES A LEVEL OF EXCITEMENT AND DISCOVERY AT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL.

It is a time to take stock, assess where our goals took us the previous year, which in turn enables a sharper understanding of what the next goals will be. In classrooms, teachers combine whole of class goals with goals for smaller groups with a similar need. Individual goals are determined in the areas of academic, sporting and social growth. This year students and teachers are continuing in the pursuit of being the best writers they can be. School leaders will benefit from spending time with world education expert **Lyn Sharratt**, author of **Clarity – What Matters Most in Learning, Teaching and Leading** as a natural progression of our continuous improvement journey. Again, the school continues on the march towards more cognitively demanding task levels in writing, and other subjects, and building on the impressive levels of achievement right across the school.



To add to the excitement this year I have enlisted a **(STEM) Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics expert teacher** to lead the school through the latest innovations in this area of the curriculum. At Bli Bli State School, we have recognised the importance of STEM education. Students and staff at Bli Bli State School are using the latest digital technologies to enhance their learning through dedicated STEM lessons. These lessons are increasing student engagement in STEM, as well as building teacher capability in digital technologies. With the building of capability in this area, teachers are well equipped to make cross-curricular links to further enhance the learning of students.

Throughout the STEM lessons, students are developing key lifelong skills. They are learning to problem-solve using computational thinking, be creative, critically analyse, collaborate with their peers, use initiative, communicate and become a digital literate citizen. With dedicated STEM lessons at Bli Bli State School, we are invested in delivering the vision for improved learning and outcomes in STEM education.



Gerard Quinn
Principal

CHILDREN'S WRITING

Each term Bli Bli State School students are encouraged to enter our writing challenge. Term 4 2019 saw Billy selected as the favourite amongst all winners from year 2 last year.

THE WRONG DISC

On Friday afternoon when Billy got home from school, there was a surprise for him. His dad got him an Xbox, "What is it," Billy asked. His dad exclaimed "That is an Xbox". Billy had a smile from ear to ear, "Can I play it now?" he asked. Dad carefully placed the disc in the machine, suddenly the Xbox shook and the screen glitched. Billy's dad grabbed a clean rag and started polishing the disc to clean it but it did not work.

Billy sprinted to his room in a stormy mood. His eyebrows were cross and his teeth chattered together. Billy slammed the door in frustration because he wanted to play the Xbox.

He threw his toys everywhere. His room looked like a herd of rhino had destroyed it. Billy's dad called the Video Game Man, he came however he couldn't help fix the disc.

Dad looked at the disc and it was an old disc, with Billy learning to ride his bike. They both felt very silly because they put the wrong disc in the machine.

They had one last search around the lounge room for the disc and dad found it stuck to the box. Billy jumped for joy with his arms punching the air. They both play the Xbox for far too long and they both got square eyes.

By Billy Mewha



JOIN OUR PLAYGROUP! Buzzy Bees

OUR SCHOOL-BASED PLAYGROUP IS A GREAT WAY TO JOIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY EARLY.

Younger siblings of our enrolled students or children from our community aged 12 months to school age are welcome to join our Playgroup Queensland registered playgroup – Bli Bli Buzzy Bees.

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For more information, please visit our school website www.blibliss.eq.edu.au



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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.**

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 Friday 5th June
 Friday 19th June



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- Open meetings & accessible information
- Protecting and enhancing our environment
- Diverse employment opportunities
- Authentic community consultation

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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE, DIVISION 9

Authorised by M. Suarez, 95 Annie Drive Peregian Beach for M. Suarez (candidate)

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BLUE HEART SUNSHINE COAST

It's full steam ahead for the Blue Heart Sunshine Coast project with preparations underway to host a Blue Carbon Research Forum next month (March).

The forum will bring together blue carbon and carbon farming industry experts to begin mapping out the phases of a blue carbon pilot project within the Blue Heart.

It will also identify opportunities to further research the storage of carbon in vegetation and soils to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and benefits for our environment, community and economy.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said the Blue Heart project was an Australian-first tripartite initiative being led by Sunshine Coast Council, in collaboration with Unitywater and the Department of Environment and Science.

"The Blue Heart project is a fantastic example of how council is taking action now to identify risks, and help our community prepare for the impacts of a changing climate," Mayor Jamieson said.

"Working across approximately 5000 hectares on the Maroochy floodplain, the project seeks to deliver effective land and water management to proactively respond to a transitioning landscape through conservation, recreation, flood mitigation and new carbon storage opportunities."

Further strengthening the conservation outcomes within the Blue Heart, council today (February 20, 2020) confirmed approximately 90 hectares of council-owned land within the project area would now be managed for conservation and added to council's environment reserve network.

Mayor Jamieson said the lands, located west of the Sunshine Motorway at Coolum Beach, offered an exciting opportunity to establish an estuarine wetland, due to the frequent tidal inundation of the site.

"Through the Blue Heart project, council will work with landholders and local communities to explore land-use options for private properties.

"By working together, we can build the future economic and environmental resilience of our region, as we strive to achieve our vision to be Australia's most sustainable region, healthy, smart, creative."

For more information about the Blue Heart, visit council's website: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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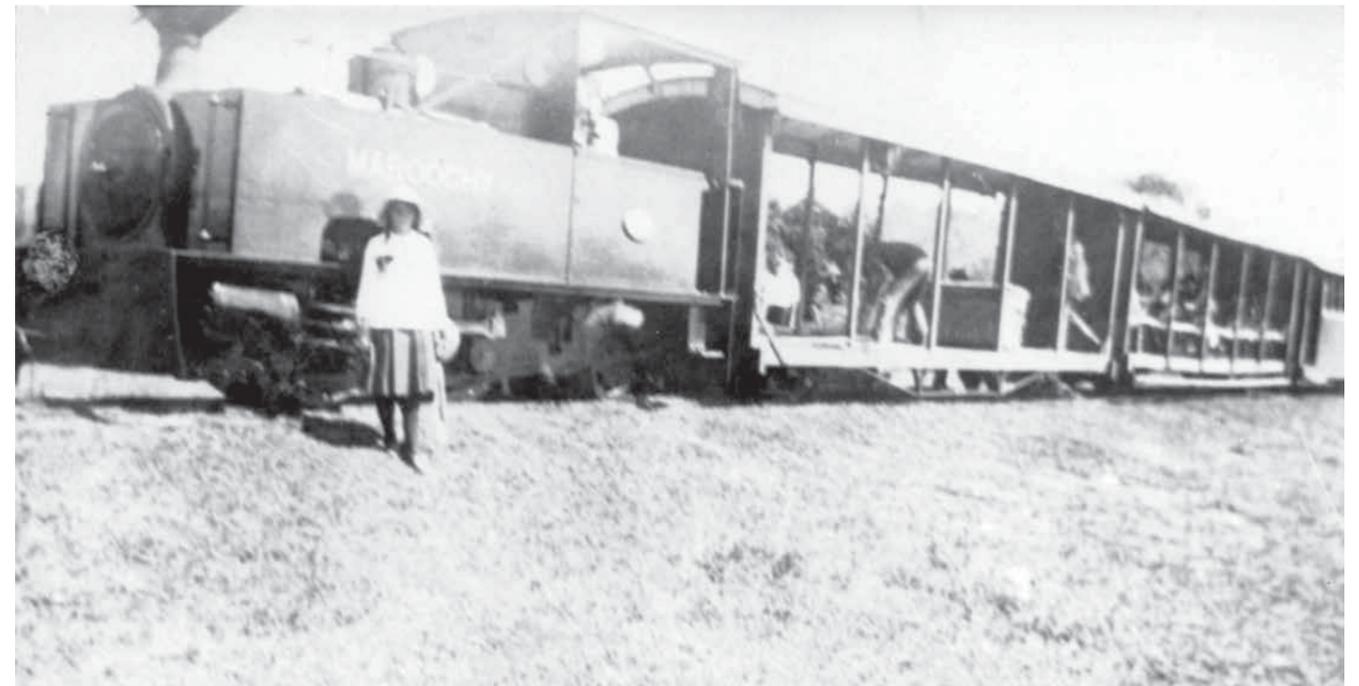
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BLI BLI, A BEAUTIFUL AND FERTILE DISTRICT

Bli Bli was the name originally given by the Aborigines to the peninsula situated between the Maroochy River and Petrie's Creek. In their vernacular Bli means "oak tree." As the Aboriginal language does not include duplicates, Bli is one tree, Bli Bli means more than one.

These trees grow in profusion along the river banks, and the she-oak is indigenous to the ridges before the land was cleared.

This peninsula (Bli Bli) when originally selected, had an area of 400 acres (161.9 hectares). This was later acquired by Henry Keil who resided there for many years and farmed some of the creek flats.

(In 1908) Mr. Keil (and his wife Elizabeth) sold his Bli Bli estate to Thomas Wells, who subdivided the property into nine farms, (eight of) which he sold (during 1912 - 1929). They then supported eight (other) prosperous farmers.

It would be difficult to define a boundary for what is known as the Bli Bli district, generally speaking it extends from Prentis' down the north bank of Petrie Creek and up the Maroochy River to Jefferies' and along the watershed between these streams to the Maroochy River tramline at Anderson's, embracing some square miles of territory and many different classes of country, giving room for a diversity of agricultural and pastoral pursuits. All of which, including dairying, fruit growing, cane farming, mixed farming and additionally bee keeping and fishing, are successfully established and prospering.

The farmers grew cane on the lower flats and pineapples grew very well on the highlands. This was eventually overtaken by sugar cane in 1920, owing to the slump in pineapples caused by the Beerburum settlement and post war depression.

There is now evidence of a revival in the pineapple industry as several growers are engaged in planting and extending their areas of this luscious fruit. Citrus trees also thrive in this district. Some trees planted by an old pioneer, Richardson Nichols some 40 years ago, were still bearing and healthy, in spite of periods of neglect, the property being unoccupied for several years over 10 years ago.

As a pleasure resort Bli Bli is well known, but not so well patronised as its situation and attractiveness so fully merits, situated as it is only 7 miles (11 km) from the Nambour Post Office to the reserve on the river banks at the Bli Bli Wharf, by a good road.

It should rival Tewantin and only needs some enterprising establishment to cater for the requirements of visitors by providing accommodation and boating and fishing facilities. A little

advertising could make it a leading pleasure and health resort.

There is a daily motor boat mail and passenger service, via Yandina to Maroochy (Bli Bli) (only 4 miles down the river) and regular motor bus and mail service, also the tramline from Nambour, so the necessary transport facilities are available to build on.

Very little is required in attention to the approaches to the river to give accommodation for all traffic and if a small area on the high land near the tennis courts (now occupied by IGA in the Bli Bli Village) was made available as a parking centre, a few ornamental trees, in addition to the natural timbers it could be made attractive with little expense.

A proposal is now being made by the appointment of a committee to establish a public hall in this vicinity and by a co-ordination of effort between existing Nambour and Bli Bli Associations, mutual advantage might well accrue.

Current public bodies already in existence are: Bli Bli Branch Sugar Mill Suppliers, The Progress Association, Bli Bli Fruit Growers and Local Producers' Association, Bli Bli Tennis Club, Bli Bli Sports Club, Bli Bli State School Committee and the Presbyterian Ladies' Guild.

The Bli Bli post office (of which Mrs. T. Phillbrook is post mistress) also has a public telephone and many subscribers are connected with the Nambour telephone exchange. Mrs. Phillbrook also conducts a shop for stationery and school requisites.

Bertie Bennett has had the mail carrying contract for several years and has displayed his enterprising proclivities in a motor bus passenger and carrying service in conjunction therewith and his two buses are kept busy in these pursuits.

Old Aboriginal Settlement: The country above the oyster banks shows evidence of a once large settlement, acres of which are still covered with the shells of oysters and other fish, which must have comprised a good part of the diet of those ancient inhabitants. Farmers when tilling their fields turn up many other curiosities in the shape of stone tomahawks, choppers and hollowed stones, in which the lubras ground their meal. Unfortunately, the last full-blooded representative of this tribe known as Marlin was drowned on the Maroochy Bar some years ago. Old settlers tell of a large encampment locality.

Influx of Settlers: Up to 1912 the major portion of the country was still in its natural state due to the holdings being too large an area. About this time, owing to the shortage of available land in the Northern Rivers of N.S.W. some experienced farmers with new ideas

and capital settled in the district. The old settlers began to realise the value of the land they held and the larger estates were subdivided. This attracted many more, from where the country and conditions were much similar. They soon made a great transformation by building homes and clearing the land which now supports a numerous and prosperous community.

The River: The Maroochy River at Bli Bli is undoubtedly the most beautiful spot in the Maroochy Shire. To the boatman the beauty of the winding stream is revealed sometimes unexpectedly, in channels among small islands clad with lovely foliage, varied by well-tilled fields and growing crops. The Maroochy is well known as a fisherman's paradise and has attracted many to build homes and settle on its banks.

A Tour of Bli Bli in 1927
An article under the name "Bli Bli, A Beautiful and Fertile District" appeared in the Nambour Chronicle of 22 July 1927.
Most of this article is repeated but some items which we have been unable to verify have been deleted. Where extra information seems desirable it has been included in brackets.

PHOTO CREDITS
Left to right
Dean family home in Bli Bli, near the bank of the Maroochy River, ca 1905
Local residents travelling along the cane tramline on trolleys, Bli Bli, 1914
Locomotive 'Maroochy' with passenger carriages at Deepwater, Bli Bli
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Its fair to say a community can be judged on its character when there is a time in need and one such event has highlighted the great Bli Bli spirit of a helping hand.

Sometime mid afternoon on the 30th January Bli Bli Utd FC clubhouse was vandalised with graffiti covering numerous walls both to the back, side and front of the building.

As a not for profit organisation getting materials to clean the graffiti off the walls either by painting over it or scrubbing it off would have made a dent in the tight finances of the club, however time was of the essence to clean up the clubhouse as the following Saturday 8th Feb was our signing on day where the community could come down meet the committee, kids could join teams and buy parts of the kit that they required.

Thankfully once again a member of our community came to the rescue Daniel Hoad a local painter took time out of his Sunday morning to volunteer his services and materials and paint over the graffiti bringing the clubhouse back to its best, looking smart and fresh for the open day.

Once again all of the committee would like to thank Dan the man with the green van for his great support and would happily recommend DMJ Painting Solutions for all your painting requirements.

Signing On Registrations are still open for Bli Bli Utd FC Ages from U6 to seniors both male & female teams.

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Bli Bli gets set to welcome its newest addition to the fast growing Health and Wellness sector as Zenko Yoga opens its doors on its third studio on the Sunshine Coast on February 2nd, at the multi-level commercial precinct, Bli Bli Village Town Centre.

'Our Village Centre has many health and well being operators and Yoga seemed a good fit for our complex' said White's IGA Company Director Michael White.

Zenko Yoga Founder and award winning business woman Lauren Verona takes the practice of yoga in business very seriously, showing a highly flexible company over the last 6 years, that responds directly to a fast evolving local community.

When Zenko Yoga first opened their doors on the Sunshine Coast 6 years ago, 90% of their timetable was Power Yoga classes. Fast forward to today and across the three studios just 40% of their 63 weekly classes are Power Yoga, with the majority of classes either Gentle, Hatha, Slow Flow or Meditation Yoga.

'This is a real indication of where the Sunshine Coast residents are at with their Health and Wellbeing today, and it is right on par with global trends. We are slowing down and taking a very mindful approach to our movement as a much more medicinal practice.' Lauren said.

Zenko Yoga has openly supported mental health awareness through yoga over the last 6 years and will continue to place mental health

and wellness at the forefront of its 2020 offering to the community, with its regular Sound Healings proving to be the most popular workshops in 2019.

'Our clients regularly report on how yoga has helped them to manage stress and overcome their mental challenges that it was an important requirement for the Bli Bli fit out to include a dedicated Therapies Room for the 10 different types of therapies we offer as a part of our service to whole body wellness' said Lauren.

'We always say that the injury or desire to touch your toes may get you through the door but your mind will keep you here'.

Zenko Yoga Bli Bli is excited to open its doors to the public on Sunday February 2nd for its official Opening Day Celebrations with 5 classes running throughout the day (8am - 4pm).

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For those who are still not sure what mini golf is, it is a supercharged version of the old 'putt putt' game but without clowns faces and animal obstacles etc... Instead, it has classy landscaped humps & hollows, delightful water features and pretend sand traps. Overhead lighting for the evening players and great background music make the mini golf so much better! There are 18 holes with two challenge levels to choose from.... easy one for relaxed fun players and a harder one for players who are looking for a bit of a challenge. Thursday nights see teams battle in the Mini Golf Super League where teams play for over \$1,000.00 in prizes over the 13 weeks season.

If you are thinking of having a party, (and we are currently catering for every type of party – children's & adult birthdays, special occasions, work parties), the Cane Cutters Catering crew can offer all sorts of options for you including platters, sit-down menus, pizzas or just some finger food.... Talk to us today to plan your next function starting at only \$30.00 per person for food & mini golf

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Families, as well as people of all ages, love coming out in the fresh air, sharing some value time, having some drinks on the bean bags, staying for a pizza or snack... The mini golf course is open from 9.00am every day to 7.30pm Sun to Thu, and to 10.00pm Fri & Sat. School holidays the hours are extended to 10pm 7 nights a week. Game costs are just \$15 for adults, children \$10. A family of 4 is only \$40.00 7 days a week, and a special Friday Family Pizza Deal is only \$65 and provides games for 2 adults and 2 children (extra children only \$5-max 2 extra), an 11 inch pizza, bowl of hot chips and jug of Schweppes soft drink! No bookings required.

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For more information on club facilities, games or mini golf, go to maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au or call Reception on 5373 1000. Bli Bli and nearby residents are always welcome (become a social member for just \$5 and receive club discounts at Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro.

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Bli Bli Tattoo

The inaugural Bli Bli Tattoo on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 July is starting to take some shape. The Tattoo will of course be held in our very own castle with a special dinner on the Friday night with tickets to go on sale in the lead up to the night. The dress code for the Friday night will be a kilt or black tie in keeping with the theme of the weekend with entertainment and a whisky demonstration and a Scottish banquet.

Saturday afternoon will see the castle come alive with entertainment by pipe bands, school groups, soloists and various

community groups. We are planning on having various stalls selling Scottish "goods".

There is still a lot of work to be done and we have formed a group of interested people to help to pull the event together. So if anyone has any interest and wishes to become involved or wishes to add ideas to the event, feel free to contact us by email – editor@bllibli.qld.au or 0410 689 415.

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Bli Bli State School STUDENTS SAFE AND ACTIVE

The RideScore Active Schools program is a great initiative encouraging children to ride their bikes or scooters to school while also giving parents peace-of-mind that their little ones have made it safely through the school gates.

"The national trial of the program launched this year and I am delighted that Bli Bli State School is one of four schools within my Fairfax electorate taking part," Mr O'Brien said.

"The RideScore Active Schools program rewards students for riding to school but more than that, it uses smart technology to alert parents of their children's travels," he said.

Small beacons are attached to the students' bikes or scooters which register via Bluetooth when a student enters the school to start their day or leaves to go home. Parents, meanwhile, receive real-time notifications via a dedicated app.

"It means parents have peace-of-mind that their child has safely arrived at school or in a worst case scenario means parents can raise the alarm sooner," Mr O'Brien said.

The Federal Government has committed \$224,558 through Sport Australia's Move-it AUS Program to the trail which is a joint initiative between We Ride Australia and Sunshine Coast Council.

HISTORIC HALL GIVEN A NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Refurbishments at the historic Diddillibah Community Hall are all but complete thanks to the latest \$5,500 funding grant committed by the Federal Government under its Stronger Communities Program.

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien said the funding was to replace old windows and fittings in the 130 year old building.

"This latest funding brings the Federal Government's total contribution to the Diddillibah Community Hall & Progress Association to more than \$25,000," Mr O'Brien said.

"The last grant helped pay for much needed internal amenities. Until then patrons had to head down the back and brave the outdoor toilets. Now they're inside the venue and include wheelchair access," he said.

Nev Watt said the grant was helping fund the hall's finishing touches.

"We're replacing the old windows with some new ones made by the Woodford Prison inmates program and we're going to also then continue the painting and do the floor," Mr Watt said.

He added that the refurbishment had significantly increased patronage at the already popular hall.

"We've got people who want to book it every day of the week at the moment.

"We've got a bridge club every Tuesday and we've got yoga on Tuesday nights. We've got heaps of weddings so yeah it's been really good."

In all, 18 community groups from across Mr O'Brien's Fairfax electorate shared in \$150,000 worth of grants from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities program.

PHOTO (left): Ted O'Brien MP officially launches the RideScore Active Schools program with Mayor Mark Jamieson

PHOTO (right): Diddillibah Community Hall

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WETLANDS

As I write this it is a very wet, wetlands but hopefully by the time you are reading it, the weather will be a bit cooler and a visit to our beautiful sanctuary will be much more pleasant.

2020 has started off with a General Meeting and follow-up Planning Meeting and there will be a few events coming along during the year to which you will all be invited.

Details of these will be posted on social media, in our Newsletter and in subsequent editions of the Bli Bli Bulletin.

Our Poetry Trail is up and running, so as well as walking the boardwalk there are now opportunities to stop and listen to a selection of poetry about the wetlands by local poets. Details of this can be found on our website www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au, or pick up a pamphlet from the Information Centre or the volunteer on duty.

You will need to have the QR Scanner App downloaded onto your phone to access the poems on site and there are signs at each of the 3 locations along the track.

The selection includes some lovely, insightful and funny poems so have a listen and add to your enjoyment of the walk.

Some exciting news for us is that we have now joined the Geocaching fraternity!

What is Geocaching???

According to Wikipedia, "Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world."

What this means is that Geocaching is a "Treasure Hunt" type of activity that involves finding hidden caches at various sites all over the country and internationally.

There is an App to download onto your mobile device which shows what caches are hidden in any given area, with coordinates and information to help you find each one.

Once found, you add your name to the list or diary inside.

There may also be small items included in the cache. You may take one of these items and replace it with one of your own if you wish.

The caches vary in size and type and information about what type you are looking for at each location will be included in the App.

All ages can take part, so it can be a fun, family outing or it can be used as a fitness activity within an area.

We, at the wetlands are very excited to be part of this and our first cache has already been found by active participants.

We are planning on adding a second cache once a suitable site has been agreed upon.

In the meantime, join the fun and happy walking, listening and Geocaching!!

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IS YOUR PET A LITTLE ON THE CHUNKY SIDE?

Many of us don't realize that our pets are overweight, as weight gain often takes place slowly over a long period. And even if you've noticed your pet is carrying a little extra weight, you may not be aware how much it can affect their health. Just a little extra weight can make a major difference in your pet's general wellbeing and overall quality of life.

Excess weight can not only have a negative impact on your pet's overall happiness and quality of life, sadly it can significantly shorten their life expectancy. Pets who are just 20% overweight have a greatly increased risk of developing serious health conditions such as Pancreatitis, Diabetes, Osteoarthritis, breathing difficulties, skin diseases, urinary stones, certain tumours, high blood pressure and heart disease.

All dogs and cats have an ideal weight for their age and breed, and your Veterinarian can tell you what this is for your pet. Though generally, if it is difficult to feel your pet's ribs, they are likely overweight. Here are some other signs you may notice:

- Their collar needs to be loosened
- Loss of an obvious waist – they should be narrower between the ribs and the hips
- Slowed movement or difficulty in walking
- Shortness of breath with small amounts of exercise
- Sleeping more than usual
- Being bad tempered

Weight gain is usually caused by eating too much, especially when combined with lack of exercise. But there can be other contributing factors, too.

- Age – While puppies and working dogs have high energy requirements, older dogs and cats are less active and require fewer calories, which is why nutrition formulated for their age is vital for maintaining their weight and overall health.
- Breed – Some dog breeds are more likely to gain weight and will require extra vigilance – Cocker Spaniels, Labradors and Dachshunds to name a few. Mixed breed cats also typically have more weight issues.
- Desexing – Once your pet has been desexed their metabolism will be reduced, so feeding less is recommended. Additionally, females are more likely than males to become overweight.

- Medical problems – Very occasionally weight gain is associated with a medical disorder that may require specific treatment. If your pet gains weight suddenly or without a change in diet, it's time to speak to your Veterinarian.
- Overfeeding – Pets with unlimited access to food understandably eat more than they need. Feeding table scraps and "people food" can also quickly lead to obesity.

Proper nutrition is the single most important factor in treating an overweight pet. Weight management diets are available that alter your pet's metabolism so they can more effectively convert fat cells to energy, help them feel full longer and avoid regaining weight afterwards. If you think your pet is overweight, you should consult your Veterinarian regarding which food is best for your pet.

As well as feeding the correct nutrition, regular exercise will help the process of healthy weight loss. When walking your dog, mix in some intervals of jogging and running to help increase the heart rate and burn calories for you both. Try a game of fetch, an obstacle course or if you have a couple of people try calling your dog from different locations to get them moving. (This is also a great way to reinforce their training to 'come')

Cats are created to exercise in short bursts rather than long stretches, so multiple, mini play sessions will work best. Shine a small torch or pointer on the walls and let your cat chase it. Try toys on a strings or ones with flashing lights to encourage chasing. Place their food up high and change the position often so they have to work a bit harder to get it. Canned cat food has fewer calories and is better for weight loss when fed as a controlled diet. If you're feeding dry food, consider a 'food ball' – so they'll be getting some exercise while they eat.

We all want to show our pets how much we love them and when they look up at us while we're having a tasty treat, who can resist sharing? However, they rely on us to do what's best for their long-term health. Denying them occasionally means you will have them around for a lot longer, and you can always show how much they mean to you with a cuddle, play, or pat instead.

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QUEENSLAND GOLD FOR OUR YOUNG BLI BLI ROWERS

More medals for our regional athletes at the recent Queensland Rowing Championships at the State Course on Wyaralong Dam, Beaudesert.

The stand-out success for the Maroochy River Rowing Club on the Australia Day long weekend was with Jacob Kerin-Bird and Charles Clarke when they scored (Gold) in a hard fought finish over those strong country boys from Rockhampton (Silver) and Bundaberg (Bronze) in the Under 17yrs Boys Double Scull event.

Head coach, Donna Muller was delighted with the performance of her athletes and a further three State Bronze medals were also achieved on the weekend by other Maroochy rowers in this highly competitive Queensland Championship.

Donna said all of her rowers had prepared well for the State Championships with constant training over the Christmas holidays and she said the medal tally for such a young rowing base was clearly a 'reward for effort'



BOAT CHRISTENING HONOURS MORE VALUABLE ROWING CLUB SUPPORTERS

Maroochy River Youth Rowing Club recently paid tribute to some valuable support from family members, loyal committee and long term supporting friends through a boat naming ceremony.

Leading the ceremony was Mrs Valerie Skillen who donated a \$16,500 Olympic Class Double Scull rowing boat and named that boat in memory of her daughter, Lyn Neville who had lost her battle with cancer. Lyn Neville was a champion water skier who had competed for Australia. Lyn had a passion for water sports.

Mrs Skillen's grand-daughter, Remi Neville is an up and coming rower with the youth club and Remi's very supportive parents, Bruce and Toni Neville are co-owners of the Bli Bli Water Sports Park.

Another rowing boat to be named in the ceremony was christened by loyal MRRC Vice President, Michael Cosgrove in memory of his brother, Sean Cosgrove.

Long time MRRC supporter, Col Westward was on hand to conduct his third boat christening for the youth club and in that process he was honoured with a boat in his name.

The half hour boat christening service involves a very meaningful religious blessing, an explanation of the boat names, an acceptance and speech and then followed by the pouring of champagne across the name on the bow of each boat.





LIONS COOL THINGS DOWN IN BLI BLI

On Tuesday 18th February Maroochy North Shore Lions celebrated the completion of a project they undertook to improve the quality of life of two disabled gentlemen living at Bli Bli by cooling their house which was causing them health concerns.

After being approached by Nick McGrath from STEPS concerning the plight of these men Lion Clive Bennett from Maroochy North Shore Lions sprung into action championing their cause.

Lion Clive said "The house required roof space insulation, a large split system air-con. and solar panels to offset power consumption and costs. A big job and the generosity of Lions came to the fore!" Maroochy North Shore Lions contributed 25% of funding, Australian Lions Foundation Ltd. 47% by way of a compassionate grant, the remainder coming from other private and public sources.

In spite of difficulties and delays in obtaining approvals Nicholas Philp and Willie Ah Wang, the two gentlemen are delighted with the finished product and most appreciative of Maroochy North Shore Lions for championing their cause .



Carol Goldsworthy - Publicity Officer
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Pictured are Clive Bennett from Maroochy North Shore Lions, Nic Philp and Willie Ah Wang whose house was cooled and Nic McGrath from STEPS.



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"Craft Group" – is on the third **Tuesday** of the month at 9.30am, at the church. Cost is \$2 and bring your own craft.

For more details contact Jackie Morgan on 0402 670 646

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Office Hours at Bli Bli Church

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OLD HALL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>MBK Dance Studios 10.00am - 11.15am 3.00pm - 9.00pm Hayley 0408 988 119</p>	<p>Global Harmonies 12.30pm - 2.30pm Jo 0403 841 856</p> <p>MBK Dance Studios 3.00pm - 9.00pm Hayley 0408 988 119</p>	<p>Bli Bli Quilters & Craft Group 9.00am - 12.00pm</p> <p>Qi Gong 10.30am - 11.30pm Christian 5448 4333</p> <p>MBK Dance Studios 3.00pm - 9.00pm Hayley 0408 988 119</p>	<p>Runaround Sloux Line Dancing 8.30am - 11.30am Leon 0408 064 439</p> <p>Maroochy River Country Music Club 6.30pm - 10.30pm Greg 0407 791 827</p>	<p>Bli Bli Bumpkins Playgroup 9.00am - 11.00am Sarah-Jayne 0403 657 087</p> <p>MBK Dance Studios 3.00pm - 5.15pm Hayley 0408 988 119</p>	<p>Yoga Class 7.00am - 8.00am Ellen Fink</p> <p>GKR Karate 9.00am - 10.00am 10.30am - 12.00pm Andrew 0407 695 005</p>	<p>Maroochy River Country Music Club 2nd Sunday 9.00am - 5.30pm</p>

OLD CHURCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Bli Bli Maroochy Historical Society 1st Monday 9.00am - 11.30am Max 0416 169 238</p> <p>MBK Dance 3.00pm - 5.15pm</p>	<p>Bli Bli Yoga 9.00am - 10.00am Petra 0409 532 940</p> <p>Trudi Yoga 6.00pm - 7.10pm Trudi 0421 369 262</p> <p>Bli Bli Community Association 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm - 9.30pm Daniel 0427 635 558</p>	<p>Ella Moon Yoga Ella 0437 822 347</p> <p>Qi Gong 9.30am - 10.30am and 10.30am - 11.30am</p> <p>Church of United Spiritualism 6.30pm - 9.30pm Craig 0488 442 283</p>	<p>Boss Babes Project 4.30pm - 9.00pm</p> <p>Maroochy River Country Music Club 3.30pm - 5.30pm</p>	<p>Kanga Training 9.30am - 10.30am</p>	<p>Roslyn Tanner 2.00pm - 5.30pm</p>	



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- 3,642 leasing/rental enquiries
- 297 open for inspections in Bli Bli
- 1,638 tenants attended inspections



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