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A MESSAGE FROM The Bli Bli Community Association

Well it has been a very busy Winter period as you can see from this bumper edition of the Bulletin. There has been a lot happening around the area and there is a lot happening in the next few months.

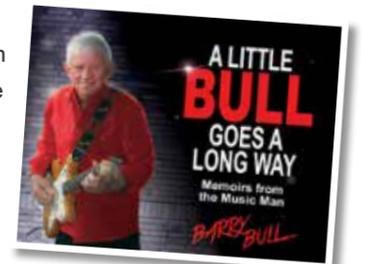
A great story is the development of the new cricket wicket at Bli Bli School. The Community Assn worked with the school and Parklakes 2 who financed the works to redevelop the old pitch so that the children have a state of the art cricket wicket. The Community Association also held an inaugural BOB night for the blokes in July which was a great success. Some great photos in this edition are testament to the night. The girls will get their turn on Saturday 28 October.

For the active there is plenty happening in September. Sculpt is holding on fathers day an obstacle course around the lakes at Parklakes 2 and then Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a fun run at Parklakes 2 on Sunday 24 September.

Then on Saturday 18 November the Community Association will be hosting the anniversary dance in the hall which is sure to be a big night and bring back some fond memories for many people. So make sure you get in early and secure your tickets.

Mc Martins Strawberry farm is a great day out with the family where you can pick your own strawberries or enjoy an icecream. Lilian Mc Martin tells us that many locals do not know that there is a strawberry farm in their own backyard. So make sure you get down there before they close for the season and let them know that you are from Bli Bli and also visit the Wetlands Sanctuary at the same time.

Coming up on Tuesday 19th September from 7.30pm the famous Barry Bull will be our guest at the community association monthly meeting where he will be performing for us as well as telling us a bit about his journey. So make sure you come along.



We are looking for more volunteers to help deliver the bulletin so if you can spare a few hours 4 times a year please give Chris Ryan a call on 0455 974 039 to volunteer.

Next edition for Summer closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 14 November with deliveries early December.

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LIVE AND CONNECTED

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CONGRATULATIONS

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team at Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary on an outstanding year. Thanks to all the volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication to this beautiful part of Bli Bli. A particular highlight for the year was the hugely successful Eco-Hunt competition that saw more than 400 participants enjoying the wetlands' natural beauty, making all hard work worthwhile.



Congratulations are also in order for Roz and Michael White, who've been working to develop the new Bli Bli Village Centre, approved by council last year. This couple also own the Bli Bli IGA Supa and River Markets development. Congratulations on all the hard work. I look forward to watching the new Village Centre come to life.

CRICKET COMES TO BLI BLI

A BRAND NEW GRASS CRICKET WICKET AT BLI BLI STATE SCHOOL HAS BEEN KINDLY DONATED BY THE DEVELOPERS OF PARKLAKES 2 AND HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND IS READY FOR THE FORTHCOMING CRICKET SEASON.

Bli Bli Community Association President Chris Baker said the "completion of the cricket pitch was the result of a collaboration between the Bli Bli Community Association, Bli Bli School, and Parklakes 2."

For a long time the school's pitch has been unsatisfactory, it was 30 years old and not suitable or safe to use as the surface was uneven and the area around the pitch needed to be re-grassed.

The aim of developing a new wicket was to enable students the opportunity to play on the wicket whilst at school and also form teams to train after school and play for a club on the weekends while using this pitch. So hopefully we will see many of the school students take the opportunity to sign up and play cricket this season.

"A past parent of the school and concreter Dan Imrie laid

the concrete and did a wonderful job. Once the concrete was laid it was necessary to reshape the surrounds which resulted in the need to re-grass approximately 200m2. Ross Boyle of Rosemount Turf came to the rescue with some winter couch. To finish it off a 3 metre wide synthetic grass surface has been laid which has created possibly the best cricket pitch and setting on the Sunshine Coast and a great asset for Bli Bli." Chris said.

A big thank you must go to the developers of Parklakes 2 to make it all possible as without their financial support it simply would not have come to fruition.



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WHITE'S IGA GROUP SHINES AT NATIONAL AWARDS

THE COMMUNITY EFFORTS OF WHITE'S IGA GROUP WERE SHOWCASED AT A RECENT NATIONAL AWARD'S CEREMONY ON THE GOLD COAST.

White's was hand picked as the 2017 National Community Award winner from a network of more than 1,400 IGA stores at the annual IGA National Retail Excellence Gala Dinner last month.

The accolade, which recognises the dedicated community efforts of the stores and team, was judged on a range of criteria including customer service, community pride, department excellence, brand values, sales, profits, merchandising and the store's overall performance.

The recognition follows years of support by the Group for local charities, schools and community organisations such as Bli Bli Little Athletics, Mater Little Miracles and Montrose Therapy & Respite Services.

In addition to various fundraising and awareness activities in store, White's also runs its Locavore program, which supports local farmers and producers and encourages customers to 'buy local'.

"At White's IGA we are all about locals supporting locals. Whether that is supporting our community charities, organisations and groups or supporting our local suppliers by filling our shelves with beautiful locally sourced food and produce," White's Supa IGA Bli Bli, Store Manager, Regan Jensen said.

"This award is reflective of our dedication to our community and of everything that we strive to achieve at a store, Group and leadership level. A lot of the work that we do within our community is driven by our fantastic store staff who really live

the ethos and philosophies of the White's group," she said.

White's Group Owner, Roz White was also the recipient of this year's Hall of Fame. Roz has been a formidable driving force in creating a positive culture throughout the business, focused on supporting people in need, as well as supporting local farmers and producers.

"We have a lot of pride in our community so these awards are such a great honor. Our goal is to support the schools, sporting groups, charities and community organisations that are quietly helping our community grow and become an even better place," Roz said.

The IGA Awards of Excellence takes place each year during the IGA/Metcash Food and Grocery Expo.

More than 6,000 retailers and suppliers visit Expo from across the IGA Network to experience retailing best practice and the latest products and food trends to bring to shoppers at their local IGA.



L-R Ian Ashcroft (IGA National Retailer Council Chairman), Roz White, Michael White, Steven Cain (CEO Metcash Supermarkets), Ian Mortice (CEO Metcash Australia)

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Commitment

We encourage our community to achieve their personal best through perseverance and a commitment to learn

Our school's core value of **COMMITMENT** speaks strongly of the type of community we like to live in and a pervasive attitude around how we build it. What does this mean in a school community sense? We all have abilities and every combination of these are different. It takes perseverance, a trait thought to be lacking these days, and a personal commitment to achieve to our personal best.

At my school referring to an activity as challenging is a good thing as it means that the content or process being learned stretches student's capabilities. This approach enhances student's learning from a growth perspective. More learning occurs when things are a little wobbly at first as we believe that learners need opportunities to practice perseverance as a core life skill.

It is not a natural thing to jump on a skateboard and immediately master balance and control nor is it a natural act to learn how to decode letters, read and comprehend meaning. They both take perseverance and commitment. Through this process we will keep discovering our personal best, breaking through it towards our next level of competence.

I proudly see this happening in classrooms from students and staff every day, not simply being content at striving to get there or reaching a goal but pushing on further to achieve their next personal best.

At Bli Bli State School students, parents, staff and community work together to build a culture in which we are all committed to achieving our personal best.

Gerard Quinn
Principal



EVERYONE LEARNING, EVERY DAY

What a privilege is to be able to share my thoughts with you all about our wonderful, progressive and inclusive school. It is our **commitment** to learning that motivates us all.

Part of my role at school is in Learning Support and it is a pleasure to work with students who demonstrate the values of perseverance and commitment. These delightful students try and try again, they make gains and develop confidence in themselves as learners. They achieve because they persevere, they achieve because they understand that the desire to learn is within all of us.

I recently spoke with a mother whose child had improved enough in her reading to remain in class, read with her group and not be supported through our Learning Support programs. These are the 'good news stories' that happen from time to time. We spoke about confidence, we spoke about commitment but we spoke mostly about persevering. She shared stories from her school days that the students who tried hard consistently and not the academically gifted that seem to have achieved out of school and lead fuller, happier lives.

Sometimes the commitment to learning, to our students achieving comes from remarkable people. Schools rely heavily on volunteers and our school has extraordinary people who help across the campus in all manner of ways. We have a band of volunteers that come to our school and read with our students in the Support-a- Reader program. These volunteers have lead busy lives, have travelled, raised families and now in their retirement they give time to our school. What a wonderful gift it is. The volunteers give an hour or more a week and work one on one

to guide children through their readers. They share with their students a love of reading, the knowledge they have gained and the pure joy of spending time with someone who cares about them. Our volunteers are committed to helping our learners, learn. Our students are animated when they work with their tutors, their reading improves, their confidence grows and the conversations that flow bridge generations.

Our commitment to achieving our personal best whether child or adult is shared within our school and our wider community. It is echoed in every lesson, every plan, every conversation and every act. It is this deliberateness of practice, our staff, our volunteers, our community and our students that make our school the vibrant learning hub it is. It is what sets us apart. It is the Bli Bli way!

Julie Lowry
Master Teacher; Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy



THE BEST ROLE MODEL

A Message from Chappy Tony

Whether we like it or not, the fact remains that the adults who are in charge of us as we grow up have a significant influence on our lives and on our behaviour, regardless of whether they are birth parents, step-parents, foster parents, grandparents, or amazing teachers.

As parents, it is our job to guide our children to become responsible and respected members of society. We need to teach them to be considerate of others, to talk through problems, instead of getting into arguments and to obey the law.

Please be aware though, that our children learn much more from what we do, than from what we say. We are our child's best role model. If we are not considerate of others, if we yell and scream when things aren't going our way, then that is the pattern of behaviour that your child will most likely adopt.

Work hard at being the best role model you can be for your child. Be a loving, thoughtful and responsible parent, and we are

more likely to have the pleasure of watching our children grow into an adult son or daughter that you are truly proud of.

Chaplaincy at the school is running a number of programmes aimed at helping students develop traits that recognise everyone has something to contribute to life, that working together for the common cause of seeing everyone achieve their potential is rewarding in itself.

It's a privilege for me to join with the amazing people at Bli Bli School in growing amazing young people of today.

Thanks so much,
Tony Gibson
Chaplain



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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.

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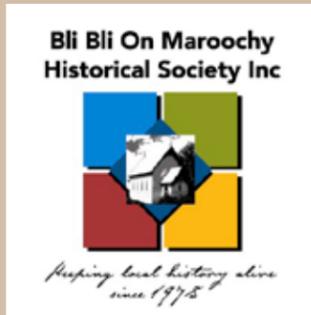
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BLI BLI HALL CELEBRATES 90 YEARS: PROGRESSIVE STEP FORWARD - 1927 OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES RECALLED



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Maroochy Shire Chairman JT Lowe officially opened the Hall on Saturday 19th November 1927

"In the short space of a few months there has been collected over £133, and a hall erected for the entertainment and use of the Bli Bli district people, on a site which is high and convenient, almost opposite the Bli Bli School. It is one of the most elevated points about Bli Bli proper, and from it may be seen the long expanse of river, and an idea formed of the great amount of settlement which has eventuated in recent years. A further attraction is added for visitors to Bli Bli and thus the new structure which now marks a further advance in that district's progress, will fill a long-felt requirement, on Saturday last the hall was officially opened by the Chairman of the Maroochy shire Council (Cr. J. T. Lowe), in the presence of a fairly representative and proportionately large number of the people of the district.

Many were there who had watched the transformation in development from dense scrub to the many cane and fruit farms which are dotted about the landscape almost at any angle where the observer desires to cast his eye.

Some, too, who could tell of the titanic struggle for existence, when the conveniences and facilities as against our present modern travel were but very meagre and uncertain, though their proud moments came when they were able to look back upon the conditions and inwardly rejoice that their efforts were not in vain in assisting to develop the country, the work of which has been followed in a worthy manner by their succeeding generations. Such men as these are Mr. Richard Nichols and Mr. Edward Pashen, who were present on this occasion and who were warmly welcomed as the pioneers of the district.

When once the ascent of the last hill was made, and turning the sharp corner at the school residence, there was provided

the first glimpse that Bli Bli people had prepared for the occasion of their hall opening, for quickly a new building came into view, near the entrance of which was a stall where soft drinks and produce were made ready for sale.

That was not all however for there was another means by which the day's revenue was augmented as a result of the organisation which the ladies of the district undertook in providing afternoon tea for all. Many had assembled outside the Hall, awaiting the commencement of the opening address, and which by that time a considerable amount of the seating accommodation inside the hall had been occupied.

The signal for the start of the proceedings was given when the chairman of the committee Mr. V. Clark invited all to come inside. On entering the Hall, there was noticed to be quite 150 persons, to whom the chairman addressed a few remarks, during which he asked Mr. Lowe to address them.

Mr. Lowe said it was a great pleasure for him to attend a function of this nature, wherein it was desired to officially open the new hall, which had come about as a result of the enterprise of the people in having a public place wherein they could assemble for entertainment and enjoyment. Such a need was long wanting at Bli Bli, and would be found, he thought, adequate for the needs of the people for some time to come. If happily, the needs were so great that they hail to enlarge, the building of the hall was such that additions could be made at any time.

By their Hall they would be enabled to 'hold public meetings somewhat freer than in the past, although they had been very fortunate that the school had always been available as they wanted it. The cost had been reduced from that estimated originally, and there had also been added a very fine piano and furnishings. He congratulated the committee in collecting approximate 135 pounds sterling, in a fortnight, and both sections had pushed very hard to gain their objective. Since that time a further amount had come along, which left a debt so small that it would not be long before the hall was free of indebtedness. They were very glad that with them that day were two of the old hands of the district in the persons of Messrs. Richard Nichols and Edward Pashen. and he congratulated these gentlemen on being able to be present with Idem on the occasion which marked another step forward' in development of the Bli Bli district.

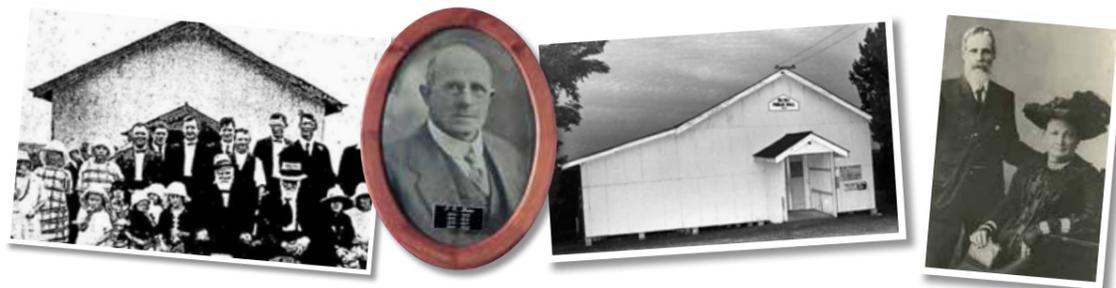
Then in the meantime another site in a different locality had been given, and thus the competition which resulted in the building of the hall had come about. He congratulated the people on their enterprise and hoped they would secure much

pleasure and benefit from it. Mr. Lowe then declared the hall open, trusting that the people would find it a source of great convenience and the scene of many pleasant gatherings.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clark and his committee for the financial success that had attended their efforts. In thanking them for the vote Mr. Clark pointed out that he came into the picture at rather a late hour, but the thanks were entirely due to the collectors for the various sites offered. Messrs. W.

English and B. Bennett. Similar courtesies were accorded the speakers. At night, a concert was held, at which there was a large audience. The programme was lengthy and varied, and the efforts of the performers were highly applauded."

Thanks to the Sunshine Coast Council's Heritage Library for use of some of their heritage images.



The Public Hall was officially opened on Saturday 19th November, 1927 by the Maroochy Shire Chairman Councillor JT Lowe. About 250 people attended the community function.

The Public Hall was extended in 1949.

Richardson Nichols and Charlotte Nichols (nee Pashen). Charlotte was sister to another local pioneer Edward Pashen. Both men can be seen celebrating at the Hall opening.

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THREE YEARS OF CAREFUL DESIGN, PLANNING AND APPROVALS PROCESSES HAVE LED TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE \$30 MILLION BLI BLI VILLAGE – TOWN CENTRE PROJECT.

White's Property Group Developers Michael and Roz White, along with their team of architects, engineers and local contractors, have laid the foundations for the multi-million-dollar build.

Construction of the first building is now underway with completion set for March of next year. Construction of buildings two and three will follow shortly after.

Bli Bli Village, Project Developer, Michael White said local builder Vantage Construction Group has undertaken a significant amount of work on the highly anticipated first stage of the project.

"We are really pleased with the progress onsite by the construction team and there's a number of key tenants locked in with just three tenancies remaining to be filled in the first building.

"It's an exciting time for us and for our community with some fantastic opportunities available including new food outlets, coffee shops, health and lifestyle stores and professional office space on offer," Michael said.

"It's opportunity opportunity in Bli Bli for anyone that wants to get involved in what is an incredibly vibrant, growing and prospering community."



Project Development Manager, Paul Brandenburg said that while the project remains on schedule, there have been some challenges throughout the planning and design phase.

"It turned out to be quite a complex project. We have completed 26 approval processes to get to the point that we're at now," he said.

"All quality projects take time to plan and this has been no different. We have completed a fairly rigorous approvals process but this means that we are perfectly positioned now to deliver a five-star development for our stakeholders and the community."

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Roslyn Lund of Gateway Lifestyle Edgewater, Bli Bli, reported a roaring success for their annual Biggest Morning Tea Event on 19 May 2017. The amount of \$3,265.80 was raised for Cancer Council Australia making those organising and attending this event very pleased as this was a significant increase on last year's effort. Guest speakers for the morning were Christine Jones, a Cancer Council volunteer and Trish Wilson, a Bloomhill nurse. An enjoyable morning was had by all.



Blokes of Bli Bli (BOB) was a huge success and plenty of good blokes turned up for pizza, beer, music and a chat!



It began back in October 2008 when Pam was touched by a close friends breast cancer diagnosis and suggested to her neighbours, Sandy and Donna, about having a 'Girl's Night In' to raise money for Breast Cancer. Consequently the days and nights of our fundraising were born. Bli Bli's own Lorna Amos is one of the Pink Belles featured in this year's Pink Belle's calendar and the calendars are on sale for \$12.00. And they will be on sale outside our I.G.A on Saturday the 23rd of September and at the Sunshine Plaza on Saturday the 30th of September.....



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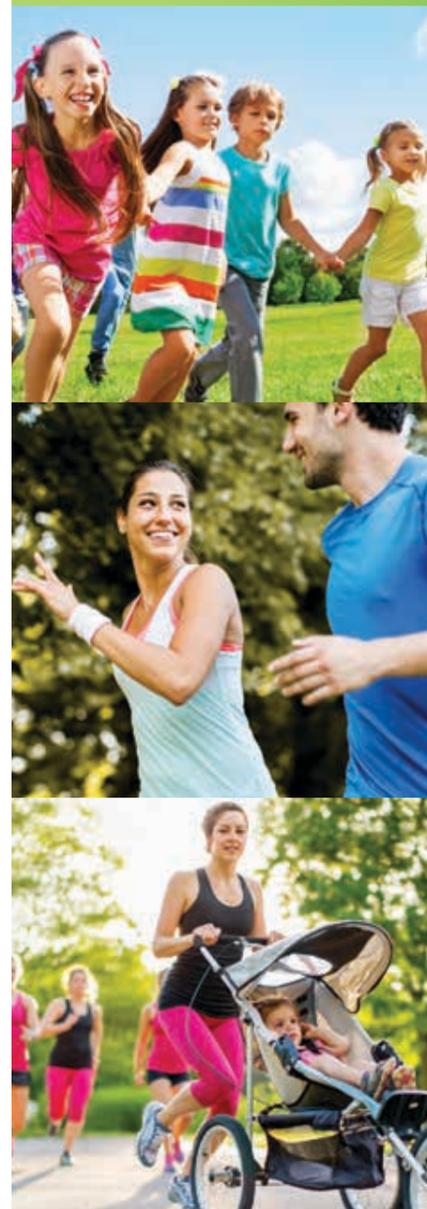
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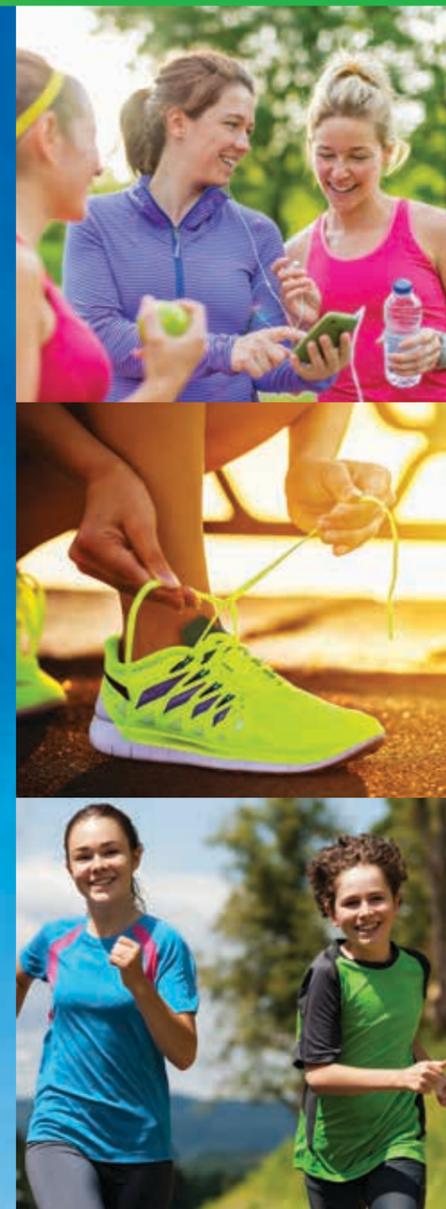


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BLOKES OF BLI BLI

FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS WITH AN IDEA BY OUR BLI BLI BULLETIN GRAPHIC DESIGNER BEN MATHIESON TO GET SOME BLOKES TOGETHER, WHAT A GREAT NIGHT WAS HAD BY ALL.

For those that missed the night, some of the photos will tell the story. But when you have a mix of good pizzas, good music, good beer and some good blokes together, it is sure to be a good occasion, even when many blokes didn't know each other. And yes ladies, they did all behave themselves.

The idea was simply to get a few blokes together who live in the area and who may not know each other, it was simple as that. At the end of the night the inevitable question was asked, can we have another one next month and when is the next one. The reply was that the ladies need to have their turn next and so the Beauties of Bli Bli (BOB) night will be held in the Hall again on Saturday 28 October.

Given the success with the blokes, there will be another one next year and with the beauties they no doubt will be very keen to have their night out and leave the kids at home with the blokes. Beauties make sure you get in early with your tickets as there are only 100 tickets available, so once they are all gone that's it.



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HOW RIVERSHORE HAS BECOME AUSTRALIA'S TOP HOLIDAY PARK IN JUST 12 MONTHS

THE SCEPTICS SAID IT WOULD NEVER WORK. NOBODY HAD SUCCESSFULLY OPENED A NEW HOLIDAY PARK IN QUEENSLAND FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. AND MIXING CARAVANS WITH FIVE-STAR 'GLAMPING' ACCOMMODATION – FORGET IT!

A year on and the doubters are eating their words.

Not only has Rivershore Resort survived, it is thriving. Accommodation numbers – both for traditional caravanners and campers, as well as people seeking the luxury of Rivershore's safari tents – are better than original budgets suggested.

Already, more than 10,500 adults and 7000 children have stayed at Rivershore.

And guests love the place. After 12 months and 456 reviews, Rivershore's guest rating is 9.6 out of 10 – the highest of BIG4's 180 holiday parks throughout the country, making Rivershore one of the most popular parks in Australia.

Not only has Rivershore found favour with campers, locals love it, too.

The Driftwood restaurant is packed almost every day with guests and locals. And the public, in their hundreds, are buying day passes which allow them to enjoy all the resort's facilities, including its large heated pool and water slides.

Rivershore is Australia's newest holiday park and glamping resort, having opened in August last year at Diddillibah,

next door to Erbachers fruit and vegetable outlet.

It is a family business, and the McGoverns – Bernie, sons Bernard and Will, and their partners – personally run the resort.

Bernie and his wife Cathy first thought of owning a holiday park in 2014, while travelling Australia in their own caravan, exploring the country and checking out parks.

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It was luxury like no camper had ever imagined in a holiday park.

By the time they'd finished, the McGoverns had spent \$10 million, but they had created the glamping resort of their dreams.



KURT BRINGS HIS CULINARY SKILLS TO DRIFTWOOD RESTAURANT

WHEN KURT VASBINDER WAS FINDING HIS WAY AS A YOUNG CHEF, HE WORKED FOR FREE AT A JAPANESE RESTAURANT IN SYDNEY, JUST SO HE COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT COOKING ASIAN FOOD.

His reward was the knowledge he picked up – and, of course, the delicious fare he was able to eat at the end of each shift.

Years later, Kurt is putting those skills to good use as head chef at Rivershore Resort's Driftwood restaurant, where the food served up on a daily basis has won rave reviews from resort guests, as well as Sunshine Coast locals.

Diners are now enjoying Kurt's winter menu, which is based largely on Mediterranean cooking with an Asian influence, with most of the products sourced locally.

Kurt is originally from Melbourne, the son of a food importer, who specialised in sourcing European food ingredients for a number of delicatessens and restaurants.

He says it was those early years, and his love of different foods, that led him to becoming a chef.

Coast diners will remember Kurt as a chef at the Coolum

Surf Club, the Sheraton in Noosa and the Aquatic Grill in Alexandra Headland. He's also taught at Mooloolaba TAFE, worked at the Sydney Olympics and prepared meals for the Noosa and Mooloolaba Triathlons.

He says he loves the Driftwood, and marvels at the riverside location of Rivershore resort.

The lunch and dinner menu offers a range of tapas, including Tuscan salt kippers, sticky pork meat balls and salt 'n' pepper calamari.

A variety of pizzas is also available at lunch and dinner, including The Stockmans (braised beef, onion, mushrooms, bush pepper and hollandaise drizzle) and Three Pigs (pork belly, finely sliced leg ham, crispy prosciutto, drizzled with a honey BBQ sauce).

Kurt's Fresh Asian Salad (grilled pineapple, onion, tomato, capsicum, shallots and peanuts with a Thai dressing on a vermicelli noodle base) is served at lunch with a choice of pork belly, soft shell crab or salt 'n' pepper calamari.

The Driftwood, which is open to the public, serves lunch every day (from 11.30am) and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday (from 5.30pm). Breakfast is served from 8am to 11am weekends and during school holidays.



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CAFE - serves devonshire teas with delicious home made scones, barista coffee, smoothies, sundaes, light lunches and of course our award winning ice cream. We cater for group morning teas up to 50 people, so why not make your next morning tea outing to the Strawberry Farm. You can sit back and relax in the tranquil surroundings while the children play on the playground.

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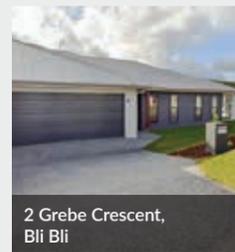
Wash, hull & chop berries, cook slowly until soft. Add warmed sugar & lemon juice, bring slowly to the boil, & boil rapidly until sets. Approx 20-30 mins. Bottle & seal in sterilized jars.



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BLI BLI LOCALS AT THE KARATE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JAPAN

ON SATURDAY 22ND JULY, SANDRA, SAMI, STEVEN, KLAUDIA AND SAM ALL TRAVELLED TO KUMAMOTO, JAPAN TO TRAIN WITH LEADING INSTRUCTORS, SOKE SENSEI (INTERNATIONAL HEAD INSTRUCTOR OF CHITO-RYU KARATE-DO) AND HIGUCHI SENSEI (7TH DAN, KYOSHI).

The weather was hot and humid yet this small group managed to train twice/day and sometimes three times/day for 2 full weeks. We stayed in the upstairs living area of the international head quarters so it was just a quick walk down stairs for most training sessions. The routine from Monday to Friday was simple. Train, eat, sleep and wash gi's (uniforms) with the occasional outing to the shops for more supplies. Throughout this 2 week period we had the opportunity to visit the home of Chito-Ryu Karate-Do President, Miyazaki Sensei and also a couple of karate schools in which we trained and assumed teaching roles. Weekends were dedicated free time, although some individual practice took place.

By the beginning of the 3rd week in Japan - the remaining Sunshine Coast students arrived in Japan. At this time we all moved to a very convenient hotel situated in the heart of Kumamoto. Views of the Kumamoto Castle could be seen from the entrance of the hotel. This week proved to be the most hectic time for all team members although we welcomed the cooler weather. It was a week of juggling training, tours and final preparations for the 2 day international tournament. Somehow we managed to get featured in the local paper and TV whilst on our main tour of Reigando (photo attached - you can see Martin - in the front - his quite tall)

The two day tournament was the feature event of this Japan trip showcasing over 500 competitors from all over the world. It was a combinations of weapons demonstrations, kata (patterns) and kumite (sparring). Sunshine Coast members have done the Sunshine Coast community proud bringing home 6 GOLD, 3 SILVER and 3 BRONZE

medals (with 6 of the team members residing in Bli Bli).

Team highlight is Sensei Martin Phillips (5th Dan, Shihan) who participated in international meetings, demonstrations, fulfilled coaching roles, co-ordinated team management duties and managed to earn himself tournament champion for his division (1st place Kata, 2nd place Kumite, 2nd place Team Kumite).





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WHAT'S ON IN THE WETLANDS

A very successful Eco Treasure Hunt was conducted by the Sunshine Coast Council and the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group at the Sanctuary over the recent school holidays. The competition was in the form of a QuestaGame where the competitors take pictures and answer questions posed by an App. The winners were presented with their prizes at a ceremony on Wednesday the 19th of July at the Sanctuary.

The function was attended by the winners, representatives from the Sunshine Coast Council and the prize sponsors, president Robin and wetland members, Councillor Steve Robinson and local Channel 9.

The winner of the main prize draw- Sponsored and presented by Kathy of Maroochy Nature Cruises was the Bettin family, Sandy and Paul and children Chloe, Jack and Sabastian.

Prize for Champion Spotter-Sponsored and presented by Tameka on behalf of White's IGA, Bli Bli, was won by Rae Bennetts and daughter Indigo.

Prize for best Find – Sponsored by River Shore Resort was won by the Fox family.

The competition attracted over 450 participants of all ages with close to 500 photographs being submitted.

Lisa Ryan, representing Sunshine Coast Council said in talking with the winners it was clear that the Eco-Hunt has not only encouraged visitors to Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, but also engaged them in innovative and thought-provoking ways:



Cr Robinson with Rae and Indigo, winners of the Champion Spotter award, and Tameka from White's IGA, Bli Bli.

"It opened my eyes to the small things, and made me want to walk quietly and slowly through the reserve so I saw things I might not otherwise".

- 13 year-old Chloe (Winner of the Grand Prize Draw)

We have at least two species of Mudskippers in the Sanctuary and Robyn has at last identified the most common one of them, the Barred Mudskipper, *Periophthalmus argenteolineatus*. People often overlook them but find their activities interesting and even amusing when they are pointed out. For a short video see our Facebook page.

Many of the plants at the Sanctuary are blooming out of season, the Coastal Boobialla, *Myoporum acuminatum*, and the Scrambling Clerodendrum, *Clerodendrum inerme*, being just two. The weather and lack of mosquitoes make this an excellent time for a visit to our local Sanctuary to see what is out and about..



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<p>Monday 25/9/17  ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE??? GET READY FOR SOME EXCITING AND CHALLENGING TASKS. WHOSE TEAM ARE YOU ON</p>	<p>Tuesday 26/9/17 Excursion Preps to Grade 7. Today we are off to the Currimundi Park. Let's get outdoors and enjoy nature at its best. Bring along a scooter or skateboard to go on the track there. A helmet must be worn at all times. Please bring along a water bottle, hat and morning tea. Enjoy a good old classic sausage on bread!</p>	<p>Wednesday 27/9/17 LEGO DAY!!! Create your own LEGO person. Incursion 2 hr Workshop 10 am  LEGO Photo booth</p>	<p>Thursday 28/9/17 Royal Gala Day <i>You are formerly invited to attend our Annual Royal Gala</i> Press up as a King, Queen, Princess or Prince to win a prize for best dressed. Enjoy a High Tea fit for a King and Queen. Create your own Royal Crown</p>	<p>Friday 29/9/17 Disco Day!!! Who doesn't love a disco....this time we are spicing things up a bit and adding Karaoke. SO warm up those vocal cords and get ready to sing good bye to the holidays. Face paint</p>

It's almost that time again... September Vacation Care! Here's a look at our upcoming Vacation Care Program. Did you know we accept bookings from children who attend other primary schools, don't wait too long to join in on the fun!

For an Enrolment Pack and/or booking sheet please contact Natarsha or Tracey

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BLI BLI OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE has been servicing our local school community since early 1990.

In 1996 Tracey Achammer was appointed the Co-ordinator and last year celebrated 20 years of service to the children and families in the Bli Bli Community. What a milestone!

We thought we would take the time to sit with Tracey and discover the history of BLI BLI OSHC and discover where it all began.

Tracey tell us a little about yourself?

I'm 45 years old and have been married for 19 years and have two children aged 13 and 18. I relocated to the coast in 1995 from Victoria, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Teaching Primary. In my leisure time, I enjoy BBQ's at the beach with friends, riding my bike, playing indoor netball and enjoying the healthy lifestyle the coast has to offer.

Tracey tell us about when you first commenced with BLI BLI OSHC?

I commenced as the Co-ordinator in 1996 and our designated room was an old demountable opposite our current facilities with donated resources and very limited space. We utilised the undercover area for sports as there was no school hall at the time and cooking activities were often held in the school tuckshop. Our average numbers of children were 30 -40 per day and Before school care wasn't an option.

A few years later we were given an additional demountable to increase our space. Unfortunately the demountables were old so we were given the opportunity to move to the old prep rooms and this is where I was able to have my very first office for administrative tasks outside of caring for children.

With the school enrolments increasing Des the principle at the time was given a government grant to build the current facilities

we use today so the class rooms could be utilised for children. At this time the school hall already existed so the building was attached and licensed to cater for 75 children a day.

What have you enjoyed the most about your past 20 years at Bli Bli OSHC?

Watching the children grow and develop and especially when they pop in to visit. More recently we now have children enrolled whose parents I cared for many years ago.

Thanks so much Tracey for the insight into this valuable school community service we all know as OSHC.

BLI BLI OSHC is a service for school aged children to engage in fun and exciting experiences while under the supervision of caring and nurturing educators. Our service works to provide children with a fun and exciting environment to learn and grow.

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Coach Donna Muller was very pleased to see her girls Georgia Stoddart, Sophie Walker, Sarah Bryan, Georgia Tadd and coxswain Tori L'hullier combine strongly in their quad race for a medal winning performance.

Mrs Muller said the quality of the school rowers at this regatta was probably the highest in our State and for our local rowers to match their skills against the major schools from Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Rockhampton was an achievement in their own right just to get through the heats, semi-finals and hopefully into the final.



NAMBOUR CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ROWING SUCCESS

Nambour Christian College rowers James Ralph and Zane Fancourt combined at the Sunshine Coast Schools Championships with a late, but fast finish to edge out other regional schools and win the 'Head of the Maroochy' perpetual trophy. These two young rowers displayed a big heart to come from behind and score victory in the main event of the day. Well done Nambour Christian College!



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The Federal Government has funded split-system air conditioning to the value of \$5000 to improve the amenity of the 80-year-old weatherboard building.

The airconditioning formed part of a \$35,000 grant assisting five community organisations in the electorate of Fairfax.

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien, who secured the grant for Bli Bli, said supporting grassroots volunteer groups and sporting organisations was very rewarding.

"We can carve out billions of dollars for the Bruce Highway but sometimes it's the little grants that make the biggest difference," Mr O'Brien said.

"After one of the hottest summers on record, and chilly winter mornings, equipping community groups with air-con systems is a no brainer."

Bli Bli Public Hall and Community Association president Chris Baker said the church was used most days and nights.

"During the summer it gets very hot and being close to the road it's also noisy so people have to shut the windows," said Mr Baker.

"The aircon will help cut the noise and keep the room much cooler."

The modern unit has also been equipped with a coin box so it operates as a user-pays system. Two dollars buys 20 minutes of air, helping cover ongoing costs.

Mr Baker said the old church was built in 1937 as a Presbyterian church. It fell into the hands of Sunshine Coast Council who then turned the lease over to the community to manage.

The church on Willis Road has since been reroofed and repainted and also undergoes a regular wash down.

Other groups to share in the \$35,000 funding grant were The Range Community Kindergarten, Mapleton Bowls Club, Eumundi's Scout Hall and Kureelipa's Community Hall which each installed air conditioning or needed security improvements.

WHAT IS ON IN THE OLD HALL AND THE OLD CHURCH?

The Public Hall and the Old Church is the focus of many exciting and varied activities. For any enquiries or bookings call 0409 669 704 or email your enquiry to bookings@bllibli.qld.au

OLD HALL

MONDAYS

- Aerobics** 7am - 8am (Debbie 5448 7371)
- Yoga** 8.30am - 10am (Petra 0409 532 940)
- MBK Dance** 2pm - 7pm (Hayley 0408 988 119)

TUESDAYS

- Zumba** 9.15am - 10.45am (Melinda 0412 703 110)
- Justice Dance** 11.30am - 12.30pm (Sophie 0419 797 366)
- Global Harmonies** 12.30pm - 2.30pm (Jo 0403 841 856)
- MBK Dance** 3pm - 7pm (Hayley 0408 988 119)

WEDNESDAYS

- Craft and Quilters** 9am - 12 noon (Wendy 5448 5072)
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- MBK Dance** 3pm - 9pm (Hayley 0408 988 119)

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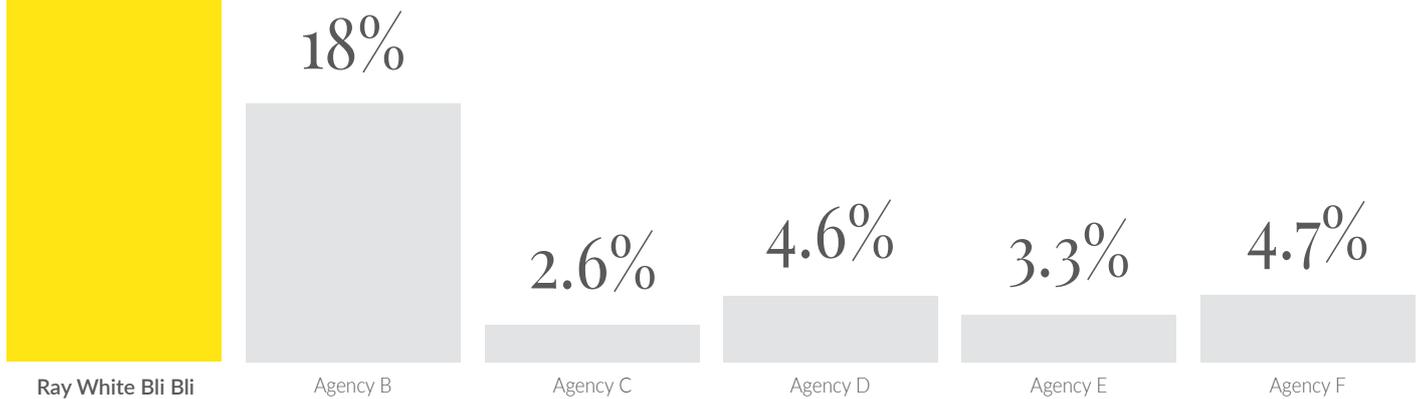
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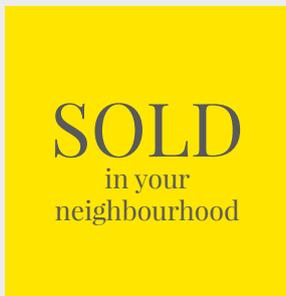
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