

# Bli Bli Bulletin

FREE

"Our River Community"

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## THE BLI BLI 'CLUBS/GROUPS' EDITION

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## A MESSAGE FROM *The Bli Bli Community Association*

Well the year is well under way with Autumn now upon us. The usual summer rains haven't arrived as yet so lets hope the next few months can bring some much needed relief to the west of us.

In the Autumn edition we have highlighted some of the groups that meet in Bli Bli. You will see there is a diversity of groups from the Arts to the sporting groups and in between. If you have a group that we are not aware of and would like to spread the word then please let us know. The beneficiary if the February Community Association meeting could well be your group. The February meeting heard from Tim Hoy of the Heritage Bank about the possibility of establishing a community bank in the new shops at Bli Bli and the financial benefits that would flow. The Community Association is now looking to progress this further.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Cr Steve Robinson for all his work in the Bli Bli area over the past 4 years and more particularly his regular attendance at our monthly meetings and the updates that he has provided to those gathered.

At the next meeting in March it will be an opportunity to meet the Division 9 candidates so make sure you take the time to come and find out more about the candidates so you know who you are voting for on 19 March.



***Next edition for Winter closes for submissions  
to the editor and advertising on Monday  
16 May with deliveries early June.***

**MEET THE LOCAL COUNCILLOR  
CANDIDATE NIGHT**

Tuesday 15 March 2016  
6.00pm Bli Bli State School Hall  
Come along and find out more about the candidates.



# THE WORK OF LOCAL HISTORIANS AND MILITARY RESEARCHERS

Bli Bli is very fortunate that in amongst the hurly burly of everyday life, there is amongst us two researchers who have an interest in the history (especially military history) of the past. Last year, being the 100 year anniversary of the Landing at Gallipoli, brought forth a renewed interest, especially if a family member had served in World War One. This was made all the more memorable if that family member happened to be an ANZAC. Quite often when a family knows that they had someone in the services and would like to pursue that knowledge further, the usual experience is that they don't know where to start.

Bli Bli's military and family history researchers are Francis Cooper – Mac and Russell Phipps. Both are very experienced in their respective fields.

Russell has studied and specializes in deciphering military records and linking them with the relevant sites, books and records. He charges a fee which includes, deciphering the records, researching and a detailed account in a printed 15 -25 page presentation booklet as a reminder of what, when and where their family member served.

Francis Cooper – Mac is a genealogist, family historian, researcher and author and publisher of family and military history books. He charges a set-up fee for setting up a family's history book, plus additional fees for the purchasing of records and documentation and the printing of the book. Each book is beautifully presented in a hard cover book and makes a wonderful gift for a family member on a special occasion or as a family keepsake for future generations.

## *Maroochy River Rowing Club*

### ROWING

FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.maroochyriverrowing.com.au](http://www.maroochyriverrowing.com.au)

Young rowers from twenty schools across the Sunshine Coast are set to move out of their old shipping containers and into their new shed/ clubhouse at Muller Park, Bli Bli thanks to the determined support from Cr Steve Robinson.



Cr Robinson and Russell Muller shake hands with approved plans and the progress of construction

Cr Robinson acknowledged that while it had been a long road to acquire the shed site and assist with funding, the journey was always progressive and with a very positive outcome. Cr Robinson said that he was delighted to support our young people in such a healthy activity and in particular this club as it provided the only practical and central location for student rowing on the entire Sunshine Coast.

Maroochy River Rowing Club president, Russell Muller, said that Cr Robinson had taken a proactive role in supporting this youth club from the first time they shook hands on the site.



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MBK Dance Studios opened in 2008 and is based in Yandina and Bli Bli. MBK offers classes in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip-Hop & Contemporary for ages 3 through to adult.

With over 30 classes being held between both studios, there is a class for everybody. Recently the studio has been passed on to Hayley Biggs, who has taught for MBK for the past 5 years. Hayley is thrilled to have the opportunity to run and own MBK and is working hard to ensure each student is receiving the very best dance education.

MBK strives to offer fun, safe & educational dance classes to all ages.

Last year two of MBK's senior dance students were accepted into tertiary dance education programs. Bree Smith was accepted into ADPI (Australian Dance Performance Institute), studying commercial dance & musical theatre in Brisbane. Bree is a very talented young woman and we have no doubt she will thrive while attending ADPI's fulltime dance course. We are thrilled to mention that Bree will still attend classes at MBK throughout the year. Dance class wouldn't be the same without her boundless energy. Congratulations Bree!

Sarah Stanke was accepted in QUT (Queensland University of Technology) to study a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Sarah had danced with MBK for many years and returned to us last year after a short break. Sarah has a true gift, making each move her own and interpreting all styles of dance from ballet to hip-hop. We have no doubt she will work professionally in the dance industry, so keep your eyes peeled. Congratulations Sarah!

We are so proud of Bree and Sarah for chasing their dreams in the very competitive dance world. We wish them all the best with their studies.

This year MBK will be entering students into the Australian Teachers of Dancing exams for ballet, jazz & tap. ATOD are Leaders in the field of dance education. With the highest integrity they deliver quality, innovative training systems and services. ATOD inspire and provide opportunities for their dance community to achieve their full artistic potential. MBK are proud to be apart of the ATOD community.

This year our adult classes in ballet, tap & jazz have become increasingly popular. Some of our adult students have had previous dance experience and love that they can get back into the fitness and artistry that dance provides. Others have never set foot in a dance studio and are now hooked on the fun atmosphere that dance classes provide. We even have a dance dad who attends our weekly tap class.

## DANCING

**WHEN** MONDAYS, TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

**TIME** VARIOUS TIMES - [WWW.MBKDANCE.COM.AU](http://WWW.MBKDANCE.COM.AU)

**WHERE** BLI BLI COMMUNITY HALL, WILLIS ROAD

There really is a style for everyone at MBK.

In late November MBK hosts our annual end of year showcase. This is a great opportunity for the students to show off all their hard work in their beautiful costumes and dance styles. The evening allows all family and friends to come along and enjoy a night of dance performance entertainment.

MBK Dance Studios focuses on providing the Bli Bli and Yandina communities dance classes that are safe, fun and allow all students the chance to express their creativity through dance.

All information on MBK Dance Studios can be found online at our website [www.mbkdance.com.au](http://www.mbkdance.com.au) or on our Facebook page.

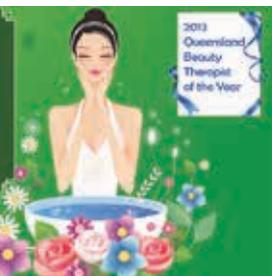
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# WELLINGTON'S WAY

## *Bli Bli State School 2016 School Leaders Ceremony*

I had the pleasure of attending Bli Bli State School on the 8th of February for a special ceremony to recognise the 2016 Bli Bli Student Leaders. It was great to meet the young people who had been chosen for the leadership positions and to catch up with Principal Gerard Quinn and P&C President Clare Stampa.

Congratulations to the new school leaders.

## *Referendum Date set*

March 19, the date of our Council elections, has also been chosen as the date we get to vote on whether we want four year fixed terms for our State Government.

Queensland is the only State without four-year terms and this proposal will bring us in line with other states and our Local Councils. While Councils have their election dates set down for March ever four years the State proposal is for an October election every four years.

I believe this will take the politics out of selecting an election date. Far too often we have seen Premiers call an early election for purely political reasons.

## *Fundraising Success*

Our electorate received almost \$200,000 in funding through the last round of Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants and next round will close at the end of February. If you would like any information on funding, give the office a call on 5406 4100.

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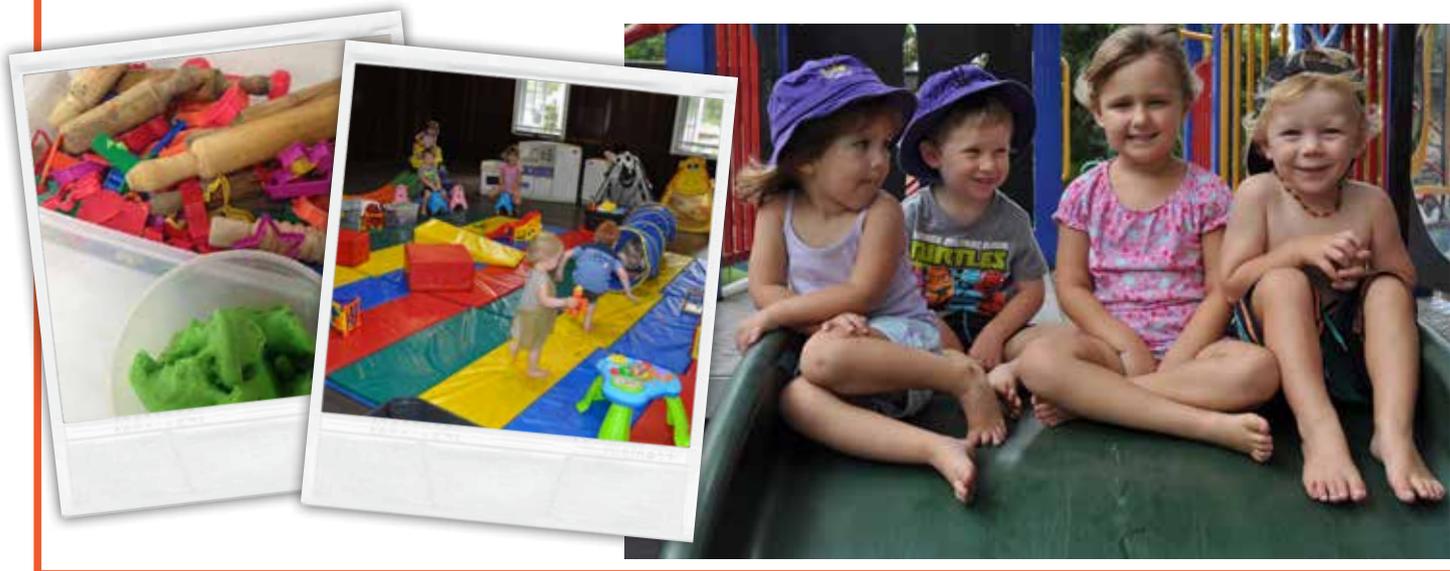
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## PLAYGROUP

**WHEN** EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

**TIME** 9.30AM - 11.30AM

**WHERE** BLI BLI COMMUNITY HALL, WILLIS ROAD



# *Global Harmonies Community Choir*

Global Harmonies is a small and friendly singing group that has been together for five years. Maddy from choir says, "we have a lot of fun and make some lovely harmonies and if you feel brave enough you should try it, it's good for your health!"

The choir occasionally performs at local venues such as aged care facilities, day respite centres and yearly in the Sunshine Coast Choralefest. We also wander on down to the local café for a social coffee post choir to share much frivolity.

We sing different genres such as African, gospel and folk to name a few. Our group provides a non-judgemental and supportive platform for people to explore their voices, is open to any age group and any level of musicality is welcomed. We would also like to encourage any aspiring men folk to join us that are keen on singing.

## CHOIR

**WHEN** EVERY TUESDAY

**TIME** 12.30AM - 2.30AM

**WHERE** BLI BLI COMMUNITY HALL, WILLIS RD

**CONTACT** JO DEGUARA 0403 841 856

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# GKR Karate

Go-Kan-Ryu (GKR) Karate classes are disciplined, yet fun, allowing an individual or the whole family to participate, learn and develop at their own speed. We have children from as young as 6 years of age, and one older student who is well into her seventies. We believe that people of all walks of life can enjoy the many benefits that karate training offers. Karate is not just a great form of self defense, but provides all students the opportunity to enhance their character and develop confidence, focus and inner security.

Above all, we teach in a non-contact environment to provide a safe training environment and to encourage self-discipline and control. Karate training allows you to improve your fitness while learning something valuable at the same time.

Karate training is generally divided up into three components: Kihon (basic techniques), Kata (forms/patterns) and Kumite (sparring).

Karate training is an individual sport. Therefore the focus is not to compete against another person or team, but rather to compete against one's self. This 'self focus' accompanied with continual improvement develops self-esteem and self-confidence amongst those who practice it.

Some of our Bli Bli students have competed at State, National and World Cup GKR tournaments and have won or placed in their age divisions. One of our youngest students Wil Evans, was the 2015 State Champion at the age of 8 years and Kaitlyn Carney won the 2015 Nationals and placed second at the 2015 World Cup in the U.K.

## KARATE

**WHEN** EVERY SATURDAY

**TIME** 9.AM - 10AM AND 10.30AM - 12PM

**WHERE** BLI BLI COMMUNITY HALL, WILLIS ROAD

Classes run all year round every Saturday from 9am to 10am and 10.30am to 12pm at the Bli Bli Public Hall, Willis Rd, Bli Bli.

So if you are interested in having fun, getting fit, learning self defense and becoming part of our Karate family, please contact Keith Daly (Instructor) on 0428 276 747 or Anthony Crumpton (Regional Manager/Instructor) on 0407 695 005.



# Ideal Health Book Club

The book club is a community event and for the purposes of your publication, you can call it the Bli Bli Bookclub. Our event email has the following information:

Teaching and wisdom of audio books. Please join us for a pleasant evening of listening to and discussing empowering books and audio books from around the world including authors like Wayne Dyer, Deepak Chopra, Eckart Tolle and many more.

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**WHERE** 20 FRANCIS ROAD, BLI BLI





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# GREAT START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

2016 is well under way with four new classes of Prep students commencing their educational journey at Bli Bli School and all other students and staff eagerly awaiting the joys and challenges that the year will bring.

A milestone for the school is the development and adoption of our new school logo. We believe this fresh new design is perfect for our school and will enhance our community profile.

This week the year 4-6 Interhouse Swimming Carnival was held and thank you to our PE teacher, Mick Dawe, for the following report.

“On February 9th, the school conducted its annual house swimming carnival. The weather fined up and allowed our students to enjoy a fun day of competitive races over 50 metres and fun races over 20 metres.

Winning house on the day in a close fought competition – only being decided after the very last race – was Russell house with 417 points. Close behind was Petrie House with 406 points, then Cook on 370 and Kabi with 291. This was Russell house’s first victory for several years in stopping Petrie house defending their win from 2015.

## AGE CHAMPIONS:

Isaac F (9 boys), Isaac K (10 boys), Zayne F (11 boys) and Jay T (12 boys)

Tahlia A (9 girls), Charlize C (10 girls), Charlotte W (11 girls), Caitlyn R (12 girls)

Students who competed well and earned an invitation to the District Schools carnival at Nambour Pool on 18th Feb are :

Isaac K, Ky B, Zayne F, Brandon Mc, Jay T, Oliver K, Jeffrey S, Charlize Ca, Kaitlyn S, Ebony B, Charlotte W, Jordan P, Shasta W, Caitlyn R, Aaliyah S.

Successful students from this event will go onto the Sunshine Coast Regional Championships at Caboolture in March.”

Other sporting events scheduled for this semester include Basketball, Netball and Rugby League trials which will be very popular and the Year 6 Camp to NSW which is also eagerly anticipated by the students.

Garden Club, Kid’s Club and the school Choirs are also very popular and promise fun and fellowship for all involved. So we are confident that this year will be an exciting one for all concerned and look forward to bringing you the highlights.



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- Maroochy River Rd Bridges Upgrade
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## Bli Bli (Nambour 6)

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To find out more about Neighbourhood Watch in your area and how you can become involved, visit [www.nhwq.org](http://www.nhwq.org) where you can subscribe to receive community news, events and other information related to your neighbourhood area.

Your local branch has recently changed its executive. Our new secretary is Gillian Toner, a resident of Park Lakes. Our Cook Roads Zone Coordinator is Jenice Whitpaine.

New Volunteers are most welcome. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) covers all of Bli Bli and all residents are members of Neighbourhood Watch.

Recent activities has seen an expansion into Atkinson Road and surrounds. The local community there has been very active and finished last year with a wonderful social function at one of its residents.

Our activities include looking after your local area, and parks. Attending Police Liaison meetings, conferences and joint Nambour meetings are a few of our member activities.

Next time you pass Muller Park in the early morning

give a wave to our volunteers checking out the facilities. Come to our sausage sizzles held outside Whites IGA at the River Markets. Perhaps if you are a Park Lakes resident you may wish to assist in the launch of NHW in your area, which is scheduled for this year.

Would you be interested in being involved in Volunteer in Police Liaison work. Supporting community activities at the local school, for example.

Or do you have graphic designer skills to assist in social media for our work in the area.

For information contact Michael Ballinger. Email [mbal4560@hotmail.com](mailto:mbal4560@hotmail.com) or 0410 908 274 Area Coordinator.

**Area Coordinator: Michael Ballinger - 0410 908 274 Treasurer: Kay Packman - 5448 4282 Secretary: Barb Perfect - 5452 7670**

## *Bli Bli United Football Club*

Bli Bli United Football Club is looking forward to its 32nd season as a club. The home ground is at the great Parklakes Sports Complex. For more information

**President 0419 478 329 | Secretary 0456 975 333**  
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### FOOTBALL CLUB

The season begins in early March and games run through until early August.



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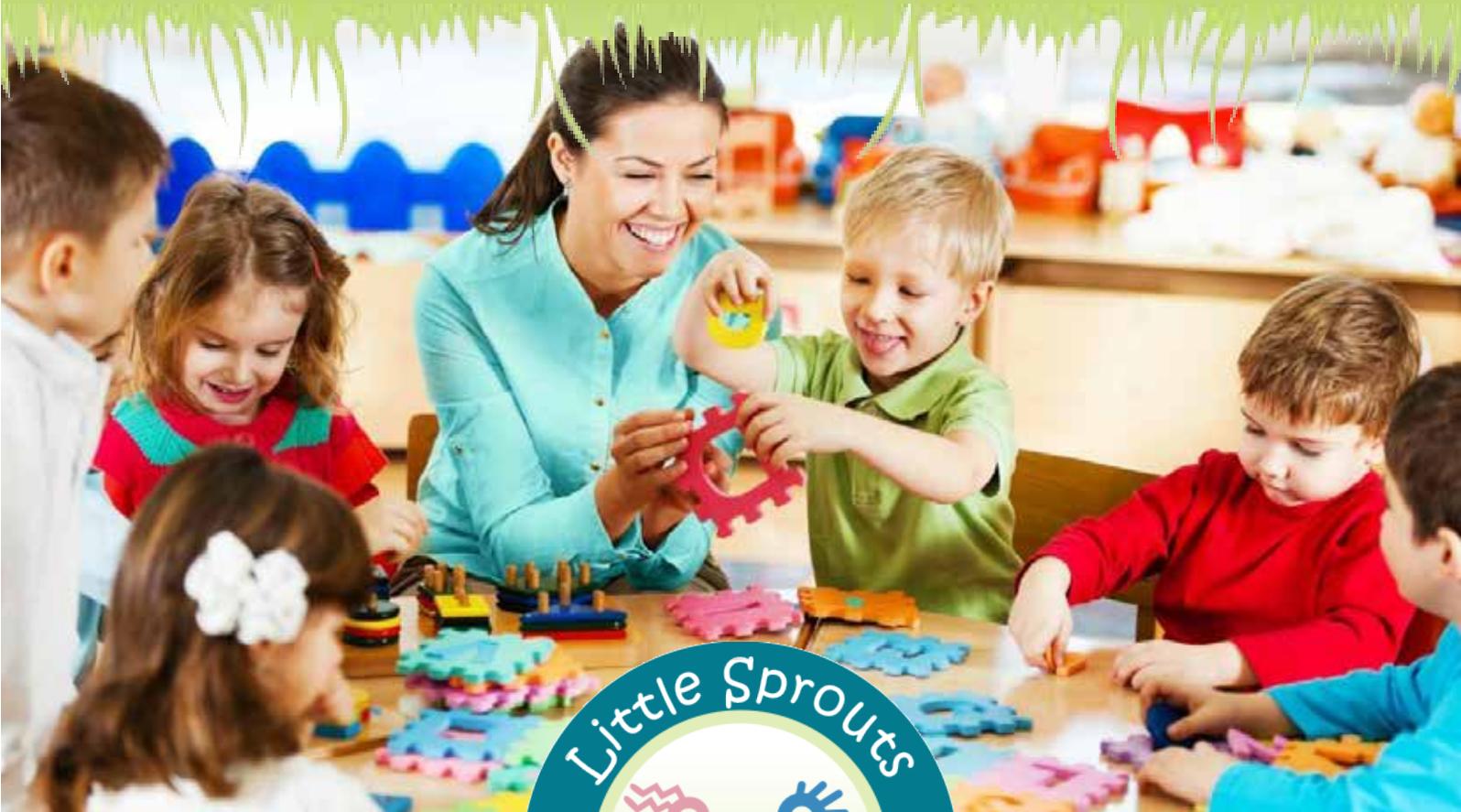
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# Maroochy River Country Music Club

The Maroochy River Country Music Club Inc started up in late 1993 and Bli Bli Hall became our home. Oh if these walls could talk and they would say that we are very proud of our Club and we have done and achieved many various things.

Helping others to achieve something they thought improbable and doing things as a team frame has kept us alive.

Charities such as Bli Bli rural fire brigade, Riding for the disabled, Dove Cottage, Cittamani and Helicopter Rescue to name but a few have always and will always be something we strive to do each year and this couldn't be done without the help of local businesses who help with raffles. Thankyou to them all.

We ran a Junior Festival for 5 years with great success. It has been exciting to see some of the young artists go on to fulfil their dreams

Members visit other clubs as either a walk up or guest artist or compete in other festivals

Type of music is anything from old, modern through to Rock and roll.

We have a practice night every Thursday at 7pm in the Hall. Even if you don't play an instrument or sing you are always welcome.

\$7 entry includes afternoon tea and tea and coffee available free. Starting time is midday but get there early to get a good seat.

**All the members would love to have you all come along to share a song or two, and enjoy all the fun.**

## COUNTRY MUSIC

**WHEN** 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

**TIME** STARTS MIDDAY

**WHERE** BLI BLI COMMUNITY HALL, WILLIS ROAD



# ORCHID SHOW

Maroochydore Orchid Society Inc.

**WHERE:** Bli Bli Uniting Church, Lefoes Rd

**WHEN:** Sat 19th March

**TIME:** 8.30am-4.30pm



PLANTS FOR SALE (Cash Only)

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# Body Health Yoga

Petra Pieren has practised yoga for over 20yrs. She is a Hatha trained teacher although her mentor was an Iyengar teacher. She has also studied with Vinyasa Flow yoga and various other styles.

She uses a combination of styles, blending yoga to suit the students.

Her groups start with the teens all the way through to the golden ages with her most senior student being in her early eighties! She loves seeing her students achieve their goals, however small or grand they may be.

Monday morning class are in the Bli Bli Community Hall beginning at 8.30am until 10am. The last Monday of the month is a gentle restorative yoga session, using pillows, blankets and blocks to support each pose. (this is a bit of a favourite)

**Everyone is welcome to join in the very friendly group. If its your first time, come a little earlier so she can have a chat and discover a little about you. The cost is \$14 per casual class, she will have a spare mat if you would like to use one until you decide if this is right for you. Petra 0409 532 940**



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**TIME** 8.30AM - 10.00AM  
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# BLI BLI ATHLETES TAKE ON THE REGION - 6 STATE QUALIFIERS, 1 REGIONAL CHAMPION AND 14 REGIONAL FINALISTS



The second half of the athletics season is well underway and has so far been filled with great competition, fun local meets and special achievements. 24 keen Bli Bli Athletes recently competed at the regional championships against athletes from Deception Bay all the way north to South Burnett. In total our Bli Bli Athletes contested 102 different events across 2 days of competition.

Bli Bli is now home to the U11 Triple Jump Regional Champion... Brandon M took out first place at the regionals with a winning jump of 8.39 metres. This is Brandon's first season competing in this event and all eyes will now be on him at the upcoming State Championships where he will be aiming to continue his winning form. Brandon also qualified in long jump and Javelin and only narrowly missed qualifying in high jump. Clearly an athlete to watch over the coming years.

Brandon is one of six athletes heading to the State Championships. He will be joined by:

Rory L U12 - 400 m and 200 m, Olivia L U10 - High Jump, Alec M U13 - Shot Put, Emily S U9 - 800 m

and Jack W U11 - Shot put.

Last season Jack told his mum he was aiming to qualify for states this season. Well done Jack on reaching your goal, we're all keen to see how much further you "put" for your first time at State level.

Many eyes are also on Rory L who was the regional champion last season in 200m and holds the regional record. He has again reached state qualification, despite a disjointed season due to injury, by taking out the silver medal in the 200m and also bronze in the 400m event. Rory narrowly missed state qualification in his Triple Jump by only 1cm.

Alec M rounds out the "experienced" members of the squad, qualifying for State Championships for his second season running. He will be joined by first time state qualifiers Olivia L and Emily S.

Olivia finished 4th using scissors technique in high jump but is contemplating a change to flop. Olivia also reached the finals in 100m sprint but was unable to contest the final... her time in the heat would have seen her take out the bronze medal and qualify for state.... maybe next year. Emily S has been eager to compete at state level after watching her brother for the last 2 seasons. In her first season at competitive level she took out the bronze medal in her 800m final sending her to the state competition.

Over the competition 8 other athletes became regional finalists which represents a top 8 ranking. Well done Sarah H, Shakiah S, Talia S, Jon C, Kane C, Joshua L, Caelan L and Lachlan S. Some only just missed State qualification placing 5th in one of their finals was Shakiah S in hurdles, Josh L in 400m, Kane C in High jump and Lachlan S in 400m, they'll be trying hard next season for that top 4 finish.

Still to come before the final meet in March is our Tom Hullett all comers race (100m handicap for all athletes), final Tri centre meet, State Championships and fun Centre meets.

Anyone from 4 to 17 yo wanting to try out athletics is welcome to come and join in the fun at the Saturday afternoon meets. Trial memberships are available to test it, check us out on facebook, at Bbla.com.au, email info@bbla.com.au or come see us at the track at 44 Lefoes rd on Saturday afternoons.



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## Bli Bli Schooldays: Celebrating 115 Years (1901-1916)

From the very the first day of school in 1901 to the present day, there have been many challenges, surprises, laughter and friendships that have lasted throughout the decades.

Schooldays at Bli Bli has always played a major role in the schooling, sports and social lives of local children, teachers, school committees, P & C volunteers, administrators, parents and grandparents. Bli Bli's community has continued to grow outwards from its school grounds, whether the old wooden school with its hand split shingle roof, high on the Willis Road ridgeline or the new school located on School Road. Many local families have contributed to the school's motto - Strive to Achieve. Over the years, some families have seen three generations attending the Bli Bli School and helping to celebrate the Golden Jubilee (1951), Diamond Jubilee (1961), 75th Anniversary (1976), Centenary (2001) and this year's 115th Anniversary.

Patrick Bennett was one of the Bli Bli School head teachers, spanning the years (1935-1952). Through the lens of his old fashioned cameras, we can see changing landscapes, new buildings and his school children, as they enjoyed the new building and large grounds. Over the war years, children learnt how to plant out the first pine trees in their well tended Forestry Plot. But in 1939 it was not all exams, sports, planting and weeding. Annual school picnics saw the children running beside the Maroochy River near the Bli Bli Wharf, competing in three legged, sack and potato races, then enjoying watermelons, homemade cakes, lollies and lemonade.



Head teacher Miss Adela Bleakley stands on the steps of the old Bli Bli School surrounded by her young students, circa 1903. Image courtesy, Heritage Library, Sunshine Coast Council.



Mr P Bennett was the only Bli Bli head teacher who worked in the old school (1935-36) and the new school (1937-52). Bennett's stereo pair shows the surrounding farmland and a dirt road leading up to the new Bli Bli school. All images courtesy, Patrick Bennett Collection, BBOMHS.

This local heritage research project was made possible by a 2015 Maritime Museums of Australia Project Support Scheme (MMAPSS) grant. Keeping local history alive. Follow the Bli Bli On Maroochy Historical Society's photographic collections and look out for our 2016 regional heritage discovery events on our Facebook site:

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# WHAT'S ON IN THE *Wetlands*



## BOARDWALK OPEN

2016 promises to be a big year for the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary with many plans already underway.

As part of the Sunshine Coast Council's refurbishment program, the replacement 50m of the boardwalk on the eastern section of the Bird Hide loop is now completed and open to the public. Upgrading the whole 1km walk to the river is well on-track, with work on the next 150m of the loop track due to commence in April.

Work is also due to commence early this year on the construction and installation of new interpretive displays in our Information Centre. These promise to be interesting, informative and fun, with lots of 'hands on' activities for visitors of all ages. We thank Cr Steve Robinson for his valued support in both these endeavours.

Whilst the track is open, we ask you to remember that it is still mosquito season and urge you to use repellent and wear appropriate clothing such as long sleeves.

The centre is open every Sunday from 10:00-2:00, so come

## NEW CONSERVATION GROUP FOR BLI BLI

With the Sunshine Coast Council's redevelopment of the cane-cutters information centre and boardwalk at the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, many new visitors can be expected to visit during the coming season.

To make their visit even better, we need to have the wetlands as close to its natural state as possible. Toward this end, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group Inc., together with the Community Nature Conservation Section of the SCC, has established a Conservation Group. The aim of this group is to remove noxious and environmental weeds from the Wetlands and surrounding areas and to replace these with appropriate native species.

The group operates for two hours from 8:00am on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, meeting at the sport's ground on the corner of Lefoes and Sport's Roads, Bli Bli.

We would like to invite all who value their local environment to become involved with this happy group of weeders.

and have a talk to a volunteer and hear all about our plans. For more information please call Derek on 5448 6723; email us at [mwssgi@gmail.com](mailto:mwssgi@gmail.com) or check out the website (which is still under construction) at [www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au](http://www.maroochywetlandssupport.org.au)

The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group is made up of eager, dedicated volunteers who care about this wonderful natural resource. New visitors and members are always welcome so we'd love to see you at our General Meetings which will be held every second month on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Sanctuary, Sport's Rd, Bli Bli. This means that the next few meetings will be April 14, June 9 and August 11. See you there?



Please contact: Robin Skett on 5408 5473 or email [robinskett@gmail.com](mailto:robinskett@gmail.com) if interested.

Robin Skett

Shauna Bradley



## BIRD OBSERVERS OUTINGS FOR 2016

21st February at 7am Buderim Forest Park, Lower carpark, Lindsay Road entrance, BUDERIM. We will follow the rainforest boardwalk, a pleasant walk that is flat and mobility equipment friendly. For the fit and active a steep path at the end of the boardwalk climbs up to Serenity Waterfalls. Coordinated by: Judith. 17th April at 7am 187 Lower Landershute Road, PALMWOODS Richard and Trish have acreage that has been extensively replanted with trees and shrubs in recent years. The property is hilly; however, excellent bird observing is able to be done from the comfort of a verandah chair. Coordinated by: Judith.



## Marine Group

The MWSSGI Marine Group will be made up of members who have an interest in the marine environment and will have a number of aims. These aims will all be in concert with overall aims of the Support Group and the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary.

### Aims of the Marine Group

- To raise awareness of the role of wetlands in the overall life systems within the marine environment.
- To provide education opportunities for people to learn more about the marine environment and in particular the principles of responsible fishing.
- To provide education opportunities for people to learn more about the relevance of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary to the economy of the Sunshine Coast.
- To develop a research programs based upon the principles of citizen science to inform the group and others about environmental science associated with the Sanctuary.
- To provide an opportunity for developing group cohesion and camaraderie and group activity

For information about any of our groups or activities please contact us at [mwssgi@gmail.com](mailto:mwssgi@gmail.com)



# Bli Bli Uniting Church

Bli Bli Uniting Church Activities to which you are all invited.

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**Table Tennis** 6.30 – 8.30pm on Wednesdays during the school terms. Adults welcome. Bats provided. Cost \$1.

### For more details contact Shay Holmes 0416 523 287.

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# *Bli Bli Tennis Club*

2016 is set to be an exciting year for the Bli Bli Tennis Club. With a new committee established in 2015, the club set about rectifying several pressing issues, the largest of these was security from vandalism and loss of revenue from court use without payment. Security through a new system of locks was improved and plans were set in motion for a new clubhouse. With the support of local Division 9 councillor Stephen Robinson, a Councillor Discretionary Funding Grant was achieved and the provisional process of council approval was commenced. The committee has also been working hard to ensure that further grants are being applied for and some of these are currently in the pipeline.

At the start of 2016, word has now been received that approval has been given for a new Clubhouse/Storage shed that will ensure the future of the club. Going forward this will mean security for member's and their gear and improved revenue for the club. Our membership has been growing and almost doubled in the past year since our initial upgrades. Once the new clubhouse is established, there are plans to have more competitions, social gatherings, club days, holiday coaching and other events held here.

There are already well established regular social tennis gatherings during the week which run most of the year round and are always looking for more participants. These include Monday night Men's Tennis, Tuesday and Thursday morning mixed seniors tennis and Thursday night mixed tennis and players are more than welcome to come along and join a match.

If you have any further enquiries or would like to join as a member or casual player, or just want affordable tennis court hire rates, either jump on the website <http://www.tennis.com.au/blibli/> or email [bliblitennis@gmail.com](mailto:bliblitennis@gmail.com).

We'd love to see you along soon!

## TENNIS

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.tennis.com.au/blibli/](http://www.tennis.com.au/blibli/)  
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# *Bli Bli Karate is a Home Away from Home*

Go Kan Ryu (GKR), a traditional style karate, was established in Adelaide by founder Kancho Robert Sullivan in 1984 after training and teaching in Japan and the United States.

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GKR karate has a plethora of qualified Instructors who welcome new faces at Dojo's every week, and are keen to help every student develop their skills and achieve their goals whether it be to reach the coveted black belt or to compete against other individuals in tournaments.

Bli Bli classes have been widely successful in such tournaments, with our most recent champions bringing home medals from the 2013 World Cup held in Sydney, and various State and Regional titles for 2014 and 2015. Not only does this give us an opportunity to demonstrate our skills but we find it is a great day out to have all the families together. Currently, our students are ramping up to the much anticipated World Cup being held in Brisbane 2017.

Aside from competitions, GKR firmly believes in self-defence and the hand-in-hand relationship between forms, instinct development and awareness. These are practised regularly in classes and help address concerns in the modern world about safety, bullying, stranger danger and correct interactions in social environments.

## KARATE

### CONTACT DETAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Sensei Anthony Crumpton  
0407 695 005

Karate training ideally promotes self-defence and fitness, GKR also promotes original Japanese methods of discipline, inner security, character, support and general well-being information.

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If you would like more information on classes, joining or our instructors in your area, please call Sensei Anthony Crumpton on 0407 695 005, or alternatively email [fulfocus@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fulfocus@bigpond.net.au).

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