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

This year the Public Hall and Community Association celebrates its 90th anniversary which is pretty special. We plan on holding a dance in the Old Hall on Saturday 18 November to celebrate the anniversary. The hall was first opened on 19 November 1927 with a dance, so what better way to mark the occasion.

The association has quite a few plans for the year which involve further changes to the precinct around the hall, church and headmasters house. We are in the process of erecting a postmount sign so hall users and other can advertise events. The association is also developing some exciting plans for the headmasters house land which will be revealed in the near future. Another initiative is "BOB" Blokes of Bli Bli evening. More details will be available on our facebook and web site as it will be invitation only to the evening.

The Community Association is holding its AGM on Tuesday 20 March commencing at 7.30am in the Hall at 87 Willis Rd. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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**BOB** CHECK OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO  
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BLOKES OF BLI BLI

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

*Blokes of Bli Bli, you're invited to a night of craft beers, fine food and music!*

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*Next edition for Winter closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 15 May with deliveries early June.*

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## A WORD FROM Cr Steve Robinson

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### SOLAR FARM UPDATE

Recently council organised a well-attended community barbecue at the Valdora Solar Farm to provide locals with an update on the status of this fantastic project. With more than half of the 57,000 solar panels installed and the Energex substation nearing completion the project is well on track to be completed in the middle of this year.

I think everyone was impressed with the aerial photos that show just how big the solar farm is and it was clear the majority of the community is right behind this outstanding green energy project.

### NEW COMMERCIAL PARTNER FOR SUNSHINE COAST AIRPORT

Palisade Investment Partners will be the Sunshine Coast Airport's commercial operating partner in a deal worth more than half a billion dollars. Under the deal, the airport will continue to be owned by Sunshine Coast Council, with Palisade operating the asset under a 99-year lease.

Palisade will be responsible for operating, investing and developing the airport and will oversee future negotiations with airlines to expand both domestic and international

routes available from the Sunshine Coast. Council will maintain responsibility for facilitating the proposed airport expansion project, which includes construction of a new runway, apron expansion and related infrastructure.

You can read further details about the deal in the News section of council's website at [www.news.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.news.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

### THANK YOU TO OUR RURAL FIRIES

The Bli Bli Rural Fire Brigade volunteers once again demonstrated their professionalism and bravery when they helped bring the massive Coolum fire under control. They were significantly involved in the firefighting efforts, working through the night from 6pm-6am at one stage. This terrific group of volunteers are always willing to put the community first and did an amazing job of helping to save lives and property. They have also attended 17 callouts in the last six weeks due to other fires and possible arson. Every time they go out to fight a fire, there are five officers in the truck and they usually operate for about six hours – that's 30 volunteer hours for each call out. On behalf of our community, I sincerely thank you all for your dedication.

*The net profits from the bank will be available for distribution into the community groups.*

involved in the committee behind the push for the bank. Simply go to [www.blibli.qld.au](http://www.blibli.qld.au) for more information. We need to get to our target of \$400,000 so that Heritage can undertake the feasibility study as to whether the bank will be successful or not. So we are trying to get past first base. Come on help us out we cannot do it without your support.



## HERITAGE BANK Time For Action

Hopefully most of you are aware of the Heritage Bank proposal by now and what is trying to be achieved. Well it is time for action! The Community Association had hoped to garner the interest and support from our local community groups and their supporters as they are the ones that stand to benefit from the establishment of a community bank as well as the local community in having a local bank.

The net profits from the bank will be available for distribution into the community groups. Lets face it with our growing population the demands upon the community groups will only increase. So how can you help?

You can help by spreading the word and getting people to fill out a pledge form located at the IGA or you can become

# A HERO 4 MICAH



### Bli Bli School Student Council backs 'A Hero 4 Micah' Campaign.

Students from Bli Bli State School Student Council have rallied to the cause of young Micah Murdoch, a sweet 6-year-old student of Bli Bli State School and his family as they face a second devastating battle against leukaemia. Micah was just three years old when he battled leukaemia for the first time and now at just six years old, his family faces another massive battle as they search the world for compatible blood and bone marrow donors.

As an interracial couple, neither Catherine nor Jason, of Filipino and Australian/European descent, are a compatible match for Micah and neither is his young sister, Maya.

Cheryl, a friend and work colleague of Catherine's has joined with a group of Bli Bli mums to try and find 'A Hero 4 Micah'. This campaign is focussed on raising awareness of the need for more interracial diversity in both blood donations and on the Bone Marrow Register in order to find both 'A Hero 4 Micah' as well as potential heroes for the many many people all over the world who desperately need blood and bone marrow transfusions every minute of every day.

Cheryl has also started a 'GoFundMe Campaign' to try to raise money for the Murdoch family so that Catherine can take time off from working her two jobs in order to spend time in Brisbane with Micah as he undergoes 6-9 months of intensive treatment at the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital.

So, while 'A Hero 4 Micah' campaigns for awareness and needs on behalf of Micah, the students of Bli Bli State School have added their own support to Micah and his family by supporting the 'Heroes 4 Micah Shave' Campaign.

The 'Heroes 4 Micah Shave' will kick off on Saturday, 18th March 2017 from 8am to 12pm in front of White's Supa IGA Bli Bli. There will be a sausage sizzle as well as students and helpers offering hair colouring and face painting to raise money for the Murdoch family. A number of brave individuals have committed to having their heads shaved and this too, will be done at periods throughout the morning. All proceeds will go to the Murdoch family to allow Catherine as long as she needs off work to be by the side of young Micah as they fight this battle as a family together.

You can support these awesome people by sponsoring them at the Bli Bli School Office, by contributing to the 'Micah's fight against Leukaemia' Go Fund Me page (link below) or by donating through the IGA. You can also donate on the 18th of March at the front of the IGA.

You can also support Micah and the Murdoch family by making an appointment to give blood and be registered on the Bone Marrow Register. 'A Hero 4 Micah' has created a Red25 team so all you need to do is call 131495, make an appointment and mention Red25 team 'A Hero 4 Micah'. You could potentially be a Hero 4 Micah – or for one of the many other patients who need your help!

Please like and share Micah's Facebook page, 'A Hero 4 Micah' (link below) for more information on Micah's progress and how you can help.

### AWARENESS & DONATIONS

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## 2017'S ABUZZ at Bli Bli State School

Bli Bli State School has recently been recognised for its innovative and high quality education by being appointed as an independent public school by the Queensland Government. This recognition attests to the fact that Bli Bli State School is working hard to meet the needs of its students and families by fostering innovation in delivering key student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy, using resources flexibly and setting the scene for the community's future by involving all stakeholders in the development of the school in what is a booming area of the Sunshine Coast.

This year, Bli Bli State School has opened for business with just over 600 students, around 100 more than in 2015 and now has 25 classes across Prep to Year 6. Although the school is growing, the feeling of community remains strong and this, Gerard Quinn (Principal) says is sure to be the compass for an all-inclusive education at Bli Bli in the years to come. Being among the vast grounds and in the presence of excited new and returning families and staff along with the reinvigorated uniform and imagery of the school gives a shine to 2017 like no other year. Bli Bli State School is now more than ever and always will be a place to strive to achieve.

### MEET OUR 2017 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Bli Bli State School is proud to announce their School Leaders for 2017: (from left) Jade Hodkinson and Lachlan Nash (Captains), and Charlize Caldwell and James Catayong (Vice-Captains).

Jade joined our school family in Year 3 and enjoys coming to school every day to see the smiles on everybody's faces. Lachlan, attending since Prep, is proud to be captain of the school he calls "an outstanding school with many brilliant teachers" and he is looking forward to helping other Bli Bli students to achieve their personal goals. Charlize, enrolled since Year 4, is looking forward to making a positive impact in our school in her new role. James has attended our school since Prep and can't wait to accomplish many things as a leader and role model for his peers.

These four outstanding students were elected by their peers to lead an enthusiastic team of Sports and Music Captains, as well as Prefects. The exceptional students that lead and attend our school mentor and support their younger peers and help create the 'country school' atmosphere we all enjoy.

At Bli Bli State School, children are inspired to confidently contribute to our dynamic word through strong foundations of commitment, creativity, character and community.



# STRIVE TO ACHIEVE



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### Paying homage to our 115 years of heritage, whilst celebrating our modern and innovative approach to learning.

The Bli Bli State School community has recently worked together to develop a new brand identity - one that truly reflects what the school community believes in and how it wants to be viewed.

Through a thorough engagement process with parents, staff and students, the new logo has been designed by one of our student's parents.

The fresh colours of blue and yellow were added to the traditional maroon to acknowledge the brightness and hope we have in our future and to reflect our connection to the river. The maroon leaf pays homage to our indigenous heritage with each dot also symbolising the journey from Prep to Year 6. Finally the Eucalypt leaves are representative of the unique natural environment where we are lucky to be located.

To launch our new brand, the school's generous P & C will be providing one school shirt to each child enrolled for the 2017 school year.

### COMMUNITY

We build a united community that nurtures and celebrates diversity and are proud of what we can achieve together.

### COMMITMENT

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

### CHARACTER

We foster the development of valuable members of society who demonstrate integrity, confidence and resilience.

### CREATIVITY

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



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## NANA ADDS Flavour to the Community

Nana has become a stand out in the Bli Bli area as a producer of quality home grown vegetables, fruits, chutneys and herbs. Nana has recently added honey to her repertoire of items that she produces. Nana says that with the dry weather this summer that the bees are struggling to produce the quantity of honey she would like, however the quality still exists.

Nana grows a variety of seasonal vegetables and at the moment is growing lettuce, bok choy, kale, beans, dragon fruit and herbs. Nana is also selling her honey for \$10/litre which is great value. Given it has been so dry for so long now, she is

looking forward to some cooler weather and rain so the plants can replenish and move into the autumn/winter crops.

We are lucky to have someone as dedicated to her passion as Nana in our community. It would be wonderful to see more farm gate enterprises spring up around our area supplying different types of produce. So why not call in to her farm gate and check out what she has in season at 2 Kirra Road (just past Parklakes 2 roundabout). Its all fresh and home grown. She is open 7 days a week but its best to give her a call on 0448 880 668 to make sure she is around.

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## EXPERIMENTING with Turmeric in Bli Bli

One of our local Bli Bli farmers has been experimenting with Turmeric. They are excited about growing the bulb, not only as it is friendly plant to grow but it has many health benefits.

It's a great time of year for Turmeric with the plants currently flowering and the bulbs busily growing in readiness for winter. Once the flower finishes the foliage will start to wither and once it dies off its time to dig up the bulb and use it. At the moment they are using all stock to expand their production.

Turmeric is not just a spice that you can add to your next curry but it can also be added to many other foods and drinks. Why not sprinkle a little over you veges, potato wedges, boiled rice, pizza, in a smoothie or make tea out of it and so the list goes on.

Why would you want to do this, well some of the benefits in using turmeric are that it helps with all sorts of health problems that can occur. There is lots of research around about its benefits so look out for some fresh turmeric and make your own spices.

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## WHAT'S ON in the Wetlands

*Once the rains start be on  
the lookout for the emergence  
of many and diverse  
fungal fruiting bodies.*

As we welcome in 2017 we are asking where is the rain, sadly not much to speak of to date. Like elsewhere, the Wetlands are showing what it's like to have a prolonged dry period. One positive I suppose is the absence of mosquitoes.

Robyn has recently identified a new crab to add to our Sanctuary list. This crab, *Sarmatium germaini*, is really at the southernmost limit of its documented range here at the Wetlands. It is a heavy bodied spherical shaped crab to 3cm. It eats mangrove leaves, dragging them into its burrow to eat. It's really exciting to continue to discover the hidden gems that we have.

February is generally the start of the fungi season, following the summer rains. To date the Wetlands have been too dry for most regular fungi to fruit although I did find one

gilled bracket on a Grey Mangrove. Once the rains start be on the lookout for the emergence of many and diverse fungal fruiting bodies. Two new brochures, *Fungi of the Sunshine Coast* and *Mushrooms of the Sunshine Coast*, will make identification of the commonly seen fungi easy.

There is also an abundance of Lichen throughout the Sanctuary. This interesting one was photographed by Robyn on a Grey Mangrove.

It just takes a keen eye to spot them. So, please take some time to come down and look around. During this hot spell that we are having early mornings and late afternoons are best. That's also when the birds are out and about, especially at the bird bath.



## BEEN A BUSY FEW MONTHS for your local rural fire Brigade!

Bli Bli and District RFB, along with many other local Brigades, have attended many fire incidents in the last few weeks. These fires have ranged from a bushfire surrounding the Mooloolaba TAFE, the Coolool fires (which we attended on 4 separate occasions), a bushfire in the Maroocha National Park, a bushfire behind Coolool High School (lit by an arsonist), Mount Coolool fires (on 7 separate occasions), plus a handful of fires in our immediate vicinity around Bli Bli. We also attended a rescue at Radar Hill National Park, where a mountain bike rider was injured and the Qld Ambulance Service required assistance to carry the patient out of the National Park.

These blazes have required hundreds of man hours from both paid and volunteer firefighters and other support staff. It is disheartening to learn that some of these blazes have been deliberately lit by arsonists. These large blazes threaten homes, businesses, schools, community centres and wildlife. Since the beginning of October, our Brigade members have given to the community, at no charge, over 730 manhours of active firefighting. This does not include training and the time spent maintaining both our Station and Vehicles, these hours would amass to a further 300 hours. The Bli Bli and District community should be very proud of the members of their local Rural Fire Brigade

Our Brigade is continuing to grow steadily with new members completing various practical and theory training sessions each month. We would like to thank our local community for their continued support of the Bli Bli and District Rural Fire Brigade. We enjoyed seeing many of you at the Bli Bli Community Carols in early December. It is a great time for us to let children have a climb through our truck and 'play pretend' as firefighters. A big thanks to the Community Association for co-ordinating this event each year.

If you are attending the 'South Queensland Caravan, Camping, Boating & Fishing' expo at Nambour Showgrounds on April 21-23rd, please say 'G'day' to our Brigade members who volunteer their time as car parking attendees as part of our annual fundraising efforts.

If you wish to report a fire or emergency that you see, please phone 000. Keep up-to-date with further information regarding our Brigade at our Facebook page 'Bli Bli & Districts Rural Fire Brigade'.

Lyndal Erbacher  
Secretary/Treasurer

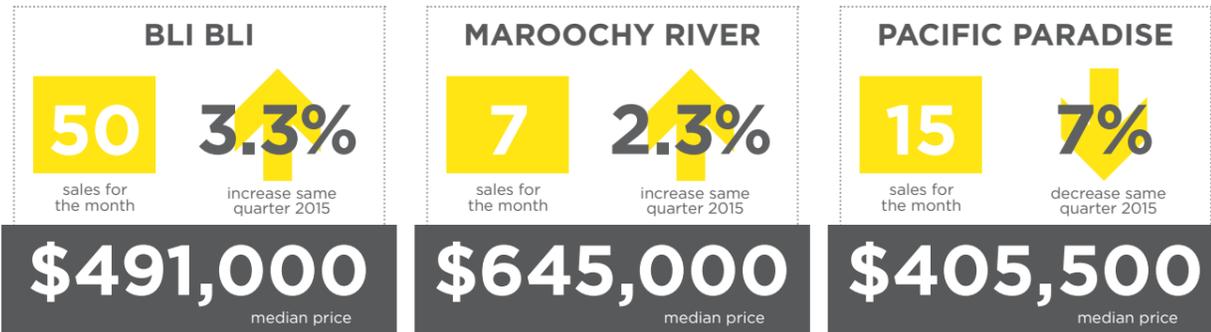
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**MARKET SNAP SHOT, Bli Bli**  
QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT (1 OCT - 31 DEC 2016)

**Ray White**

Bli Bli



**6 MONTH MARKET ACTIVITY FOR Bli Bli 1 JULY 2016 - 31 DECEMBER 2016**



Ed & Natasha Hackenberg 0401 601 691

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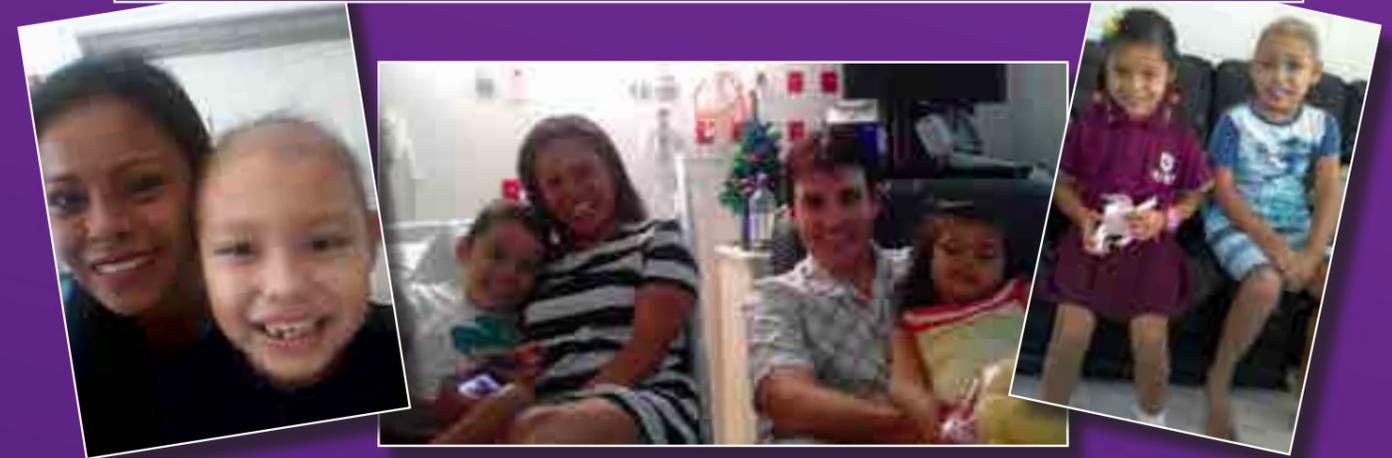
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# HEROES 4 MICAHA SHAVE



**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2017**  
**8.00AM - 12.00PM | WHITE'S SUPA IGA Bli Bli**



Micah is a gorgeous 6 year old Bli Bli State School boy fighting leukaemia for the second time, but he desperately needs a bone marrow transplant.

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# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS Here we Come!

Bli Bli Little Athletics Centre has 4 young athletes heading off to Brisbane to compete at the Little Athletics Queensland State Championships in March.

Alby E, Tyler W, Jack W and Shakiah S all recently qualified at the regional championships by placing 4th or better with Alby and Tyler each achieving a medal.

This was Alby's first Regional competition and he impressed everyone with his determination obtaining a silver medal in 800m and bronze in shot put. Alby will compete as a para athlete in 100m, 800m, Discus and Shot Put at State level. Also achieving a silver medal and state qualification was Tyler W in under 9 Shot Put. Tyler's aim for the season was to make state qualification so well done on all your hard work and training to achieve your goal. Tyler's brother Jack will also be heading to the State Championships for shot put in under 12's with his 4th place at Regionals. and lastly Shakiah S threw a personal best in under 13 Javelin to qualify in 4th place. We wish these athletes the best of luck at the State Championships and hope you live up to the little athletics motto to "be your best".

Bli Bli Little Athletics congratulates all our athletes who competed at the Regional Championships held over a very hot weekend in February. It was great to see everyone out there giving it a go and doing their best, which is evidenced



by the fact that almost every one of our athletes ran, threw or jumped a personal best performance during the weekend.

Special congratulations also to our athletes who made finals - this places them in the top 8 of the region, so well done to these finalists: Shakiah S - Triple Jump, Javelin; Lachlan S - 1500m, Javelin; Joshua L 1500m; Tyler W Shot Put, Jack W Shot Put and narrowly missing state qualification in 5th place Lachlan S - 400m, 60m Hurdles and Will B Shot Put.

Well done also to our Under 7 and 8 athletes for getting out there in the non-competitive age groups where its all about participation Khobi S, Jack H, Isaac C, Mikah D, Marly G, Eve R, Kyla H, Sarah H, Emily B, Naomi L. Isaac C showed that he will be a potential state qualifier in future years placing 1st in 70m and 100m and 3rd in 200m, well done Isaac.

Thanks to all our parents who helped out over the weekend officiating shot put, marshalling kids and generally keeping up the positive atmosphere.

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# BLI BLI Roadworks

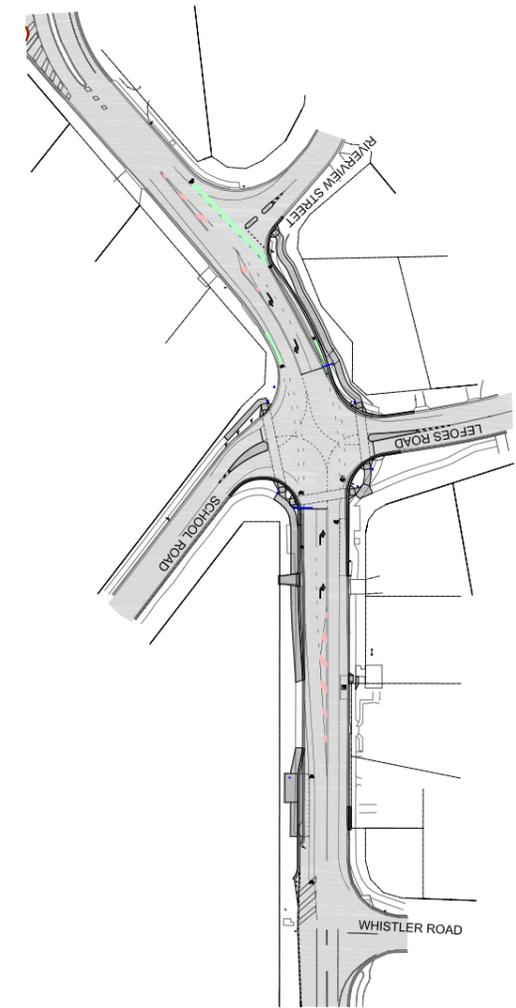
The Layout plan shows the new lanes at the intersection of Willis/School/Lefoes which are due to be constructed now.

Note the relocated bus stop and loss of parking on the western side of Willis Road opposite the hall. During construction the pedestrian crossing for school children remain at the current location and only after the signals are commissioned should crossing at the lights be promoted.

The carparks on the western side of Willis Rd will be removed to allow for the right turn lane to be constructed. To compensate this more parking will be available on the eastern side leading to a net loss of 4 or 5 carparks.

During construction it is likely that more carparks are likely to be unavailable.

*Note the relocated bus stop and loss of parking on the western side of Willis Road opposite the hall.*





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# GENEROUS WOMEN WITH COMMUNITY SPIRIT! Charity Grows Within The Home

Bli Bli women throughout decades past, have contributed a great deal to the ongoing success of the local community, whether through: school committees, sporting clubs, church gatherings, charity socials, swinging dances and fancy dress balls. Local women with a generous spirit have enriched the community life of Bli Bli and the Maroochy River in many countless ways.

The Bli Bli CWA branch was formed on 7th February 1930 after the local women had worked as a sub-branch of the Nambour CWA throughout 1929. By 1970, several ladies were awarded their long service badges. The photograph includes - Mrs Marie Elliott, Mrs Balcombe, Mrs Sarah Philbrook, Mrs Sarah Hegarty, Mrs E. Stacey and Mrs May Bennett.

On the coast, local Tennis Clubs were a source of sport and recreation. Ladies enjoyed the friendships, the freedom of recreation and sports. Around the district during the 1930's, events were organised with the Bli Bli Tennis Club team travelling to compete in tournaments against Yandina, Nambour, Maroochydore, Woombye and Buderim. As seen in this photograph, the ladies often went walking to their matches. They were well prepared with coats, hats, billy cans and satchels of food. The women would arrange the catering for the Club events.

Social dances were held in the Bli Bli Public Hall to raise funds. In the 1920s and 1930s, Mr FR Jefferies or Mr Vic Suosaari would act as the M.C. for the night. The ladies would decorate the hall as well as make and serve the refreshments from the kitchen. The Bennett orchestra often travelled from Nambour to supply the popular tunes and traditional waltz music.

One of Bli Bli's most endearing stories describes the generous hearts of the Bli Bli women, who rallied to support one of their own in times of illness. In the 1930's the debilitating poliomyelitis disease or "polio" swept across Australia.

The Kennedy's youngest child Margaret was struck down with a severe case of polio. Within the close-knit Bli Bli community, there was an immediate response to the raise the additional funds needed. Margaret was sent to Brisbane for treatment by the unconventional but highly successful Sister Kenny. Later, Sister Kenny was lauded and recognised internationally for her new treatment methods.



Bli Bli CWA members and their families, circa 1950s  
B Bennett Family Collection, BBOMHS



Bli Bli CWA members celebrating their long service badges, 1970  
Image courtesy of Picture Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Libraries



Many of these local ladies played for the Bli Bli Tennis Club, circa 1935  
Cook Family Collection, BBOMHS

**Bli Bli On Maroochy  
Historical Society Inc**



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## NOTICEBOARD of Important Events

- Tuesday 20th March** Community Association AGM 7.30pm in the Old Hall
- Tuesday 25th April** ANZAC Day Mudjimba dawn service 5.20am and then 10.30am service
- Friday 23rd June** Blokes of Bli Bli (BOB) in the Old Hall
- Saturday 18th November** Anniversary Dance in the Old Hall

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New travel times are:

Bli Bli to Airport (6kms) 1hr 26mins

Bli Bli to Noosa (32kms) 1hr 56mins

Bli Bli to Coolool (15kms) 1hr 26mins

Bli Bli to Brisbane-Roma St (110kms) 3hr 9mins.

(<http://jp.translink.com.au/travel-information/journey-planner/your-travel-options/-303566915>)

The Bli Bli loop is 8kms & takes 8mins.

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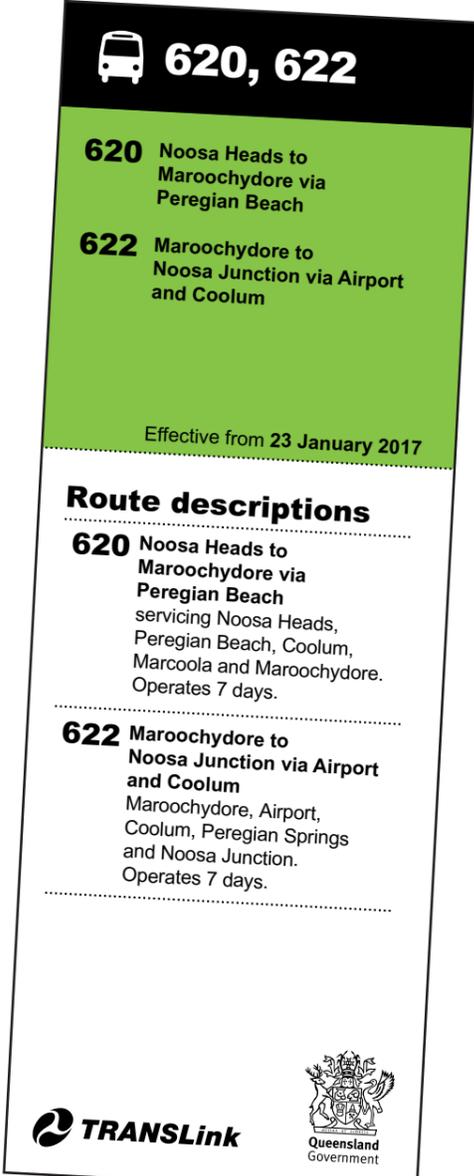
- 1) Five Caravan parks
- 2) Two tourist attractions, Bli Bli Aqua Park & Sunshine Castle.
- 3) Two sports fields: Fishermans Rd & Nth Shore Multi Sports Complex.
- 4) Access to local Bowls & Golf Clubs
- 5) Access to essential services, Dr's, Dentist's, Physio, etc
- 6) Access to local supermarkets Coles, IGA & many other shops.

This is affecting local people starting from: The Sunshine motorway Maroochy bridge west on Bradman Ave, Bli Bli, Pacific Paradise, Twin Waters & Marooloo areas.

To get home after 7.30pm you have to walk via David Low Way from the Maroochy Bridge approx. 4kms. This is UNSAFE & an accident waiting to happen.

Translink state that their surveys reflect that there is not the demand and that the maximum number of users are requiring a quick service between Twin Waters and Maroochy. Well if Bli Bli is the fastest growing area in Australia at the moment, it is time that they rethink this issue.

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**620** Noosa Heads to Maroochyore via Peregian Beach servicing Noosa Heads, Peregian Beach, Coolool, Marooloo and Maroochyore. Operates 7 days.

**622** Maroochyore to Noosa Junction via Airport and Coolool Maroochyore, Airport, Coolool, Peregian Springs and Noosa Junction. Operates 7 days.

**TRANSLink** Queensland Government

## Tradie by day, Author by Night

John 'Johnno' Flanagan, a chippie by trade, is now an author of his recently published children's picture book, *'Say G'day To The Do-Its'*.

Based in Gunnadoo, this story is about a family of tradesman who save the town's Australia Day celebrations by fixing the town hall in time for the Australia Day ball. The family is full of tradies with varying specialities, including builders, plumbers, and electricians.

Johnno is a trade qualified carpenter and pool builder who currently works at a Reece plumbing supplies trade centre. He was inspired to write *Say G'day To The Do-Its* after he struggled to find suitable books for his sons when they were young.

The story was created by discussing characters and ideas with his mate while driving twelve hours to and from Dysart in Queensland, over 4 years ago. The name Do-Its came from his time working with his mate on renovations at mining sites. They earned the nickname, The Do-It Brothers, because they got in and did what was necessary.

Targeting children between the ages of 4 and 9, Les Do-It and the clan will charm you and your children and make you want to roll up your sleeves and 'do it'. If you would like a copy of *'Say G'day To The Do-Its'*, please go to the website [www.letsdoitmedia.com](http://www.letsdoitmedia.com) and follow the prompts. Les would also be excited to have children enter his colouring competition – see inside the book for details and send it in, to be added to his Facebook page – Les Do-It.

**Testimonial from Nathan (Nugget) Dell – 96.1 Radio Zinc** - In a world where the attitude of 'someone else will do it' is becoming more and more common, this book is an absolute little ripper. My son Digby and I have had a great time reading it and I have loved sharing with him the lesson that the best job is the one you get in and have a crack at yourself. Well done Johnno.



**Riverlife Easter Gatherings**

**IF YOU SUNSET WALK (Mudimba Beach) 6pm**  
Meeting beach side of surf club (Light BBQ to follow)

**Easter Sunday Awakening**  
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Racing over distances up to 2 kilometres in extreme temperatures, our rowers were absolutely courageous.

Head coach Donna Muller said the medals that were won were a reflection of a more focused year of fitness, teamwork and technique training to get these results with our young rowers, many of whom were rowing up a grade in this State event. Congratulations to all participants.

Students from year 7 upwards are encouraged to look at the regular 'learn to row' courses conducted at the clubs Muller Park, Bli Bli clubhouse. Phone 0408 710810 for details.



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## 'Looking to the Future...Reflecting on the Past'



**1950: Sisters, Sonia and Linda Suosaari row down the Maroochy to school**  
Former students of the Bli Bli Primary School, the girls would row down the river to Stoney Wharf and then walk to school from there. The Suosaari families have played a big part in the early history of Bli Bli.



**2017: Sisters, Sarah and Megan Bryan row down the Maroochy before school**  
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*On Friday the 17th of February at Edgewater Village they celebrated their 22nd Anniversary*

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21 years, Keith & Beris Newlove 20 years, Ailsa Blackburn 22 years, Thora Clarkson 20 years and Jean Adie 22 years, who celebrated the night with a cutting of anniversary cake with other residents of Edgewater Village.

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