

# Bli Bli Bulletin



"Our River Community" Issue 27 | SUMMER 2017/18

**BLI BLI COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**BLI BLI FUN RUN / WALK**

**90TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE**

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A MESSAGE FROM

## The Bli Bli Community Association

Over the past three months the local community has been very busy as highlighted throughout this edition. It kicked off with the River Paddle on father's day and then for another energetic event the first ever Fun run/walk to be held in Bli Bli. The river seems to be a popular theme with our very own Rowing Club continuing to win events and grow in members.

The big hole in the ground at the shops has finally started to take shape and it will provide some great opportunities for new businesses to come to the area and service our local community. As Cr Robinson has reported the street scape in front of the shops will take place in 2018/19 and so before too long the shopping precinct area will change greatly which will be a great improvement and benefit to us all.

For those that attended the Carols at the school, what a great night. A big crowd turned out for the evening which was wonderful given the weather that we have been experiencing. Although it is a Community night it also is a night where the Community can support the school. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful local school and this time next year the new Catholic College will just about be finished and taking its first intake of students.

On behalf of the Community Association all the very best for the Christmas season, we trust that you have an enjoyable and safe holiday period and refresh for 2018. The Community Association looks forward to what promises to be another busy year.

★ MERRY ★  
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## SCOUTS IN ACTION

I recently attended the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp and Water Activities Centre with scout troop members to have a look at how their new ride on mower is making a difference. The mower was purchased through council grants funding and it was clear to see it significantly reduces maintenance time for the camp. While I was there, I was particularly impressed with the Backwards Cooking Competition being held between several scout groups – they did a great job preparing excellent meals on camp fires to be judged by senior scout leaders.

## BLI BLI STREETSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE

Council is continuing to progress the Bli Bli streetscape project. We're working with the owners of the Bli Bli Village and the Quirky Circle site to ensure a seamless integration of various streetscape elements to create a softer, more modern 'look and feel'. Council intends to deliver the streetscape in the 2018-2019 financial year and we're aiming to have a concept design available for the community to view in early 2018.

We're also investigating options for the council-owned land on the banks of the Maroochy River, near the bridge (adjacent to the caravan park and Quirky Circle) to create a community open space and a children's kick and throw park. Watch this space for further updates as these investigations progress.

## MOSQUITO TREATMENTS

I acknowledge there has been a big mosquito problem in Bli Bli in recent weeks since the rain. In response, council has conducted three aerial sprays in the Bli Bli area to help manage the issue. The treatment targets the larvae to prevent them from developing into adult mozzies. It's important to note that council doesn't spray around houses or in public areas to target adult flying mosquitoes. Queensland Health guidelines advise that spraying adult flying mosquitoes would only be considered in the event of a confirmed public health outbreak (e.g. Dengue fever). For info on how to prevent mozzies breeding around your home visit council's website at <http://bit.ly/mozziesmidges>.

## MEET AND GREET

At my most recent meet and greet it was great to meet people who were happy with the progress of Bli Bli. Key issues still remain including public transport, traffic congestion delays the Bli Bli bridge. Sunshine Coast Council and I will continue to lobby the State Government on these important community issues.



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# BLI BLI UNITE FUN RUN RAISES SIGNIFICANT FUNDS FOR WHITE RIBBON

A STUNNING TURN OUT LATE LAST MONTH TO THE INAUGURAL BLI BLI UNITE FUN RUN/WALK HAS RESULTED IN OVER \$10,000 RAISED FOR THE ANTI-DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAUSE WHITE RIBBON.

Organised by the Bli Bli Neighbourhood Watch, the event attracted people of all ages and abilities who walked and ran through the Parklakes estate at Bli Bli.

Organiser and local Neighborhood Watch Area Co-ordinator Edith Blanck said she was stunned to raise so much money from the event.

"As it was our inaugural event, our fundraising expectations were much lower than \$10,000 but the response from the broader community including residents from Parklakes 1 and 2 and both the local Halcyon Retirement Villages certainly helped boost our number of participants to more than 370.

"The post event celebrations were also another highlight with lots of entertainment, food vans, stalls as well as great raffle prizes which helped generate significant funds which contributed to the overall total," Edith said.

Halcyon Lakeside Project Director Chris Carley said the Bli Bli Unite event fulfilled its goal of bringing the local community together to enjoy the picturesque neighbourhood while also raising much needed funds for a very worthy cause.

"We congratulate Edith and her team of volunteers from the Neighbourhood Watch as well as local Police, Crime Stoppers, Men's Shed, the rural fire brigade as well as the Maroochy River Rowing Club, Bli Bli Soccer Club and Little Athletics who all pitched in to ensure the event was a great success.

"Edith and her team have been asked to host another event next year and if it proceeds I am sure that the Bli Bli community will again embrace this important event," he said.



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With the wet weather we have been having, it was amazing to get a break for 24 hours so that the carols could proceed. When organising a community event like the Carols, there is a lot of preparation that goes in behind scenes in organising displays, fireworks, entertainment, rides, food, and so the list goes on. An event like this just doesn't happen overnight but a lot of planning goes into over many months including finding sponsors to make it all happen.

A big shout out needs to go to the main organisers Wendy Cook and Claire Stampa from the School and Regan Jensen Manager of the IGA and committee member of the Community Association.

The Community Carols provide a great opportunity for the whole of the community to come together not just the school community but the wider Bli Bli Community to celebrate together and be thankful for a great part of the world that we live in. The

profit made from the night goes back into the school to help the great work that the Chappy does within the school.

With the wet weather this year it was not possible to hold the rides on the oval as it would have done too much damage to the school oval, however the food stalls were setting a cracking pace from 4pm to 8pm trying to keep up with the demand. Thank you to all those who helped with the cooking and serving of the food and drinks as we had a great team of volunteers.

Finally, a great big thank you to our generous sponsors of this community event. Our major sponsors were Parklakes 2 and Vantage Homes and the other sponsors were the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Rivermarkets, Ray White Bli Bli and Strength & Strategies Counselling. We greatly appreciate such support as without it would not be possible to host such a wonderful Community Christmas Carols.

**Thankyou Bli Bli community for coming out and spending the evening with us!**  
**We hope you enjoyed the food, the market stalls, those snowglobes and all the Christmas festivities!**  
**It's a beautiful thing, to see the community coming together to celebrate the start of the festive season...let's do it again next year, say December 7!**



## MISSION STATEMENT

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

# Creativity

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

Very few organisations, or educational institutions for that matter, include **CREATIVITY** as part of their core values. Not so Bli Bli State School.

Futurists, employers, researchers, educators and leaders value a person's ability to solve problems equally as high as communication skills, literacy and numeracy skills. I stand amongst those who share this belief. The solving of a problem is not as simple as applying a set formulae to a situation, it is a combination of using what we know and applying it to new situations to come to an outcome or the creation of something.

Can creativity be taught? I believe it can be. The work that Bli Bli State School has done with Dr John Munro in constructing our Oral Language learning framework reinforces this concept. Expanding of vocabulary is dependent on the ability to increase word knowledge about concepts. This, in turn, can provide the tools (language) and concepts to work through a problem in a more complex or creative, innovative manner. Resourcefulness, the ability to use your resources, comes in to play also.

Consider the famous artist, inventor and engineer, Michelangelo, who needed to be taught the skills, techniques and tools first - colours, how to mix paint, observation, synthesis, evaluation, etc. This clear example shows how important it is to learn or be taught skills prior to applying them in a creative way.

The development of creativity, in combination with character and commitment, assists in developing the adults of the future into great members of our community.

**Gerard Quinn**  
Principal



## SHAKESPEARE, SKYSCRAPERS AND LEONARDO DA VINCI

### Cracking the Code of Critical and Creative Thinking

#### HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

Evidence of critical and creative thinking is everywhere. You could consider yourself spoiled for choice. The Great Pyramid of Giza, the Colosseum in Rome, Einstein's theories of relativity, the Mona Lisa, Romeo and Juliet, President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Dubai's Burj Khalifa and the gastronomical genius of fine cuisine the world over are just a mere few. But what of the thinking that goes on behind the scenes to create these Earthly marvels? Like Dorothy in L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz, we too need to peek behind the curtain to discover what makes the wizard tick and learn about the types of thinking that we should all embrace to create some magic of our own.

#### CREATIVE THINKING

Sometimes creativity just seems to emerge. In 1564, William Shakespeare was born and within his lifetime created some of the greatest literary works ever imagined. While we cannot know how Shakespeare's mind worked, we do understand what creativity is with a little more clarity than in the 16th century. Creative thinking includes generating ideas and solutions which are novel, elegant, thought-provoking, generative (spur on more new ideas), emotionally inspiring or highly elaborative in nature. Creative thinking can be practised by adopting a positive 'what if...' approach and applying innovation strategies such as SCAMPER when attacking problems.

#### CRITICAL THINKING

Thinking critically turns ideas into well-oiled and trustworthy opportunities. In a world of fake news and the ability to buy a diploma online, being able to employ critical thinking is invaluable. Critical

thinking can be achieved by drawing on logical reasoning and reputable sources of knowledge, exploring multiple points of view and using all available information to plan courses of action and evaluate thinking. One prime example of how critical thinking can produce amazing results rises high in the Manhattan skyline. On the 17th March 1930, the Empire State Building construction began and under the exceptional critical thinkers and architects Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates, the iconic 102 story iconic skyscraper rose by 4 and a half levels per week - a remarkable feat of people power and planning.

#### CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING...THE DA VINCI CODE

A most revelatory moment in literature is in the Wizard of Oz when Dorothy realises that the wizard is no wizard at all, but a person like you or me. In the real world, one who seems more like a *critical and creative thinking* wizard than most is Leonardo Da Vinci. Da Vinci, the 15th century artist of the Mona Lisa, inventor and architect mastered critical and creative thinking but the essence of his integrated ideation can be practised by us all. Approaching life with a sense of 'what if...' and being logical and well-researched when planning, implementing and evaluating will give us the best of critical *and* creative thinking...a Da Vinci code for us all to crack.

#### Joel Batson

Head of Curriculum



## CRAFTING TOMORROW'S ENTERTAINERS

At Bli Bli, we develop skilled, resourceful and innovative learners who approach life with creativity. This is clearly evident in our school musical, a much loved and anticipated two yearly event. Months and months of singing, dancing and acting rehearsals have culminated in the staging of our unique biennial school musical, 'This is Australia' on 12 and 13 October.

'This Is Australia' had an Australiana theme that allowed for the children to broaden their repertoire of Australian country and rock music, whilst catering for the diverse talents within our school. An original script meant there were a range of speaking and singing roles that allowed all interested children to get involved and have a go.

This year's musical starred Jessie and Lachlan as two city kids travelling to meet their country cousins, Maddie and Cade. Teachers played the parents and grandparents of the children, and almost thirty other students shared various speaking roles. 141 students in total from year three to six danced, sung and acted their way through the show and were joined by the teaching staff on stage for the classic 'Eagle Rock'.

Staging such a fabulous production requires the involvement of the whole school community and is just another example of the wonderful community that we are all a part of. Our year six students designed

and painted the backdrops and our year five students designed the posters. Our wider school community were also involved behind the scenes in costuming, props and catering. In every aspect of the production, our students' creativity and love of performance shone.

#### Jenny Aitken

Lead Music Teacher



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- Anonymous

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For those that came along they had a great night being entertained by the Maroochy River Country Music Band. The band had selected a great array of music and dances and it was quiet obvious that some in the crowd had danced before.

A big thankyou to the band as they practiced long and hard for this night as being a Country music band, playing the gypsy tap and all the old time favourites is not part of their normal repertoire.

It was a traditional night with a great supper available all night and plenty of music. By the end of the night most had had a great work out on the dance floor.

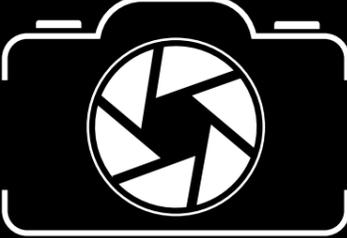
On the back of its success, the Community Association is keen to hold another next year possibly in April and if the demand is there then regularly thereafter.



A great night tonight with our "Meet the Candidates" meeting in the lead up to the state election for the inaugural seat of Ninderry. A great group of candidates, all attending, debating respectfully and in good spirits.



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MBK Dance Studios, located in Bli Bli and Yandina, recently held their annual end of year showcase. The two shows were a huge success with over 800 people in attendance. This year the Bli Bli Studio started a Musical Theatre class with raving reviews from the students and parents. Dance not only teaches young people responsibility but also allows them to express their creative side while making life long friendships. The students, parents and teachers are looking forward to another awesome year of dance!

MBK Dance Studios offers dance classes in classical ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, contemporary & musical theatre. MBK also offers classes for adult dancers looking for fitness and fun!

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This is a competitive/social paddle with paddlers needing to be competent to last the distance within cut off times. Its purpose is to showcase the Clarence Valley community and support its youth in sport initiatives.

**The event consists of 3 stages:**

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**Stage 2 - Grafton to Maclean 40km**

**Stage 3 - Maclean to Yamba 20km**

Fergus finished stages 1 and 2 in first place with as much as an 8 minute lead after stage 1. He finished in 3rd place at the end of stage 3 with two double ski teams just getting over the line in front of him.

Fergus said stage 3 was by far the hardest day as they were paddling against the tide as well as fighting fatigue.

This was Fergus' second year competing in the Clarence 100, coming in at second overall in 2016, and it won't be his last as he'll now have to defend his title. Well done!



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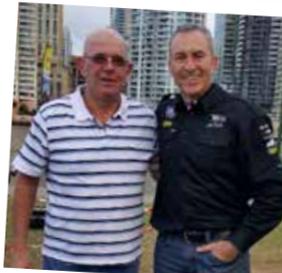
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# GLEN WILKE - CYCLING FOR A CURE

I was from the age of 5 raised on Sunshine Coast. Went to School at Montville, Coolum Beach and Nambour (High School).

In 1986 enlisted in the Australian Army and served in various locations and saw operational service Overseas in various countries including peacekeeping duties in Africa. I discharged in 2006 and owned a Jim's mowing business for a few years after Army. It became obvious that I needed help after some time and I eventually retired on a disability pension from DVA as the injuries suffered were service related and some are PTSD, Depression and Alcohol Dependence just to name a few. I needed help at this point in time I was about to lose a marriage of 20 years if I didn't get help. Also from a physical point I had reached almost 150 kgs from the lack of exercise and any movement. I worked on the weight and lost 45 kgs and Cycling really helped me to achieve this.

In 1997 I lost my father to cancer and my wife's father and uncle died of cancer. I also lost several people I knew in the Army to various cancers. The trigger for me to make up my mind to do something about all of this was my wife being diagnosed of Kidney cancer in around 2009. She was operated and had a kidney removed with no further treatment required and the prognosis is good now.

Through the cycling I found the Tour De Cure and investigated this organisation and I now am a rider in there Signature Tour in 2018 to

raise funds to find a cure for cancer. I am cycling with the Tour de Cure's Signature Tour 2018 over 9 days

in April and May 2018, cycling 1,100 km from Mackay to Cairns. This is not meant to be easy as those who are going through cancer and its treatment are doing it tough as well. By no means is cycling this distance meant to be the same but it meant to challenge the riders. My goal is to raise as much money for cancer research, support and prevention projects around Australia for a organisation that supports all cancers. They have been going 11 years and is followed by Channel 7 yearly during the ride. They have major sponsors however the riders like me are the ones that raise the money of which 80% goes to research to find cures, 10% to prevention and 10% to support. In 11 years they have raised over 32 million dollars for this cause. Which is indirectly filtered to the Sunshine Coast area through cancer projects.

I find now that I still have alot to offer the community and as I am not able to work this is the cause I will fight for to help find a cure for this terrible disease. If the Defence Force lost the amount of people in a battle that we loose to cancer each year they would throw large amounts of money into it to find out why it happened and to prevent it happening again. Why is cancer any different, it is a battle that too many people and their families are fighting today.

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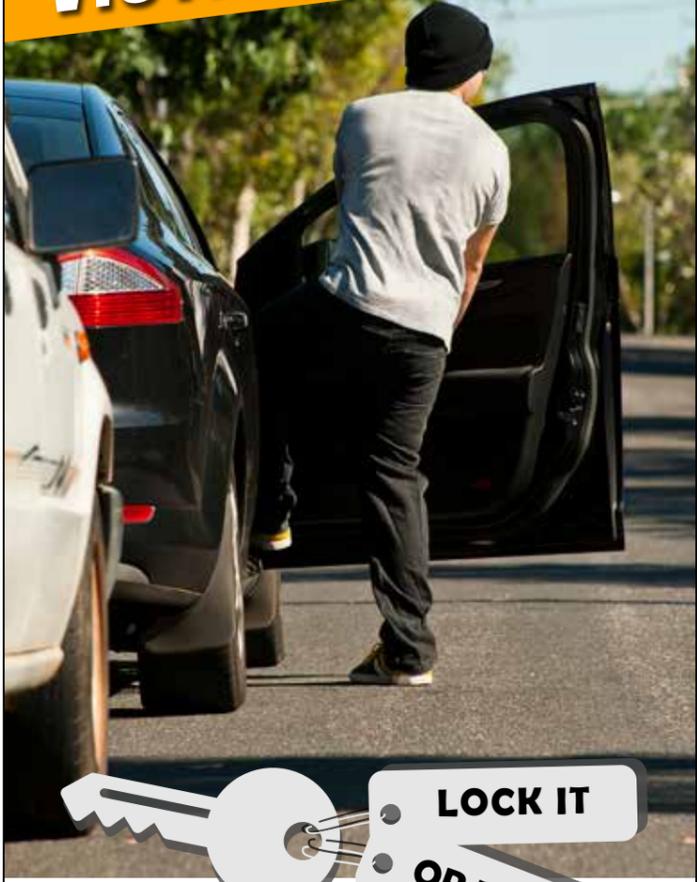
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# LOCK IT UP!

Police have confirmed 20 motor vehicles have been broken into over the last six days in Nambour and Bli Bli.

Nambour Senior Sergeant Gary Brayley told media at a press conference today that it was "a significant increase [in crime] that was very concerning".

"It's clear to us that a syndicate of people are operating in those very close areas to steal property from those unlocked motor vehicles."

He said overnight in Nambour four motor vehicles were stolen, three from one address where offenders entered the house to steal keys. Another car was stolen from Campese Street in Nambour this morning and is still outstanding.

Senior Sergeant Brayley said one of the vehicles stolen last night was involved in a crash at the corner of Donaldson Road and Coronation Avenue this morning where it ran into a parked truck.

"Three people are in custody at the moment and will be assisting with inquiries throughout the course of the day."

He said they included one female, a 17-year-old male and a 15-year-old male all from Nambour, one of whom was the driver of the vehicle that crashed this morning.

Senior Sergeant Brayley said Sunshine Coast residents need to keep their property secure.

"If you're in a motor vehicle and leaving it unattended, make sure it's locked," he said.

"Keep valuables out of the car or otherwise out of sight and irrespective of whether you are home or not, you need to keep your house locked."

"Quite clearly we're seeing bold and brazen people who have no respect for people's privacy, they've got no respect for people's property."

"They're making entry to houses while people are at home, and stealing property including keys that they're using to steal motor vehicles," he said.

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BLI BLI	MAROOCHY RIVER	PACIFIC PARADISE
34 sales for period	6 sales for period	10 sales for period
\$647k HIGH	\$990k HIGH	\$712,500 HIGH
\$400k LOW	\$487,500 LOW	\$300k LOW
median price for period	median price for period	median price for period
<b>\$527,500</b>	<b>\$637,500</b>	<b>\$452,500</b>

RAY WHITE BLI BLI'S PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FIGURES (1 JULY 2017 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)

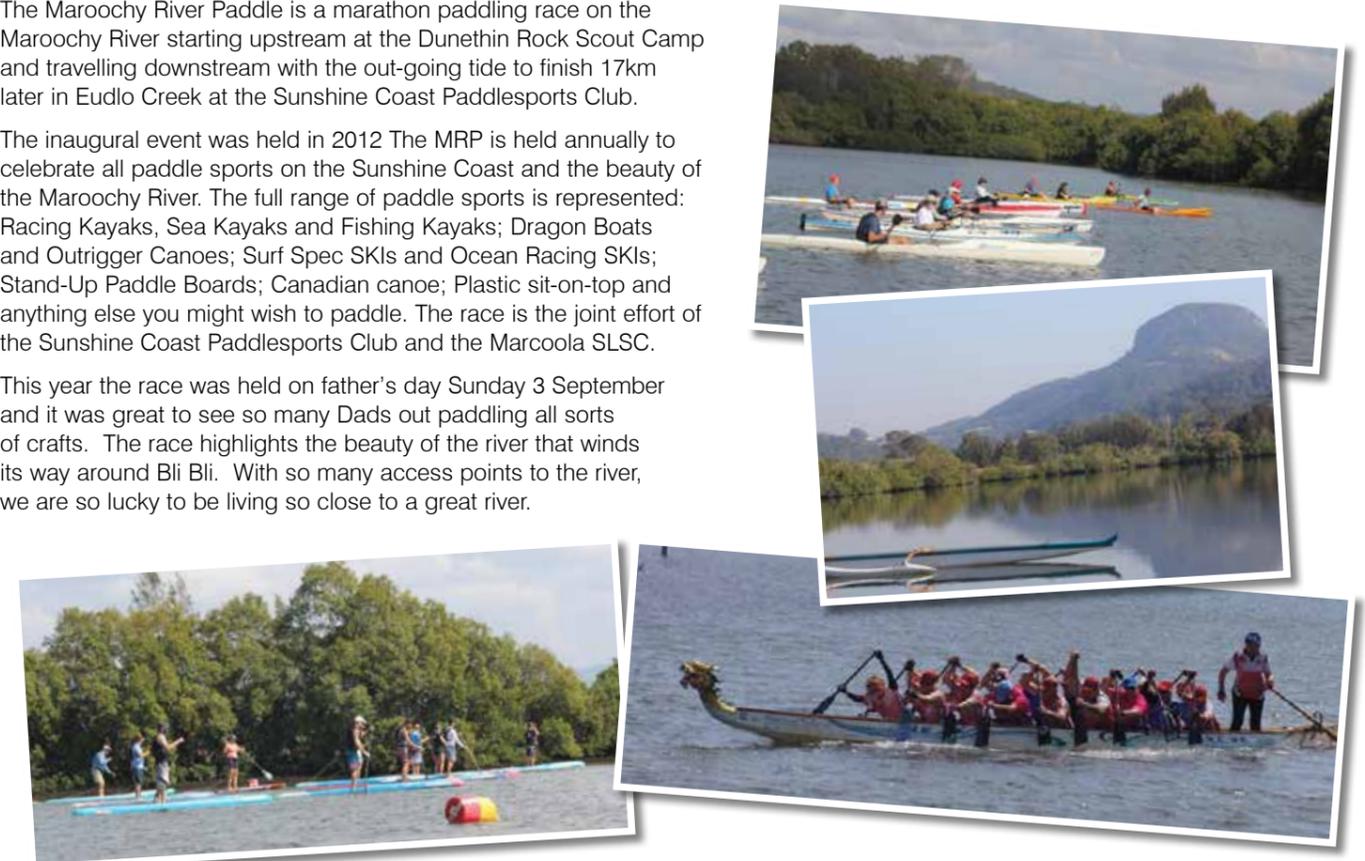
PROPERTIES LEASED	ENQUIRIES	TENANTS INSPECTED
25	1,182	225
AVERAGE RENT	INSPECTIONS	APPLICATIONS PROCESSED
\$488	58	99
Current Vacancy Rate 0%		

## MAROOCHY RIVER PADDLE 2017

The Maroochy River Paddle is a marathon paddling race on the Maroochy River starting upstream at the Dunethin Rock Scout Camp and travelling downstream with the out-going tide to finish 17km later in Eudlo Creek at the Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club.

The inaugural event was held in 2012 The MRP is held annually to celebrate all paddle sports on the Sunshine Coast and the beauty of the Maroochy River. The full range of paddle sports is represented: Racing Kayaks, Sea Kayaks and Fishing Kayaks; Dragon Boats and Outrigger Canoes; Surf Spec SKIs and Ocean Racing SKIs; Stand-Up Paddle Boards; Canadian canoe; Plastic sit-on-top and anything else you might wish to paddle. The race is the joint effort of the Sunshine Coast Paddlesports Club and the Maroola SLSC.

This year the race was held on father's day Sunday 3 September and it was great to see so many Dads out paddling all sorts of crafts. The race highlights the beauty of the river that winds its way around Bli Bli. With so many access points to the river, we are so lucky to be living so close to a great river.





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Monday 11/12/17	Tuesday 12/12/17	Wednesday 13/12/17	Thursday 14/12/17	Friday 15/12/17
<p><b>Let the Holidays BEGIN!!!!</b> A special visit from the Queensland Surf Lifesaving to have a talk with us about our beautiful beaches and getting ready for this summer.</p> 	<p>Excursion to Chambers Island all ages! Activities include Bait gathering with a yabby pump, bait net or cast net (depending on location) Bait presentation Rod casting Fishing Beach, marine &amp; personal safety</p> 	<p>Healthy <i>incursion Yoga Jelly stress balls Blueberry smoothies</i></p> 	<p><b>Grade 4,5,6 &amp; 7 Excursion</b> Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre for Indoor Rock Climbing. Bus will depart at 8:20 am sharp. Capped @ 24</p> <p><b>Prep, 1,2 &amp; 3 Witches &amp; Wizards Dress up day!</b> Incursion Magic Show</p> 	
Monday 18/12/17	Tuesday 19/12/17	Wednesday 20/12/17	Thursday 21/12/17	Friday 22/12/17
<p><b>Bike and Scooter Day</b> Bring along a bike or scooter but don't forget a helmet! No Helmet no riding, safety first.</p> 	<p><b>Office Secret Santa</b></p> <p>Busy being Santa's little helpers.</p> 	<p><b>Incursion Get ready for the round robin battle. Who's team will be victorious???</b></p> 	<p><b>EXCURSION ALL AGES....WE'RE OFF TO THE POOL. DON'T FORGET A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RASH SHIRT</li> <li>WATER BOTTLE</li> <li>TOWEL</li> </ul> <p>BUS WILL BE LEAVING AT 9:30 AM.</p>	<p><b>Christmas Party!!!</b> Come dressed in your best Christmas outfit. Bring a plate of food to share and get ready to snap some great Christmas memories in our photo booth.</p> 

It's holidays time! 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!

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## NEW CATHOLIC COLLEGE NAME ANNOUNCED

BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION HAS ANNOUNCED THE NAME OF THE NEWEST COLLEGE ON THE SUNSHINE COAST - GOOD SAMARITAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE.

The college will embrace the Benedictine tradition of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan which places strong emphasis on education and the importance of balance in life between work, prayer and recreation.

They take their name from the well-known gospel parable of the Good Samaritan and are affectionately known as the "Good Sams".

Sister Patty Fawkner, Congregational Leader of the Sisters said that they had a long and proud history in Queensland and in particular, on the Sunshine Coast

"Our association started with the commencement of St Joseph's Nambour in 1925 followed by St Joseph's secondary in 1940 - which was renamed St John's in 1985 - and in 1982 we opened Najara a spiritual and ecological centre.

We are delighted that the college is seeking to keep connections with us," she said.

Nambour Parish Priest, Fr Graham Gatehouse said the Good Samaritan story would be an inspiring one for future students.

"The Good Samaritan parable is one of morality, of being a good neighbour and having gentleness of heart," he said.

"Unlike naming a school for a saint from a distant time and place, the name is relatable for primary and secondary students and honours the great work on the coast since the early 20th century undertaken by "Good Sams".

"Within the Archdiocese of Brisbane there are many schools, both primary and secondary, that have a Good Samaritan heritage, or base their ethos on that of St Benedict.

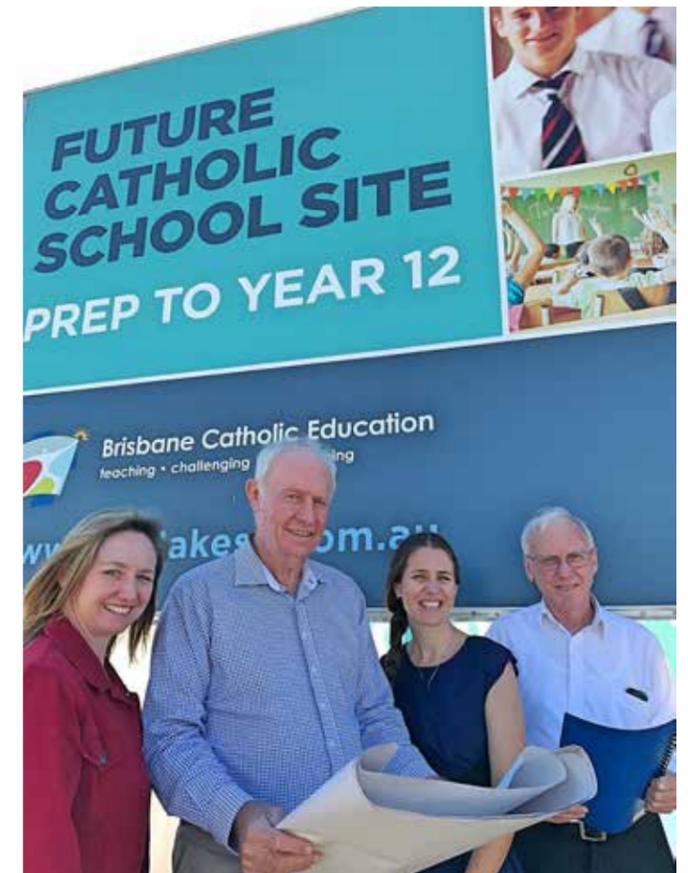
"Not only will the college have strong ties to our other Sunshine Coast Catholic schools, the opportunity is there to link with the Sisters' ministry schools in Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney, Broken Bay and Wollongong," he said.

The college is located in Parklakes II, Bli Bli and is scheduled to open in 2019 with Prep to Year 3 and Year 7 students, eventually catering for 1500 students.

The steering committee will use the new name of the college to help to develop house names, educational philosophies, uniforms and enrolment procedures.

The college is one of two planned for 2019 and is part of many Catholic school constructions scheduled in the coming years, spanning the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Expressions-of-interest will be opened shortly and information sessions will be held for those interested in enrolling their children in Good Samaritan Catholic College.



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# 'HEAD OF THE BRISBANE' WINNERS

OUR LOCAL ROWERS CONTINUED THEIR SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH ANOTHER IMPORTANT WIN ON THE BRISBANE RIVER.

This well synchronised crew of girls pushed their quad boat hard to get the gold medal in their schoolgirls division against the other Brisbane school rowers.

While most of their regatta events have been over the standard two kilometre course, the Head of the Brisbane event is a gruelling ten kilometre course and that distance quickly tests a rower's fitness level.

Overtaking other crews in a weaving fashion along the course after the staggered start arrangements and dodging the occasional City Cat our girls were outstanding.

When someone asked coach Donna Muller what she had been feeding her girls, she responded saying "they just have big hearts and they love to compete"

Well done to the crew, Lucy Hawthorne (stroke), Georgie Tadd (3 seat),

Sophie Walker (2 seat), Georgia Stoddart (bow) and steering a great course for the girls was their coxswain, Nic Stringfellow.



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## BLI BLI CRICKET

AS REPORTED IN THE SPRING EDITION OF THE BULLETIN, CRICKET HAS RETURNED TO BLI BLI.

Each Saturday morning if you drive past the Bli Bli school oval (so long as it is not raining), you will see the Maroochydoore Cricket Club U12 Blue team playing on the oval. The Blue team has a number of locals playing in the team and they are enjoying being able to play so close to home and on a great wicket.

There remains a great opportunity for more boys and girls to play cricket after Xmas and possibly play at Bli Bli in the U11 competition on Saturday mornings. There will be 7 matches to be played commencing on Saturday 3 February.

So if you have some keen cricketers check out [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and search for Maroochydoore Cricket Club for U11 registration.



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# FUN, personal bests and a little success at Relays for Bli Bli



A GROUP OF KEEN YOUNG BLI BLI ATHLETES (AND THEIR PARENTS) HAVE JUST COMPETED AT THE FIRST BIG COMPETITION OF THE SEASON - THE SUNCOAST REGION RELAY COMPETITION.

This competition sees athletes from 15 centres across our region from Deception Bay right up to South Burnett competing in track teams of 4 and in field teams of 2. This year 16 Bli Bli Athletes competed and joined with our neighbouring centre at Nambour to form 11 Track relay teams in a collaboration that started 3 years ago and gives athletes the opportunity to compete in their own age/gender group.

Unfortunately U13 athlete Jai injured his leg and had to pull out on the eve of the competition but a last minute reshuffle of the teams ensured that all our athletes still competed even if it was in an older age group. Jai was disappointed to miss out but is recovering well and we look forward to seeing him back on the track soon.

Our centre is very proud of all our athletes efforts and for giving every event a go, especially those competing for the first time and those athletes who helped out older age groups. We have 2 notable mentions for Isabelle S and Tai H both under 8s substituting into under 10's teams to give everyone a run, a stellar effort. Many of our athletes achieved personal best performances and Shakiah S has also qualified to go to the State Relay Championships in December, which is an awesome result.

Well done to all our athletes, it was a big day and everyone did their best. Molly P, Tai H, Jack H, Isabelle S, Khobi S, Riley E, Marly G, Sarah H, Jake M, Eve R, Taj E, Roman K, Charlotte S, Tyler W, Isaac K and Shakiah S.



#### A special mention to these notable performances:

Molly P - individual 3rd place in U7 discus

Tyler W - personal best performance and individual 5th place in U10 Shot Put

Marly G - individual 10th place in U9 discus

Isabelle S - U8 Long Jump personal best performance

Isaac K - personal best performance in U12 Long Jump & U12 High Jump.

Shakiah S - personal best performance in U14 long jump

HUGE Congratulations to Shakiah S who teamed up with Abbey from South Burnett placing 2nd in High Jump and Long Jump, and qualifying to go the State Relay competition - well done girls. Shakiah also narrowly missed state qualification in the 4x100m by only 0.11seconds as part of a mixed team with a Nambour, bad luck team.

And one last special mention goes out to the Bli Bli Parents who all put in a huge effort transporting the athletes, marquees and volunteering to help keep everything on track on the day ... thanks to first time Team Managers Claudine and Michelle, Paul who officiated on the Starting panel, Tony as arena manager and our merry band of volunteers... Jacob, Kat, Amy, Luke, Kat and Kirsty.

There's plenty more to go in the season, Bli Bli Little Athletics has track meets most Saturday afternoons until mid March at Lefoes Rd Bli Bli and welcome all 4 to 16 year old aspiring athletes for some family, fun and fitness. Check us out at [www.bbla.com.au](http://www.bbla.com.au) or find us on facebook.

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We meet at the Le Foes Road Church Hall Bli Bli on the first Wednesday of each month at 9.30-10 a.m.

Your contacts are:

**President: Rhonda Trevaskis 0408 769 182**

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**GATEWAY EDGEWATER  
SPRING FAIR 2017**

ONCE AGAIN, THE SUN SHONE DOWN ON THIS YEAR'S GATEWAY EDGEWATER SPRING FAIR, ON 9TH SEPTEMBER.

Well received were the 25 stalls' well-stocked variety of goods, including the Men's Shed, the Edgewater Crafters, Trash 'n Treasure, clothes, books and plants. Another favourite were the cakes and jams, lovingly made by residents, which walked out the door!

Again, the Rural Fire Brigade supplied us with delicious burgers and a sausage sizzle. Inside the Community Hall we sat down to a lovely morning tea, put on by the Providers. While outside, colourful "Libby the Clown" kept us cool with ice creams, handing out balloons to delighted children.

Highlights mid-morning were the introduction of Ted O'Brien, Member for Fairfax, by resident Penny Butler, before he officially opened our Spring Fair. With wife, Sophia, and daughter alongside, staying to enjoy the entertainment of the Edgewater Singers, beginning their repertoire with "Happy Days are Here Again". Followed by the popular attraction each year of the Bli Bli State School Choir's rendition of songs with actions, concluding with "I am Australian". A big round of deserved applause.

The many raffle prizes were on show, thanks to all our generous Sponsors from local businesses around Bli Bli, Pacific Paradise and Nambour. They help make our annual Spring Fair so successful.

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**MBK Dance** 2.00pm - 7.00pm (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)  
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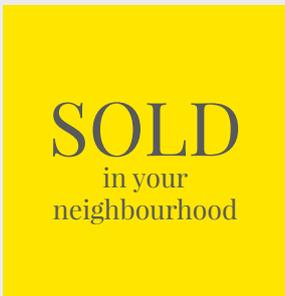


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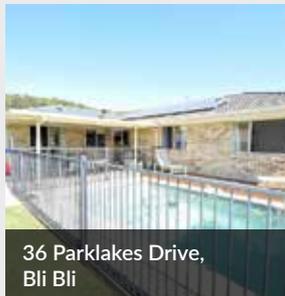
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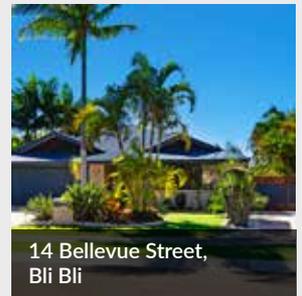
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