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Well Spring is upon us although one must ask did we ever have a Winter this year, the firewood sellers would have missed out and it seems like we have been in Sprig for a little while.

On 14 June we held a successful meeting at the Golf Club where over 100 people turned out to hear from a number of people about what was happening around town. It was great to see so many people turn up to the evening.

Another great story is the success of the local school. Gerard is to be commended on his great leadership and the teaching staff for all their passion and commitment. The stories in this edition of the Bulletin give you a great insight into what is happening in the school.

After much initial intrigue, the biggest and best new resort is open for business – Rivershore Resort. It is open to the public so make a point of popping in for a coffee or a meal or maybe even stay overnight, you would be so close to home but once inside so far away.

As our local population grows so does the need for more copies of the Bulletin to be printed and delivered. We are looking for more people to assist with the deliveries especially in Parklakes 1 and 2. If you can help us would be great, just get in touch with us through our web site.



Next edition for Summer closes for submissions to the editor and advertising on Monday 7 November with deliveries late November.



A word from **CR STEVE ROBINSON**



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IT'S AGM TIME

The Annual General Meeting season is well upon us, with all local organisations having committee positions up for grabs. I have attended the AGMs for many community groups around Bli Bli this year and it has certainly given me an even greater appreciation of the outstanding work these groups do for our community. With dedicated groups such as the Bli Bli Rural Fire Brigade, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary support group, Neighbourhood Watch and the Bli Bli Community Association we are in great hands. With thousands of hours of personal time devoted to improving community outcomes, these amazing volunteers deserve our thanks for the work they have done over the past year and for their continuing commitment to the year ahead.

NEW INTERPRETIVE CENTRE AT THE WETLANDS SANCTUARY

It was terrific to be part of the official opening of the upgraded Maroochy Wetlands Interpretive Centre. This project was a labour of love, which converted the old Perren Cane Cutters Cottage to a modern educational display of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary story. I would like to congratulate former president Derek Foster and his hardworking committee for working with council staff, indigenous elders, the Bli Bli on Maroochy Historical Society and other stakeholders to create a wonderful visitor experience. If you haven't already seen the interpretive centre or visited the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary, please find some time to enjoy this pristine environment.

PROGRESS ON THE SHOPPING CENTRE

Anyone who has been to the River Markets Shopping Village in recent times will have noticed that work has commenced on the nearby Bli Bli Village Centre, which will significantly expand our retail options. In listening to residents I can tell you that everybody in Bli Bli and the nearby suburbs is really excited about this project. I think Roz and Michael White will create a fantastic shopping centre with a wonderful variety of shops and services.

IN MEMORY OF WILF HARRIS

I would personally like to pay my respects to the Harris family on the passing of Bli Bli centenarian Wilf Harris at just over 100 years of age. In my time in council I have had a number of dealings with Wilf and found him to be one of nature's true gentlemen, with a kind and caring character and a strong community heart. His support of the Rural Fire Brigade, the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary and many other groups and projects in the Bli Bli community will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, Wilf – you were one of a kind. My sincere condolences to Wilf's son Peter and extended family.



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RIVERSHORE RESORT

So close to home but so far away once you are there!

A great new family business has finally opened on the outskirts of Bli Bli – the new Rivershore Resort Big 4 luxury holiday park.

The park is the creation of a well-known Coast local Bernie McGovern and his family. Bernie and his wife Cathy have been travelling Australia for many years and as a result of those travels, they have taken the best of the features they have seen and put them into the one central location together with their own ideas.

The park has many great features and is obviously hugely popular with many visitors already taking advantage of the facilities. One of the big features is the massive pool and water slide that sits right in front of the café/restaurant. No doubt this will become very popular as the warmer months approach. The pool has two waterslides, is heated and even has dedicated swimming lanes.

The menu is very casual and food being served is very well priced with generous serves and very tasty. The café/restaurant is open to the public and so you should make a point of treating yourself and family to the experience.

There are lots of activities in addition to the pool, including mini-golf, kayak/canoe hire and spacious picnic areas, access to the river for fishing and boating. However the big features of this park are the magnificent glamping tents, user pay system for powered sites, extra-large spacious areas for camping so you are not camping on top of your neighbour.

It is a 5-star resort with even its own conferencing facilities. It is sure to win many awards in the years to come but more importantly become a popular destination. Who would have thought that old cane paddock would become such a great attraction. So do yourself a favour and pop in and say hello and even book in to stay. So close to home but so far away once you are there!



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MINISTER SUPPORTS NAMBOUR TAFE'S FUTURE

On 26 July 2016, at my invitation, the Hon Yvette D'Ath Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Training and Skills visited Nambour TAFE. During the visit she assured me the Nambour TAFE has a bright future, as the Nambour Campus is the largest trades training facility in the TAFE Queensland East Coast region and is an important site for TAFE training in Queensland.

During the hour and a half visit we inspected most of the facilities. The Minister stressed the Labor Government's investment of more than \$1million over the past two years in the Nambour TAFE should allay any fears the Labor Government has any plans to wind back or walk away from Nambour TAFE.

I also discussed with the Minister the concerns I have with the credibility of some private training operators running courses, which are not properly training their graduates. For further information on courses available at Nambour TAFE go to www.tafeeastcoast.edu.au

Pictured Peter with our Attorney General Yvette D'Ath (0916)



SEEKING FEEDBACK ON FISHING REFORM

Fish management is an issue that is of interest to many of us and I wanted to let you know that the Government is calling for comment on Fisheries Management Reform in Queensland through their recently released Green Paper.

The Green Paper is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to have a say in relation to:

- Managing target stocks
- Managing impacts on the ecosystem including non-target species
- Resource sharing between the commercial and recreational sectors
- Access to resources
- Decision making framework
- Harvest strategies
- Data and information
- Consultation and engagement
- Fisheries compliance
- Contributions to the costs of management.

The Green Paper is available for public comment until 30 September and can be viewed at

www.daf.qld.gov.au

There is a survey form online at www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au

RETRO TO ROCK NAMBOUR AGAIN!

Thanks to the Hon. Peter Wellington MP, there will be dancing in the streets at the annual Retro Rocks Nambour festival. Rockabilly dancing.

RRN is an annual rockabilly/custom culture event that will be held for the third time on the 1st October this year in the CBD of Nambour, incorporating rocking music; fabulous cars; fifties fashion; retro, upcycled and traditional handicrafts; and Nambour nostalgia. Starting out as a one-day event on a Saturday in 2014, activities were added on the Friday night last year, and this year will see the introduction of vintage caravans. Organisers hope to eventually have the whole weekend and the whole town rocking retro.

An event driven by a collaboration of volunteers from local retailers, community groups and residents, Retro Rocks Nambour was created to take advantage of, and showcase, a growing 'custom culture', Nambour nostalgia and the recent growth of retro-aligned businesses in Nambour. This fun, free, community event that increases economic growth and fosters community pride is sponsored by local retailers, local government and now, major sponsor, Peter Wellington.

Event coordinator, Kathleen Ashworth, said that Mr Wellington's support would go towards providing the live rockabilly music for the event. "There is so much to see and do" Mrs Ashworth said, "from pinup competitions – including 'Mr Beefcake' - to hula-hooping, to voting for your favourite vintage car or hotrod. It is just such a fun scene, and live rockabilly music is an essential part of it all. Mr Wellington has given us the gift of music, and that's huge. Rockabilly music especially makes us feel good and want to dance; and, as Alice Walker wrote: 'Hard times require furious dancing'."

Retro Rocks Nambour: Saturday October 1st from 9am; Twilight Cruise: Friday, 30th September from 5.30pm

For more information: www.facebook.com/RetroRocksGlabour or contact Kath on 0428 286 134



INAUGURAL MP ROAD TRIP LAUNCHED IN BLI BLI

The region's newest federal parliamentarian, Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien is keeping Bli Bli firmly on his radar.

Mr O'Brien was keen to include Bli Bli during his inaugural road trip around the region, hitting the streets with his staff and mobile office.

"Getting out and meeting people in their home town is important to me and I was surprised by the number of people who came up asking for information, so it was definitely worthwhile," Mr O'Brien said.

"Being accessible is the only way I can really help constituents and it's important that people feel comfortable to come up and just say g'day or to have a chat about their issues.

"It's something I plan to continue doing, so this was my winter road trip and I already have another one locked in for spring," he said.

Mr O'Brien is also progressing his election promises for the area.

"I've been in touch with the Department for Regional Development about our \$5,000 commitment to air condition The Old Church Hall and the Bli Bli Community Association has been contacted by Minister Fiona Nash about how that funding will be delivered.



"No doubt everyone's keen to get installation complete before the summer heat kicks in!

"And I'm currently pursuing the Green Army project to build a \$200,000 over-land boardwalk connecting DASSI indigenous lands to the existing heritage trail in Bli Bli, south of the Maroochy River.

"That may take a little longer but it is such an important environmental project," he said.

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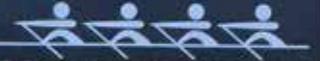
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Bowen Therapist/Allied Health Assistant Physio

Maroochy River Rowing Club



THE ROWING ACADEMY FOR YOUTH



RUSSELL MULLER, President and founder of the Maroochy River Rowing Club has been astounded by the generosity and support that his rowing club has received from the local community.

Mr Muller went on to say "I never could have imagined that when I played in Muller Park as a young child , that 50 years later I would become an important part of this community youth project.



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A NOTE FROM THE BLI BLI AND DISTRICT RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Hi to all in our community,

A fairly quiet winter on the fire front this year. Our members have been using this down time to attend Brigade and larger group training exercises readying for Summer. Members of our Brigade attended a 'Group Field Day' recently, where Brigades from all over the greater Sunshine Coast area came together in Eudlo to conduct a radio training day. A new digital radio system has been rolled out in South East Queensland this year so it was fantastic for all Brigades to practice the new system and iron out any kinks as we prepare for the busy half of the year.

For the new residents in the district, we still have Sugar Cane Farmers in Bli Bli and surrounds who are burning and harvesting their crops to be sent to Maryborough Mill.

As usual, we ask local land owners to ensure they maintain a tidy yard, especially if they are near bushland and may be exposed to a fire event. If you wish to have a large burn conducted on your property in the lead up to summer, please contact our Brigade on 0409 053 988. Bli Bli and District RFB will be conducting large controlled burns in the next few months. We will keep the community updated via our Facebook page (Bli Bli & Districts Rural Fire Brigade). If you wish to report a fire or emergency that you see, please phone 000.

If you are free on Saturday 8th October, head down to the Edgewater Spring Fair where we will be manning the BBQ for yummy breakfast and lunch options. Other stalls will also be selling cakes, homemade goods, plants, books and too many more items to list.

Also come see us at the Bli Bli Carols in December at the State School. Kids can have a look through our Truck and we will have fire information for local residents.

Safe fire season to all in the Bli Bli and District Community.

Lyndal Erbacher
Secretary



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

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

OLD HALL

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

- Craft and Quilters** 9am - 12 noon (Wendy 5448 5072)
- Justice Dance** 12pm - 1pm (Sophie 0419 797 366)
- MBK Dance** 3pm - 9pm (Hayley 0408 988 119)

THURSDAYS

- Line Dancing** 8.30am - 11.30am (Leon 0418 749 823)
- Tae kwon do** 4pm - 5.30pm (Simon 0408 064 439)
- Country Music** practice 7pm - 10pm (Steve 5442 1340)

FRIDAYS

- Play Group** 9.30am - 11.30am (Vanessa 0421 705 569)

SATURDAYS

- Karate** 9am - 12pm (Anthony 0407 695 005)



STRIVE TO ACHIEVE



BLI BLI
STATE SCHOOL

To learn more about our school, meet school Principal Gerard Quinn on one of our Principal's Tours

18 October	9:00 - 10:30am
	6.00 - 7.30pm
1 November	6.00 - 7.30pm
15 November	9:00 - 10:30am
29 November	9:00 - 10:30am

Prep Orientation Program

Monday 24 October to
Friday 4 November

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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WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL

great?

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



565 students

Bli Bli State School is small enough to listen and care for your children but can also match the modern thinking and learning of much larger schools



72

highly experienced and passionate teachers and support staff

50 plus families

on our P&C team who offer an opportunity to actively contribute to the school community



115 years

of service to the community

Awarded Champion Display and multiple First Place Prizes at Nambour Agricultural Show 2016. Only school invited to join Queensland Garden Expo annually



Over 150 regular volunteers



Outside School Hours Care facility offering 75 places for **before and after school care** as well as vacation care



14 acres

of beautiful natural environment

Creates and produces a bi-annual School Musical



Regional best practice School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning program



2-3 kgs

Garden club supplies 2-3 kilograms of produce every year to be served in the tuckshop

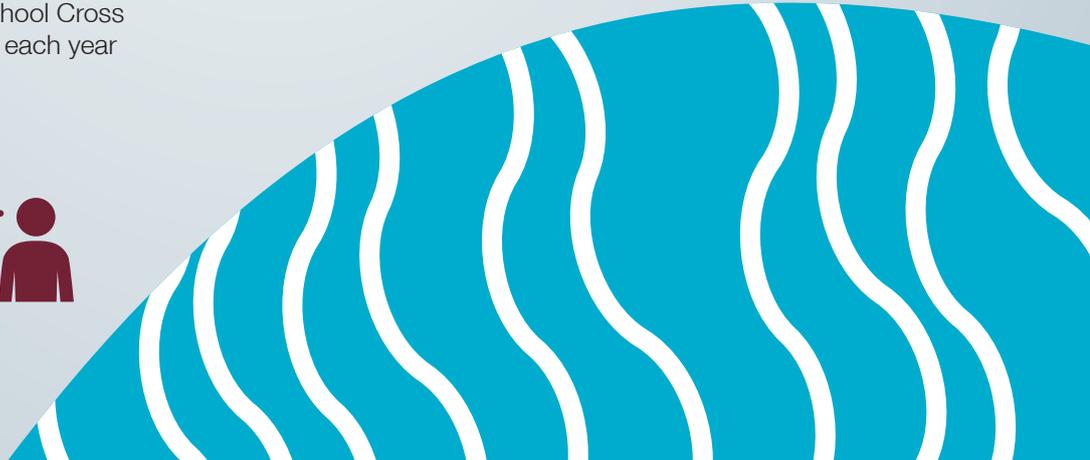


Fortnightly electronic newsletter supplemented by communication from teachers

Host of Interschool Cross Country each year



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THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH HAPPENING AT OUR GREAT SCHOOL THAT I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN!

One of the favourite events on the school calendar was the annual Under 8's Day. This day celebrates everything that is enjoyable, creative, exciting and fun for the younger students and this year's event was no exception. Face painting, animal rides (real and mechanical) and many other 'hands on' activities all combined to make the day memorable for all concerned.

The annual Chappy High Tea fundraising afternoon was another highlight as well as the district sport's day where, as always, our students competed with distinction.

Once again our Courage Garden were winners at the Sunshine Coast Show with first place prizes being gained in five categories. This was followed up by a very successful display at the Queensland Garden Expo where many of the staff and students were on hand to help over a very long, but enjoyable weekend.

The Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod saw both our Junior and Senior Choirs receive Highly Commended awards for their renditions of 'Joyful Song', 'Drunken Sailor' and 'Bee and the Bear' for the Juniors, and 'Dreaming in the Sky', 'I Lost my Homework' and 'Razzamatazz' for the Seniors.

Valuable experience was also gained by our small vocal groups which can be seen by an excerpt from the following report by Olivia H and Joanna F of 6M & 6G.

'On Saturday 6 August, our four fantastic small vocal groups competed at the Sunshine Coast Junior Eisteddfod. In Mrs Aitken's eyes, we all came first. Unfortunately, the adjudicator didn't agree and sadly none of our groups placed. Mrs Aitken tells us that we entertained the audience and that's what matters

the most, as well as having fun. Our performances were:

- Canto Bello sang 'Little People'
- Belle Voce sang 'Step in Time'
- Bella Beats sang 'My Favourite Things'
- Rebel Clefs sang 'Pirate King'

It was a great experience and we had fun.'

Congratulations to all these talented students.

Our Positive Behaviour focus for this term has been 'I am an active member of our school community'. This focus asks all of us to be proactive, to support each other and build each other up. To illustrate this, the whole school learnt the words and a dance routine to the classic song 'Lean on Me'. A music video was then made of it featuring the whole school. An amazing effort and so much fun!

And it's not only the children who are having fun. Many of our staff have recently taken part in the Infinite Ideas Online Numeracy Festival where various sessions offered very interesting professional development opportunities.

The next few weeks will bring a host of enjoyable and challenging events. One of these is Children's Book Week where the theme will be Australia: Story Country. The children (and adults) are busy preparing their costumes for the ever-popular dress-up parade. Other connected activities will include Story Telling, Book Swap, the Bli Bli Reader's Cup, a movie night and a Reading Challenge.

Literacy Week will include age-appropriate crosswords, trivia quizzes and 'Books on Blankets', where the students are invited to bring their favourite book and a blanket to school and assemble under the trees to read with their mates – a lovely way to interact.

Road Safety Week is also almost upon us and we urge everyone to work together to keep our wonderful community safe, whenever and wherever you journey – especially around the school.

We look forward to sharing all these events with you in the next edition of the Bulletin and until then, we thank you all for your encouragement and support of our school.



QLD GARDEN EXPO (8-10 JULY)

Once again this year we were asked to have a display in the kitchen garden section of the Qld Garden Expo. The theme of this section was 'Verge Gardens'. We had a double site within this section and it had an amazing vibe, with visits from Costa, Jerry Colby Williams and many more who come to do various talks. Again this year, the schools role was to run various child related activities. This year we ran a 'treasure trail' where the children could complete activities and, once completed, their name went into a draw to win a packet of insect attracting seeds and a pot. The activities we offered included: Counting triangles in the Geodesic dome, Paper pot making and planting seedlings, Dress the Scarecrows, Pet Rock Making and Identifying plants that were the same as ones at home. We had a HUGE success, and many positive comments about how amazing the school was and the children and staff who helped man the stall! The following volunteers helped run the stall by completing a four hour stint: Franca Cooke, Debra Wedmaier, Gayna Freeman, Chappy Heather, Gerard Quinn, Penny and Tony Northey, Kim Staff, Cheryl Staff, Jo-Anne and Derek Foster, Joanna Bateman, Leanne Haywood and myself. Some amazing children also helped out... Shianne and Violet Beale, Kelsey and Sammi Haywood and Keira Staff. These children took the responsibility of teaching other children how to make paper pots and they were 'great ambassadors of the school' Gerard Quinn (principal).

We met the ever-enthusiastic Costa (Gardening Australia), Dirt Girl and Graham Ross (Better Homes and Gardens). Graham Ross has a gardening company called 'Garden Clinic' and during the show his PR personnel offered to donate to the

school anything that was left over from his stall at the expo. This was an amazing gesture and the donations filled 3 cars!!!! They included, plants, mulch, fertilizer, potting mix, seaweed spray etc. We also received donations from Katek, a fertilizer company, and we are very grateful for this also.

We have been thanked for our involvement and Barbara Wickes, the Kitchen Garden Organizer, is keen to have us back again next year. Needless to say, we are just as keen to get back there too!



SAVE THE DATE! "CHRISTMAS CAROLS"

Friday, 2nd December 2016 4.30pm - 8.00pm

Christmas Markets, Food Stalls, Rides, Animal Farm, Carols, Fireworks

Do you make/sell items that could be purchased as Christmas Gifts? We are looking to further develop our Christmas Markets this year with lots of stalls filled with Christmas gifts to buy. For more information, or to book your stall, please fill in a registration form at the Bli Bli School Office.



BLI BLI STATE SCHOOL CHAPPY NEWS

High Tea

Wow! What an amazing afternoon we had at the annual Chappy High Tea! On Saturday, 25th June, about 160 ladies (ok, there were a few men there too!) gathered at the school hall to celebrate the great work that Chappy Heather and Chappy Tony do for the children, staff and families at Bli Bli State School.

The hall had been completely transformed into a beautiful dining hall, with great thanks going to Bli Bli School staff member, Gayna Freeman, who was the style guru behind all things decoration. Gayna also did a fantastic

job of MC'ing the afternoon and thanks too, to fellow staff member, Julie Lowry, for an interesting and engaging talk she gave during the afternoon.

A great thank you goes out to Yasmin Scott, who oversaw the planning for this event from word go, as well as to the dedicated team of helpers, who worked hard for months, gathering prizes and organising everything. A big thank you also, to the many people involved in cooking for the event, setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards. And to Chappy Tony and his band of gentleman helpers who washed dishes for hours!

We'd also like to thank the many

individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffle and auction. We are so grateful for each and every donation that we received.

It was definitely all worth it! The food was delicious and plentiful, the atmosphere was indulgent, the company was congenial and there were many great prizes and auction items to win and buy.

Best of all, we were able to raise just over \$5,400.00 together which goes a long way in helping us to keep our Chappies at Bli Bli State School! Thank you so much Bli Bli! We're looking forward to next year!



ADVENTUROUS DADS
A weekend designed for Fathers to live, learn, and laugh with their child!

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Adventurous Dads

Following the success of our single day, Fathering Adventures event last year, Chappy Tony is hosting the inaugural Adventurous Dads Camping Weekend, in conjunction with local Dad, Charles Cook.

Closely following the principles and goals of Fathering Adventures, Adventurous Dads aims to help Dads deepen their relationships with their children, by combining awesome and active group activities with intentional one-on-one time between Dad & Child.

There will also be some tips on intentional fathering and an opportunity for Dads to spend some time with other Dads, learning together and encouraging each other in what is, after all, the most important job they have.

So how about it Dads? Are you ready for an adventure with your child? Call Chappy Tony on 0404 859 626 for more information or to book your spot. Don't miss out, spaces are limited.

Day to Day Chaplaincy at Bli Bli State School

When they are not busy helping at High Teas or running wild adventures for Dads, Heather and Tony continue to spend much of their time at the school offering one on one support to children and families in need. They also do lots of group work covering topics such as self-esteem, grief and loss, and social skills to encourage students to discover strategies for coping better with relationships and to realise their unique strengths and full potential in life.

Thanks again to our regular sponsors....

We'd like to say thank you again to our regular corporate sponsors:

Lever Law, Bli Bli Vet, BrandGrowth and White's Supa IGA.

It is your ongoing support, and that of our private personal supporters that enables us to keep our Chaplaincy Program at Bli Bli State School strong.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR THE INVESTOR

So you know the benefit to the community if a Heritage Bank was established in Bli Bli. But what are the benefits to the Investor?

In order to get the process started we need to find pledges of \$400,000 and once that is achieved Heritage Bank will then start a detailed investigation as to its feasibility. If as a result of the feasibility it gets the green light then the people who gave the pledges will be contacted again to see whether they are still prepared to proceed. If not and their circumstances have changed then that is fine.

If you are prepared to proceed you will be invited to become a member of a community company and invest the amount pledged into the company. That money will be used to pay for the fit out, cover monthly expenses until the business becomes profitable. Investors are not shareholders but members of the local company and they are lending the company the amount pledged of between \$100 and \$5000.

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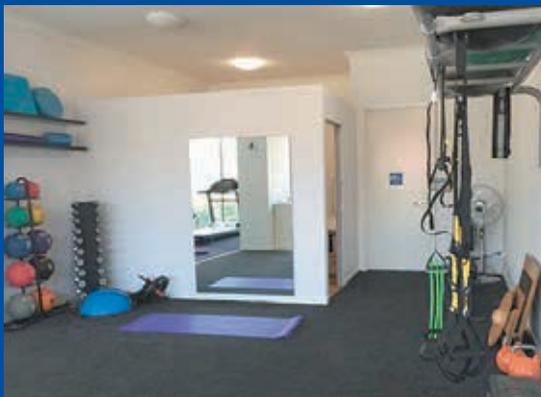
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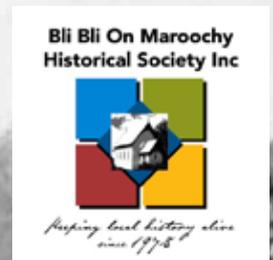


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Loud whistles could be heard as the steam locomotive travelled beside the banks of Petrie Creek and the Maroochy River, along the tramlines to and from the local farms.

Many Years Ago... Locals gathered for the 1905 Harvest Home Picnic.

The annual Harvest Home Picnic at Bli Bli and sporting regattas at Cotton Tree and Maroochy-dore drew throngs of locals and visitors to the North Coast. The Nambour Chronicle reported in December 1905, over 1,500 people attended the second annual picnic hosted by the Moreton Mill employees and Canegrowers. People gathered in Nambour to join the steam powered loco for a trip along the Petrie Creek Line to Bli Bli. The day's festivities of food and friendship also included 25 entertaining events including athletics, aquatic races, sailing and other novelty events.

Cane loco engines were best suited for shunting and hauling cane along the tramways that crossed the landscape. The loco drivers worked long hours to make the round trips from the farms, to the Punt and then into the Moreton Mill at Nambour. From Jim Shearer (1901) to Lawry Francis (1959), there are too many drivers and firemen to name, but their endeavours are recorded in the memories, stories, photographs and personal memoirs of our community. Cane locomotive stories describe attributes of strength, toughness, practicality and mateship.

Eighty Years Ago ... Crash & Recovery of the 'Eudlo' Loco

It is hard to imagine that 80 years have passed since the Nambour Chronicle described the fateful 'Eudlo' loco crash in September 1936. Speaking with Clive Plater, President of the Nambour & District Historical Museum, provides a wonderful insight into the life of local families who worked for the Moreton Central Sugar Mill.

"My own family has a long association with the Moreton Mill and the coastal cane locos," Clive explained. "Luckily for me, my father Edgar survived the crash and so did Uncle Les [Sandy]."

"Les was later killed at El Alamein in Egypt during World War II and the Mill's petrol loco 'Sandy' was named in his honour."

"Hailing from Leeds, England, the Fowler loco 'Eudlo' was operational since 1925 and its sister locomotive the 'Coolum' from 1923, my Dad's diaries hold many old stories."

When the wooden bridge gave way, due to borers in the piles, the steam loco and its heavily laden cane trucks sank into the creek near Dunethin Rock. Tragedy was averted as Driver Elly (Elias) Perren, a respected local cricketer, dived into the water to shut off steam to the engine.

Clive Plater recalled, "Uncle Les jumped clear but Dad was badly crushed, injuring his back. He was taken to Nambour Hospital for treatment and spent several months in a plaster cast from his knees to his armpits. My grandfather Charles Plater helped in the

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Steam-powered loco and passengers travelling the Petrie Creek line, 1920s.

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The Bli Bli Loco, 1965.

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Diesel locomotive 'Eudlo' at the Bli Bli water tank, circa 1940s.

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Preservation of the Bli Bli Loco at Muller Park, Bli Bli, July 1978.

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recovery operation, which required driving piles and a hoist to lift the submerged engine and cane trucks back onto the tracks. Several local Mill men and farmers assisted with the recovery".

Naming of Plater Creek, a Maroochy River Memorial

"My father's role at Moreton Mill changed over his 51 years," Clive said, "from driving locos, to Cane Inspector and management of the Mill's tramway system. Then through the 22 years of his retirement, he continued to collect and record local history. The crash site is now named Plater Creek, as a historical memorial to the Plater family and their history in the local sugar cane industry. The 'Eudlo' is now housed at the Nambour & District Historical Museum".

Over Fifty Years Ago ... 'Bli Bli' Loco

It's 1965 and Driver Bill Perren (right) and his Fireman Nick Boyle (left) are hauling cut cane along the Petrie Creek tramline on the 'Bli Bli' loco. Like the 'Eudlo', the steam-powered 'Bli Bli' was also built by John Fowler & Co., of Leeds, England. The old 1914 loco was purchased in the 1960 by the Moreton Central Sugar Mill, only to be decommissioned in October 1967. The name of 'Bli Bli' was then bestowed on the replacement diesel engine. The old steam loco was displayed for a time at Muller Park by the Bli Bli Canegrowers Association, before being moved in June 2011 to the Nambour & District Historical Museum for restoration by dedicated volunteers.

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EDGEWATER SPRING FAIR IS ON AGAIN

Edgewater Village in Bli Bli will be holding their annual Spring Fair on Saturday October 8th between 7.30am and 12.30pm.

As usual there will be a host of stalls for every taste. From books, pre-loved clothing, plants to trash and treasure and raffle prizes and many more.

The Bli Bli RFB will be providing a BBQ breakfast which will be available from 7.30.am The Bli Bli School choir will be among the entertainers during the morning. Ted O'Brien MP Federal member for Fairfax will open the Fair at 9am.

A portion of the proceeds will once again be distributed among local community groups.

To book a stall, contact Chris Morris on 5450 8435 or 0417 523 671.

- Catch a ride on the Sunshine Coast's first steam powered Krauss locomotive, the 1901 'Moreton' at the Ginger Factory, Yandina.
- Visit the Nambour & District Historical Museum to learn of several restored steam and diesel locos, machinery, buildings and Moreton Mill memorabilia on display.
- Enjoy great local heritage in Clive Plater's 2013 book "Locomotives of the Moreton Central Mill" and available on sale at the Nambour & District Historical Museum and also Genealogy Sunshine Coast.
- Catch a ride on the Pineapple Train at the Big Pineapple, Woombye.
- Visit the Australian Narrow Gauge Railway Museum and Durundur Railway at Woodford.

So if you are a rail fan, train spotter or loco lover, please join us for a chat about local history at the Historic House, 94 Willis Road Bli Bli. We encourage our members and guest to share their memories and stories about life along the Maroochy River. Annual membership of the Bli Bli On Maroochy Historical Society is \$6. You may happen to meet a retired loco driver, catch up with a friend or talk to a local historian.

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A huge congratulations to Tony and Penny Northey who were recently awarded a Life Membership and a Distinguished Merit Award respectively at the Little Athletics State Conference. The Northeys are long time "Bli Blarians" with a long history of very active involvement in the Bli Bli Community. Both the awards acknowledge years of dedicated volunteer service to Little Athletics at local, Regional and State level.

Tony and Penny each received their awards to the applause of their family as well as their little athletics "family" at a "Road to Rio" themed dinner as part of the Little Athletics State Conference held at Twin Waters Resort. It was an emotional affair for Tony as the conference also represented the last official function for him as President of Little Athletics Queensland, having served 8 years in the position as the pinnacle of his 26 year (and counting) involvement in Little Athletics. With just a couple of tears during his farewell speech Tony was the first to thank his wife Penny for supporting him in all his volunteer roles and says he could not have notched up so many achievements without Penny beside him.

Not to be outdone Penny received a Distinguished Merit Award from Little Athletics Qld which reflects an impressive list of roles and achievements at all levels over her 26 years of volunteering within Little Athletics.

The Bli Bli Little Athletics Centre were proud to nominate Tony for life membership and Penny for Distinguished merit as deserving and exemplary recipients and obviously the rest of the Qld Athletics community agreed.

They have each worked at all levels develop and foster the aims of Little Athletics. At centre level they were an integral part of the formative years of the "new" Bli Bli Little Athletics Centre and have continued an active involvement in the centre to this day. Both can be seen regularly helping out at the Saturday afternoon track meets at McMartin Park on Lefoes Rd and are eagerly looking forward to the new Season about to start in September.

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Courage Garden

The Courage Garden has had a HUGE past two months! We have been to the Nambour Show, The Queensland Garden Expo and received numerous donations from various persons/companies. This is our busiest time of year and due to the continued support from staff, students and parents we have been able to excel at all events.

The Nambour Show (10-12 June):

For the second year in a row we entered some of our produce for judging at the Nambour Agricultural Show. This year we entered 9 categories in the 'Table Fruit and Vegetable section' and of these 9 entries we won FIRST place for 5 of them: Six Tomatoes, One Punnett of Cherry Tomatoes, Basil, Mint and One Bunch of Shallots. Each winning entry won \$10 and a first place card! In addition, we created a 'Show Display' for the Agricultural pavilion. This display was fashioned (from a very sketchy drawing of mine) predominately by Shane and his amazing wood working skills, Joanna Bateman and her husband Jono's knowledge of bush tucker and various pictures of children in the garden (See pic attached). It was highly regarded and as a result the school won 'Show Champion'! This title did not receive any prize money, however we did receive high acclamations and an amazing 'Show Champion Ribbon'. It was such a rewarding and worthwhile event. The event organizers are also super keen to see us return next year in the hope to recruit more schools into the event!

In addition to all this, on the Saturday our display had a visit from the one and only Malcolm Turnbull...the Australian

Prime Minister!!! I was on site just as he was checking out our school display. Unfortunately, due to security and a mass of media I was unable to talk to him, but was able to capture a photo which was very exciting!

As mentioned previously, we had a number of very generous donations from people and companies at the Expo. In addition to this, Tohm from Amber Leaf Landscaping, came to the school and gave us a cheque for \$500 to go towards purchasing items for our 'junior school courage garden'. This garden is our newest and, I feel, most exciting project for this year!

All in all, we have had a great time during the past couple of months and as a result of all these activities we have gained exposure for the school and our gardening programs within the community!

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Bli Bli United Football Club News

As the soccer season draws to an end for 2016, it's time to celebrate what a fantastic season it's been for the Bli Bli United Football Club.

2016 has seen a great increase in the junior aged players with half of our teams this year consisting of U6, U7 and U8's. We also saw a huge increase in the number of senior's teams playing this year, all of which bodes very well for the future of the club.

The installation of the lights was a great highlight for the year and our teams have enjoyed training and playing under the lights for the majority of the season. An official 'Lights Opening Ceremony' was held at the club on Saturday, 27th August and we'd like to again take this opportunity to thank the State Government 'Get Playing Places and Spaces Program' for funding this.

The big news for the end of the season is the announcement from President, Charles Cook of his resignation from the President role at the end of this season. Charles says that after 5 years as President, the time is right to hand over the reins and allow a new person to come in and place their stamp on the club. In the 5 years that Charles has been President, we have seen the club numbers grow from 112 players in 2010 to the 216 that we registered this year. Much of this growth has been due to Charles' outstanding commitment to creating a club with an ethos of inclusion, sportsmanship and friendship and we would like to publicly thank him for the huge amount of time and effort he has contributed (on an entirely voluntary basis) during this time. Charles has also been instrumental in working with the committee and association to put in place the systems needed for a smooth running club. He intends to stay involved with the club and says that the new President will have his full support and that he will be there in any capacity required.

Of course, none of this would have been possible either, without the help of the many enthusiastic and hard-working committee members and regular helpers, without whom the club would not be able to run. To the outgoing committee of 2016, we say a huge thank you for your dedication and all your hard work during this year and for some, many previous years as well.

Just in case anyone is under a different assumption, we'd like to clarify that the club is run entirely on volunteer hours. So when you see someone in the canteen all day or out in the fields line-marking late in the afternoon/evening, or putting up and packing away gazebos, seats and flags, or cleaning the toilets while you're watching the late game, remember that they are just parents too, putting in time and effort so that your children can have a game and enjoy the camaraderie of being a part of team sport. And please remember too, that many hands make light work. Even if you don't feel that you can take up a committee

position next year, please consider how you can help out and be willing to contribute at least a few hours when your team is rostered in the canteen or in some other way during the year.

The club has its official season break up on Saturday, 10th September and the AGM will be held during the celebrations. We are excited that we have received a significant amount of interest in committee positions for next year and we are excited and expectant that 2017 will be another fantastic year for the Bli Bli United FC. As to who our new President will be, well you'll just have to wait until the next edition for that one!



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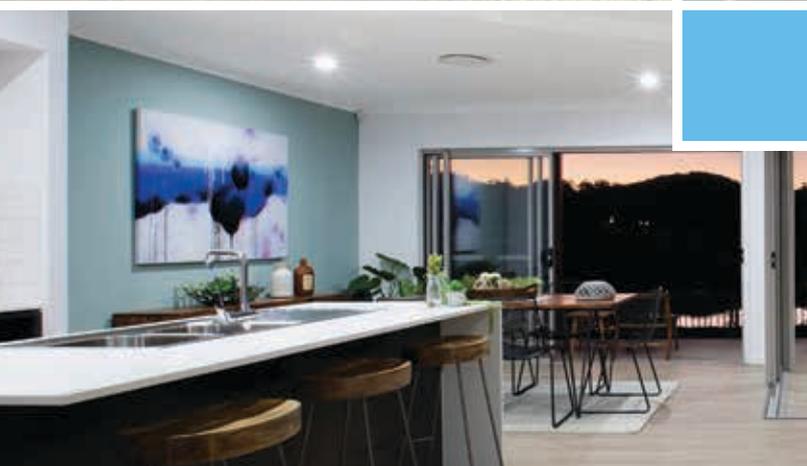
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I have adopted the Strategy for 2016-2018 that has been formulated by NHW Queensland

OUR VISION

To create strong safe, interactive communities where neighbours feel supported and values

OUR MISSION

To engage and connect individuals, families, businesses and communities for a safe united Bli Bli

OUR VALUES

SAFETY We value the safety of every person in our diverse community and the security of their property

PARTICIPATION We value effective and supportive partnership within our community

INCLUSION We value every individual in our community

OUR AIMS ARE TO:

Enable greater community participation in NHW through effective communication. Foster collaborative partnerships between the community, The Queensland Police Service and other Stakeholders.

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1st Message Community of Safety & Crime and Prevention strategy

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Welcome to all our neighbours in Park lakes who have shown great interest in having a zone coordinator in your area of our community it is on the way we just need a few more names We welcome The Bli Bli School which is now a NHW Group represented by the Head of the P&C, Clare Stampa. We are pleased to share with you that the NHW signs have been personally delivered to the Principal Gerard Quinn by myself and Jo Foster on the 11th August.

OUR PRIORITIES ARE TO:

Implement effective communication strategies through interactive and social media platforms

Actively promote NHW across our area through targeted approach to crime prevention education and community support

Develop appropriate and inclusive marketing strategies tailored to meet the needs of local communities

Enhance multi-lateral stakeholder's communication in order to promote greater community participation

Co-ordinate the development of effective pathway to education, planning and effective resource management

Build positive relationship between our community and police.

WE WILL MEASURE THESE BY:

Increased participation rate of:

Active NHW Groups

Membership in NHW groups

Community participation in NHW social and media platforms

Number of initiatives, projects and community partnerships implemented in by NHW.

DATES TO REMEMBER

NHW week is 12th November to the 19th November

SAT 12TH NOV BBQ at the IGA Centre.

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On the 3rd of August a new era for the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary began. Two major steps forward have been completed and now our river community at Bli Bli can be proud of having one of the most exciting visitor centres for nature based tourism on the coast. Step one was the completion of the new boardwalk facilities constructed from state of the art materials. Twenty six years ago our first boardwalk was constructed from treated pine and the last of this boardwalk has now been removed and in its place is high tech polycarbonate materials that are expected to last at least for 80 years. The new boardwalk is also non slip and fully wheelchair friendly. Step two has been the complete refurbishment of the display area. Our displays are housed in a cane cutters' barracks, built in 1920 and purchased from the Perren family in 1989. It was refurbished by the then Maroochy Shire Council and a theatre added underneath thanks to a significant donation from the National Australia Bank. The original displays that had stood the test of time for 25 years were developed by the three partners that manage the Sanctuary, i.e. the Council, the Education Department and the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group and, in the same spirit, the building now has

all new displays funded by the Sunshine Coast Council and developed in collaboration with the other two partners.

In addition to these new facilities the Sunshine Coast Environmental Education Centre (SCEEC) has expanded, due to ever increasing demand for its services, so that it now occupies the entire second building. The Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group also has a new home under the new display area that has a dedicated office area, kitchen facilities and large meeting room/theatre area.

The new facilities were opened with a welcome to country from Kerry Jones, a retrospective look at the development by the original designer of the Sanctuary and Support Group President Derek Foster, a review of how the centre will contribute to Environmental Education by the John from the SCEEC and the doors to the facility opened by our very own Cr, Steve Robinson.

The opening of the door into the displays represents the opening of a new era in nature based tourism for Bli Bli and the Sunshine Coast. Our local community is urged to become part of this new era by joining the Support Group by phoning 54486723 or emailing us on mwssgi@gmail.com.



QCWA BLI BLI BRANCH



The Bli Bli Branch of the QCWA started on 5/2/1930 with a handful of ladies determined to make a difference to the lives of women and children in outlying country areas. The tradition is still alive and well and although not as well known today it is still a brand is recognised in the community.

The local group are still raising funds and supporting people in the Country as well as supporting the local grade 6 students with a Citizen award each year. The group is very social and given the QCWA is state wide there are great opportunities to meet people from all over Queensland.

The local group of ladies meet at the Uniting Church Lefeos Rd from 9.30am on the 1st Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Judy Dalgleish on 5448 8092.

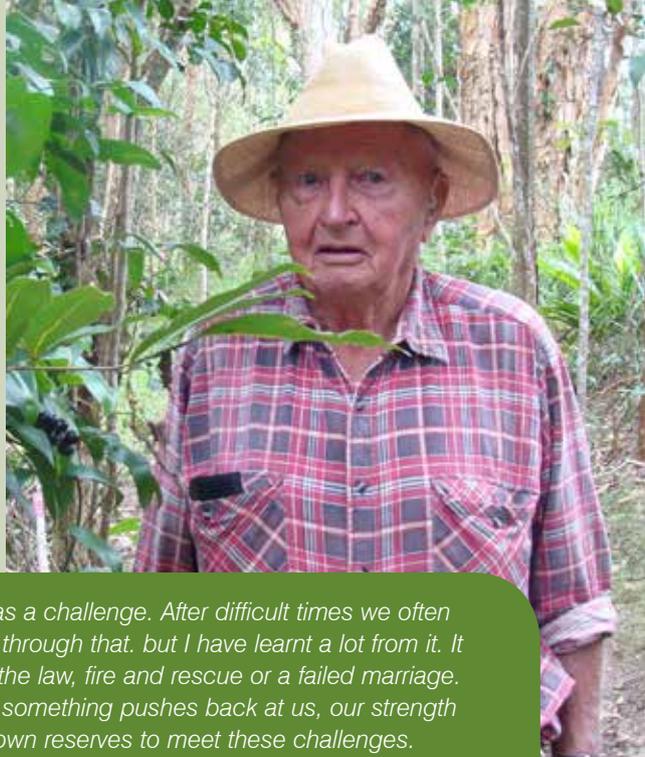
GOODBYE WILF

The Bli Bli and District Rural Fire Brigade, Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group and many locals recently paid tribute to and said their last goodbyes to Wilf Harris (22.11.1915-17.07.2016).

Wilf will be remembered for many things, he was a Founding Member and avid supporter of the Wetlands since their beginnings in 1990 and his advancing age did not prevent him from keeping an eye on his beloved Bli Bli bush property and surrounding Community. He was also a Foundation member of the Fire Brigade in 1952.

Through Wilf's son Peter the land upon which the Fire Brigade sits was gifted to the Brigade. It is becoming rare in this changing world to find a real gentleman, but that was Wilf, a true gentleman in all senses of the word. A man who will be sorely missed, but for all of those who knew him, a man who we were grateful and privileged to have known. Thank you and Rest in Peace Wilf.

Wilf's legacy is his love and knowledge of nature, his enquiring mind and his willingness to help others.



'Adversity introduces man to himself as a challenge. After difficult times we often say I would never have chosen to go through that. but I have learnt a lot from it. It could be a job situation, trouble with the law, fire and rescue or a failed marriage. when we bump into something hard, something pushes back at us, our strength is tested: forcing us to draw on unknown reserves to meet these challenges.

In many ways, they help us build our self-respect.

This difficulty is part of being human and help see more fully who we really are.

I am grateful when I think about the extraordinary people around me and the courage of each of them. I am grateful to be among them. These are my people.

Make it clear there is within us an enormous reserve of power, the power of wisdom and compassion if we learn how to use it, it can transform not only ourselves but the world around us.

Has there ever been a time when the clear use of this sacred power was most urgent.

Has there ever been a time when it was more vital to understand the nature of this power and how to use it for the sake of the world.

Looking back. Problems. There are no problems only solutions.' By Wilf

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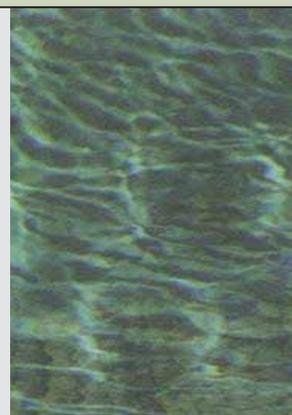
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NEW BEGINNING FOR OLD CLUB

Club members of the Bli Bli Tennis Club are delighted that their new facility is nearing completion. After many years of service the old clubhouse succumbed to termites and vandals in April this year as plans for a new clubhouse were being formed.

With assistance from our patron Councillor Steve Robertson the Sunshine Coast Council helped get the ball across the net to kick start the project. Southern Cross Sheds were engaged as the Committee members continued fund raising and patiently nursing the project along. The Gambling Benefit Community Fund made a major contribution to get the new facility off of the base line and the Heritage Bank Community Grant have helped serve up a new kitchen for our Tuesday and

Thursday social players to make a cup of tea. Franks team from Bunya Builders are going the extra mile to help with the finishing touches and Project Manager and Vice President Glen Mulhall reports the Grand Opening is only weeks away and will be announced on the club website www.tennis.com.au/blibli/ All players are thanked by the committee for their patience during construction, especially night time social players who have been in the resting paddocks all winter.

The club welcomes new members with a special offer to join for 2017 before November and the remainder of 2016 will be included. Details are on the website.

President, Chris Ryan

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