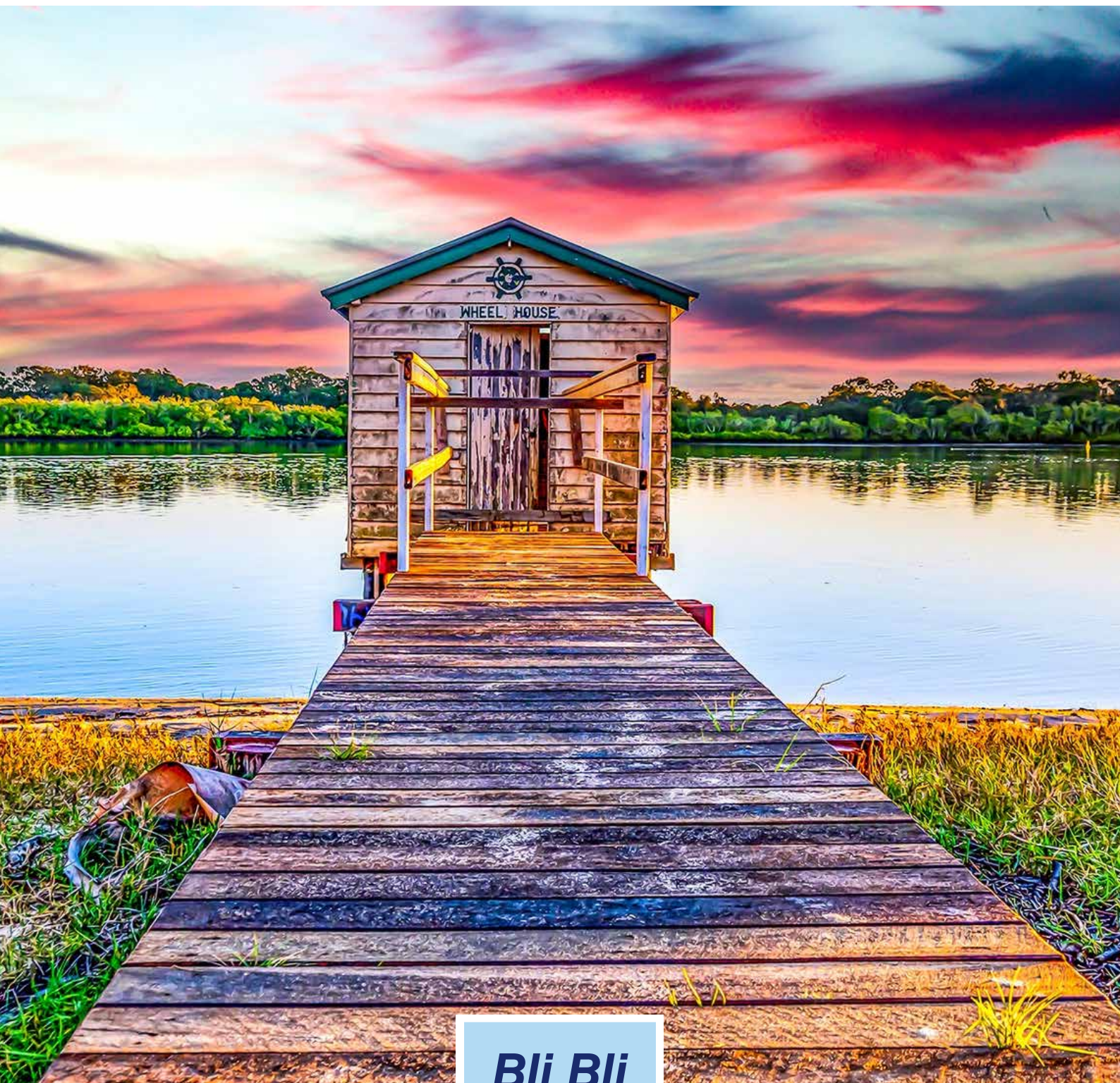


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**THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Well what a year it has been. I think everyone will get to the end of the year and take a deep breath as so much has happened around the world as well as locally on the Sunshine Coast. It is this time of the year we need to take stock and take a little time to appreciate our surrounds and enjoy what is at our finger tips. We live in a wonderful part of the world, so close to great beaches, a river and hinterland where you can while away many hours.

The Community Christmas Carols were held recently at Bli Bli State School. Thank you to the support of the Sunshine Coast Council grants program and Dan Purdie and to the sponsors White's IGA, Ray White Bli Bli, Jetts as it was invaluable in being able to hold such an event as it all comes at a cost. Thank you to organising committee who spent countless hours meeting and planning for the event.

The Community gardens are still proceeding and hopefully early in the new year we will see the project come to life to be located in the area behind the Community Hall.

We look forward to the new cenotaph being erected in Parklakes 2 in time for the 2023 ANZAC Day. It will be wonderful for the community to be able to come together in our own area for such an occasion.

Just a reminder we invite you along to our monthly Community meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Old Church. Our next meeting now will not be until February and the AGM in March. We will be looking for new office bearers, to ensure that the Community Association continues its long tradition.

Finally, on behalf of the Community Association all the very best for the Christmas season, we trust that you have an enjoyable and safe time and we wish you the very best for 2023.

The Bli Bli Community Association acknowledges the continued support received from the Sunshine Coast Council by its grants program.



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I'd like to wish you all a very safe summer, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## An update from your LOCAL STATE MEMBER, DAN PURDIE MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

### WIN A \$200 WHITES IGA VOUCHER

For your chance to win a \$200 Whites IGA voucher in time for Christmas, keep an eye out for my newsletter in your letterbox. On the back page of the newsletter you'll find a survey, simply complete it and return it by 20 December to go in the draw!

It's been another hugely successful year for Whites IGA, who not only continue to support the local community, but have also just recently opened their 6th store, in Forest Glen. Thank you Roz and Michael for everything you do!

### FUTURE ROAD PLANNING

Thank you to those who provided feedback as part of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) recent community consultation process around David Low Way. One of the main themes highlighted in the more than 220 responses was the need to improve pedestrian and cycle access, along with better public transport options. I am sure all of us would agree that these key features combined, would provide an ideal starting place in terms of setting priorities for future upgrades. In the short term, one of the priorities for the road network is the Bli Bli bridge, and I will continue to lobby the government for further funding to ensure future upgrades to this major piece of infrastructure are fit for purpose.

You can review the feedback from the consultation process at [yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au](http://yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au).

### STORY DOGS

Not only are dogs great companions, it turns out they are superstars when it comes to helping children learn to read. Story Dogs is an exceptional charity program being offered at a number of local schools, including Bli Bli State School, where I recently started sponsoring Andy.

Andy and his handler Fiona visit the school every week to help children improve their literacy skills. By making reading fun, they become confident, lifelong readers, and for the dogs involved, it means plenty of pats and attention! The program is on offer at a number of local schools, including Coolum State School and Kuluin State School, where I also sponsor dogs. For more information about this program, visit [www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)

Students Struan and Ari with Dan and his sponsored Story Dog Andy, and Fiona.

### TOM THUMB TAKES TO THE RIVER

Congratulations to the newest vessel in the Maroochy River Rowing Club family, Tom Thumb! I was honoured to be invited along to the recent ceremony to officially welcome Tom Thumb into the growing MRRC family, which earlier this year celebrated its 10th birthday. Well done to this local club which is achieving outstanding results on the water.

*I look forward to hearing from you soon.*

**Dan Purdie MP**  
Member for Ninderry



TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



## A word from CR MARIA SUAREZ DIVISION 9 - SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

### OYSTER BANK ROAD GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADE

Oyster Bank Road has been upgraded from a gravel road to a sealed road and is looking great.

The initial project scope was to deliver the upgrade to the last 700m of gravel road; however thanks to some excellent project management by council the project was able to incorporate improvements to other existing infrastructure including, drainage culverts, boat ramp improvements and recreational area barriers.

The road is now a lot less dusty and safer with better access to the beautiful Maroochy River.

### NEW PLANNING SCHEME PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Earlier this year, more than 8000 people had their say on proposed planning scheme directions and this feedback is being used to help inform drafting of the new planning scheme.

Feedback received from the Bli Bli – Maroochy River Plains communities revealed varied level of support for council's proposed local planning directions.

There was strong support for the Blue Heart which centred on the flood mitigation protection, ecological values and scenic contribution. Many respondents were concerned with current and future development on / nearby floodplains, as well as flooding impacts from increased stormwater run-off stemming from these new estate developments. There was a desire to prevent development west of the motorway at Coolum, particularly in the floodplain south of Yandina Coolum Road.

The community was unsupportive of the proposal to review planning for the possible expansion area (within the urban footprint) north of Thomas Road and west of Lefoes Road (41% level of agreement and 37% level of disagreement).

There was some concern regarding increasing density in the area and these related to two main factors; first, a sense that infrastructure – mainly roads – is not keeping pace with this growth and secondly that it dilutes the rural character and small-town feel of the area.

This is just a short summary of the feedback for the Bli Bli area, which will be used to draft the detail of the draft Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme. There is a lot more feedback in the final consultation report and I encourage you to visit [haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) to read the full version.

### DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

There are currently a few development applications across Division 9. It's important residents know about development in their area and Council have a fantastic online tool called Developmenti, where you can access information and receive alerts about current applications. To learn how to use the site and access the information visit <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Development/Development-Tools-and-Guidelines/Development-i>

### SHARE OUR SHORES WITH SHOREBIRDS

The Maroochy River sandbanks play an important part in the ongoing survival of migratory shorebirds. These birds are remarkable, flying more than 10,000 km from the arctic to spend the summer here and rest on our shores.

Council has put together a map to show you the best spots to view shorebirds.

So grab your binoculars and camera, download a map from council's website, and head out this weekend during the low tide and see how many of these threatened birds you can spot. And please give them space and peace to rest and recover to prepare for their return journey.

As always, please contact council direct for any service requests such as road hazards, graffiti, dumped rubbish, parking, parks, potholes, roads, trees and waste collections. Contact details or service request forms are available at [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) or call 5475 7272

If you have any other issues or suggestions to discuss, please contact me on 5475 9810 or [maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).

And finally, I'd like to wish you all a very safe summer, merry Christmas and a happy new year.

**Cr. Maria Suarez**  
Division 9 - Sunshine Coast Council

AND FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY SAFE SUMMER, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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IN 2012 THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAROOCHYDORE PROJECT FOR THAT YEAR WAS TO ESTABLISH A MEN'S SHED. THE NAME "MAROOCHY" WAS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN TO REFLECT OUR CATCHMENT AREA, BUT NOT CONFINED TO, KAWANA, MAROOCHYDORE, PACIFIC PARADISE AND BLI BLI.

The object of a Men's Shed is to address men's physical and mental health issues, particularly those in older age groups. Initially we had 12 foundation members and this has since grown to more than 130 and new members are welcome.

We own our own land and purpose-built premises at 11 Progress Road, Maroochydore, about 10 minutes from Bli Bli. At least six members reside in Bli Bli.

In addition to the usual activities found in a Men's Shed such as woodwork and metal work we also have lending library, pool table, table tennis table and even a pinball machine.



Maroochy Men's Shed Founding Members  
Ian Mackay, Wayne Pearson and Past Club Secretary Terry Welch

A discussion group solves the world's problems. Guest speakers are prominent with men's health a top priority.

As part of our community service, we have an extensive garden in which we grow vegetables which are donated to our neighbor "Urban Angels" who prepare food packages for the homeless.

If you would like further information about our Shed, please let me know. I can provide details of the activities and our help in the community.

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Median House Sale Price

### \$861,500

▲ 23.1% change vs. last year

Median Unit Sale Price

### \$675,000

▲ 10.7% change vs. last year

As the year comes to an end we want to reflect on not only our agencies achievements but the amazing growth of our local market!

We are ending 2022 with a median house sale price of \$861,500, this is a 23.1% increase since last year!

As always, we are humbled by the community support we have received throughout 2022 and we can't wait to see what 2023 has in store for the Bli Bli market.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the whole team at Ray White Bli Bli!

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE OUR CHILDREN

As we end another sensational year at Bli Bli State School, we acknowledge all the hard work of all who make our school so great.

**Students:** Our students continue to shine, academically, socially, culturally, in sport, and in kindness. Our children have been out in our community, giving back, through visits to community groups, involvement in events, and representing Bli Bli across the state in sport and the arts. This year we have seen continued growth in academic results, and some of our students receiving the highest accolades possible in literature, and technology. We are also exceptionally proud of our Student Council, a dedicated group of students who give 'student voice' to our school and bring innovative ideas to the table. This team is currently fundraising to support the development of an outdoor amphi-theatre at our school. They have also led the school to support a range of charities including, the Cancer Council and Story Dogs.

**Staff:** Our dedicated staff bring learning to life, and ensure that in whatever role they play, all contribute to the wellbeing, strong learning environment and safety of our students. Our staff enjoy nothing more than watching the growth of our students, as they show their thirst for learning, their love of play, their friendship towards each other, and their sense of belonging here at Bli Bli. Our teachers are always looking for innovative and engaging ways to educate our modern learners, and together we are striving to be a dynamic, responsive school that meets the needs of our 21st century learners. We are working on some exciting new projects for 2023..... stay tuned!

**Parents and Caregivers:** Our families engage with our school, to help us offer a 'team' approach to student learning and wellbeing. We know together, with parents/caregivers being the experts on their children, and we as a school being experts in education, that we can work closely to

ensure our students are progressing academically and socially at Bli Bli. We have seen many a tear amongst those adults gathered in crowds at parades, and school events as they watch their child receive an award or participate in events. (We have seen staff members do the same)

**P&C:** Our Parents and Citizens Association works tirelessly to support our school, supporting the students, families and staff. It is the dedication of this small group that adds so much to all in our school community. Our P and C operates several highly successful businesses, that allows them to offer ongoing support to our school. The amazing newly refurbished classrooms in the upper school are a result of the P and C's commitment to assisting us in continuing to create modern spaces, with modern resources for our students. Our P and C has also generously supported the school with technology, wellbeing resources, curriculum resources, and assisted with a range of projects to support our Student Council in 2022. I seem to recall there being many hours of counting 'Chocolate Money' at one point! Oh and watch out in 2023, our P and C are supporting the redesign and development of our Resource Centre/Library for our students. Plans are underway!

As you can see, at Bli Bli State School we firmly believe that it 'takes a village' to raise our children, and we are proud of all who make up the support crew for our students. We are so lucky to have the 'village' known as Bli Bli to help our school continue to grow and flourish.

We wish all members of the community a merry Christmas, and look forward to all the adventures that await us in 2023.

**Monique Pfingst**  
Principal



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Bli Bli State School community congratulates the Year 6 Class of 2022 on completing primary school.

### CHARLEE CONQUERS THE TELLING STORIES COMPETITION

Charlee from Year 6 took out the major prize as winner of the Mooloolaba Rotary / University of the Sunshine Coast Telling Stories writing competition for 2022. She competed against not only her Year 6 counterparts, but also all students up to Year 12 from across the region. Charlee's story was one that innovated on the traditional narrative structure, incorporated excellent word choice, showcased her unique author's voice and developed her original idea beautifully and succinctly for readers. We are so proud of Charlee's efforts and all other students who compete in writing competitions both within and beyond our school.

### I Wonder Why

*I wonder why that boy dances?*

If only, he liked football like the other boys. Then he could be the same.

Ollie stood in the change room. He was the only boy so he had his own room. The long mirror was his only friend. He longed to be in the other room with the beautiful Milla, the crazy Charlee and wonderful Ailee but he was different ...so he was alone.

Snap! His bones creaked like he was 111 years old not 11 as he stretched moving his body like a rubber band.

It was time.

He opened the door and walked each step, slowly, silkily like a snake. It was the only way to keep the tap shoes quiet.

*I wonder why that boy chose tap?* thought the dance teacher as he walked by. If only he choose jazz. Jazz is perfect for a big strong boy like that. The dance teacher mused again.

The music started and Ollie let his face light up on the very note. He leaned towards his cane, beckoned one leg and then he was off.

5,6,7,8!

He swished. He swayed. He shuffled. And, he entertained.

And with every hand gesture, with every step, with every smile it all went away.

The boy from his school who called him a nasty name – gone!

His Dad whose forehead grew an extra line when Ollie bought makeup home – gone!

The men outside the dance studio who laughed when he turned up in silver-singlet – gone!

The feeling of everyone not believing in him-gone!

He danced to make the ghosts go away. He didn't dance for his family or his friends he danced for himself.

*I wonder why that boy is so good?* thought the grandma sitting in the front row.

Ollie's body was the perfect servant. If he commanded it to leap, it flew high. If he asked it to bend, it bent far further than it should have. If he asked it to sparkle, it glistered.

His body always did what it was asked, it was his faithful friend. His companion. B

*I wonder why that boy smiles so much* said the cleaner as he watched with a mop in his hand mesmerised in Ollie's performance.

Ollie smiled. Dance was his home. He loved the bustle of the studio doors as they opened at 3:30. He loved the sounds of the dancers as they laughed and cheered. He even loved the teachers who chided the dancers and told them to quiet. He loved doing the same move over and over until he reached perfection, it was the only choice. He smiled because he was home. His happy place.

*I wonder why he wins so much* thought the nasty girl in the corner, waiting impatiently for his song to end so she could go out.

The tap dance was coming to end. There was sliding and the moves became harder as the music picked up pace. Ollie moved from the front to the back, all the time hoping he wouldn't fall and hoping it wouldn't end. He won because he was the one who loved it the most.

*I wonder why he does that* thought Ollie's Dad as Ollie leapt through the air and the crowd gasped.

Ollie could do tricks that would baffle acrobats and frighten stunt man could do because he believed in his body. He was there when it trained. He knew what he could do and that is how he could do the amazing things.

The adjudicator smiled as she wrote the high scores down on Ollie's score sheet. She had seen this boy dance only two times before and each time it got better. She had been sitting here watching dancers for four hours and twenty-seven minutes but when Ollie danced, it felt like she just arrived.

*I wonder why that boy loves dances so much* she thought as wrote out his perfect scores.

Ollie smiled and took his final bow.

If only she knew....

**By Charlee**

### AN INTERVIEW WITH HUDSON FOSTER – CODING WIZ!

We are very proud to announce that Hudson Foster – Year 5 won the 2022 Premier's Coding Challenge - Years 5 to 6 Open Individual Category Winner.

**What inspired you to enter the Premier Coding Challenge?** I love coding and last year I entered and got a merit certificate. This year, I devoted more time to my project and I am so glad that my extra effort paid off.

**Tell us about your project...** D Jobs is the name of my website. It is designed for primary and high school students to learn about the digital careers of the future. The website has information pages, simulations and asks for user input to engage the students.

**What are your future plans?** I want to be an environmental engineer to create digital solutions to help the environment.

**Do you have any advice for anyone who wants to create their own website?** I taught myself how to text base code by watching a few YouTube tutorials, but mainly by lots of trial and error. Don't have high expectations on yourself, just have a go and have fun.



Scan to link to Hudson's website.

### ENROLLING AT Bli Bli STATE SCHOOL

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# Family Fun

## AT MAROOCHY RIVER GOLF CLUB

There's nothing better than sitting down for a great meal with family and friends, watching the sunset. The new terraced deck at Maroochy River Golf Club is the place to be, either after golf or having a relaxing meal in a family friendly atmosphere. It is great to see and hear of so many locals utilising the area with expansive views to Mount Cooloom. This completes renovations to the Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro, where families can come and enjoy the club facilities in a superb environment.

Bli Bli and nearby residents may have seen extra activity happening at the Maroochy River Golf Club since the big wet hit us. The club suffered some flooding on the golf course but our expert ground staff and volunteers were able to get the course back in tip top shape very quickly.

### CANE CUTTERS BAR & BISTRO

If you are thinking of having a party, (and we are currently catering for every type of party – children's & adult birthdays, special occasions, work parties), the Cane Cutters Catering crew can offer all sorts of options for you. Menus are on the website.

Families, as well as people of all ages, love coming out in the fresh air, sharing some value time, having some drinks, staying for a pizza or snack.

The Friday night raffles are proving very popular, with raffle prizes up for grabs from 7pm. These include, meat trays, breakfast trays, food and beverage vouchers and mini golf vouchers. After the raffles, the membership draw starts, where members who are present, have the chance to win up to \$8,000. The Courtesy Bus also runs on Fridays from 5pm to bring patrons to and from the club.

With easy parking the Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro is open every day for mouth-watering lunches and dinner with a great menu!

### MINI GOLF

Thousands of guests at the Maroochy River Mini Golf course (adjacent to the Clubhouse), have been swarming in to play 18 holes of mini golf with specially designed putters and balls. The guests have been enjoying the Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro facilities and taking in the great views of the golf course to the North, with Mount Cooloom on the horizon, as the sunset's glistens across the water in a friendly family atmosphere, standing around the wine barrels on the shaded terrace.

For those who are still not sure what mini golf is, it is a supercharged version of the old 'putt putt' game but without clown faces and

animal obstacles etc... Instead, it has classy, landscaped humps & hollows, delightful water features and pretend sand traps. Overhead lighting for the evening players and great background music make the mini golf so much better! There are 18 holes with two challenge levels to choose from.... easy one for relaxed fun players and a harder one for players who are looking for a bit of a challenge.

Thursdays is Mini Golf Putt 'n Parmi for lunch or dinner. Get the family together or call on your mates, and let's play Mini Golf. Enjoy a beautiful meal at the Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro before or after you hit the course, all for only \$35.00 per person. Who doesn't love a good Parmigiana with family & friends for lunch or dinner? Here's what is included - 18 holes of Mini Golf, Chicken Parmigiana, Chips & Salad for Thursdays only.

The mini golf course is open from 9.00am every day until late. Game costs are just \$17 for adults, children \$12. A family of 4 is only \$45.00 7 days a week. A special Friday Family Pizza Deal is only \$70 and provides mini golf games for 2 adults and 2 children (extra children only \$5-max 2 extra), an 11 inch pizza, bowl of hot chips and jug of Schweppes soft drink! It's a great thing to do with the family before the raffles start.

There is also a fully developed grassed driving range open every day also evenings from Wednesdays, not to mention 18 holes of championship golf to be played as well. Bring your sticks, bring your family, it's all here at MRGC.

For table reservations or to book the Courtesy Bus call Reception on 5373 1000. Table bookings are recommended (particularly on Friday nights) so please email bookings@maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au. For more information on club facilities, games or mini golf, go to maroochyrivergolfclub.com.au.

**Bli Bli and nearby residents are always welcome (become a social member for just \$5) and receive club discounts at the Cane Cutters Bar & Bistro. Hope to see you soon....**



Maroochy River Golf Club - Lots of family fun at Maroochy River Mini Golf... Let's play!

# SPECTACULAR VIEWS



- Friday Night Raffles & Members Draw
- Courtesy Bus running Friday nights
- New mouth watering menu
- Family friendly atmosphere
- 2021 Golf Club of the Year

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Good Samaritan Catholic College are also delighted to reveal that in 2023 we launch our high-performance functional gym that will support our athletes and develop the skills of our students in Certificate III Fitness and Sport and Recreation courses.

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- Friday 24 February – 2024 enrolment applications close
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- Frozen shoulder
- Tendonitis
- Adhesive capsulitis
- Bursitis
- Rotator cuff injuries
- Shoulder surface (labrum) tears
- Impingement

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Acute pain will be sudden and sharp in nature, usually as a result of a direct action, eg. a fall, lifting too heavily, overextending while playing sport. This pain will usually be very intense with movement, but may not restrict or impede movement to begin with.

Chronic pain usually a duller pain with stiffness that comes on over a longer period of time, and lasts more than 3 months. This is often caused by overuse, or longterm compensation for a previous acute injury in the past. This pain commonly restricts shoulder movement, often to a significant degree.

Diagnosis of your shoulder issue will be made by our team of chiropractors, using specific orthopaedic testing. Once your condition is diagnosed, we will treat the correct areas to relieve your pain and restore your function. Should the need arise, further testing and imaging can also be done.

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# Spring SKIN PROBLEMS & OUR PETS

JUST LIKE US, OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS CAN SUFFER FROM SKIN ISSUES AND IRRITATIONS FROM TIME TO TIME.

But unlike us, they can't always communicate their complaints, and tend to suffer in silence as a result. So, it's up to us to keep an eye out for the signs, especially around the face and feet, and provide relief as soon as possible. Runny eyes, raised spots, flaky skin or a thinning coat indicate your pet may be very uncomfortable. Constant licking, scratching not only prevent your pet from enjoying their life, but they may also be keeping you awake at night. The good news is that skin issues in cats and dogs are generally treatable.

The two most common reasons are allergies and pests, with the warmer weather tending to make both problems a little worse. It's also the time of year when pets who have never had any skin issues before suddenly develop unusual lumps and rashes. While pets can be allergic to food, allergies that cause problems at this time of the year are usually environmental. Keeping flea and tick prevention up to date is a great start and the easiest way to deal with those pests.

Symptoms such as runny eyes, swelling or rashes can suddenly develop after your pet has been 'gardening' - try flushing their eyes with water and bathe them with a mild pet shampoo. (Be aware that bee stings can result in an anaphylactic reaction, though this is rare.)

Here are some other symptoms of an allergic reaction:

- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Sneezing
- Itchy or smelly ears
- Constant licking

So how do you know if your pets' scratching needs attention? You know your pet better than anyone, but constant scratching at the same part of the body can result in secondary infections, and some symptoms of allergies can actually be signs of another condition.

These are indicators there may be an underlying skin condition that needs to be treated:

- Preoccupation with licking, chewing, rubbing or scratching the same part of the body
- Redness or darkening of the skin.
- Sores, scabs or scratch marks
- Hair loss, bald spots, or thinning of fur
- Less playing, eating, sleeping or other activities due to itching

Additionally, if a sniff of their ears reveals the unpleasant odour of an infection your pet will likely need to be seen by a Veterinarian so medication can be prescribed.

While identifying and removing the source of an allergy is not always possible, treating the symptoms is. Your pet will thank you.



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# A short history of THE MAROOCHY WETLANDS

## - INSTALMENT 2

In the meantime things were moving swiftly behind the scenes. In a letter dated 24 th February 1990 the Maroochy Shire Council applies for a rezoning application for lots 1 and 2 Lefoes, Sports and Webley Roads, Bli Bli . Total area of land 103.907 ha. Land to be excluded public open space and sports open space. Zone in which the land is proposed is to be included as special facilities Wetland Sanctuary and Association facilities and special purposes. Derek Foster was appointed to the Committee for the Management of the Proposed Marina Gardens Area.

In October 1989 Cane Barracks had been bought from Bli Bli cane farmer Mr Fred Perren, Bli Bli for \$1000.00 to be placed on site as an amenities building. On 5 th December 1989 a complaint was received from Graham McMartin, Bli Bli , objecting to the barracks being erected on his boundary line. Suggested site near the Sports Ground was more suitable. Agreement was sought between Maroochy Shire Council and the Department of Education, Sunshine Coast, regional office, for lease of 11.1 sq. metres for 5 years for the nominal rent of \$1 per annum. On the 1st March 1990 Council notified the Maroochy Wetlands Support Group could be launched.



Truck slowly moving up Sports Road on it's way to its destination.



On the 6th November 1991 at the Maroochy Shire council General meeting a decision was made to construct a toilet block at sanctuary Landmark Products to build a Clivuis toilet Block for \$35,610.

All was proceeding as per plans and the next move was to bring the cane barracks up to the proposed area allotted to it. Relocation of the building using local builders came to \$15,000.



Cane cutters building on site.



Work began on the construction immediately, the original design for the building has of course been changed considerably since then. Today it bears no relation to the original concept of preserving the cane barracks for future generations as a record of the living conditions of the long ago cane cutters. The building as it was in 1989 prior to removal is shown on the right. The inaugural meeting of the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary Support Group (our working name for the present) took place. An advertisement had been placed in the Public Notices Column of the Daily the previous weekend asking for interested people to attend a meeting to be held on Sunday, 8th April, 1990 at the newly declared Sanctuary from 9.00 to 11.00am.

Those present included Rob Seymour, the Council Parks Director, who supplied the trees to be planted; Derek Foster; Councilor Robin Dunn and about 30 interested people. These intrepid people all met for an interesting morning of bush walking, tree-planting and socialising. Derek started the morning off by welcoming everyone and giving a short talk on what it was hoped to achieve with this investment into the future.

We then headed for the bush for a 10 minute walk along, what would be, the first walking track developed in the Sanctuary. This was enjoyable (for the hundreds of mozzies that soon zoomed in, to attack in squadrons) and when the rain started it really made the walk more memorable!

Thus 30 or so bedraggled, muddy bodies emerged from the bush to be told "OK, grab a shovel and plant a tree!" Great – more mud! Still, wasn't this why we were all there? To give of our time and energies? So, after beautifying the round-a-bout area of the car park, we were ready for a cuppa and a chat.



The barracks awaiting a new roof and bricking in underneath in May 1990



Close up view of making the roundabout, many of the same plants are still there.

For this we all headed up to Anne and Rod Burrell's house, near the Sanctuary, for a beautiful spread of homemade goodies and a welcome mug of something hot.

The group then broke up and information folders were handed out to inform everyone of a slide night to follow in a few weeks time. All in all it was a successful first meeting of the group and new friends were made that day that lasted for many years.

We then received notification that the next meeting of the newly formed group would be held at 7-30 on Thursday 26th of April 1990.

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