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## A message from

### THE BLI BLI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It seems that when you get to the end of September you may as well kiss the rest of the year goodbye, it just disappears. The October meeting of the Association hosted a crime forum chaired by Dan Purdie MP with a number of invited guests to discuss the crime issues that we are all facing. It was a good opportunity to look at our local area and some of the issues and hopefully some solutions.

Remembrance Day was marked with a low key but fitting service at the Bli Bli Cenotaph in Parklakes 2 lead by the RSL. Students from the Good Samaritan Catholic College read poems and provided the music for the service together conducting the Last Post.

The November meeting of the Community Association discussed the idea of a walking trail from Coolum through Bli Bli and to Nambour. Some maps of a proposed trail were on display; however they were from 2017. The overwhelming view from the meeting was that any such trails were not to be on private land and the Council should do a business case for such a trail. The idea that there is some benefit due to the Olympics needs to be assessed against other priority spends which may create legacies for a wider use by the broader community.

The annual Community Christmas Carols was held at Bli Bli State School on Friday 1 December. Unfortunately, the weather intervened and cut the night a little short but for those that gathered it was still a fun night. Thank you to the support of the Sunshine Coast Council grants program and Dan Purdie MP and to the sponsors White's IGA, Ray White Bli Bli, Jetts and Bli Bli Hotel 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.

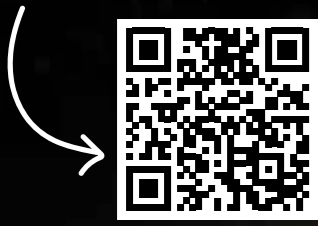
Just a reminder we invite you along to our monthly Community meetings which are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Old Church. Our next meeting now will not be until February and the AGM in March. We will be looking for new office bearers, to ensure that the Community Association continues 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 2024.

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



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

Where has the time gone? I can't believe we are just weeks away from welcoming in a new year. It was great to see so many locals enjoying the Carols, hosted once again by the Bli Bli Community Association, and supported by local business. Thanks to everyone involved for another fantastic event.

It was great to hear from our local police at the recent crime forum. The forum, hosted by the Community Association provided an opportunity for locals to hear first hand about the work the police are doing to keep our community safe, and how we can all assist, by ensuring we secure our property, and using important tools like Policelink to report non-urgent crime.

On another matter, I'd like to thank local residents and businesses who shared their feedback during the recent closure of the Bli Bli bridge.

I was just as surprised as everyone else when TMR announced plans to temporarily close one lane of the bridge to carry out repairs. What made the situation worse was the lack of communication before the work got underway.

Given the length and impact of the road closure, it's simply unacceptable that TMR didn't give more notice and the opportunity to provide feedback prior to work commencing. As a result a number of local businesses suffered significant financial losses, and the inconvenience to commuters and residents has been widespread.

While I appreciate the necessity of the work, the timing could have been better, and the lack of consultation was very disappointing.

It's simply not good enough, and I've written to the Minister and asked him to look at financial compensation for those affected businesses.

In the meantime, I will continue to advocate for better long-term solutions to ensure our road infrastructure is fit for purpose and supports the needs of our growing population.

As always, please get in touch if you have any state issues you would like assistance with, or to share feedback and concerns.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a safe, healthy and happy New Year.

*I look forward to hearing from you soon.*

**Dan Purdie MP**  
 Member for Ninderry



*A big thank you to locals Max and Ken Perren, who laid a wreath on my behalf at the Remembrance Day Service at the new cenotaph at Parklakes.*



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

### FREE TREE DAY

I'll be hosting free tree giveaway days from 9am to 11am at Muller Park, Bli Bli on Friday, December 8. Come down, have a chat and take home two native trees for your garden (rates notice required). Otherwise, you can request a street tree for your verge and green up your neighbourhood.

### ROAD UPGRADE

The upgrade along Camp Flat Road, Bli Bli will resume from the previous section of Camp Flat Road completed in 2021 and will also include the Whitecross Road intersection. The upgrade to this section will result in improved safety outcomes for the community. Additional upgrades to the remainder of Camp Flat Rd will continue over future years. Please allow extra travel time during the construction phase. Thank you for your understanding.

### STORMWATER UPGRADE

Earlier this year, the stormwater pit at Lefoes Road, Bli Bli, was upgraded. Stormwater infrastructure is Council's largest asset to maintain. While, stormwater pipes and pits are typically hidden, they are vitally important when managing water runoff.

### HEALTHY WATERWAYS

In 2024, you can expect to see some work to in Princess Drive Park to ensure that water flow is managed across the park while still allowing space for our community to enjoy. The work will also ensure that the water from the park is of a quality to keep the nearby Petrie Creek Catchment waterways healthy. Thank-you for your patience while work takes place.

### CONFUSED ABOUT RECYCLING?

The Recycle Mate app is here to help! Download it and give it a go to learn the right way to recycle. Take a photo or type the name of an item you would like to know more about. Recycle Mate will give you advice on where you can dispose of the item depending on where you live. Download for free at [recyclemate.com.au](http://recyclemate.com.au).

### DISASTER HUB

Now is the time for residents to familiarise themselves with Council's Disaster Hub at [disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and understand what to do before, during and after a severe weather event.

### 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. Please give them space and peace to rest and recover to prepare for their return journey.

### SHUT THE GATE ON SWIMMING POOL TRAGEDIES

Now the summer heat is ramping up, it's time to check your pool is safe and educate your family about the importance of water safety and keeping the pool gate firmly shut. Council encourages every pool owner to follow our free pool safety checklist regularly – available now on council's website.

### CALLING ALL FUTURE CHANGE-MAKERS!

If you're between the ages of 16 and 24 and call the Sunshine Coast home, now is your chance to join the Sunshine Coast Young Leaders Academy to develop your leadership skills and learn how to make a positive impact in your community. We are looking for passionate young people to join us for a year-long program starting in February 2024. Apply now on council's website.

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



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**BLI BLI COMMUNITY**

# Christmas Carols

## "Let's Celebrate! ..."

When we hear those words immediately something inside of us jumps for joy. Normally, it involves people coming together, food, drinks, fun, laughter, and moments where we find ourselves forgetting for a while the job lists, the stresses associated with life, and celebrating. That's what Bli Bli Community Carols achieved once again this year.

Yes we had to cut the program short due to the storm but we nevertheless celebrated the beginning of the Christmas season. A season of Hope and Joy. Thanks to everyone for their contributions and especially for the Community Carols Team who began back in July the planning of the event. Thanks also to many of our local businesses who made it all possible.

- More than 2,000 people attended this year's Community Carols.
- Huge turn out of food vendors.
- Face Painting, Lob-a-Choc fun
- An impressive fireworks display!
- School choirs, dance performances, carols.
- And of course appearance from Santa.

Every year the Bli Bli Carols team invites any and all local community groups to show case themselves and raise funds for charitable causes.

If you or anyone you know is interested in joining our Community Carols team in 2024 you are more than welcome. Contact Tony Gibson c/o Bli Bli State School.





## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## A message from the Principal

At Bli Bli State School we couldn't be prouder of the achievements of our students, staff, parents/ caregivers and community in 2023! What an amazing place to learn and play.

**Students:** This year our students have shown strong growth in line with our new reading approach at our school. Latest research has informed our change in practices to ensure that we are providing the opportunities for every child to successfully read at our school.

Our focus on high academic expectations across the curriculum has also seen many students excel, with well over 60% of our students receiving an A or B on their report card, in the key areas of English, Maths, Science and Technology. As a school we are continuously working towards the implementation of Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum, and delivering classroom programs that are engaging, and meet the needs of our modern learners.

Our students also continue to shine, 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 over 300 students participated in our highly successful school musical, that is written and choreographed by our amazing music teacher, and a willing band of students and staff.

**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.

**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.

**P and 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.

This year our P and C have helped provide resources to support our reading approach, and equipment to support our technology drive. They have also offered funding for the upgrade of our library to support a flexible learning space and a great place for students to read. In exciting news, together with the school our P and C are funding the replacement of our Prep playground, and are investing in a new OSCH building, due to commence being built in 2024.

We wish all members of the community a merry Christmas, and look forward to all the adventures that await us in 2024.

**Monique Pflingst**  
 Proud Principal  
 Bli Bli State School

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## SOCIAL GOLF

Warm up at the nets or on the full-length, state-of-the-art driving range, which is open every day and some evenings. It's always a good idea to grab a bucket of balls to warm up or use it to improve your swing. Driving range memberships are also available for \$149.00 per year, which gives you some great discounts.

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**ANOTHER BUSY FEW MONTHS AT OUR 11 PROGRESS ROAD, MAROOCHYDORE, SHED.**

In October we provided volunteer marshalling personnel for the Mooloolaba Triathlon.

We then had a visit from 30 students and 3 teachers from St Andrew's College to see what happens when you get old and retire! The students were split into two groups one being shown around the Shed and the second group inspected our neighbours, Urban Angels kitchens for feeding the homeless. All good but our pin ball machine, pool table, table tennis table and darts created the most excitement!

Maroochy RSL has given us a generous grant in appreciation of the work we do for the community.

We now have a roster for collecting excess bread etc. from Baker's Delight, Kawana, which we then deliver to Urban Angels.

The Working Group keeps busy with small jobs for the community. They constructed an awning which covers the northern doors of our building.



The IT Group is very active and keeps up to date with the latest technology changes. The Photographic Group recently visited the Ginger Factory and returned with some excellent shots.

Our Music Group is in full swing and rehearsing for a performance at our Christmas Lunch to be held on 16th December.

In 2018 the Shed obtained a grant from the Federal Government to commemorate Armistice Day. In co-operation with Sunshine Coast Council a memorial plinth was constructed in the park near the Cod Hole, Maroochydoore. Each year at the 11th hour on the 11th day of November we gather to remember the fallen in World War 1. About 40 members and partners this year witnessed this solemn occasion.

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# Remembrance Day

Thank you to Skip and John from Sunshine Coast and Regional District RSL Inc. for conducting the Remembrance Day service at the Bli Bli Cenotaph.

Dan Penman from Veterans in Step delivered a moving address that spoke fondly of the local community involvement.

Students and staff from Good Samaritan Catholic College read the poems, sang the hymn, managed the flag, and The Last Post and Rouse were played beautifully on the clarinet.



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# PRINCIPAL'S PONDERINGS

Our College turned five this year and continued to grow, change and develop. We have seen significant building works completed, new curriculum offerings commenced and an explosion of opportunities in the Arts and Sporting areas. Coupled with this is the continued focus of our College on quality teaching and learning in all aspects of school life. Overall, a successful year has occurred at Good Samaritan Catholic College.

We finally reached the conclusion of our Stage 3 building project in late October. We experienced significant and ongoing delays due to wet weather in 2023 (over 2m of rain on the site) and difficulty in obtaining materials and trades. While the delay in the project was very regrettable, the completed project is an exceptional result for the College providing 27 new classrooms, 9 new specialist spaces, over 100 carparking spaces and the complete refit of B and D blocks. Our students are enjoying first rate facilities that provide the very best in resources. Next year, our Stage four building program will see a new Year 11 and 12 building constructed and some additional work including more carparking and refits of some classroom spaces.

The sporting and Arts opportunities at the College continue to expand and develop. Our students performed in different eisteddfods and concerts, tournaments and competitions as well as regular College sports events. The highlight in The Arts was the staging of our first musical, The Little Mermaid, to sell out crowds over three spectacular performances. To see students from Year 4 to 11 shining on the stage with the support of so many staff was simply nerve tingling. Similarly watching our netball, rugby, soccer, volleyball and other sporting teams represent our College with determination and pride was amazing. In 2024, these opportunities will continue to flourish, especially in the older grades where we will have senior teams for the first time. Our "firsts" in different sports will certainly fly the College flag proudly.

In 2024, we become a complete Prep to Year 12 College with our first seniors to graduate at the end of the year. This is a huge milestone for these students, their families and our College and one we are looking forward to with great anticipation. New traditions will begin as our College commences this new phase. I am very excited at the prospect of continuing to develop and grow our College.

The year comes to an end with the great celebration of Christmas. I wish every member of our community a blessed Christmas season and pray that the peace of the infant Jesus enters every home and fills every family with joy. I look forward to working with you all in 2024 as we continue to develop and grow the Good Sams story.

**Greg Myers**  
Principal



## GOOD SAMS ANNOUNCES FIRST EVER COLLEGE CAPTAINS AND HOUSE CAPTAINS

In 2024, Good Samaritan Catholic College will see its first Year 12 students graduate at the end of the year. This is an exciting time for the College and especially for these young men and women. Commencing in 2019 in Year 7 with a cohort of 52 students, this year level has grown to 78 students completing Year 11 and heading to Year 12 next year.

Following a nomination and selection process, the College is proud to announce that Poppy Tindal and Taila Hibberd will be the first College Captains of Good Sams. Poppy and Taila are outstanding students who have been at the College since the first day in 2019. They are fully immersed in the life of the College and are looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Poppy said she was immensely proud to be named as the first College Captain and was looking forward to setting new traditions that would last for many years. Taila wanted the younger students at the College to see the example that he set and try to follow in his footsteps. These young leaders are sure to make a huge impression in 2024.



Joining Poppy (Dunethin House) and Taila (Perren House) as House Captains will be the following students:

Dunethin House – Alex Stewart

Maroochy House – Ella Willison and Eliza Parish

Perren House – Georgia Mason

Polding House – Kade Venables and Claire Winks

These students will lead the College house spirit and be involved in ensuring that many activities are enjoyed by all students. These eight leaders will be joined next year by an extended senior leadership committee who will be involved in leading student voice at the College.

The inaugural Year 12 cohort will be inaugurated at the College opening liturgy on Friday, February 2 next year.

## 2024 YEAR 9 LEADERS ANNOUNCED

The 2024 Year 9 House Leaders at the College were also announced to our community recently. These young people will support the senior leaders and be involved in a wide range of activities, including leading some of the College's social outreach programs. The Year 9 leaders for 2024 are:

Perren – Lila Mills and Tyler Darcy

Polding – Bethany Crawford and Jasper Venables

Dunethin – Jessica Woods and Jacob Turner

Maroochy – Emily McKenzie and Byron Hermes



## GOOD SAMS BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Wednesday morning, a dedicated team of staff and students run the Good Sams breakfast club providing students with a healthy breakfast of fruit, toast and juice. The breakfast club runs completely with volunteers from our staff and student community. As well, we are extremely grateful to Martina and Sasa Strazar from Woolworths at Pelican Waters, Kawana Waters and Mountain Creek for their generous weekly donations that keep the club running. Just prior to the last breakfast club of the year, Mr Myers was able to present Sasa with a certificate of appreciation for this generous donation. We are looking forward to continuing the breakfast club next year.



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## Market Snapshot Bli Bli

Provided by Cameron Hackenberg

Total Sales by Quarter

	2024/23	2023/22	2022/21
Nov - Jan	—	29	48
Aug - Oct	34	58	72
May - Jul	49	48	62
Feb - Apr	33	46	64

Median House Sale Price  
**\$903,600**  
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Carpel tunnel is the compression of the median nerve which is located at the palm of your wrist.

### What causes it?

The median nerve – which is one the largest peripheral nerves that travels through the narrow space of the carpal tunnel. This nerve becomes irritated when the tendons slide and create friction through this region. Repetitive activities that require flexion and extension of the wrist, such as typing and writing can cause carpal tunnel syndrome.

### What are the signs and symptoms?

- Pain, numbness and tingling in the thumb, index and middle finger
- Hand weakness and difficulty in fine motor tasks, such as pinching and grasping

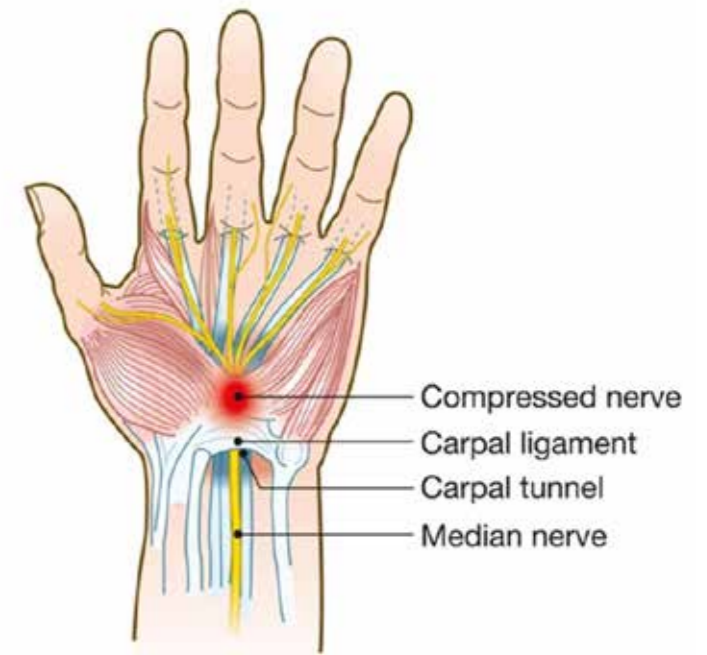
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# Merry Christmas FROM BLI BLI VET

With Christmas just around the corner, many of us are preparing for trips away or time at home with our families during the holidays. This is a busy time of year for everyone, and it is very easy to lose track of the preventative healthcare needs of our furry friends.

Although paralysis tick season is on the wind down, these pesky parasites are a dangerous threat all year round in our area. We therefore recommend being vigilant and keeping tick prevention up to date in all pets, even those who spend most of their time indoors. There are many highly effective tick preventatives on the market, however daily tick searches are still recommended for early detection.

Symptoms or tick paralysis include but are not limited to:

- Loss of balance
- Wobbliness in hind legs
- Laboured breathing, increased respiratory rate, or panting
- Vomiting, gagging or regurgitation
- Excessive drooling
- Inability to blink

If you find a tick on your pet, you should have them checked out immediately even if they are not displaying any symptoms.

Trips away for us sometimes means placing our pets in to boarding facilities. Be sure to check in advance that vaccinations are up to date, as most boarding facilities will not accept unvaccinated pets or those who are overdue their vaccines. Don't leave vaccination boosters to the last minute!

Another very important part of the holiday season is FOOD! While many of us love to indulge in delicious treats over Christmas, many of the foods that we eat are highly toxic to our pets. Things like grapes and raisins (found in fruitcakes and fruit mince pies), chocolate, alcohol and fatty, salty meats such as ham can be harmful or even fatal to our pets. Deviations from their regular diet can sometimes cause upset tummies in our pets, even if the foods given are not toxic. Many of us want to spoil our pets over the holiday season! However, we must exercise caution in order to avoid the need for medical intervention over the holiday period. No body wants to make a trip to the vet on Christmas Day!

Finally, it is important to note that opening hours and supply chains often vary during the holiday period. For those pets needing regular medication, be sure to get in touch and stock up before holiday closures.

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# THE PIONEERS'

## river lifeline

For the pioneers of a large section of this district, and indeed for many people in more recent times, the Maroochy River was a lifeline which served the farming community for almost 80 years. From the earliest days of settlement, boats of all sizes moved up and down this waterway, between Yandina and Maroochydore, serving the farms with food, provisions and the other necessities of life as well as mail.

The river also made possible the development of the district's first industry -- sawmilling. Logs from the forests were rafted down the Maroochy to Maroochydore, where they were milled and then transported by ship to Brisbane.

With no road links to the coast, Yandina was the railhead and the corridor for the river boats, which made the daily 18 mile run to Cotton Tree.

As far back as the 1880's, steamships from Brisbane sailed through the river mouth and berthed at Maroochydore and were used to transport timber, produce and passengers to the city.

One of the best known rivermen was the late Mr. William John Coulson, who was born in 1877 near Durham, England. He first ran a small boat on the Maroochy River in 1908.

In January of the following year he obtained a waterman's licence to operate the motorboat "Kate", which was licensed to carry 10 passengers. In 1910 Mr. Coulson operated the 20 passenger "Sis" and was granted a contract to deliver mail two days a week from Yandina to Bli Bli via Coolum Creek for 35 pounds (\$70 a year).

For many years, all Coolum mail was delivered by boat to a wharf up Coolum Creek and the letters were then taken by horse and cart to Coolum.

Mr. Coulson was joined by a partner and they traded as Coulson and Albin until 1941. After the boats "Sis" and "Kate", Mr. Coulson ran "Irene" and "Ariel" each 33 feet long and licensed to carry 40 passengers.

These boats were fully laden on public holidays with passengers travelling from Yandina to Cotton Tree for a picnic lunch and return.

Launch master over a long period was Roland Gill. Before his death in 1950, Mr. Coulson had a boat specially built with shallow draft to cope with the silting of the river.

His son Lionel then took over the business. In 1951, Lionel Coulson was making calls at 60 wharves. During an interview in that year, Mr. Coulson said in 1951 floods in the river had been the worst in his memory. They swept away the sheds at the Yandina wharf and carried away one of his boats into a canefield, where it was wrecked. Half the boat was up a 30 foot gum tree and he later nailed the steering wheel to the trunk of the tree as a reminder of this momentous event.

The water rose more than one and a half metres higher than the highest mark pegged by Mr. Coulson's father during his lifetime on the river.

Lionel Coulson, now a farmer at Yandina, carried on the boat run until 1954. After that, the business changed hands, several times but with the building of better roads and farmers shifting their homes away from the river to roads, the boat business waned and finally ended.

Today there is only one big launch on the Maroochy -- the "Kilkie", which makes regular pleasure trips between Maroochydore and Dunethim Rock.

Until a few years ago the "Kilkie" filled another important role, when it transported school children from farms on the north shore of the river to the Bradman Avenue jetty from where they were taken by road to the Maroochydore Primary and High Schools.

Years ago, before they had road access to their properties, a number of north shore farmers in the Bli Bli-Maroochydore area, owned motor cars.

Where houses now stand in Bradman Avenue, there were tin sheds, used as garages for the farmer's cars. When they wanted to go on an outing, the families would hop in their small boats and make for Bradman Avenue, where they would tie up and then set off in their cars.

Most of the above came from the "75 years in a day - Chronicle Territory" published a number of years ago in a memorial to the Nambour Chronicle, no longer in existence. As will be realized a lot has changed even since this was published and this article is only printed as a tribute to these men and their dedication to the river.



One of the launches used on the river daily.



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