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YOUR *NEW* LOCAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Wynnum businesses have goodies galore in store for Christmas: Danielle (Sobidah), Mali (Cedar & Pine), Skye (Distressed), Bee (Vietnam Eat Alley) and Darren (Gigglefit Grammar). Photo: Anne Higgs Photography.

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YOUR VILLAGE HAS CHRISTMAS COVERED

December is all about long sunny days, ice cream and chips, and late afternoon thunderstorms. It's a time for walks on the waterfront, sucking in the sea breeze, and taking stock of the year that was. And what a year it was.

While our bayside suburbs are gently growing up, with new developments and new arrivals, we've managed to keep our keen sense of community spirit burning brightly.

After a rollercoaster year that's given many retailers whiplash, the festive season is your chance to support your local village. Show your local retailers some love this Christmas by spending locally – big or small, every cent you spend close to home makes a difference.

Commission a unique gift from a local artist. Buy a delicious locally-made Christmas cake. Shout a friend to lunch. Spend a day browsing local homewares,

florists, fashion and gift stores. Plan a menu around local produce, it's fresh and fabulous!

Spare a thought for those doing it tough, and lend a kind hand if you can.

Let's turn up the volume on community spirit this Christmas, drop some coin locally, smile (because it feels great), and have a very Merry Christmas.

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WYNNUM FRINGE FESTIVAL HIT ALL THE RIGHT NOTES

November's inaugural Wynnum Fringe festival was a roaring success, attracting more than 10,000 visitors to the Wynnum CBD in a Covid-safe environment.

Here's a few impressive stats from the three-day festival:

- 6,600 tickets sold online and 22 sold out ticketed shows
- An opening ceremony in collaboration with Quandamooka Elders
- 21 local sponsors
- Employment for 150 artists and 43 creative staff
- 60 wonderful volunteers
- An online broadcast played to 10,000 people around the world
- 23 food truck vendors across 120 metres
- 15 community groups playing music

Congratulations to Tom Oliver and everyone involved in organising this fantastic local event. Let's look forward to The Fringe returning in 2021!



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PETER CUMMING'S LOCAL AREA UPDATE

COUNCILLOR FOR WYNNUM MANLY WARD



NEW CONSTRUCTION

Wynnum's first new buildings above five storeys in height are well advanced and near completion in Wynnum Central.

The Lato Baia complex opposite the Waterloo Bay Hotel is expected to be completed by March 2021. As well as a seven-cinema complex there will be 67 residential units.

The residential units are expected to be completed by December 2020 or January 2021. The cinemas are scheduled to be opened in mid-March 2021.

In addition another nine storey building is being constructed in Bride Street. Alta Vista and is situated behind the George Hartnett Funeral home.

It will also be eight storeys and contain 21 two-bedroom units.

The new buildings are a lot higher than the five storey unit blocks which have been built to date and will confirm the Wynnum area's attraction to the private development industry.

There have been 14 unit complexes of five storeys and over built since the first one in Ronald Street, Wynnum around five years ago.

Also new to Wynnum Manly is a new medical facility opened during the last month. The Lighthouse GP Clinic is in the Bayside Medical Hub at the Corner of Bay Terrace and Pine Street, Wynnum. A new wine bar at the bottom of the IGA building will open soon.

OFF LEASH DOG SWIMMING AREA

I am pleased to advise that after 12 months of consultation, Council has approved the off leash dog swimming area at Manly. The area is located at the end of Davenport Drive, Manly. This is the road to the right of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron.

It has proven very popular with dog owners and is also a very popular location for wind surfers. I ask that all dog owners take their bags and clean up after their dogs and make sure they play nicely with other dogs and people who share the space.

Please note fines can be given to dog owners if you take your dog off the leash prior to the designated area and do not carry a plastic bag with you, or clean up after your dog.

At 7am last Sunday morning there were seven owners and eight dogs wading off the beach or walking on the beach so the facility is already being well used.

CAKE SALE

Lions Christmas cakes are for sale at my office. Prices are: Large (1.5kg) \$17 | Small (1kg) \$13 | Puddings (900g) \$13

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PARK UPGRADES

I have approved the following park upgrades in Wynnum Manly:

- Federation Street, Wynnum West park will receive an upgrade of the playground and installation of gym equipment. The project will cost \$130,000.
- Lota Point Park will receive a shade sail costing \$40,000.
- Greene Park will have a new electric BBQ installed costing \$35,000 and I am in discussions for bud lighting to be installed next financial year.
- Herbert Street Park, Lota will see the installation of a shade sail costing \$40,000.

The following upgrades have already been undertaken this financial year, since 1 July 2020:

- The playground and shelter upgrade in Moreton Bay Lions Park, Pine Street Wynnum, which cost \$34,640.
- A new playground and shelter upgrade in Robtrish Street Park, Manly West. The cost was \$15,400.
- Clare Avenue, Wynnum West had a shade installed, costing \$30,000.
- Elanora Park Small Dog park shelter, \$8,900.
- Park Gym Equipment on the Esplanade, across from the intersection with Picton Parade.

A new toilet block at Ed Davenport Rotary Park, Lota, next to the PCYC.

SAFER CROSSING

I am pleased to receive confirmation that Energex has submitted their design to Council for the lighting of the pedestrian crossing at 202 Preston Road, Manly West.

City Lighting has accepted the design and asked Energex to proceed with the project and install the new lighting.

I am hoping that this project will be completed by the end of December 2020.

This is the pedestrian crossing at Corner House, which is very well used.



MAGGIE'S MATES

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Name: King Zebby.

Suburb: Manly West.

How long have you lived here?

About 21 dog years (or 3-ish human years).

Your most treasured toy? I much prefer to be distracted by my surroundings...like a butterfly or the reflection of water on the roof. That keeps me occupied for hours! Did I say bubbles?!

Your favourite food? Food? Where? I'll eat it if you have it!

Your worst habit? Barking at my own shadow. It's so annoying, it follows me everywhere.

Your favourite local hangout?

My walks around my 'hood with family and my special doggy walker Val.

Your best doggo friend? Buddy. He is my cousin who just visited me from Bundy.

Any funny embarrassing stories you'd like to share? I literally sing for my supper. I'm quite the soprano.

What do people love most about you? I'm a big loveable boofa with a heart of gold. I was born deaf, but that hasn't stopped me living my best life. I love playing with my human bestie Lolo and playing hide and seek. I protect her like the princess she is!

Name: Maggie.

Suburb: Manly West.

How long have you lived here? I am nine-years-old and I came here from Goomburra when I was six-weeks-old.

Favourite local walk? I do like walking along the waterfront, but there is a really good bush walk near the 7/11 on Manly Road.

Your most treasured toy? At the moment my favourite toys are 'Ooshies', and I have quite a collection.

Your favourite food? Whatever my Mum is eating but I do like mangoes and sardines.

Your worst habit? I love putting the ball on the lawn mower when Dad is mowing so he has to stop and throw the ball to me.

Your favourite local hangout? I love anywhere on beautiful Moreton Bay.

Your best doggo friend? Cooper, another border collie, and Robbie, but Cooper is a bit bossy.

Any funny or embarrassing stories you'd like to share? I have two pet Indian Runner ducks that keep me company when I'm home alone. Quack Quack lays an egg for me to eat most days!

What do people love most about you? My Mum says I am a beautiful happy girl and I really like kids.



HOT TIPS FOR COOLING YOUR PETS THIS SUMMER

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

The summer heat is here already! We are so lucky to live in the lovely bayside where a cooling sea breeze is often not too far away. However, as the weather heats up it is important to make sure that we help our pets to stay cool.

Dogs and cats only have sweat glands in their paws so they rely on panting to help cool themselves. This is an issue in brachycephalic (short faced) pets such as French bulldogs, Pugs, Boxers and Persian cats.

How can you help keep your pet cool? Avoid exercising pets during the heat of the day – the best time to walk your dog is first thing in the morning.

The ground can heat up very rapidly during the day and stay hot late into the afternoon. If the footpath is too hot for you to touch, it is too hot for your pet's tender paws.

NEVER leave your pet in a car. Even in fairly mild temperatures (24C), a car can heat up to 38C within 10 minutes, and as high as 50C within half an hour.

Provide your pets with a shady place to shelter from the sun if outside during the day. If your pets are indoors, provide a fan or air conditioning.

Ensure pets have a plentiful supply of cool, clean water. It's a good idea to place extra water bowls around in hot temperatures. Adding ice cubes to water bowls can keep them cool for longer.

Keep your dog or cat's coat well groomed – a knotty, dirty coat will make it harder for heat to escape from their skin.

If you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, it is important to seek veterinary attention urgently.



MISS MAGGIE OF MANLY



AN INVITATION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

As The Community Leader evolves, we'd love to include your local story. We openly encourage community groups, sporting clubs, and charities to contact us with their stories and photos. The newsletter's objective is to promote activities and events in the community, while encouraging the support of local businesses. Thank you to the community leaders who have enthusiastically supported the idea of developing a friendly local newsletter. Please support them, and engage with them as best you can. Any submissions can be emailed to sales@market2market.com.au for consideration.



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LOCAL PERSONALITY PROFILES



Name: Lynette Brown.

Suburb: I work at Wynnum.

What's your business? Real Estate – Team Allyn, Re/Max Advantage.

Do you have any fun/interested stories about your job? Watching Alan getting chased by dogs gives me a laugh, especially when they catch him unawares.

What is your favourite local dine-in and takeaway? I enjoy Caffeination Station, they do great iced coffees and burgers.

Best local activity? The activities the Esplanade provides – bike rides, the

water park and playground, so much fun for the kids.

The last book you read? I read *Endgame* by James Frey.

The last TV show or movie you watched? I'm currently watching the last season of *Arrow* with my sons.

Is there anything you'd like to see happen in the local area? It's exciting to see there is a cinema complex on the way.

Is there a local business/community group/club you'd like to give a shout out to? Little Gnome Bookshop, for great friendly service and great coffee!

Name: Maree Provost.

Suburb: Wynnum.

What's your business? White Lady Funerals, Shop 1/ 207 Preston Road, Wynnum.

Do you have any fun/interesting stories about your job? I have many memorable experiences and one I can share with you is this: Five siblings at their mother's graveside service who clearly were devoted to her let go five balloons. We looked up to see how far they had reached when we all very clearly saw that the balloons had in fact formed the letter L. We all knew that stood for the love she had for her children.

What is your favourite local dine-in and take-away?

Lido Italia at Manly, I love pasta.

Best local activity? Walking near water is always relaxing.

The last book you read? I am an avid reader of anything by Catherine Cookson.

The last TV show or movie you watched? *Halifax*, I love Rebecca Gibney.

Is there anything you'd like to see happen in the local area?

I would love to see a mini Victorian market complete with delis, seafood, cheeses etc.

Is there a local business/community group/club you'd like to

give a shout out to? I'd love to say thank you to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron and their wonderful staff who have supported many of my families.





Christmas

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LOOKING BACKWARDS, LOOKING FORWARDS

CONTRIBUTED BY MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE

A year nearly gone; a year about to start. Whilst this could be said every December, we know this year has been different. Manly traders have been tested like never before with the crushing fear of COVID-19 in March, lockdowns, home quarantines and school closures, and the knowledge that going forward life would be different.

With resilience, creativity and some heartache, all of the Manly Village precinct traders have survived the challenges (unlike many other business precincts throughout Brisbane). Key to this has been the loyalty of customers who have continued to shop local to help local survive.

The Festive Season provides another opportunity to support local traders, while rewarding ourselves with easy festive shopping options.

Many traders are offering extended trading hours to make it easier for customers to complete their Christmas gift shopping. Laura Norris from The Mad Hatters Bookshop says that staying open to 6pm Thursday and Friday nights through December allows her customers to enjoy a visit to Manly as the setting sun lights up the harbour. "Balmy evenings which combine a little shopping followed by a cool drink or social dinner captures the essence of a Queensland Christmas experience."

Manly retailers pride themselves on offering something a little different, bespoke, handmade or unusual. Gift vouchers are also offered by many traders to help with "hard to buy for" gift recipients or those who prefer to give experiences.

With time to reflect over the holiday period, no doubt many will also consider New Year travel, fitness and self-care. Looking forward to 2021, local traders such as Travel Associates, 4Shore Fitness and Endota Spa will be ready to help accomplish New Year's resolutions.

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Juliann Star of EBB+FLOW Boutique Studio showcases her range of Christmas decorations.

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MADHATTERS' LADIES KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN

BY MARIE GEERTZ

We live in this wonderful area of Brisbane, but often do not know many people in our suburb or street. The idea behind the Madhatters Ladies Group is to change that by getting together with like-minded people in our local area, having a laugh and patronising local businesses.

We are looking for new members so if you are over 55 and wish to make new friends with other ladies from our local area, you are most welcome to join us. The group was formed in 2013 and the only stipulation to joining us is that you live in the area covering Wynnum, Hemmant, Tingalpa, Manly, Lota and Wakerley.

We meet twice a month, the first weekend for lunch or dinner, and the third weekend for afternoon tea at local restaurants, cafés and clubs. Occasionally we have functions outside our area and we car pool, and over the years we have visited Sirromet Winery, Ormiston House, Bulimba cinema, Indigiscapes and Wellington Point.

There are no membership fees and we don't have a committee. Each member is asked to arrange just

one function a year by choosing a venue and making a booking. Details are published in a monthly newsletter which is emailed to the group. Members then ring to say they are attending and the venue is advised the number of guests. It's as simple as that! With new cafés and restaurants popping up there is always somewhere new to try, or we visit one of our favourites.

Madhatters' ladies come from all walks of life. Some are married, some single, some retired, and some working. It is a wonderful way to meet new local friends for a chat and a laugh. Some ladies have travelled in Australia or overseas together, others have visited places like QPAC, the Queensland Art Gallery, gone to the movies or played cards, or attended the Brisbane Open House weekend visiting historical buildings around the city.

So, would you like to join us and meet more local ladies? Please phone Marie Geertz on 0412 654 873 and we will arrange to have our monthly newsletter emailed to you.



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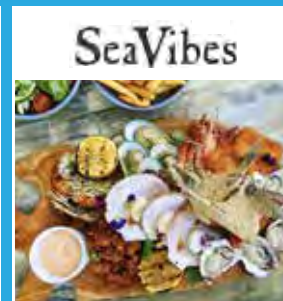
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Wynnum EACH is a social activity centre for older adults, which endeavours to assist older people (or an adult with a disability) to continue living at home and participate in the community.

EACH social activity groups offer a planned program of structured activities, while also providing respite and support for carers. Activities focus on health and wellbeing programs, along with an art group, shopping trips and general outings.

The current global pandemic has made it extremely lonely for some of our older people due to them not seeing their loved ones.

“At EACH we have listened and partnered with STAR Community services to come up with a solution so that our older generation could see and hear their families,” said EACH’s Chanel Haydon.

Through the new STAR Tech program, hundreds of seniors have become more proficient in communicating using the latest technology.

Seniors can choose to learn on their own device (e.g. an iPad or Smartphone) or get a new computer Tablet through the program. Training is provided by supportive and patient trainers, and to date, the program has supported over 300 clients.

The program is open to adults aged over 65 and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders over 50 living in the South Brisbane area who may be isolated, frail, living independently or with a carer.

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INTRODUCING WYNNUM COMMERCE INCORPORATED

CONTRIBUTED BY MICHAEL JULLYAN

November marked the first meeting of the newly formed Wynnum Commerce Incorporated.

We are proud to announce the formation of a new local group called Wynnum Commerce Incorporated (WCI). Our mandate is to support the commercial and lifestyle interests of local residents and businesses.

Our focus is on working collaboratively with local residents, businesses and government agencies across all levels of the

local community to ensure Wynnum is developed properly, while maintaining the lifestyle we all love and to invigorate Wynnum retail and continue the great cultural events.

If the COVID pandemic has taught us anything it's that you look after your locals; if we don't support each other then we don't have events like the Fringe Festival, the Illuminations Parade, the Seafood Festival, and Movies in the Laneway.

It's these events that drive tourism and day trippers to come to the Wynnum area, which in turn encourages the renewal of the Wynnum CBD which we are seeing today.

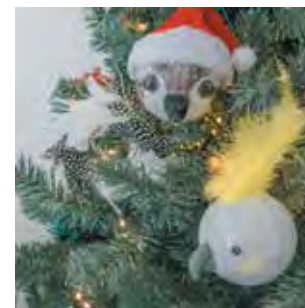
To get involved in WCI is not difficult, simply email info@wynnumcommerce.com.au for more information. We look forward to meeting you and working with you to help build and develop the area in the best way possible.



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THE BONNER UPDATE

ROSS VASTA MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BONNER

BONNER LOCAL LEGENDS RECOGNISED FOR SELFLESS DEEDS

Bonner's Local Legends have been recognised during a special barbecue to thank them for their selfless acts of kindness during a difficult 2020.

Federal Member for Bonner Ross Vasta MP said he put the call out for the community to nominate people who went above and beyond to support others.

"While 2020 has been a trying year for all of us, it has also brought out the best in our local community," Mr Vasta said.

"I wanted to celebrate that by hosting the Bonner Local Legends Awards and after promoting it over the past couple of months, we received some heart-warming nominations."

Mr Vasta said he was humbled to meet so many incredible people in the community and learn more about what motivated them to be so kind, caring and compassionate towards others.

"I hope by sharing their selfless stories it inspires others and also provides hope to those doing it tough, that there are always good people out there willing to lend a hand," Mr Vasta said.

Bonner Local Legends recognised were:

Coast Guard Brisbane volunteers. We couldn't just have one, because you work as a team and everything you do to keep our boaties safe is a team effort!

Rebekah Barelet. Nominated by her neighbour, Rebekah showed selflessness and care during COVID-19. She rang her neighbour every day to make sure she was okay. Her neighbour also described her as "the most selfless person I know".

Coral Brenner, Darling Point Special School. Running the before and after school program and vacation care program at Darling Point Special School, Coral works extra hard to support the families who needed their children minded during COVID restrictions. She not only looks after the children's families but treats everyone with respect and greets all with a smile.



Mark Brittan, President of the Mt Gravatt Hawks Football Club. Mark is described as the heart and soul of the club. He was nominated for his hard work and commitment as a club volunteer, making sure everything is running smoothly. His good humour is always appreciated on game days.

Keoni Driscoll. A Disability Support Worker, Keoni was nominated by the beautiful family she supports. She worked tirelessly to protect Charlotte during COVID-19 and Charlotte's mother Angela said she and Charlotte would not have managed without her.

Lisa Morrison, Principal of Belmont State School. Lisa has had a year like no other and has led her school community through absolute tragedy. With the loss of three beautiful students earlier this year, Lisa made sure everyone had access to counsellors and guidance officers. On top of this, she had to take on learning from home during COVID, as well as navigate

a whole new set of challenges once school resumed.

Christine Rafter, President of Care Kits for Kids Queensland. Chris and her amazing team put together care kits for the thousands of Queensland children in crisis or care.

Michelle Thompson, who opened a dance studio just prior to COVID. Michelle didn't let that stop her from supporting her local community. She took her classes online and offered them for free to anyone in the community wanting to dance. She ran competitions and lessons on top of her day job and kept everyone's spirits up.

Nicole Blums. Volunteering for Wildlife Australia, Nicole was nominated for leading an amazing team of volunteers and helping to save thousands of native animals during the devastating bushfires.

2020 ROSS VASTA CHRISTMAS APPEAL SUPPORTS LOCALS

The 2020 Ross Vasta Christmas Appeal, in partnership with national online charity GIVIT, will provide much needed support to families in Bonner.

Federal Member for Bonner Ross Vasta MP said 2020 had been a year like no other with the global coronavirus pandemic impacting on hardworking families.

“To say it has been a difficult year would be an understatement,” Mr Vasta said.

“I know there are many families in my electorate still doing it tough and this year’s Christmas Appeal, I would like to see the community come together to support those families who may be looking at a very different kind of holiday season.

“I have partnered with GIVIT who work with charities in Bonner recognising families in need of support.

“We’ll be putting up a Christmas tree in my office where you can read some of these families’ stories, and donate cash or a gift card which will be used to purchase essential items to help ease their financial burden.”

Mr Vasta said all items would be purchased from local small businesses in Bonner, which are also in need of community support.

“Small businesses are run by hard-working locals and families so I’d like to buy locally to support these businesses,” Mr Vasta said.

GIVIT CEO Sarah Tennant said GIVIT has been working with local frontline charities to identify the families and households needing support through what has been a very difficult year.

“We’re proud to once again partner with the Member for Bonner Ross Vasta MP, and provide some Christmas cheer across Brisbane’s southside to those who need it most.”

To donate to the Ross Vasta Christmas appeal, visit www.rossvasta.com.au/community/ross-vasta-christmas-appeal/ or visit the office at 69 Clara St, Wynnum.

All funds received will be used to purchase essential items for Bonner families in need this Christmas.



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BEL'S BOOK REVIEW

BY BEL ELLIS, LITTLE GNOME BOOKSHOP, FLORENCE STREET, WYNNUM.

THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH

BY EDDIE JAKU

Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed on 9 November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested and taken to a concentration camp.

Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on the Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, and his country. Because he survived, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. He pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom and living his best possible life. He now believes he is the 'happiest man on earth'.

Published as Eddie turns 100, this is a powerful, heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful memoir of how happiness can be found even in the darkest of times.



2020 VARIETY BASH A HUGE SUCCESS

BY BEL ELLIS

Well, we did it! We raised \$8000, gave an extra \$1000 to another Bash Car and drove over 3000km all up! The Variety Bash 2020 was one of the greatest and life changing experiences of our lives.

We arrived in Bundaberg, not knowing what we were in for! The Bash cars were amazing – Zena Warrior, Aussie Rock, Dr Seuess and more! We set off from Bundy and ended up in Noosa, with camping at Miles, Roma, Mitchell, Nindingully and Kingaroy and 11 school stops along the way.

We donated bikes to a school of just 11 kids. We met recipients of Variety's sponsorship programs and we cried, laughed and created a thousand new memories along the way.

Variety has the ability to make the toughest Aussie blokes be reduced to tears on a daily basis – I also did plenty of crying! The kids and families you meet, who are recipients of Variety, are incredible. The barriers they face in life, made harder by a world that often doesn't "see" them, is heartbreaking, but what they do get is love and support from the Variety family.

There's just so much to tell you, with so little words to type, so come on down and have a chat, or follow us on Instagram and Facebook @littlegnomemobile and @littlegnomebookshop. We haven't stopped though, as we just signed up for 2021.

We have two cars and a support vehicle and are hoping to have another two cars join us, and our goal is to raise \$100,000 with a focus on local kids. So if you know someone who would benefit from Variety's generosity, please get in touch. Variety helps kids who are disabled, in need, sick and disadvantaged from 0 to 17 years of age. We would love to attract corporate sponsors for 2021, so please reach out.

Big, big love to our Pit Crew, all of our sponsors and to the amazing Little Gnome community for all of your donations.

You can follow and donate to our Official Variety Bash 2021 campaign on the link below. While you're on the website, browse through and discover what the Variety Children's Charity is all about.

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THE HISTORY OF 78 WILDE STREET WYNNUM

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This Wesleyan Methodist Church, the first recorded church building in Wynnum, was opened for worship on 30 August 1890. The church cost £182 and held 100 people. Previous to this time worship was thought to be in the private home of Joel Wilde in Wilde Street.

The church remained in use for 11 years, then the congregation moved to a larger church in adjacent Ashton Street. Both churches were built by John Iley Greene.

The trustees authorised the sale of the Wilde Street property on 5 November 1901 to James Pickels. James and his wife Frances improved the property and added verandahs to the front and left side. Benjamin Pickels and James Nuttall inherited the property, and on 27 February 1911 sold it to Mary Jane Colledge. She lived here for 35 years and added a wing at the rear which housed two more bedrooms.

Frank Colledge inherited the property on 7 July 1944. He sold it on 21 October 1960 to Frank Henry Johnson (with Roy and Lillian Colledge as mortgagees). Since that

time the house has received many improvements at the rear and has changed hands several times.

If you are interested in the history of our wonderful district, why not join the Wynnum Manly Historical Society? We are always seeking new members. Further details are available at www.wmhs.org.au or by phoning Geraint on 3396 5264.



Photo: Wynnum Manly Historical Society.

WYNNUM UPLATE SUPERCHARGED RETAIL SPENDING



Shoppers enjoyed the fashion showcase at Sobidah for Wynnum UpLate. Photo: Sobidah.

November's Wynnum UpLate event attracted a huge crowd keen to enjoy an evening of great shopping, good food and fantastic company. Coinciding with the opening night of the Wynnum Fringe festival, guests enjoyed the fashion shows hosted by stores such as Sobidah, and one lucky shopper won a hamper valued at more than \$650.

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JOAN PEASE'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

STATE MEMBER FOR LYTTON

The Queensland Election results have now been finalised.

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I'm so grateful to Baysiders for putting their trust in me as their representative once again.

I love this community and I'll work hard for you every single day.

2020 has been a tough year for many people, but I'm so proud of the community spirit that always shines through here on the Bayside.

Queensland's strong health response means we can focus on our economic recovery: building infrastructure, creating jobs, and investing in the frontline.

We have secured some major commitments for the Bayside which I'll be focused on delivering, including:

- \$45 million from the Palaszczuk Government to overhaul Lindum Station. It will see lifts installed as well as a new footbridge, a park 'n' ride expansion, bike parking and platform raising. I will also work with all levels of government on solutions to improve the Brisbane City Council road network.
- \$200,000 to upgrade amenities at Manly West State School, \$200,000 for upgrades at Wynnum West State School, \$300,000 for Wondall Outside School Hours Care as well as air-conditioning all state school rooms.

- Expanding Redland Hospital including a new ICU and 32-bed ward as well as 713 undercover parking spaces, meaning more Baysiders will have access to a world-class hospital closer to home. I will also be working with WINNAM to turn the site of the old Wynnum Hospital into an integrated Indigenous health and aged care hub.
- \$1 million for the redevelopment of the Moreton Bay Trailer Boat Club and \$300,000 for new lights at the Wynnum Manly Juniors Rugby League Club.
- Creating opportunities for small business to thrive is a priority to me. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 130 Bayside businesses have received COVID Adaptation Grants of up to \$10,000. I'm also keen to continue my work with local business and community leaders to put the Bayside on the map as a tourism and events destination. The Wynnum Fringe Festival was a great example of that collaboration in action.
- Our frontline staff have shown just how important they are during this pandemic. We've announced that we'll hire an extra 2,025 police staff, 9475 health staff including 5800 nurses, and more than 6100 additional teachers and I look forward to delivering on that commitment to improve services for Baysiders.

These are just a few of the things I'm working on for Baysiders as we head into 2021.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

If you have any questions or if you ever require any assistance on State Government matters please get in touch with my office on 3915 1100.



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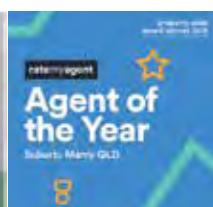
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Local volunteers and their dogs are working with kids to improve their reading skills as part of the Story Dogs program.

Story Dogs has been operating in Australia for more than 10 years. Based on the very successful American literary program Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D) which was launched in Utah in 1999, the Story Dogs program is built around the appealing idea of children and adolescents reading to dogs.

Reading sessions are scheduled weekly, and the same children (selected by the school) attend each week for the school year. Over the course of the year the child's reading skills improve markedly by reading to and interacting with the dog, and their personal confidence soars.

"Our volunteers come armed with a fun selection of interesting books that are specifically suited to Year 2 students who are seven to eight years of age," explained Wynnum/Manly Story Dogs Coordinator Jo Williams, who volunteers with her dog Jemma at Guardian Angels' school.

"Our small group of enthusiastic volunteers here in Wynnum/Manly are passionate about the program and enjoy the interaction they and their dogs have with the children and their school community.

"We currently have more schools signed up for the program than trained volunteer teams, so I am on the quest to recruit new volunteer teams for our area."

If you have a well-behaved dog and can spare a few hours a week, Story Dogs could be a rewarding experience for you and your dog. All dogs, except restricted breeds, can be assessed to be Story Dogs.

"I would love to have a few more teams trained and ready to start in term one next year," said Jo.

Story Dog Teams also need sponsors to continue the great volunteer work they do, so if you have a business, contact Jo to discuss supporting a local team.

For more information, email jow@storydogs.org.au or phone Jo on 0412 001 130, or visit www.storydogs.org.au.



Lexi from Guardian Angels' School reading with Story Dog Jemma. Photo: Supplied.

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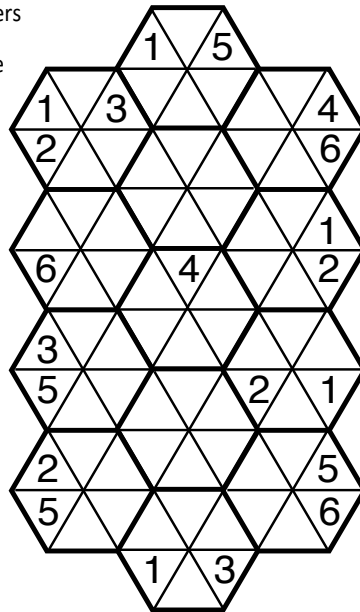
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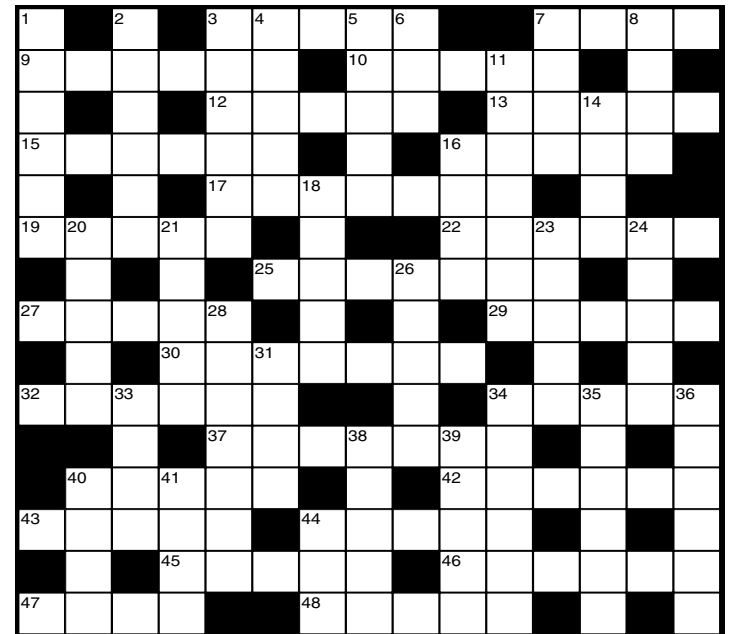
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Quick Workout

Fit the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 into the hexagons so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers will be the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



Crossword



ACROSS

- 3 Happen again
- 7 Subtle emanation
- 9 Believed
- 10 Bare
- 12 Musical note
- 13 Essential
- 15 Of foreign origin
- 16 Death-dealing
- 17 Directed a course
- 19 Endures
- 22 Stifled laugh
- 25 Assemble
- 27 Thin biscuit
- 29 Verdant
- 30 Arbitrator
- 32 Dairy product
- 34 Inconsiderate speed
- 37 Card game
- 40 First public appearance

DOWN

- 1 Severe trial
- 2 Regional dialect
- 3 Not diligent
- 4 Decree
- 5 Combine
- 6 Male sheep
- 7 Mine entrance
- 8 Actual
- 11 Dodging
- 14 Diplomacy
- 16 Festivity

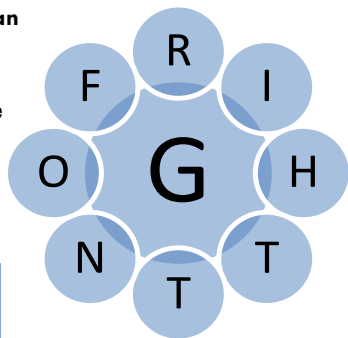
ACROSS

- 18 Call up
- 20 Make ashamed
- 21 Thither
- 23 Earth (L)
- 24 Cast out
- 26 Turns away
- 28 Saves
- 31 Noteworthy act
- 33 Water pitcher
- 34 Cope with
- 35 Biblical dancer
- 36 Departure
- 38 Sky blue
- 39 Reverse of a coin
- 40 Deceive
- 41 Carry
- 44 Concealed

Focus

An All Australian Word Game

- * Each word must contain the centre 'Focus' letter and each letter may be used only once
- * Each word must be four letters or more
- * Find at least one nine letter word
- * No swear words
- * No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
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Very good: 20 words
Excellent: 27 words

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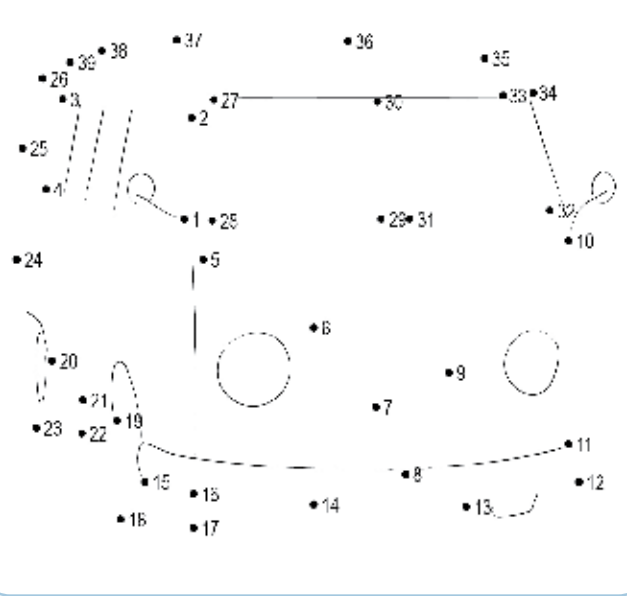
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Find the following words in the grid. They may read in any direction, even diagonally. Some letters are used more than once.

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| Ass | Eats | Poem | Some |
| Case | Lamp | Pope | Stop |
| Cop | More | Poser | Warp |
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| Ears | Peel | Roar | |

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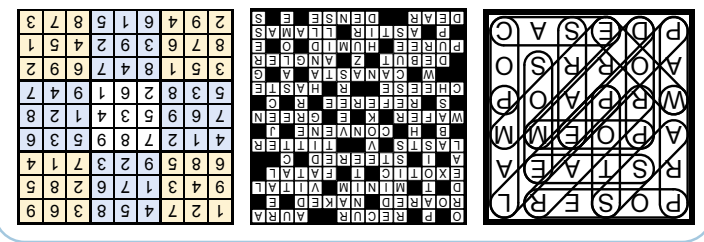
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FOUR SIMPLE STEPS FOR HOLIDAY WATER SAFETY

CONTRIBUTED BY BRISBANE COAST GUARD

As the weather warms up and the holidays approach, many people are eager to launch their kayaks, jet skis, boats and yachts.

For Brisbane Coast Guard, the summer holiday period is often the busiest, so here are four simple steps to make your water activities safe.

1. Plan your trip. Check the maps for Marine Parks, go-slow areas and shallow ground. Work out how much fuel you'll need, and add some more for contingencies like headwinds or extra time spent trolling.
2. Equipment. Visit the MSQ website to ensure you have all the right equipment, and check that all your safety gear is working. Check the dates on your flares and EPIRB, and if they're out of date, drop into Brisbane Coast Guard to buy a new set of inshore flares and drop off your old flares. We also accept your old EPIRB for recycling for a \$10 donation.
3. Weather. The wind conditions in the middle of the Bay can be dramatically different than at the boat ramp, so make sure you check the forecast and know your boat's limitations.
4. Tell someone where you're going and when you'll be back. You can log on to Coast Guard using your radio or phone, and that way if something happens we know where to start looking for you.

"These four simple steps will help make sure that your time on the water is enjoyable," Coast Guard rescue boat skipper Tom Miller said. "A little bit of preparedness, especially for small craft like kayaks and tinnies, can ensure a great day out on the water."



Look after your safety: Rescue 500 and Brisbane Coast Guard investigate a grounded tinnie. Photo: Supplied.

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Local fisherman Spero Kartanos shares his wealth of fishing knowledge in Moreton Bay so you can enjoy a fresh feast of seafood this Christmas.

How time flies! It's that time of the year already, and what a year it was. All I can say is thank heavens we could go out and catch a fish, otherwise I think I would have not coped well at all.

The fishing in December is always very good, the only problem is the winds tend to strengthen and the storms roll through, but in between there are calm days and plenty of fish to catch.

It's time for spotty mackerel to make their run in the bay, not always as big a turnout as in the past, but still some will come into the bay. Looking for the feeding schools on the surface is lots of fun with the terns showing us the way to them, a good spinning rod and reel and a few chrome slugs will do the trick – it's just a matter of cast and retrieve around the feeding schools.

Try not to cast in the middle of the school as most times you will get bitten off. Water Tower Bait and Tackle have plenty of the 34gr chrome slugs and

are quite inexpensive, so losing a few does not hurt as much, and remember no wire traces in the bay, it just does not work.

The school mackerel will still be in the bay so try some trolling with boards and spoons (the new Halco 3-inch should be available in December) but looking at all my past records it seems Smith jigs in white, chrome and pink work the best this time of year, and you really can't go wrong with the Halco chrome spoons.

Whiting will be throughout the Small Boat Channel, Rous Channel, Fisherman's Gutter, Sand Hills and Amity Banks, so a few live blood worms, squid strips and peeled prawns will get you plenty of fish to make the kids and the family happy.

Snapper and squire are also prevalent around the Bay Islands and the artificial reefs with whole small whiting, whiting heads, garfish or any small fish being the best baits, and mullet flesh and squid are also worth a try.

The treat in December is the tiger squid which come into the bay and they are quite ravenous

this time of year – it's always worth having a jig out while whiting fishing and unlike the cuttlefish and arrow squid, the tigers prefer the shallow and clean water wherever there are weed beds. Emeraldas nudes in the prawn patterns are my favourite squid jigs, but any orange/red prawn pattern will work and 3.5 size is what I would recommend.

To all the readers may you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and enjoy our beautiful bay.



Squid jigs, Smith jigs and spoons, and chrome slugs. Photos: Spero Kartanos.



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BEHIND THE SCENES AT BLUE TONGUE COLLECTABLES

Word's getting out about a fantastic little homewares shop and art gallery on Tingal Road, Wynnum, but there's so much more to the story. Behind the Blue Tongue Collectables store front, there's a studio space that allows locals to develop their talents and learn new skills.

The Art + Soul studio is the home of many of Blue Tongue Adventure's programs, where young adults with disabilities gather to learn new skills, create artworks, and take on employment support training, while developing friendships and building social skills.

"Where we see a need, we create a solution," said Alex Shaw, founder of Tea-Cup Cottage Disability Services.

"Our participants needed a real hands-on way to learn employment skills, so we started the Industries program as a way to learn about

the manufacturing process from production all the way through to sale. Now the products – including giftwares, ceramics and a bath and body range – are for sale in the showroom."

Ms Shaw said the programs are developed based on what participants are interested in doing.

"Some of the crew want to do woodworking, so they're working on furniture building and restoration," said Ms Shaw.

"And we'll have another avenue for those who want to learn barista skills, with our coffee cart about to open for business in front of the showroom."

If you're looking for a special gift this Christmas, pop in to Blue Tongue Collectables at 260 Tingal Road, Wynnum.



PLACE MANLY SPREADS FESTIVE JOY THROUGH TOYS

CONTRIBUTED BY MARC SORRENTINO, PLACE MANLY

Eleven years ago, my daughter Monroe approached me with an idea to donate toys at Christmas for underprivileged kids. The concept was that we host a party at our house and invite friends who would all bring a toy or two which would be donated to The Salvation Army.

I will never forget fronting at the Salvo's at Wynnum with Monroe. As we arrived, a father and his daughter were in the process of leaving with some goods they had collected, and the lovely lady behind the counter asked, "What do you need and how can we help you?" I responded, "We are not collecting anything; we are dropping off toys."

That day we delivered a boot full of toys. The following year it was a car full, and then the following year it grew again. One year we even borrowed a van and filled that up too. I would guess that in the past 10 years thanks to the generosity of friends and our community, we have collected around 4000 toys, and last year alone we collected about 700.

In what has been a challenging year for many, we are appealing to the generosity of our community to make sure that no child misses out on the joy of Christmas. So how can you help out? Simply drop off a new, unwrapped toy to our office at Place Estate Agents Manly located at 75 Cambridge Parade, by Saturday 12th December 2020. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Marc Sorrentino and family shopping for toys, to be donated to the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal.



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Congratulations to members of Lota State School's Eco Marine Crew who are celebrating a win in the Cicada Film Awards, taking out first place with their film "Leave Us Bugs Alone!".

The school received a \$100 cheque, which will be used towards installing two water tanks, the purchase of a water pump and establishing an orchard.

Lota State School was also successful in tying for first place in the October Golden Boot Award for the greatest increase in active travel to school with a 37% increase. The school will receive a Hart Sports voucher which will be used to purchase sports equipment for the students to use at lunch times.

Lota State School students are hopeful for a hat trick with their entry in Brisbane City Council's WasteSmart awards, with winners to be announced soon.



Students with their October Golden Boot Award (left) and celebrating a win in the Cicada Film Festival. Photos: Supplied.

THE GREAT GARDEN ESCAPE COMES TO BELMONT

Kids will delight in The Great Garden Escape, an enchanting journey of adventure and imagination in the spirit of the great Peter Rabbit.

This December, local production company Small Crown Productions will bring The Great Garden Escape to Belmont. Set in the world of Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit, this exciting live adventure for upper primary school-aged kids is a cross between a scavenger hunt and an escape room.

"It is such a fun experience," says Belmont local Paul Adams, owner of Small Crown Productions and the brains behind the show.

"I want to create theatre experiences that extend beyond the four walls of the black box we are used to. We have designed this show so the kids go on a journey of their own as well."

From the moment they arrive kids will be challenged with puzzles which lead them to help Peter Rabbit and Mrs Tittlemouse free their friend Sam who has been caught in one of Mr McGregor's elaborate traps.



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WYNNUM CROQUET CLUB HOSTS QUEENSLAND'S TOP PLAYERS

CONTRIBUTED BY WYNNUM CROQUET CLUB

With strict COVID-19 protocols in place, Wynnum Croquet Club has hosted several state events, the most recent being the CAQ Open Doubles won by Wynnum's Gordon Giles and Richard Pickvance.

Other major events played at Wynnum this year include the ACA Queensland Bronze Medal, an invitation event played between eight of Queensland's best golf croquet players; the CAQ Women's Open Golf Singles Championship and the CAQ Golf Open Singles, the latter also being won by Wynnum's Gordon Giles.

Being able to host these major events is a tribute to Bruce Fleming, the club's hard-working grounds coordinator, who not only keeps the courts in tip-top condition, but is also club secretary and tournament manager.

Croquet is a game for all ages and abilities and one where men and women can compete on equal terms. Whether you're looking for some serious competition or for some gentle outdoor exercise in a friendly social environment, croquet could be the game for you!

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Meet Rudi, the Gelato Master and proud owner of Matilda.

Rudi is an authentic Italian, from Pertegada (Udine), a city in the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, in the north-east of Italy.

Rudi came to Australia after studying gelato making in Italy and decided to open his own store in beautiful Wynnum.

"I love the sea and one of my biggest passions (other than gelato of course) is fishing, so I chose the Bayside rather than the City to enjoy the view of the ocean and a relaxing atmosphere," said Rudi.

"Wynnum is a great place and I have my regular customers who come to enjoy gelato and have a little chat about Italy.

"I've found great connections with other business owners in the area like Wynnum Jewellers, Sash and Gable, Holly from Cultivate Design, Sobidah, and Visit Wynnum Manly. We always collaborate to offer local people new experiences."

Rudi explained that gelato is a much healthier



option than ice cream as it contains 80% less fat and sugar. "It represents a moment of joy, of chilling down from a busy day, and a way to spend time with family and friends."

From December, Rudi will open in new premises at 60 Florence Street, Wynnum. "I'm working on new special gelato flavours for Christmas and new desserts as well, and the new shop will have a bigger range of deliciousness to choose from."

If you'd like to add a little Italian flavour to your Christmas dessert menu, you'll love what's in store at Matilda.

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GRAIN HARVEST BEGINS

Port of Brisbane has begun receiving thousands of tonnes of high quality grain, marking the return of grain exports and the end of grain imports from other Australian states due to the long-running drought. Grain exports are a welcome sight for our customers, the many primary producers and all involved in the supply chain.

While it's been a most unusual year for import container volumes due to COVID-19, we have recently seen a marked increase as retailers begin to stock up ahead of the busy Christmas period.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Our Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has awarded two new grants at its recent meeting. Lota State School received funding to purchase specialist equipment to support hearing impaired students. Funding will also help Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club to make their facilities safer for the community by upgrading synthetic surfaces.

PBPL was also proud to sponsor and participate in the Quandamooka Jarjums Camp on Minjerrabah (Stradbroke Island) – a way for Year 6 Dunwich School Students to learn more about their culture and connection to Country through stories from local Elders and participating in cultural workshops.

SAFE BOATING DURING THE FESTIVE PERIOD

The Whyte Island Boat Ramp at Port of Brisbane is used by hundreds of boaties every year – it's a great place to launch for a spot of fishing around Moreton Bay. The waterways around the Port are home to thousands of recreational boats and commercial vessels every year and in terms of access, it's also one of the busiest boat ramps around. This Christmas, please take care when using the boat ramp or out on the water. And, happy fishing!



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GREEK ALMOND SHORTBREAD COOKIE RECIPE

CONTRIBUTED BY FINNS FISH HOUSE



INGREDIENTS

- 250g unsalted butter. The butter must be at room temperature, not melted.
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- A good dash of vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup roasted slivered almonds
- 2 nips or more of Ouzo
- Plain flour. *Use the Greek measuring technique - use as much flour as you need until a soft dough forms
- Icing sugar (icing sugar mixture rather than pure icing sugar is best)

METHOD

1. Get a bowl and whack in all the ingredients at the same time.
2. Mix with your hands, which is the best part of this recipe.
3. Form the dough into balls.
4. Place the balls on a tray lined with oven proof paper.
5. Place in a pre-heated oven at 180 degrees (or 160 degrees fan forced). Cook until they become a golden colour.
6. Take the cookies out of the oven and let them cool until slightly warm. You can sprinkle ouzo over them if you like.
7. Dust a generous amount of icing sugar over the cookies.
8. Make yourself a nice cup of tea or coffee, and sit down and enjoy your cookies.

* Sorry about any recipe omissions but this is the Greek way of cooking! The cardinal rule is to make it up as you go and it will taste great.



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HAMPERS TO BRING HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS

Hundreds of Bayside families doing it tough are looking forward to some much-needed Christmas cheer as two local organisations prepare to provide food hampers and gifts for children.

Donations are being sought by Mangrove Housing and St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum for their respective campaigns, with both groups stepping up to help out Bayside families this holiday season.

Member for Lytton Joan Pease was glowing with praise for Mangrove and St Peter's for their efforts to help the less fortunate.

"These hamper campaigns are an amazing example of our community coming together to help each other out," she said.

"Christmas is such a special time, but it can be really stressful and alienating if you're under the pump financially. By donating hampers and presents, we can let those people know that they are cared for and provide a little bit of Christmas joy."

Ms Pease said she had made her office available as a drop-off point for both campaigns.

"I urge the Bayside to get on board. I'm taking donations of non-perishable food and toys at my office at 100 Edith Street."



Joan Pease MP with hamper donations. Photo: Supplied.

Donations can also be made directly to Mangrove Housing (3893 3299) and St Peter's Anglican Church (3893 2492).

LOCAL POETRY

CATCHING UP

By Geoff Smiley

It was in year five when I was handed a note by Barbara C, saying she loved me. The painful timing; to be embarrassed when you are ten, and don't understand.

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It was in Manly primary school that this event occurred. A lovely memory. Where is she now?



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BY BELINDA DALY, ST HELENA ISLAND COMMUNITY

Separation from friends and family makes for a difficult time at Christmas. Prisoners, warders and families living on St Helena Island were only 8km but a world away from participating in mainland festivities. So they made their own celebrations.

Prisoner Michael Minnis was a religious man, a school teacher in Tingalpa and also a convicted killer sentenced to life in St Helena's prison. Michael was employed as the Head Cook in the prison kitchen for eight years, having responsibility for kitchen operations and fellow prisoners. Christmas celebrations in 1895 saw a bullock killed for Christmas dinner, for which Chief Warder Bowden remarked "The dinner was very nicely cooked." Prisoners Minnis, McGee and Bryson also received similar praise for their plum puddings made for Christmas and New Year celebrations.

In 1897, 116 Christmas letters and cards from Mrs McConnell and other Christian ladies were distributed to prisoners during recreation time in the prison yards. In 1899, Mrs Mary Pennefather,

the wife of the Comptroller General of Prisons, personally gave Christmas cards to prisoners. No sport was held on Christmas Day, though it was not a holiday from work. However, Warder Brennan and Rev McPherson conducted Divine service for all worshippers.

Even the colourful gardens around the superintendents' and warders' houses made a Christmas contribution. An entry in Chief Warder Bowden's diary on the 24th December 1897 states that the 'Steamer Otter lay at anchor all night ready to take a quantity of flowers and evergreens to decorate a church at Ipswich'.

A few lucky warders were able to get leave to be with family on the mainland, but the majority continued to work. However, the Christmas spirit was evident in surprising ways, as experienced by Warder Patrick Falvey, who found himself before the Superintendent charged with a miscount of prisoners. With Christmas looming, the case was dismissed "owing to Christmas Eve".



Main gate and guard tower with warders 1893, showing the prison stockade sentry tower with prison guards, and the bakery and kitchen can be seen as the white building behind the sentry tower. Photo acknowledgement: State Library of Qld.

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