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LET'S HEAR IT FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND FOOTY!

Sport plays an important part in any community. It brings people together who may otherwise have nothing in common, to play as a team or to cheer for those giving it their all. It's unscripted entertainment in its purest form.

And whether you're actively involved in the game or raucously cheering from the sidelines, the age-old tradition of competition fuels community spirit. It unites us, even if the only reward at stake is the satisfaction of claiming bragging rights!

During the June/July school holidays, Wynnum Manly Junior Rugby League is proudly hosting a carnival featuring around 350 young footy players hailing from southern and central Queensland. It's a chance for families to come together in the name of sport and enjoy the attractions of our fabulous bayside area.

Come along and cheer on the kids. Who knows? You might witness the rise of a future Queensland Origin star in action! **More on page 3.**

Pictured: Wynnum Manly juniors practice their skills ahead of the regional carnival.

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Bayside Community Fund's (BCF) inaugural Pups in the Park was a barking success! Hundreds of happy hounds and almost 2,000 people enjoyed a day in the sun at Elanora Park, all in the name of fundraising for the BCF and Guide Dogs QLD.



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COUNTRY MEETS CITY: LEAGUE'S FUTURE STARS ON SHOW

FROM WYNNUM MANLY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Get ready for an exciting week of junior footy in Wynnum Manly during the upcoming school holidays. From June 25 to July 7, the highly anticipated annual U35kg and U43kg Rugby League Zone 5 Carnival will be held at Wynnum. Families and over 350 enthusiastic kids from various regions of central Queensland will gather to showcase their rugby league skills.

The U35kg category features talented nine and 10-year-olds, while the U43kg category includes skilled 11 and 12-year-olds. These prestigious carnivals have been a tradition for an impressive 54 and 57 years, respectively. Each year, different towns take turns hosting the event. This year, Wynnum is fortunate to be the chosen location for both carnivals.

Participating teams in this year's event include Balonne-Barwon, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Central Downs, Highfields, Macintyre, Roma and District, South Burnett, Western Downs, and, of course, the host team Wynnum. These young athletes have undergone trials and earned the opportunity to represent their respective towns. The carnival is a highlight on the football calendar, allowing them to indulge in their passion for a full week.

Before the festivities kick off, an official weigh-in is conducted, ensuring that each player meets the weight requirements for their division. Once the weigh-in process is complete, the carnival officially commences, setting the stage for thrilling matches and memorable moments.

We are proud to have Mark Tombs and Craige McKenna as coaches for the U35s and U43s teams respectively. They have dedicated an impressive two decades to coaching with the Wynnum club. Their commitment and



Wynnum Manly juniors love their footy!

effort in nurturing these young talents is inspiring, providing each player with valuable coaching and the motivation to perform at their best.

The camaraderie and team spirit fostered during the carnival will leave an indelible mark on these kids. They will treasure the unforgettable memories and friendships formed throughout this event.

We invite the community to warmly welcome our guests to join us in supporting these teams. Come witness the excitement first-hand as we celebrate grassroots football at its finest!



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A FASHIONABLE AFFAIR: MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA BY THE BAY

FROM JANELLE BOSTOCK, PRECINCT COORDINATOR, MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

On Friday May 5 Manly Harbour Village Chamber of Commerce hosted the Mother's Day Fashion and Style Morning Tea at Wynnum Manly Yacht Club. We had a sell-out event with 80 members and guests in attendance enjoying the fashion, fun and beautiful views.

Our MC Carlee Hay and stylist Ann Whitaker kept us entertained with fashion styling tips that were simple and effective, whilst fun and easy. The fashions were provided by Manly Harbour Village's Labels By The Bay and Ebb & Flow Boutique, with models by FBME, ranging in size from eight to 16.

Labels by the Bay brings together a collection of beautiful designers with a great reputation for producing good-quality clothing to suit a range of figures. Owners Pauline Southerwood and Bernadette Travers decided that style and comfort should not be mutually exclusive, and style should be available to every woman, whatever her age, size or shape.

"Nautical, coastal and island lifestyle" is how Julieann Starr describes the vibe of Ebb & Flow Boutique. It is a befitting description reflecting its Manly Harbour Village setting on the upper reaches of Cambridge Parade.

The morning was definitely a Manly Harbour Village Chamber affair with our market stalls and raffle prize donations. We would like to thank and acknowledge Flowers on Cambridge, Style +Error, BlackKandles, Oscar Oscar, Joan Pease MP, Thyme for Me, Switch to Success and Tide on the Jetty for their support.

The Wynnum Manly Yacht Club is nestled within the inner reaches of the Manly Boat Harbour. The sunny patio is the perfect spot for a quiet breakfast, light lunch, sundowners or relaxed dinner. It is home to the Wynnum Manly Sailing Club, Manly Dragon Boat Club and The Captain's Parrot Café.



Photo by Unbar Photography.

Ann Whitaker has been a colour and image consultant for over 15 years and is passionate about teaching women how to look fabulous without having to spend hours in front of a mirror.

Carlee Hay, MC, is a fundraising and event management professional, and an ambassador for the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust. Carlee has always been passionate about supporting local grassroots charities.

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THE BONNER UPDATE

ROSS VASTA MP FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BONNER



FINANCIAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS

What is a budget? What is superannuation? How do interest rates work? How do you read a pay slip? What is a credit score? How to save, invest and live within your means should and must be taught to our children in schools. That is why I introduced a motion calling on the Federal Government to make Financial Literacy as a compulsory part of the national curriculum.

It is alarming to see that 86% of Australians don't know or understand their monthly expenses; that we rank 5th highest in the world for household debt out of all OECD nations; and that collectively, Australian's have over \$17 billion of personal credit card debt. Simply put, these are not the habits or the mindset we want our children or grandchildren to have.

We need to ensure our children are equipped with the skills they need to be confident in making smart personal financial decisions that benefit them and

their future, and Financial Literacy in schools is the first step to achieving this. Financial Literacy in schools will not only set up our next generation to be financial resilient but will also help ensure that our children are in control of their own money. It will also help to reduce depression and anxiety due to financial stress and help decrease rates of homelessness, especially amongst women.

Setting goals to save for a house, making sure you are paid the correct rate, knowing how to fill out a tax return, it is time we see these necessary life skills taught in the classroom and that Financial Literacy becomes a compulsory part of the national curriculum.

For more information, including listening to my speech in parliament, please scan the QR code or email me at ross.vasta.mp@aph.gov.au.



CONGRATULATIONS BONNER VOLUNTEERS!

There is a lot that I love about our community, but what I believe makes Bonner extra special is the people who work tirelessly and selflessly to make it an even better place to live – our volunteers.

On the 18th of May I held my annual Bonner Volunteer Awards, and what a night it was! It was wonderful to come together as a community to acknowledge the work and contribution of local volunteers. Whilst competition was fierce in all seven categories, I would like to particularly highlight our Bayside winners!

Congratulations to:

Senior Volunteer Award: Marie Byrnes for her work at the Wynnum Christian Community Church, especially for coordinating donation drives for Living Hope Zambia.

Frontline Volunteer Award: Sean Harrison of Manly, for over 40 years of community service. In particular, I would like to note Sean's last 14 years volunteering at the local Manly Coast Guard where he has helped over 250 vessels in distress and has ensured over 1000 people have been brought safely to shore – a true local hero!

Team Volunteer Award: Brisbane Bayside Repair Café. Since 2022, the team at Brisbane Bayside Repair Café have been repairing items to prevent them from ending up in landfill.

Adult Volunteer Award: Graham Moore of Manly, who for the last 7 years has volunteered down at Rochedale State High School maintaining the grounds and gardens at the school.

How lucky are we to have such an incredible group of volunteers right here on the Bayside!



OH, WHAT FAMILY FUN!

One of the many brilliant things about the Bayside is we are certainly blessed with a great variety of family fun events, and last month was no exception!

A massive thank you to the Bayside Community Fund, Guide Dogs QLD and the Wynnum Bugs Rugby for the first Pups in the Park event at Elanora Park. There was an incredible range of tail-wagging demonstrations, including obedience, dancing with dogs and fun informative sessions for all members of the family. The turn out was incredible, and I can't wait to see next year's Pups in the Park event.

A massive shout-out also has to go Rotary Wynnum-Manly and Ampol for their Ampol Rotary Family Fun Day. From farm animals to face painting, jumping castle and live music by the talented Amber Lawrence, it was certainly an event for all the family to enjoy! The Ampol Family Fun Day also focused on supporting Domestic Violence Awareness Month by bringing our community together and helping make meaningful connections. Thank you also to our local Fire, Ambulance and Police personal who helped on the day.



LOCAL STUDIO DANCES INTO TOP EISTEDDFOD PRIZE

FROM ANNETTE ROSELLI DANCE ACADEMY

We are delighted to announce that the Annette Roselli Dance Academy has again emerged as the reigning champions, securing the prestigious Championship Aggregate trophy for the sixth consecutive year at the recent Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod.

This highly anticipated event, held at Hilliard State School, brought together remarkable talent from across the greater Brisbane area. With an impressive lineup of over 45 competition categories, the Annette Roselli Dance Academy showcased its exceptional skills and artistic prowess, garnering multiple awards and ultimately capturing the coveted top Eisteddfod prize.

The Championship Aggregate award is bestowed upon the studio that collectively achieves the highest number of victories across all age groups and genres. With a remarkable display of talent and dedication, the Annette Roselli Dance Academy claimed victory in nine categories, triumphing in the Classical, Lyrical, Contemporary, and Tap sections.

Notably, the Under 15 Classical team astounded the judges with their captivating ballet piece 'Raymonda,' amassing an impressive score of 97 marks and securing the first-place position in their category. Annette Roselli, esteemed owner and director of the studio, couldn't be prouder of the student's outstanding achievements.

The Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod, deeply ingrained in our local community for over half a century, owes its success to the unwavering dedication of a devoted team of volunteers. Since its inaugural participation in 2017, the Annette Roselli Dance Academy has consistently showcased remarkable talent.



Photo: Supplied.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our students for their hard work, our dedicated team of instructors for their unwavering support, and the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod organisers and volunteers for creating a platform that celebrates and nurtures the performing arts," said Annette. "We look forward to continuing our journey of excellence and artistic growth in the years to come."



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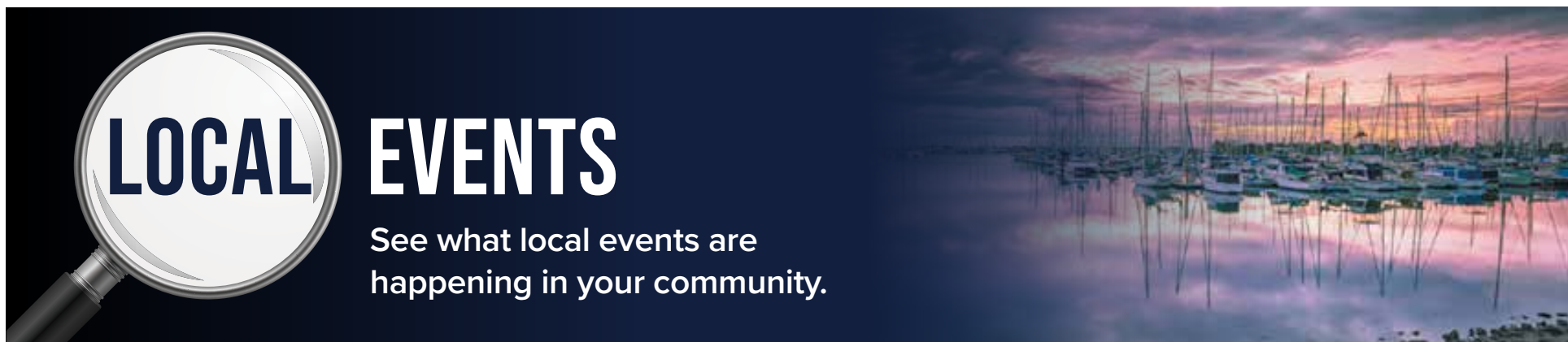


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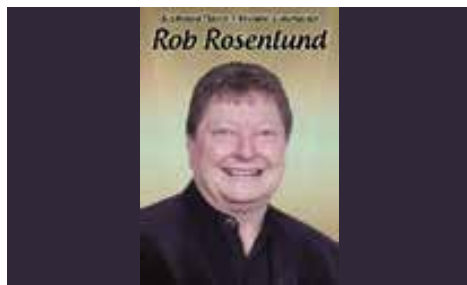
MEN'S WALK & TALK



Every Thursday at 5.30pm
Meet at Manly Boathouse, Trafalgar St, Manly

Starting with free coffee at Manly Boathouse at 5.30pm followed by a 6pm walk to Wynnum Jetty and back, this Men's Walk & Talk walk session is an opportunity for men to get together and chat.

ROBBIE ROSENLUND LIVE



Tuesday June 13, 9:30am
Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Wynnum

Wickety Wak alumni Robbie will perform his popular renditions of Kermit the Frog's Rainbow Connection, along with hits from the 1950s to today. Bookings essential, call 3396 9488 to book.

WRITING MONDAYS



Mondays at 9am to 11am
Wynnum Library, Florence St, Wynnum

Do you have a novel in you? Come along to this volunteer-led writing session, and learn techniques to help you finish – and perfect – that book you've always wanted to write!

42ND STREET



24 June to 8 July
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The talented Savoyards Musical Comedy Society presents 42nd Street, a musical extravaganza. Set in New York in the 1930s, the story follows chorus girl Peggy who lands a job in a glitzy Broadway production. Tickets and more information available at savoyards.com.au.

TUESDAYS

Wynnum/Manly Meditation Circle
Tuesdays 6.45pm – 7.45pm
Branches Community Hub, 29 Fox Street, Wynnum
The meditation circle is run by donation.
Call John on 0403 676 435.

Vision in Voice Community Choir
Tuesdays at 10am
Birkdale School of Arts Hall, 101 Birkdale Road, Birkdale
Join this all-inclusive choir, which welcomes adults with disabilities, sight-impaired people, seniors, those with early stages of dementia, those suffering Parkinson's, anxiety or depression, and anyone looking for a joyous, positive experience. This is an all-inclusive choir for everyone who loves to sing. For more details call 0411 430 658.

WEDNESDAYS

Social Tennis
Wynnum Tennis Centre
9am – 12pm
Social tennis costs \$10 and includes a light morning tea at Colina Street Tennis Centre, Wynnum.

Wynnum Manly Bayside Socials Group
Meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at Celtic Corner, 45 Cambridge Parade, Manly 6.30pm – 7pm. A \$1 donation is appreciated. More details on meetup.com.

THURSDAYS

BlueBottle Cocktail & Tapas Bar: Karaoke Thursdays
55 Cambridge Parade, Manly
7pm – 11pm
For more information call 07 3161 3764 or visit bluebottlemarly.com.au.

Wynnum Bayside Weight and Friendship Club
Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Tingal Road, Wynnum
8am – 10 am
The club meets every Thursday with weigh-in from 8am to 8.45am followed by a meeting from 9am to 10am. Engage with guest speakers and enjoy activities to help you stay healthy. New members are welcome. There is a joining fee of \$10 and a weekly fee of \$5. Contact Maralyn 0408 211 223 or Cheryl 0448 841 144 for more details.

SATURDAYS

Jan Powers Farmers Markets
Little Bayside Park, Manly
Saturday June 3 and 17, 6am to 12pm
Free to attend, family friendly.

SUNDAYS

Sunday Sounds: Tide on the Jetty
William Gunn Jetty, 1 Wyvernleigh Close, Manly
Every Sunday 3pm – 6pm
Find out more by calling 07 3396 8962 or visit tideonthejetty.com.au.

Manly Creative Markets
Little Bayside Park, Manly
8am – 2pm. Free family friendly event.

FOR MORE GREAT EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY, VISIT THECOMMUNITYLEADER.COM.AU



WHAT'S ON AT THE MOVIES THIS JUNE

FROM MAJESTIC CINEMAS, WYNNUM



Sweet As (M) – June 1st

In remote Pilbara country in Western Australia, troubled 16-year-old indigenous girl, Murra, finds herself abandoned after an explosive incident with her addict mother. On the cusp of being lost in the child protection system, an unusual lifeline is thrown her way by her uncle Ian, the local cop, in the form of a unique photo safari. Before Murra knows it, she is careening down a dusty highway with a minibus full of at-risk teens and two charismatic team leaders. Will this be the lifeline Murra needs or the catalyst for her demise? An uplifting coming-of-age movie about unconventional friendships, first crushes and finding who you are on the road less travelled.



Elemental (CTC) – June 15th

Disney and Pixar's Elemental is an all-new, original feature film set in Element City, where fire, water, land and air residents live together. The story introduces Ember, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman, whose friendship with a fun, sappy, go-with-the-flow guy named Wade challenges her beliefs about the world they live in.



The Flash (CTC) – June 15th

Worlds collide in "The Flash" when Barry uses his superpowers to travel back in time in order to change the events of the past. But when his attempt to save his family inadvertently alters the future, Barry becomes trapped in a reality in which General Zod has returned, threatening annihilation, and there are no Super Heroes to turn to. That is unless Barry can coax a very different Batman out of retirement and rescue an imprisoned Kryptonian... albeit not the one he's looking for. Ultimately, to save the world that he is in and return to the future that he knows, Barry's only hope is to race for his life. But will making the ultimate sacrifice be enough to reset the universe?



Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (CTC) – June 29th

Harrison Ford returns to the role of the legendary hero archaeologist for his fifth installment of the iconic franchise. Daredevil archaeologist Indiana Jones races against time to retrieve a legendary dial that can change the course of history. Accompanied by his goddaughter, he soon finds himself squaring off against Jurgen Voller, a former Nazi who works for NASA.



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CELEBRATING PETER CUMMING

FORMER COUNCILLOR FOR WYNNUM MANLY WARD



Twenty-nine years, eight elections, and countless memories. When Peter Cumming ended his run as Wynnum Manly Ward Councillor last month, some members of the community took the time to look back on his decades of service.

MARILYNE JACOB, ST PETE'S PANTRY CO-ORDINATOR

My first memory of meeting Peter was in May 1994. My family and I had returned to the Bayside and moved into our newly built home at Wynnum North. We were outside when Peter came to introduce himself as our new Councillor. He said words to the effect of, "This is an impressive house!" I replied, "So are the people who live here."

Over the year we have crossed paths with my involvement with St Peter's Church, Wynnum/Manly Chamber of Commerce, and other community events we have both attended. In recent times, I became the co-ordinator of St Peter's Pantry, set up by St Peter's previous priest Rev Donna Petersen. The Pantry has now been operating three years. It received DGR status in 2021 and we wish to thank Peter for his great support for the pantry since its inception.

St Peter's Pantry and myself personally, will greatly miss your outstanding work and commitment in our community.

SANDY MCDONALD, FORMER MANLY HOTEL PUBLICAN

Twenty-nine years! It's an amazing period of public service. The Councillor job is not a 9 to 5 – there's a lot of nights and most weekends – and Peter was certainly renowned for always showing up and being there. You want people who are available and Peter was certainly that, available to people morning, noon and night.

I don't know how many pairs of shoes he's worn out through doorknocking. His efforts have been colossal and I'm sure he could draw maps to rival the Refidex.

He's been a great representative for the area. Through changes in State and Federal, he's been a constant. It highlights the importance of local government dealing with local issues. That's what's kept him in office for so long – he never forgot that.

SANDY LAWTON, WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE MANAGER

Peter Cumming has been a stalwart supporter and regular visitor of the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre during his time as our local Councillor. Peter has attended and facilitated many events at the Centre; the Citizenship Ceremonies come to mind. Throughout his tenure working for our area Peter has always made himself available to answer queries and assist with grants, ideas and referrals. He has been a great interpreter of Brisbane City Councils bureaucratic structure and we have enjoyed his humorous take on the "rules".

He is famous for his appetite and has been the recipient of many a fine meal at the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre. We can always rely on him to buy raffle tickets and to appear at functions where he mingles with the guests and makes himself available for their questions.

It is truly hard to quantify the contribution Peter has made to our community and the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre. We will miss him and wish him a safe adventure on the next stage of his life.

DES LAWSON, PORT OF BRISBANE ROTARY CLUB

Throughout the decades that I have known Peter, I have been able to observe aspects of Peter's life and have been continually amused by his extravagant sense of humour.

An example of this was when POB Rotary had a social evening. Peter was invited, as usual, and showed up late in the evening after attending many other more important functions. We had learned from previous experience and when he arrived, we had kept several meals for him plus a takeaway box to snack on, should he feel peckish on the 2-kilometre drive home.

I have found that Peter is extremely... frugal, when it comes to money. Yes, I have found it's true!

I will give you an example. I rang Peter one hot Australia Day morning, when the volunteers were setting up tents for the community breakfast. I asked him to bring down a carton of beer for the workers, as a way of thanking them. I ask that he arrive by 3pm with said beer, as many of the volunteers would have finished their work by that time and would be wanting to get away.

By 3.15pm, and with no sign of Peter, I rang him in frustration. He told me that he had been all over Wynnum and down to Manly, looking for the cheapest beer. I just shook my head – I found it so funny and so Peter!



VALE IRIS BREWER

FROM THE WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Iris Brewer made to The Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre and The Shire Clerk's Cottage.

Iris was a co-founder and life member of The Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre and was the fundraising chairwoman for its establishment in the 1970s.

Iris made a massive contribution to the centre over many years, notably as chairperson, spearheading the restoration of The Shire Clerk's Cottage on the grounds of the centre.

Many would remember Iris as "The Pink Lady" who would greet guests to The Shire Clerk's Cottage on market days. Iris loved to chat with guests about the history of the cottage and the centre. She also made the strawberry jam, which was used for the Devonshire Teas served on the cottage's verandah.

Iris had a great passion for The Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre and its many activities; it is a great meeting place for all members of the community to come along and feel welcome.

Iris will be very fondly remembered and greatly missed.



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Suburb: Manly.

How long have you lived there? For as long as I can remember. I think I'm pretty old. Mum says I've been passed down to her from her folks. I'm well and truly part of the family.

What's your favourite local hangout? I like to sit with the big rocks at the Manly harbour rock wall. It reminds me how big the world is! I also like listening to rock music at the Manly Deck. I also love browsing the fancy rocks at the Manly market stall on Sundays.

Your worst habit? Being so quiet that people forget about me!

What's your favourite food? Ha ha. I don't eat. I'm a cheap pet to own! I do like the occasional bath, though.

Do you have any embarrassing stories to tell? Well, not about me, but my folks once left me at the park after a picnic lunch. I was petrified! Some kids picked me up and put me on the park bench, and I was eventually reunited when Dad found me – no trip to the vet required!

Name: Cymba Pattinson.

Suburb: Manly (aka God's country).

How long have you lived here? From 2006 – 2007, then I left for a less superior area, but returned with vigor in 2015 and have ruled here ever since!

What's your favourite local walk? C'mon guys, walks are for dogs. I move only when it suits!

Your most treasured toy? Ratty is as old as me. I've licked him and pounced on him for my whole life, plus I make a super weird noise when I carry him around.

What's your favourite food? Tuna is da bomb! Open a can and I will come running from even the sneakiest hidey-hole! My servants/parents have been known to use this to trick me; looks like I'm not the only sneaky one.

Your worst habit? People say I have a superiority complex but what do they know?

Your favourite local hangout? Although I was born in Australia, my servants/parents believe I have English heritage as I love to lay down anywhere in the sun. I don't leave the house much as the servants bring me all I need.

Who's your best doggo friend? Andi Featherstone, the cocker spaniel from Buderim Street. I hiss at her but she's my secret valentine.

Any funny or embarrassing stories you'd like to share? I licked and pounced on Ratty for so many years he had to have his head stitched on to a new identical Ratty. My parents think I don't know but I'm not daft.

What do people love most about you? Everything. I'm a cat and we are the superior species.



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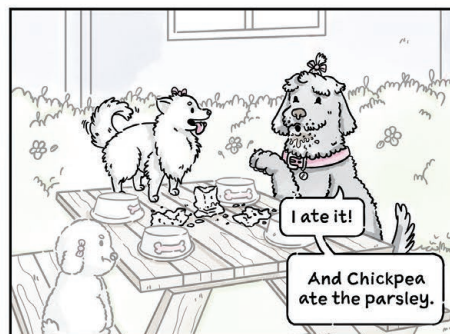
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WHAT IS CANINE PARVOVIRUS?

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

We have recently seen some cases of parvovirus in the local area. It is critically important that dogs be kept up to date with vaccinations to prevent infection with this deadly disease.

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS?

Parvovirus is a highly contagious gastrointestinal virus that can affect dogs of all ages. Unvaccinated dogs and puppies under four months of age are most at risk. Parvovirus spreads by direct contact between dogs and contact with contaminated faeces. The virus can live on kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars and leashes and the clothing of people in contact with infected dogs. It can survive in the environment for long periods and can be spread on the fur and feet of dogs and contaminated shoes, cages and other objects to infect other locations.

SIGNS OF PARVOVIRUS

Parvovirus causes signs including lethargy, loss of appetite, high fevers, vomiting and severe bloody diarrhoea. There is no specific treatment for the virus – dogs need to be hospitalised for supportive therapy consisting of intravenous fluids to combat electrolyte, fluid and protein loss, medications to control vomiting and antibiotics to prevent secondary infection. Parvovirus can acutely affect animals, and dogs

may die despite intensive treatment.

PREVENTION

Puppies are born with some immunity from their mother's milk but need vaccinations to ensure they develop their own immune response as the protective antibodies from the milk wear off. We recommend a course of three vaccinations given at 6 – 8 weeks, 10 – 12 weeks and 14 – 16 weeks of age. Puppies should be kept away from other dogs of unknown vaccination status and areas where lots of dogs congregate due to the risk of environmental contamination with the virus.

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DONATELIFE SUPPORTERS CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF LIFE

FROM MARGIE KRUGER, GIFT OF LIFE

The Bayside turned magenta recently as more than 150 DonateLife supporters converged on the Wynnum Manly foreshore to participate in the annual Gift of Life Walk.

A staunch organ and tissue donation advocate and bayside local Margie Kruger started the walk supported by family and friends in 2021, aligning with the national Gift of Life Walk held in Canberra each year.

Margie has advocated for organ and tissue donation awareness through DonateLife since her partner passed away while waiting for a lung transplant in 2007. Like many other generous Australians, her partner was able to help others by donating tissue.

In 2017, Margie was invited to be a member of the National Organ and Tissue Authority Board and, after this, joined the Organ and Tissue Authority Advisory Board.

At the Gift of Life Walk, Margie and the Local Member for Lytton, Ms Joan Pease and DonateLife Queensland State Manager and Nursing Director Tina Coco AO thanked all for participating in such an important and meaningful event.

Margie thanked those participating in the walk for their dedication to making a difference in others' lives.

"This Gift of Life Walk acknowledges those waiting for life-saving transplants and the care and generosity shown by donors and their families," said Margie.

"Ultimately, the walk is about encouraging the conversation about organ and tissue donation with your family. It takes less than one minute to change someone's life by registering as an organ and tissue donor at donatelife.gov.au."

Around 1800 Australians are waiting for a life-saving organ donation, and more than 14,000



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people on dialysis may one day benefit from a kidney transplant.

Margie warmly thanks the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly for attending the Gift of Life Walk and providing walkers with a welcome free sausage

sizzle and fruit at the end of the walk. Thanks also go to Benny for the coffee, which DonateLife kindly sponsored, and thanks to Ms Pease for the support again this year for the walk and for providing the water for the event.

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BY DR DALE GARRED, MANLY VILLAGE MEDICAL

It's that time of year again, where we all huddle up indoors sharing our germs. Already in the southern states we have seen significant spikes in the number of Influenza cases compared to the same time in previous years. We are likely in store for a nasty 'Flu' season this year.

We encourage all individuals > 6months of age to get the flu vaccine to help keep them well. Influenza is a viral illness that causes upper respiratory tract symptoms like sore throat, high fever, body aches, runny nose and nasal congestion, cough and shortness of breath. It not uncommonly will cause complications like pneumonia, with many patients who get influenza requiring admission to hospital or the Intensive Care Unit.

Thankfully we have a safe vaccine available to help protect us from Influenza or at least make its symptoms more mild. The 'Flu' Vaccine is an INACTIVATED vaccine and so YOU CAN'T get sick from it. The reason why people think you can is because we give it in 'Flu' season. So there are lots of 'Flu-like' illnesses floating around, and so you could easily be 'brewing' an illness on the day of your vaccination. Of course if you develop symptoms of a flu-like illness, you will want to blame it on the 'Flu' Vaccine, when in actual fact it was just unlucky...you would have got that illness whether you had had the 'Flu' Vaccine or not.

Further to this, it takes 10 days for the vaccine to be fully effective, so you could still pick up Influenza in the time it takes for the vaccine to be effective. While you absolutely can't get 'sick' from the flu vaccine, it certainly doesn't make you invincible.

There are hundreds of other viral illnesses around over the winter that we don't have vaccines to protect against, and so it is still vitally important that you take measures to keep yourself well over winter such as regular hand washing, staying away from sick people and staying home if you yourself are sick. The 'Flu' Vaccine is available now through our practice or local pharmacies. We encourage all to book an appointment to receive one.





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WYNNUM BUGS WOMEN'S RUGBY: EMPOWERING GIRLS THROUGH SPORT

The Wynnum Bugs Women's Rugby Union team is a trailblazing group that is not only redefining the boundaries of women's sports but also creating new pathways for aspiring female athletes.

As the foundation team, their mission is to break barriers, promote inclusivity, and nurture the growth of the women's game. With a diverse range of players spanning different ages, fitness levels, and levels of rugby knowledge, the team is on a remarkable journey of transforming perceptions and banishing the stigma that women cannot excel in contact sports. Furthermore, they are dedicated to establishing a robust junior system for girls aged six to 17, ensuring that the sport becomes accessible and celebrated for all.

What began with a mere five players during the initial training sessions has rapidly evolved into a force to be reckoned with. Today, the Wynnum Bugs Women's team boasts a roster of 23 committed players, with an additional three individuals exploring the sport's potential before joining the squad. This remarkable growth exemplifies the passion and dedication of the team members who have come together to create a thriving community. By embracing women's rugby and fostering a welcoming environment, they are actively changing perceptions and showcasing that rugby is a sport for everyone, regardless of age or fitness level.

The Wynnum Bugs Women's team's vision extends to empowering the next generation of girls and ensuring that they have accessible opportunities to participate in sports. By putting a comprehensive junior system in place, the team aims to establish a framework for girls aged 13 to 17, enabling them to develop their skills and passion for the game.

Additionally, the team is keen on reaching out to younger girls aged six to 12 to introduce them to rugby and demonstrate that they, too, can thrive in a contact sport. By creating an inclusive environment and actively engaging with families, the team is breaking gender stereotypes and offering girls an avenue to explore their athletic potential.

In their pursuit of promoting rugby for girls, the Wynnum Bugs has set their sights on establishing a girls' rugby academy. This exciting initiative aims to provide dedicated training, mentorship, and development opportunities for aspiring young athletes. Through the academy, the Wynnum Bugs team hopes to create a sustainable and thriving rugby community to further elevate the women's game and inspire future athletes.

To bring this vision to life, the team is actively seeking expressions of interest from qualified coaches and managers who share their passion for nurturing talent and empowering young women.



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OYSTERS BACK FROM THE BRINK THANKS TO RESTORATION

FROM OZFISH UNLIMITED

New scientific findings show that 3 million new oysters are living on oyster baskets built by volunteers along Brisbane's coastline.

A team of Griffith University marine scientists analysed all types of animals living on the structures placed in the Port of Brisbane, and found that along with oysters and other shellfish, another 4.5 million animals, such as crabs, live on and among the oysters.

Lead researcher Marina Richardson, an expert in shellfish biology and ecology, said that although oysters were historically plentiful in Moreton Bay, the populations were now "functionally extinct".

"The benefits of restoring oyster populations in these shallow seas are enormous," she said.

"Oyster reefs disappeared before living memory and were the kidneys of our waterways," Richardson said.

"The primary cause was the destruction of reefs for lime-burning and unregulated and unsustainable harvesting following European arrival in the 1800s, so by the early 1900s, the oyster industry was in a state of collapse.

"Declining water quality and the removal of habitats that included old shells and hard substrates when whole reefs were removed and burned prevented reefs from naturally recovering, and therefore required intervention."

The Griffith research team worked with fishing conservation charity OzFish to create the new oyster reefs at a 19-hectare site in 5-metre deep water at the Port of Brisbane near the mouth of the river.

OzFish's Robbie Porter, a Senior Project Officer in shellfish restoration, spent years trialling the best way to attract natural recruitment of shellfish onto created structures, and came up with the idea of robust oyster baskets, or ROB's.

"We thought for years that the baskets seemed to be working, but we wanted a scientific assessment and invited the Griffith University team to verify just how many shellfish and other animals were there," he said.

Together, the teams found that the 4,000 deployed ROB's recruited oysters well, were very stable, inexpensive, portable and easy to deploy, and formed sturdy clumps of oysters in about 12 months.

Dr Chantal Lancôt oversaw the census and said the team was astounded by the diversity and abundance of fauna.

"This is hands-on science that requires a good eye for identifying animals of all types and sizes. Given the team's massive efforts, it was fantastic to see just how well the ROB's are working," Dr Lancôt said.

Professor Rod Connolly helped calculate the project-wide benefits. As Director of Griffith's Coastal and Marine Research Centre, he has examined shellfish restoration sites around the world.

"This comprehensive census of life on the oyster baskets provides a solid basis for estimating current success," Professor Connolly said.

"It also underpins how future restoration efforts can help our coastal waters recover and thrive again."

Richardson said the initial results of this oyster reef restoration project would return vital ecosystem services such as water filtration and the establishment of habitats and foraging grounds for fish and invertebrates.



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"Restoration is generally expensive, and it's why a lot of restoration is unable to be scaled up," Richardson said.

"Because ROB's don't rely on hatchery-produced spat, their use can be widespread."

With the initial results showing great success of the ROB's restoring oyster reefs, the team said the next stage of the project would be large-scale active restoration, which would require working further with Marine Park authorities and existing legislation to deploy to ROB's to other locations.



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JOAN PEASE'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

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FREE KINDY FOR QUEENSLANDERS – HAVE YOUR SAY!



Exciting news from the Premier and Education Minister – the Queensland Government is exploring the possibility of offering free kindergarten education for all children in Queensland. This initiative aims to alleviate living costs and ensure that every child receives an excellent educational foundation.

Queensland has 58,000 children attending kindy. Through the existing \$1 billion Kindy for All program, 14,000 children already benefit from free education, saving their families an estimated \$4,500 per year. An additional 26,000 children receive reduced fees. However, the Queensland Government aims to enrol an additional 8,000 children and extend these benefits to every child in the State.

I truly love our Bayside kindergartens and appreciate the incredibly important role they play in educating our youngest locals. I encourage Baysiders to participate in this important survey. To have your say, visit: www.qld.gov.au/kindy

In other exciting news, both Wynnum General Gordon and Wynnum Manly Community Kindy are holding open days shortly – please check my Facebook page for all the details!

SMALL BUSINESS NETWORKING NIGHT

Recently, I hosted my Bayside Small Business Social event, which saw an overwhelming response from Baysiders as our small business owners from across Lytton gathered for a night of social networking. The sight of numerous Bayside small business owners engaging with one another was truly heartening and showcased the spirit of collaboration and entrepreneurship in our Bayside.



We were extremely fortunate to have the Hon Di Farmer MP, Minister for Employment and Small Business, and Minister for Training and Skills Development, along with Dominique Lamb, Queensland Small Business Commissioner, attend the evening and meet our Bayside business owners. Their participation added immense value to the occasion, as they shared their invaluable advice and experiences.

The event also featured Owen Johnston from the Bayside Community Fund (BCF) as the master of ceremonies. Owen took the opportunity to shed light on the enduring legacy being built by the BCF for the Lytton community. His insightful remarks resonated with attendees and emphasised the significance of community-driven initiatives in supporting local businesses.

For those who were unable to attend the event or seek further information for their small businesses, please contact my office. I have a collection of informative materials, including fact sheets covering the topics discussed during the event, to provide valuable business guidance and support.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW FLIGHT PATH PROPOSALS

AirServices Australia has recently unveiled its proposed noise action plans for Brisbane, and community input is being sought regarding these changes.

After carefully studying the proposed flight paths and attending the recent community consultation session, I have made it clear to AirServices Australia that I am opposed to the changes. Under the proposed changes, an Early Turn Opportunity will bring large, noisy planes directly over our beautiful Bayside, impacting the quality of life of our locals.

I have made a written submission and I have also spoken to AirServices Australia to voice my and the community's concerns on this matter. I will continue to stand up for the Bayside and advocate on the community's behalf to protect Lytton from excessive aircraft noise.

If you were unable to attend the consultation session, I would encourage Baysiders to contribute their feedback and thoughts by providing input through Air Services Australia's online survey.

Your input matters, and it is crucial to share your concerns regarding these proposed changes.

For more detailed information on the proposed plans and to share your thoughts, Baysiders can visit <https://bit.ly/3WmPGEb>.

By sharing your concerns with AirServices Australia, you can help shape the future of flight path changes and ensure that the voices of Baysiders are heard and considered.



ST PETE'S PANTRY WINTER FOOD DRIVE

St Pete's Pantry, a local not-for-profit dedicated to supporting vulnerable Baysiders facing food insecurity, has kicked off its Winter Food Drive to provide crucial assistance during the cold winter months.

To ensure the success of this initiative, I am collecting donations for the pantry, specifically focusing on cereal. Cereal is in high demand at the pantry, making it an essential item for those in need. I would ask Baysiders to consider contributing by dropping off boxes of cereal at my office, located at 100 Edith Street, Wynnum, Monday-Friday between 8am and 4pm.

St Pete's Pantry has long been recognised in our Bayside for its tireless efforts in assisting vulnerable individuals and families, ensuring they have access to nutritious food throughout the year.

By supporting the Winter Food Drive, community members can make a tangible difference in the lives of those experiencing food insecurity within Lytton.



PUPS IN THE PARK DELIGHTS DOG LOVERS

Elanora Park was buzzing with excitement and wagging tails as Baysiders came together for the highly anticipated Pups in the Park event this Sunday, 21 May, 2023. Dog lovers and families were treated to a day of incredible performances, entertainment, and community spirit.

Caroline Strainig from Clear Dog showcased the extraordinary skills of her talented dogs, leaving the audience in awe. Showcasing impressive tricks like crossing paws, playing soccer, giving high fives, and even singing, these furry performers demonstrated their exceptional abilities.

Sharon Clark and Holly the Border Collie mesmerised the crowd with their fast feet dancing, executing captivating heelwork to music routines. Their synchronised performance was a highlight of the event, captivating the hearts of all in attendance.

Not only was Pups in the Park a day filled with remarkable canine talents, but it also aimed to make a positive impact. The event supported two important causes: Guide Dogs Queensland and the Bayside Community Fund – an organisation establishing a lasting legacy for our Bayside. While entrance was free, attendees were kindly encouraged to make a gold coin donation to contribute to these worthy initiatives.

Pups in the Park was a resounding success, bringing together the local community in a celebration of dogs, family, and giving back. The event showcased the talents of remarkable dogs, created lasting memories, and raised awareness and funds for important causes.



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MUSIC AND MESSY PLAY AT THE NURSO WITH GUMTREE KIDS

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Local families were treated to a magical day out at The Nurso with Gumtree Kids' messy play and sensory play event.

The beautiful fig tree at The Nurso provided the perfect backdrop for a morning of family fun where babies, toddlers and preschoolers got creative with a wide variety of textures, manipulatives and open-ended play opportunities provided by Gumtree Kids.

The colourful and inviting sensory setups invited the little ones to pick up strange feeling objects, run their fingers through slime, squeeze and squash manipulatives with their bare hands, pour and mould using their fingers and interact with new elements to explore their natural curiosity.

Lizzieland, a Brisbane-based children's show by violinist Liz Young, was a special feature of the Nurso event. Children and caregivers alike were able to dress up in butterfly wings and sing and dance to all their favourite tunes in the enchanting gardens of The Nurso.

Gumtree Kids' messy play classes and events are created with young children and early development in mind. Catering to babies, toddlers and preschool-aged children, the event provided children access to a variety of messy play stations spread across floor trays, standing trays, tables and the mud kitchen.

Through messy play opportunities such as these, children can engage in play at a developmental level and pace that is suitable while evolving their fine motor, hand-eye coordination, spatial awareness, creativity, problem-solving and language development.

Gumtree Kids runs weekly messy play classes at The Nurso and at Victoria Park in Herston, and is excited to be adding new classes at The Wellington Point Farm.

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MY LOCAL MEMORIES: FROM SLATES TO SMOKY HOLES

BY ROSS FARLEY, BAYSIDE RESIDENT

We didn't write on paper when I started school in the 1950s: we wrote on slates with slate pencils made of a softer form of slate. Work was erased using sponges. Slate was considered easier for beginners than pen and messy ink. Ballpoint pens existed, but I can't remember when we started using them in school. I remember using pen and ink and often 'blotted my copybook'. Each desk had a hole for an inkwell located where two could share. Ink and kids are not a good mix, resulting in inky handprints, spills, and blots on books and clothes. Eventually, we transitioned to pencils and ballpoint pens, but the holes in desks remained.



The desks also had a shelf where students could store books. Smoking was still a common practice. Some teachers smoked, but students would get into big trouble (e.g., the cane) if caught smoking. (Actually, people don't smoke. The cigarettes smoke – the people are just the suckers.) One day some boys in the back row showed off by smoking in class. They took puffs when the teacher was not looking, then held the cigarettes below the desk, out of sight. The smoke rose; the teacher got suspicious and moved closer. To avoid detection, the smokers threw their cigarettes into the shelf under their desks. Unfortunately, their books, papers and other flammable objects on the shelf caught fire, and smoke chimneyed out of the hole in the top of the desk. The more those boys tried to cover up their antics, the more they were exposed. 'Where there is smoke, there is fire' – or at least naughty boys.



Long-term members of the Environmental Club at Lota State School, Lisa and Emma, planted a Silky Oak tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. Prep and Year 1 students were there to assist. This is a special tree that will grow over time, just as they will. Photo: Supplied.

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Queensland is still worlds away from a healthy rental market

FROM THE REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE OF QLD

Obscenely tight rental conditions continue in Queensland according to the latest Residential Vacancy Rate Report released by the Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ).

The REIQ report covers more than a decade of quarterly vacancy rates for 50 local government areas (LGAs) and sub regions in Queensland, with the March 2023 quarter showing sustained historically tight rental conditions and mostly minor fluctuations from the previous quarter.

Of the 50 regions, 11 remained at the same rate, 13 grew slightly tighter, while the majority of 26 relaxed slightly, indicating improved but still limited rental options.

This saw the state-wide vacancy rate rise marginally from 0.8 per cent in the December 2022 quarter, to 0.9 per cent in the March 2023 quarter, still well short of the ideal 2.6 – 3.5% healthy rate.

Interestingly, the vacancy rate climbed

slightly in most of Queensland's tourism centres and coastal regions. A standout was Noosa which shot up substantially from 1.2 per cent to 2.3 per cent, just shy of the healthy rate, while neighbouring Gympie region also rose from 0.7 per cent to 1.1 per cent.

Mount Isa tipped into a healthy 2.6 per cent rate for the first time since the onset of the pandemic, while Gladstone held the highest rate of the regional centres at 1.8 per cent.

REIQ CEO Antonia Mercorella said while the March quarter results offered some rental market relief, most of the state was a long way off from being out of the woods.

"Queensland is still worlds away from a healthy rental market and a grossly insufficient level of housing supply is squarely to blame," Ms Mercorella said.

"When we're witnessing these very tight vacancy rates persisting right across the

state, it's highlighting the importance of ensuring that we keep levels of property investment up so that we can maintain rooves over the heads of our growing population.

"We desperately need more rental properties but investors are not being encouraged to put their savings into property – on the contrary, often they're being deterred and punished."

Ms Mercorella said that despite the heavy reliance on private investors in the rental space, dangerous behaviour towards investors was continuing.

"Alarming, talk of rent control and imposing greater restrictions on the owners of rental properties is being touted as the solution to the rental crisis," she said.

"Making investment less appealing and demonising investors is not the right solution. We should be focussed on the underlying cause of the rental crisis and

increasing housing supply, including social housing.

"Queensland spends the least per capita on social housing and even with the Housing Investment Fund it will only rise to second last. This under investment reached its nadir from 2015 onwards and has had a direct correlation with the crisis today.

"We're about to embark on the phase two rental reforms, and just as in phase one, the REIQ will be advocating strongly for fair and balanced residential tenancies legislation in Queensland that support all stakeholders involved in rental relationships," she said.

"It's a delicate balancing act making sure that the laws provide adequate protections for tenants and also that they allow a certain amount of flexibility and freedom to property owners to ensure that they are prepared to keep providing their property as a private rental."

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Ensure your hot water system is winter-ready

Keep your hot water system running smoothly and efficiently all winter long by having it serviced before the cold weather sets in. A professional plumber can check for leaks, replace worn out parts, and flush out sediment, ensuring that your system is in top working condition. Additionally, proper insulation can help prevent heat loss and reduce energy costs.

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BMD hauls historic church to new home at Iona College

FROM BMD GROUP

The former Baptist Church located at 168 Bay Terrace in Wynnum Central has been safely relocated to its new home at Iona College in Lindum.

It marks a key milestone in Australia's largest privately owned civil contractor, the BMD Group's return to Wynnum to build its national headquarters in the heart of the bayside suburb.

Moving the more than 100-year-old structure was a significant task undertaken by a professional house remover and requiring a pilot driver, police escort and wide load approval.

The relocation involved staged delivery with the entries to the building removed and loaded on the first trailer, followed by the roof being lifted off the main building, and craned onto a second truck.

In the early hours of the morning, the

two trucks moved under escort from Bay Terrace to Iona College over a 4.5 kilometre commute which took four hours, while ensuring minimal disruption to the community.

The building is being reassembled in its new position at Iona College where over the coming months it will be restored and once again become a valued building for use within the school community.

BMD's CEO Scott Power said the relocation was a crucial milestone that made it possible for BMD to progress with construction of its new head office.

"BMD has deep history in the Wynnum Manly community, with my father Mick Power AM living in the area since he was two, then founding and growing our business in the suburb since 1979," Mr Power said.

"The church is now at home at Iona and will be restored to its former glory and brought back to life in service of the community," Father Michael said.

"It marks an important part of our community history being kept alive here at Iona and we will be ensuring that it is lovingly brought back to life and to be enjoyed by the whole community for generations to come.

"The partnership between BMD and Iona is a long and personal one, and we give thanks to them for their commitment, vision and love of our local area. We feel blessed to be a part of this local area," Father Michael said.

The move isn't the first time the church has been moved. In 1930, it was moved from its original home on Edith Street to Bay Terrace and in the early 2000s the



Photo: Supplied.

Baptist congregation moved into new, modern facilities on Kianawah Road in Wynnum West, selling the Bay Terrace property to the BMD Group.

BMD will pay homage to the history of the site and the church in its new head office build with architectural design elements and a volumetric experience of the church space as a reminder of the former use of the Bay Terrace location.



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Owners Janette and John Crossland were welcomed to the Manly office in October 2022. The couple are bayside locals, and Janette, a nurse by profession, has worked in the care industry for over 20 years. John, an experienced businessman, has worked in the finance, banking, healthcare, and software industries.

Having worked in the Manly office for nearly 18 months, John and Janette are expanding their presence into the southern bayside areas of Cleveland and Redland Bay, in addition to Manly and Wynnum, and so have decided to locate themselves more centrally in Capalaba. John and Janette are thrilled to open their new office at 5/27 Mt Cotton Rd, Capalaba, in June. They will continue

providing employment to local care staff and superb care to their clients across the bayside region and are ready to welcome new ones.

Their office services the bayside area southeast of Brisbane, covering areas from Port of Brisbane and Manly in the north, through to Capalaba, Ormiston, Cleveland, down to Redland Bay and across to Rochedale in the west. The territory includes the bayside islands of North Stradbroke, Macleay, Coochiemudlo, Karragarra, Lamb, Peel and Russell Island.

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BEHIND THE LENS: REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB PHOTOGRAPHER PROFILE

BY BRIAN RUSSELL, EFIAP FAPS

A lifetime love of natural history led me to begin recording in the late '70s what I saw through the medium of photography.

During the last 20 years, I have developed a strong interest in pelagic (seabirds), not just those who frequent our shoreline, but those that spend almost their entire lives in the "Big Blue Paddock", only coming to land on some isolated island or remote shore to nest and continue the species.

The great Southern Ocean, that wild expanse of ocean between Australia and Antarctic continents, is home to an amazing array of seabirds – from the well-known Albatross species with wingspans of up to three metres, to the tiny Storm Petrel with wingspans measured in centimetres.

I had the privilege of traversing part of that Southern Ocean in 2018 and visited a number of islands situated therein. These islands are collectively known as the Subantarctic Islands of Australia and New Zealand.

But it wasn't just about birds. I also sought to understand the complex yet fragile ecology of this special place in our world. While man has exploited and nearly destroyed some of these fragile ecosystems in the past, the work and commitment of the Australian and New



Photos: Brian Russell.



Zealand governments recently in restoring these remote sanctuaries by removing the introduced species, is commended.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE: ALL ABOUT ST PETE'S PANTRY

CONTRIBUTED BY ST PETER'S WYNNUM

There is a great need for support of the disadvantaged in our community. The homeless, those in housing crisis, people with chronic health problems and the financially stressed all have difficulty coping and are in need of support.

St Pete's Pantry provides help in the form of food parcels to families, and volunteers are central to the services provided. Other agencies, such as Rosies, are also part of the Wynnum/Manly response. Some give of their time to hand out food hampers; others provide food that is distributed and a few even prepare meals that can be frozen for distribution. Gifts of money are also received.

St Pete's Pantry provides a breakfast on Monday mornings. Food hampers are distributed each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. There is a genuine need for the local community to continue providing help to the disadvantaged among us.

Contributions of non-perishable foods are very welcome. There is a paid coordinator, Marilyne, who works very hard, but otherwise funds are limited. Marilyne says she is always impressed by the level of support from the local community for Pete's Pantry.

As members of the Wynnum/Manly area we should be proud that services such as Pete's Pantry exist to support the disadvantaged. Making the lives of others better is part of being a good community member.

If you are in a position to assist with food donations or a monetary donation, these may be dropped off at 77 Charlotte Street, Wynnum, during office/pantry hours, which are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to midday.

For more information about how you can help, visit www.stpeterswynnum.org/st-petes-pantry



LOCAL POETRY FULL CIRCLE

BY GEOFF SMILEY

Mother's Day has just passed. Here is my experience with a loving mother figure in my life.

It is her birthday.
The old lady
from my past.
Now in high care,
entering the lost land
of unawareness.
With me nurturing
our long relationship,
hoping she is listening.

"I don't want to live here."
Time slowed.
I felt responsible.
I remembered the time
when she was protector
in lonely childhood.
I remember
our past,
her care.

Perhaps, she too
felt powerless,
when parents failed.

Now,
like all children,
I yearn to answer
the history of
our long love.

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Then with clarity
she stopped me
with words and tears,

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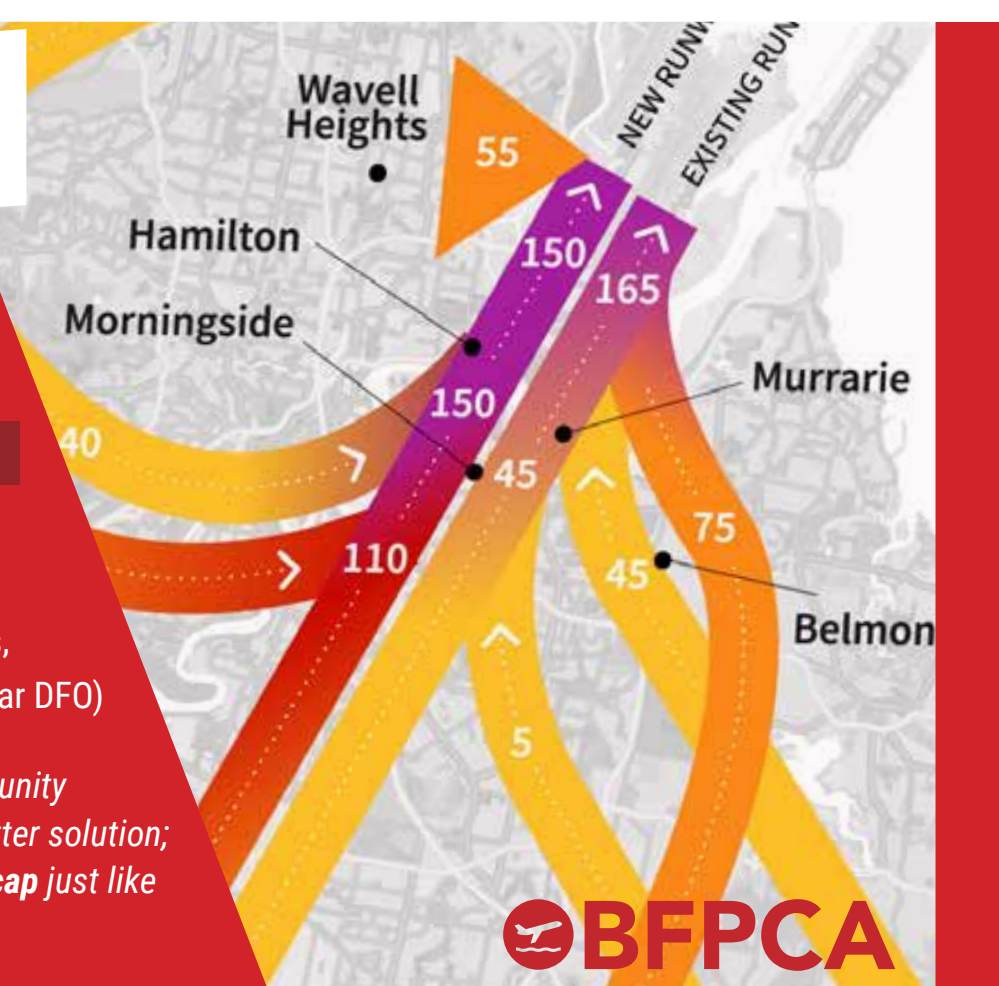
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MORETON BAY IS SWIMMING WITH CUTTLEFISH THIS MONTH!

BY SPERO KARTANOS

The cold has arrived, and so have the cuttlefish in big numbers! They are always so much fun to catch close to home.

This month, find the cuttlefish around the eastern side of Wellington Point and King and Green Islands. All you need is a whiting rod, a couple of squid jigs with some orange in the body, a ball sinker above, and a drift in the 20 to 28-ft mark. Drop the jig to the bottom, lift it about a foot off the bottom, and wait for the tug. But be aware you will miss lots of cuttlefish as they tend to take the jigs around the middle rather than from the back where the prongs are. It's still fun, anyway. You can try the razorback squid jigs with prongs on their backs, but I tend to use my all-time favourites like the Daiwa nude in the prawn pattern in red and orange and the Yamashita pilchard colours (the macula red works as well).

If you don't like Indian ink on your boat, 'cuttlefishing' is not for you! Their ink is ten times thicker than squid ink, and they hold water in to be able to squirt much longer than squid, so be prepared. A long net helps rather than a short one near the boat, and the best tip I can give you is the 30-second mould

cleaner from Bunnings. It gets the ink off in seconds and is the best thing I discovered many years ago.

The arrow squid should also turn up in the same area but in the shallows. The tiger squid is in good numbers since the water was cleaned up last month; they are fun to catch, as you can see them coming to get the jig.

So put on a shirt you don't mind getting inked, have a bottle of 30-second cleaner handy, and get out there and get a few cephalopods. They're one of the tastiest treats from the sea, and they are right at our doorstep.

In a scoop net, I picked up a fully formed cuttlefish smaller than a five-cent piece. It was fully formed with all the patterns, and I found it fascinating.

Till next month, good fishing, and be careful with westerly winds. For weekly updates on what's in the bay and where check out fishingmonthly.com.au for Moreton Bay reports.



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WYNNUM ARTIST A FINALIST IN NATIONAL ART PRIZE

BY MIKE HIGGINS

Jo Higgins, a Wynnum Artist, winner of the 2019 Wynnum Manly Yacht Club art competition and supply school teacher at Redlands Christian College, was selected as one of only 38 finalists nationwide for the annual Gallipoli Memorial Club's Gallipoli \$20,000 art prize in Sydney.

The Gallipoli Memorial Club (www.gallipoli.com.au) was started by a group of Gallipoli veterans in 1916. The art prize was announced in 2005 by then Prime Minister John Howard and is open to artists in Australia, New Zealand and Turkey. An equivalent annual art competition is also held in Turkey.

Art pieces are selected and judged against the club's creed, "to preserve the special qualities of loyalty, respect, love of Country, courage and comradeship which were personified by the heroes of the Gallipoli campaign and bequeathed to all humanity as a foundation of perpetual peace and universal freedom".

Jo's painting is entitled "If a Tree could Talk".

"When I walk past the descendant of the original Lone Pine at the school's entrance, I imagine what that tree would have witnessed as the battle loomed and thought... if only it could have warned our brave troops of what lay waiting," explained Jo.

"For me, that tree represents a silent voice that keeps the past ever present. Like many Australians, I had family who served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France in WW1, so Anzac Day is important to me and my family. I was thrilled to be selected as part of this remembrance."

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Artist Jo Higgins with her painting, "If a Tree could Talk". Photo: Supplied.

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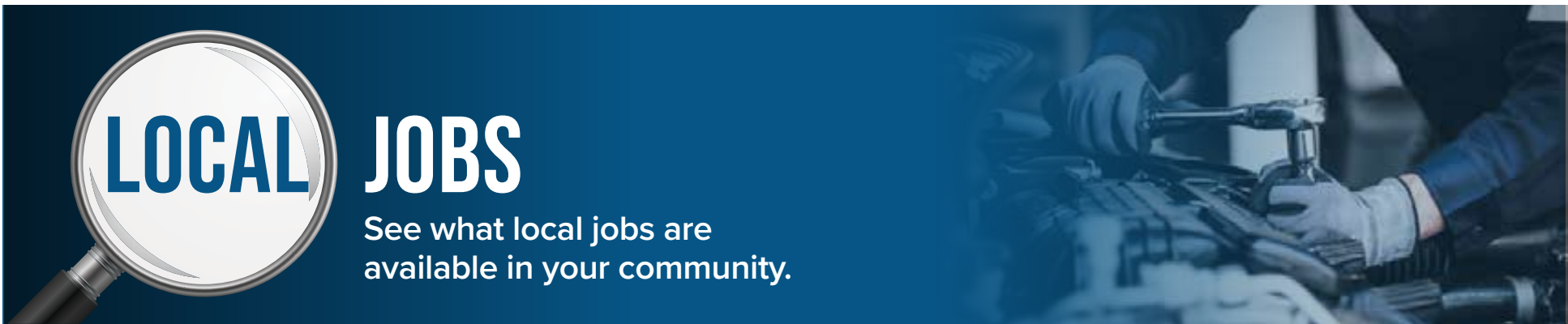
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3				8			2	
6		1	9					3
		8	3					1
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	3			2		9		
		5		1		8		2
					7			

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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.

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- * No swear words
- * No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
- * No proper nouns and no hyphenated words

TODAY'S Good: 14 words
FOCUS Very good: 22 words
 Excellent: 32 words

Reference: Macquarie Concise Dictionary
 Focus No. 3870

ACROSS

- 3 Very small particle
- 9 Of the eye
- 10 Building cover
- 11 Risking money
- 13 Resting
- 16 Appeared indistinctly
- 19 Story
- 20 Concealed
- 21 United
- 22 Hex
- 25 Condition
- 27 Widespreading dominion
- 29 Serial part
- 31 Disconcert
- 32 Proficient
- 35 Glistened
- 37 Donkey
- 39 Felt cap with black tassel

DOWN

- 1 Proceed without effort
- 2 Bucolic
- 3 Biblical wise men
- 4 Wise utterance
- 5 Flows back
- 6 Put to use
- 7 Therefore
- 8 Gathering of witches
- 12 Indicate assent
- 14 Diplomacy
- 15 Examine

ACROSS

- 17 Incentive
- 18 Fault
- 23 Rind
- 24 Endures
- 25 Ordered sequence
- 26 Painter
- 28 Niggardly
- 30 Support for a column
- 33 Dexterous
- 34 Fruit
- 36 Elaborately adorned
- 38 Food dressing
- 39 Marsh
- 41 Protuberances
- 42 Dogma
- 44 Sibilant sound
- 45 Operatic air
- 47 Drinks

Word Find

T	N	S	G	E	B
I	A	W	R	C	I
F	M	E	A	A	T
T	E	A	B	L	E
U	O	R	G	I	R
O	P	E	N	E	M

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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|------|-------|--------|-------|
| Able | Fern | Men | Rig |
| Beat | Grab | Name | Swear |
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INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup of olive oil
- 1 small onion, brown or white, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1kg of small, cleaned octopus (or squid)
- 400g tomato pulp/tinned tomatoes
- 300ml red wine
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 4 bay leaves – fresh or dried
- A handful of freshly chopped parsley
- 1 tsp chilli flakes (optional)
- Salt and pepper to season
- Additional chopped parsley to garnish
- Cooked pasta (you choose the type) to serve

METHOD

1. Heat the olive oil in a large heavy-based pot, like a Dutch oven or a heavy casserole dish.
2. Add the garlic and onion and stir gently over a medium heat for a few minutes, then add the octopus to the pot, along with the tomatoes, red wine, parsley, tomato paste, bay leaves and chilli (if using).
3. Cook on a very low heat, covered, for 1.5 to 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the octopus/squid is tender. Smaller squid will take less time to cook.
4. Once the octopus is tender, season with salt and pepper, then serve over pasta and garnish with chopped parsley.



Latest news from the Port of Brisbane June 2023



Trade

At the end of April, the Port's year-to-date tonnages for bulk seed and grain exports reached 2.2 million tonnes, surpassing the record volumes achieved for the full FY22 year of 2.03 million tonnes.

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Community

Over 60 applications were received from community and not-for-profit groups across the Bayside, Brisbane and SEQ region for our annual \$100,000 Community Grant Program. All applicants will be notified of the outcome in July.

We held our annual National Reconciliation Week event for the port community on Wednesday 31 May to recognise Australia's Indigenous culture and reconciliation journey.

Our people rolled up their sleeves for National Volunteer Week in May to support our community partners. 26 employees completed 216 hours of volunteer work to support The Smith Family, Drought Angels and the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre.

Brisbane International Cruise Terminal

The Brisbane International Cruise Terminal celebrated its first 12 months of operation on Friday 2 June! Since opening, the BICT has welcomed 138 vessels with almost 650,000 passengers travelling through the facility. It's also provided a much-needed economic boost post-COVID, with every ship visit contributing almost \$1 million to the Queensland economy.

The cruise season starts in October every year. And with 195 vessels currently scheduled to call at the BICT for the 2023/24 cruise season, the future of cruising in Brisbane is bright!

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Port fast facts

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Moreton Bay Settlement was set up in 1824 to house convicts, those second-time offenders from Sydney. Until free settlement was allowed in 1842, the government of New South Wales did little to improve navigation of the Brisbane River. There was a sand/mud bar across the river entrance, a rocky bar near Lytton and heavy shoals in the Hamilton Reach.



Bishop Island. Photos: Supplied.

Free settlers arrived in 1842. Ships were moored in Moreton Bay. Only shallow-drafted lighters could enter the mouth of the river at high tide. One hundred pounds (£100) was reserved in the supplementary estimates of New South Wales for a proper survey of the river aiming to remove any natural object that impeded navigation. However, no work was attempted until after the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859.

The first channel – the “West or Francis Channel” – ran due northwards from the river mouth following the floor of a creek bed. Captain Thomas Francis used the dredge “Lytton” to excavate the channel. The second “Old Bar Cutting” or “Koopa Channel”, completed in 1883, was much straighter, easier to navigate and could accommodate larger vessels.

Building of the third and final cutting, accommodating even larger vessels, commenced in 1908 and was completed by 1912. This is the “Bar Cutting”, formed by the dredge, “Hercules”, captained by Captain Bishop.

Captain Alan Fitzroy Bishop (1857 – 1950) was born in the County of Essex, England. His father, Francis William, was a Merchants' Clerk, and his grandfather was Mayor of Colchester for seven years. Alan lived in a large house, and his ambition was to become a soldier.

Family fortunes changed. The family moved to London and lived with their grandparents. Money was short, and Alan found a clerical job in Cheapside. High spirits and mischievous ways brought about his dismissal. At fourteen years of age, he signed up as an apprentice for four years on the barque “Pacific”. The cargo was carried around the world.

Alan spent much time travelling between the Australian and New Zealand coast ports until he was attracted by the lure of the North Queensland goldfields, but with little success.



Dance Pavilion on Bishop Island.

After positions on the vessels sailing from Flying Fish Point, Dungeness, Keppel Bay and Curtis Island, he reached the Brisbane River in the early 1890s. He became the dredge master of the “Sampson”, and his early work involved laying the dredged material from the Brisbane River onto the northern bank area, now occupied by the Royal Queensland Golf Course.

But the mouth of the river was still shallow and precarious for shipping. So in 1909 the “Bar Cutting” was excavated using the dredge “Hercules”. The spoil was dumped on a small sandbank to the southern side of the river mouth.

By 1912 an artificial island had grown 10 – 12 feet (2 metres) above high water and 32 acres (17 hectares) in size. First known as “Hercules Bank”, then “Dredge Island”, the final gazetted name was “Bishop Island”. Soon vegetation appeared.

Stripped of their sellable parts, hulks were sunk on the island's western side to prevent erosion. The SS Bingera in 1926, and Qld Government's steam yacht, Lucinda in 1937, were amongst the 15 wrecks dumped there.



House being transported from Bulimba to Bishop Island, 1930s.

In the 1930s, Jim Crouch from Bulimba leased the island and floated buildings down the river – a kiosk, a house and a dance pavilion to develop his “pleasure island”.

Bishop Island had fulfilled Captain Bishop's dream of becoming a “pleasure resort”. Private boats and tourist operators visited for public events, such as sand garden competitions, carnivals and treasure hunts. Jim Crouch purchased “The Gippsland” from Sydney (NSW) to transport people.

In October 1950, Bishop Island was found to be eroding, and the centre was sinking. A wall was constructed using rock from the Kangaroo Point quarry. The Port of Brisbane used the island since 1976. As the Port reclaimed land in early 2000, Bishop Island became part of the mainland. The island is no more.



Captain Bishop, retired with his dahlias at Stanthorpe.

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Advancements in dentistry mean that there are multiple options available to restore a natural, functional, and aesthetic dentition. There are many different reasons why patients may be suitable for a partial or full mouth rehabilitation, such as excessively worn-down or weakened teeth, loose or uncomfortable dentures, or inadequate remaining teeth causing chewing difficulty. If this sounds like your situation and you have been struggling with damaged or missing teeth or aren't happy with your current teeth or dentures, then you may want to consider some comprehensive long-lasting treatment options.

At Dental on Cambridge, our team have extensive experience in utilising a variety of treatment options, including full upper and lower arch crowns; a combination of crowns on existing teeth and implant crowns; and combining implants with removable dentures to provide more support and security for an upper or lower denture, and finally a whole set of teeth permanently attached to either four, five, or six implants, commonly known as an all on four implants procedure. The All on Four procedure is an advanced technique which allows a full set of upper or lower teeth to be securely anchored by four, five or six dental implants. This option is highly aesthetic and has a good success rate, which means it is becoming a popular alternative to traditional removable dentures.

Being unhappy or uncomfortable with your current smile can impact more than just being able to eat and chew effectively; it can impact your sense of self, confidence, and overall happiness. The benefits of smiling have been extensively researched and include being more approachable, releasing good hormones such as dopamine, endorphins, and serotonin, you're more productive, it helps relieve stress, and you may even live longer! If you're not smiling as much as you'd like, consider a confidential discussion with our team to discuss your options to rejuvenate your smile.

One of our practice philosophies is to ensure that patients are fully informed about their dental treatment prior to commencing; our team will take the time to discuss all aspects of your care with you. Dr Alex



Ritchie and the team at Dental on Cambridge are highly trained in cosmetic and implant dentistry and can perform an array of procedures to support you on your quest to find your smile and confidence again.

If you're considering undertaking some cosmetic or implant treatment and would like to know what treatment options might be suitable for your individual circumstances, give our team a call at 3348 6661 to find a suitable appointment time.

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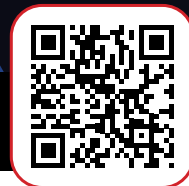
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