



JOLLY BY DESIGN: HOW BAYSIDE LOCALS BUILD CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Santa spotting season is upon us! The bayside’s favourite festive pastime – counting Santas on rooftops, verandahs, and shopfronts – is about to hit new heights, with more Santas being produced this year than ever before.

Every year, members of the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly go into elf-mode to continue a tradition that transforms the bayside suburbs into a festive wonderland. Volunteers come together to craft, paint, and install jolly Santa figures across rooftops, in shop windows, and on verandahs. What began in the 1980s as a small fundraiser has grown into an annual community project, with over 2,000 volunteer hours poured into producing 80 new Santas in 2024 alone.

Every Santa is a tribute to the collaborative spirit that makes Wynnum-Manly special. And with the Wynnum Manly Men’s Shed pitching in to help Rotary keep up with the demand for Santas, this creative assembly line is gearing up for its biggest Santa effort yet! Funds raised from the rent of Santas support Rotary’s year-round community initiatives.

So, keep your eyes peeled for the jolly red and green figures popping up across Wynnum, Manly, and beyond, and find out how you can rent a Santa on page 5.

Pictured: Eric Batten, Santa, (aka David Westlake) and Mick Matthews with Rotary Santas.





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PRIVATE WILLIAM (BILL) DODD: THE BROKEN SOLDIER RETURNS

BY HARVEY SHORE

In 1921, the Manly-Lota RSL created a war memorial in Manly’s Richard Russell Park. Its centrepiece was an Australian soldier, with head lowered and rifle reversed in the traditional symbol of mourning.

This statue was carved from Carrara marble imported from Italy – the same marble favoured by Michelangelo. The Manly statue was modelled on a real Aussie digger, Private William (Bill) Dodd, who served in the First World War and returned to live in the Wynnum-Manly area. His relatives still live locally.

The statue of Private Dodd stood silently over Manly-Lota RSL memorial services for nearly 70 years – until 1990, when a pair of vandals chained it to their car and pulled it off its plinth. Police arrested the culprits, but the statue was smashed into pieces.

No one knew what happened to the broken statue after that. The plinth stood empty for years, until a concrete replica of Private Dodd was commissioned in 2007 by Manly Lota RSL and installed on the Manly war memorial in its place. It stands there to this day.

Several years ago, Iona College old boy Ted Barber and several other colleagues, all members of Manly-Lota RSL, began planning a war memorial at Iona. Ted joined Michael Muir, Manly-Lota RSL president at the time, in a search for the original vandalised marble statue, rumoured to still exist somewhere.

After a long and complicated hunt, they found it lying forgotten on a pallet in a council yard in Lota. It was shattered, with parts missing, but another Iona old boy, Daniel Gill, a stonemason, agreed to repair it. Obtaining marble from the original quarry in Italy, Daniel restored the old statue to its former glory.



The Broken Soldier, lying forgotten in a Council yard. Photos: Supplied.



The Broken Soldier, repaired by Daniel Gill.



The concrete statue of Private Dodd in Manly's Richard Russell Park.

Remarkably, and to everyone’s credit, at 11am on November 11, 2025, Private Bill Dodd will stand proud over two local Remembrance Day gatherings simultaneously – the Manly-Lota RSL ceremony in Richard Russell Park, and the new memorial, to be unveiled at Iona College.

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THE MAGIC OF THE MANLY HARBOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

FROM THE MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The festive season is fast approaching, and with it comes one of the most anticipated events on the bayside calendar — the Manly Harbour Christmas Lights Competition. This year, we’re calling on the entire Wynnum Manly community to get involved and help spread the Christmas cheer far and wide!

From beautifully decorated homes and businesses to dazzling boat displays lighting up the marina, the competition transforms Manly Harbour into a glittering wonderland. And with thousands of dollars in prizes up for grabs across multiple categories — including Best House, Best Business, and Best Boat — there’s every reason to let your lights shine bright this holiday season.

This annual event is all about bringing the community together, celebrating creativity, and turning our harbour village into a festive destination for families, locals, and visitors. The lights attract thousands of spectators each year, helping to boost local businesses and showcase our vibrant bayside community.

To promote the event, we’re encouraging residents, business owners, and boat owners to enter the competition and share their efforts on social media using the hashtag #ManlyHarbourLights. Posters, flyers, and window decals will be distributed throughout the area, and a full map

of entries will be made available for people to explore the lights trail.

The Manly Harbour Christmas Lights Competition officially launches on Saturday 6 December at the much-loved Celebration in the Park event in Little Bayside Park, Manly, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Come along and get your free photo with Santa. Kellehers Dance Academy will be performing a Christmas dance show and there will be a Christmas Parade starring Santa. Get in the spirit and dress festive – prizes will be awarded for the best Christmas costumes, and a screening of a traditional Christmas movie in the park will be the icing on the Christmas cake!

Now is the time to start planning your display, rally your neighbours, and help us light up Manly Harbour like never before. Let’s make this year’s competition the brightest yet — and spread a little Christmas magic across Wynnum Manly!



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WYNNUM MANLY VOLUNTEERS POWER SANTA POP-UP WORKSHOP

CONTRIBUTED BY LES LOUIS

Members of the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly have been working hard over the past few months to get their stock of Santas ready for installation at participating businesses in the area, which spans from Tingalpa in the north to Wynnum, Manly, Lota, and Capalaba in the south.

Installation of these icons will commence at the end of November, ensuring they are ready for the festive season.

The production of a Santa requires a disciplined process to achieve the desired outcome – a different steel template is needed for each colour, and two coats must be applied to both sides of the marine ply sheet, which has been previously painted white, in colours including red, yellow, green, and black. An assembly line process provides an efficient way to produce Santas, which are then ready for cutting out by the Men’s Shed. Following this, detailed edge sealing and painting are done. In 2024, 80 new Santas were produced, requiring over 2,000 volunteer hours.

The Santas have become iconic in the local area, as new generations look forward to seeing the Santas on walls, verandahs, high-

rise apartments, and roofs in the bayside suburbs. It all started in the 1980s, when the Apex Club of Wynnum and Manly decided to manufacture Santa figurines as fundraisers during Christmas time.

In 1995, the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly purchased the Santas from the Apex Club for the princely sum of \$500 (about 60 Santas). Demand for Santas doubled over time, and the club engaged the Toy Factory (now Mudflat Toys) to cut out new Santa templates. Since then, the club has installed Santas in businesses each year, and last Christmas, 95 Santas were installed. Corflute Santas were introduced in 2023 for commercial premises’ windows, allowing for another 18 Santas to appear in shop fronts.

Santas for rent come in three forms: Roof-top Santa, Fence/Wall-mounted Santa, and Corflute Window-mounted Santa. All funds raised from the Santa project support the numerous community projects Rotary undertakes throughout the year.

Please contact the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly’s club secretary by email at secrcwm@gmail.com to rent a Santa.



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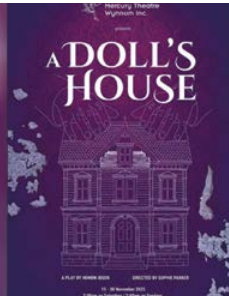
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A DOLL'S HOUSE

November 15 – 30, Mercury Theatre, 184 Melville Terrace, Manly

Step into the world of secrets and societal expectations with *A Doll's House*, presented by Mercury Theatre Wynnum. Directed by Sophie Parker, this bold reimaging of Henrik Ibsen's classic explores love, identity, and freedom. In addition to the regular performances, you can come along to the Gala Night on November 22 and dress in 1890s Norwegian or Victorian style – there will be prizes for best dressed – and immerse yourself in Nora Helmer's gripping journey. Don't miss this powerful, contemporary take on a timeless masterpiece. For tickets, go to mercurytheatrewynnum.com.au.



WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE'S COMMUNITY CONCERT

Tuesday November 11, from 9:30am, Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Tingal Road, Wynnum

Don't miss the next Community Concert Series on November 11 from 9:30am to 1:00pm! Enjoy morning tea, a live concert (at a cost of \$10) from 10:15am to 11:45am, and an optional lunch at noon for just \$10 extra. With lucky door prizes and raffles, it's a lively morning of music and community. These popular events fill quickly and bookings are essential. Concerts are usually held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, with occasional extras. For updates, check Facebook or call 3396 9488 to reserve your seat.



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Wednesday November 26, 6:45am to 8:30am, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, Manly West

Join the 10th Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast, organised by the Zonta Club of Brisbane East, for a powerful morning of awareness, action, and community. The event is part of Zonta International's "Zonta Says NO" campaign, dedicated to ending domestic and family violence. Hear from Darryl Gardiner, founder of *Rolling with the Punches*, as he shares insights on addressing domestic and family violence from a male perspective. For tickets, scan the QR code.






JAN POWERS FARMERS MARKETS

Saturday November 1 and 15, 6:00am to 12:00pm, Little Bayside Park, Manly

Fresh produce, ocean breezes, and unbeatable community vibes – the Jan Powers Farmers Markets pop up at Little Bayside Park, Manly, on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Locals and visitors flock to the waterfront for farm-fresh fruit and veg, artisan treats, and gourmet bites. It's the perfect spot to grab a coffee, meet the growers, and soak up the sunshine.



A WHAM! CHRISTMAS: HOPS & HARMONY SINGALONG

Friday November 21, 7:00pm, The Lou Lou Room, Bay Terrace, Wynnum

Get ready to jingle and mingle at *A WHAM! Christmas: Hops & Harmony Singalong* in Wynnum's Lou Lou Room! Join the festive fun with live music, singalong classics, and holiday cheer, all paired with delicious craft beers. Whether you're a George Michael fan or just love belting out Christmas tunes, this joyful night promises laughter, nostalgia, and good vibes. Don your best holiday outfit and celebrate the season in style! For tickets, go to <https://www.theloulouroom.com.au>.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA: BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

Thursday November 13, 10:00am to 11:00am, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill

Discover the hidden world of archives at the National Archives of Australia's Queensland Office in Cannon Hill. This exclusive behind-the-scenes tour offers a rare glimpse into the repository, guided by expert staff who reveal how Australia's history is preserved. Attendees will explore archival collections, learn about storage and conservation, and enjoy a morning tea with staff. Scan the QR code to book.



THE LIE BEHIND THE PERFECT LIFE: A DOLL’S HOUSE– ADAPTED FOR TODAY

CONTRIBUTED BY MERCURY THEATRE

Mercury Theatre Wynnum is thrilled to present a production of A Doll’s House, with six performances of the epic play running from November 15 to 30.

Forget Netflix for a night! You know the couple with the perfect house, the perfect career, the perfect life? It’s all a lie. Nora Helmer has a secret that could destroy everything – her marriage, her reputation, her future. This isn’t your grandmother’s classic; it’s a visceral, high-stakes examination of gender, money, and the cost of true freedom in a world obsessed with appearances.

Henrik Ibsen’s play, *A Doll’s House*, shocked audiences in 1879. It boldly challenged 19th-century social norms.

Nora thinks she has it all – wit, charm, and the perfect marriage. Torvald, her smooth but controlling husband, believes he’s in charge, while Nora playfully keeps the household humming. But when an old secret comes knocking, things unravel fast. Enter Krogstad, desperate to save his own name, and Kristine, Nora’s grounded old friend who sees straight through the glitter. With sharp humour, simmering tension, and a finale that still shocks, this fresh take on Ibsen’s classic asks: what happens when you stop playing the part others wrote for you?

Directed by the brilliant Sophie Parker, this cast brings serious vibes – expect fresh talent, big energy, and performances that’ll have everyone talking. Get ready for a version of *A Doll’s House* that totally stands out and guarantees a highlight for your year!

Mercury Theatre has been the beating heart of Brisbane bayside’s theatre scene since 1949, and after 76 years, the legacy is stronger than ever. This season’s *A Doll’s House* continues our passion for high-quality local entertainment – combining tradition with fresh energy for a show that’s set to captivate both newcomers and our seasoned theatre fans.

Feeling inspired? This show might just spark your inner performer! Whether you’re itching to audition or love the buzz behind the scenes, our creative crew is always looking for fresh energy. If you want to be part of the action, 2026 is your year – we’ve got a short play series and two major productions on the way. Step up, join in, and help us make theatre magic!



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A Doll’s House will run from November 15 to 30, for six performances only, at the Manly-Lota RSL Hall, located at 184 Melville Terrace, Manly. For more details, visit Mercurytheatrewynnum.com.au or scan the QR code.





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KARA COOK COMMUNITY UPDATE

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BONNER



Out and about in the community

It has been a very busy month in the Bayside between meetings, events, Parliament and the build up towards the end of the year. My annual Bonners Seniors Expo at The Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre was a great success last month, with 40 stallholders and hundreds of attendees sharing information and opportunities for our local seniors.

Over the past few weeks, I had the pleasure to meet with many of our local community groups including the Wynnum Manly Men's Shed Mental Health Day BBQ, Saint Pete's Pantry, the Bayside Woodturners and Woodcrafters, local schools, and the Bayside Women's Social Club. I was also pleased to introduce Federal Health Minister Mark Butler to BABI Youth & Family Services to discuss the vital support they provide to local young people and families, particularly around mental health and wellbeing.

A reminder that my office is a **collection point for women's sanitary products for Share the Dignity and old mobile phones for the DV Safe Phone program**. We also have a community pantry available on weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm for anyone doing it tough. Donations to the pantry are always appreciated, especially as we approach Christmas and the end of the year, which can be a difficult time for many in our community.



Mobile Offices

Over November and December, I'll be holding a number of **mobile offices** across the electorate. If you'd like to have a chat, raise an issue, or simply say hello, I'd love for you to drop by!

- **Cannon Hill Plaza** outside K-Mart: 10-11am, 12 November
- **Gumdale Eastside Village**: 10-11am, 3 December
- **Manly Creative Markets**: 9-10am, 14 December

FREE Seniors Kits

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual Bonner Seniors Expo, and to the many stallholders who gave their time to be involved. At the expo we launched our Bonner Seniors Kit, which is **FREE** and available for seniors in our community. It provides useful information to seniors on resources, services and concessions our seniors can access. **If you would like a Seniors Kit**, please give my office a call on 07 3893 3488 or email Kara.Cook.mp@aph.gov.au

Parliamentary Update

Since the election The Albanese Government has moved swiftly to ensure our election commitments are being delivered. This includes **20% off student debt, 5% First Home Deposits, \$25 PBS medications and opening a NEW Medicare Urgent Care Clinic locally**. In the last month we have also introduced important legislation to help reform our social security system and the Fair Work Act.

- **The Social Security Reforms** include allowing victims of domestic and family violence to apply to have their social security debts waived at the discretion of Services Australia where circumstances of domestic and family violence led to the debt being incurred. I'm proud that Labor is progressing these reforms alongside policies already delivered including paid domestic violence leave and greater housing support for families escaping domestic and family violence.
- **Baby Priya's Bill** amends the Fair Work Act to introduce a new principle that unless employers and employees have expressly agreed otherwise, employer-funded paid parental leave must not be cancelled because a child is stillborn or dies. This is consistent with government paid parental leave and upholds the ability of employers and employees to negotiate and agree conditions dealing with stillbirth and infant death. Promoting enterprise bargaining and good faith workplace discussions is central to the government's approach to workplace relations.

FREE 2026 Calendars

With the new year just around the corner, I have **FREE 2026 magnet calendars** with the public and school holidays listed on them available for Bonner residents. If you would like a calendar, **please reach out to my office**.

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WYNNUM WONDERLAND BRINGS THREE WEEKENDS OF FESTIVE FUN!

Step right up, Brisbane – Christmas is getting the Fringe treatment!

From the creators and performers of Wynnum Fringe, Fool's Paradise and Swamplesque comes *Wynnum Wonderland* – three huge weekends of festive fun, food, and phenomenal entertainment for all ages in the heart of Wynnum!

By day, families can dive into the Augathella Spiegeltent with three huge shows for families.

The Greatest Snowman is a whimsical Christmas cabaret featuring some of Australia's greatest entertainers coming together to sing, dance, and swing from the ceiling. There's also the Christmas Chaos Edition of *Kaboom*, where madcap scientists Magnus and the Showmen Productions blow the roof off the Spiegeltent with science, laughter, and a little Christmas magic, plus award-winning family entertainment from *Bubble Show In Space*, which brings a million bubbles into the Spiegeltent these school holidays.

By night, things get a little bit naughty with *Cirque Du Sleigh* – a jaw-dropping, adults-only variety spectacular starring Trigger Happy, Tash York, Head First Acrobats, and some saucy guests. It's where circus meets comedy, burlesque meets baubles, and the elves definitely have abs. Comedy legend Dave Hughes returns to Wynnum with his new award-winning show, *WTF*, local band *The Guides* will perform a special Christmas gig, and to top it all off, there is a very special *Carols In The Spiegeltent* with some of Australia's finest singers.

Across the festival, you'll also find pop-up bars, markets, food trucks, and a very special *Wynnum Wonderland* singalong with Tom Oliver.



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Wynnum Wonderland will run from November 28 to December 22 at The Augathella Spiegeltent, 166 Bay Terrace, Wynnum. Tickets are on sale now at wynnumwonderland.com, so come along and celebrate a 'Merry Fringemas' at Wynnum Wonderland!

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What's your name? My name is Hazel.

Suburb: I live in Cannon Hill.

How long have you lived there? Since I was just two months old (I came home on the 31st of December, 2024).

What is your favourite local walk? I love walking to the Richmond Road dog park. Mum and Dad get coffee from Blue Poppy, and then we go and see all my friends at the park.

What is your most treasured toy? My plush monkey that Dad brought back from New Zealand.

What is your favourite food? I'm yet to find a food I don't like, even sticks will do...

What is your worst habit? As mentioned above, I tend to like eating things. I like finding tiny bugs on the walls outside and licking them off the wall. I also drool all over the bathroom floor every night before Mum and Dad brush my teeth.

What's your favourite local hangout? Any local dog parks, I loveeeeeee making new friends!

Who is your best doggo friend? My best friend is Daphne, a Golden Doodle, who is five days older than me.

Any funny or embarrassing stories you'd like to share? When Mum and Dad give me carrots or ice cubes, I love to pounce, stomp and chase them around the house.

What do people love most about you? That I love everyone! If someone visits me at home, I always welcome them with one of my favourite plush toys.

Hazel's favourite charity is Guide Dogs Queensland, and we have made a \$50 donation on her behalf.



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RAT BAITS AND PETS

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Rodenticides are poisons designed to kill mice and rats, but they are just as dangerous for dogs and cats. Dogs and cats may be exposed to rodenticides through direct ingestion of the products or through ingestion of poisoned rats and mice.



Clinical signs of rodenticide intoxication

There are several different rodenticides available on the market. The most commonly used products work by stopping the blood from clotting. Internal bleeding occurs with signs including:

- Lethargy or weakness
- Pale gums
- Bruising or bleeding from the mouth, nose, anus, or in the faeces
- Coughing due to bleeding into the chest
- Collapse or sudden death

Other products may interfere with Vitamin D levels, resulting in increased calcium in the blood, which can lead to kidney failure. Meanwhile, others may affect the nervous system, causing muscle tremors, twitching, or seizures.

What should you do if you suspect your pet has ingested rodenticide?

If you see your pet eating or suspect your pet has eaten rodenticide, you should ring your local veterinarian or emergency centre and present your pet for treatment as soon as possible.

If you have the packaging, you should show it to your vet so that they can determine the treatment required.

If ingestion is recent, your vet will likely induce vomiting in your pet to remove the material from their digestive system. In cases of suspected bleeding, your vet may run a blood test to check clotting times.

Treatment will vary depending on the type of rodenticide.

Preventing rodenticide ingestion

- Avoid using rodenticide
- Use live traps or ultrasonic deterrents
- Ask pest control services about safe alternatives
- Supervise pets in new environments, around sheds, farms, and garages

Secondary poisoning (through ingestion of poisoned rodents) is very rare and would require your pet to eat a large number of rats or mice. Removing deceased rodents from the environment as soon as they are found can reduce the risk of secondary exposure.

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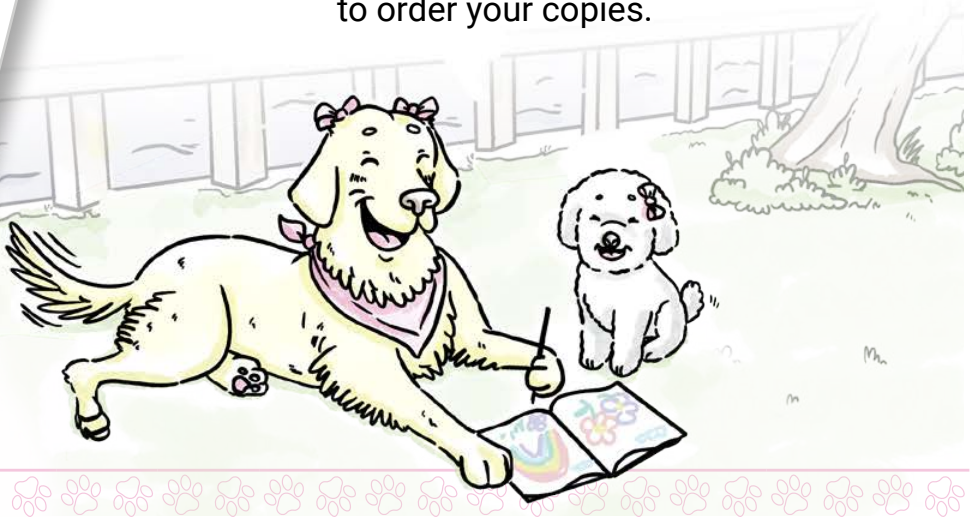
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UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR



Artist impression



Artist impression

Reeling in Fun at Greene Park

We have exciting news for local families, work is now underway on a new fishing trawler themed playground at Greene Park in Wynnum.

The upgrade will feature slides, climbing nets, a swing set, shade sails and even a little tackle shop to celebrate the park's fishing heritage. Families can also look forward to a new drinking

fountain, connecting pathways and more opportunities for imaginative play inspired by our beautiful bay.

This project is part of our ongoing investment, with more than 80% of Council's budget dedicated to making Brisbane the best place to live, work and relax. For Wynnum families, this

means exciting projects like the new Greene Park playground, and more local park upgrades planned over the coming years.

Construction is expected to wrap up by late December (weather permitting), and we can't wait to welcome families back for a community celebration.

Shaping the Future of Wynnum



Artist impression

The Wynnum Central Suburban Renewal Precinct Plan outlines an exciting long-term vision for the heart of Wynnum.

It's all about striking the right balance by encouraging more diverse housing options in well-connected areas while keeping the bayside charm and lifestyle we all love.

The plan is focused on Wynnum's CBD, from Berrima Street to Clara Street and along Tingal Road, Colina Street and Bay Terrace, including Wynnum Central Station.

By creating a suburban renewal plan for Wynnum Central, we can open up new

opportunities for local businesses, enhance the look and feel of the precinct and improve connectivity to public transport and the foreshore.

More housing options will also make it easier for locals who want to downsize to stay in our incredible community.

The draft plan is now open for community consultation. To learn more and have your say, scan the code here.



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JOAN PEASE’S COMMUNITY UPDATE

STATE MEMBER FOR LYTTON



CHRISTMAS HAMPER DONATIONS WELCOME

This Christmas, St Pete’s Pantry is spreading festive cheer with its annual Christmas Hamper appeal. I’m proud to once again support this wonderful initiative, with my office at 100 Edith Street, Wynnum, acting as a community drop-off point for hamper goods. Donations of non-perishable food items are warmly welcomed. These include Christmas cake, pudding, canned ham/spam, custard, mince pies, biscuits, tinned fish, packet jellies, chips, lollies, chocolates, nuts and nibblies, and tinned fruit. Every contribution, big or small, helps create a hamper filled with love and care.

PINE STREET BRIDGE SOLUTIONS REQUIRED

Another two vehicles made impact with the now infamous Pine St Bridge in Wynnum in October. It causes mayhem and lengthy delays on the Cleveland train line every time it’s hit. My office has been in touch with Queensland Rail and has also spoken to the local Brisbane City Councillor about finding appropriate traffic safety solutions. We need to all work together to find solutions that aren’t cost prohibitive and that actually work. However, drivers must take greater care, particularly around height restrictions at all rail bridges, including Pine, Berrima and Burke Street bridges.



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Did you know your old mobile phone could help save a life? DV Phone Safe collects, repurposes and gifts mobile phones to victims of domestic violence, providing them with a safe and secure way to call for help. Often, victims are left without access to communication when escaping dangerous situations, and a working phone can be a vital lifeline. You can now drop off your unused mobile phones at my electorate office at 100 Edith St in Wynnum. Together, we can make a real difference.



WYNNUM PRECINCT HEIGHT CHANGES

Thanks to all Baysiders who had their say during the consultation period for the proposed changes to the Wynnum Precinct Plan. The revised plan expands the precinct boundaries and allows for taller buildings, with some sites increasing from 8 to 15 storeys. As we plan for the future of Wynnum, it’s vital that growth balances opportunity while protecting the unique Bayside character that makes our community special.



WINNAM YAGABA JAGU TAKING SHAPE

I recently joined Deputy Opposition Leader Cameron Dick for a tour of the building works at the new Winnam Yagaba Jagu Aged Care Facility in Lota. This purpose-built centre will provide much-needed care for our elderly and is a blueprint for the future of aged services in Queensland. The project is being built on the site of the old Wynnum Hospital, which was closed down by the former Newman LNP government. It’s a shining example of what can be achieved when community leaders, including Aunty Becky Thomson OAM, work together with government to deliver better outcomes.



WORKING WITH TINGALPA FLOOD RESIDENTS

I recently met with dozens of residents in Tingalpa to discuss the ongoing flooding issues impacting Boundary Street and nearby areas. Flooding here is not a minor inconvenience – it affects safety, property and liveability. Listening to residents is the most important part of my job, and I am committed to pursuing a long-term solution. That means working constructively across various levels of government – Brisbane City Council, the State Government and our community – to deliver practical outcomes that address this issue.



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LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS: DONATE MUSIC, ART, COOKING & GARDENING SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT LOCAL DISABILITY PROGRAMS

FROM CHANTELE RITCHIE

Dental on Cambridge is a local family-owned practice on Cambridge Parade in Manly that is always looking for ways to support the local community. The practice is often approached by larger organisations across Brisbane for donations, but prefers to focus its efforts within the local community. In previous years, they've partnered with BABI Youth and Family Service, Silky Oaks, Wynnum Community Place, and Manly State School to collect essential items for donation to those in need.

This year, they will be supporting Branches Lifestyle Support in Wynnun – a small disability service provider that encourages people to lead BIG lives. Branches provides people with disabilities the help and support they need to live independently in their own homes, as well as the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives within their community. Branches runs a Community Hub at their premises at 29 Fox Street, Wynnun. They host a variety of programs for individuals living with disabilities throughout the week, based on building skills and having fun in an engaging social environment.

They would love to be considered for donations of specific items to be used in their programs across the following categories: music, cooking, art, gardening, and tools. Suitable items include donations of small musical instruments; dry food items, cookware, and cooking utensils; paints, brushes, and art supplies; seedlings, herbs, gardening equipment; small tools, sandpaper, lubricants, spray paints, and adhesives. The Dental on Cambridge team will collect these and deliver them to Branches Lifestyle Support.

Donations can be made in November and December at Dental on Cambridge, 4/99 Cambridge Parade,



Branches Lifestyle Support runs programs to enrich the lives of people living with disability. Photo: Supplied.

Manly, Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 6:00pm and on Fridays from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 12, 2025. Donations are welcome from all community members; you don't have to be a patient to make a donation.



SANTA'S ARRIVAL PARADE

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Kick off the festive season as Santa makes his grand entrance. The Christmas magic begins at 6pm at the Kmart entrance



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8th November to 14th December

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LETTERS TO SANTA

10th November to 14th December

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MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

BY JEMANDA HANNOUF, PRECINCT COORDINATOR, MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE

The election of the 2025-26 committee for Manly Harbour Village Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday 21 October at The Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. An audience of close to 30 people attended to hear the results of the election of office bearers. A special thank you to Joan Pease MP, Labor Member for Lytton, for popping in to talk to our members.

We are delighted to advise that a full committee was appointed, and we welcome the following members to the positions as follows:

President: Jessica Nguyen | Vice President: Steve Rickertt | Secretary: Danielle Forward | Treasurer: Peter Cumming | Member Representatives: Tammy Vitale, David Farley, Julieann Starr, Sandy McDonald and Simone Hasker.

Manly – Get Ready for the Twilight Market on Cambridge!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new summer series of Twilight Markets, kicking off on Friday, 7 November. The evening will come alive with a vibrant mix of craft stalls, food trucks, and local dining options, including Manly Deck, Celtic Corner, Blue Bottle Bar, Manly Hotel, Lido Italia, Manly Fish Co, Olivera, The Arsonist, Shucks, Marina Crest, Thai Boat, Sushi Joo, and IGA Deli, offering something for everyone.



As you wander along Cambridge Parade, soak up the lively atmosphere and enjoy live music performances throughout the precinct – the perfect way to spend a Friday night by the bay.



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DATE CLAIMERS



- 1 NOVEMBER** – FREE Movies in the Park: *Young Einstein* (Little Bayside Park)
- 18 NOVEMBER** – Business Networking Evening (Moreton Bay Discovery Centre)
- 6 DECEMBER** – Christmas Lights, Celebration in the Park (Little Bayside Park)

LOCAL MARKETS



- 1 AND 15 NOVEMBER** – Jan Powers Farmers Market
- 7 NOVEMBER** – Twilight on Cambridge (Cambridge Parade, Manly)
- EVERY SUNDAY** – Manly Creative Markets

For more information on upcoming events, be sure to follow Manly Harbour Village on social media, subscribe to our newsletter at manlyharbourvillage.com, or email us at promotions@manlyharbourvillage.com.

WHY AND WHEN DO I NEED A SKIN CHECK FOR CANCER?

BY DR ROGER DOWN, MBBS, FRCS, FRACS, MD (LOND)

There are three major types of skin cancer:

- 1. *Basal Cell*: These are locally growing cancers and, as a rule, do not spread to other parts of the body. They just grow in size and will eventually ulcerate to produce a nasty sore.
- 2. *Squamous Cell*: These can spread to other parts of the body in about 10% of cases if not treated.
- 3. *Melanoma*: This is the potentially lethal variety if not found early and removed appropriately with an 8mm margin by a skilled, experienced surgeon.



When do skin cancers occur?

Basal Cell cancers and melanomas can occur at any age from 14 years onwards. They are not necessarily sun-induced, but it may be a factor. I have removed 10mm basal cell cancers from a 22-year-old model's nose with a great cosmetic result, and she still models!

Squamous Cell cancers usually occur with increasing age in sun-drenched persons who have been excessively exposed to the sun, including on the scalp. So, if you have a shaved head, wearing a hat outside is essential! They start as persistent scaly areas, which is the first warning sign. Consult an expert surgeon, as these conditions are easily treated without scarring; however, surgery can alter the skin's pigmentation.

What would alert me to an early skin cancer?

Get your partner to check you all over at least once a month for:

- The sudden development of a new lesion or spot, especially if it is pigmented/white.
- An existing skin spot/lesion that changes in shape, outline, colour, elevation, or is bleeding.



What does all this mean?

Get a regular skin check from a Specialist Dermatologist or RACS-trained Surgeon annually from the age of 12 to 14 years.

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More next time. Have fun, take care, and God bless.

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Project manager Tim Easterbrook said the development presents a rare opportunity to enjoy the benefits of inner-city living within a relaxed bayside setting.

"Adena Residences has been designed to offer the best of both worlds – spacious, open-plan living complemented by elegant modern finishes, and a large master suite created as a true private retreat," said Mr Easterbrook.

The collection includes a range of two and three-bedroom apartments, each featuring generous floor plans and premium inclusions. Residents will also enjoy access to an array of exceptional lifestyle amenities, including:

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- Is sufficient maintenance initiated and undertaken promptly?
- Does the Agency subscribe to zero tolerance with rent arrears?
- Does the Agency offer a premier listing option on realestate.com and weekend OFI's?

These are just some of the questions you should consider when contemplating making a change.

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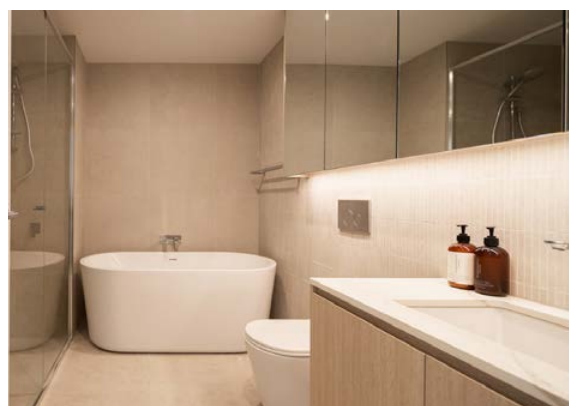
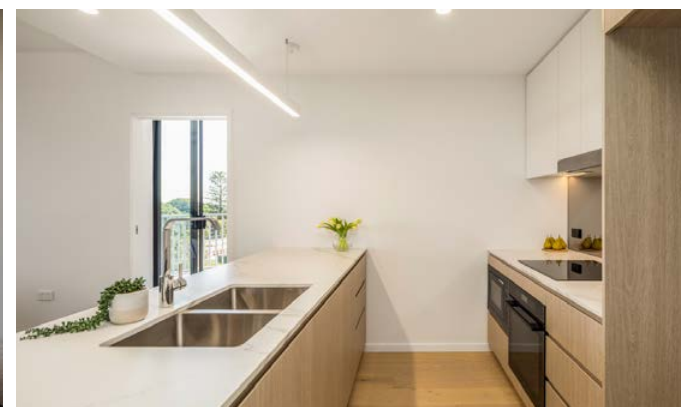
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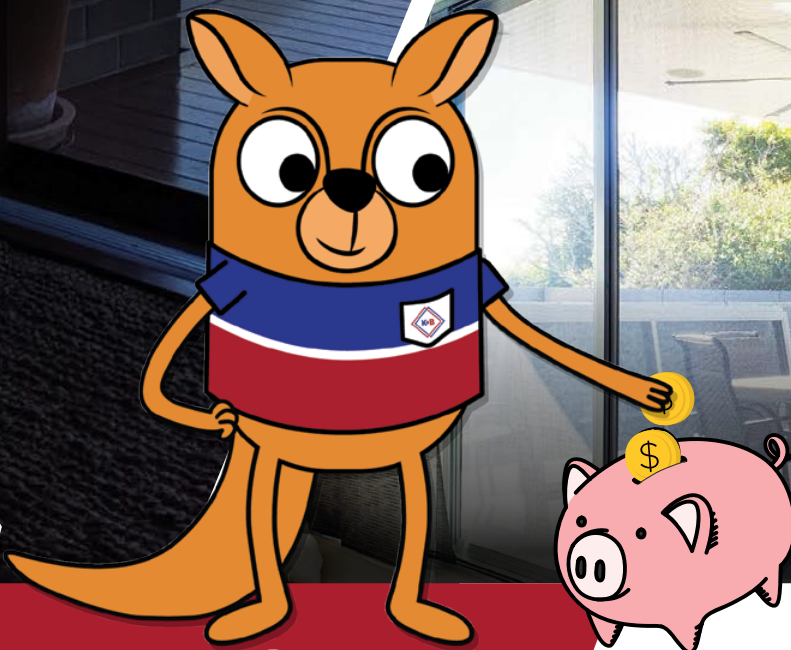
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Craig began his real estate career in Cleveland in 2001, quickly gaining a reputation for trust, drive, and deep community ties. As Principal of Raine & Horne Cleveland from 2006 to 2012, he led a team of 20-plus, helping shape one of the region’s most respected agencies.

His leadership continued nationally as a General Manager of a major real estate franchise, followed by a role as State Manager for Purplebricks Queensland – experience that reinforced his belief in efficient, client-first real estate.

From 2020 to 2023, Craig returned to hands-on selling as Principal of his own agency in Redland City, an area he’s called home for decades. A long-time resident of Manly West, Craig understands the lifestyle, market trends, and needs of local buyers and sellers alike.

Now joining One Percent Property Sales, Craig is excited to align with a model that reflects his values: cutting-edge technology, transparent pricing, and genuine savings for sellers.

“I’ve worked with the founders before and have always admired their customer-first approach. Sellers deserve exceptional results without excessive fees,” Craig says.

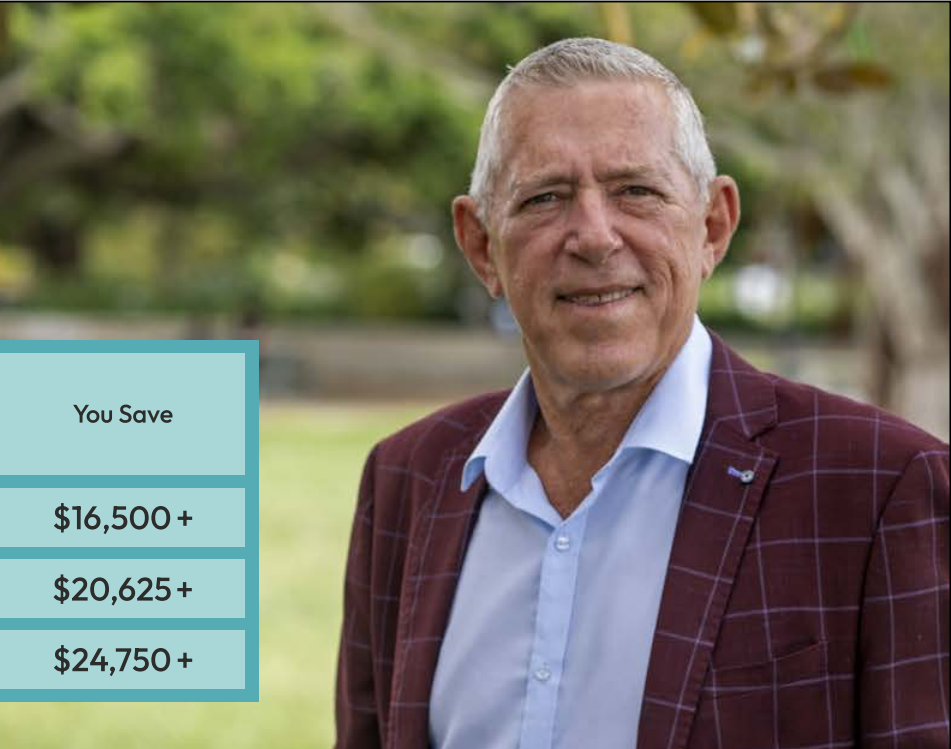


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High-Performing Agent David Lazarus Joins Place One Group

CONTRIBUTED BY PLACE ONE GROUP

Place Managing Director Paul Curtain has welcomed one of Brisbane Bayside’s most awarded agents, David Lazarus, as a Partner of the Place One Group.

Paul said the appointment, alongside the more recently relocated Place Indooroopilly office, reflects the strength of the One Group’s “West to Water” strategy and the brand’s long-term commitment to these areas.

“Place has a rich history in the Bayside, and bringing together our existing business with David’s creates an exciting new chapter for Wynnum Manly,” Paul shared.

“This office is already the leading business for property management and sales across the greater Bayside, and David’s leadership will only reinforce that position.”

David will focus on what he does best, listing, selling, and leading his team, while working with the leadership of Paul Curtain and One Group Principals Sam Kelso and Glenn Bool.

With more than a decade of success and over 550 homes sold, David has established himself as one of the Bayside’s most trusted agents, known for his calm, strategic approach and a reputation built on integrity and results.

David said the move was about creating the strongest possible platform for clients and his team.

“I have long admired Place’s vision and the One Group model. It empowers agents to lead locally while benefiting from the scale, systems and marketing strength of Place,” David said.

“For Bayside sellers and buyers, it means more reach, more opportunities and more results. This partnership is about raising the bar and positioning Wynnum Manly for its next evolution.”

The appointment also sees David’s award-winning team merge into Place Wynnum Manly, including everyone’s favourite Renee Brace who has been integral to changing the face of bayside real estate for over a decade.



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The announcement comes as Place confirms plans for a new flagship office set to open in the heart of Wynnum Manly in 2026, further cementing Place’s commitment to the Bayside and to long-term growth in one of Brisbane’s most competitive lifestyle-driven markets.


With David now on board as Partner, supported by his established team, the Wynnum Manly office is poised to accelerate its momentum and solidify its reputation as the Bayside’s leading agency.

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FROM THE DANCE AND THEATRE FACTORY

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The Dance and Theatre Factory is thrilled to present its performances on 22 and 23 November 2025, at the Star Theatre in Manly. The double bill features a stunning story ballet and a colourful musical, performed by a cast of gifted pre-professional artists and students.

First on stage is the timeless ballet *La Fille Mal Gardée (The Wayward Girl)*, a charming and comedic tale filled with heart, humour, and breathtaking choreography. Following it is the effervescent *SpongeBob The Musical: Youth Edition*, bursting with energy, music, and messages of friendship and optimism that will delight audiences of all ages.

The productions feature some of the bayside’s brightest local performers, including Reuben Newlands, Kaitlin Everitt, Poppy Nobes, and Benjamin Rimes, whose talent and passion light up the stage. With performances scheduled at 2:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturday, and 10:00am and 2:00pm on Sunday, there’s a perfect time for everyone to catch the magic.

And for those who dream of being on stage themselves, TDTF is also offering the Matilda Jr Summer Holiday Workshop and Production in January. Over six or 10 action-packed days, from 9 to 18 January 2026, children aged eight to 18 years can immerse themselves in the world of musical theatre, learning, performing, and having the time of their lives. Whether joining the ensemble or auditioning for a lead, it’s the ultimate way to stay active, creative, and inspired these holidays.



Pictured L-R: Dance and Theatre Factory’s Poppy Nobes, Kaitlin Everitt, Reuben Newlands, Ben Rimes and Eva Rose McMurray. Photo: Supplied.

Whether you’re a lifelong theatre lover or simply curious about the joy of live performance, The Dance and Theatre Factory invites you to celebrate, support, and take part in the arts this season.

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SMASHED POTATOES WITH SPICED BLACK BEANS AND AVOCADO LIME CREAM RECIPE

Here's an easy yet flavour-packed recipe that turns humble ingredients into a knockout dish – perfect for spring or summer! You can also cater for picky eaters by leaving the potatoes plain, because they still taste delicious.

INGREDIENTS

- 6 to 8 whole white potatoes (medium size)
- 1 tin of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup sour cream
- ¼ cup parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 ripe avocado
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 small red or yellow capsicum, diced
- Optional: fresh coriander or spring onion for garnish

METHOD

1. Boil and Smash the Potatoes

- Place whole potatoes in a large pot of salted water.
- Boil until fork-tender (about 20 minutes).
- Drain and let cool slightly.
- Preheat oven to 220°C (fan-forced).
- Place potatoes on a lined baking tray and gently smash each one with a fork, the bottom of a heavy glass, or a potato masher.

- Drizzle with olive oil, scatter the parmesan over them, and season with salt and pepper.
- Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until golden and crispy.

2. Roast the Black Beans

- Spread black beans on a separate lined tray.
- Toss with cumin, olive oil, salt, and pepper.
- Bake in the same oven for 10 to 15 minutes until slightly crisped and fragrant.

3. Make the Avocado Lime Cream

- In a bowl, mash avocado until smooth.
- Stir in lime juice and a pinch of salt and pepper.
- Whip until creamy (use a fork or small blender for extra smoothness).

4. Assemble

- Top each smashed potato with a very generous dollop of sour cream – because sour cream makes everything better!

- Spoon the roasted black beans over the sour cream.
- Sprinkle with diced tomato and capsicum.
- Finish with a swirl of avocado lime cream.
- Garnish with fresh herbs if you have them.



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The Children's Tumour Foundation (CTF) is a patient advocacy and support service for children, adults and families impacted by all types of neurofibromatosis, or NF, including NF1, NF2-related schwannomatosis (NF2-SWN) and schwannomatosis (SWN).

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and have a wonderful time with friends and family. Let's come together to spread joy and support children in need. Mark your calendars and get your best outfit ready for a night to remember!

EVENT DETAILS

What: The 9th Annual Christmas Fundraiser in aid of the Children's Tumour Foundation.

When: From 5:00pm Saturday, 29th November, 2025.

Where: Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 578 Royal Esplanade, Manly.

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WYNNUM MANLY JUNIORS SHINE AT NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONTRIBUTED BY LILY, WYNNUM MANLY TOUCH ASSOCIATION

Wynnum Manly Touch Association is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our junior players who recently represented their regions at the National Youth Championships Touch Football event in Coffs Harbour. More than 20 local juniors from U12s to U18s competed across a range of divisions, showcasing exceptional skill, determination, and teamwork on the national stage.

Our players proudly represented both the Brisbane City Cobras and Southwest QLD Swans, highlighting the depth of talent being developed through the Wynnum Manly junior program. Notable mentions go to Zairah Jenkins, who played with the U14 Girls Brisbane City Cobras team that finished as Runners-Up, and Cruz Jenkins and Jack Fitzpatrick, who were part of the U16 Boys Brisbane City Cobras team, also finishing as runners-up.

Throughout the tournament, our players displayed outstanding commitment, composure, and sportsmanship, embodying the true spirit of touch football. Coaches and supporters alike were impressed by their teamwork, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn from every game. These young athletes represented Wynnum Manly with pride, and their effort, attitude, and support for one another were exceptional. They've set a great example for the next generation coming through our club.

The Association extends heartfelt thanks to all the parents, coaches, and volunteers who helped prepare, support, and travel with our players. Their continued involvement makes these achievements possible.

Wynnum Manly Touch Association congratulates all our juniors on their success and is excited to see their continued development. The future of touch football at Wynnum Manly is bright!

To join our great club, follow us on Facebook at Wynnum Manly Touch Association – WMTA Eagles or email admin@wynnummanlytouch.com.au. Our new season will commence in January 2026, with registrations opening in November 2025. Don't miss your chance to be part of a thriving touch football community!



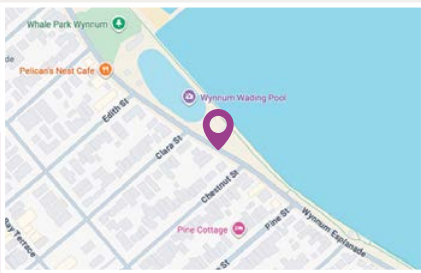
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Walk Against Domestic and Family Violence

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

8.30am for 9.00am start

Join us for a fun walk along the Wynnum Manly foreshore - we will give you a bottle of water to help you on the way. Just turn up!



For details of the walk, please visit our website using the QR Code.



STEP INTO SPRING WITH SOFIE AT WYNNUM ESPLANADE

Brisbane locals, lace up your sneakers, because Sofie Formica is inviting you to join her for a refreshing walk along the Wynnum Esplanade as part of her “100 Days of Walking” initiative.

Every Wednesday, Sofie has been hosting free community walks at a scenic spot around Brisbane, and Wynnum’s turn is coming up on November 12. The meeting point? The park at the end of the Jetty near Pandanus Beach – just look for the smiles and sneakers!

These walks are all about getting outside, moving your body, and connecting with others. No sign-ups, no cost, no pressure. Whether you’re a power walker or a casual stroller, everyone’s welcome.

Sofie has been walking daily for 30 minutes since September, sharing her journey live on her 4BC afternoon show (weekdays from noon to 3:00pm on 882AM). She’s even taking some of her interviews on the go, spotlighting local stories and the beauty of South East Queensland.

So if you’re looking for a midweek mood boost, grab a friend (or come solo!) and head to Wynnum Esplanade at 4:00pm on November 12. It’s a great way to enjoy the fresh air, meet Sofie, and be part of something simple but powerful.

For updates and more info, check out 4bc.com.au or follow @4bc882 on Instagram.

Let’s walk, Wynnum!



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LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

GET YOUR POTS IN THE WATER — THE CRABS ARE ON THE CRAWL!

BY SPERO KARTANOS

The weather has warmed up nicely, and it's time to get your crab pots in the water. There are plenty of crabs around the bay, and you can tell as there are so many more crab pots you need to dodge on the way to your favourite fishing spots, and some folks just drop them anywhere — even in the channels where all the boats have to travel.

The crabs seem to be all over the bay now, from close in between the foreshore and Green Island, St Helena, and Mud Island, and in the deep and fast-running water on the eastern side of the Hope Banks and Amity Banks. I personally love to eat crabs, but I hate the mess of having pots on the boat, so I'm happy when a mate or two drops off a few.

As the water warms up even more, the crabbing should get better, so fresh boiled crabs and chili crab will be on my menu over the summer months.

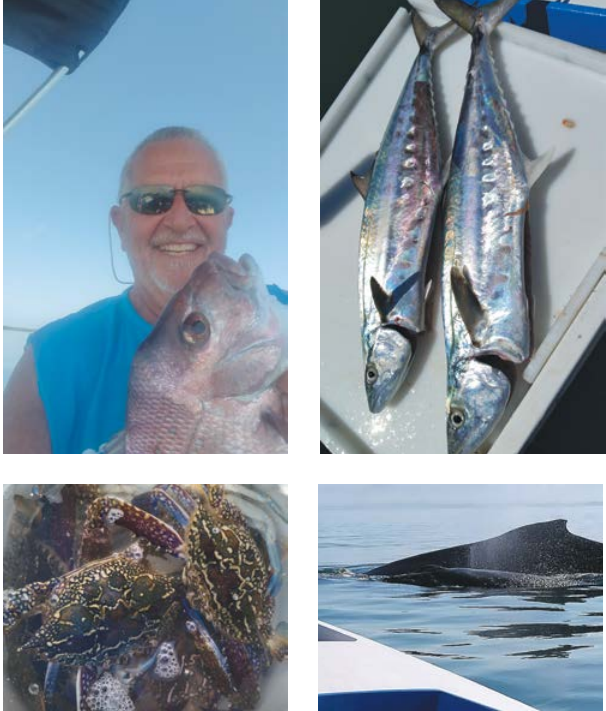
The whiting fishing should be very good in the Rous and Chain Banks, with squid strips and bloodworms best for bait. I have been trying to save a few dollars and have been using frozen pipis as bait, which is working a treat and is very economical (and I find the paternoster rig works the best).

The school mackerel will be hit or miss this time of the year as the small ones are growing and having a break close in, but it's worth trying in the shipping channels. I am hoping the spotty mackerel season starts this year, as the water temperature will be warming up nicely — 71 degrees to 74 is the ideal temperature for the spotties to come into the bay. I hope it doesn't get too hot like last year when the spotties bypassed the bay, but all we can do is get the spinning gear and chrome slugs ready and hope for a good season.

The squire and snapper season should be very good in November, and the fishing should be good around Mt Cotton Reach. The Rous Channel and Harry's Artificial Reef are two of the best spots this time of year. Whole whiting is by far the best bait, followed by half crabs if you can afford to use them, and octopus and garfish are also very good options.

Wow! What a whale season in the bay! In October, it was amazing to see so many whales in the bay and so close again, and we might still see a few in November as well.

Till next month, good fishing, and good luck in the Melbourne Cup if you are having a bet; I am sticking with Zardozi if she runs ... haha!



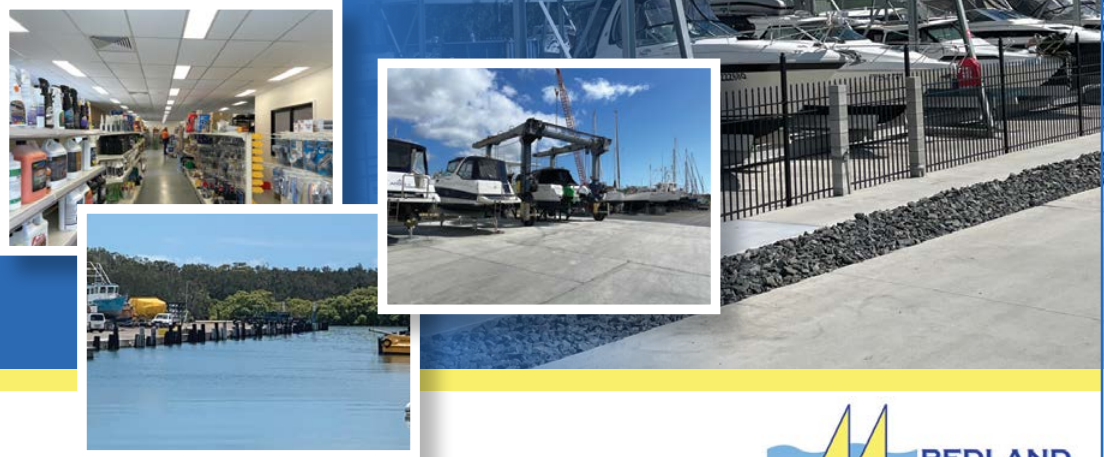
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PAINT THE TOWN ORANGE: ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

BY ELIZABETH LEWIS AND ROSLYN KINDER

This month, Zonta Clubs across the world will be raising awareness of the plight of women affected by Gender Based Violence. The annual United Nations 16 Days of Activism begins on November 25, with the United Nations Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and continues through to December 10, with the United Nations Day for Human Rights. During these 16 days, Zonta Clubs worldwide raise awareness of the impact of domestic and family violence against women and girls.

Brisbane is no exception to these activities, with the Zonta Clubs of District 22 Ltd coming together to raise awareness locally. Activities across the city include the lighting of the Brisbane CBD in orange, banners in prominent positions, the strategic placement of orange wooden silhouettes carrying information on domestic and family violence, as well as breakfasts and lunches featuring guest speakers and seminars addressing the topic.

On November 27, under the orange lights illuminating the city, over 60 Zonta Members will walk a city circuit in their traditional orange Zonta Says NO shirts, alongside family members, survivors, and furry friends. We encourage the Brisbane Community to join us on the night, so please check out the Zonta District 22 website zontadistrict22.org for more details.

Of special interest to Bayside residents will be the Paint the Bayside Orange Breakfast at the Wynnum Manly Leagues Club on November 26 from 6:45am to 8:30am. The breakfast is now in its 10th year and raises funds to train facilitators to conduct the NAPCAN LoveBites – Respectful Relationships in High Schools. The guest speaker for the event is Darryl Gardiner, Founder of Rolling With the Punches, who will speak on domestic and family violence from the male perspective. For tickets, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/10th-paint-the-bayside-orange-breakfast> or scan the QR code.



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LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT

FINE PINES!

BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

Surely most people like pineapples. Unless they're on pizza, in which case it's swords drawn. But let's not go down THAT particular path. Pineapples exude tropical holidays – fresh slices wedged on the side of your cocktail (or mocktail) or tiny triangles adding a bit of zing to a fruit salad. Delicious.

Did you know that the pineapple you are savouring took anywhere from 18 to 24 months to grow? Definitely patience-testing – but that being said, they don't require any interference during that time, so you can set and forget.

Pineapple plants (*Ananas comosus*) are a member of the Bromeliaceae (bromeliad) family. They come from the Brazilian region in South America and their genus name, *Ananas*, means 'excellent fruit' in the Indigenous Tupi language.

The fruit is a compound fruit – the flower head has lots of individual flowers that each form a little fruit that then fuse together to make the pineapple we know, and at the top of the pineapple fruit is the start of another plant! The original plant your fruit grew on will die, so that more or less leaves you with a perpetual pineapple

situation. Unless, of course, you're lucky and your plant produces pups or 'slips' (baby plants) at the base, which can also flower and grow pineapples.

Pineapples are a non-climacteric fruit, which means they don't ripen after you pick them. They may continue to soften, and the chlorophyll (green colour) will fade, so they might get more yellow, but technically, they will not get sweeter. This means that pineapples grown at home are the best, because you can wait until they're golden yellow and perfectly ripe to give you the most excellent fruit!

To grow your own pineapple, take the top leafy section off a store-bought fruit, peel off the bottom few layers of leaves, and sit it in a saucer of water until it develops roots. Then, find a sunny spot to plant it (either in the ground or a pot) and water it a few times until it's established. Wait two years, testing your patience particularly over the last six months from the beginning of your flower (very exciting) until the fruit is perfectly ripe, and then be devastated when you realise there's a rat-sized hole in the other side and you need to start the process all over again. So, maybe plant a couple for backup...



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A BOOK REVIEW – *SMALL BOAT* BY VINCENT DELECROIX

BY ANNE CROWLEY

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAID:

“In November 2021, an inflatable dinghy carrying migrants from France to the United Kingdom capsized in the Channel causing the death of 27 people on board. Despite receiving numerous calls for help, the French authorities wrongly told the migrants they were in British waters and had to call the British authorities for help. By the time rescue vessels arrived on the scene, all but two of the migrants had died.

[This is a true story, detailed in the book’s introduction, including conversations recorded among the boat’s occupants and marine rescue officers in France and UK.]

“The narrator of Delecroix’s fictional account of the events is the woman who took the calls. Accused of failing in her duty, she refuses to be held more responsible than others for this disaster. A shocking, moral tale of our times, *Small Boat* reminds us of the power of fiction to illuminate our darkest crimes.” *Source: Reading Guide for Small Boat, published on the Booker Prize website.*

MY THOUGHTS:

What a gob smacking, gut-wrenching story – both the real and fictional versions!

The book is in three parts: the first, apparently a police interrogation of the French marine rescue officer (the narrator) who received the refugees’ calls for help and failed to act; the second, the harrowing experience of the refugees on the boat as it filled with water and ejected them into the sea; and in the final, we are inside the marine rescue officer’s head as she interrogates herself.

She appeared to be inhumanely cold and indifferent, refusing to be apologetic for her callous remarks – “I didn’t ask you to leave”. “You will not be saved”. She said she had no opinions, no thoughts on the refugees. “[In my job] I’m required precisely not to have convictions or a conscience.”

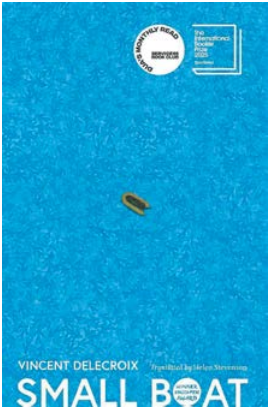
Regarding the sinking, she expressed exasperation and indifference. Boat people should have been calm and patient, “instead of continuing their endless pointless pleading . . . instead of calling 14 times in two hours to say they were sinking, instead of annoying me by saying it over and over again as if it was me that didn’t understand when I did... Your feet are in the water, but it’s English water, not French.”

Despite being astounded and disgusted by her heartlessness, through attempting to understand how she could have become so, I felt some sympathy for her. “When had the sinking begun? I was just the last

link in the chain.” Part of the author’s message is that we are all accomplices and bystanders in the suffering of refugees and the situations that make them so. I take the point.

And the narrator’s perception of empathy struck a chord: “You can either have it and do nothing, or act without it, but you can’t act with empathy”. I disagree, but I recall that as a trainee nurse, some of the more experienced nurses expressed a similar view. It was a self-protection mechanism to prevent themselves becoming too personally affected by others’ suffering – one that emerges when someone is burnt out by constantly facing misery they can’t avert.

In the end, despite her protests about having no conscience, I think her doubts about this prompted the very deep, circular personal interrogation she underwent to try to understand herself and how she had come to act as she did. The outcome of this is vague, but my interpretation was she found herself wanting.



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FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF WYNNUM AND MANLY

The next few weeks will be a very busy time for the members of the Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly.

On Thursday, November 27, the club will host its annual Wheelchair Challenge, where local identities will be challenged to negotiate a specified course around the Wynnum business district, completing several tasks, including shopping in a wheelchair. On Sunday, December 7, Rotary will conduct its second annual walk against domestic and family violence as part of the global 16 Days of Activism against this scourge. Additionally, the club will be installing the iconic Santas on awnings, buildings, and in shop-front windows at the end of November.

The Wheelchair Challenge will demonstrate just how difficult it is for those in wheelchairs to navigate the local streets and the obstacles that the rest of us inadvertently put in their way. It is a real eye-opener for participants, and it has also brought about some important



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changes in the area, such as the pedestrian crossing improvements in Berrima Street. Members of the club act as carers for the participants, and members of the public are encouraged to come along and see what happens. The event is sponsored by Spinal Life Australia, who

provide the wheelchairs for the event. All purchases made at local stores during the event are donated to local charity Pete’s Pantry.

WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFÉ AND HOW CAN YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ONE?

CONTRIBUTED BY CHRIS LINTOTT

Over the last four years, Repair Café Brisbane Bayside has saved over 2,000 kg of repairable items from landfills through a free repair service that is part of a worldwide initiative.

On the second Saturday of each month, volunteer ‘fixers’ undertake repairs to items that include toys, bikes, small items of furniture, household appliances, battery-powered tools and equipment, clocks, audio systems, games, etc. Other free services include sewing repairs on clothing, sharpening of scissors and garden tools, among others.

Visitors pay for replacement parts and materials, while donations help to offset running costs.

Fixers truly enjoy the satisfaction of restoring items to working order while simultaneously educating visitors on techniques to identify problems and how to make basic repairs.

Visitors observe, sometimes assist with repairs, learn how to triage faults, and gain confidence to tackle repairs themselves. Sometimes, items are brought in as faulty when all that is required is some

guidance on maintenance or how to interpret the instruction manual!

Volunteers manage the flow of visitors, allocate appropriate fixers (dependent on the item to be repaired), and keep the work area clean and safe for everyone. To satisfy the café aspect of the Repair Café, Devonshire Teas are available for purchase.

Many visitors come from around the Redlands, and it would be great to have another Repair Café operating to meet the needs of that growing region. Repair Café Brisbane Bayside is more than willing to assist in setting up another Repair Café.

If you are interested, please get in touch or, better yet, attend the next event on November 8 to see how it works. Want to know more? Contact Chris Lintott 0413 619 047.

Repair Café Brisbane Bayside is open from 2:00pm to 4:00pm on the second Saturday of the month at the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, 241 Tingal Road, Wynnum.



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LOCAL POETRY OUR BAY

BY GEOFF SMILEY



There is wonder in
cresting the Manly hill,
seeing the magnificence
of the bay in sunlight.
Five islands and
sand hills in the distance.
And St Helena with its
purposed, convict past.

That expanse of water
and a wide sky
bathed in white.
A sky transformed
into brilliant colour
by a winter sunrise.

Or seeing the beauty
of a full-moon rising
from a liquid horizon.

And how sometimes
on a calm pre-dawn tide,
lights from the shore
reflected on the water,
blending the sea and land.
As if anything
is possible.

There are those special times.
Early dawn when mullet run,
when dolphins patrol
and pelicans troll.

People too,
casting for fish.
Everlasting patterns
so close to our town.

The focus of the daytime
seeing boats leave harbour
venturing into the bay
with its clear sheltered waters;
under motor or sails set,
excitement in prospect.

A unique place
existing in the past,
enjoyed in the present
and in trust for the future.
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BRIGHT FUTURES DINNER TO SHINE LIGHT ON LOCAL YOUTH SUPPORT

BABI Youth & Family Service is delighted to announce its inaugural Bright Futures Fundraising Dinner, to be held on Saturday 8 November 2025 at the Wynnum Golf Club (76 Stradbroke Avenue, Wynnum). Doors open at 6:00pm for a welcome drink, followed by dinner and entertainment.

This special evening brings together community leaders, local businesses and residents for a night of entertainment, inspiration and fundraising – all in support of the young people and their families in the bayside. Tickets are now on sale and are limited, so those wishing to attend are encouraged to book now.

Since 1983, BABI has been a lifeline for young people aged 12 to 25, and families in the Brisbane Bayside region who are at risk of homelessness or are in need of support services.

Operating a range of vital wraparound programs, including supported accommodation, counselling, the “Get Set for Work” employment and training initiative, family support, and the Youth Space drop-in centre, BABI empowers young people to succeed, strengthens local families, and builds safer, more resilient communities.

However, demand for support continues to grow. In the 2024-25 year alone:

- BABI responded to over 195 requests for housing assistance, many driven by family breakdown, economic hardship or lack of affordable housing; and
- 49 young people and 65 young families received accommodation and case management support. The majority of families supported were single parent families.



The Bright Futures Dinner will feature a two-course sit-down meal (dinner and dessert), live music, entertainment and a raffle with fantastic prizes.

This Fundraising Dinner is both a celebration of the work that BABI does and all profits from the evening will go directly towards raising the funds needed to provide stronger support services now, and additional housing accommodation in the future.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or learn more, visit the event ticket page at <https://tinyurl.com/babidinner> or contact BABI on (07) 3393 4176 or via email at ceo@babi.org.au.



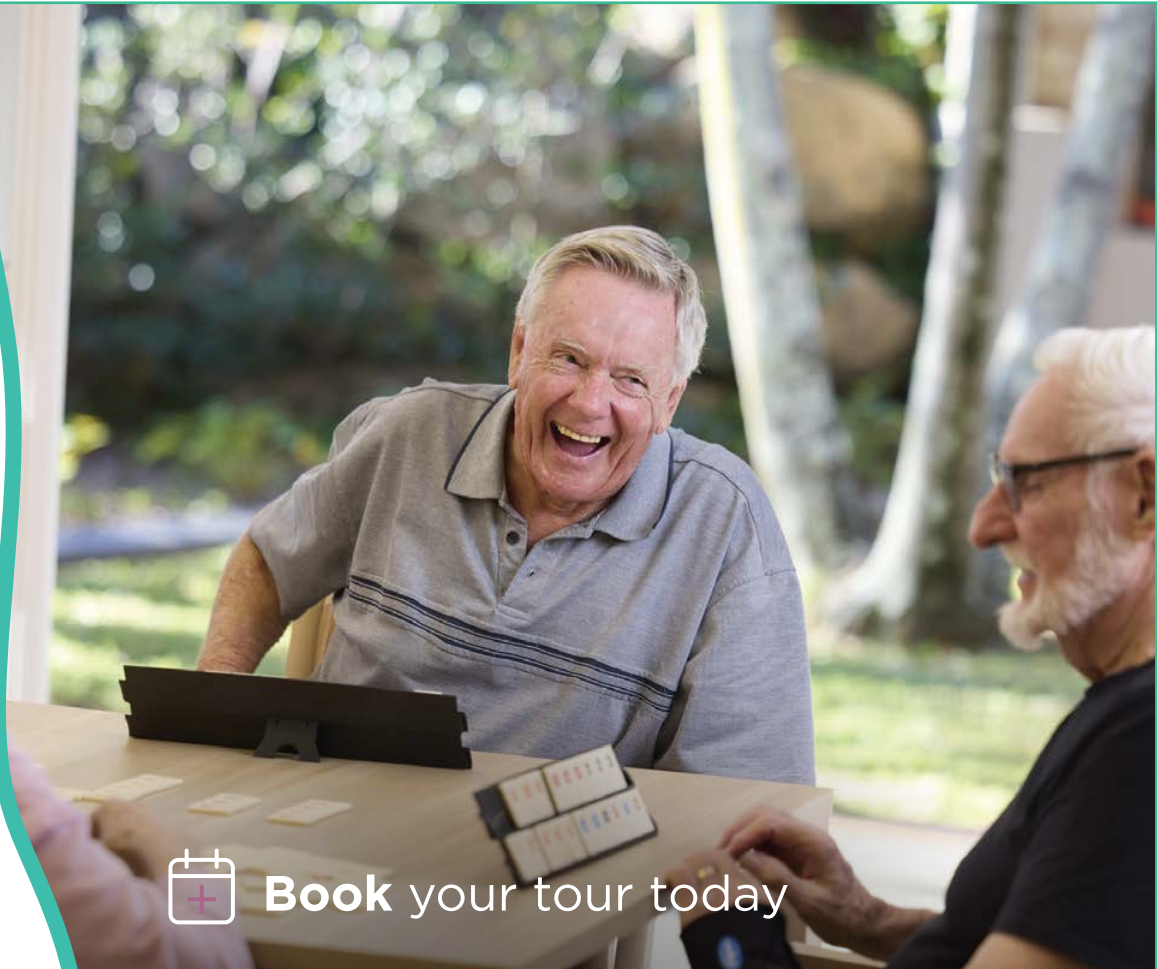
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RADIO BOATS MAKE A SOCIAL SPLASH AT ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON

FROM RYQS

October marked the launch of Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron's (RQYS) newest social group, with the debut of radio boat racing hosted at the boardwalk jetty in front of a full restaurant of smiling spectators. The event drew a fantastic turnout with people of all ages joining in for training, racing and enjoying the waterfront location.



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Being based on the southern shores of Moreton Bay, which covers almost 3400km2/1312sq miles of the Queensland coast of Australia, the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron boasts close to 4000 members with a wide range of interests on and off the water. From seasoned sailors to wide-eyed newcomers, the energy was electric as sleek, model DF65 radio boats zipped across the water, exposing a wider audience to the joy of sailing.

With gusty breezes and grins all 'round, it was clear that this Friday afternoon event is going to become a mainstay of the club calendar.

Boats are available for rent from RQYS and the activity is open to RQYS members, their guests, and visitors until early November, when the social championships begin in earnest.



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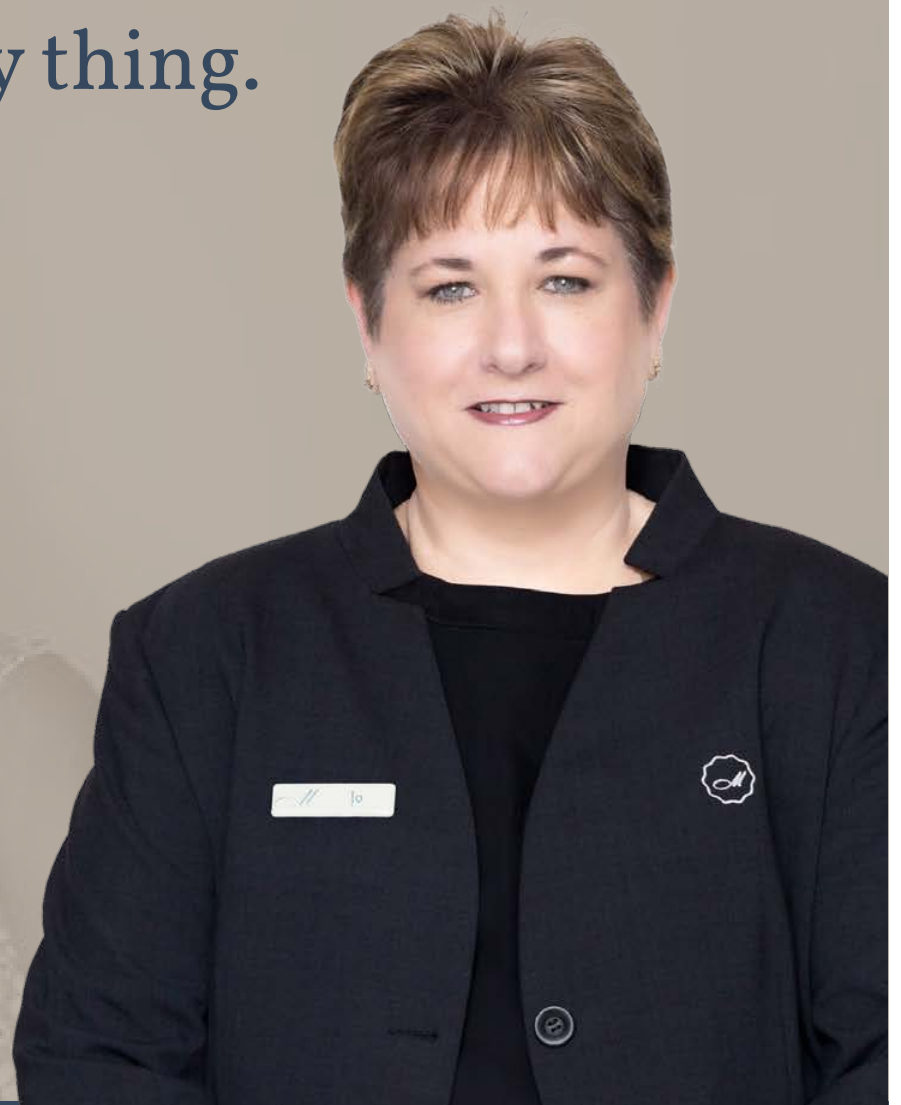
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