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CHROME SWEET CHROME: CORVETTES BY THE BAY RETURNS TO MANLY

If you love shiny things, buckle up for some serious vehicular eye-candy at this year's Corvettes on the Bay event at Manly on August 23, where you'll find a gleaming lineup of automotive icons on the waterfront.

Hosted by the Queensland Corvette Club, the fourth annual event will bring together an impressive display of Corvettes alongside other automotive icons, including Mustangs and Pontiacs, in George Clayton Park. The event gives the public the opportunity to admire these legendary machines and shoot the breeze with the passionate owners who keep them in pristine condition.

Entry is free, but a gold coin donation is appreciated, with proceeds going to Rosies and Camp Quality. You'll find full event details on page 19.

Once you've wandered through the chrome-covered wonderland, why not make a day of it and browse Manly's Sunday markets, grab lunch, and soak up the atmosphere? Come along for a super-cool day out – we can't wait to see you there!

Pictured: Mike Reptik and Mark Hall with their Corvettes at Manly.



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LOOK UP AND SMILE! BRISBANE KITE FESTIVAL TAKES FLIGHT

The Brisbane Kite Festival is back for another year, bringing colour, fun and community spirit to the Minnippi Parklands at Tingalpa.

Organised by the dedicated volunteers from the Rotary Clubs of Brisbane South East and Carindale, the festival has become a much-loved local family day out, with free entry, a wide range of food options and plenty of activities to keep the whole family entertained.

Festival-goers can fly their own kites, enjoy a famous Rotary sausage sizzle, dozens of food vendors, rides, community stalls and children’s activities throughout the day.

Thanks to the RE/MAX Morningside Kids’ Zone, children can also enjoy a sensory play area and performances from Johnny the Jester.

Free water refill stations will be available thanks to Urban Utilities, and families can also enjoy a free train ride from Container Street, Tingalpa, to Stanton Road West, proudly sponsored by outdoor play experts, Vuly Trampolines.

Families are encouraged to slip, slop, slap, bring a hat, water bottle, picnic rug and their own kite, and if you don’t have one, no worries, kites will be available to purchase on the day.

The venue is wheelchair-accessible, and while on-site parking is available, it fills quickly. Please consider parking on Kate St, Carina, or Container St, Tingalpa.

The Brisbane Kite Festival will take place on Sunday, 23 August 2026, from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Tingalpa Model Aero Club, Stanton Road West, Tingalpa.



Councillors Lisa Atwood and Alex Givney with their kids at last year’s Kite Festival. Photo: Supplied.



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THE BAYSIDE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2026 NOMINATIONS OPEN SOON

FROM THE BAYSIDE COMMUNITY FUND VOLUNTEERS

Planning is underway for the 2026 Bayside Community Awards, with several new categories added to recognise even more outstanding people and organisations who contribute to the bayside community. Nominations will open on August 29 and close on September 18.

If you know a business, community group, or local organisation that deserves recognition for the positive impact it makes, we encourage you to take part in the nomination process. Your involvement helps shine a light on those who consistently support and strengthen our community. You will be able to vote for the nominees from September 26 until October 23.

Once community voting is complete, we invite you to join us at the Awards Night, which is a fantastic opportunity to meet other locals and celebrate this year’s finalists and winners. The 2026 Bayside Community Awards will be held on 11 November 2026 at the Bayside Event Centre in Wynnum.

The Bayside Community Awards is driven by financial support from local businesses and chambers, and by the volunteer members of the Bayside Community Fund who give their time to make it happen. Their contributions ensure we can continue celebrating the people who make our local area a fantastic place to live and work.

The Bayside Community Fund extends gratitude to the event sponsors, especially Gold Sponsors: Community Bank Wynnum Manly and Victoria Point (Bendigo Bank), Bartons Motor Group, and The Community Leader.

Mark your calendar for August 29, and make your nominations online at www.baysidecommunityfund.org.au.





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COMMUNITY DINNER TO HELP GET YOUNG PEOPLE INTO SAFE HOUSING

BY ASHLEIGH HOWARTH

Wynnum will shine a light on youth homelessness next month, with a community dinner to raise funds for more safe housing and support for young people in need.

The BABI Youth and Family Service Bright Futures Dinner will take place at the Wynnum Golf Club on Thursday, September 10, with the organisation hoping to build on last year’s success, which raised about \$20,000.

With pressure on housing services at an all-time high, BABI CEO Shaun Staunton said the event was a way for the community to make a real difference.

“The Bright Futures Dinner is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and every dollar raised helps us move closer to our long-term goal of providing more housing options for young people in the bayside area,” he said.

“For young people, early intervention is crucial. If we can help stabilise their situation by putting them in stable accommodation and connecting them with a caseworker, it can change the trajectory of their life.

“With more and more young people seeking support, the need has never been greater.

“Tickets are on sale now, and we hope the community will come on board to help support us.”

BABI’s accommodation program typically supports young people for six to 12 months, with the aim of transitioning them into longer-term housing options through the Department of Housing or other services.

A well-known organisation with more than 40 years of service in the bayside region, BABI also delivers a range of other initiatives, including youth support services, counselling, family support workshops, the Linx Youth Space program and Get Set for Work.

With thousands of people accessing its services each year, Shaun said support often spans multiple generations of the same family.

“It’s not uncommon for parents or even grandparents to bring their young people to us because they know the support we provide,” he said.

“That shows the trust the community has in BABI.”

The dinner includes a two-course meal, a welcome drink and entertainment, with tickets priced at \$120 each or \$1,100 for a table of 10.



Pictured: Cassie, who is one of the young people involved with BABI, highlights the flyer for the upcoming dinner. Photo: Supplied.

A “pay it forward” initiative will also allow community members to purchase tickets for young people or others who may not otherwise be able to attend.

To book, visit Trybooking and search BABI Bright Futures Dinner.



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WHAT'S ON



10 AUG

COMMUNITY CAREERS EXPO

Monday August 10, 5:00pm to 7:00pm, Wynnum RSL, 174 Tingal Road, Wynnum

Explore future career opportunities at the free Community Careers Expo at Wynnum RSL on Monday 10 August from 5pm to 7pm. Open to students, school leavers, job seekers and anyone considering a career change, the expo offers the chance to meet industry professionals, ask questions and discover pathways into a range of careers. Exhibitors include Aviation Australia, Apprenticeships QLD, TAFE QLD, the Queensland Ambulance Service, the Australian Defence Force and many more. Families, friends and classmates are encouraged to attend and take the first step towards a new future.



14 AUG

TWILIGHT ON CAMBRIDGE

Friday August 14, 5:00pm to 8:00pm, Cambridge Parade, Manly

Twilight on Cambridge will again light up Manly on Friday, August 14, with an evening full of flavour, music and fantastic community vibes! Cambridge Parade will transform into a lively hub where locals and visitors can wander, shop, taste and enjoy everything this bayside precinct has to offer. Food lovers can graze their way through an enticing selection of food stalls and food trucks, or settle in for a relaxed dine-in experience at one of Manly's many restaurants and bars.



15 AUG

SHIRE CLERK'S COTTAGE MARKET

Saturday August 15, 8:00am to 1:00pm, Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Tingal Road, Wynnum

The Shire Clerk's Cottage Market is back in August, with over 70 stalls featuring long-term regulars and fresh new faces with something for everyone to discover. Guests can wander through the charming historic cottage, enjoy a classic (and legendary) locally-made Devonshire Tea on the verandah, and stock up on mouth-watering homemade goodies. All proceeds directly support the upkeep of the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, the preservation of the Shire Clerk's Cottage, and the programs it hosts.

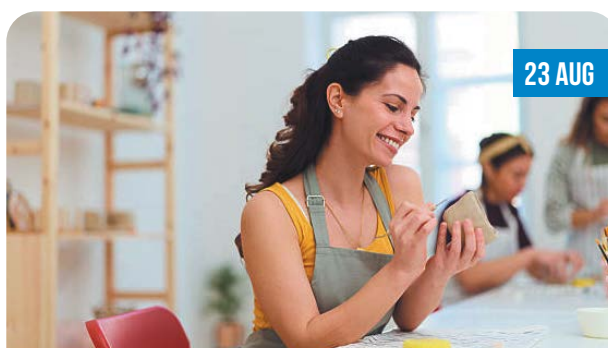


22 AUG

2026 ANNUAL DOLL & BEAR FAIR

Saturday August 22, 9:00am to 3:00pm, Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Tingal Road, Wynnum

Discover a treasure trove of nostalgic charm at the Brisbane Doll Society's 2026 Annual Doll & Bear Fair on Saturday, August 22. Collectors and families can browse old and new dolls, teddy bears, vintage treasures, fabrics, doll-making supplies and more, with raffles, a lucky door prize and a canteen available throughout the day. Entry is \$10 for adults and \$7 for concessions; children under 12 receive free entry. Proceeds from the event will support the Mater Little Miracles Foundation.



23 AUG

BLOCK PRINTING WORKSHOP

Sunday August 23, 11:00am to 1:30pm, Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre, Tingal Road, Wynnum

Discover the art of block printing in this fun and creative, beginner-friendly workshop. Guided by an experienced instructor, participants will learn the history and basics of block printing before creating their own unique designs to carve into printing blocks. They'll then explore inking and printing techniques on both paper and fabric, producing a collection of handmade prints to take home. All materials are supplied. For tickets, scan the QR code.



JAN POWERS FARMERS MARKETS – MANLY

1st & 3rd Saturdays in August, 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.

STORIES, COSTUMES AND FUN AT FREE WYNNUM BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

BY ASHLEIGH HOWARTH

From superheroes and fairytale princesses to wizards, pirates and even unicorns, Brisbane's bayside kids are invited to keep the Book Week excitement alive at a free community celebration later this month.

While the official Children's Book Week festivities run from August 22-28, children's author Kim Marie and her son, JJ Williams, will continue the fun and excitement at Wynnum West State School on Saturday, August 29.

Open to children of all ages, the family-friendly event brings together two of Kim's greatest passions – storytelling and martial arts.

“As an author and someone who has loved books all my life, I wanted to do something that gets children excited about learning,” Kim said.

“They might get to dress up at school, but this gives them another chance to bring their favourite characters to life.”

As the writer behind the Black Belt Kids Series, each story is based on a positive life lesson, from courage and resilience to kindness, respect and perseverance – qualities she also teaches as the owner of Matt

Fiddes Martial Arts Academy Carindale.

The main character was inspired by her son, who appears throughout the series alongside his best friend, Teddy.

“Children can be laughing and enjoying the adventure while also learning to be brave, believe in themselves and never give up. That's what the Black Belt Kids are all about,” Kim said.

“I believe every child can be a Black Belt Kid, whether they practise martial arts or not. It's about having a positive attitude, showing respect and having the confidence to keep trying.”

Highlights of the day include special book readings by Kim, martial arts classes and demonstrations, arts and crafts, giveaways, plenty of new and used books for sale, a sausage sizzle, and the chance to meet some lovable characters including the Ninja Turtles and Kung Fu Panda.

Head on down to Wynnum West State School between 11:00am and 2:00pm on August 29.



Pictured: JJ Williams and his mother, Kim Marie, will host a free community book week celebration for local families to enjoy. Photo by Ashleigh Howarth.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ROTARY CLUB OF WYNNUM AND MANLY'S POSTPONED AMPOL FAMILY FUN DAY IS NOW ON AUGUST 30

FROM LES LOUIS, ROTARY CLUB OF WYNNUM AND MANLY

Unfortunately, the consistent wet weather leading up to the planned date for the annual Family Fun Day in June meant that the event had to be postponed. It will now be held on Sunday, August 30, 2026, with all the same fun activities.

The Rotary Club of Wynnum and Manly, generously supported by Ampol, is once again busy preparing for the event to be held at George Clayton Park on the Esplanade in Wynnum.

This year, as usual, everything at the park will be free (except for the coffee van and soft drinks stall). There will be a free sausage sizzle, fresh fruit and free things to entertain the kids, including traditional games and races like sack races, egg and spoon races, and three-legged races; a jumping castle; a petting zoo; face painting; and the parachute to flap up and down with balls on it. A new one is croquet – come along and have a go.

Local school bands will provide musical entertainment until lunchtime; some local vocalists will follow them, and the day will be rounded out by the Brisbane Bayside Brass Band.



Local agencies and organisations such as the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Rosies, Red Cross, Manly Kindy, Zonta, Sailability, and Bunnings will have stalls around the park perimeter. In addition, a range of service agencies able to provide domestic and family violence support and assistance will be present to reinforce the basic theme of the day (raising awareness of domestic and family violence), which is closely linked to the DV Prevention Month in May.

Everyone is welcome – come along and have fun!



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CROQUET GALA DAY DRAWS PLAYERS FROM SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

CONTRIBUTED BY AINA JOHNS, WYNNUM CROQUET CLUB

Wynnum Croquet Club recently welcomed 32 players from across South East Queensland for a successful Gala Day, proudly sponsored by Renaissance Retirement Living.

The field included 16 Wynnum members, with visiting players travelling from the Gold Coast, Ipswich, and the Sunshine Coast to enjoy a day of friendly but spirited competition.

Unlike official tournaments, a Gala Day is designed as a fun social event. Players compete in a round-robin doubles format, divided into two blocks: Block A and Block B. Each partnership plays seven games, with the winners of Block A playing off against the winners of Block B in a final.

Play took place across Wynnum's four full-sized croquet lawns. The objective in each game was for a doubles pair to be the first to score seven hoops. Games were limited to 45 minutes, creating exciting finishes as teams raced against

the clock. In many matches, all 12 hoops could not be completed within the time limit, so the winners were determined by the pair that had scored the most hoops when time expired.

One of the unique features of the Gala Day is its random draw, in which each experienced player is paired with a less experienced player. This format encourages mentoring, teamwork and camaraderie while giving everyone an equal opportunity to enjoy the competition.

After a full day of closely contested matches, the overall winners were Pat Woulahan (Wynnum Croquet Club) and Greg Hay. The runners-up were Michele Reed (Twin Rivers Croquet Club) and Brian Tidmarsh (Wynnum Croquet Club).

Wynnum Croquet Club thanks Renaissance Retirement Living for its generous sponsorship and all competitors for contributing to an enjoyable day of excellent croquet, friendship and sportsmanship.



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What's your name? Hi, I am Laszlo.

Where do you live? I live in Tingalpa with my sibling Duke and my new family.

How long have you lived there? Duke and I are the new kids on the block! We've been in our new home for just a few weeks.

What's your favourite time of day? Playtime, which is all day! Duke and I play, wrestle, eat, and pass out for a micro-nap. Then we do it again and again!

What is your most treasured toy? Colourful springs! I may be little, but I have excellent spring juggling and fetching skills. Actually, no...now that I think about it, my favourite toy is (biting) my brother.

What is your favourite food? I'm a Maine Coon, and I have a lot of growing to do, so my favourite food is everything! Mum says I'm like a dog in that way, which is just rude.

What's your worst habit? I like stinky stuff... I like to sniff and chew on feet, and I sleep on dirty clothes.

Your favourite local hangout? Wherever my brother Duke is!

Who is your best doggo friend? I've been getting to know my new big sister, Kona! You may have seen her in the comics sometimes; she's big but really nice.

Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories? Mum bought some robo-fish from the toy store...but they were so real they scared me! It's embarrassing enough to be afraid of a tiny fish, but it wasn't even real!

What do people love most about you? I'm a little shy – but I'm very brave! And I love cuddles and brushes.

Laszlo's favourite charity is Little Paws Kitten Rescue, and we have made a \$50 donation on his behalf.



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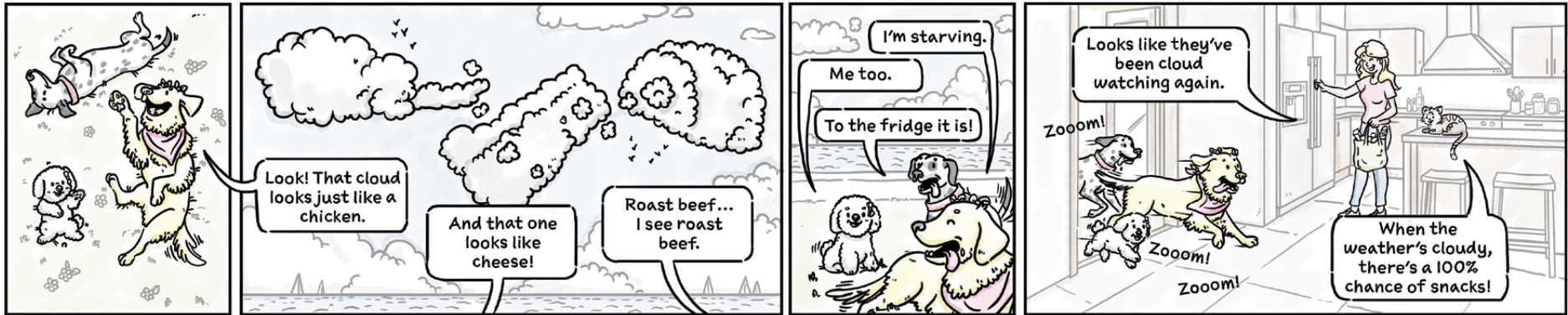
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TIPS FOR INTRODUCING A NEW KITTEN TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

A new kitten can make a lovely addition to your family. There are several factors to consider to ensure you are properly prepared to help your kitten settle into your home.



KITTEN PROOFING YOUR HOME

- Remove any toxic plants from your home. There are a number of plants that are toxic to cats, notably lilies.
- Keep dangerous chemicals and medications stored safely out of reach.

- Keep electrical cables covered or tied away with cable ties and use plug socket covers.
- Keep small objects, strings, plastic bags, foam and hair ties well out of reach.

KITTEN PROOFING YOUR GARDEN

- Ensure fences and gates are high enough to keep cats confined to your yard and ensure any holes are filled.
- Remove toxic garden plants.
- Keep cats away from ponds and water features.
- Store dangerous items such as fertiliser, insecticides, paint and solvents in a secure location.

MAKE SURE YOU ARE PREPARED TO MEET THE KITTEN'S NEEDS

Items you will need for a new kitten include:

- Bedding.
- A secure carry case for trips in the car.
- Bowls for food and water.
- Food. Find out what food your kitten has been fed prior to joining your home and continue to feed this at least initially. If you are planning to change your kitten's food, do so gradually to prevent stomach upsets. Choose a food appropriate for your kitten's growth stage.
- Litter tray.
- Cleaning equipment – an enzyme-based cleaner can be useful for cleaning up any accidents.

PREPARE FAMILY AND OTHER PETS TO MEET YOUR NEW KITTEN

- Grooming equipment.
- Ask family to let the kitten approach them rather than rushing and crowding them. Encourage gentle handling of your kitten, especially by children.
- Give your kitten a quiet place to rest – kittens can sleep for 20 hours a day!
- Allow your kitten to see other pets from a distance before introducing them. Keep dogs on a lead and give adult cats space to get away if they are overwhelmed.

Taking time to ensure you are well prepared and introducing a kitten carefully into your house can lead to a positive experience for everyone!

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CONGRATULATIONS WYNNUM FRINGE

Congratulations to Tom Oliver and the entire Wynnum Fringe team on another outstanding festival. From 25 June to 12 July, more than 18,000 people enjoyed an incredible program of entertainment, bringing our Bayside to life and delivering a welcome boost to local cafés, restaurants, retailers and accommodation providers.

Thank you to every artist, volunteer, sponsor, partner and audience member who made this year's event possible. Wynnum Fringe continues to showcase the best of our community, and I can't wait to see it return in 2027!



HONOURING OUR VETERANS

It was an honour to join the Manly Lota RSL Sub Branch to commemorate Modern Veterans at Richard Russell Park. Together, we paid tribute to the men and women who have served Australia in peacekeeping, humanitarian, disaster relief and defence operations since the Vietnam War. Thank you to our veterans, current ADF personnel and the RSL for preserving their legacy and ensuring their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.



HANDS OFF WORKER SAFETY

Workplace safety should never be watered down. I recently met with Transport Workers Union representatives to discuss concerns about the Queensland Government's proposed review of Work Health and Safety Codes of Practice. Workers fear the changes could weaken Queensland-specific safety protections, reduce the enforceability of workplace safety standards and replace proven safeguards with minimum national standards.

These protections were strengthened after the Dreamworld tragedy to help prevent injuries and save lives. Every Queenslanders deserves to return home safely at the end of every working day. The message to the Queensland Government is clear: Hands off workers' safety!



HELP AVAILABLE FOR SMALL & FAMILY BUSINESSES

Sadly, many Bayside small businesses have closed their doors this past month. I recently met with a young local family running a small business on Tingal Rd who are facing the stress of a commercial lease dispute. No small business has to navigate these challenges alone. The Queensland Small Business Commissioner offers free information, dispute support and mediation for commercial and retail lease disputes, helping tenants and landlords resolve issues without costly court action.

The Commissioner also provides guidance on business disputes, unpaid invoices and accessing support services. For assistance, visit qsbcc.gld.gov.au or call 1300 312 344.



50 CENT FARES NOW PERMANENT

Thank you to everyone who signed my petition and stood with Labor in calling for permanent 50 cent public transport fares. Together, we kept the pressure on. The former Queensland Government introduced 50 cent fares before the last election and continued to fight to make it permanent because Queenslanders deserve cost-of-living relief.

The 2026-7 Queensland Budget confirms the 50 cent fares will now be permanent across the Translink network, giving commuters certainty and helping families save every time they travel. This is a big win for Queenslanders and proof that community advocacy can make a real difference.



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MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

BY JEMANDA HANNOUF, PRECINCT COORDINATOR, MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE

Seafood, Community and a Vision for Manly's Future

A new tradition begins: Manly Harbour Village Seafood Showcase sets the stage for a Manly food festival future.

On Sunday 2 August, Manly Harbour Village will celebrate something that has always been part of its identity: exceptional Australian seafood.

The inaugural Manly Harbour Village Seafood Showcase brings together some of Australia's finest seafood producers, fishers, aquaculture businesses, chefs and local hospitality venues that make our region one of Queensland's most exciting food destinations.

From 10:00am to 2:00pm, Little Bayside Park will host a selection of seafood producers, fishers and aquaculture businesses showing off their products and providing tasting opportunities – a chance for visitors to meet the people behind the produce and discover the story behind the exceptional seafood that contributes to the incredible diversity of our local food culture.

Adding to the experience, visitors are encouraged to explore the Manly Harbour Village Food Trail, with local restaurants showcasing special dishes celebrating the very best of Australian seafood. Think freshly shucked oysters, seafood caught in Moreton Bay and more unusual items such

as wild scampi caviar. Dishes will showcase the quality, sustainability and passion that define Australia's seafood industry.

"Manly has all the ingredients to become a recognised seafood destination," said event organiser Danielle Dixon.

"We have an incredible waterfront, passionate local businesses and access to some of Australia's best seafood. This event celebrates what already exists while creating something the whole community can be proud of for years to come."

Whether you're a lifelong seafood lover or simply looking for a fantastic day by the bay, the Manly Harbour Village Seafood Showcase promises outstanding food, passionate producers and a chance to experience Australian seafood at its very best.

Come hungry, support local and be part of the beginning of what promises to become one of Manly's signature annual events.

Scan the QR code for more information.



**MANLY HARBOUR VILLAGE
SEAFOOD SHOWCASE**

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

10AM – 2PM

LITTLE BAYSIDE PARK

Manly Harbour Village Chamber of Commerce Business & Wellbeing Breakfast

On Friday, 19 June, the Manly Harbour Village Chamber of Commerce hosted a Wellbeing and Business Breakfast at the beautiful Manly Harbour Boat Club.

The morning began with an insightful presentation from Eleni Georgiou, Specialist Dietitian at Tree of Life, who highlighted the importance of eating a nutritious breakfast to fuel the workday, improve focus, and support energy and performance. It was a fitting topic as guests enjoyed a delicious breakfast prepared by Executive Chef Adam Starr and the team at the Manly Harbour Boat Club.

Next, we heard from Kathryn Steinhardt, Brand Guardian at Steinart, who shared valuable insights into the power of effective branding. She explained how a clear and consistent brand makes a business easier to communicate, easier to manage, and more credible to the people who matter most, its customers.

The breakfast was met with an overwhelming response, leading the Chamber to host a half-day branding workshop on Friday 17 July. We'll share highlights and photos from the workshop in the next edition.

To learn more about the Manly Harbour Village Chamber of Commerce and how we support local businesses, subscribe to our newsletter.



TWILIGHT ON CAMBRIDGE

The next Twilight on Cambridge is on Friday 14 August from 5:00pm.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Enjoy a free outdoor movie night under the stars at Little Bayside Park on Saturday 1 August. Bring a picnic rug and settle in for a screening of *Space Jam*.

UPCOMING MARKETS

Saturday 1 and 15 August
Jan Powers Farmers Market

Every Sunday
Manly Creative Markets

For more information on upcoming events, be sure to follow Manly Harbour Village on social media and subscribe to our newsletter at manlyharbourvillage.com.

SHOP LOCAL TO CELEBRATE DAD AND STAY UP LATE IN WYNNUM!

When was the last time you checked out the range of shops, bars and restaurants in Wynnum?

With familiar favourites and a few new additions to the lineup, you're spoilt for choice when you choose to shop in this laid-back CBD that has its own unique character.

Father's Day shopping is easy in Wynnum CBD, with gifts, great food and that unmistakable community feel that makes this bayside retail hub special. Whether your dad loves fishing, fashion, books, homewares, good coffee or a long lunch by the bay, local independent businesses have plenty of thoughtful gift ideas while supporting the community that supports them.

Spend the day browsing the range of retailers before relaxing at one of the area's cafés, restaurants or bars. Shopping locally not only helps small businesses thrive but also keeps money circulating in the bayside community, benefiting all of us.

If you're looking for something to do on Friday, September 4, Wynnum UpLate is your cue to head to Wynnum

for a night of retail therapy. The popular evening event sees participating businesses extend their trading hours, with special offers, live entertainment, and dining experiences to suit all tastes throughout the precinct.

And with Father's Day just around the corner, Wynnum UpLate is the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts while enjoying an evening out with family and friends. From locating hidden treasures in boutique stores to enjoying live music and delicious local dining, Wynnum UpLate showcases everything that makes the bayside shopping precinct so special.

The event encourages residents to explore familiar favourites and discover new local businesses, so come along and experience the unique vibe that makes Wynnum a destination worth visiting.

Wynnum UpLate brings extra excitement to the streets, and there's never been a better time to shop local. Find the perfect present, enjoy a great night out, and support local businesses while experiencing everything Wynnum CBD has to offer.



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KARA COOK COMMUNITY UPDATE

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BONNER



Visit from Health Minister

It was great to welcome Health Minister Mark Butler to Bonner recently. He joined me on a tour of two local healthcare providers – the Carina-Carindale Medicare Urgent Care Clinic and fully bulk-billing GP clinic Yulu-Burri-Ba.

The Carina-Carindale Urgent Care Clinic and Capalaba Urgent Care Clinics are now a permanent part of Medicare. They have welcomed more than 13,000 patients since opening, including many of our Bonner residents! The visit also highlighted the fantastic work of Yulu-Burri-Ba, a fully bulk-billing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community health service.

Thanks to Labor's investment, 3,800 GP clinics are now seeing every patient for free and the number of bulk billing clinics in Bonner has doubled.



Parliament Update

The winter sitting of Parliament was very busy!

I have delivered lots of speeches, moved motions, met with colleagues on important issues, and continued to advocate for my community of Bonner.

A highlight includes the passing of our tax legislation that will make a worker on average income up to \$2,800 better off every year and help first home buyers get ahead. Through the 5% deposit scheme, changes to capital gains tax and negative gearing, infrastructure funding, and building 20,000 new homes exclusively for first home buyers in QLD, we're making it easier to get into the housing market. We've already had over 500 residents in Bonner utilise the 5% deposit scheme!

I also moved a motion in Parliament supporting Paid Parental Leave being extended to 6 months, which officially came into effect on July 1. These changes mean that more people will be eligible, they'll be able to receive more money, and they'll spend more time with their babies.



Changes from July

July saw a wide range of changes come into effect. Labor is committed to delivering for you, and these changes will help support many Aussies to get ahead. Some changes include:

- Tax cuts for every worker
- Supermarket price gouging banned
- Minimum wage and award wages increase
- Expanded Paid Parental Leave to a full 6 months
- Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are now permanent
- Public hospital funding increases
- Payday super begins
- Extension of the \$20,000 instant asset write-off for small business.



Bayside Shelter Blanket Box

I currently have a collection box for new blankets in my office assisting women and children escaping domestic and family violence. This initiative, led by Bayside Women's Shelter, with the collection box crafted by the Wynnum-Manly Men's Shed, is a wonderful example of our community coming together to support those in need.

If you would like to donate a blanket please visit me at 69 Clara St, Wynnum between 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday to Friday.



Upcoming JP services

Access a JP at my office on 69 Clara St, Wynnum 4178, from 9:00am to 11:00am on these dates:

- Thursday 6th August 2026
- Thursday 20th August 2026
- Thursday 3rd September 2026



MANLY’S EBB & FLOW CLOSES ITS DOORS AFTER TWO DECADES

Last month, after almost 25 years in Manly Harbour Village, Julieann Star closed the doors of her iconic homewares and gift store, Ebb & Flow.

Julieann's business journey began in 2000 as a photographic studio, which later evolved into the stylish homewares and gift store that became a favourite destination for anyone seeking beautifully curated pieces and exceptional customer service.

Since opening the doors to the Cambridge Parade location in 2002, and the photographic studio combining with the retail store in 2011, Ebb & Flow became a must-visit shop in the Manly Harbour Village shopping precinct. Inspired by a nautical, coastal and island lifestyle, the store offered a carefully selected collection of homewares, gifts and décor that reflected Julieann's distinctive eye for design.

Beyond her business, Julieann also gave back to the local community, serving on the Executive Committee of the Manly Chamber of Commerce for five years.

"Wynnum Manly has a unique village ambience, and it will always be a popular escape for Brisbane visitors," she said.

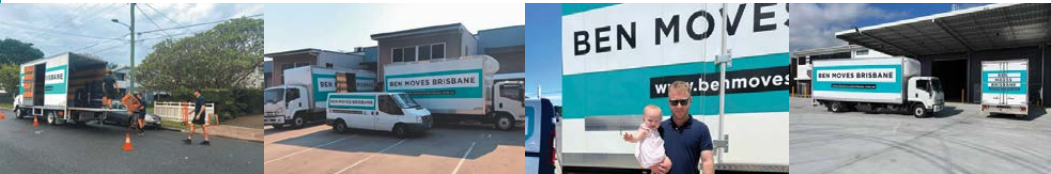
Julieann leaves behind a lasting legacy in the village, and her contribution to the local business community will be fondly remembered. We wish her every success in her next chapter.



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UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR



The Bayside Spring Festival Returns This September!

The Bayside Spring Festival is back for 2026, running from the 11th to the 13th of September, bringing 3 days of entertainment and heaps of family fun! Kicking off with Manly Serenades in partnership with Brisbane Festival on Friday night, the festival continues all weekend before finishing with a Community Day at George Clayton Park, Manly, on Sunday.

After the success of last year's event, I'm excited to once again partner with Wynnum Commerce Inc to deliver an even bigger Bayside Spring Festival.

With live entertainment, food trucks, market stalls, children's activities, rides and fireworks, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Best of all, it's a chance to bring our community together, and celebrate everything that makes Wynnum, Manly and Lota such a wonderful place to call home.

📅 11-13 September 2026 📍 George Clayton Park, Manly 📺 @BaysideSpringFestival 📷 @BaysideSpringFestival



The Relaunch of the Wynnum Heritage Trail

One of the things I love most about living in the Bayside is our rich history. From our early seaside holidaymakers to our wartime stories and iconic local landmarks, there are so many stories that have shaped the community we all know and love today.

That is why I'm so pleased to share that the Wynnum Heritage Trail has recently been refreshed and relaunched, making it even easier for locals and visitors to discover our unique history.

The trail features 27 heritage locations throughout Wynnum, each sharing stories about the people, places and events that have shaped our community. Simply scan the QR codes at each stop to access historical photographs, interesting facts and interactive online content.

Children can also enjoy a range of fun additions, including a children's activity book and virtual reality experience at the historic Shire Clerk's Cottage. These, along with a DIY 3D former Wynnum Ambulance Station and mini heritage guide, are available from my office.

A special thank you to the dedicated volunteers from the Wynnum Manly Historical Society, Brisbane City Council's Heritage team and Auntie Becky for generously sharing their knowledge and helping bring this wonderful project to life.

I hope you enjoy exploring the stories that have made our Bayside so special!



Budget Wins

I'm excited to announce that I have secured funding in the 2026-27 budget to deliver significant investment in local sporting clubs and community facility improvements, helping improve accessibility, support participation and ensure our local facilities continue to meet the needs of our growing community.

Funding has been allocated for a new accessible pathway connecting the car park to the Wynnum Bugs clubhouse, making the facility safer and easier to access for members and visitors of all abilities.

Wynnum Vikings AFL Club will receive funding for oval and drainage upgrades, along with new LED sports lighting. We are also grateful to the Queensland Government for contributing funding towards part of this important project.

Funding has also been secured for new female changerooms at Wynnum Seagulls Junior Rugby League Club, providing more inclusive, modern facilities and supporting the continued growth of women and girls in sport.

In addition, construction of formalised roadside parking at Elanora Park will improve parking access and convenience for visitors enjoying this popular community space.

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CORVETTES SET TO REV UP THE BAY FOR ANNUAL CAR SHOW

BY ASHLEIGH HOWARTH

Car enthusiasts of all ages can expect a spectacular showcase of automotive history when some of the state's finest machines roll into Manly for the annual **Corvettes on the Bay** event.

Hosted by the Queensland Corvette Club, around 65 vehicles are expected to fill George Clayton Park from 8:00am to 1:00pm on Sunday, August 23, giving the community the chance to admire everything from beautifully restored classics to modern performance cars.

On display will be an impressive lineup of Corvettes spanning decades – from the legendary C1, produced by Chevrolet between 1953 and 1962, through to the latest C8, which has been in production since 2020 – representing the eighth generation of the iconic model.

Queensland Corvette Club Secretary Mark Hall said the event will be a fun morning out for families.

“Whether you’re a lifelong enthusiast or just enjoy admiring beautiful cars, there’s something for everyone,” he said.

“Our members really enjoy events like this because it gives them a chance to show off their prized possessions and share the stories of their machines with fellow car lovers.

“This will be the fourth time we have held the event in Manly, and we look forward to it every year.”

Also joining the lineup will be a selection of muscle cars, including Mustangs and Pontiacs, courtesy of several invited car clubs.



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The event also serves as a fundraiser for two worthy causes, with the club supporting Camp Quality and Rosies.

“These are two organisations we have supported for a number of years, and we are glad we can help them continue the great work they do,” Mark said.

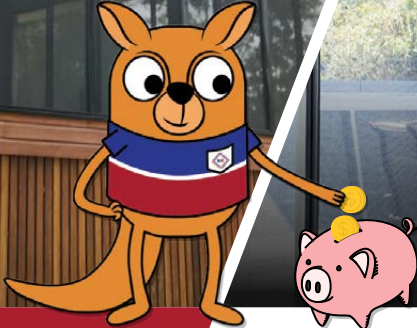
“Rosies will be there on the day supporting the event and will have collection buckets available for anyone wishing to make a donation.”

Entry is free for spectators who would like to wander through the displays.

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Carindale Recreation Reserve

The Schrinner Council is committed to delivering better parks that bring our community together and encourage everyone to enjoy Brisbane's wonderful outdoor lifestyle.

You may have noticed that work has recently begun on the Carindale Recreation Reserve Upgrade. This first stage focuses on improving access and connectivity throughout the park.

During last year's community consultation, a recurring concern was the awkward layout between the car park, playground, and toilets. These initial works will address this by delivering a new two-lane park entry from Cadogan Street, removing the existing single-lane entry from Bedivere Street to open up more parkland, adding additional car parking, and upgrading and realigning shared paths to make moving around the park easier and safer for all users.

Future upgrades – as funding becomes available – will include a multi-use riding track, an expanded and upgraded space-themed playground, new picnic shelters, electric BBQs, and a multi-use games area.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and I are delighted to see this long-awaited park upgrade underway and look forward to officially opening the transformed space for the Carindale community to enjoy.

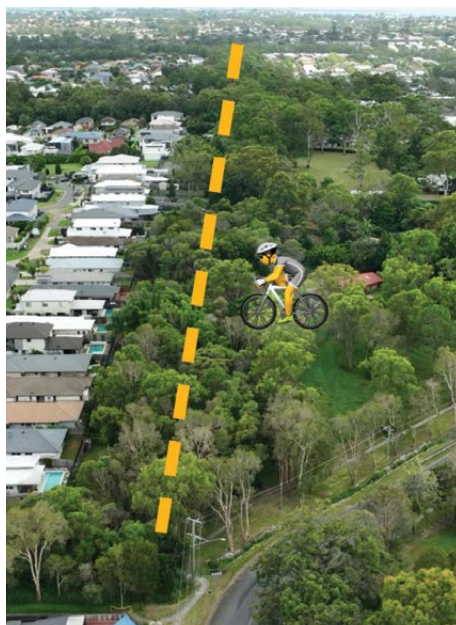


Phillips Place Park, Dog-Off Leash Area Upgrade

Great news for Wakerley's four-legged residents!

Following requests from the community, I'm thrilled to announce that funding has been secured for the design and construction of a dedicated small dog off-leash area at Phillips Place Park.

This beloved local park is already a favourite among dogs and their owners, and this exciting new addition is sure to have tails wagging across the neighbourhood!



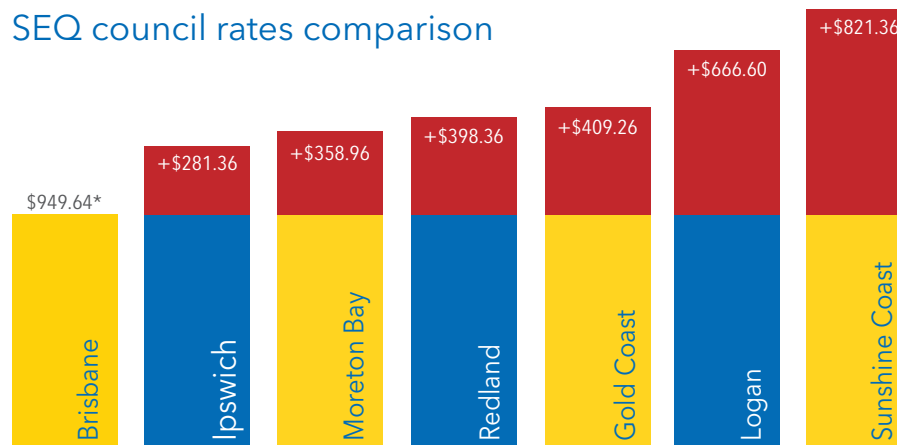
Tilley Rd Bikeway

Following strong community support during last year's consultation, I am pleased to announce that funding has been secured for detailed design works on the Tilley Road Bikeway Corridor. This exciting project will create an active transport connection between Eastside Village shops in Gumdale and Mayfair Village in Manly West. Originally proposed as a road, this bikeway is a far better outcome for the area – and one the whole community can enjoy.

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Moving House: The Hidden Pitfalls and the Value of Professional Help

FROM BEN MOVES BRISBANE

Moving house is exciting, but it's rarely simple. What begins as a fresh start often turns into a stressful mix of deadlines, packing, cleaning, and unexpected complications. Many people underestimate just how much time and organisation a smooth move requires, and that's where professional support can make a major difference.

WHY PROFESSIONAL REMOVALISTS MATTER

Packing is one of the biggest traps. It's not just about filling boxes; it's about protecting your belongings, organising them properly, and ensuring everything arrives safely. A professional removalist who offers boxing and careful packing services brings experience, structure, and the right materials. They know how to wrap fragile items, pack efficiently, and handle heavy or awkward furniture. This reduces the risk of damage, saves time, and removes a huge amount of stress from the moving process.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROPER BOND CLEAN

For renters, the end of lease clean is another major hurdle. Real estate agencies have strict standards, and missing small details can lead to bond deductions. A professional bond clean ensures the property meets inspection requirements, including ovens, bathrooms, windows, carpets, and fans. It's a thorough process that professionals complete to industry expectations.

PROTECTING YOUR RENTAL HISTORY

A successful bond clean doesn't just help you get your bond back; it strengthens your rental history. Leaving a property in excellent condition improves your chances of receiving positive references from



property managers. In a competitive rental market, strong references can significantly improve your chances of securing your next home.

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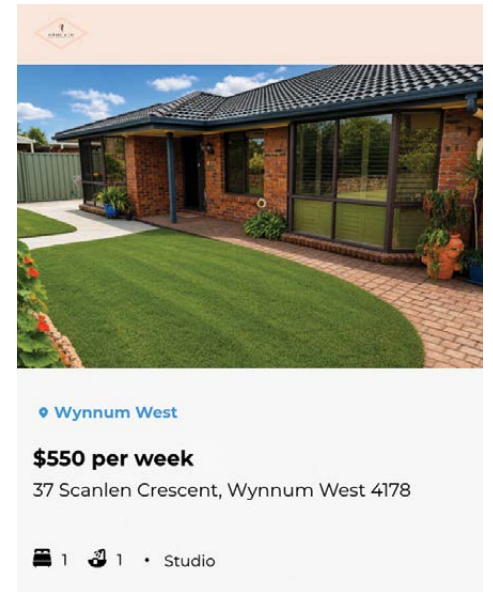
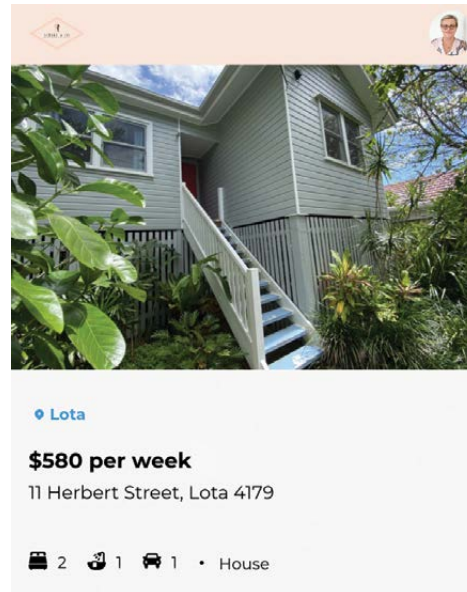
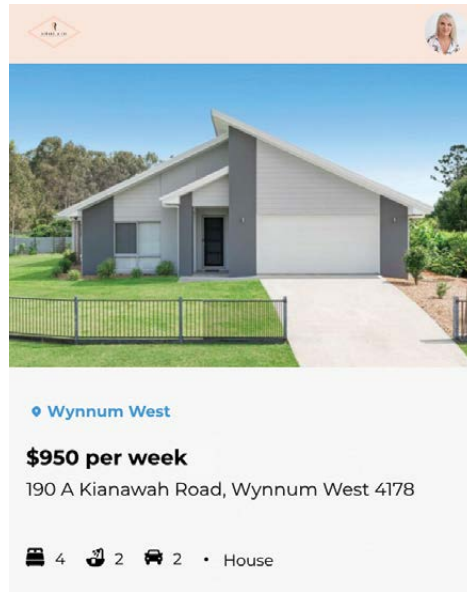
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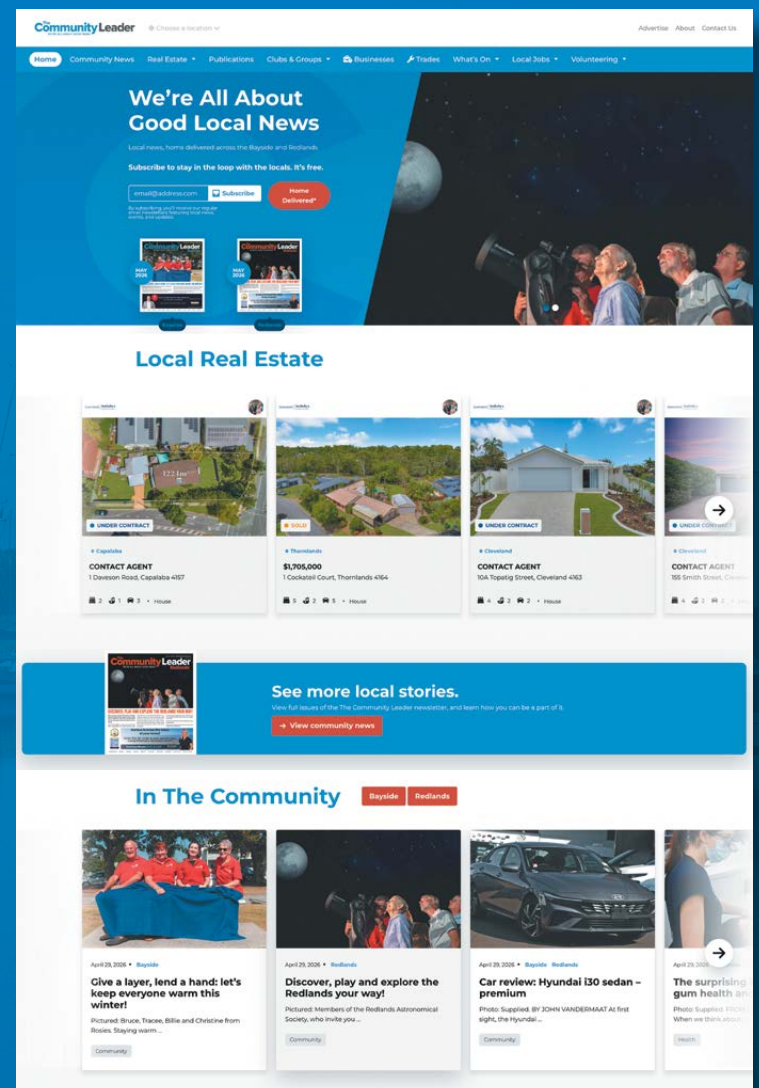
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BAYSIDE COMMUNITY FUND

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BAYSIDE COMMUNITY FUND'S 2025/2026 UPDATE

One K Takeaway

In March, the Bayside Community Fund's (BCF) inaugural *One K Takeaway* kicked off. Local community groups are invited to a networking evening, and those who attend put their organisation's name in a hat, from which a winner is drawn for a \$1,000 cash prize. In March, we invited P&Cs and P&Fs from local schools, and the lucky winner was Wondall Heights State School.

Representatives from local community groups are encouraged to come along to the next networking night on September 9, where they can put their organisation's name in the hat for the chance to win the *One K Takeaway*. Keep an eye out for more information on The Community Leader's What's On page online and on the Bayside Community Fund's website.



Financial Update

The BCF has now raised over \$100,000 in its first three years, and that money is invested with Queensland Gives under guidance from the Queensland Investment Corporation. Each year, Queensland Gives pays a dividend on the investment back to the BCF for distribution to local community organisations. This year, the BCF is pleased to provide a grant of \$3,175.62 to Sailability Bayside.



Community Raffle

The BCF is proud to support the community via a raffle, run in conjunction with the Bendigo Bank Wynnum Manly and Victoria Point branches.

The last three community raffles have seen 73,757 tickets sold by 96 organisations, raising \$368,685 for local not-for-profit community groups, and \$90,000 in prize money has been won by 39 people.

Participating organisations selling raffle tickets keep 100 per cent of the proceeds from ticket sales.

Community Raffle number four kicks off in mid-August; visit the Bayside Community Fund website for details.

www.baysidecommunityfund.org.au



CAREERS EXPO CONNECTS JOB SEEKERS WITH LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

CONTRIBUTED BY WYNNUM RSL

Residents from across the bayside region are invited to explore new career pathways, training opportunities, and employment prospects at the Community Careers Expo, to be held on Monday, 10 August 2026.

The free community event will be held from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Wynnum RSL, 174 Tingal Road, Wynnum, and everyone is welcome.

The Careers Expo is designed to bring together employers, training organisations, and job seekers in one convenient location and aims to support people at every stage of their employment journey. Whether you are a school leaver taking your first steps into the workforce, a Veteran transitioning to civilian employment, a person returning to work, or an individual seeking a career change, the expo offers a valuable opportunity to connect with organisations that can help shape your future.

Attendees will have the chance to meet representatives from a range of industries, learn about available jobs, apprenticeships, traineeships, education and training pathways, and gain insights into emerging employment opportunities across the region.

The expo is part of Wynnum RSL's ongoing commitment to supporting the local community by creating opportunities for personal and professional development while strengthening connections between local employers and job seekers.

With workforce demands continuing to evolve, events such as the Community Careers Expo play an important role in helping individuals discover new possibilities, build professional networks, and access the information needed to make informed career decisions.



School leavers, Veterans, career changers, job seekers, and anyone interested in exploring new employment and training opportunities are invited to attend and speak directly with employers and industry professionals.

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LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

WINTER’S BEST BITES ARE HERE, BUT WATCH THOSE WESTERLIES!

BY SPERO KARTANOS

August is a great month for fishing, but it’s just damn cold!

The sad news is that the closure for snapper is in place until August 15, which means it’s off the menu for most of this month. But no problem – the whiting, school mackerel, flathead, cuttlefish and arrows will be in good numbers in the bay, so getting a fresh feed should be easy.

The whiting will be in close from Darcy Light, north and west of St Helena and Fisherman’s Gutter, and also in the Banana Banks and in the small ships passage. For bait, worms and prawns will work best.

School mackerel will be around the Hope Banks, Naval Banks, and closer in to shore. I usually have to fight off all the little ones, but the bigger mackerel will be there as well.

There will be plenty of flathead in close on the western side of the bay, and Tingalpa Creek should have some monsters lurking in the shallows.

The cuttlefish and arrows will be slowing down, but try fishing east of Ormiston, all the way east of Mud Island, at 25- to 40-ft depth.

And remember, please, that the big westerlies are not good for small boats, especially on the way back in, and nearly all of our tragedies in the bay in the past have occurred in westerly winds. It’s better to cancel a trip than drown.



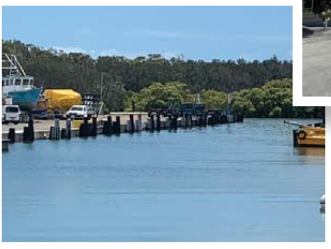
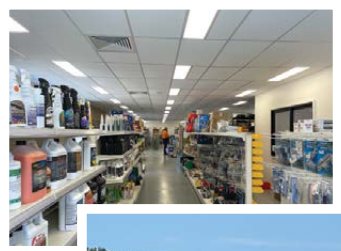
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HISTORY IN THE MAKING: SCHOOL CELEBRATES 150 YEARS WITH FETE

BY ASHLEIGH HOWARTH

Belmont State School is celebrating 150 years of education by throwing open its gates for a major community fete, inviting past and present students to come together for a day of fun and nostalgia.

The fete, to be held on August 30, is the centrepiece of a year-long celebration marking the school's opening on June 5, 1876.

P&C Association Vice-President Rochelle Bale said the fete was about honouring the school's rich history and multiculturalism while creating new memories for the next generation.

"The school hasn't had a fete since 2019, so I really wanted to ensure one was held this year," she said.

"It will be a great opportunity for past students and families to come and see the school as it is today, swap memories, and join in all the fun we have got planned.

"One of the drawcards will be a beautiful memory lane display which was curated by some of our teachers and librarians, which features memorabilia dating from 1876 to today.

"There will also be rides, showbags, stalls, live entertainment, roving performers, multicultural performances, face painting, raffles and even a passport-themed Amazing Race-type event around the

school grounds."

The school officially celebrated its 150th birthday on June 5 with a special cake cutting, which was done by the oldest former pupil and the youngest Prep student, as well as the unveiling of a mural created by a local Indigenous artist, and old-fashioned games.

When the school first opened, 38 students were enrolled, and it consisted of a modest two-room schoolhouse, a teacher's cottage and two toilets.

"The original building cost 440 pounds, which would have been a lot of money at the time," Rochelle said.

"It sat on a two-acre site which was offered by local landowner August Charles Bernecker.

"Today, the school boasts almost 20 buildings and has 868 students enrolled, which is quite a jump from the olden days."

To mark the anniversary, the P&C is also producing a commemorative book featuring the school's history and historic photographs, preserving its legacy for future generations.

If you're keen to head along to the fete, all the fun will be held on August 30 from 10:00am to 3:30pm.



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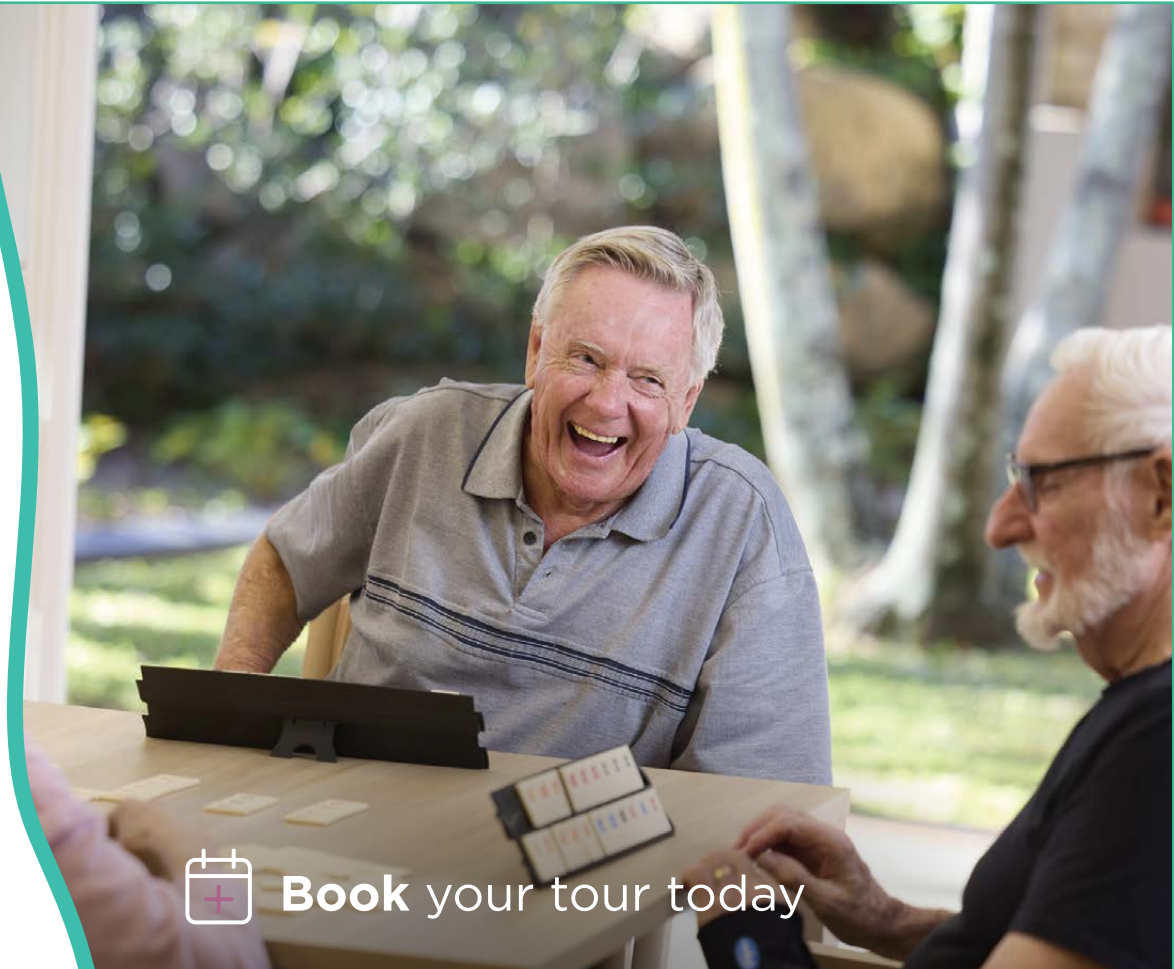
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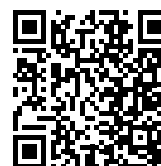
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DIG INTO A DAY OF DAZZLING GEMS AND TREASURES AT THE GEM SHOW

From sparkling opals to crystals, fossils, minerals and handcrafted jewellery, treasure hunters are in for a real treat when the Waterloo Bay Lapidary Club Inc hosts its annual Gem Show this month.

Held on August 29 at the Hemmant Community Hall, the show will feature vendors offering everything from polished stones to exquisite jewellery pieces and silver creations such as rings, necklaces, pendants, and earrings, plus collectors' items, lapidary supplies, books, coins, and more.

Club president Maria Anderson said the show was a chance for the community to discover the fascinating world of lapidary while picking up some one-of-a-kind items.

"We will have somewhere in the range of 25 to 30 vendors, so there will be a great range of different and unique items for sale," she said.

"One of the biggest crowd favourites each year is a vendor who cracks open mystery crystal eggs, revealing the sparkling treasures hidden inside – you never know what you will find inside, which makes the reveal all the more fun.

"The clubrooms will also be open so people can have a look around, see the equipment we use, learn more about the hobby, and ask as many questions as they would like.

"The show has been a big hit with the community in the past, so we are looking forward to another big show this year."

Visitors can also enjoy homemade cakes and other items, such as jams and pickles, for sale on the club table, or purchase refreshments and drinks at the Soft Rock Café.



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The show will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Hemmant Community Hall, located at 29-31 Hemmant Tingalpa Road, Hemmant.

With the venue located directly opposite Hemmant train station, Maria said visitors could leave the car at home and enjoy easy access by train.

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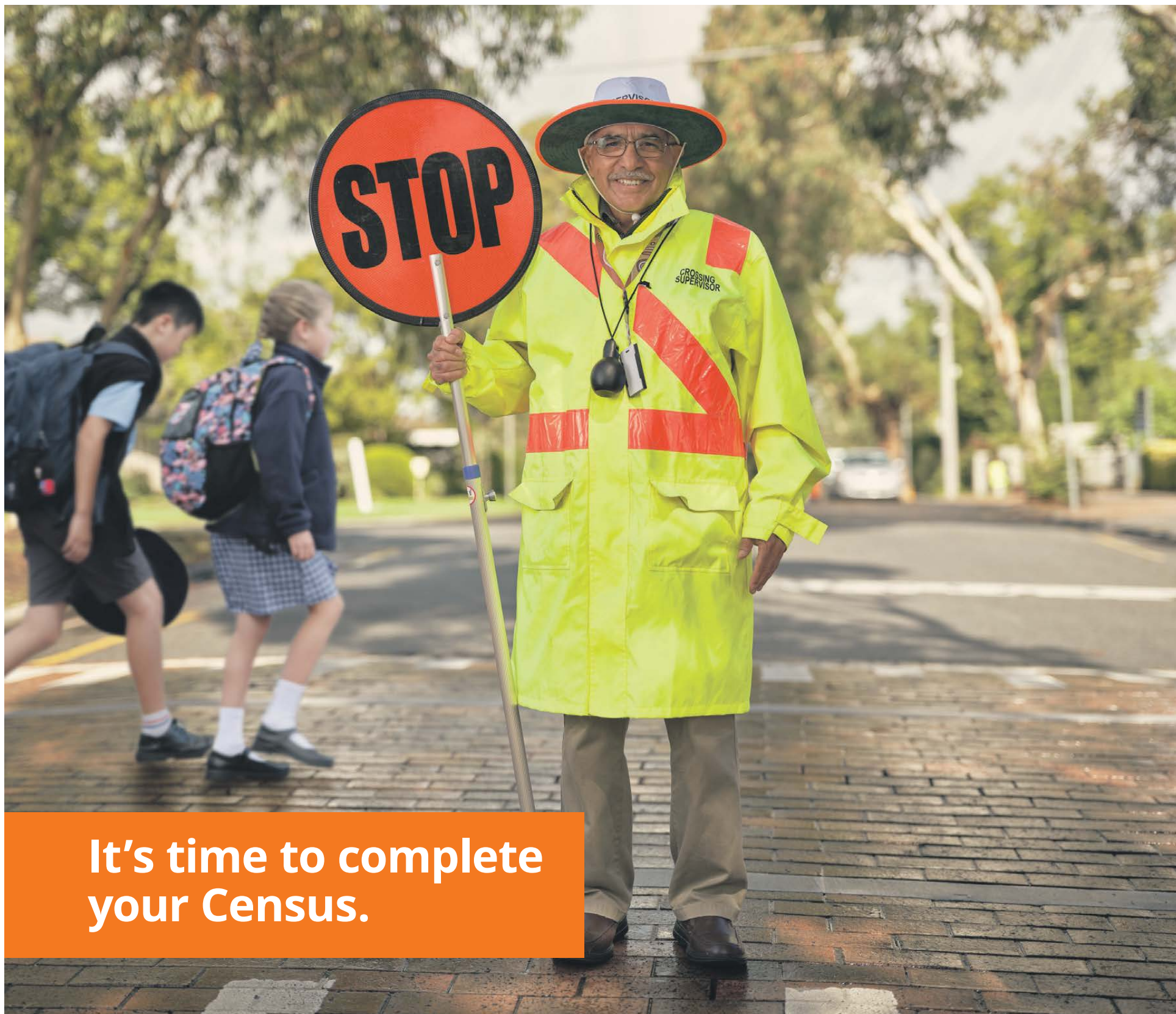
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OH-SO-CREAMY WINTER MUSHROOM SOUP RECIPE

Ah yes, a humble soup – we admit that we’re serial offenders when it comes to making soup, but it’s easy, nutritious, and the window for cold-weather comfort food here in the sub-tropics is so short! So, here’s a delicious mushroom soup recipe that’s filling and fabulous, and we think you’ll love it – not just because cooking in butter smells incredible!

INGREDIENTS

- 500g mushrooms, sliced (the button kind, Swiss brown, or a mix of both)
- 1 white onion, finely diced
- 1 big clove of garlic, chopped
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 4 cups of vegetable or chicken stock; either works
- 1 cup of heavy cream
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme leaves
- Salt and freshly cracked pepper
- Fresh flat leaf parsley, chopped, to serve
- Fresh, crusty bread, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat the butter and olive oil in a large saucepan on the stove top over medium heat.
2. Add the onion and cook for about 5 minutes, until it’s soft, then add the garlic and thyme and gently cook for another 30 seconds (don’t burn the garlic; it will taste horrid and your friends will pull ugly faces!).
3. Add the mushrooms to the pan and cook for about 10 minutes, until they’re nice and golden.
4. Sprinkle the flour over the mushroom mix and let it cook for about 20-30 seconds to combine it.
5. Gradually pour in the stock, stirring continuously to keep it smooth, because lumps are not fun to eat.
6. Bring your soup to the boil, then reduce the heat and gently simmer it on low for about 10 to 15 minutes.



7. Blend the soup until it’s lovely and smooth – you can use a stick blender or carefully pop it in a benchtop blender. Return it to the pan.
8. Stir in the cream, season with salt and pepper, and then gently heat the soup for a few moments, but don’t spoil it by boiling it!
9. Serve in a big bowl, topped with fresh parsley, with lots of crusty bread on the side.

Optional tip: You can set aside a handful of your cooked mushrooms at step 3 and add them to the soup after you’ve blended it for a little more texture. You can also add a dollop of sour cream to serve, because we think sour cream makes everything taste better.



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LOCAL READERS – A BOOK REVIEW

CREATION LAKE BY RACHEL KUSHNER

BY ANNE CROWLEY

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAID

“*Creation Lake* is about a secret agent, a thirty-four-year-old American woman of ruthless tactics and clean beauty who is sent to do dirty work in France. ‘Sadie Smith’ is how the narrator introduces herself to the rural commune of French subversives on whom she is keeping tabs, and to her lover, Lucien, a young and well-born Parisian she has met by ‘cold bump’ – making him believe the encounter was accidental. Like everyone she targets, Lucien is useful to her and used by her. Sadie operates by strategy and dissimulation, based on what her ‘contacts’ – shadowy figures in business and government – instruct. First, these contacts want her to incite provocation. Then they want more.” *Source: Goodreads.*

MY THOUGHTS

Sadie Smith’s character is unlikeable but somewhat entertaining: a spy, imposter and con artist with a dry wit and wry humour. Opinionated, judgemental and often disparaging, she narrates events through blunt inner asides such as, ‘You’re headed for portable oxygen, I didn’t say,’ and ‘Good for you, I thought at Rene, for reducing me to those who wait. But also, go to hell.’

Sadie is multilingual, resourceful and acutely observant, and occasionally philosophical: ‘the truth of a person under all the

layers and guises... is a substance that is pure and stubborn and consistent. It is hard white salt ... the 4.00 am reality of being.’ Yet the same insight feeds her manipulateness: ‘Nadia was hurt and angry. Her salt was bitter. I might want to see about mining it.’

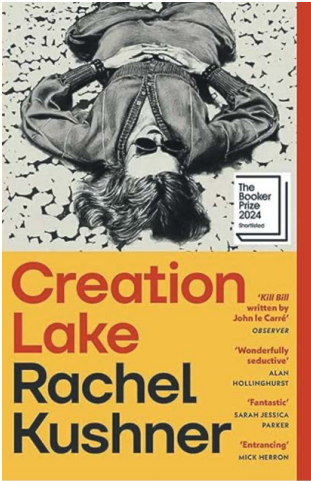
She shifts between amorality and outright immorality. She treats borrowed homes with contempt – ‘My years of living lives that weren’t mine had conditioned me not to concern myself with domestic spaces that were also not mine. I never took care of other people’s things, and I didn’t see why I should.’ She steals to hone her observation skills, and lies to keep people at a distance. And she has no limiting boundaries: ‘This drive to prove that eco-activists were terrorists was so strong and so relentless that I began to feel I had no choice but to plant the idea of violence in the boy’s head, since he was doing a poor job of coming to it on his own.’

Interwoven with Sadie’s narrative is Bruno’s anthropological treatise on the evolution of Neanderthal to Homo Sapiens. Once the inspiration for the activists, and still attempting to influence them, Bruno has literally buried himself (living many years in a cave) in historical, philosophical, and mystical speculations about how we ended up in the collapse of humanity, as he sees it. The activists dream of an end to capitalism, but Bruno concludes that is impossible to achieve,

so he has withdrawn – and despite their proclamations, largely so too has the small commune of activists that Sadie is trying to incite and ultimately destroy.

I hope this synopsis makes some sense, because it is really difficult to connect the disparate plot lines and characters. Most of my book club mates were less charitable than me (at least

I enjoyed the dry humour) with comments like ‘ridiculous, contrived, over the top, incoherent, what’s the point?’ One determined member mined a theme that had escaped the rest of us, but it was hard work, and most of us decided that life is too short to work that hard reading, and there are plenty of other books in the library!



LOCAL POETRY

CALL OF THE PAST

BY GEOFF SMILEY

Jacarandas do not lament
last year’s flowering.
They just wait.
Cycle of its appearing
will come at last.

Sometimes the past hammers,
knocking on the now.
History lingers,
regrets intrude; how
can we answer those demands?

Jacarandas celebrate when
the time is right, when
flower, leaf and bareness happen.
The past, present and future
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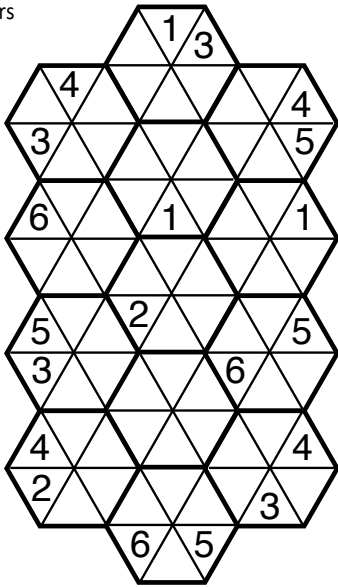
Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers from 1 to 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3x3 block.

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Quick Workout

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



Crossword

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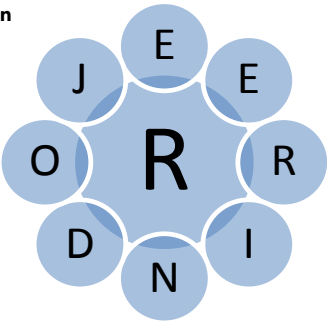
 - 1 Incandescence
 - 5 Revolving
 - 10 Followed orders
 - 12 Holy
 - 13 Disguise
 - 14 Reviews unsparingly
 - 16 Cold dish
 - 20 Hunting dog
 - 21 Makes certain
 - 24 Stylish
 - 26 Lair
 - 27 Microbes
 - 30 Hackneyed
 - 32 Male honey bee
 - 33 Weapon
 - 35 Cereal
 - 37 Lofty
 - 38 Tantalising puzzles
 - 40 Representatives
 - 43 Watchful
- DOWN**

 - 2 Heavy substance
 - 3 Less well
 - 4 Composed
 - 5 Drive backwards
 - 6 Lyric poems
 - 7 Boring tools
 - 8 Worshipped image
 - 9 Pleased
 - 11 Girdle
 - 15 Offers
 - 17 Away
 - 18 Minute particle
 - 19 Is wanting in
- 20 Venomous ill will
 - 22 Experience
 - 23 Self
 - 25 Mouth of a volcano
 - 28 Brings up
 - 29 Artillery salute
 - 31 Anger
 - 34 Become wearisome
 - 36 Longed for
 - 39 Group of seven
 - 41 At hand
 - 42 Attempts
 - 43 Positively declare
 - 44 Flows back
 - 45 Gratuities
 - 46 Assumed attitude
 - 47 Stupefy

Focus

An All Australian Word Game

- * Each word must contain the centre 'Focus' letter and each letter may be used only once
- * Each word must be four letters or more
- * Find at least one nine letter word
- * No swear words
- * No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
- * No proper nouns and no hyphenated words



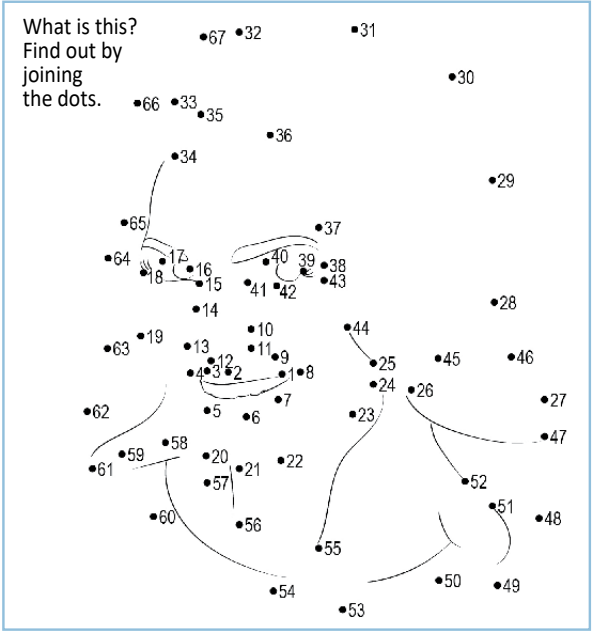
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TODAY'S Good: 14 words
FOCUS Very good: 22 words
Excellent: 37 words

Spot the 5 Differences

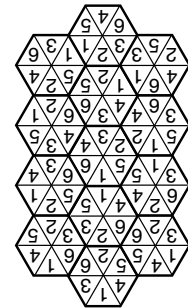


Join the Dots



Solutions

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FOCUS: deer denier dero derro diner dire drier drier thinner.
reversed, extra dot top right, missing dot bottom left, swirl
SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES: Cap moved, holes in cap
Rejoinder rejoined rend render ride rider rind rode roid
drone elder erode erred iron ironed ironer jeer
joinder joiner joined noir order reed rein reined rejoin

WOMEN’S TEAM SHINES AS SEAGULLS COMPETE AT HERVEY BAY CARNIVAL

FROM THE WYNNUM-MANLY SEAGULLS

The Wynnum-Manly Seagulls’ BMD Premiership squad brought elite women’s rugby league to Hervey Bay last month, highlighting the depth of female talent across Queensland during their Round 5 clash.

The trip north marked the second consecutive year the Seagulls have played at Ralph Stafford Park, with the carnival now a key event on the community calendar.

After hosting the Queensland Maroons Women’s team in May, Hervey Bay was eager to welcome more top-level action to the Fraser Coast.

Friday set the tone for the weekend, with an open captain’s run from the Wynnum-Manly women’s squad followed by an NRL clinic, connecting aspiring players with leading athletes and coaches.

Mini Mods lit up Ralph Stafford Park on Saturday, before the Seagulls capped the day in style, defeating the Western Clydesdales 28-6 for their first win of the season.

Sunday turned the spotlight to the future of the game, with representative fixtures across the Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 age groups showcasing emerging talent. Off the field, players spent



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the afternoon taking part in educational sessions exploring the broader opportunities within rugby league.

The Wynnum-Manly Seagulls’ Hervey Bay fixture continues to bridge

the gap between grassroots rugby league and Queensland’s premier women’s competition, creating opportunities for the next wave of players.

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JAZZ UP DAD’S SPECIAL DAY WITH LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE BAY

Dads and music lovers of all ages are in for a toe-tapping Father's Day celebration next month with smooth saxophones, swinging brass and lively jazz rhythms set to fill the air when the annual Wynnum Manly Jazz and Swing Festival returns to George Clayton Park.

Held from 10:30am to 4:00pm on Sunday, September 6, this free community event will bring families together for a fun-filled day of live music, dancing and picnic lunches by the bay at Manly.

Event manager Paul Jones said audiences could look forward to a packed program of performances, featuring some of the region’s most talented musicians.

“The day will start with the Wynnum State High School Jazz Band, followed by the Queensland Show Band, the Royal Australian Navy Band Queensland, Galapagos Duck, who are one of Australia’s best-known jazz bands, and Brisbane jazz group Musical Chairs,” he said.

“Each band will play a 50-minute set, giving the audience the chance to experience a wide range of musical styles throughout the day.

“Jazz has really evolved since it first began – it’s become much swingier and more upbeat, making it really fun to listen to and dance to.”

Adding to the atmosphere, dancers from the Empire Swing Dance School will perform in front of the stage, bringing plenty of energy and movement to the festival.

Due to feedback from past attendees, Paul said the festival will finish slightly earlier this year to allow families to continue their Father’s Day celebrations.

“People told us they loved coming to the festival but often had dinner plans booked afterwards to celebrate



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dad, so we made the decision to finish earlier to give families the chance to enjoy both,” he said.

Visitors are encouraged to bring sunscreen, hats, water, a picnic rug or chairs, and settle in for the day, with food trucks also available offering meals, snacks and drinks.

The festival is hosted by the Queensland Services Heritage Band Association – a community teaching organisation that supports aspiring musicians in learning and performing.

For more information and event updates, visit the Wynnum Manly Jazz and Swing Festival Facebook page. George Clayton Park is located at 55 Upper Esplanade, Manly.

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WYNNUM WADING POOL GETS READY FOR A SUMMER OF FAMILY FUN

CONTRIBUTED BY BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL



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One of the bayside's favourite summer spots is about to get its annual refresh.

The Wynnum Wading Pool temporarily closed on 6 July for its yearly maintenance program, with crews carrying out essential work to have the much-loved pool ready for families when the weather warms up again.

The winter closure helps avoid disruptions during the busy summer months, when thousands of locals and visitors flock to the heritage-listed pool to cool off and enjoy the bayside.

Maintenance will include:

- servicing pumps and equipment,
- cleaning the pool walls,
- repairing the western wall and non-slip surfaces on the steps,
- and reshaping the sand inside the pool.

The neighbouring Whimsical Whale Waterplay area also closed for maintenance while the works are carried out.

Families can still make the most of the foreshore during the closure, with the upgraded W. Poole Playground, the Wynnum Wading Pool Park Playground, parklands and scenic waterfront all remaining open.

The Wynnum Wading Pool has been welcoming families since 1932 and remains one of Brisbane's most recognisable bayside attractions.

Each year, it's refilled with around 3.6 million litres of seawater, which is filtered and recirculated to keep it clean throughout summer.

The pool is also part of the Wynnum Manly Lota Foreshore Vision and Master Plan, with community feedback now helping shape the draft plan ahead of further consultation later this year.

The pool is expected to reopen in the coming months. Reopening dates will be communicated via the Council website.

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STAMP AND COIN SHOW INVITES COLLECTORS TO FIND HIDDEN TREASURES

Collectors hoping to uncover their next rare find, find out whether an old family collection is worth keeping, or simply looking for a new hobby, will have the chance to do all three when Queensland's biggest stamp and coin show opens in August.

Presented by the Queensland Philatelic Council, the event will be held at the Sleeman Sports Complex in Chandler from Thursday, August 13 to Sunday, August 16, bringing together more than 35 specialist dealers, 450 exhibition displays and thousands of collectables from across Australia and overseas.

Visitors will be able to buy, sell and trade stamps, coins, banknotes, postcards, trading cards, Postal Numismatic Covers, ephemera and other collectables, with experts also on hand to provide free valuations, workshops and presentations.

Organiser Simone Sequeira said the show was a great way for people to learn more about this niche hobby.

"Many people come along because they've inherited a stamp or coin collection and want to know what they have, whether it's worth

keeping or where to go next," she said.

"But what often surprises them is the community. They meet other collectors, learn about different areas of the hobby and sometimes leave inspired to start collecting themselves.

"I also see lots of families come with their kids and grandkids because collecting is something fun and exciting they can do together."

For seasoned collectors, the biggest draw is the search itself.

"The excitement is in the rummage," Simone said.

"It's looking through boxes and albums, hoping to uncover something special or finding that one stamp or coin you've been searching for."

Australia Post will also unveil a series of exclusive show-only collectables, including one limited-edition numbered Postal Numismatic Cover released each day. These include the 60th anniversary Decimal Currency, Aussie Big Things two 2-Coin, and a special Lest We Forget tribute, with only 150 available daily.

Collectors will also have the chance to purchase exclusive koala-themed minisheets available only during the show.



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Head on down anytime between 12:00pm and 6:00pm on Thursday August 13, 10:00am and 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and 9:00am and 2:00pm on Sunday August 16.

Entry is \$4 if you pre-purchase online, or \$5 at the door, with free admission for kids under 16.

For more information or to book tickets, visit www.qldstampandcoinshow.com.

TALK TO ME, TALK TO ME...AND KEEP IT NICE!

BY JAN NARY

Communications have come a long way since we sniffed and circled each other, then either threw rocks or got friendly. Now we can have conversations with people who aren't even in the same country or on the same planet, without even knowing what they look like, much less what they smell like. The little indicators of facial expressions, body language, and vocal inflection are lost when we're communicating online. The behaviour-limiting factors of knowing who you're talking to and being able to identify them no longer come into play with many messaging apps, social media and community forums – and our interpersonal cyber-behaviour can suffer as a result.

Anecdotally, trolls lived under Scandinavian bridges and attacked passers-by, particularly the Billygoats Gruff. Today, trolls also live in cyberspace, lurking in corners of social media, faceless and nameless, attacking whoever they like – and their bullying can have disastrous results. Anonymity offers protection to say things that they probably wouldn't say in a live, face-to-face confrontation. Fake profiles are easy to set up and an ideal way to attack others and spread false, malicious and divisive arguments.

The best way to manage online trolls and bullies is to give them no oxygen; don't engage, don't supply the snipers with another target to aim at. And don't let them get under your skin; your mental health

deserves protection. The pen – or the keyboard – is mightier than the sword. Words have real power (which is why uprisings and takeovers always make an early move on the media).

Apart from the deliberate cyber-space nasties, we can all fall foul of accidental breaches of courtesy. What might have left your head as a witty, ironic, or just frank comment can land on the page as sarcastic, hyper-critical or patronising. This is where we miss out on the little modulators that we've developed over millennia of evolution: the smile, the raised eyebrow, the inflection or hand gesture that conveys that we're being clever or funny and asking them to share the joke. The instinctive body language made the difference between rock-throwing and friendliness. Re-read the post; if it's sarcastic, hyper-critical or patronising and that isn't what you intended, rephrase it. If it is what you intended, maybe we're back to rock-throwing.

Good online etiquette isn't about being perfect; it's about being accountable, respectful, and aware of the impact your words have. POSTING IN CAPITAL LETTERS IS THE CYBER-EQUIVALENT OF SHOUTING AT SOMEONE. A bit like driving a car, a lot of nasty bingles can be avoided with good old-fashioned courtesy. Online communication has huge potential for good: keeping in touch, especially for those of us who can't do it in person; building



communities; helping in crises; sharing knowledge and opinions; and effecting change. Debasing it to divide, inflame, and harm is social vandalism. And it will never replace live conversations, the face-to-face contact we've evolved to use.

Maybe we could all benefit from turning off the devices and seeking a bit more personal contact. Hearing live voices, talking to each other's faces. Sniffing optional.

A LIVING LEGACY OF LONG TAN

CONTRIBUTED BY KYLIE HOOPER

Sixty years have passed since The Battle of Long Tan, yet for those who were there, the memories remain vivid. Among those brave Australians is Douglas Fabian, a veteran who stood alongside his mates during one of the most courageous actions in Australia's military history and who, sixty years later, continues to carry the legacy of service, sacrifice and mateship.

On 18th August 1966, in a rubber plantation in Phuoc Tuy Province, South Vietnam, a small Australian force faced overwhelming enemy numbers. Despite torrential rain, limited visibility and relentless enemy attacks, the Australians held their ground through extraordinary courage, discipline and determination. The Battle of Long Tan became one of the defining moments of the Vietnam War and remains a lasting symbol of Australian courage, resilience and mateship.



For Douglas Fabian, Long Tan was not simply a battle – it was a life-changing experience. Like so many Vietnam veterans, he returned home carrying memories that would remain with him throughout his life. Yet, rather than allowing those experiences to define him, he chose to build a future founded on resilience, family and community.

Today, Douglas is remembered not only for his military service but also for his continued dedication to supporting veterans. His commitment to helping others reflects the same values that carried him through Vietnam – service, loyalty, courage and mateship.

His legacy has inspired the next generation. His daughter, Kylie Hooper, proudly served in the Australian Defence Force for six years, continuing the family's tradition of service to Australia. Although they served in different generations and under different circumstances, both father and daughter share a deep understanding of the sacrifices



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made by those who wear the nation's uniform.

Today, Douglas Fabian and Kylie Hooper continue that commitment as members of the Wynnum RSL Board. Together, they volunteer their time to support veterans, serving members and their families through welfare initiatives, commemorative services, community events and advocacy. Their work ensures that those who have served are respected, supported and never forgotten.

As Australia marks the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, Douglas stands among the remaining veterans who can say, “ I was there”. His presence at commemorative services is a powerful reminder that history is not confined to books – it lives in the men and women whose lives were shaped and their sacrifice.

For Kylie, serving alongside her father on the Wynnum RSL Board is both a privilege and a continuation of the values instilled in her from an early age. Together they represent two generations of Australian Military service united by a shared commitment to honouring veterans and preserving their stories for future generations.

The Battle of Long Tan is remembered not only for the courage shown on the battlefield but also the enduring spirit of those who returned home. Veterans like Douglas continued to serve their communities long after the war ended, while families like the Fabians have carried that legacy forward through military service and volunteer leadership.

To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, the community is warmly invited to attend the commemorative service at the Wynnum RSL Sub Branch on Tuesday, 18th August 2026.

The morning will commence with a Wreath Laying Ceremony at 10.15am, followed by the Commemorative Service at 10:45am. This important occasion provides an opportunity for veterans, serving members, families and the wider community to come together in remembrance of those who fought at Long Tan, to honour those who

made the ultimate sacrifice and to recognise the service of all Vietnam veterans.

On this 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, we honour Douglas Fabian for his courage under fire, and his lifelong service. We also acknowledge Kylie Hooper for her own military service and her ongoing dedication to supporting the veteran community.

Together, Douglas Fabian and Kylie Hooper demonstrate that service to Australia does not end when military service concludes. Through their work with the Wynnum RSL, they continue to uphold the values of courage, mateship and selfless service, ensuring the Legacy of Long Tan lives on for future generations.

Their story is one of family, service and remembrance – a powerful reminder that the greatest tribute we can pay to those who served is to continue supporting those who serve today.



WINTER LAWN TIPS

FROM COOCHIE LAWN SERVICES

Did you know that many lawn problems start during winter but don't become visible until spring?

While your lawn may not be growing as quickly in winter as it does in spring and summer, it still needs ongoing care to stay healthy and strong, as well as to help it prepare for the warmer months ahead.

We know that great spring and summer lawns are built now during winter. By focusing on controlling winter weeds like bindis and wintergrass and continuing to remove persistent perennial weeds, you are setting the grass up for less competition and healthier growth.

It is essential to be looking for and treating fungal diseases now, as these have exploded over the past two months due to the wet autumn and start of winter we had, and I'm seeing diseased lawns everywhere around your suburb at the moment.

Now is a great time to provide essential nutrients to the soil, as winter is an important time to strengthen lawn roots specifically. And don't forget to apply the right amount of fertiliser now to help encourage greening and maintain a lush, healthy lawn.

Skipping lawn care during winter can lead to:

- More weeds taking hold
- Increased pest activity going unnoticed
- Greater risk of diseases
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- A slower recovery when spring arrives

A little attention now can make a huge difference when the warmer weather returns.



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LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT

COMPOST: TURNING WASTE INTO WOW

BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

One of the milestones of being seen as a ‘good gardener’ is having a functioning compost heap. You hear basically two views on composting. A: That it’s easy, uncomplicated, no specific ratios needed – just a good mix of brown (carbon) and green (nitrogen) and off you go. B: You need a specific ratio of brown and green, layered correctly, mixed, flipped, watered, covered when it rains, protected from rats, internal temperature monitored, etc., etc.

In my opinion, you can choose either option, and what you get out reflects what you put in! I admit, I don’t put a lot of effort into mine. It’s an open heap that I randomly pile all my garden clippings on. I try to chop things up and run larger branches through my chipper because smaller pieces break down more quickly, but I have also been known to just dump an armful of green waste on top and smash it with a spade (ok, so I delegate the smashing to my husband...). Eventually, the bottom of the pile breaks down, and I get some beautiful compost. But it is far from an efficient process, and I hardly get a regular supply.

Introducing The WasteWorks, a small Brisbane-based company, making top-quality compost, which is as good, if not better, than

the home-made variety (especially if you make it like me). On top of making a brilliant product, they are keeping commercial organic waste (food scraps and garden waste) out of landfill. Their equipment basically just manages, standardises, and somewhat speeds up the process of making normal compost, but it is still completely natural. They also have a special fungal heap that produces even better fungi-enriched compost, perfect for trees and shrubs. No tricks, no gimmicks. Just compost. Proper compost. (Not to speak poorly of anyone, but most commercial composts you can buy are chipped-up green waste that hasn’t decomposed fully yet).

If you already make excellent compost at home, I applaud you. If, like me, you attempt to make compost at home and the results are a little hit-and-miss, I also applaud you (any organics saved from landfill is



Photo by Kat Pearson.

a win). If you ever need to buy a bag of good compost (or their easy peasy pelleted Compost Confetti), check out these guys and support a local company working to create a more sustainable world.

The WasteWorks holds a Compost Market Day on the first Saturday of each month (8:00am-12:00pm, 62D Blunder Road, Oxley). Follow them on Instagram or Facebook, or visit wasteworks.shop

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CAR REVIEW

SUBARU SOLTERRA

BY JOHN VANDERMAAT



Another experience behind the wheel of an electric vehicle has me seriously considering an EV for my next car. The Subaru Solterra AWD was a pleasure to drive and provided an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the ins and outs of EV ownership.

The combined 252kW power output delivers the instant acceleration you expect from an electric vehicle, while Subaru's renowned Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive system ensures excellent road holding and driver confidence in a variety of conditions.

The cabin offers the practicality and thoughtful design Subaru owners have come to expect. There is ample room for four adults, along with generous luggage space. The seats are exceptionally comfortable, with electrically adjustable front seats and heating for all occupants. A large 14-inch infotainment touchscreen provides easy access to a range of features, including satellite navigation,

Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity, digital radio, and an impressive six-speaker sound system.

Having owned a Subaru Outback for several years, I found many aspects of the Solterra immediately familiar while appreciating the benefits of the latest technology. The cruise control and driver assistance systems are intuitive to use and perform with impressive accuracy. Features such as Road Sign Assist, Lane Departure Alert, Pre-Collision System and Lane Tracing Assist enhance the driving experience without feeling intrusive, providing useful support rather than unnecessary distraction.

Although I didn't have the opportunity to take the Solterra off-road, its 212mm ground clearance and all-wheel-drive capability suggest it would be well suited to unsealed roads and light off-road use. The 18-inch wheels and well-tuned suspension contribute to a smooth, quiet and composed ride.

Overall, the Subaru Solterra is a capable, comfortable and refined



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SUV that makes a compelling case for electric motoring. The new 74.7kWh CATL battery, offering a claimed range of more than 517km, helps address many of the concerns traditionally associated with EV ownership. For anyone considering the move to an electric vehicle, the Solterra deserves a place on the shortlist.

Thanks go to Bartons for supplying the Subaru Solterra for review.

DEUS EX MACHINA – MIRACLES FROM THE MACHINES AT REDLANDS COAST MUSEUM’S POWERFUL DISPLAY

BY JAN NARY

Machines have had a huge impact on civilisation. Some of those machines will have pride of place at the Redland Coast Museum’s Mighty Machines Day on Redlands’ Ekka Holiday in a display that features vintage cars, tractors, windmills, a steam engine, a printing press and a motorail carriage.

Special guest displays will include modern and heritage waste management vehicles from JJ Richards, quarry trucks from Karreman Quarries, vintage cars from the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club, a Barnes Auto tow truck and two fire trucks from the Queensland Fire Department.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to experience a flight simulator operated by the No. 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron RAAF Association, offering a hands-on aviation experience for aspiring pilots and aviation enthusiasts alike.

The 1864 Albion printing press, a donation from the Queensland Museum, is under the care of restorer Ralph Gofton.

“It doesn’t require much maintenance; it’s a robust machine, and its ornamentation indicates how much pride went into its manufacture,”

Ralph says. “It works on the same principle as Gutenberg’s original printing press, where individual pieces of type were set into a frame and coated with ink and a sheet of paper was pressed evenly over the blocks by what’s basically a wine-press mechanism.”

Gutenberg’s invention marked the leap from laborious quill-pen copying done in religious chapels by priests to mass production of printed material. Interestingly, the printers’ union delegate in a workplace is still called “the chapel father”.

Ian Munday loves steam. He did his naval training on steamships and is the only museum volunteer with a steam operator’s ticket. Twenty years ago, he joined the Redlands Coast Museum to take care of the museum’s 1900 Garrett portable steam engine.

“It’s a power source for other machines,” he explains.

“It doesn’t run on rails; it has to be towed by a heavy horse team to where it’s needed, then the belt around its drive wheel can be connected to a water pump, a saw mill, a threshing machine – even a shearing shed.



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“It came from a Roma property and needed to be re-tubed and restored. Usually, they run on steam from boiling water, but for museum demonstrations, we hook it up to an air compressor and run it on air. Steam is wonderful, but it can be dangerous.”

Mighty Machines will be on display on August 10 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Redlands Coast Museum.

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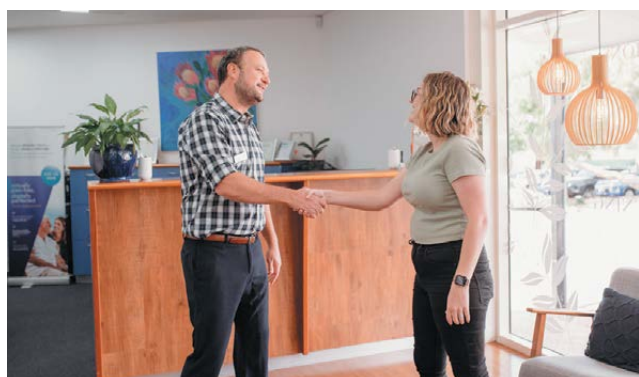
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