



# ISLAND VIEWS

ISSUE 1

MAY



## EDITOR'S CORNER...

Welcome to the new look Coochiemudlo newsletter. Biggles (and Norma), as the long time fountain of information, has laid his Bugle pen to rest. We thank you Biggles (and Norma) for keeping us informed of island news in the 'Biggles Bugle' for the last five years and wish you well in all your future endeavours. It is with great respect that I say we know we haven't heard the last from you!

This will be a monthly newsletter and the new format will need your participation as this is a community newsletter. This month's issue may be a little light on for information but with everyone's help, we can make this an interesting, informative newsletter for everyone.

I ask that all groups, organisations and committees supply their functions or events listing for the forthcoming month. This can be done by email, telephone or by dropping it into my letterbox (details at the end of this newsletter). There will also be a for sale/wanted to buy section - so get those ads rolling in. A services available section will be added so anyone doing business on the island who need your service advertised - make those details known here. Don't forget to advise the Editor of upcoming birthdays and get well wishes!

If you would like the monthly newsletter emailed to you, just let me know at [tas@pacific.net.au](mailto:tas@pacific.net.au) and it will be sent to you monthly!

**ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE REPORTED -  
JUST GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EDITOR AND IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!**

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- May 2** Junior Golf starts at the Golf Club between 2 pm to 4 pm - all young people between 7 and 14 are welcome
- May 9** Local Council election. Voting will be at the Community Hall from 8.00 am closing at 6.00 pm.
- May 10** Wish your Mother, wife, grandmother a Happy Mothers Day and do something nice for her!
- May 16** Bushcare monthly meeting
- May 16** All islanders and visitors are invited to a FREE fun day at the Recreation Area. Free introduction to the sports of Croquet, Indoor Bowls and Lawn Bowls. Free lunchtime sausage sizzle and great raffle prizes. 9 am to 1 pm.
- May 23** Bush Dance hosted by the Golf Club - all welcome to attend in the Golf Club BBQ area. Tickets are on sale now. See a committee member for tickets or 3207 9757 for info. Get your tickets early as numbers are limited.
- May 25** Visit planned to the Living Garden at Birkdale, with lunch elsewhere.

## POLITICAL NEWS

### "Questions on Notice"

These questions were raised by Peter Dowling, our State member for Redlands at his first Parliamentary sitting.

- ❖ With reference to the transport jetties at Victoria Point and Coochiemudlo Island that do not meet the minimum standards for disabled access, will the Minister explain why this inequity has been allowed to occur and when it will be resolved?
- ❖ When can residents of Redland Bay, Victoria Point, Mount Cotton, Carbrook and Sheldon expect to see the long promised Redland Bay Fire Station?
- ❖ How much has already been spent on planning for the Redland Bay Fire Station?

## OUR CONDOLENCES...

Brian Saunders passed away during the night of 23 April 2009, at Redland Hospital, after battling illness over many months. He was 79 years of age and had lived on the Island for the past 19 years. Our wishes and thoughts are with his widow, Margaret, who nursed him through the last few months. The funeral service for Brian was held at Mt Cotton on 29 April.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

**1 May**                Jessika Edwards  
**27 May**                Robyn Dixon

Do you know someone who has an upcoming birthday that needs to be celebrated? Then let the editor know!



## GET WELL SOON...

Do you know anyone that needs a public pick me up? Let the editor know!



## WELCOME WAGON...

Welcome to the world River Joseph Buffalino, we wish you and your parents, Kayla and Paul, every happiness and look forward to seeing more of the newest builder in the Buffalino family. Congrats to all the proud grandparents.



## CLASSIFIEDS .....



### Wanted Known

Reliable, responsible high school student available to look for childminding. Available afternoons, evenings and weekends. Reasonable rates. Phone: Regan 3207 0914

### Lost & Found

Found - 1 skateboard several weeks ago. Contact Jacqui Pritchard on 3207 0915 for details.

### For Sale

1 x single timber bed with mattress - \$50.  
1 x white student desk - \$50.  
Both in excellent condition.  
Phone: 3207 0914

### Wanted

One chest box type freezer in good working order.  
Phone: Wendy or Maureen on 3820 8110

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR .....

I was rescued twice by knights in shining armour and both live on Coochie! I would like to say a big thank you to Adam Bowden who ferried the women and children home on his BBQ boat when the ferry broke down. It was greatly appreciated and he really deserves a gold start. Also, to Croc who came and saved me from a big snake when I got home, without a man who was still stuck on the mainland. Croc found it a new home.

### Jacquie Christensen

I was so disappointed to find that the Coochiemudlo Island Anzac Day Dawn Service was not covered by the Bayside Bulletin that I emailed my criticism. I have had an email from them, telling me that they would have covered the story had they been told.

I think it is about time that we had some sort of representative here on Coochie who could pass on information. For instance, while it is not the ideal sort of publicity, I know, but rarely does Coochie get a mention in the Police Beat, even though acts of vandalism etc happen.

### Concerned Resident

## COOCHIE CARRIER SERVICE

Pick up and delivery service from jetty to you or you to jetty. Any collection point or destination on Coochie. Available weekends. Reasonable rates. Contact Johnno.

## BUSHCARE

We are a group of volunteers who meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month and work for 2 hours caring for some designated areas of the Emerald Fringe. We work under the guidance of the Redlands Council and its Bushcare officer. The work involves weeding and regeneration of plants where needed. "Well done" to all the hard workers who, at the last meeting, removed 24 bags of "Mother-of-Millions" from a small area behind the main beach. Further details will be posted on the notice board before each monthly meeting. Come and join us and learn more about our special environment and how to care for it.

## DO YOU NEED A JP?

JP's witness Stat Decs, Affidavits, offer general witnessing of all documents, wills, Power of Attorneys etc. Do not pre-sign your document before seeing a JP. Also, all land title documents, including mortgage forms, require proof of identity. Contact Ian Rowland to make an appointment.

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE...**

Our Redlands Police co-ordinator, Constable Joseph Mohr has advised that he has reported abandoned vehicles to the council on a couple of occasions but no action had been taken to date. If you are an owner or know the owner of any of these vehicles, please endeavour to have them removed from public areas. At least two of them are taking up valuable space in the public parking area at the jetty.

There have been a number of questions regarding the damaged, partly submerged pontoon on Main Beach. Redland City Council has advised that it has been removed from the beach foreshore in accordance with a compliance notice and so is no longer under council's jurisdiction.

Wynnum District Crime Bulletin, copy number 4, has recently arrived. Parents should be aware of the article, "Who's Chatting to our Kids?" This relates to internet access. Copies are available from the Community Library.

Mexican Feather Grass - this Class 1 pest was mislabelled as "Stipa Capriccio" by an interstate supplier and sold to a Queensland nursery who, in turn, sold the plants onto retail outlets. BioSecurity Queensland is endeavouring to track down 68 missing plants. If you know of the existence of this plant anywhere, please contact Primary Industries & Fisheries on 13 25 23. More information available in the Community Library.

**REMEMBER ... if you observe UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY - REPORT IT!!! Don't leave it to 'somebody else'.**

### **SOCIAL SNIPPETS**

The Coochiemudlo Island History Society is pleased to advise that the celebration of Matthew Flinders Birthday on 15 March 2009, was a great success. The celebration was funded, in part, by the Q150 grant, which helps communities to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859.

Our celebration was in the form a Fun Fair, the central event of which was a play, "Matthew Flinders' Ghost", created and acted by the Coochie Kids and rehearsed and directed by Donna Cameron of Blue Moon Theatre Company. Other events included highland dancers from the Jill Dobb's School of Dancing, an ensemble by the teenagers of the Blue Moon Theatre Company, Simon Heart Magic Show, Steve O'Hara's Magical Music, speeches from dignitaries. craft activities and food stalls by the Surf Life Savers and Pam Martin and a snow cone machine, staffed by volunteers. The delicious birthday cake was donated by Woolworths at Victoria Point East and was cut by Mark Bowden, with the help of two other Matthew Flinders.

Some 150 adults as well as many children attended, so we believe total attendance was about 250, which is very good support from the Coochiemudlo community.

The History Society thanks Donna Cameron, all the actors and dancers, and the very many volunteers, who made the costumes, ran the stalls, cut the grass, managed the stage, ran the raffles, donated prizes and the whole community who supported this event, which was held courtesy of Lindsay and Carolyn Duncan at "Mudlo". We also thank the Q150 fund and the Bureau of Meteorology, who provided a window of fine weather between cyclones.

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The Surf Life Saving Season has drawn to an end with this weekend (long weekend) being our last patrols on the beautiful beach at Coochie. Whilst many other clubs scoff at our lack of surf, our nippers are firing along in the First Aid competitions. CISLSC actually coming 1<sup>st</sup> in a major competition during the season. We had 6 club members representing Coochie at the Aussie Titles in Perth in March. All of the team's members performed with great accuracy and showed Australia that we have some top talent in the field of First Aid. We are very proud of our team's accomplishments. Our team members managed to take out the following.

Under 15's 4<sup>th</sup> position Lauren & William

Under 17's 3<sup>rd</sup> (bronze medal) Sophie & Jordon

Under 19's 2<sup>nd</sup> (silver medal Sophie & Jordan) & 6<sup>th</sup> Maddie & Alana

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Thursday Indoor Bowls - Rec Club - CONGRATULATIONS to Mary McAllister who won our 2009 Championship on 30 April 2009. GO CHAMP!!

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Ferry Safety Drill. Passengers aboard our Coochie Ferry on Wednesday, 29 April, may have witnessed crew members undergoing their mandatory emergency drills, which are to be completed every two months. The crew performed anchoring, fire, man overboard and abandoning ship drills along with emergency muster, which includes demonstrating putting on a life jacket. Exercises were spread over several trips to ensure that passengers did not miss the boat. Coochie's Ambulance Officer, Michael Reading was on board.

Yes, it is reassuring to know that our ferry management and crew members are concerned about everyone's safety.

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

It's been a busy month for the Island's Progress Association with the return of the Norfolk Bar at the Easter Markets (thanks to Island residents for your patronage and support) and a general meeting held at the Community Hall on April 15. With only 16 members in attendance, the meeting was run as a round table which provided ample opportunity for discussion. Members present provided their support to Terry Smith in establishing a new newsletter for the Island and promised to submit regular updates on Progress activities.

**MEETINGS WITH COUNCIL and CANDIDATES for Division 4** - Committee members Paul Moynagh, Carolyn Brammer and Paul Harris met with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO of Redlands City Council on Monday, 20 April to discuss a range of issues including maintenance, infrastructure and environmental issues and how Progress can work most effectively with Council. As many of the issues raised have been identified in the local (land use) management plan covering Coochiemudlo Island, Council has agreed to report back on the issues raised and timeframes for the plan's implementation. Mayor Hobson offered to attend general meetings on a periodic basis to meet members and discuss issues of concern. She also suggested we invite the new Councillor for Division 4 to attend meetings on a regular basis. We advised and extended an invitation to Council representatives to attend the public meeting the following Tuesday for Island residents to meet the six candidates running for Division 4 and thanked them, as asked, for the additional waste removal service over Easter. With all six candidates accepting the invitation to address Island residents, more than 60 Island residents attended the public meeting held at the Community Hall on April 28. Each candidate was given five minutes to present and another five minutes to answer questions. Deputy Mayor Toni Bowler addressed the meeting on behalf of Council and agreed to take a number of issues back to council for action. There were some good questions, at times lively debate and expectations raised in terms of our new Councillor and the role of the Progress in working with Council. Many thanks extend to Carolyn Brammer for organising this worthwhile event and to Island residents for their attendance and keen participation.

**ANZAC DAY 2009** - Thanks to George Carroll, ANZAC day got off to an excellent start with the dawn service attended by approximately 120 islanders. The 136 Army Cadet Unit set up an armed guard around a cenotaph of an upturned rifle with a slouch hat on top. Retired Colonel, Graham Robert-Thomson spoke, wreaths were laid and the ANZAC service began. Flags were raised by an Army and a Navy cadet to the New Zealand & Australian national anthems. Bev & Don Holcroft organised a sausage sizzle breakfast at the end to top of a great service. The 10.30 service was also very good and well attended. Thanks to Stan Harris for organising it and the golf club for the traditional sausage sizzle following. George is looking to get a permanent cenotaph for the island - if anyone would like to help him with this, he'd appreciate the help. And we'll make sure we bring more chairs & sausages next year!!

**FLINDERS DAY PREPARATIONS** - The Committee is busy planning this year's tenth anniversary of Flinder's Day which celebrates the landing of Mathew Flinders at Norfolk Beach on 19 July 1799. In keeping with tradition, there will be a festival parade, craft markets, Norfolk Bar, re-enactment of Flinder's landing at Norfolk Beach, Dragon boat race and entertainment. There will also be an art show as part of this year's festival – so you might like to start getting your entries ready. If you or your organisation have any ideas or would like to run an event or activities as part of the Island's annual festival please let us know. We need volunteers to help serve food, drinks and run activities on a roster basis. Please contact Paul Harris on 38209201 if you are able to help or for further inquiries. More information in next update.

**EQUIPMENT HIRE** – A range of equipment to assist mobility and other activities of daily living is available for loan to Island residents. Currently there are no fees required but donations are appreciated. If you are planning a party or event we also have tables, chairs, small marquee and lighting available for hire. Contact Paul Moynagh on 0431 748 494 for further information and assistance.

**DON'T WANT TO OR CAN'T ATTEND MEETINGS** - Keep a look out for your copy of our survey in the mail – we are keen to hear your views.

## HISTORY BITS ...

In 1840 the Government Surveyor (Robert Dixon) in Brisbane named Coochiemudlo Island "Innis Island" after Lieutenant Innis who had recently explored the southern Bay. Within a few decades, however, the name used in official documents reverted to its Aboriginal form, spelt now as Coochiemudlo Island.

**FLINDERS CAFÉ - 3207 0707**

Dine in or Take Away

Monday Closed

Tuesday 10.30 - 7.00 Takeaway

Wednesday 10.30 - 7.00 Takeaway

Thursday 10.30 - 8.00 Island Night

Friday 10.30 - 8.00 Off the Menu

Saturday 8.30 - 8.00 Off the Menu

Sunday 8.30 - 8.00 Big Breakfast all Day

6.00 - 8.00 Roast Dinner

**COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RESORT - 3207 7521**

Opening Hours Wednesday to Sunday

Open for lunch 12.00 - 2.00

Wednesday - Friday - Saturday for dinner 6.00 - 9.00

Sunday - Breakfast 8.00 - 11.00

**ISLAND SERVICES & TRADES ...****Real Estate Agents**

Baywaters Realty .....3207 8006

Century 21 .....3821 2121

LJ Hooker .....3207 0120

**JP Services**

Ian Rowland.....3207 8221

**Electricians**

Bill Watson .....3207 7886 or 0418 739 879

David Morgan .....0412 932 151

**Plumbers**

Nev Clark .....3209 6921

Steve Wockner .....0403 488 284

Mark Chiverton .....0412 946 214

**Handyman**

Len Hebert .....3207 8782

**Plasterer**

Olivia Barnett (free quotes).....0414 628 422

**Builders/Carpenters**

Sab Buffalino.....32070168 or 0418 7492700

Richard Browning .....0413 013 387

Glen Montgomery .....0428 382 765

**Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry**

Greg Harvey.....0417 002 198

**Tree Loppers**

Redlands Tree Service .....3829 0000

Kurt Buckney .....3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

**Glass Repairs**

Bob Drennan .....0417 783 829

**Painters**

Rob Adams .....3207 8992 or 0408 747 040

**Mowing**

Len Hebert .....3207 8782

David Brookes.....3207 0419

Derek Lewis .....0413 571 474

**Carrier Service**

John Mahony (Johnno).....0431 368 857 or 3207 8853

**Tupperware**

Mel Jensen (for parties &amp; replacements).....0422 884 773 or 3820 9971

**Health & Beauty Services**

Maureen Thorrold (remedial massage &amp; reflexology).....3820 8110

Wanda Dobe (Body Talk &amp; Reiki).....3207 8884

Irene Martin (Avon).....3207 7975

**ISLAND BUSINESSES .....**

Mad Mango Restaurant - The Resort.....3207 7521

Flinders Café .....3207 0707

Coochie Kiosk .....3207 7207

Coochiemudlo Island Barge Transport.....3820 6557(bh) or 0400 784 268 (ah)

Coochie Boat Hire(aquabikes, canoes etc).....3207 8207 or 0419 983 801

Seminara Apartments.....3820 8446 or 3820 8434 (fax)

**Hire Facilities**

Tennis Court hire through Coochie Resort.....3207 7521

Golf Course book through Coochie Resort.....3207 7521

Scooter hire book through Coochie Resort.....3207 7521

Community Hall Hire.....3207 8006 or 0413 176 990

**ISLAND ORGANISATION CONTACTS .....**

**Neighbourhood Watch**

Area Co-ordinator: Bruce Green.....3207 8895

**Progress Association**

President: Paul Moynagh.....0431 748 494

Secretary: Paul Harris.....3820 9201

**Coochie Art & Craft Markets**

Bev Holcroft.....3207 8315

**Croquet Club**

Mary Preston.....3207 8812

**Indoor Bowls**

Monday - Maureen Watson.....3245 5017

Thursday - Pam Martin.....3207 7779

**Poetry Group**

Diane Gillham.....3207 6358

**Seniors**

Ted Dilworth.....3820 6758

**Outdoor Bowls**

Ros Ward.....3207 0664

**Isle of Coochie Golf**

President: Nadine Archibald.....3207 9757

Vice President: Bill Low.....3207 8215

Secretary: Joanne Hall.....3207 6114 (ah only)

Treasurer: Jack Morganti.....3207 9245

Captain: Stan Harris.....3820 7980

Vice Captain: Peter MacQueen.....3820 3399

**Coochie Hackers Golf (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)**

Dot Hamilton.....3207 6990

**Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society**

David Paxton.....3820 8989

**Coochiemudlo Island Garden Club Inc**

President: Diane Binstead.....3207 6461

Secretary: Denise Wright.....0402 963 765

**Recreation Club**

President: Hartley Treloar.....3207 8729

Secretary: Peter Pritchard.....3207 0915

**Bushcare**

Dennis & Margrit Lack.....32077695

**Surf Life Saving**

Stan Harris for information.....3820 7980

**Coochiemudlo Library**

Wednesday and Saturday 9.00 to 12.00

Range of DVD's & Books

**Church Services**

**Catholic** 10.30 to 12.30 Saturday at Community Hall .....3207 0196

**Wesleyan** 9.30 Sunday Pine Ridge Chapel.....3207 8965

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE - Sunday  
31 May**

Functions, Activities, Services,  
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