



# ISLAND VIEWS

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## EDITOR'S CORNER...

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE ... the hay fever has started and so has the warm weather! It was perfect weather for our annual Flinders Day event and so good to see so many stalls and people participating this year.

You will see notices for three various petitions in this newsletter. Please sign them!! As residents of the island, a petition can be our voice in helping to change things and have our say in our community.

The trades and services directory is getting bigger every month. If there are no additions for next month's issue, the list will not be included. So make sure you keep a copy and keep it somewhere safe! Try to use our tradespeople and businesses on the island when you can. It does help keep work and businesses happening here where we live and keeps the costs down of having to bring tradespeople from the mainland.



## NOTE!! NOTE!! NOTE!!

"Serenia" the blue barge finishes on Friday night. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, there is a fill-in barge coming in. By Monday, Megamia is expected to be finished and operational. The fill-in barge is only surveyed to carry 8 people, including the Skipper & Deckie, so there will be no walk-ons for those 3 days and only the driver of the vehicles, no passengers.

**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!!!**

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!

## POLITICAL NEWS ...

I would like to thank you for the strong attendance by the residents of Coochiemudlo Island at the recent meeting to address the issues of parking and ferry/barge services. The consensus from the evening was for me to continue to work with the State Government to resolve this issue and work towards providing an affordable barge/ferry service that is regulated to bring about a service that has continuity, affordability and will also assist the parking situation at Victoria Point.

Another concern raised at the meeting was the issue of law and order and security on the Island. I have been speaking with the local Police in relation to this matter and will be arranging a community meeting with key stakeholders to talk further with residents about their concerns and the way forward.

Additionally, I would encourage you to sign the current petition to upgrade the disabled access on the Victoria Point and Coochie jetties to meet the minimum standards set down by the State Government. A copy of this petition is available for signing on the ferries and I also have a copy in my office at Victoria Point.

Finally, heartfelt congratulations to the Progress Association for a wonderful Flinders Day celebration. It was fantastic day that was enjoyed by all who attended.

**Peter Dowling MP Member for Redlands**

## FISHY BITS ...

As the chill of midwinter starts to abate, we're starting to see warmer temperatures during the day. Around the country this time of year often signifies fish returning to active feeding patterns; Cod and yellowbelly come on the bite around southern NSW, the big snapper come inshore to feed on dying cuttlefish up and down the east coast, and the bass start to school up in preparation for their more active phase.



Unfortunately, it will take a little while before the water temperature reflects these changes around Coochie; so don't get the swimmers out just yet, but we're already starting to see flathead being a little more aggressive, reasonable catches of blue swimmer crabs once more, and the hoards of tiny snapper are starting to make a nuisance of themselves around the front of the island.

Winter whiting are a little hard to find at the moment around Coochie, though around red rock remains the best bet if you'd like to try your luck; but large numbers of fish are currently on the pelican banks, east of Coochie (and east of the northern tip of Macleay). A dozen fish within half an hour is a relatively easy proposition once you find a small school; try the very shallow sections (under 2m depth) - preferably on an incoming tide. Fresh nippers are the preferred bait at the moment, though beach or blood worms are also a good option.

Pike are currently loitering around the Coochie jetty - usually half way up, on the eastern side, on an outgoing tide - though slightly deeper on other occasions. These fish are quite tasty, fresh, and have few bones to worry about when filleted. Not recommended for freezing. Try wrapping in foil, with a little onion and tomato - and add a big dollop of BBQ sauce, and a bit of American mustard. Stick in the oven, or under the grill, until cooked.

For something a little different, try unweighted, or float-assisted nippers or beachworms (or alternatively, poppers), just to the east of the sand-pit that's found on the extreme south-west of the island. On an incoming tide, large numbers of aggressive long-tom can be found there, waiting for a feed to wash over the sand banks. These fish are not too bad to eat, fresh, and perform spectacular aerobatics when hooked; a real challenge for the kids, on light gear.

## WELCOME WAGON...

To Miranda and Nigel and their two young boys who have just moved to Coochie, after emigrating from Wales.

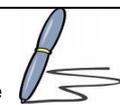


## SOCIAL SNIPPETS

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Dean Brough of Phillips Street for being awarded QUT's prestigious Dean's Award for excellence in teaching - Dean lectures in fashion at QUT.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR .....



What a wonderful day weatherwise Flinders Day turned out to be! It was a delight to be a part of the festivities on the day. The parade was excellent and it was so good to see many residents (and children) dressed in period costume. And so many stallholders! We should be very proud of our market days. I would like to point out however, that there was not enough food! The sausage sizzle ran out very early and there wasn't anything else for hungry tourists and locals. Where was Don's famous breakfast bacon and egg sandwiches?

Also, I was a little shocked to see the kiddie's activities right next to the bar. Surely there could have been a better spot to place these than next to the alcohol venue.

Speaking of the bar, I did salute Matthew Flinders with a 'cold one' from the Norfolk Bar but only the one as I found the prices to be a little exorbitant. In fact, a lot more than usually priced. Has inflation hit our markets and made the increase happen? One would hope not and that in future, prices are more reasonable for that enjoyable afternoon market beverage.

MATTHEW FLINDERS DAY PARTICIPANT

Recently, I somehow managed to twirl my walking stick over the railing of the jetty as I walked off the ferry. As we all watched it floating on the outgoing tide towards Straddle, Lara Burton peeled off her jumper and shoes and dove in. She swam out and retrieved the walking stick for me, then instructed me to rinse it well so it wouldn't rust. (Lara didn't seem to consider whether the water was cold, either!). Heartfelt thanks to her for such an over the top kindness.

PAT MARINI

There are only two disabled parking spaces reserved on Coochie, adjacent to the jetty. Very often both are taken by cars not having a Blue or Red Permit displayed on the windscreen. With genuine DPP users with a car on the mainland, it is easy to take a colour copy and display it on the island car.

A large DISABLED PARKING logo should be painted on the tarmac of both spaces so no one can say they never saw the sign on the post.

Have a heart for the elderly and disabled. You could be one of them in 10, 20, 30 or 40 years time.

A CONCERNED RESIDENT

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE...

Members are reminded that our AGM will be held at the Community Hall at 7pm on August the 26th 2009. Reports will be read and all positions will be declared vacant followed by election of Officers. This meeting was to have been held on 29 July, but was postponed due to the proximity of the meeting with Peter Dowling MP the following night, regarding a number of current issues.

The 6th edition of the Wynnum District Crime Bulletin may be viewed at the Library. There are many useful hints regarding children and mobile phones and a particularly interesting one relating to Backyard Labs and amphetamines including "What do clan labs look like?" We will endeavour to place copies of this extract on the Notice Board.

Police have had success in preventing children from riding motor bikes on the large block of privately owned land but some are still openly riding on roads on the Island.

An increase in Police presence is being sought on the Island and many people have signed a petition initiated by an Island resident to which I have given a letter of support.

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

## FROM THE GOLF CLUB...

Our AGM is coming up at the end of the month and we encourage members to put their names down for a position on committee. The position of secretary is currently open and we would welcome anyone with a minimum of computer skills to nominate.

The course has had its winter treatments after its annual soil testing with various doses of nutrients and is in an exceptional condition. Greens are putting well and true and our new number 3 green is growing well. Our second tee has been extended and will enable the two positions to be challenging.

We have revised our price structure and as from 1 August. Our green fees for non members or social clubs will be \$15 per 9/18 holes per person. We have not had a fee increase for several years and our costs for course maintenance and insurance has escalated. The club has had a successful year and next year should be quite challenging when we will be reviewing and hopefully acquiring funding for shelter/clubhouse and other facilities to upgrade our club without losing its natural charms. We currently have 2 applications in for grants for some structure changes and equipment.

## COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP...

All ages welcome  
(including babies)  
10 am to midday on Fridays  
at the Front Beach Park  
Come along and get out of the house, give the kids  
someone to play with and meet some other parents.



## THANK YOU ...

Geoff and I used to live on Coochie but moved away a while ago. We travel 3 hours down and back again to the markets to enjoy the day and catch up with friends. So it was a lovely surprise to win first prize in the Matthew Flinders Day Progress Association raffle and very, very much appreciated. Thank you so much!!!  
Barbara Larsen - Nanango

## CLASSIFIEDS .....



### Wanted Known

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

Pictorial maps of Coochiemudlo Island. Full colour, very decorative. Size A, just \$10. Suitable for laminating or framing. Larger sizes on request.  
Phone: Dennis Lack on 3207 7695

Want your old records or cassettes transferred on CD? This service is available for only \$10!  
Phone: Brian Plumb on 3207 9084

### For Sale

18 FT Griffin trailer sailboat, all sails and rigging, not motor unregistered trailer - \$2,000  
phone: 3820 6650

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

5 August Margaret Barrett  
5 August Roslyn Ward  
9 August Paul Moynagh  
9 August Blake Harris  
19 August Hannah Colville-Richardson  
20 August Maxine Plumb



## LIBRARY NEWS ...

In July we had 172 visits, and 355 items walked out the door - boy do we have some good readers! However, we have some who just can't get there DVD's back at a reasonable time. We are missing:  
Notes from a Small Island, New Groove,  
The Suite Life, Time Bandits, Mooseport, 2 Geographics, Magnolia and Waking Ned Devine.



Please check your bookcases and if they are there, please return ASAP. There are a number of books outstanding, this is a free Library and your co-operation regarding returns are important to us. Due to the wonderful response on Flinders Day to our Coffee Table sales, we have a number of new books why not come and see what we have! Library at Lower Community Hall hours are Sat/Wed 9-12 pm and if you are unable to return or borrow, we have a home delivery just ring 3207 8895 and we will arrange to accomodate you.  
Norma Green and Joan Morganti.

## FLINDERS CAFÉ - 3207 0707 - Dine in or Take Away

Monday Closed  
Tuesday/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 Breakfast all Day 6.00 - 8.00 Roast Dinner

## WHAT'S GOING ON

- 2 August - International Friendship Day
- 3-9 August - National Missing Persons Week
- 9 August - International Day of the World's Indigenous People
- 12 August - International Youth Day
- 13 August - National Left Handers Day
- 13 August - Royal Queensland Show Day (Public Holiday Brisbane Metro only)
- 13 August - International Left Handers Day
- 15-23 August - Seniors Week (QLD)
- 22 August - Ramadan begins
- 28 August - Daffodil Day (Cancer Council)
- 31 August - White Rose Day (in honour of Princess Diana)



## RUMOUR ABOUNDS ...

Recent information from a representative of Cr Burns that Redland Council have put the issue of lights on the Victoria Point side (where it is dark from the toilet block down to the first light in the car park) through to the planning department for the budget this financial year. Wonder if we will be seeing the area lit up a little better in the near future or are we just the victim of 'Council Speak' again!

## OUR LOCAL ARTISTS ...

### DIRT ON A SHIRT (Bob Last)

For 15 years I have been earning a living while having a minimum impact on the environment. In my mission statement, written in 1994, I wanted to produce something that would be "more and more environmentally friendly as opportunities occur while reinventing an old craft and maybe creating something new for the "new age". This has happened.

I was a city boy, born on concrete and it wasn't until I came to Coochie that I found that dirt was useful for more than growing plants and being a surface to live on. I discovered that it stained and was difficult to remove, so I decided to use that natural characteristic as a basis for my new life on the island/ The local craft experts said it couldn't be done but being a stubborn Taurean, I persisted and developed a process that seemed to work both commercially and environmentally.

On Flinders Day 1994, I showed it for the first time to mixed reaction but enough positives to lead me to invest the \$500 Dad had deemed us kids and began selling at Cleveland Market (and still do). Flinders Day, on 19 July just gone, was the 15th birthday. During this time I have developed the quality and varied the appearance. I now also put patterns on basically white garments as well as some new colours that I make, one from 'mother of millions'. The range includes clothing for male and female from 2 year olds to septuagenarians like me. It is not fashion, it is loose, comfortable clothing that is suited to the heat we live in for 9 or 10 months of the year.

There are also homeware items, tablecloths, bedcovers and curtains. I BELIEVE IN MAKING THINGS THAT ARE USEABLE YET ARE GOOD LOOKING ENOUGH TO HANG AS ARTISTIC DECORATION. So you get two uses for the one expenditure. You can enjoy its fine appearance even when it's not on your body or the table. It goes with the colour of the wooden floorboards or terracotta tiles. What about commissioning your own unique curtains or bed sets. Choose an article and decide what pattern you like from another item. Yes, it does fade out it takes time, just like jeans and like blue denim it is still an attractive colour when it ages. The fading in my goods will NEVER be caused by the sun, only by abrasion of the spindle as it agitates on the washing, so gentle cycles or hang it on the wall to air and put a container of your favourite scent underneath it and let it waft up to "scentilate" it. Come for a visit, talk to me about what you think you need. My experience and creativity even surprises me at times!

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

### **Parking & Jetty Access**

Peter Dowling, the Member for Redlands, held a public meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July to discuss issues surrounding parking at Victoria Point jetty and disabled access to the ferries. Around 40 people attended and many interesting points of view were raised. Much of the conversation centred around the concept of a greatly improved, lower cost barge service so that residents could bring their cars home each night and take them off each morning. A show of hands suggested a lot of support for the idea, however a number of issues surround this concept that mean it's unlikely to happen in the short term, it will require significant support from our community, new regulation of barges, and a substantial investment to make it work.

The issue of disabled jetty access was also discussed but no solutions appeared that could solve the problem in the short term. A floating pontoon was suggested and residents agreed that this would be an effective solution, however Mr Dowling informed us that this was not as simple as it seems because of the exposed nature of the jetties on both sides. I am confident that a solution to this problem does exist, however we as a community need to unite in putting pressure on the relevant State Government politicians and authorities to put it on their agenda. A "suggested" letter and list of those to contact is attached to this newsletter. Mr Dowling offered his support in both of these matters.

If anyone has a simple solution to the jetty access issue as a first priority, please let Mr Dowling know at [Redlands@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:Redlands@parliament.qld.gov.au) or email Paul at [paulmoyynagh@inorbit.com](mailto:paulmoyynagh@inorbit.com). Many thanks to John & Fina of Seminara Apartments for hosting the meeting, their hospitality was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

### **Curlew Creek**

While Cr John Burns was here for Flinders Day a number of residents politely bent his ear about the state of Curlew Creek and in particular the piece of the creek next to the Kiosk. On Friday, 31 July, Cr Burns brought an engineer over to look at the Creek to see what could be done about it. A variety of ideas and issues were discussed by Cr Burns, the engineer and a variety of interested and experienced islanders. The next steps are for the engineer to come back for a more detailed survey and engage with the relevant departments to draw up a plan. One option could be to divert the creek under Elizabeth St (culverts already exist) as it comes past the lifesavers shed to meet up with the creek on the western side of the road.

### **AGM, 7pm, 18 August at the Community Hall**

The Progress Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Aug 18 at 7 pm at the Community Hall, all current and prospective members are welcome. One of the key items on the agenda is to vote for a Committee for the following year, all positions will be voted on. At this stage no one has nominated for Secretary so if you're organised and want to be an integral part of the work the Progress Association does please come along and nominate on the night.

## TIDE TIMES

There will be low tides on the following dates with times advised that the passenger ferry or the barge may not run. Please be advised that this information is not supplied from the management of either company. This is an indication only and you will still need to confirm whether the ferry and the barge will be running!

<b>Tuesday 18 August</b>	1.30 pm to 2.30 pm	<b>Wednesday 19 August</b>	2.00 pm to 3.30 pm
<b>Thursday 20 August</b>	3.00 pm to 4.30 pm	<b>Friday 21 August</b>	5.00 am and 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm
<b>Saturday 22 August</b>	4.30 pm to 5.30 pm	<b>Sunday 23 August</b>	6.00 am
<b>Monday 24 August</b>	6.00 am to 6.30 am		

## COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND GARDEN CLUB UPDATE

On Monday, 24 August 2009, members and friends will be visiting Hawkins' Nursery for a tour of the nursery and a discussion by an expert from the Nursery on preparing the garden for drought tolerant plants this spring. We will have lunch at Hawkins' delightful café, but if time is limited for some, they may prefer to have only morning tea. We will be leaving on the 9.15 am ferry and sharing our vehicles to accommodate all. Contact Denise Wright if you would like to know more or if you wish to arrange transport (Phone 3207 6461)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION ...

**GoGet** operate a car share system that could be part of a solution to our car parking problems on the mainland, it may also help you get rid of that seldom used mainland car and save you money.

**GoGet** gives you all the benefits of a car - without the hassle and expense of owning one!

As a member, you have access to a network of new cars parked locally which saves you time and money and lets you get more out of life.

**GoGet CarShare** is perfect for people who don't need a car everyday or want to get rid of that second car. **GoGet CarShare** is more convenient than car rental, cheaper than car ownership and a great way to help the environment. With **GoGet** you only pay for a car when you use one.

### **How does it work?**

Simply join as a member and book your **GoGet** car online or by phone for as little as an hour (or longer). Then, take a short walk to the car, use a special swipe card, jump in, drive and bring it back to the same spot. If you need the car for longer, we have great rates that compare to car rental (but we pay for petrol).

Each month you get an itemised account, much like a phone bill. What you don't get are mechanical, insurance and registration costs, cleaning hassles and everything else that goes with owning a car.

## HISTORY BITS ...

<b>5 August 1914</b>	World War I begins. Australia offers Britain 20,000 troops
<b>5 August 1957</b>	Parking meters introduced in Brisbane
<b>8 August 1789</b>	Australia's first police force was established in the colony of New South Wales. It was made up of a dozen convicts
<b>14 August 1861</b>	William Landsborough organise a relief expedition from Brisbane to find the missing Australian explorers, Burke and Wills
<b>22 August 1930</b>	Sydney: The 2 spans of the Sydney Harbour Bridge are joined
<b>22 August 1872</b>	The Northern and Southern sections of the Overland Telegraph Line, crossing the Australian continent, were joined.
<b>24 August 1872</b>	Queensland's borders were extended to include Thursday Island and the Torres Strait islands.

## WITH SADNESS ...

Dave Clemens, previously of Shirley Street, died on 28 July 2009. He is survived by Margaret, his wife, and family. Dave drove the ferry for a while and some of the ferry staff attended his funeral. Our thoughts are with Dave's family.



Robert Field Snr passed away on 3 August 2009. Wife of Doris Field who passed away recently. It is terribly sad when a family loses their mother and father in such a short space of time. Our thoughts are once again with Robert and Doris's family.

## COOCHIE WALL OF MEMORY ...

August 10 marks 10 years since the establishment of the Wall of Memory in front of Pine Ridge Chapel in Shirley Street. In that time, many people who love our island have chosen to have their ashes or the ashes of a loved one interred in the wall. Often people come to the wall and spend time sitting, reflecting on the life of a loved one they have lost.

Many people have chosen to reserve a niche in the wall for future use. It has become one of island's special places. Enquiries regarding the wall are welcome. Phone Bruce Warwick on 3207 8965.

## THE KOKODA CHALLENGE 2009

Congratulations to Mr Matthew Samson, school teacher at Victoria Point High School, and the rest of the team, Narelle, Jo and Lou (team name - GOATS), who successfully completed the gruelling 96 km Kokoda Challenge through the mountainous track around the Hinze Dam.

The length of the challenge is the same as the original Kokoda trail in New Guinea where the Australian soldiers stopped the Japanese progress towards northern Australia, and is held each year to commemorate this event.

There were approximately 300 teams competing, that is 1,200 dedicated individuals. The GOAT team took a little over 23 hours to complete the trek. They started at 7.00 am Saturday, and finished at about 6.30 am on Sunday.

The effort has inspired and motivated other staff members at the school who have expressed an interest in doing the challenge next year.

There are also two student challenged, the "Jim Stillman Cup and the "Stan Bisset Cup", where students and teachers together can face either a 48 km trek or the complete 96 km challenge. The school is aiming to have several teams of committed students involved next year.

More information can be found on the website [www.kokodachallenge.com.au](http://www.kokodachallenge.com.au)

## COOCHIE RSL SUB BRANCH INFORMATION

Since ANZAC Day the 'ferrets' have been out and about seeking ex Australian and Allied Servicemen and women who may be eligible to join the RSL. Remember, you don't need to have 'War Service' to be eligible; therefore, ex National Service, Regular or Reserve personnel who live on or visit Coochie (regularly or occasionally – that means friends or relations who are resident in 'any' locality) are urged to contact any of the committee listed below for further details. So far we have forty two (42) names, Thirty five (35) of whom signed our census as being willing to join the RSL.

On Saturday, 4 July, we held our inaugural meeting at the Coochie Golf Club, followed by a sausage sizzle and election of the steering committee:

President	-	George Carroll	
Secretary	-	Tracey Easterbrook	- 3207 7359
Vice President	-	Trevor Watson	- 3820 7507

Of note, twenty five (25) potential members attended this meeting, which is remarkable for an Island of our population. The committee would also like to pass on 'a big thank you' to the Golf Club for allowing the embryo RSL Sub Branch to use their facilities!

A letter was dispatched to the RSL South Eastern District (SED) on 6 July, seeking approval to form a Sub Branch on Coochie. Verbal approval from the SED secretary was forthcoming, with official approval expected after the State HQ meets in August.

Watch this space for 'Mates Helping Mates'. Please note 'Mates' in the Australian and Military parlance means 'both' gender.

## COOCHIE SLSC UPDATE

The AGM of South Coast Branch of SLSC was held recently and Coochie SLSC won 2 awards. This is out of all the clubs from Tweed to Stradbroke. We won the Robin Donchi First Aid Award and Pat Kelly Memorial Trophy Patrol Efficiency, which means that our club got the highest marks in patrol inspections out of the whole branch. This award makes the lack of surf an even playing field because the inspections involve first aid scenarios and general knowledge – all clubs get the same scenarios. We are extremely proud of these 2 awards!

## PETITION...

The Petition to the Minister for Police and Corrective Services requests a police presence on Coochiemudlo Island. This petition is available for your signature! If you are willing to assist with the collection of signatures or would like to sign the petition,

## PETITION...

Petition to Queensland Parliament, sponsored by Peter Dowling, regarding disability access - Victoria Point & Coochiemudlo Island jetties. This petition is available for your signature. Please see Terry Smith (3207 0914) to sign this very important petition.

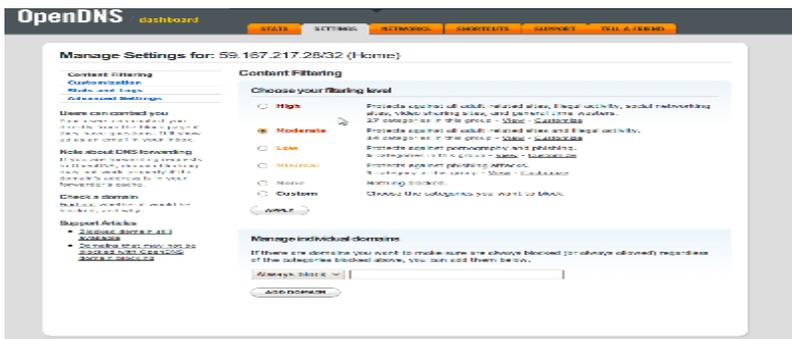
## COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RESORT - 3207 7521

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

## COMPUTER SAFETY (kindly written by Leigh Purdey)

I'm in IT security and I use computers day in and day out, so I have a few geeky options up my sleeve to keep my little ones nice and safe (squid proxy servers, http access controls, guardian controls, iptables... etc) - but they generally require a lot of stuffing around, and if you don't know a compiler from a caterpillar, or a firewall from a firepoker, then you might think that you're out of luck. The good news is that there's a nice easy way to get a basic level of protection on your computer. It's free, and it's called 'OpenDNS'. Your internet service provider provides you with something called a 'DNS server'. Regardless of whether you're on dial-up, ADSL, 3G, or wireless, your ISP tells your computer to 'use this domain name server' when you turn on your computer of a morning. A domain name server is a pretty simple thing.. It basically translates easy-for-humans-to-remember names like "[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)" or "[www.coochiemudlo.net](http://www.coochiemudlo.net)" to addresses that the computer can understand. For example, when your web browser tries to connect to [www.coochiemudlo.net](http://www.coochiemudlo.net), your computer asks the DNS server "Who is this [www.coochiemudlo.net](http://www.coochiemudlo.net) site?". The DNS server is part of a hierarchy of servers. It consults its local database, and looks up the site. If it can't find a result, it passes the request up the chain, and asks one of its mates. Eventually the response will come back - the DNS server tells your computer: [www.coochiemudlo.net](http://www.coochiemudlo.net) translates to "216.71.214.38". This is a number the computer knows what to do with; it's a bit like your mailing address. "Fred and Mary" is not something that the postie understands (ok.. on anywhere other than coochie, perhaps), but "72 Something Street, Coochiemudlo Island, QLD, 4184", will be able to be used by any post office on the planet. The DNS Server is a bit like the post office. The computer then happily connects to 216.71.214.38, and asks the remote machine to give it a web page. This downloads, and displays on your computer.

If you go to <http://www.playboy.com>, your DNS server responds with 216.163.137.3. However, the DNS server provided by your internet service provider is nothing more than a 'suggestion'. You can ignore it completely, and use something else entirely if you wish. This is where OpenDNS comes in. OpenDNS provides you with a way to filter out nasty sites. "Nasty" can mean different things to different people, so OpenDNS provides you with plenty of options, which I'll discuss later. If you configure your computer to use OpenDNS, rather than your normal DNS server, then it can help you in the process of filtering out nasty sites. If you put in <http://www.coochiemudlo.net>, for example, OpenDNS will look at that and think "Nah, that site's ok..", and respond with the correct IP address: 216.71.214.38. If you put in <http://www.playboy.com> though (depending on how you've configured your account), it looks at the site, thinks to itself "Hmm.. looks like there are a few questionable bits here", and responds NOT with 216.163.137.3 like the 'normal' DNS server did, but it responds with a completely different IP address instead - one which directs your computer to go to a web site that displays the message "Sorry, this site is blocked" instead. It's not just about porn though. It can also protect you from some nastier spyware programs (by not allowing the program to report back to its controller computer), and can help you sort out the fake bank sites, from the real ones. You can either go for a simple "high/moderate/low/etc" selection:



Or you can completely customise your settings.



You can even add in custom sites to block. OpenDNS also allows you to keep logs if you wish to, so you can ask little Johnny exactly what exact homework assignment required research on "[www.amateur-naked-site.com](http://www.amateur-naked-site.com)".

So how to you activate OpenDNS? No worries - do a search for opendns on the web - it should take you to: <https://www.opendns.com/> From there, click on 'Start using OpenDNS', and follow the bouncing ball. I should note that this is not, nor should it be, a replacement for adequate supervision on the internet. Kids are pretty smart these days, and there's a reasonable chance that some of them will be able to run rings around your controls. It's a step in the right direction though, and could keep the kids from seeing inadvertent stuff thrown up by nasty web sites.

A few other things you might want to consider to keep your computer just that little bit safer:

- \* Use "Firefox" rather than Internet Explorer. Firefox is an excellent browser, and the people who put it out are exceptionally responsive when it comes to security bugs & fixes. Pop 'firefox' into Google, and click on the first site that comes up.
- \* Throw away outlook as an email client. Consider opening up an online mail account, such as 'Gmail' - it has excellent spam, and virus filters in place, which means that it's one less thing you have to worry about.
- \* Install a virus checker - try 'AVG' - it's free, and quite effective.
- \* Consider running a monthly scan of your computer with an anti-spyware program. I recommend 'spybot search and destroy'. Again, it's free, and very effective.

## PETITION...

Petition to stop increase of Car Rego in QLD

by another \$250 extra a year! Please forward this onto every Queenslander you know. Do you know we will pay \$800 a year for rego when Victoria only pay less than \$200. Let as many people know as you can!

[http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions\\_qld/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1211](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions_qld/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1211)

## ISLAND BUSINESSES...

Mad Mango Restaurant - The Resort.....	3207 7521
Flinders Café .....	3207 0707
Coochie Kiosk .....	3207 7207
Coochiemudlo Island BargeTransport.....	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)
Quirky Holiday Cottages.....	3207 0877
Rozey's Plants.....	0407 657 645
Fruit Loop (home delivery fruit & veg service).....	3280 9873 or 0410 380 164
<b>Hire Facilities</b>	
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 SERVICES & TRADES...

### Real Estate Agents

Baywaters Realty .....	3207 8006
Century 21 .....	3821 2121
LJ Hooker .....	3207 0120

### JP Services

Ian Rowland.....	3207 8221
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### Computer Repairs

Baz.....	0402 999 099
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### Bookkeeper

Anita Marris .....	0408 781 525 or 3207 6396
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### Electricians

Bill Watson .....	0418 739 879
David Morgan .....	0412 932 151
Eddie Brown.....	3207 6059 or 0488 215 119

### Plumbers

Nev Clark .....	3209 6921
Steve Wockner .....	0403 488 284
Mark Chiverton .....	0412 946 214

### Handyman

Len Hebert .....	3207 8782
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### Plasterer

Olivia Barnett (free quotes).....	0414 628 422
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### Builders/Carpenters

Sab Buffalino.....	3207 0168 or 0418 749 120
Richard Browning .....	0413 013 387
Glen Montgomery .....	0428 382 765
Gary Mitchell .....	0412 982 510

### Repairers

Vacuum Cleaner Repairs: Dave Sinclair.....	3207 9495
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### Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry

Greg Harvey.....	0417 002 198
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### Tree Loppers

Redlands Tree Service .....	3829 0000
Kurt Buckney .....	3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

### Glass Repairs

Bob Drennan .....	0417 783 829
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### Painters

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

Len Hebert .....	3207 8782
David Brookes.....	3207 0419
Derek Lewis .....	0413 571 474

### Dog Grooming & Hydrobath

Glynis.....	3207 6362 or 0438 195 229
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### Carrier Service

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

Mel Jensen (for parties & replacements).....	3820 9971 or 0422 884 773
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### Health & Beauty Services

Lisa Mesh (mobile hairdressing service).....	3207 7675
Maureen Thorrold (remedial massage & reflexology).....	3820 8110
Wanda Dobe (Body Talk & Reiki).....	3207 8884
Irene Martin (Avon).....	3207 7975
Olivia Hughes (Neways Distributor) (Household, Health & Personal Care products).....	3820 9472

## 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

### Coochie Community Shopping Service (CCSS)

President: John (Rusty) Russell .....3820 8038

Secretary: Jack Morganti .....3207 9245

### Croquet Club

Mary Preston.....3207 8812

### Indoor Bowls

Monday - Maureen Watson.....3245 5017

Thursday - Pam Martin.....3207 7779

### Coochie Art Group

President: Pat Marini.....32070456

### 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.....0402 963 765

Secretary: Denise Wright.....3207 6461

### Recreation Club

President: Hartley Treloar.....3207 8729

Secretary: Peter Pritchard.....3207 0915

### Bushcare

Dennis & Margrit Lack.....3207 7695

### 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** 11.00 am Saturday at Community Hall .....3207 8276

Mass 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Liturgy of the Word and Communion all other Saturdays. Morning tea after all services.

**Community** 9.30 Sunday Pine Ridge Chapel, 11 Shirley Street.....3207 8965

### Craftmaker's Boutique Market

Showcasing the work of local crafters and artists at the Redland Bowls Club 3 Poinciana Avenue, Victoria Point on the first and third Sunday of each month. New Stallholders always welcome.

Contact 0438 075 315 for more info!

### CHECKOUT FACEBOOK FOR THE COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com>

and search for COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND.

Join the discussion board or leave messages for other COOCHIEITES!

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Classifieds, What's Going On etc

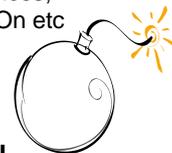
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