



ISLAND VIEWS

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

It's been quite a while since the last newsletter. This unfortunately was due to extreme work overload and then my hard drive decided to give up (probably due to being overworked!). Finally, we're now up and running again. You don't realise just how much you depend on your computer until you don't have it anymore. Thank you to everyone who offered the use of their computer to me in the interim.



Something I did back in October, which I hadn't done for a couple of years, was going to the Resort with friends for dinner. On a Friday night, they have a BBQ menu, which surprised me as I wasn't expecting crocodile and kangaroo on the menu. I don't know of anywhere else where I could order BBQ crocodile with salad and vegetables for \$14.90!! A great menu selection and very, very reasonable prices. Fresh, delicious and well worth trying. If, like me, you haven't frequented the Resort's Mad Mango restaurant recently, take the opportunity to do so. With summer now here and holidays almost upon us, a Friday night out is what everyone deserves – treat yourself. Friday nights there's live music, great atmosphere and great food. What could be better. And if you're having friends to visit, make sure you take them to the Mad Mango for dinner. Not only is there the BBQ Buffet on a Friday night but there's All You Can Eat Pizza & Pasta on a Wednesday night or the Sunday Breakfast Buffet and the Sunday Poolside BBQ Lunch. Just what we need in this heat. Thank you to Maru (Chef), Fiona, Jill, Sarah (App Chef) and Mark for making it a delightful evening and I will be there again soon to try something else on the menu!

Summer school holidays have started, another year has almost passed us by and 2010 is looming rapidly. To all the kids at school, enjoy your holidays and re-energise for the coming school year. So many of our kids have worked so hard this year. Stay out of trouble and be good so Santa brings lots of presents!! To all those people who have had illness or sad times during the year, may the New Year bring sunshine and happiness. Hoping 2010 is a wonderful year for everyone!

There won't be another newsletter now until the beginning of February 2010, so until then I wish every a happy safe and fun filled Christmas and New Year. Thanks to all for your continued support with the newsletter and remember, I can't do it without contributions from you!

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!!

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ...

The Progress Association is promoting a new community initiative "The 1st Sunday" where groups will host some sort of community get together, so we can all take the time to catch up with old friends, meet new friends and spend an hour or so relaxing.

The Progress Association kicked off with a free sausage sizzle on Sunday, 6 December. The History Society will be hosting the first event for 2010 in February. If you're part of a group on Coochie who would like to go on The 1st Sunday's calendar, please contact Kirsty Skok at kirsty.scok@yahoo.com.au or phone 3207 9975 .

The Progress Association is also seeking donations to the Christmas raffle and also volunteers to set up and pack up the Christmas Eve celebrations. Please contact Kirsty if you can help.

MOVIES UNDER THE STARS

FREE activities for kids start at 5 pm.

Bring a blanket or beanbag and get set for a fun filled evening to entertain the family at Redland City Council's free outdoor movie night.

BEDTIME STORIES

Rated PG (for parental guidance) starring Adam Sandler

Playing at sunset (approx 7 pm)

**Saturday 12 December
Coochiemudlo Island
Pioneer Park**

Food and drinks will be available to purchase on the night. For more information, contact Community Development at Redland City Council on 3829 8233.

To all locals, come along and make this an enjoyable, fun filled successful evening!

POLITICAL NEWS ...

Police Presence on Coochie

In August 2009 I received a petition from residents and friends of Coochiemudlo Island which I presented to Parliament House. This petition requested the State Government to provide a Police presence on Coochiemudlo Island and give the residents of the Island the same rights as all Australians and live without fear of violence.

This petition has been rejected by the Minister for Police, Neil Roberts. He has stated that there are no plans in the immediate future to establish a station on the Island.

Should a serious incident occur on Coochie, it could be at least 30 minutes before an officer would be on the ground to assist. Worst case is longer. In light of this, I would encourage you to report all instances to the Redland Bay Police Station so that a continual log of events is recorded. The officers from Redland Bay are well aware of your concerns and are doing their best to step up patrols within the allocated resources they have.

I understand that many of you will be disappointed with this decision and I will continue to lobby on your behalf to have Police numbers boosted across the Redlands.

Peter Dowling MP Member for Redlands

CAN YOU HELP WITH INFORMATION?

A word of advice, be careful of what you leave laying around. The craft market had a parcel delivered to the barge office by courier and presto, it grew legs and walked out on its own! This parcel was not valuable (just as well), it contained the Christmas lollies that were to be handed out by our Father Christmas at the Christmas markets on 29 November. I dislike scum who thieve and I have no doubt they will grow up to be bigger scum. If I ever find out who the thief is, I will not hesitate to name them to the police.

BEV HOLCROFT

If you have information as to who may have committed this low life offence, contact Bev Holcroft or the police directly. It is acts like this that affect our way of life on Coochiemudlo. - **Editor**

OUR LOCAL ARTISTS ...

IRENE MARTIN

I have been making art since childhood. I was formally trained at the Australian Flying Art School and later gained my Bachelor of Fine Art, Visual Art at Griffith University. My first sole exhibition was in 1983, at the Queensland University of Technology, formally Kelvin Grove Teachers' College.

Over many years I have been lucky enough to exhibit both in group and solo shows, receive RADF grants, won many art awards and facilitated children's creative workshops. My art practice has always focused on the environment, celebrating our fragile planet. I have lived on peaceful Coochiemudlo for 21 years and am fortunate to share this artist's paradise with dozens of artists. It is rewarding and inspiring.

Purple People Power

Each year when my Jacaranda tree blooms, I invite a few friends around to celebrate. Because Jacarandas are neither endemic nor indigenous, I give my friends native trees to take home or plant on the island. Gazing up at the exotic mauve Jacaranda colours inspire thoughts of people throughout the world. Once a year, on these 'Jacaranda Days' and wearing purple, my friends and I have between us raised money for WILPF, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; CHILDWISE, Campaign Against Child Sex Trafficking based in Cambodia; WSPA for protection of orangutans in Borneo and Brisbane based EDIBLE GARDEN PROJECT 139 Club Inc, which is a finalist in 'That's Life Magazine Community Hearts Awards, where winners receive \$10,000 towards their project. You can vote for 139 Club at www.thatslife.com.au.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS ...

Members and friends of the Garden Club enjoyed their Christmas Lunch together with a trip to Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. Whilst we expected the gardens to be dry we were pleasantly surprised by their condition. We enjoyed tours in the Gardens' mini-bus and then met together with a grand lunch at the Lookout (or Mountain Hut) within the Gardens. Thank you to all who formed the working party to provide the goodies and to transport the necessaries to the Gardens. We intend returning to the Gardens when the weather is cooler; we now we have an idea of the width and breadth of the Gardens and their various styles and we will be able to focus on our particular or individual interests.

We also enjoyed our September Spring Walk around a number of gardens on Coochie and saw the various styles each presented – from Catherine Bishop's structured vegetable garden with an Asian influence to Bev Holcroft's eclectic collection. Thanks to Catherine and Bev and to Eve Blewett for sharing their gardens with us and also to Carolyn Brammer and Lindsay Duncan, whose garden looked a treat and at whose residence we had afternoon tea.

Our next meeting will be held in the Community Hall on the 22 February 2010. Our Club meets on the last Monday of each month, save for January. New members are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Denise Wright (Secretary) phone: 32076461 or Diane Binstead (President) 0402963765.

FISHY BITS ...

Summer has hit with a vengeance, bringing the northerlies out in force, which around Coochie, means the fish tend to go into hiding. For those persistent enough, flathead, bream and pike can be found in wind-protected areas such as the south-west corner of Peel island, the mangroves around the Canaipa passage, or any of the tree-lined channels south of Russell Island – but many of us will be hoping that the northerlies abate for a few days, so that we can see if the run of pelagics has started.



A few early signs have been promising - last month, the bonito were hitting the surface around the banana banks southern green marker, and there was a run of school mackerel around the north end of Macleay the month before.

The larger summer whiting are starting to make their presence felt - the eastern beach seems to be the best bet at this point in time, particularly on an incoming tide, though numbers are small. The rash of squid continues, with the jetty being the favourite spot - early mornings are your best bet; though those with a good pair of shoes, a dolphin torch, and a throw net, will get good results towards the north-east of the island, if the wind ever settles down.

Eprapah creek has been quiet of late and there have been no reports of decent catches around Moogarapum Creek, perhaps the creeks need a flush in order to return to life.

CASH FOR YOUR UNWANTED GOLD!

A Gold Assessor will be in attendance at MATTHEW FLINDER'S CAFÉ this Sunda, 13 December at 1.00pm. COMPLIMENTARY DEVONSHIRE TEA AND CASH ON THE DAY! Bookings essential with Glenn Hunter (Fairyglen)
Phone: 5574 4997 or 0421 667987 make a booking with the Café!

Coochiemudlo Island Waste Transfer Station

Update on trial opening hours

Coochiemudlo Island Waste Transfer Station changed its opening hours on 1 October as part of a three month trial to improve overall management of the facility. The facility is now staffed and open to the public during the following times only:

Monday	10am to 12pm
Wednesday	10am to 12pm
Friday	10am to 12pm
Saturday and Sunday	10am to 2pm

The site will be closed Tuesday, Thursday and Christmas day during the trial period. Under the trial there has not been any change to the waste types accepted at the facility.

Since the trial commenced, less prohibited waste has been left and much less commercial waste has been dumped illegally at the transfer station. Staff have been able to advise visitors bringing in unaccepted waste of appropriate disposal methods.

Site safety has improved now that construction and demolition waste is no longer being illegally left and improvements have been made to general housekeeping. See below for waste types that can be brought to the facility.

Domestic waste types accepted

Accepted	Not Accepted
Car bodies – to be drained of all liquids and batteries removed	Asbestos
Domestic cover soil	Car Batteries
Domestic hardfill	Chemicals
Domestic waste	Fire Extinguishers
Fridges, freezers, washing machines	Gas Bottles
Greenwaste (domestic)	Paint
Polystyrene- no onsite recycling	Sharps
Recyclables- no onsite recycling	Tyres
Scrap metal	Waste Oil and Waste Oil Containers

Commercial waste types accepted

Only commercial green waste is being accepted during the trial period. Commercial green waste will be charged at \$30.00 per m³.

Further Information

To have your say on the trial opening hours or for further information on the disposal of domestic and commercial wastes, please contact Waste Operations on 1300 362 036.

Coochie Nippers raised over \$10,000 in annual Surf Rescue Appeal. The members of the Coochiemudlo Island SLSC raised \$10,280 in the Surf Rescue Appeal held on the last weekend in November. Members collected at the major shopping centres, Bunnings, Town Centre, Lakeside and on the island. The money will be used to purchase new equipment for the growing numbers of nippers that we have on the beach each week. Next weekend (13 Dec) we have a number of members going for their proficiencies to attain their Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze Medallion. Nippers has now closed down for the holidays and will resume on 24 Jan10. Patrols will still occur on Main Beach on Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays over the Xmas/New Year period. On behalf of all the members of Coochie Isle SLSC we hope you have a safe and Merry Xmas and remember to swim between the flags!

PRIDE LINE ...

"We worry too much about what our children will become and forget that they are already someone today!"



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Regan Smith who won the netball grand final for the Under 13's Division 1 for Sharks Netball Sporting Club. Regan has also been selected, along with 29 other girls, from various netball clubs to play Representative Netball for Redlands Netball Association in 2010. Regan was awarded a bronze Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from Kimberley College upon Graduation from year 8. Regan was also awarded the Distinction Trophy for 2009 for her performance with the Blue Moon Theatre Company.

Remy Millard awarded a silver Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from Kimberley College upon Graduation from year 8.

Chelsea Wallace for being awarded an Academic Excellence Award from Kimberley College upon Graduation from year 10.

To Luka Phoenix, Regan Smith and Chelsea Wallace for outstanding performances in the Kimberley College end of year musical for Kimberley College.

To Zoe Cannard, Emma Richardson and Regan Smith for outstanding performances in their end of year productions with the Blue Moon Theatre Company.

Mary Jane Railton for winning her grand final of touch football with the Redlands Touch Association, Team Dominators, Under 14's mixed, 7-1! Outstanding!

Jaqq Lawrie for winning the Junior Golf Champion 2009 Award with the Coochie Golf Club.

To Kirra Purdie who performed dance routines in the preschool jazz/tap group of the Barrick Ballet Dance Academy at their annual concert.

FROM THE GOLF CLUB...

Well, it has been all go at the course over the past 2 months with our volunteers working like mad to scarify and core all our greens. This is a process that is very time consuming and labour intense but the results afterwards are very rewarding. The greens are coming back very nicely thanks to the fact that each week we went through the process, we were blessed with a reasonable amount of rain to kick start the fertilizers and other magic ingredients that our greens guru, Norm Archibald, puts together.



I would like to thank Norm and all the other volunteers who were involved in this project immensely for your support and a job well done.

We have recently lost another of our much loved members, Melva Imber, after a long illness. Melly was responsible, along with Jan Lenz, for the park and gardens we all are able to enjoy our drinks and food in each week. Melly was a long time member and golfer and served on the committee for a number of years. Our thoughts and prayers go to Ron and his family.

Our Christmas Party will take place on the 20/12/09 with a 9 hole comp followed by a Christmas Lunch. Non Members are welcome to join us for lunch at a cost of \$10, but you will need to book in so we can cater for the event. You may book by calling me on 0417 075 928, no later than the 14/12/09. (Please note that the date of this event has been changed from 13/12/09 as per your club Calender).

We are planning a bush band and seafood lunch for Sunday 24th January 2010. Watch the notice board for further information on this event and book early as numbers will be limited. (Chicken & cold meats will be available for those who do not eat seafood).

I have just received confirmation from the Hon Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, that our application to the Commonwealth Governments Volunteers Grants Program for a new fridge has been approved this is great news for the club and myself as I will now have my beer fridge back for Xmas.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my committee to wish all members and Island residents a very Merry Xmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Rav Burton - President

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.



COUNCIL NEWS ...

Perulpa Street – The sealing of Perulpa Street, between Elizabeth Street and Tageruba Street, is scheduled for completion by late December, weather permitting.

Foreshore Playground – Council allocated \$20,000 towards an upgrade to the foreshore playground.

DON'T FORGET ...

Coochie Recreation Club still have some Recipe Books left, don't miss out. For only \$12.50 each these books make a great Christmas present.

Contact Jacqui Pritchard on 32070915

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!

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted Known

Reliable, responsible high school student available 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

Ripstick Caster Board \$40.00
Phone: 32070915 to view. Proceeds to Rec Club

THANK YOU ...

I would like to thank Pam Russell for her welcoming efforts for the visit of the Rotary Exchange Student from Germany to the Croquet club recently. The club members made our group so welcome and Pam helped so much by driving us to ferry etc. Thank you Pam and the Croquet Club - Yvonne Beckett

MEMORIAL SERVICE ...

On Saturday, 16 January 2010 at 2 pm, we will gather in the Chapel to celebrate all our lovely memories of living on Coochie with Joy Fritz.



In keeping with Joy's bright approach to every day, please wear a hibiscus if you can find one.

Joy will rest in the Memorial Wall at the Chapel with the words of John Keats on her plaque:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever" and "a free spirit" Joy's friends and family welcome you to join them at this service to celebrate her life.

DID YOU KNOW ...



Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts, or pine cones are also a good source of nutrition.

In Britain, eating mince pies at Christmas dates back to the 16th century. It is still believed that to eat a mince pie on each of the Twelve Days of Christmas will bring 12 happy months in the year to follow.

The custom of singing Christmas carols is very old - the earliest English collection was published in 1521.

Germany made the first artificial Christmas trees. They were made of goose feathers and dyed green.

Christmas pudding was first made as a kind of soup with raisins and wine it and originates from an old Celtic dish known as 'frumenty'.

Carols began as an old English custom called wassailing, toasting neighbours to a long life.

BEFORE turkey, the traditional Christmas meal in England was a pig's head and mustard.

The largest Christmas cracker - 45.72m long and 3.04m in diameter - was pulled in Australia in 1991.

Every year between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, there is a 2-for-1 sale on reindeer patties at the Anchorage Deli in Alaska.

LIBRARY NEWS...

Library will be open Wednesday 23 December, close and reopen on Wednesday 30 December, then close until Wednesday 6 January 2010.



Jone and I thank all those who donated an excellent selection of books and DVDs recently and wish all our Readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Norma Green

HISTORY BITS ...

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| 1 Dec 1952 | A rotary driven lawn mower was introduced by Mervyn Victor Richardson after refining a prototype built from billycart wheels and a peach tin. |
| 5 Dec 1924 | Sydney: First Woolworth's store opens in the Imperial Arcade |
| 15 Dec 1905 | Qld: Women granted the right to vote |
| 26 Dec 1902 | Brisbane accorded City status |
| 31 Dec 1935 | Brisbane: The giant cane toad, <i>Bufo marinus</i> , is introduced into Queensland to control the grey-back beetle which attacks sugar cane |
| 1 Jan 1942 | Daylight savings was introduced as a wartime economy measure. |
| 3 Jan 1924 | A precious treasure was found located near Luxor, Egypt, where King Tut's tomb was discovered two years prior. This special object was a stone sarcophagus, which contained a mummy inside of Pharaoh Tutankhamen of Egypt. |
| 14 Jan 1958 | QANTAS international services commence. |
| 16 Jan 1909 | Mawson, David and Mackay reach Magnetic South Pole. |
| 17 Jan 1888 | The first passenger train from Sydney to Brisbane runs. |
| 26 Jan 1948 | Indian pacifist and leader Mahatma Gandhi is murdered on 26 January, by a Hindu extremist |
| 31 Jan 1912 | Brisbane: General Strike, the first of its kind in the country, following suspension of tramway employees over the right to wear union member badges. The strike lasts til March 6. |

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RESORT - 3207 7521

Wednesday – dinner 6 pm onwards
Friday – lunch 12 to 2.30 and dinner 5.30 onwards (live music)
Saturday – dinner 6 pm onwards
Sunday Buffet Breakfast – 8 – 10.30

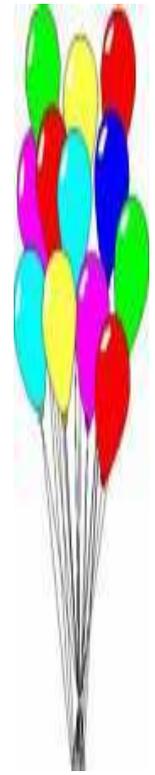
Reservations on a Friday and Saturday appreciated

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

4 Oct	Remy Millard	2 Nov	Denis Alexander
9 Oct	Diane Binstead	6 Nov	Dorothy Green
11 Oct	Jacqui Pritchard	8 Nov	Paul Harris
11 Oct	Ian Rowland	8 Nov	Ivan Holm
13 Oct	Frank Green	9 Nov	Peter Holley
13 Oct	Debbie Grace	13 Nov	Vonda McCarthy
15 Oct	Regan Smith	15 Nov	Sam Johnston
17 Oct	Elise Rutterman	15 Nov	Zakiah Johnston
19 Oct	Terry Smith	18 Nov	Kerry Burton
19 Oct	Barbara Reed	18 Nov	Tyran Railton
19 Oct	Dot Hamilton	20 Nov	Ali Cory
19 Oct	Kerry Denman	22 Nov	Kirra Purdie
19 Oct	Steve O'Hare	23 Nov	Karen Jackson
19 Oct	Luca Moynagh	27 Nov	Lo Brown
20 Oct	'Rusty' Russell	27 Nov	Michelle Harris
22 Oct	Des Binstead	20 Nov	Belinda Harrison
26 Oct	Denise Johnston	27 Nov	Paul Grace
28 Oct	Richard Polglaze	29 Nov	Bruce Green
30 Oct	Lorraine Railton	29 Nov	Ros Pagett
2 Dec	Lenore Smith	7 Jan	Bruce Pagett
4 Dec	Jack Morganti	13 Jan	Norman Archibald
5 Dec	Billy Blight	18 Jan	Tarah Tilson
14 Dec	Judy Burnett	21 Jan	Bob Drennan
15 Dec	Cheryl Curtis	21 Jan	Noela Chalkley
15 Dec	Ros Davidson	23 Jan	Lindsay Morrison
19 Dec	Peter MacQueen	24 Jan	Annie Donohue
19 Dec	Chantelle Pagett	27 Jan	Gwenda Bryant
22 Dec	Joel Bowden	28 Jan	Dora Leach
23 Dec	Pam Russell		
25 Dec	Anne Holm		
27 Dec	Kylie Pagett		
29 Dec	Jan Buechse		

**NEIGHBOURS – KNOW YOUR RIGHT!****Remember the old adage ... BETTER AN EMPTY HOUSE THAN A BAD TENANT!**

This year many of us have suffered from one or more of the following: Fear, intimidation, isolated trauma, loss of peace and quiet and also loss of entire nights of sleep as a result of extended all night and sometimes all weekend parties emanating from neighbouring rented premises. These occasions are, of course, fuelled by excessive alcohol and illicit drug abuse with the resultant loud so-called 'music' and voices accompanied by foul language and often resulting in threats and/or actual violence.

It had been hoped to hold a public meeting on Wednesday, 25 November, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we reverted to an Executive Meeting and decided to hold a public event on Monday, 27 January 2010, at 7 pm at the Community Hall.

BUSINESS: Four zone co-ordinators positions were declared vacant and three positions have been filled, with the fourth to be confirmed. In farewelling Heidi Wallace, Zone C, Janet Richardson, Zone D, Jack Morganti, Zone F and Ross Lawrie, Zone J, we wish them well and welcome Margaret Barrett, Julie Dickson and a special 'good to see you back' to Don Holcroft. Revised area maps and co-ordinator's details will be made available in the near future.

MISSING PERSON?: There was discussion about a young woman who has been seen frequently. She is known to appear on the island but has no regular place of abode. Public toilets have been popular and she has made use of the 'shack on the track', (north of the Community Hall). On the afternoon of Friday, 6 November, there was considerable disruption in Tageruba Street when the person seemingly entered several properties and became ensconced in one flat.

Police were called as a result of one of the incidents. Seemingly the woman had gone by the following Tuesday but there are some doubts about her whereabouts. If you should see a strange woman acting suspiciously, call the police and do not approach her on your own. She seems quite capable of trespassing (an offence), so keep your screen doors and/or gates locked if she is in your vicinity. **STOP PRESS:** The woman in question was reportedly seen by a reliable witness at the markets on 29 November.

UNREGISTERED VEHICLES: Residents have every right to be incensed when they see people driving unregistered vehicles. We know that if we are hit by one of these vehicles our chances of receiving CTP insurance are minimal. The fact that a vehicle displays number plates does not prove registration and there are several vehicles being blatantly driven on a daily basis without registration plates. Perhaps it is time to start reporting these drivers so that police can 'catch them at the wheel'.

UNRULY PARTY BEHAVIOUR BY NEIGHBOURS:

1. Call police – note time and person to whom you spoke. Fill out NHW incident report and fax to Redland Bay Police on 3206 7843. These report forms will be available from Zone Coordinators and Baywaters Realty.
2. Report to Lessor/Agent. Submit a complaint (IN WRITING) to the Agent in question. Provide as many details as possible and remember to keep a copy. The Lessor/Agent is required, by law, to issue a booklet (17a Renting a House or Unit in QLD) to a tenant. Page 6, which lays out the tenant's responsibilities under the Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008, on page 5, under 'Your Responsibilities as Tenant' include the following:

Do not cause a nuisance or seriously affect the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of your neighbours and be responsible for your behaviour and that of your guests.

Merry Christmas and a safe happy holiday period - Bruce E. Green.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Redland Bay Police 3829 4111 (Constable Joseph Mohr, NHW Liaison Officer)
 Fire/Emergency/Ambulance 000
 Area Coordinator - Bruce E Green 3207 8895

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

Barry McNamee.....	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	0419 681 997 or 3209 6921
Steve Wockner	0403 488 284
Mark Chiverton	0412 946 214

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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Electrical Repairs

Repairs, supply & Installation:

Airconditioning systems, solar & Electric hot water systems and more	0418 934 250 or 3841 3832
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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
David Brookes.....	3207 0419
Derek Lewis	0413 571 474

Plants

Rozey's Plants.....	0407 657 645
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Dog Grooming & Hydrobath

Glynis Edwards.....	3207 6362 or 0438 195 229
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Tupperware

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

Glynis Edwards (personal training & fitness).....	0438 195 229 or 3207 6362
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
Sibylle Gibson (Herbalife Distributor - Natural Health & Wellness products)	3820 9695

(Taken from the Bayside Bulletin) QUEENSLANDERS could be paying at least nine per cent more for electricity next year.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER), which will become the economic regulator of the state's two electricity distribution businesses, Ergon and Energex from July 1, 2010, this week released a draft determination on forward funding submissions from the two electricity distributors. Both distributors forecast a continuing rise in electricity consumption across the state. Queensland Energy Minister Stephen Robertson said he would closely consider the draft determination. "Nobody likes to see prices rise, but we must ensure a reliable electricity supply continues to meet the demands of an increasingly energy-hungry community, in which we live," he said.

"While the population of South East Queensland increased by 33 per cent in the 12 years to 2009, peak electricity demand increased by 99 per cent in the same period, placing enormous pressure on electricity suppliers. Energex expects peak demand in South East Queensland to grow by 4.36 per cent each year (or about 20 per cent in the next five years) while Ergon Energy has predicted slower growth in regional Queensland, at an average rate of 2.93 per cent per annum. While more Queenslanders are using energy-intensive appliances, the growing population is expected to bring a 2.07 per cent per annum rise in the number of electricity consumers in South East Queensland, with an 8.14 per cent rise in regional Queensland by 2015.

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) Russell3820 8038

Secretary: Jack Morganti3207 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

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Seniors

Ted Dilworth.....3820 6758

Outdoor Bowls

Ros Ward.....3207 0664

Isle of Coochie Golf

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Secretary: Colleen Morgan

Treasurer: Jack Morganti.....3207 9245

Captain: Stan Harris.....3820 7980

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

Coochie Hackers Golf (meet 2nd 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 Hall3207 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

(Taken from the Bayside Bulletin)

ENERGEX has flicked the switch on a recently completed \$4.7 million upgrade to the Victoria Point substation. More than 7300 homes and businesses in Victoria Point, Coochiemudlo Island and parts of Redland Bay are benefiting from the upgrades, which included the installation of a second 25MW transformer at the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road facility.

Energex Network Program group manager Kevin Ball said the work had doubled the capacity of the substation, providing much-needed additional power to a rapidly growing area.

The project is part of a \$4 billion plus five-year capital expenditure program currently being undertaken by Energex.

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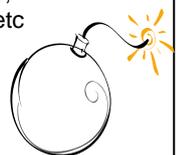
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