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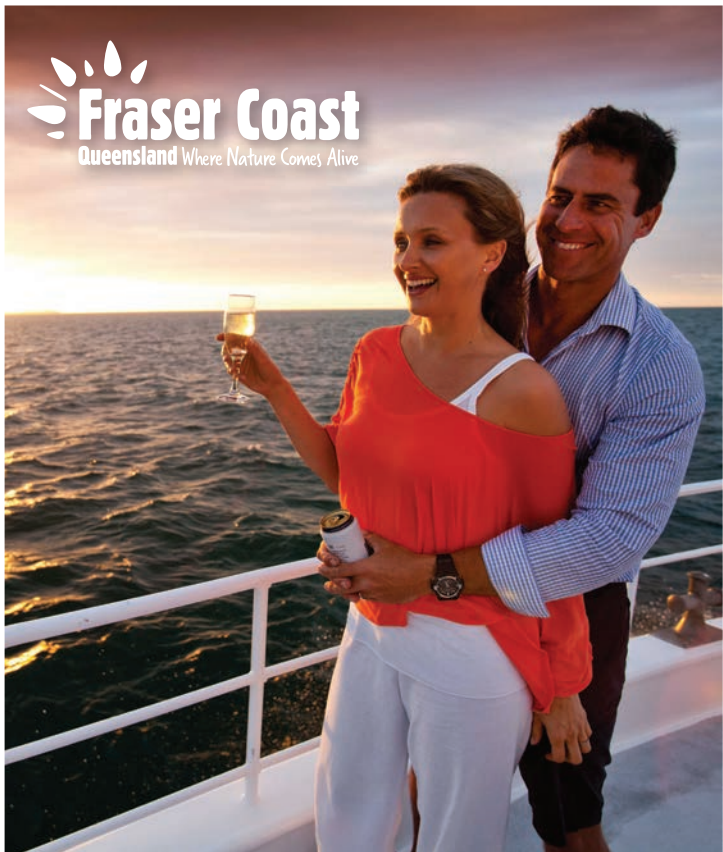
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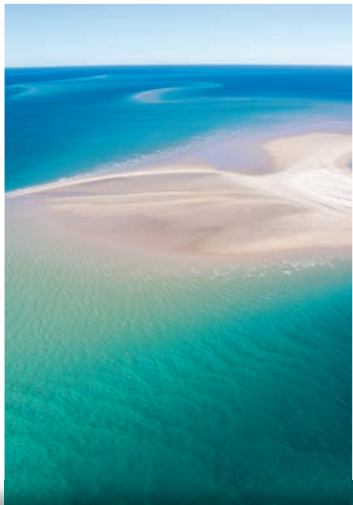
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Note from the Editor



We hope that you are all enjoying our new FREE weekly magazine, 'What's On Fraser Coast'. What a busy month January was for us. Many of you would have got the opportunity to hear the very popular, Australian singer, songwriter and activist, Xavier Rudd live at the Brolga Theatre. Take part in building sandcastles to raise funds for the Cancer Council's Relay for Life, and celebrate Australia Day at one of the many events throughout the region.

February brings us events for the creative with lots of new art exhibitions on show at all galleries. If live music is your thing we have The Searchers, and The Screaming Jets. For those into sport we have the Sports Expo which is a great showcase of our local sporting groups and clubs for all to enjoy. The Fraser Coast is also the destination for some large sporting events, including the Qld Youth Surf Lifesaving Championships, and the Qld State School Triathlon/Aquathlon Championships later this month so please put out a warm welcome when they arrive.

Kim Parnell
Editor

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Con Souvlis, Larger Than Life

Written by Kim Parnell

As I walk into Betta Electrical in Torquay to meet possibly one of the most photographed, reported on, and written about men in Hervey Bay, and indeed the Fraser Coast. I think about all of the things that I have read about him over the years that have always made him appear larger than life.

Con Souvlis spies me as I walk towards him, his handshake is firm but I see the twinkle in his eyes as he pulls me towards him for a kiss on the cheek.

We take a seat at his favourite table that is adorned with his '50 Years in Business' paper that he is very proud of it is joined by magazines, books about the war, and of course, 'King Con – Biography of Con Souvlis'.

Con was born in Innisfail, Queensland on September 13, 1925. He was the first child of Michael and Chrissanthi Souvlis who came from the remote Greek Island called Kastelorizo.

His mother's name comes up quite often during our conversation. Con remembers how his father Michael was away a lot and he helped his mother feed and care for the family. He also talked about his love for her, and tells me of what a great lady she was. Con talks about how his mother used to ring a bell as the trains were coming into Brisbane station, and sold pies to the weary travellers.

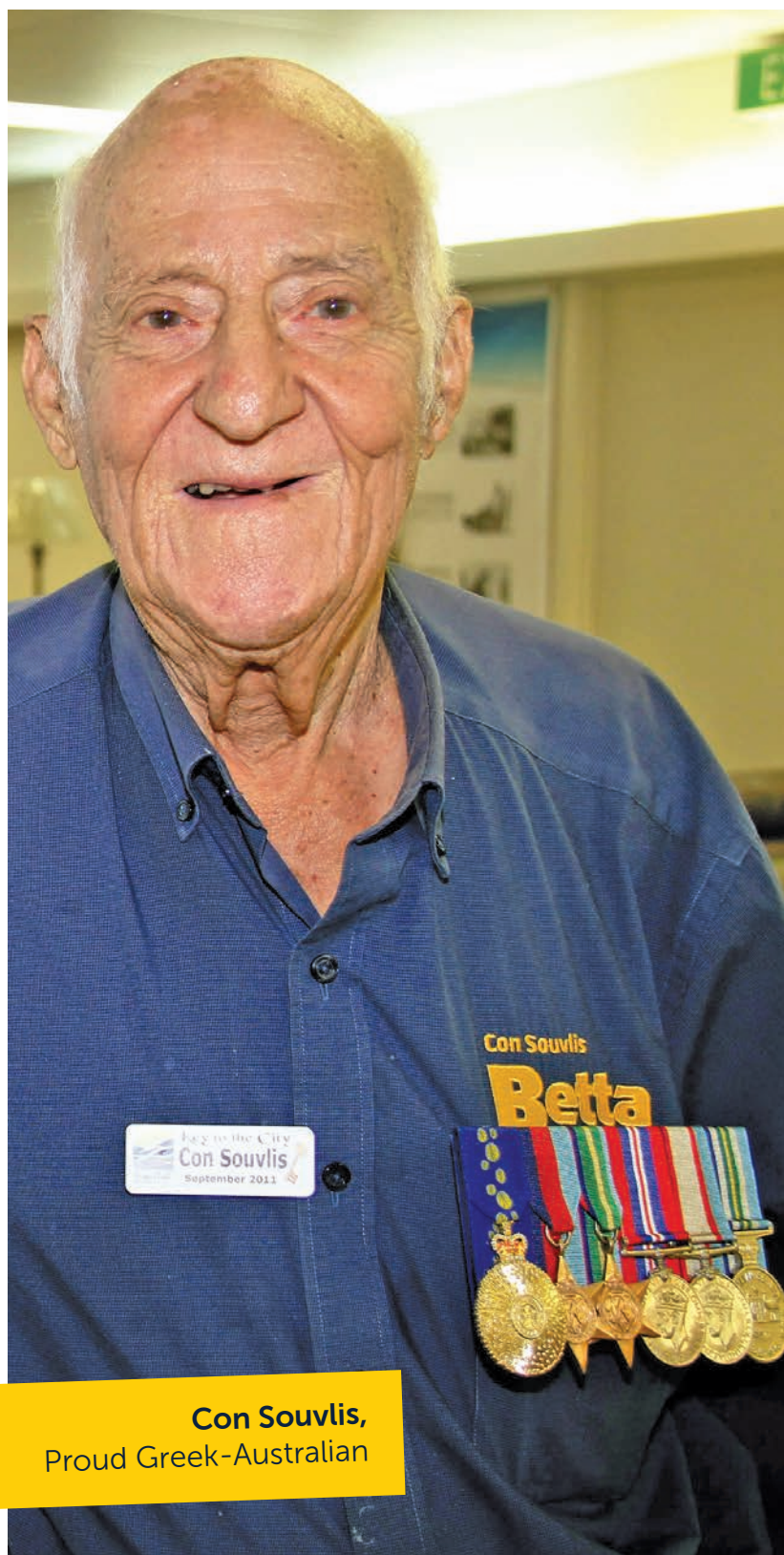
Married once to a girl called Yvonne, they had four children named, Jonathon, Tina, Chris and Shanna, unfortunately the relationship did not work out. Con has remained single ever since and has surrounded himself with family and friends.

Con describes himself as, "A proud Greek-Australian, who fought in the Second World War for Australia". Throughout our conversation the war years are brought up often, those years affected Con throughout his life, he talks about seeing eight soldiers dying in front of him after drowning in the Tagessi River Swamp.

Throughout his life Con has been known as a leading business man and philanthropist. From selling fruit door to door, owning a paint store and Electrical stores, along with a Newspaper, and dabbling in real estate. Con has called Hervey Bay home since 1959, the population was roughly 3000 at the time, and the Esplanade was just a dirt road. What Con saw was a place filled with a huge amount of opportunity for those that wanted to grasp it, as Con did in spades.

With a massive heart Con has given hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years back to his community. He is patron of many clubs, groups and organisations. He has also helped found and funded lots of projects from the Vietnam Vets, Meals on Wheels, the Extension of Freedom Park, and many sporting groups, just to skim the surface. Con has also given 27.5 acres of land to Bay Crest Retirement Village over the years.

We end our conversation with a photo session in the 'Lazy-boy' section of Betta Electrical. On the way Con holds my hand tight as I escort him down the aisle. He spies a customer, and we stop. Con looks the Customer straight in the eye and says, "And how may I help you today". The customer assures Con that he has been well looked after, then when Con is ready we keep going towards our photo date. It is hard to believe that Con will be 92 in September. As we part we share another kiss. I think Con leaves everybody he meets with a lasting impression. The man definitely is larger than life.



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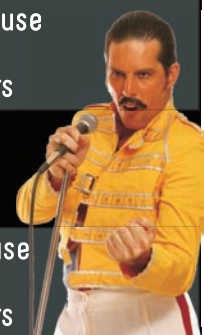
Friday March 3rd, 7pm in Hervey House
HB Jazz Club - Entertainer TBA (check website)
Tickets \$20 Jazz Club members, \$25 non members

Tuesday March 7th, 11am
Morning Melody with Stewy V - Elvis tribute show
Tickets \$5 members, \$7 non members

Saturday March 18th, 8pm in Hervey House
Dr Hook tribute show
Tickets \$20 members, \$25 non members

Tuesday April 4th, 11am
Morning Melody with Rodney Vincent
Tickets \$5 members, \$7 non members

Saturday April 15th, 8pm in Hervey House
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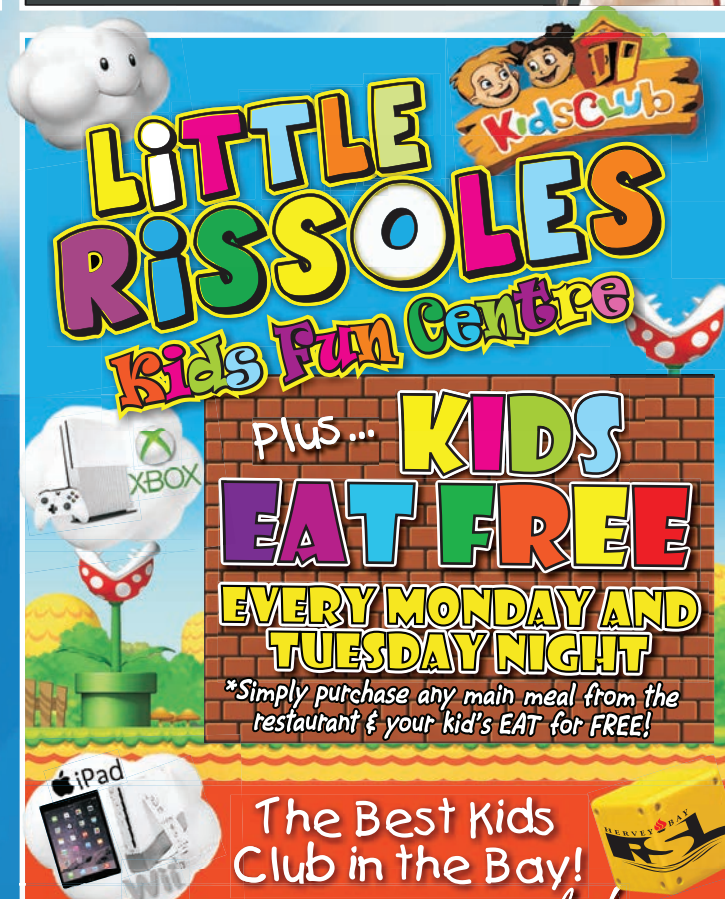
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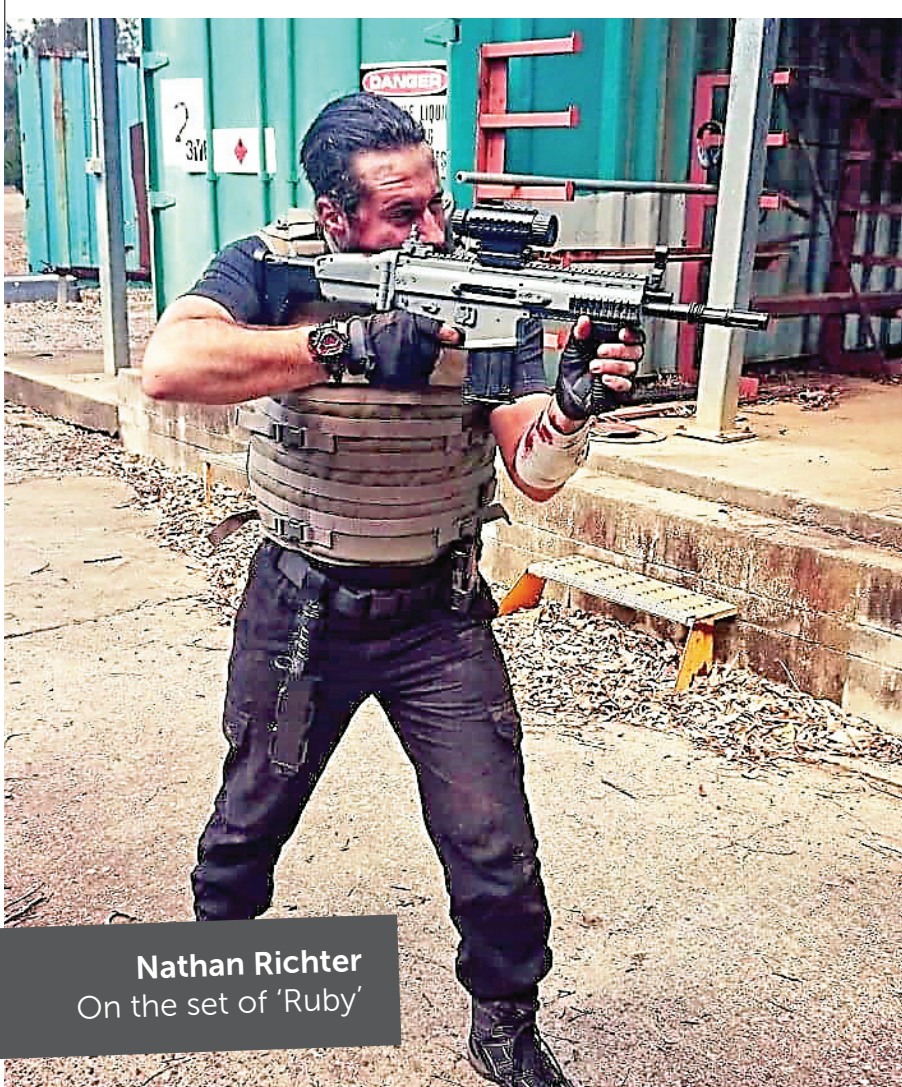
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Nathan Richter
On the set of 'Ruby'



Photo credit:
Adam Marlow

Medieval Swordplay Brought to Life

Written by Kim Parnell

Nathan Richter's name is becoming well known around the Fraser Coast, although we don't always get to clearly see his face as he is quite often in full medieval costume. Nathan and his medieval group, 'Fléau des Français', can often be seen showing off their sword skills at various festivals to everyone's delight.

Nathan Richter is also an Actor, and recently won an award for Best Actor, through the Australian Screen Industry Network for a short film that he starred in called, 'Ruby'. This film was with Harlequin Films Australia. The film only took one day to shoot, and was made in 2016. Nathan remembers that he was feeling very unwell on the day of filming, but this actually helped his performance, as he had to act tired and fatigued in the film. Nathan said that he, "was very shocked, surprised, and excited to win Best Actor, certainly not something that happens everyday".

Nathan has also been lucky enough to act in a few Ads for the Bundaberg Motor Group.. Those of you who go to the movies will have seen him on the big screen, or on television. He has also featured in the Ad for Lifestyle 24 Gym.

Medieval Re-enactment has been a passion of Nathan's since he was a young teenager of about fifteen or sixteen years of age. he started out by doing some theatrical Rapier with friends, this is basically theatrical sword fighting. Nathan then found a re-enactment group to join, before deciding to start up one of his own called, 'Fléau des Français', and as they say the rest is history.

The groups main focus is on the period of the rule of King Edward the third, 1327 to 1377. But they do cater for the 14th Century so any time in the 1300's is fine. That particular point was

chosen because it was a time when there were some pretty major historical events. There was lots of upheaval, the Black Death was happening, and there was a major war between two super powers at the time.

The majority of the costumes and accessories are able to be purchased here in Australia. Some of the members are skilled enough to make their own garments, and bits and pieces. Armour wise you can get the majority of it here. Nathan has made plate armour of the 14th Century style, this is transitional, going from a partial plate to full plates, he has also made various protective garments.

When the weather cools down again the group will be back out at Dayman Park practising for all to watch. In the summer heat they constantly have to worry about heat stroke and dehydration, especially with the armour and all of the clothing that they wear. Nathan will be planning sometime probably in February to start getting back into light training once again. Not full on combat just yet. Just getting back into some drills, and footwork, as they prepare to brush the rust of and begin the new year.

Nathan said, "We are constantly after more members. Our Trainees recommended age is fourteen or fifteen for mental maturity. All people that are under eighteen years of age must have a parent or guardian with them. I always like to meet them face to face before training starts as well. No gear is needed until much later, other good attributes to have are enthusiasm, and great listening skills as it can be a very dangerous activity". Please call Nathan Richter on: 0411 3799 21 if you are interested to know more.

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Feel the Love on *Valentines Day*



Written by Kim Parnell

Valentines Day is the day of love. If it is your first you may feel butterflies in your tummy, and weak at the knees. For others that have been together for a little longer it might be a chance to rekindle a feeling that you thought had long gone. It is a day to pause in your busy life, put down the mobile phone, turn off the television and spend time together.

Valentines Day is one of the most romantic days of the year. But it doesn't need to cost a fortune unless you want it to. Here are a few ideas to get that spark to turn into a firework.

- Fill a box full of Helium balloons and add some thoughtful, special valentines gifts.
- If your partner works away send a care package to them with things that are red.
- Write a poem for your love and frame it.
- Go on a romantic sunset boat cruise.
- Enjoy a nice scenic flight to an island, and have dinner by candlelight.
- Take your partner to a place that you both enjoyed when you first laid eyes on each other. Think about how you felt.
- Write down 10 things you love about each other and read them out.
- Give your partner a dozen roses then attach a note to each stem. The notes could either be love notes, or notes asking for other dates.

For the Family

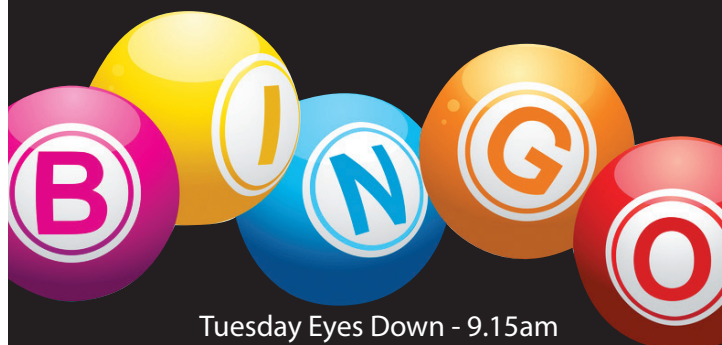
- Order food from a take away and have a picnic on a rug in the lounge room, and share the night with those that mean the most to you.
 - Think of someone who may be lonely on Valentines Day, then think of way's that you can include them in your day.
 - Organise a Scavenger Hunt.
 - Make and hide all of the clues, tape a small chocolate to each clue.
- "A kiss makes the heart young again and wipes out the years".
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The Engineers Arms Marketplace

I was lucky enough to be able to sit down and have a chat with Jenny Elliot about her new venture, the Engineers Arms Marketplace. Jenny is Maryborough born and bred and is very knowledgeable and passionate about the area. She is a tireless worker within her community and has been heavily involved in the Tech Challenge, The Duncan Chapman Memorial and the Maryborough Chamber of Commerce to name a few.

I was excited to delve into the history of The Engineers Arms in Maryborough and it didn't disappoint. The former hotel has a rich, at times tragic past. It was last used as a hotel in 1951, it has since been a Boarding/ Guest House, community centre and restaurant. The building itself has a very distinctive shape as it was originally built on a five way intersection, that has since turned into a four way. - Kim Parnell, Editor

Now fast-forward to 2017:

The Engineers Arms has been transformed into a bustling marketplace, providing an affordable exhibition and retail space for local crafters and artisans. Sharing the space are Jacqualina Designs, and Candescent.

The Engineers Arms Marketplace, a small business initiative, is a

concept that has evolved through feedback from the local community to address the gap in the range of local souvenirs and giftware available for purchase in Maryborough.

The Engineers Arms Marketplace will initially operate 5 days per week from Wednesday to Sunday from 10am to 3pm. Opening 14 December, 2016

The Engineers Arms Marketplace team invites applications from local micro-businesses, artists, artisans, creators, craftsmen, cooks, designers, producers and collectors to showcase their wares and offer a diverse selection of individual popup stalls with distinctive and inspired products that are of a high quality, sourced, designed and produced locally.

Opportunities exist to encourage local community artisans and crafters to supply suitable merchandise on a consignment basis.

Local crafters and artisans can display their unique wares at individual stalls which include original handmade craft, condiments, gourmet pantry items, soaps, candles, sculpture, collectables, vintage, retro, homewares, accessories, jewellery, woodwork, artwork, photography, paintings, farm fresh produce, books and souvenirs.

There is also a book corner featuring books by local authors and publications documenting Maryborough's rich history.

In 2017, we aim to have a Themed Sunday Market once a month coinciding with the very popular Sunday in the Park. We envisage that these Sundays at the Engineers Arms Marketplace will become a local farmers market with a range of produce and flavours from the region.

The goals and benefits of the Engineers Arms Marketplace in terms of outcomes will be:

- Engaging the local community in discussion and/or comment about the transformation of the iconic Engineers Arms building into a bustling marketplace using social media platforms and other initiatives will increase visitor numbers and boost local revenue.
- Proactive and positive way of utilising the local community as ambassadors to promote the Fraser Coast region will increase visitor numbers.
- A diverse range of stock focusing on the local area creates opportunity to initiate conversation with customers increasing destination awareness generating increased local revenue and visitor numbers.



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Gig Guide

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Hervey Bay

The Boat Club

Thursday, 02 – 12pm & 5pm – Neil Wenk
Friday, 03 – 5.30pm – Trevor Judge – 8pm – Red Betty
Saturday, 04 – 5pm – Brian Speirs – 8pm – Red Betty
Sunday, 05 – 1pm – Brian Speirs – 6pm – TBA
Tuesday, 07 – Trevor Judge
Thursday, 09 – 12pm & 5pm – Neil Wenk
Friday, 10 – 5.30pm – Vibeke Voller – 8pm – Mo Swagger
Saturday, 11 – 5pm – Michael Kopp – 8pm – Mo Swagger
Sunday, 12 – 1pm – Jon Veave – 6pm – Neil Wenk
Tuesday, 14 – 12pm – Trevor Judge
Thursday, 16 – 12pm & 5pm – Neil Wenk
Friday, 17 – 6pm – Jon Veave – 8.30pm – Paul Terry Trio
Saturday, 18 – 5pm – Brian Speirs – 8.30pm – Romeos Apprentice
Sunday, 19 – 1pm & 6pm – Neil Wenk
Tuesday, 21 – 12pm – Trevor Judge
Thursday, 23 – 12pm & 5pm – Neil Wenk
Friday, 24 – 5.30pm – Trevor Judge – 8pm – Doug & the Upperhand
Saturday, 25 – 5pm – Brian Speirs – 8.30pm – Hard Cover
Sunday, 26 – 1pm – Brian Speirs – 6pm – Neil Wenk
Tuesday, 28 – 12pm – Trevor Judge

Hervey Bay RSL

Friday, 3 – 6pm – Dust Duo
Saturday, 4 – 8pm – Mad World Blues Band
Friday, 10 – 6pm – Bobby Barnes
Saturday, 11 – 8pm – Doug and the Upperhand
Saturday, 11 – 8pm – Show - Little Steeley Brothers - \$20 members / \$25 non members
Tuesday, 14 Morning Melody – 11am - \$5 RSL members/\$7 non members – Milton Q
Friday, 17 – 6pm – Sam Maddison
Saturday 18 – 8pm – Shades Trio
Friday, 24 – 6pm – Derek Smith
Saturday, 25 – 8pm – Janice & The Violets
Sunday, 26 – 12.30pm – Janice J Solo

The Clubhouse

Friday, 3 – 6pm – Rick Manych
Saturday, 4 – 6pm – Jamie Parkinson

Friday, 10 – 6pm – Frank Benn
Saturday, 11 – 6pm – Keaton McNeill
Friday, 17 – 6pm – Doug Edwards
Saturday 18 – 6pm – Vibeke Voller
Friday, 24 – 6pm – Pete Baker
Saturday 25 – 6pm – Rick Manych

The Beach House Hotel

Every Thursday night Open Mic
Friday, 3 – 8pm – Shem: Bob Marley Celebration
Saturday, 4 – 8.30pm – Uncle Arthur
Sunday, 5 – 2pm – Doug Edwards
Friday, 10 – 8pm – Lion music festival – FREE in the main bar. Featuring Jagwar Ma, Jack River and The Babe Rainbow.
Saturday, 11 – 8.30pm – Red Betty
Sunday, 12 – 2pm – Shaun Beckett
Friday, 17 – 8pm – Dogwood Crossing (Duo)
Saturday, 18 – 8.30pm – Grasscutters
Sunday, 19 – 2pm – Bobby Barnes
Friday, 24 – 8pm – Chops FREE in the Main bar / Screaming Jets upstairs tickets \$40 available from the gaming room
Saturday, 25 – 8.30pm – Doug & The Upperhand
Sunday, 26 – 2pm – Charlotte's Web

Bay Central Tavern

Friday, 3 – 8pm – Frank Benn
Saturday, 4 – 8pm – Dogwood Crossing
Sunday, 5 – 1pm – Sam Maddison
Friday, 10 – 8pm – TBA
Saturday, 11 – 8pm – Wal Neilsen Band
Sunday, 12 – 1pm – Derek Smith, UCF 208
Friday, 17 – 8pm – Bobby Barnes
Saturday, 18 – 8pm – Doug Edwards Trio
Sunday, 19 – 1pm – Harley Meszaros
Friday, 24 – 8pm – Open Mic
Saturday, 25 – 8pm – Wrecked On Sunday
Sunday, 26 – 1pm – Doug Edwards

Coast Restaurant

Sunday, 5 – 2pm – Sam Maddison
Sunday, 12 – 2pm – Frank Benn
Sunday, 19 – 2pm – Sam Maddison
Sunday, 26 – 2pm – Frank Benn

The Bayswater Bar and Bistro

Friday, 3 – 6.30pm, Doug Edward
Saturday, 4 – 7.30pm, Arthur Black,
Sunday, 5 – 3.30pm, Quinn
Friday, 10 – 6.30pm, Doug Edward
Saturday, 11 – 7.30pm, Arthur Black,
Sunday, 12 – 3.30pm, Quinn

Friday, 17 – 6.30pm, Matt Phillip
Saturday, 18 – 7.30pm, Arthur Black,
Sunday, 19 – 3.30pm, Quinn
Friday, 24 – 6.30pm, TBA
Saturday, 25 – 7.30pm, Arthur Black,
Sunday, 26 – 3.30pm, Quinn

Maryborough

Old Sydney Hotel

Friday, 03 – 6pm – Derek F Smith
Tuesday, 14 – Valentines Dinner
Friday, 17 – 6pm – Frank Benn

Maryborough Sports Club

Thursday, 02 – 6.30pm – Glenn Fox
Friday, 03 – 6.30pm – TBA
Saturday, 04 – 8.30pm – Angels, Divinyls, The Midnight Oil Show, Tickets \$20
Thursday, 09 – 6.30pm – Quinn the Radio Star
Friday, 10 – 7.30pm – Rebel Rouser
Saturday, 11 – 7.30pm – Slap Beat Band
Thursday, 16 – 6.30pm – Glenn Fox
Friday, 17 – 7.30pm – Forbidden Road
Saturday, 18 – 7.30pm – Roger Lewis
Thursday, 23 – 6.30pm – Quinn the Radio Star
Friday, 24 – 7.30pm – Atmosphere
Saturday, 25 – 7.30pm – Billy Guy
Sunday, 26 – 12.30pm – Billy Guy End of Month Draws

The Federal Hotel

Friday, 3, 8.00pm, Kev Gray
Saturday, 4, 8.00pm, Pete Baker
Friday, 10, 8.00pm, Dave Gray
Saturday 11, 12.00pm (Afternoon Session), Sam Maddison, followed by 8.00pm – Till Dawn
Friday, 17, 8.00pm, Luke Karolak
Saturday, 18, 8.00pm, Phil Morgan
Friday, 24, 8.00pm, Skip Pleasantries
Saturday, 25, 8.00pm, Open Mic w Jon Veave

Maryborough RSL

Friday, 3 – 7pm – Darryl and the Devil
Saturday, 4 – 7pm – Bobby Barnes
Friday, 10 – 7pm – Tony Fallon
Saturday, 11 – 7pm – The Deers
Friday, 17 – 7pm – John Corowa
Saturday, 18 – 7pm – Contraband
Friday, 24 – 7pm – Till Dawn
Saturday, 25 – 7pm – Red Betty

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WHAT'S ON AT THE BROLGA

FEB
5

Sunday
 Riverside
 with
 Derek
 F Smith

SUN ☉ 3-6PM
 FREE EVENT

FEB
16 The Searchers
 THU ☉ 8PM

FEB
18 The Kings of
 Country Rock Tour
 SAT ☉ 8PM

FEB
22 Oh What A Night
 WED ☉ 8PM

MAR
4
 Death By
 Chocolate
 Fundraiser
 SAT ☉ 7PM

MAR
5 Sunday Riverside
 with Yakaty Yak
 SUN ☉ 3-6PM FREE EVENT

MAR
10
 MAR
11

My Fair Lady
 Maryborough
 Players

FRI ☉ 7:30PM
 SAT ☉ 2:00PM & 7:30PM

MAR
14 The World
 of Musicals
 TUE ☉ 8PM

MAR
17 Swan Lake Moscow Ballet
 FRI ☉ 7:30PM

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Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

FEB 4

Tipples and Tales

2.30pm-5.30pm

Enjoy Regional Ports, liqueurs and tasting platters. \$25 per person, bookings essential

The Bond Store, Wharf St, Maryborough

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FEB 4

BB & the Kings

8pm -11pm

Classic Rhythm and Blues, Rolling Stones, ZZ Top and more

Hervey Bay RSL

FEB 5

Hidden Figures Movie Fund-raiser

2pm – Raising funds to rid our world of Polio.

Tickets \$15 from Mary Ryan's Book-store, Banana Bender, Scooters & Mobility, or call Heather on: 0400 553 295.

FEB 11

Valentines Fun Run

Sign up from 7am. \$10 entry free for participants

Raising money for Bayside Transformations

Bill Fraser Park, Torquay.

FEB 2

Culture Caf - World HiJab Day

10am – 12pm

\$4 Entry, try some Halal food and culture

Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, 22 Charles St, Pialba

FEB 4

Maryborough Stories by Night

6pm-8pm

Go on a trail through heritage streets and listen to the stories of days gone past

Adults \$15, Children \$5, Call: 4190 5722 to book.

FEB 4

Sunday in the Park

10am-2pm

Free Entry, Entertainment by Jon Vea Vea, Market Stalls etc.

Scarness Park, Scarness

FEB 5

Sunday Riverside

From 3pm. Entertainment by Derek F Smith

Free live music, Brolga Theatre & Convention Centre

FEB 11

Hervey Bay Humpbacks Masters Swim Meet

From 7.30am

Meet cost \$25, (You must have Pre-registered)

Hervey Bay Aquatic Centre, Torquay

FEB 2

Agricultural & Food Industry Forum

10.30am-5pm, followed by Networking

(For those that have sent an RSVP), For further details contact Donna Foster on: 4190 5770

FEB 4

Zumba Party Class with Bel-Mondo

Doors open 6pm

Aldridge SHS, Boys Ave

Tickets 0427 047 189

FEB 4

Central Coast Regional Little Athletics Carnival

FEB 3

Gatakers Drinks in the Gallery – Exhibition Opening

6pm

Opening night of Exhibitions on this month at Gatakers Artspace.

Enjoy drinks, meet the artists, cash bar, light refreshments

311 Kent St, Maryborough

FEB 4

Auditions - "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change".

10am-2pm

Age range from 22-35

Show will run in May. Go to: www.zpactheatre.com.au for details

FEB 5

Sports + Expo – Fraser Coast

10am-2pm, PCYC O' Rourke St, Pialba

Free Entry, Sausage Sizzle, Kids Activities, Give-away's.

FEB 10

Art after Dark – Exhibition Opening

6pm – Hervey Bay Regional Gallery

Exhibition opening of Exhibitions on this month

Fraser Coast Cultural Centre, 166 Old Maryborough Rd, Pialba

FEB 12

Race 4-Triathlon

Juniors 8am, Seniors 9am

8am – Seafront Oval

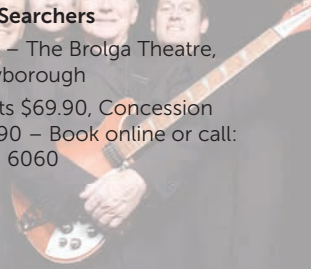
Hervey Bay Triathlon Club Inc

FEB 15

Art and Alzheimers – Art Conversation Tours
10am-11am -Cost: Free
Bookings essential call: 4197 4206
Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Cultural Centre, 166 Old Maryborough Rd, Pialba

FEB 16

The Searchers
8pm – The Brolga Theatre, Maryborough
Adults \$69.90, Concession \$64.90 – Book online or call: 4122 6060



FEB 16

Morning Tea with Candice Fox
10.30am-12pm
The Sticky Fig Gallery Cafe
\$7.50 per ticket, this includes Morning Tea
Available from Mary Ryan's Bookstore, Pialba

FEB 18

The Kings of County Rock Tour – Eagles VS Creedence
8pm – Adults \$45, Concession, Student, Child \$40
Book Online, or call: 4122 6060
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough.

FEB 17-19

Qld Youth Surf Life Saving Championships

FEB 18

Mad Hatter's Tea Party
From 1pm – Call 0499 343 007 for further details
To commemorate Lady Margaret's Birthday
Victory Castle, Riverbend, Lot 1 Riverbend Dr, St Mary Via Tiaro

FEB 18

Junior Quarter Midgets Thunder Series, Round 3, (Pre Program)
Maryborough Speedway

FEB 18-19

Sleeping Like Babies – Corporate Sleep-out Event
6pm – 8am, Marcus' Legacy
Raising money for the Special Care Nursery at Hervey Bay Hospital. Seafront Oval.
For more information call
Krisie Miller on: 0423 815 680

FEB 19

SKAA Karts
Maryborough Speedway

FEB 22

Oh What A Night, ' A Tribute to Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons
8pm – Adults \$59.50, Concession, Pensioner, Student, Child \$55.50
Book Online, or call: 4122 6060
The Brolga Theatre, Maryborough.

FEB 23

Simon Gillespie sings Peter Allen
11am
\$15 per person, book Online, or call: 4122 6060
Brolga Theatre, Maryborough

FEB 24

The Screaming Jets – Chromozone Tour
8.00pm. The Beach House Hotel.
Tickets \$40 available from the gaming room.

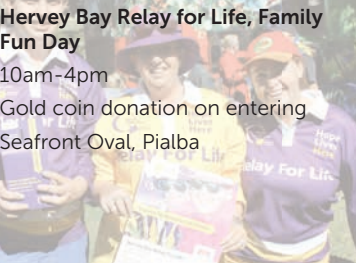


FEB 25

Creative Co-Op, Handmade Markets
8am-1pm
Call: 0498 596 424
St Stephens, Suxxex St, Maryborough

FEB 25

Hervey Bay Relay for Life, Family Fun Day
10am-4pm
Gold coin donation on entering
Seafront Oval, Pialba



FEB 25

Drum Making Workshop
10am – 2pm – Hosted by: Down to earth healings, readings & meditation.
\$375
Call: 0418891935 for further information.

FEB 25

Begins at 5pm
Live music, food, local art and culture, bring your own chairs or picnic rug
Full Bar facilities, please no BYO.

Art Gallery Exhibitions

Gatakers Artspace, 311 Kent St, Maryborough
Call 4190 5723 for more information
Beyond the Barbed Wire Fence – Steve Junghenn – 30/01/17 to 26/02/17
10am-1pm
The Magick and the Divine – Ewalina Powell, Tammy Martin – 30/01/17 to 26/02/17
10am-1pm
Trilogy – Betrice Prost, Angelique Waves, Janey Richards
10am-1pm
Unearthing The Archetype – Caedmon Johnson, Gecko Skin Jewellery – 30/01/17 to 26/02/17
10am-1pm

Flood Language: The big and the little – Joolie Gibbs – 27/02/17 to 02/04/17
Linda Black – 27/02 to 02/04/17
10am-1pm
Mysteries of the Burning Bush – Zela Bissett – 27/02/17 to 02/04/17
10am-1pm
Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Fraser Coast Cultural Centre, 166 Old Maryborough Rd, Pialba
Call 4197 4206 for more information
Three Foot Six – The Sunlander – A touring exhibition by Glen O'Malley and Ian Smith – 09/12/16 to 05/02/17
10am-4pm

Ad Wer: Story Of The Stars From Eastern Torres Strait – Tommy Pau toured by Umbrella Studio, (Touring Exhibition)
10am-1pm
Be Bold, Be Brave, Believe! - Anne Ham & Students – 10/02/17 to 19/03/17
10am-1pm
Nothing New? - Marlies Oakley, (Touring Exhibition) – 10/02/17 to 19/03/17
10am-1pm
Hervey Bay Art Society - Gallery 5 – 5 Sandy St, Urangan – Call: 4124 9200
February 10 - Figure Studies Exhibition Opens
9am to 3pm, everyday

For a full list of What's On, go to: facebook.com/WhatsOnHerveyBay/



I took to the streets to ask people about their New Year Resolutions. I got some great responses. I must admit that I do not make resolutions as I don't want to make promises that I can not keep. I would rather do things at my own pace without having the added weight of other peoples expectations. **Kim Parnell, Editor.**

Question: What is your New Year's Resolution for 2017?



"It is a time for a fresh start, a new beginning. I don't believe in resolutions, as we all have the choice to make changes."

Verity Posner, Wondunna



"Well I am so excited as I have just found out that I am expecting, so I hope for a happy and healthy baby this year."

Kristie-Lee Holloway, Urraween



"I am happy to say that I will not be making any New Years Resolutions this year, as I already have everything I need right here".

Andrew Miles, Wondunna



"I intend to spend more time with my gorgeous wife, and take her out to dinner at least once a month".

Jon Ralston, Urraween

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COFFEE

Written by Andrew - FX of Coffee

Coffee, Kopi, Kaffe, whatever you like to call it, we mostly agree that it is a beverage that thrills, excites and energises.

Although the majority of coffee drinkers think they are connoisseurs in reality we have all rarely touched the surface of what coffee is, has been and is yet to become. I have dealt with this magic bean for nearly 30 years and to this day I still find it fascinating as it reveals yet another layer of knowledge to me.

In this article I will at least attempt to begin to pass some of that knowledge to those who enjoy this wondrous beverage and at the same time I hope that I too can learn a few more things to do with coffee. If I have one hope from writing this that would be to turn the Fraser Coast region into a true coffee culture where as many people ordering coffee know as much hopefully as the person making the coffee and if that improves the quality of what is served all well and good.

So where to start, perhaps with some trivial facts. Most people recognise that the majority of coffee is grown between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer, this does not mean that this is the only region. In fact Australia has some of the southern most growing regions in the world. Most of us recognise the difference between Robusta (Instant coffee) and Arabica (Espresso) even though this changes with blends of coffee. Robusta simply is generally grown at lower levels and is more pest resistant, Arabica higher levels and a little more delicate with its surrounds. Higher caffeine levels in a bean may mean there are more pests about where it is grown, by increasing the caffeine levels this becomes plants main protection system.

Another misconception is the darkness of the roasted coffee bean means the higher the caffeine level. This is almost entirely a myth as the longer you roast coffee the more caffeine is cooked out, this is why most of the roasters walk a fine line between the extra cocoa and caramel flavours slightly darker roasts bring out and the lighter more delicate herbal, floral, earthy and berry flavours in the lighter roast spectrum.

Organic coffee is not necessarily always what you think you are getting, especially if the coffee is imported. I will explain, even though coffee is generally grown organically it maybe dried and processed naturally keeping with the organic requirements but it is then graded and packed in Hessian sacks to be exported all around the world. When the coffee comes into Australia it is sprayed with various pesticides to remove any little creepy crawlies that may have hitched a ride. Now because the coffee is in Hessian sacks the spray goes right through onto the beans, now all of the lovely organic beans within the sack are no longer organic. There are roasters out there who have found ways around this issue by packing the beans in foil bags within the Hessian sack preventing the sprays getting to the bean. The other way to get around this is of course to buy the beautiful Australian grown beans the majority of which are Organic.

As you know doubt will have noticed there are many cafes in the area and everyone has a different opinion as to what is a good coffee and what isn't. The best thing is it is individual,

you may like a coffee in one café but at the most popular café you may not like their coffee. Nobody is right or wrong, it's individual, if everyone made the same coffee the same way then we would have way too many cafes in town. Finally a piece of advice: just because a coffee shop is not full doesn't necessarily mean their coffee is bad sometimes the busy café is just happens to be convenient. We are creatures of comfort and generally don't like change, so shake off those shackles try a different coffee blend. You may just find something interesting that you hadn't thought possible. So get out there, support our local cafes.

Drink Responsibly, Drink Coffee.





Pepe Pavey, 11 and brother Tyger, 10 love Australia Day



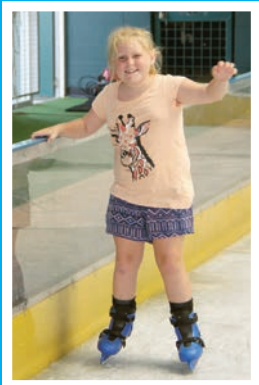
Genevieve, 4, Stephanie, 2 mum Emilie and Alexandra, 7 look forward to the competition



Jess Weeks with her Dinosaur Hatchling



Hannah Taplin, 4 thinks bubbles are pretty



Ice Skating is pretty tricky



Matilda, 4, Corey, 5, Mackinlay, 7 with Shane Coggan and Harvey the Whale



Jesse and Brandon are ready to solve a crime



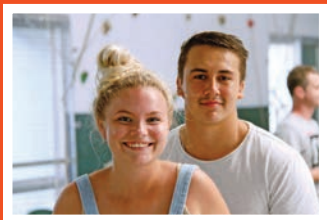
On the Ferris Wheel is Zane Jackson, 8 and Skye Foxwell, 3



Ready to see in 2017 are Vince, Jaxson, 8, Kylie and Chase, 5



Tehya Fussell-Garret, 10 was Inspired by the Moana Movie for her creation



This gorgeous duo were getting their skates on



Organiser Andrew Dower, and Harvey the Whale with Intern, Kerri-Anne Hetherington

Social Snaps



Uk Bell ringers perform the three hour,historic Pealing of the Bells at St Pauls Church



Hervey Bay Cinemas opening of new Star Wars film



Fun on the Ice



Becky Bottcher, and Renee Newton
at the historic Hideaway Station Hotel in Tiaro



Chey Acquaviva has brought his floatie



Building Sandcastles is
Kailey Pritchard, 8



Escaping the heat



All the way from Melbourne
is Cassie Martyn, 10



Brothers, Blake Phillips, 7 and
Jack, 10 wonder 'Who Dunnit'

Coming Up:

The Annual VMR

Hervey Bay Family Fishing Competition

The annual VMR Hervey Bay Family Fishing Competition organised by the Hervey Bay Boat Club Fishing and Social Club will be held from Thursday, March 9 to Sunday, March 12 2017 at Dayman Park in Pulgul Street Urangan Hervey Bay.

This will be the 25th year of the popular event which attracts entrants from all over Australia to participate in an exciting four days of fishing and fun, hoping to win a prize or two while enjoying the excellent facilities of the Fraser Coast and the sheltered waters of Hervey Bay and Fraser Island.

Entry costs are Seniors \$40 and Juniors 17 and under \$10 (juniors are eligible to enter the senior section). The fun starts on Thursday with cold drinks and hot food available from 5pm and the official opening at 6pm with lucky draws and spinning wheel raffles. The same times on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 12 pm will include the presentations of the Fishing prizes. There will be over \$40,000 of Cash and Prizes to win at the competition, \$30,000 of cash and prizes in the spinning wheel raffles and lucky draws and \$10,000 of fishing prizes. Every senior entrant will be in every senior draw including the Super Draw for an \$8000 boat or \$5000 cash plus \$1000 cash to win each day. Every junior entrant will be in every junior draw including the Junior Super Draw for an iPad.

Many entrants do not fish at all and simply go along to enjoy the atmosphere at the presentations, partake in the food and refreshments and perhaps win some of the hundreds of prizes and cash up for grabs. You can start fishing immediately after the official opening for a chance at the \$10,000 of cash and prizes to win in both the live and dead fish categories.

Eligible species in the live section are flathead (live only), bream and whiting, and species eligible for the dead weighin are whiting, blackall, bream, golden trevally and coral bream. Also for the seniors there is an "any other species category," (excluding flathead, cod, spanish mackerel, shark and ray). Daily prizes will be a rod and reel combo for the heaviest fish of each species and the any other species category, plus runner up prizes and 90 litre ice boxes for the overall winners plus runner up prizes. Also everyone that weighed in a live fish will go into a draw for a water snake electric motor and there will be \$1000 for the best fish over 5kg in the any other species category, plus daily prizes.

Weigh-in times are Friday and Saturday 8.30am to 6pm and Sunday 8.30am to 12 noon. Draws and presentation times are Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6pm to about 8pm and Sunday noon to about 3pm. There will be a licensed bar and plenty of hot food at the Sunrise Rotary caravan and there will be heaps of Fraser Island ice Boxes, cash and fishing tackle to win in the continuous spinning wheel draws.

Thanks to the excellent support and generosity of The Fraser Coast Regional Council and local businesses the competition has been a huge success each year, so make plans now to enter this popular event.

Entry forms are available at tackle shops in Hervey Bay and Maryborough, at the Chronicle offices and at the Hervey Bay Boat Club, Sporties Club and Pialba Bowls Club or phone 0407 663 578 or on our web site www.fishingcompherveybay.org.au or check out the Hervey Bay Boat Club web site.

Story by Gail Ciavarella



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 Venue: Kondari Hotel,
 Please phone: 0418 265 222, or email:
 info@conroddersherveybay.org.au

HERVEY BAY
TAI CHI
 Monday Nights – Beginners,
 Time: 6pm, Cost \$10.00, Contact
 Marg to book your spot on
 0408 705 140 or Email:
 marg@margrichters.com
 Venue: Hervey Bay Community
 Centre, Charles St, Pialba.

HERVEY BAY
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 Men & Women, Boys & Girls
 of all ages welcome. Various
 venues, various nights, Group
 prices range from \$6 to \$8 per
 session. Contact: Michael Green
 on 0402 992 074, or email:
 integratedacademy@gmail.com

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ZCLUB FITNESS
 Join our fitness club offering
 Zumba, Strong & Piloxing
 Fitness classes & social events
 for adults, seniors & kids,
 Memorial Hall, 7 Main St and
 the Boat Club,
 Phone Katie on: 0401 755 666.

HERVEY BAY
INTEGRAL HEALTH AND HARMONY
 Revitalising Health and
 Wellbeing.
 Phone: Maridol Torres on:
 040 479 7222, or email:
 maridol.torres@yahoo.com.au
 for more information.

HERVEY BAY
WHAT WOMAN WANT
 Networking for Women of the
 Fraser Coast. Informal and
 friendly events bi-monthly
 at different venues. Email:
 www.frasercoast@gmail.com

HERVEY BAY
WOODCRAFT CLUB
 Meets Monday, Wednesday
 and Friday mornings from
 8.30am to 11.30am, \$45 per
 year to join, \$3 per session,
 this includes morning tea and
 Insurance,
 Phone Jim: 0402 019 281

HERVEY BAY
BAY POTTERS
 from February to December
 we meet every Tuesday night
 and work on Pottery. To join
 the club there is an annual
 fee of \$40, and each Tuesday
 there is a fee of \$5 for the
 workshop. Phone Sue on:
 4125 3638 for further details.

HERVEY BAY
BELLYDANCE AND BOLLYWOOD DANCE CLASS
 6pm, CWA Hall, 19 Pulgul St,
 Urangan. Contact Lorna on:
 0416 463 686.

HERVEY BAY
HERVEY BAY PARKRUN
 - FREE weekly timed 5km
 event for runners of all
 standards, every Saturday
 at 7am at Pier Park,
 Urangan, Hervey Bay, register
 and get your barcode at:
 www.parkrun.com.au

HERVEY BAY
YOGA QIGONG
 Sat Morning, 7.30am-8.45am,
 Deck @ Gatakers Landing
 Restaurant, Point Vernon.
 Monday: 6.00pm -7.15pm, Hervey
 Bay Sailing Club, Torquay, All
 welcome, Casual class fee \$15, or
 \$12 concession, BYO mats,
 Ph Kath on: 0448 663 303.

HERVEY BAY
BURRUM HEADS YOUTH GROUP
 Every Thursday, (during
 school term). 3.30pm -5pm,
 Membership is \$1 per year,
 afternoon tea is provided,
 Burrum District Community
 Centre, 56 Steley St, Howard.
 Phone: 4129 0996 for details.

MARYBOROUGH
DADS IN DISTRESS (DIDS),
 Meet Tuesday Nights,
 7pm-9pm,
 596 Kent St, Maryborough
 Call: 0421 808 606

MARYBOROUGH
FRASER COAST RUNNERS AND WALKERS CLUB
 community club with an
 emphasis on health and
 fitness for Men, Women and
 Children who run or walk.
 Meet monthly alternating
 Hervey Bay & Maryborough.
 Call: 4122 2526

MARYBOROUGH
MARY ANN STEAM TRAIN RIDES
 9am-1pm, Thursday at
 Queens Park. \$3 adults / \$2
 children / family \$7.
 For more info contact the
 Maryborough City Whistle
 Stop: 4121 0444.

MARYBOROUGH
MARYBOROUGH AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB & LITTLE ATHLETICS
 Meet every Friday at 6pm,
 Jock Anderson Oval, Gympie
 Rd, Tinana,
 Call: 4121 3696 for details.

MARYBOROUGH
MARYBOROUGH CAMERA CLUB
 Meeting place: St Stephens
 Uniting Church Hall, Membership
 is \$35 per year, and there is a \$3
 hall fee payable on the night, call:
 0408 930 028 for details, or go to:
 www.maryboroughcameraclub.org.au

MARYBOROUGH
WIDE BAY VOLUNTEERS
 We refer people to community
 groups, and provide training
 Call: 4151 6644.

MARYBOROUGH
MARYBOROUGH PARKRUN
 FREE weekly timed 5km event
 for runners of all standards,
 every Saturday at 7am at
 Anzac Park/Ululah Lagoon,
 register and get your barcode
 at: www.parkrun.com.au

MARYBOROUGH
MARYBOROUGH - AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION INC
 Meet every Friday for practice,
 Cost \$3, then every 3rd
 Saturday of the month is our
 concert - Call: 4123 4159 for
 further details.

MARYBOROUGH
 Star Dust Drama Academy
 classes at 3 locations around
 Maryborough & Hervey Bay:
 Excelsior Band Hall, (Tues 3.45pm
 -7.30pm), Tinana Hall, (Thurs
 3.45pm-7.30pm), and Pialba
 Memorial Hall, (Sat 9am-12.45pm),
 Call: 0474 098 873.

MARYBOROUGH
 Maryborough Creative Fabrics
 Craft friendship group, not
 for profit, Tuesday from
 9am to noon. \$6, Woocoo
 Community Centre, Cnr
 Maryborough/Biggenden Rd
 and Woocoo Dr, Oakhurst.
 Call: 0408 028 225

MARYBOROUGH
 Maryborough Scottish
 Country Dancers
 Meet from 7pm at
 St Stephen's Hall, Sussex St,
 All ages, beginners are
 welcome
 Call: 4123 0663 for details.

Weekly Activities & Fraser Coast Markets
Submissions or corrections:
 Please contact
 What's On Fraser Coast
 on 0408 987 860 or
 kim.parnell@whatsonfrasercoast.com.au

Fraser Coast Markets

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| <p>MARYBOROUGH</p> <p>FRASER COAST</p> <p>WILDLIFE SANCTUARY MARKETS</p> <p>79 Mungar Road, Maryborough (Donation gets you free entry to the Sanctuary)</p> <p>3rd Sunday of the Month 7am - 12pm</p> <p>info@frasercoastwildlifesanctuary.org.au</p> | <p>MARYBOROUGH</p> <p>MARYBOROUGH</p> <p>CITY HEARTS MARKETS</p> <p>Adelaide & Ellena St, Maryborough</p> <p>Every Thursday 8am - 1pm</p> <p>markets@frasercoastopportunities.com.au</p> | <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>KOALA MARKETS</p> <p>Kruger Court, Booral Rd, Urangan</p> <p>2nd and 4th Sunday 6am - 12noon</p> <p>koalamarkets@yahoo.com.au (back on 2nd weekend of February)</p> |
| <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>NIKENBAH MARKETS</p> <p>Hervey Bay Animal Refuge Nikenbah-Dundowran Rd, Nikenbah</p> <p>1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month 6am - 12noon</p> <p>hbanimalrefuge@gmail.com</p> | <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>MARINA TWILIGHT MARKETS</p> <p>Hervey Bay Marina, Buccaneer Dr, Urangan</p> <p>Every Friday 2.30pm to 7.30pm</p> <p>marinamarkets@hotmail.com</p> | <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>URANGAN PIER PARK COMMUNITY MARKETS</p> <p>Pier Park, Urangan (in front of Jetty)</p> <p>Every Saturday 7am to 1pm</p> <p>pierparkcommunitymarkets@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>TORQUAY BEACHSIDE MARKETS</p> <p>Outside Aquaview, Torquay</p> <p>2nd & 4th Saturday 8am to 1pm</p> <p>info@torquaymarkets.com.au</p> | <p>BURRUM HEADS</p> <p>BURRUM HEADS MARKETS</p> <p>Community Hall, Main Rd & Howard St Burum Heads</p> <p>2nd Saturday of the Month 7am to 11am</p> | <p>HERVEY BAY</p> <p>HERVEY BAY BOAT CLUB ART & CRAFT MARKET</p> <p>Buccaneer Dr, Urangan</p> <p>3rd Wednesday of the month 9am to 2pm</p> <p>info@boatclub.com.au</p> |
| <p>BAUPLE</p> <p>BAUPLE MARKETS (free for stallholders)</p> <p>Band Hall, Band Hall Rd, Bauple</p> <p>4th Saturday of the month 7am to 12noon</p> <p>www.facebook.com/bauplemarketS</p> | <p>TIARO</p> <p>TIARO MARKETS</p> <p>Memorial Hall, Main St, Tiaro</p> <p>2nd Saturday of the month 7am to 12noon</p> | <p>HOWARD</p> <p>HOWARD COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>Steley St, Howard</p> <p>1st Saturday of the month 7am to 12noon</p> <p>info@howardcommunitycentre.org.au</p> |

DISCLAIMER: Markets subject to change due to School Holidays, Public Holidays and weather conditions.

In the Kitchen with Gavin Chin

Head Chef & Owner, Federal Hotel Motel

Who doesn't like a bit of history, and I got it in spades when I popped into the Federal Hotel to visit Owners, Gavin Chin and his wife Jessica. The hotel was built in 1884, by Architect Willoughby Powell, and retains all of its old-time charm. (and some of its ghosts), Gavin is the Chef, and loves whipping up dishes in the kitchen.

What did you do before you became a Chef?

"I have always been a Chef. I have done a lot of different jobs within the industry, like running little Cafes, and Restaurants. But it wasn't until Maryborough that I ran a pub, I was more of a fine dining Cafe Chef and there wasn't very much of that around. Jessica is a teacher and was moved to the area in 2013, We liked Maryborough. And wanted to live here, I had worked in all of the pubs here in Maryborough, so we thought we would have at crack at one ourselves".

What is the most popular dish on the Federal Hotel's menu?

"The Halumi Salad, and the Southern fried Chicken and Buttermilk Waffles, we have had these on the special board and haven't been able to take them off. We also make our own sauces like Sriracha Cream, for our waffles, it is a spicy cream. Going back to nose to tail we are seeing lots of Offal these days as well as sweet breads and livers. We have found that there is really a good dining culture in Maryborough its just taken us a little while to bring it out of the woodwork".

What would be the best way to sum up your menu?

"Modern Style Gastro, (meaning food). When pubs started they never sold food in hotels, the street vendors would

be outside the hotel. People would come to drink then go out for food. Then someone had the bright idea to start cooking their own food and in England it became the Gastro Pub. It was basic, hardy but quality food, it was a good meal. Nothing to flashy, you won't find any micro herbs or anything. We make absolutely everything and take a lot of pride in what we do".

Do you use many local suppliers?

"As much as possible yes. Most of our fruit and vegetables are bought locally here in Maryborough. It is very hard not to buy a lot of stuff without buying bulk. We use Sugar Coast Seafood for all of our Seafood needs, and Greg's Quality Meats in Tinana".

What advice would you give a novice just starting out?

"Stop watching TV shows, it is nothing like it. It is very hard work, very hot and stressful at times, but it is also rewarding and addictive. I found hospitality in general is the industry where you don't have to conform to anything, you can be who you are. And you have all the avenues to express who you are through your food, through your personality, and through your service".

Tell us about your speciality craft beers?

"During the rise of Craft beer, so many fantastic craft breweries around the country have popped up. There are so many different flavours and styles. We have over 50 craft beers, Stone & Wood from Bryon Bay being one of them. We have started to sell some from the Bagara Brewery as well. Stone & Wood Pacific Ale is our most popular".

"Stop watching
TV shows, it is
nothing like it."

Gavin Chin
Federal Hotel Motel



Thank You!



On behalf of What's On Fraser Coast, we have been absolutely blown away by your kind words, pictures and support of the first edition of our magazine. We have been inundated with requests from many businesses wanting copies to hand out to their Clients and Customers, for this we thank you, please keep them coming.

Some readers have even requested signed copies of which I am happy to oblige, we have also posted some copies of to people living outside the Fraser Coast who have requested one. The result has been overwhelmingly positive.

A lot of time, love and effort goes into the publication. None of which would be possible without a great team of people behind me, who, at the time of writing this are busy trying to decipher my articles and photos for February's edition as it go's through the final phase before it heads off to the printers – Kim Parnell, Editor

"Congratulations Kim, that is absolutely brilliant!" - Garry Wilkinson

"Great work Kim, well deserved recognition and a great addition to our region, (you and the publication!)". - Jeffery Morris

"Well done Kim and the Chameleon Group. Brilliant news!!" - Anita Taylor

"Well done Kim you went from a dream to reality - so what's next?" - Michael Klink

"Wahooooo big congratulations Kimmy! Well done!!! Hard work is paying off!!! You are amazing - you deserve this!!!" - Ally Sorenson



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